

**THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT
OF MARIA.**



**THE WIND FROM TOMORROW
IS SCOURING HER AWAY.**



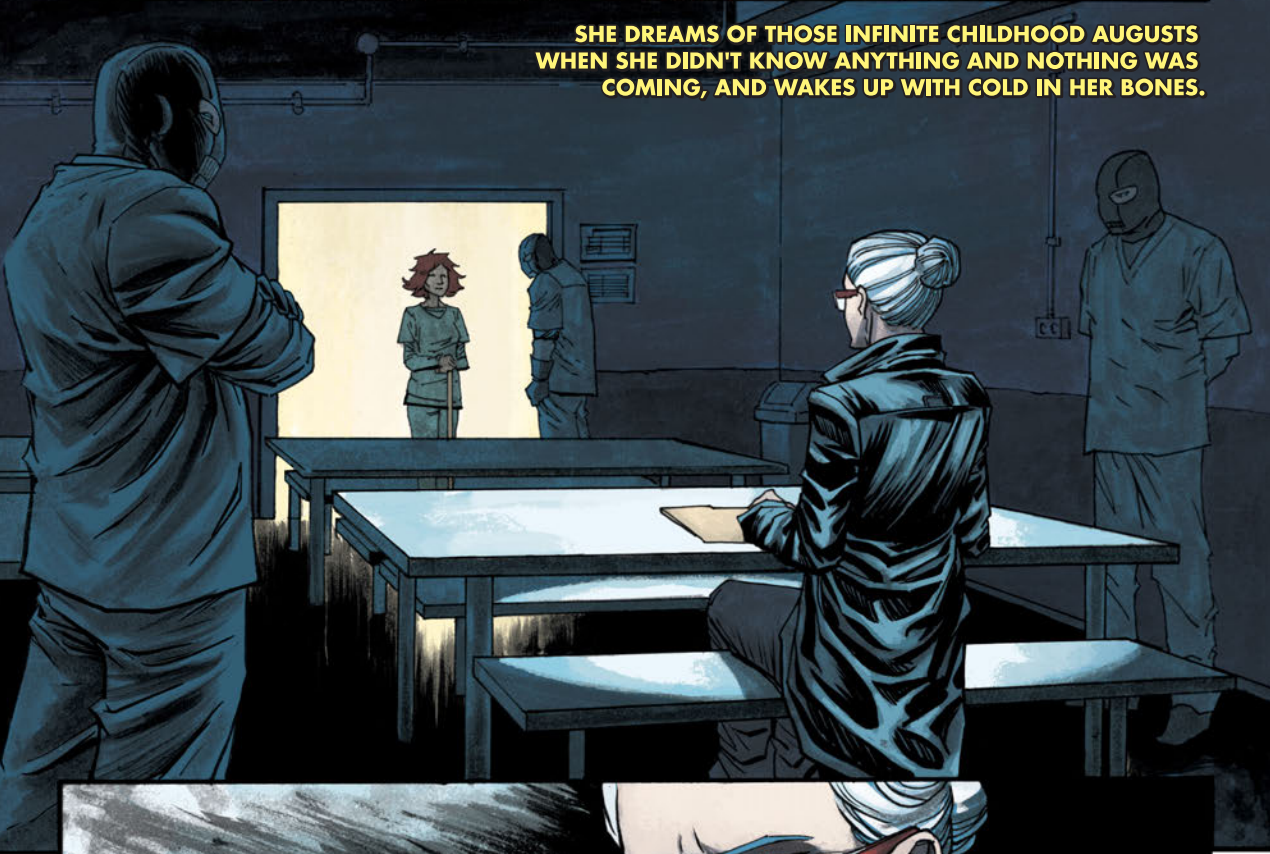
THE TALONS OF THE OLD WORLD
ARE REACHING UP OUT OF THE
DIRT FOR HER ANKLES.



SHE CAN BARELY REMEMBER WHAT
HOPE AND PEACE FELT LIKE.

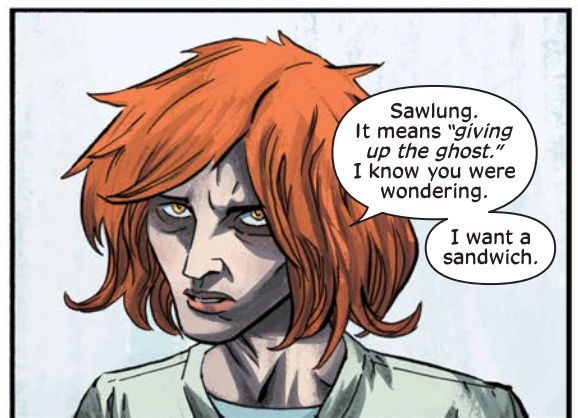
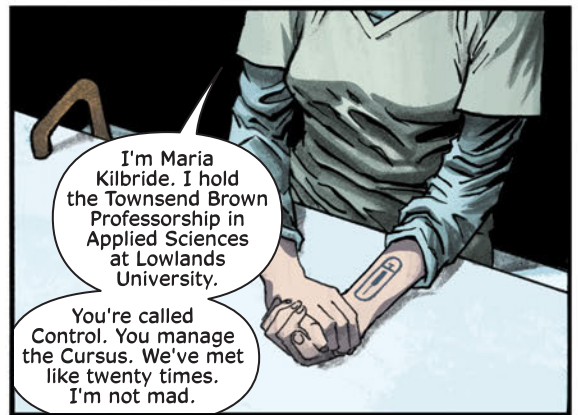


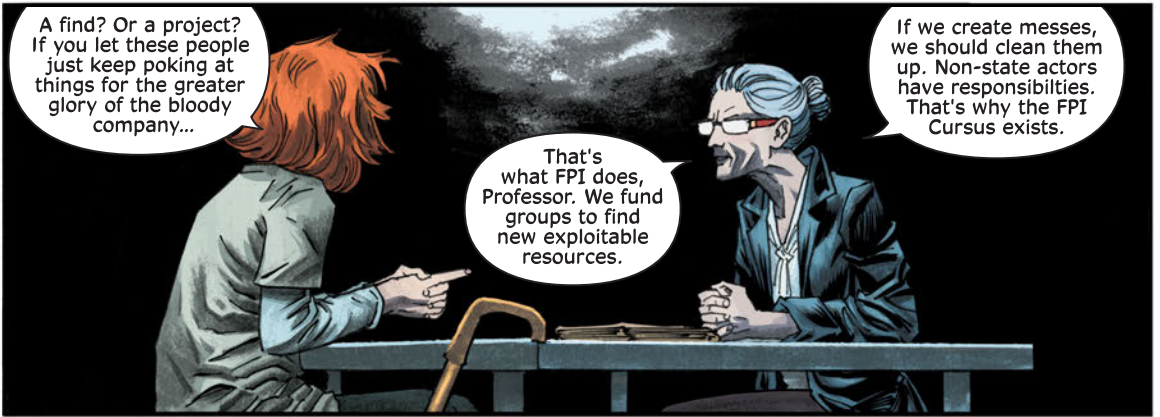
SHE DREAMS OF THOSE INFINITE CHILDHOOD AUGUSTS
WHEN SHE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING AND NOTHING WAS
COMING, AND WAKES UP WITH COLD IN HER BONES.



Professor
Kilbride.







CULTURAL
CROSS-
CONTAMINATION
UNIT

You
found
us!

I did. Just about.
Given the funding
arrangement, I
wasn't expecting
the office to be above
a chip shop.

Not that I really
understand the
funding. Anyway.
I'm Robin Morel.

Maria Kilbride.
It's a genuine
pleasure.

And, so we're all clear,
we have been brought
together by Lowlands
University in partnership
with the Ministry of Time
and Measurement
and FPI.

Welcome to
the Unit.