



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YE THERE'S AN AULD, FAT, **NAKED** SEA-CREATURE GUY THAT LIVES IN THE RIVER CLYDE?



HE'S WHAT FOLKS USED TAE CALL A **SHELLYCOAT**. ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF THEM BUT..WELL, [REDACTED] HAPPENS AND NOW THERE'S **TWO**.

AND THEY DON'T SPEAK TO EACH OTHER.



THEY WEAR NOTHING BUT A "**COAT**" MADE OF STINKING SEASHELLS THAT **CLACK** WHEN THEY WALK.

IT'S A HELL OF A **NOISE**.

THEY'RE EFFECTIVELY IMMORTAL AND SMELL LIKE [REDACTED] SEAWATER.



ANYWAY, THIS SHELLYCOAT-- THE WAN IN THE CLYDE--HE'S BEEN HELPING AN ANCIENT SECRET **PAGAN** CULT THIS LAST CENTURY OR SO.

TRYING TAE BRING SOMEONE-- **SOMETHING**--BACK FAE THE DEID.



AND THAT--ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT SEEM FAR-FETCHED-- **THAT'S** THE REASON FOR ALL THE WEIRD [REDACTED] YE'VE BEEN NOTICING THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.



NOW... **YOUR** TURN.



THIS ISNAE
"I'LL SHOW YOU MINE
IF YOU SHOW ME YOURS,"
AMAKA.

NO--
BUT IF IT WAS...I'D
WIN *THAT* GAME,
TOO.




ANYWAY...
WHAT THE ~~██████~~'S
A *SHECKLEY-*
COAT?



IF YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO LISTEN
TO ME WE CAN JUST CUT
TO THE BIT WHERE I KICK
YOUR ARSE AND STEAL
YOUR PHOTOS.

I WANT
TAE SEE THOSE
BRIDGES,
BRIAN!

"At the End
of a hard
week - The
for Scot"



I KNOW YOU LOVE TAKING ON THE **WEIRD** CASES, AMAKA, BUT THIS...THIS IS ██████, BANANAS. MER-MEN IN THE CLYDE? DRAWINGS THAT COME TAE LIFE?

EVEN IF I DID HAVE PICTURES OF THESE **BRIDGES** YOU'RE GOING ON ABOUT, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO **SHOW** YOU THEM. AND I DON'T SEE WHAT ALLEGED MYSTERIOUS ARCHITECTURE HAS TO DO WITH YOUR **FAIRY TALES**.



IT'S ALL **CONNECTED**. THE SHELLYCOAT. THE SECURITY GUARD WHO FELL ASLEEP AT QUEEN MARGARET UNION AND NEVER WOKE UP. THE HOLE IN ARGYLE STREET LAST HALLOWEEN.

GAS PIPE EXPLOSION, RIGHT?

AYE. KEEP DRINKING THE **KOOL-AID**, BRIAN.




SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S AN EVEN BIGGER STORY HERE?

POTENTIALLY PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING.



I THINK YE CAN ONLY WIN THEM IN AMERICA.

I DON'T KNOW IF WE EVEN HAVE AN **EQUIVALENT**...



AMAKA--THERE'S A **DSMA** NOTICE ON THESE. WE'RE NOT...NOT SUPPOSED TAE EVEN **TALK** TAE ANYONE ABOUT THEM UNTIL WE HAVE CLEARANCE!

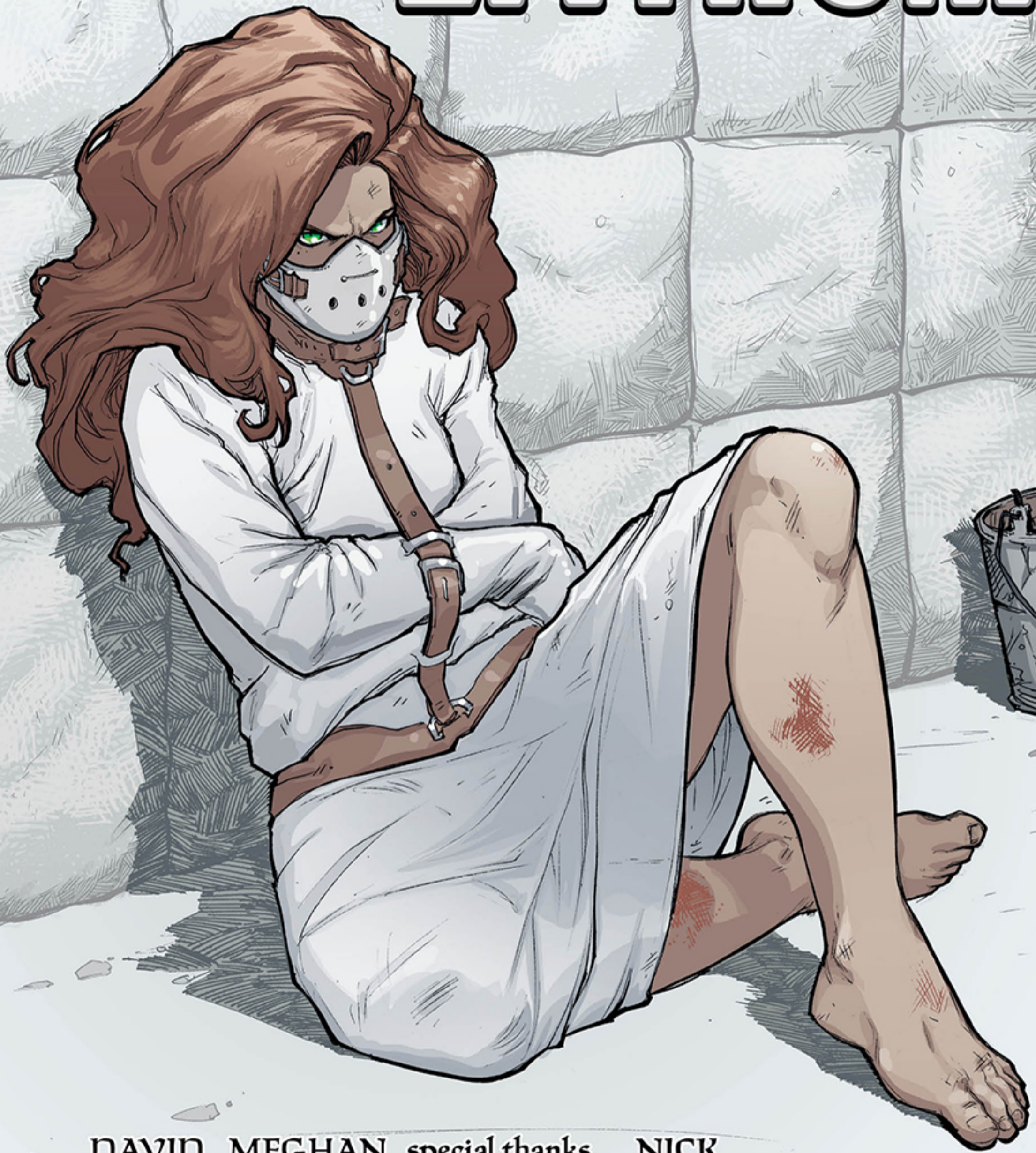
D NOTICE? WHAT THE HELL'S **THIS** GOT TAE DO WITH NATIONAL SECURITY?

COME ON, JUST SHOW ME THE BLOODY PICTURES, BRIAN. I **DON'T** HAVE ALL DAY!

--DON'T
HAVE ALL
DAY.

AND
YE *HAVE*
TO EAT.

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Meanwhile, in the
Otherworld...



YOU'RE...AN INMATE.



I'M A PRISONER, YE MEAN.



THEN WHY ARE YOU--?

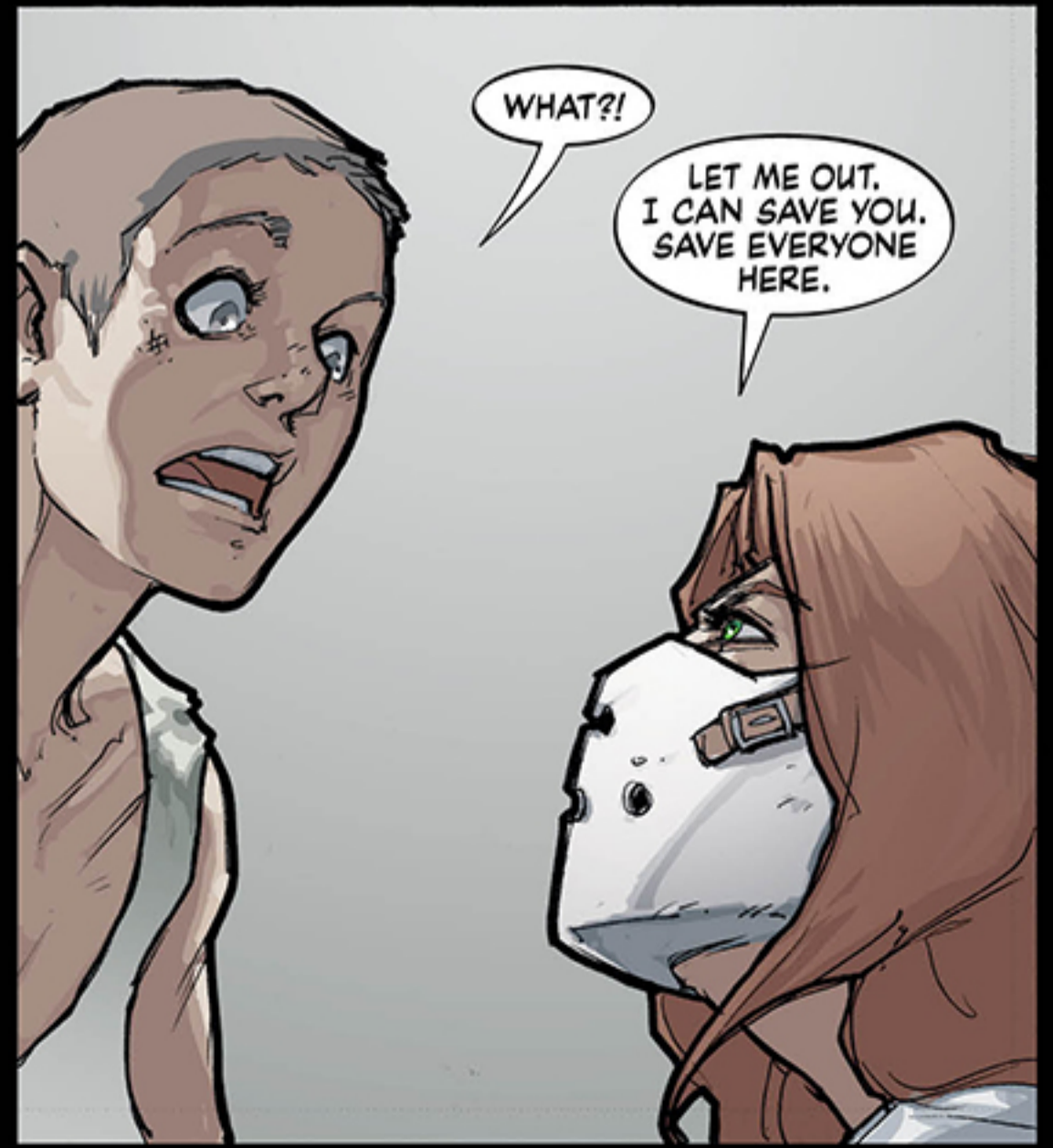
DAEING THEIR WORK FOR THEM? THE NURSE IS AFF HER HEID ON WHATEVER'S IN THEY SYRINGES.

AND IF AH DON'T BRING ROUND SOME FOOD, EVERYBODY'LL STARVE.



AND IT'S NO LIKE THE ORDERLIES WILL--

LET ME OUT.



WHAT?!

LET ME OUT. I CAN SAVE YOU. SAVE EVERYONE HERE.