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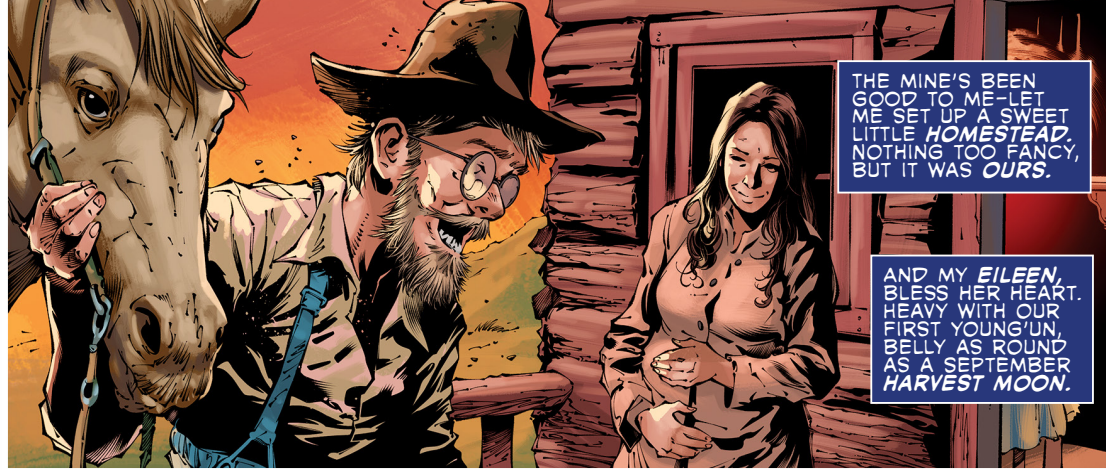




I BEEN DIGGIN' IN THE EARTH  
SINCE BACK 'FORE **DANZIG** WAS  
EVEN CALLED A TOWN. SEEN THREE  
BOSSSES COME AND GO, BUT  
RECKON THEY KEPT ME ON 'CAUSE  
THERE AIN'T NO FELLA KNOWS  
THESE TUNNELS LIKE I **DO**.

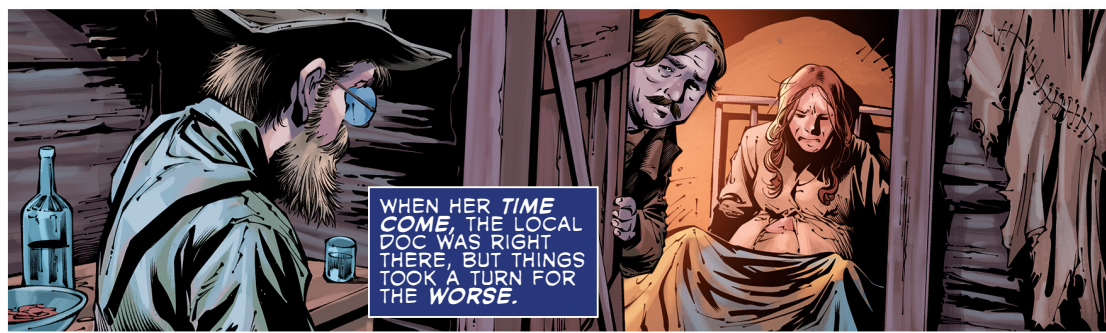
A MINE'S GOT A WAY OF  
TALKIN' TO A MAN IF HE  
**LISTENS CLOSE**--STONE  
AND DIRT WHISPERIN'  
THEIR **SECRETS** TO THEM  
THAT'S PUT IN THEIR YEARS.





THE MINE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME—LET ME SET UP A SWEET LITTLE **HOMESTEAD**. NOTHING TOO FANCY, BUT IT WAS **OURS**.

AND MY **EILEEN**, BLESS HER HEART. HEAVY WITH OUR FIRST YOUNG'UN, BELLY AS ROUND AS A SEPTEMBER **HARVEST MOON**.



WHEN HER **TIME** CAME, THE LOCAL **DOC** WAS RIGHT THERE, BUT THINGS TOOK A TURN FOR THE **WORSE**.



I WAS STANDIN' JUST OUTSIDE THE ROOM, LISTENING TO EILEEN'S CRIES, LIKE A **KNIFE TO THE GUT**.

BUT THEN—IT WEREN'T JUST **HER** NO MORE.



I SHOVED THAT DOOR WIDE OPEN, NEARLY LOST MY SENSES AT THE SIGHT BEFORE ME LIKE SOME **NIGHTMARE**, **DOC** WAS ON THE GROUND TORN UP LIKE SOMETHING WILD GOT HOLD OF HIM.



MY SWEET EILEEN, SHE JUST LAY THERE, SKIN WHITE AS A **DESERT BONE**, EYES WIDE IN **TERROR**.

I HADN'T YET SEEN WHAT IT WAS SHE WAS LOOKING AT.

I WAS TOO **AFRAID**.



SHE SCREAMED AT ME TO RID HER OF THE VERY THING SHE BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD. DESPITE ALL THE HORROR, DESPITE ALL THE BLOOD, I STILL SAW MY FLESH AND BLOOD SITTING THERE. I TRIED TO MAKE HER SEE WHAT I DID, BUT SHE WOULDN'T HEAR IT.

SHE WANTED IT  
GONE FOR GOOD.



I TOLD HER TO REST,  
THAT I WOULD HANDLE  
IT ALL...AND I DID.



I STRIPPED DOWN THE DOC'S  
HORSE AND BURIED DOC  
AND EVERYTHING WITH HIM  
JUST OUTSIDE THE FIELD.



BEGAN DIGGING A  
SECOND SMALLER GRAVE  
BUT I **COULDN'T** BRING  
MYSELF TO DO WHAT MY  
WIFE WAS ASKING.



IT WAS **STILL**  
MY CHILD.



I THEN TOOK THE  
BABY AND RODE  
OUT TO THE MINE.

