

CHRIS CONDON - JEFFREY ALAN LOVE

NEWS

FROM THE
FALL OUT



**FOURTEEN
YEARS
BEFORE
THE
BOMB
OKLAHOMA,
1948**

WHERE'D
HE GO? HE
COULDN'TA
GONE--

HEY!
CHICKEN
SHIT!
WHERE'D
YOU GO,
huh?

WE
WANNA
SPEAK WIT
YOU.

I CAN'T
REMEMBER A
TIME WHEN I
FELT SAFE.

I'M GONNA
KILL THAT KID...
WHEN I FIND HIM,
I'M GONNA GRAB
'IM BY THE
NECK AND--

I SAW
WHAT YOU
DID, BOY...
DON'T THINK
I DIDN'T...

FOR CERTAIN
PEOPLE--
PEOPLE LIKE ME--
THE WORLD
SEEMS LIKE IT'S
JUST ONE BIG TRAP.

I EVEN
TOLD THE
SHERIFF'S MEN,
YES, I DID. AND DO
YOU WANNA KNOW
WHAT HE TOLD
ME? HAROLD, WHY
DON'T YOU
TELL 'IM...

HE
TOLD 'IM
THE KID'S GON'
GET WHAT'S
COMIN' TO
'IM.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
NOW, WHY ON
EARTH WOULD
A SHERIFF SAY
A THING LIKE
THAT?

IT'S ALWAYS TRYIN'
TO CLOSE ON YOU.
CAPTURE YOU.
TEACH YOU TO BE
IN YOUR PLACE.

NOT
UNLESS...
HE KNEW JUST
HOW GODDAMN
GUILTY THE
KID WAS...

JUST BEIN'
AROUND IS
TROUBLE.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
HAROLD.

BUT I
WASN'T
RAISED
IN NO
PLACE.

I WAS BORN
FREE. AND HELL,
I AIM TO DIE
LIKE THAT, TOO.

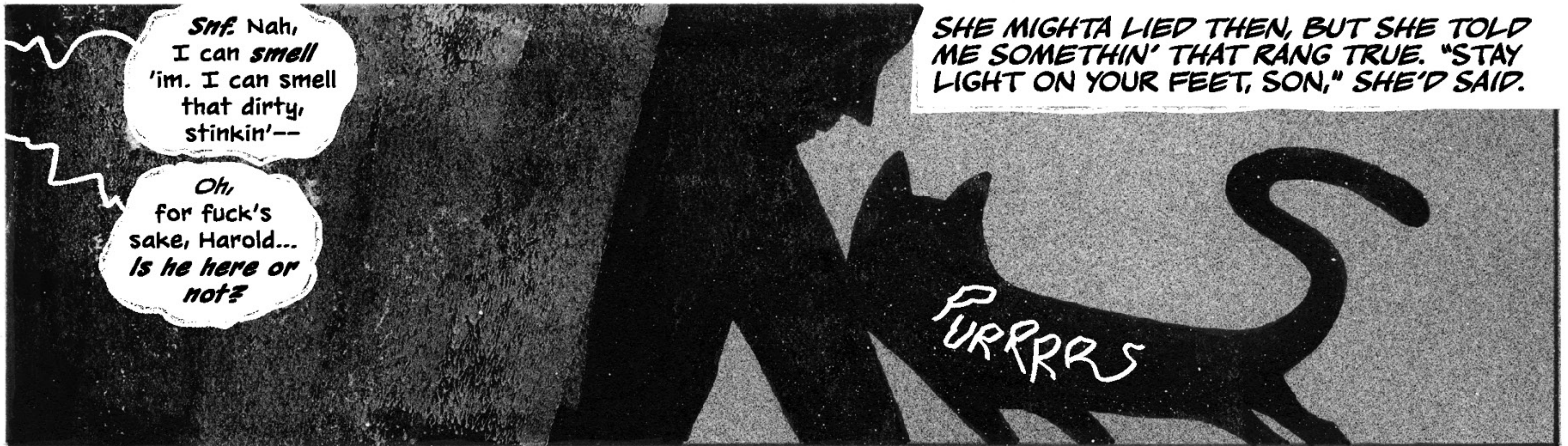


Shit, is he
even *here*,
Scott?

*I thought
so!* What, you
don't think
he--

MY DADDY DIED WHEN
I WAS AN INFANT.

HEART ATTACK, MOMMA
TOLD ME. I FOUND OUT
LATER HE WAS STABBED
IN THE GUT AFTER HE
COULDN'T PAY A TAB.
TRIED TO RUN. COULDN'T.



She Nah,
I can *smell*
'im. I can smell
that dirty,
stinkin'--

Oh,
for fuck's
sake, Harold...
*Is he here or
not?*

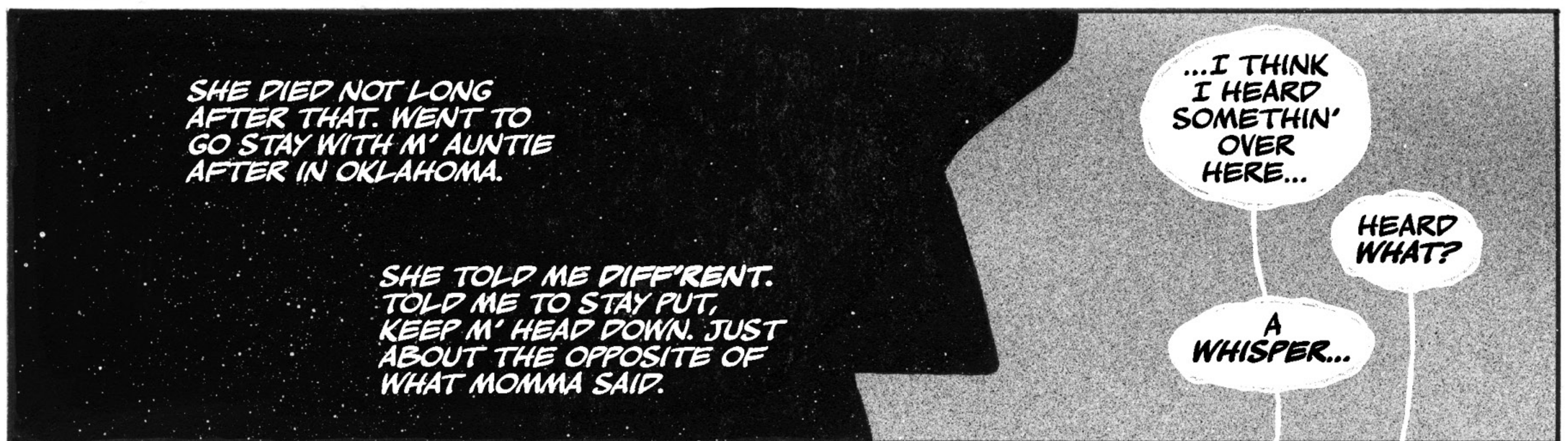
SHE MIGHTA LIED THEN, BUT SHE TOLD
ME SOMETHIN' THAT RANG TRUE. "STAY
LIGHT ON YOUR FEET, SON," SHE'D SAID.



Shoo.
Go on.

HEY. HEY,
SCOTT, WAIT
A MINUTE...

...CAUSE THIS WORLD
AIN'T KIND. IT'LL ALWAYS BE
NIPPIN' AT YOUR HEELS. SO
YOU GOTTA MAKE SURE YOU
GIVE 'EM NOTHIN' BUT."



SHE DIED NOT LONG
AFTER THAT. WENT TO
GO STAY WITH M' AUNTIE
AFTER IN OKLAHOMA.

SHE TOLD ME DIFF'RENT.
TOLD ME TO STAY PUT,
KEEP M' HEAD DOWN. JUST
ABOUT THE OPPOSITE OF
WHAT MOMMA SAID.

...I THINK
I HEARD
SOMETHIN'
OVER
HERE...

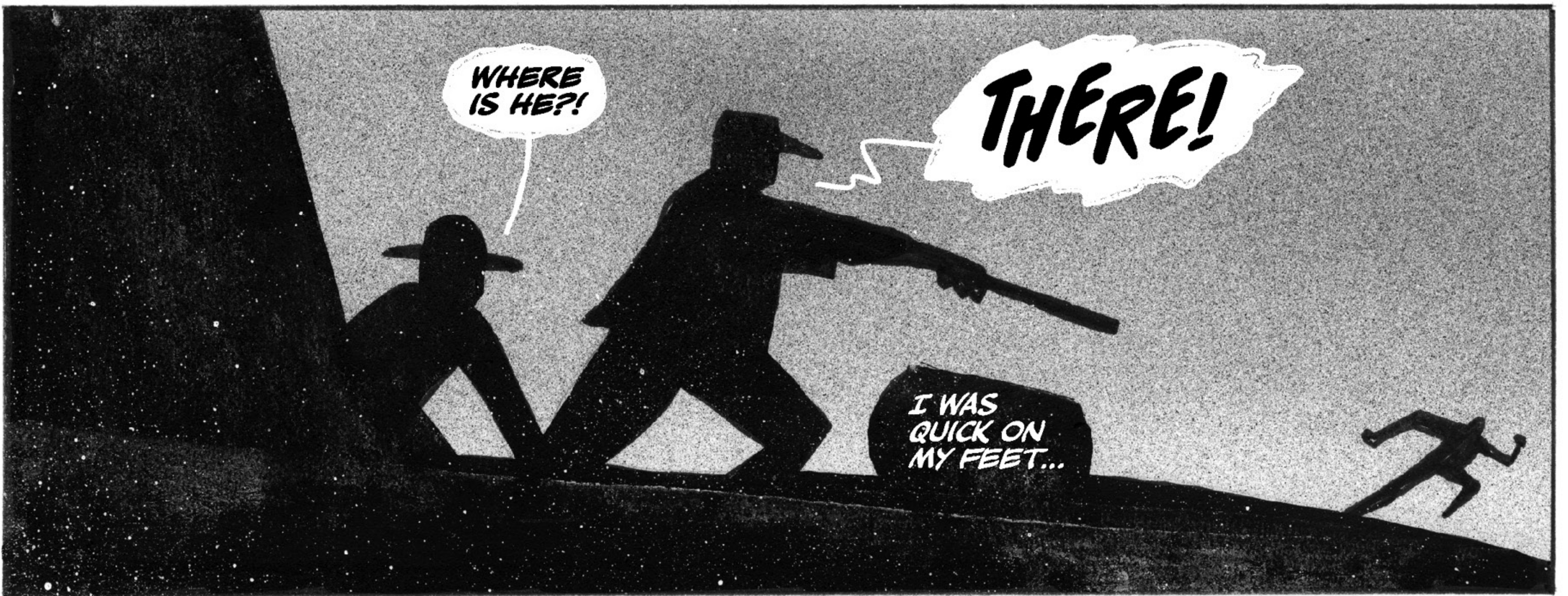
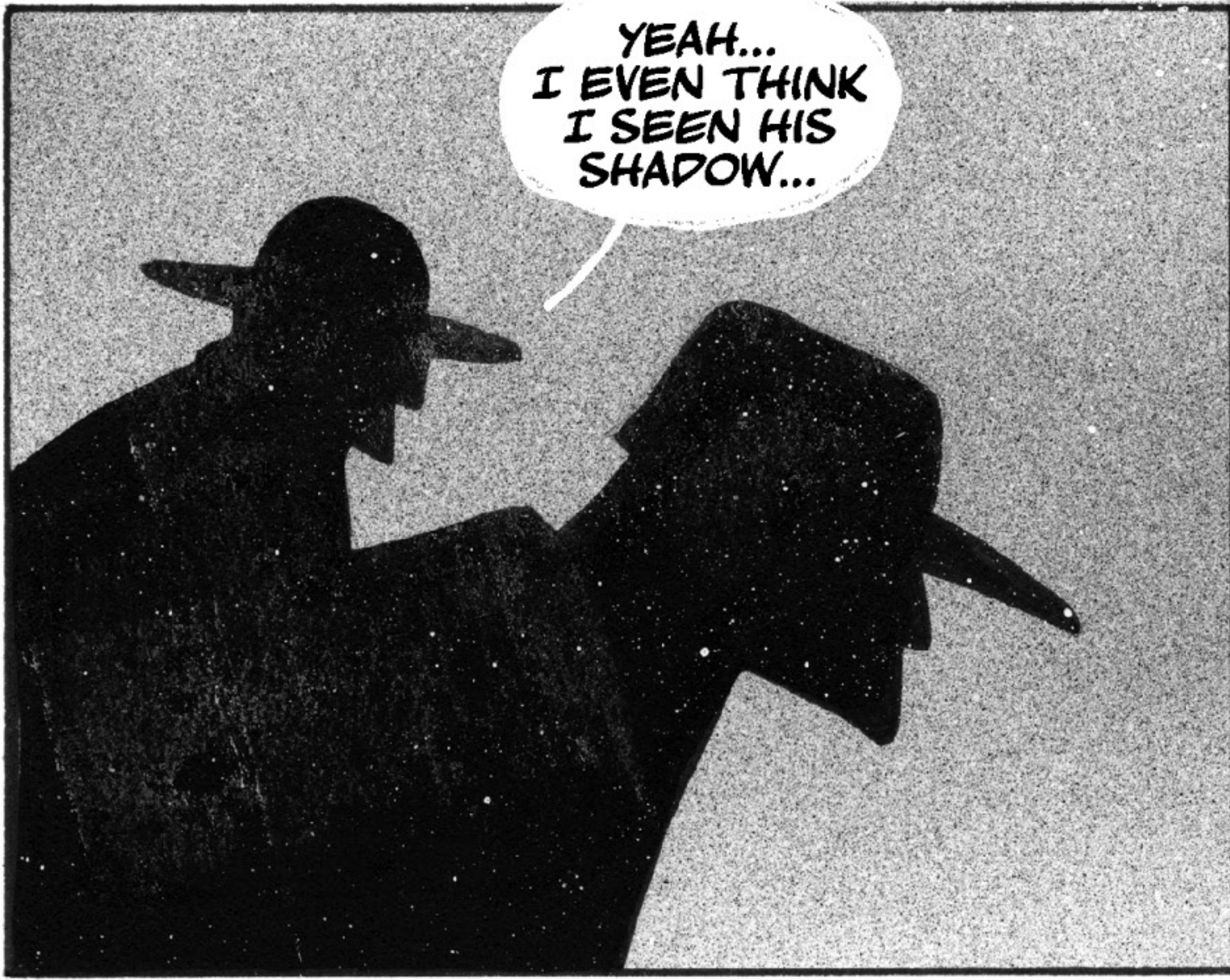
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WHAT?

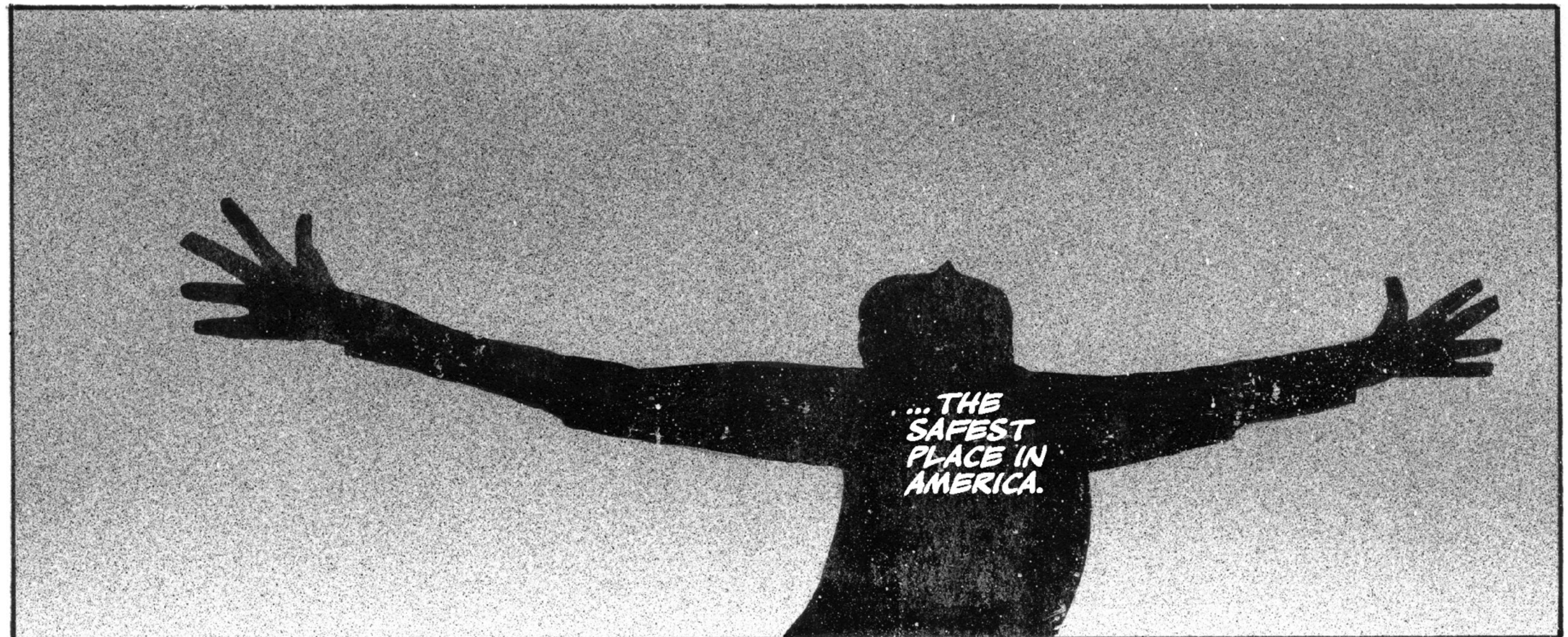
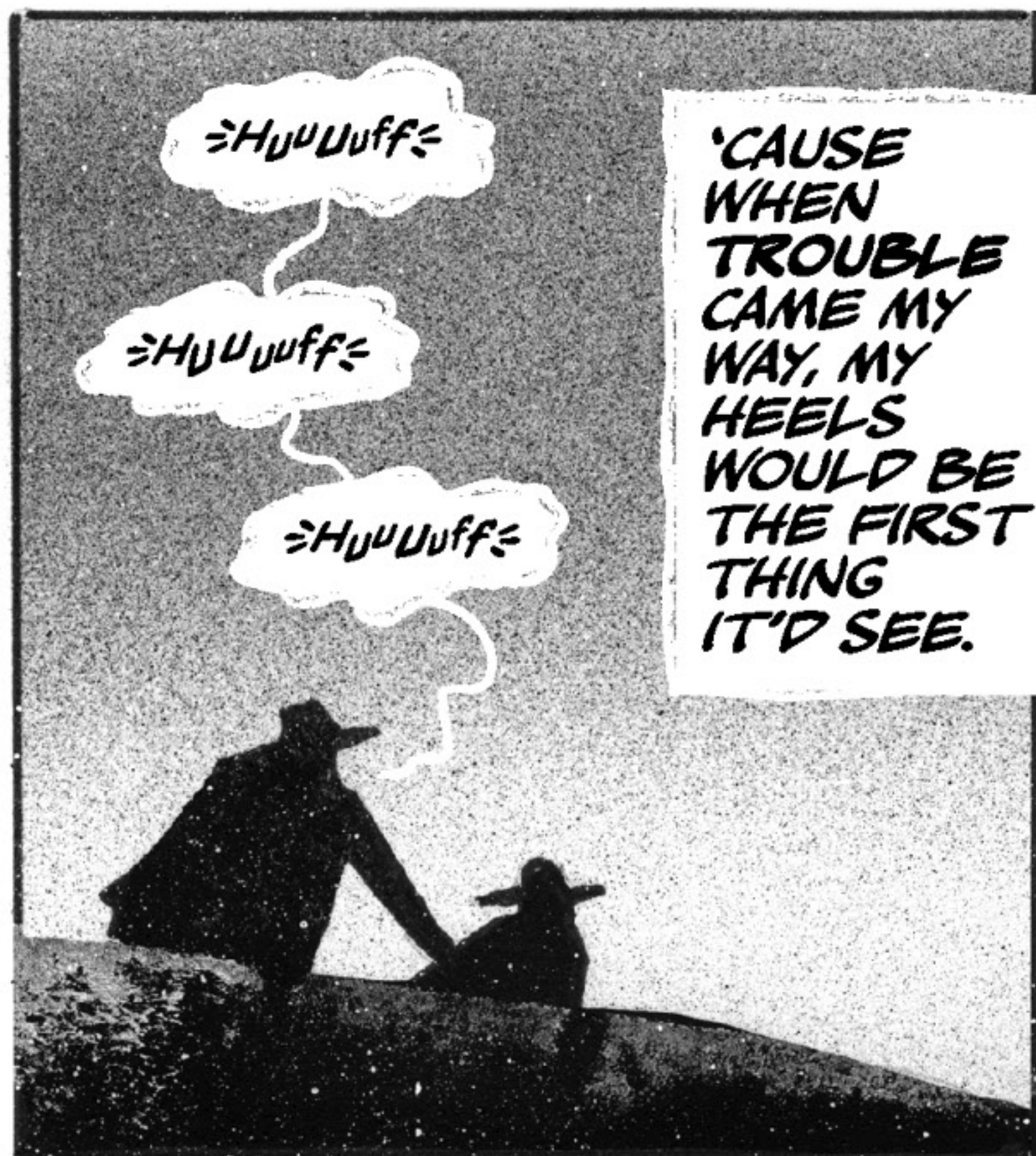
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WHISPER...



YOU
THEEEEEEERRE,
BOY?

AND LIKE I SAID...
WHAT MOMMA
SAID, WELL, IT
JUST RANG TRUE.





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