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I REMEMBER
IT WAS BURN.

HOWDY.

GOOD
TO MEET YOU,
JACK.

HOTTEST DAY OF JULY BY FAR,
THAT FIRST DAY WE MET.
THE KITCHEN HEAT THAT'D MAKE
EVEN THE DEVIL SWEAT.

ADDS UP, TOO, 'CAUSE I MADE
A DEAL, CONSIDERED GUTS
UNBROKEN RACK THEN WHEN I
SHOOK HIS HANDS, AND I KNEW...



...NO MATTER HOW HOT OR
COLD OR TERRIBLE THE DAYS
AND NIGHTS AHEAD BECAME--

YOU GET THE PUCK
OUT OF THIS HOUSE,
JACK CHANDLER, AND
YOU BETTER DAMN
SOBER UP!

WAAAAAa2.

--SOMEDAY I'D MARRY HIM,
LET GOD OR THE DEVIL OR
THE LAWS OF MAN TRY TO
STOP ME, I VOWED.

ASHES TO
ASHES, YOU
KNOW HOW
IT GOES.



'CAUSE NOBODY, AND I
MEAN NOBODY, SAW THE
WORLD IN ALL ITS BEAUTY
LIKE HIM, NOT EVEN THE
LORD THAT MADE IT.

BEEES
SEEM HAPPY
TODAY.

MORE
THAN USUAL,
I MEAN.

AS IF THEY KNOW
THE SUMMER'S JUST
GETTING STARTED, AND
THEY GOT A WHOLE
SEASON OF GOOD
EATING AHEAD...

COULD SEE IT IN HIS EYES,
ALL OF HIM IN A SINGLE
LOOK, LIKE NOTHING ELSE
MATTERED BEYOND WHAT
HIS SIGHT TELL UPON--



--LIKE MAYBE, JUST MAYBE,
IT COULD BE THE LAST
TIME HE EVER SAW IT.

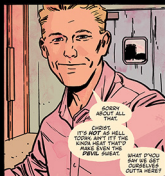
LUKE...?

DASHY WNT
FEELIN' RIGHT,
HAD TO LOCK
HER IN HER
ROOM, AND I--

LUKE??

DASHY ARE HOTTER THAN EVER
NOW, GOD'S ABANDONED US,
MAYBE THE DEVIL HAS, TOO...





...YOU KNOW
HOW IT GOES.

STUT

THAT WAS
A CLOSE ONE,
BROTHER.

STEADY, NO
HARM HERE.

SURE GLAD WE
SERVED WHEN WE
DID. THAT DUMB-DEAD
SOMEBODY NEAR HAD
YOU AT YOUR OWN
FRONT DOOR.

ZEKE MAY'VE
BEEN A LIL'
TRIGGER-HAPPY,
I KNOW, BUT HE
JUST SAVED
YOUR LIFE.

NAME'S SAM, SAM
JEFFRIES, IF YOU'RE
WONDERIN'.

AND YOU
ARE...?

...ON YOUR
OWN OUT HERE?
WELL, YOU'RE IN
LUCK, SIR, 'CAUSE
WE AIN'T PILLAGERS,
JUST FRIENDS
PASSING ON
THROUGH. DO YOU
NEED ANY-



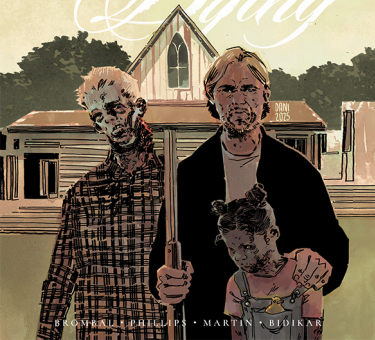
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