

# HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

New York City.

MY **CHOP-CHOP** DAYS ARE OVER, REGGIE...

...I'LL DO THIS AS A FAVOR, BUT DON'T GET USED TO IT. YOU AND THAT **ARM** OF YOURS WERE MY **LAST HURRAH** IN THE ART BIZ.

THANKS, DOC. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE WAS HAVING **CONTRACTIONS**...

...OR IF IT WAS BAD **MEXICAN FOOD**, BUT SHE'S CARRYING SOME **PRECIOUS CARGO**.

RIGHT. WELL, THIS IS CERTAINLY A **STRANGE SITUATION**. MOST LIKELY THE **FIRST HUMAN/ART PREGNANCY** THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

ISN'T IT JUST THE **BEST?!**

IT'S THE **DAWN OF A NEW AGE** WHERE MAN AND ART CAN LIVE AS **ONE!** AND WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT **PATIENT ZERO**.

DANNY, YOU SHOULD BE **RESTING**.

I'M FINE. NOW, GET THAT **BELLY JELLY** WARMED UP AND LET'S PLAY **OPERATION** WITH MY **GRANDCHILD**.

INTERESTING.

WAIT...



# CHILDREN

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IT'S  
BEAUTIFUL.

...DID YOU SAY  
GRANDCHILD?



BECAUSE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, YOU WEREN'T EVEN A REGULAR *DAD*. GRANDDAD IS A TITLE YOU HAVE TO EARN.

I'M BACK NOW, REGGIE. I WANT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.



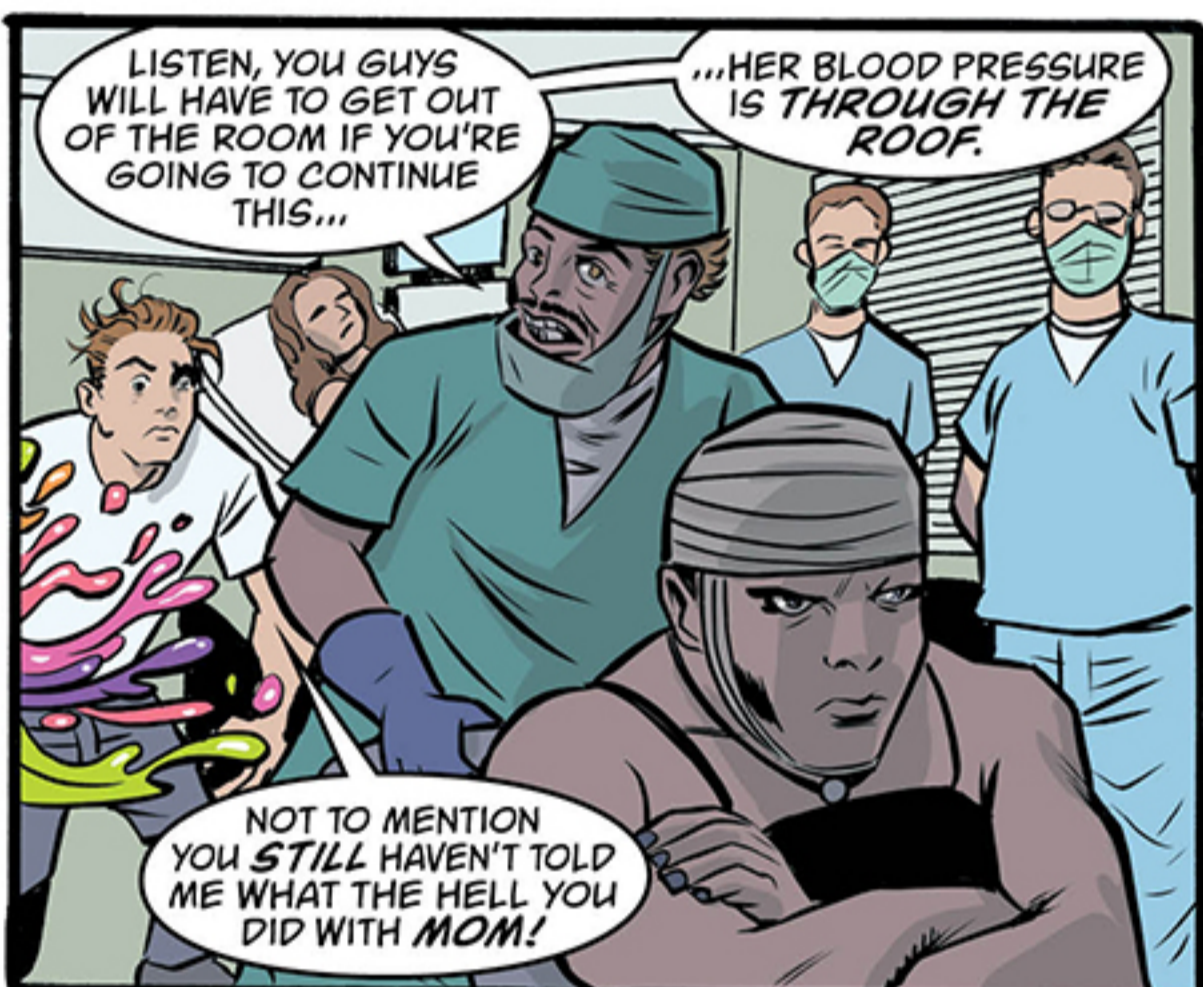
NO! YOU DON'T GET TO *DO* THAT! YOU DON'T GET TO JUST *SHOW UP* AND MAGICALLY BE PART OF MY LIFE!

LISTEN, SON, IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, YOU WOULD HAVE *DIED* THAT NIGHT IN THE ALLEY. WHERE DO YOU THINK THAT PROCEDURE CAME FROM? WHO DO YOU THINK *PIONEERED* IT?



SON? YOU DON'T GET THAT LUXURY. AND FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU SET ME UP IN THAT ALLEY. HOW DO I KNOW YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT *GRAFFITI ATTACK* ME AND KILL JESS?

PLEASE...



LISTEN, YOU GUYS WILL HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE ROOM IF YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THIS...

...HER BLOOD PRESSURE IS THROUGH THE ROOF.

NOT TO MENTION YOU *STILL* HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHAT THE HELL YOU DID WITH *MOM*!

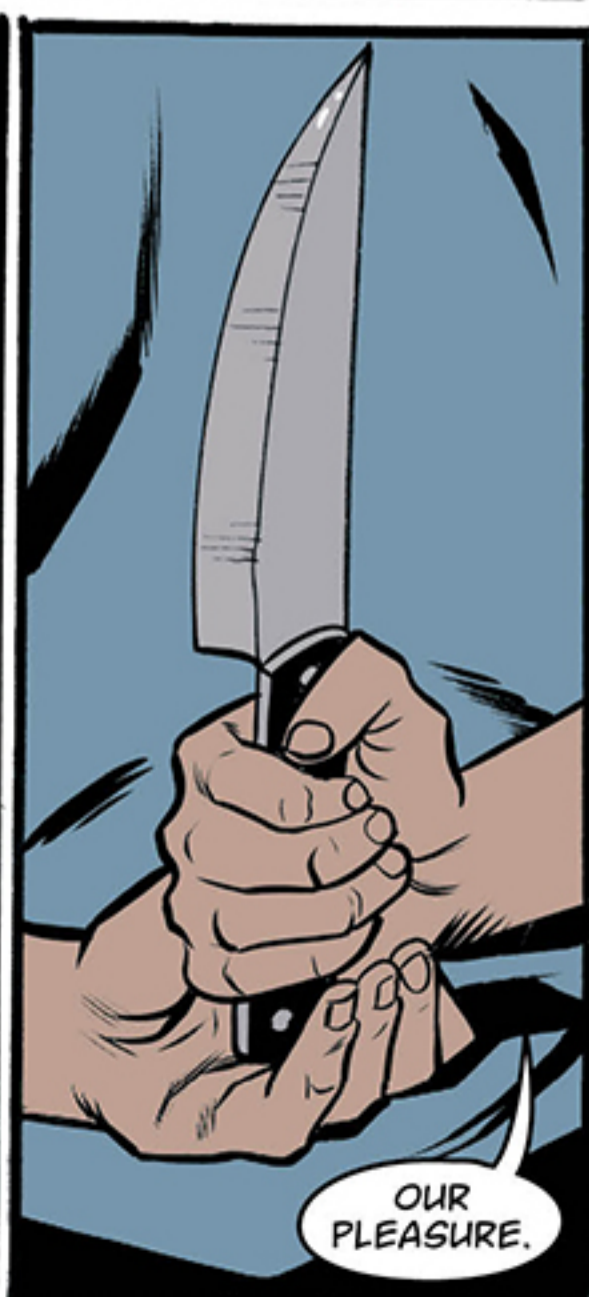


THEY'RE GONE.

NURSES...



...TRY TO CALM HER DOWN AND RUN A *STRESS TEST*.



OUR PLEASURE.

Hollywood.

