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WITCHBLADE





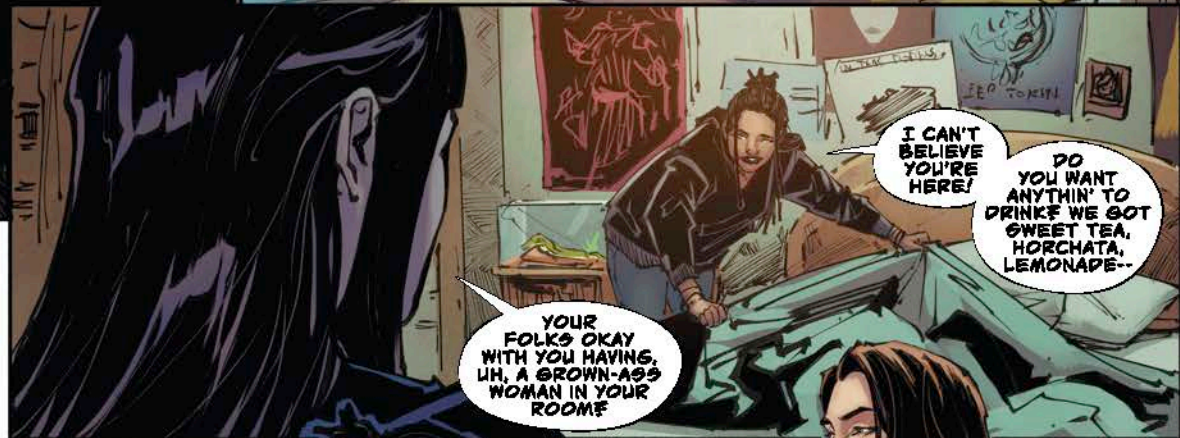
OH MY
GOD.

THE
WEIRDO
COP!

H-HOW'D
YOU FIND
MEE?

KID.

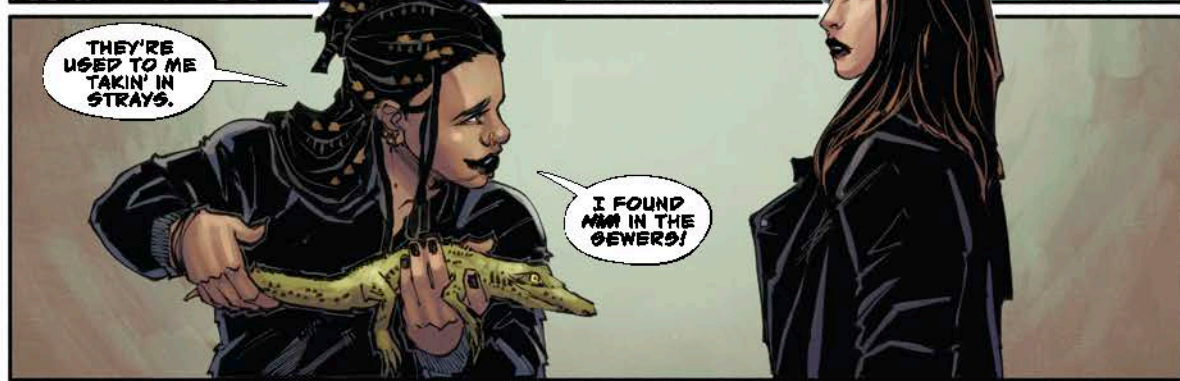
I'M A
DETECTIVE.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'RE
HERE!

DO
YOU WANT
ANYTHIN' TO
DRINK? WE GOT
SWEET TEA,
HORCHATA,
LEMONADE--

YOUR
FOLKS OKAY
WITH YOU HAVING,
UH, A GROWN-ASS
WOMAN IN YOUR
ROOM?



THEY'RE
USED TO ME
TAKIN' IN
STRAYS.

I FOUND
MMM IN THE
SEWERS!



WHAT IS THAT?

I--

KIP...

I THINK THIS WAS A BAD IDEA.

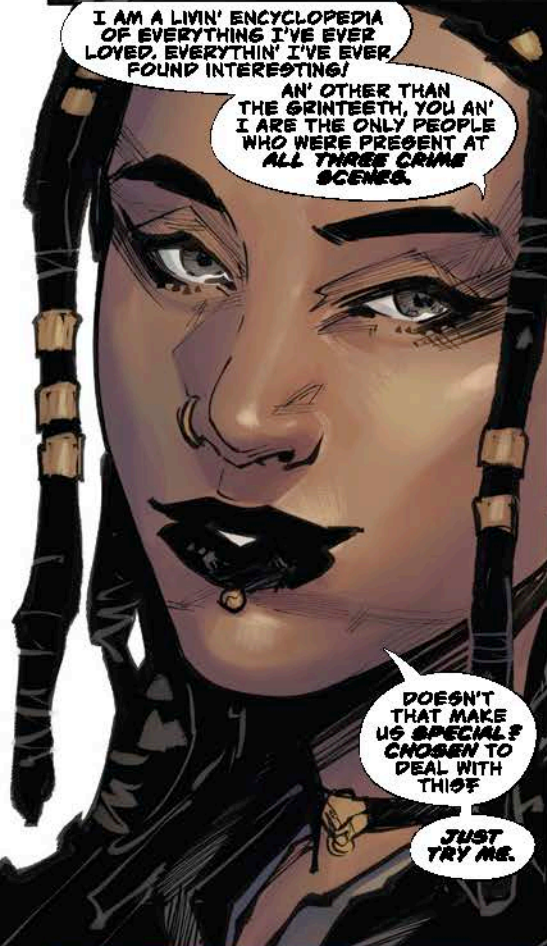
I AM A LIVIN' ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYTHING I'VE EVER LOVED. EVERYTHIN' I'VE EVER FOUND INTERESTING!

AN' OTHER THAN THE GRINTEETH, YOU AN' I ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WERE PRESENT AT ALL THREE CRIME SCENES.

SHAME CHECK THESE OUT. THE MAN FOUND UNDER THE DEFACED MURAL OF THE HOLY VIRGIN, THE PRECINCT WANTS TO RULE A RANDOM HOMICIDE, MAYBE ROBBERY.

THE HOUSE WITH ALL THE ADDICTS IS BEING PROCESSED THROUGH TOX, AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE RULED OVERDOSES.

THE BITE MARKS THEY'LL CREDIT TO RATS, STREET DOGS. MISERABLE WAY TO GO.



DON'T THAT MAKE US SPECIAL? CHOSEN TO DEAL WITH THIS?

JUST TRY ME.

BUT THE COURTHOUSE...

YEAH, WHAT'S THE DUE PROCESS FOR BLENNY A MAN LIKE A DELI MAN?



THE GUY WHO MADE HIS BED UNDER THE MURAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN...

WE THOUGHT HE WAS A VICTIM.

BUT THIS MAN...

OH, YIKES ON BIKES.

OKAY, SO THERE WAS A REASON HIS FAMILY CUT HIM OFF AN' TURNED HIM OUT AND NEVER SPOKE TO HIM AGAIN.



"THE OVERDOSES
IN THE ABANDONED
HOUSE...
SAME DEAL."

"ADDICTION IS
A DISEASE."

"I KNOW THAT
FIRSTHAND."

"BUT THESE WEREN'T KIDS
THAT GOT HOOKED, OR
PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH
THEIR DEMONS, OR TRYING
TO ESCAPE A SADISTIC
REALITY FOR A FEW HOURS."

"THESE WERE LAW
ENFORCEMENT.
DISGRACED COPS,
BLACKLISTED
SECURITY GUARDS."

"WHAT THE
HECK?!"

"THEY WERE LACING
OPIUM WITH FENTANYL...
AND THEN RE-RELEASING
IT INTO THE PUBLIC."

"THESE WERE LEOs
WHO WERE TRYING TO
KILL DRUG ADDICTS."

"WAS THE LAWYER ON
THE STEPS OF THE
COURTHOUSE...?"

"...REPRESENTED
THEM."

"SO FUTURE
VICTIMS
COULD BE..."

"...ANYONE THIS
LAWYER EVER
HELPED."

"WHICH IS A LONG
FRICKIN' LIST."

"SO MAYBE THE
GRINTEETH IS SOME-
ONE WITH A VENDETTA
AGAINST THE LAWYER?"

"SEEMS
PREMATURE
TO KILL THE
LAWYER,
THEN."

"MAYBE THE
GRINTEETH AIN'T
A DRAMATIST."

"YOU DON'T THINK THE
PERSON DOING THIS
HAS A FLAIR FOR
THE DRAMATIC?"

"OKAY, HOW
ARE THEY
KILLING?"

"THEY MANAGED
TO MAKE A MURAL...
REARRANGE ITSELF."

"AND MAYBE...DO
THE KILLING."



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