



Y'KNOW,
I MET HIM
ONCE.



HEY, TRY
NOT TO **TALK**,
OKAY? LIFT
YOUR **KNEE**, IF
YOU CAN.

NO? WHOOPS.
OKAY, DON'T
WORRY--I'VE
GOT **LOTION**
FOR THAT..



ANYWAY,
YEAH--I MET HIM.
IT'S ACTUALLY A
PRETTY INTERESTING
STORY.

LIKE,
I GUESS IT'S
YOU'D CALL
IT...ah...



"...A
FORMATIVE
EXPERIENCE.



"YOU CAN PICTURE
THE **SCENE**, RIGHT?
THIS IS LIKE, **OH**, TEN
YEARS AGO. TOTALLY
ORDINARY SCHOOL.

"**ORDINARY** SCRAWNY **LATINA**
WHO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
DOES **NOT** HAVE A CRUSH ON
HER BIOLOGY PROFESSOR.

"**ORDINARY.**"



OKAY. LESS
DONE. **CHEST**
TIME.

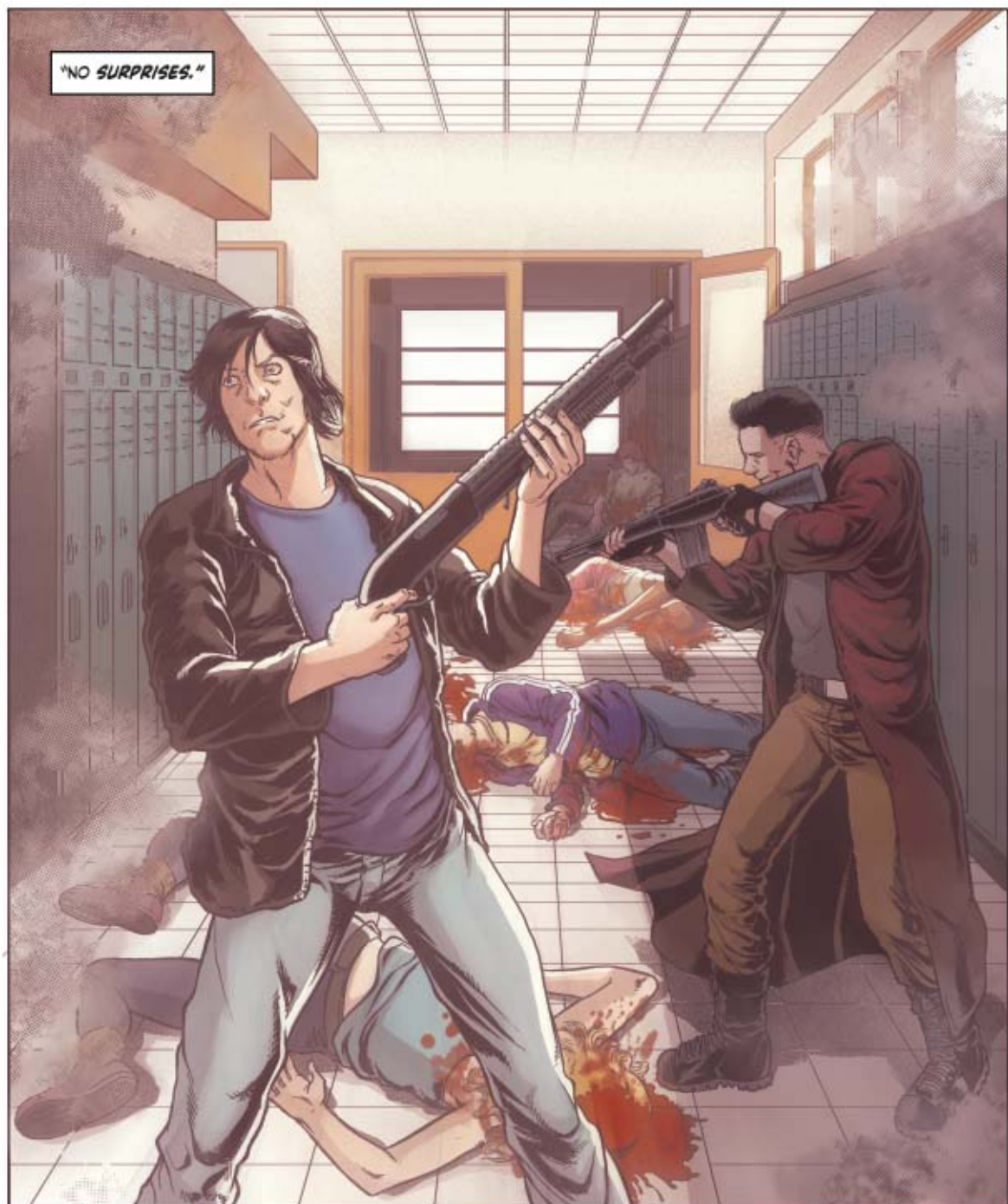
SO SHE'S
KEEPING HER HEAD
DOWN, **ORDINARY**-
STYLE. GIVING THE
BULLIES HER LUNCH
CASH BEFORE THEY
EVEN **ASK**, YADDA
YADDA.



AND, HER
PARENTS--NOT AT ALL
PUSHY--THEY'RE LIKE
PROPHETS, Y'KNOW?
THEY SEE IT ALL SO
CLEAR.

COMPRESSED
DEGREE, MED
SCHOOL AT **TWENTY**,
DOCTOR'S LICENCE
BY **TWENTY-SEVEN**.
RETIRE TO **CANCUN**
AT **FIFTY**. ALL
MAPPED OUT.

"NO SURPRISES."





WE FOUND OUT--LATER--
THEY LEFT
NOTES.

"NICE
GUYS, TIRED OF
FINISHING LAST."
THAT WHOLE
BULLSHIT.



ALL IT *IS*,
REALLY? IT'S
TANTRUM
THROWING.

THESE STUPID
LITTLE BASTARDS
LOSING THEIR
MINDS WHEN THE
WORLD REFUSES TO
MEET THEIR
EXPECTATIONS.



"IN THEIR *HEADS* THEY WERE
THESE...THESE *DEPOSED KINGS*.
OPPRESSED *UNDERDOGS*, Y'KNOW?
HEROIC LAST STAND."

N-NO

"IN THEIR *HEADS*
IT DIDN'T MATTER
WHO GOT *HURT*
AND WHO *DIED*--"



--LONG AS
THEY GOT THEIR
NAMES ON THE
NEWS.



THIN-SKINNED
LITTLE *BITCHES*.
PRECIOUS
GODDAM
SNOWFLAKES.

HEY--YOU
KNOW THE *WORST*
THING YOU CAN DO
TO A KID LIKE *THAT*?
WORSE THAN ALL THE
BULLETS AND BOMBS
IN THE *WORLD*?



HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

"YOU *LAUGH* AT THEM."







MEANS
SOMETHING'S
STILL
WORKING.

"MEANS YOU CAN
STILL *FEEL* THINGS."

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA



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OH,
STOP *FUSSING*.
IT'S NOT THE FIRST
BURNT JUNK I'VE
SEEN, OKAY? NOR
THE *WORST*.

WORKING
HERE, YOU SEE
ALL SORTS.
HEAR 'EM,
TOO.





"ONLY WHAT HE *DOES*."



I LOOKED
HIM UP.
AFTERWARDS,
I MEAN.

LIKE--
A LOT.

I MEAN,
YOU *WOULD*
WOULDN'T
YOU?



LISTEN, MY LITTLE
SISTER, SHE USED TO
READ COMIC BOOKS.
**BATMAN, CAPTAIN
AMERICA, WONDER
WOMAN--**THEY ALL
CAME LATER.

MAN, IT
MAKES ME **LAUGH**.
ALL THEY DO IS
BREAK THINGS,
YOU KNOW?



THEY **HIT**
PEOPLE, THEY **HURT**
PEOPLE...BUT
STILL
THEY GOTTA BE
THE **GOOD GUYS**,
RIGHT? LIKE--**ROLE
MODELS**.

SO, WHAT IT *IS*,
THEY HAVE THESE
CUTE LITTLE
LOOPHOLES.

MAYBE THEY'LL
DO EVERYTHING
EXCEPT KILLING. OR
MAYBE THE GUYS
THEY FIGHT, THEY'RE
SO **EXAGGERATED**
IT'S OKAY.





POWERLESSNESS.

WH-
WH-WH--

THAT'S
YOUR
STORY.



YOU WERE
BORN TO A *PRIVILEGE*
YOU NEITHER *DESERVED*
NOR *NOTICED*. AND AS
THE WORLD *IMPROVES*
FOR THOSE *BENEATH*
YOU--

--YOUR
EMPIRE
ERODES.

YOU HAVE NO
IDEA YOU BEGAN
LIFE ON A *PEDESTAL*,
AND SO YOU INVENT
YOUR SAD LITTLE
STORY OF
ALIENATION.



BUT YOU ARE *NOT*
ALIENATED. YOU *KNOW*
THIS. YOU ARE NOT
PERSECUTED.

WHAT YOU *TRULY*
RAGE AGAINST IS YOUR
OWN *MEDIOCRITY*.



AND IN YOUR
UNIMAGINATIVE
FLOUNDERING THE
ONLY *REMEDY* YOU
CAN FIND TO *ALL*
THAT AILS YOU...

