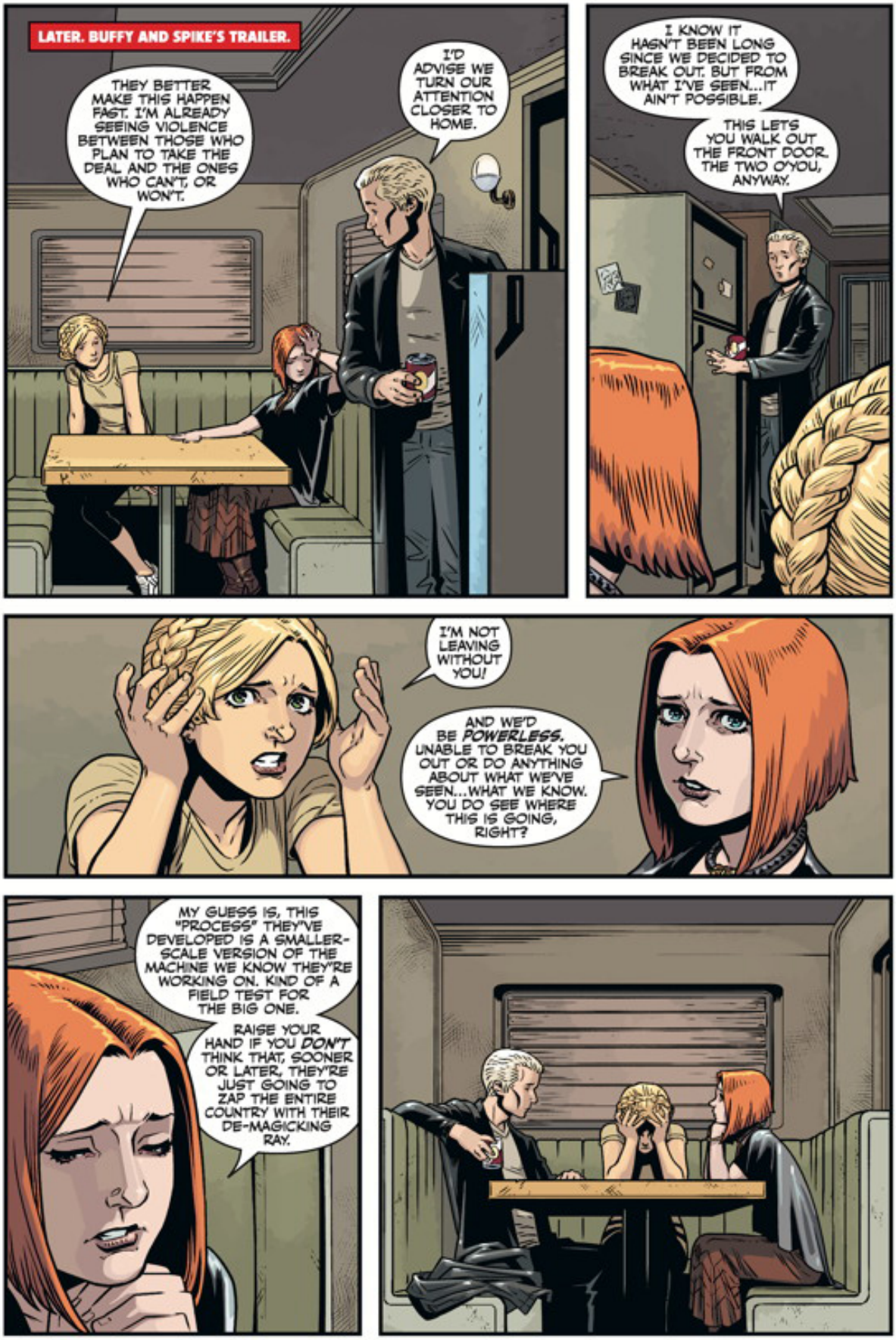
LATER. BUFFY AND SPIKE'S TRAILER.
THEY BETTER MAKE THIS HAPPEN FAST. I'M ALREADY SEEING VIOLENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TAKE THE DEAL AND THE ONES WHO CAN'T, OR WON'T.
I'D ADVISE WE TURN OUR ATTENTION CLOSER TO HOME.
I KNOW IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE WE DECIDED TO BREAK OUT. BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN...IT AIN'T POSSIBLE.
THIS LETS YOU WALK OUT THE FRONT DOOR. THE TWO O'YOU, ANYWAY.
I'M NOT LEAVING WITHOUT YOU!
AND WE'D BE *POWERLESS.* UNABLE TO BREAK YOU OUT OR DO ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT WE'VE SEEN...WHAT WE KNOW. YOU DO SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING, RIGHT?
MY GUESS IS, THIS "PROCESS" THEY'VE DEVELOPED IS A SMALLER-SCALE VERSION OF THE MACHINE WE KNOW THEY'RE WORKING ON. KIND OF A FIELD TEST FOR THE BIG ONE.
RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU *DON'T* THINK THAT, SOONER OR LATER, THEY'RE JUST GOING TO ZAP THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH THEIR DE-MAGICKING RAY.

FAIR ENOUGH. MY POINT IS, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT FROM IN HERE.
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT *OUT THERE,* WITHOUT OUR POWERS!

YOU'RE A LOT MORE THAN YOUR POWERS, LUV. THE PAIR OF YOU. I WOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH... INCLUDING GETTING YOUR POWER *BACK.*
AND I DON'T SEE WHAT OTHER CHOICE WE HAVE. UNLESS YOU'VE GOT SOME CUNNING WAY TO ESCAPE YOU'RE NOT SHARING.

GREAT, ANOTHER FIGHT. I'LL BE BACK.
I'VE GOTTA GO TALK TO THE COVEN, IF YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS ON YOUR OWN.

THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING I'M SURE OF RIGHT NOW.

LATER, WIL. THINK YOU CAN CONVINCE YOUR PEOPLE TO TAKE THE DEAL? ANYONE STILL HERE HAS GOT TO BE KIND OF A DIE-HARD.
I THINK I HAVE TO TRY. SEE YOU TOMORROW.

WILLOW'S TRAILER. SOON AFTER.
HOW CAN YOU EVEN SUGGEST THIS? IT'S A VIOLATION! SPIRITUAL MUTILATION!
I'M NOT SAYING IT LIGHTLY. BUT LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD, I THINK IT ONLY GETS WORSE FROM HERE...AND I WANT YOU ALL SAFE.
IF THIS OFFER'S SO GREAT, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT?

I--I MIGHT.

SLEEP ON IT. BUT NOT TOO LONG.

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS? HOW CAN YOU ASK *US* TO DO THIS?
THEY'RE TAKING AWAY WHAT CONNECTS US TO THE NATURAL WORLD. WHAT MAKES US *ALIVE.* AND YOU WANT TO JUST *SUBMIT* TO IT?

CALLIOPE... IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.
I CAN'T GO INTO DETAILS. BUT I HAVE A PLAN. KIND OF.

I NEED YOU TO TRUST ME. TO BELIEVE IN ME.
CAN YOU DO THAT?