

**TODAY** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO



*"Flowers are restful..."*



*"...to look at."*



*"They have neither emotions..."*



*"...nor conflicts." -Sigmund Freud*





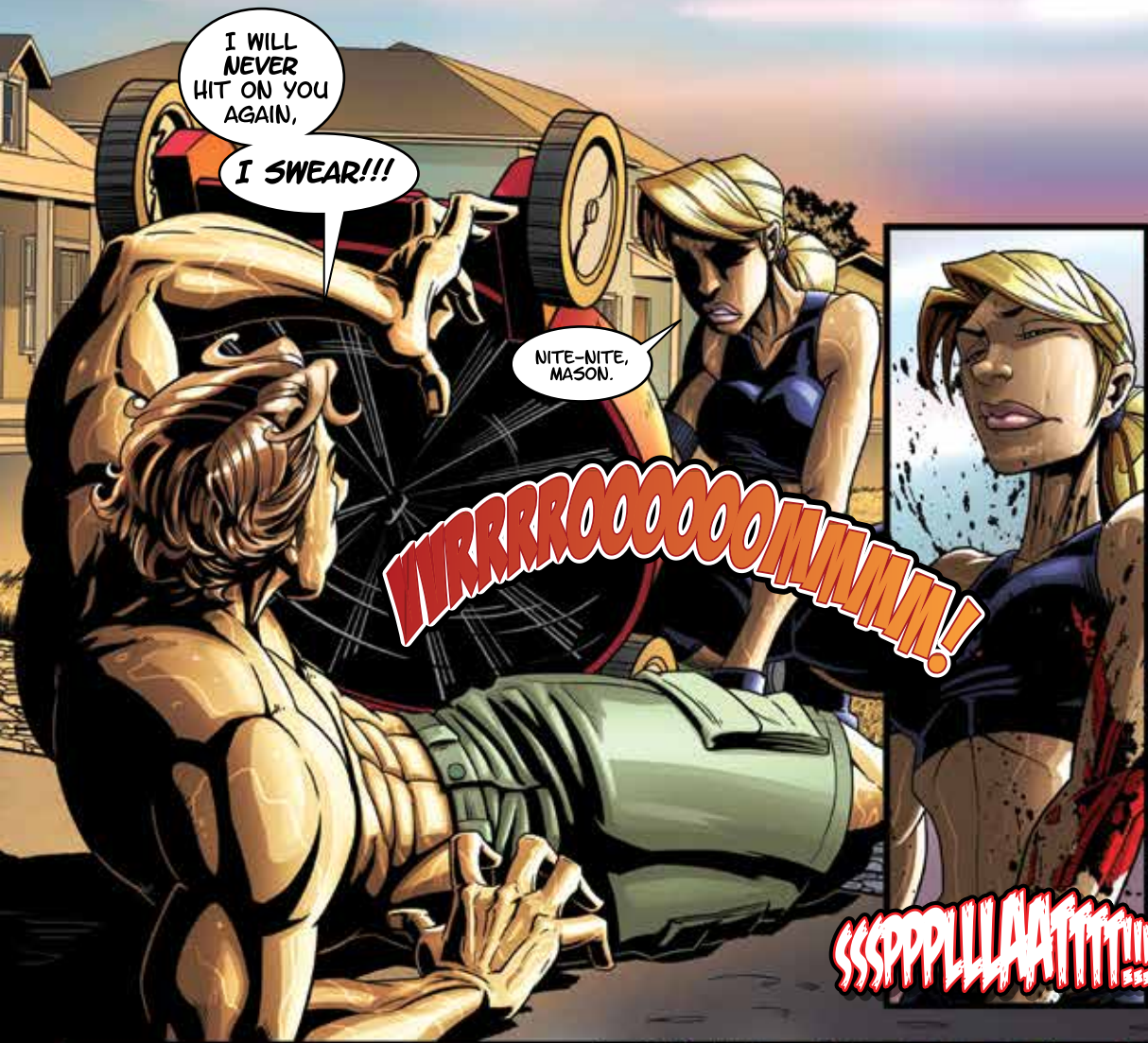














# 20 YEARS AGO

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

I THOUGHT THIS WAS A VIEWING.

IT IS.

THEN WHY CAN'T I LOOK AT HER?

SOME PEOPLE SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AS THEY LOOKED BEFORE THEY DIED.

WHAT IF I FORGET WHAT MOMMY LOOKS LIKE?

I PROMISE, YOU WILL NEVER FORGET HER.

MY CONDOLENCES, Z.

I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE BEST TIME, BUT CAN WE TALK?

IN PRIVATE?

CERTAINLY, BIG SLEEP.

SWEETIE, I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOUR DADDY FOR A MOMENT.

SHUT-EYE WILL STAY HERE WITH YOU, OKAY?

SURE MR. BIG SLEEP.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? TAKE HER ON A DREAM?

WHY NOT?

THE SHEEP\*\*\* WOULD NEVER SUSPECT A SINGLE FATHER.

IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'LL BE THERE WHEN THE SHEEP TURN BLACK.\*\*\*

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS, Z?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU CAN'T BE A BOOGIEMAN\* AND A SINGLE FATHER.

BEING A BOOGIEMAN IS ALL I KNOW. IT'S NOT LIKE MICKEY DEE'S IS HIRING FORMER GUNMEN.

\*Field Agent of The Service. --AJ

\*A Boogiemans mission.  
\*\*Target under surveillance.  
\*\*\*Target marked for termination. --AJ



I DON'T WANT TO  
LOSE YOU, Z.

IT'D BE  
UNCONVENTIONAL.

YOU COULDN'T  
WORK MULTIPLE  
DREAMS, AND YOU  
COULD ONLY WORK  
DREAMS IN DECENT  
NEIGHBORHOODS...

WE STILL  
WANT HER TO  
RECEIVE THE  
BEST  
EDUCATION.

THANK YOU,  
DIRECTOR!

IS EVERYTHING  
IN ORDER?

EVERYTHING IS  
AS IT SHOULD BE,  
SHUT-EYE.

GASP!

WHAT  
HAPPENED,  
DADDY?

IT'S HARD  
TO EXPLAIN,  
KIDDO-ROO.

JUST KNOW  
THAT WE'RE  
NOT IN THIS  
ALONE.