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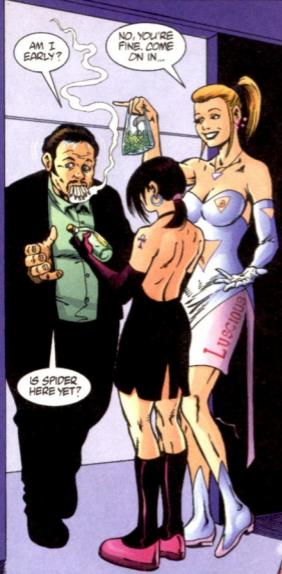
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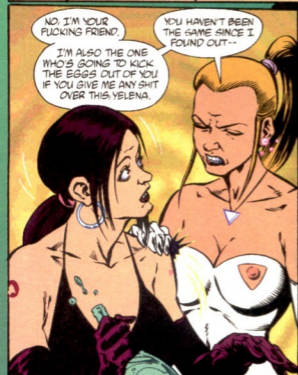
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THE RESIDENT 64%

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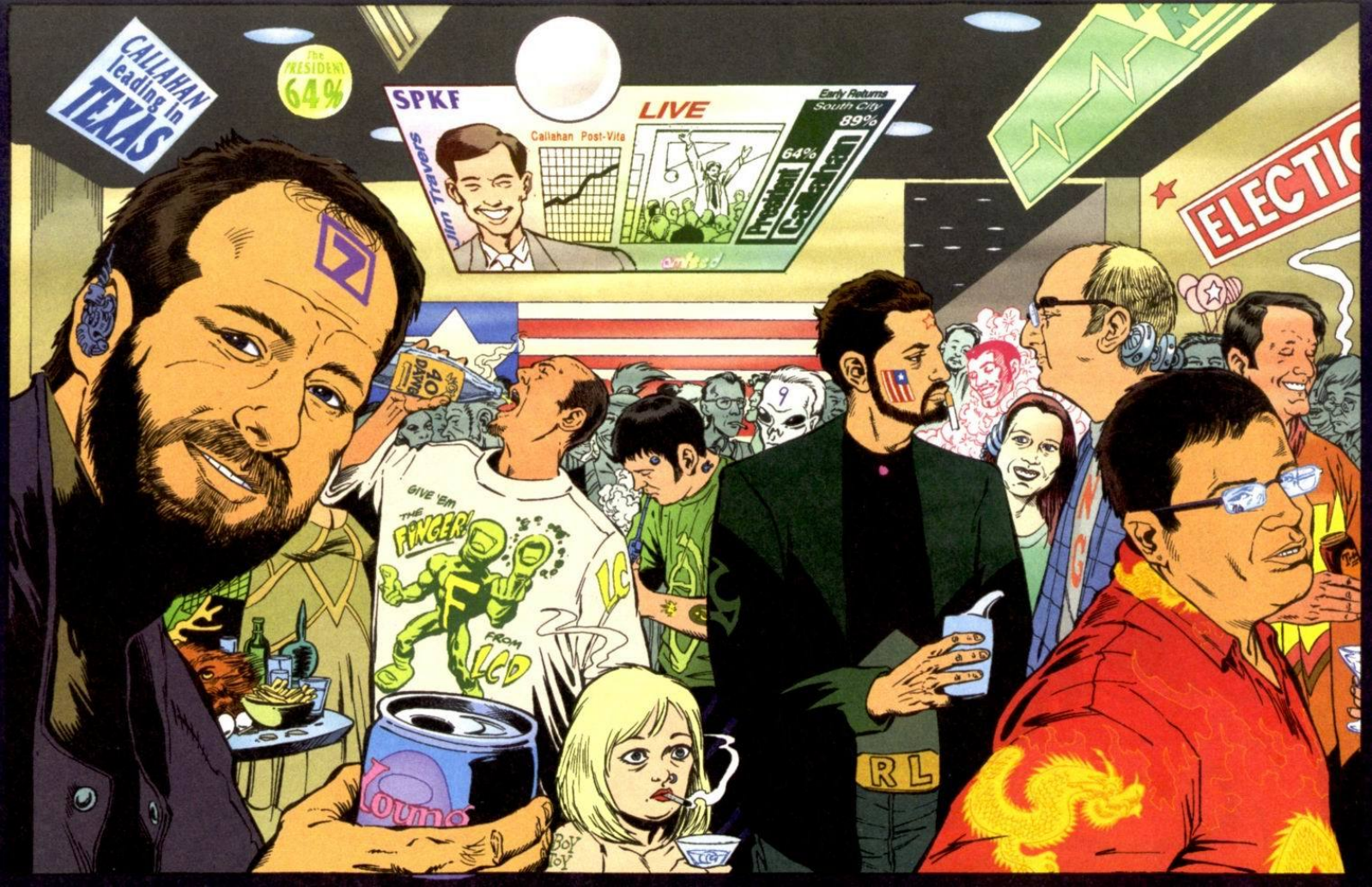
Callahan Post-Vita

LIVE

Early Returns South City 89%

64%
Callahan
64%

ELECTIO





I BLEW IT.



SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID A WORD ABOUT VITA, NOT WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE DIGGING DONE.

JUST WANTED TO SCARE THE FLICKER TO LET HIM KNOW I KNEW, I HAD HIM.



DAMN ME.

FLICKYIT AMATEUR

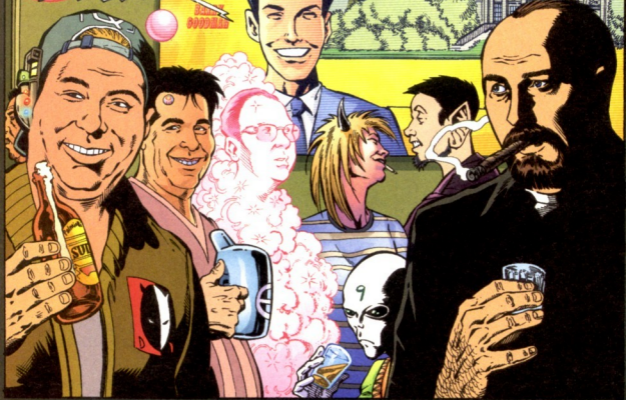






THE PRESIDENT HAS YET TO EMERGE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, AND, IN FACT, HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR WEEKS.

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BANK
BOONIES



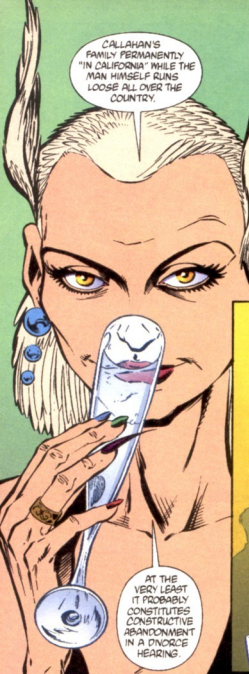
THE ONLY SIGN OF LIFE HE'S SHOWN WAS THE NOW-INFAMOUS INTERVIEW WITH THE WORD'S STAR JOURNALIST SPIDER JERUSALEM --

THE CHALLENGER, GARY CALLAHAN, HAS BEEN ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY TODAY, WHILE HIS FAMILY AWAIT HIM IN CALIFORNIA...

SURPRISED YOUR BOY SPIDER NEVER MADE MORE OF THAT.
WHAT?



A PIECE WHICH, DESPITE THE WRITER'S USUAL HATE AND DISGUST OF AND WITH HIS SUBJECT, IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE IMPROVED THE PRESIDENTS APPROVAL AND EMPATHY RATINGS.



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FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!

HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN SO FUCKING EMPTY SINCE YOUR BOYFRIEND TURNED INTO A SNEEZE THAT YOU CAN'T LEAVE MINE ALONE?--



--I DIDN'T MEAN THAT.



FUCK YOU. YOU MEANT EVERY WORD.

YEAH, OKAY. HERE'S THE NEWS. I'M SAD. I'M BORED. I'VE GOT A BIG HOLE WHERE MY LIFE SHOULD BE. YOU'RE MY ONLY FRIEND, AND HALF THE TIME I DON'T EVEN LIKE YOU.

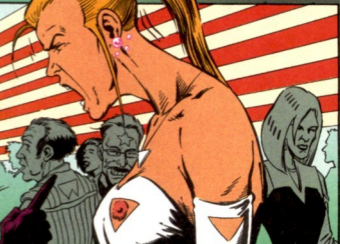
START DEALING WITH YOUR FUCKING LIFE WHILE YOU'VE STILL GOT ONE.



YOU WANT ME TO DEAL WITH IT?

YEAH!

YOU WANT ME TO DEAL WITH IT?



OKAY!

I ADMIT IT!



I FLUCKED
SPIDER
JERUSALEM!



WHAT ARE YOU ASSHOLES
STARING AT?

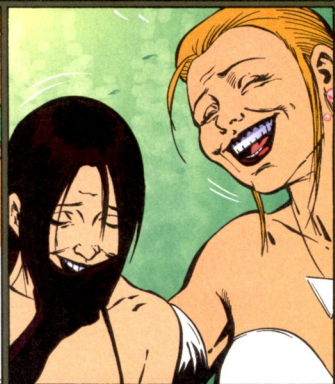
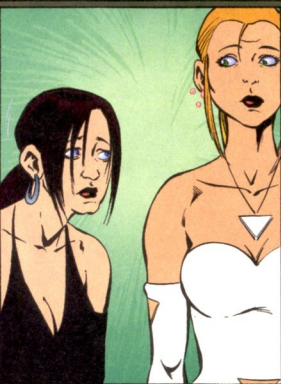
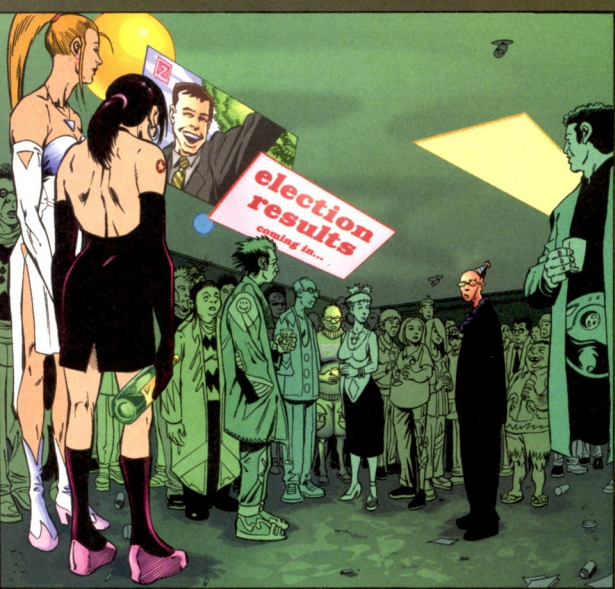
YOU WANT
TO KNOW ANOTHER
THING?

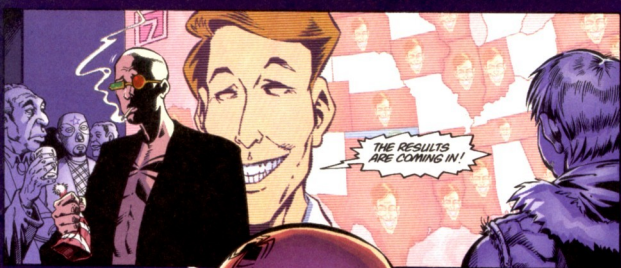


I'M NOT
HIS FUCKING
NIECE!

HE THOUGHT THAT IF SPIDER BELIEVED
WE WERE RELATED, SPIDER'D BE LESS
LIKELY TO DO ALL THE SHIT TO ME THAT
HE DID TO CHANNON THAT MADE
HER FLUCK OFF TO A FLINNERY!







THE RESULTS ARE COMING IN!

THE EAST COAST RETURNS WILL BE WITH US IN A SECOND, AND WE'RE GETTING SIGNALS FROM THE CENTRAL STATES--

EXCUSE ME--YES--FLORIDA HAS GONE TO CALLAHAN--

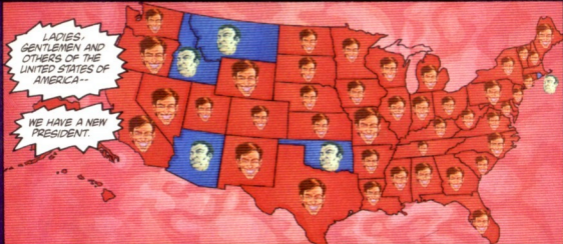
--WHERE WAS I? CENTRAL STATES, YES, AND I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT CALIFORNIA HAS GONE TO CALLAHAN.

--IT'S LOOKING LIKE A NEAR-COMPLETE SWEEP OF THE EAST COAST FOR CALLAHAN, AN UNEXPECTEDLY DISMAL SHOWING FOR THE PRESIDENT--

TIME WAS, OF COURSE, THAT PEOPLE HAD THE ENTIRE DAY TO VOTE IN, BUT WITH THE TIMEZONE-SYNCHRONIZED TWO-HOUR VOTING WINDOW, WE GET FAR BETTER TV OUT OF ELECTIONS THESE DAYS--

--AND I SHOULD REMIND YOU HERE OF THE ANCIENT POLITICAL PROVERB: "IF YOU CAN TAKE THE CITY, YOU GET THE COUNTRY"--

--AND I'M GETTING SOMETHING FROM THE CITY--IT AND CALIFORNIA, OF COURSE, ARE THE TWO BIGGEST ELECTORAL COLLEGES--



I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU, JERUSALEM. I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOU.



CALL ME 'MITCHELL ROYCE, TWO-FISTED EDITOR.'

GLUB.









YOU AGAINST ME NOW, IS THAT IT?

Can-Can wins!



HAH? THAT HOW YOU WANT IT? YEAH?



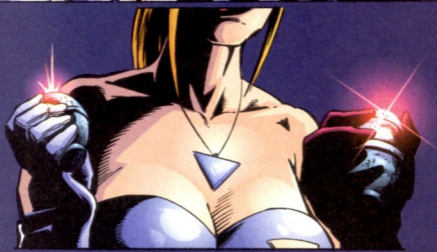
ME AGAINST THE FUCKING WORLD!

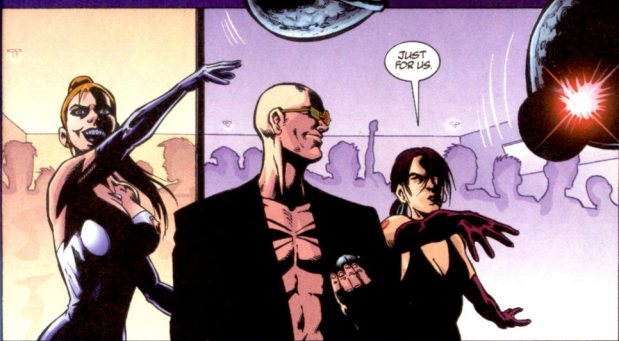


THAT'S THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN--WHY SHOULD I FUCKING WORRY NOW?

USELESS BETRAYING FUCKERS, I GIVE YOU THE TRUTH AND YOU DO NOTHING, AND NOW I'M ALL ALONE--









THE END