

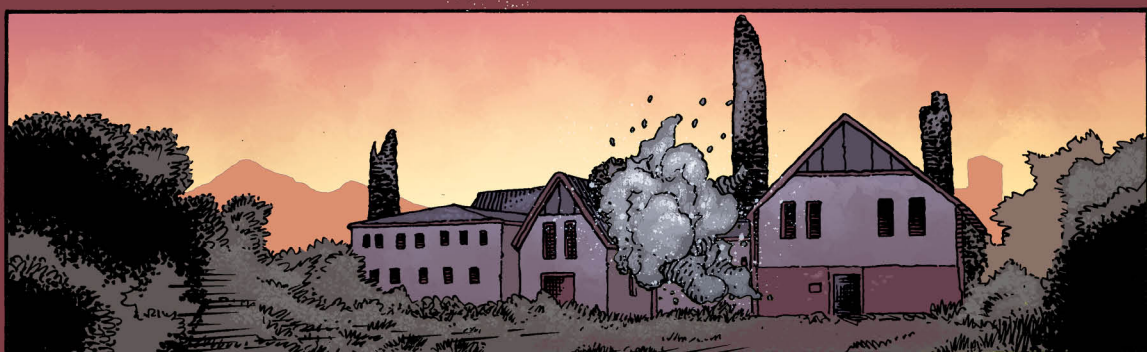
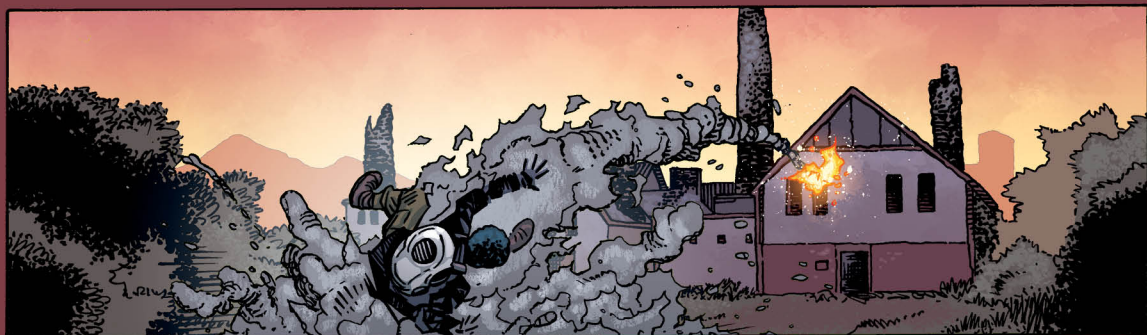
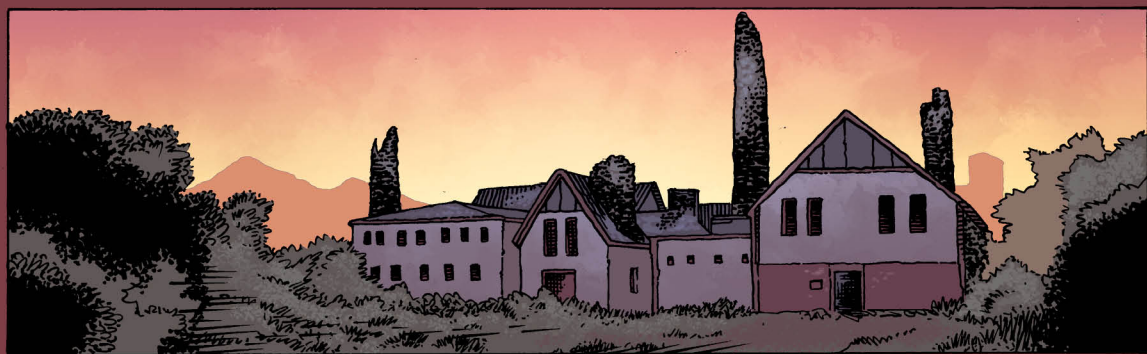
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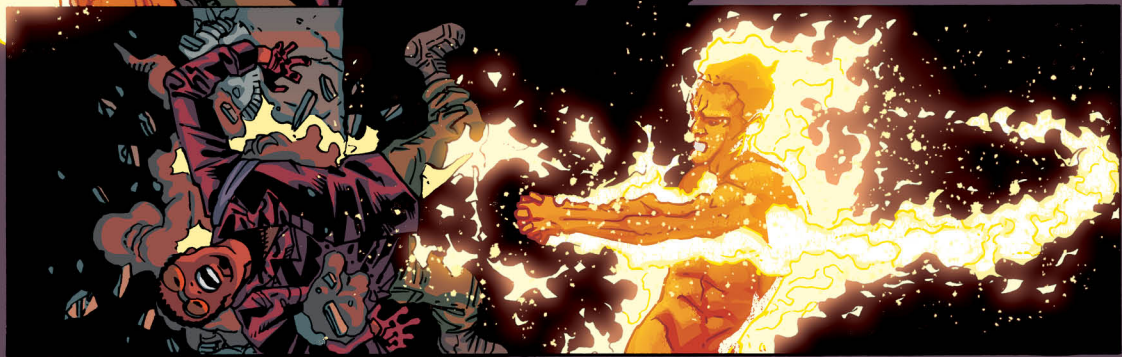
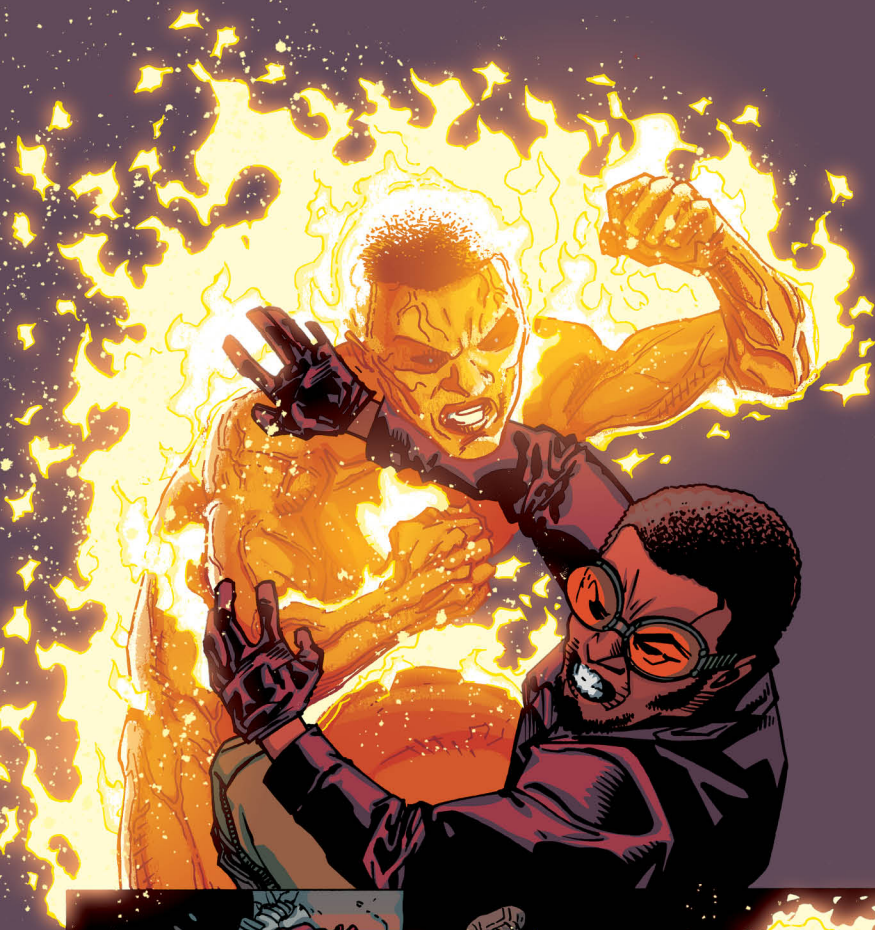
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IT IS A LONG  
WALK BACK TO  
JACKSON. BACK  
TO THE "BLACK"  
PART OF TOWN  
WHERE THEY  
LET US STAY.



NO MATTER I'VE BEEN INVITED TO HELP  
DEAL WITH THEIR SUPERHUMAN PROBLEM  
JIM CROW IS STILL THE LAW OF THE LAND.  
FOR THE MOMENT, WE FOLLOW IT.



ME, AND MY  
BROTHER WHO  
CAME TO HELP.

WHAT  
HAPPENED?

DIDN'T  
EXACTLY  
GO AS  
PLANNED.



YOU GOT  
YOUR ASS  
WHOOPED?

NO, I  
DIDN'T GET  
MY...

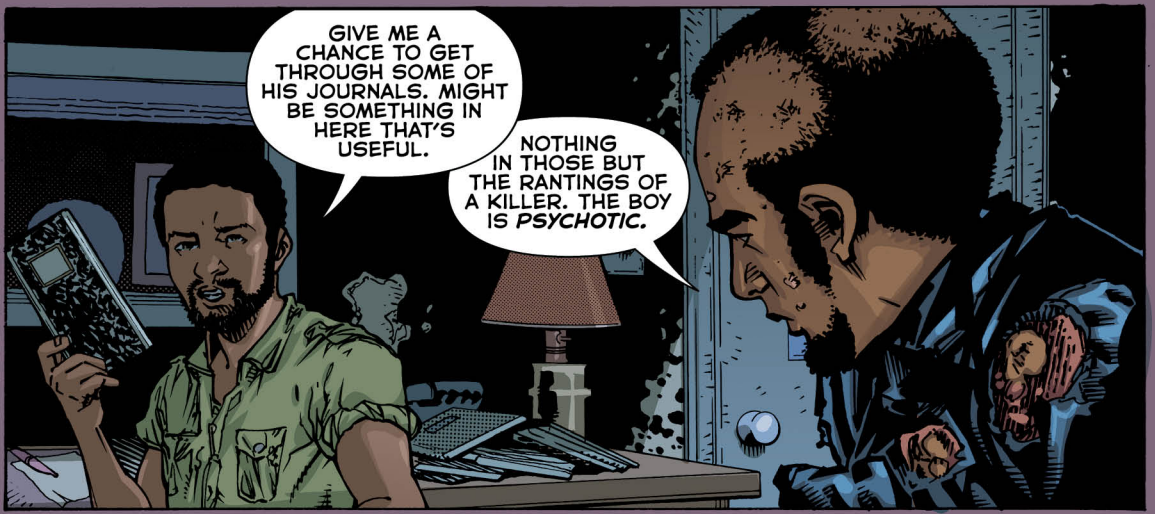


I WAS  
BEING...OVERLY  
AGGRESSIVE  
WITH THE KID,  
AND I BACKED  
OFF.

MY  
MISTAKE.







GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET THROUGH SOME OF HIS JOURNALS. MIGHT BE SOMETHING IN HERE THAT'S USEFUL.

NOTHING IN THOSE BUT THE RANTINGS OF A KILLER. THE BOY IS *PSYCHOTIC*.



YOU KNOW THAT HOW? YOU CAN READ HIS MIND?

YOU WEREN'T THERE. YOU DIDN'T SEE THE LOOK IN HIS EYES. YOU DIDN'T FEEL HOW HOT HE BURNED.

THAT KIND OF ANGER DOESN'T COME FROM NOWHERE.



YOU CAN ASK HIM ALL ABOUT IT AFTER I DRAG HIM IN.

MAN, I DIDN'T COME DOWN HERE TO BE YOUR SECRETARY. I'M TRYING TO HELP.



YOU WANNA HELP? HELP ME FIND HIM.

'CAUSE NEXT TIME, I'LL STOP HIM ANY WAY I HAVE TO.