

SAN FRANCISCO.

SO HERE IS WHERE WE STAND.
MORE THAN 27,000 PEOPLE...



...MOST UNDER THE AGE OF 25,
HAVE ALREADY BEEN ABSORBED
INTO THAT THING I HAVE
CLEVERLY NAMED "THE THING"!

HMM. WHY MOSTLY THE
YOUNG? NOTE TO SELF:
CHECK IT OUT.



THAT IS 27,000 PLUS OUT OF
A POPULATION OF 850,000.
IF MY TEACHERS ON AZARATH
HAD TAUGHT ME MATH ALONG
WITH HOW TO CONTROL MY
EMOTIONS, I WOULD RATTLE
OFF THE PERCENTAGES
WITHOUT THINKING TWICE.



BUT SINCE I WAS BARELY
TAUGHT ENGLISH, LET ALONE
NUMBERS, IT IS SAFE TO SAY
27,000 PLUS DISAPPEARED
IS 27,000 PLUS TOO MANY.



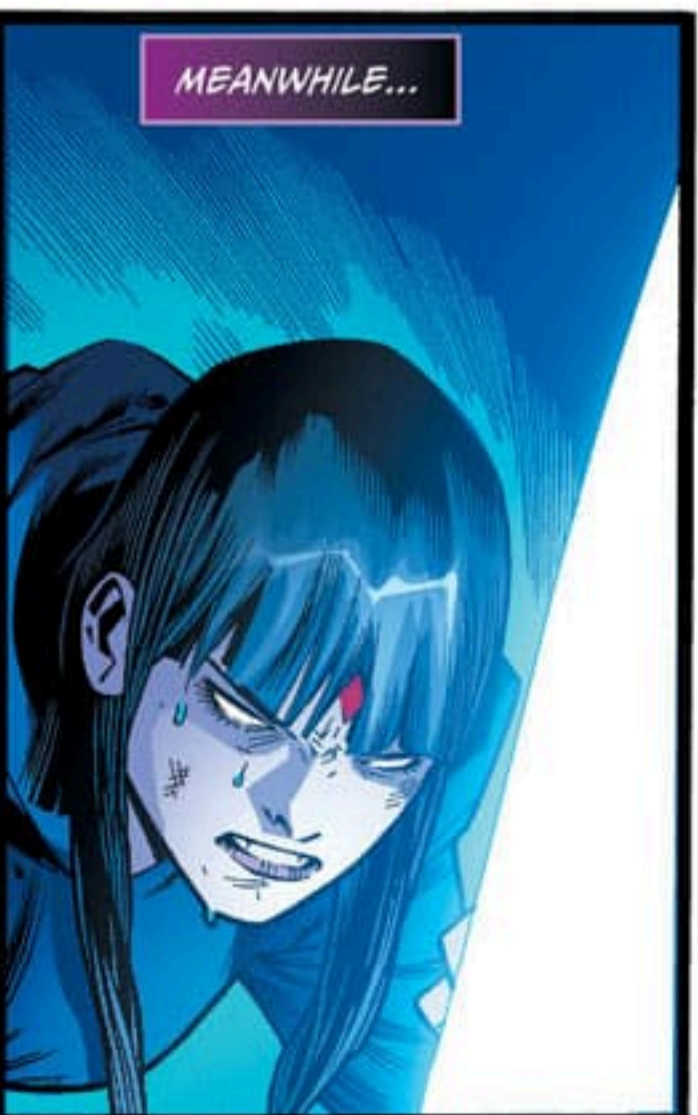
OH, DID I MENTION
THEY WERE DRAWN
INTO THE THING...
AGAINST THEIR WILL?



UNABLE TO
RESIST?



MEANWHILE...

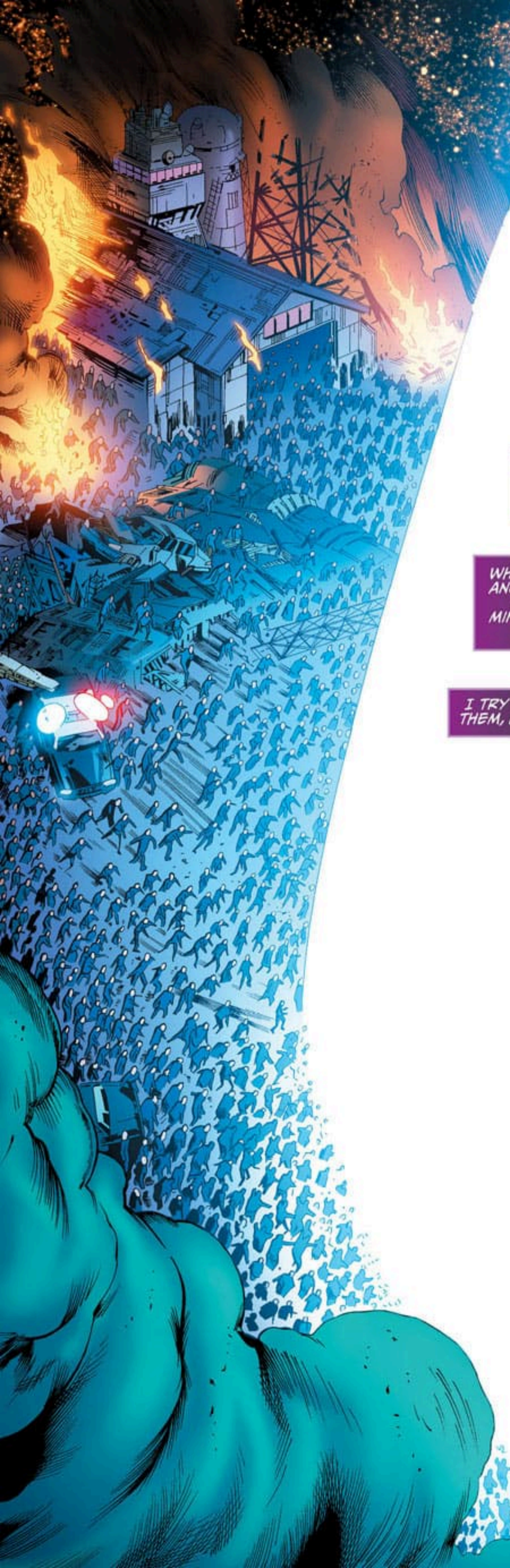


...AS MUCH AS I
DESPERATELY
WANT TO, THE
THING WILL NOT
LET ME INSIDE.



WHAT DOES A GIRL HAVE
TO DO TO GET HERSELF
KIDNAPPED AROUND HERE?





I SENSE FEAR IN ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME HERE. THEY ARE AFRAID AND YET THEY WILL NOT FLEE.

I ALSO SENSE THOSE BEING ABSORBED BY THE THING AND I FEEL NO FEAR IN THEM. NO THOUGHTS. NO EMOTIONS. IN SHORT: NOTHING.

AND I SENSE MORE JOINING THOSE ALREADY TAKEN. THOUSANDS MORE. FROM ALL CORNERS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ONCE IT SELECTS YOU... ONCE IT GRABS YOU... YOU DO AS IT WANTS.

WHILE I STRUGGLE, ANOTHER HUNDRED PLUS SOULS MINDLESSLY ENTER THE THING.

I TRY TO PROTECT THEM, BUT I CANNOT.

THE WOLFEAR & GARNIVAL

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KIDNAPPED.

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I DRAW THEIR PAINS INTO ME, BUT IT HURTS...HURTS SO MUCH...

...BECAUSE I CANNOT EASILY DISPERSE THEM.



ALTHOUGH I AM AFRAID, I COMFORT THEIR FEARS...

...BUT I CANNOT ACTUALLY PROTECT THEM.



AZAR HELP ME. THERE ARE SO MANY I NEED TO SAVE.

HELP ME HELP THEM.

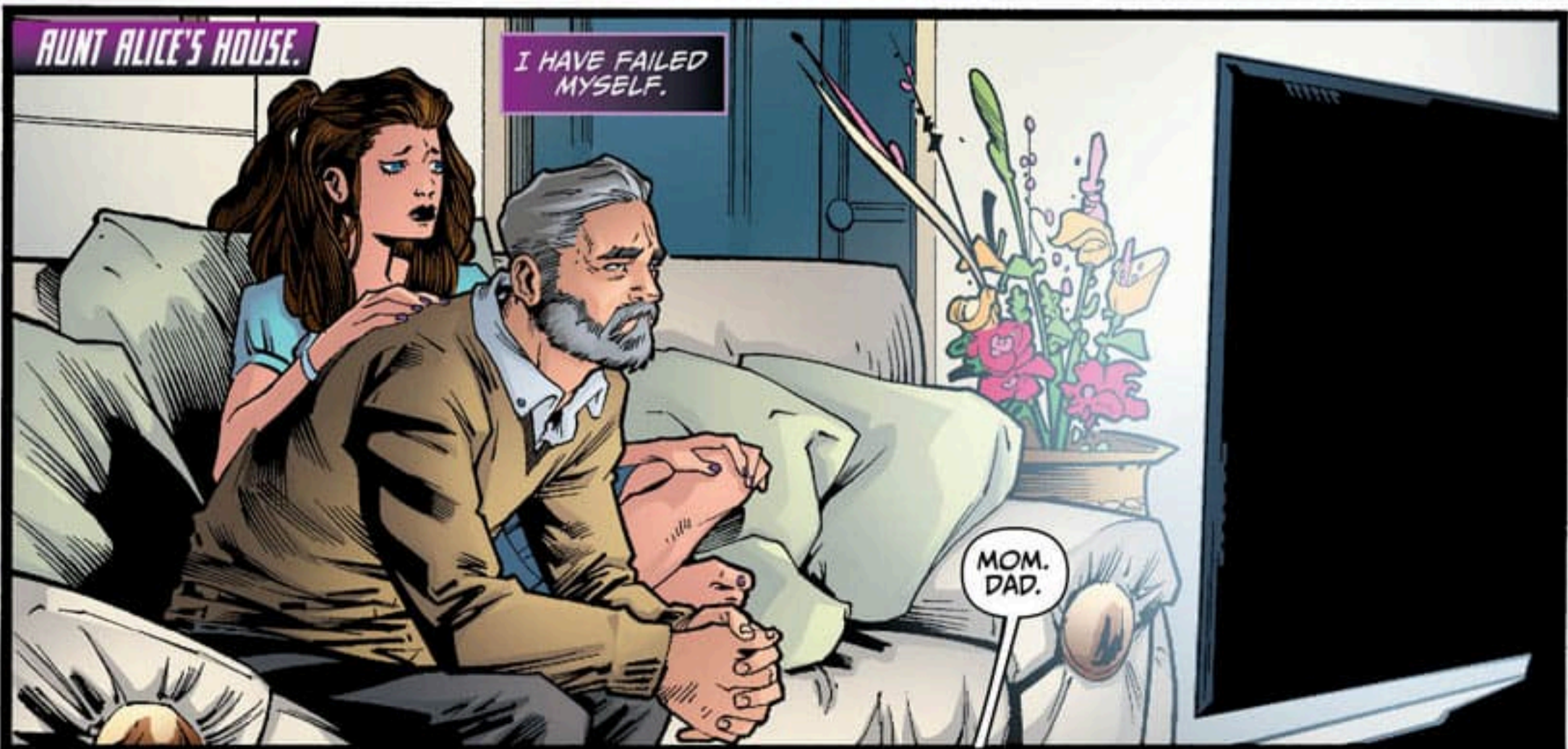


YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LISTEN TO IT. YOU CAN FIGHT BACK.



BELIEVE IN ME. PLEASE... BELIEVE IN US.

BUT I HAVE FAILED THEM ALL.



RUNT ALICE'S HOUSE.

I HAVE FAILED MYSELF.

MOM. DAD.

