



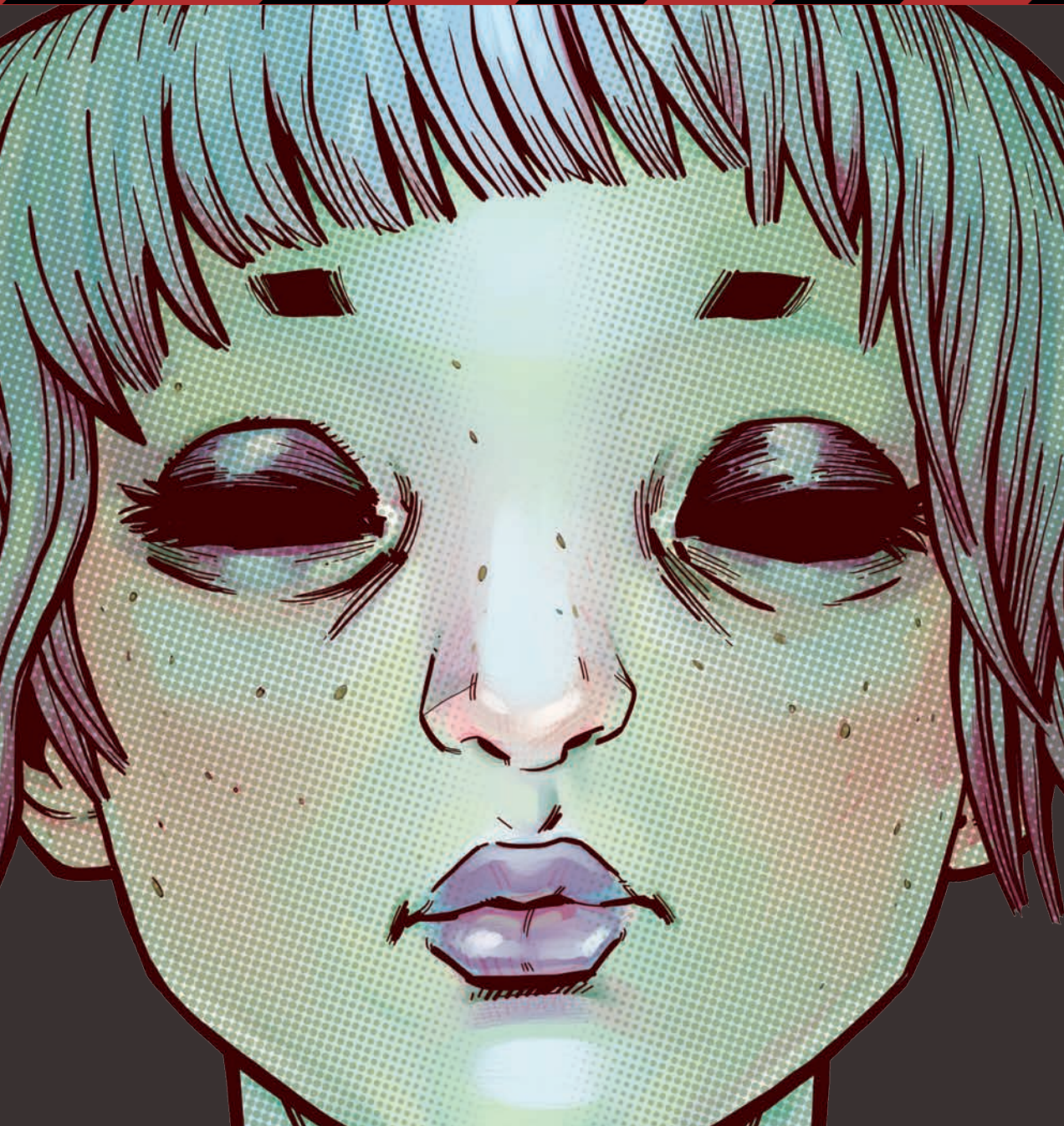
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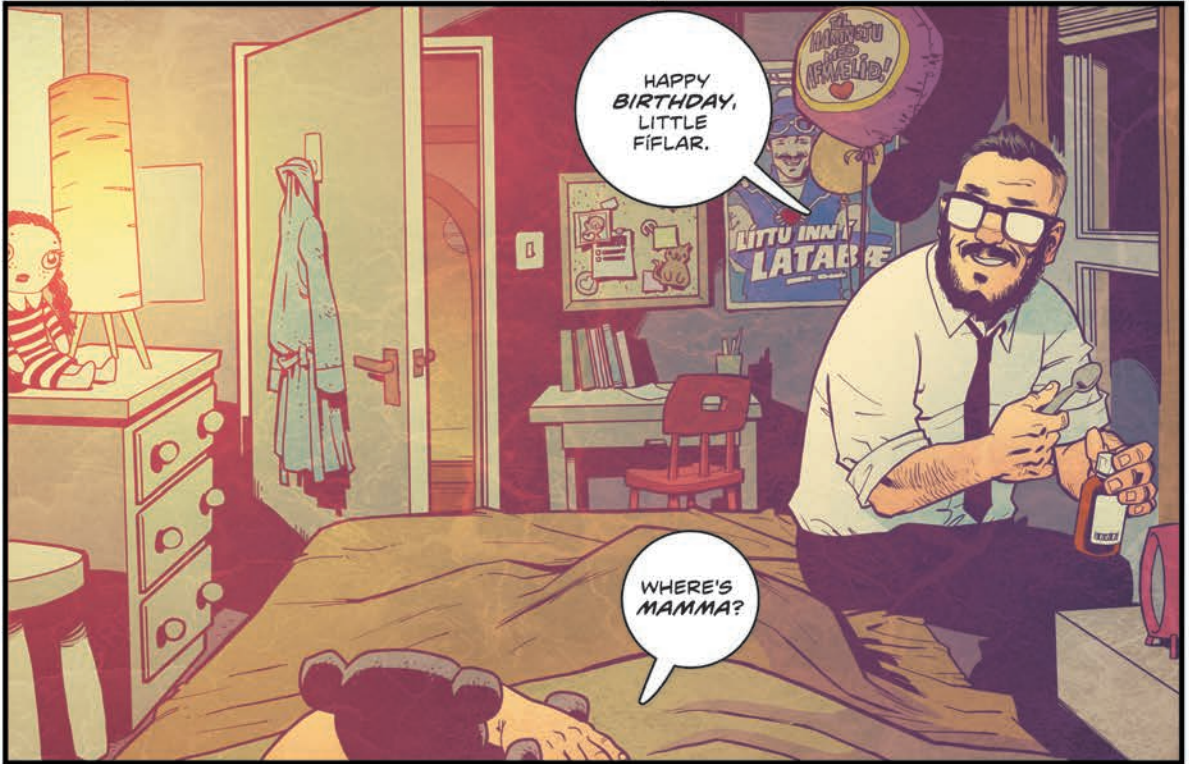
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EVE?

EVE?  
WAKE UP.



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
LITTLE FÍFLAR.

WHERE'S  
MAMMA?

I FEEL SO  
TIRED, PABBI.  
MY BONES  
HURT.

I KNOW, ELSKAN.  
HERE'S YOUR  
MEDICINE.

MAMMA'S IN THE  
KITCHEN, MAKING  
CAKES FOR YOUR  
PARTY.

BUT FIRST I HAVE  
A SURPRISE FOR  
YOU. I THINK  
YOU'LL LIKE IT.

IS IT A  
PONY?

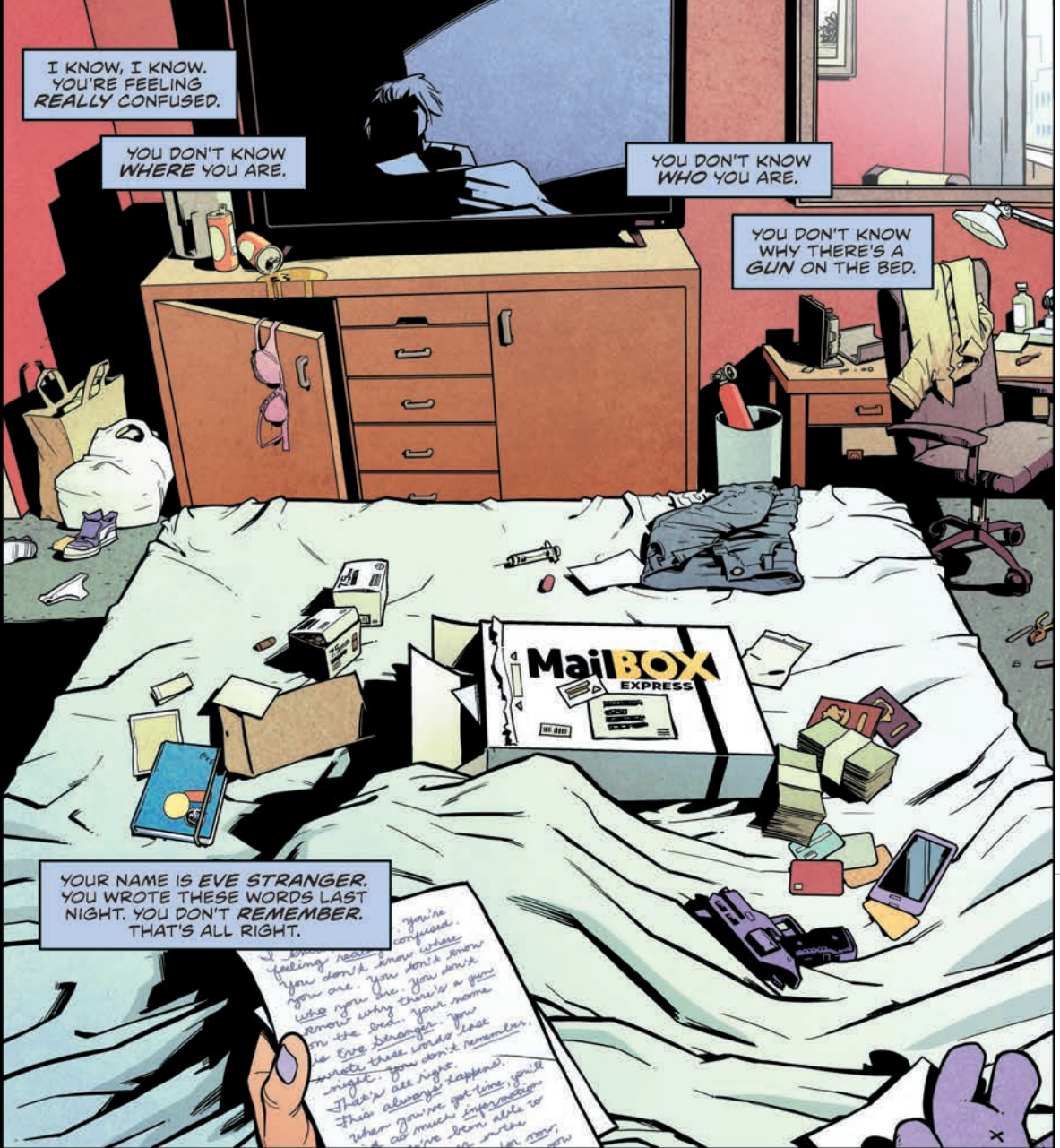
BETTER THAN A PONY.  
IT'S IN THE BASEMENT.  
COME ON, PUT ON YOUR  
COAT. IT'S COLD  
DOWN THERE.

I KNOW, I KNOW.  
YOU'RE FEELING  
REALLY CONFUSED.

YOU DON'T KNOW  
WHERE YOU ARE.

YOU DON'T KNOW  
WHO YOU ARE.

YOU DON'T KNOW  
WHY THERE'S A  
GUN ON THE BED.

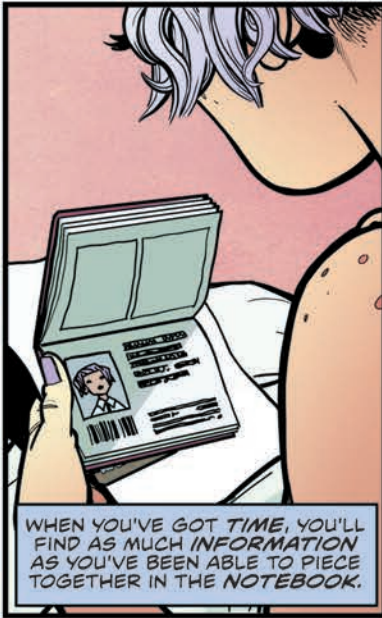


YOUR NAME IS EVE STRANGER.  
YOU WROTE THESE WORDS LAST  
NIGHT. YOU DON'T REMEMBER.  
THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

*You're confused.  
I don't really know where  
you don't know where  
you are. You don't know  
who you are. You don't know  
why there's a gun  
on the bed. Your name  
is Eve Stranger. You  
wrote these words last  
night. You don't remember.  
That's all right.  
This always happens.  
When you've got time, you'll  
find as much information  
as you've been able to  
piece together in the notebook.*



THIS ALWAYS  
HAPPENS.



WHEN YOU'VE GOT TIME, YOU'LL  
FIND AS MUCH INFORMATION  
AS YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
PIECE TOGETHER IN THE NOTEBOOK.



BUT FOR NOW, THERE  
ARE SOME THINGS  
YOU NEED TO KNOW.



THERE'S A SEALED PACKAGE BY THE GUN. IT HAS THE NAME OF A HOTEL IN IT, PROBABLY VERY FAR FROM HERE.

YOU MUST CHECK IN THERE BY NEXT THURSDAY (TODAY'S FRIDAY, BY THE WAY).

**KNOCK KNOCK**

ROOM SERVICE!



BREAKFAST AS YOU ORDERED, MISS.

WHEN YOU GET THERE, A SYRINGE WILL BE DELIVERED. YOU HAVE TO INJECT IT.



I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY. BUT YOU HAVE TO.

IF YOU DON'T, BY MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY, YOU'LL DIE.

IN THE ENVELOPE THERE'S ALSO A JOB FOR YOU TO DO.

**BOX EXPRESS**



YOU'RE GOING TO FREAK OUT WHEN YOU SEE WHAT IT IS, BUT ALL YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER IS, YOU CAN DO IT.

YOU CAN PRETTY MUCH DO ANYTHING.

OH, AND THERE'S ANOTHER THING.



YOU NEVER ORDER ROOM SERVICE.



HERE'S ANOTHER THING.

FAP.

HI, MY NAME IS CYNTHIA



WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T FORGET HULDLI.

