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OF COURSE I'M AVAILABLE. I WOULDN'T MISS YOUR COMEBACK.
TEN? I'LL BE THERE AT FIFTEEN TILL. ALL RIGHT, BYE.
YOU LOOK HUNGRY, MY FRIEND. HOW ABOUT A HOT DOG?
HOTDOGS
BEST IN L.A. ONLY TWO BUCKS.
PRETTY STEEP FOR HEART BURN.
NOT THESE DOGS. THE BEST IN THE CITY. FOR YOU, ONE BUCK.
WHAT THE HELL. GIMME ONE WITH THE WORKS.
ENJOY!


NOT BAD. WHAT IS THIS? TURKEY?
VERTIGO IS NORMAL. YOUR RELISH WAS MIXED WITH A HIGHLY CONCENTRATED FORM OF BOTULINUM TOXIN.
YOU MAY KNOW IT BY THE NAMES BOTULISM OR BOTOX.
TOM RAGG, LISTEN TO ME. THE TOXIN *WILL* KILL YOU IF I DON'T GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE. AND YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING IF I DON'T GET ANSWERS.
WHO WAS ON THE OTHER END OF THE PHONE?
M...MOU... MOUSETRAP.
GOOD BOY.
OH, AND ABOUT THAT ANTIDOTE--


"IT'S IN MY OTHER APRON."
OH MY GOD!
SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE!
SNAP
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...SO WE'VE SENT COYLE A MESSAGE...
YEAH, TAPED TO HIS HENCHMAN'S SHIRT.
HEH. NOW ALL OF A.S.I. IS ON HIGH ALERT. EVERYONE FROM GRUNTS TO MEGA TECH A-LISTERS WILL BE ON THE HUNT FOR MADAME MIRAGE.
THIS HAT TOO SILLY?
NOT WILD ABOUT IT. SO WE CONTINUE TO EVADE THEM, PICKING OFF EACH OFFENDER IN REVERSE PECKING ORDER...
MIRAGE'S LOOK WAS ESTABLISHED IN COYLE'S VIDEO. LET'S STICK WITH THE TRIED AND TRUE, AND FOCUS ON WHAT'S NEXT.
THAT SUCKS THE FUN RIGHT OUT OF THIS. *SIGH* ALL RIGHT--
--SO MAITLAND'S DONE, COYLE IS SWEATING, AND NOW THAT RAGE IS GONE...
...THE STAKES GET EVEN HIGHER.
ARE THOSE MY JEANS?
YOU GAVE THEM TO ME.
HUH. I GUESS I DID.

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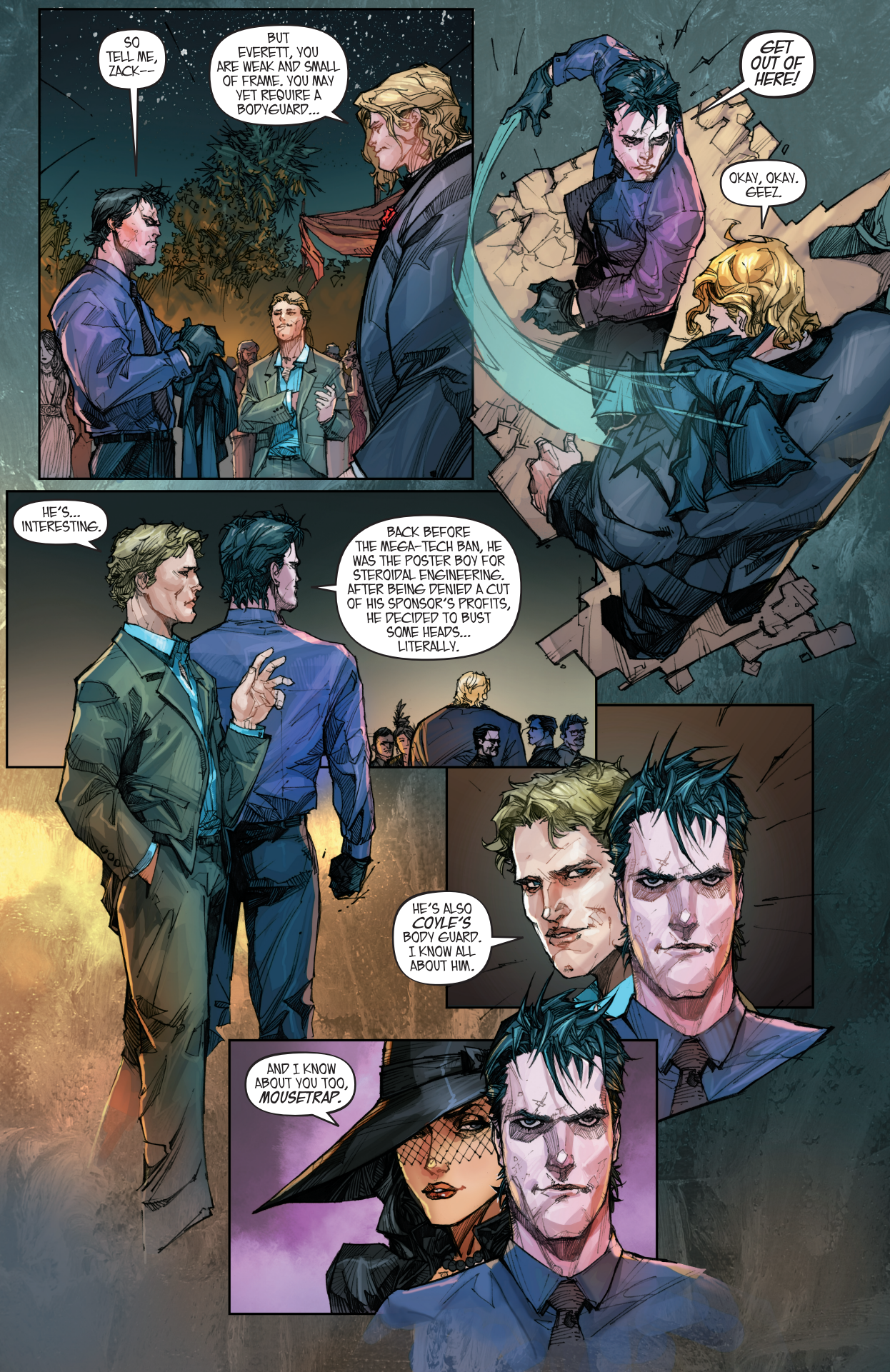
GLAD TO SEE MAITLAND'S ACCIDENT HASN'T CRAMPED YOUR LIFESTYLE, ABRAHAM.
ROGER WAS A VALUED FINANCIAL LIAISON. HOWEVER, WE HAVE OTHER CASH RESOURCES.
IF YOU DIDN'T, I WOULDN'T BE HERE.
PUT HER THROUGH.
EXCUSE ME, EVERETT.
GO AHEAD.
I SEE.
BUZZ
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, SIR, BUT BROWN RECLUSE IS ON THE LINE.


MIRAGE STRIKES AGAIN. TOM RAGG IS DEAD.
HOW DISAPPOINTING FOR TOM RAGG. AND FOR ME-- I'LL HAVE TO GET A FILL-IN FOR HIM TONIGHT.
YOU'RE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE BIGGER PICTURE? I'M LOSING PEOPLE LEFT AND RIGHT HERE!
I'M AWARE OF YOUR LITTLE PROBLEM, ABE.
A PESKY PIECE OF EYE CANDY WITH A GUN AND A DISAPPEARING ACT. TAKE IT EASY. I'LL DELIVER.
DON'T BE SO SURE. SHE GOT MAITLAND ON HER OWN, AND ALMOST TOOK OUT DUDE. IF SHE'S THIS CLOSE, SHE MAY KNOW WHAT WE'RE PLANNING.
PLEASE. TOM RAGG WAS JUST THE BAIT.
AND IN THIS GAME, THE BAIT GETS TAKEN.


EVERETT BRADLEY, A.K.A. MOUSETRAP, WAS A FARM TEAM BAD GUY BEFORE HE JOINED THE SUITS AT A.S.I.
HE USED LOW-GRADE PSYCHIC ABILITIES TO TRACK PEOPLE AND KIDNAP THEM.
TONIGHT IS HIS BIG NIGHT... HIS CHANCE TO PROVE HIMSELF TO THE BOSS.
TONIGHT, I KIDNAP ACTOR ZACK KELLY AND MILK HIS STUDIO FOR A FORTUNE IN RANSOM. HE'S HIGH PROFILE, SO THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ERROR. I'LL NEED AS MUCH OF MY OLD CREW THERE AS POSSIBLE, TOM. YOU AVAILABLE?
OF COURSE I'M AVAILABLE. I WOULDN'T MISS YOUR COMEBACK.
MEET ME AT THE KELLY MANSION. PARTY STARTS AT TEN.
TEN? I'LL BE THERE AT FIFTEEN TILL.
CLICK
IT'S SHOWTIME.


ZACK KELLY.
HOLLYWOOD PARTIES ARE ALL THE SAME. TAWDRY GLITZ, SKIN-DEEP GLAMOUR.
YEAH, ISN'T IT AWESOME?
YOUR BAILEYS ON ICE, MR. KELLY.
I DIDN'T ORDER THAT.
I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT?
ARE YOU DEAF?! I *SAID* I DIDN'T ORDER THAT. TURN YOUR TRAY IN TO MY BUTLER. YOU'RE *FIRED*.
OH, I'M SO SORRY, SIR.
GOT THE VOX. ON TO STEP TWO.
CLICK
YOU'RE FIRED.


KELLY'S UP FRONT MACKIN' ON SOME CHICA.
GOOD. THAT'S JUST WHERE I WANT HIM.
AWESOME. CALL MEG ON MONDAY AND WE'LL SET IT UP.
OOF!
OW! THE SHOULDER, DUDE! I JUST GOT SHOT THERE!
MY APOLOGIES, GENTLEMEN! I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE MET.
I'M ZACK KELLY.
EVERETT BRADLEY.
I *THOUGHT* YOU SAID HE WAS UP *FRONT*.
APPARENTLY DUDE HAS ERRED.
I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR SUIT.
NO PROBLEM. MY FRIEND WILL FETCH MY SPARE FROM THE CAR.


SO TELL ME, ZACK--
BUT EVERETT, YOU ARE WEAK AND SMALL OF FRAME. YOU MAY YET REQUIRE A BODYGUARD...
GET OUT OF HERE!
OKAY, OKAY. GEEZ.
HE'S... INTERESTING.
BACK BEFORE THE MEGA-TECH BAN, HE WAS THE POSTER BOY FOR STEROIDAL ENGINEERING. AFTER BEING DENIED A CUT OF HIS SPONSOR'S PROFITS, HE DECIDED TO BUST SOME HEADS... LITERALLY.
HE'S ALSO COYLE'S BODY GUARD. I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM.
AND I KNOW ABOUT YOU TOO, MOUSETRAP.


I HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED THAT, AT LEAST TO MY FACE, IN A LONG TIME.
MOVE IT, EVERETT.
YOU'RE ALREADY PAYING FOR MY DRY-CLEANING. IT'D BE A SHAME FOR YOU TO ALSO PAY MY TAILOR.
I'LL ADD YOUR UNDERTAKER TO THE LIST.
GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT, DON'T YOU?
STOP YOUR SQUEAKING.
JUST ONE THING. YOU EVER WONDER WHY I CHOSE THE CODE NAME MOUSETRAP?

Lucky, lucky boy. Haven't you guessed, Jackie?
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And you'll *pay the price*.







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I TOLD YOU TO ST--
NOW!
YOU'RE RIGHT, EVERETT. SHE IS HOT.
SNAP.
SNAP!


I'M FLATTERED GENTLEMEN, REALLY. BUT I'M CURIOUS-- WHAT'S KELLY'S STAKE IN THIS?
MOVIES ARE A SNORE. I WANT MORE EXCITEMENT-- LIFE AND DEATH STAKES.
WHOA. LOOK WHO IT IS. DUDE OWES YOU A WORLD OF HURT, MISS M.
BACK OFF, DUDE. I WANT TO MAKE THIS HIT MYSELF.
BLAM
AH! DAMMIT! ONCE AGAIN, DUDE GETS THE DIS!
I WANT GUARDS AT ALL THE EXITS. NO ONE LEAVES UNTIL SHE IS CAPTURED OR DEAD.
NOW THIS IS A PARTY!


BRO, YOU GOT ANY BANDAGES?
SHUT IT. THIS IS HARD ENOUGH TO DO IN QUIET.
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GETTING OUT THE FRONT DOOR. GOT TO BE A WINDOW IN HERE...
SHE'S IN THE STUDY!


LET ME THROUGH. SHE'S MINE.
LAST TIME YOU HAD HER, YOU SHOT DUDE.
HE'S USED TO IT.
I HEAR THAT YOU CAN'T TOUCH HER... LIKE A GHOST!
I FELT THE BLADE OF THE KNIFE SHE HELD AGAINST MY KIDNEY. IF SHE CAN HOLD A KNIFE--
--SHE CAN BE SHOT.
STAY SHARP.


SLAM
DAMN IT!
I SEE HER! DOWN THE HALL!
BLAM
BLAM
I... I'M SHOT? YOU' FUCKIN' SHOT ME!
LIFE AND DEATH STAKES, MR. KELLY. EXCITING ENOUGH FOR YOU?
THERE!
SHE'S MESSING WITH US.


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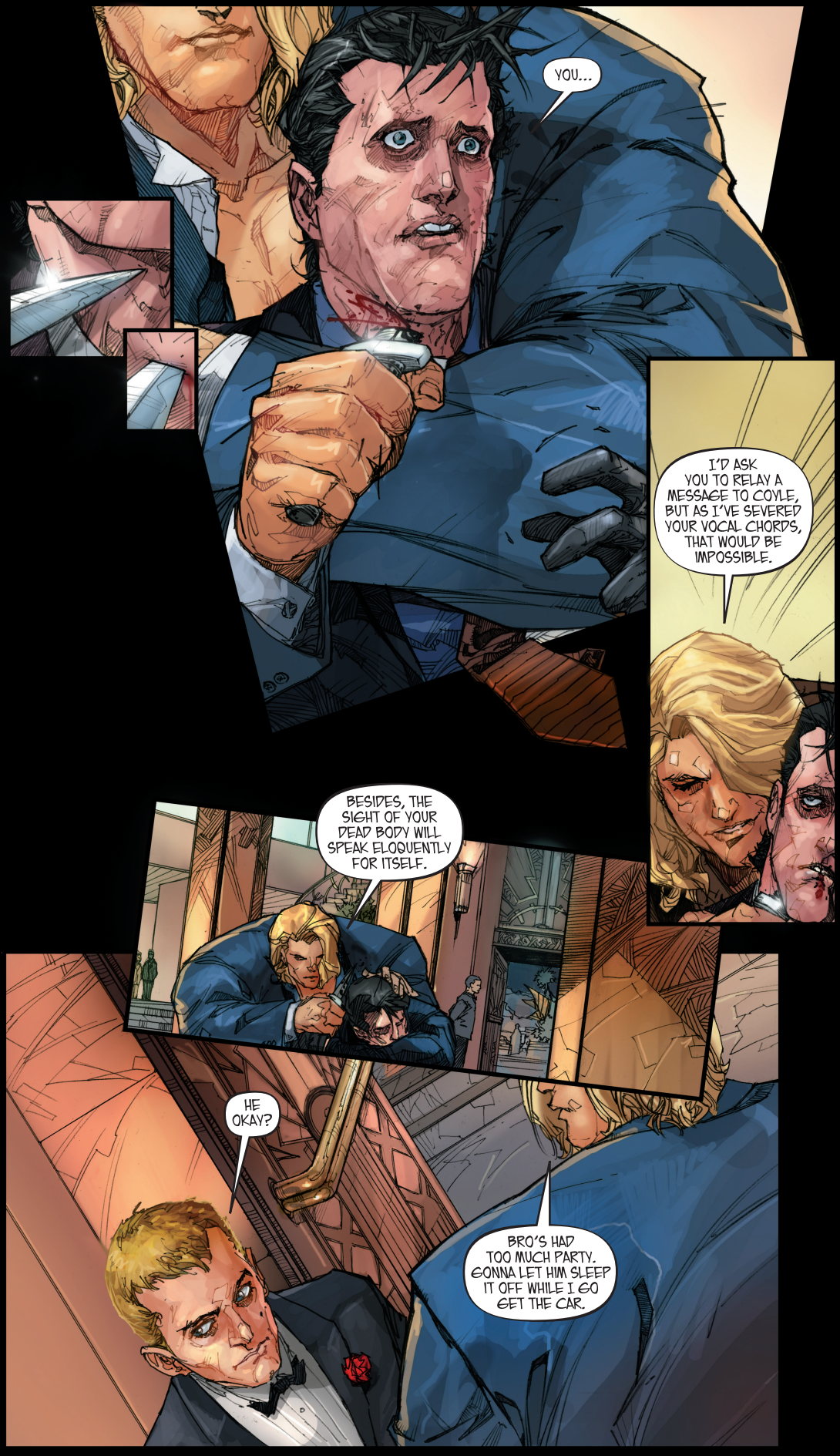
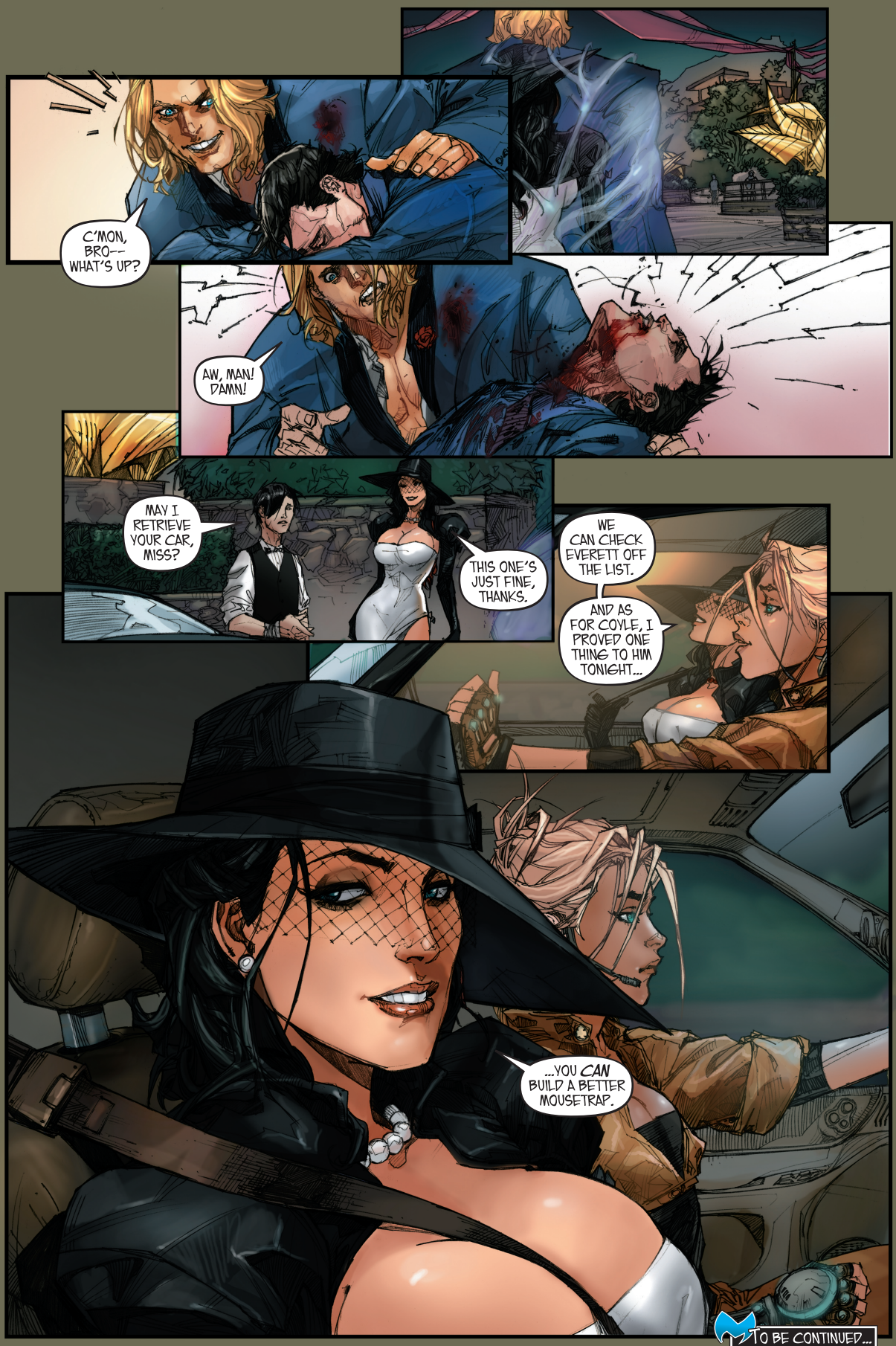
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THREE GUESSES.
BLAMBLAMBLAM
SON OF A--


MANNERS, MOUSE. THERE'S A LADY PRESENT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I NEED HELP IN HERE!


WE LOOKED EVERYWHERE, BUT SHE DID THE HOUDINI ON US.
IMPOSSIBLE.
THE WAY SHE WAS COMING AND GOING, MAN...LIKE MAGIC.
NO. IT'S PARLOR TRICKS. *ILLUSIONS.*
YOUR DISMISSAL OF MY METHODS ARE ARROGANT, EVERETT. BESIDES, YOU FELL FOR IT. ALL OF IT.
SNAP.


YOU...
I'D ASK YOU TO RELAY A MESSAGE TO COYLE, BUT AS I'VE SEVERED YOUR VOCAL CHORDS, THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
BESIDES, THE SIGHT OF YOUR DEAD BODY WILL SPEAK ELOQUENTLY FOR ITSELF.
HE OKAY?
BRO'S HAD TOO MUCH PARTY. GONNA LET HIM SLEEP IT OFF WHILE I GO GET THE CAR.


C'MON, BRO-- WHAT'S UP?
AW, MAN! DAMN!
MAY I RETRIEVE YOUR CAR, MISS?
THIS ONE'S JUST FINE, THANKS.
WE CAN CHECK EVERETT OFF THE LIST.
AND AS FOR COYLE, I PROVED ONE THING TO HIM TONIGHT...
...YOU CAN BUILD A BETTER MOUSETRAP.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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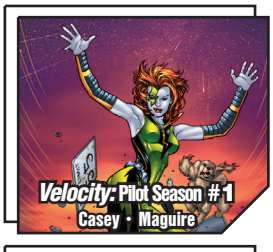







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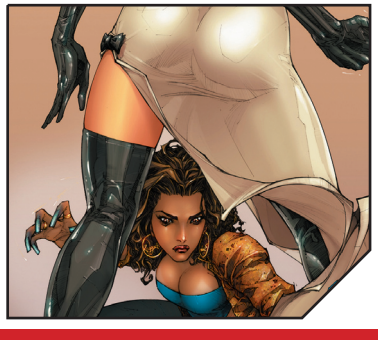



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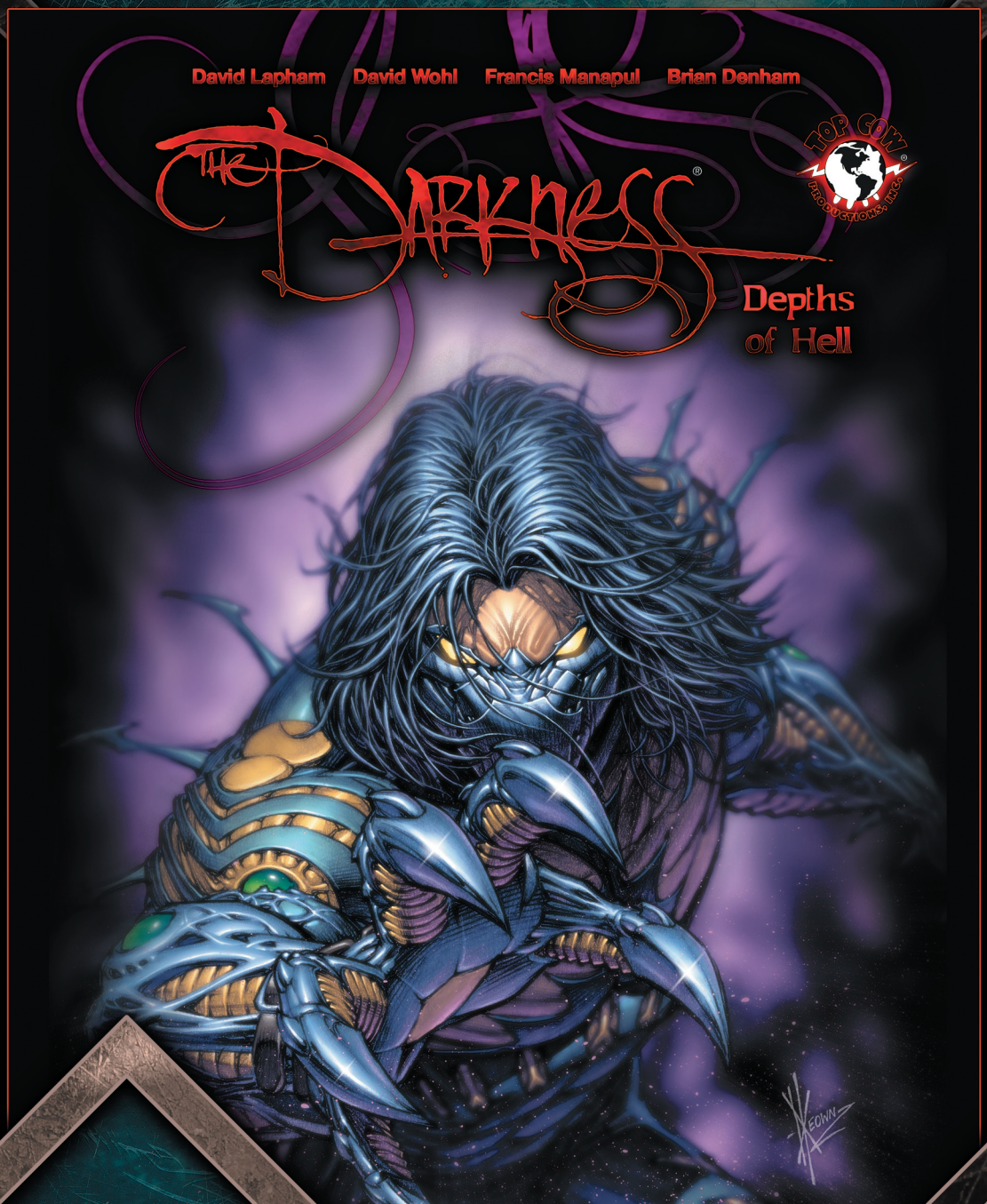

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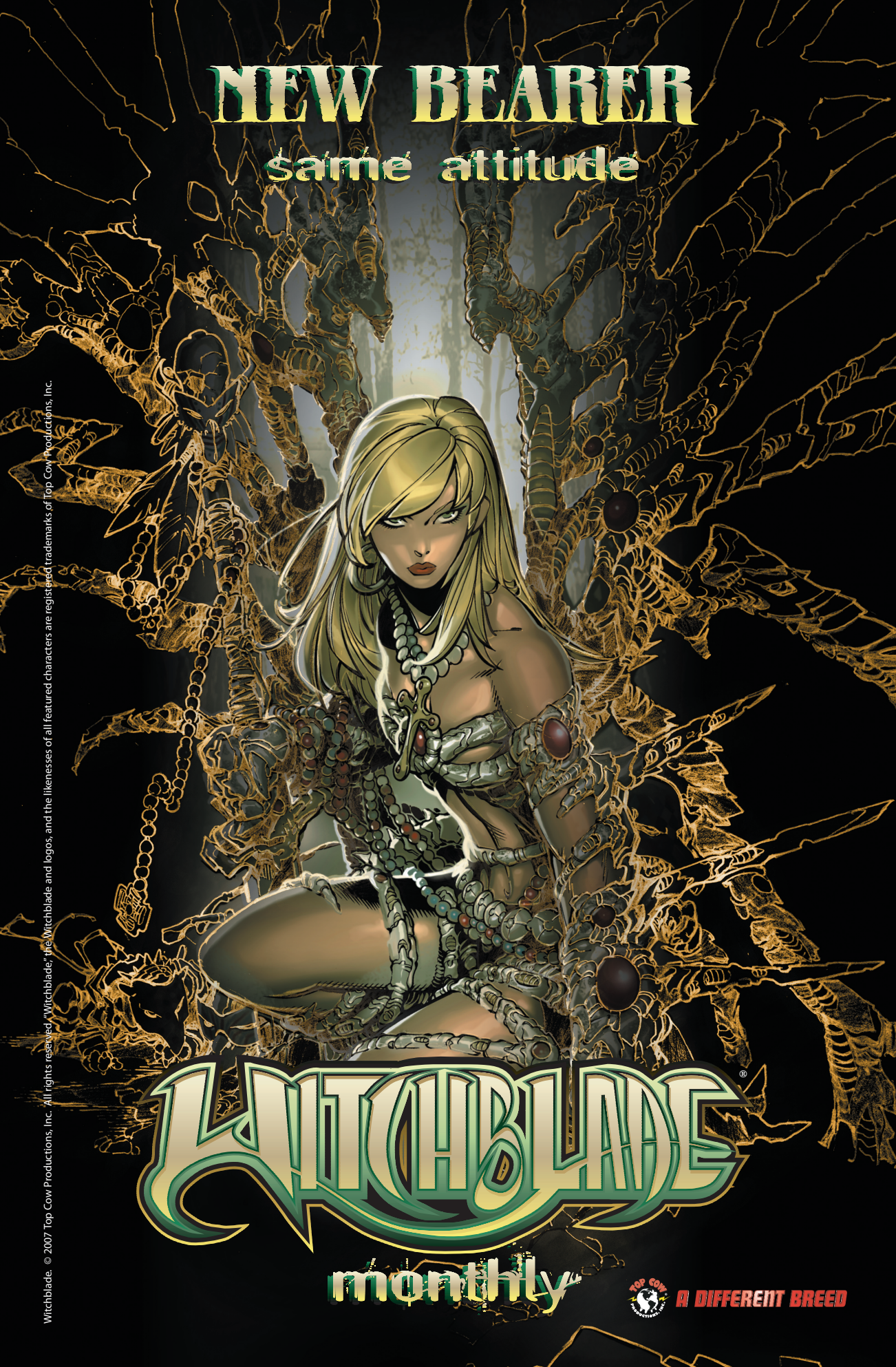

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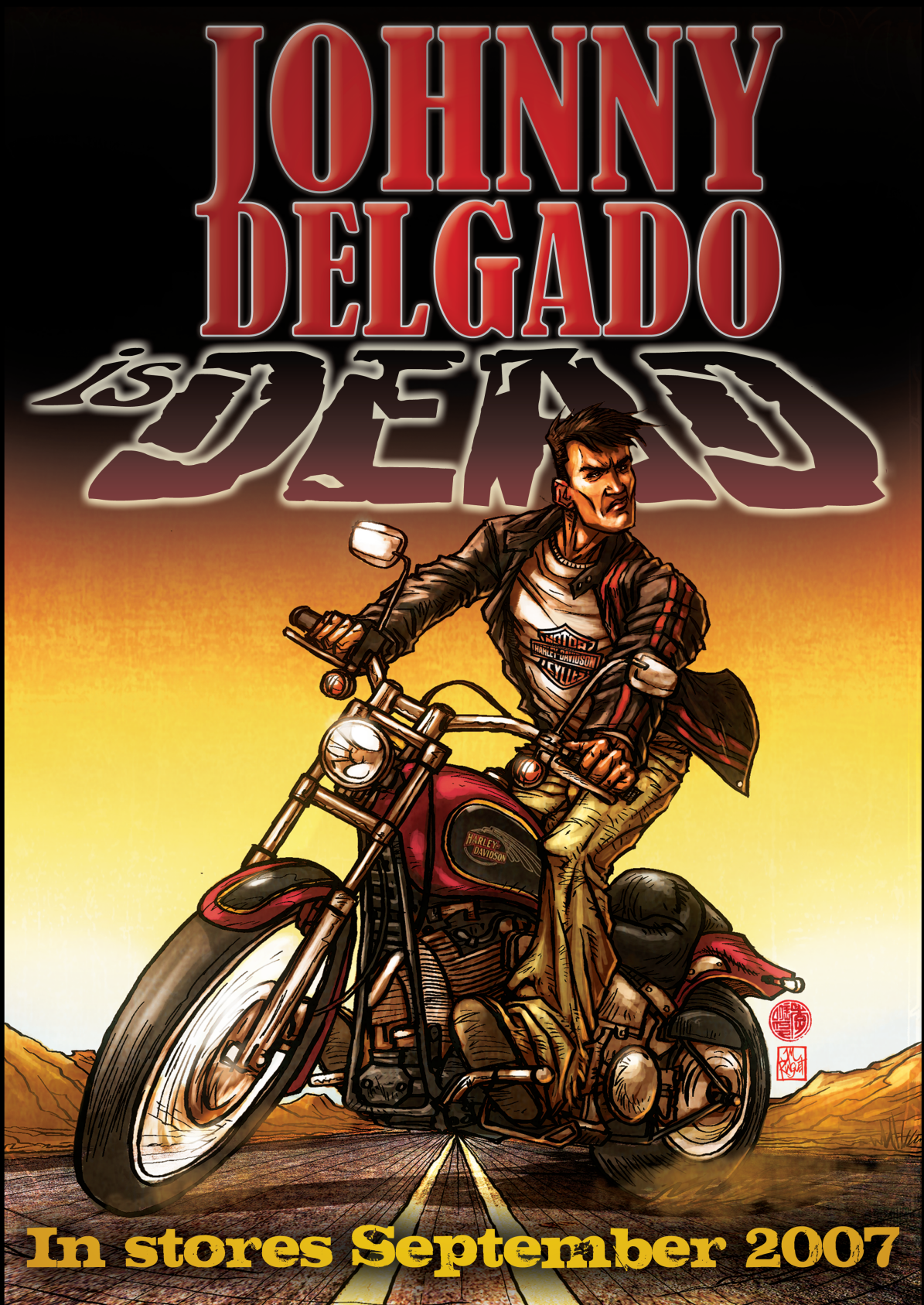

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