



HER NAME IS CINDY KRAMER. SHE WAS JUST ANOTHER FACE IN THE CROWD THE NIGHT JOHN BLACK WAS MURDERED TEN YEARS AGO.




SHE DIDN'T SAVE THE WORLD, DIDN'T CHANGE THE FUTURE...DIDN'T INVENT A CURE OR RUN FOR OFFICE OR WRITE A BOOK OR A SONG OR A FORMULA.

SHE NEVER MADE A DIFFERENCE.



BUT SHE HAS A HUSBAND WHO LOVES HER, AND TWO KIDS WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN TWISTED BY HAVING TO GROW UP WITHOUT HER.

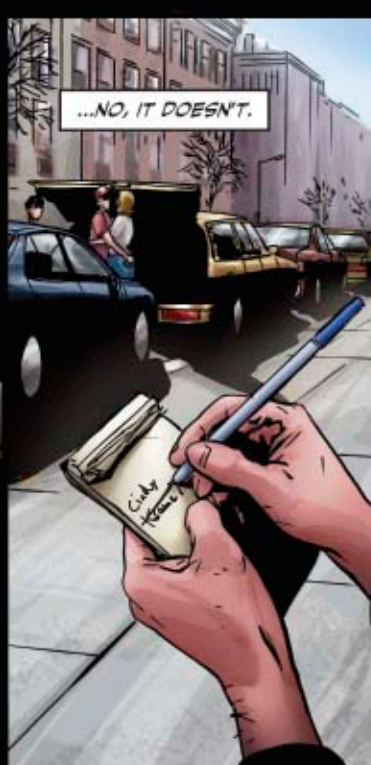
SHE MADE NO DIFFERENCE. NONE THAT I CAN TELL. SHE CHANGED NOTHING.



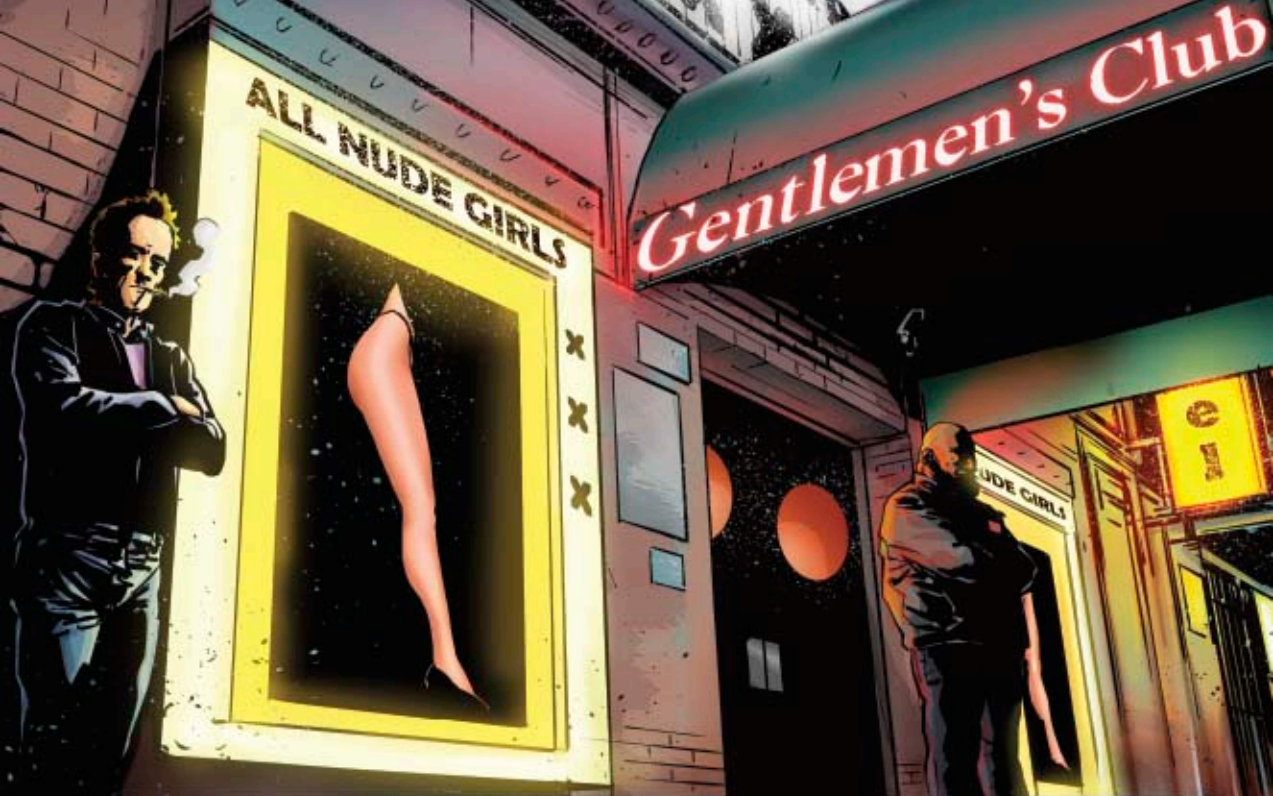
BUT DOES THAT MEAN SHE SHOULD DIE IN JOHN'S PLACE?



NO...



...NO, IT DOESN'T.





THIS IS WHERE JOHN BLACK, WHO HAD HIS WHOLE LIFE AHEAD OF HIM, A FUTURE WHERE HE COULD'VE DONE ANYTHING, BEEN ANYONE--



--WAS MURDERED FOR FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND A MAXED-OUT CREDIT CARD.

I THOUGHT I COULD FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE HIS PLACE...SOMEONE EXPENDABLE, SOMEONE WHO NEVER MADE A DIFFERENCE.

BUT I COULDN'T DO IT. I CAN'T MAKE THAT DECISION. I'M NOT QUALIFIED.



AND LET'S BE HONEST, IF THAT'S THE CRITERIA, THEN MY NAME SHOULD BE AT THE VERY TOP OF THAT LIST.



DON'T TALK NONSENSE, ROY. YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE--

NO--

--YOU HAVE TO ME--



--NOT THE SAME THING.

AND BESIDES, YOU WEREN'T THERE.

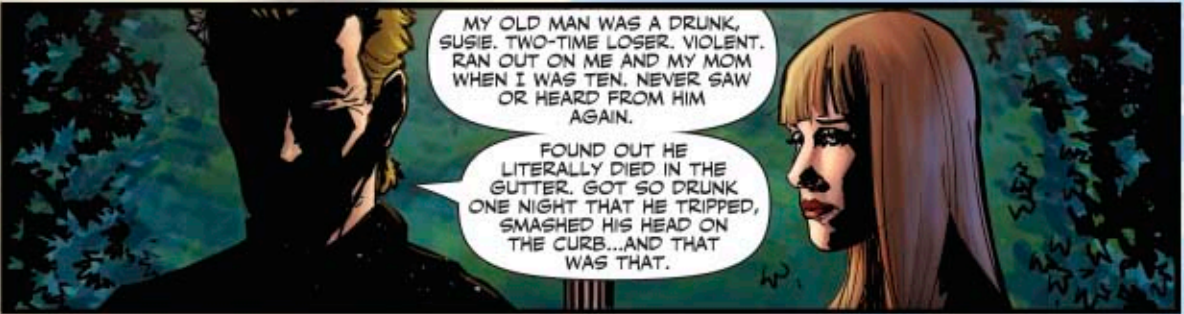
NO, I WASN'T. AND THEN I WAS.

I'M RIGHT HERE--



"--AND I'M RIGHT THERE, ONE MORE FACE IN THE CROWD, ONE MORE OPTION, ONE MORE LIFE, ONE MORE--"






MY OLD MAN WAS A DRUNK, SUSIE. TWO-TIME LOSER. VIOLENT. RAN OUT ON ME AND MY MOM WHEN I WAS TEN. NEVER SAW OR HEARD FROM HIM AGAIN.

FOUND OUT HE LITERALLY DIED IN THE GUTTER. GOT SO DRUNK ONE NIGHT THAT HE TRIPPED, SMASHED HIS HEAD ON THE CURB...AND THAT WAS THAT.




"HE WAS BROKE, NOBODY KNEW WHERE TO FIND HIS FAMILY...SO THEY BURIED HIM IN A PAUPER'S GRAVE. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

"YOU DON'T GET A TOMBSTONE. YOU GET A LEAD PIPE WITH A BRASS NUMBER ON IT. YOU CHECK THE NUMBER AGAINST A LEDGER IN THE OFFICE TO FIND OUT WHO'S BURIED WHERE.




"NO NAME. NO DATE OF BIRTH OR DEATH OR HE WILL BE MISSED OR FATHER OF OR HUSBAND OF.


"JUST GRAVE NUMBER ONE-ONE-SIX.



"IT WAS LIKE THE WIND TOOK AWAY HIS NAME AND HIS PAST AND HIS FUTURE...TOOK AWAY EVERYTHING HE WAS EVER GONNA BE OR SAY OR DO.



"IT WAS AS THOUGH HE HAD NEVER EVEN EXISTED."




I SWORE, RIGHT THERE AND THEN, THAT THE SAME THING WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO ME, NO MATTER THE COST, I'D FIND A WAY, SOME WAY, ANY WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

AND I HAVEN'T, SUSIE... I HAVEN'T.

SO...WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, ROY? WHAT'RE YOU--

I'M...NOT SAYING ANYTHING, SUSAN, I JUST--



--I JUST WANT TO HOLD YOU, FOR THIS MOMENT, AND TELL YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU.

THAT'S ALL.

SWEAR TO GOD.



GOD HELP ME,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO...



...GOD HELP ME...
GOD HELP ME...



HEY MISTER,
YOU OKAY?

I...YEAH,
I'M...

...NO, I'M NOT.
TELL THE TRUTH,
I'M A LONG, LONG
WAY FROM OKAY.



YOU
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT IT?

YOU
WOULDN'T WANT
TO--

HEY, IT'LL GET
MY MIND OFF MY OWN
TROUBLES FOR A
WHILE, MISTER--

CHAMBERS.
ROY CHAMBERS.



I GOT HIRED TO DO A JOB.
DIDN'T THINK MUCH ABOUT IT,
IT WAS JUST ANOTHER JOB AND
I HADN'T HAD MANY OF THOSE
LATELY SO I TOOK IT
AND--

--AND NOW THINGS
ARE...HAPPENING. THINGS
THAT MAKE ME WONDER IF
I'M LOSING MY MIND,
OR--