
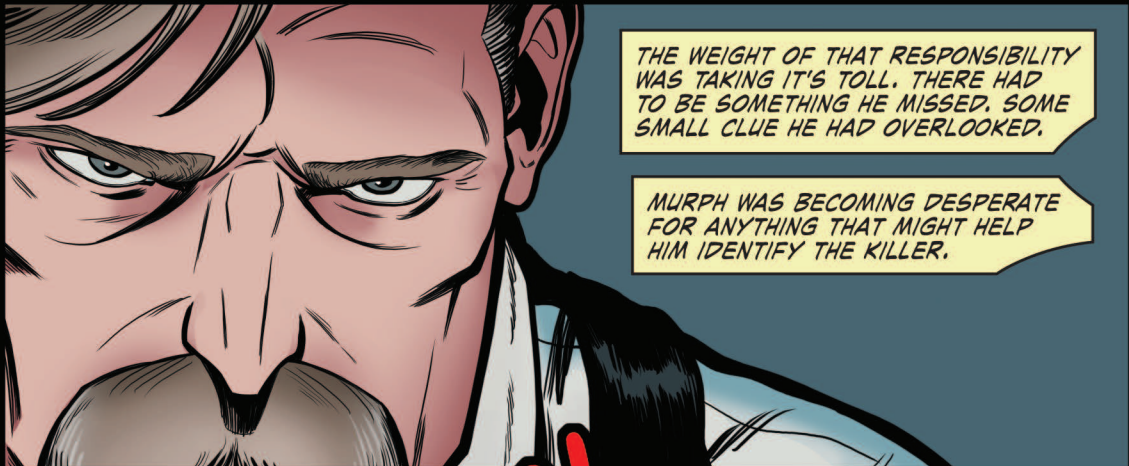


MURPH EXAMINED HUNDREDS OF PHOTOS AND FILES TRYING TO RECALL THE VOICE MATCHING THE KILLER'S CALL, ANY SUSPECT MATCHING THE KILLER'S DESCRIPTION.

AS EACH DAY SLIPPED BY, MURPH'S ANXIETY ROSE. MONDAY AND TUESDAY PASSED WITHOUT A BREAK IN THE CASE.




BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THE ENTIRE TEAM WAS EXHAUSTED. BUT MURPH COULDN'T GO HOME. WITH EACH MURDER EXACTLY A WEEK APART, THIS WAS LIKELY THE EVE OF A FOURTH VICTIM. HIS FOURTH VICTIM.



THE WEIGHT OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY WAS TAKING IT'S TOLL. THERE HAD TO BE SOMETHING HE MISSED. SOME SMALL CLUE HE HAD OVERLOOKED.

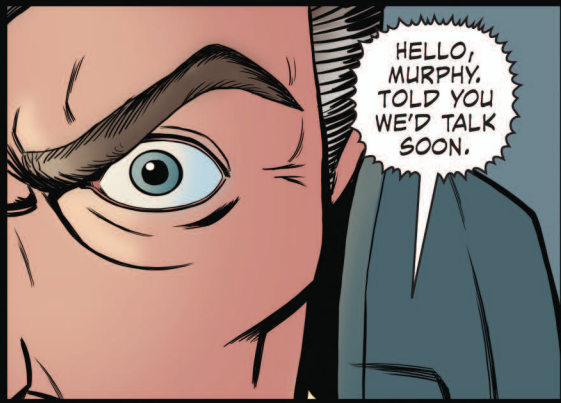
MURPH WAS BECOMING DESPERATE FOR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HELP HIM IDENTIFY THE KILLER.



BZZRING!



DETECTIVE MURPHY.



HELLO, MURPHY. TOLD YOU WE'D TALK SOON.



YES, YOU DID... BUT YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOUR NAME. IT SEEMS A BIT UNFAIR THAT YOU KNOW WHO I AM BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE. WHY DON'T WE EVEN THE PLAYING FIELD?



WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHO I AM? YOU NEVER SEEMED TO CARE MUCH BEFORE.

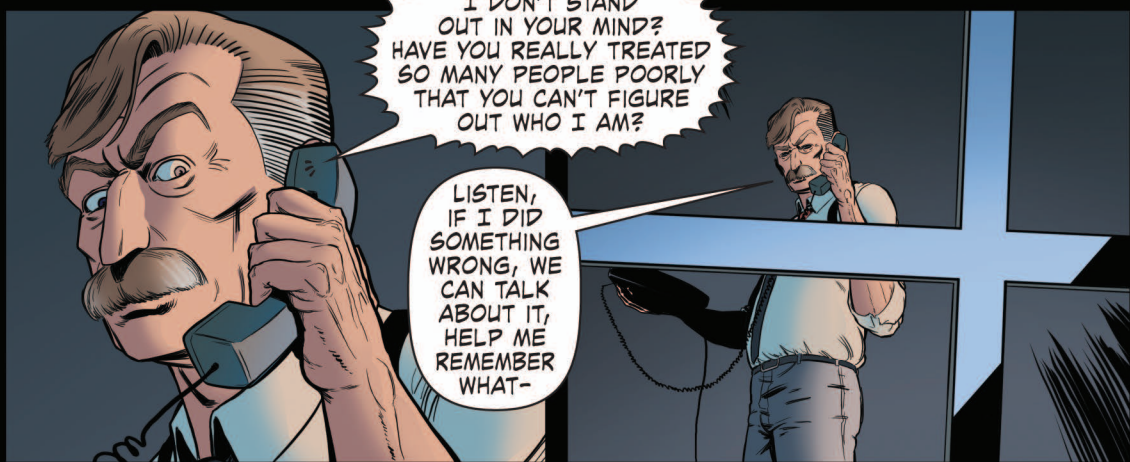
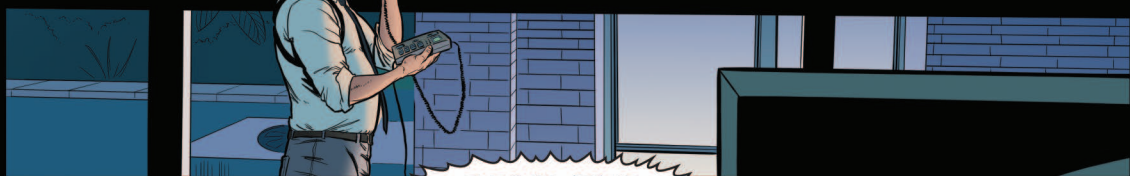
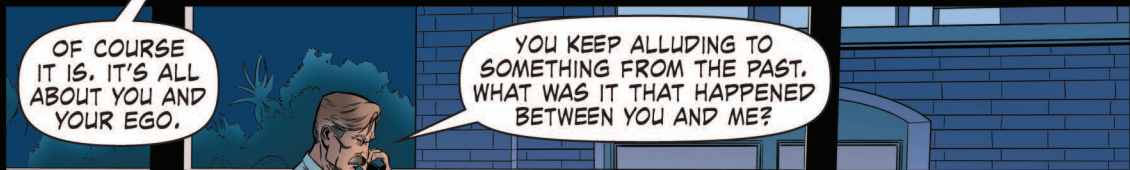
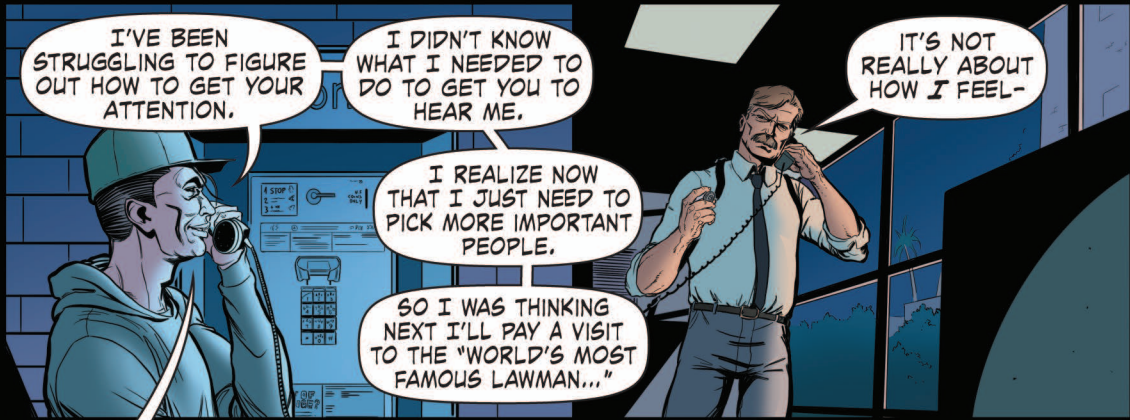
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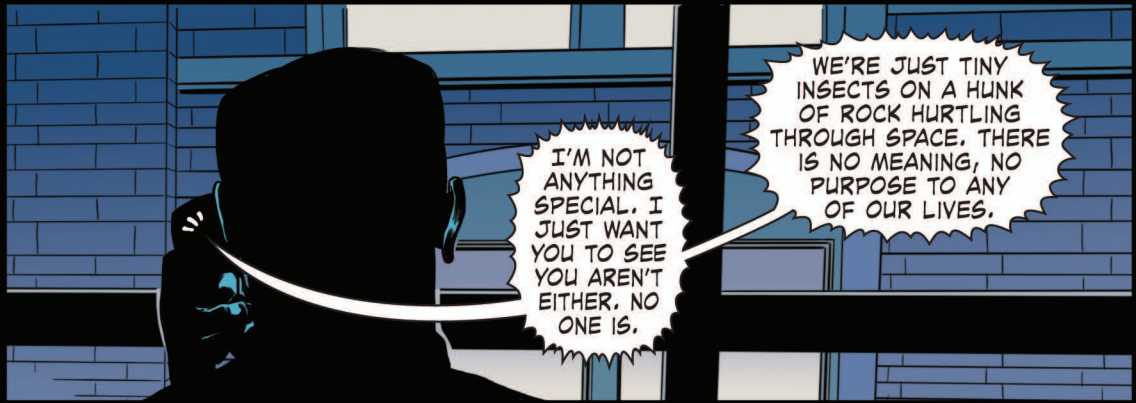


WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME WHO YOU ARE, WHAT'S THE REASON FOR YOUR CALL?

I'M CALLING TO THANK YOU.

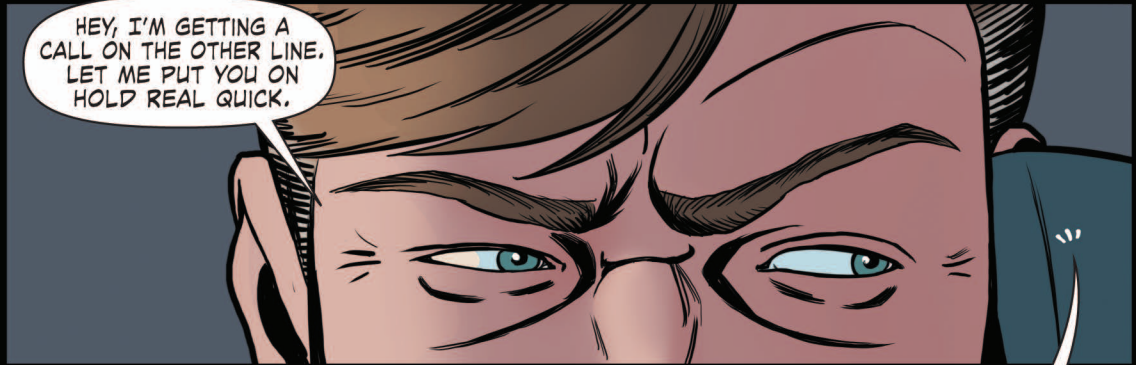
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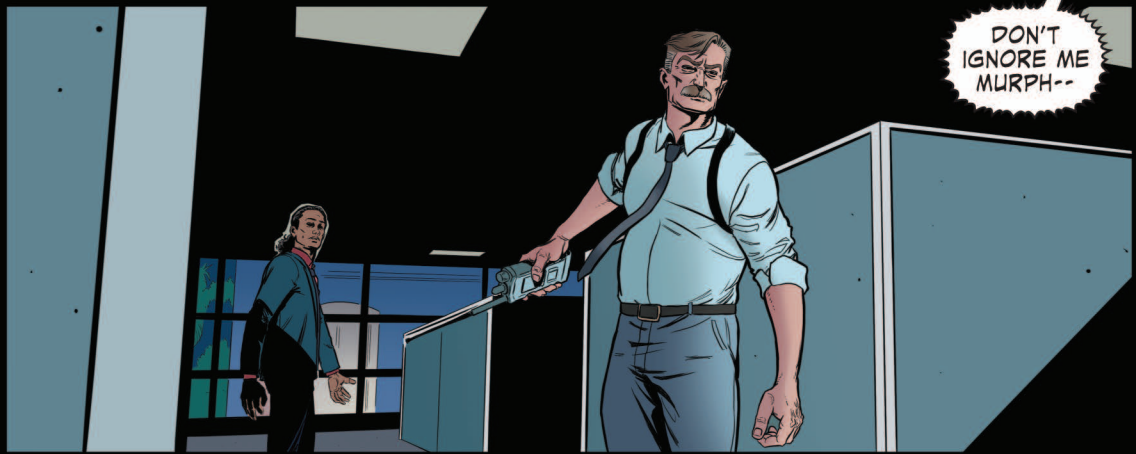


I'M NOT ANYTHING SPECIAL. I JUST WANT YOU TO SEE YOU AREN'T EITHER. NO ONE IS.

WE'RE JUST TINY INSECTS ON A HUNK OF ROCK HURLING THROUGH SPACE. THERE IS NO MEANING, NO PURPOSE TO ANY OF OUR LIVES.



HEY, I'M GETTING A CALL ON THE OTHER LINE. LET ME PUT YOU ON HOLD REAL QUICK.

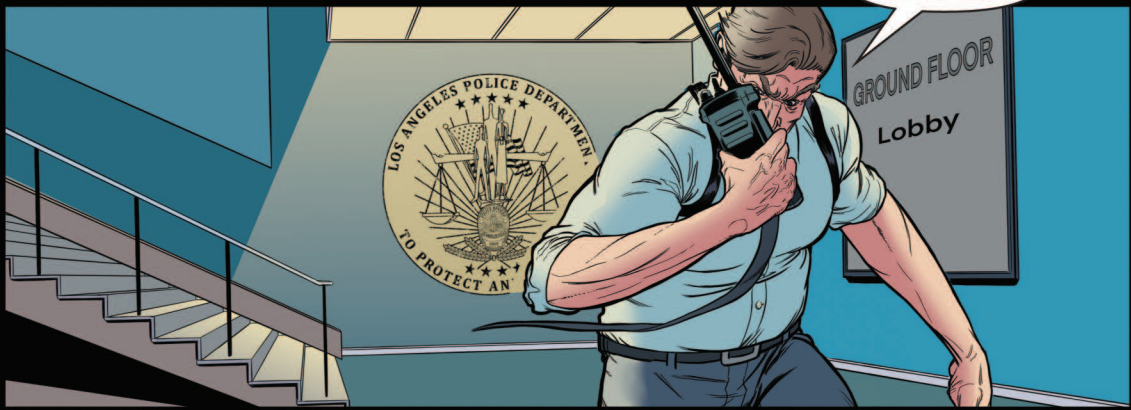


DON'T IGNORE ME MURPH--



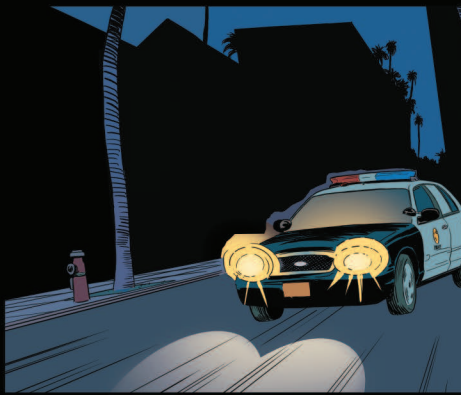
MURPH?

STAIRS











PATROL UNITS SEARCHED THE AREA FOR SEVERAL HOURS, BUT IN THE END NO SUSPECT WAS LOCATED. HE LIKELY ESCAPED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE MARKED POLICE UNITS.

WEDNESDAY HAD COME AND GONE. MURPH HAD HIS CHANCE TO CATCH THE KILLER AND FAILED.

THURSDAY WAS HERE, AND WITH IT ANOTHER VICTIM.

