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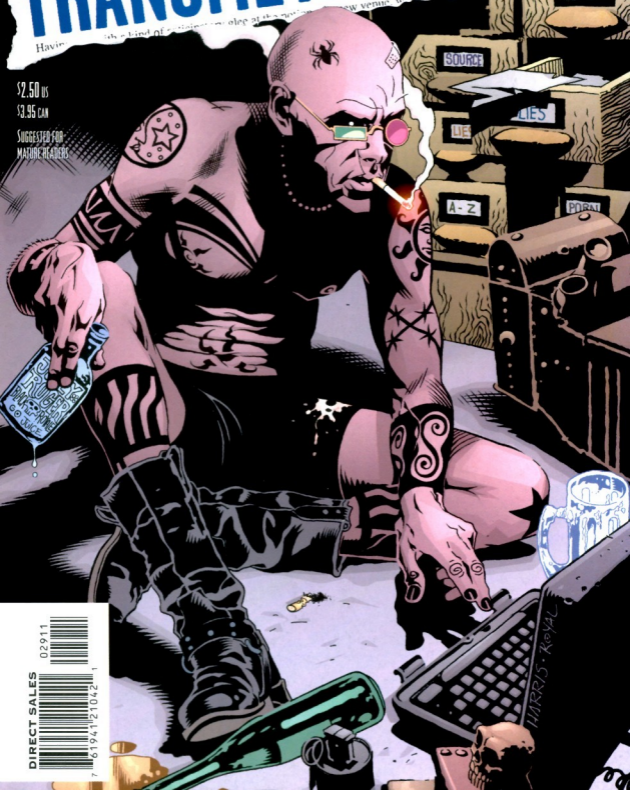
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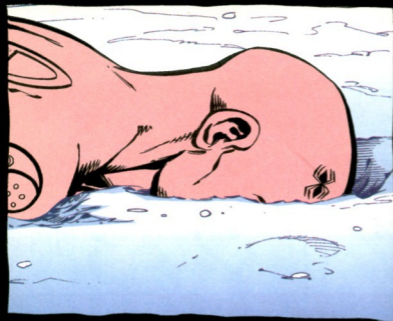
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I jabbered and shrieked in the appalling chill of Dante Road, because I was naked and had been shot in the legs by sharpened ballistic popsicles. Strawberry and guava flavor. Fucking disgusting.



Winter apes jeered me from the park, jacking off with manic contempt, their futuristic innovation-packed semen crackling as it froze in the air mid-trajectory.



I found my bowel disruptor and made the noisy bastards shit themselves. They screamed, awful diarrhetic rushes instantly freezing into vile columns that pinned them to the ground by their bare, speckled asses.

Naked and severely wounded by a sociopathic ice cream salesperson. Obviously, the idea was that I'd awaken too weak to move, crippled, eventually to be slowly beaten to death by hails of frozen ape jizz.



My assistants were nowhere around, and I could see no cameras. So it wasn't them. Their attempts on my life are always characterized by recording equipment. They want to see me die and then play the video at a big party.



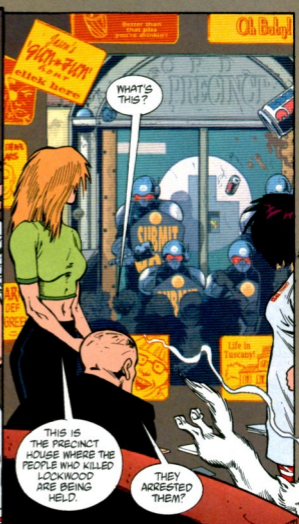




I WAS RESTING MY EYES.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

CHECK THE TV NEWS.



WHAT'S THIS?

THIS IS THE PRECINCT HOUSE WHERE THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED LOCKWOOD ARE BEING HELD.

THEY ARRESTED THEM?



FINALLY, YEAH, AND IT LEAKED OUT THAT THEY WERE HERE.

THEY'VE GOT FANS.

THE PRESS, THE DEAD KID'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS, MINORITY RIGHTS GROUPS, OTHER SEXGANG PEOPLE.



BUT HALF OF THEM TURNED UP BEFORE THE ARRESTS, TO PROTEST THE COPS' LACK OF ACTION IN THE RORY FLANAGAN LOCKWOOD KILLING.

THIS MOB, THEREFORE, IS PRETTY MUCH YOUR FAULT, SPIDER.

SERVES 'EM FUCKING RIGHT.

LIVE FROM DANTE PRECINCT

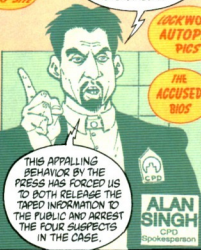
WANNA SEE A MON

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WE WANTED THE VISUAL INFORMATION SEQUESTERED WHILE WE STUDIED IT.

LOCKWOOD AUTOPIC'S

THE ACCUSED BIOS



THIS APPALLING BEHAVIOR BY THE PRESS HAS FORCED US TO BOTH RELEASE THE TAPED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND ARREST THE FOUR SUSPECTS IN THE CASE.

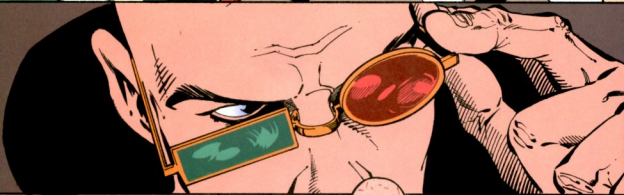
ALAN SINGH  
CPD Spokesperson



THEY NEED A NEW SPOKESPERSON. THEY'VE JUST ADMITTED THAT I FORCED THEM TO DO THEIR FUCKING JOB.

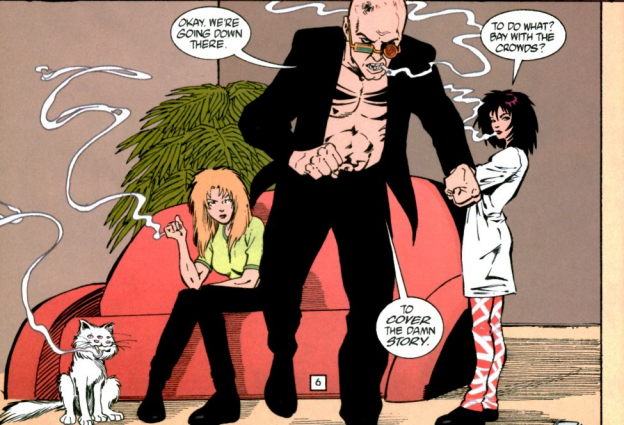
WHERE IS THIS? WHERE ARE THE BASTARDS BEING KEPT?

DANTE STREET PRECINCT HOUSE.

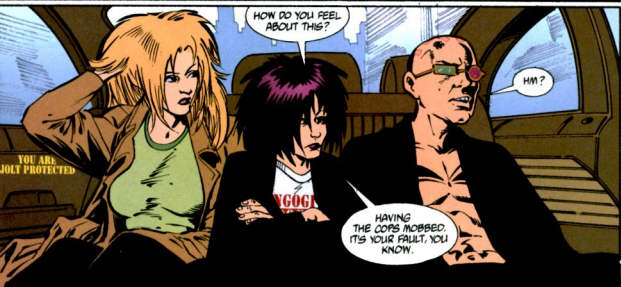
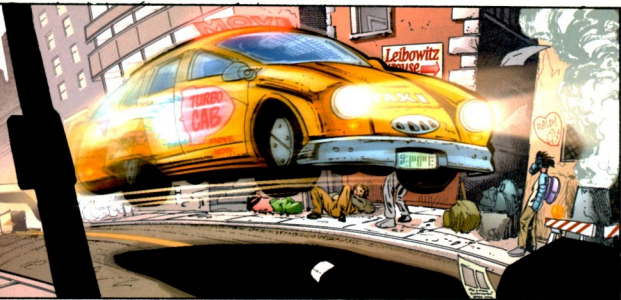


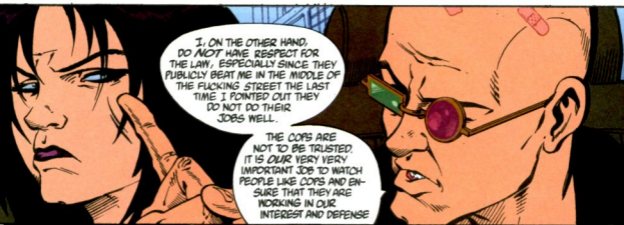
OKAY, WE'RE GOING DOWN THERE.

TO DO WHAT? BAY WITH THE CROWDS?



TO COVER THE DAMN STORY.





I, ON THE OTHER HAND, DO NOT HAVE RESPECT FOR THE LAW, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY PUBLICLY BEAT ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FUCKING STREET THE LAST TIME I POINTED OUT THEY DO NOT DO THEIR JOBS WELL.

THE COPS ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED. IT IS OUR VERY VERY IMPORTANT JOB TO WATCH PEOPLE LIKE COPS AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE WORKING IN OUR INTEREST AND DEFENSE



WHICH IS KIND OF THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION.



AND, BASICALLY, THEY WERE LETTING THAT POOR KID'S KILLERS WANDER AROUND FREE. THEY HAD TO BE SHAMED INTO FUCKING ARRESTING THEM.

AND NOW THERE'S A BIG MOB SHOUTING AT THEM BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY.



OH DEAR.

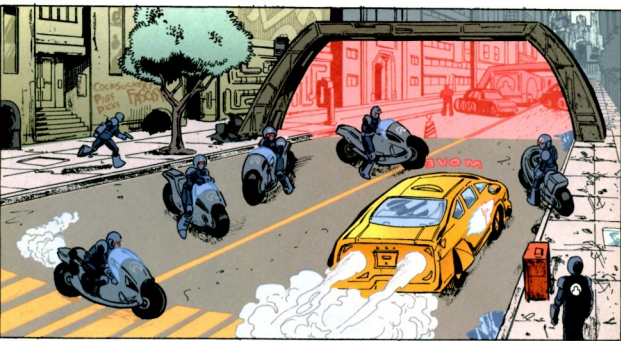
HOW SAD.

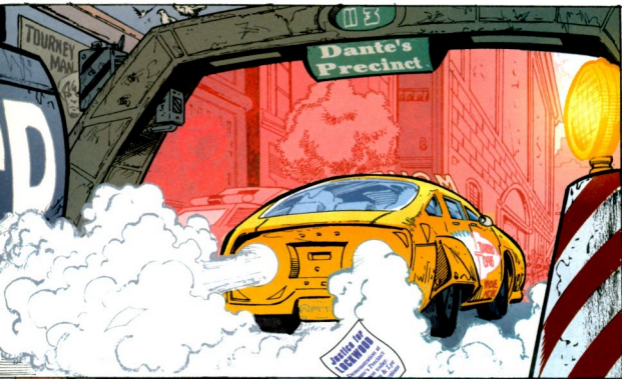
NEVER MIND.



MAYBE THEY WERE SIMPLY GOING QUIETLY TO AVOID THINGS LIKE MOBBS GATHERING IN FRONT OF THE LOCAL PRECINCT HOUSE.

OH, SHUT UP.





TARGET  
LOCKED



SPIDER JEP



WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY REALLY DEMONSTRATING ABOUT, ANYWAY?

DO THEY NEED AN EXCUSE?

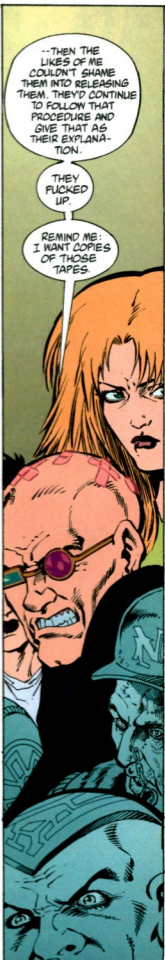
SPIDER GAVE THEM AN EXCUSE



THEY'RE DEMONSTRATING BECAUSE THE POLICE TRIED TO SWEEP AWAY A MINORITY KILLING.

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.

THEY HAVEN'T PRODUCED A DECENT EXPLANATION YET FOR HOLDING THE TAPES. AND IF THERE WAS A GOOD REASON--



--THEN THE LIKES OF ME COULDN'T SHAME THEM INTO RELEASING THEM. THEY'D CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THAT PROCEDURE AND GIVE THAT AS THEIR EXPLANATION.

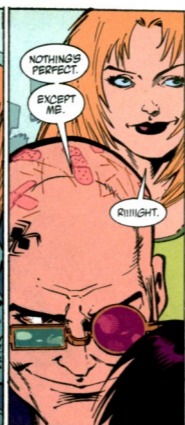
THEY FUCKED UP.

REMIND ME: I WANT COPIES OF THOSE TAPES.



ANYWAY, MY MONEY SAYS THAT A BUNCH OF THESE PEOPLE ARE SEXGANG.

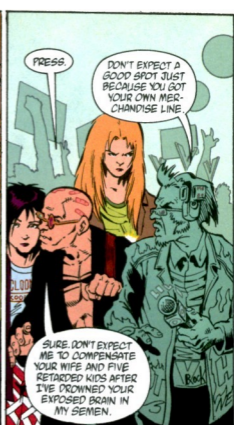
THERE ARE STILL THAT MANY SEXGANG PEOPLE AROUND? SOME OF THEM LOOK REAL YOUNG--I HEARD THE SEXGANG CHANGE WAS A RECESSIVE GENE, DIDN'T COME OUT IN THE KIDS



NOTHING'S PERFECT.

EXCEPT ME.

RIIIIGHT.



PRESS.

DON'T EXPECT A GOOD SPOT JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT YOUR OWN MERCHANDISE LINE.

SURE. DON'T EXPECT ME TO COMPENSATE YOUR WIFE AND FIVE RETARDED KIDS AFTER I'VE DROWNED YOUR EXPOSED BRAIN IN MY SEMEN.



SOMETHING GOING ON INSIDE THERE, NEED A ZOOM LENS...

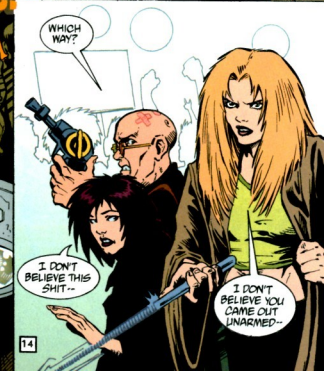
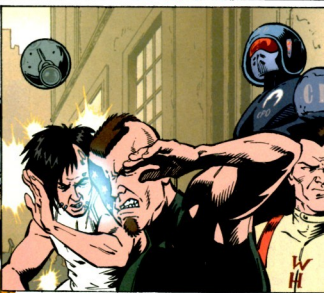
CHANNON, WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WHEN YOU STAND LIKE THAT YOU LOOK LIKE A FLAGPOLE WITH TWO SOCCER BALLS NAILED TO IT.

OH, SHUT UP, THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON DOWN THE STREET.



I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THAT.











NO ONE GETS OUT OF THIS ENTIRE BLOCK. ORDERS WERE VERY CLEAR ON THAT.



WE'RE NO PART OF THIS. WE WANT NO PART OF THIS. WE WANT TO GET OUT.

PLEASE



I'M SORRY, MISS.

NEXT TIME, GET A BETTER JOB.

AND A BETTER BOSS.

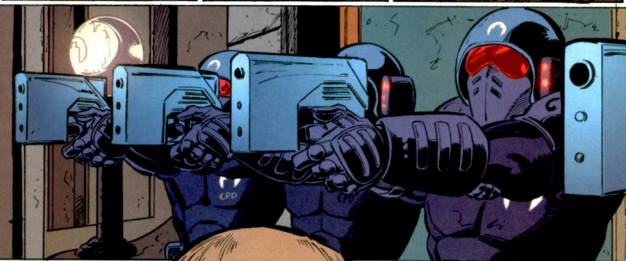


MOVE!

WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON, SPIDER?

THERE'S GOING TO BE A RIOT.

AND THE COPS ARE GOING TO LET IT HAPPEN.









THIS IS SO FUCKED UP.

KEEP MOVING! WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE DAWN CORDON YET!



RIGHT, ROYCE. ASK THE SCANNER FOR ANOMALIES IN THE SCENE, AS SEEN FROM ALL ANGLES, RELATING TO CPD.

EXACTLY RIGHT.

CHANNON? THIS STREET'S BARRICADE MUST BE AROUND THE CORNER.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS USING ONLY A TELESCOPING BATON AND A BOWEL DISRUPTOR.

THIS IS SO OUT OF CONTROL IT'S UNTRUE, SPIDER. CPD TRYING TO KILL THE PRESS, THE KID'S FAMILY, THE MINORITY RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS...

OH, GOD.

OKAY, OKAY, I HEAR YOU... HOLD ON...

WHAT?

NO WONDER THEY DIDN'T WANT THE TAPES RELEASED.

PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER, YOU CAN SEE A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE PARKED A HUNDRED YARDS DOWN THE ROAD FROM THE BUS STOP WHERE LOCKNOOD WAS KICKED TO DEATH.

WITH THREE COPS IN IT.

WATCHING.

TO BE CONCLUDED

