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Amidst a catastrophic outbreak blanketing the island of Manhattan, which has turned its citizens into flesh-eating creatures, NYPD Swat Officer John Griffin learns firsthand that serving the people—and protecting the people—are two entirely different concepts. As the U.S. Military counts down to a sixty-minute zero hour when the world's greatest metropolis will be completely decimated in order to prevent further spread of the virus, Griffin and his son Jon, along with his schoolteacher Ali and a cabbie named Astor, must attempt to somehow end the rapidly-growing scourge all by themselves. However, Griffin soon becomes aware of an even more stark reality—that he must find and kill the hive's controlling "queen bee", a vicious monstrosity he once knew as his best friend...

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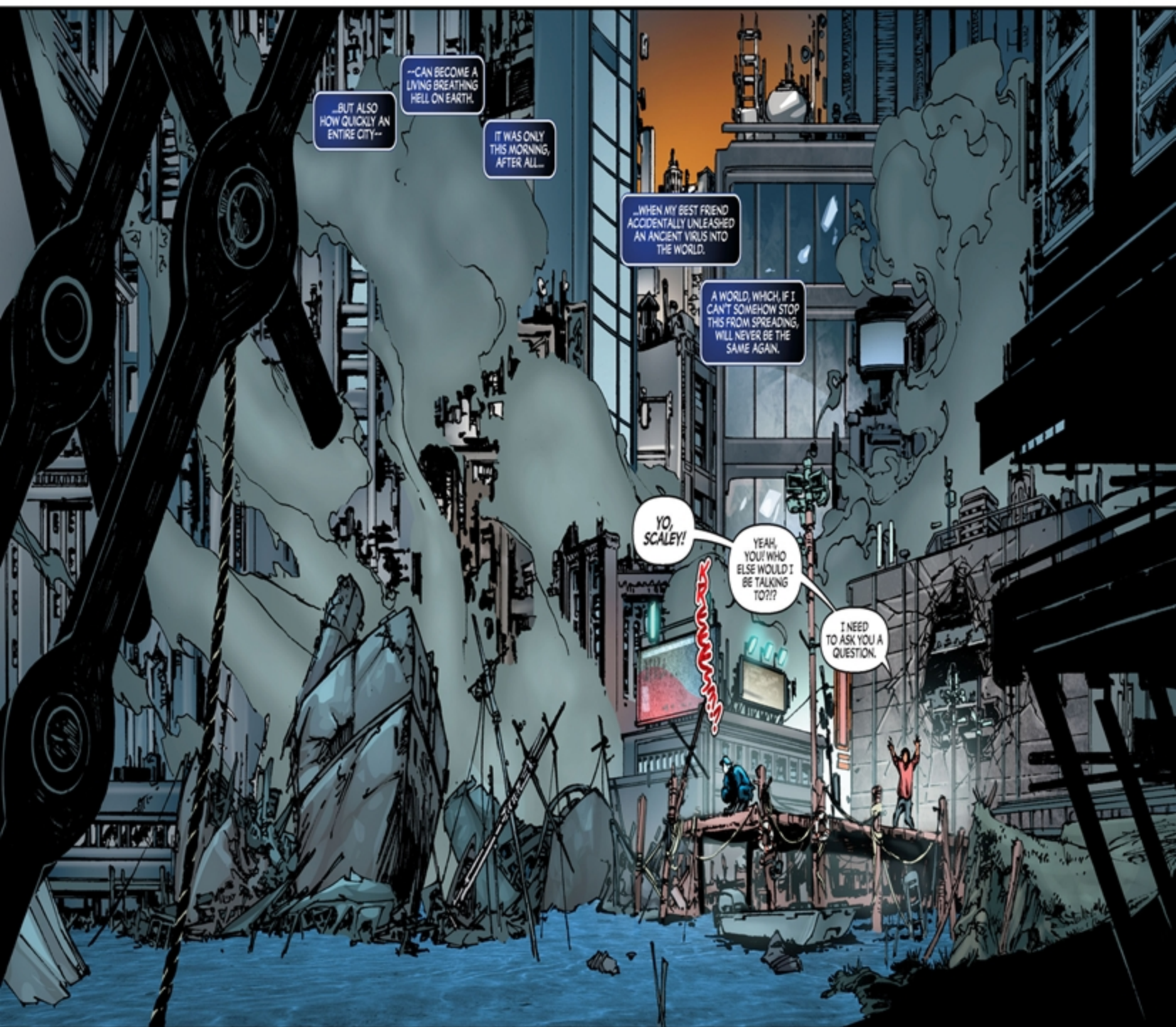
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I NEVER GAVE IT
MUCH THOUGHT
BEFORE TODAY.

BUT THIS IS WHAT
I WOULD PROBABLY
IMAGINE HELL TO
BE LIKE.

NOT JUST THE HORROR OF
SEEING ANOTHER PERSON-- AN
OTHERWISE TOTALLY INNOCENT
HUMAN BEING-- TRANSFORMED
INTO A SNARLING, RAGING
MONSTER...



HE DID WHAT HE
HAD TO DO.

RISKED HIS LIFE
SO I COULD BE IN A
POSITION TO DO---

--THIS!

ONE SLICE ALONG
THE JUGULAR VEIN
AND IT'S DEAD WITHIN
SECONDS.

SHISSSSSHKT

AAAAAGH!









--IT IS
TOTALLY
BATS##%T
CRAZY!

GIVE ME
THAT WHEEL
BEFORE YOU
KILL US
ALL!



I DIDN'T PUT
THIS UP FOR
A VOTE.

IF THERE
WAS ANY OTHER
ALTERNATIVE,
I'D TRY IT.

YANK

GAK!

BUT
THERE'S
NOT.



TH-BUMP



THIS IS IT--
WE STOP HIM
HERE AND NOW--
OR HE DOESN'T
GET STOPPED...

...AND WE WIND
UP WITH RINGSIDE
SEATS TO THE END
OF THE WORLD.

NOT ON MY
WATCH.





BUT
D-DAD...?



WHY YOU,
DAD?
YOU TALKED
TO THAT COLONEL
GUY BEFORE. AREN'T
THEY GOING
TO HELP?

AREN'T
THEY GOING
TO SAVE
US?



NO, JON.
THEY'RE
NOT.



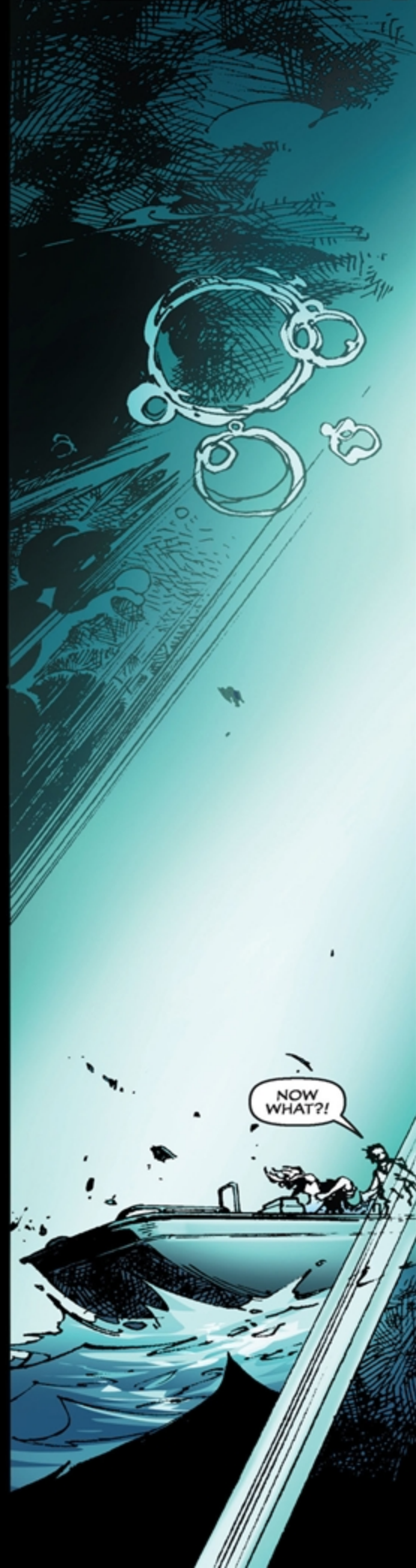
THE TRUTH
IS, WE'RE ON
OUR OWN.

THE MOMENT
PETER CHANGED,
HE STOPPED BEING
MY FRIEND.

HE
STOPPED
BEING
HUMAN.

WE'RE NOT
GOING TO STAND
AROUND AND WATCH
THIS PLAGUE SPREAD
TO THE REST OF
THE WORLD.

THUPPATHUPPATHUPPATHUPPATHUPPA



THEIR
WEAPONS
ARE LOADED
AND LOCKED
ON US.

I CAN SEE
THE CHAMBERS
FROM HERE.

THE PULL OF
A TRIGGER AND
IT'S OVER. FOR
US, ANYWAY.

PATHUPPATHUPPATHUPPATHUPPA



SIGNAL...
JAMS...
BEEES...

WHAT IS SHE
SAYING?

CAN'T
HEAR A
WORD.

NOW
WHAT?!





THEY'RE LEAVING!

⇒PHEW!⇐



THE
COLONEL I
SPOKE TO
EARLIER.

HE'S TRUSTING THAT I HAVE A PLAN.

HERE'S HOPING
I DON'T LET
HIM DOWN.



THUPPATHTUPPATHTU



PPATHUPPATHTUPPA







HOW MUCH
OF THAT C4 DID
YOU BRING WITH
YOU?

ENOUGH.









DAAAAD!?!

HRRADUGH

JONATHON!

IT'S LIKE WATCHING
SOMEONE RIP MY
HEART OUT.

I CAN ONLY PRAY
THE KEVLAR VEST WILL
KEEP HIM ALIVE LONG
ENOUGH THAT
I CAN...



THIS IS
INSANE.

I KNOW IT.

BUT IT IS THE
ONLY WAY I CAN
REACH HIM!

I CAN'T FLY... SO
I'LL LET THIS ONE
DO THE FLYING
FOR ME.

THAT THING
BROUGHT HIM
TO THE TOP OF
THE TORCH.

SO THAT IS WHERE
I'M GOING...!

YEAH.

INSANE.

CLOSE
ENOUGH...

B-BOOM

...THIS IS WHERE
I GET OFF.

B-BOOM

IF I WAS
ANYONE ELSE,
I MIGHT FIRE
OFF A QUIP.

A "THANKS FOR
THE RIDE."

BUT I'M NOT
THAT GUY.

I'M A
DAD...

... WHO WILL
DO ANYTHING
TO PROTECT
HIS KID.

EVEN IF IT MEANS
LYING THROUGH
MY TEETH.

GRRRAARRR

SORRY!

S'OKAY,
JON.

S'OKAY.
HANG
ON!

RAAWL

KREESSKK

TO BE CONCLUDED IN...
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THE EPIC CONCLUSION

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THE
WORLD
WILL
NEVER
BE THE
SAME

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