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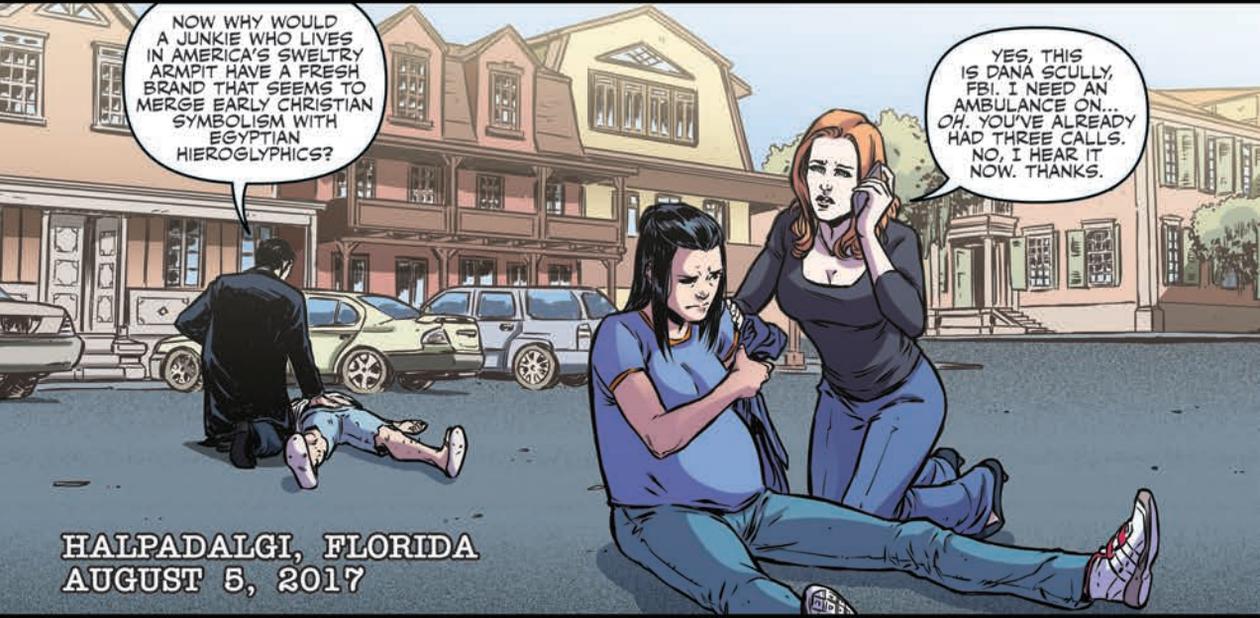
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NOW WHY WOULD A JUNKIE WHO LIVES IN AMERICA'S SWELTRY ARMPIT HAVE A FRESH BRAND THAT SEEMS TO MERGE EARLY CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM WITH EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHS?

YES, THIS IS DANA SCULLY, FBI. I NEED AN AMBULANCE ON... OH, YOU'VE ALREADY HAD THREE CALLS. NO, I HEAR IT NOW. THANKS.

HALPADALGI, FLORIDA  
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SCULLY, HOW STRONG IS YOUR SIGNAL? I WANT TO LOOK UP THESE HIEROGLYPHS. THEY SEEM... OFF.

LITTLE BUSY APPLYING EMERGENCY FIRST AID HERE, MULDER.

JUST TAKE A PICTURE AND FIGURE IT OUT LATER WHEN YOU'RE STANDING ON A ROOF WEARING A FOIL HAT, AND HOLDING UP A CLOTHES HANGER FOR BETTER RECEPTION.



SEE HOW THAT'S ALMOST A CROSS COMBINED WITH AN ANKH, AND THAT'S SORT OF AN ALLIGATOR?

BUT THERE ARE NO ALLIGATORS IN EGYPT. THEY HAVE CROCODILES.

I DON'T THINK THAT THE GUY WHO MADE THE BRAND CARED THAT MUCH ABOUT TAXONOMY, TO BE HONEST.



SHERIFF'S ON HIS WAY. WE SEE THIS A LOT. GUY GOES CRAZY LIKE THAT, INNOCENT FOLKS GET HURT.

GOOD THING Y'ALL WERE HERE TO STOP 'IM.



YEAH, GOOD THING.



UH OH, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN TROUBLE.



SEE, NOW? WHAT'D I TELL YOU? IT'S JUST THE DANG JUNKIES GETTIN' RILED UP.

Y'ALL NEED TO GO ON HOME AND STOP CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM.

SHERIFF WE FOUND—

WE FOUND HIM OUT HERE, ASSAULTING THAT WOMAN. I'M SURE SHE CAN GIVE YOU HER STATEMENT.

WE'LL BE AT THE LATER GATOR INN IF YOU NEED US.



WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

YOU KNOW ME TOO WELL TO ASK ME THAT.



...AND HERE'S YOUR KEY.



OKAY, LET ME GUESS. YOU STOPPED ME FROM GIVING SHERIFF STEPHENS ANY DETAILS ON THE SITUATION BECAUSE NOW THAT YOU FOUND THE WEIRD BRAND, YOU'RE ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN THIS CASE.

THAT GUY HAD A BRAND! FEATURING ESOTERIC SYMBOLS! IN RURAL FLORIDA! WHO WOULDN'T BE INTRIGUED?



I'M GOING TO GO TO THE GENTLE OAKS TRAILER PARK AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND.

I WAS THINKING MAYBE YOU COULD TRY TO SWEET-TALK BIG STEVE? MAYBE COMPLIMENT HIS MUMMIFIED CAT AND SEE IF HE CAN TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT THAT BRAND?

SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M NOT BIG STEVE'S TYPE.

AND STOP MAKING THE BED... WORSE.



I WAS THINKING ABOUT ASKING THE PREACHER.

WHILE YOU WERE GOING ALL ANNIE LIEBOVITZ ON THAT GUY'S CHEST, I ASKED THE GIRL WHERE SHE MIGHT'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE, AND SHE SAID MAYBE AT CHURCH.



I GET TO SNIFF OUT THE EXPLOSIVE DRUG FACTORY; YOU GET TO HANG WITH JESUS.

SOUNDS FAIR.



WHY DON'T YOU START BY GETTING THE CAR WHILE I USE A STAIN STICK ON THIS JACKET? I LIKED THIS JACKET.



YOU WANT A RIDE TO CHURCH, LITTLE GIRL?

GEE, MISTER. I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO GET IN THE CAR WITH STRANGE MEN.

I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT I GUESS I AM PRETTY STRANGE.

THAT "LITTLE GIRL" THING WAS ACTUALLY JUST STRAIGHT-UP CREEPY. NEVER SAY THAT AGAIN, PLEASE.



I CAN FIND TWO RADIO STATIONS. THEY'RE BOTH TERRIBLE.

I'D BE HAPPY TO SING YOU SOME SKYNYRD.



NO.

