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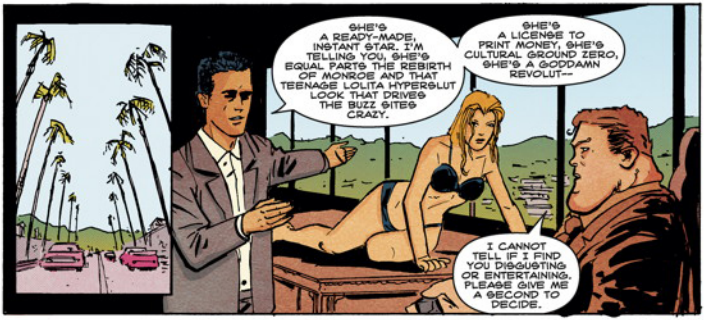
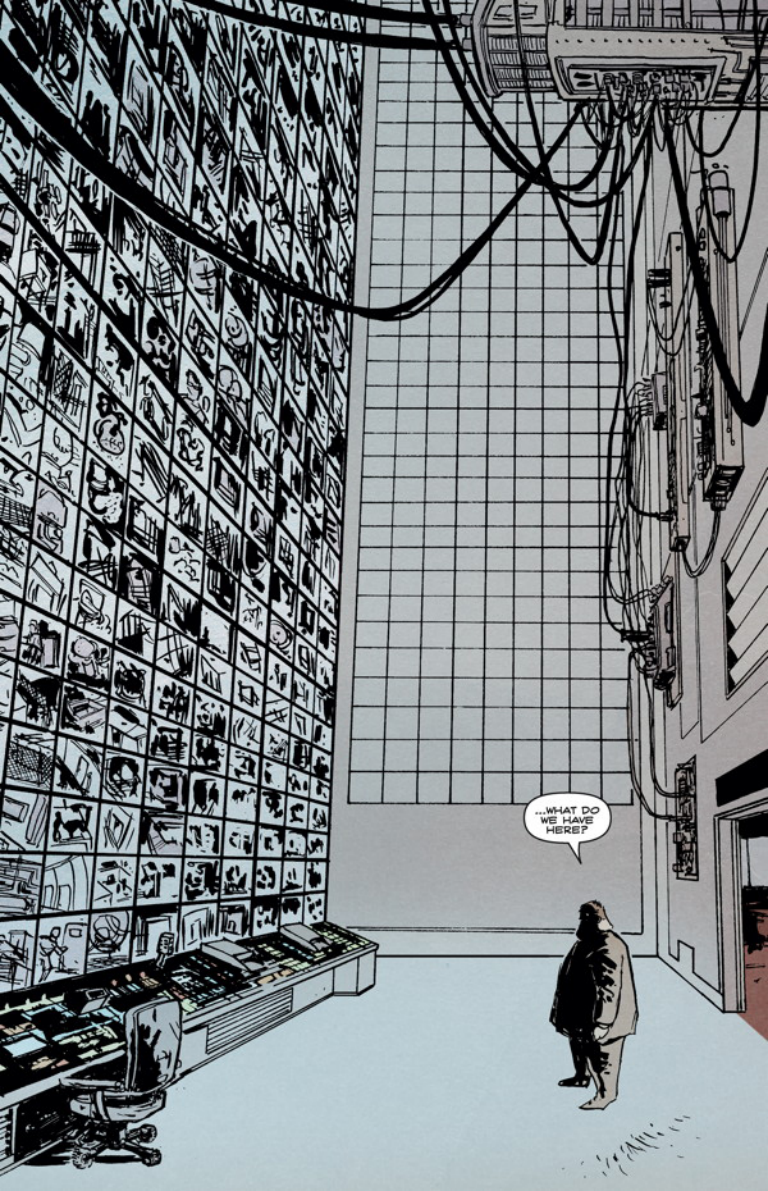

SHE'S A READY-MADE, INSTANT STAR. I'M TELLING YOU, SHE'S EQUAL PARTS THE REBIRTH OF MONROE AND THAT TEENAGE LOLITA HYPERSLUT LOOK THAT DRIVES THE BUZZ SITES CRAZY.
SHE'S A LICENSE TO PRINT MONEY, SHE'S CULTURAL GROUND ZERO, SHE'S A GODDAMN REVOLUT--
I CANNOT TELL IF I FIND YOU DISGUSTING OR ENTERTAINING. PLEASE GIVE ME A SECOND TO DECIDE.

RING RING
SECURITY BREACH: CRYPT PARK

EXCUSE YOURSELF.

MOONSHINE NIGHTINGALE.

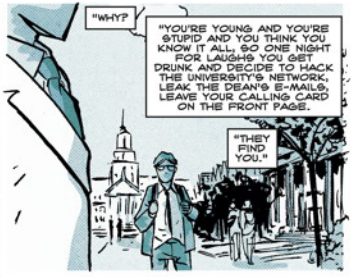
ALL RIGHT.


...WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

CLANK CLANK
'SUP.

I'M A THIRD-ACT SUPERSTAR.

WHY?
I'D BE DELIGHTED IF YOU COULD GIVE ME SOME EXPLANATION BEFORE I SPLATTER YOUR BRAIN ALL OVER THE WALLS.


"WHY?
"YOU'RE YOUNG AND YOU'RE STUPID AND YOU THINK YOU KNOW IT ALL. SO ONE NIGHT FOR LAUGHS YOU GET DRUNK AND DECIDE TO HACK THE UNIVERSITY'S NETWORK, LEAK THE DEAN'S E-MAILS, LEAVE YOUR CALLING CARD ON THE FRONT PAGE.
"THEY FIND YOU."

NICE WORK.
"SOMEONE REACHES OUT. OFFERS YOU SOMETHING WHEN YOU'RE AT YOUR LOWEST. PROMISES YOU MORE MONEY THAN GOD, FAST CARS, ALL THE DRUGS YOU EVER WANTED. SUFFICIENT TO SAY, IT SOUNDS GOOD.

"AND FOR A WHILE, IT FEELS GOOD. IT FEELS OKAY. YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE YOUR LIFE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A MESS, SO YOU IGNORE THE SIGNS, SHUT DOWN YOUR FEELINGS, AND JUST ROLL WITH IT.

"BUT ONE DAY--ONE DAY YOU SEE SOMETHING. SOMETHING MAKES YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING--MAKES YOUR PERSPECTIVE SHIFT.

"ONE DAY--SOMETHING CRACKS YOU WIDE OPEN.

"SO YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. YOU ACT FOR ONCE. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE, YOU LET YOURSELF FEEL SOMETHING, MEAN SOMETHING, AGAIN."
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YOU WANT AN EXPLANATION? YOU WANT SOME SORT OF NARRATIVE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO CONSTRUCT CAUSATION, THE REASONING BEHIND MY ACTIONS, AFTER YOU KILL ME?

I THINK I WOULD PREFER YOU BE LEFT TO QUESTION MY ACTIONS.

NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW WHAT YOU DID. NO ONE WILL EVER CARE. YOU ARE GOING TO DIE, AND IN THE GRAND NARRATIVE OF OUR WORLD, YOU WILL NOT EVEN BE PUNCTUATION ON A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE.

THAT'S OKAY.

I LEAKED THE DOCUMENTS HOURS AGO ANYWAY.