



**62**

# JONAH HEX

**GRAY  
PALMIOTTI  
RISSE**



**RISSE**



PALACE HOTEL,  
SAN FRANCISCO.

**KNOCK  
KNOCK**

WHAT THE  
DEVIL? WHO  
IS IT?

WHAT IS IT  
YOU WANT?

MR. ROBERTS?

YES?

GOODBYE.

TOM, YA THINK ONE DAY IT'S  
GONNA BE LIKE THIS EVERYWHERE?  
TALL BUILDINGS...CITIES...  
PEOPLE LIVING ON TOP  
OF ONE ANOTHER?

IT HAS  
ITS BEAUTY...  
ESPECIALLY ON  
A NIGHT LIKE  
THIS.

AIN'T FELT  
THE SEA AIR ON  
ME IN TWENTY  
YEARS...

**BLAM  
BLAM**





NICE  
SHOOTING,  
BOYS.

THAT'LL  
BE ALL OF  
'EM.

GOOD. TOMORROW SHOULD  
GO OFF WITHOUT  
A HITCH.



# THE PACKAGE



**JUSTIN GRAY &  
JIMMY PALMIOTTI** - WRITERS  
**EDUARDO RISSO** - ART & COVER  
**ROB SCHWAGER** - COLORIST  
**ROB LEIGH** - LETTERER  
**WIL MOSS** - EDITOR







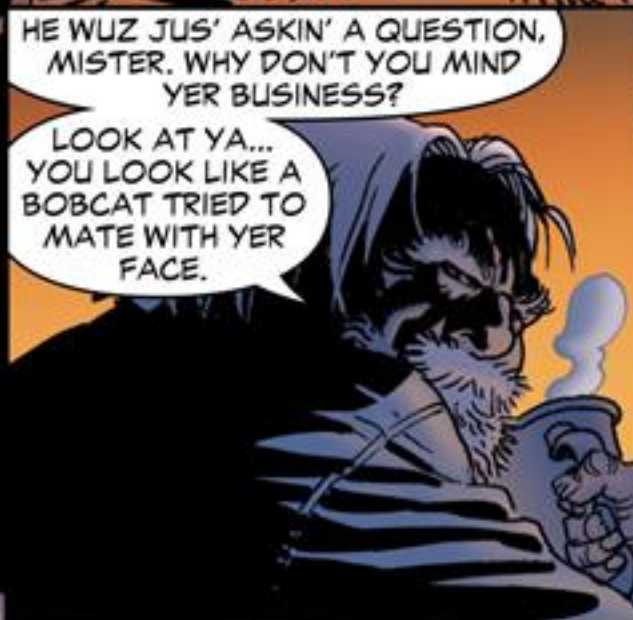
SO, FRENCHY,  
WHAT DO YOU DO  
ONCE WE DELIVER  
THIS THING?

MY NAME  
IZ NOT FRENCHY. IT  
IZ FELIX...I AM ZE  
CUSTODIAN.

WHAT  
ZE HELL IS A  
CUSTODIAN?



HE LOOKS  
AFTER THE  
DAMNED  
THING. WHAT  
DO YOU  
CARE?



HE WUZ JUS' ASKIN' A QUESTION,  
MISTER. WHY DON'T YOU MIND  
YER BUSINESS?

LOOK AT YA...  
YOU LOOK LIKE A  
BOBCAT TRIED TO  
MATE WITH YER  
FACE.



COMIN'  
FROM SOMEONE  
WHO LOOKS AS  
PECULIAR AS YOU  
DO, AH RECKON AH  
JUST MIGHT TAKE  
THAT AS A  
COMPLIMENT.



WHAT DOES  
"PAR-CLUE-ERR"  
MEAN?

MEANS  
NOTHING TO  
NO ONE.

MR. HEX...FOR SOME  
REASON, THE CLIENT  
FELT THE NEED TO  
HIRE A FIFTH MAN  
ON THIS JOB...

FROM THE  
LOOKS OF IT,  
HE THOUGHT  
RIGHT.

...THOUGHT  
THE FOUR OF US  
WASN'T ENOUGH  
TO GET THIS  
PACKAGE TO  
CARSON CITY.

AH JUST  
'BOUT HAD  
ENOUGH OF  
THIS UGLY SON  
OF A--



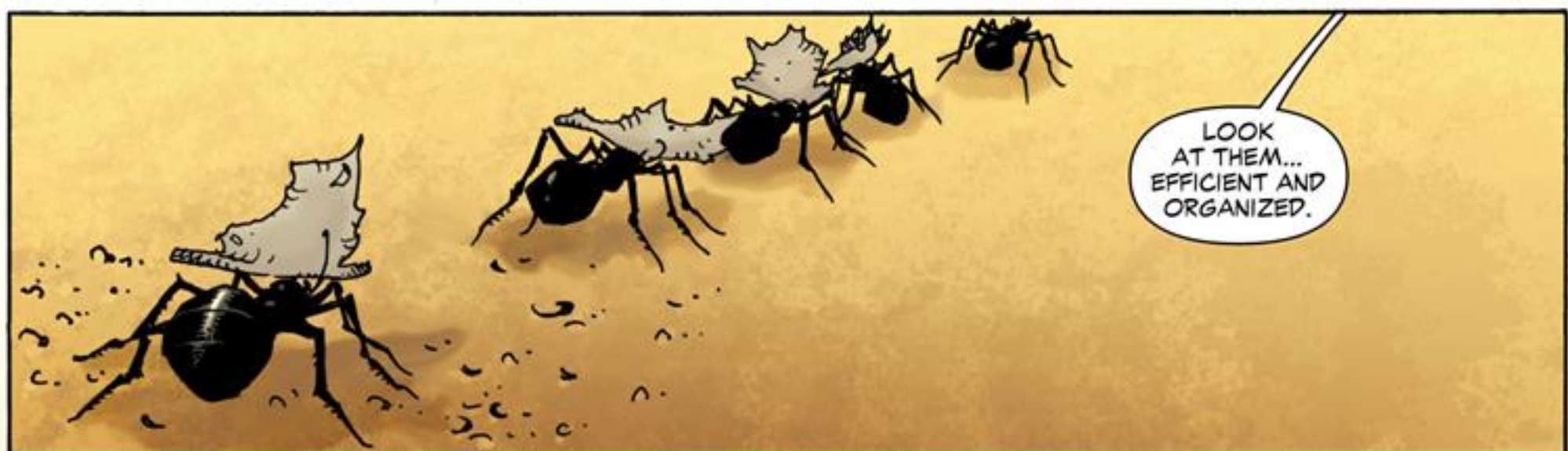
BUNT,  
ENOUGH. LET'S  
ALL JUST GET  
SOME SLEEP...  
WE GOT A LONG  
NIGHT AHEAD...  
GOT IT?

...GOT  
IT.







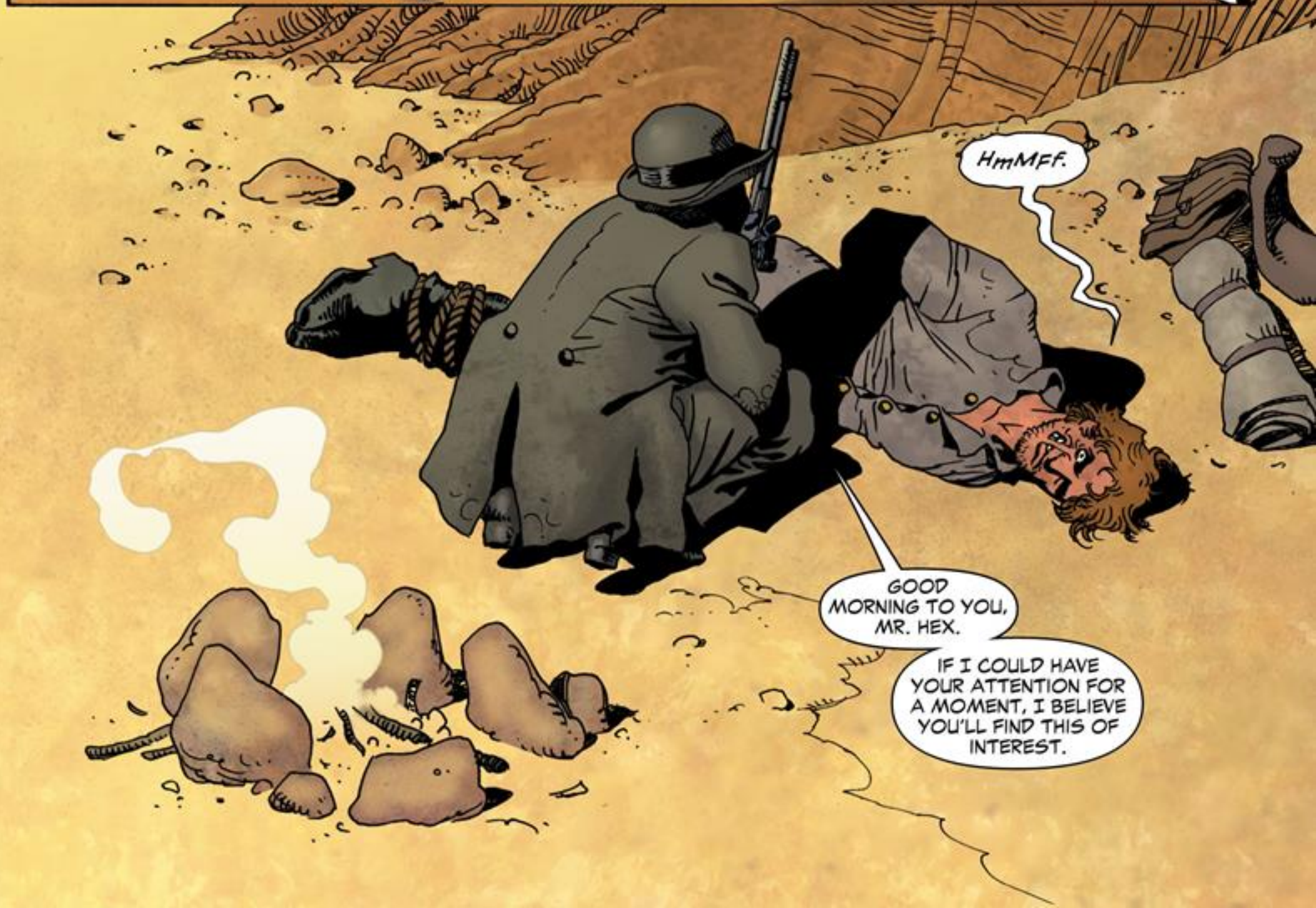


LOOK  
AT THEM...  
EFFICIENT AND  
ORGANIZED.



EACH FOCUSED  
ON THEIR JOB...  
NOTHING DISTRACTS  
THEM, NO EGO  
TO FEED...

MAYBE A MILLION  
ANTS IN ONE NEST ALL  
OPERATING ON THE  
ORDERS OF A SINGLE  
QUEEN.



HmmFF.

GOOD  
MORNING TO YOU,  
MR. HEX.

IF I COULD HAVE  
YOUR ATTENTION FOR  
A MOMENT, I BELIEVE  
YOU'LL FIND THIS OF  
INTEREST.





WAIT!  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?  
I WAS HIRED TO ESCORT  
ZE PACKAGE! TO TAKE  
CARE OF ITS SPECIFIC  
NEEDS...!

MAYBE SO,  
FELIX, BUT WE MADE  
SOME INQUIRIES ABOUT  
HOW TO CARE FOR THE  
CREATURE, AND I THINK  
WE'LL BE JUST FINE.



YOU  
CATCHING  
THIS, HEX?

Hrrruph.



NO, ZIZ IZ A  
SPECIAL CASE!  
PLEASE GOD!  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO NEED ME!



THAT'S TRUE...  
WE DO NEED YOU,  
BUT NOT THE WAY YA  
THINK, FRENCHY.

WAIT!  
PLEASE!













**WOO-HOO!**  
I AIN'T NEVER SEEN  
SUCH A SPECTACLE IN MY  
ENTIRE LIFE... THAT THANG  
JUS' RIPPED HIS HEAD OFF  
LIKE A CORK IN  
A BOTTLE.



GO TO  
HELL, YA UGLY,  
FAT SON OF  
A BITCH.







BOYS,  
LET'S SEE IF OUR  
FRIEND IS UP FOR  
SECONDS.

AH'M  
GONNA KILL  
ALL OF  
YOU...



FIRST YER MEN...  
THEN AH'M GONNA  
PUT A BULLET RIGHT  
BETWEEN YER  
EYES...



IS THAT SO? JONES, I DON'T THINK  
YOU NEED TO WORRY YERSELF  
ABOUT THIS NONE.  
BOY...I KNOW ALL ABOUT  
YOU AND YOUR EXPLOITS AS  
A BOUNTY HUNTER... YOU'RE A  
LEGEND, AND LOOKING AT  
THE STATE OF YOU...

...I BELIEVE  
SOMEONE'S  
BEEN SLAPPING  
THE LARD ON  
A BIT THICK.



THUNK









OOF!!

WHERE IS THAT  
ROTTEN, NO-GOOD,  
HEAD-BUTTIN'...



HEH HEH  
HA!

TAKE IT  
EASY--HE  
DROPPED  
INTO THE  
TANK.

GOOD!  
I HOPE THAT  
MONSTER RIPS  
HIM INTO FIFTY  
PIECES!

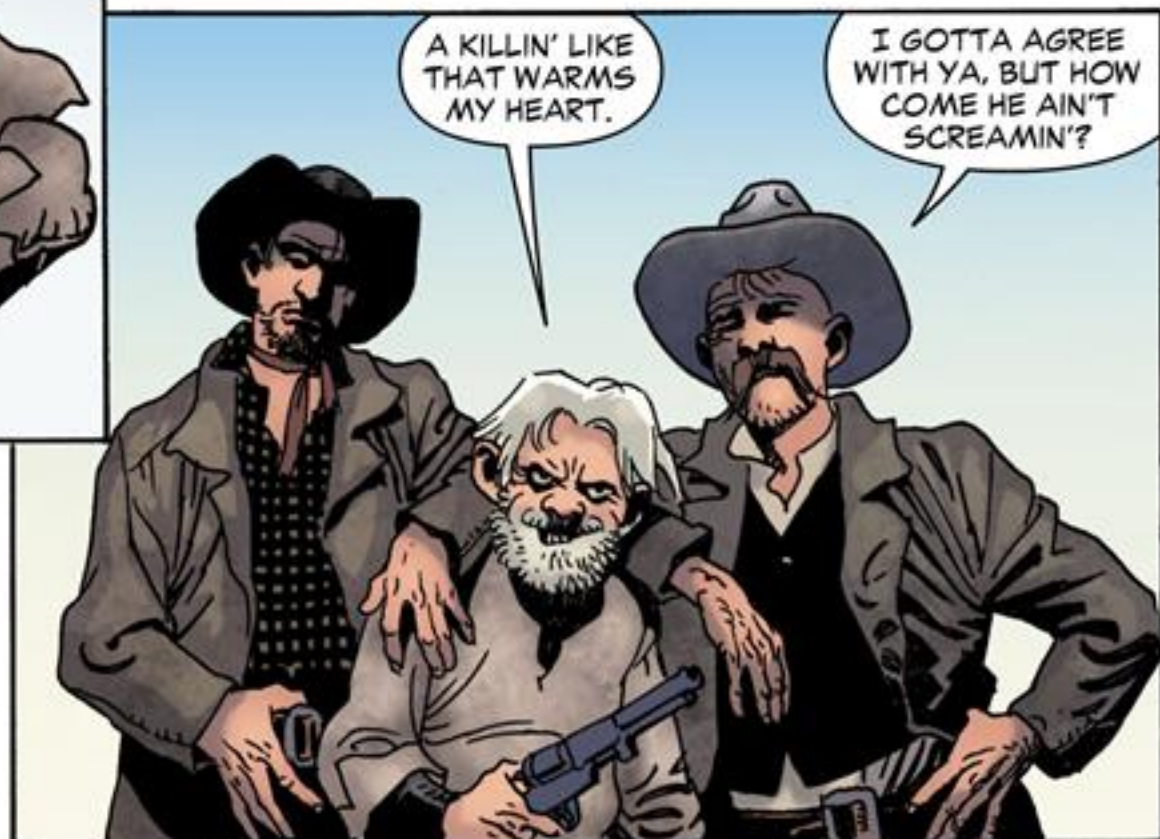


TOO BAD IT HAD TO GO THIS WAY.  
PEOPLE WOULD HAVE PAID TOP DOLLAR  
FOR HEX'S HEAD.



HEY,  
GOD...  
YOU OWE  
ME ONE FER SENDING  
THIS BASTARD TO YER  
COMPETITION!

YOU  
HEAR ME?



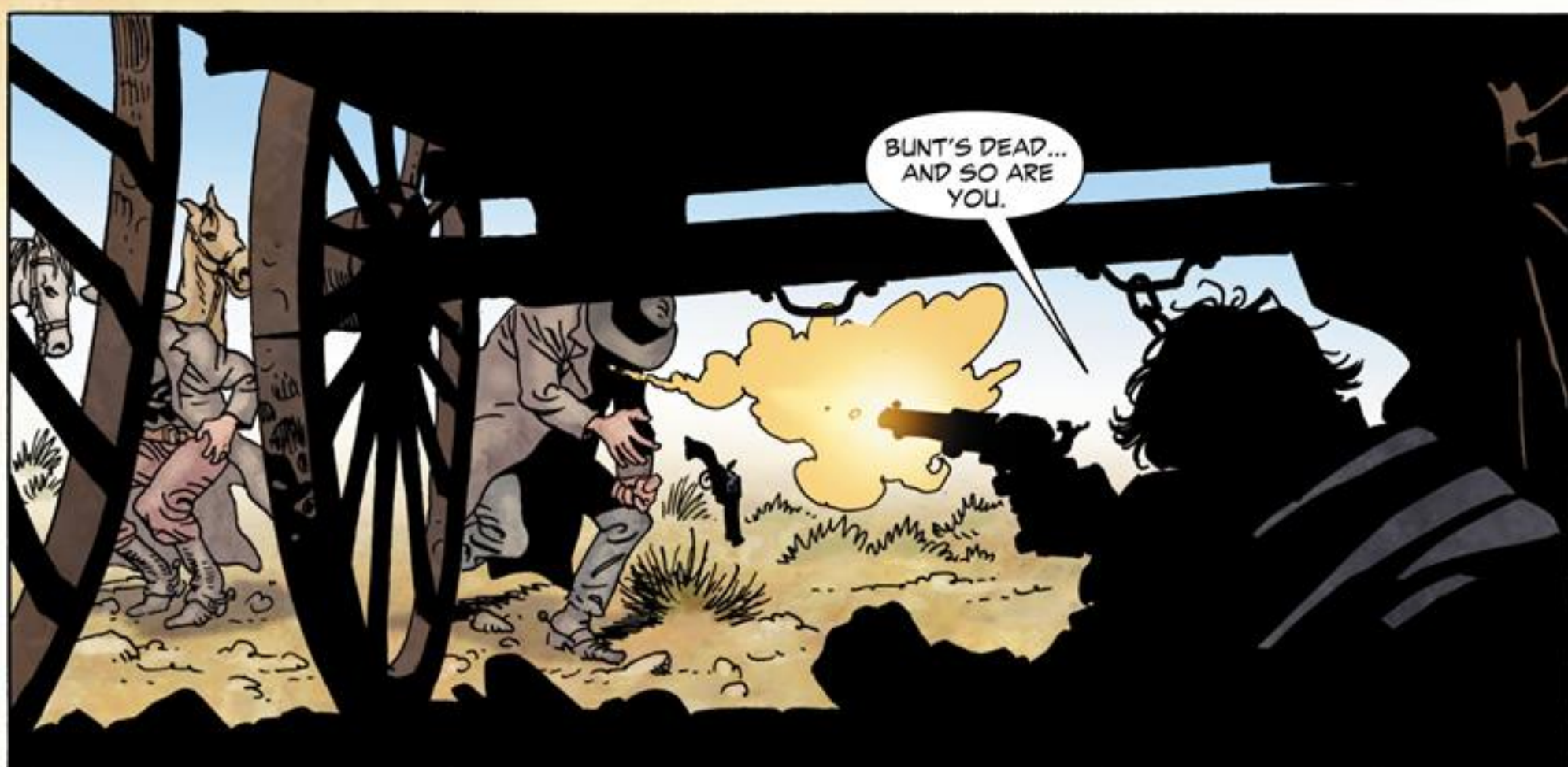
A KILLIN' LIKE  
THAT WARMS  
MY HEART.

I GOTTA AGREE  
WITH YA, BUT HOW  
COME HE AIN'T  
SCREAMIN'?















MR. JONAH HEX,  
I PRESUME.

YOU, MY FRIEND,  
ARE A SIGHT FOR SORE  
EYES. I TRUST OUR  
EIGHT-LEGGED FRIEND  
IS DOING FINE?

WELL FED,  
FOR SURE.

I WAS WORRIED...  
I GOT A WIRE THAT THE  
MEN HIRED BY MY PARTNER WERE  
FOUND MURDERED IN A HOTEL  
BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO...  
I WASN'T SURE I'D EVER  
SEE MY MOST RECENT  
ACQUISITION.

IT WAS MY IDEA TO  
HIRE A FIFTH MAN, AND  
YOU CAME HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED.



YES, I HAVE  
YOUR MONEY  
RIGHT HERE IN THE  
BRIEFCASE.

I HAVE  
TO SAY,  
I DON'T THINK  
I KNOW THIS  
FELLOW...

...MIGHT YOU  
REMOVE THE GAG,  
PLEASE, SO  
I MIGHT MAKE  
AN INQUIRY...?





I'D RATHER NOT...  
AND FOR THE  
RECORD...



THIS FELLA  
AIN'T A  
FELLA...



JONES! MY OLD BEARDED  
LADY HERSELF!

WHAT WE HAVE  
HERE, MR. HEX, IS A  
CLASSIC EXAMPLE  
OF MISGUIDED  
LOYALTY.

SO TELL ME...  
HOW MUCH DID  
FOREPATH PAY YOU  
TO WORK WITH HIM  
AND TURN YOU  
INTO A THIEF?

HRMMMFF!

AH,  
A STORY FOR  
ANOTHER TIME.



SO YOU KNOW,  
ADAM FOREPATH IS  
A COMPETITOR OF  
MINE IN THE CIRCUS  
BUSINESS--

--MY MOST  
FORMIDABLE  
COMPETITOR,  
I MIGHT ADD.  
NOT MUCH FOR  
SHOWMANSHIP,  
MIND YOU...

...BUT  
A SHARP  
BUSINESSMAN,  
THAT'S FOR  
SURE.



WELL, IT'S A SHAME  
THE BUSINESS HAS TAKEN  
SUCH A LOWLY PATH. I THINK  
IT'S BEST I GO TALK TO  
MR. FOREPATH AT SOME  
POINT AND PUT AN END  
TO ALL THIS.

MR. HEX, I INSIST  
YOU STAY THE NIGHT AT THE  
HOTEL AND ENJOY AN OPEN BAR  
TAB ON ME. AS FAR AS PAYMENT,  
I WILL BE GIVING YOU NOT ONLY  
YOUR PAY, BUT ALSO THE  
BALANCE OF PAYMENT OWED TO  
THE OTHER MEN WHO ARE NO  
LONGER WITH US.



AS FOR MS. JONES...WHAT  
WOULD HAPPEN TO SOMEONE  
LIKE THAT IN...NORMAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES?

MURDERERS  
HANG. THIEVES,  
TOO, AT TIMES.  
SHE IS BOTH.









WELCOME, ONE AND ALL...WELCOME TO AN EVENT WHERE THE TABLES ARE TURNED, WHERE THE SCALES ARE BALANCED, AND MOST OF ALL, WHERE JUSTICE IS SERVED.



AS MOST OF YOU REMEMBER, IT WAS A YEAR AGO LAST MONTH THAT OUR HOME AND WAY OF LIFE WAS DESECRATED BY ONE OF OUR OWN...



...AND NO ONE BEARS THE SCARS OF THE MEMORY OF THAT FATEFUL NIGHT MORE THAN OUR BELOVED KARL...BURNED ALMOST ALIVE AND ROBBED OF MORE THAN MONEY AND THINGS OF MONETARY VALUE.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET THE GAMES BEGIN.

HEX, RIGHT? THE BOSS SAID YOU MIGHT BE COMING BY.

Hrrmmph.





