

GILLEN MCKELVIE WILSON COWLES

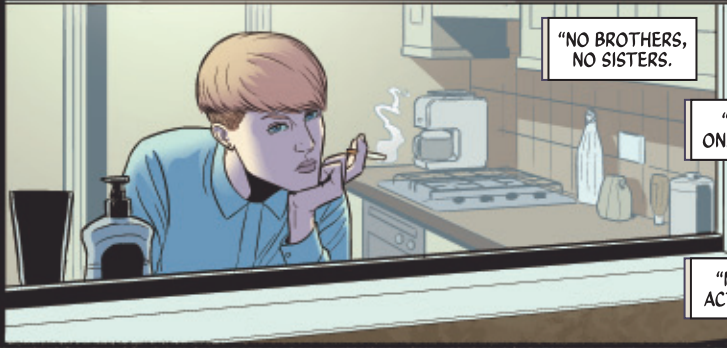
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"IT WAS A FRIDAY NIGHT,
IN ALONE.

"MY PARENTS WERE OUT
AT SOME AWFUL BRITPOP
COVERS BAND.

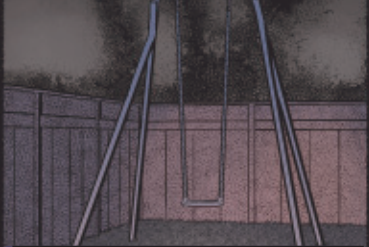


"NO BROTHERS,
NO SISTERS.

"I'M AN
ONLY CHILD.

"NO NEED TO
ACT SURPRISED.

"I WAS IN THE KITCHEN, CHAIN-
SMOKING WITH THE WINDOW OPEN.



"MARLBORO LIGHTS. MY MUM'S BRAND,
SO I COULD MIX MY BUTTS WITH HERS
AND NO ONE WOULD BE ANY THE WISER.



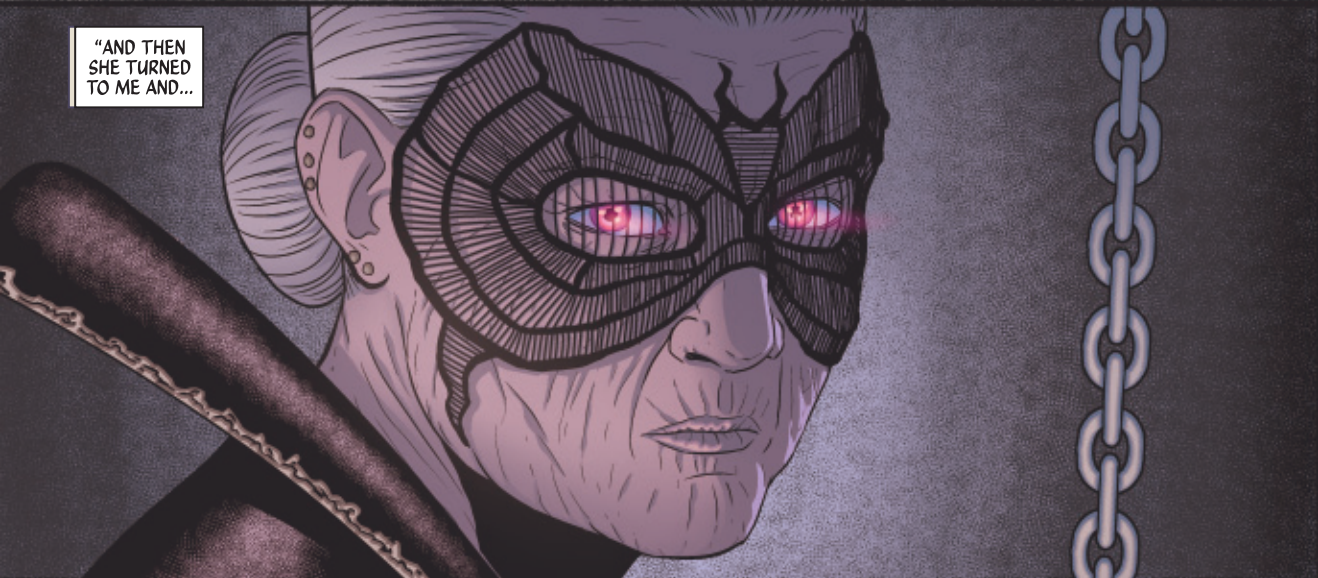
"THEN I SAW HER.



"I WAS SCARED AT FIRST,
BUT I BROUGHT A FRIEND
ALONG FOR COMPANY.

"I WAS SURE WE'D ALL
END UP GETTING ALONG
FAMOUSLY.

"AND THEN
SHE TURNED
TO ME AND...





THE NATIONAL
PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Noticed what's missing
from this story?

Friends.

Maybe I haven't
got any. Maybe they're
not relevant.

Does it matter?
Either way, imagine
how lonely I am.



Don't worry.

I have something
better than Friends.

AH, YOU'RE
HERE.



Enemies.

OF COURSE
WE'RE HERE. I
SAID MEET **HERE**. A
LEAD. A **NEW** LEAD.
"ANANKE"...

THE GOD
OF FATE.
ULTIMATE
POWER...