

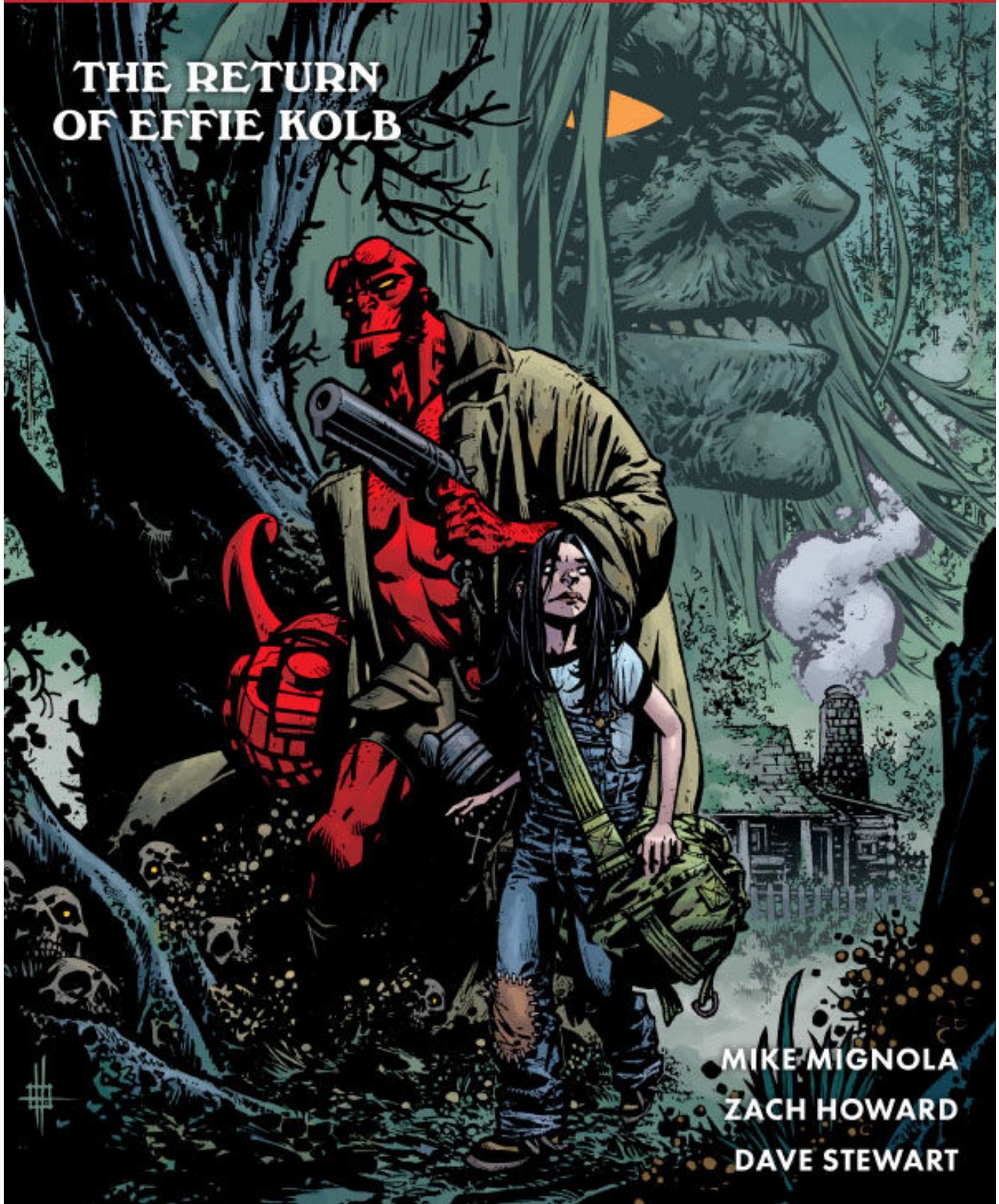


# HELLBOY™

AND THE  
B.P.R.D.

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THE RETURN  
OF EFFIE KOLB



MIKE MIGNOLA  
ZACH HOWARD  
DAVE STEWART

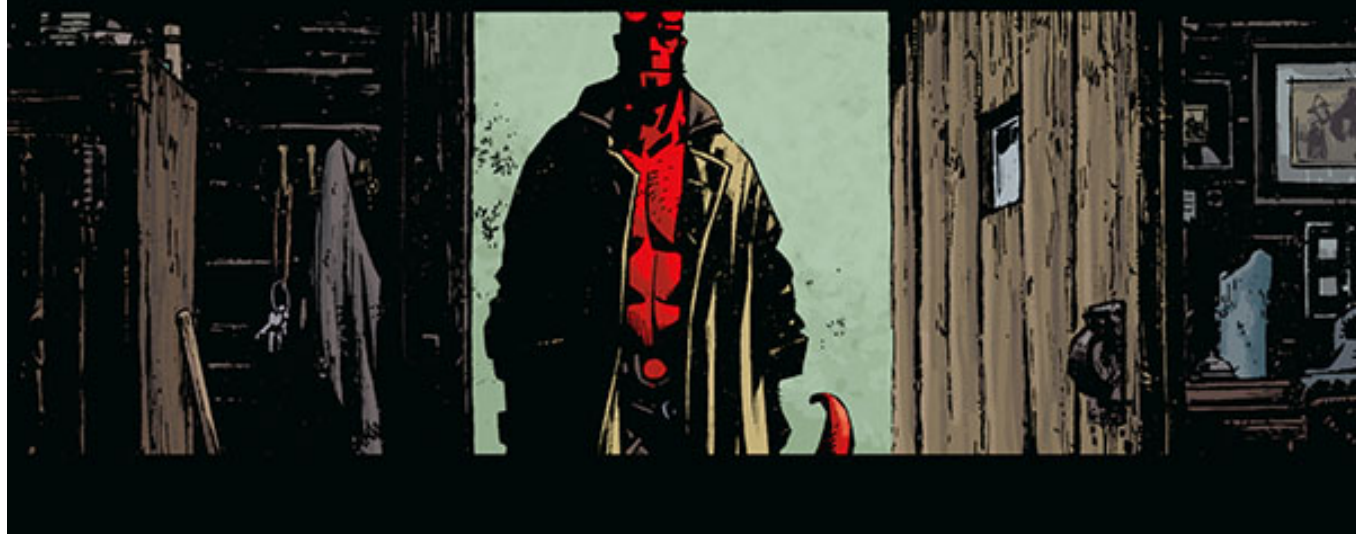
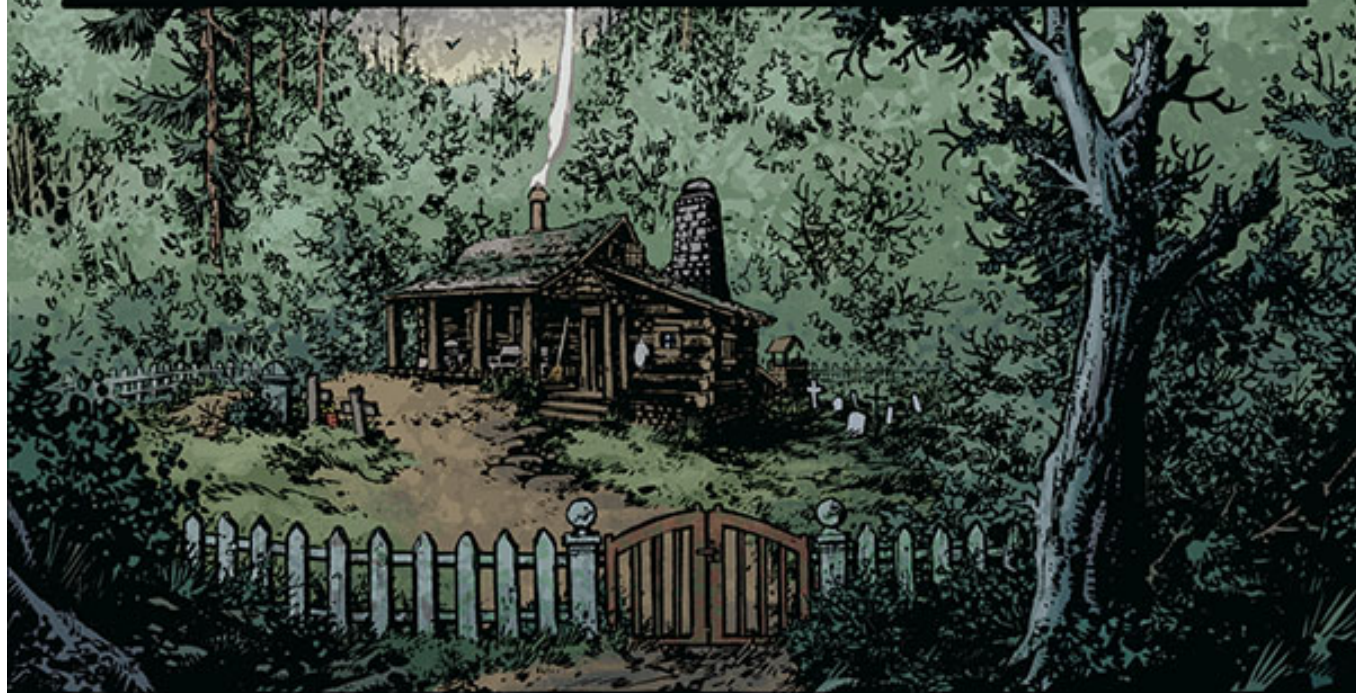




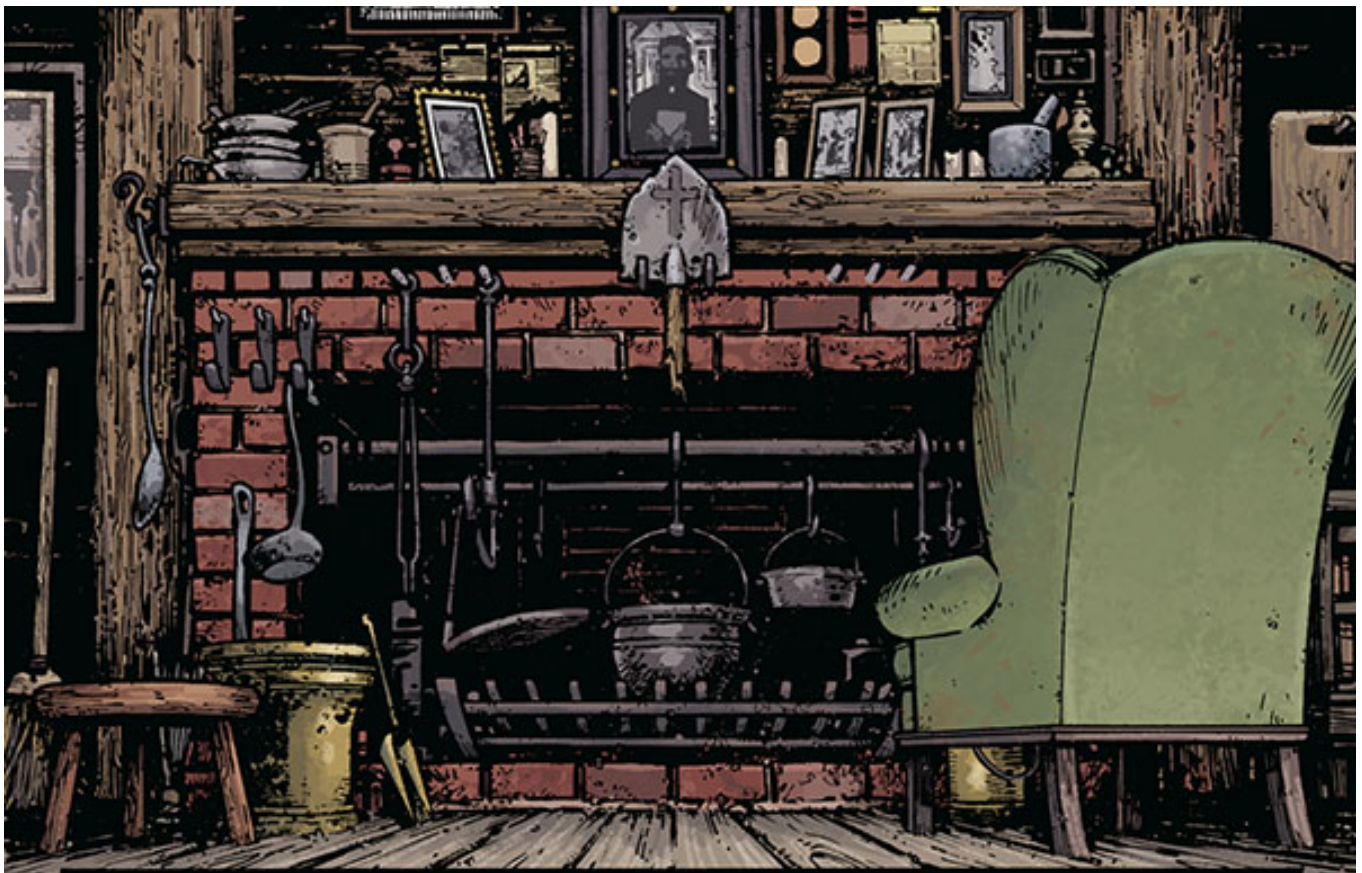
VIRGINIA. SOMEWHERE IN THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS.



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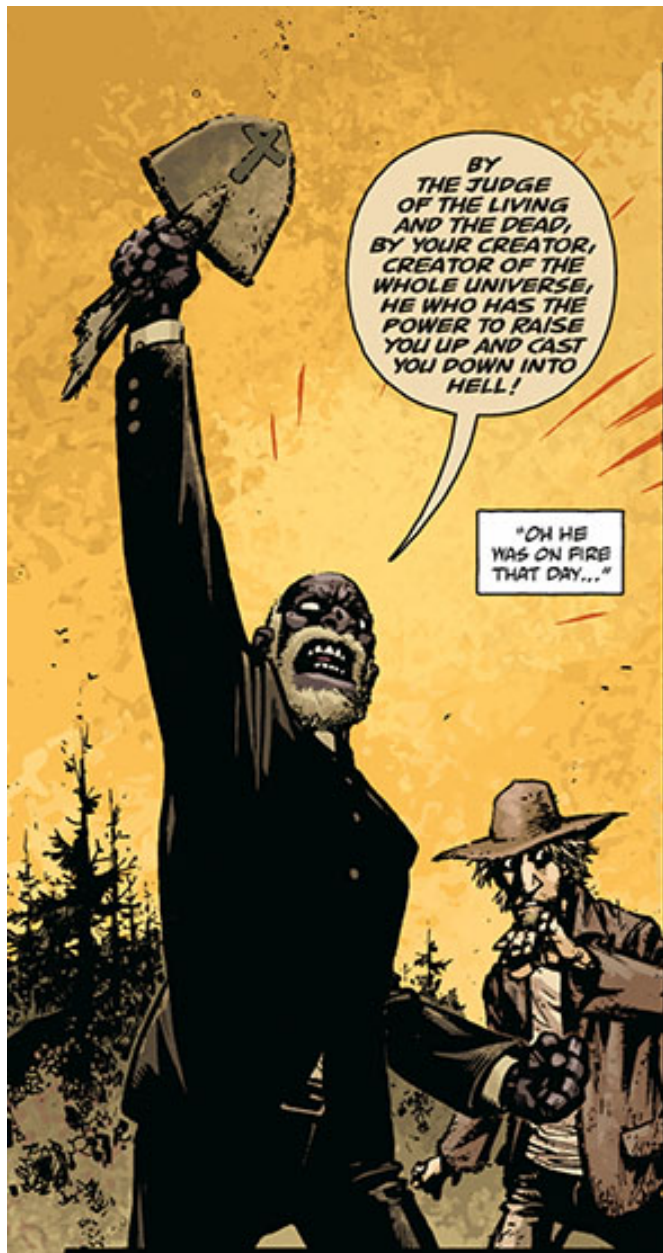












BY THE JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, BY YOUR CREATOR, CREATOR OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE, HE WHO HAS THE POWER TO RAISE YOU UP AND CAST YOU DOWN INTO HELL!

"OH HE WAS ON FIRE THAT DAY..."



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"THOSE WITCHES WERE SO OLD MOST OF 'EM BLEW APART JUST FROM THE WORDS..."



BUT A FAIR NUMBER OF 'EM HE POLISHED OFF HISSELF WITH THAT MAGIC SHOVEL.



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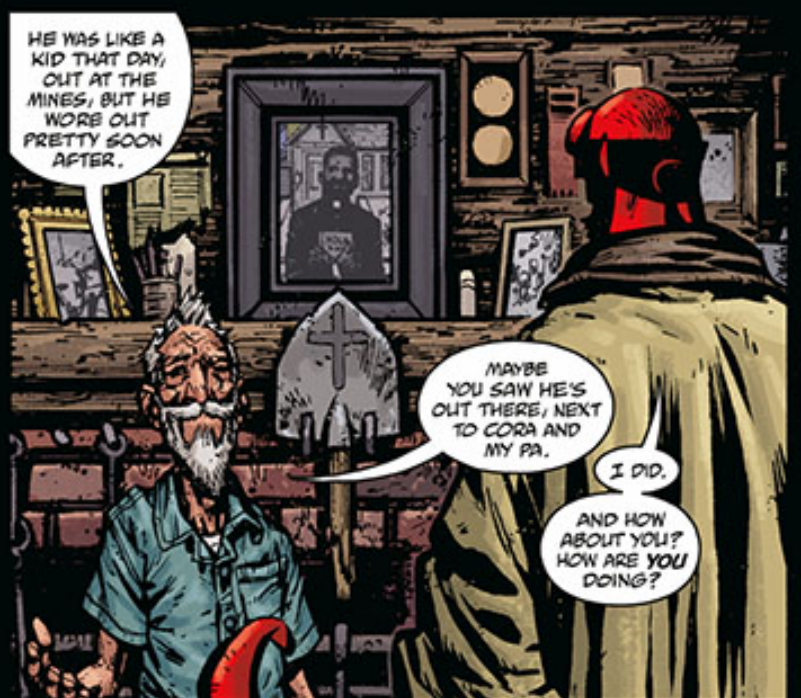




LORD BUT HE DID LOVE THIS SHOVEL.

YOU REMEMBER IT--WHAT'S LEFT OF THE ONE YOU USED ON THE CROOKED MAN.

KIND OF HARD TO FORGET.



HE WAS LIKE A KID THAT DAY, OUT AT THE MINES, BUT HE WORE OUT PRETTY SOON AFTER.

MAYBE YOU SAW HE'S OUT THERE, NEXT TO CORA AND MY PA.

I DID.  
AND HOW ABOUT YOU?  
HOW ARE YOU DOING?

I JUST ASK SOME KIND OF WITCH DOCTOR, COME BY OCCASIONALLY TA ASK FOR THINGS, I STILL KNOW SOME STUFF, BUT MOSTLY THEY JUST WANT TO HEAR THE TALE, 'BOLT YOU AND ME, AND TA LOOK AT THE SHOVEL.



NOT MUCH CALL ANYMORE FOR MY KINDA CURES. ALL THE WITCHES THAT LIVED 'ROUND HEAR LIT OUT AFTER THE CROOKED MAN.

'CEPT FOR ME.



THERE YOU ARE. FRIEND, THIS HERE'S SARA MAY BLACKBURN. SHE'S A GOOD GIRL AND PRETTY FAIR COMPANY. SHE'S BEEN STAYIN' HERE SINCE HER FOLKS KICKED HER OUT 'CAUSE THEY THINK SHE'S A WITCH.

SOMETIMES I KNOW THINGS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN.