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**RADISONVILLE,
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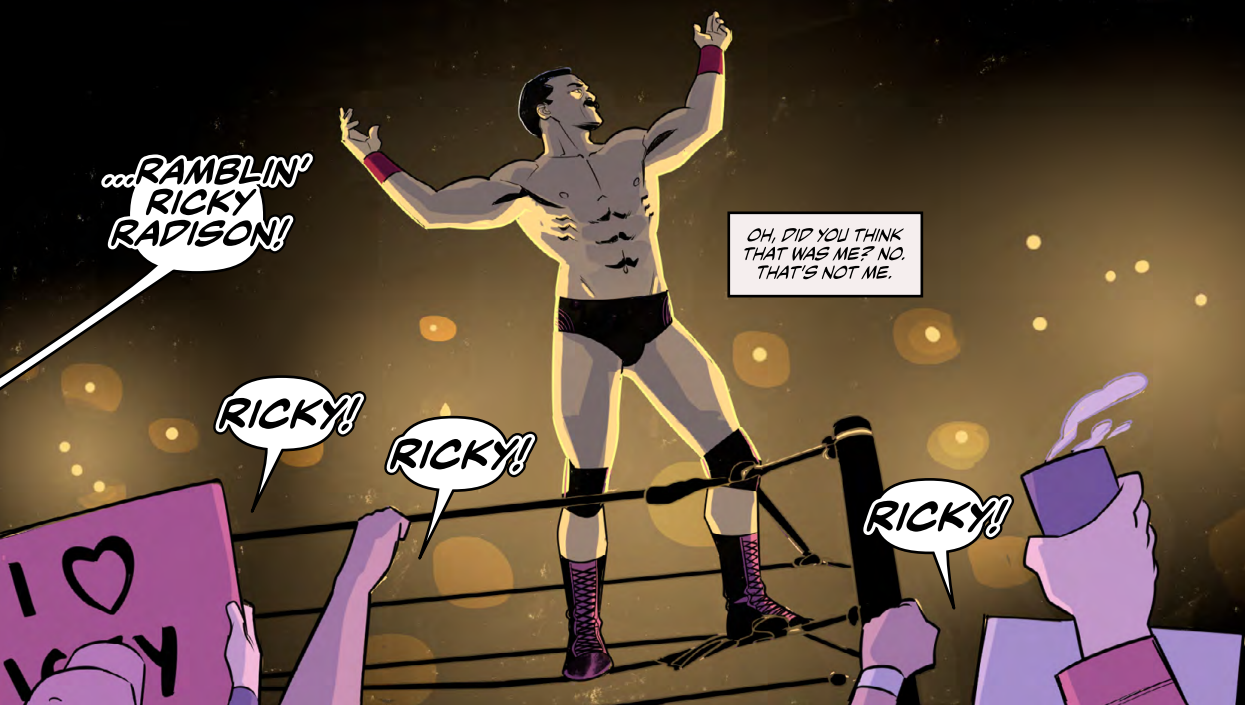
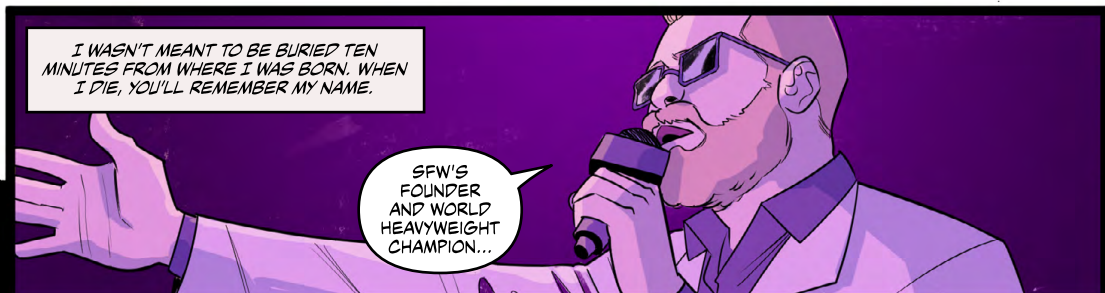
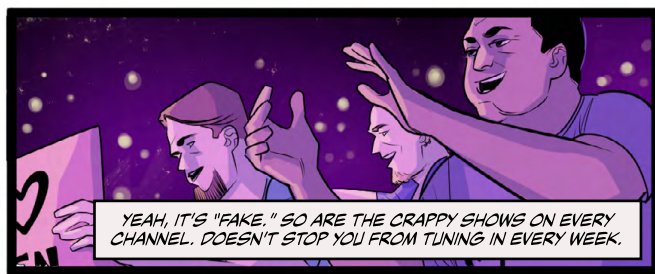
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, STAND TO YOUR FEET! IT'S TIME TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE REASON WE'RE ALL HERE TONIGHT.

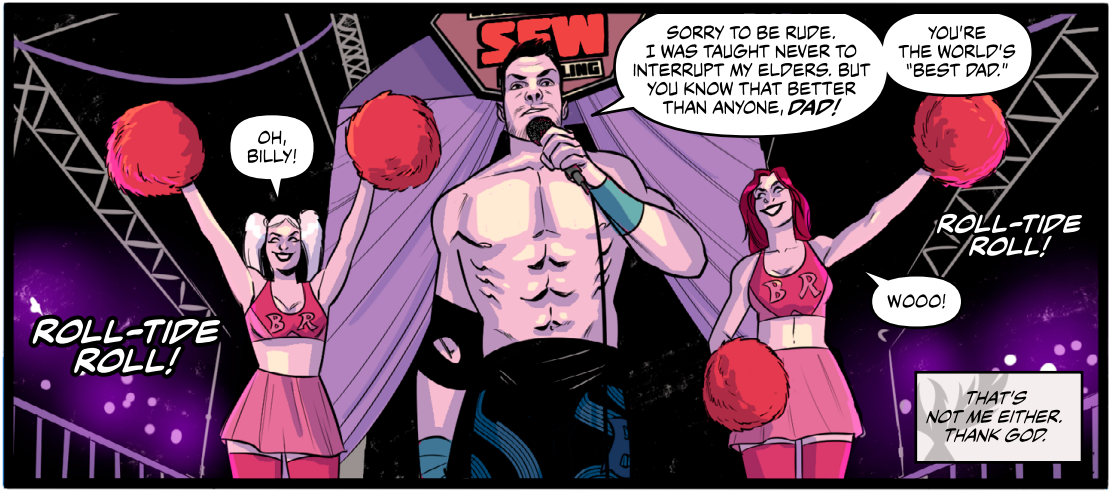
WRESTLING IS LIKE RELIGION. YOU GET IT OR YOU DON'T.

SOUTHERN FRIED WRESTLING
SPONSORED BY RADISONVILLE'S CHAMPIONSHIP CHICKEN



I GOT IT. FROM DAY ONE, THIS WAS ALL I EVER WANTED TO BE. A GRAPPLER. A SHOOTER. A CHAMPION. BUT EVERYWHERE I GO, IT'S THE SAME QUESTION...





OH, BILLY!

SORRY TO BE RUDE. I WAS TAUGHT NEVER TO INTERRUPT MY ELDERS. BUT YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE, DAD!

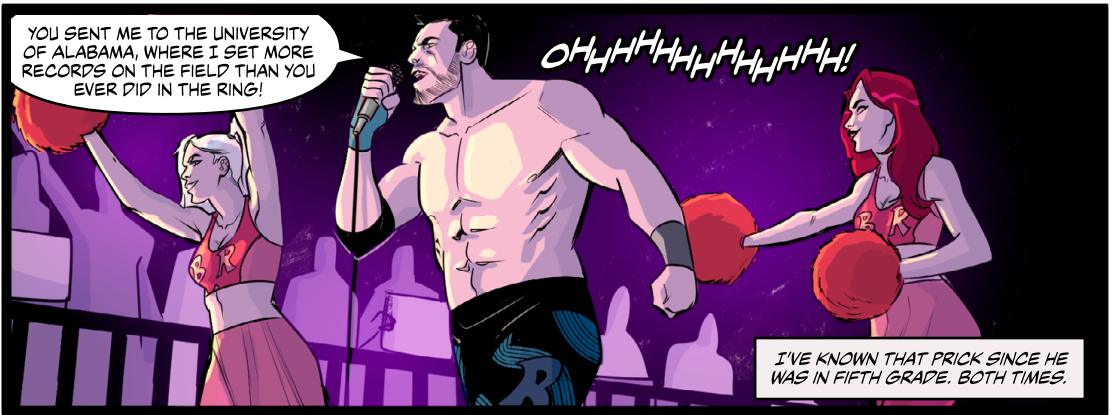
YOU'RE THE WORLD'S "BEST DAD."

ROLL-TIDE ROLL!

ROLL-TIDE ROLL!

WOOO!

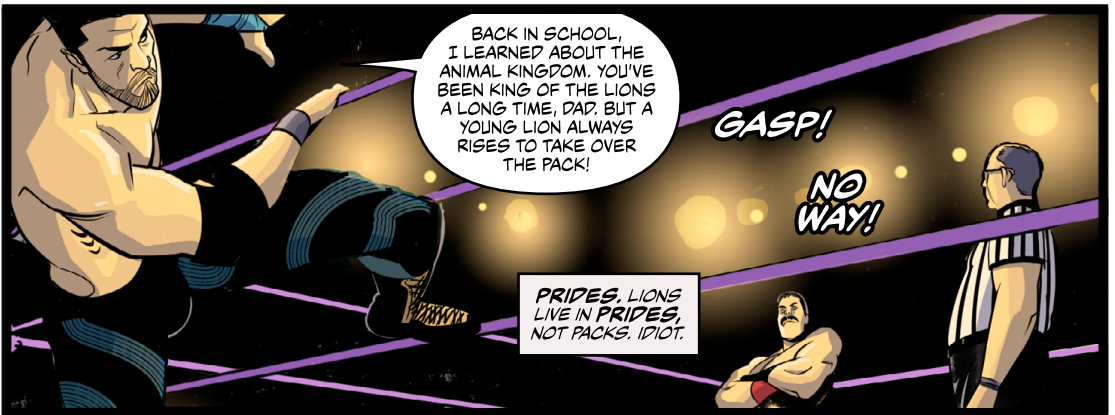
THAT'S NOT ME EITHER. THANK GOD.



YOU SENT ME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, WHERE I GET MORE RECORDS ON THE FIELD THAN YOU EVER DID IN THE RING!

OHHHHHHHHHHHH!

I'VE KNOWN THAT PRICK SINCE HE WAS IN FIFTH GRADE. BOTH TIMES.

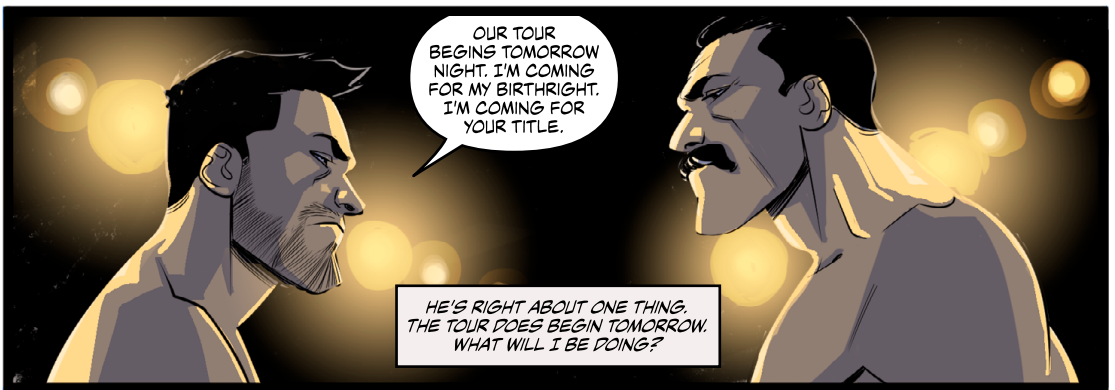


BACK IN SCHOOL, I LEARNED ABOUT THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. YOU'VE BEEN KING OF THE LIONS A LONG TIME, DAD. BUT A YOUNG LION ALWAYS RISES TO TAKE OVER THE PACK!

GASP!

NO WAY!

PRIDES, LIONS LIVE IN PRIDES, NOT PACKS. IDIOT.



OUR TOUR BEGINS TOMORROW NIGHT. I'M COMING FOR MY BIRTHRIGHT. I'M COMING FOR YOUR TITLE.

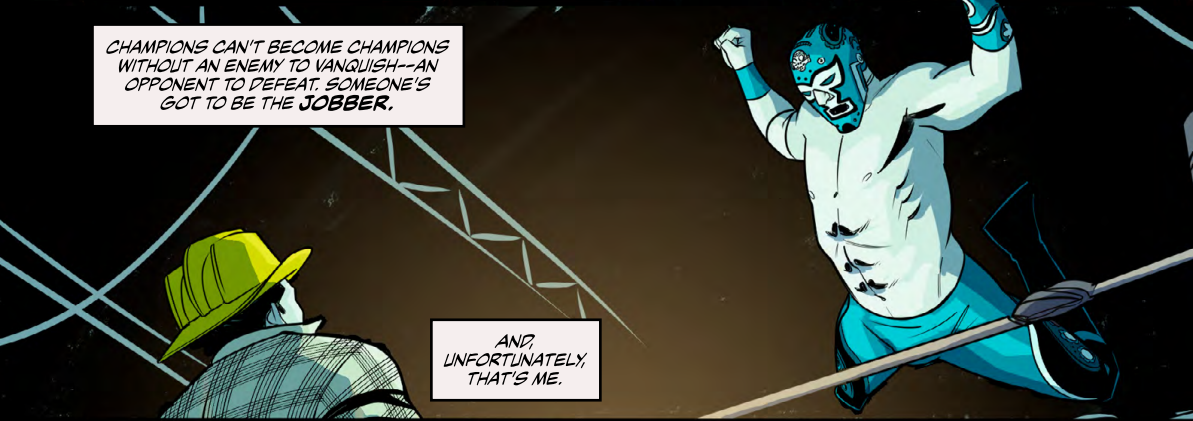
HE'S RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING. THE TOUR DOES BEGIN TOMORROW. WHAT WILL I BE DOING?



LOOK OUT!

MY JOB.

CHAMPIONS CAN'T BECOME CHAMPIONS WITHOUT AN ENEMY TO VANQUISH--AN OPPONENT TO DEFEAT. SOMEONE'S GOT TO BE THE **JOBBER**.



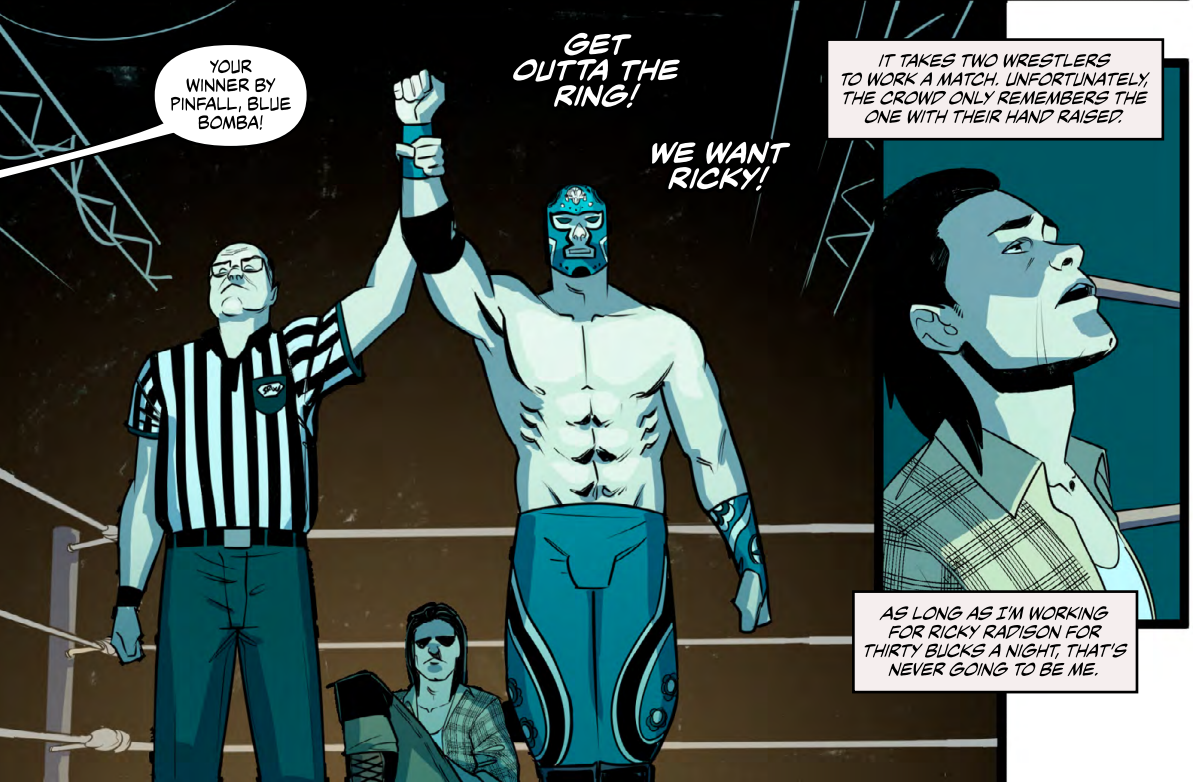
AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S ME.



¿ESTAS BIEN, HERMANO?

FINE. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

ONE...TWO... THREE!



YOUR WINNER BY PINFALL, BLUE BOMBA!

GET OUTTA THE RING!

WE WANT RICKY!

IT TAKES TWO WRESTLERS TO WORK A MATCH. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CROWD ONLY REMEMBERS THE ONE WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.



AS LONG AS I'M WORKING FOR RICKY RADISON FOR THIRTY BUCKS A NIGHT, THAT'S NEVER GOING TO BE ME.

COMING BACK TO MY HOMETOWN TO WORK FOR SFW WAS A STIFF SHOT OF REALITY.

MY SKILLS DON'T MATTER. NOT IN THIS BUSINESS.

IT'S ALL ABOUT WHO YOU KNOW. I DON'T KNOW ANYONE.

COME ON, JASON! THAT IRISH WHIP LOOKS DRUNK. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME, BOY.

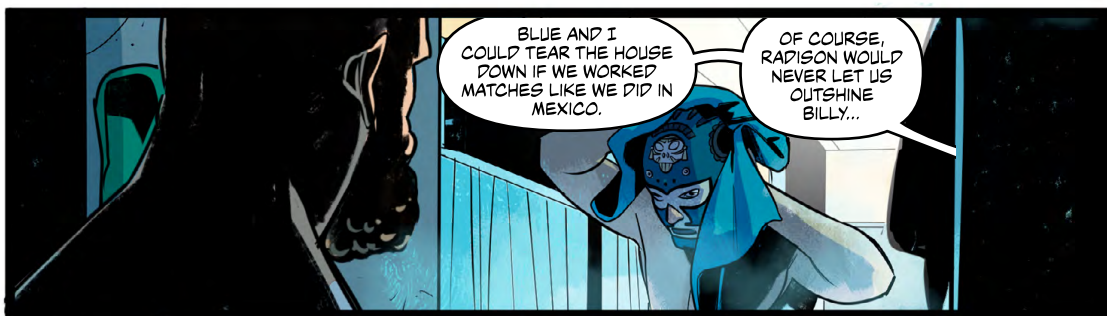
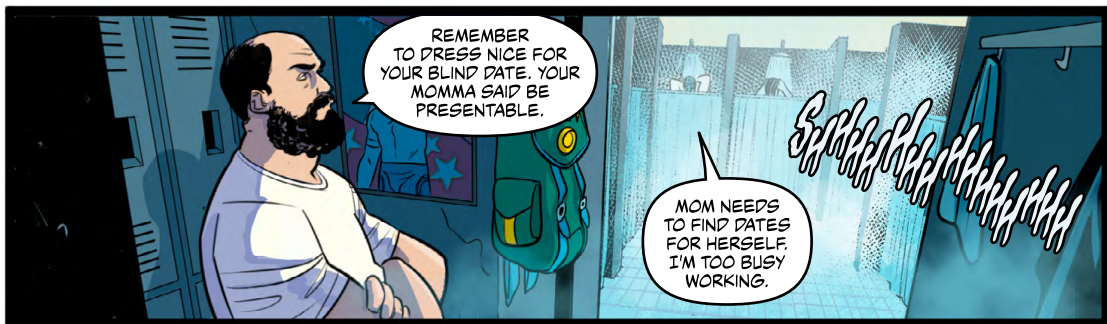
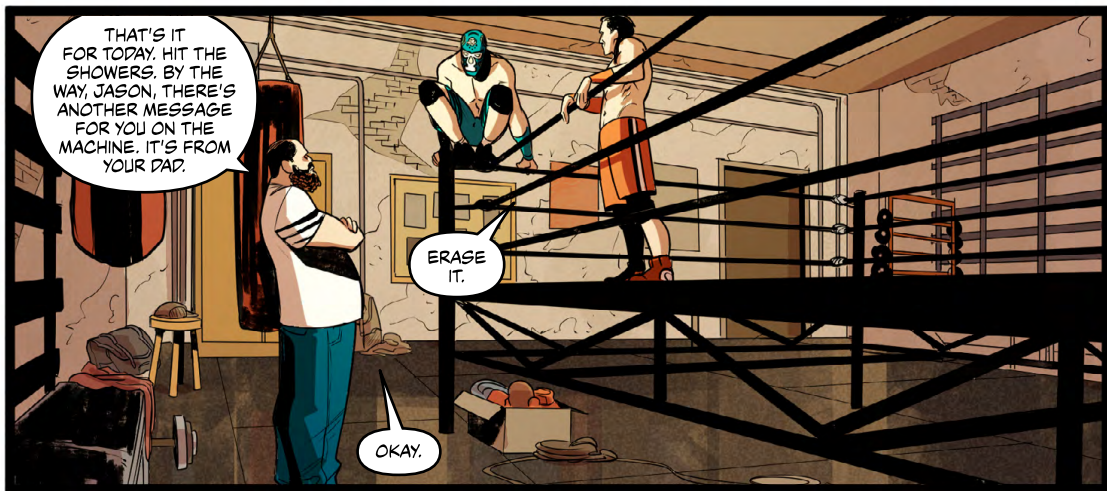
WELL, NOT EXACTLY. I KNOW BARBWIRE. I WOULDN'T BE ALIVE TODAY WITHOUT HIM.

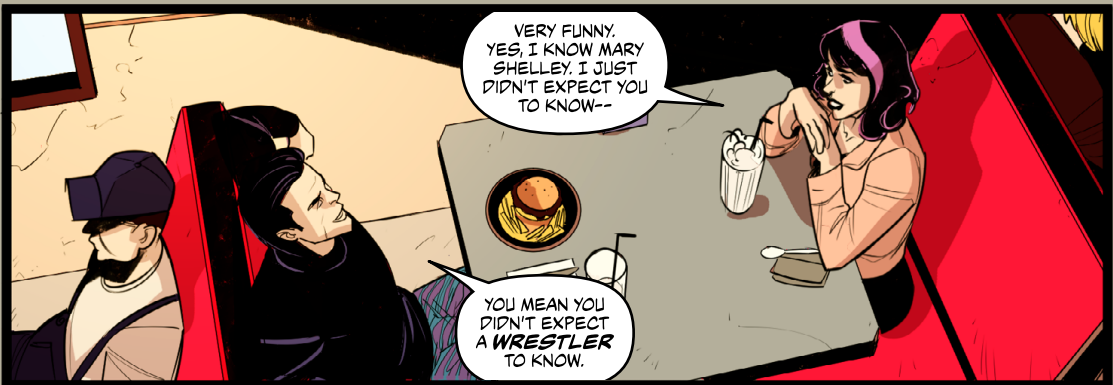
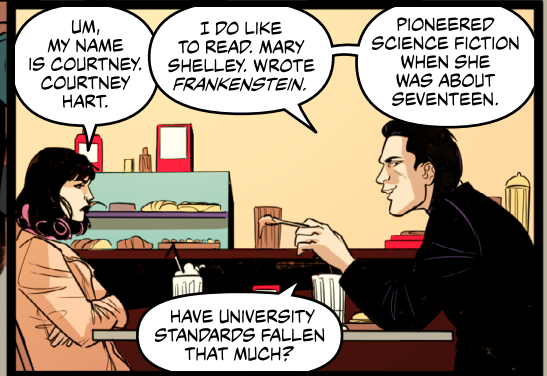
NO ONE HANDED BARBWIRE ANYTHING. HE HAD TO WORK TEN TIMES HARDER FOR EVERY CENT HE MADE IN THIS BUSINESS.

HE EARNED HIS RETIREMENT. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S WORKING FOR RADISON THESE DAYS.

WAY TO CONNECT, JASON! GOOD WORK, BOYS.

GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN. HE'S THE ONLY REASON I HAVE A JOB.







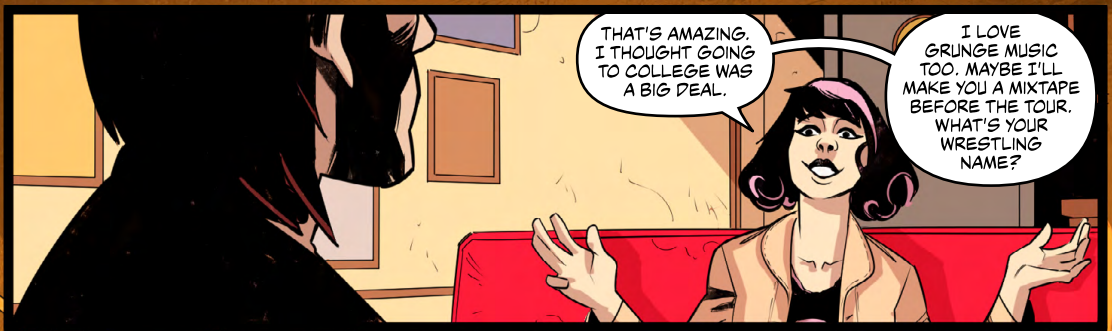
YOU CALL WRESTLING FAKE--I CALL IT TELLING A STORY. STORIES COME FROM EVERYWHERE. EVEN MUSIC. I GOT MY FIRST WRESTLING NAME FROM A GRUNGE ALBUM I BOUGHT IN MEXICO CITY.

YOU'VE BEEN TO MEXICO?!



IT'S WHERE I LEARNED TO WRESTLE. AND WHERE I MET MY **BEST AMIGO**, OF COURSE.

COMPADRE.



THAT'S AMAZING. I THOUGHT GOING TO COLLEGE WAS A BIG DEAL.

I LOVE GRUNGE MUSIC TOO. MAYBE I'LL MAKE YOU A MIXTAPE BEFORE THE TOUR. WHAT'S YOUR WRESTLING NAME?



PHOENIX.

HEY, EVERYONE!



YOUR **SOON-TO-BE** WORLD CHAMPION HAS ARRIVED!

HELLO, BILLY! WANT A BANANA SPLIT? IT'S ON THE HOUSE!

ROLL TIDE ROLL!



OH, LOOK. IT'S THE CURTAIN JERK-OFF.



WELL, WELL. DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME? DID YOU CATCH YOURSELF A RAT? HOW CUTE. TOO CUTE, IN FACT.

HEY, SWEETIE, MAYBE YOU'D RATHER EAT WITH ME.

UH, NO.

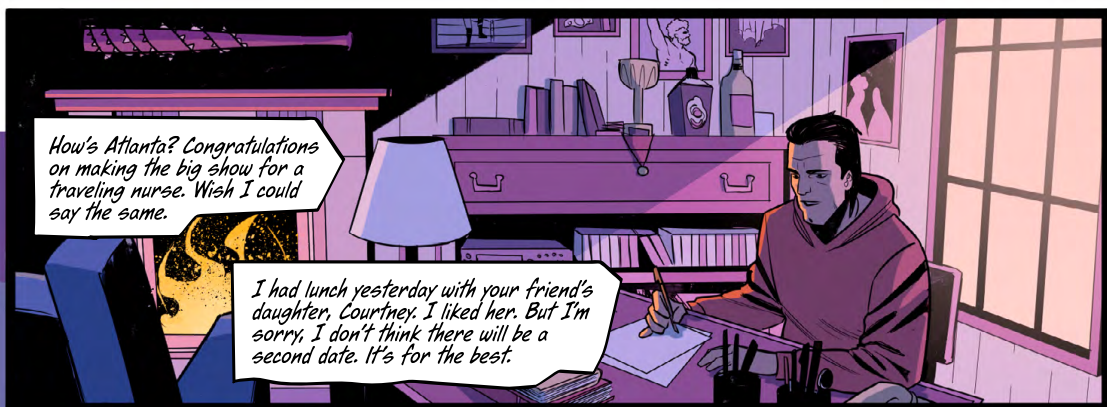
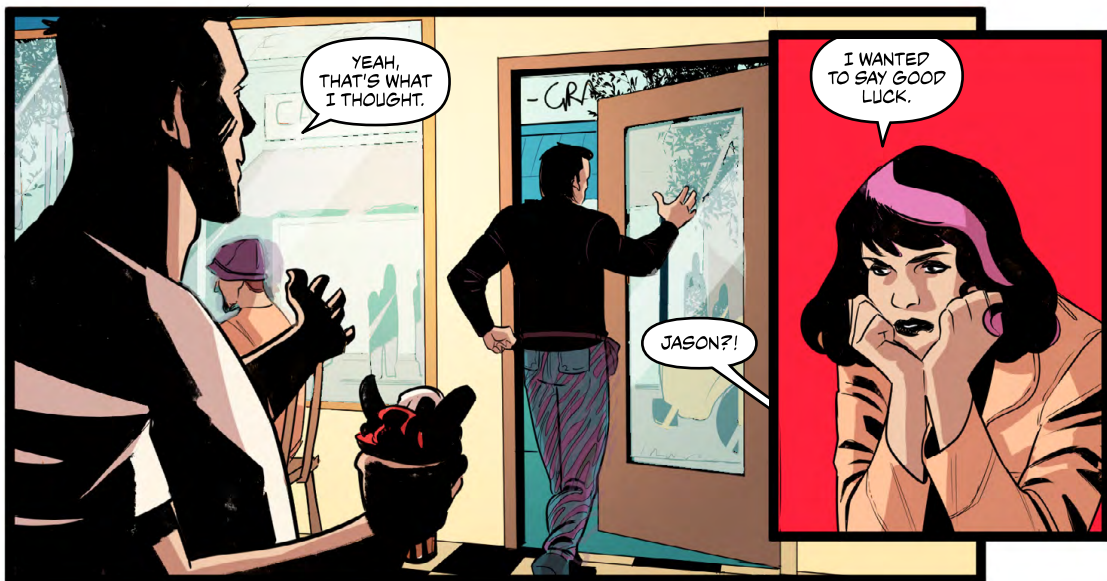
YOUR LOSS. HEY, JERK-OFF. A WORD.

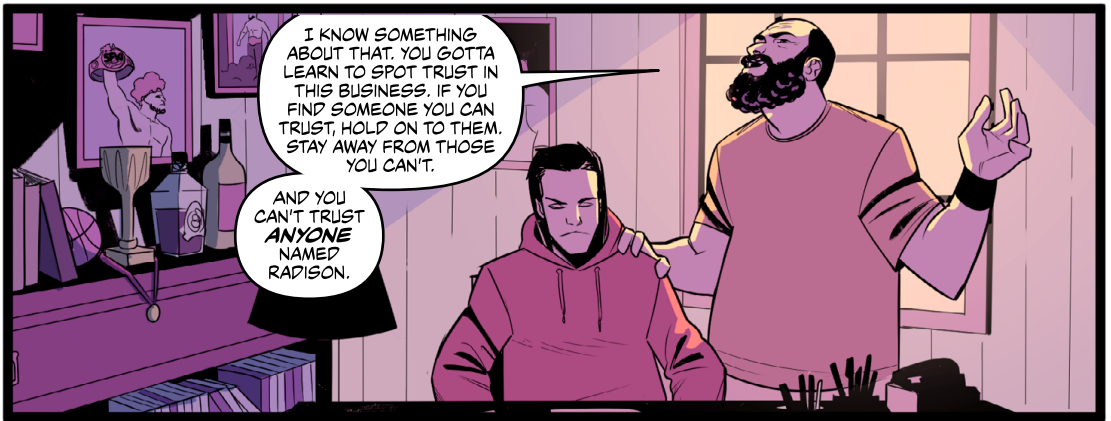


YOU AND YOUR MASKED MARVEL BUDDY ARE GOING WAY TOO LONG WITH YOUR MATCHES. STOP IT. NO ONE PAID TO SEE YOU, NO ONE CARES. THIS IS **MY** TOUR.



YOU WANNA HIT ME? GO AHEAD. SEE WHAT HAPPENS.





THIS PLACE IS RIDICULOUS.

MAY I HELP YOU?

UH, I'M JASON LYNN. HERE TO SEE MR. RADISON.

YES, HE'S WAITING FOR YOU IN THE STUDY.

WOW. THE DUMPS MOM AND I USED TO RENT WERE BARELY THE SIZE OF HIS BROOM CLOSETS. WHY AM I HERE?

JASON. COME IN.

TELL ME, HAVE YOU EVER HAD THIRTY-YEAR OLD SCOTCH BEFORE?

I DON'T DRINK.

I WASN'T OFFERING. I WAS ASKING IF YOU'D HAD IT. I COMMEND YOU. TEMPERANCE IS RARE IN OUR BUSINESS.

I WISH MY SON COULD SHOW THE SAME **RESTRAINT**. HE'S THE REASON I ASKED YOU HERE.

IS THIS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE DINER BETWEEN US?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. LAST NIGHT, BILLY HAD AN...UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT.

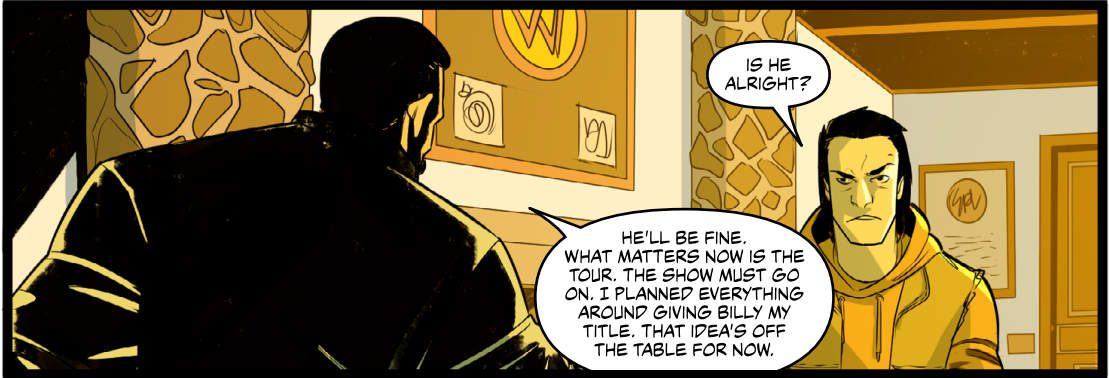
NOW, BUY ME ANOTHER DRINK. I'M GONNA BE **YOUR** NEXT WRESTLING CHAMPION!



"BILLY WAS ATTACKED. SEVEN MARINES JUMPED HIM IN A BAR.

WRESTLE THIS LOUDMOUTH!

"COMPLETELY MY FAULT, OF COURSE. BEING MY SON HAS ITS CHALLENGES."



IS HE ALRIGHT?

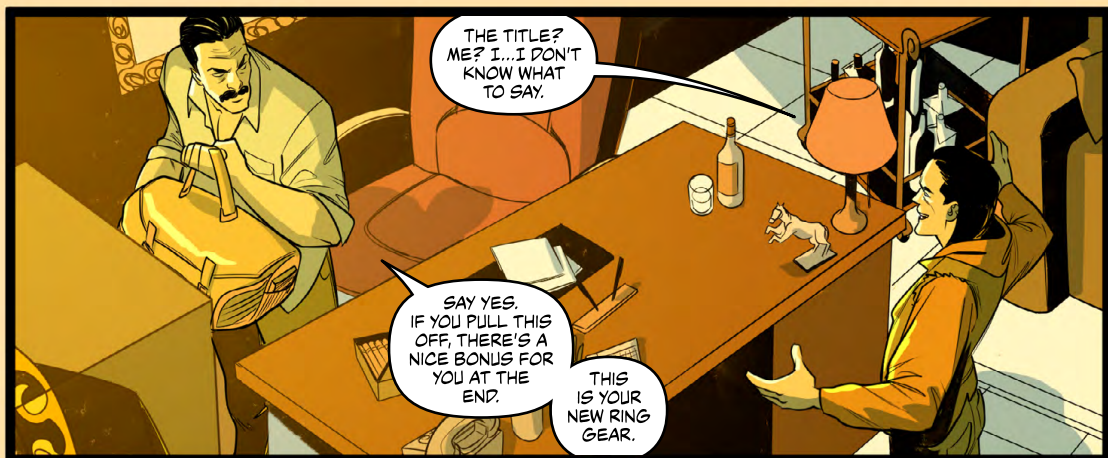
HE'LL BE FINE. WHAT MATTERS NOW IS THE TOUR. THE SHOW MUST GO ON. I PLANNED EVERYTHING AROUND GIVING BILLY MY TITLE. THAT IDEA'S OFF THE TABLE FOR NOW.



IF YOU REPEAT THIS, I'LL SQUEEZE YOUR SKULL UNTIL YOUR EYEBALLS BLEED. A MAJOR TELEVISION NETWORK IS CONSIDERING SFW AS THEIR NEXT SHOW. THEY WANT A FRESH FACE AS CHAMPION.



I'M PUTTING THE TITLE ON YOU TONIGHT.



THE TITLE?
ME? I... I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.

SAY YES.
IF YOU PULL THIS
OFF, THERE'S A
NICE BONUS FOR
YOU AT THE
END.

THIS
IS YOUR
NEW RING
GEAR.



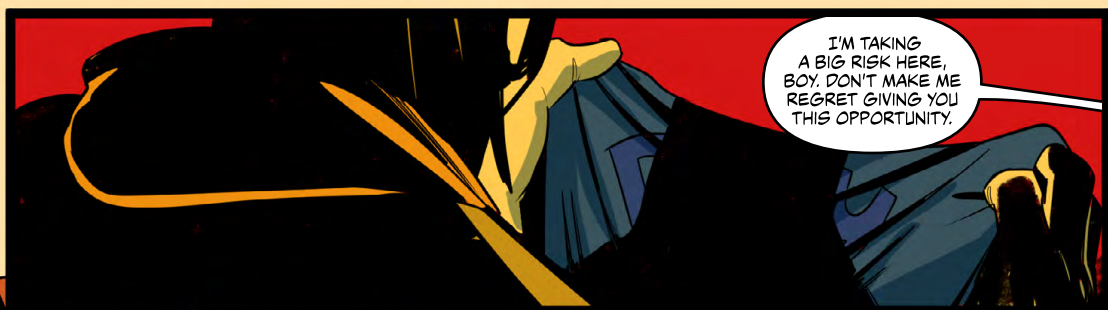
UM, THIS
IS BILLY'S
GEAR.

OF COURSE
IT IS. MAKE SURE
YOU WASH IT BEFORE
YOU GIVE IT BACK
TO HIM.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
YOU SAID I WAS
WINNING THE
TITLE.



YES.
YOU WILL BE
WINNING THE TITLE.
PLAYING THE PART
OF BILLY RADISON.
YOU'RE GOING TO
WORK AS BILLY
UNTIL HE'S
HEALTHY.

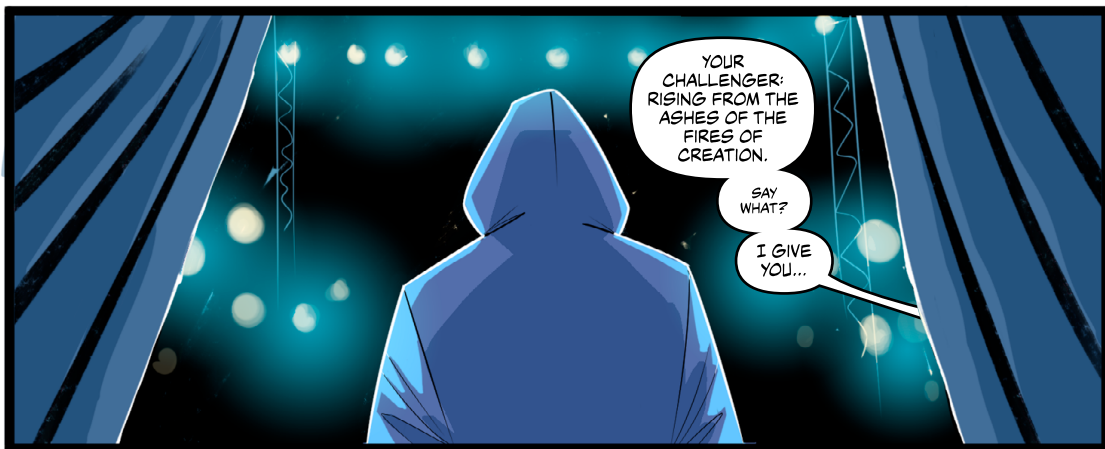
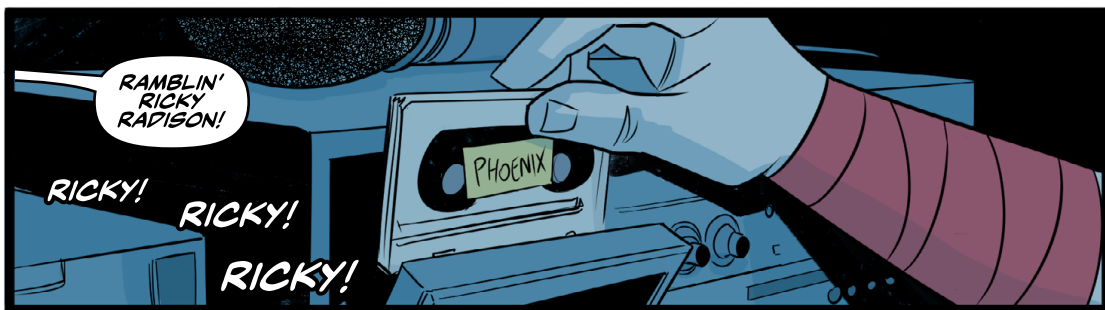
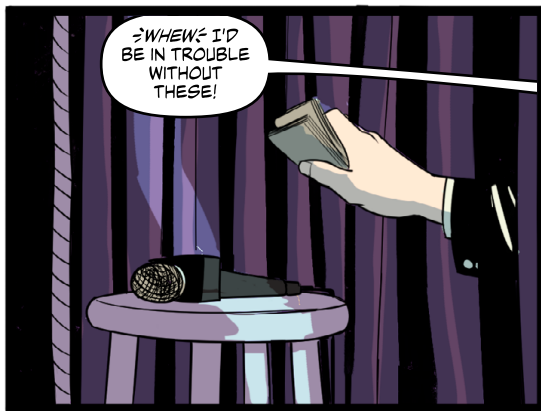
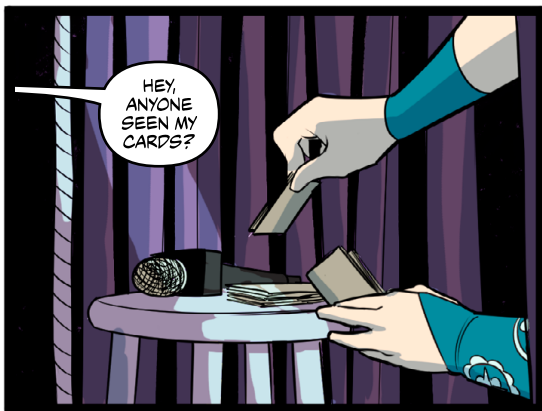


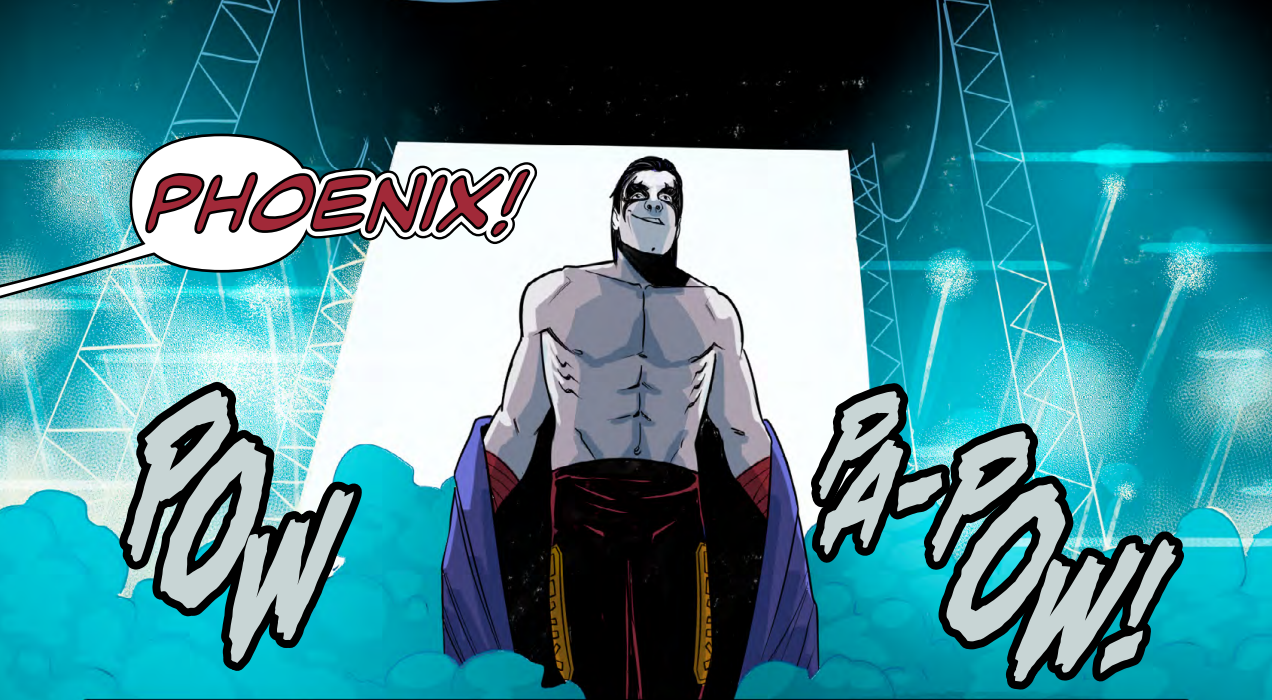
I'M TAKING
A BIG RISK HERE,
BOY. DON'T MAKE ME
REGRET GIVING YOU
THIS OPPORTUNITY.



ONE
MORE THING. IF
YOU DO ANYTHING--
ANYTHING--
BESIDES WHAT I
TELL YOU...







PHOENIX!

POW

PA-POW!

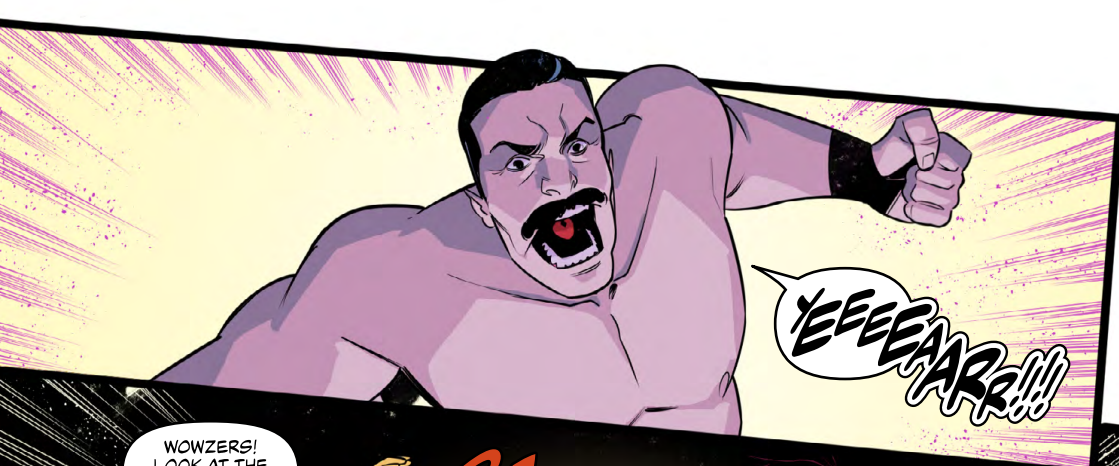


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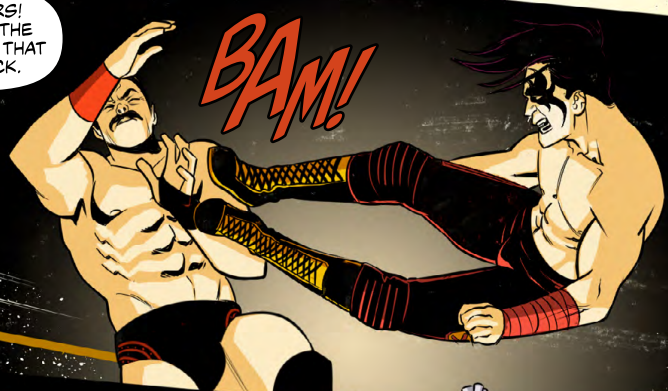


LET'S GO.

RING
RING
RING



WOWZERS!
LOOK AT THE
HEIGHT OF THAT
DROPKICK.

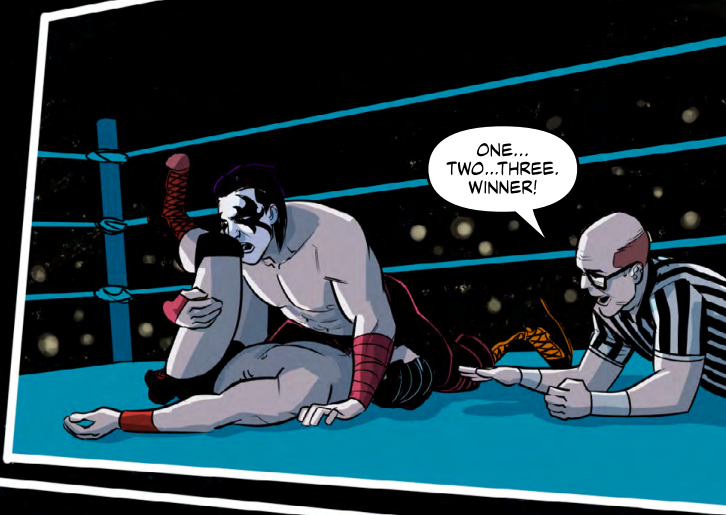


RADISON'S
IN TROUBLE.



OH BOY, IT
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
ABOUT TO SEE THE
FLIGHT OF THE
PHOENIX!





ONE...
TWO...THREE.
WINNER!



HOLY
GUACAMOLE!

THE PHOENIX IS
RISING, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN.



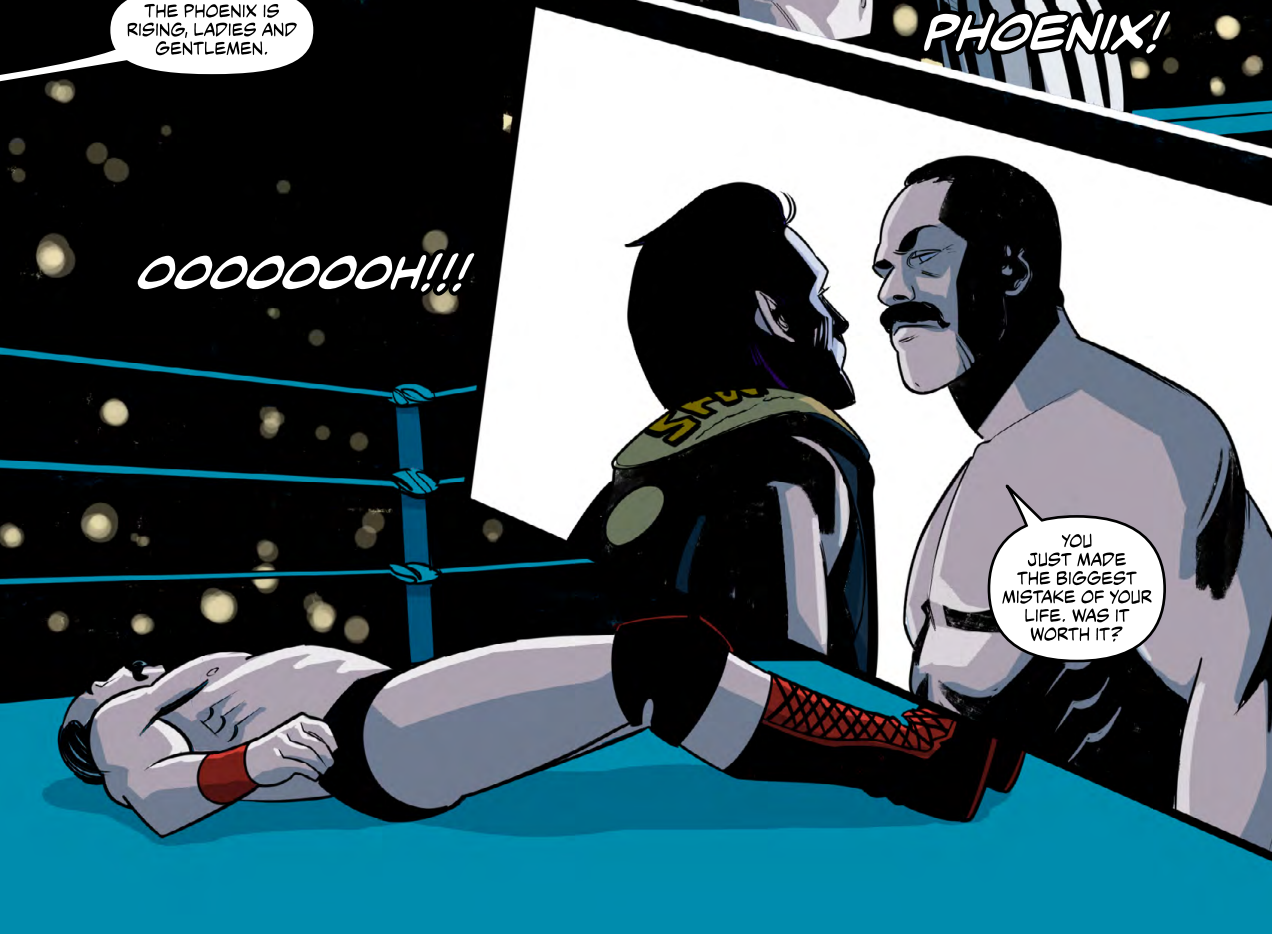
YOUR
WINNER AND
THE *NEW* SFW
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPION OF
THE WORLD,
PHOENIX!

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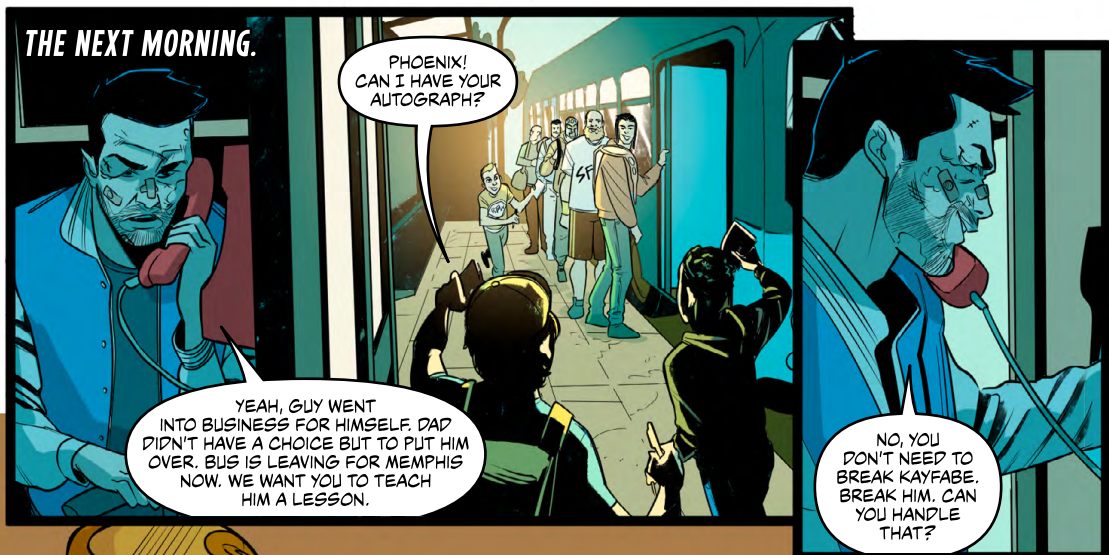
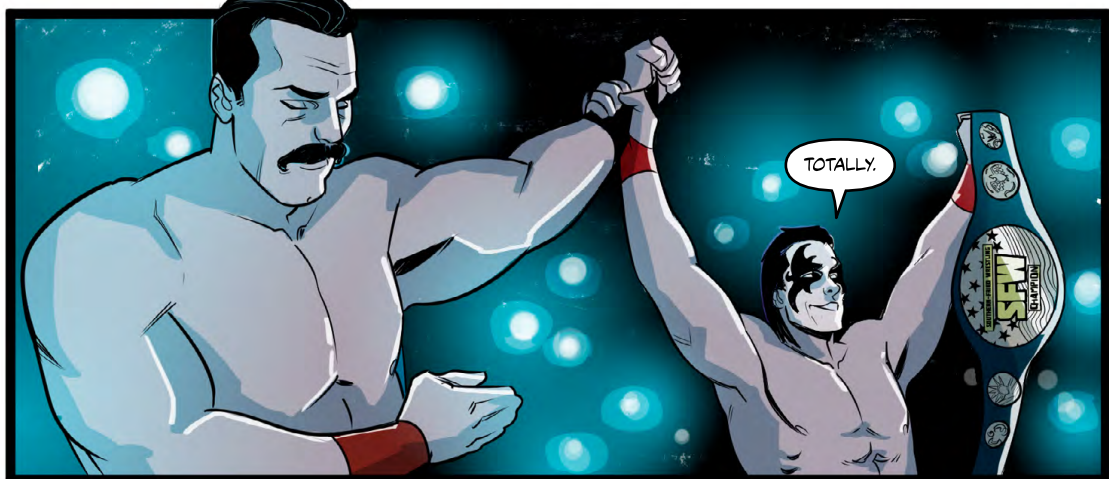
PHOENIX!

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OOOOOOOH!!!



YOU
JUST MADE
THE BIGGEST
MISTAKE OF YOUR
LIFE. WAS IT
WORTH IT?



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