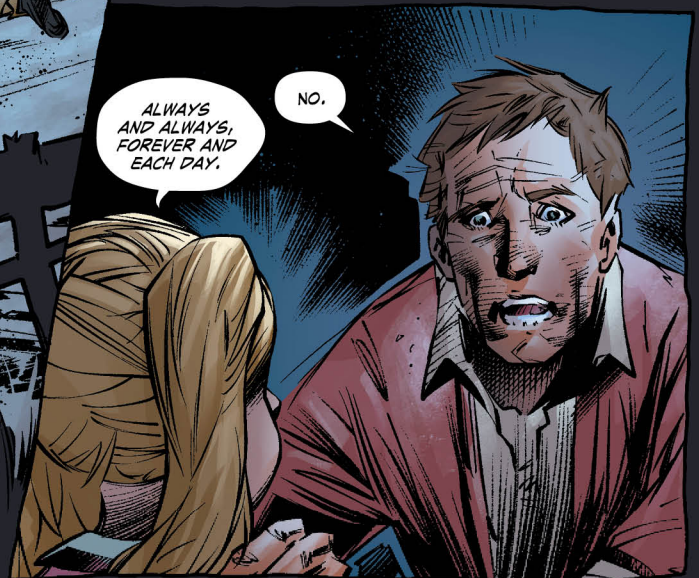
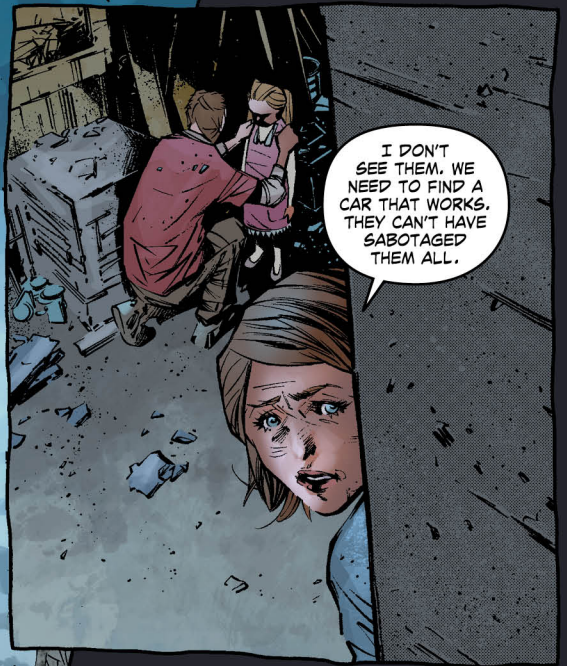


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# The Kids Are **NOT** Alright

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JUST OUTSIDE MARIENBAD.

HOW THE HELL DO YOU READ THIS THING?

WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. AND BLOOD, APPARENTLY.

THESE-- LETTERS OR WHATEVER--THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE SHIFTING AS YOU READ THEM.

IT FIGHTS YOU. IT'S AN EXTENSION OF HIM, I THINK. THE SALESMAN.

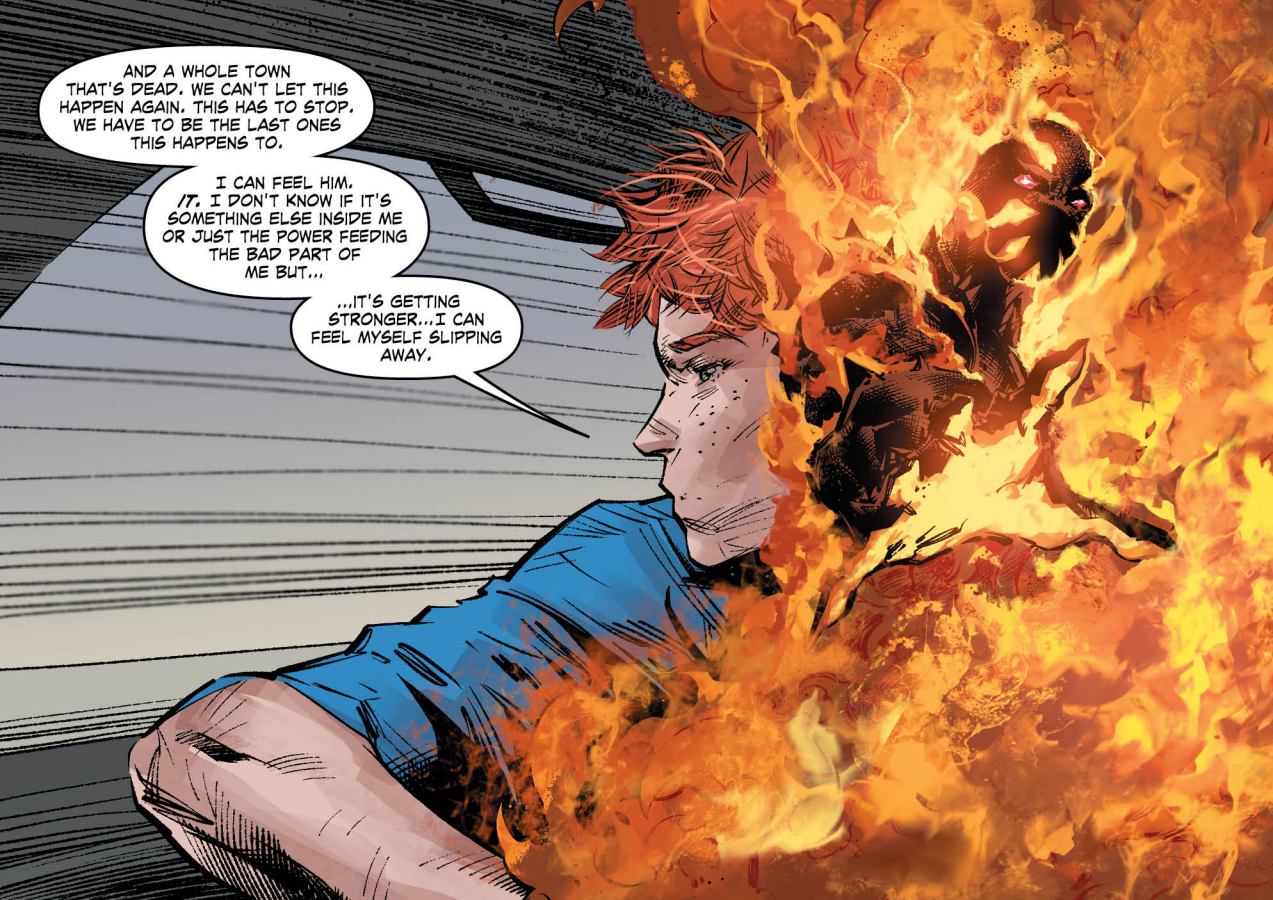
LIKE ME.

YOU AREN'T EVEN REMOTELY LIKE THAT THING.

THERE'S A WHOLE FAMILY ALIVE BECAUSE OF YOU, JOE.\*

\*LAST ISSUE.  
--JESS

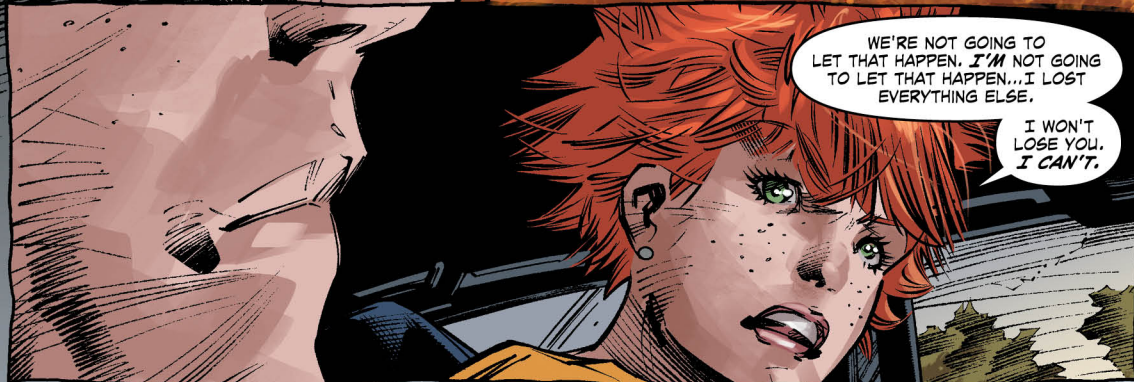




AND A WHOLE TOWN  
THAT'S DEAD. WE CAN'T LET THIS  
HAPPEN AGAIN. THIS HAS TO STOP.  
WE HAVE TO BE THE LAST ONES  
THIS HAPPENS TO.

I CAN FEEL HIM.  
/7. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S  
SOMETHING ELSE INSIDE ME  
OR JUST THE POWER FEEDING  
THE BAD PART OF  
ME BUT...

...IT'S GETTING  
STRONGER...I CAN  
FEEL MYSELF SLIPPING  
AWAY.



WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
LET THAT HAPPEN. *I'M* NOT GOING  
TO LET THAT HAPPEN...I LOST  
EVERYTHING ELSE.

I WON'T  
LOSE YOU.  
*I CAN'T.*



IS THIS THE  
PLACE?



YEAH...