



YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE  
TO SAY THAT  
THINGS WEREN'T  
ALWAYS LIKE THIS...


BUT I SURE AS HELL  
CAN'T REMEMBER A TIME  
WHEN THEY WEREN'T.



TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THIS  
LOCH NESS SKELETON...THING.

MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE  
DEAD OF AN ALL-AMERICAN  
HEART ATTACK BY NOW.  
ME? I GOTTA FIND A WAY  
TO KILL THE UGLY BASTARD.

DON'T GET ME WRONG,  
THERE ARE VERY FEW  
THINGS MORE SATISFYING  
THAN INTRODUCING EVIL  
TO THE RIGHTEOUS END  
OF A SHOTGUN.



I'M NOT GONNA  
LIE, THOUGH...





MY DAY JOB IS PRETTY SWEET AS WELL.

MA'AM, THIS IS A FINE PIECE OF CRAFTSMANSHIP CAN I ASK, UM, WHY SOMEONE SUCH AS YOURSELF IS LOOKING FOR SUCH HEAVY DUTY HARDWARE?

GOTTA GET IT NOW BEFORE THE DANG LIBERALS COME AND TAKE ALL THE GUNS AWAY.

GOTCHA.



LET ME PUT IT TO YOU THIS WAY:

NO ONE IS GOING TO BE TAKING THIS GUN AWAY FROM YOU.

YEP, THAT'S ME. S-MART CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH TWICE LAST QUARTER.



HEY THERE, ASH...

WHO KNOWS? I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ON MY WAY TO CARVING OUT A CAREER IN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT.



ASH WILLIAMS!

WHERE IS ASH WILLIAMS?!

AND THEN THE THREE SCREWHEADS SHOWED UP.





WHOA, HEY, I'M ASH. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

WE...HUFF... WE NEED YOUR...YOUR HELP TO--

UH, SOMEBODY OTHER THAN THE OUT OF BREATH GUY WANT TO DO THE TALKING?



LISTEN, ASH, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME. WE SAW... SOMETHING AT THE CONVENTION. THE WHOLE CITY IS IN DANGER, AND WE THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE IT.

AS IMPLAUSIBLE AS THAT SEEMS-- NOT WHAT WE SAW, BUT THAT YOU ARE OUR BEST HOPE.



FIRST OF ALL, GIRLIE, OUCH. SECOND OF ALL...

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I CAN HELP WITH WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?



BECAUSE OF THIS.



IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE ME? WHAT'S WITH THAT CHIN?! IT'S A PROMINENT FEATURE, NOT A WATER SLIDE!





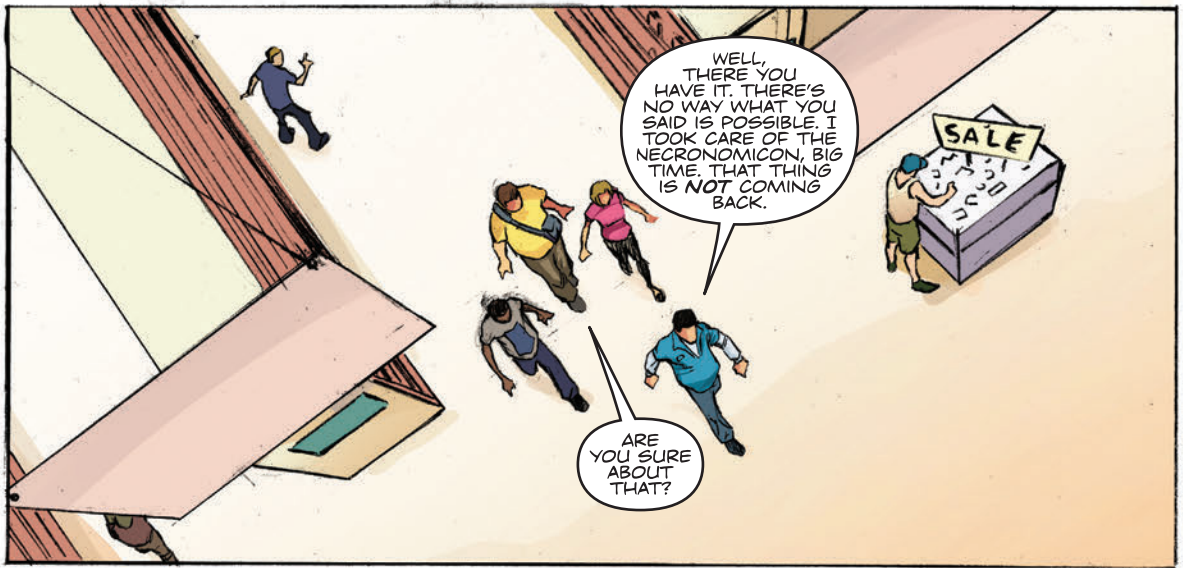




LOOK, THERE IS AN EVIL ARMY COMING TO NEW YORK CITY, LED BY SOME STRANGE SORCERER GUY.

WE SAW IT, RICKY, HOPE AND I, JUST A FEW HOURS AGO, WHILE WE WERE WAITING IN LINE AT COMIC CON.

WE SAW THE NECRONOMICON.



WELL, THERE YOU HAVE IT. THERE'S NO WAY WHAT YOU SAID IS POSSIBLE. I TOOK CARE OF THE NECRONOMICON, BIG TIME. THAT THING IS NOT COMING BACK.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?



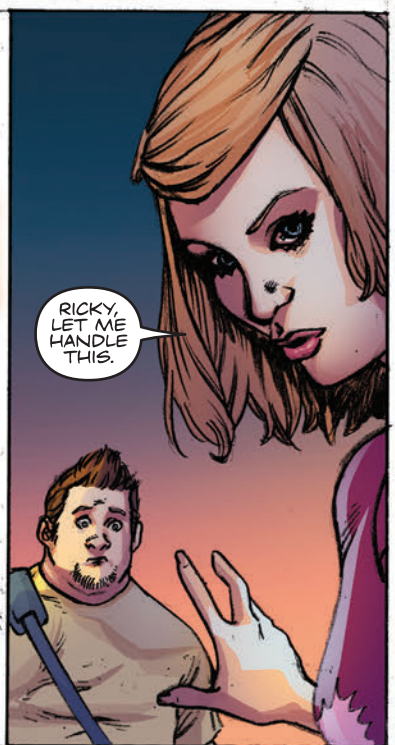
YEAH... PROBABLY.

I MEAN, VERY CLOSE TO DEFINITELY. IT'S PROBABLY, MORE THAN LIKELY, NEVER COMING BACK. THE ODDS ARE SLIM.



NOW, IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE MARKET FOR SOME HIGH-END SPORTING EQUIPMENT, I'D SAY IT'S TIME YOU HIT THE DUSTY TRAIL.

WHAT WE SAW IS REAL, ASH, AND IF YOU DON'T HELP US--



RICKY, LET ME HANDLE THIS.