



ADAM WARREN CARLA SPEED McNEIL

EmpoweredTM AND Sistah Spooky's HIGH SCHOOL HELL

H-HOLY
CRAP,
SPOOKY--!

NO,
UNHOLY
CRAP,
EMP!





NOT THAT I'M
DEFENDING
WHAT I DID,
BUT...

...YOU DID SEEM
TO HAVE AN
IRRESISTIBLE
"KICK ME" SIGN
TAPED TO YOUR
BEHIND BACK
THEN.

UM, YEAH,
AND I'M
PRETTY
SURE IT'S
STILL THERE,
TOO!



WHAT?
SUPERCHICA,
PLEASE.

YOU ARE VERY
DIFFERENT NOW,
EMP.

UM...
AM I?



I KNOW FOR SURE THAT
YEAR-AND-A-HALF-AGO
EMP WOULD HAVE AGONIZED
OVER ORDERING A 250-
CALORIE CARAMEL
MACCHIATO.

AGONIZED, AND
DECIDED AGAINST
IT.

WELL,
I... UM.
WELL...



YOU KICK ASS
ON THE REGULAR
NOWADAYS.

YOUR BLOOD "DON'T-
GIVE-A-F██K" COUNT
IS UNQUESTIONABLY
OVER THE LEGAL
LIMIT.



YOU'RE A
GROWN-ASS
SUPERWOMAN
NOW, EMP.



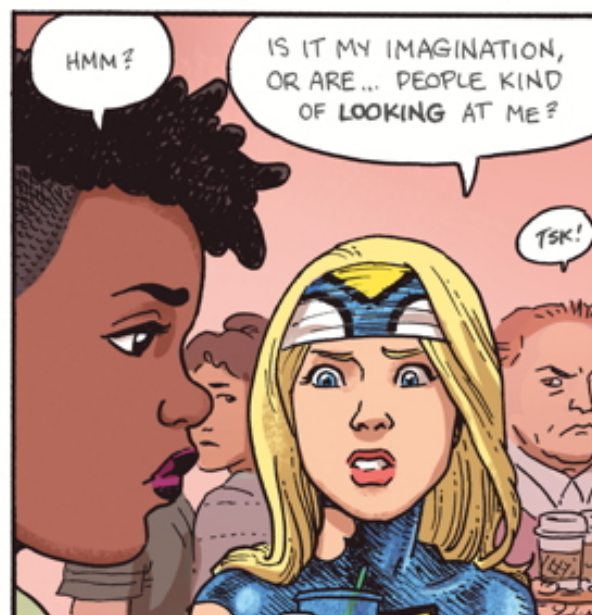
AND I'M THE
DISGRACED, SELF-
SABOTAGED, WRONG-
PRIORITY-HAVING
CLOSET CASE WHO
LOST EVERYTHING.



HONESTLY, I'M A BIT DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO TAKE MUCH PLEASURE IN MY CAREER-ENDING CRASH-AND-BURN.

LITERAL BURN.
THAT IS...

UM,
SPOOKY..?



HMM?

IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR ARE... PEOPLE KIND OF LOOKING AT ME?

TSK!



YOU SAID YOU CAST SOME KIND OF CAMOUFLAGE SPELL TO DISGUISE YOUR PSYCHOKINESIS AND MY SUPERSUIT, RIGHT?

SO WHAT ARE THE CIVILIANS AROUND US STARING AT, THEN...?

EXTERNAL
P.O.V.: SPELL
IN ACTION!



...



IT WOULD BE SERIOUSLY PETTY --
--AND SERIOUSLY OLD, **MEAN** SPOOKY OF YOU --

--IF, SAY, YOUR SPELL WAS DRESSING ME UP IN SOME GOOFY-ASS MANNER, THERESA.



MM.
YES.
SO TRUE, EMP.

WE CAN TALK AND CHATTER
AND JOKE LIKE ANY TWO
GIRLS WOULD.

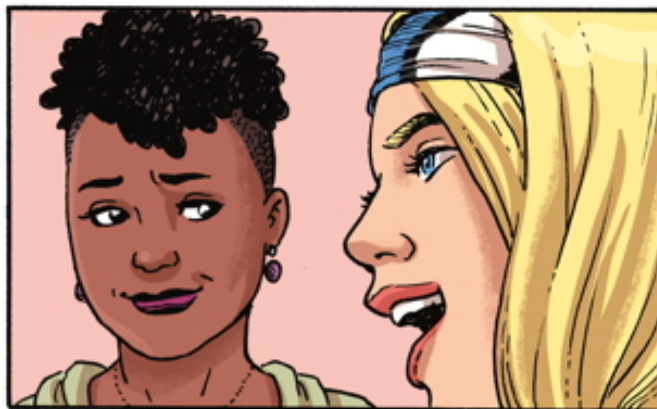
BUT THERE'S A GULF
BETWEEN US THAT CAN
NEVER, EVER BE BRIDGED.



... A GULF I CARVED OUT MYSELF
WHEN I CHOSE TO ABUSE HER.



BUT NOW THAT MY CAREER AND MY PRIDE
AND MY STATUS ARE ALL IN RUINS...



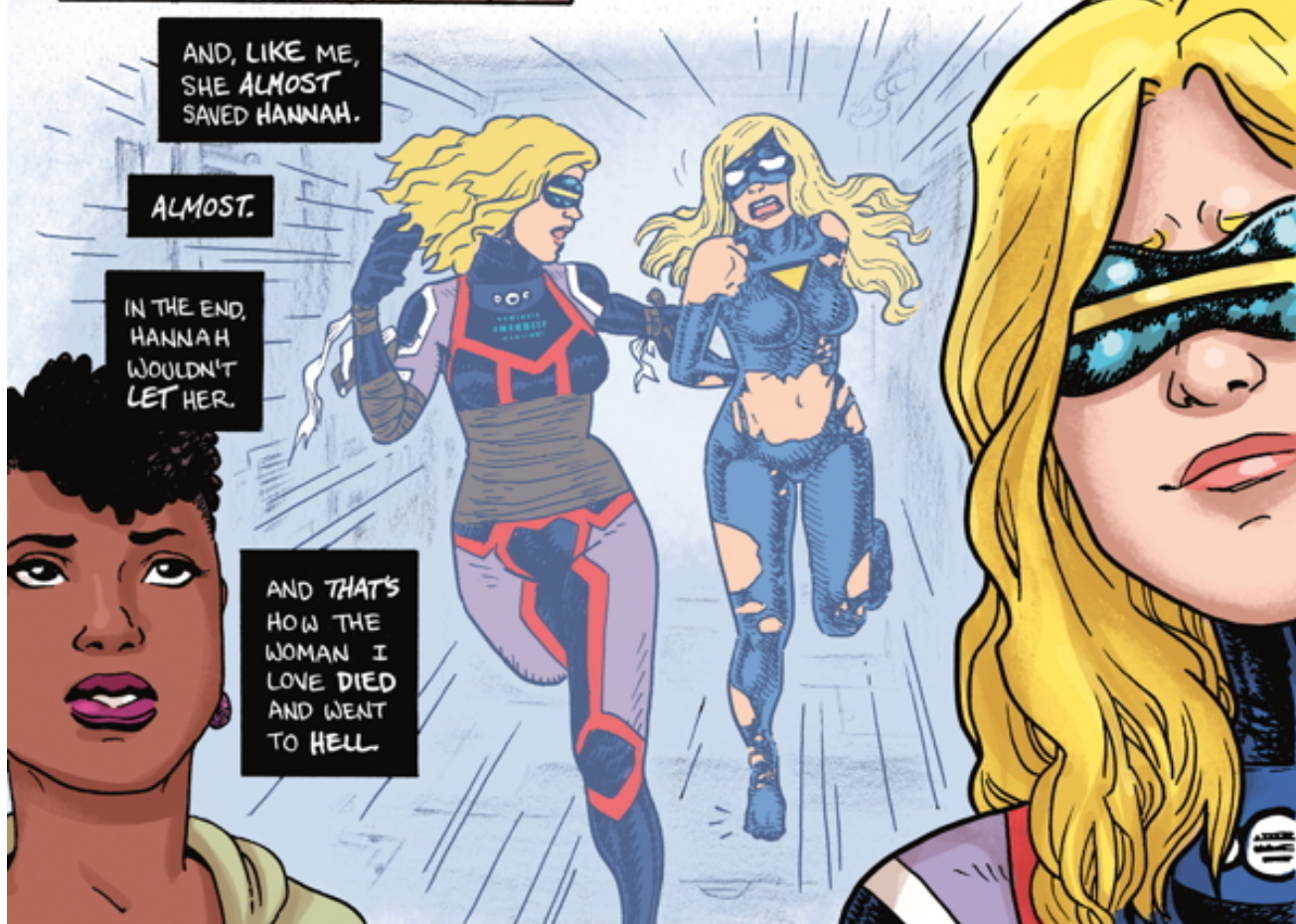
...SHE'S THE CLOSEST THING TO A FRIEND
I HAVE LEFT IN ALL THE WORLD.

AND, LIKE ME,
SHE ALMOST
SAVED HANNAH.

ALMOST.

IN THE END,
HANNAH
WOULDN'T
LET HER.

AND THAT'S
HOW THE
WOMAN I
LOVE DIED
AND WENT
TO HELL.





EMP.

KUNKK



WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.

WHAT'S WRONG, SPOOKY?

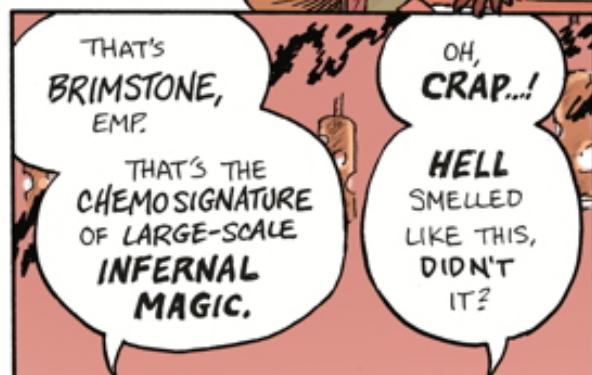


DO YOU SMELL THAT?

≡ SNIFF ≡

EWW...!

WHAT IS THAT??



THAT'S BRIMSTONE, EMP.

THAT'S THE CHEMOSIGNATURE OF LARGE-SCALE INFERNAL MAGIC.

OH, CRAP...!

HELL SMELLED LIKE THIS, DIDN'T IT?



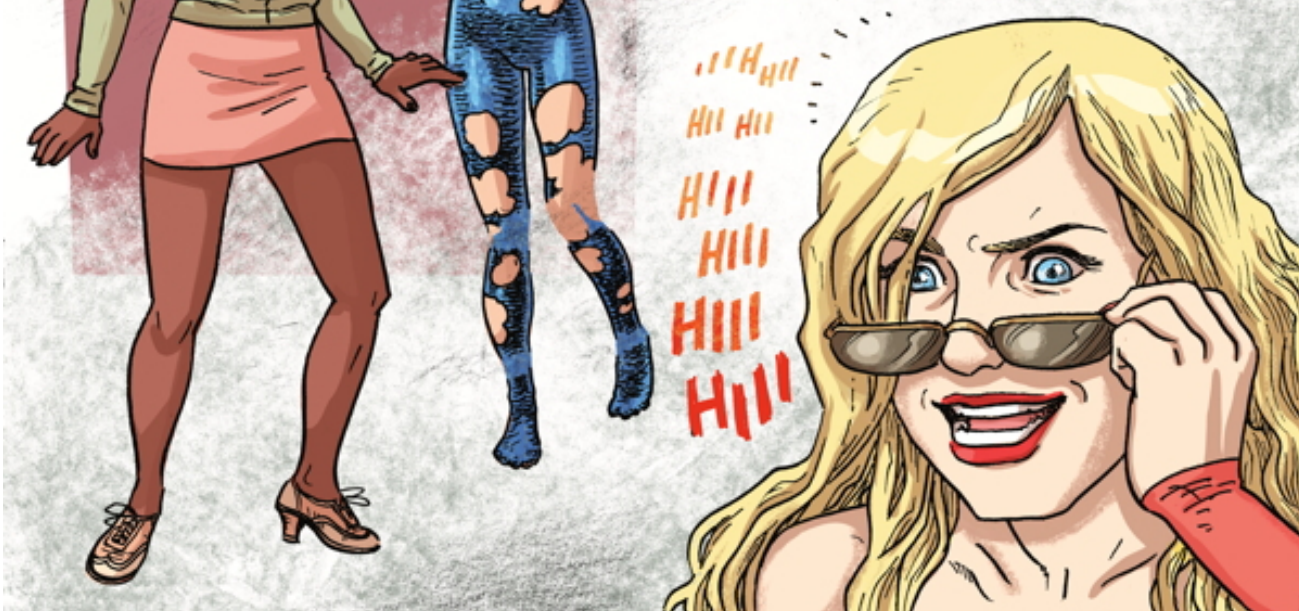
UM, WHAT'S THAT WEIRD SOUND...?

IS THAT SOMEONE LAUGHING?

HAHH??



...ASHLEY?



HAHH
HII HII
HII HII
HII HII
HII HII
HII HII

THAT
I HATE
SO
MUCH

So
MUCH

≡GASP≡

NNNGH

WHAT...
WHAT JUST
HAPPENED...?

OH.
OOOH,
[REDACTED].

THIS IS MY
HIGH SCHOOL,
EMP.

AND WE ARE
DEFINITELY IN
SERIOUS TROUBLE.

AND WHAT
SWEATY PERV
DESIGNED THESE
UNIFORMS?

THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!