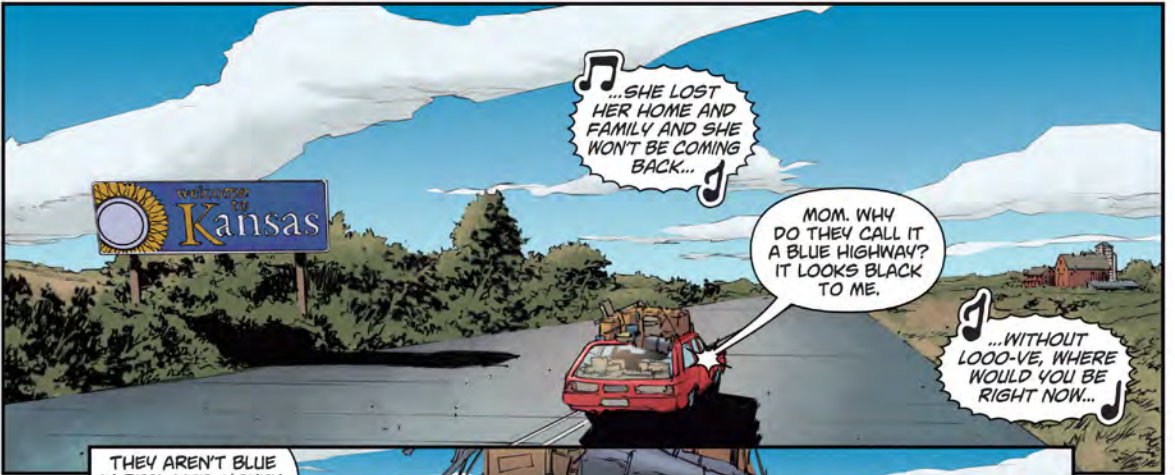


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♪ ...SHE LOST HER HOME AND FAMILY AND SHE WON'T BE COMING BACK... ♪

MOM. WHY DO THEY CALL IT A BLUE HIGHWAY? IT LOOKS BLACK TO ME.

♪ ...WITHOUT LOOO-VE, WHERE WOULD YOU BE RIGHT NOW... ♪

THEY AREN'T BLUE IN REAL LIFE, HONEY. THAT'S JUST THE COLOR THEY ARE ON OLD MAPS.

I PREFER THE BACK ROADS BECAUSE YOU GET TO SEE MORE STUFF.



IS IT BECAUSE YOU GET NERVOUS ON THE BIG FREE WAYS?

I DON'T GET NERVOUS--

--I JUST DON'T LIKE ALL THE TRAFFIC AND THE CRAZY DRIVERS.

♪ WITHOUT--L--OOO--  
KRRRRSSHH

♪ WITHOUT LOVE, WHERE'D YOU BE--  
FRZT FRZT

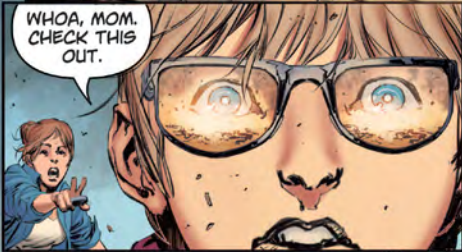


THIS CAR IS A PIECE OF SH--

ELIJAH WARREN WHITAKER! WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT SWEARING?!







WHOA, MOM. CHECK THIS OUT.

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WHAT IS YOUR EMERGENCY?

THERE'S BEEN A PLANE CRASH, I'M ON ROUTE 24 NEAR WICHITA, I'M NOT SURE WHAT EXIT.

IT'S A SMALL PLANE, AN OLD ONE I THINK...

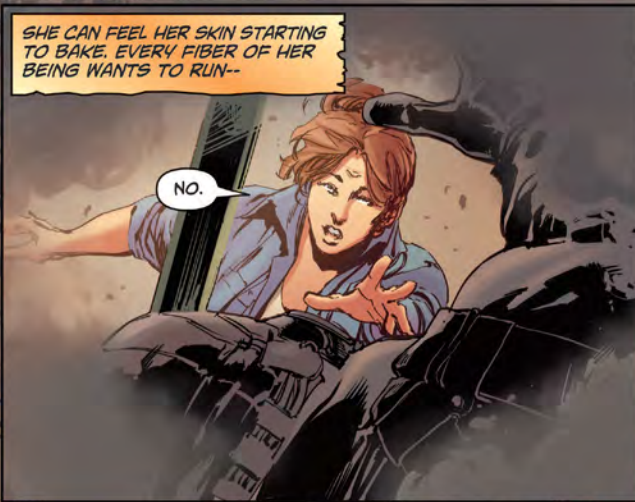
IS ANYONE HURT?

I DON'T KNOW...

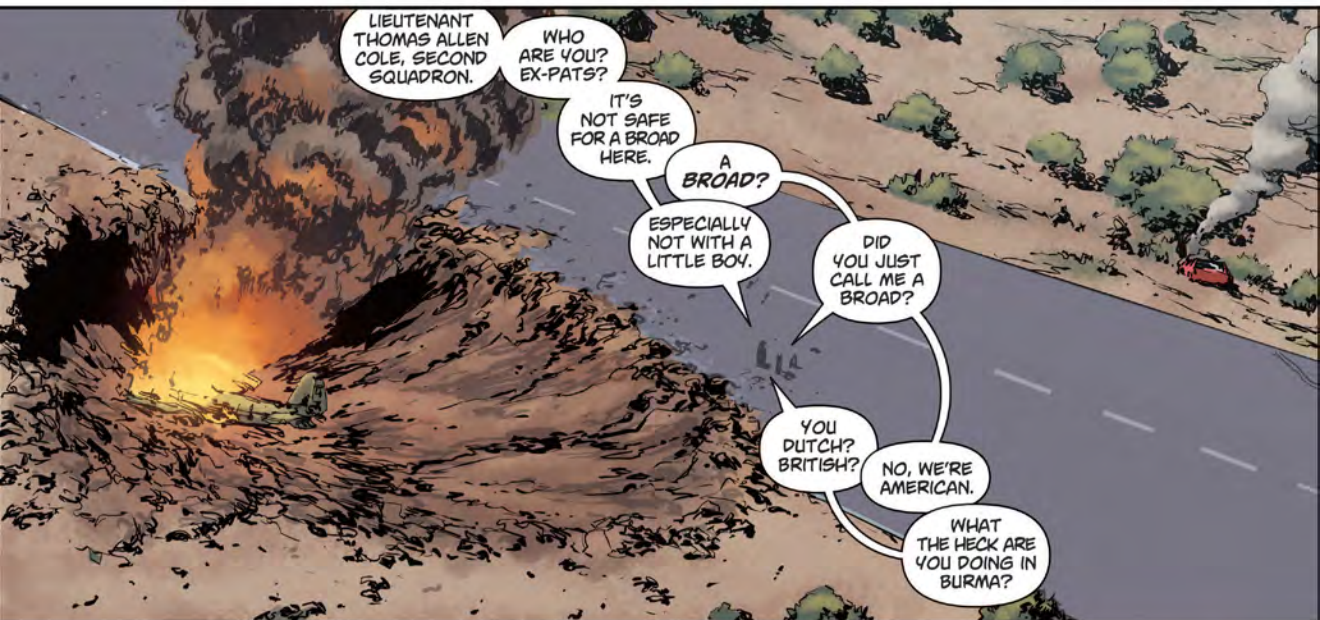
MOM, LOOK. **SOMEONE'S** IN THERE!











LIEUTENANT THOMAS ALLEN COLE, SECOND SQUADRON.

WHO ARE YOU? EX-PATS?

IT'S NOT SAFE FOR A BROAD HERE.

A BROAD?

ESPECIALLY NOT WITH A LITTLE BOY.

DID YOU JUST CALL ME A BROAD?

YOU DUTCH? BRITISH?

NO, WE'RE AMERICAN.

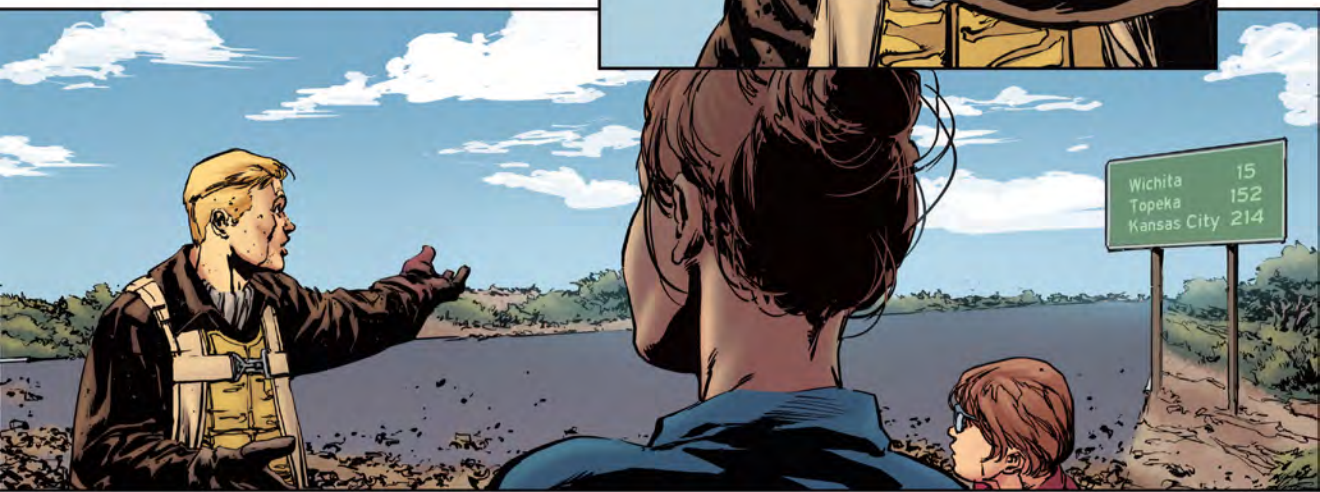
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING IN BURMA?



THIS ISN'T BURMA. THIS IS KANSAS.



LADY, THIS IS RANGOON. I JUST SHOT DOWN TWO JAP BOMBERS OVER THAT RIDGE--



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SMOKE BILLOWS INTO A BRIGHT BLUE SKY SCARRED BY A RIP IN THE HEAVENS--WHAT WE'LL COME TO KNOW AS...

# THE RIFT

YOU KNOW, YOU OUGHT TO SIT DOWN.

YOU HIT YOUR HEAD PRETTY HARD.

