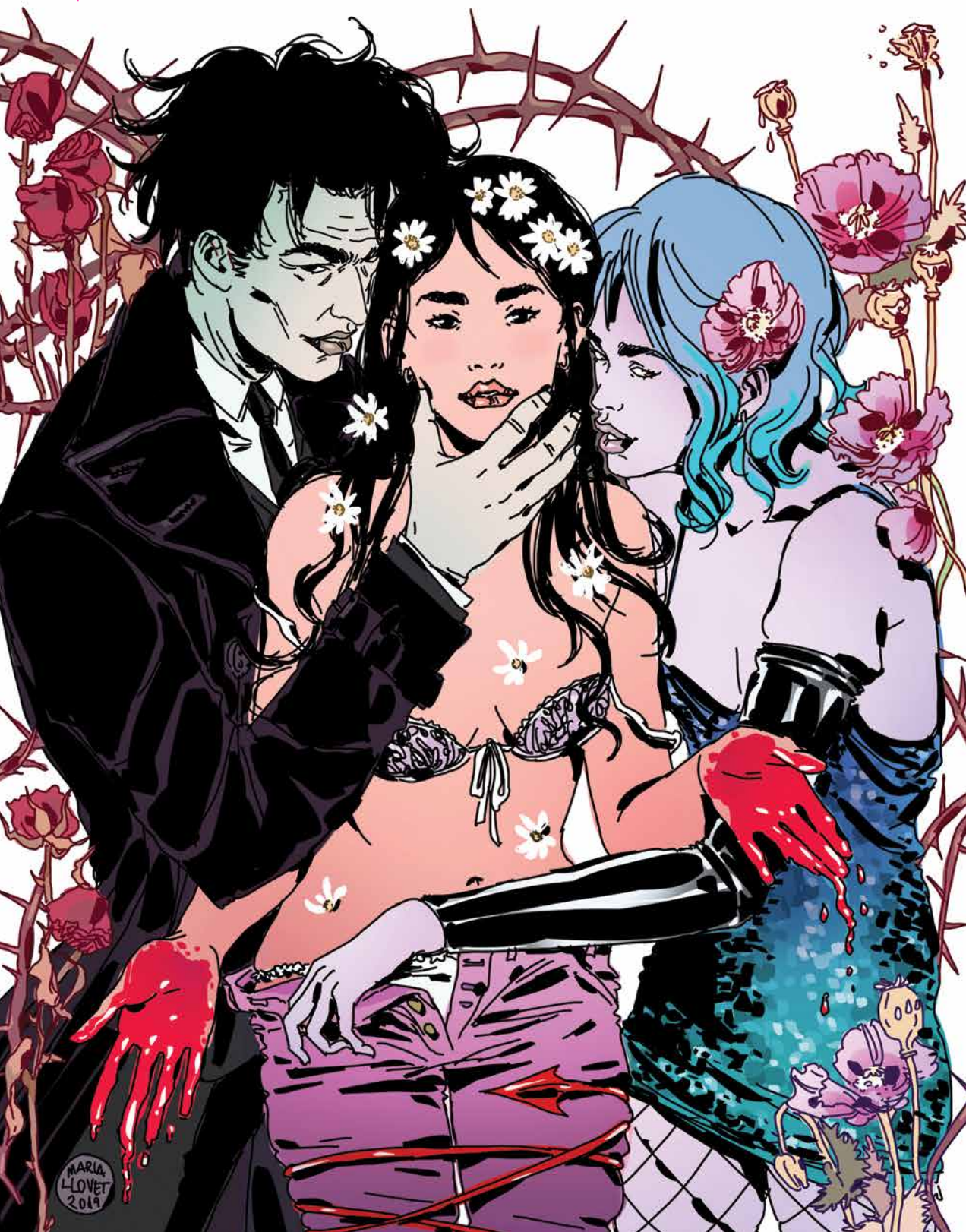


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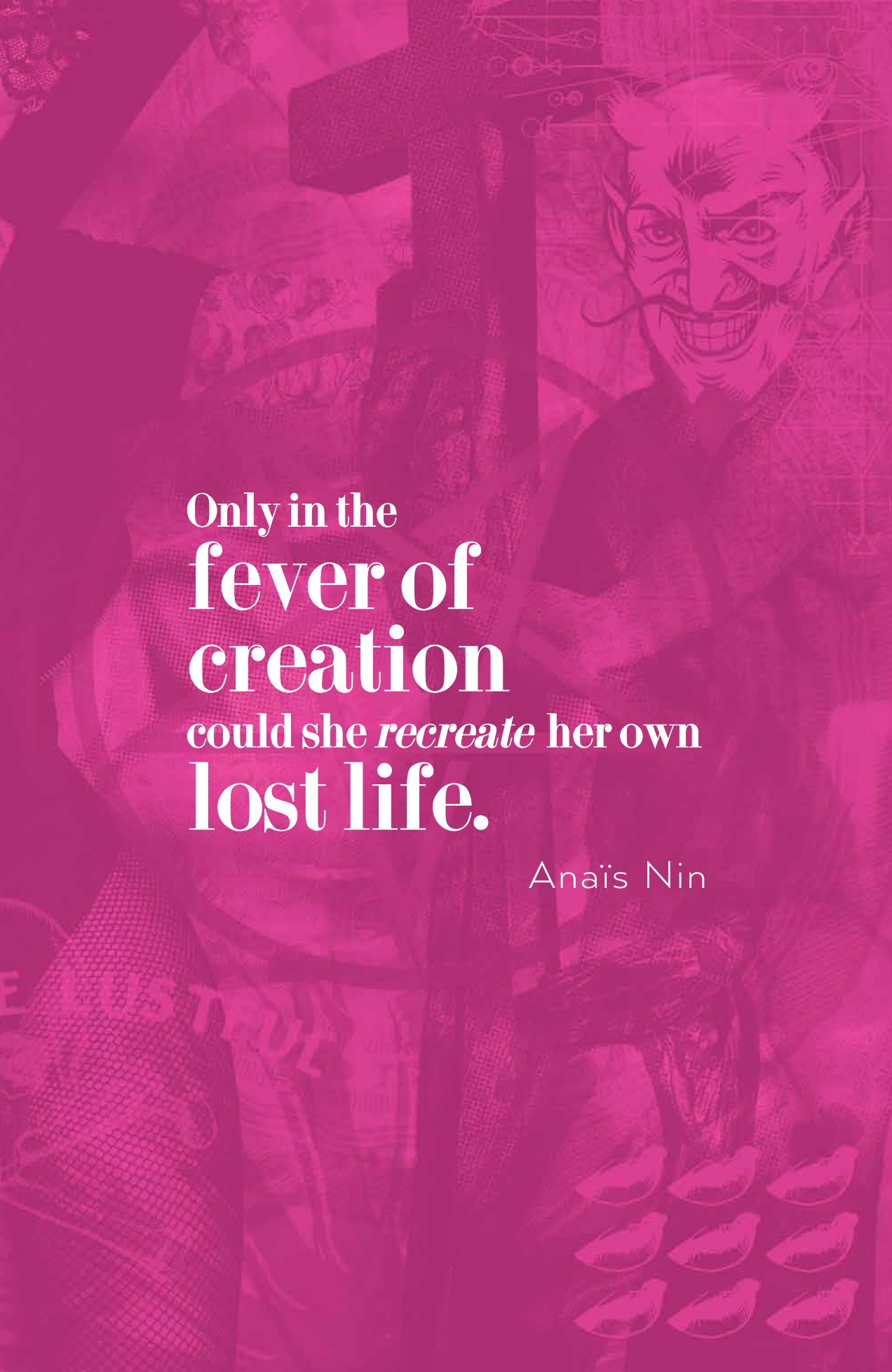
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ABOUT
MY
SATANIC
AGENDA

CIRCLE 11 - THE

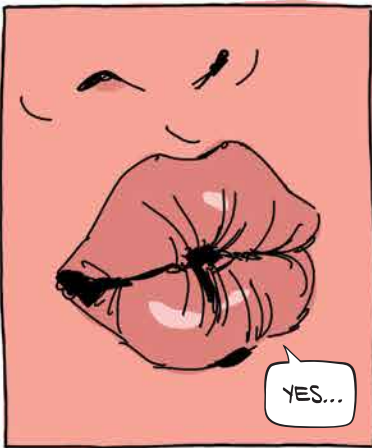
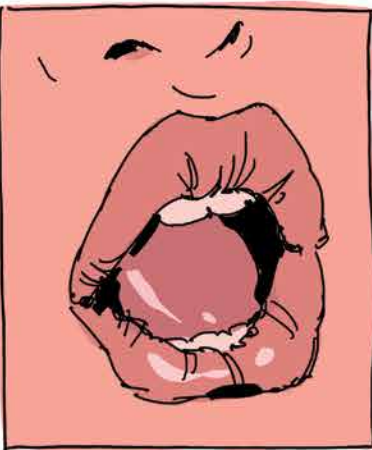
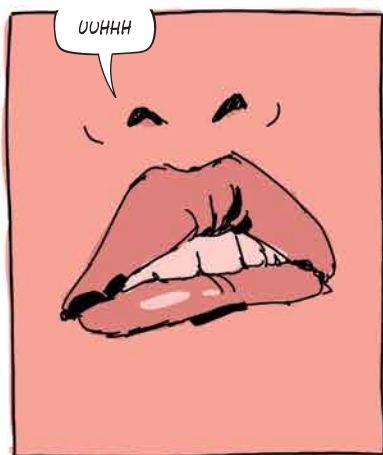


Only in the
**fever of
creation**
could she *recreate* her own
lost life.

Anaïs Nin

Chapter

One



























IT WAS A JOKE, I'M SORRY.

HOW CAN THAT BE? YOU *KNEW* HIM-- I ASSUME YOU HAD A RELATIONSHIP...

WHICH WAS A JOKE, TOO.



SERIOUSLY?

I MAKE LIGHT OF THINGS I SHOULDN'T. MY THERAPIST SAYS IT'S A DEFENSE MECHANISM.

YOU HAVE A THERAPIST?

SOME GUY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL.



SERIOUSLY.

LOOK, JUST BUY ME A DRINK AND WE'LL FORGET ABOUT IT, OKAY?



I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY.

OH.

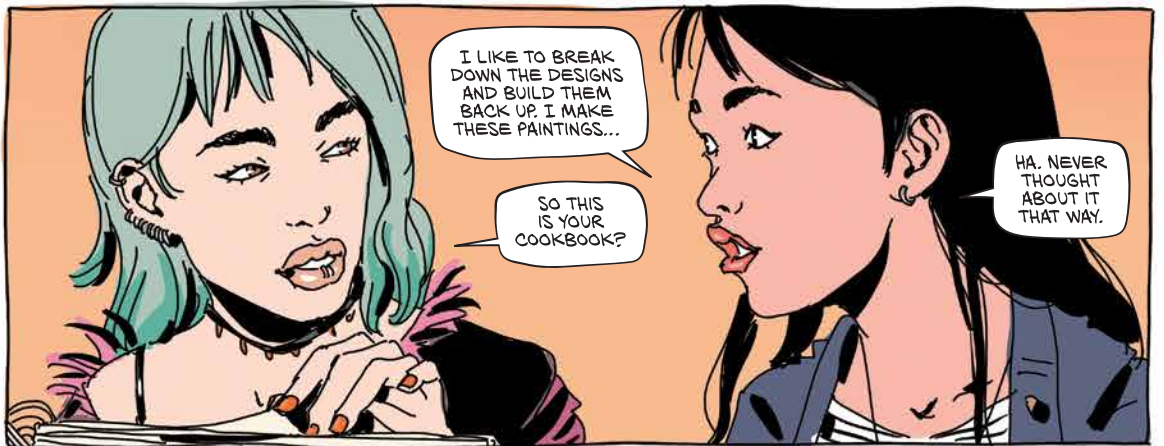


WELL, THEN, I'LL--

EXCUSE ME!

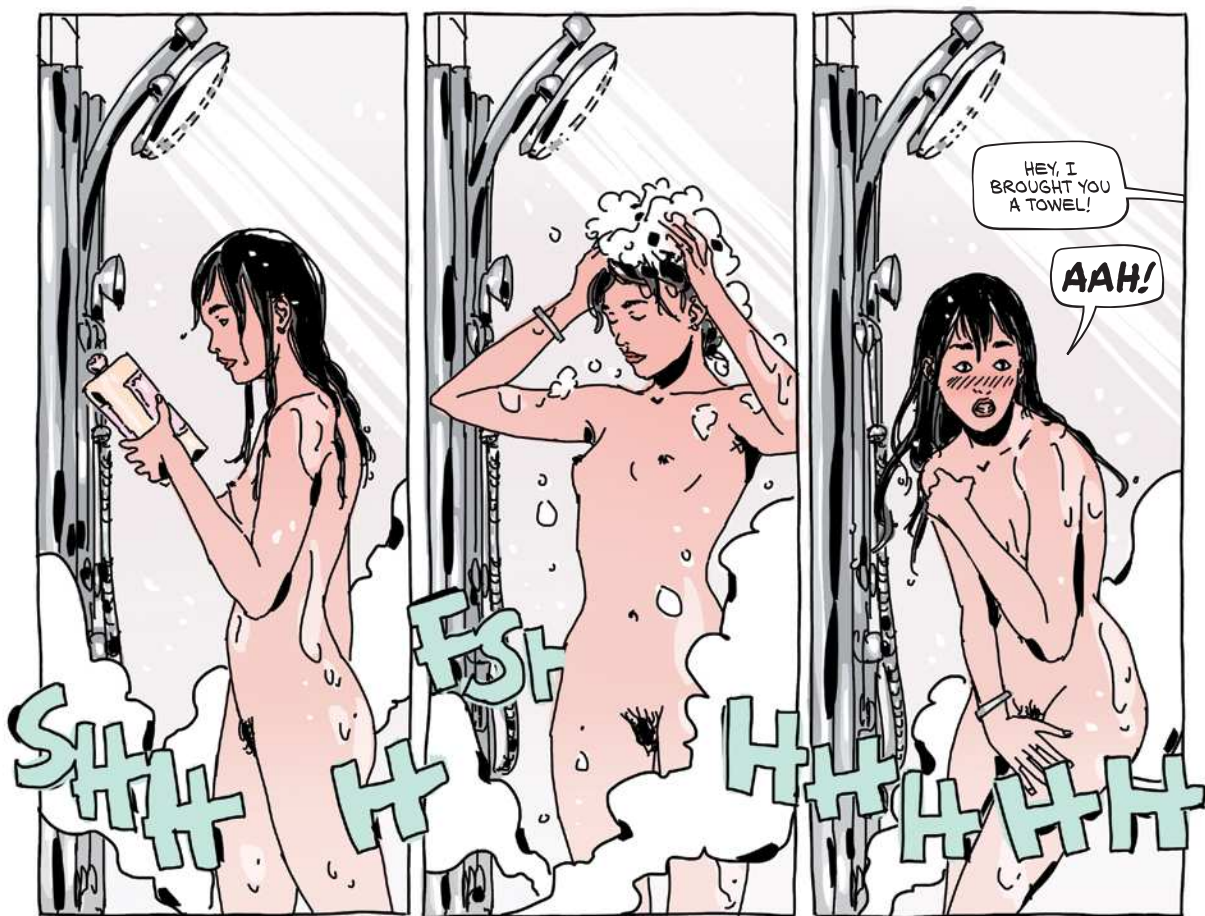
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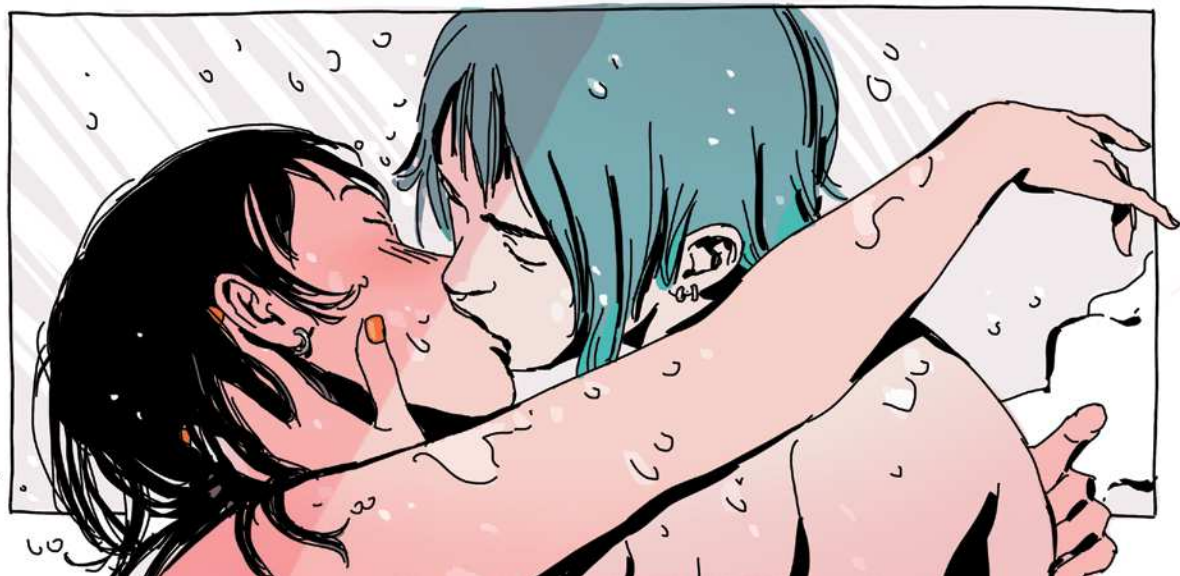






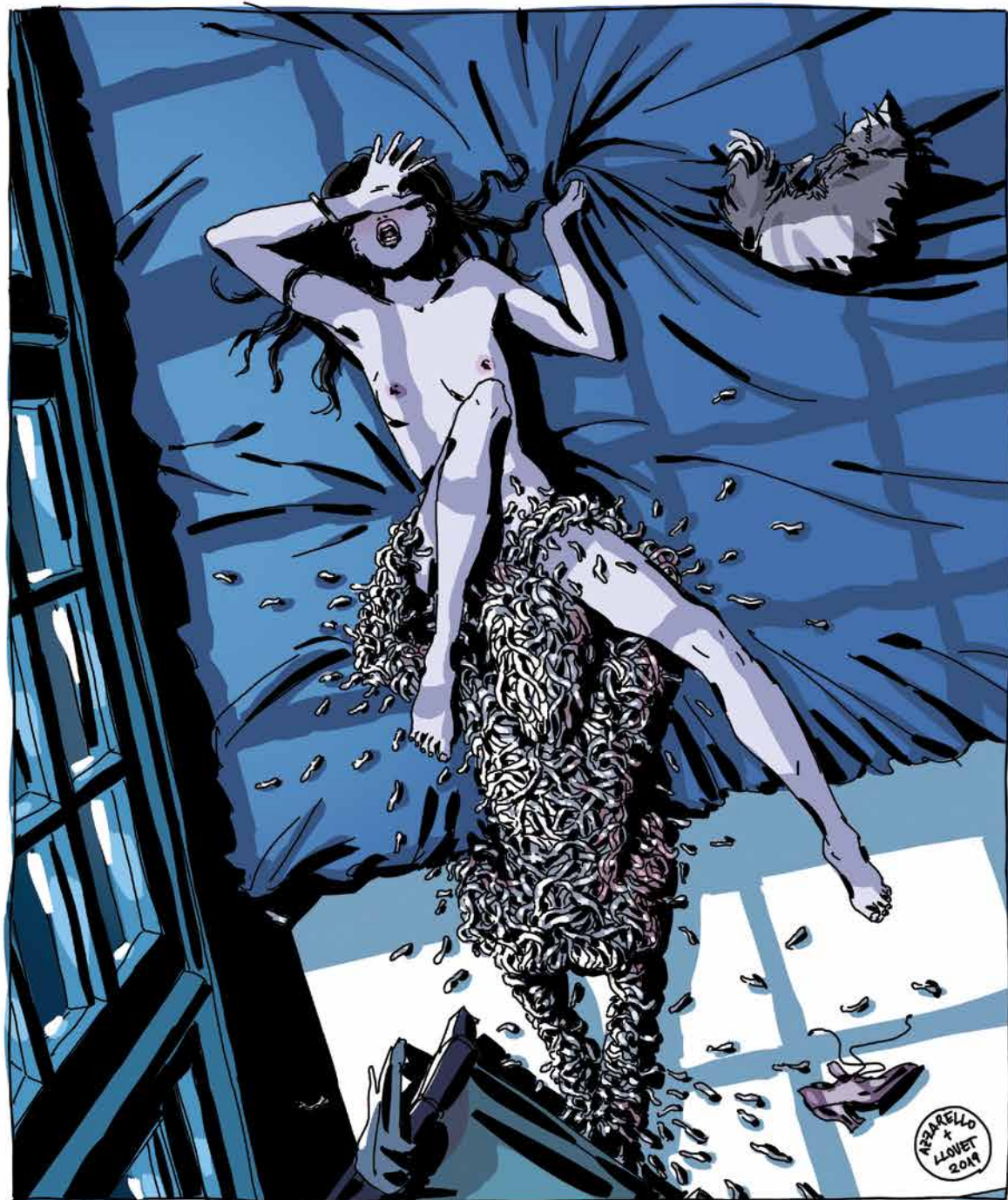












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The way you
make *love*
is the way
God will be
with you.

Rumi

Chapter

Two









Baby Faith,
Sorry to leave you, but you
looked too happy to wake!

I went to the party I
mentioned; I'm kind of required
to make an appearance.



You should join me! Let my
closet be your playground!



Feel free to wear
whatever, or nothing at all!

And don't be shy! These parties
are affairs no one regrets!



Anyway, if you want to come,
the key will get you in the door.















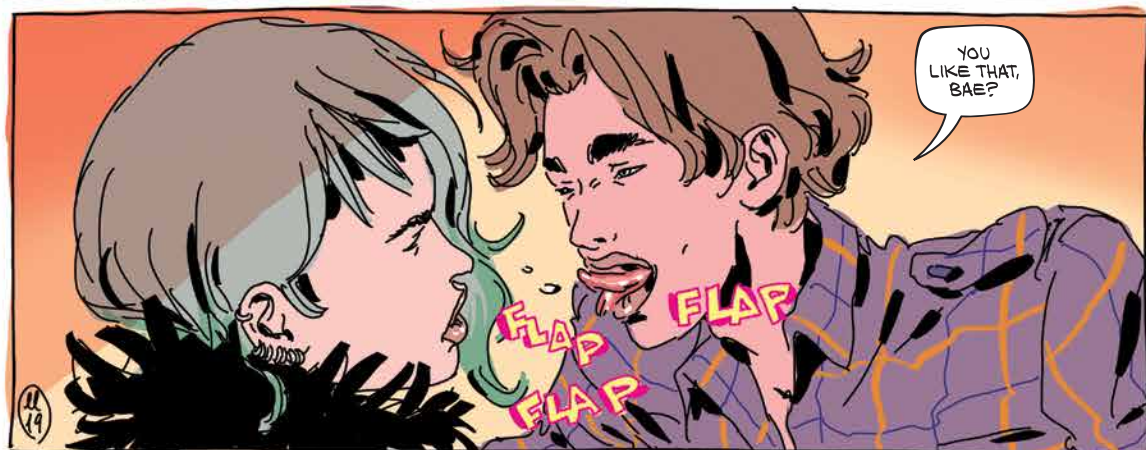




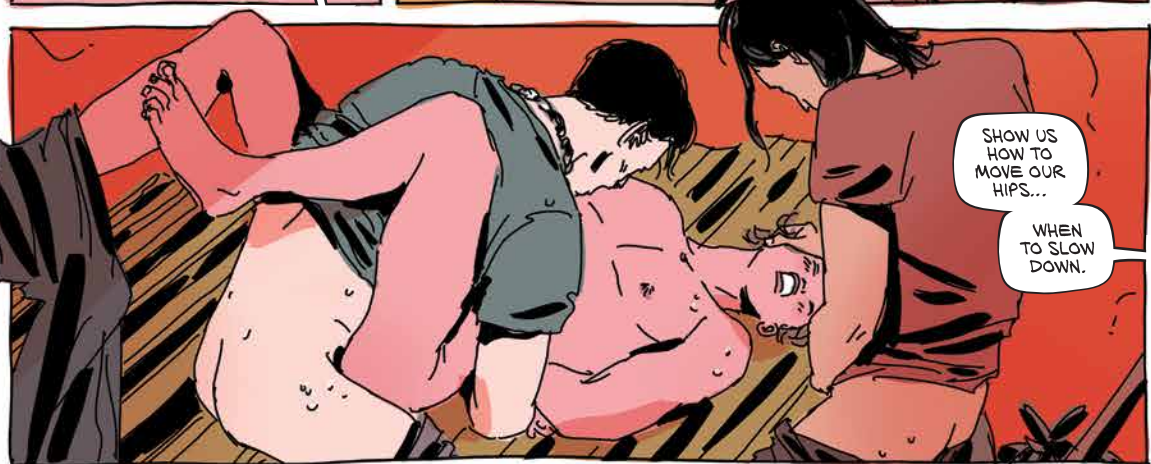














SHOW US.



WHAT THE
FUCK WAS
THAT?

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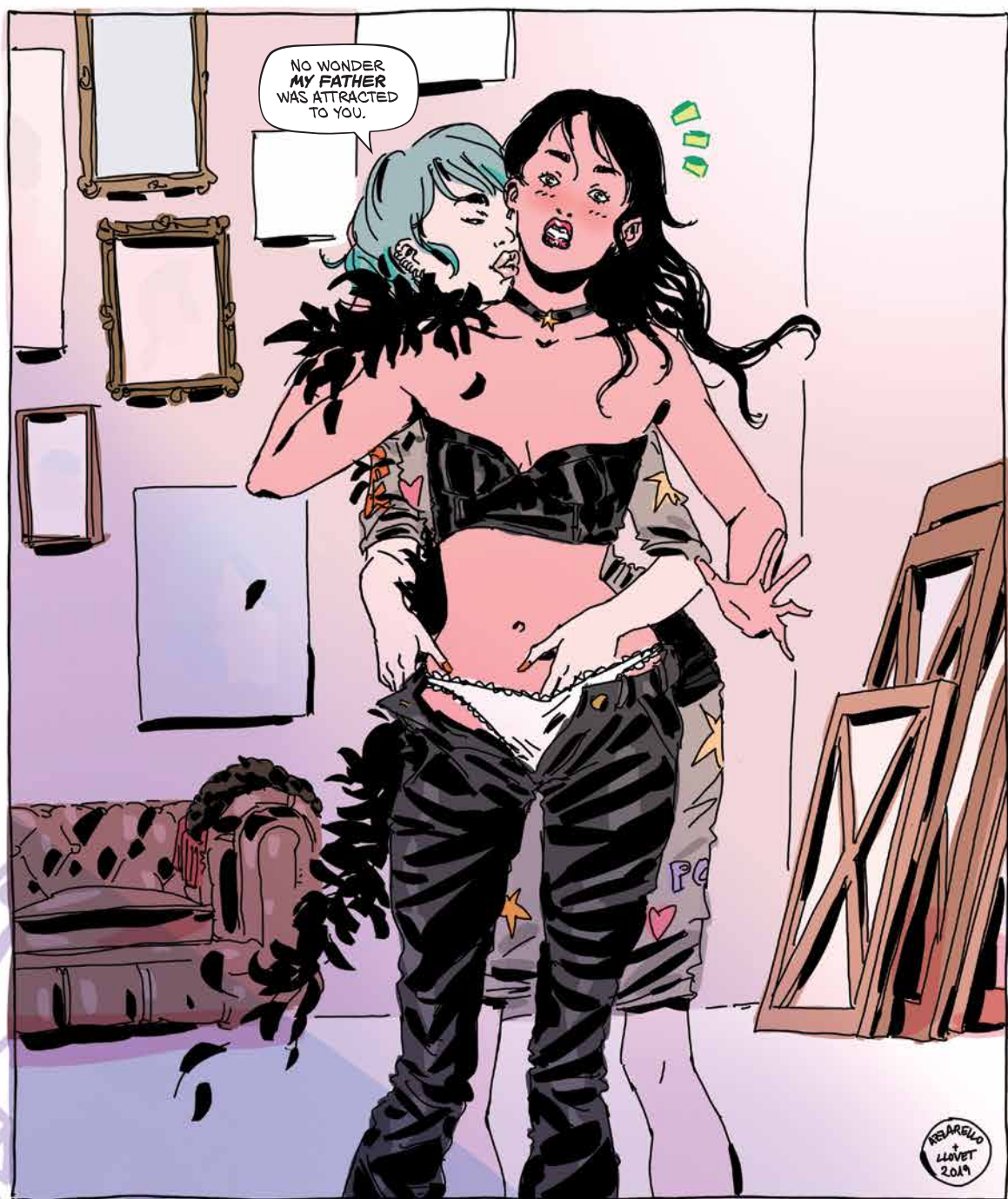
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MAGIC.

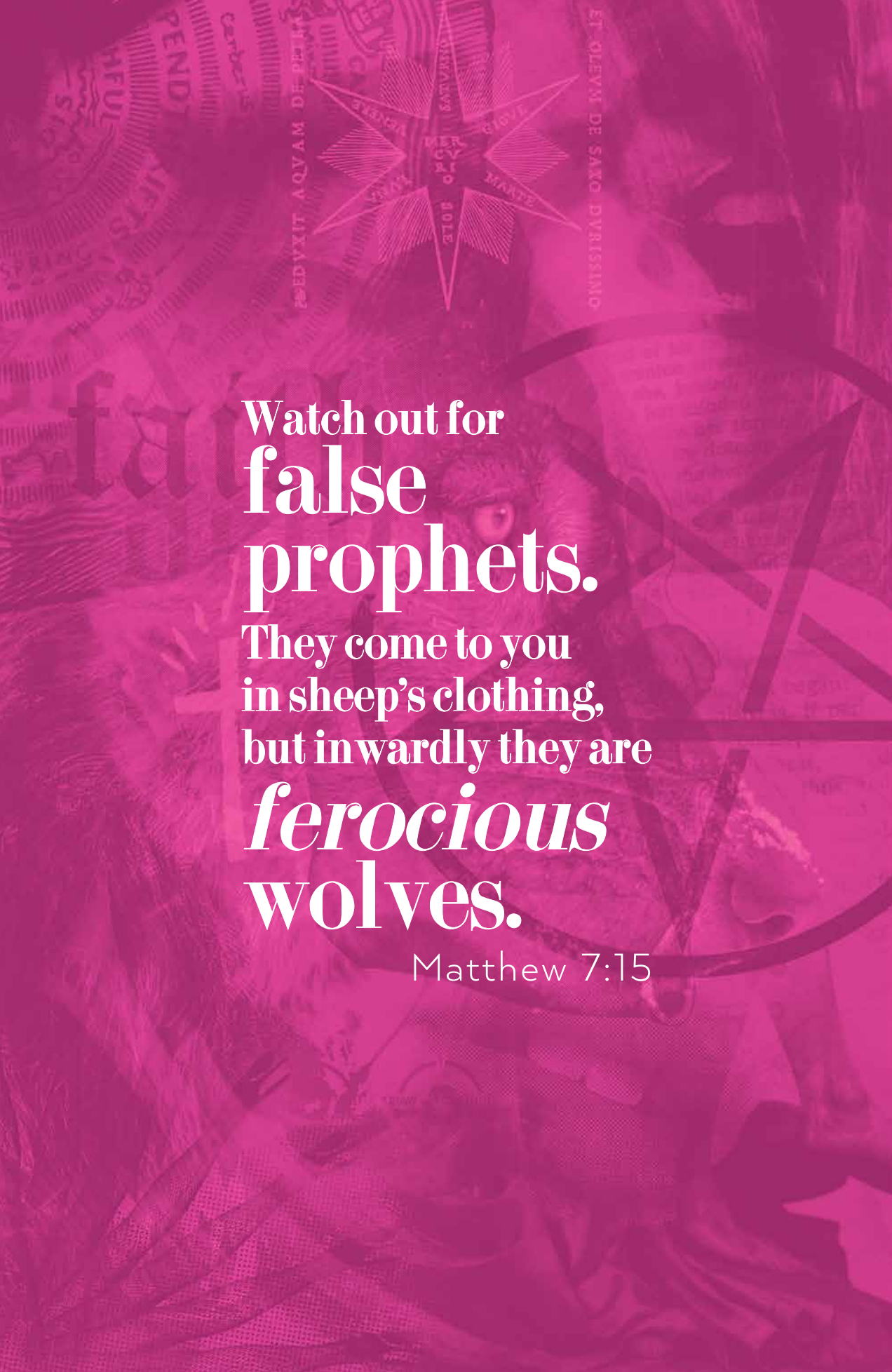


YOU ARE SO
FUCKING
HOT...



NO WONDER
MY FATHER
WAS ATTRACTED
TO YOU.

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Watch out for
false
prophets.

They come to you
in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly they are
ferocious
wolves.

Matthew 7:15

Chapter

Three







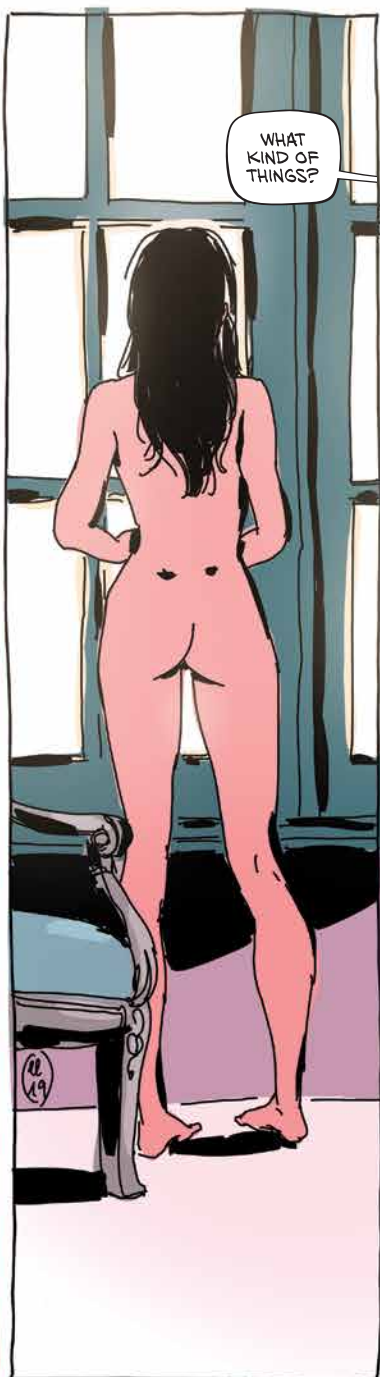
NO, NO, NO,
Y'KNOW?

IT'S
HARD
TO...



I KEPT IT FROM MY
PARENTS, AND I'VE
TRIED TO TELL MY
FRIENDS...

I *FEEL*
THINGS.



WHAT
KIND OF
THINGS?

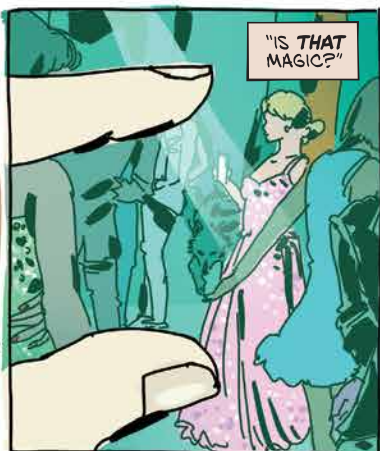


"OTHER PEOPLE'S
THINGS. THE AIR.
THE ZEITGEIST.

"IT COMES
INTO ME.



"IT'S LIKE WHAT WE
WISH *WOULD* HAPPEN.
IT HAPPENS FOR ME.



"IS *THAT*
MAGIC?"





"THAT'S THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE CALLED THIS A RELATIONSHIP."



"WELL, YEAH. WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?"

"ANYWAY, WHILE I'M GONE, WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF RAPHAEL?"



SURE.

BITCHIN'.



UM...

YEAH...



"...THINGS ARE MOVING FAST..."

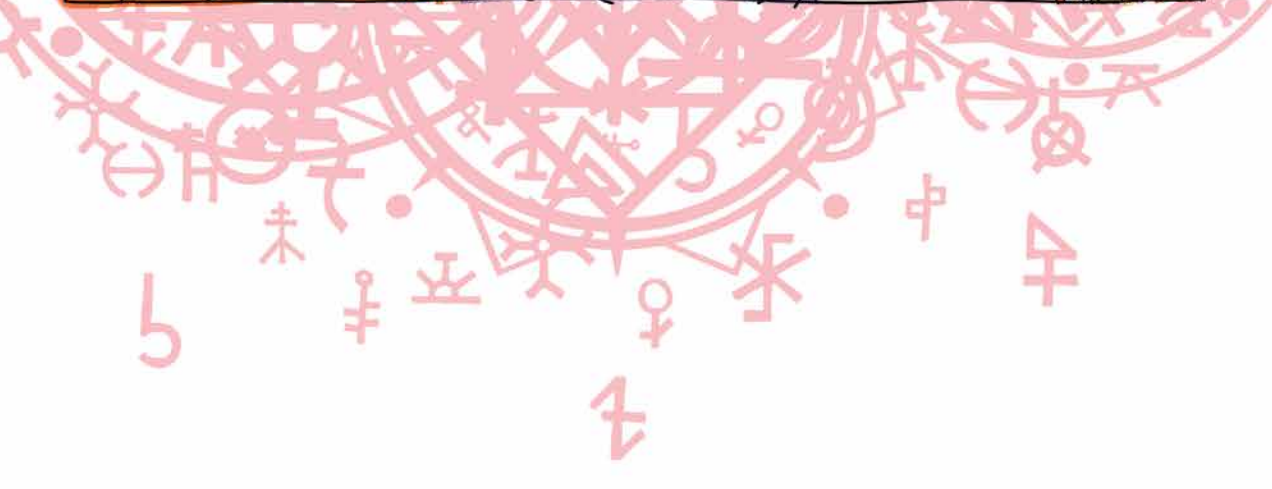




















GUILTY? FOR WHAT? FAITH, CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR AYA'S PASS--

NO, GINNY...

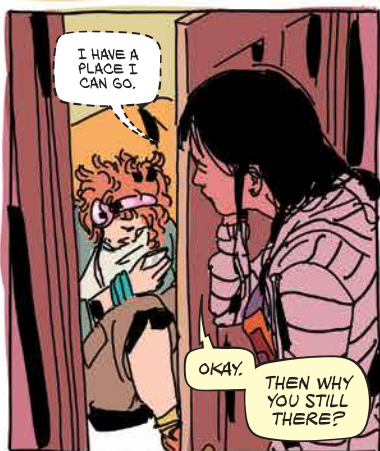


"I MEAN, I CAN'T STAY HERE."



WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL GUILTY FOR THAT EITHER. I DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF..YOU KNOW YOU CAN CRASH WITH--

I...



I HAVE A PLACE I CAN GO.

OKAY.

THEN WHY YOU STILL THERE?



MAX.

OH.

HE'S...



MAX.

=>SNIFF...<=

I'LL...

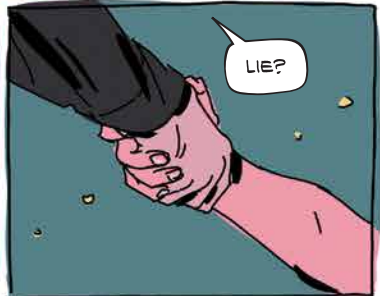
















Everything
you can imagine
is real.

Pablo Picasso



Chapter

Four



"I SAW
AYA..."

"...CLEAR
AS DAY..."

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"...AND AS
I'M ABOUT
TO FUCKING
FREAK..."

"...HE SLAPS A
HAND OVER MY
MOUTH--"



"WHAT?"

"AND ONE ON
THE BACK OF
MY NECK..."



"...THEN HE
PULLS ME
CLOSE--"

"HE DID
WHAT?"

"I COULDN'T
BREATHE."



"AND HE
WHISPERS..."

SHHH...LET
IT HAPPEN.



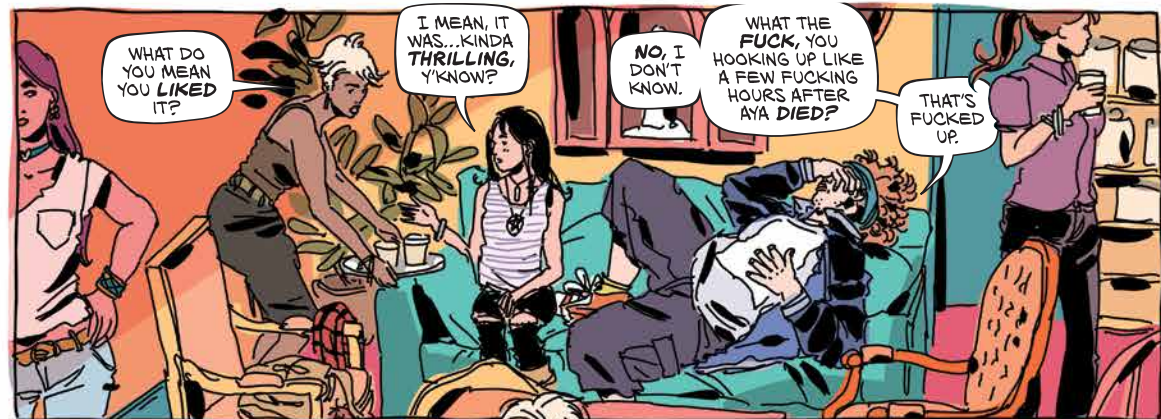
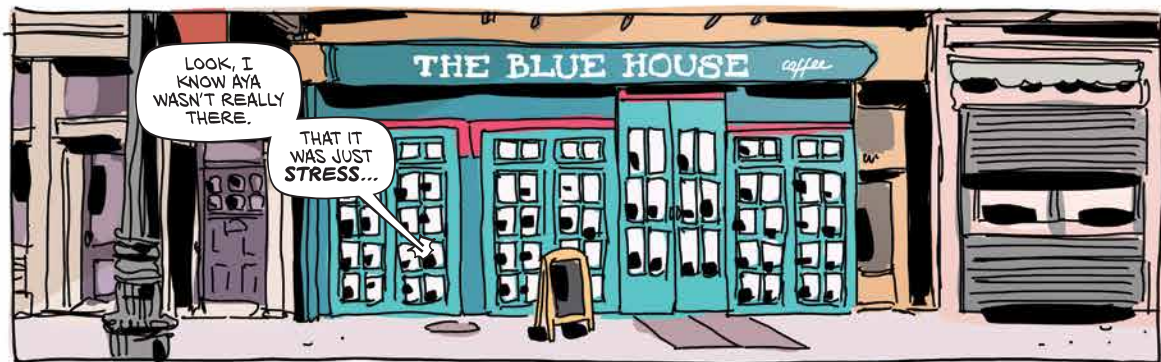
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FUCK?"

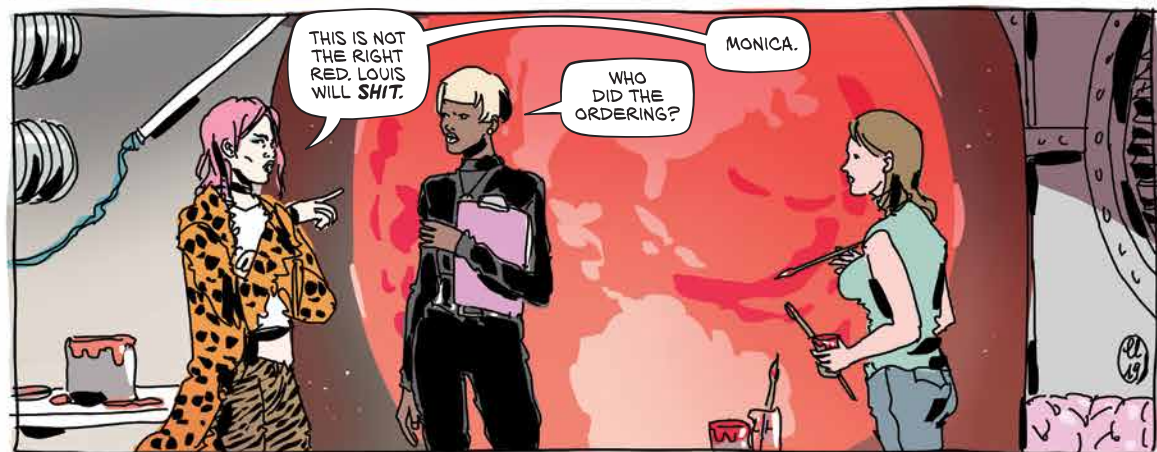
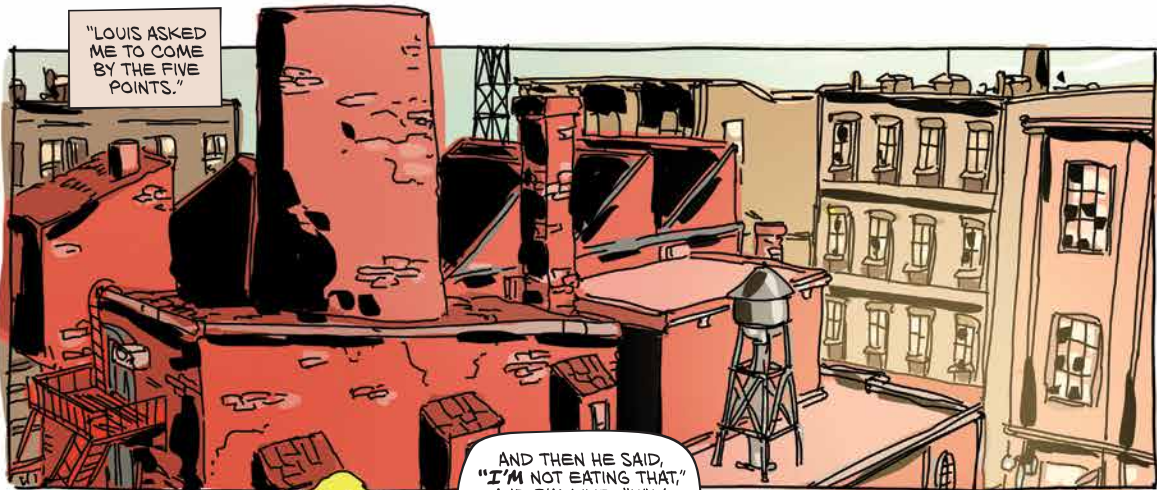
"AND THEN
WHAT?"

"THEN...?"

"I LIKED IT."

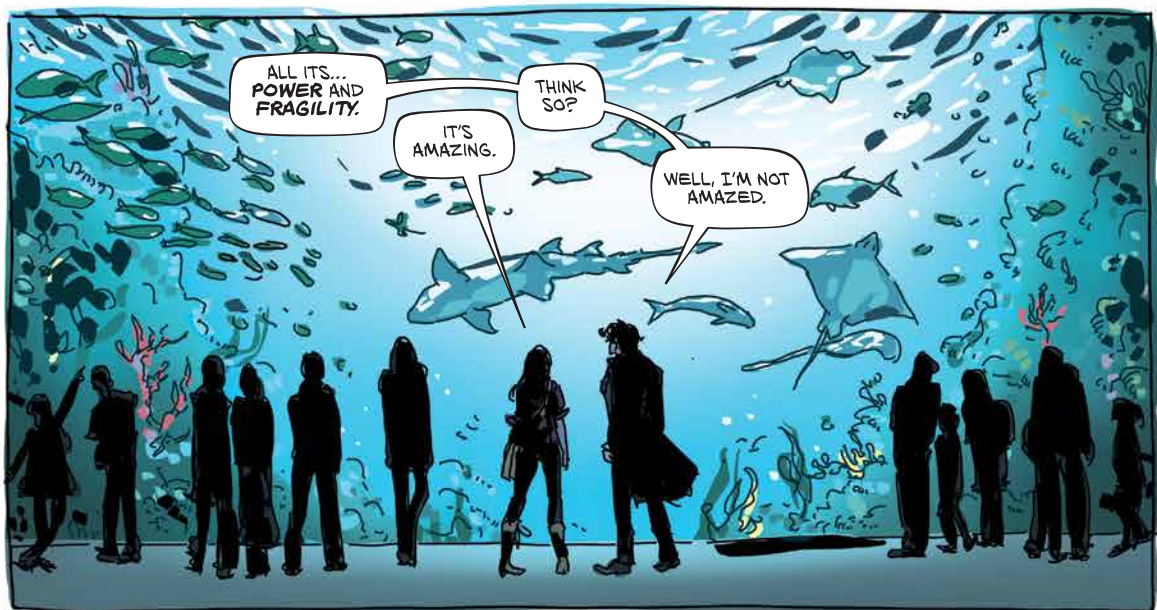












ALL ITS...
POWER AND
FRAGILITY.

IT'S
AMAZING.

THINK
SO?

WELL, I'M NOT
AMAZED.



BUT I AM
INSPIRED.



CAN YOU IMAGINE BEING KRILL,
AND THE WHOLE POINT OF YOUR
LIFE IS HAVING SEX?



HOW
TEDIOUS.

OH, YEAH?
I THINK I
KNOW SOME
KRILL...



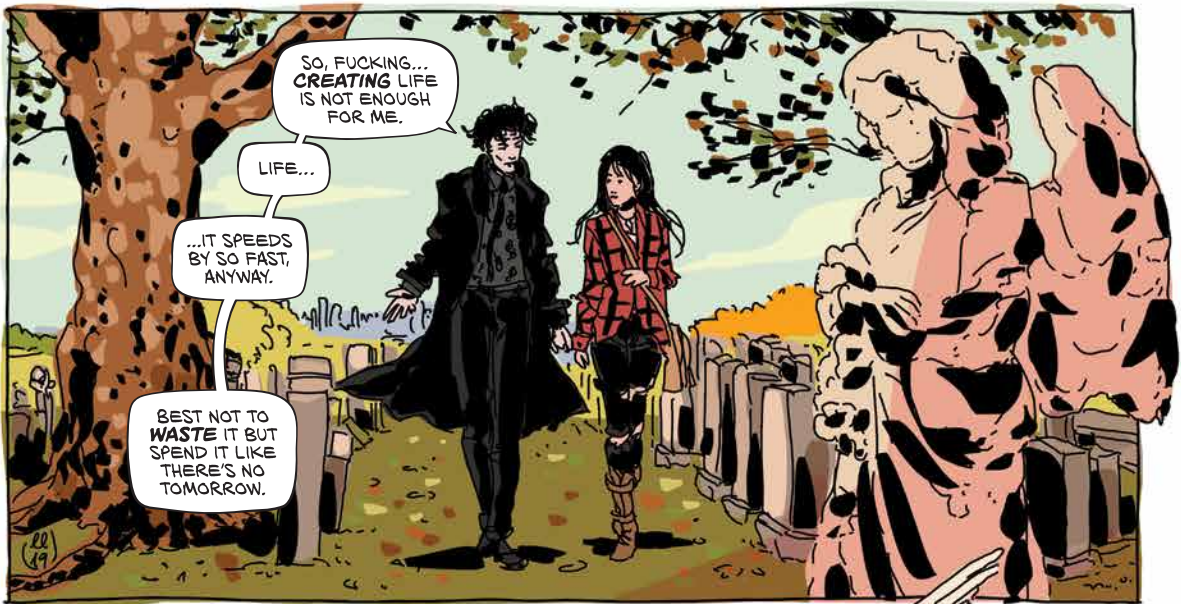
WELL, MAYBE NOT
FOR EVERYONE THEN,
BUT FOR PEOPLE
LIKE US...

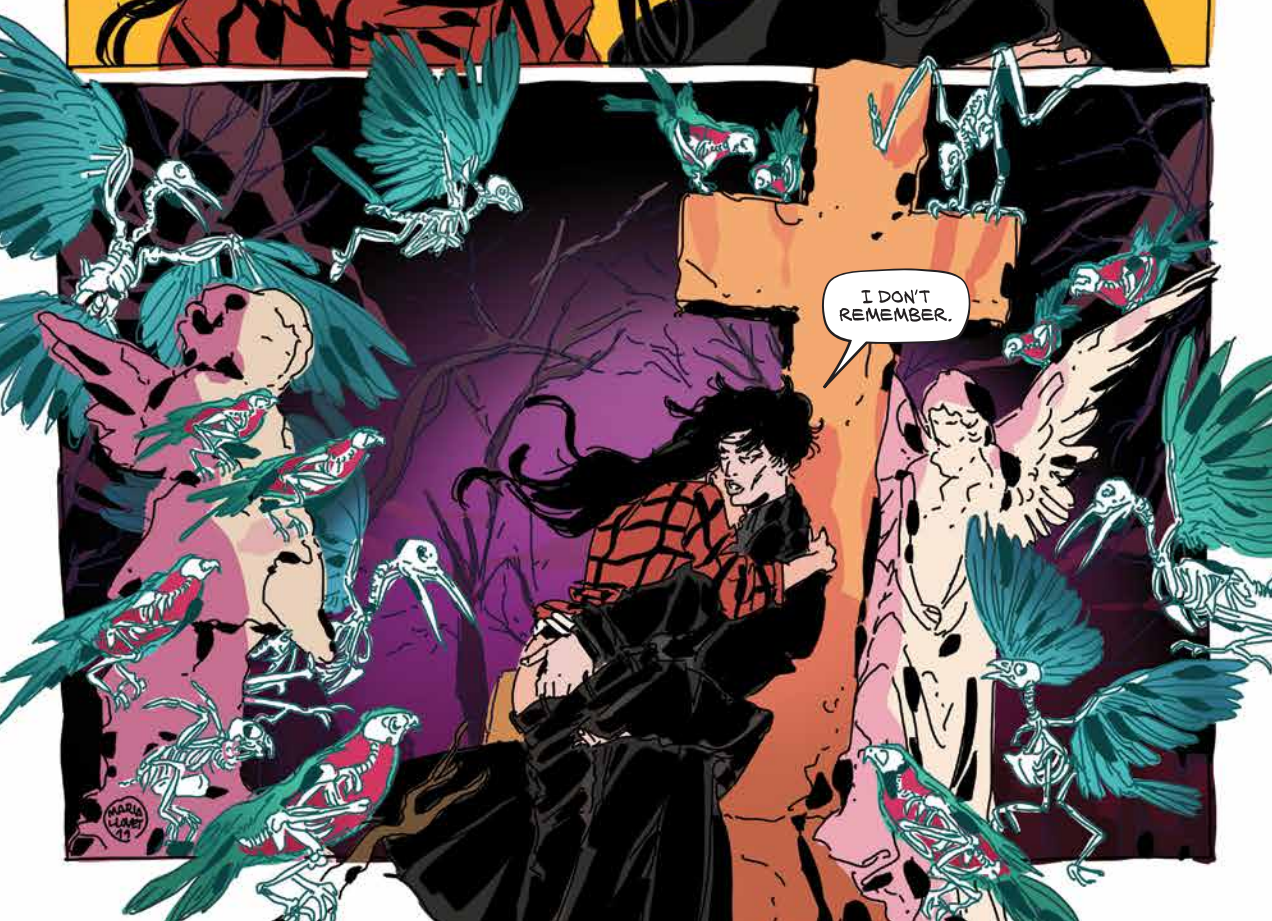
ARTISTS--
WE NEED
MORE.



WE HAVE EGOS. WE
SPEAK TO LIFE AND
SAY, "I CAN MAKE
SOMETHING BETTER
THAN YOU."

TALK ABOUT
BALLS.







I NORMALLY
DON'T WEAR
THIS MUCH
MAKEUP.



SO? WHO
WANTS TO LIVE
NORMALLY?

THINK OF IT LIKE
A MASK, HONEY, IT
FREES YOU TO BE
WHATEVER...



USE IT
TO YOUR
ADVANTAGE.

SO, I'M
GONNA ASK YOU
SOME RANDOM
QUESTIONS...

RANDOM?

TOTALLY.

I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT THEY
ARE. I GET A
PROMPT, AND
THEN--



GOT IT.

GOOD. SHE
READY?

WHAT ARE
YOU ASKING
ME FOR?





DID YOU EVER VISIT
THAT **SAD BOY** IN
THE HOSPITAL?



NO. I WAS ALREADY
IN SCHOOL HERE
IN MANHATTAN.



WHEN DRUNK
DANNY DROVE OFF
THE ICY ROAD AND
INTO A TREE?



YEAH.

IF YOU DID VISIT,
WOULD YOU HAVE
SMOTHERED
HIM WITH A
PILLOW?



UM...



DO YOU HATE
TINA'S FATHER
FOR DOING
THAT?

NO.

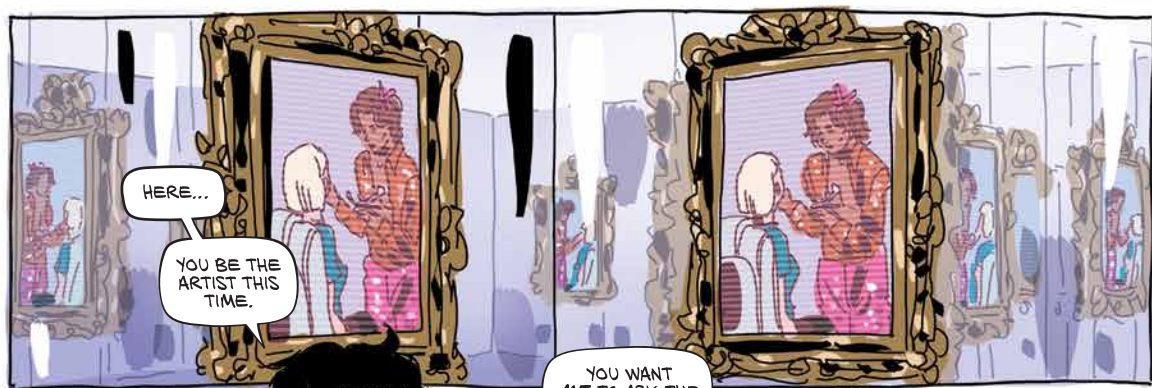


BUT YOU DO
HATE HER
FATHER?









"I'LL LEAVE
THE CANVAS
ON."

DON'T YOU
EVER TOUCH
ME LIKE THAT
AGAIN, MAX!

WHAT I DO WRONG?
YOU SAID YOU LIKED
HOOKIN' UP WHEN
SOMEBODY'S DEAD.

I NEVER
SAID THAT!

I KINDA DID,
COVERING.

THANK
YOU.

WELL, IF YER
NOT SO SAD, HOW
'BOUT JUST A
BEEJ?

HEY,
I'M JUST
KIDDING!

WHAT
IF I SAID
PLEASE?

GET SOME
SLEEP!

SMACK

I'D SAY THANKS
FOR HELPING ME
DRAG HIS FAT,
DRUNK ASS OUT
OF THE CAFÉ,
BUT...

YER
WELCOME,
GINNY.

WHAT? YOU
ALL JUS' GONNA
LEAVE ME?

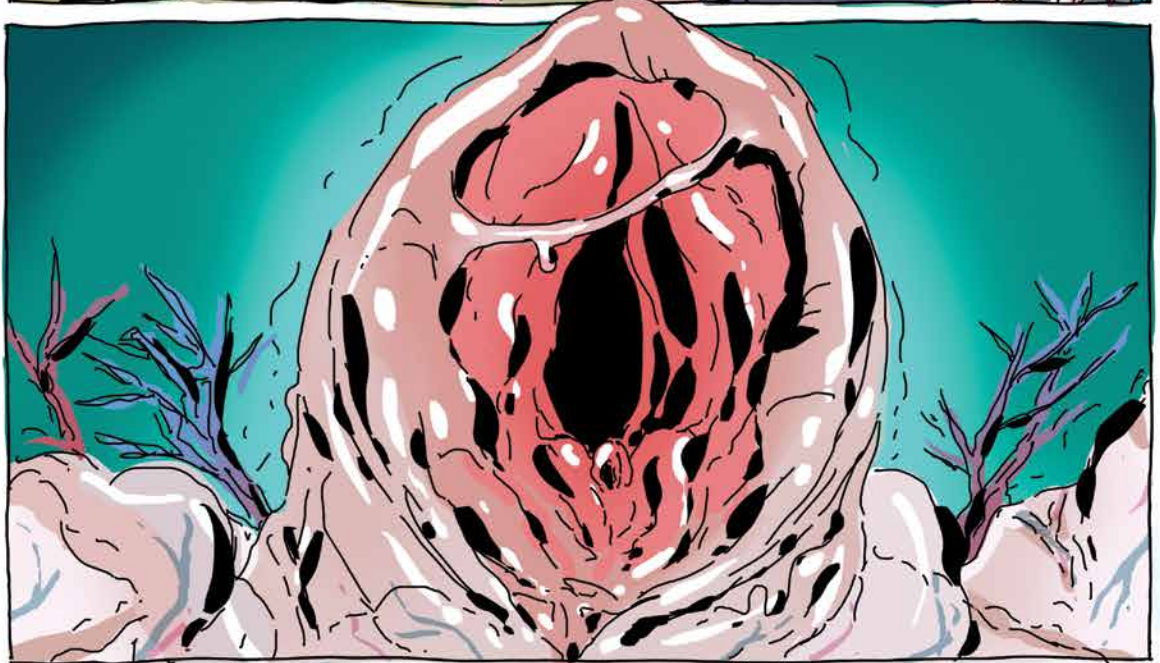
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THEN FUCK
YOU GOOD
NIGHT TOO...











Hope not ever to see
heaven.

I have come to lead you to
the *other* shore;
into eternal darkness;
into *fire*
and into *ice*.

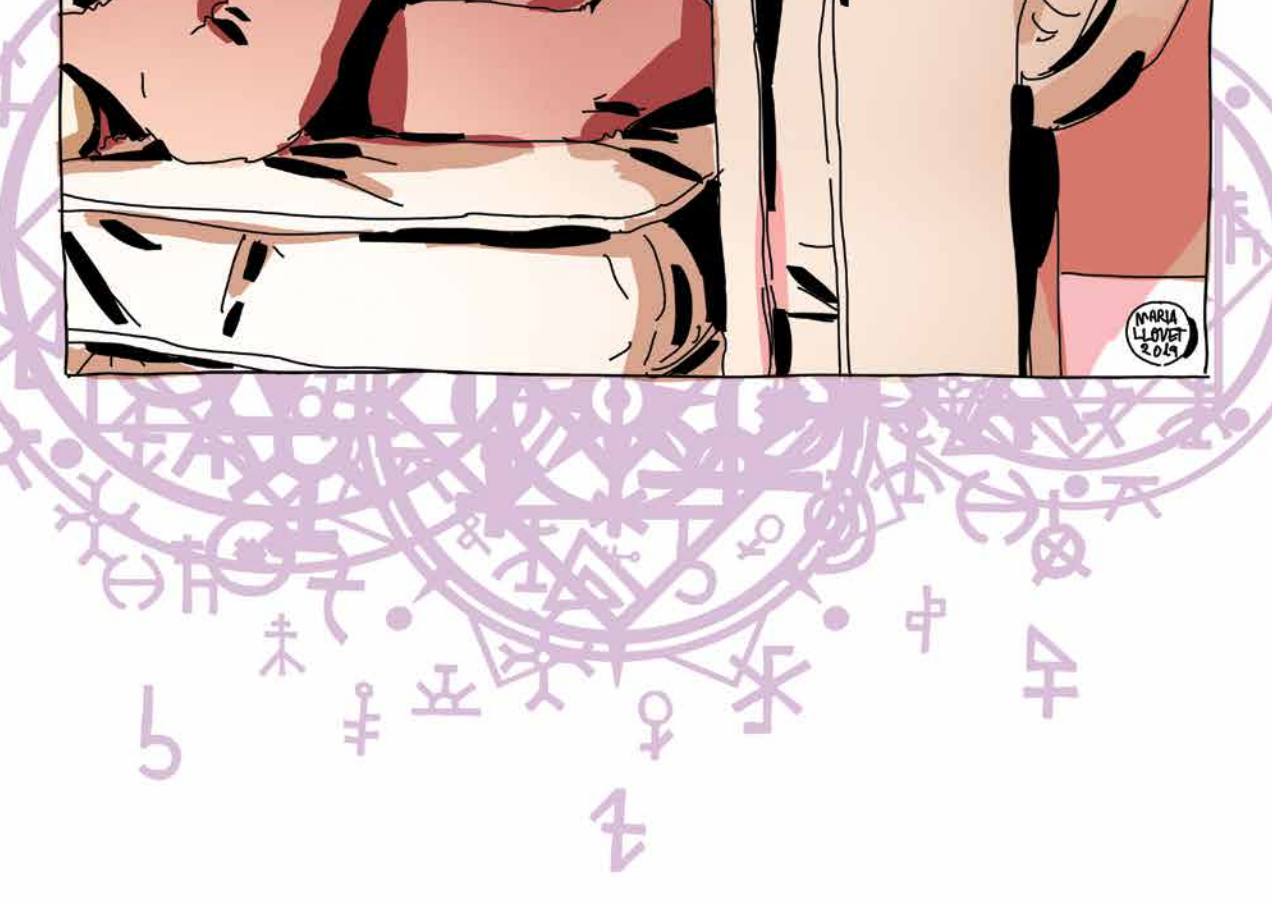
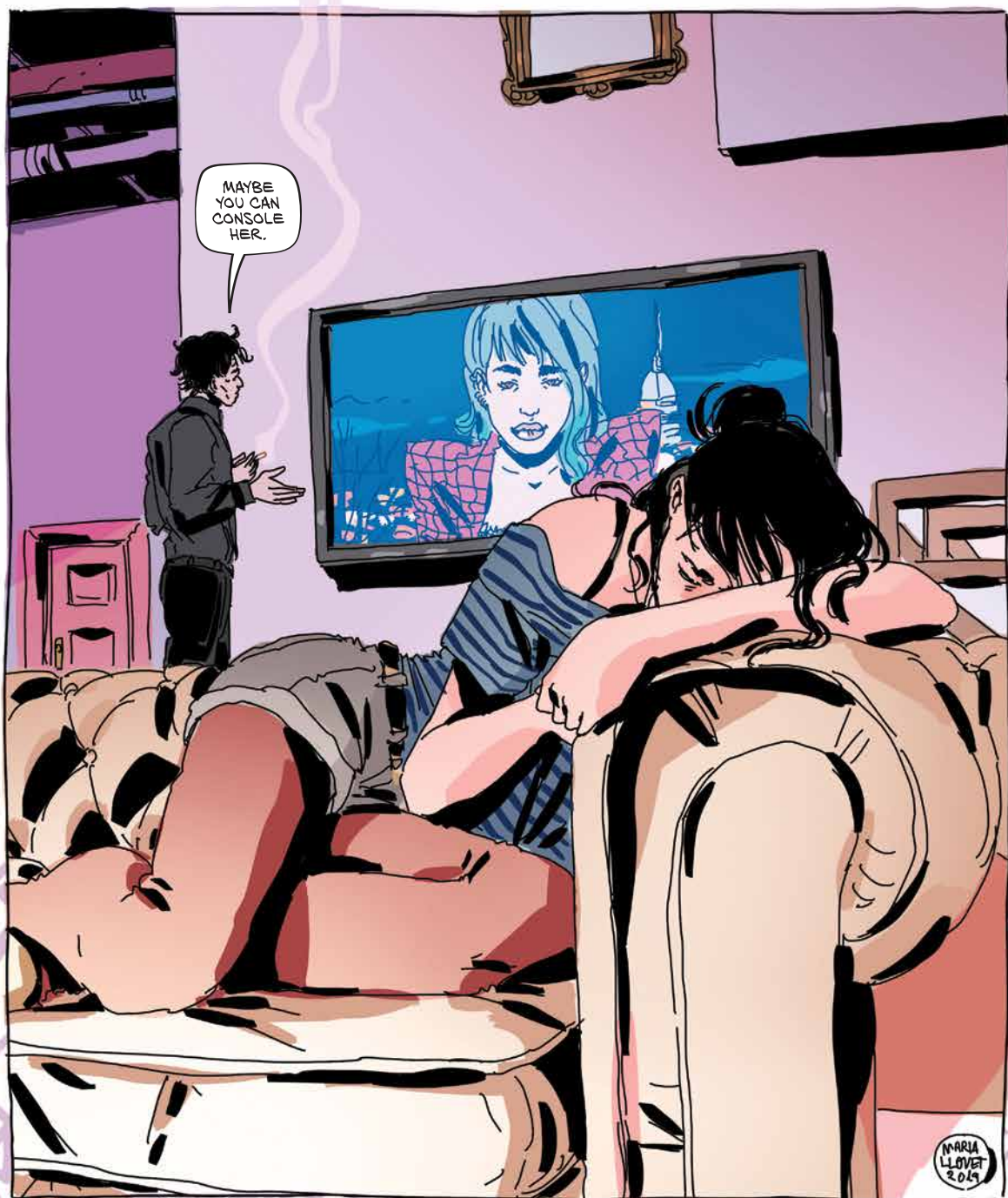
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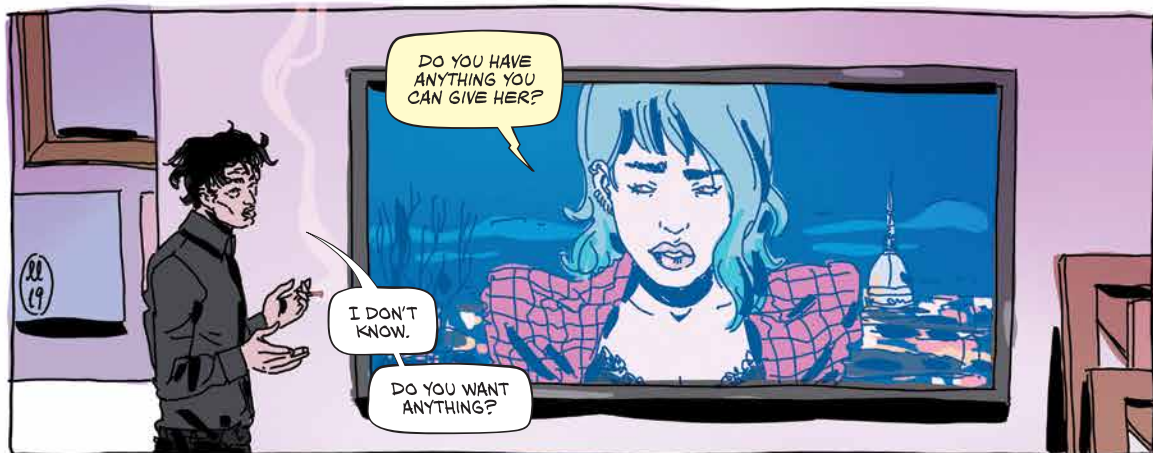
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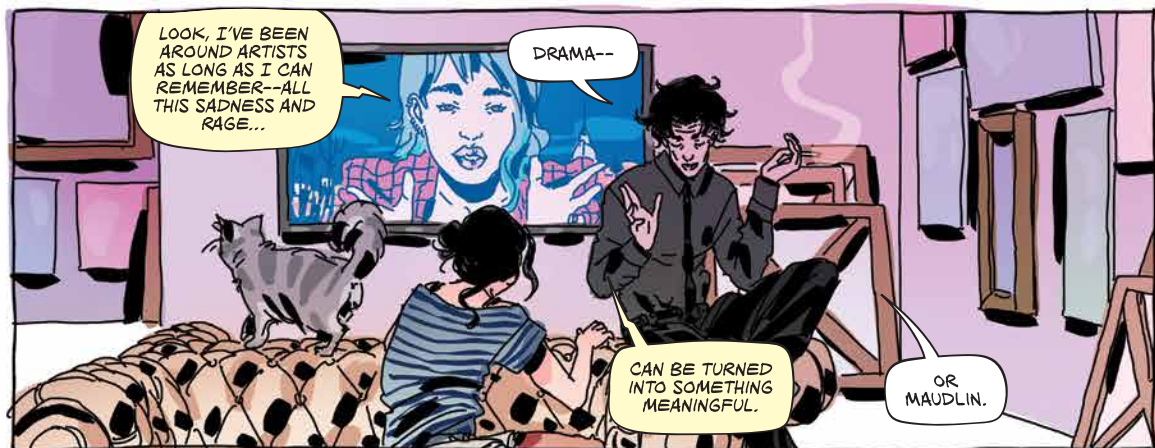
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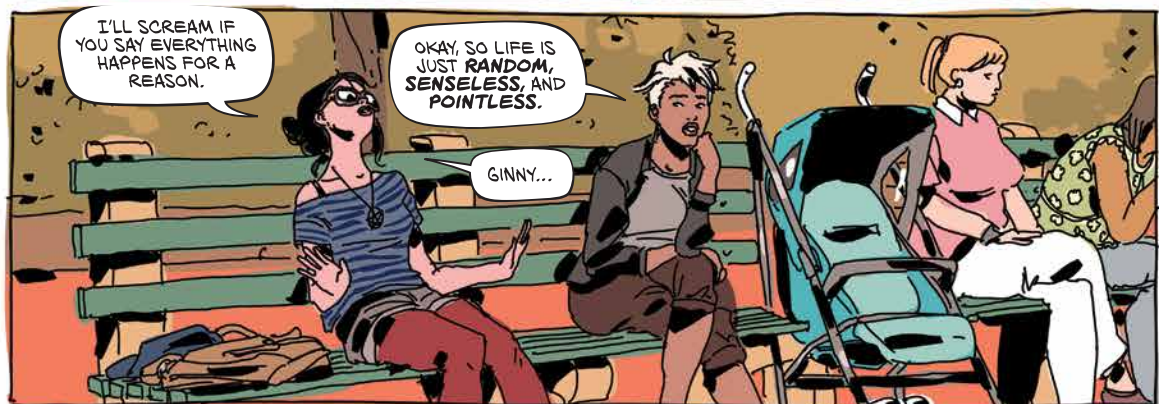
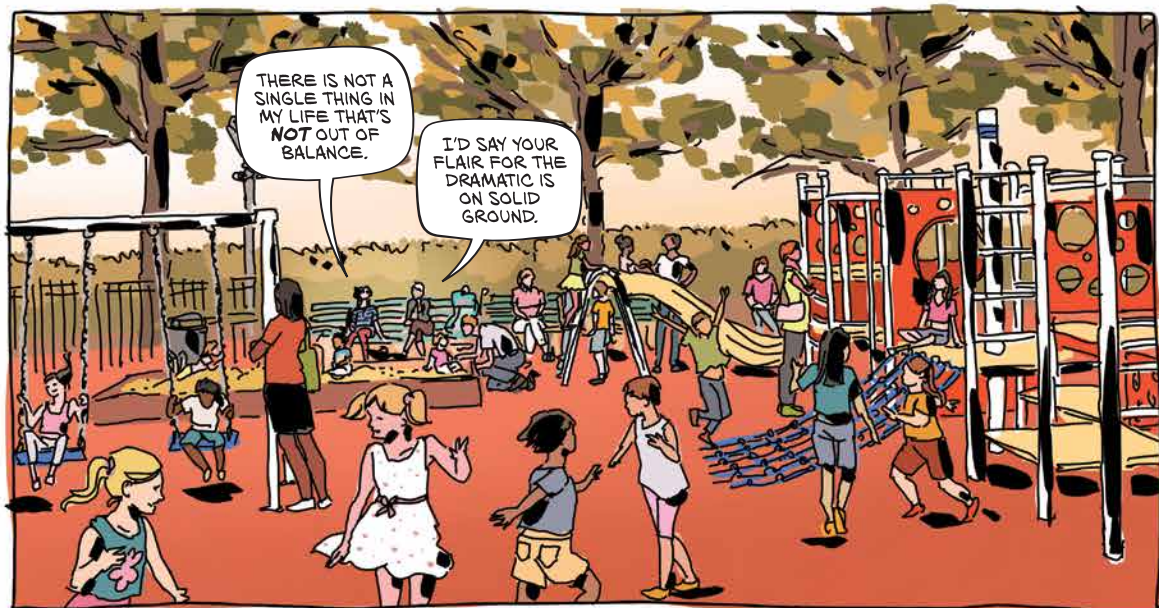


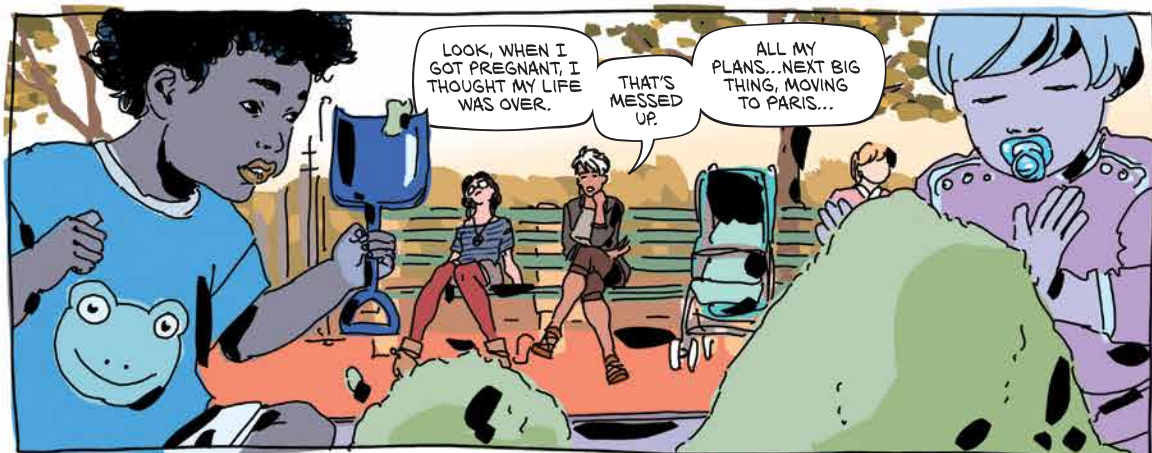


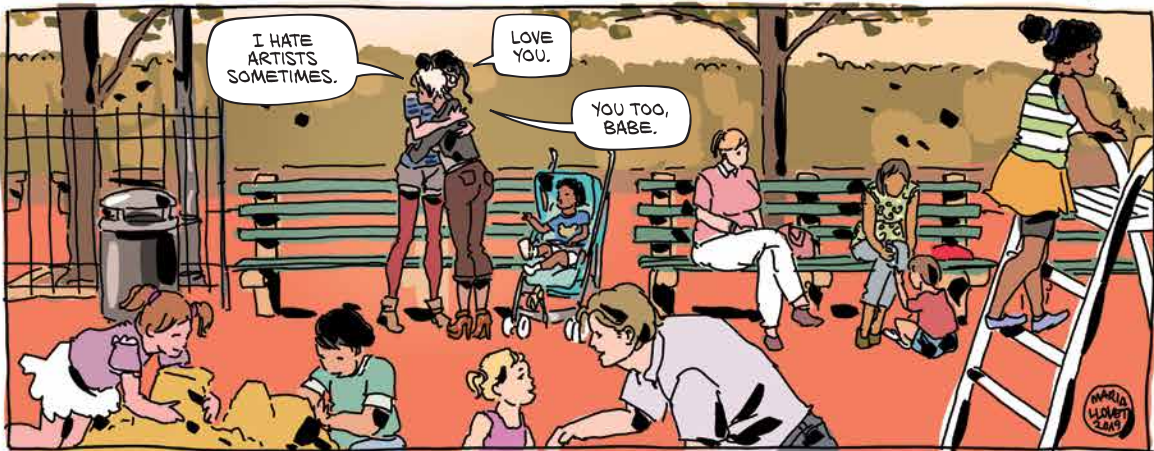
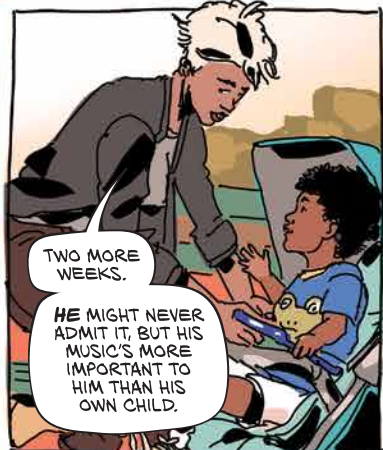
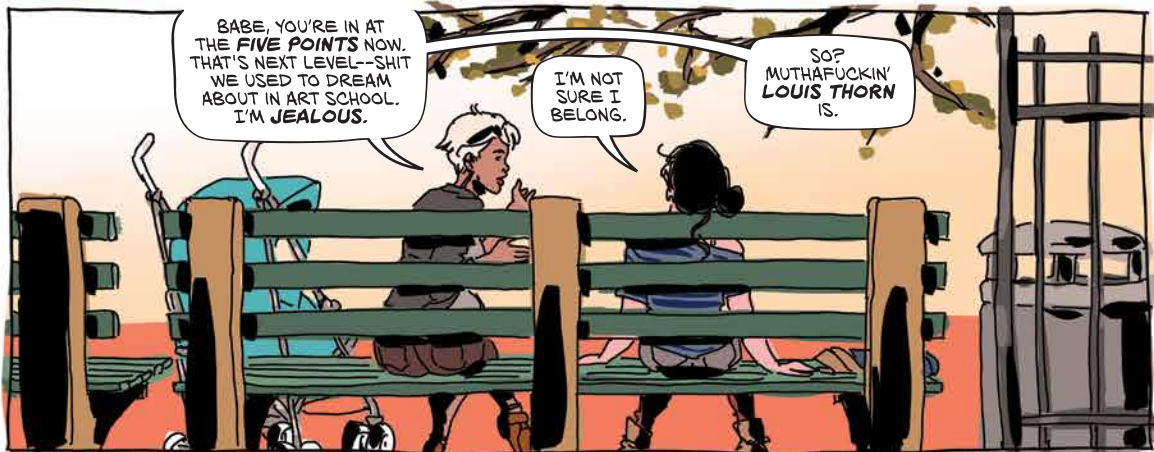






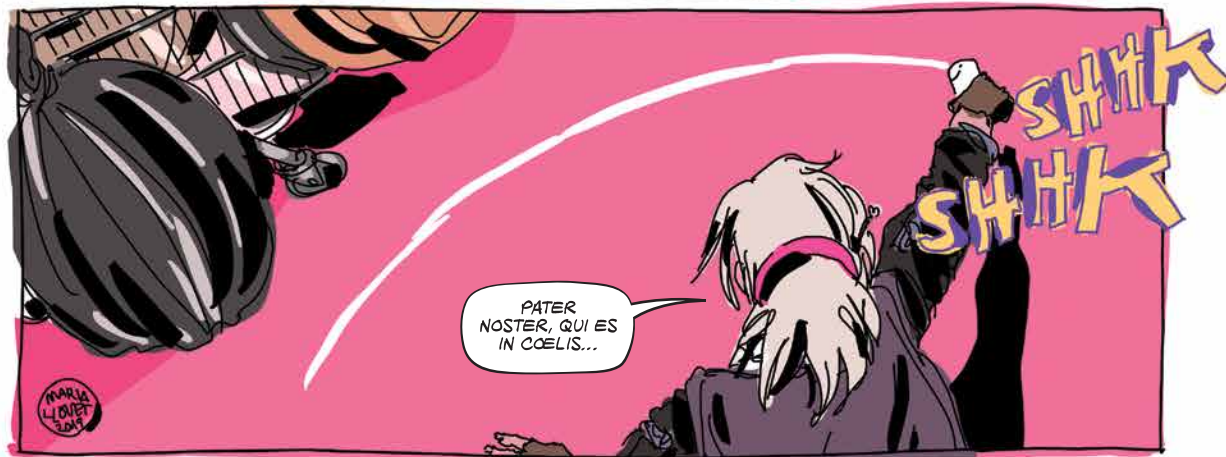








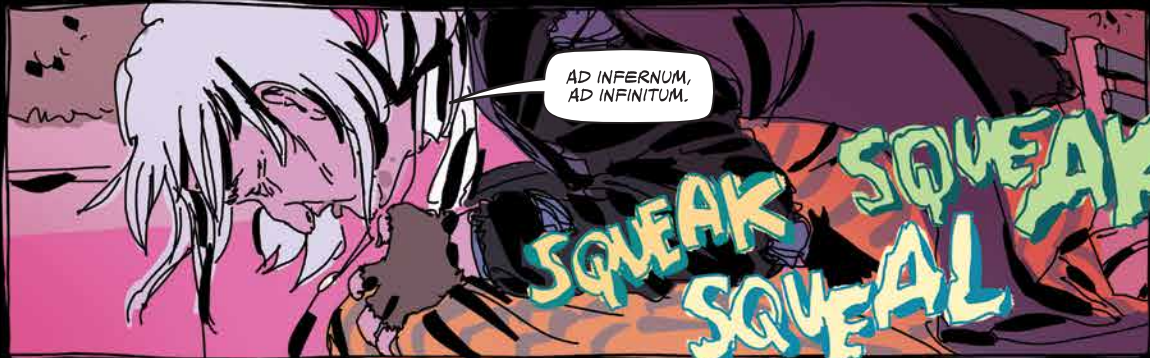


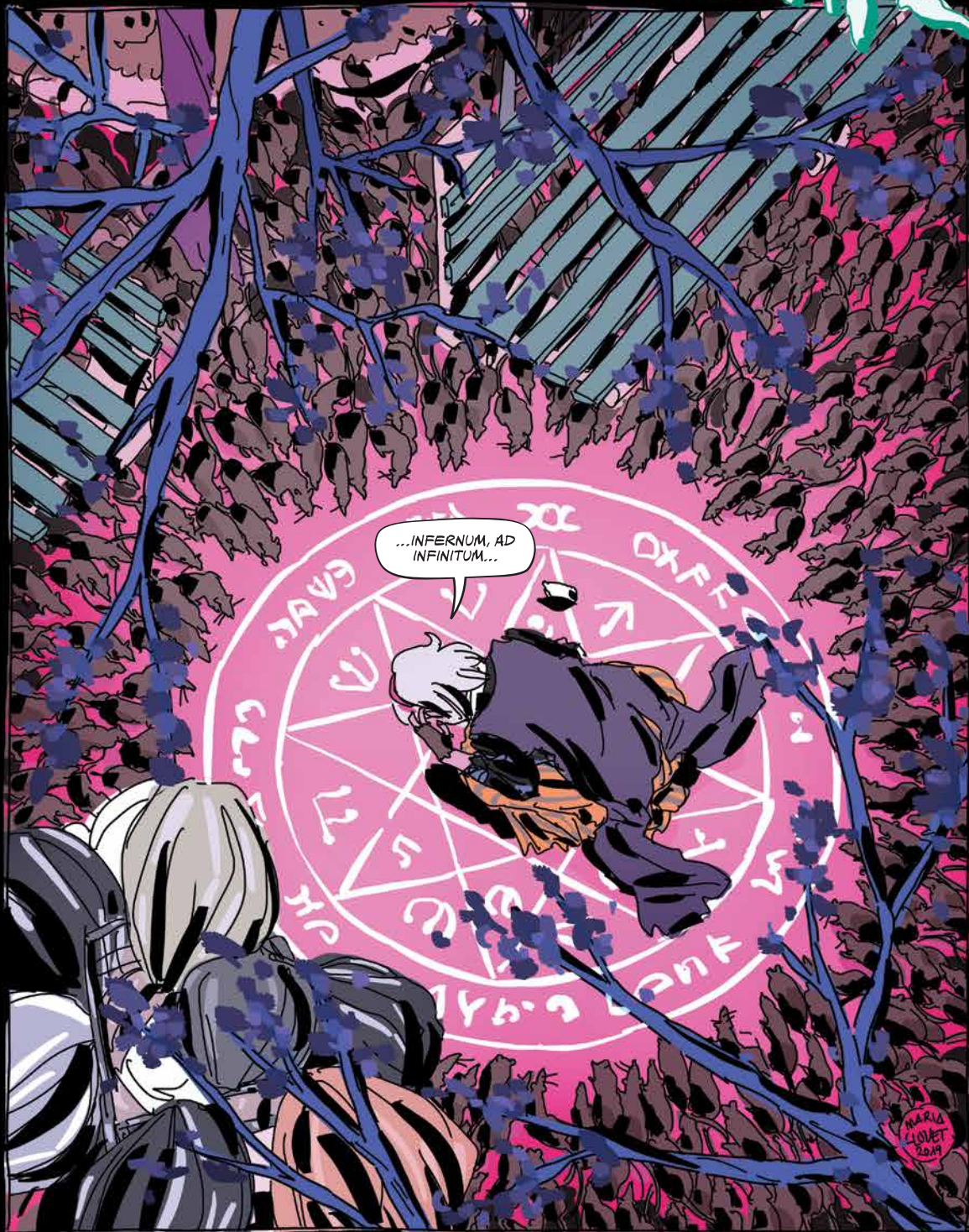


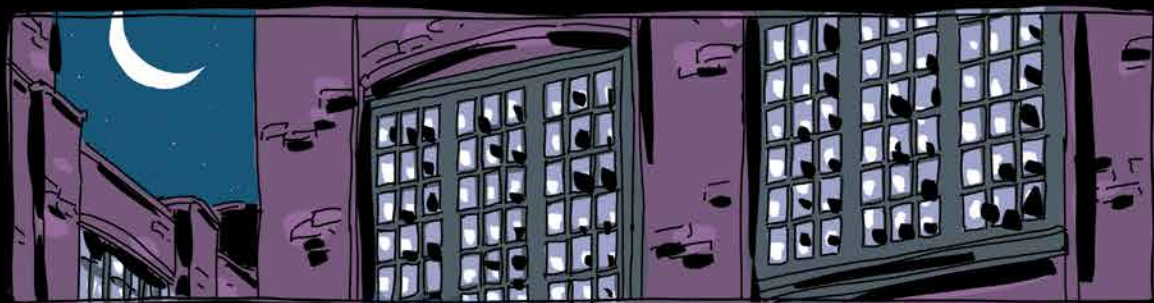














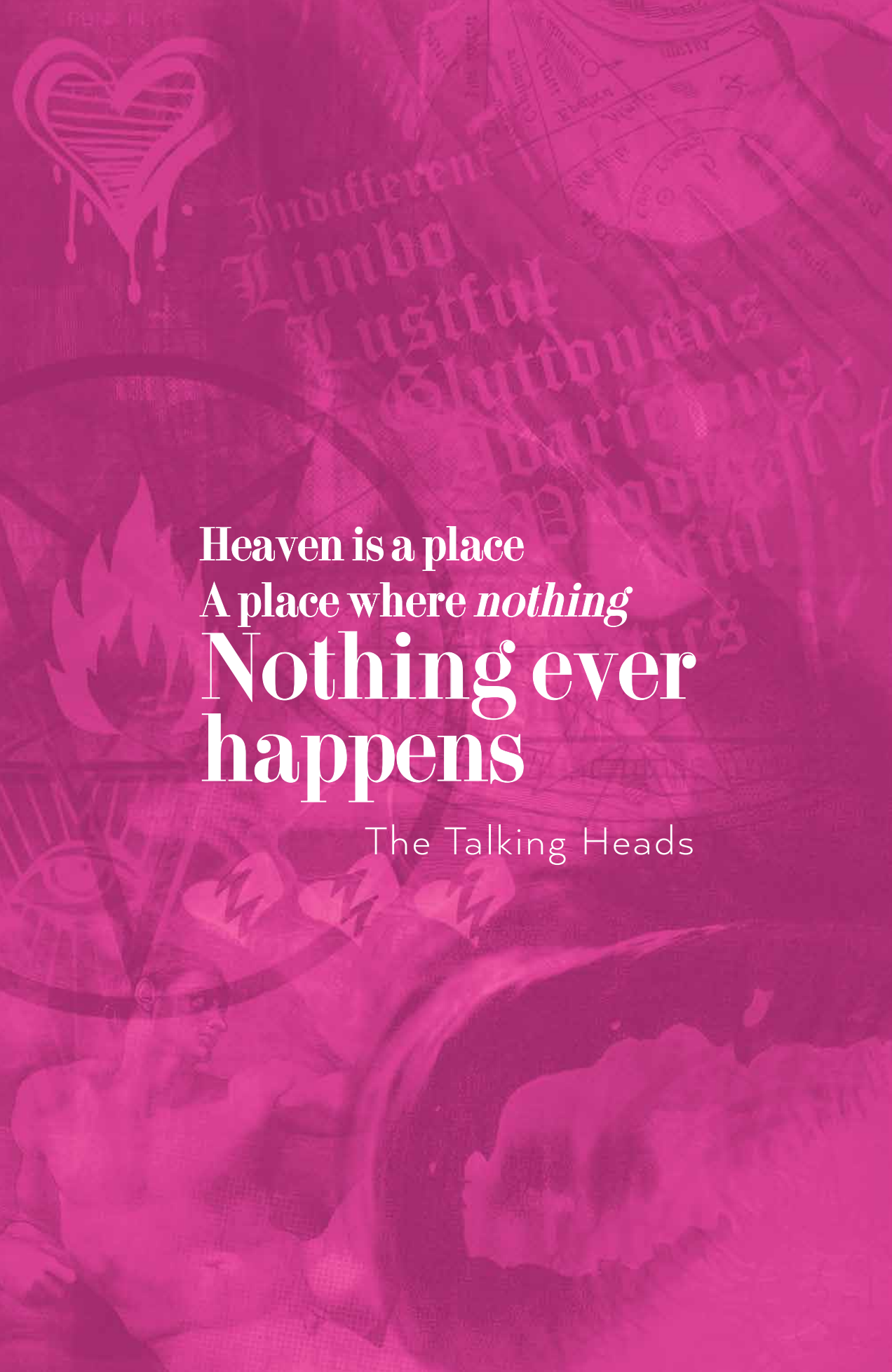


Tell
me...

Tic

Tic Tic Tic
Tic

a secret.

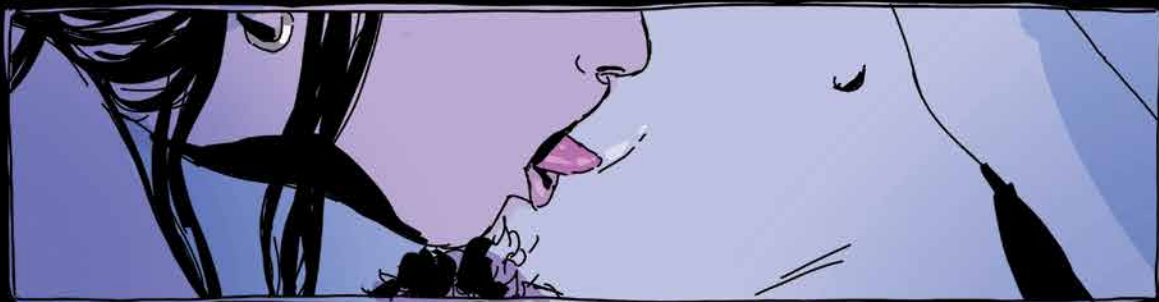


Heaven is a place
A place where *nothing*
Nothing ever
happens

The Talking Heads

The Talking Heads

Chapter
Six





LIKE I'M
MELTING.



MARIA
LOVET
2014













SO, IF YOU
HAVEN'T NOTICED, MY
DAUGHTER ADORES
THE WAY EVERYONE
ADORES HOW SHE
LOOKS.

AND I'M NOT
BEING CRITICAL
OF HER BEING
SUPERFICIAL.



WOW. THAT'S
A LOT TO
UNPACK.

MAYBE
FOR YOU.

OR MAYBE
NOT.

I THINK
NOT.

MARIA
LOVET
2019



WHAT YOU
DID WITH THE
"BRUSH" I GAVE YOU...
IMPRESSED ME.

REALLY?

OH, YES. THOSE
QUESTIONS...YOU
TOOK YOUR
SUBJECTS
PLACES.



UNCOMFORTABLE
PLACES.

BUT THEY
ANSWERED YOU
HONESTLY.

YOU HAVE
QUITE A
TALENT.

THANK YOU.





"THAT'S UP
TO YOU."

MAGIC

"I'M NOT AN ARTIST
JUST BECAUSE YOU
SAY SO."

IF YOU
CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

"TRUE,
FAITH..."

YOUR TAINED HEART
MY TAINED LOVE

"...BUT PEOPLE
WON'T KNOW THAT
YOU ARE UNTIL I
SAY SO."

REPENT NOW

"I WANT TO
DO IT ON
MY OWN."

HOW MANY TIMES? AS LONG
AS YOU LIVE

"ON YOUR OWN?
FAITH..."

THE WORLD WILL GO AROUND





IS THERE A
WORD BIGGER
THAN LOVE?

IF SO, I FELT
IT BLINDLY.



AND?



...
I WAS
FORCED TO
MOVE.

I'M
STILL NOT
OVER IT.



REALLY, JUST
ONCE?



ONCE.



SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL.

SHE KNOWS THAT.



I THINK I'LL GO AND---

YOU'RE ALREADY THERE IF YOU...



DESIRE TO BE.
...



"BE AN ARTIST..."

"MAKE HER FEEL ALIVE."

AS LONG AS YOU LIVE

THE WORLD WILL GO



THOSE BODIES... WHATEVER YOU SAY...

USE THEM.

SHOW HER.





YOUR CRAZY HEART MY

CRAZY LOVE

MARIA LOVET 2049

REPENT NOW

HOW MANY TIMES

"SHE KNOWS...THOSE PEOPLE..."

...ARE ME.

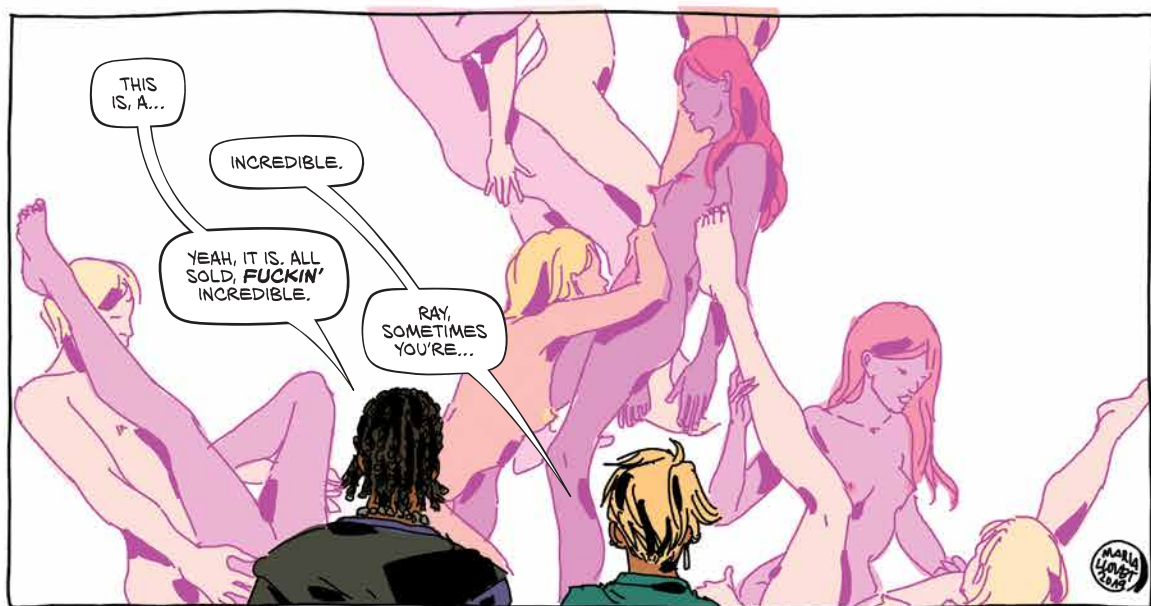
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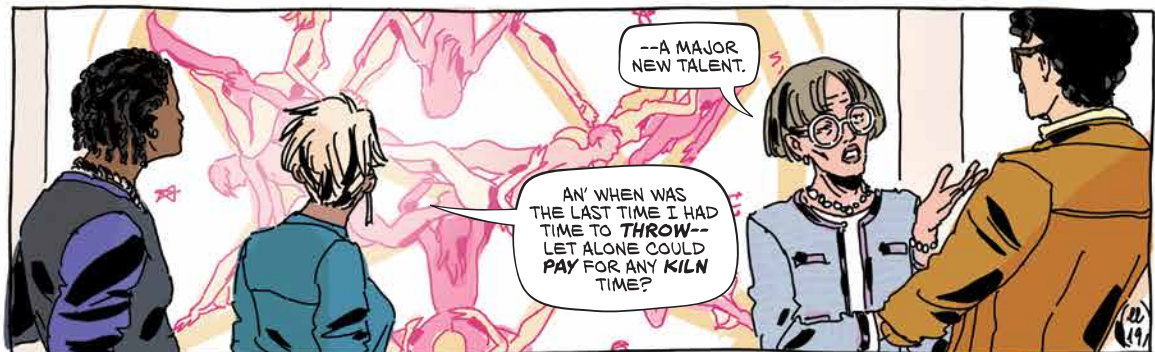
AS LONG AS YOU WISH
HOW MANY TIMES?



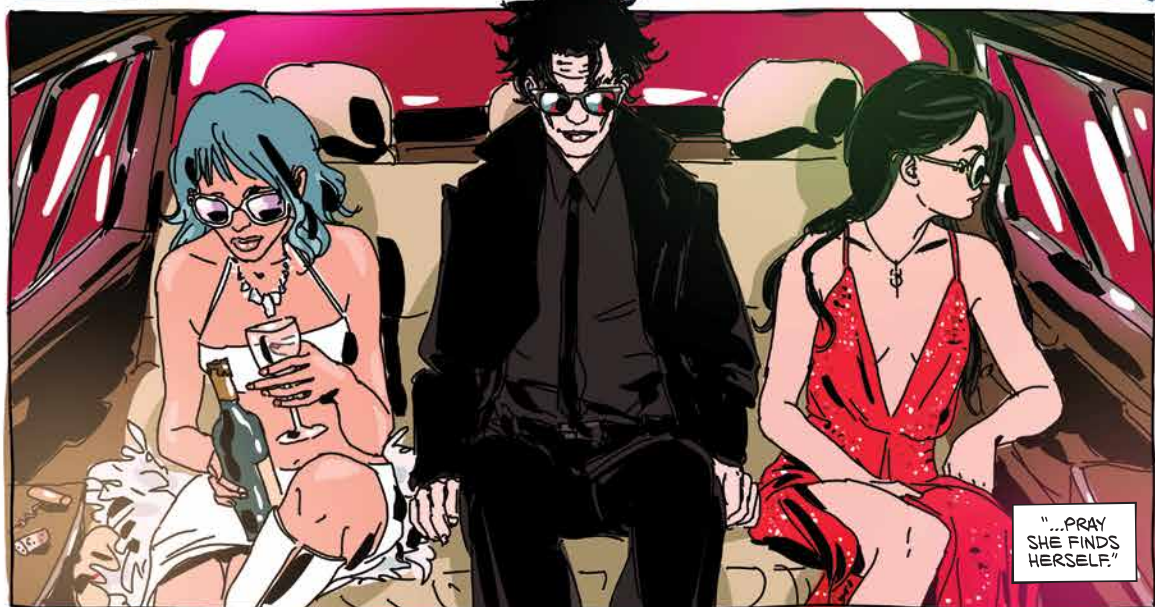
AND
SO DO
YOU.

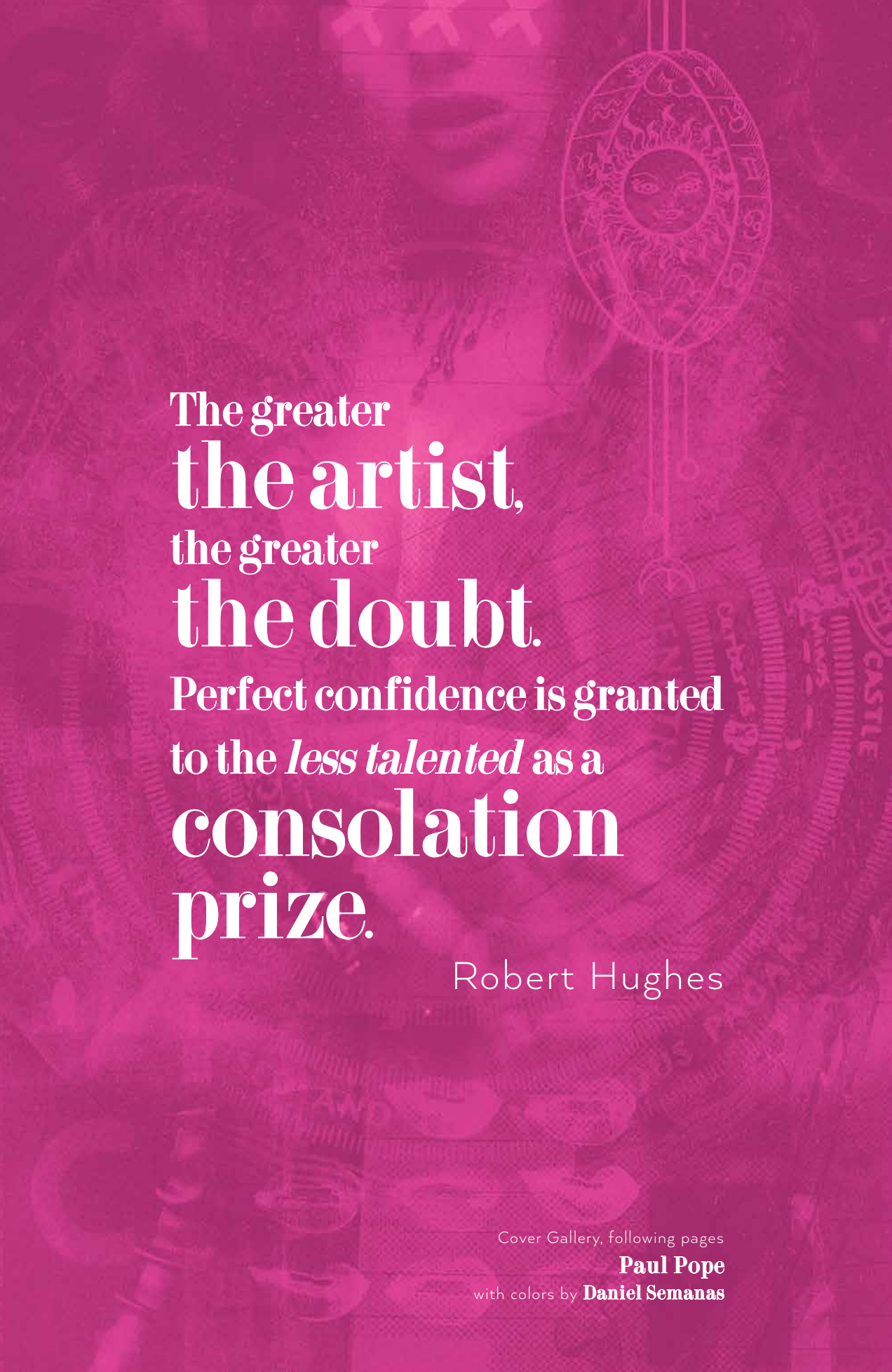












The greater
the artist,
the greater
the doubt.

Perfect confidence is granted
to the *less talented* as a
**consolation
prize.**

Robert Hughes

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**“the rare
erotic
comic
that’s
actually
hot.”**

Brian K.
Vaughan

Faith likes to dabble with magic. Her friends think it’s cute—if not a little off-putting—but it’s part of her charm and her warped search for purpose in a world that makes too much sense. Faith’s a true believer and knows there is a power within her reach. She’s right, of course. It just took a while for that magic, that temptation, that unknowable thing to find her . . . In short—Faith is bored as hell. And Hell has noticed.

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