



**DARK
HORSE
COMICS**
ONE SHOT

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STORY
PAGES!**



LATER, IN WOODSTOVE PARK...

"WHEN THE SUN RISES,
YOU'LL HAVE THE
POWER TO GIVE THE
UNIVERSE THE SAME
MISERY IT'S GIVEN YOU."

"YOUR SOUL HAS
BEEN BOILING FOR
A LONG TIME."

"TODAY IS THE DAY
THE TEAKETTLE
FINALLY WHISTLES."

SEE, KEVIN?
HE DON'T SAY
NOTHING!

MAYBE
HE'S A
RETARD?
ARE YOU
RETARDED,
BOY?!

I TOLD HIM YESTERDAY
NOT TO WALK THROUGH
MY PARK! HE MAY NOT
TALK BUT HE'S GONNA
BLEED!

HA HA HA
HA HA!

UGH!

SQUITCH



WOODSTOVE
HIGH SCHOOL.

"ARE YOU
LOST,
FOX?"

WOODSTOVE
FRIDAY IS PICTURE
RETAKE DAY.

YOU WANDERED
OFF TO EARTH
JUST TO STARE
AT HUMANS?

LEAVE,
SERPENT, I'M
WORKING.

WORKING? YOUR
WORDS ARE MORE
CURIOUS THAN YOUR
PRESENCE ON THIS
ROCK. OUR ONLY
PURPOSE IS THE
FLAME OF
REALITY.

AS THE
APPOINTED
CARETAKERS OF
THE FLAME WE MUST
STOKE IT AND KEEP IT
BURNING. IF WE DON'T DO
OUR JOBS, REALITY AS
WE KNOW IT WILL END.

SHHH...

THE
FLAME IS
WHY I'M
HERE.
WATCH.



...ALONE?







