



MULDER, YOU'RE SAYING THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO TURN INTO CATS?

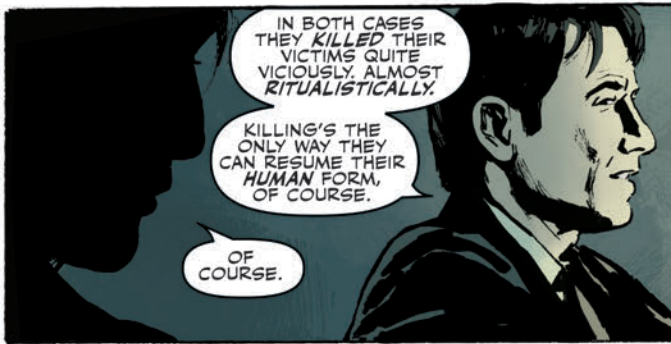
OR POSSIBLY CATS WHO CHANGE INTO PEOPLE, SCULLY. DEPENDS ON HOW YOU INTERPRET THE MYTH.



AND WE'RE NOT TALKING TABBIES OR ANGORAS, ARE WE?

BLACK LEOPARDS, MOSTLY.

IT'S LIKELY THE LEOPARD SOCIETY IN EARLY 20TH-CENTURY LIBERIA WAS ONE SUCH GROUP.



IN BOTH CASES THEY KILLED THEIR VICTIMS QUITE VICIOUSLY, ALMOST RITUALISTICALLY.

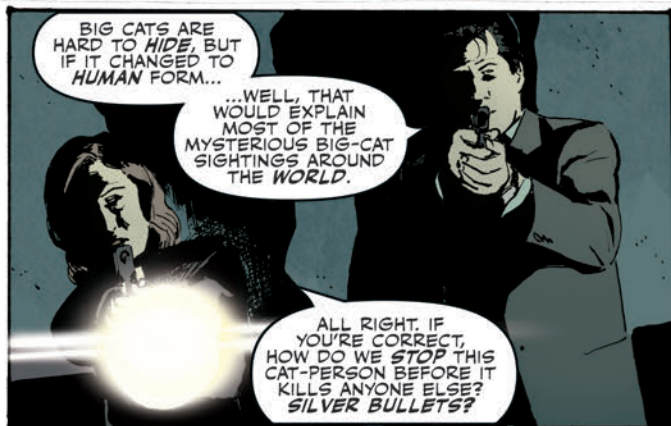
KILLING'S THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN RESUME THEIR HUMAN FORM, OF COURSE.

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AND THE ONE WE'RE AFTER COULDN'T BE A NORMAL LEOPARD BECAUSE...?

BECAUSE IT DISAPPEARS. SEEN ON THE STREET ONE MINUTE, GONE THE NEXT.



BIG CATS ARE HARD TO HIDE, BUT IF IT CHANGED TO HUMAN FORM...

...WELL, THAT WOULD EXPLAIN MOST OF THE MYSTERIOUS BIG-CAT SIGHTINGS AROUND THE WORLD.

ALL RIGHT. IF YOU'RE CORRECT, HOW DO WE STOP THIS CAT-PERSON BEFORE IT KILLS ANYONE ELSE? SILVER BULLETS?



OH, REGULAR BULLETS WILL DO JUST FINE, IF IT COMES TO THAT.

DON'T OVERTHINK THIS, SCULLY.

BESIDES, I'M PRETTY SURE AT THIS POINT IT'S NOT TRYING TO KILL ANYONE...



...EXCEPT
Us.

RHAARR



PUM PUM

PUM PUM



WHICH
WAY?

NO IDEA.
SPLIT UP?

YES, BECAUSE
THAT WOULD
BE SO VERY
INTELLIGENT.

INSTEAD,
WHY DON'T
WE-



DEET-DEET-DEET-DEET-DEET

HOLD
ON.

MULDER!
THIS IS NO
TIME FOR
TEXTS!

COULD
BE THAT
ZOOKEEPER
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