

HUGH HOWEY'S

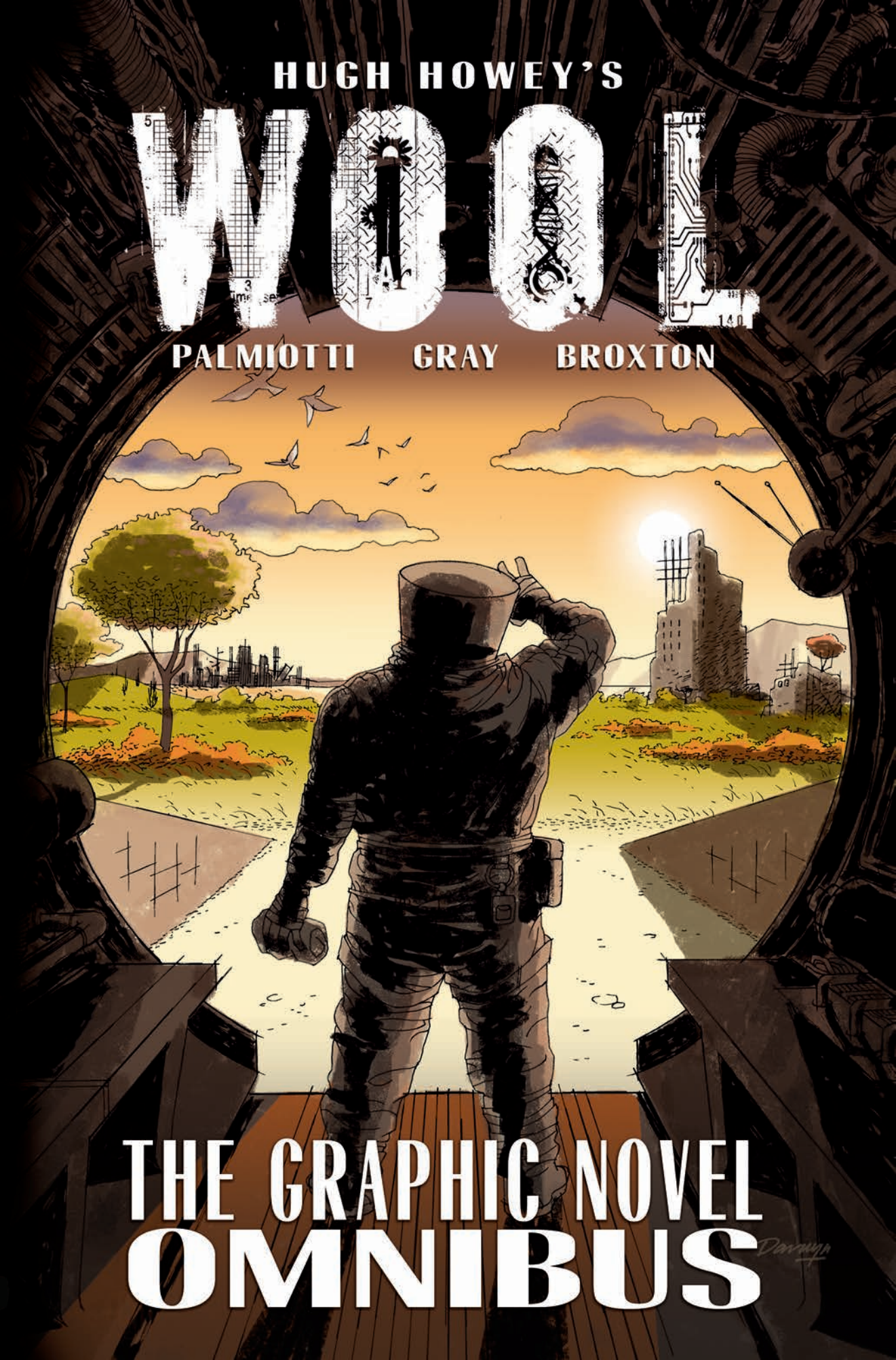
WOOL


PALMIOTTI

GRAY

BROXTON

THE GRAPHIC NOVEL
OMNIBUS





I.T. MAY BE
THE BRAINS, BUT
MECHANICAL IS
THE HEART OF
THIS SILO,
MAYOR.

THAT VIBRATION
YOU FEEL COMING
FROM THE FLOOR?
THAT'S THE RESULT OF
JUST ONE COUPLING
BEING OUT OF
ALIGNMENT.



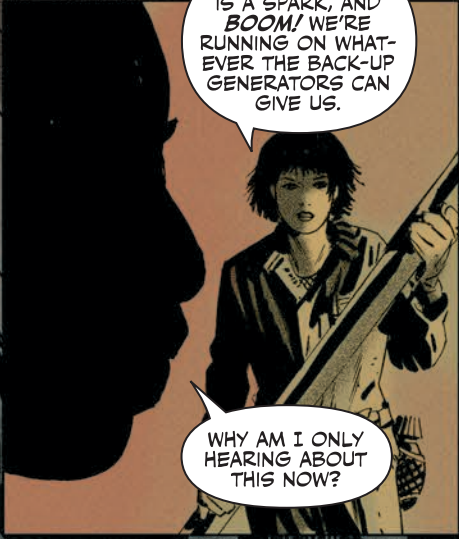
NOT BY
A LOT, MIND
YOU.

MAYBE A
MILLIMETER OR TWO,
BUT THE REALITY IS
THIS GENERATOR IS
SHAKING APART. LIFE
AND DEATH ARE IN
THE DETAILS.




GEARS ARE
GRINDING.

NEXT THING
YOU KNOW METAL
STARTS TO BREAK
DOWN AND YOU GET
LITTLE SHAVINGS
OF IT MIXED WITH
THE OIL.



ALL IT TAKES
IS A SPARK, AND
BOOM! WE'RE
RUNNING ON WHAT-
EVER THE BACK-UP
GENERATORS CAN
GIVE US.

WHY AM I ONLY
HEARING ABOUT
THIS NOW?



PEOPLE ONLY
NOTICE MECHANICAL
WHEN THE POWER
FLUCTUATES, OR WHEN
WE HAVE A POWER
HOLIDAY.



OR WHEN
SOME TAPE GOES
MISSING.



I TAKE IT
YOU STOPPED TO
SEE I.T. ON THE
WAY DOWN.

JULIETTE,
THEY GOT A
FILE ON YOU BIG
ENOUGH TO PROP
A DOOR OPEN.



THEY
LOVE TO WASTE
PAPER.

THEY ALSO
USE OVER A
QUARTER OF THE
POWER IT TAKES
TO RUN THIS
SILO.

DID
YOU KNOW
THAT?



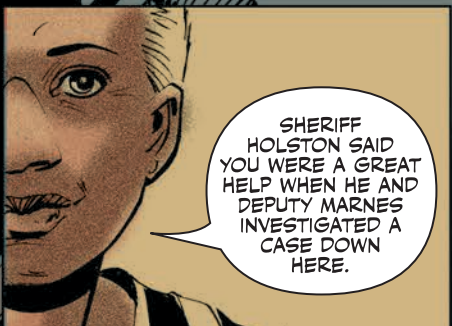
I AM
AWARE, MISS
NICHOLS...

YOU WANT
TO KNOW WHY
I TOOK THAT
HEAT TAPE?



IT IS
IMPORTANT
IF YOU WANT
THE JOB.

I DIDN'T SAY I
WANTED THE JOB.
YOU AND DEPUTY
MARNES CAME
TO ME, MAYOR
JAHNS.

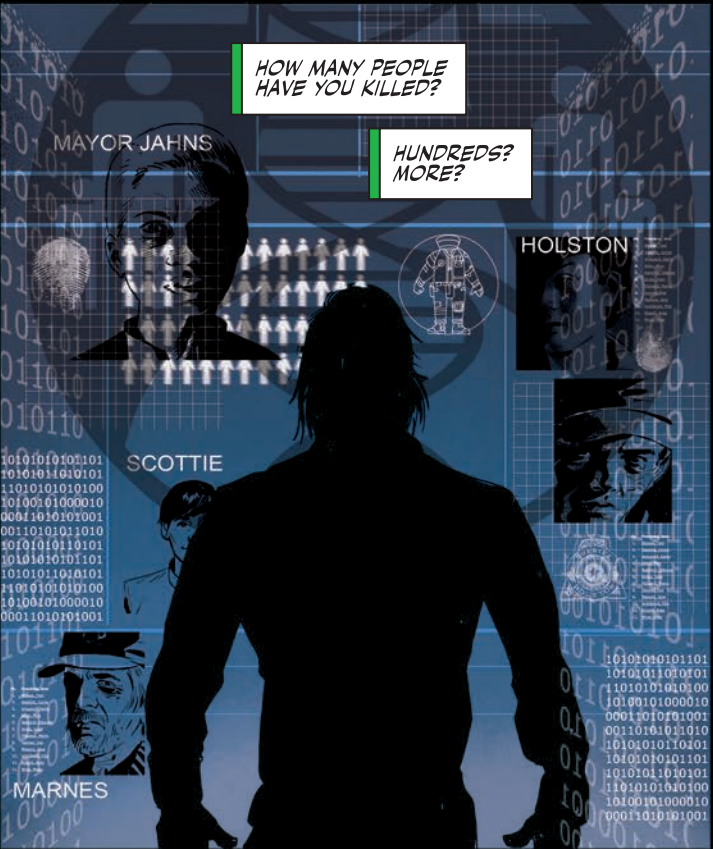


SHERIFF
HOLSTON SAID
YOU WERE A GREAT
HELP WHEN HE AND
DEPUTY MARNES
INVESTIGATED A
CASE DOWN
HERE.





SHIT. IT'S WORSE THAN I IMAGINED.



HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED?

HUNDREDS? MORE?

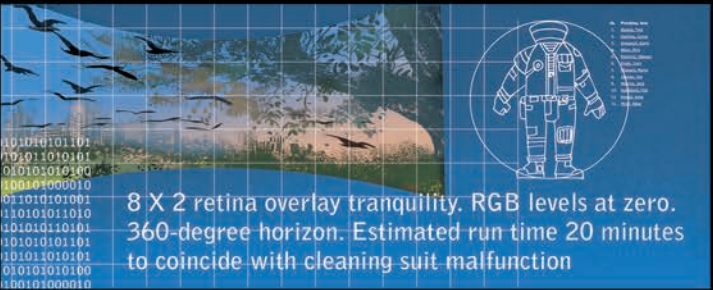
MAYOR JAHNS

HOLSTON

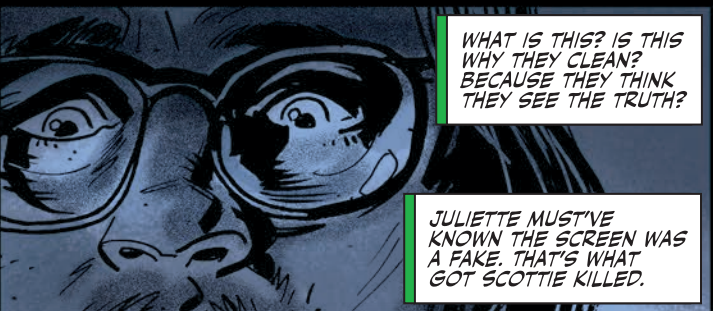
SCOTTIE

MARNES

HELL YES I WANT TO RUN IT.

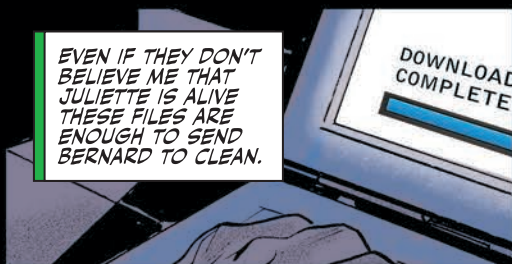


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WHAT IS THIS? IS THIS WHY THEY CLEAN? BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY SEE THE TRUTH?

JULIETTE MUST'VE KNOWN THE SCREEN WAS A FAKE. THAT'S WHAT GOT SCOTTIE KILLED.



EVEN IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME THAT JULIETTE IS ALIVE THESE FILES ARE ENOUGH TO SEND BERNARD TO CLEAN.



I HOPE MY MESSAGE GETS TO HER FRIENDS DOWN DEEP BEFORE BERNARD RETURNS FROM CAMPAIGNING.



I HAVE TO STOP HIS BID FOR MAYOR NO MATTER THE COST.



WHOAH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, LUKAS?

UHNFF! SHIT!



PETER, NOW HOLD ON...

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN THAT ROOM.

I-I...IT'S NOT, LISTEN TO ME, BERNARD...



YES, BERNARD TOLD ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU. HE SAID IF YOU WENT ANYWHERE NEAR THAT ROOM I WAS TO ARREST YOU AND CALL HIM IMMEDIATELY.



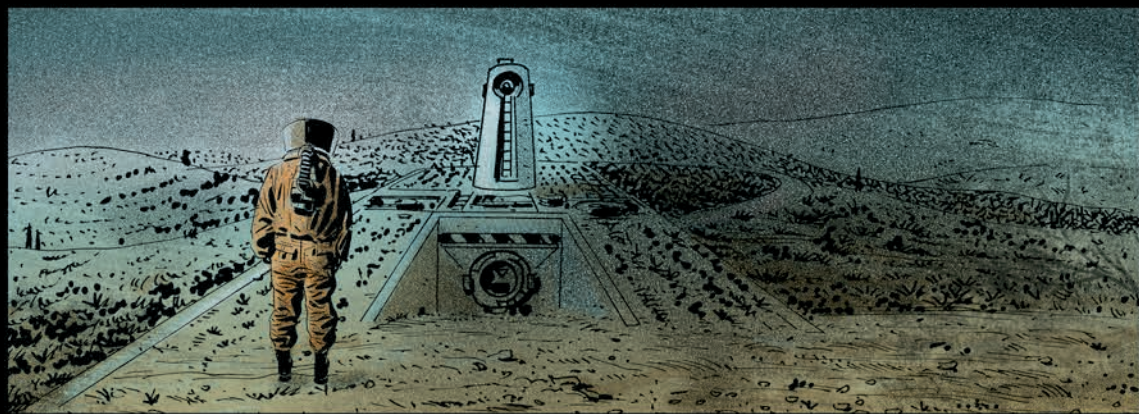
LISTEN TO ME. JULIETTE IS ALIVE. BERNARD POISONED MAYOR JAHNS AND MADE DEPTY MARNES' DEATH LOOK LIKE A SUICIDE. I CAN SHOW YOU...



I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO TURN AROUND SLOWLY WITH YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACK...



PLEASE JUST LISTEN! EVERYTHING IS ON THE LAPTOP. I CAN JUST SHOW...



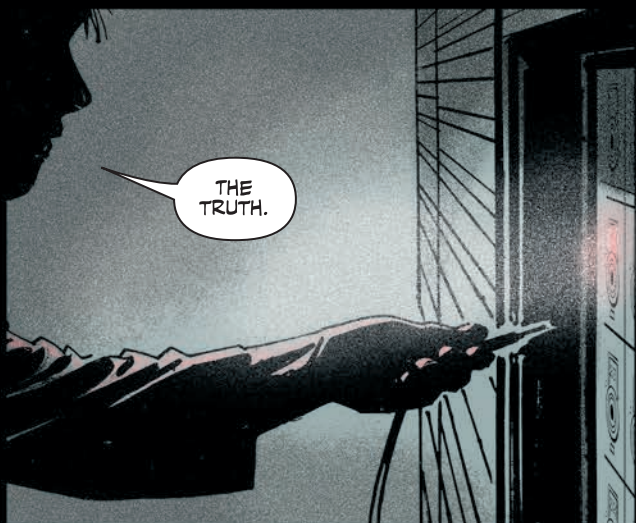


DON'T
ANSWER
IT.

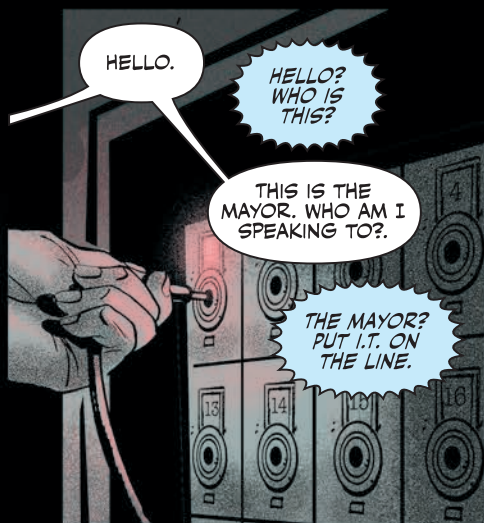


YOU
KNOW I
HAVE
TO.

AND
SAY WHAT?



THE
TRUTH.

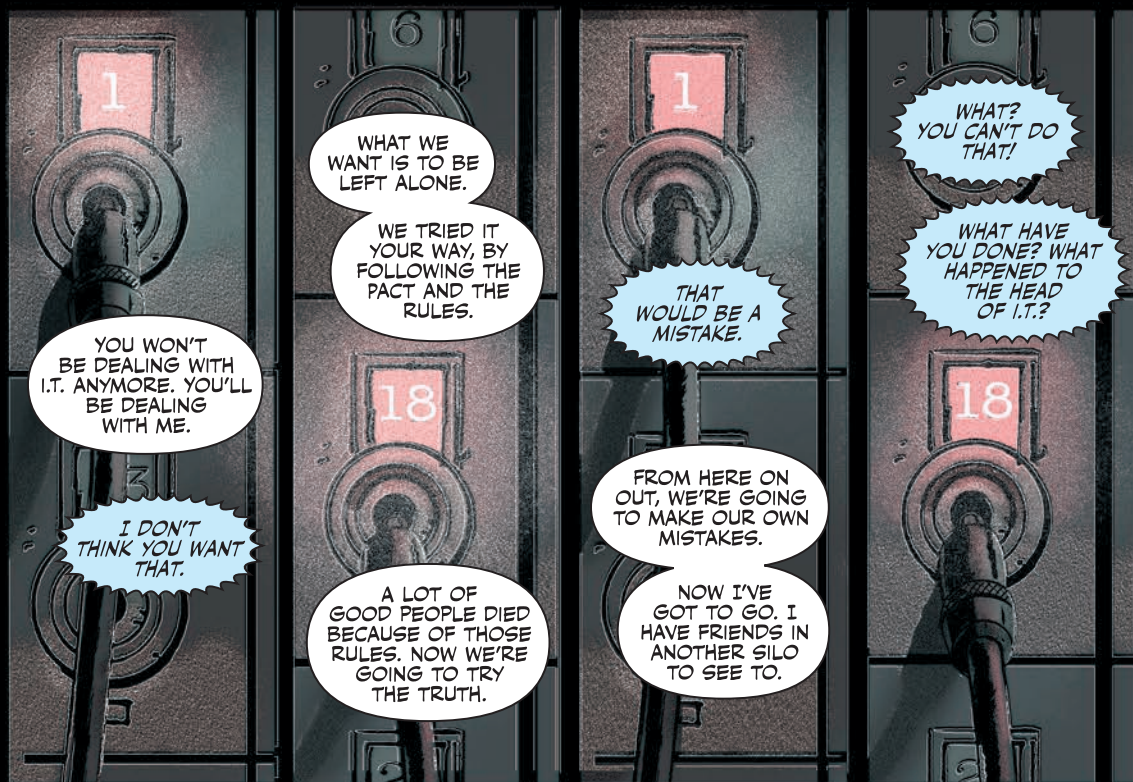


HELLO.

HELLO?
WHO IS
THIS?

THIS IS THE
MAYOR. WHO AM I
SPEAKING TO?.

THE MAYOR?
PUT I.T. ON
THE LINE.





A LIGHT. THERE'S
STILL POWER
HERE. HOW FAR
DOWN...?

32...33...
34.

I.T.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.