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I COULDN'T TELL YOU
WHAT MOTIVATES
OTHER PEOPLE.

BIZARRE LITTLE
SACKS OF MEAT--

--SKITTERING
ABOUT--

--COOKING IN
THE SUN.

WHO KNOWS WHY
THEY DO WHAT THEY
DO? WHO CARES?

NOT ME.

I DON'T SEE
RIVALS ACROSS
THE RING--

--I SEE LAMBS FOR
THE SLAUGHTER.

KEEP YOUR PRIZES,
KEEP YOUR HONOR
AND GLORY.

JUST LET
ME FIGHT.

THIS WILLIAM REGAL
TALKS A GOOD
GAME, I GUESS.

HE THINKS MY STYLE AND
EXPERIENCE WOULD BE A
WELCOME ADDITION TO
THE NXT ROSTER.

SAYS SOMEONE WITH MY
TALENTS COULD GO FAR.

HE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND ME
AT ALL.

BUT EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT,
THE NXT STABLE HAS
GOTTEN IMPRESSIVE.

GREAT FIGHTERS
OVER THERE.

REAL
COMPETITION.

AND I'VE
PROBABLY BEEN
SITTING HERE IN
THE DARK LONG
ENOUGH.

TIME TO STEP
BACK INTO THE
LIGHT.

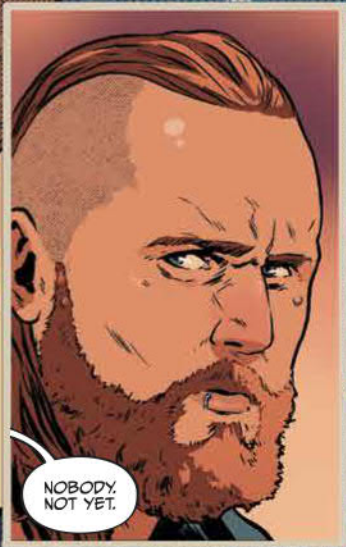
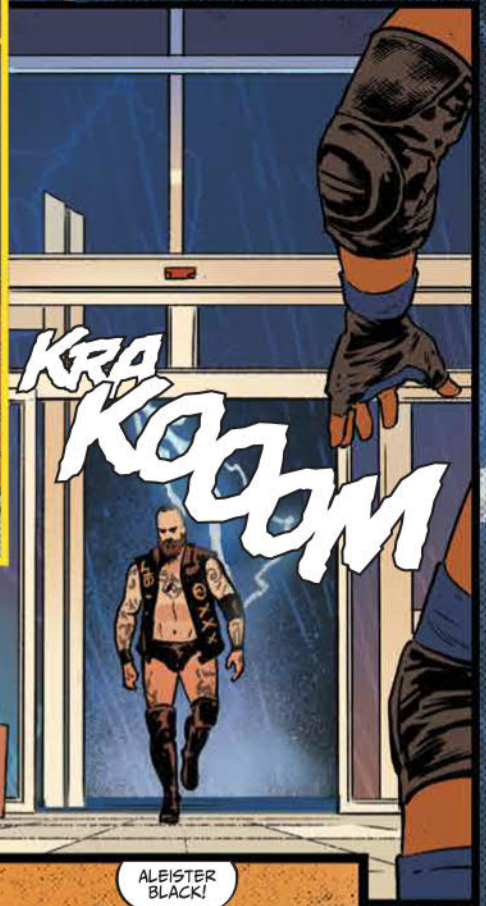
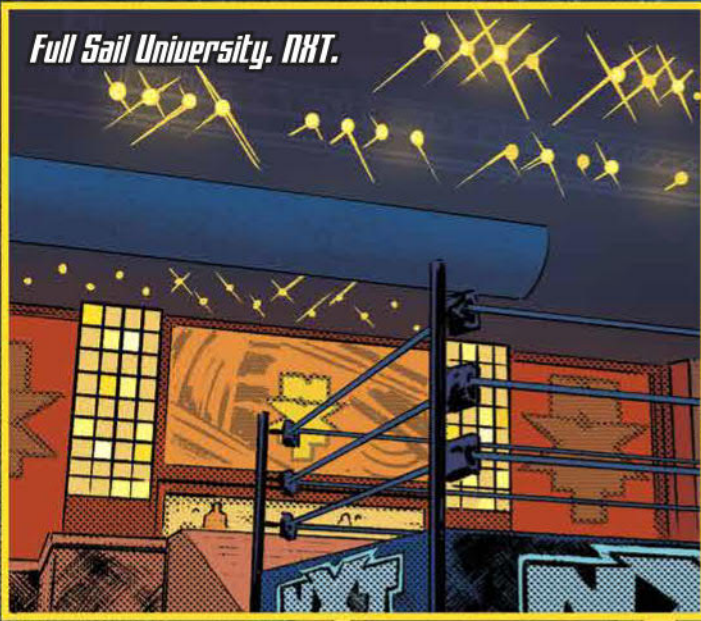
TIME TO
FIGHT.

YOU WANT
ALEISTER BLACK,
NXT?

YOU GOT
HIM.



Full Sail University. NXT.





TONIGHT, I JUST WANT THEM TO SEE YOU.



YOU'LL GO OUT THERE AND TALK.

THAT'LL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.

TALK?

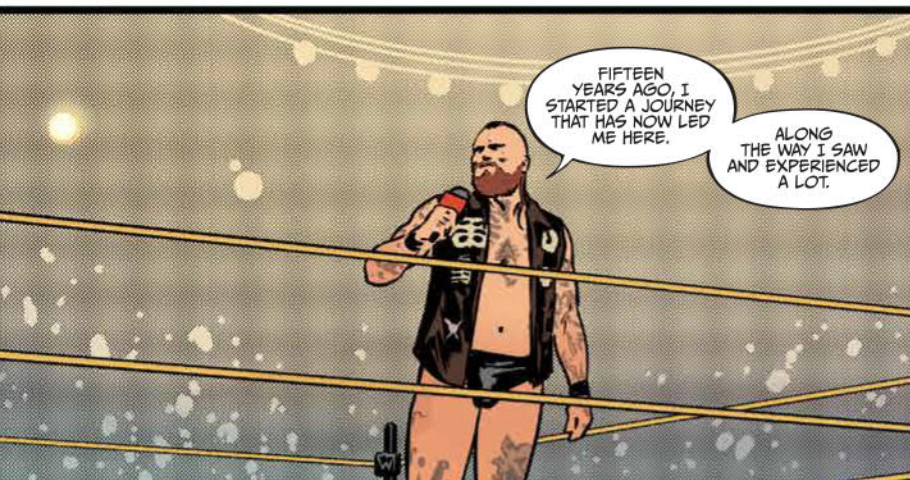
ABOUT WHAT?



I DUNNO. LOOK AT YOU. JUST GO OUT THERE AND TALK ABOUT WHATEVER.



FINE.



FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, I STARTED A JOURNEY THAT HAS NOW LED ME HERE.

ALONG THE WAY I SAW AND EXPERIENCED A LOT.



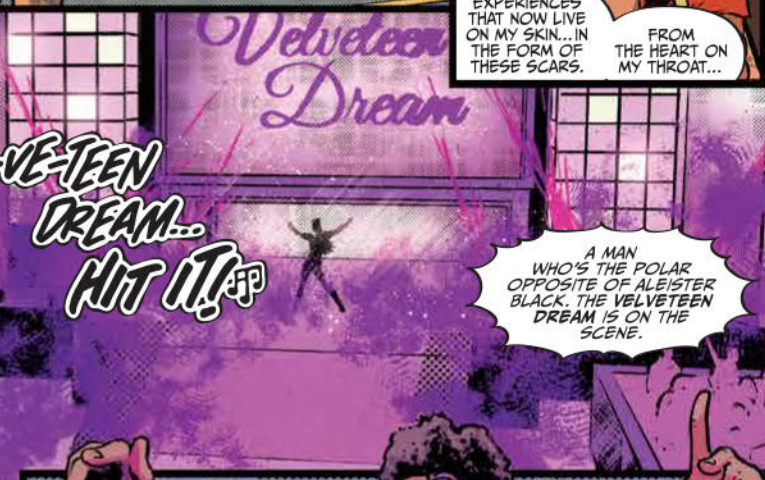
EXPERIENCES THAT NOW LIVE ON MY SKIN... IN THE FORM OF THESE SCARS.

FROM THE HEART ON MY THROAT...



...TO THE DEVIL ON MY BACK--

FVEL-VE-TEEN DREAM... HIT IT!



A MAN WHO'S THE POLAR OPPOSITE OF ALEISTER BLACK. THE VELVETEEN DREAM IS ON THE SCENE.



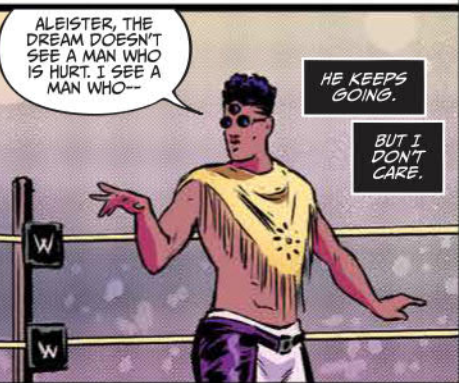
HERE WE HAVE ALEISTER BLACK, A MAN WHO WALKED THROUGH DARKNESS FOR FIFTEEN LONG YEARS.



ONLY TO BE BLINDED BY THE LIGHT THAT IS YOUR VELVETEEN DREAM.



ALEISTER, THE DREAM DOESN'T SEE A MAN WHO IS HURT. I SEE A MAN WHO--



HE KEEPS GOING.

BUT I DON'T CARE.



I WAS TOLD TO COME DOWN HERE AND TALK.

NOBODY SAID I HAD TO LISTEN.