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SPINNING OUT OF ALAN MOORE AND GARY FRANK'S RETELLING OF THE AGELESS HORROR CLASSIC, DRACULA HAS COME TO AMERICA TO PLAY OUT HIS TIMELESS NARRATIVE IN THIS BRAVE, NEW WORLD. ONLY HE DIDN'T REALIZE ANOTHER VAMPIRE ALREADY BEAT HIM TO IT. DRAWN TO ONE ANOTHER ACROSS CONTINENTS AND CENTURIES BY A MYSTERIOUS FORCE, BOTH VAMPIRELLA AND DRACULA FIND THEMSELVES AT THE CENTER OF A TIME-TOSSED EPIC OF LOVE, HATE, DEATH AND DAMNATION.

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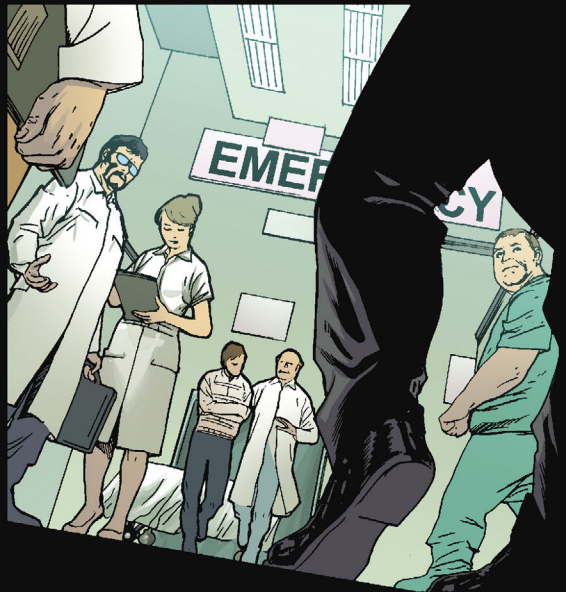
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NEW YORK CITY.



DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN EXPECTING ME.

OURS IS A LONG HISTORY, OLD FRIEND.

ST-STAY BACK...

AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER?

IT WAS VAMPIRELLA WHO CAME BETWEEN US. YOU KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE.

I KNOW YOU KILLED HER!

NOBODY DIES, MY BOY. WE JUST CONTINUE, OUT OF HISTORY AND TOWARD THE BEGINNING OF ...OVER AND OVER...

THEY WANTED VAMPIRELLA...

BUT YOU DENIED THEM HER.

OH, I TRIED... BUT I ASSURE YOU, MR. HALLORAN...

"...THE ORDER OF
THE DRAGON HAS
GOTTEN EVERYTHING
IT WANTED."

YOU LOOK
HUNGRY, MY DEAR
MR. HARKER, YOU
SHOULD EAT
HEARTILY...

...AND
PRESERVE YOUR
STRENGTH.

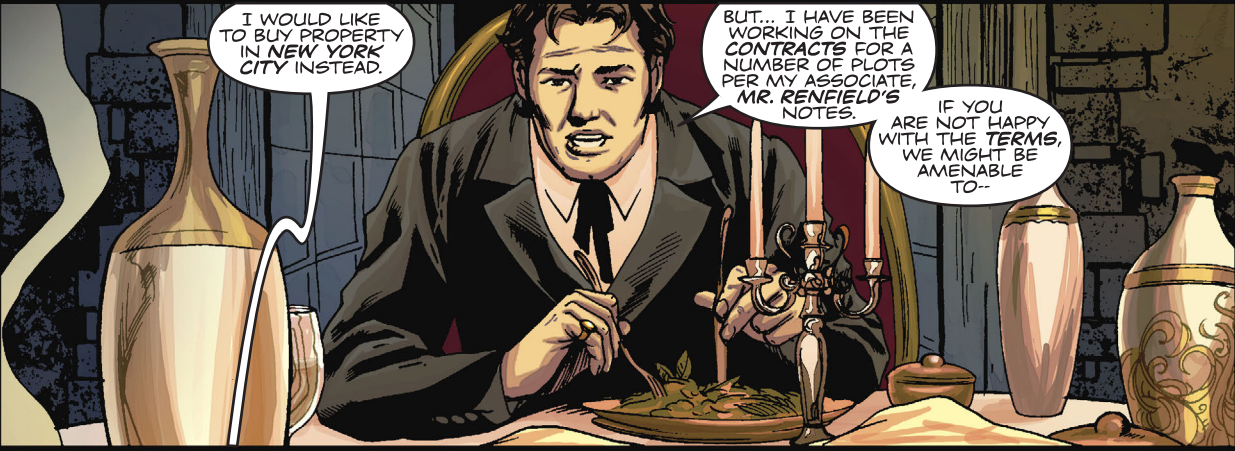




IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, COUNTESS... I'D JUST AS SOON FINISH OUR BUSINESS AND BE ON MY WAY.

MY FIRM, WHOSE REPRESENTATION AND EXPERTISE YOU HAVE RETAINED, HAS EVERY INTENTION OF MAXIMIZING YOUR INVESTMENT AND HOLDINGS IN AND AROUND LONDON AND I SUGGEST WE PROCEED TO--

BUT I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND...



I WOULD LIKE TO BUY PROPERTY IN NEW YORK CITY INSTEAD.

BUT... I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE CONTRACTS FOR A NUMBER OF PLOTS PER MY ASSOCIATE, MR. RENFIELD'S NOTES.

IF YOU ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE TERMS, WE MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO--



IF I AM NOT HAPPY WITH THE TERMS, YOU ARE HERE TO MAKE ME SO.

PARDON, COUNTESS... SOME MORE WINE, PERHAPS?



I WILL NOT BE CHALLENGED IN MY OWN KEEP!



COUNTESS, IF I HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO OFFEND YOU... I APOLOGIZE.



IT-IT IS I WHO OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, MR. HARKER.

I HAVE NOT FELT QUITE...MYSELF LATELY.



IF YOU REQUIRE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, PERHAPS I COULD SEND FOR--



PARDON ME, SIR...



I-I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE, COUNTESS...

I DO HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER.





Jonathan Harher was a *curious* man.

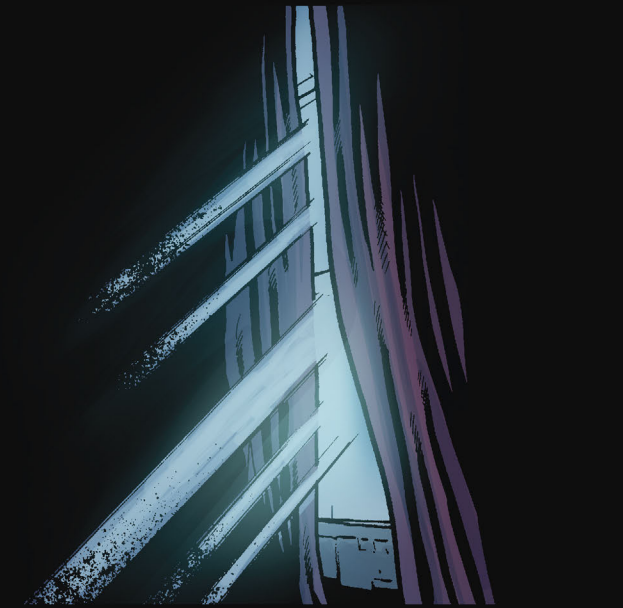
In each iteration of the *great tale*, he stood stalwart and true.



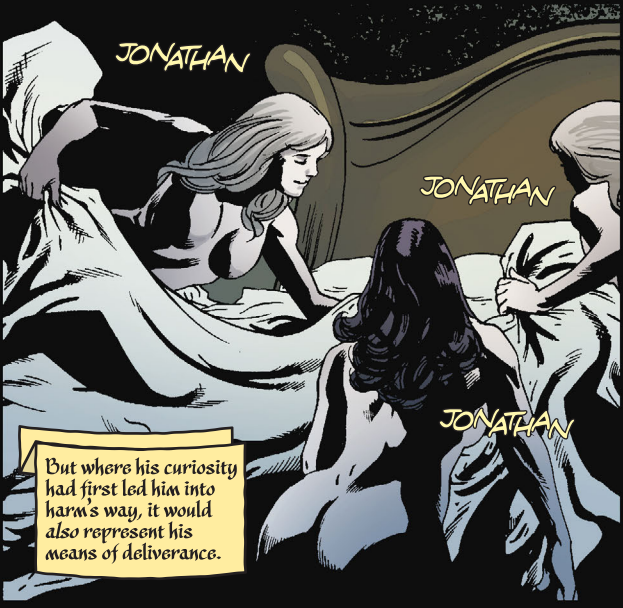
A classic hero for all ages.



And with one, ordained destiny...



JONATHAN



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But where his curiosity had first led him into harm's way, it would also represent his means of deliverance.



He was a calculating man, one who learned from his mistakes.



And one who did not let such curiosity lie.



THIS ISN'T RIGHT... THIS IS A MAD PLACE...



TO THIS POINT YOU'VE BEEN MY ESTEEMED GUEST, JONATHAN HARKER.



YOU'VE YET TO EXPERIENCE JUST HOW MAD THIS PLACE CAN BE.



DO YOU MEAN TO KILL ME THEN? OR DO YOU INTEND TO LOOK AWAY WHILE THE BIDDING OF UNSEEN MASTERS IS DONE?

THIS IS FALSE. I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL IT TOO.



WHAT DO--

DO NOT PRESUME TO DISCERN MY FEELINGS, MR. HARKER.



I SUSPECT YOU'D COME TO REGRET THE EFFORT.



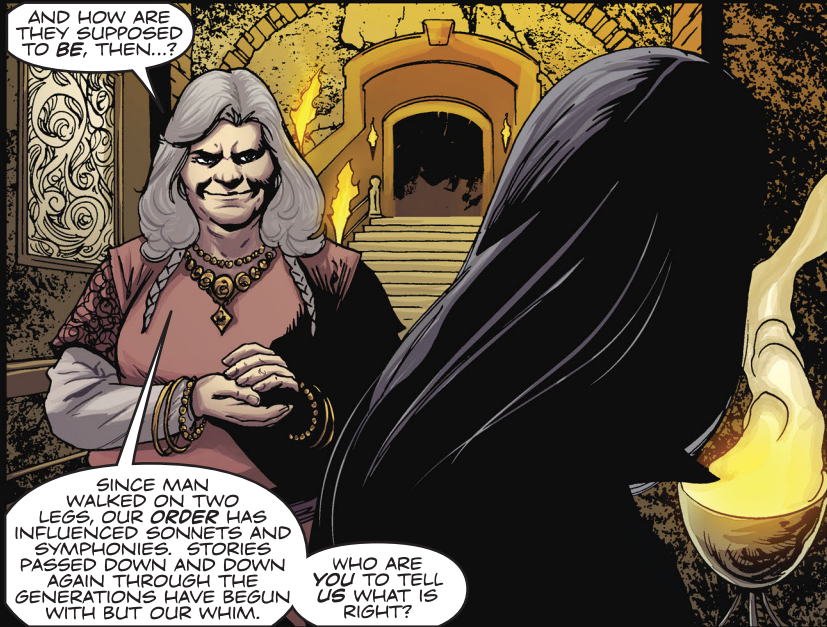
YOU ARE NOT THE VILLAIN IN THIS SORDID AFFAIR.

AND I AM NOT YOUR PRISONER, OR YOUR ADVERSARY...



BECAUSE THIS IS NOT HOW THINGS ARE MEANT TO BE!

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP



AND HOW ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO BE, THEN...?

SINCE MAN WALKED ON TWO LEGS, OUR ORDER HAS INFLUENCED SONNETS AND SYMPHONIES. STORIES PASSED DOWN AND DOWN AGAIN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS HAVE BEGUN WITH BUT OUR WHIM.

WHO ARE YOU TO TELL US WHAT IS RIGHT?



ARE YOU TO PLAY THE **INGENUÉ** THEN, ALL FAIR AND IN NEED OF RESCUE?

OR MAYBE THE **CAD** SUITS YOU BETTER, ALWAYS WITH AN AGENDA AND WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES?



OR WOULD YOU FANCY THE **VILLAINOUS SCOURGE**, PERHAPS?

OH, YOU ARE A **DANGEROUS** ONE, SWEET JONATHAN-- HA!

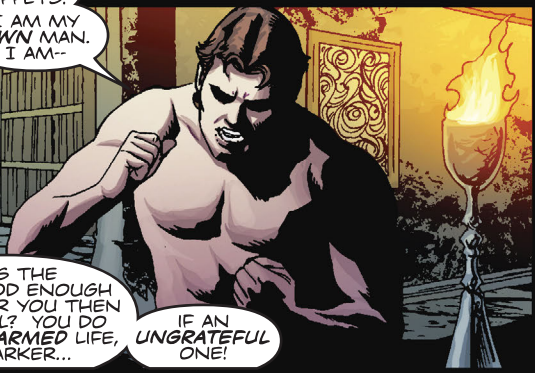
YOU CANNOT JUST... **CONTROL US!** LIKE PUPPETS!

I AM MY OWN MAN. I AM--



OR IS THE **HERO** GOOD ENOUGH A ROLE FOR YOU THEN AFTER ALL? YOU DO LEAD A **CHARMED** LIFE, MR. HARKER...

IF AN **UNGRATEFUL** ONE!




BA-DOOM

WHAT **MADNESS** IS THIS--?

OH, DO CONSIDER SUCH QUESTIONS QUICKLY, **COUNTLESS...**




"...FOR YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE ASKING!"



THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON HAS VAMPIRELLA BECAUSE YOU LIED TO HER.

SHE'S THEIRS BECAUSE YOU LEFT HER TO THEM!



YOU SPEAK OF LOVE, PAIN AND LOSS--

BUT YOU'RE A LIAR, DRAGUNSUN!



YOU RAN RATHER THAN--



MY NAME, MR. HALLORAN, IS DRACULA.

DO NOT TELL ME OF LIES.



I SOUGHT RELEASE, NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR THE WOMAN I LOVED.

BUT THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON WAS NOT CONTENT TO LOSE. IT WAS THEY WHO SOUGHT A REPLACEMENT...

...HOWEVER LIMITED.



THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT...

YOU'RE JEALOUS.



OH, JACK... YOU HAVE NO IDEA.



IMMORTALITY IS A CURIOUS THING, IS IT NOT?

WE ARE AFFORDED ALL THE TIME IMAGINABLE, YET KEEP MAKING THE SAME, STUBBORN MISTAKES.



THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON HAS SEEN FIT TO HAVE ME INHERIT THE MISERABLE LIFE YOU EARNED, DRACULA.

I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT.



KILL ME...?





BUT NO
TWIST OR TURN
OF DESTINY WILL
SPARE YOU FROM MY
ETERNAL HATRED,
MR. HARKER.

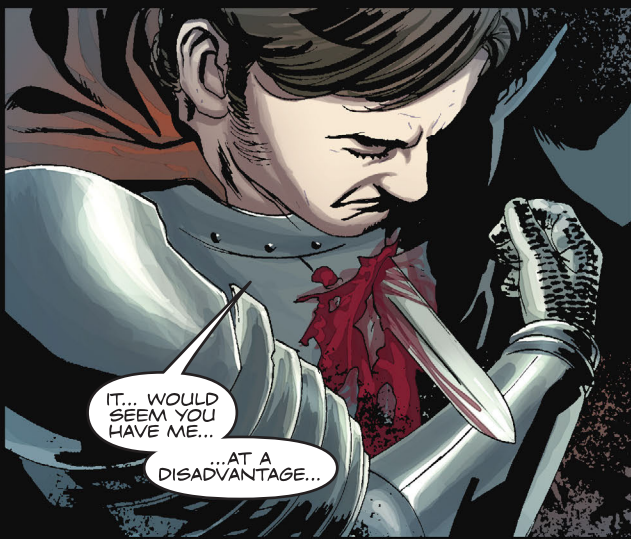


THINGS WILL
BE DIFFERENT
ONCE WE
RETURN TO--

HRGK



SHANK



IT... WOULD
SEEM YOU
HAVE ME...

...AT A
DISADVANTAGE...



IT WOULD SEEM
I HAVE YOU IN
EXCRUCIATING--

BLAM





"PAIN... IS FOREVER..."

YOU WANT YOUR OLD JOB BACK. THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT.

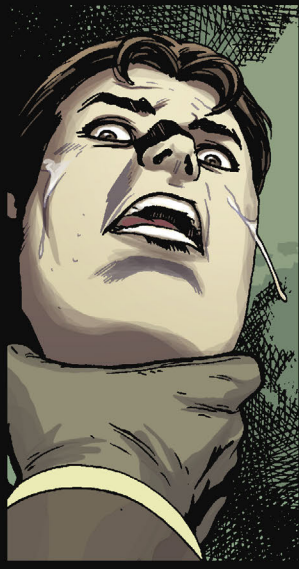
YOU CAN'T STAND THAT THINGS CARRIED ON WITHOUT YOU, ONCE YOU LEFT.

YOU MAKE THIS BIG DISPLAY ABOUT LOVE AND LOSS AND JUSTIFICATIONS BUT YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANYBODY BUT--



TO LEARN THE VIRTUES OF SILENCE WOULD SUIT YOU WELL, MR. HALLORAN.

I CAME TO SAY FAREWELL FOR, I SUSPECT, THE FINAL TIME.



I'LL FIGHT YOU, DRAGUNSUN... I'LL KILL YOU!

HOWEVER MANY TIMES AS NEEDED!



YES... I SUSPECT YOU MIGHT...

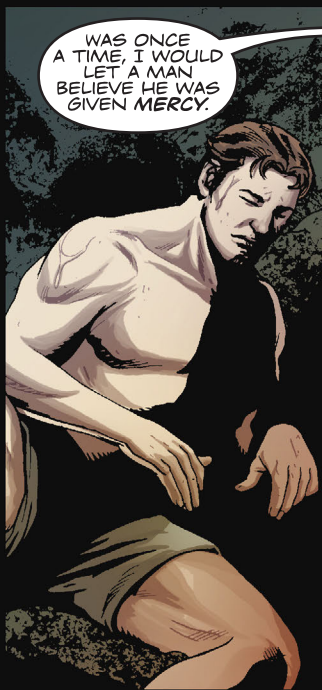
...IF ONLY YOU COULD...



COME BACK-- DRAGUNSUN--



DRAGUNSUN!



WAS ONCE A TIME, I WOULD LET A MAN BELIEVE HE WAS GIVEN MERCY.



I WOULD PLAY WITH HIS FEAR, LET HIM BELIEVE HE HAD BEEN SPARED THE AGONY HIS FELLOWS SUFFERED...



...SO THAT IT MIGHT HEIGHTEN THE TERROR WHEN HE REALIZED...



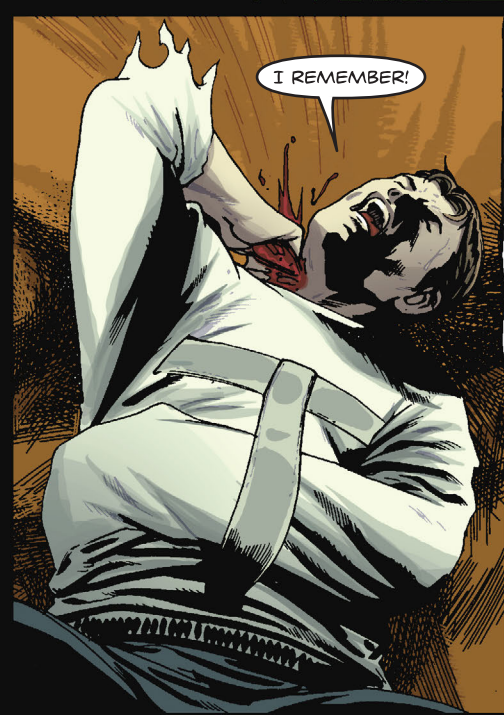
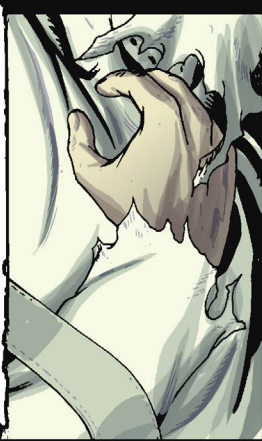
...I STILL INTENDED TO HOIST HIM HIGH TO HEAVEN, WRITHING LIKE A PIG ON THE END OF A STICK.



DID IT FEEL AS WONDERFUL WHEN YOU DID IT, VAMPIRELLA...?



WHEN YOU WATCHED YOUR ENEMIES DIE SLOWLY, WITH AS MUCH PAIN AS YOU DETERMINED.







And so heroes, villains and all those betwixt and between resumed their natural roles in the great tale.

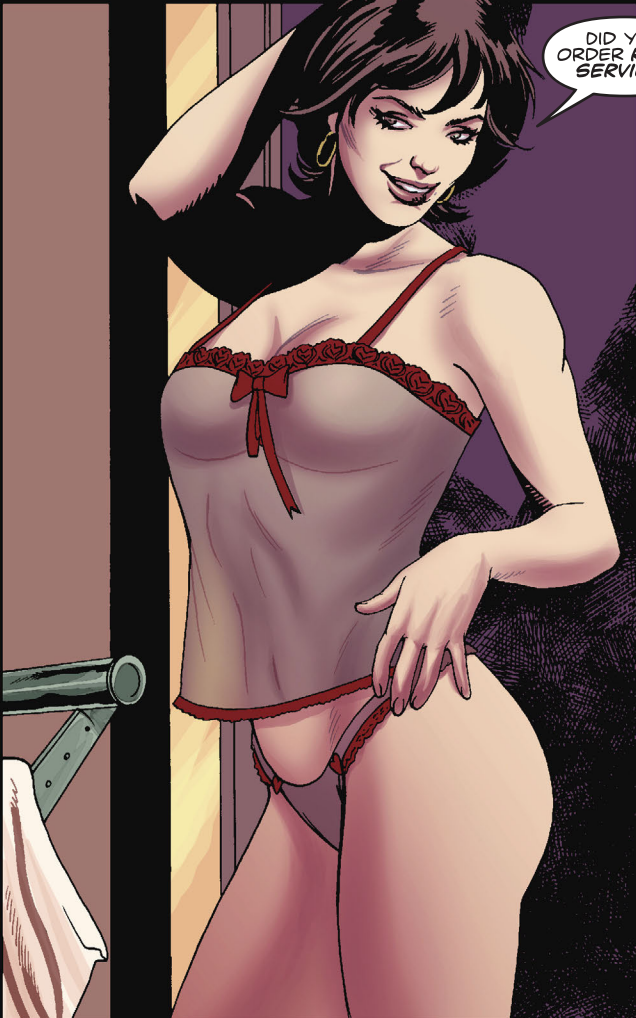
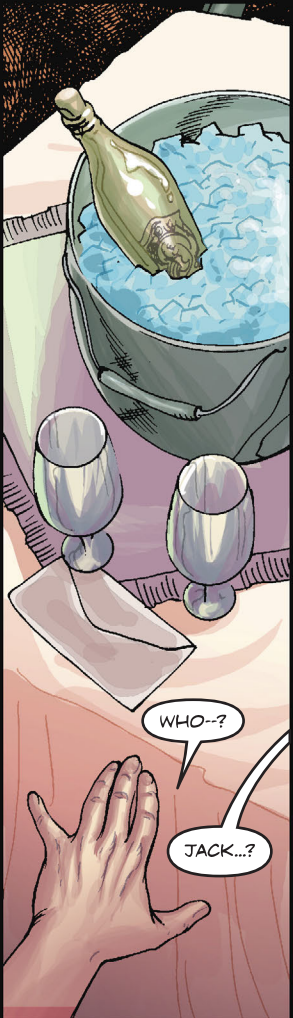
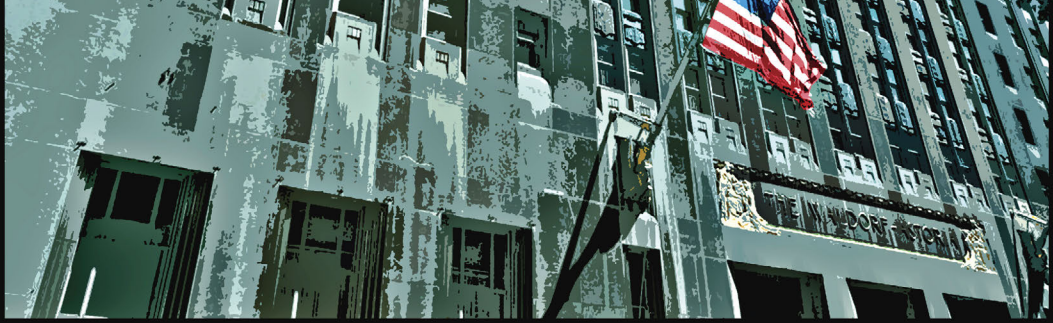
Each, with his measure tested.

From each, a new perspective on their place.

To each, a sense that things had finally, mercifully...

...ended.







I DIDN'T CALL FOR ANYTHING.



Congratulations
On Your Wedding Night

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