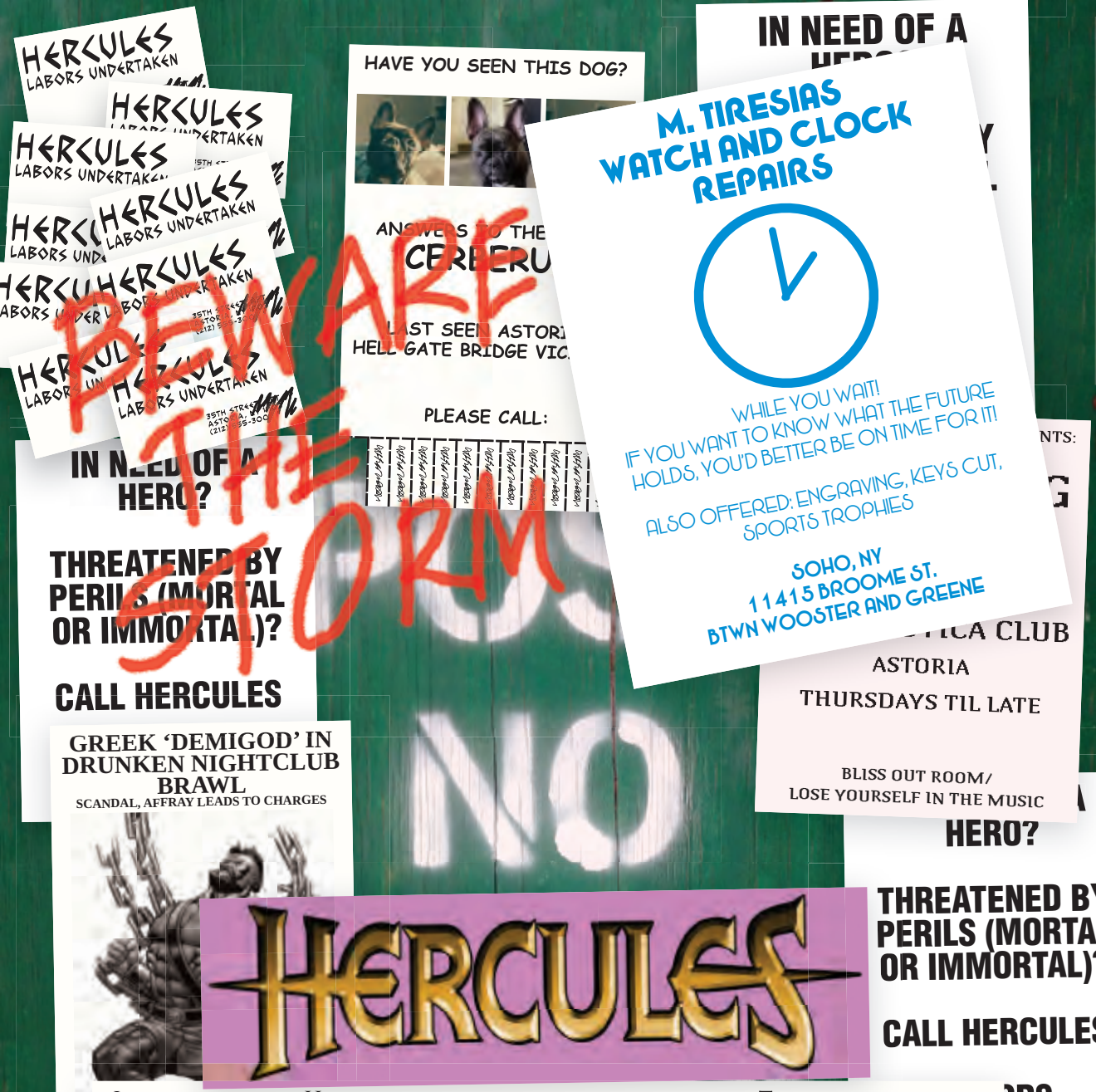

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In ancient days, Hercules was the greatest hero of all. Through his deeds and courage, he became famous and beloved across the known world. He was the world's first super hero, and set the standard for all heroes that came after him.

But in the modern world, immortal Hercules has done little but enjoy his fame and celebrity. He has become notorious for his drunken antics, his unruly behavior and his debauched lifestyle. The subject of gossip and scandal, he has become an irrelevance.

Hercules aims to clean up his act and restore his reputation. But something very big and very bad is coming down the line, and it's stirring up the dwindling survivors of the mythological past. Legendary creatures are walking the streets of New York. Something has disturbed them, and sent them fleeing from their secret hiding places. Before Hercules can identify the cause of the chaos, he must deal with the monsters it has unleashed. Monster of myth…like the fearsome Gigantes.

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ASTORIA, QUEENS.
HALF AN HOUR EARLIER...
HELLO?
YES, THIS IS HERCULES.
I SEE. I WILL COME AT ONCE.
NO, I WAS JUST MOVING A WASHING MACHINE FOR MY LANDLADY... THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
MS. GAGLIARDI, I'M AFRAID--
DUTY CALLS?
I DIDN'T WANT YOUR HELP IN THE FIRST PLACE. I CAN MOVE A DAMN WASHING MACHINE.
I HAVE A HAND TRUCK AND I AM SKILLED IN ITS USE.
I AM YOUR LODGER, SOPHIA. I AM PLEASED TO HELP YOU WITH JOBS LIKE THIS.
I HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIFT HEAVY OBJECTS.
YOU'RE HERCULES. THAT POWER OF YOURS, IT'S BEST USED FOR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.
GO DO THEM.
WUMP
GIL! GILGAMESH!
OH, DON'T--

YES, HERAK?
COME DOWN, GIL. SOPHIA NEEDS THIS WASHING MACHINE CARRIED DOWN TO THE BASEMENT AND I HAVE BEEN CALLED AWAY.
AT ONCE.
I DON'T WANT HIS HELP. I CAN MANAGE.
BESIDES, I DON'T LIKE HIM.
GIL NEEDS TO GET OUT OF HIS SLUMP. HE NEEDS TO BE REMINDED THAT HELPING PEOPLE IS GOOD FOR A HERO'S SOUL.
SO LETTING HIM DO THIS FOR YOU IS HELPING ME. AND HELPING YOU.
THE SOONER HE GETS HIS HERO ON AGAIN, THE SOONER HE WILL BE OFF MY COUCH AND OUT OF YOUR HAIR.
20% Charged
11:35
Wednesday, December 9th
SO WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
UMM...GIGANTES. GIANTS.
WELL, YOU GO AND DO THAT, BUT I DON'T WANT THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING--
SO WHERE DO YOU WANT THIS?
BASEMENT. TAKE HEED NOT TO KNOCK THE PICTURES OFF THE WALLS.
GIGANTES.
YOU HAVE A LABOR TO UNDERTAKE?
OH, THOSE ARE THE WORST.
REMEMBER, PUNCH THEM REALLY HARD.
THAT'S THE TRICK TO IT.
THAT'S THE TRICK TO IT?!

MANHATTAN. NOW.
THAT'S *NOT* THE TRICK TO IT.
WELL, IT *USED* TO BE.
TIME WAS, YOU COULD PUNCH GIANTS OUT, TEAR OPEN THE MANTLE OF THE EARTH, AND CAST THEM DOWN INTO TARTARUS.
THEN GO FOR A BEER.
GEEZ, IS THAT *HERCULES*...?
OH, GREAT. *NOW* WE'RE SCREWED.
THAT GUY ALWAYS CAUSES MORE PROBLEMS THAN HE SOLVES.
BUT THIS IS NEW YORK. AND THIS IS THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.
AND I DO THINGS *DIFFERENTLY* THESE DAYS.