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FOR MY WIFE, WHO IS ALWAYS REMINDING
ME THAT I HAVE MORE WORK TO DO.

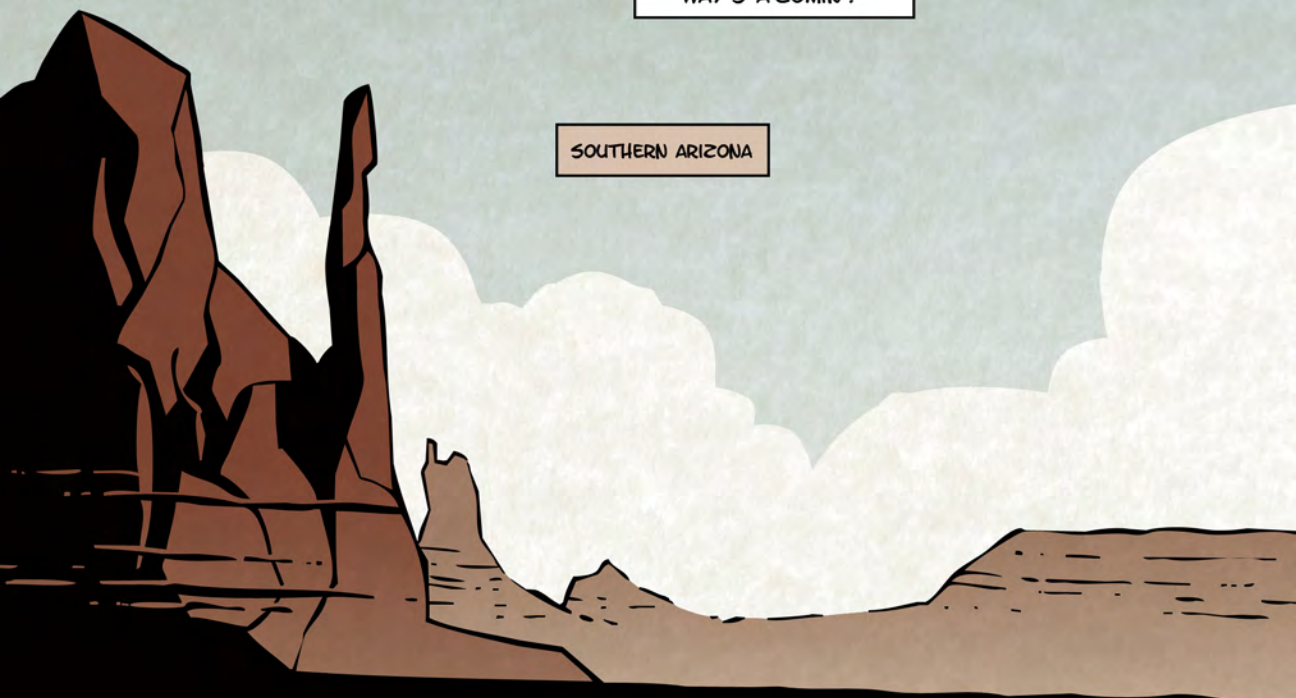


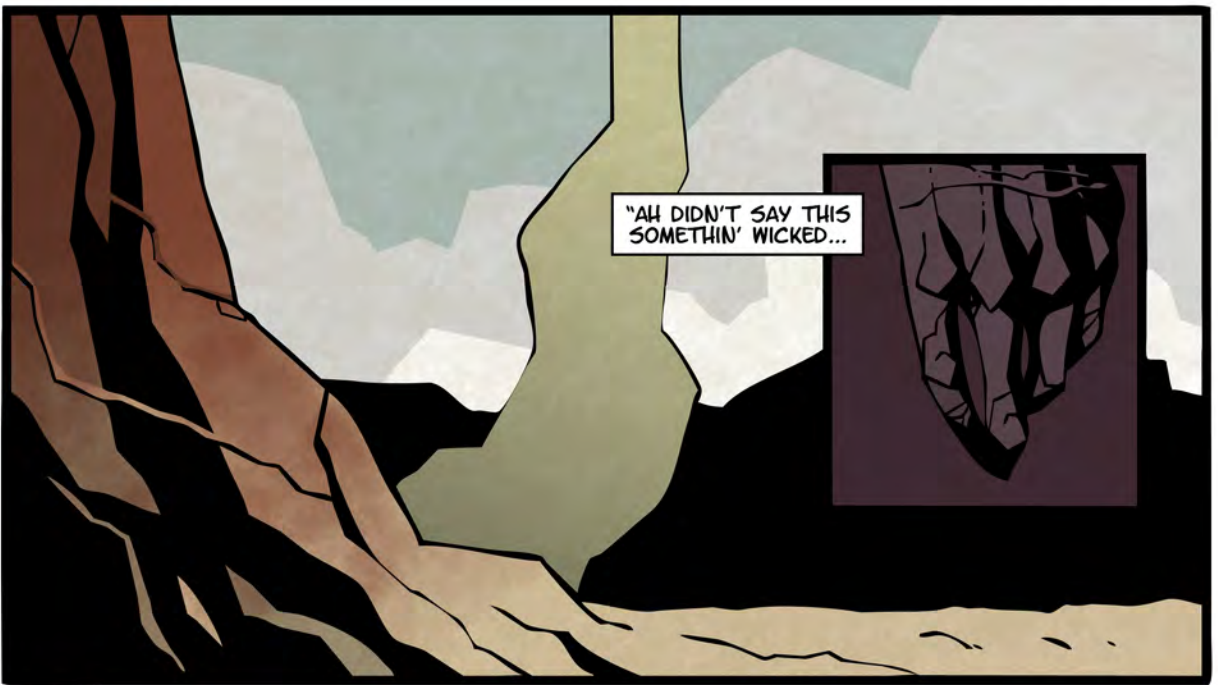
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'BY THE TWITCHIN' OF
MY TRIGGER FINGER...

SOMETHIN' WICKED THIS
WAY'S A'COMIN'."

SOUTHERN ARIZONA







"JUS' THAT IT
WAS WICKED."

"AND COMIN' FOR THE
JUST AND UNJUST ALIKE."

IT'S TIME TO COME BACK, JIMMY.
YOU NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

AND YOU NEED TO PUT ON SOME CLOTHES

I DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL THAT OLD MAN, NO HOW!
YOU'RE THAT LAWMAN IN THE IRON MASK, AINTCHA?
AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!
STAY BACK!



NOT MY FAULT HER PAPPY GOT IN THE WAY!
SHE WAS JUST AN INJUN, ANYHOW.



JIMMY, YOU WERE TAKING HIS DAUGHTER.
WHAT WAS HE SUPPOSED TO DO?
STAY SLEEP'N!
I KNOW 'BOUT YOU, DEPUTY! YOU DON'T CARRY NO GUN.
SO STAY WHERE YOU AT --



THAT'S TRUE. I MAY NOT BE CARRYING A GUN...



WAP!
ZIP!



GYAAAAH!
MY ARMS!

POP!

BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN YOU ARE
NOT COMING
WITH ME.

CRACK!



NOW,
YOU CAN
EITHER TRAVEL
ALONG QUIETLY
OR SILENTLY.

y-you
CRAZY S-SON
OF A --



SILENT IT
IS, THEN.

BAP!



CALLING
ME CRAZY?

...YOU'RE
THE NAKED
WILD MAN...

A TOWN WITH NO NAME.

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, SOMEONE TRIED TO GIVE IT A PROPER NAME.

I THINK HE DIED BEFORE HE THOUGHT UP A GOOD ONE.

FOUND HIM CAMPED OUT FOUR MILES SOUTH...

WEARING NOTHING BUT A PISTOL.

APPARENTLY PUT UP A FIGHT?


HE WOULDN'T LOWER HIS WEAPON SO I HAD TO DISARM HIM.

A BUSTED ARM AND DISLOCATED SHOULDER IS TOO GOOD FOR HIM.

RECKON I'LL BE LETTING MRS. O'SHARA KNOW WE HAVE HIM IN CUSTODY, NOW.

HRMM.





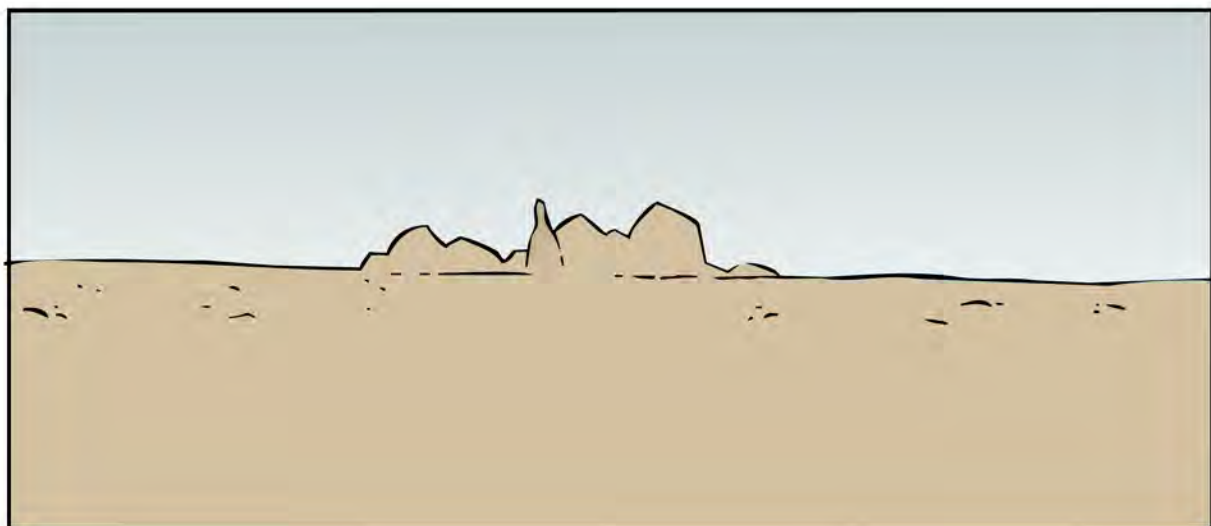
"I TOLD YOU, DEPUTY...

...SIN IS BURIED HERE."

"AND LIKE ALL TRESPASSES, IT
DON'T SAY BURIED FOR LONG."



KEEP
OUT





ONE HAS SURFACED.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, OLD MAN.

WHERE HAS IT SURFACED?



AN ACTIVE MINE.



THE OVER TAKEN MINERS ARE HEADED YOUR WAY.



OVER TAKEN?



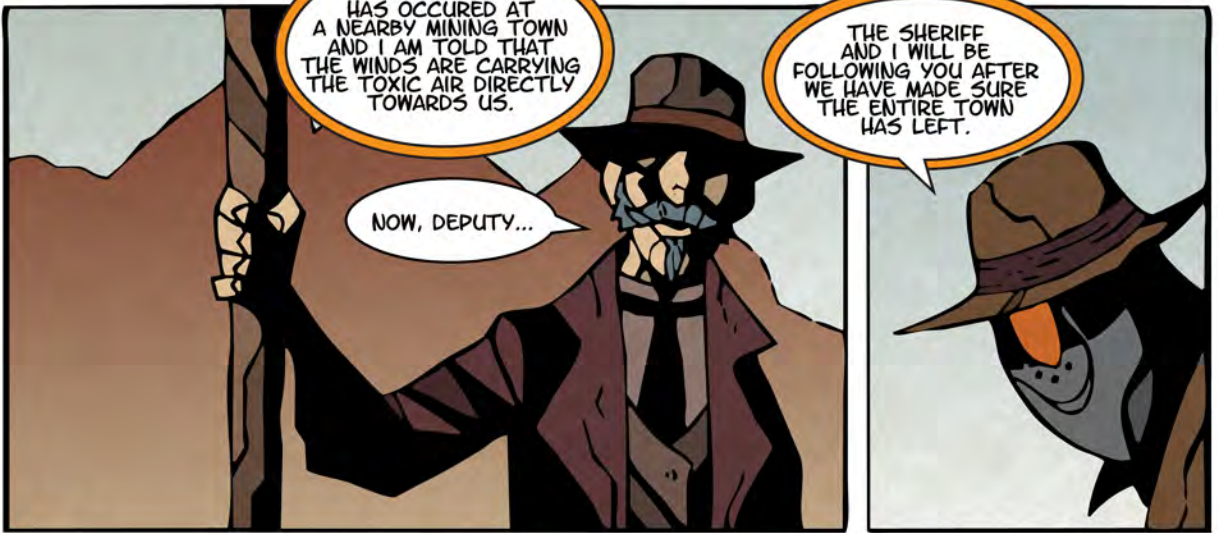
YES, THEY MUST BE DEALT WITH BEFORE CONFRONTING THE MINE.
I AM ON MY WAY TO DELIVER YOUR PEOPLE TO SAFETY.



I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN INCONVENIENCE FOR YOU ALL...

BUT IT IS FOR YOUR SAFETY.

YOU HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN BEFORE SUNDOWN.



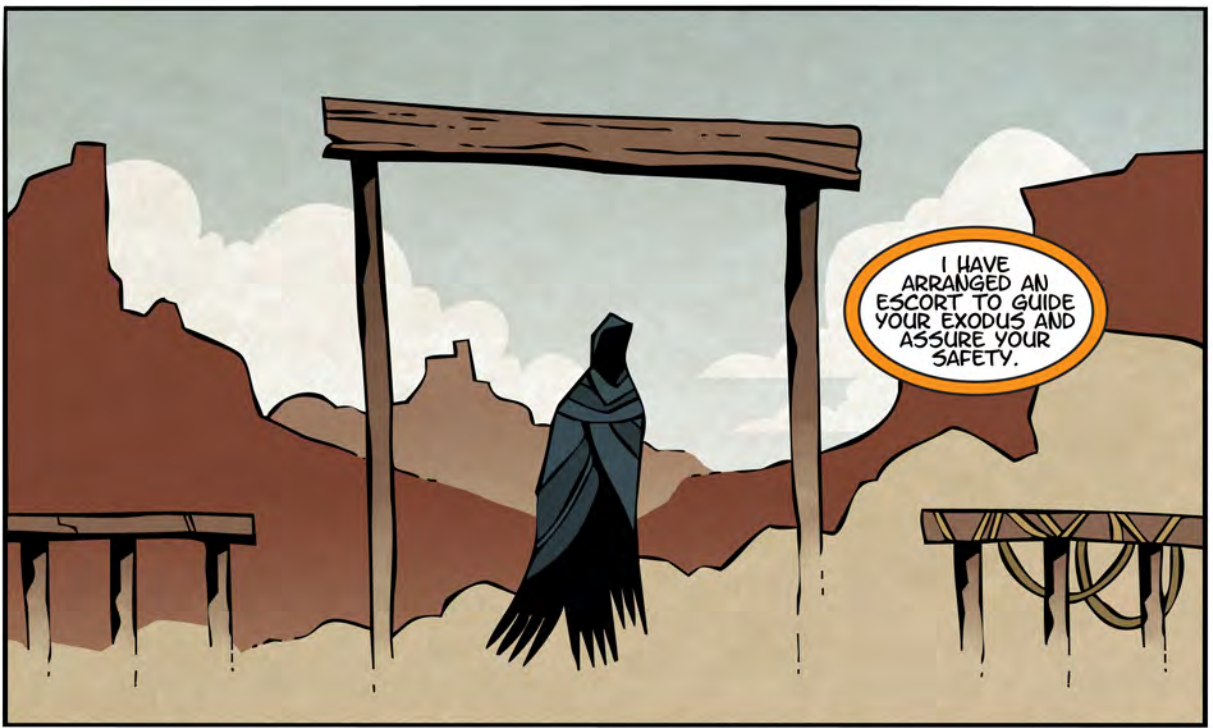
AN ACCIDENT HAS OCCURED AT A NEARBY MINING TOWN AND I AM TOLD THAT THE WINDS ARE CARRYING THE TOXIC AIR DIRECTLY TOWARDS US.

NOW, DEPUTY...

THE SHERIFF AND I WILL BE FOLLOWING YOU AFTER WE HAVE MADE SURE THE ENTIRE TOWN HAS LEFT.



TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU CAN CARRY.



I HAVE ARRANGED AN ESCORT TO GUIDE YOUR EXODUS AND ASSURE YOUR SAFETY.



I TRUST HIM COMPLETELY.



YOU WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.



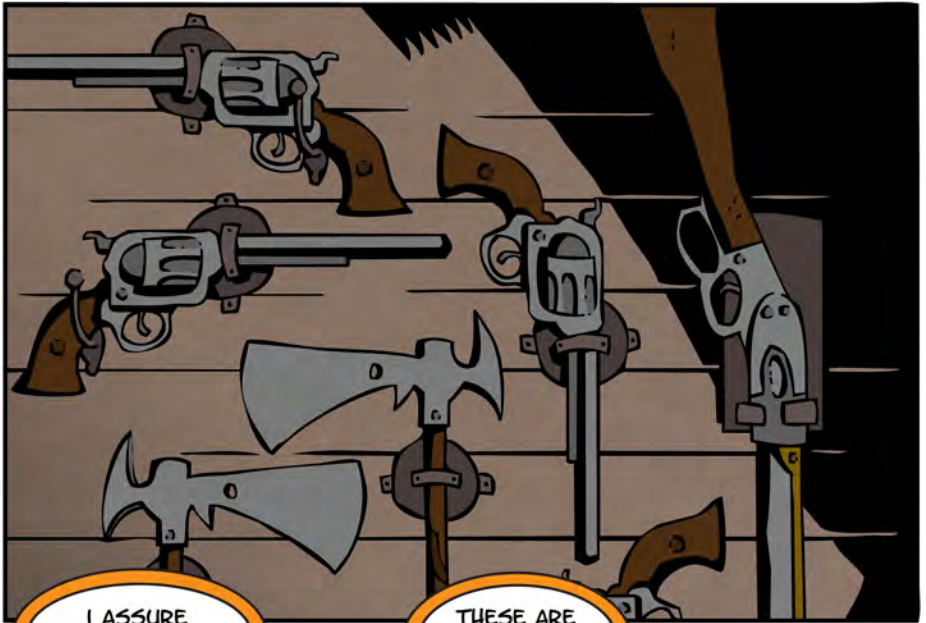
MIND EXPLAINING TO ME WHY YOU JUST SINGLE-HANDEDLY CLEARED OUT MY TOWN WITHOUT TALK'N WITH ME FIRST?

LAST TIME AH CHECKED, AH WAS THE SHERIFF AN' YOU TOOK ORDERS FROM ME



WE HAVE A SITUATION THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH.

A DANGER THAT COULD THREATEN MORE THAN THE TOWN SHOULD WE FAIL.



I ASSURE
YOU, SHERIFF...

THESE ARE
ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY.



NECESSARY
FOR WHAT?



BATTLING
A HORDE OF
THE UNDEAD?



IN A
MANNER OF
SPEAKING.



DEPUTY... WHAT
IS GOIN
ON HERE?
BEST BE
STRAIGHT
WITH ME...



THE MINERS
HAVE UNCOVERED
SOMETHING DEEP
IN THE EARTH.

A BEING
THAT HAS
SLEPT FOR
CENTURIES...

YOUR MINERS
ARE NO
LONGER HUMAN.

POSSESSED
BY THE ESSENCE
OF A SPIRIT THAT
HAS CHANGED THEM...

THEIR LIVES HAVE
ENDED.

BUT THEIR
TWISTED BODIES
NOW SERVE THE
WILL OF THAT
WHICH HAS WOKEN...

AND
WE ARE
IN THEIR
PATH.



SON,
YOU TELL'N
ME THAT YOU
EMPTIED OUT
MY TOWN...

BECAUSE
SOME MUTANT
ZOMBIES FROM
THE DEPTHS OF
HELL ARE HEAD'N
THIS WAY?



...YES.



WELP,
OK THEN.
LET'S GO TAKE
CARE OF SOME
ZOMBIES...

THEN YOU
AND I ARE
GONNA HAVE A
SQUAT, YOU
GOT SOME
EXPLAIN'N.

OUTSIDE OF TOWN

I RECKON I'D BE POINT'N OUT THE OBVIOUS BY SAY'N THIS HERE DREADED CLOUD WOULD BE OUR HORDE APPROACHING OUR RATHER OPEN SCOUT'N POSITION?

"NOW BEFORE YOU THINK THAT THE SHERIFF IS AS CRAZY AS THE OLD MAN, TRUST ME...."

...HE'S SEEN ALL SORTS OF EVIL OUT HERE."

"UNDEAD EVIL JUST TAKES A LITTLE LONGER TO KILL."

"GOTTA MAKE SURE THEY DON'T GET UP AGAIN ONCE YOU PUT A BULLET IN THEM."

YES.

THOUGHT AS MUCH.

"ANOTHER REASON I DON'T USE A GUN..."

...NOT NEARLY AS EFFECTIVE AS THE WEAPONS I'VE BEEN GIVEN."

SHERIFF, THESE THINGS WILL NOT BREAK SPEED.

THEY WILL ATTACK ONCE THEY ARE WITHIN REACH!

IGNORE THEIR APPEARANCE--

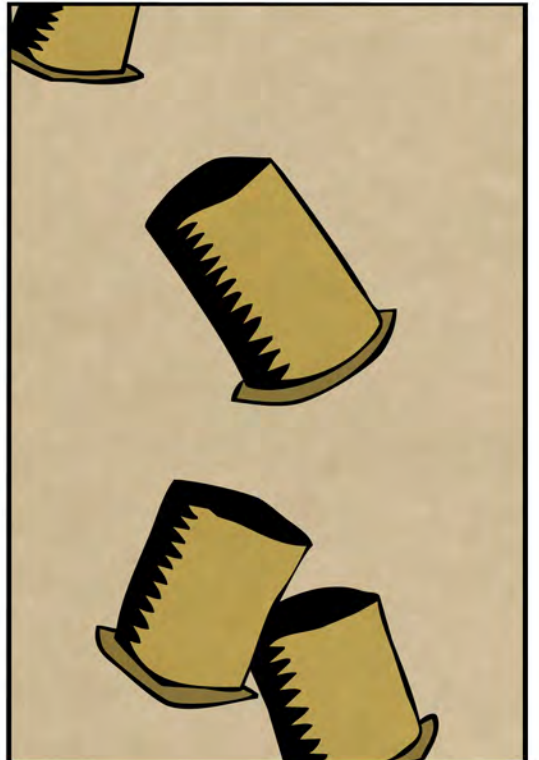
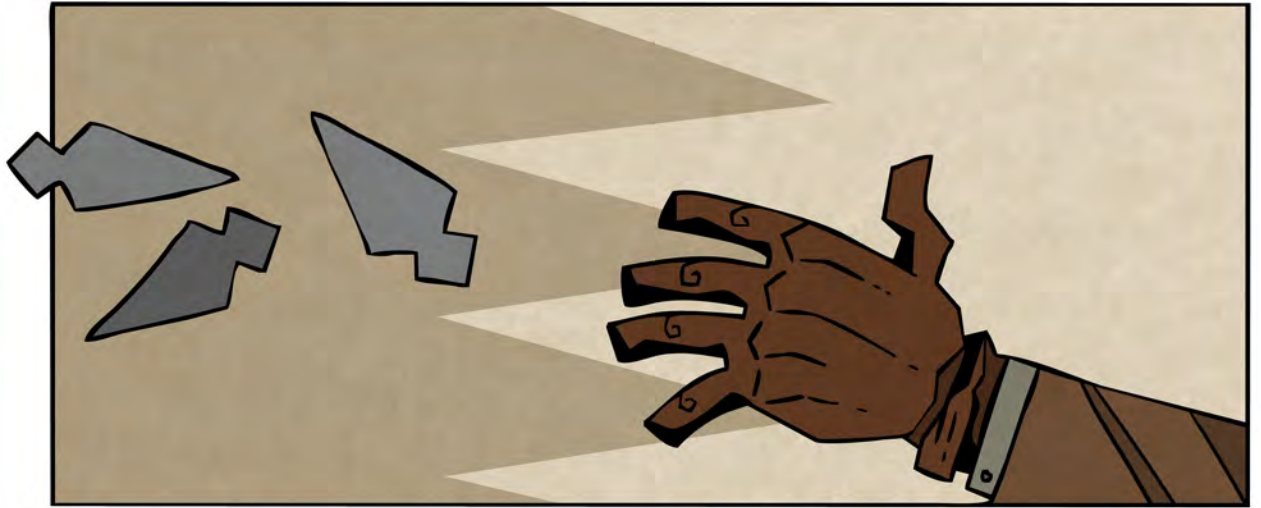


JUST
PUT 'EM
DOWN!

GOT IT!



BOOM





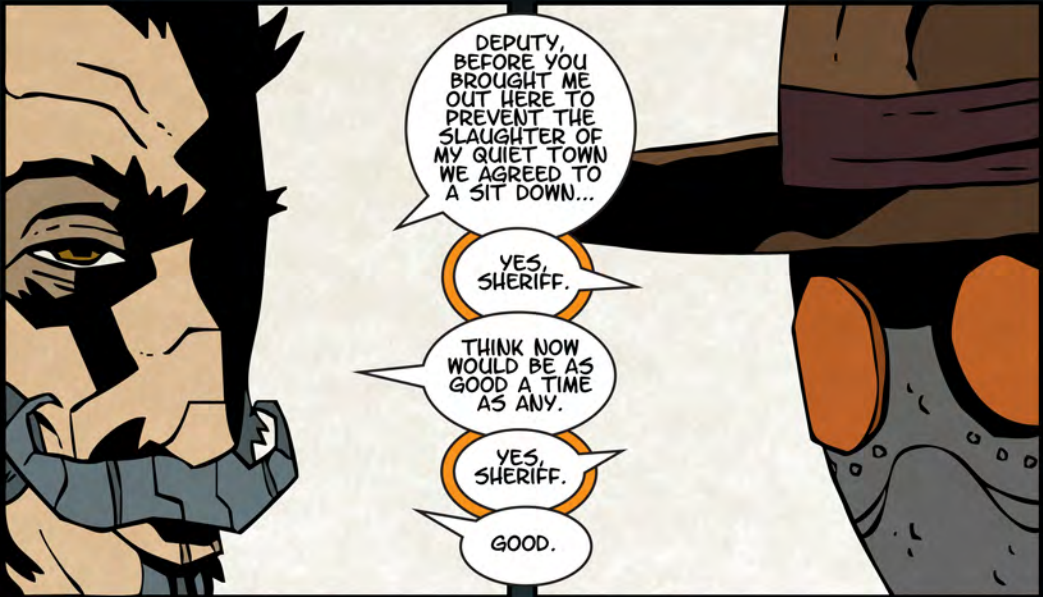












DEPUTY,
BEFORE YOU
BROUGHT ME
OUT HERE TO
PREVENT THE
SLAUGHTER OF
MY QUIET TOWN
WE AGREED TO
A SIT DOWN...

YES,
SHERIFF.

THINK NOW
WOULD BE AS
GOOD A TIME
AS ANY.

YES,
SHERIFF.

GOOD.





...LET'S
START BY
YOU EXPLAIN'N
WHO THE HELL
THIS GUY IS?