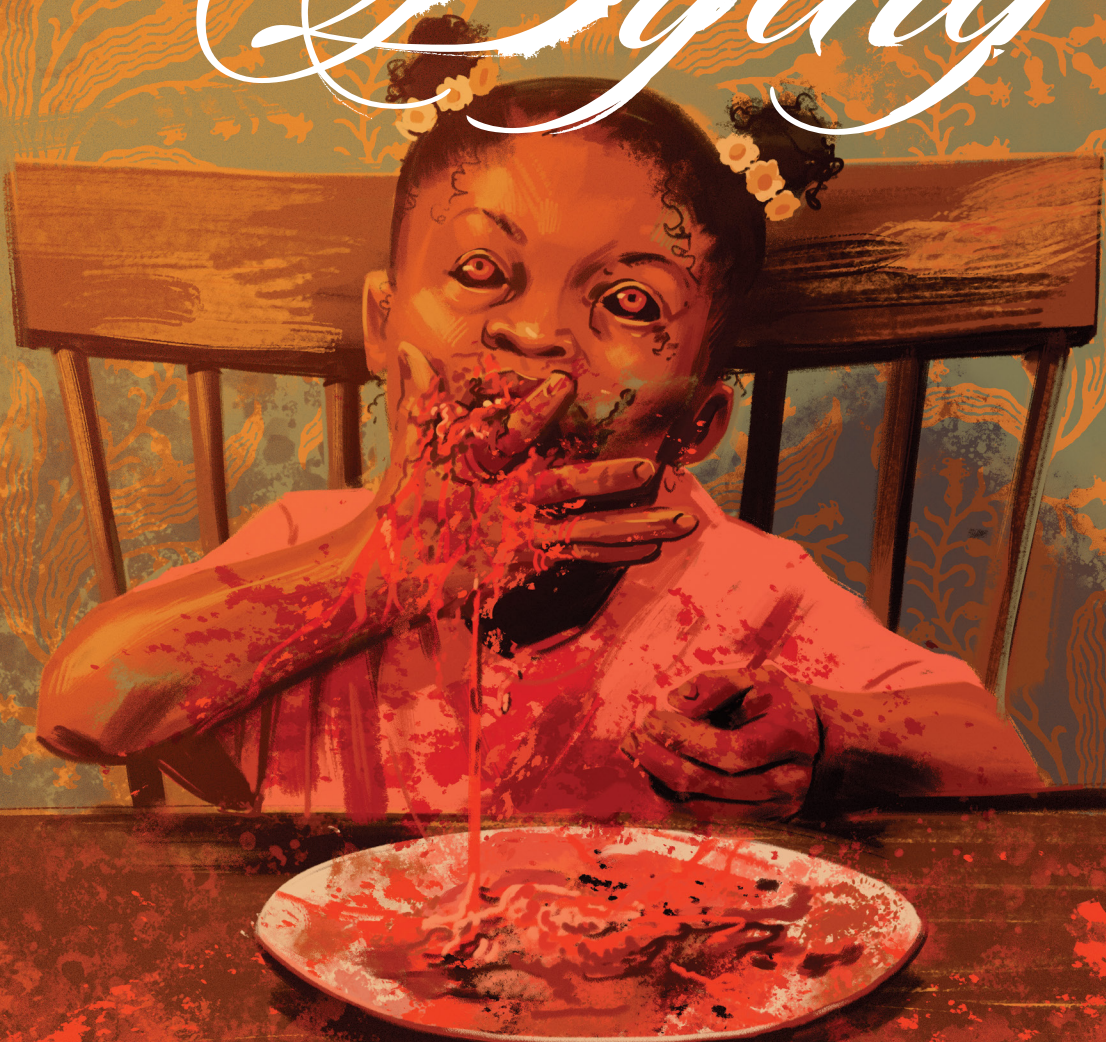
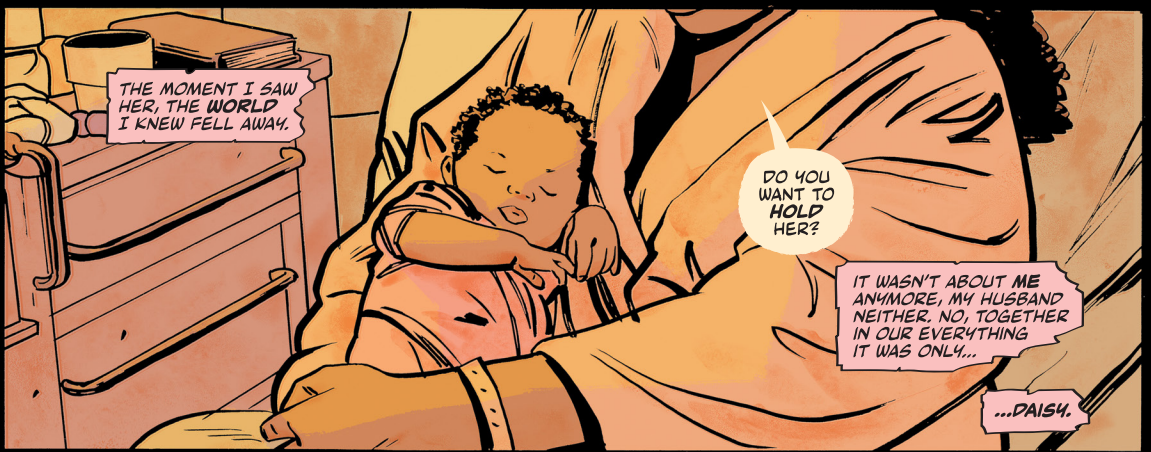


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THE MOMENT I SAW HER, THE WORLD I KNEW FELL AWAY.

DO YOU WANT TO HOLD HER?

IT WASN'T ABOUT ME ANYMORE, MY HUSBAND NEITHER. NO, TOGETHER IN OUR EVERYTHING IT WAS ONLY...

...DAISY.



SHE BECAME MY REASON.

HER LAUGHTER AND HER YAWNS.

HEH HEH HEHAHAHA!

HER STEPS, FALLS, AND SPLASHES. THE LOOK IN HER EYES EACH TIME THEY FELL UPON MINE IN RECOGNITION--

--THAT I WAS HER DADDY.



THAT I WOULD KEEP HER SAFE.

YOU HEARD ME, DAMMIT--

--NOT IN MY TOWN!

THE MOMENT I SAW HER, THIS LIFE TOOK ON NEW MEANING.

AND BEFORE I EVER SAW HER, I DIDN'T KNOW A DAMNED THING ABOUT LOSS. NOT REALLY.



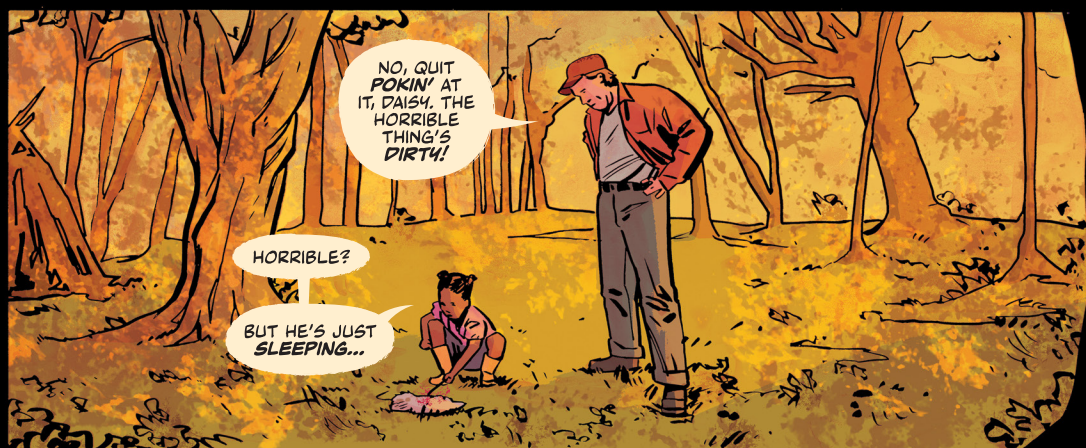
TAKE MY HEART. TAKE MY BREATH. YOU WILL NEVER HAVE MY DAUGHTER.

BUT, DADDY...

...WHAT'S "DEAD"?

TELL ME, HOW COULD I EVER LIVE WITHOUT HER?

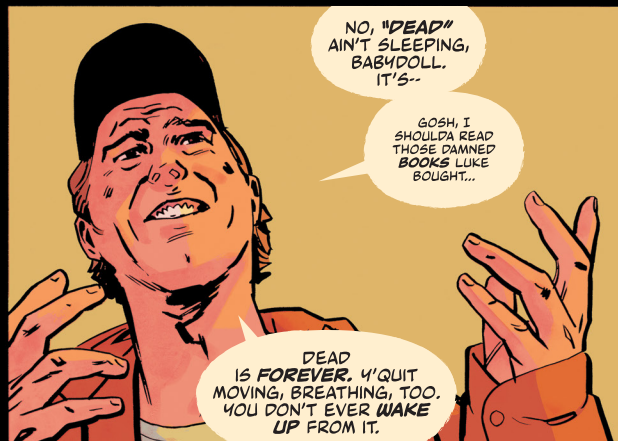




NO, QUIT  
POKIN' AT  
IT, DAISY. THE  
HORRIBLE  
THING'S  
DIRTY!

HORRIBLE?

BUT HE'S JUST  
SLEEPING...



NO, "DEAD"  
AIN'T SLEEPING,  
BABYDOLL.  
IT'S--

GOSH, I  
SHOULDA READ  
THOSE DAMNED  
BOOKS LUKE  
BOUGHT...

DEAD  
IS FOREVER. Y'QUIT  
MOVING, BREATHING, TOO.  
YOU DON'T EVER WAKE  
UP FROM IT.

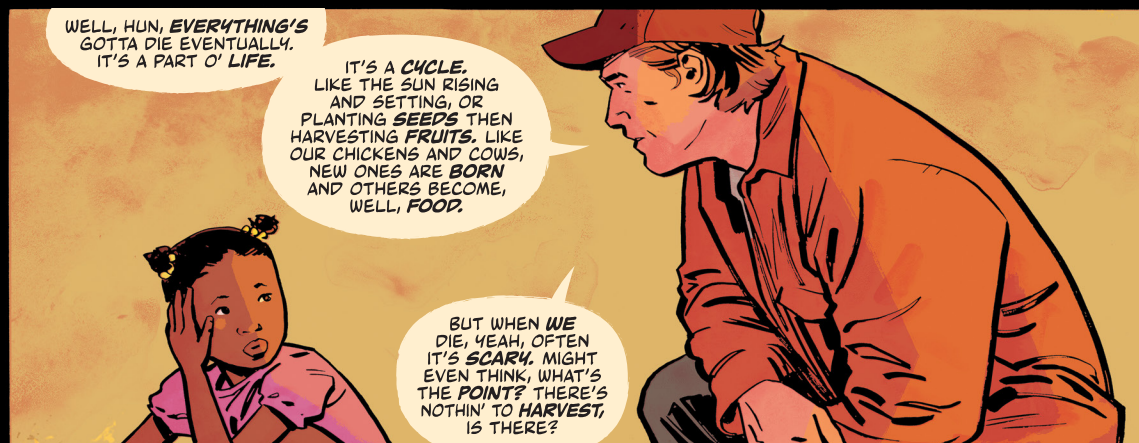


BUT  
WHY?

REMEMBER  
WHEN GRAMMA  
GOT REAL SICK,  
THEN WENT AWAY  
'N' NEVER CAME  
BACK?

NO.

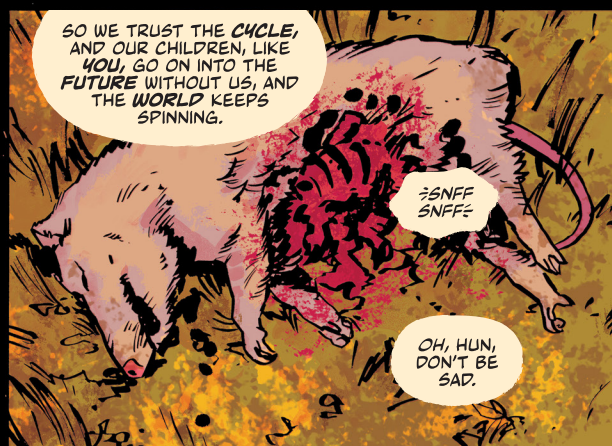
RIGHT.



WELL, HUN, **EVERYTHING'S**  
GOTTA DIE EVENTUALLY.  
IT'S A PART O' LIFE.

IT'S A **CYCLE**.  
LIKE THE SUN RISING  
AND SETTING, OR  
PLANTING **SEEDS** THEN  
HARVESTING **FRUITS**. LIKE  
OUR CHICKENS AND COWS,  
NEW ONES ARE **BORN**  
AND OTHERS BECOME,  
WELL, **FOOD**.

BUT WHEN **WE**  
DIE, YEAH, OFTEN  
IT'S **SCARY**. MIGHT  
EVEN THINK, WHAT'S  
THE **POINT**? THERE'S  
NOTHIN' TO **HARVEST**,  
IS THERE?



SO WE TRUST THE **CYCLE**,  
AND OUR CHILDREN, LIKE  
**YOU**, GO ON INTO THE  
**FUTURE** WITHOUT US, AND  
THE **WORLD** KEEPS  
SPINNING.

SNFF  
SNFF

OH, HUN,  
DON'T BE  
SAD.



BUT,  
DADDY,  
I DON'T  
WANT  
YOU TO  
DIE.









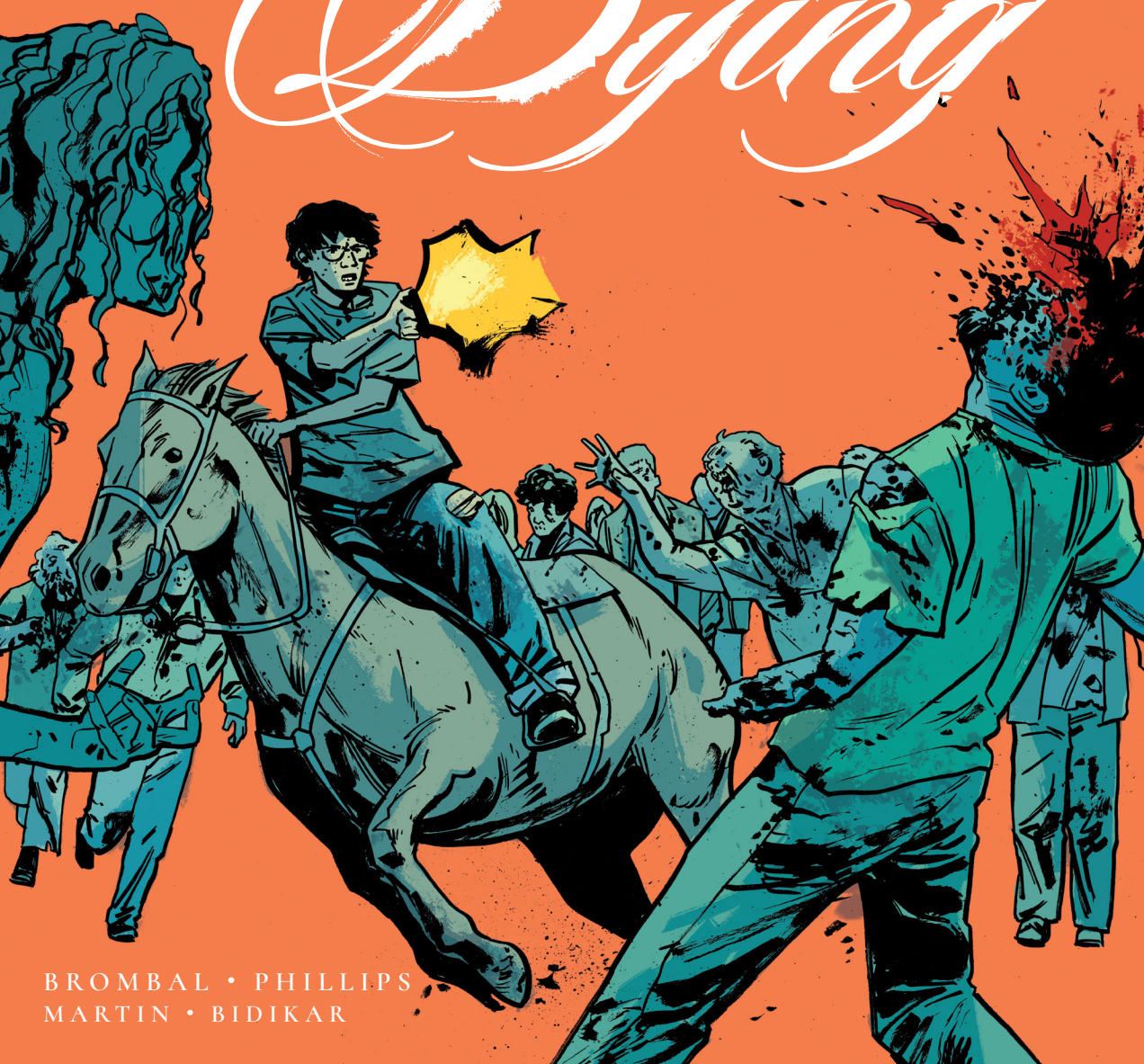








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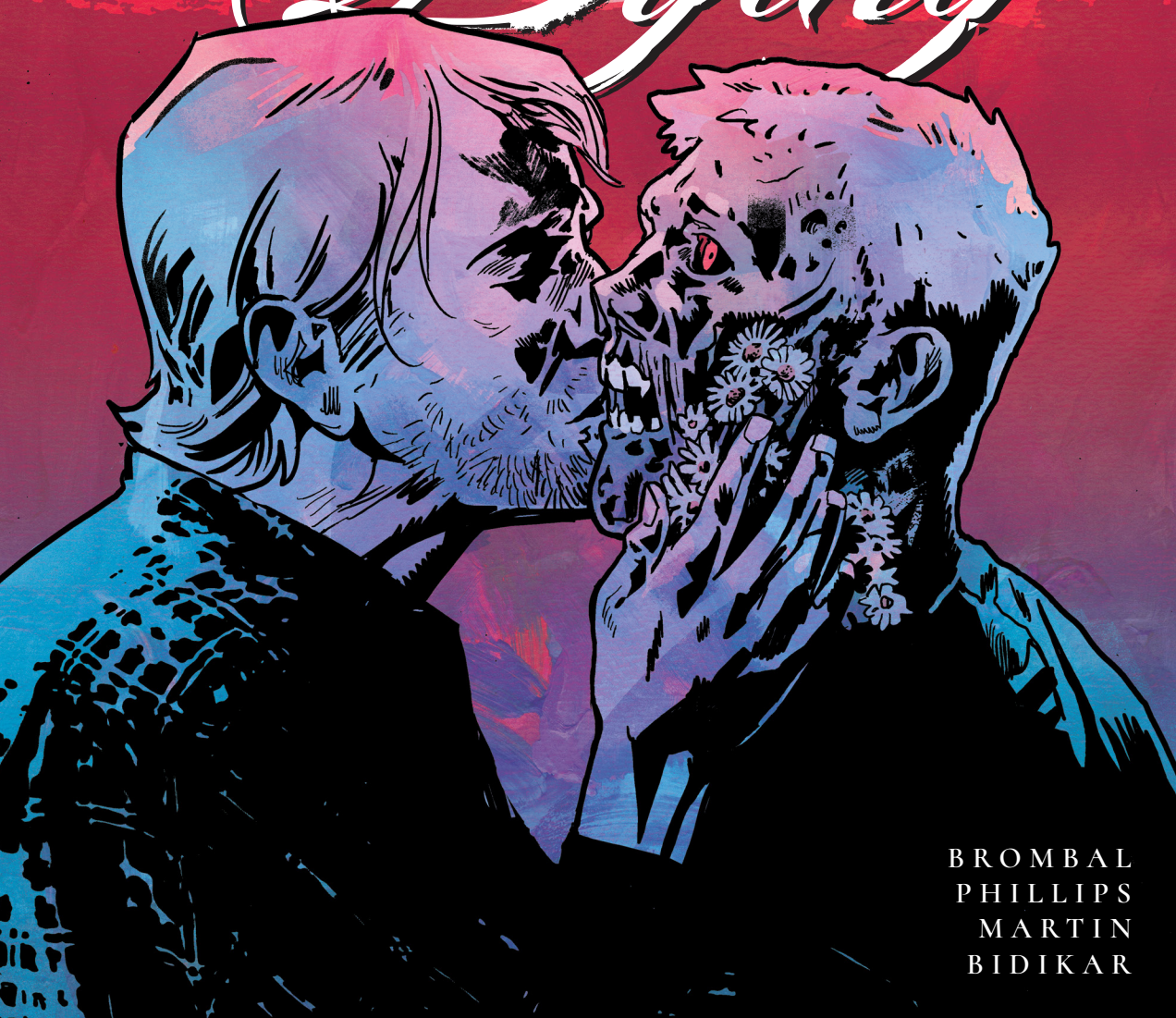


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