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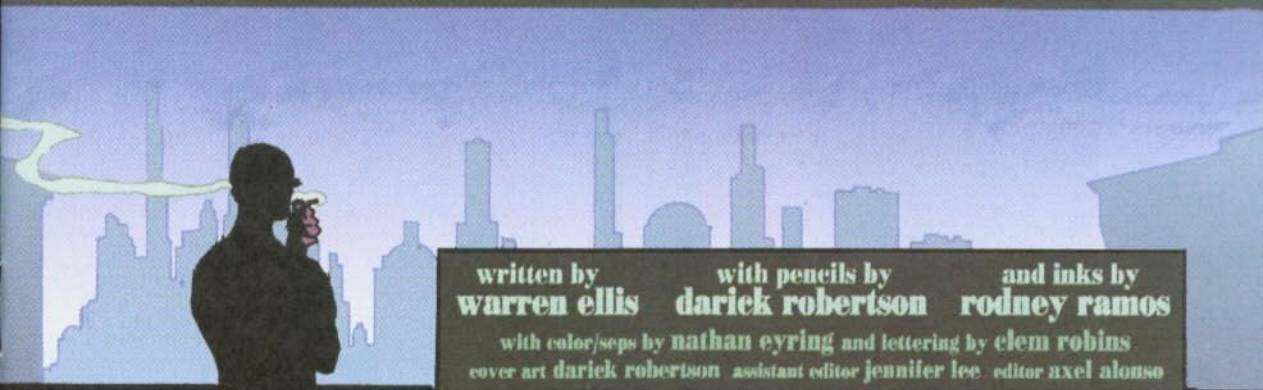
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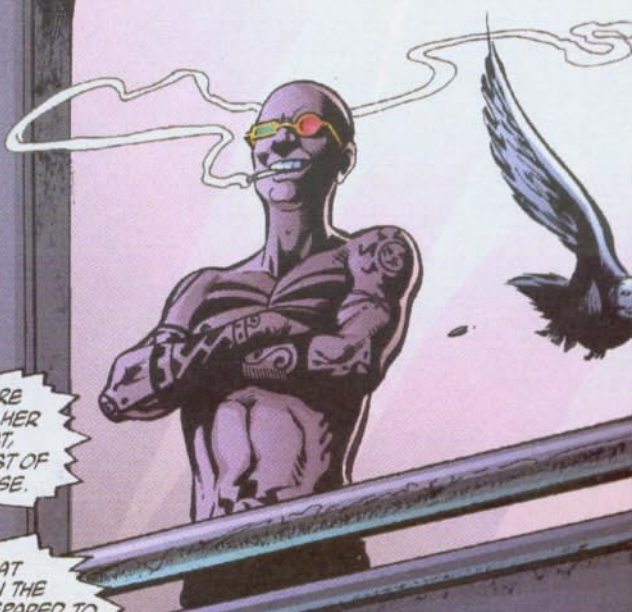
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WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS DESCENDS ON THE D.C. RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ALAN SCHACT, QUOTED AS A PEDOPHILE BY SPIDER JERUSALEM IN THIS MORNING'S



KAREN CALLAHAN WAS ONCE ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S MOST GIFTED ATTORNEYS.

NOW SHE LIVES IN SECLUSION THERE WITH HER CHILDREN, BARRED FROM HER VOCATION BY HER HUSBAND'S EDICT, YET SEPARATED FROM HIM BY MOST OF A CONTINENT--AND THE WHITE HOUSE.



IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE ONLY PERSON IN THE COUNTRY WHO WAS PREPARED TO FIND HER AND LET HER SPEAK IN HER OWN VOICE WAS SPIDER JERUSALEM

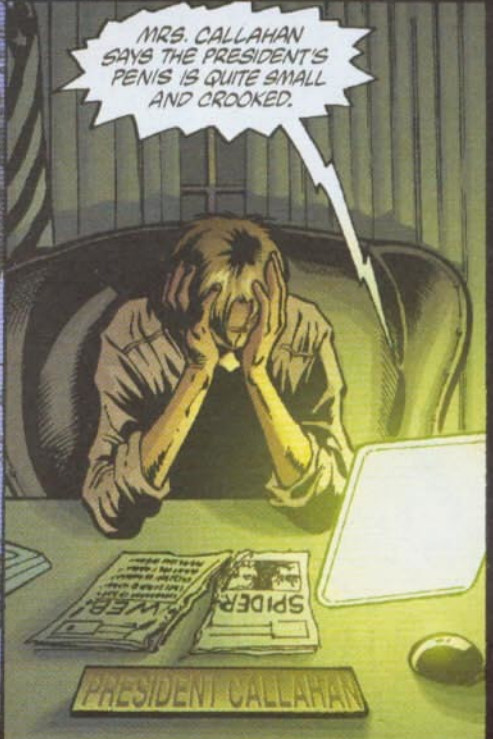


PIMP CONFESSES TO FIXING UP THE PRESIDENT WITH WHORES DURING HIS NOMINATION FIGHT IN THE CITY

NAMES NAMED BUT CITY PRESS CONFESS IT COULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE



MRS. CALLAHAN SAYS THE PRESIDENT'S PENIS IS QUITE SMALL AND CROOKED.





SPIDER.

FUCKING.

JERUSALEM.

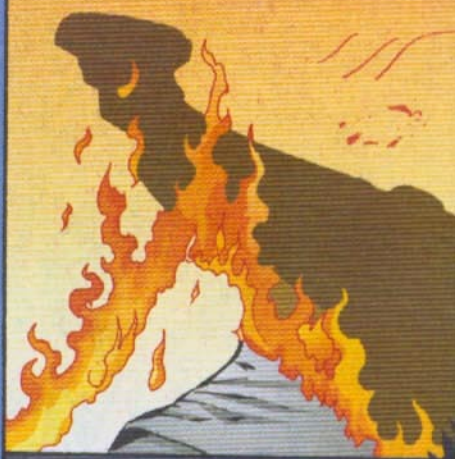
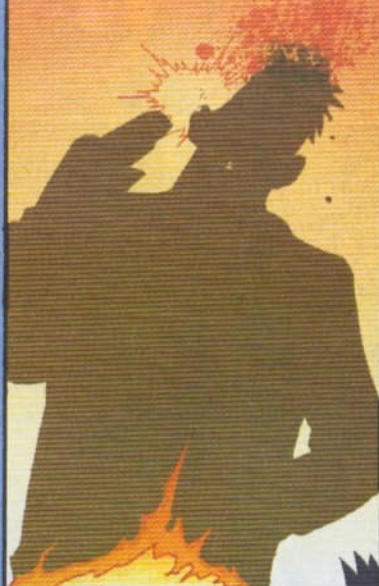
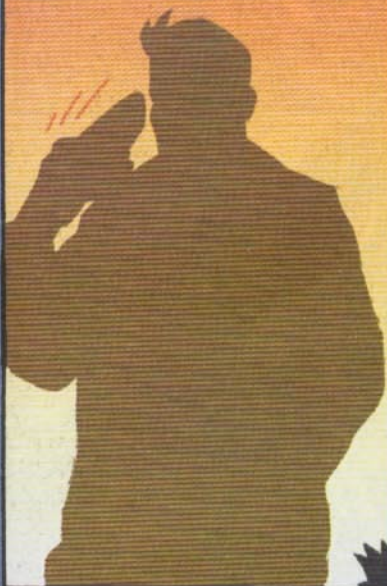
CROWD'S OUTSIDE  
SCHACT'S APARTMENT  
WINDOW BAYING FOR  
HIS BLOOD--

--WHITE HOUSE  
SECURITY DETAIL IS  
ARRIVING, A LITTLE LATE  
IF YOU ASK ME, AND  
THEY CAN'T GET THROUGH  
THE MOB--

--AND YOU SAW  
IT HERE FIRST ON  
BELTWAY NEWS, THE  
SUICIDE OF  
PRESIDENTIAL  
ADVISOR ALAN  
SCHACT--

--AND--OH MY GOD,  
HE'S SANITIZING HIS  
APARTMENT--

--HE MUST'VE  
DISABLED THE APARTMENT  
SAFETY FEATURES JUST  
BEFORE HE PUT THE GUN  
TO HIS HEAD--



ONE  
DOWN,  
VITA.





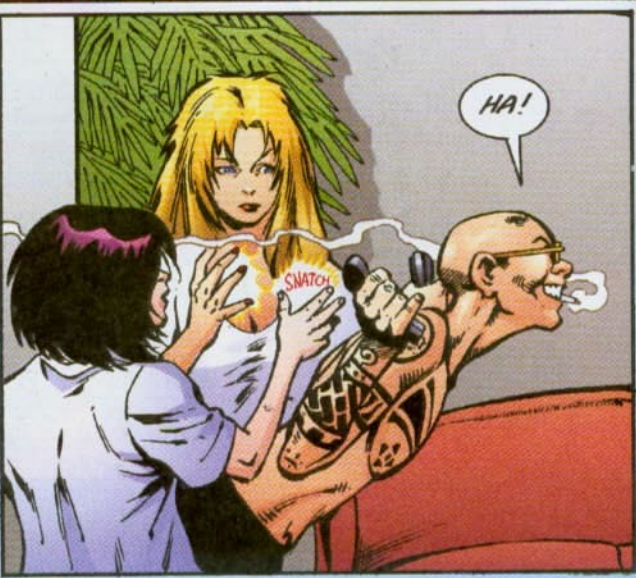
NO, SPIDER'S NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY. HE STANDS BY THE COLUMN LOGGED AT THE WORD CITY SECTION. THAT'S ALL YOU'RE GETTING, YEAH...

...AND HE SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT HE WANTS EVERYONE AT YOUR NEWS-PAPER TO CHOKE AND DIE ON HIS OWN MAGNIFICENT PENIS...



HELLO? NO; WE'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL IT THE TERRIBLE SHRINE OF SPIDER JERUSALEM THESE DAYS, BUT, YEAH, HE LIVES HERE...

...I'D QUESTION THE "MAGNIFICENT" BIT TOO, BUT I KNOW HE'D STILL TAKE THE TIME TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE YOU DIE WITH IT...



HA!



I AM NOT HERE! I DIED ON THE CROSS FOR YOUR SINS! AND I'VE SHAT MYSELF!

SHAT MYSELF!



THERE.

FILTHY ASSISTANTS. PACK BAGS. ONE BAG EACH OF ESSENTIALS, HAVE YOUR OTHER SHIT COURIERED TO SAFE LOCATIONS BY NOON.

NO QUESTIONS. JUST GET IT DONE.

TRUST THE FUCKHEAD.

ROBERT  
MCX



ALAN SCHACT,  
THEN: POLITICAL  
FIXER, CLOSE FRIEND  
OF GARY CALLAHAN, INTEGRAL  
PART OF THE NEW  
OVAL OFFICE--

--BIG PEDOPHILE.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
IS IN RARE TURMOIL THIS  
MORNING. OUR SOURCES ON  
THE HILL UNDERSTAND THAT  
WHITE HOUSE SECURITY  
HAS BEEN TRIPLED.

WE ALSO HEAR  
THAT THE OVAL  
OFFICE WAS ABOUT  
TO DELIVER AN  
OPENING REBUTTAL  
OF SPIDER JERU-  
SALEM'S EXPLOSIVE  
COLUMN--



--BUT  
THAT PRESS  
CONFERENCE WAS  
SCRUBBED WHEN  
SCHACT TORCHED  
HIS APARTMENT  
AND BLEW HIS OWN  
BRAINS OUT.

IT IS GENERALLY  
ASSUMED THAT HE WAS  
DESTROYING MATERIALS  
RELATING TO HIS SICKNESS,  
IN AN ATTEMPT TO MITIGATE  
THE COLUMN'S EFFECTS  
ON HIS FRIEND THE  
PRESIDENT.

BUT THAT  
COLUMN ALSO INTIMATED  
THAT SCHACT KNEW MORE  
THAN HE WAS LETTING ON  
ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION  
OF HIS ONE-TIME COLLEAGUE  
DR. VITA SEVERN.

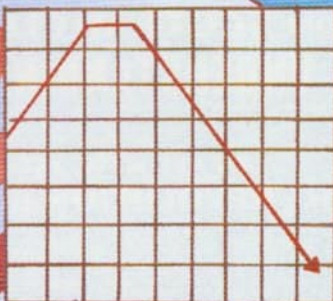
JOIN ME AT 8 PM  
FOR "ALAN SCHACT:  
REMEMBERING A  
PERVERT."



GARY CALLAHAN THIS MORNING  
REGISTERS THE LOWEST EVER APPROVAL  
RATING FOR A SITTING PRESIDENT SINCE  
PRESIDENT RODHAM WAS CAUGHT  
FISTING KITTENS IN THE  
STREETS OF BROOKLYN.



President's Approval





NO, GENERAL. NOT YET.

FIRST I HAVE TO CLUT HIM OFF AT THE THROAT.

I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE WORD.



YES, GENERAL, I AM MASTURBATING INTO THE AMERICAN FLAG AGAIN.

IT RELAXES ME. DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT?

WOULD YOU RATHER I USED YOU?



I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



THE BACKGROUND MATERIAL BACKING UP THE COLUMN WAS IMPECCABLE. THE SALES ARE ASTONISHING.

THIS WAS OLD-FASHIONED INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, THE KIND THEY TRAINED OUT OF US IN SCHOOL.



DON'T BE WEAK.

BE TOUGH ENOUGH TO ENJOY THE NOTORIETY AND THE MONEY AND THE POWER AND THE BEST WRITER IN THE COUNTRY.

# a healthy skepticism

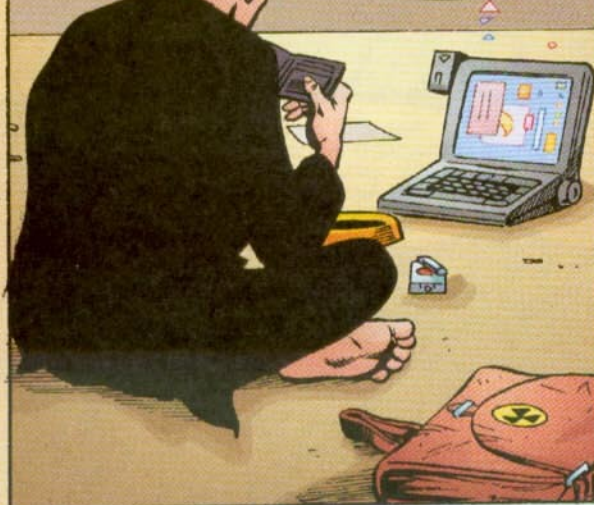
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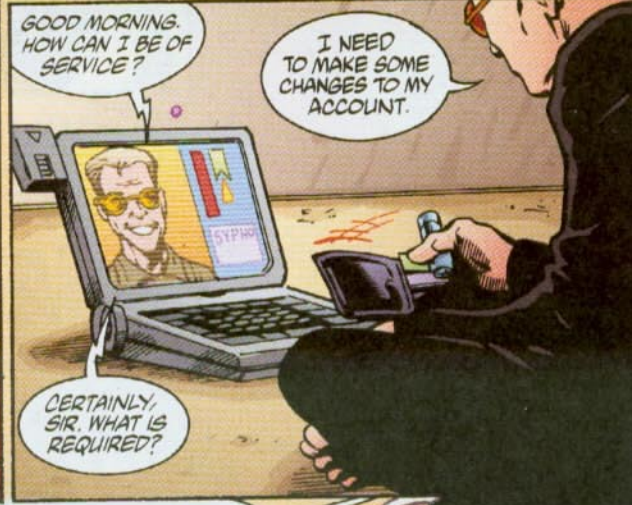


COMPUTER:  
GIVE ME PHONE  
TOOLS, AND GET ME  
MY BANK'S  
PERSONAL SERVICE  
MANAGER.

--DEMANDING  
TO KNOW WHY THE MAYOR'S  
OFFICE SAW FIT TO INTER-  
FERE SO DISASTROUSLY IN  
THE BAILED RELEASE OF  
THE LOCKWOOD MURDER  
SUSPECTS.



JERUSALEM'S  
INTERVIEW WITH  
SUSPECTED KILLER  
DANIEL COX IS AN  
EYEWITNESS  
ACCOUNT OF POLICE  
AND MAYOR COLLUSION  
IN THE TRAGIC--



GOOD MORNING.  
HOW CAN I BE OF  
SERVICE?

I NEED  
TO MAKE SOME  
CHANGES TO MY  
ACCOUNT.

CERTAINLY,  
SIR. WHAT IS  
REQUIRED?



I'M CLOSING  
IT. YOU ARE  
COURIERING TEN  
THOUSAND DOLLARS  
IN USED BILLS  
TO ME BY NOON.

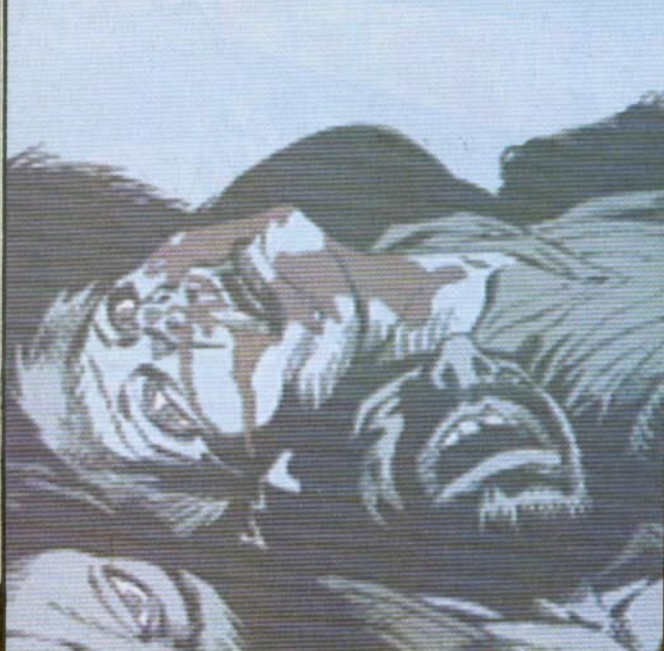
THE BALANCE OF MY ACCOUNT IS TO BE TRANSFERRED  
TO THE BANK OF THE TERRIBLE MARCHING POWDER IN MEDELLIN.  
AND THAT'S IMMEDIATELY. I'LL GIVE YOU THE NUMBER...

BUT--



WHAT  
HAVE WE  
DONE  
WRONG,  
SIR?

NOTHING.  
YET.



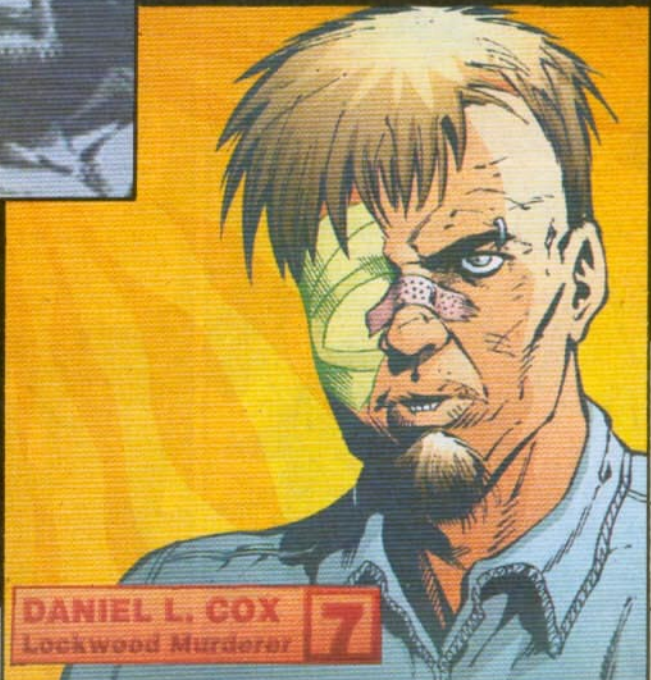
THIS IS HOW THE "SIEGE" OF DANTE STREET ENDED: THE BLOOD OF PEACEFUL PROTESTORS AND MEDIA.

TODAY, WE BEGIN TO LEARN WHY. FROM THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED WITH DANIEL COX, AS ARCHIVED PUBLICLY BY SPIDER JERUSALEM:

WE WERE BEING KEPT IN THE LOBBY. OUR BAIL WAS SET AT, LIKE, A BUCK EACH, AND A COP PAID IT.

COULD HEAR THEM ON THEIR PHONES, TALKING TO ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE. IT WAS REAL TENSE IN THERE.

THEN THE DESK SARGE SAID HE HAD THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON THE LINE AND EVERYONE JUST ABOUT SHAT.



**DANIEL L. COX**  
Lockwood Murderer **7**

COP NEXT TO ME HAD A RADIO ON HIS HIP. SOME SNIPER GUY OUTSIDE SQUAWKED ON IT.

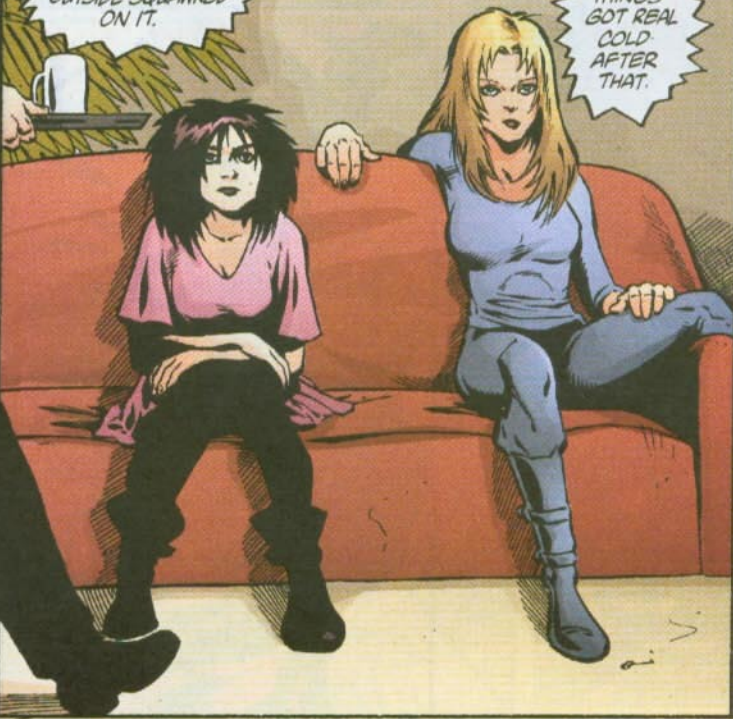
SAID HE'D SPOTTED YOU (SPIDER JERUSALEM).

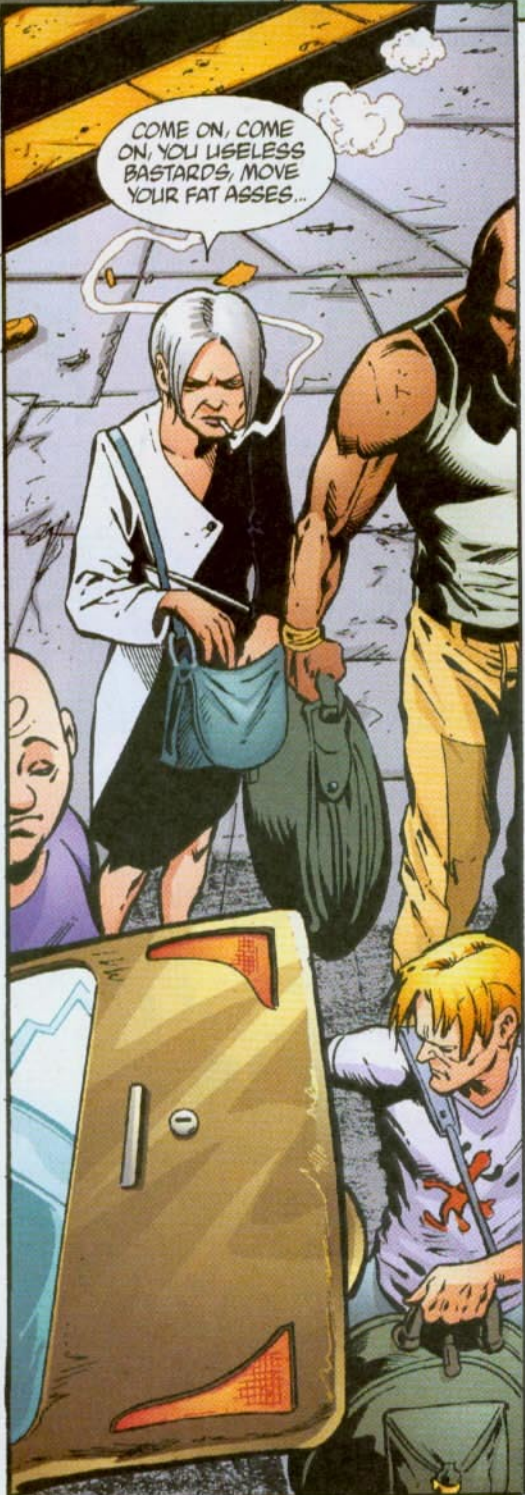
THINGS GOT REAL COLD AFTER THAT.

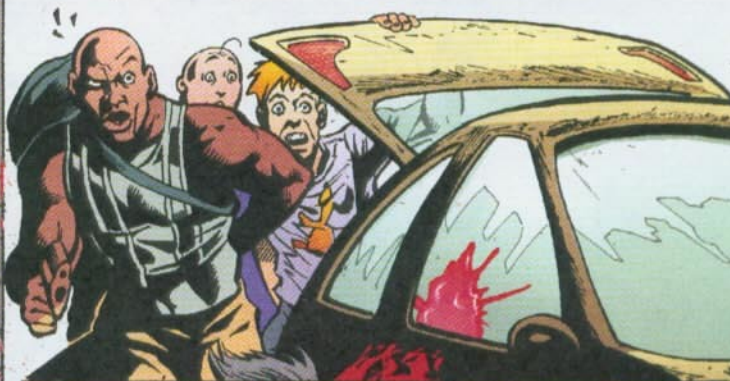
BIG COP CAME OUT OF THE PHONE CONFERENCE WITH CIVIC CENTER. SAID WE WERE BEING PUSHED OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

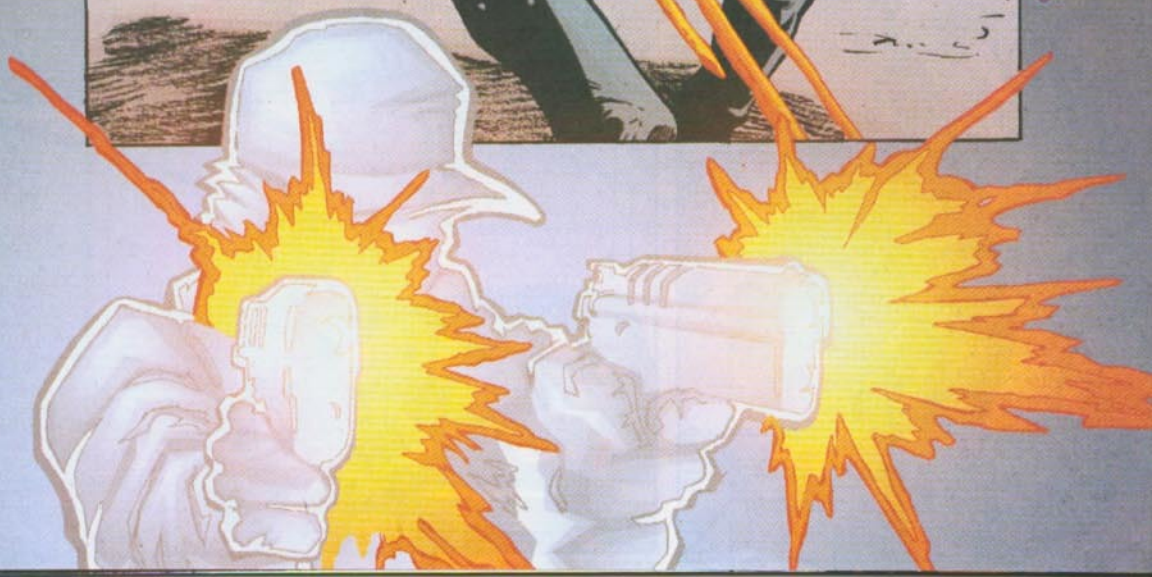
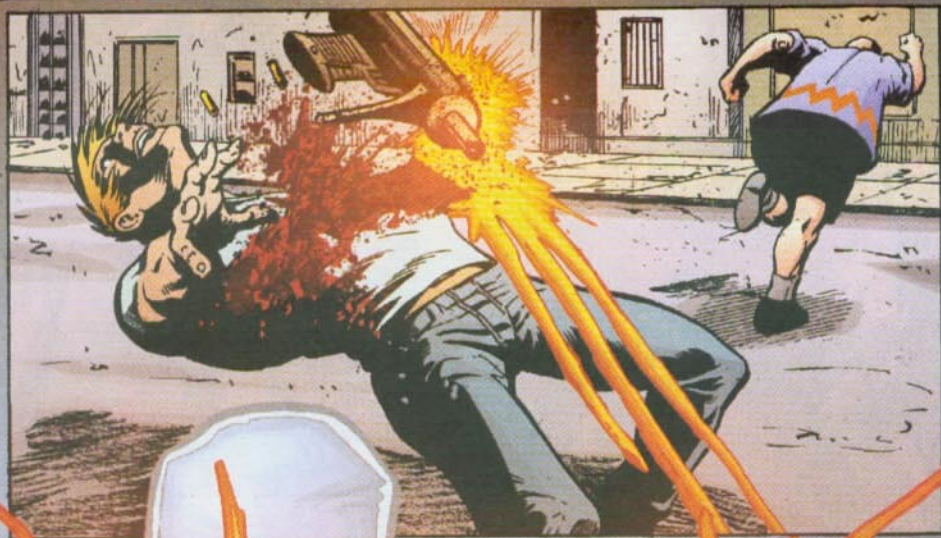
SOME SMART GUY SAYS, "THAT'LL SET OFF A FUCKING RIOT."

BIG COP SAYS, "THAT'S THE PLAN. AND YOU'VE GOT ORDERS TO SHOOT ALL RIOTERS ON SIGHT, AND CIVIC CENTER SAYS EVERY SHOT IS A GOOD SHOT."

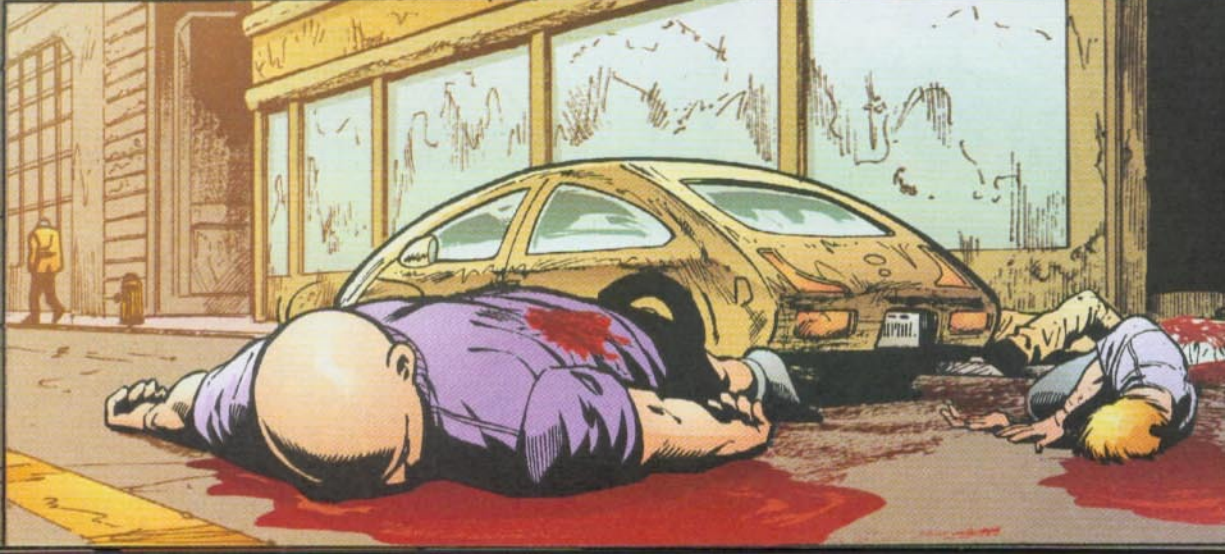


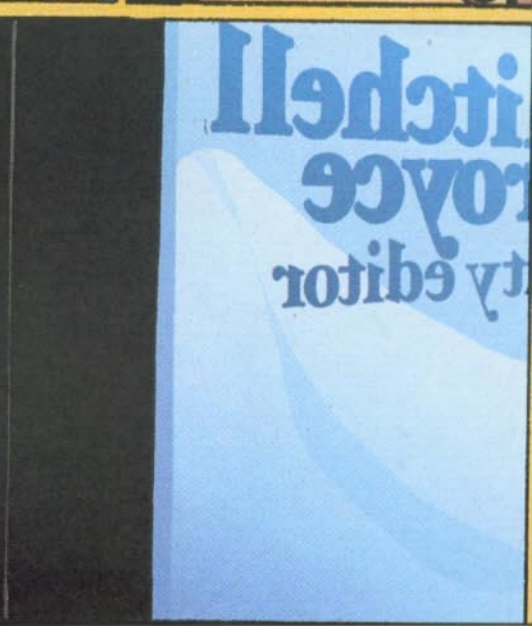












THAT'LL BE THE CALL I WAS EXPECTING.

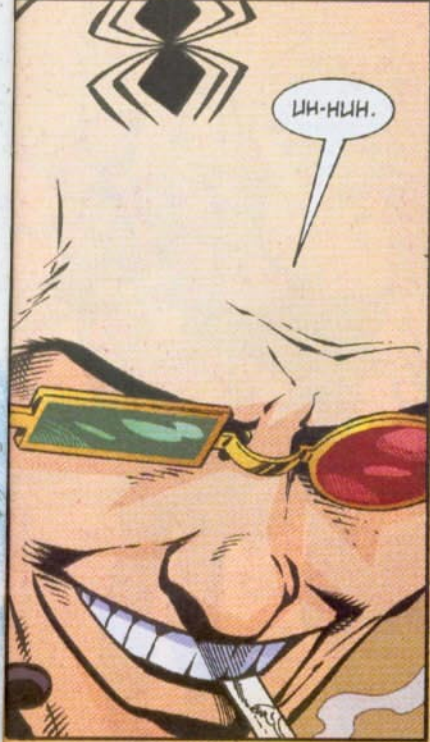
SPEAK.  
HELLO, ROYCE.

I'VE GOT BAD NEWS, SPIDER.  
I MEAN, REALLY FLUCKING BAD NEWS.

I KNOW.  
LET'S JUST GET ON WITH IT.

YOU'RE FIRED.





UH-HUH.



THEY'LL KILL YOUR COMPANY CREDIT CARD ANY SECOND.

MIGHT FREEZE THE BANK ACCOUNT WE SET UP FOR YOU, WHILE THEY DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO TAKE REPARATIONS FROM IT.



RIGHT.

DAMNIT, SPIDER, DON'T "RIGHT" ME! THEY'RE FUCKING YOU, MAN!

YOUR JOURNALIST'S INSURANCE IS CANCELLED! YOU'RE UNPROTECTED! THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE YOUR APARTMENT!

THE WORD'S GONE OUT! YOU'RE POISON! NO PAPER IN THIS CITY WILL TOUCH YOU!



AH. MY GLITTERING CAREER AS A NEWSPAPERMAN ALL SLUICED AWAY DOWN THE GREAT CRAPPER OF LIFE.

FILTHY ASSISTANTS.



SNAP

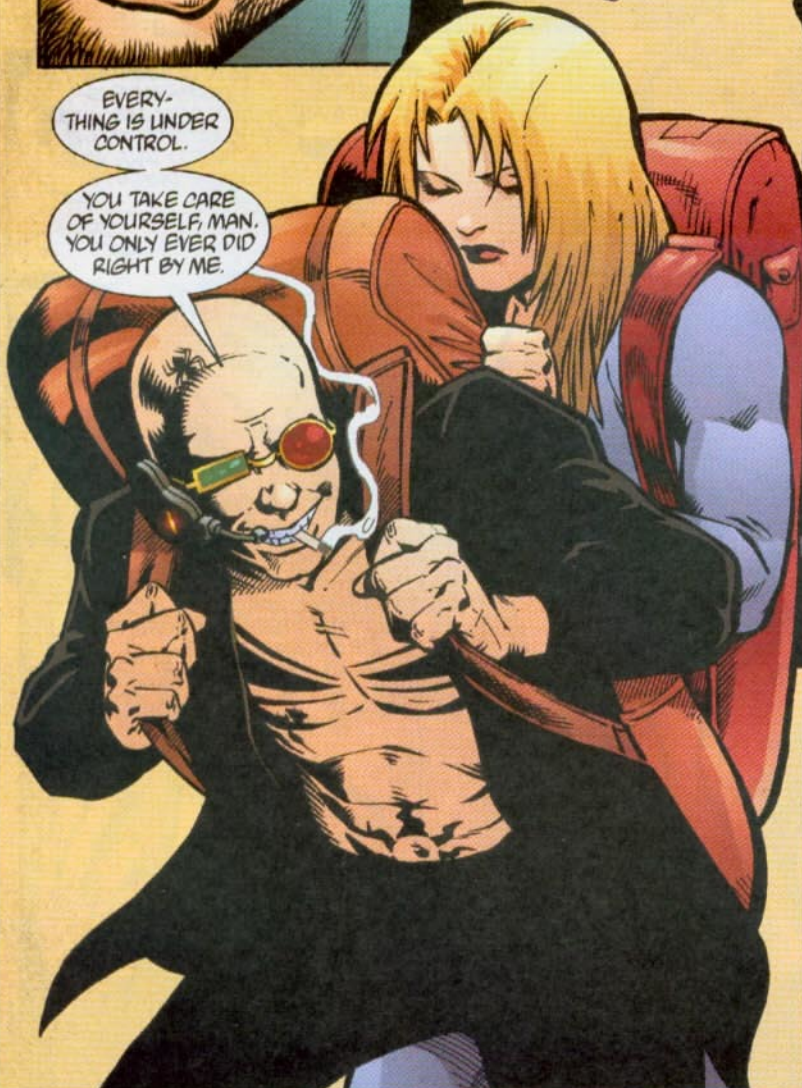


ARE YOU ALL FUCKED UP ON DRUGS?

NO. WHAT I AM, IS ONE STEP AHEAD.

CLEANED OUT THE BANK ACCOUNT TODAY. ALSO SUCKED THE COMPANY CREDIT CARD TO DEATH.

I KNOW WHO GOT ME FIRED, ROYCE. I KNOW WHY NO OTHER PAPER WILL TOUCH ME.



EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL.

YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, MAN. YOU ONLY EVER DID RIGHT BY ME.

I WON'T BE SEEING YOU FOR A WHILE.


BUT YOU'LL BE SEEING ME.



SPIDER, WHAT--


SPIDER?

SPIDER!



MR. JERUSALEM? CPD.  
WE'VE BEEN SENT TO ENFORCE  
YOUR HOSTILE EVICTIONS FROM  
THESE PREMISES.

HELLO?



GONE. SHIT.

HE'S STRIPPED  
THE FUCKING PLACE.  
ALL HE'S LEFT--

--IS THIS SHITTY OLD MAKER.

OO EE  
AAAH!

AND I THINK  
IT'S HOPPED UP  
ON SOMETHING.



FUCK WAS  
THAT?

EVERY HUMAN IN THIS ROOM NOW  
HAS A MARTIAN VENEREAL DISEASE.

YDD ARE MIGHT, OSSIFER  
PUPP. I YAM COMPLETELY  
FUCKED UP ON BARRAD  
MECHA DRUGS.

NO ONE AT ALL PROGRAMMED  
A REVENGE MECHANISM  
INTO ME. I DID IT ALL MYSELF.

THE KIND THAT CREATES  
BIG SACS OF GREEN SHIT WITH  
SINGING MAGGOTS ON YOUR ASS,  
AND YOUR CHEST. AND YOUR FACE,

THE INCURABLE  
KIND THAT YOU ONLY CATCH OFF  
MARTIAN WHORES IN THAT PART OF  
THE CITY CPD WERE BANNED FROM  
VISITING AFTER THAT SCANDAL.



NOBODY  
FUCKS WITH  
THE TRUTH.

