

# FLOOD™

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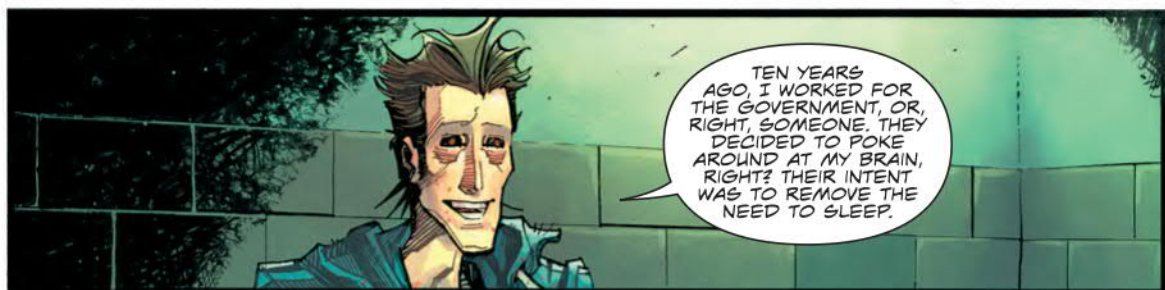






UH,  
RIGHT,  
SO...

MY NAME  
IS JOHN  
FLOOD.



TEN YEARS  
AGO, I WORKED FOR  
THE GOVERNMENT, OR,  
RIGHT, SOMEONE. THEY  
DECIDED TO POKE  
AROUND AT MY BRAIN,  
RIGHT? THEIR INTENT  
WAS TO REMOVE THE  
NEED TO SLEEP.



AND THEY  
SUCCEEDED! I  
HAVEN'T SLEPT A  
WINK SINCE. THE  
PROBLEM IS,  
THERE WERE,  
UH...



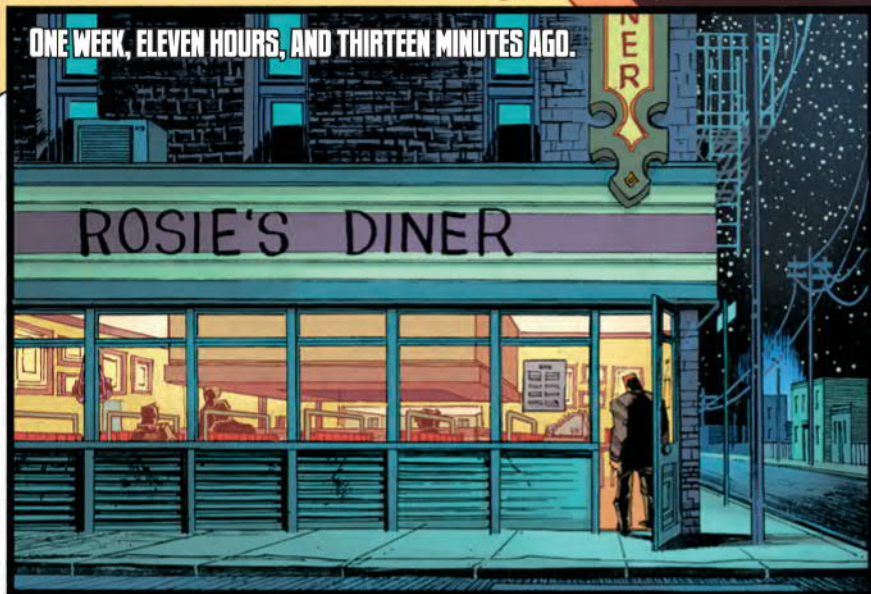
SIDE EFFECTS,  
YOU KNOW. PERMANENT  
DREAM STATE. SO I HAVE  
A LITTLE TROUBLE  
PARSING OUT WHAT'S  
REAL AND WHAT ISN'T. I'M  
NOT CRAZY. I JUST NEED  
TO BE, YOU KNOW,  
THOUGHTFUL.

BUT IT'S  
NOT ALL BAD,  
LT. MARKHAM. I HAVE  
LOTS OF RELAXING  
HOBBIES, AND I CAN  
MAKE CONNECTIONS  
PEOPLE WITH  
REGULAR BRAINS  
CAN'T.

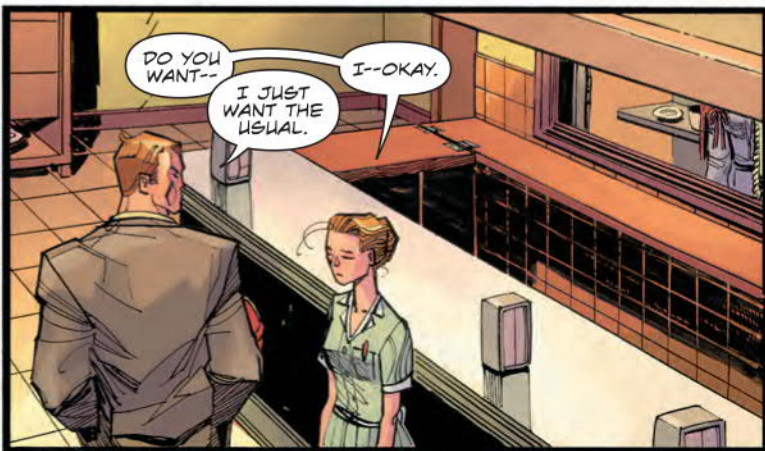


BUT RIGHT,  
UH, THINGS HAVE  
SPIRALED  
SOMEWHAT OUT OF  
CONTROL. SO I  
NEED YOU GUYS TO  
LISTEN TO ME.  
BECAUSE THIS IS  
BAD.

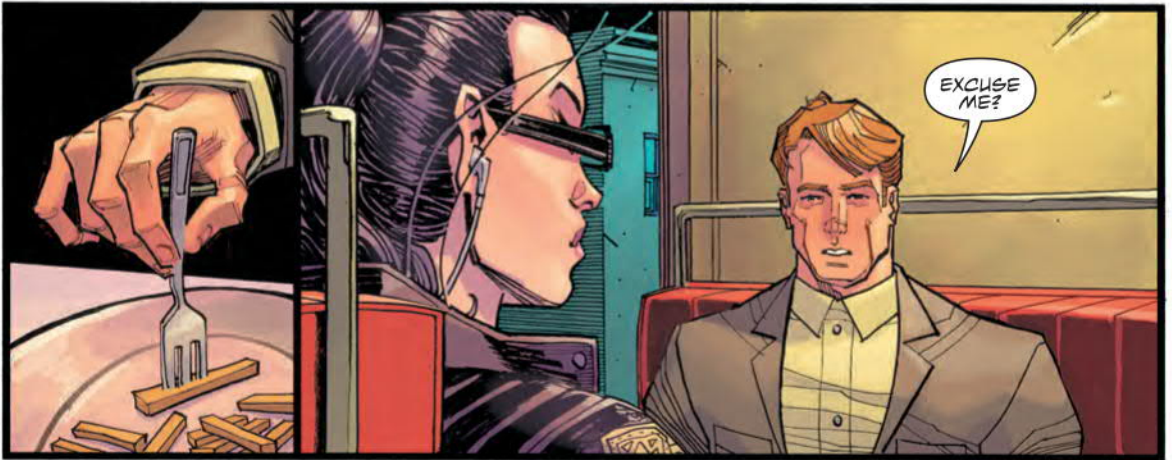
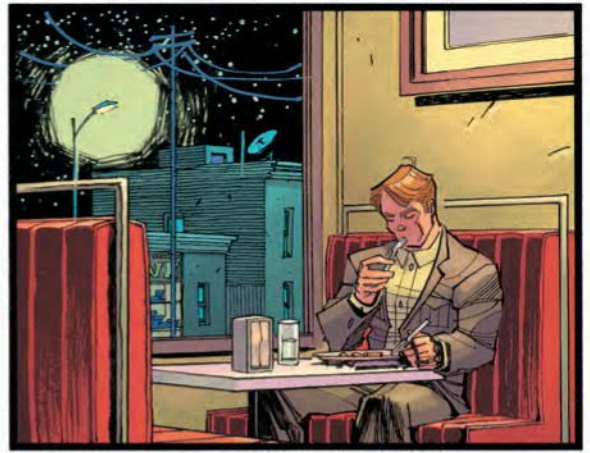
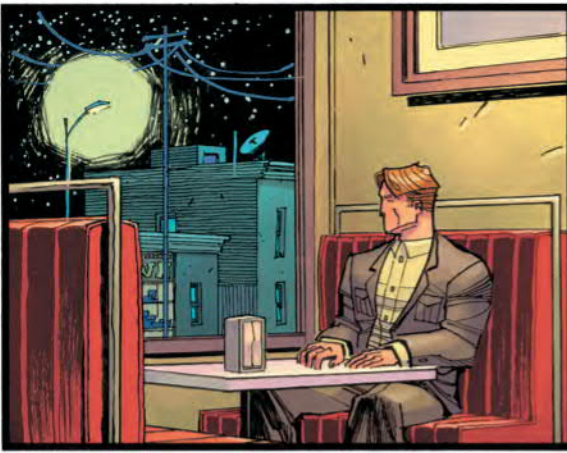
















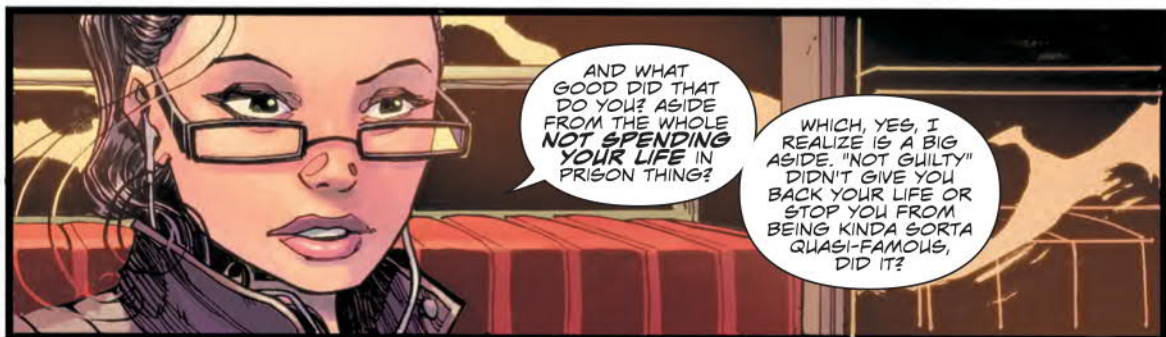
I'M--  
ALEXANDER BERRY. OH, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW.



PRETTY SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS.



I WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY.



AND WHAT GOOD DID THAT DO YOU? ASIDE FROM THE WHOLE **NOT SPENDING YOUR LIFE** IN PRISON THING?

WHICH, YES, I REALIZE IS A BIG ASIDE. "NOT GUILTY" DIDN'T GIVE YOU BACK YOUR LIFE OR STOP YOU FROM BEING KINDA SORTA QUASI-FAMOUS, DID IT?



AND WHAT BUSINESS IS THAT OF YOURS, EXACTLY?



THAT IS A  
VERY GOOD  
QUESTION.



JUST  
ANSWER ONE  
THING FOR ME,  
OKAY? AND THEN  
I'LL GO AWAY IF  
THAT'S WHAT  
YOU WANT.



IS **FOUND**  
NOT GUILTY  
THE SAME  
THING AS NOT  
**BEING**  
GUILTY?



NO.  
NO, IT IS  
NOT.







I'M  
HERE TO  
OFFER YOU  
A JOB. ONE  
THAT MIGHT  
HELP.

WHAT  
JOB?

MINE,  
ACTUALLY.

ALRIGHT.



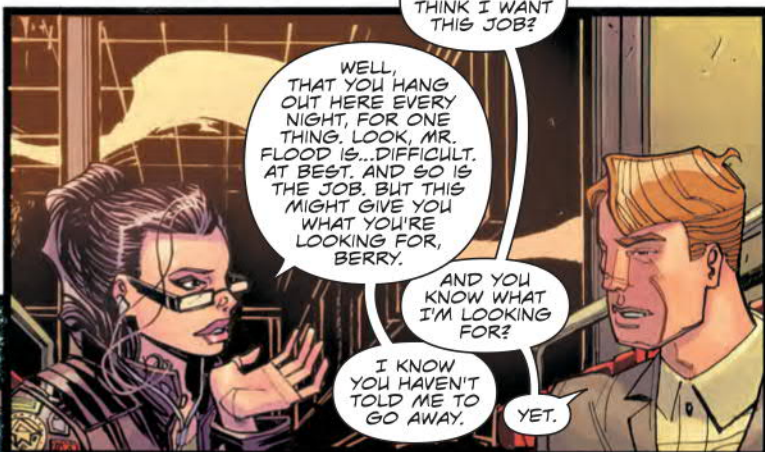
YOU KNOW THAT  
DIDN'T REALLY  
ANSWER YOUR  
QUESTION,  
RIGHT?

I DO.  
BUT I AM NOT  
INCLINED TO TAKE  
ANY MORE OF  
YOUR BAIT RIGHT  
NOW. YOU'LL TELL  
ME OR YOU  
WON'T.

FAIR ENOUGH. MY  
JOB IS...YOU KNOW,  
IT'S COMPLICATED. I'M  
AN ASSISTANT TO A  
PRIVATE DETECTIVE.  
NOW, THAT'S A LIE, ALL  
OF IT, BUT A DAMN  
USEFUL ONE.

BUT, AND  
IT'S A BIG ONE,  
I'M NOT RIGHT  
FOR THIS NEXT  
JOB. BUT I  
THINK MAYBE  
YOU ARE.

WHAT  
MAKES YOU  
THINK I WANT  
THIS JOB?



WELL,  
THAT YOU HANG  
OUT HERE EVERY  
NIGHT, FOR ONE  
THING. LOOK, MR.  
FLOOD IS...DIFFICULT.  
AT BEST, AND SO IS  
THE JOB. BUT THIS  
MIGHT GIVE YOU  
WHAT YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR,  
BERRY.

AND YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
I'M LOOKING  
FOR?

I KNOW  
YOU HAVEN'T  
TOLD ME TO  
GO AWAY.

YET.



I'LL TAKE "YET."  
BUT LOOK, IT'D BE  
EASIER TO SHOW  
RATHER THAN TELL.  
SO BE HERE  
TOMORROW AT  
THIS TIME.

YOU WANT  
ME TO COME  
SOMEWHERE WITH  
A STRANGER IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
THE NIGHT?

YEP.  
I'LL SEE  
YOU.









