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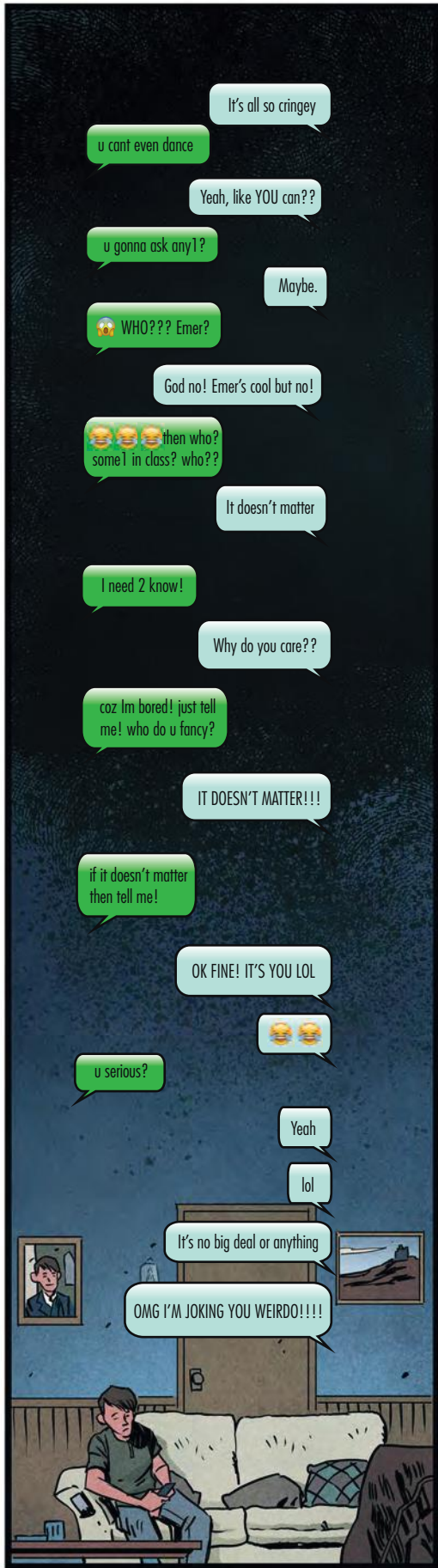
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It's all so cringey

u cant even dance

Yeah, like YOU can??

u gonna ask any1?

Maybe.

👹 WHO?? Emer?

God no! Emer's cool but no!

😂😂😂 then who?  
some1 in class? who??

It doesn't matter

I need 2 know!

Why do you care??

coz Im bored! just tell  
me! who do u fancy?

IT DOESN'T MATTER!!!

if it doesn't matter  
then tell me!

OK FINE! IT'S YOU LOL

😂😂

u serious?

Yeah

lol

It's no big deal or anything

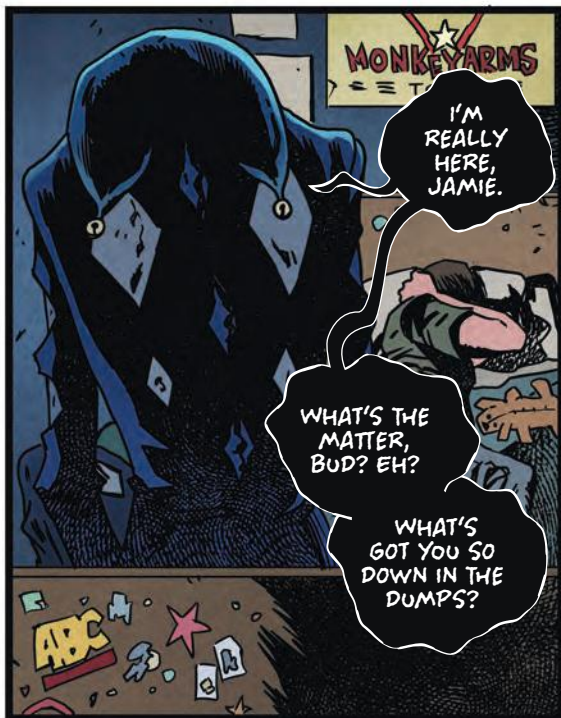
OMG I'M JOKING YOU WEIRDO!!!!





HI, JAMIE.

GO AWAY. YOU'RE NOT REALLY HERE. LEAVE ME ALONE.



I'M REALLY HERE, JAMIE.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BUD? EH?

WHAT'S GOT YOU SO DOWN IN THE DUMPS?



YOU'RE NOT REAL.

SHUT UP.

SHH. YOU HEAR THAT?

IS THAT THE SOUND OF YOUR LITTLE HEART BREAKING?



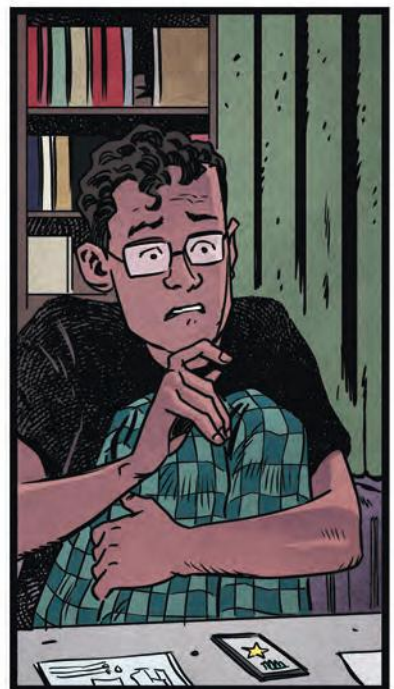
IT'S OKAY, KIDDO. HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US.



WANT A PIECE OF ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THERE?

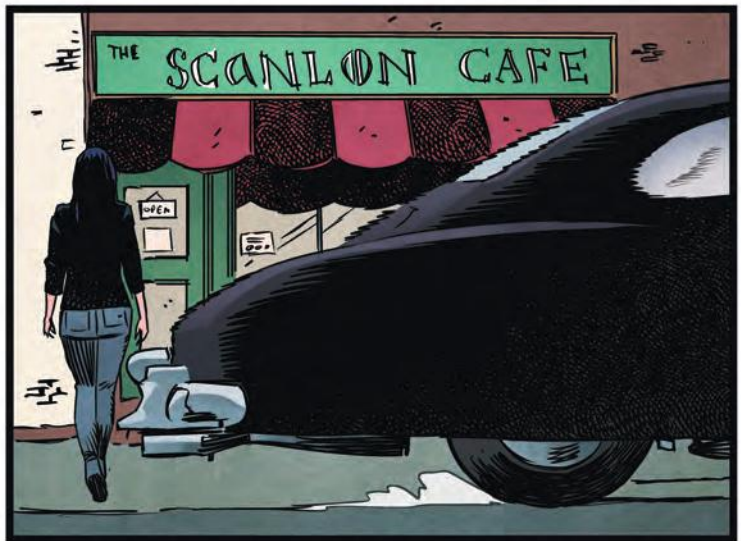
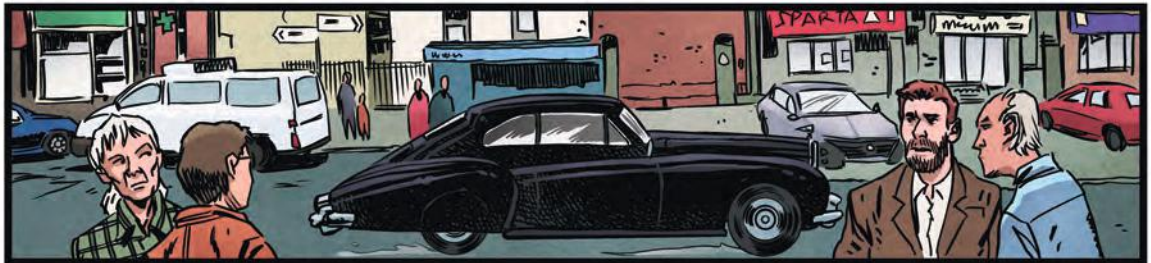


KIDDO?





ONE MONTH  
LATER...





EXIT

MENU

www

www

www

www

www

FIZZ COLA

THAT'S A HELL OF A WOMAN.





JUST LOOK AT HER.

STRONG, Y'KNOW? PROBABLY THINKS SHE'S MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE.

I DON'T KNOW, MIKEY - MIGHT SHE BE RIGHT?



ONE THING I DO KNOW?

SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOING TO KICK UP SOME TROUBLE.



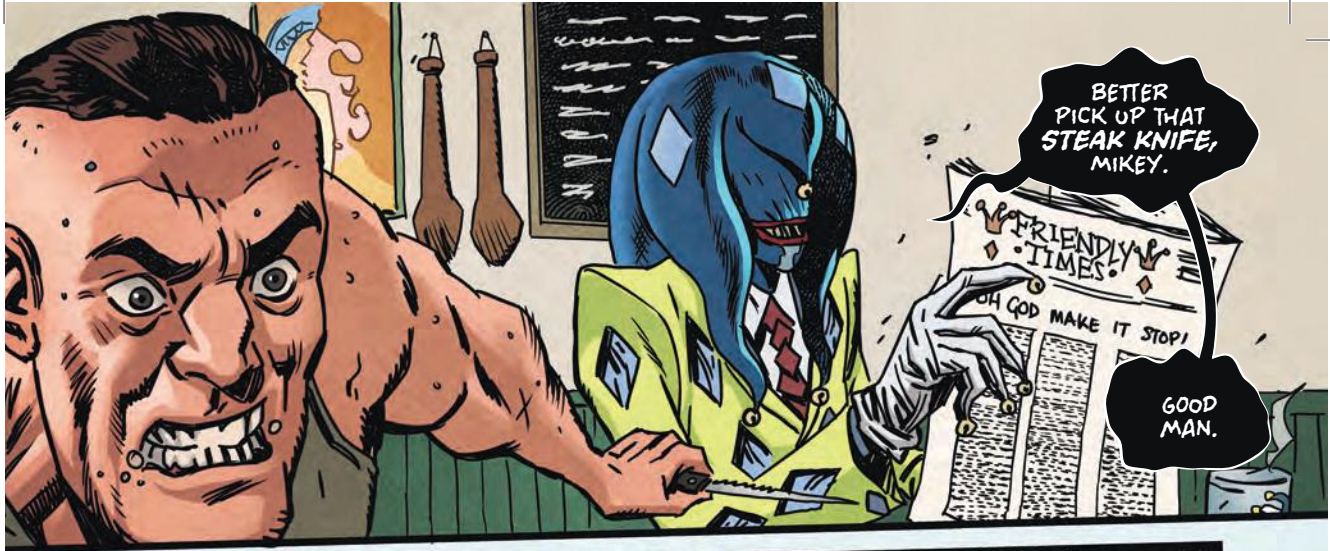
YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GET RID OF HER.

SLURRRP

EVERYONE WILL THANK YOU FOR IT.









YOU'VE BEEN IN A FIGHT, HAVEN'T YOU?

HOW CAN YOU TELL?

YOU'RE GLOWING.



IT WAS JUST A LITTLE ONE.

WERE THE GUARDS CALLED?

TERMONCARA DOESN'T HAVE COPS. THEY'VE GOT TO SHARE THEM WITH THE NEXT TOWN OVER.

BUDGET CUTS, YOU KNOW?

BUT THEY WEREN'T CALLED, EITHER. WE'RE GOOD.



WHAT'S THE MOOD?

EVERYONE SEEMS CAUTIOUS. WARY OF HOT STRANGERS.

WE SHOULD TALK TO THE KID. HE'S BEEN HOME-SCHOOLED SINCE IT HAPPENED.

YOU OKAY?



SOMETHING SEEMS... OFF.

THREE MURDERED KIDS IN TEN MONTHS. YEAH, I'D SAY SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY OFF.

AND I THOUGHT THE PSYCHIC THING WAS ONE OF MY TALENTS, NOT YOURS.



THERE'S NOTHING PSYCHIC ABOUT IT. THE PEOPLE ARE HIDING SOMETHING - I CAN TELL FROM THE WAY THEY WALK.

AND THE RAINBOW DUST TELLS US THERE'S MAGIC IN THE AIR.



BAD MAGIC.





**KNOCK**  
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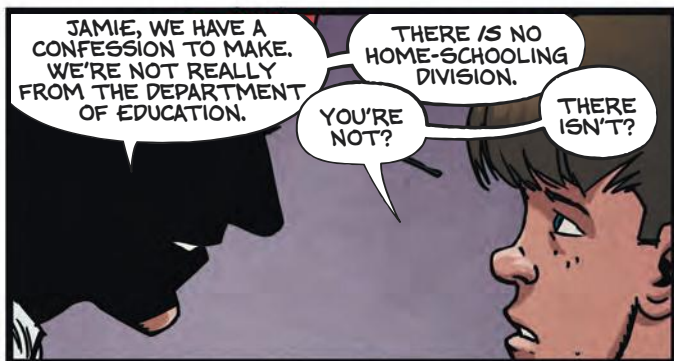


HELLO, JAMIE.

WE'RE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HOME-SCHOOLING DIVISION. ARE EITHER OF YOUR PARENTS HOME?

UH, NO. THEY BOTH WORK.

BUT MY MUM LEAVES ME LESSON PLANS AND STUFF. SHE'LL BE HOME IN A FEW HOURS IF YOU'D LIKE HER TO CALL YOU OR WHATEVER.



JAMIE, WE HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE. WE'RE NOT REALLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

THERE IS NO HOME-SCHOOLING DIVISION.

YOU'RE NOT?

THERE ISN'T?



MY NAME IS SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT. THIS IS MY PARTNER, VALKYRIE CAIN.

WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND.

I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO-



JAMIE, WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU MAY CAUSE SOME ALARM.



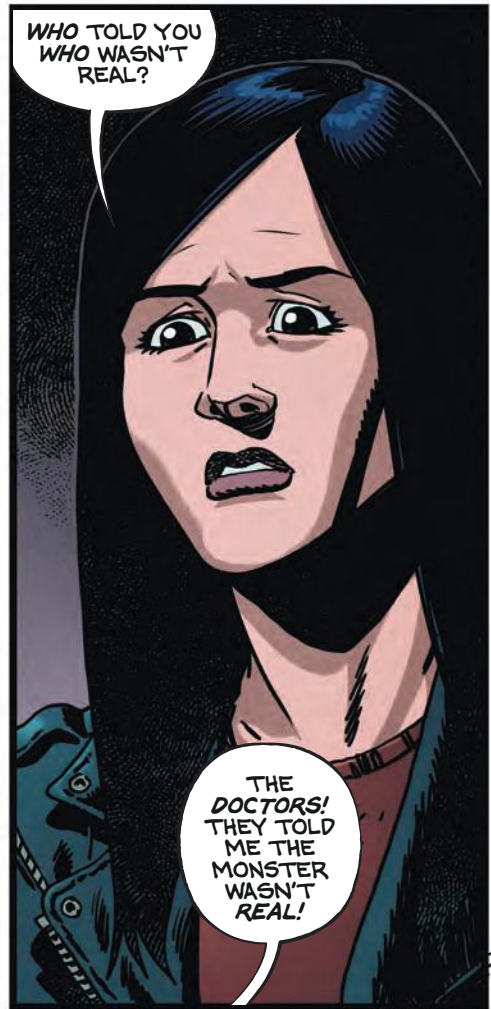
AAAAGH!



YOU SEE?  
WE'RE  
HERE TO  
HELP.

HOW IS THAT  
REASSURING? HOW  
IS SHOWING HIM  
THAT YOU'RE A  
LIVING SKELETON  
MEANT TO MAKE  
HIM TRUST US?

YOU'RE NOT  
REAL! YOU'RE  
NOT REAL!  
THEY TOLD ME  
YOU WEREN'T  
REAL!



WHO TOLD YOU  
WHO WASN'T  
REAL?

THE  
DOCTORS!  
THEY TOLD  
ME THE  
MONSTER  
WASN'T  
REAL!



YOU'RE  
NOT  
REAL!











THAT IS ONE HORRID-LOOKING THING - AND IT RUINED A PERFECTLY SERVICEABLE T-SHIRT!



GIVE IT SOME SPACE.

I'M GONNA BLAST THIS MONSTROSITY BACK TO WHATEVER WEIRD, MESSED-UP HELLHOLE IT SPEWED OUT FROM.







DAMMIT!



ALL RIGHT MONSTER-MUNCH, LET'S SEE HOW-



OH.

"MONSTER-MUNCH"?

HUSH.



JAMIE, YOU PROBABLY HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW.

THERE IS MAGIC IN THE WORLD, AND THERE ARE MONSTERS.

MAGIC PEOPLE, LIKE US, PROTECT MORTAL PEOPLE, LIKE YOU, FROM MONSTER PEOPLE, LIKE THAT.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



IT'S REAL. THE MONSTERS ARE REAL.



THEY'RE REAL.

SO THAT WAS HIM? THAT'S THE MONSTER YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT? THE ONE THAT KILLED YOUR FRIEND?



NO.

THAT WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

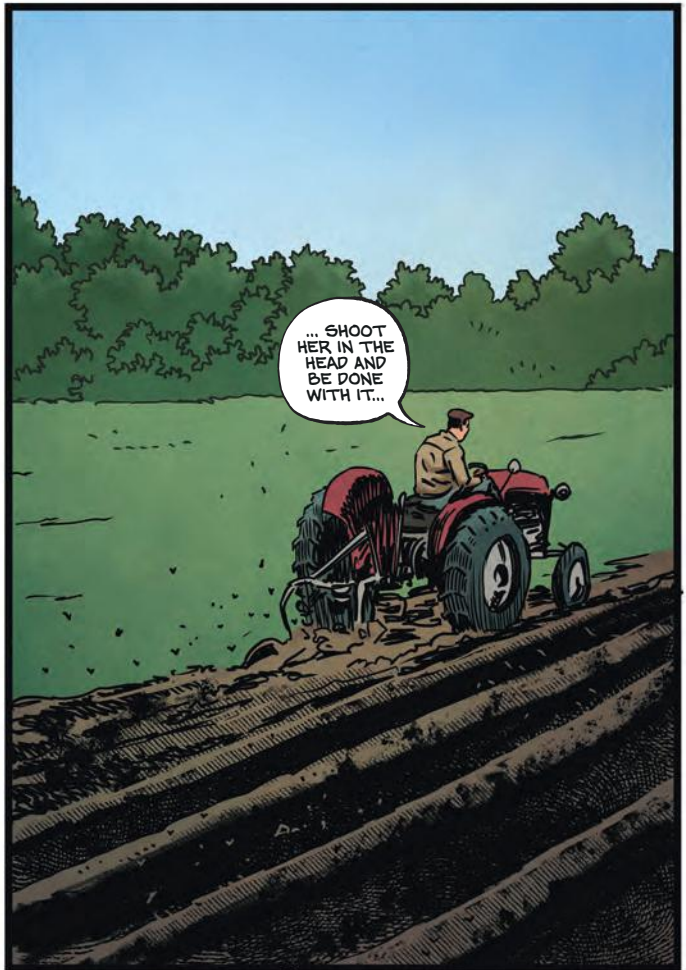


... SHOTGUN...



DON'T YOU THINK?  
THAT BIG OLD SHOTGUN OF YOURS, THAT'D MAKE QUICK WORK OF HER, WOULDN'T IT?  
JUST SHOOT THAT TROUBLEMAKER IN THE HEAD AND BE DONE WITH IT.

... BE DONE WITH IT.



... SHOOT HER IN THE HEAD AND BE DONE WITH IT...



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