

TOP COW



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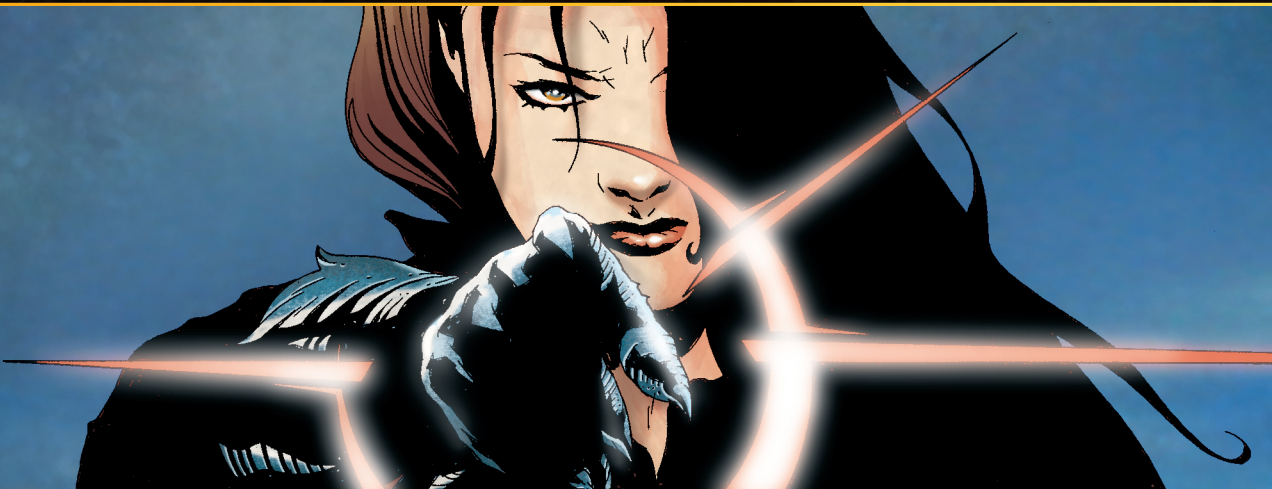
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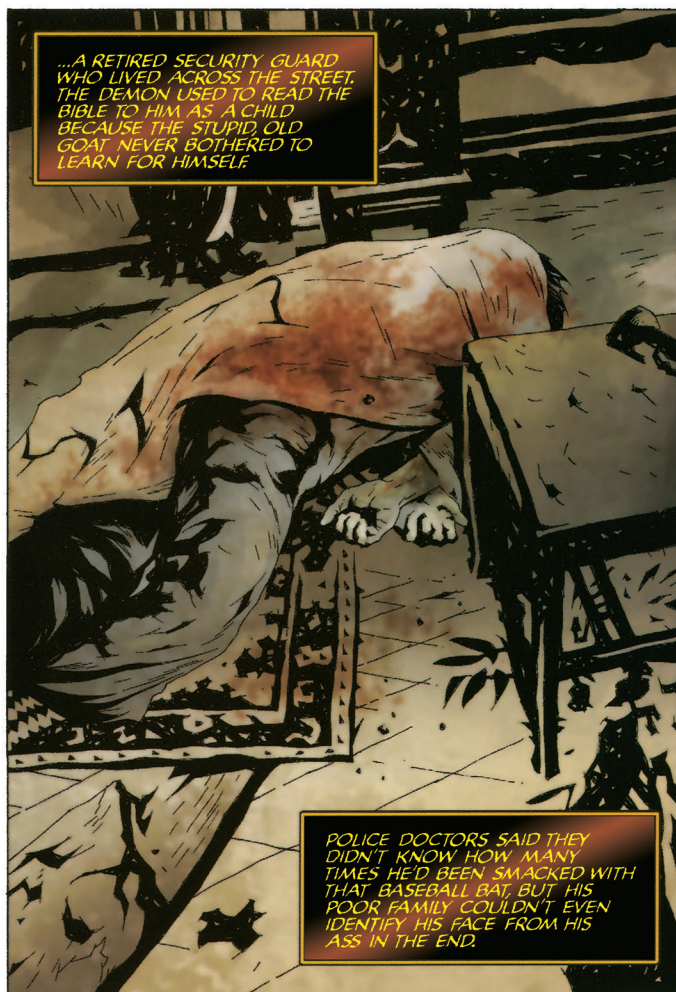
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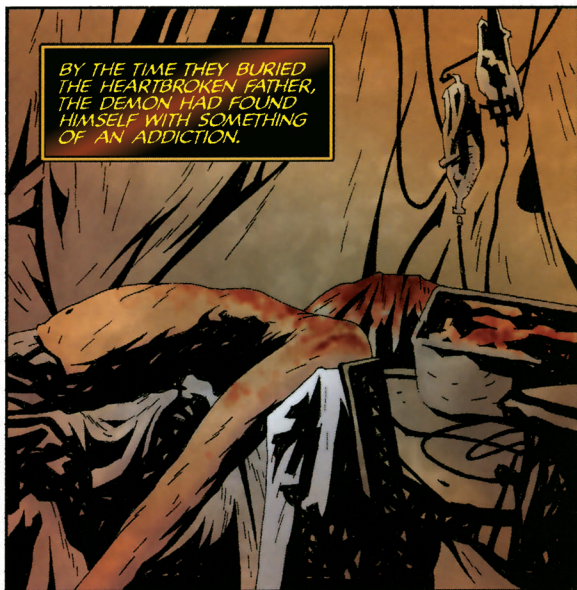






...BUT THE RESULTS WERE SPECTACULAR.

DEPRESSION.
DIVORCE.
ALCOHOLISM.
SUICIDE...



BY THE TIME THEY BURIED THE HEARTBROKEN FATHER, THE DEMON HAD FOUND HIMSELF WITH SOMETHING OF AN ADDICTION.



GOD-DAMMIT!

WHERE THE HELL DID THIS OLD FART LEARN TO RUN SO FAST?



THE VERY, VERY OLD AND THE VERY, VERY YOUNG WERE ALL THE DEMON COULD MANAGE BACK IN THE EARLY DAYS BUT AS HE GOT BIGGER AND STRONGER, SO TOO DID HIS VICTIMS...



THREE WEEKS AFTER HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES, HE SLID A SCREWDRIVER INTO THE NAPE OF SOME FAT COP'S NECK...



FIVE MONTHS LATER, HE
SUFFOCATED A FIREFIGHTER
WITH AN OLD WOOLWORTH'S
BAG DOWN IN PHILLY...



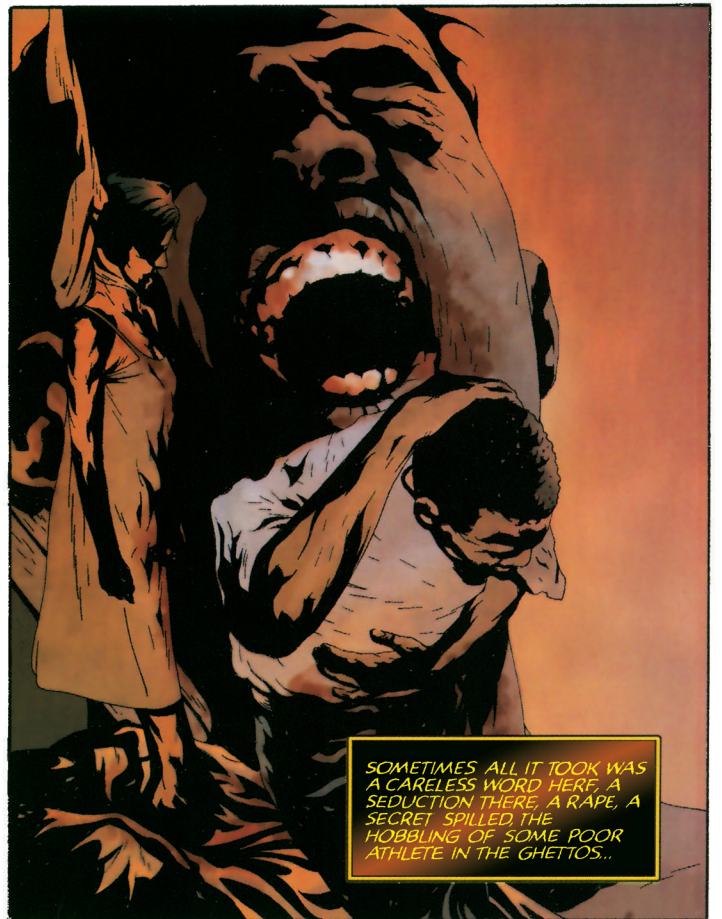
SIX WEEKS AFTER THAT, HE SHOT
A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER RIGHT
THROUGH THE HEART WHILE SHE
WAS MAKING DINNER FOR HER
HUSBAND AND CHILDREN...



NOBODY COULD FIGURE OUT WHY
HE LEFT THE MAN ALIVE WITH
JUST A SHOT THROUGH
THE LEG TO SLOW HIM DOWN...



...BUT THAT WAS
JUST MISSING
THE POINT ENTIRELY.





ALL HE CARED ABOUT WAS RUINING PEOPLE'S LIVES, FOCUSING LIKE A LASER-BEAM ON THE ONE PERSON OUT THERE WHO'D BE MISSED THE MOST, AND THEN--

BLAM!



ANOTHER LITTLE LIGHT GOES OUT.



BUT GOD ONLY PUTS UP WITH SO MUCH DARKNESS IN THE WORLD...

THE BEST **ARREST-RECORD** IN MY DEPARTMENT? HELL, I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT ONE.

PEZZINI.
SARA PEZZINI.

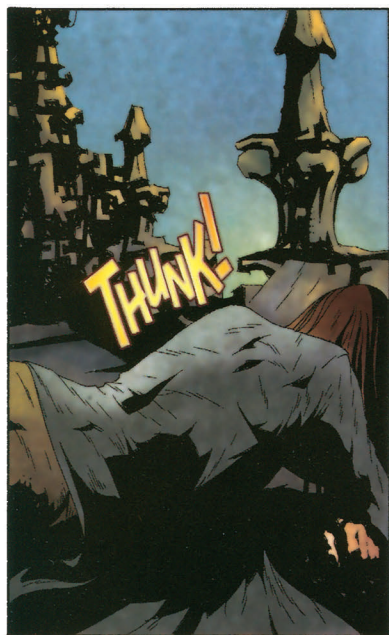


SHE'S THE BEST COP I EVER SAW IN MY WHOLE DAMN LIFE.

...SOMETIMES HE JUST LIKES TO SIT UP AND REMIND EVERYONE HE'S LISTENING EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE.



JESUS!



THUNK!



DROP YOUR WEAPON, BITCH! NICE AN' SLOW OR, I SWEAR TO GOD, I'M GONNA PUT A BULLET RIGHT BETWEEN THOSE FREAKY EYE-BROWS A' YOURS!

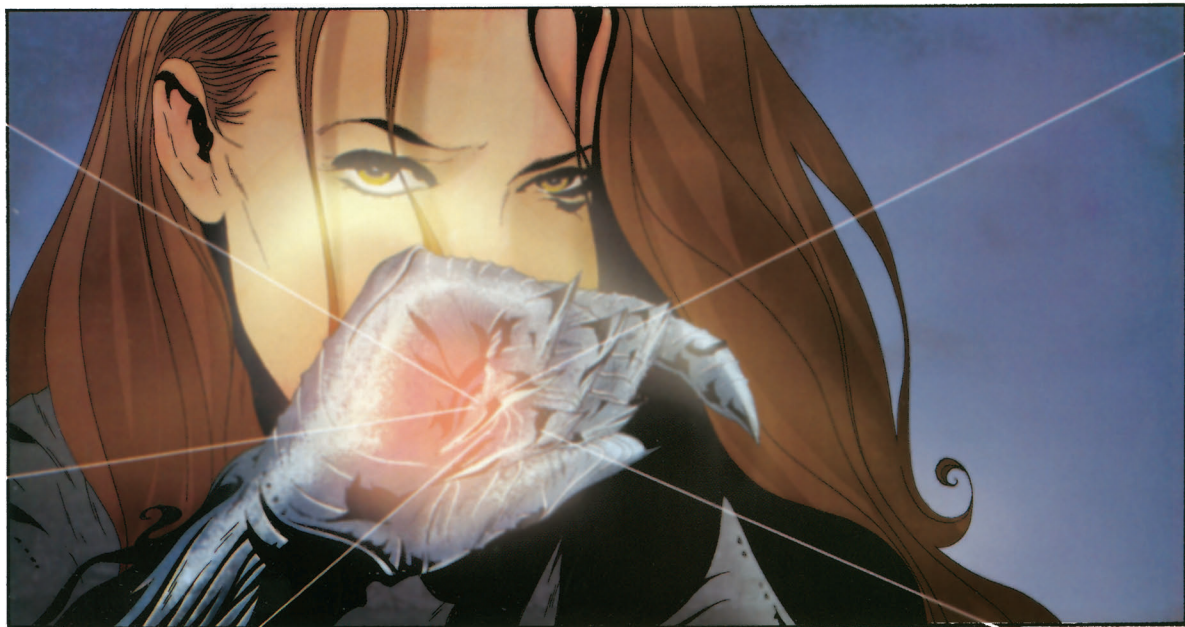


THIS WASN'T ABOUT THE RABBI, WAS IT?

THE RABBI? NAH, HE WAS JUST A BONUS, SARA. YOU WERE THE ONE I WANTED. THE BEST DAMN COP IN NEW YORK CITY, I HEARD. SOMEBODY THEY'RE REALLY GONNA MISS OUT THERE...



OW!







AGH!



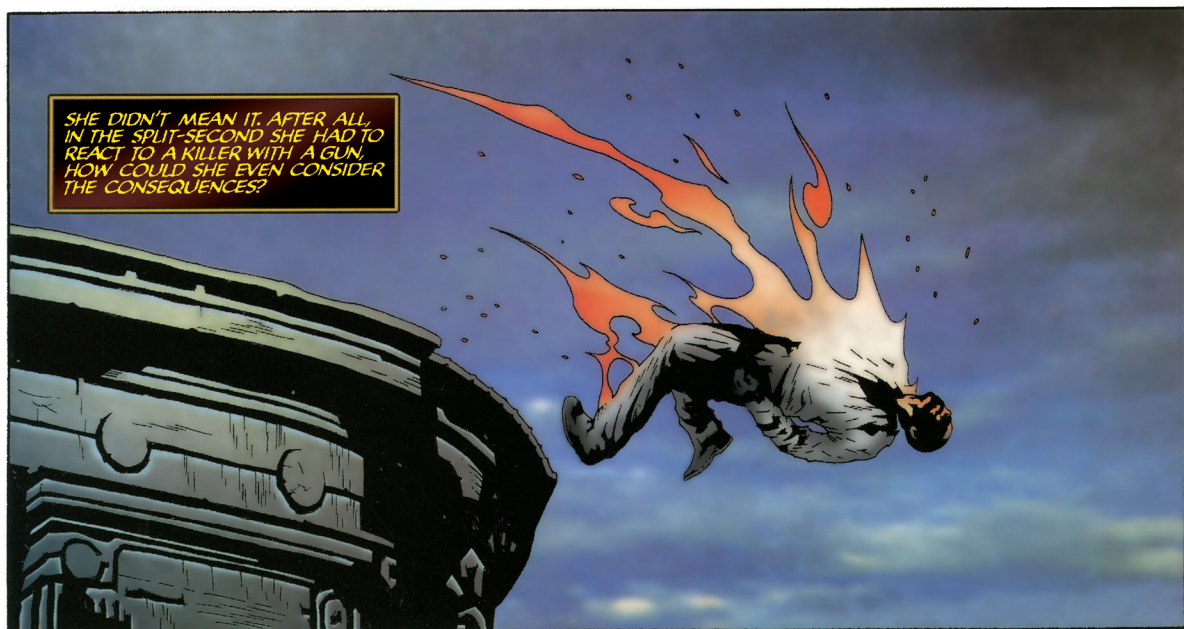
JESUS CHRIST!
HOW DID YOU DO
THAT, YOU STUPID
BITCH? WHAT IN GOD'S
NAME IS THAT
THING?



IT'S CALLED *THE
WITCHBLADE*, MORON.
SCARIEST WEAPON IN THE WORLD
AND HALF THE REASON I MADE
ALL THOSE *BUSTS* YOU WERE
TOO INTERESTED IN.

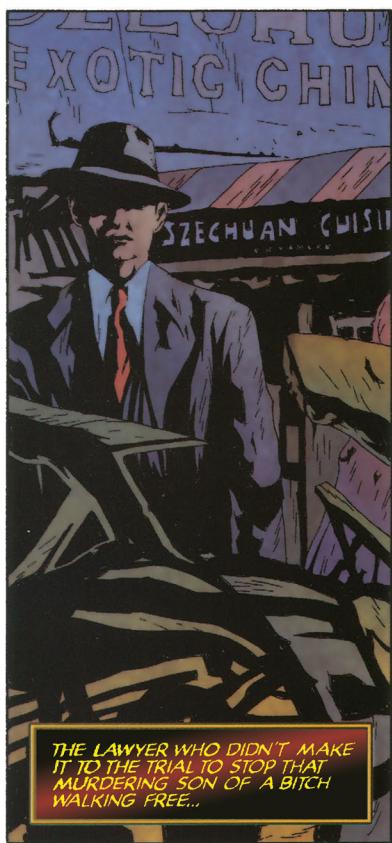


THE WORDS
YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR ARE 'HOW',
'GODDAMN', AND
'IRONIC.'





THE CAB-DRIVER WHO'D BE ON
VALIUM FOR THE REST
OF HIS WORKING LIFE...



THE LAWYER WHO DIDN'T MAKE
IT TO THE TRIAL TO STOP THAT
MURDERING SON OF A BITCH
WALKING FREE...



THE PREGNANT MOTHER
WHO LOST THE BEST THING
THAT WOULD EVER HAPPEN
TO HER...



...AND THE LITTLE BOY
WITH THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL VOICE IN THE
WORLD WHO WOULD
NEVER, EVER OPEN HIS
MOUTH AGAIN.

ALL THE LITTLE
CONSEQUENCES



THE DEMON HAD
DIED AND GONE TO
HEAVEN AFTER ALL.

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DEMON REBORN

