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MOSER · KRIZAN

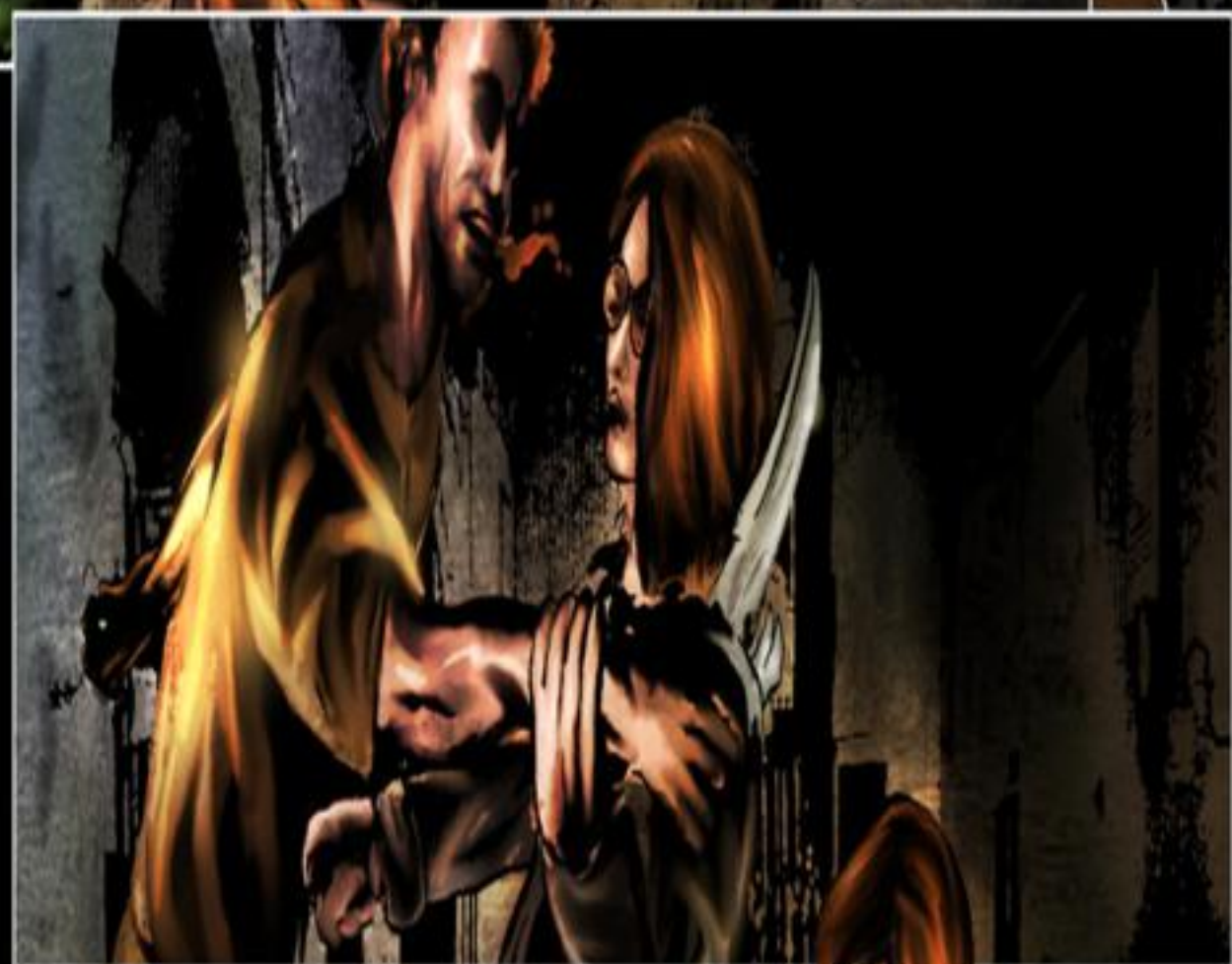


"NOTHING IS SO AGGRAVATING
THAN CALMNESS."

- OSCAR WILDE













STOP
IT.



THAT IS
NOT HOW WE DO
THINGS, DO YOU
HEAR ME?

HENDRICKSON WAS
RIGHT—THIS ISN'T MY
TYPICAL ASSIGNMENT.



I
APOLOGIZE,
NATHAN.

MY...
ASSOCIATE...
CAN BE A LITTLE
OVERZEALOUS AT
TIMES.

NOW
WHY DON'T YOU
TELL ME ABOUT
THAT TATTOO.

BUT HE KNEW THAT
GOING IN TO THIS, SO
IF HE'S UPSET WITH THE
WAY I DO THINGS, HE'S
GOT NO ONE TO BLAME
BUT HIMSELF.



AFTER ALL, I AM WHAT
THEY MADE ME.

I'M
REALLY NOT
SURE THIS IS
SUCH A GOOD
IDEA.

I
DON'T RECALL
ASKING FOR YOUR
OPINION. WHY
ARE YOU EVEN
HERE, ANYWAY?



DOCTOR,
PLEASE.

CHRIS,
IT'S ALREADY BEEN
DISCUSSED. DOCTOR
SUTTON'S PROCEDURE
IS THE ONLY CHANCE
AGENT SNOW HAS OF
HAVING ANY SORT OF
NORMAL LIFE.

NORMAL?
YOU CALL WHAT YOU'RE
PLANNING TO DO TO
HER NORMAL?




YOU
THINK
THIS IS
FUNNY?

WHO'S
JOKING?

OKAY,
ENOUGH.

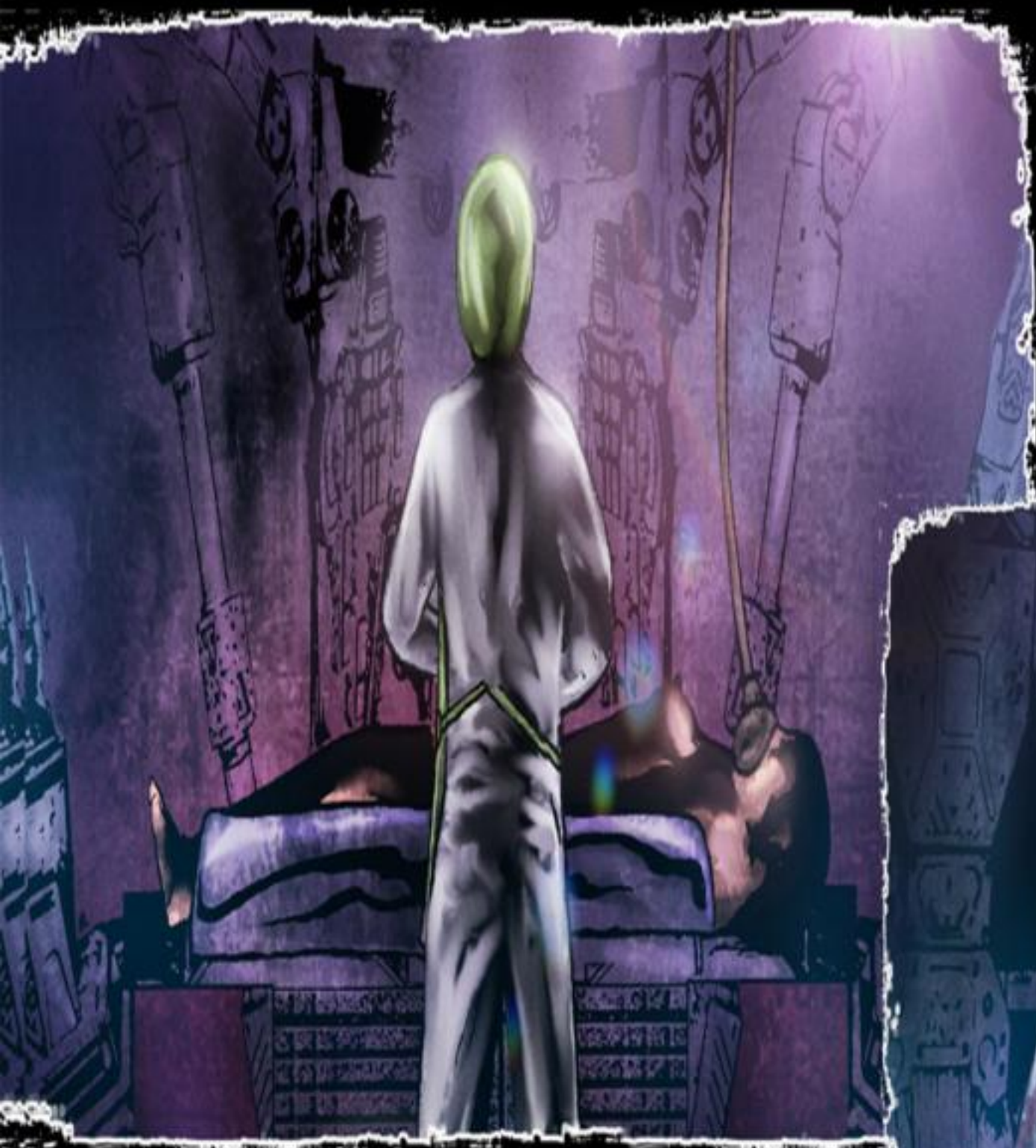
DOCTOR, YOU'VE
ALREADY BEEN
GIVEN APPROVAL
FOR THE
PROCEDURE.



WHAT, YOU'D
RATHER SHE SPEND
THE REST OF HER
LIFE HOOKED UP TO A
RESPIRATOR AND A
FEEDING TUBE?

NO,
CONVENTIONAL
MEDICINE CAN'T
HELP HER.
I CAN.

CHRIS, IF
YOU DON'T LIKE
IT, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO STAY
AND WATCH.





DOCTOR SUTTON'S PROCEDURE—HER EXPERIMENT—WAS A SUCCESS.



SHE REBUILT MY BODY. RESHAPED MY MIND.

SHE SUCCEEDED IN GIVING ME NEW LIFE—



CYBERNETIC LIMBS. NEURAL IMPLANTS THAT INCREASED HAND-EYE COORDINATION AND REDUCED REACTION TIME TO ALMOST NOTHING.



—AND, IN THE PROCESS, CREATED A LIVING WEAPON.



YOU'RE A
VERY BRAVE
YOUNG
WOMAN.

I...
DON'T
FEEL VERY
BRAVE.



OH,
BUT YOU
ARE.

JUST
THE FACT THAT
YOU'RE SITTING
HERE AFTER THAT
HORRIBLE ORDEAL
IS A TESTAMENT
TO YOUR
BRAVERY.



AND
HAVING SAID
THAT, I THINK
IT'S TIME YOU
OFFICIALLY
BECAME ONE
OF US.

YOU'VE
SURVIVED A
TERRIBLE TRIAL,
MUCH LIKE I
ONCE DID, MUCH
LIKE CHRIST
DID ON THE
CROSS.



YOU'VE
BEEN REBORN,
JESSICA, AND
IT'S TIME YOU
BEGAN THAT
NEW LIFE.



WILL YOU
JOIN US,
JESSICA?



WILL
YOU JOIN
ME?





HENDRICKSON
MIGHT NOT LIKE
MY METHODS, BUT
HE GOT WHAT
HE WANTED.

NATHAN
TALKED.

THE TATTOO IS
APPARENTLY THE
SYMBOL OF A CULT
FORMED BY A MAN
NAMED JOSHUA
DAVIDSON.

HE CLAIMS THAT
ON THE DAY HE WAS
BORN, THE AGE OF
PISCES ENDED
AND THE AGE OF
AQUARIUS BEGAN.



AND WHERE JESUS WAS
LORD AND SAVIOR FOR
PISCES, THE DAWNING OF
AQUARIUS BROUGHT A NEW
LORD AND SAVIOR.



HELLO,
NATHAN.

I SEE YOU
BROUGHT
GUESTS.

HIM.



THEY
WOULDN'T

-I MEAN,
I DIDN'T
WANT TO.

THEY--

THEY
MADE ME.
I--

IT'S OKAY,
NATHAN. IT'S
OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU
GO ON INSIDE. I'LL
TAKE CARE
OF IT.



SO,
WELCOME. I'M
JOSHUA.

YOU'LL
HAVE TO FORGIVE
THE GUNS. WE DON'T
GET MANY UNINVITED
GUESTS.

WHAT
CAN I DO
FOR YOU?

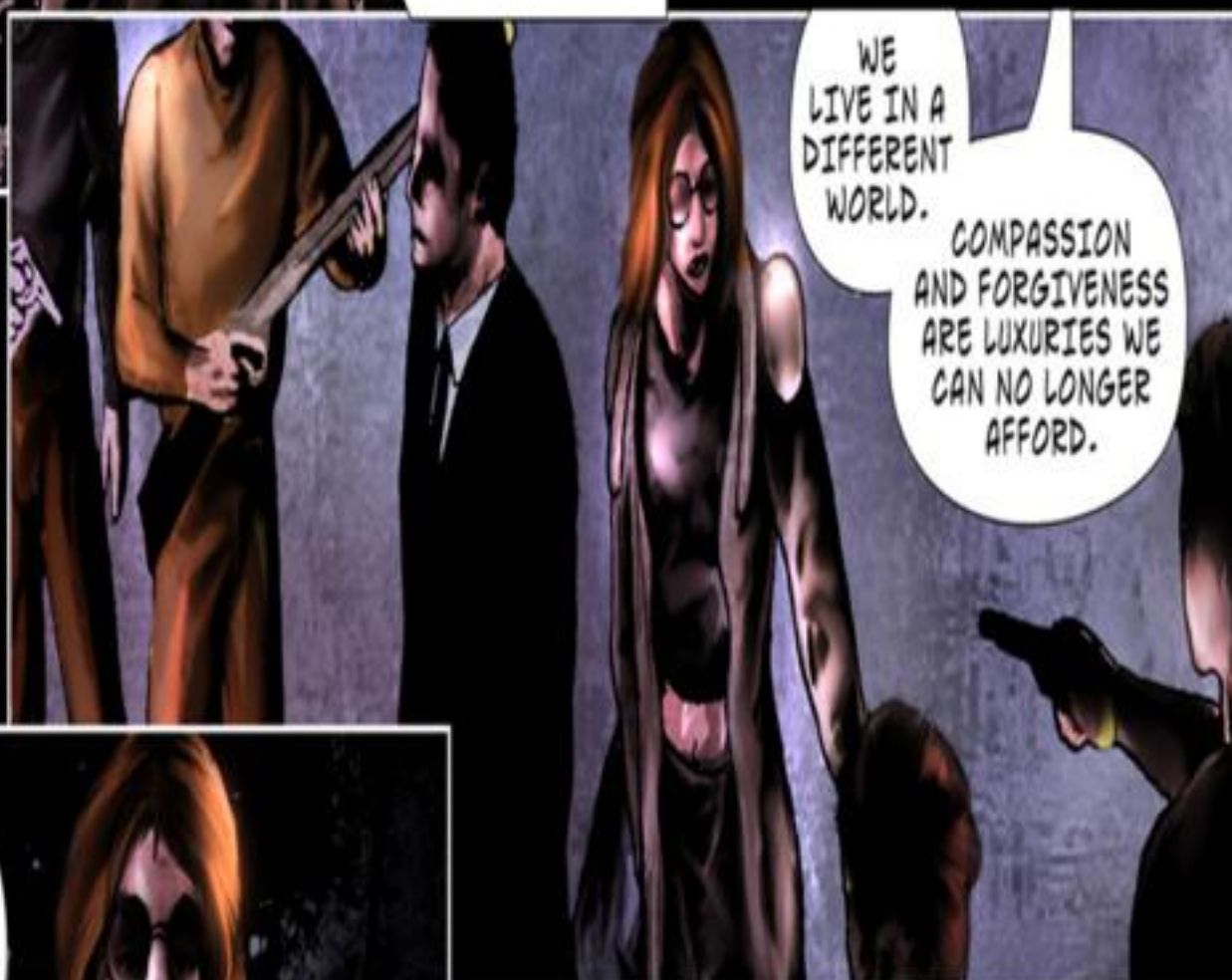




HE WAS
RETURNED TO
HIS LORD GOD TO
FACE JUDGEMENT
FOR HIS SINS.

UH-HUH.

AND WHAT
HAPPENED TO
COMPASSION AND
FORGIVENESS?



WE
LIVE IN A
DIFFERENT
WORLD.

COMPASSION
AND FORGIVENESS
ARE LUXURIES WE
CAN NO LONGER
AFFORD.



THOSE
WHO SIN SHALL
FACE THE LORD'S
JUDGEMENT.

AND
THOSE WHO SET
THEMSELVES
AGAINST US—

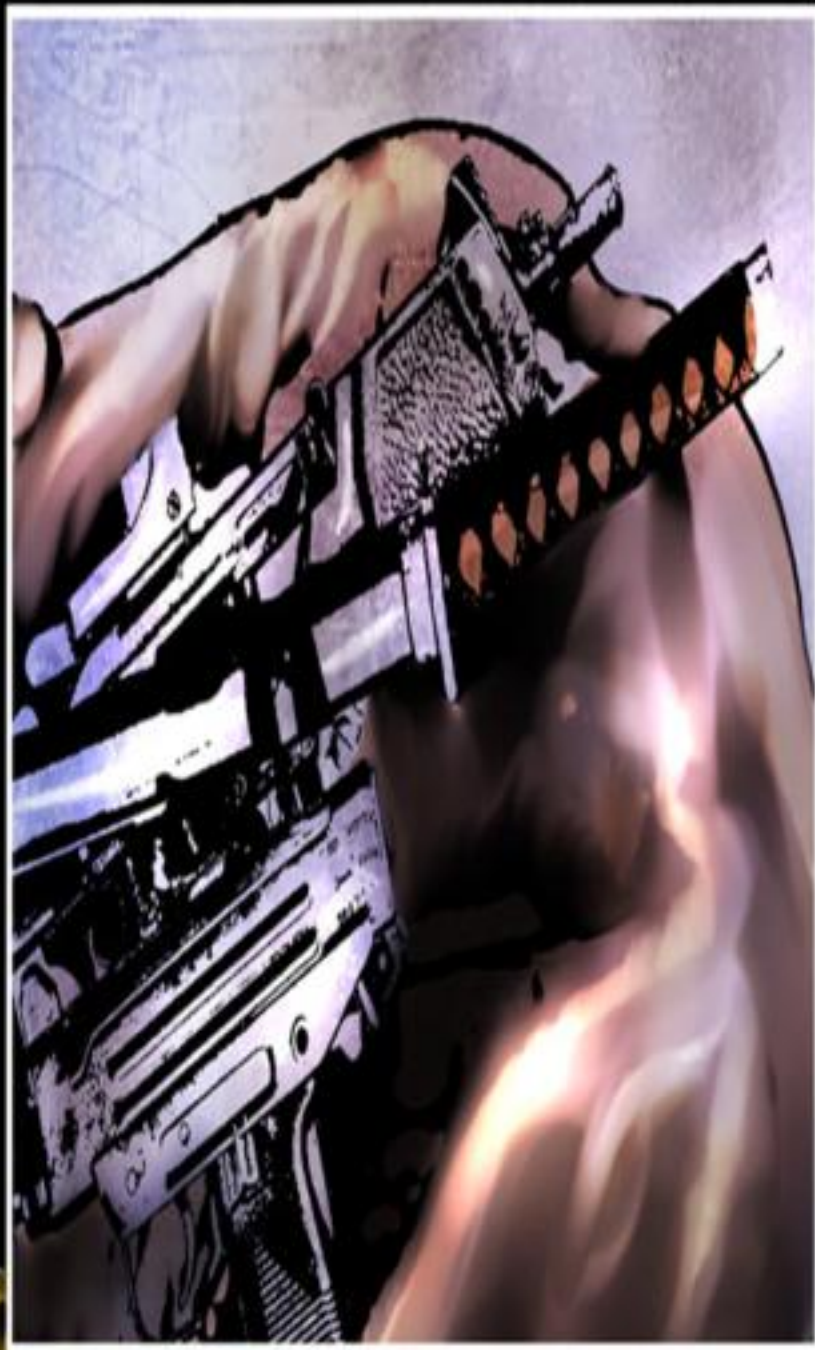
* GET DOWN.



—SHALL
FIND US TO
BE QUICK
ENEMIES,
UNMERCIFUL.

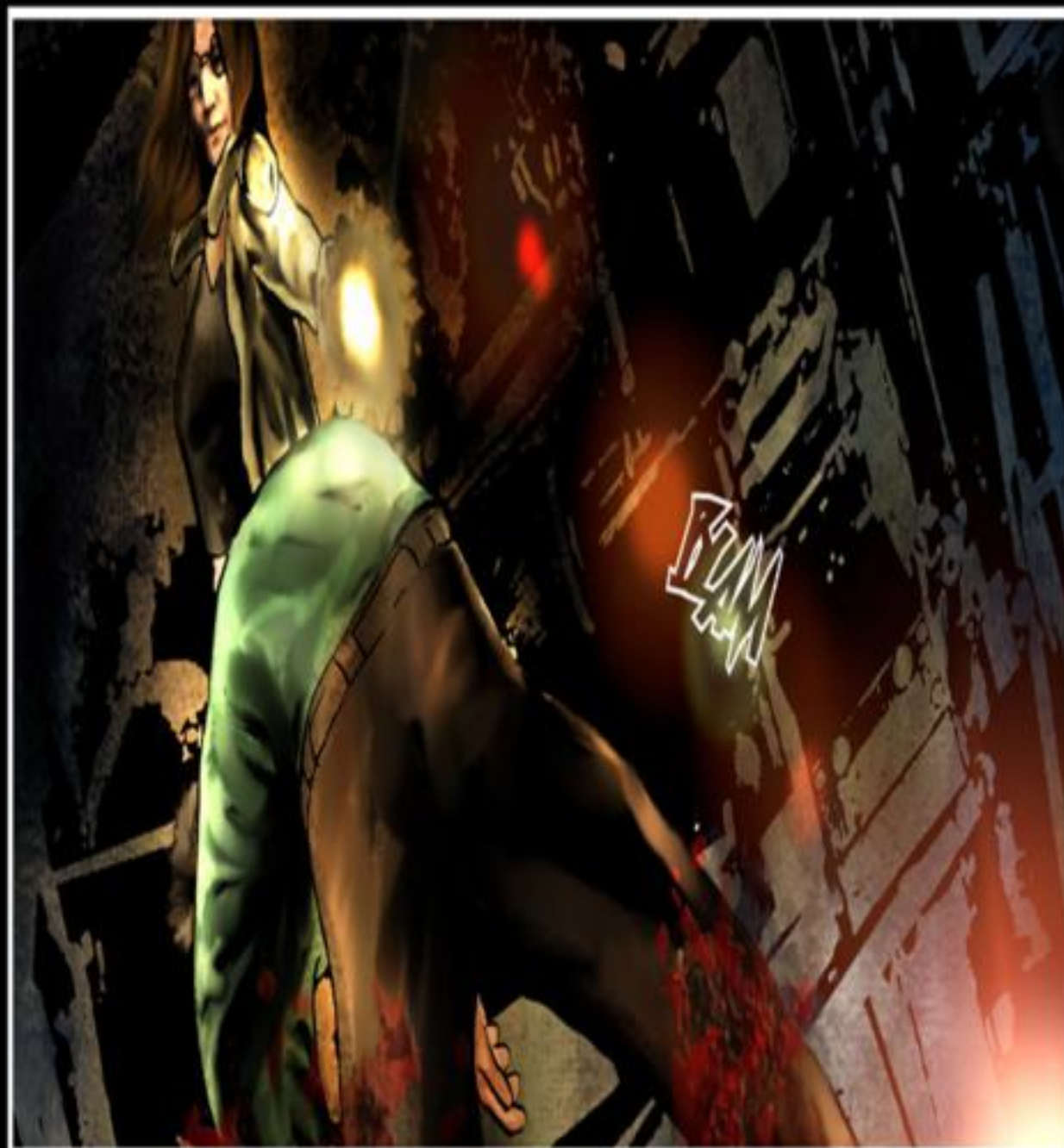














CLOSURE.

ARE YOU
FINISHED?

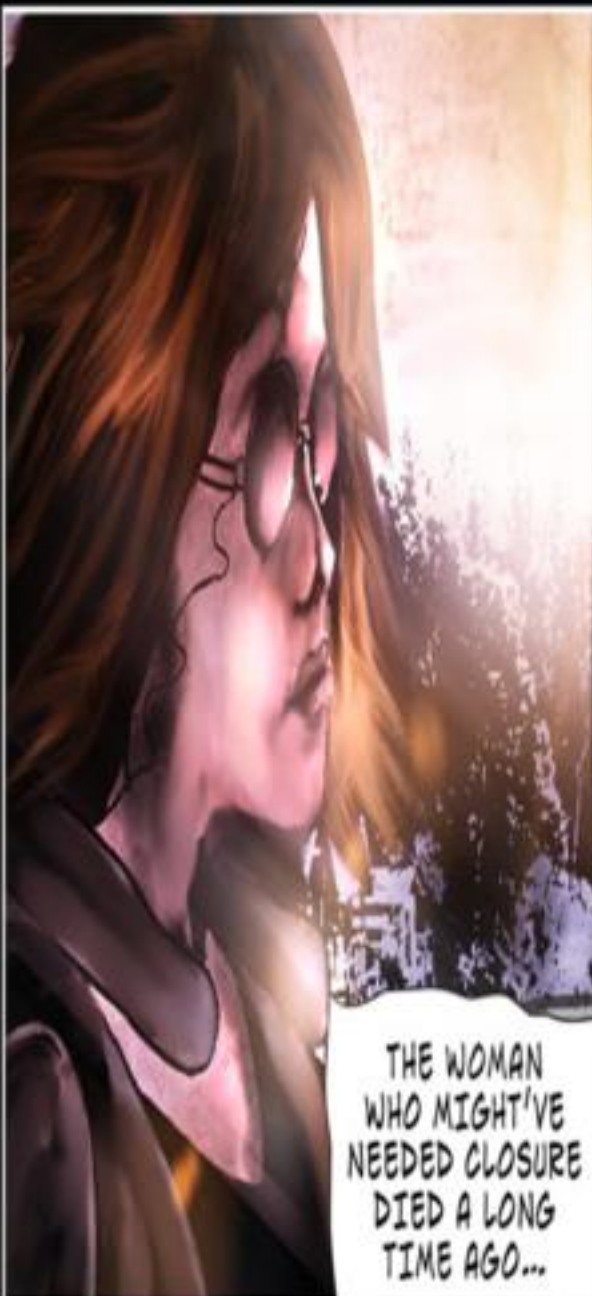


HENDRICKSON SAID THAT
SEEING THIS THROUGH TO
THE END MIGHT BRING ME
SOME CLOSURE.

BUT WAS THIS REALLY ABOUT
ME, OR WAS HE SIMPLY
HOPING TO WORK OUT SOME
UNRESOLVED GUILT AT BEING
THE ONE TO PUT ME IN THAT
HOUSE SIX YEARS AGO?



BECAUSE FOR
ME THIS WASN'T
ABOUT CLOSURE.
THIS WAS ABOUT
DOING A JOB,
NOTHING MORE.



THE WOMAN
WHO MIGHT'VE
NEEDED CLOSURE
DIED A LONG
TIME AGO...



...BROKEN AND
BLEEDING IN
THE SNOW.

END.



Some things are better left undead...