



AN EMERGENCY ROOM OFF
THE WESTSIDE HOSPITAL.

I DIDN'T NOTICE THE
NAME ON THE WAY IN--
AS I HAD MY ARMS
FULL CARRYING MY
BEST FRIEND.


I DON'T KNOW THE
DETAILS. I PROBABLY
NEVER WILL.

AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL,
HE WAS INFECTED WITH
SOMETHING-- SOME SORT
OF ANCIENT VIRUS-- IN THE
MOUNTAINS OF EUROPE.

I SAW THE CUT
ON HIS ARM, BUT
HE DISMISSED IT
WITH A JOKE.

I LET
IT GO.





NOW... *THIS*.

HE'S BEEN
TRANSFORMED INTO
THIS... *MONSTER*.

HE KILLED THE
ORDERLY AND THE
NURSE WITHOUT
BATting AN EYE.

BEFORE I COULD
DO ANYTHING TO
STOP HIM.

IF, HONESTLY...
THAT'S EVEN
POSSIBLE.



HRRAOUGHR

STEP BACK,
DOCTOR...

...UNTIL WE
KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO...

...MY
FRIEND.

THERE'S NOT
MUCH OF A
MYSTERY.

THE PATIENT
TRANSFORMED
RIGHT IN FRONT OF
OUR EYES INTO--
THAT!

COME ON!
WHERE THE HELL
IS EVERYBODY?!

BAM

BAM

BAM







HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF--

NOT THAT IT
DOES THEM
ANY GOOD.



INSTEAD OF
KILLING HIM...

...ALL THEY'VE
DONE IS PISS
HIM OFF.

NEWBURGH!



DAMN!

HE'S TOO
FAST!



DUDE,
THAT AIN'T NO
NEWBURGH.

THERE'S
NO THERE,
THERE.

I GET IT.

I LEAP FOR THE
GUNS THE GUARDS
WERE HOLDING...

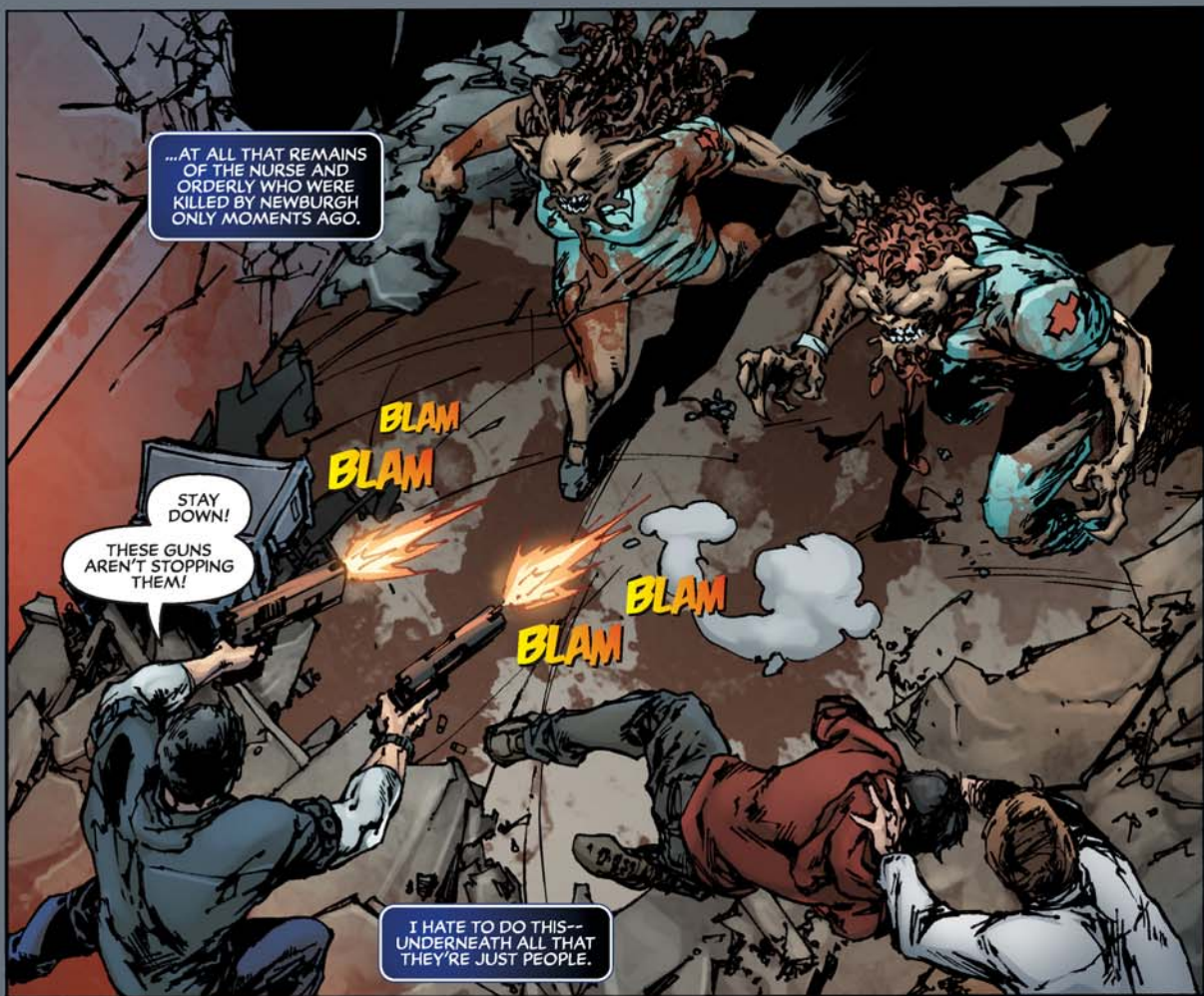


HIT THE
FLOOR--
NOW!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

WHAT
THE--?!

...AND COME
UP FIRING...





WHATEVER
CONTAGION THAT
INFECTED YOUR
FRIEND...?

IT MIGHT HAVE
TAKEN DAYS OR HOURS
TO INCUBATE-- TO
ADAPT TO THE HUMAN
BODY-- IN ORDER TO
TRANSFORM IT.

B-BUT NOW
THIS "VIRUS" HAS A
ROADMAP. IT KNOWS
HOW IT IS DONE...

WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING?!

GET SCRATCHED
BY ONE OF THOSE
THINGS-- AND BEFORE
YOU KNOW IT YOU'RE
ONE OF THEM?

YOU SAW IT FOR
YOURSELF.

THE SECOND
GENERATION OF THIS
INFECTION ONLY TOOK
MOMENTS TO WORK
THROUGH A BODY.

HOW DO WE
STOP THIS OUTBREAK
FROM SPREADING?

I... DON'T
THINK YOU
CAN.

I DON'T
ACCEPT
THAT.

OFFICER, YOU
SHOULDN'T GO
ANYWHERE!

THIS WHOLE
HOSPITAL NEEDS TO
BE QUARANTINED!

MORE LIKE
THE WHOLE
CITY, DOC!

LET'S GET OUT OF
HERE BEFORE THOSE
GUARDS BOUNCE
BACK UP!