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## CHAPTER ONE

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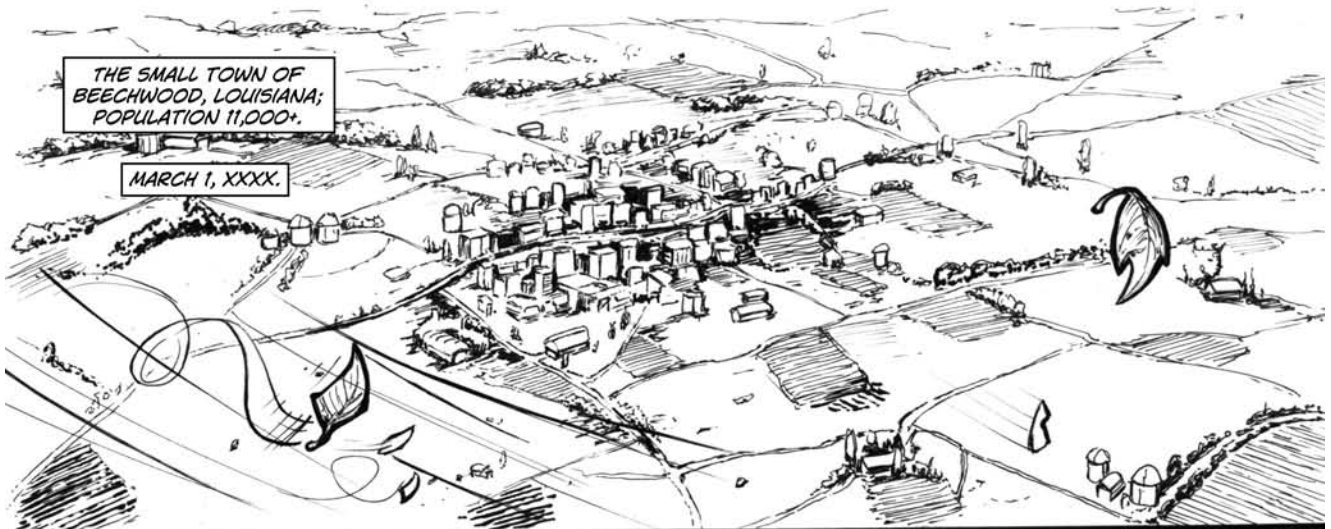
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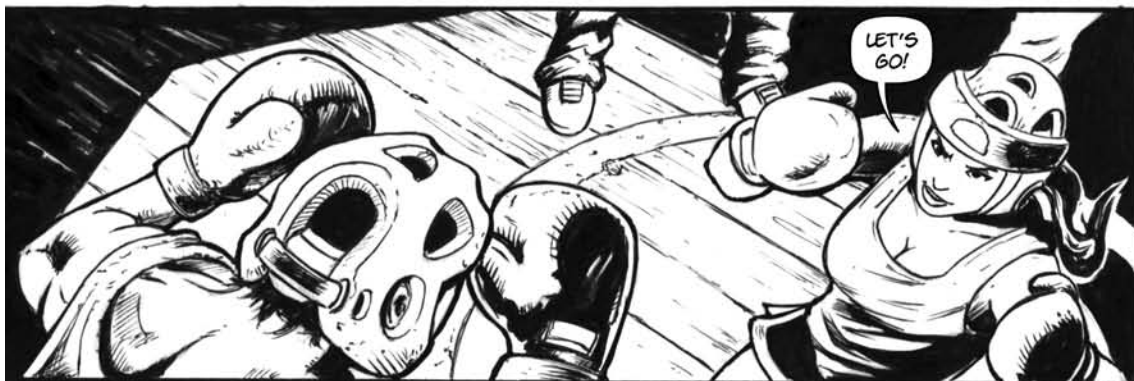


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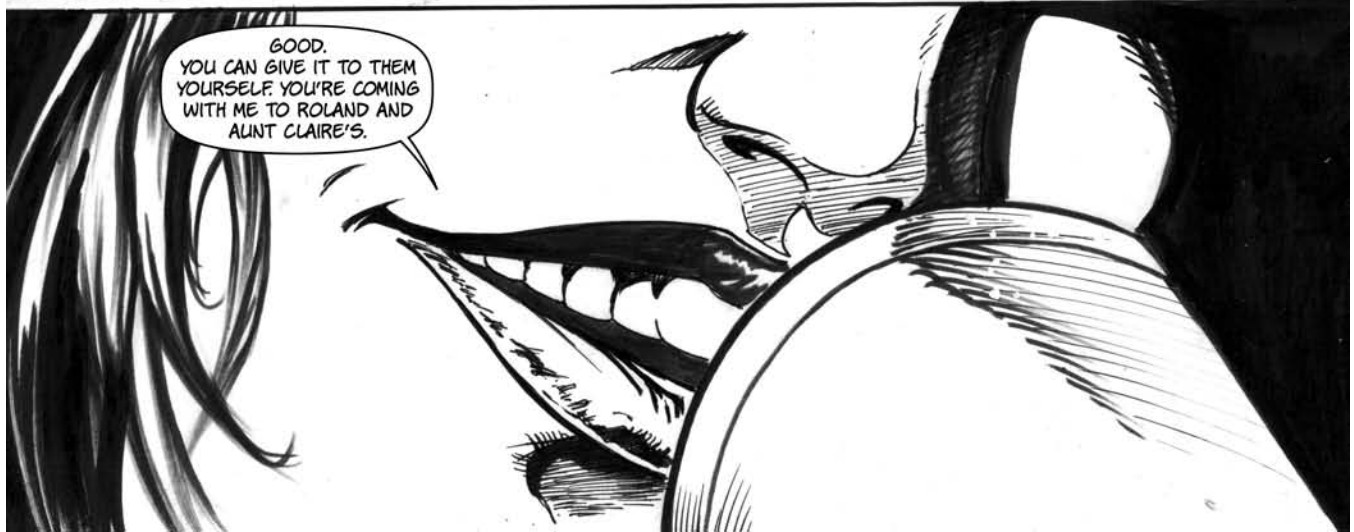


















I WAS WALKING THROUGH  
A STRANGE, DARK WOOD.

I FELT LIKE I WAS  
BEING ATTACKED, BUT I  
COULDN'T FEEL ANYTHING  
WHEN I FOUGHT BACK.

I WAS WEARING MY PROM  
DRESS. I NEVER LOOKED  
SO BEAUTIFUL AS I DID  
AT THAT MOMENT.

I COULD TELL THAT  
I WAS SO HAPPY.

MY DATE WAS SO HANDSOME  
AND SUCH A GENTLEMAN.

AT THE PROM, WE  
DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY.





THEN, IT ALL WENT BAD.

MY DATE JUST STOOD THERE... ALMOST AS  
IF HE WERE THE LORD OF ALL THAT CHAOS.



THAT'S NOT A  
DREAM, HONEY. THAT'S  
A VISION. I THINK YOU  
HAVE SOME BAD TIMES  
AHEAD OF YOU.

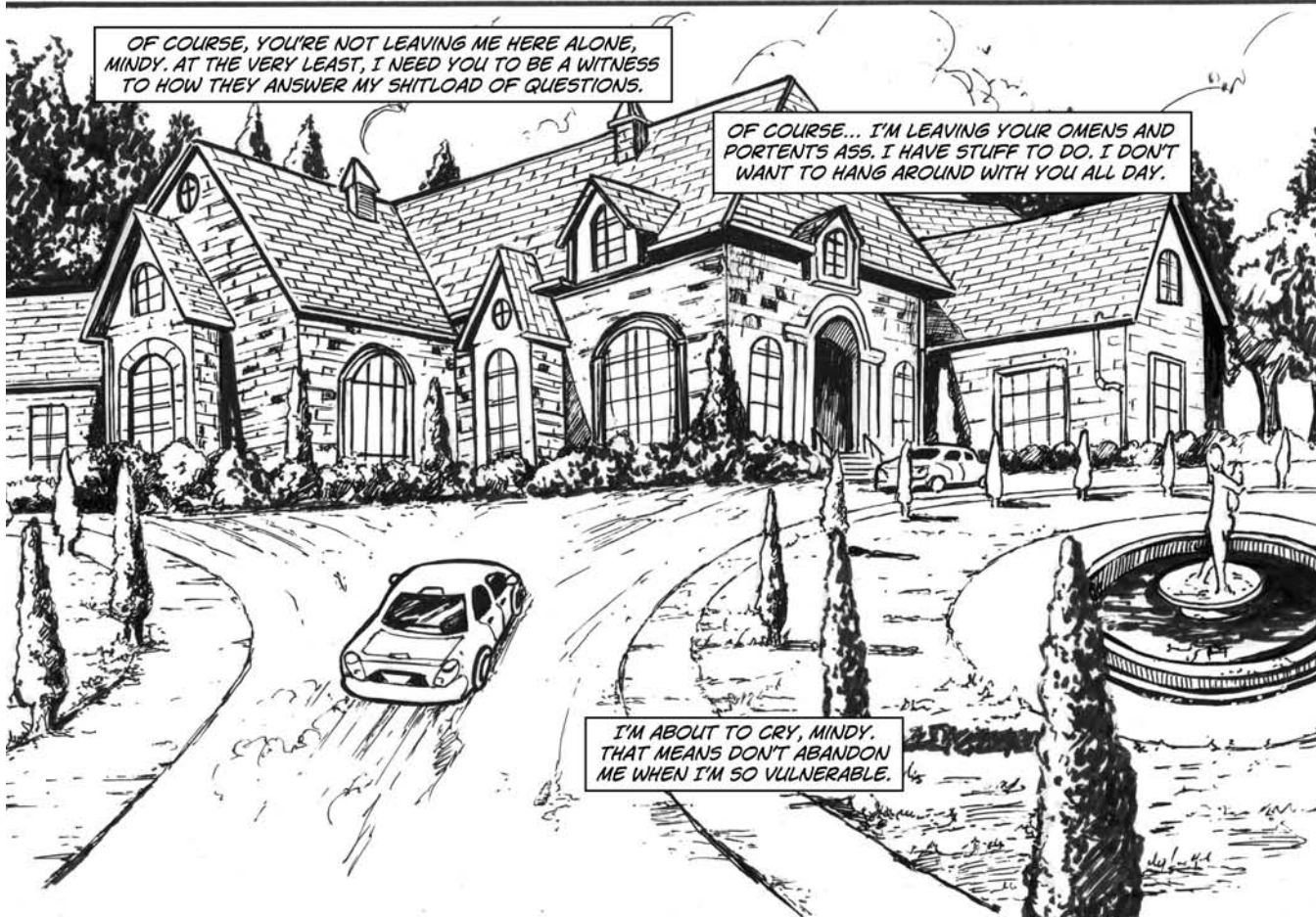


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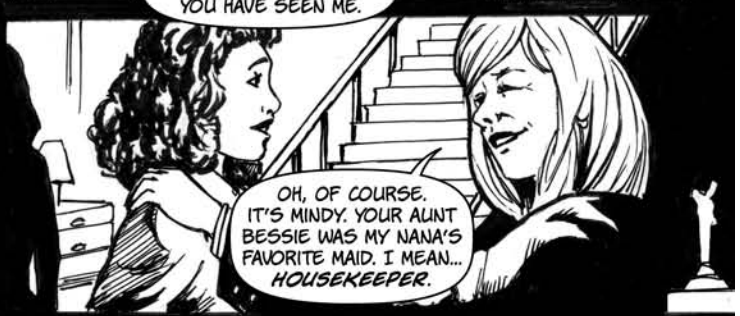
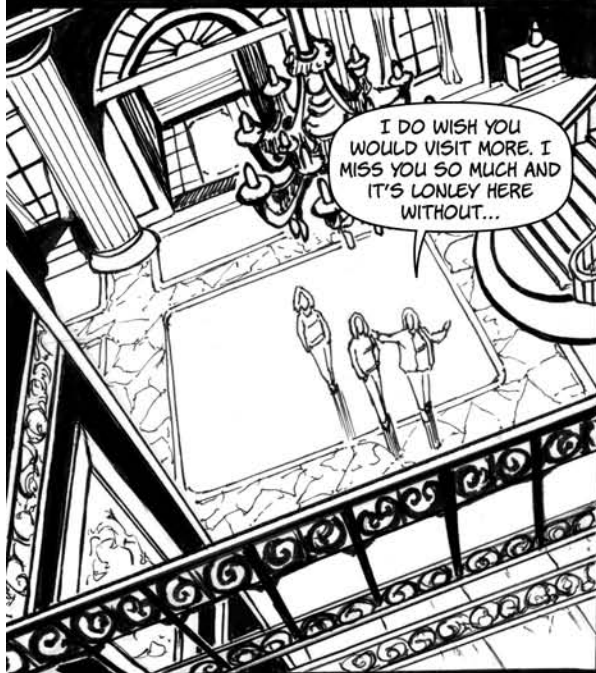


OF COURSE, YOU'RE NOT LEAVING ME HERE ALONE, MINDY. AT THE VERY LEAST, I NEED YOU TO BE A WITNESS TO HOW THEY ANSWER MY SHITLOAD OF QUESTIONS.

OF COURSE... I'M LEAVING YOUR OMENS AND PORTENTS ASS. I HAVE STUFF TO DO. I DON'T WANT TO HANG AROUND WITH YOU ALL DAY.



I'M ABOUT TO CRY, MINDY. THAT MEANS DON'T ABANDON ME WHEN I'M SO VULNERABLE.











IT'S NOT DRE I'M WORRIED ABOUT. DRE I CAN HANDLE.

WE BOTH SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT EVAN, ESPECIALLY WITH AVA COMING BACK.



EVAN IS DEAD. HE DIED IN PRISON.



HE'S NOT DEAD. I CHECKED AT THE PRISON. HE NEVER--



--EVAN IS DEAD AND THAT'S THAT. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP. I NEVER GOT THIS KIND OF *STATIC* FROM YOUR DADDY.



DADDY IS LAID-UP. UNTIL HE'S BETTER, I'M IN CHARGE, MR. BENSON. I'M DOING THE BEST THAT I CAN, AND I CAN'T PRETEND THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT I KNOW.



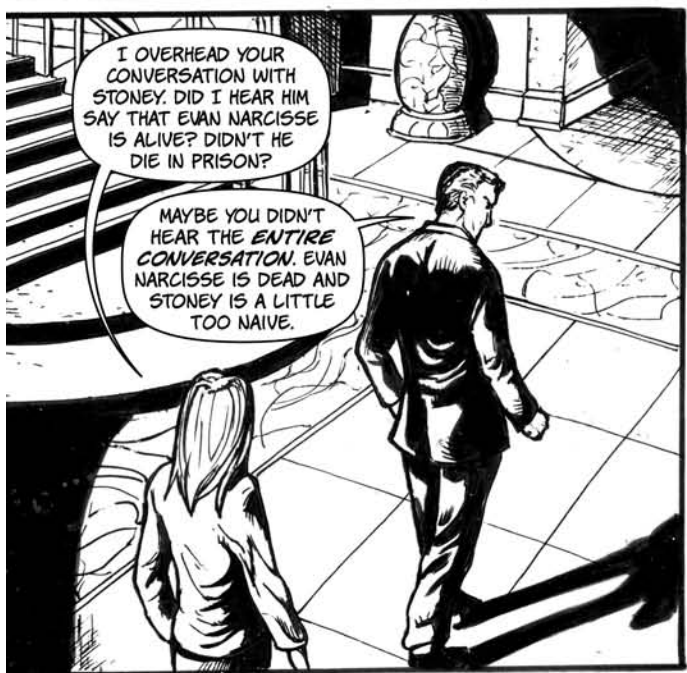
I HAVE TO BURY MY BROTHER. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DEAL WITH RUMORS.

IT'S NOT A RUMOR.



UNTIL YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN *CUSTODY*, ALL YOU HAVE IS *GOSSIP*.













**END OF CHAPTER 1**