

DEATHSTROKE

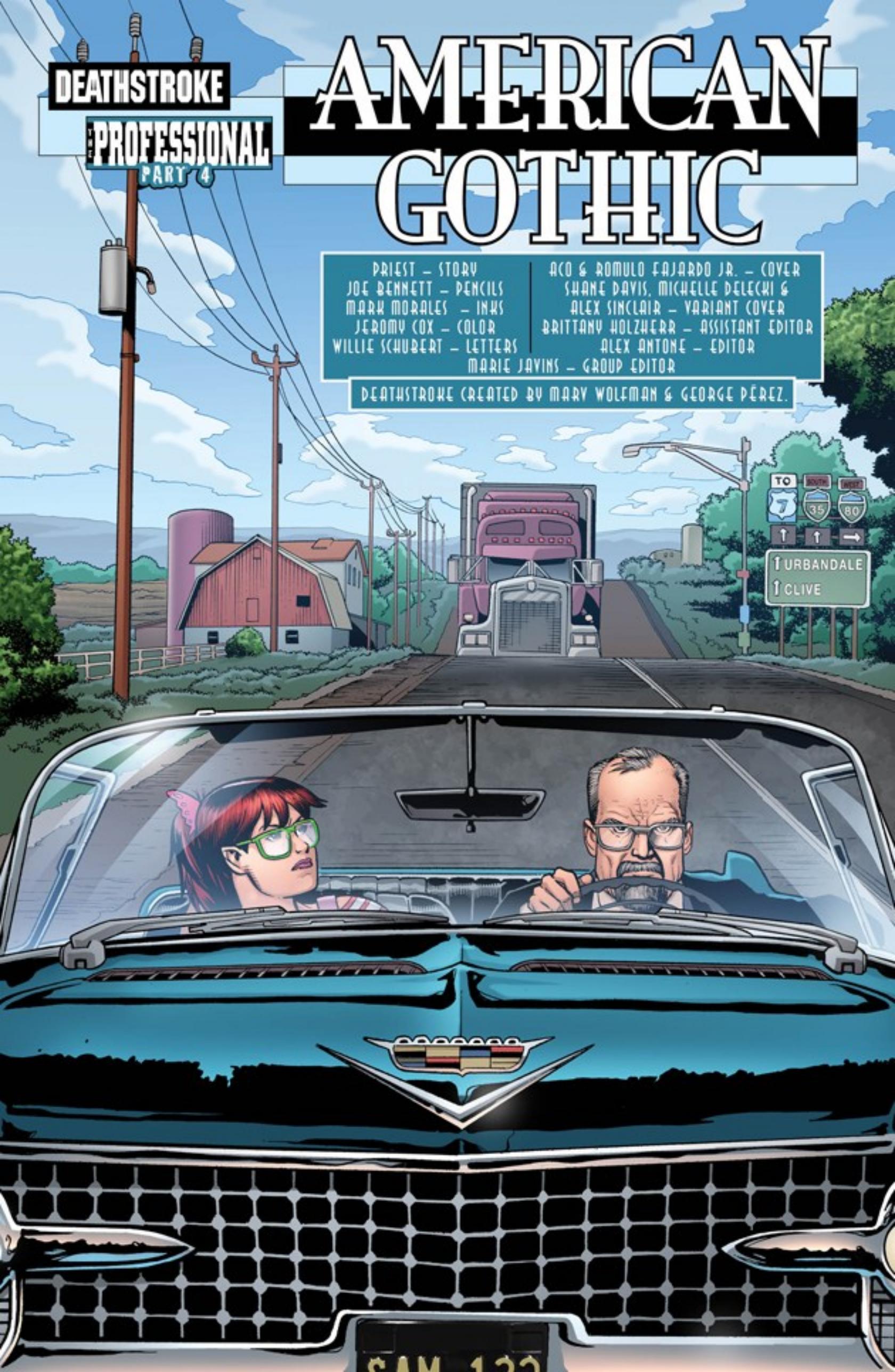
PROFESSIONAL  
PART 4

# AMERICAN GOTHIC

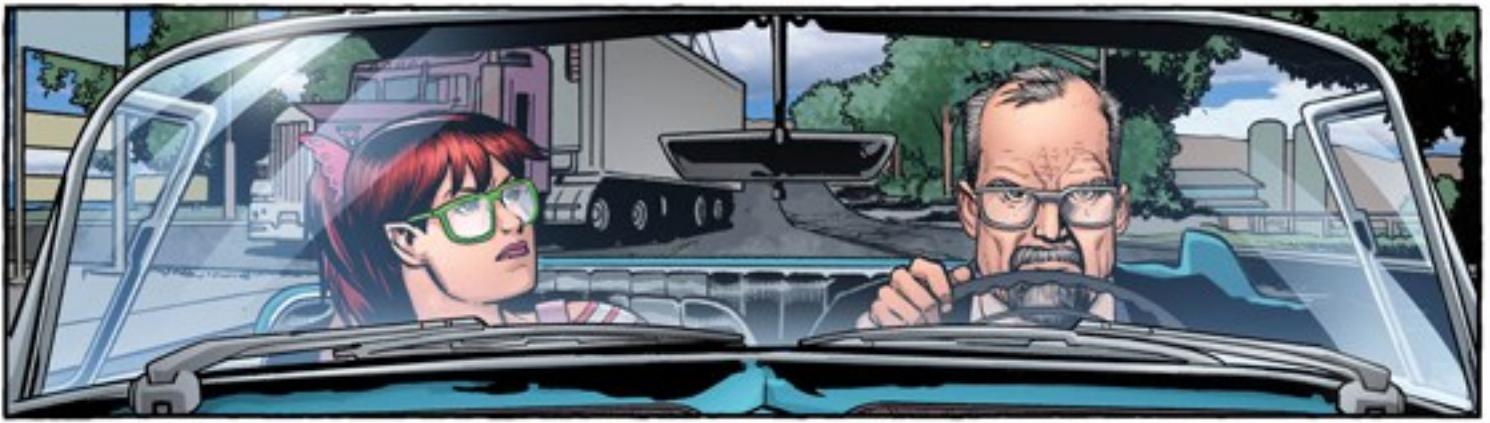
PRIEST - STORY  
JOE BENNETT - PENCILS  
MARK MORALES - INKS  
JEROMY COX - COLOR  
WILLIE SCHUBERT - LETTERS

ACO & ROMULO FAJARDO JR. - COVER  
SHANE DAVIS, MICHELLE DELECHI &  
ALEX SINCLAIR - VARIANT COVER  
BRITTANY HOLZERR - ASSISTANT EDITOR  
ALEX ANTONI - EDITOR  
MARIE JAVINS - GROUP EDITOR

DEATHSTROKE CREATED BY MARY WOLFMAN & GEORGE PEREZ.



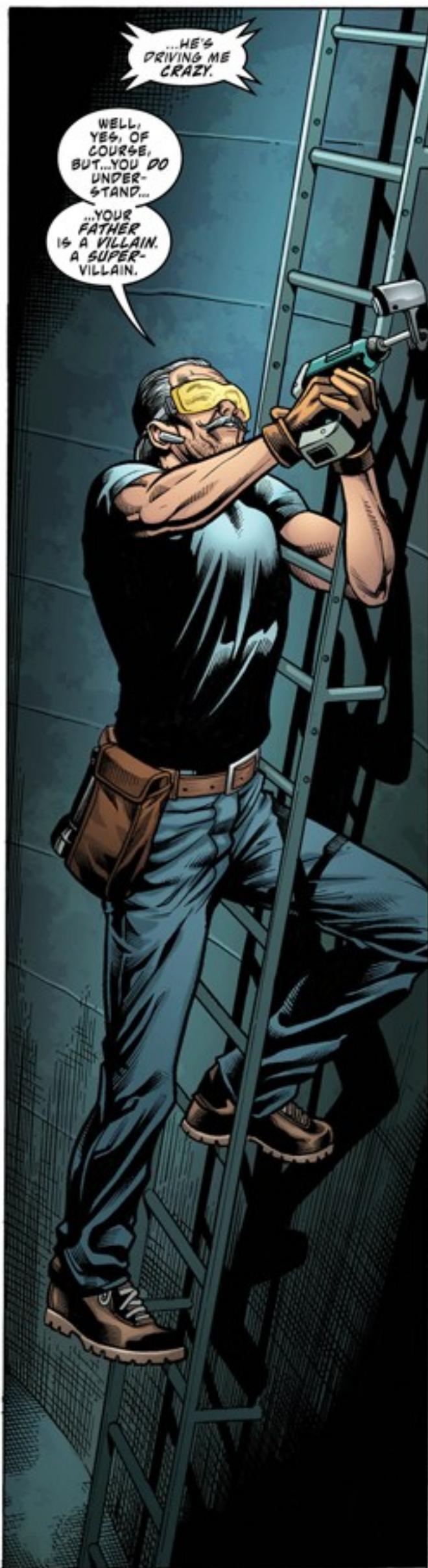
SAM 122



"Tuh-MAY-toe"







...HE'S DRIVING ME CRAZY.

WELL, YES, OF COURSE, BUT...YOU DO UNDERSTAND...

...YOUR FATHER IS A VILLAIN. A SUPER-VILLAIN.



MUCH AS YOU OR I OR, SAY, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, WOULD LIKE TO PRETEND OTHERWISE...

"MERCENARY," "ANTIHERO," AND SUCH...

...THE "VILLAIN" LABEL IS THE BEST FIT, I'M AFRAID.



IT'S LONG PAST TIME WE BOTH FACED THAT REALITY.

HE DOES LOVE YOU, ROSE.

HE NEVER SAYS IT.

SUPER-VILLAIN.



SO, YOU'RE SAYING HE'S A PSYCHOPATH.

NO...SLADE EXPERIENCES EMOTION...

...HE'S JUST UNABLE TO EXPRESS IT IN WAYS RATIONAL PEOPLE DO. YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN THE CODE.

THE WHAT?



WHEN SLADE SAYS, "YOU'RE AN IDIOT," HE MEANS "I'M CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHOICES."

YOU CAN HUG HIM. HE COULD NEVER HUG YOU.

HE'D BURST INTO FLAMES.

