

PALM HARBOR,
FLORIDA.

GLAD YOU'RE
HERE, LIEUTENANT.
I KNOW IT'S YOUR
SUNDAY.

BEFORE
THE PRESS,
I MEAN.

GOOD GOD,
LET'S HOPE THEY
STAY **HOME** THEN,
DETECTIVE
DEMAKOS.

I DON'T
SEE HOW,
SIR.

I
MEAN, THE
BODY.

IT'S
A THING TO
BEHOLD.

THAT
BAD?

MMM.

DAMNATION.
AND
YOU KNEW
THE MAN,
AVIL?

WELL. NOT
SOCIALLY.

BUT YEAH,
MICHAEL PARKS,
LOCAL JUNKIE,
USUALLY HOMELESS,
GOT INTO THE
PROGRAM
SOMEHOW.

NOT
VIOLENT,
MORE...SAD,
I GUESS.

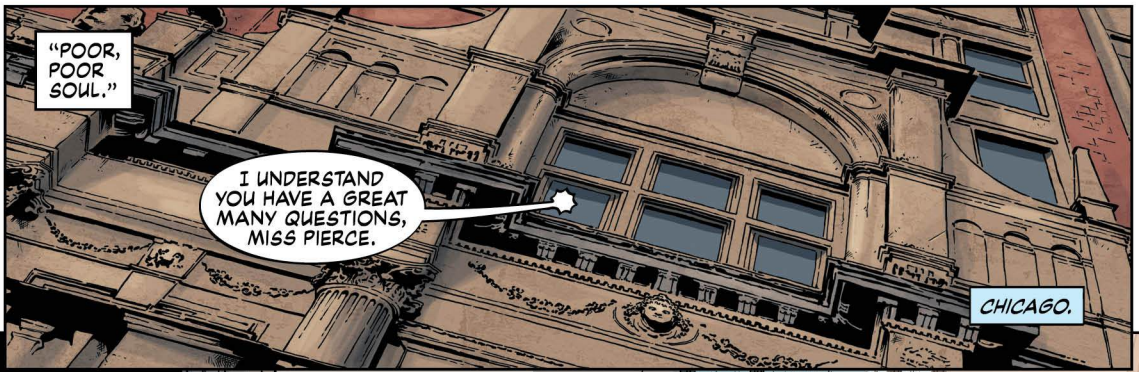


...THIS IS
THE CLEANEST
ROOM EITHER OF
US WILL EVER
BE IN.

YOU
COULD EAT **SOUP**
OFF THAT FLOOR,
LIEUTENANT.

PASS.

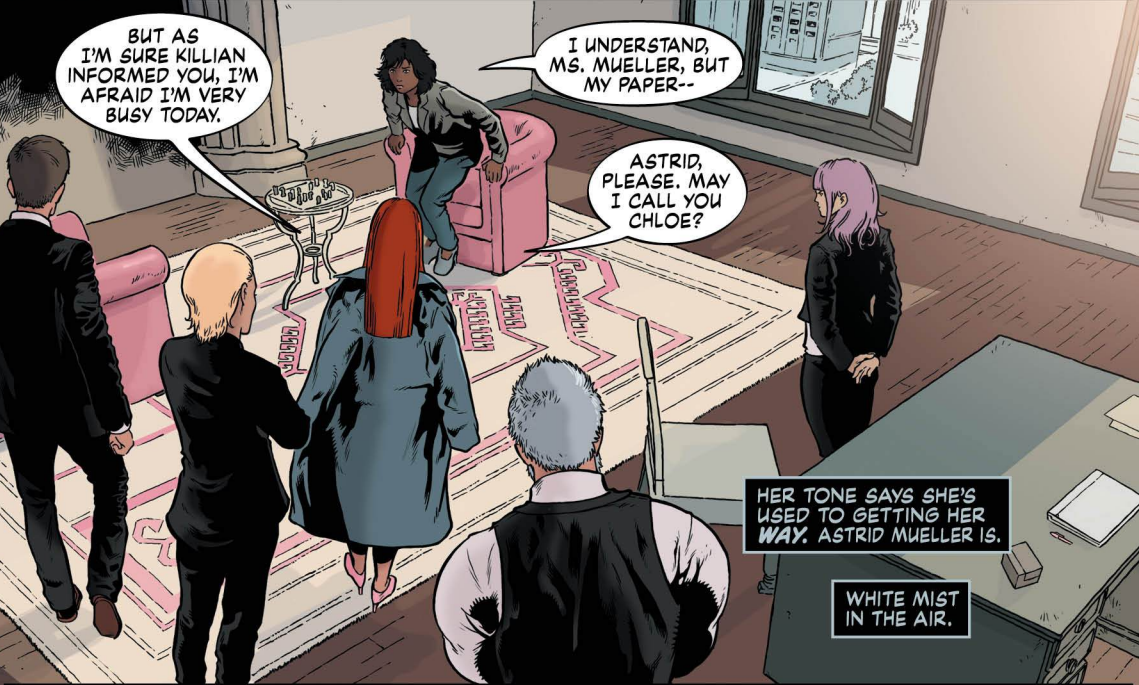
POOR
SOUL.



"POOR, POOR SOUL."

I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A GREAT MANY QUESTIONS, MISS PIERCE.

CHICAGO.



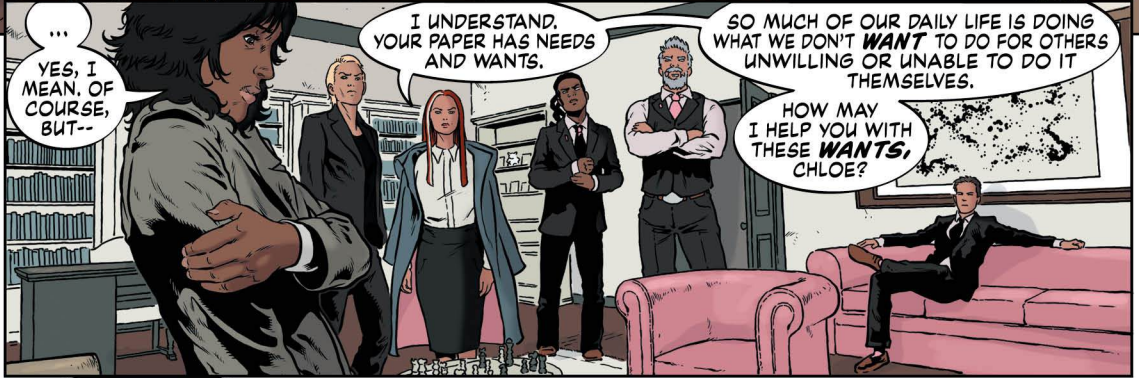
BUT AS I'M SURE KILLIAN INFORMED YOU, I'M AFRAID I'M VERY BUSY TODAY.

I UNDERSTAND, MS. MUELLER, BUT MY PAPER--

ASTRID, PLEASE. MAY I CALL YOU CHLOE?

HER TONE SAYS SHE'S USED TO GETTING HER WAY. ASTRID MUELLER IS.

WHITE MIST IN THE AIR.

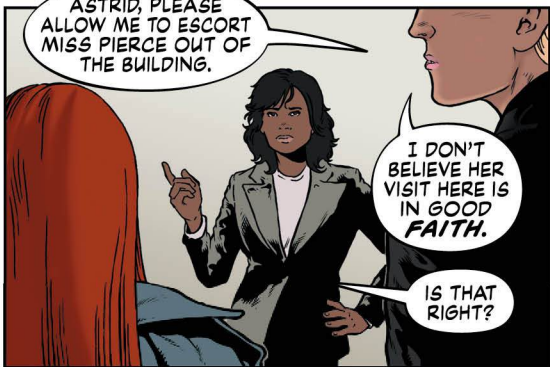


... YES, I MEAN, OF COURSE, BUT--

I UNDERSTAND, YOUR PAPER HAS NEEDS AND WANTS.

SO MUCH OF OUR DAILY LIFE IS DOING WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO DO FOR OTHERS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO DO IT THEMSELVES.

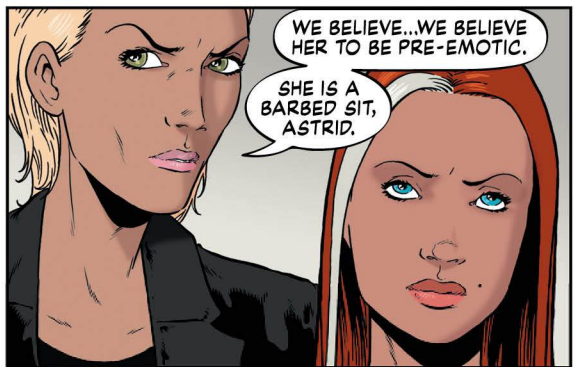
HOW MAY I HELP YOU WITH THESE WANTS, CHLOE?



ASTRID, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ESCORT MISS PIERCE OUT OF THE BUILDING.

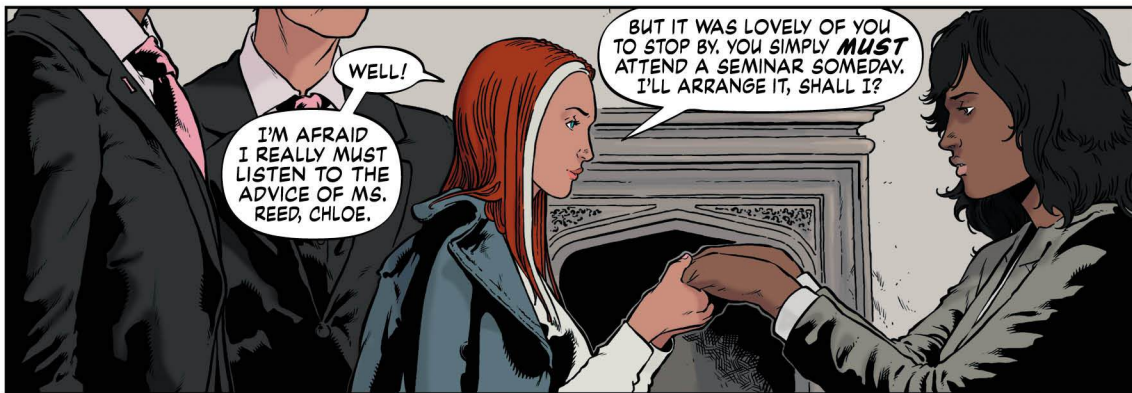
I DON'T BELIEVE HER VISIT HERE IS IN GOOD FAITH.

IS THAT RIGHT?



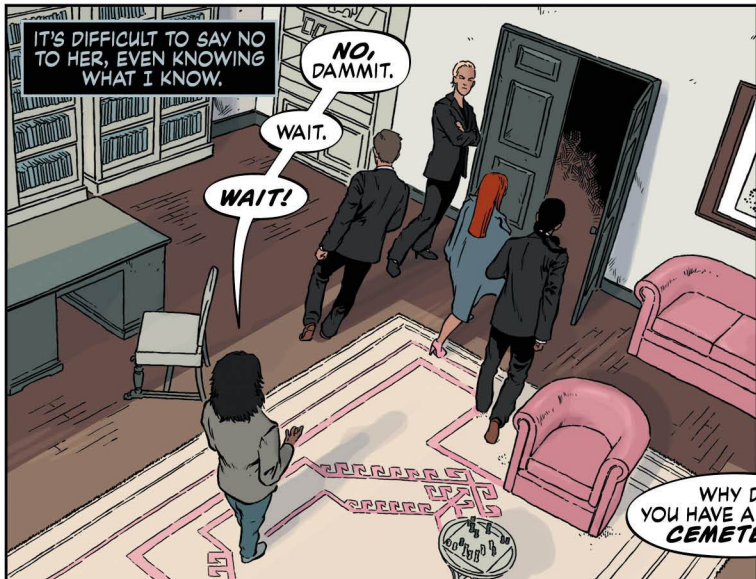
WE BELIEVE...WE BELIEVE HER TO BE PRE-EMOTIC.

SHE IS A BARBED SIT, ASTRID.



WELL!
I'M AFRAID I REALLY MUST LISTEN TO THE ADVICE OF MS. REED, CHLOE.

BUT IT WAS LOVELY OF YOU TO STOP BY. YOU SIMPLY **MUST** ATTEND A SEMINAR SOMEDAY. I'LL ARRANGE IT, SHALL I?



IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY NO TO HER, EVEN KNOWING WHAT I KNOW.

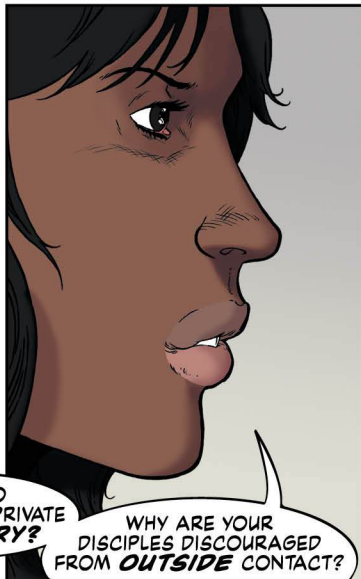
NO, DAMMIT.

WAIT.

WAIT!

WHY DO YOU HAVE A PRIVATE **CEMETERY?**

WHY ARE YOUR DISCIPLES DISCOURAGED FROM **OUTSIDE** CONTACT?



WHAT ARE THE **BLUE UTOPIANS**, MS. MUELLER?



WELL, WHAT A GREAT LOT OF **QUESTIONS** YOU DO HAVE INSIDE YOU, CHLOE.

PERHAPS A BRIEF INTERVIEW **IS** IN ORDER.



PLEASE HAVE TERRY BRING US SOME EARL GREY ON YOUR WAY OUT, WON'T YOU?



HOW DID YOU...

MMM?

HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF TEA I DRINK?

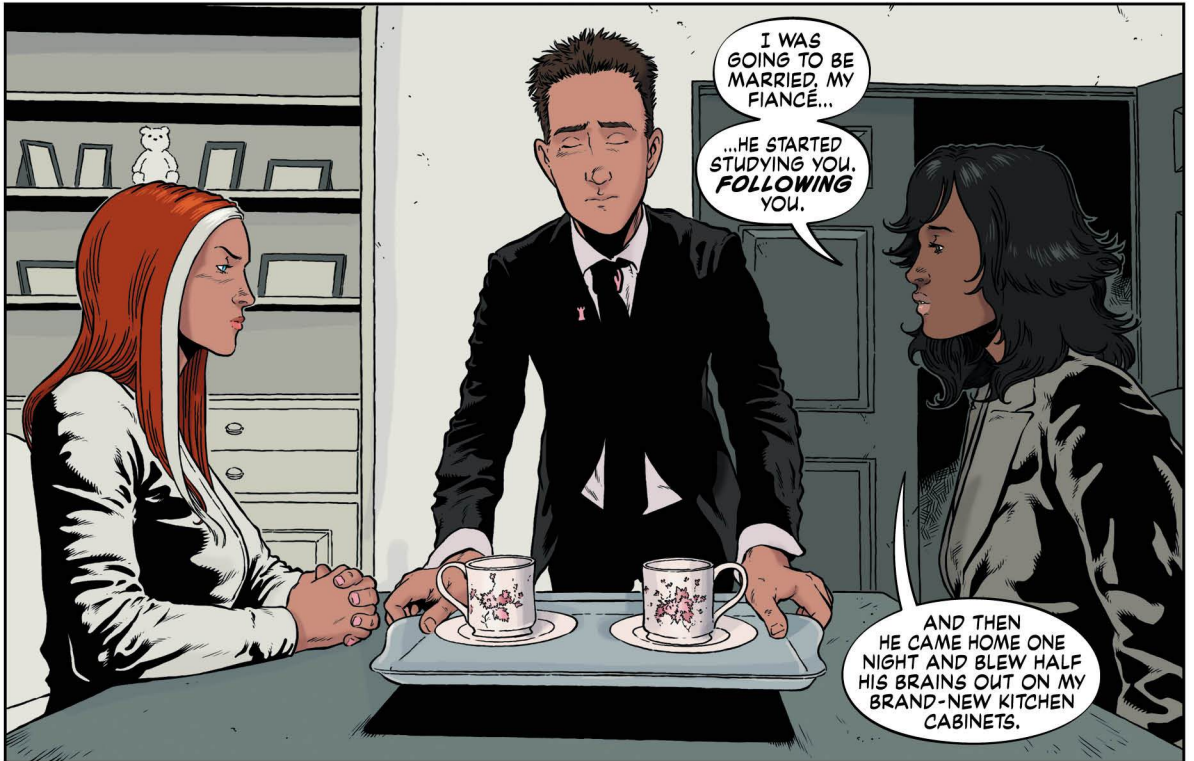


WE DO THINK OURSELVES QUITE IMPORTANT, DON'T WE, CHLOE?

I'M NOT PSYCHIC, CHLOE. EARL GREY IS ONE OF MY WEAKNESSES.



WEAKNESSES. SURE.



I WAS GOING TO BE MARRIED, MY FIANCE'...

...HE STARTED STUDYING YOU, **FOLLOWING** YOU.

AND THEN HE CAME HOME ONE NIGHT AND BLEW HALF HIS BRAINS OUT ON MY BRAND-NEW KITCHEN CABINETS.



INTERESTING.