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## Down the Rabbit Hole



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*This story takes place before and during the events of Return to Wonderland.*

## Story So Far...

Years ago, Alice Liddle became one of the few to escape the far-reaching clutches of Wonderland. This alternate reality was once considered the "realm of dreams" but has since become a world of madness which had fed on the sanity of humans that were sacrificed there.

Wonderland's sadistic ruler, the Jabberwocky, has been gaining power from the Liddle bloodline for generations, intent on shattering the border between Wonderland and this world. Alice knows deep down that this entity is after her family and she must find a way to stop it before her deteriorating psyche gets the best of her.

## Previously in Down the Rabbit Hole...

As Alice notices that Calie is facing the temptations of Wonderland, she thinks up a last ditch effort to save her daughter. If Wonderland is attacking her family through Alice's own mind, she realizes that she must travel back down the rabbit hole... and return to Wonderland.



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*You will know me  
as a coward.*

*Before you dyed your  
hair, we looked very  
much alike.*

*I always loved that. I looked  
at you, and I saw my past...  
I saw the wonderful life you  
would live.*

*That's before I  
remembered...*

*But now, now that you've darkened your  
hair, now that you've become your own  
woman and chased away all of me that  
remained within you...*





I am comforted.

YOU  
KEEPING THE  
BLACK?

YEAH.  
YOU LIKE  
IT?



YOU  
KNOW I DO,  
BABY.

I want you to  
be as different  
as possible.



YOU  
WANT TO COME  
BACK TO MY  
PLACE?

I'LL  
FOLLOW YOU  
ANYWHERE.



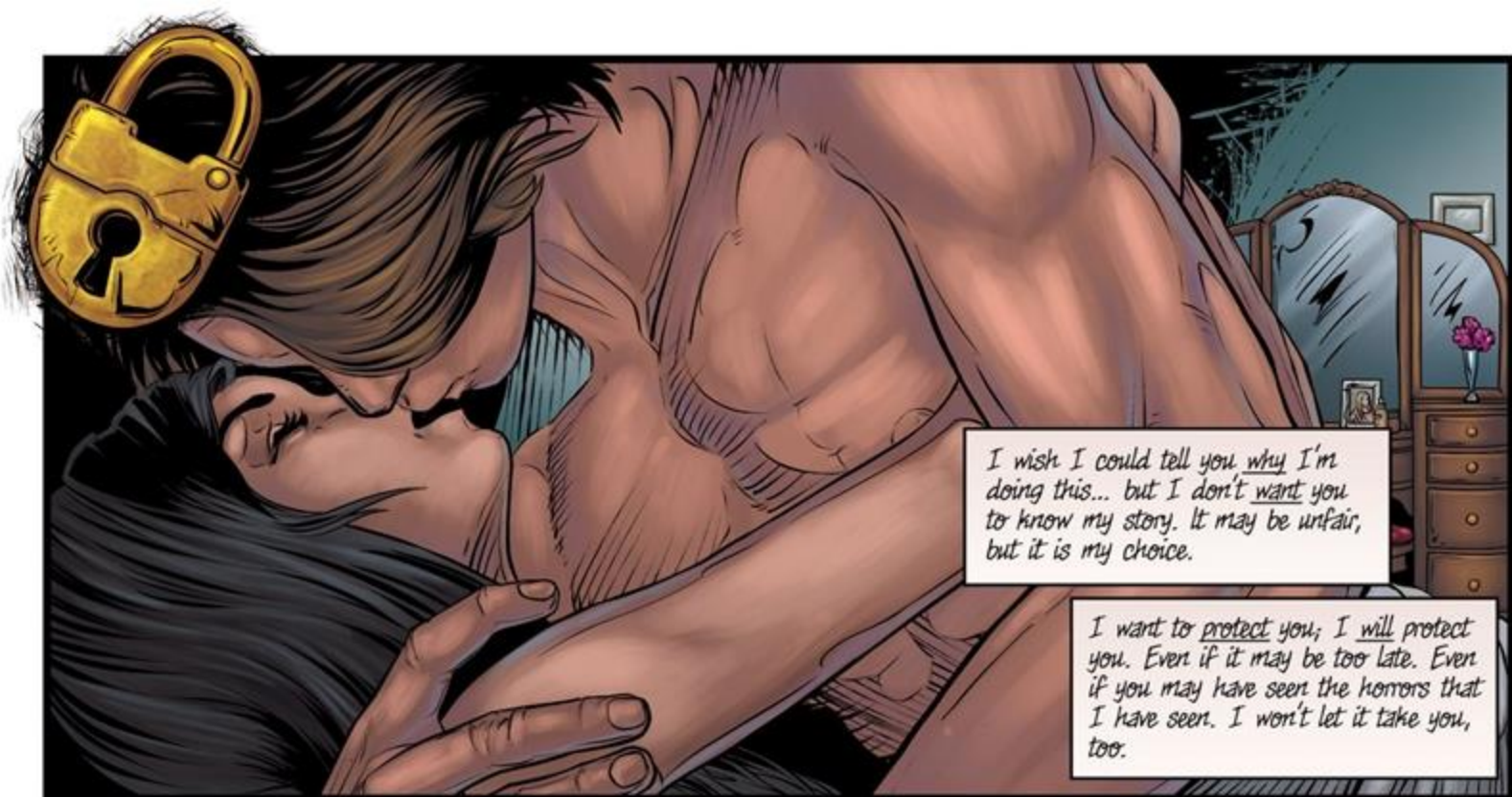
I look at you, my  
sweet Carroll Ann...

I SHOULD  
PRETEND TO  
NOT FALL FOR  
SUCH LAME LINES,  
SHOULDN'T I?



And I see  
hope...





I wish I could tell you why I'm doing this... but I don't want you to know my story. It may be unfair, but it is my choice.

I want to protect you; I will protect you. Even if it may be too late. Even if you may have seen the horrors that I have seen. I won't let it take you, too.



The only way I can...

MMM.

HEH. GOD, I LOVE YOUR BED. I COULD SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN THIS ROOM. MY OWN LITTLE WORLD.



YEAH?

OH, YEAH.

I... I DON'T KNOW.

I KINDA WANT TO LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.




LIKE I SAID, WHEREVER YOU GO.



WHEREVER YOU GO...


I...





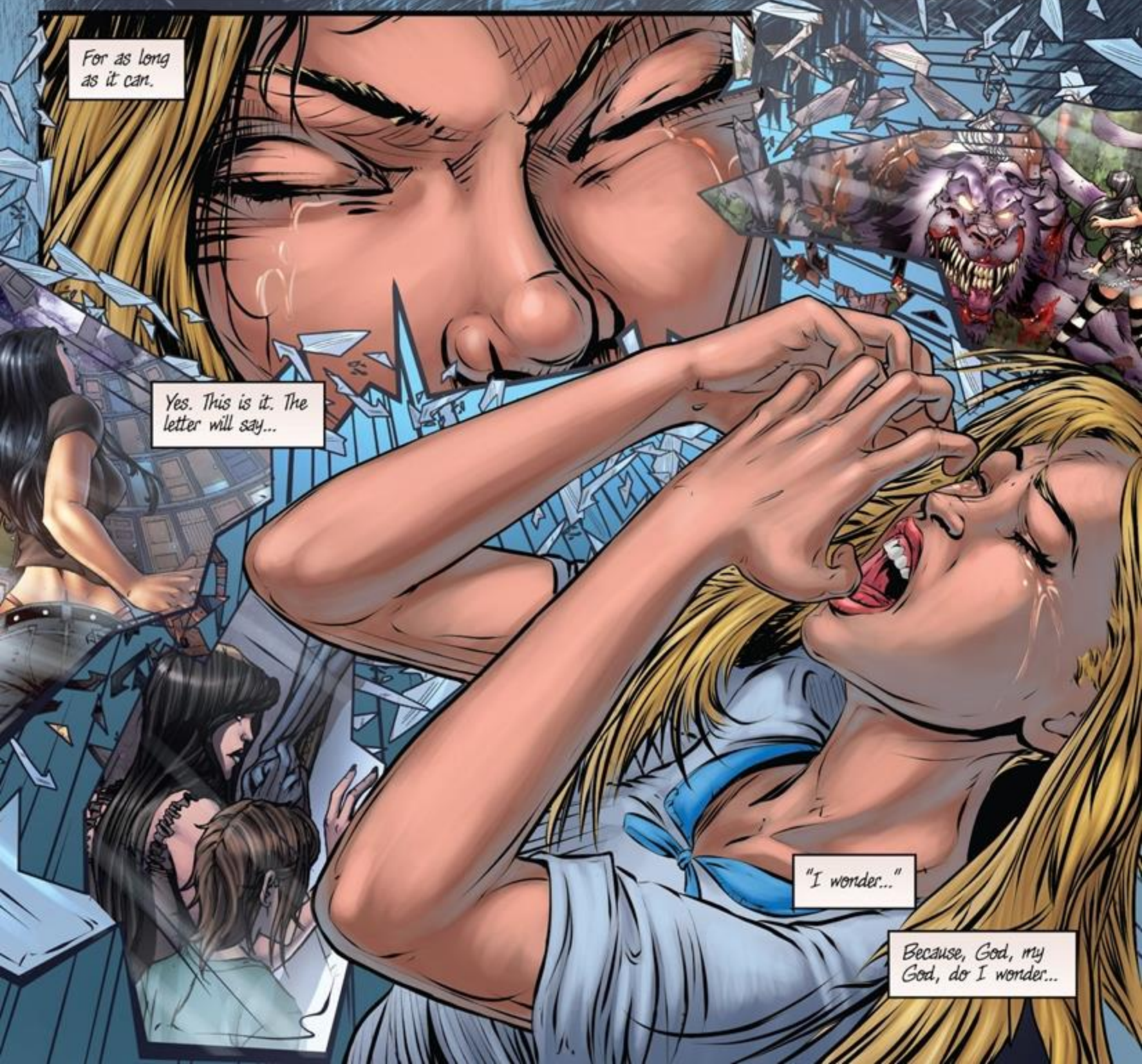
I do not know how to write this.

I cannot give you this letter, love.



I'll write a new one. One full of pretty words and fairy tales.

One that will make you smile when you think of me; one that will keep the darkness that is that other world at bay.



For as long as it can.

Yes. This is it. The letter will say...

"I wonder..."

Because, God, my God, do I wonder...





Dear Johnny.  
My boy.

I've sensed a change in you,  
and I hope my words will  
ease your pain.



Whatever you think of  
me when you get this  
letter, know this.

I have loved you with all of my  
heart, and I never dreamt that  
I would leave you.



But I know, I know...  
you will be okay.

MM?



MMM!

Stay by your sister's  
side. Together, you  
can do anything.

OW!  
WHAT THE  
HELL?!



I believe  
in you.

FREAK.

And I can't wait  
to see what you  
become.



Love...  
Your mother.

PS: Please... no matter what,  
please... your sister and your  
father are the most important  
things in your life.

Love them. Forgive them.  
Understand them. And give  
yourself the same.

MY BOY...

MY  
BEAUTIFUL  
BOY.

Johnny





Dear Lewis...  
the love of  
my life.

WHAT WOULD  
YOUR WIFE AND  
KIDS THINK OF  
*THIS*, LEWIS?

WHAT  
WOULD THEY  
SAY IF THEY KNEW  
WHAT *WORKING LATE*  
REALLY LOOKED  
LIKE?

PLEASE...  
HIT ME  
AGAIN.



I am sorry for the darkness  
that I have forced into our  
lives and into your heart.



I am sorry, because  
I know that it is  
my doing.

I am sorry, because I could  
have never prevented it from  
coming.

OH, YEAH...  
YES.



But know... above all, know... that  
I have loved you with every bit that  
I have.

It may have not been enough...  
but it kept me going.

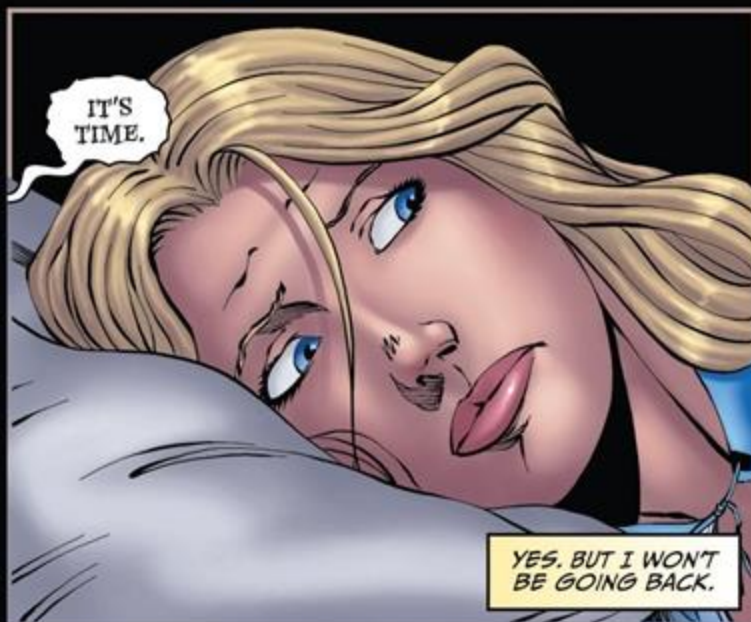
I have loved you more than I knew  
I could love a person, and... That  
is all. That is all I have.

Yours always, through  
it all... your wife...

Alice.











TIME TO SAVE  
THEM ALL...

TIME TO...

TIME...





HEY, CHECK OUT WHAT I GOT. MAYBE IT'LL BRING US *GOOD LUCK*.

YEAH. MAYBE.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? I HEAR THE PIZZA'S *GREAT* IN CHICAGO. PITTSBURG'S NOT TOO SHABBY, EITHER.

SOMEWHERE WE CAN GET *LOST*. SOMEWHERE WE CAN FORGET. SOMEPLACE WE CAN START ALL OVER AGAIN.

NEW YORK IT IS.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK THINGS COULDN'T HAVE WORKED OUT *BETTER*.

BUT WHAT ABOUT ALICE? WITHOUT HER MIND KEEPING THE JABBERWOCKY IMPRISONED, HE'LL RETURN TO RULE WONDERLAND.

♠ BUT DON'T YOU *SEE*, MY FURRY LITTLE FRIEND? THAT WAS THE WHOLE *POINT*. THAT WAS THE WHOLE GAME.

♥ TRAPPED IN HER MIND, NO ONE COULD EVER REACH THE EVIL BASTARD, BUT NOW THAT HE'S *FREE*... ♠





HE'S  
EXACTLY  
WHERE I  
WANT  
HIM.





It's time to  
wake up.

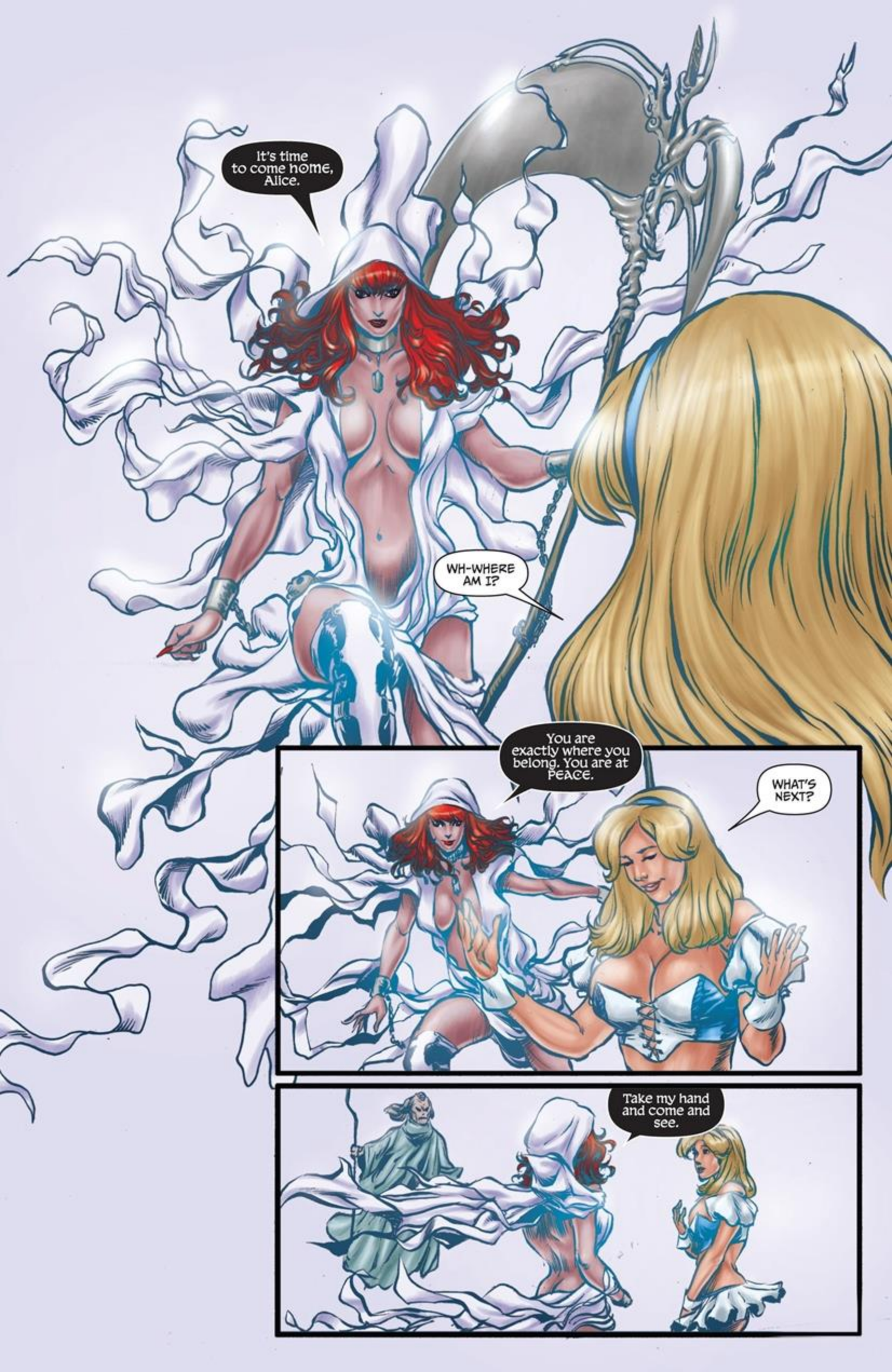


Time to  
let GO of what  
came before and  
embrace what  
AWAITS.



Time to  
let dreams of  
the living fade and  
drift away.





It's time  
to come home,  
Alice.

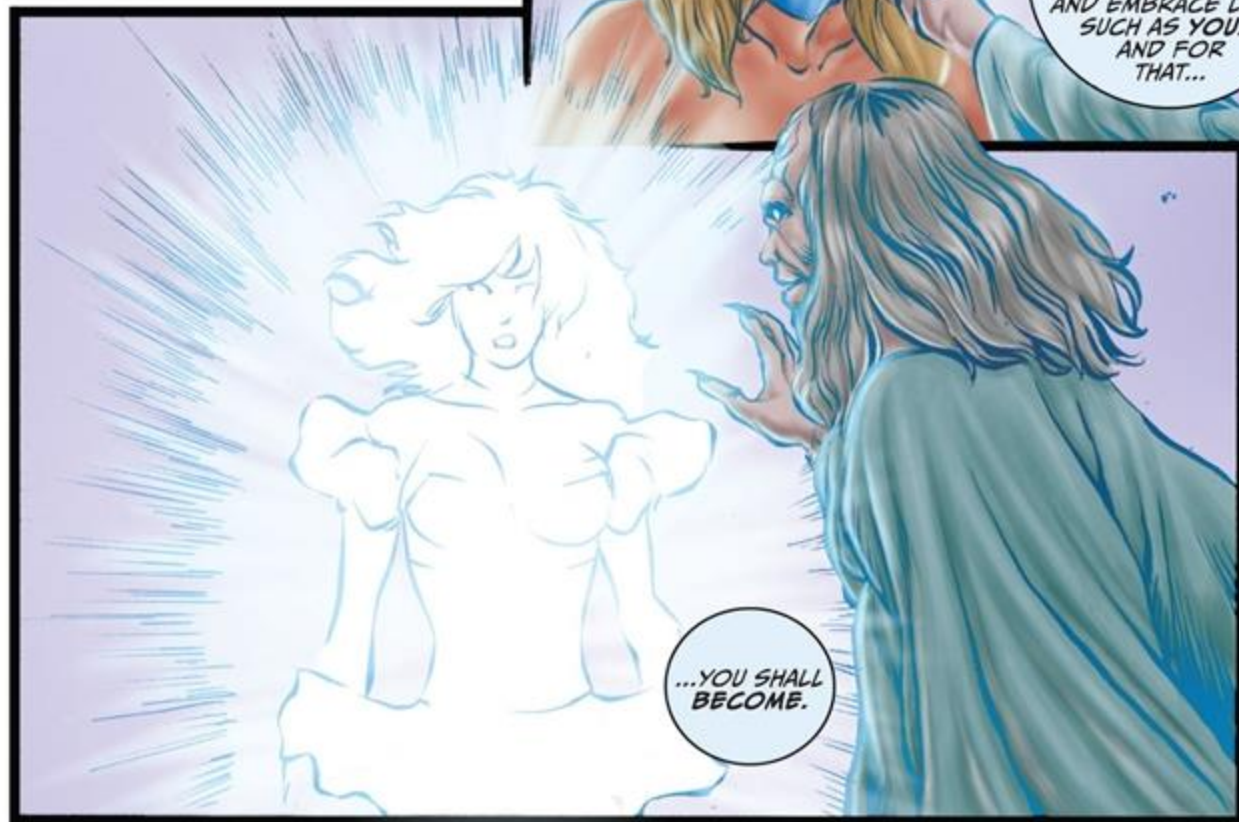
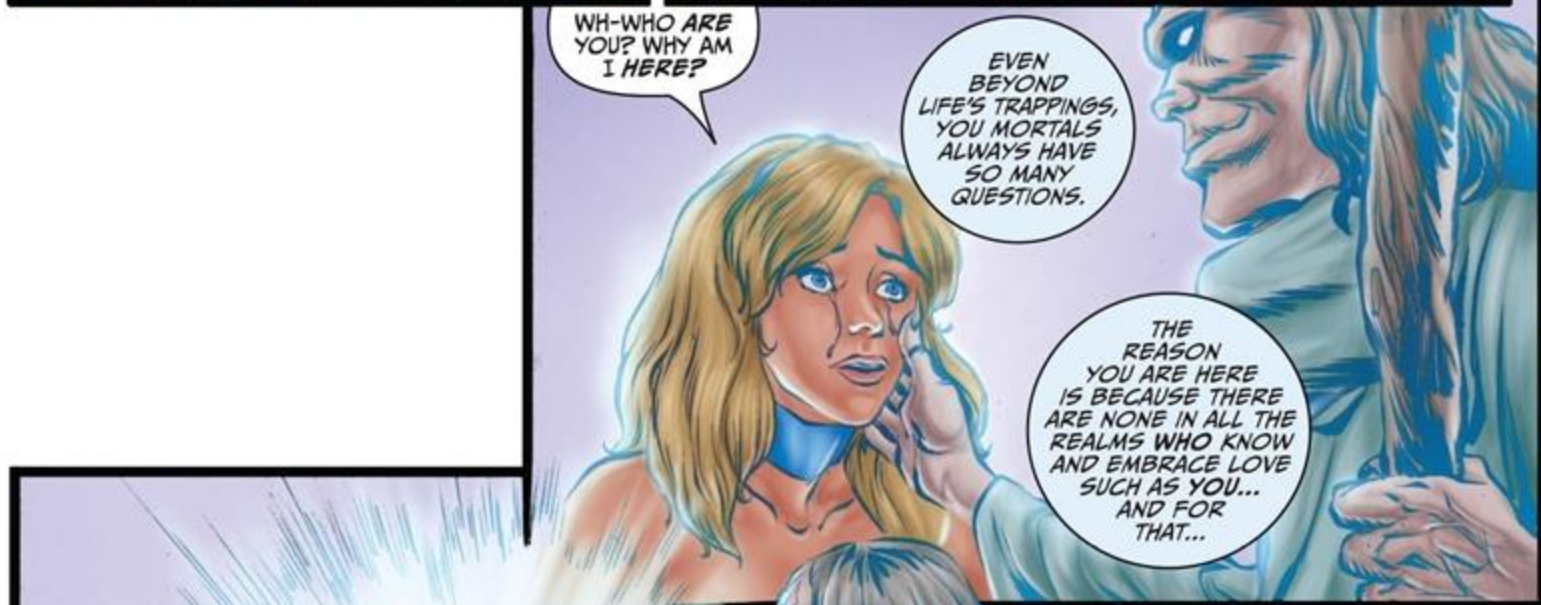
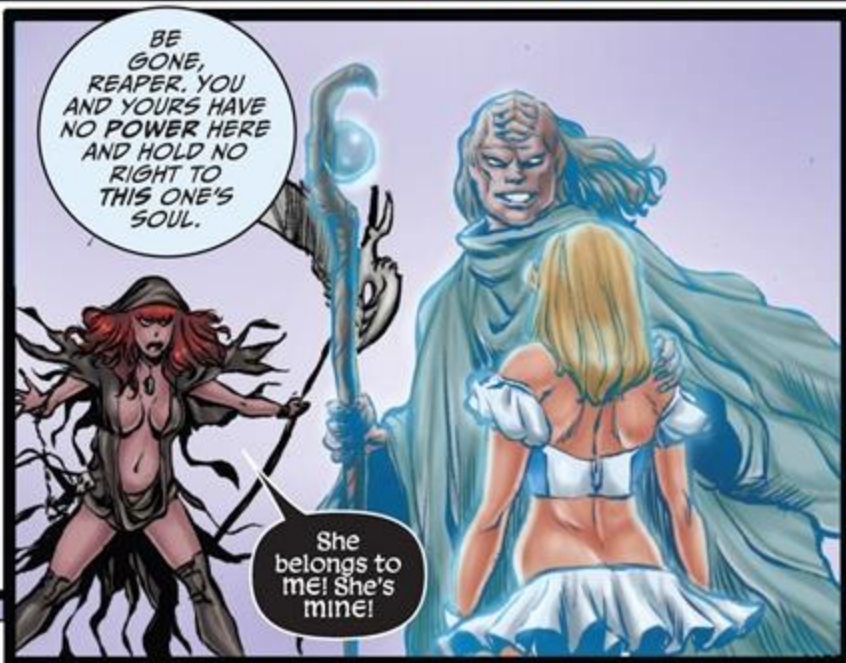
WH-WHERE  
AM I?

You are  
exactly where you  
belong. You are at  
PEACE.

WHAT'S  
NEXT?

Take my hand  
and come and  
see.







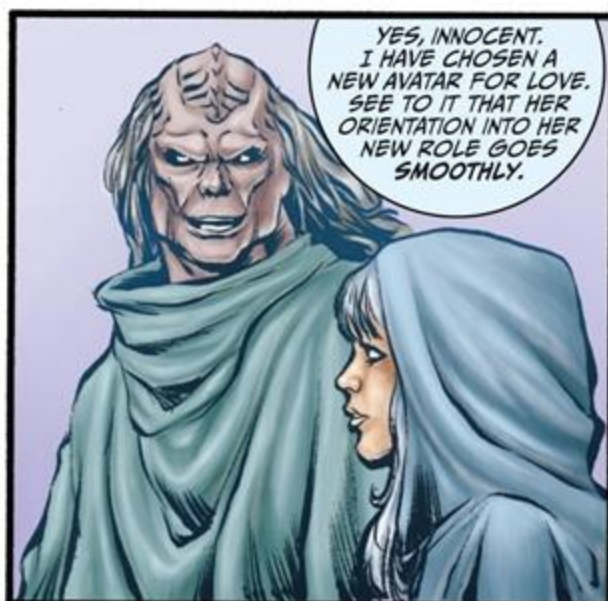




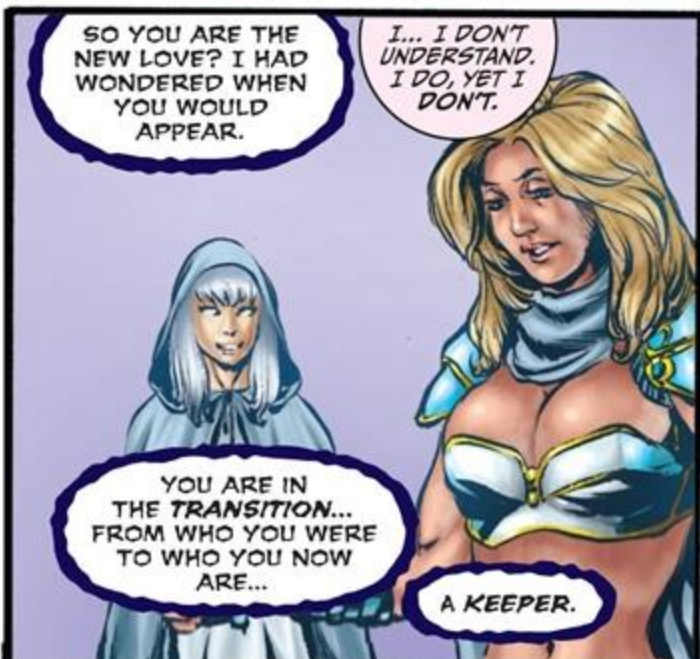


IGNORE HER. SHE IS UNACUSTOMED TO NOT HAVING HER WAY. SHE CAN BE QUITE UNPLEASANT WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

YOU SUMMONED ME, MAKER?



YES, INNOCENT. I HAVE CHOSEN A NEW AVATAR FOR LOVE. SEE TO IT THAT HER ORIENTATION INTO HER NEW ROLE GOES SMOOTHLY.



SO YOU ARE THE NEW LOVE? I HAD WONDERED WHEN YOU WOULD APPEAR.

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I DO, YET I DON'T.

YOU ARE IN THE **TRANSITION**... FROM WHO YOU WERE TO WHO YOU NOW ARE...

A **KEEPER**.



THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE **UNIVERSE** IS BECOMING YOUR OWN. YOUR PAST IS BEING **FORGOTTEN** AS WE SPEAK.

SOON, IT WILL BE NOTHING BUT A **DISTANT MEMORY**.

HIS GIFT AND CURSE TO THOSE HE FINDS **WORTHY**.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO A PLACE YOU SHOULD FIND **FAMILIAR**. IN ANOTHER EXISTENCE, A REALM YOU CREATED. IN ANOTHER LIFE, A PLACE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR **CURSE**.

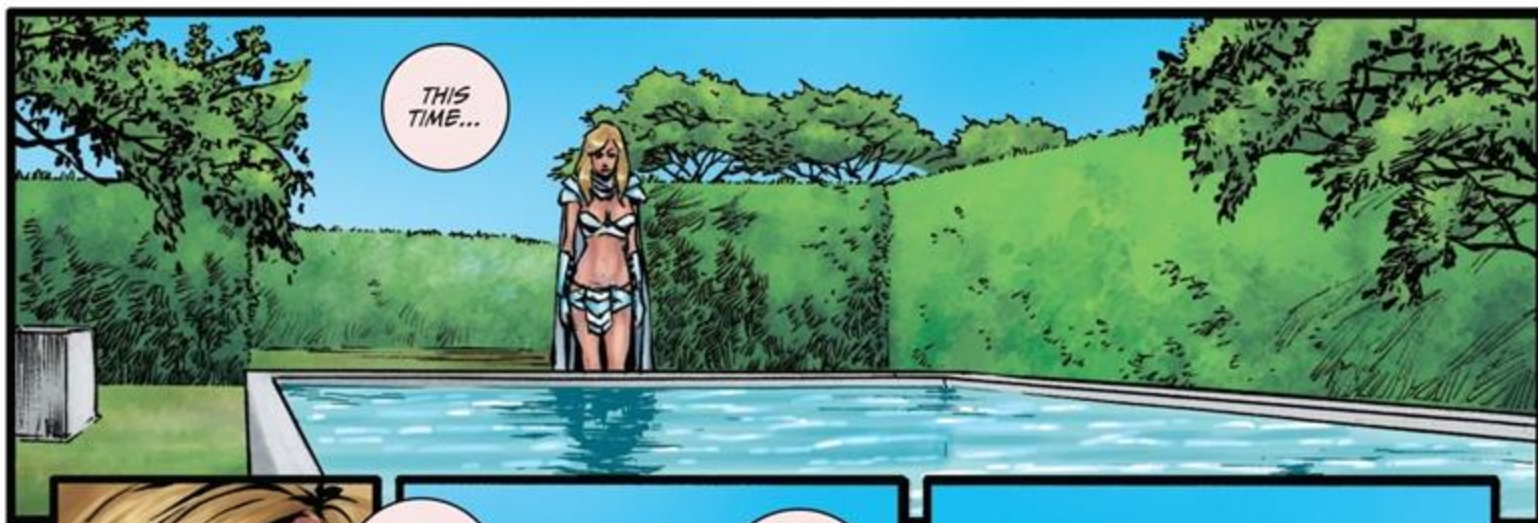


**WONDERLAND**.



BUT YOU ARE **WRONG, INNOCENT**.





THIS  
TIME...



I WILL  
NOT  
FORGET.



THIS  
TIME, MY  
DREAMS  
WILL LIVE  
ON.



THIS  
TIME...



MY  
SWEET  
LITTLE  
ALICE...

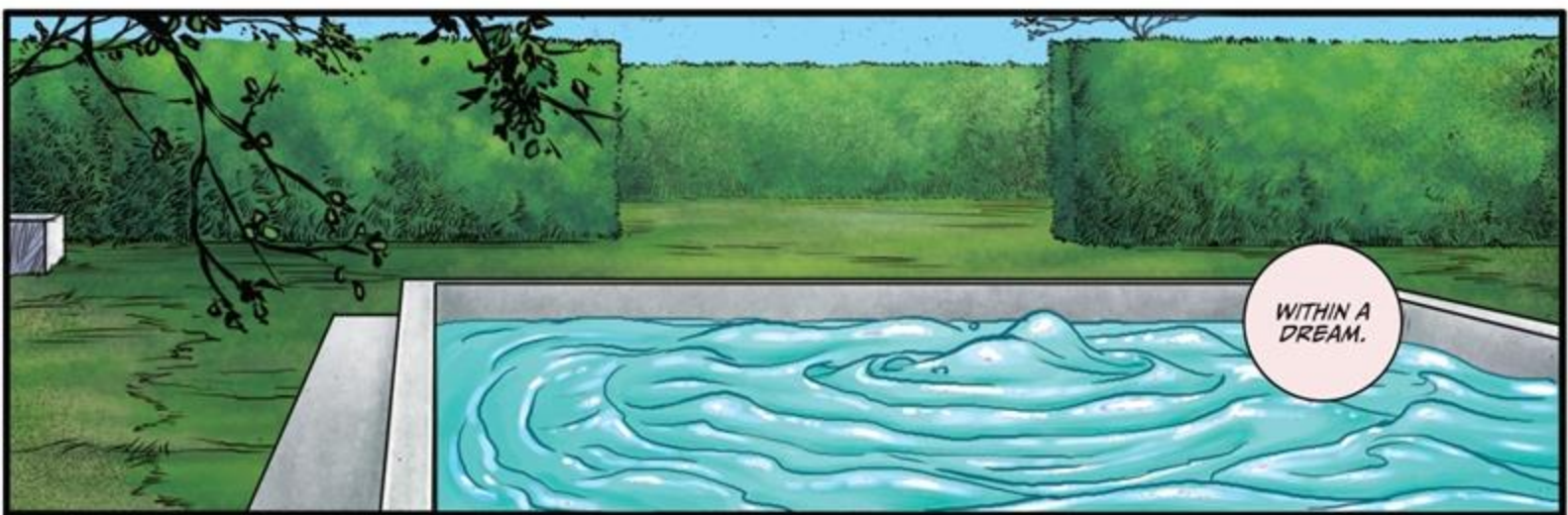
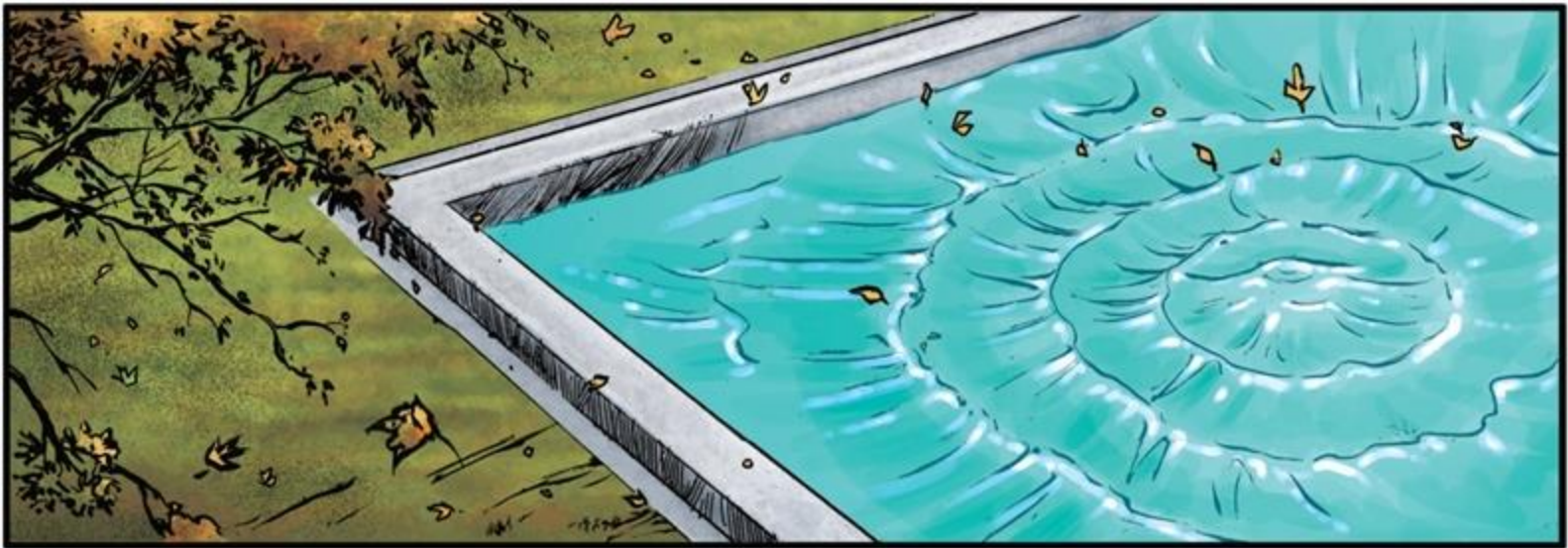


WILL  
FINALLY  
HAVE HER  
HAPPILY  
EVER  
AFTER.













GOODBYE,  
ALICE.



NOW  
YOU ARE  
TRULY  
WHERE YOU  
BELONG.



IN A  
PLACE  
WHERE YOU  
CAN FINALLY  
BE...



HAPPY.

—THE END—



EPILOGUE

ELSEWHERE.

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