

THIRTEEN YEARS PREVIOUS:

PAMELA
EVANS! YOU
MUST BE
CRAZY--!

JUST
LAY BACK,
DAMOCLES --

-- I'M FOUR
FARES IN!
SMOOTH SAILING
ALL THE WAY!

YOU THINK TAKING
ONE OF MY CARS
WITHOUT PERMISSION
IS "SMOOTH SAILING"?!
LEMME TELL YOU
SOMETHING, UL!
LEADBELLY --

-- IT AIN'T SMOOTH FROM
WHERE I'M SITTING! AND
THAT HAPPENS TO BE DEAD
CENTER IN THE DISPATCHER
CAGE! YOU HEAR ME?!

YOU MAY BE THE
HIPPEST THIRTEEN-
YEAR-OLD ON THE
BLOCK, BUT THAT DON'T
MEAN THAT I'LL PUT MY
REP ON THE LINE!

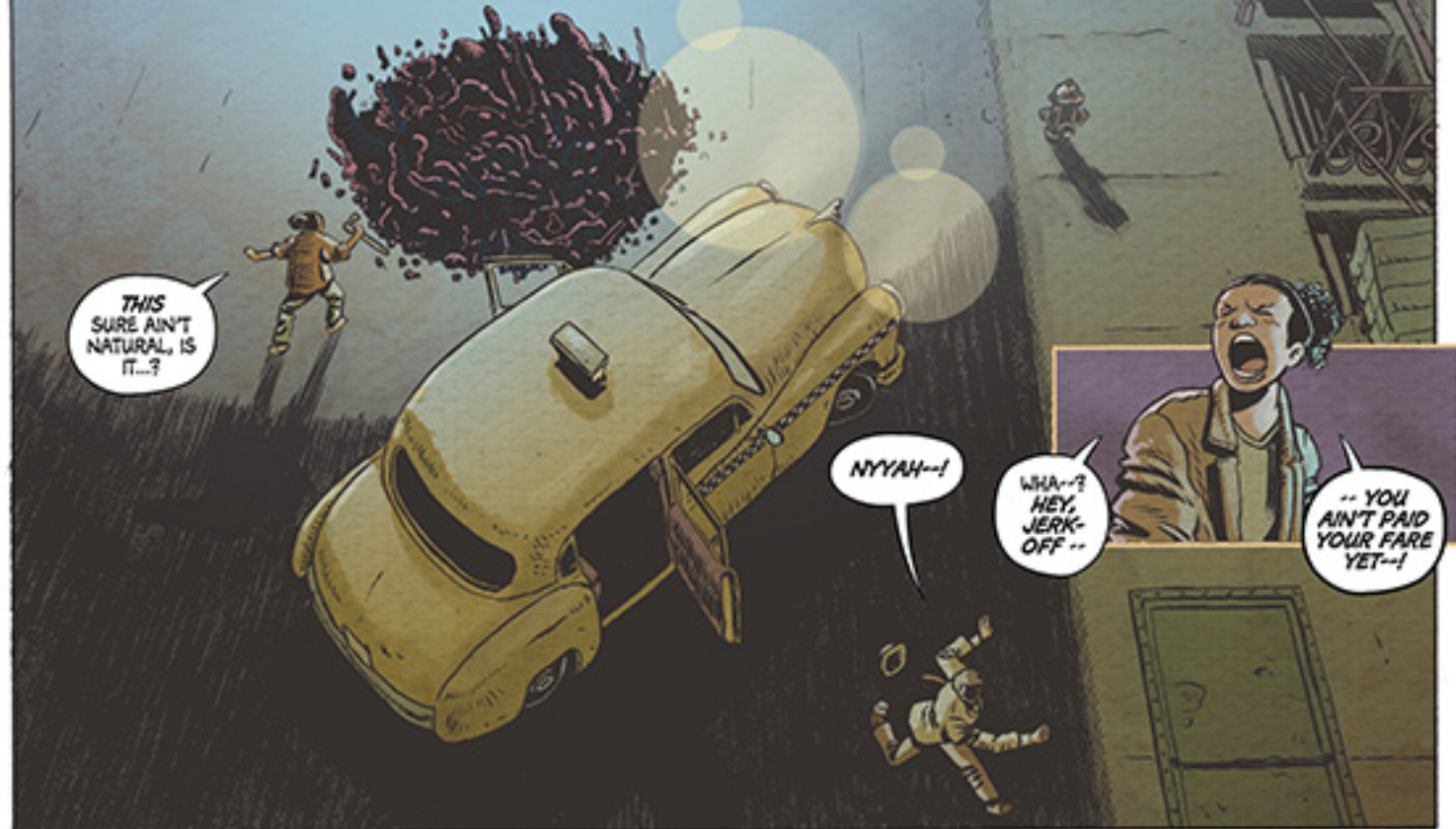
YOUR
"REP"?!
GIMME A
BREAK!

I DON'T
NEED NO
BACK
TALK --

HOLD
UP.

SOMETHING
FUNNY GOIN'
ON UP
AHEAD...





Can you
FEEL it? She
possesses a deep
and infinite
FIRE...

... that will
serve her well
in the perils to
come.

Indeed. She will
make a worthy
COMBATANT...

... once she is
properly
GROOMED, of
course.

Seconded.

No doubt she
will be an
avatar of our
righteous
FURY.

She will cut a
wide swath of
destruction through
ALL our enemies'
territories.

She will
bring forth
a final --

OKAY.

I DUNNO WHERE I
AM... OR WHO THE
HELL YOU THINK
YOU'RE TALKIN'
TO...

... BUT
I AIN'T
NOBODY'S
"AVATAR."

Ignorant
whelp.
Clearly you
are not
FIT to
comprehend
the JOURNEY
you are
about to
embark
upon.

We shall
ADD to your
fire --