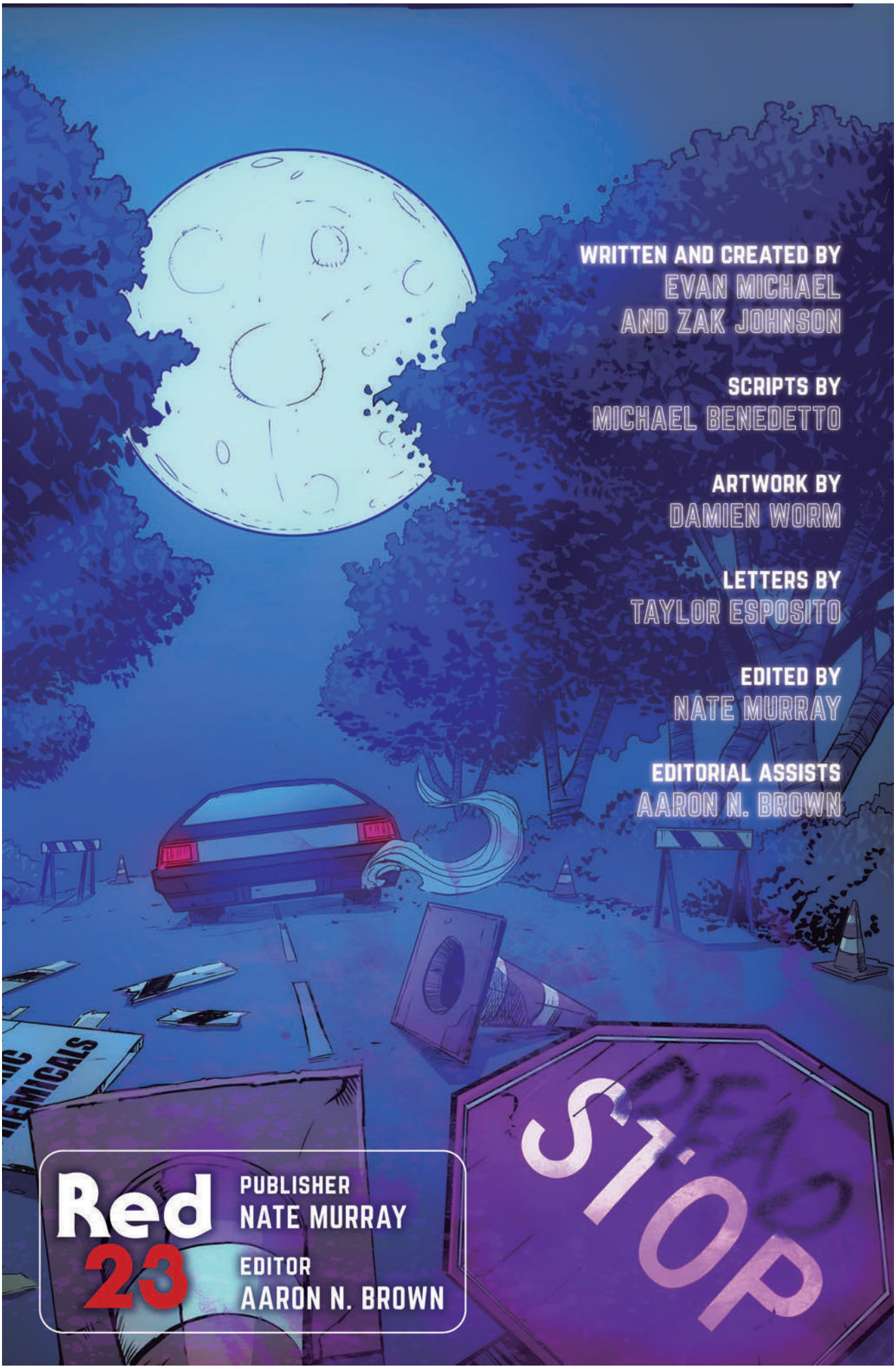
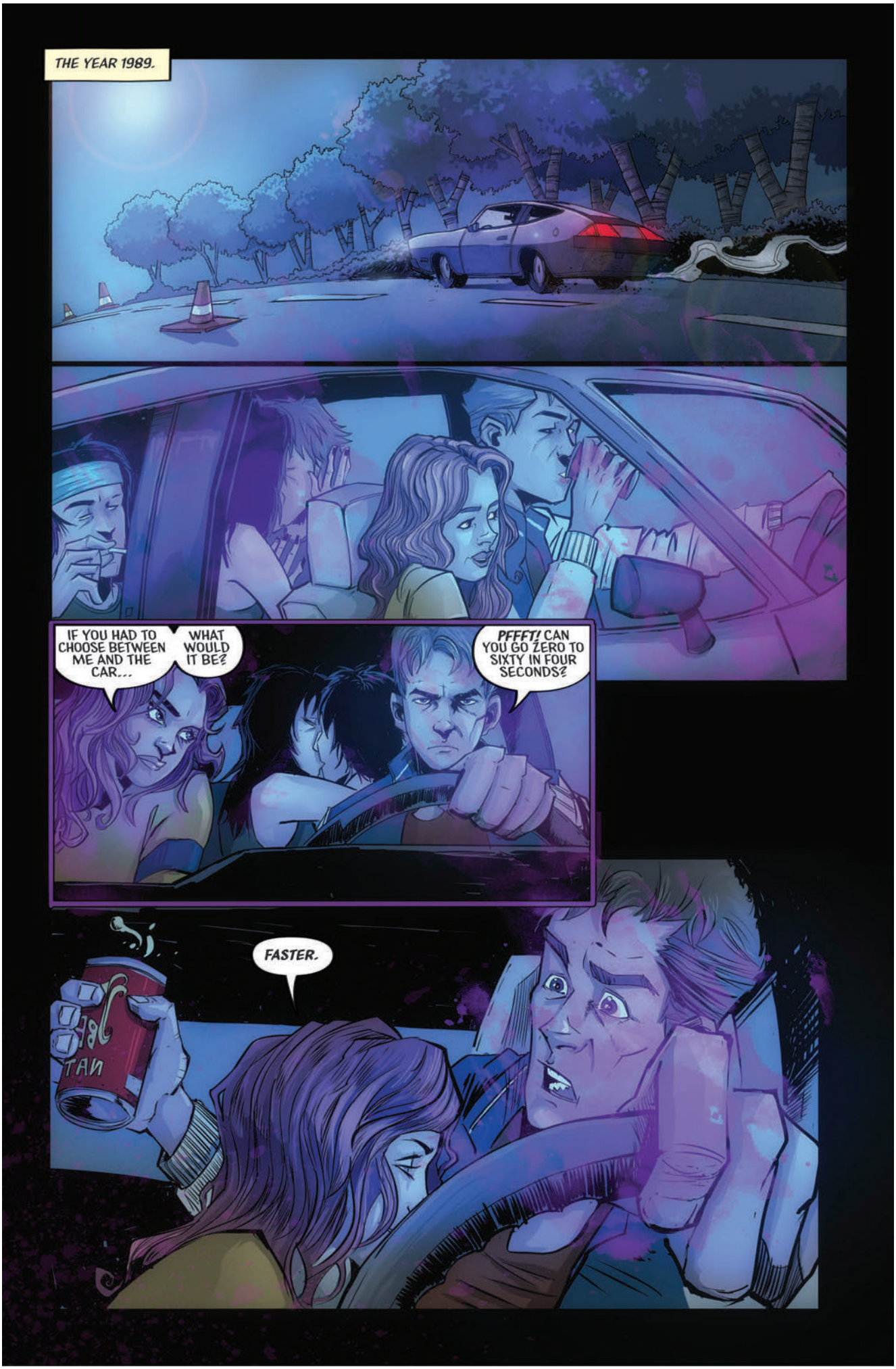
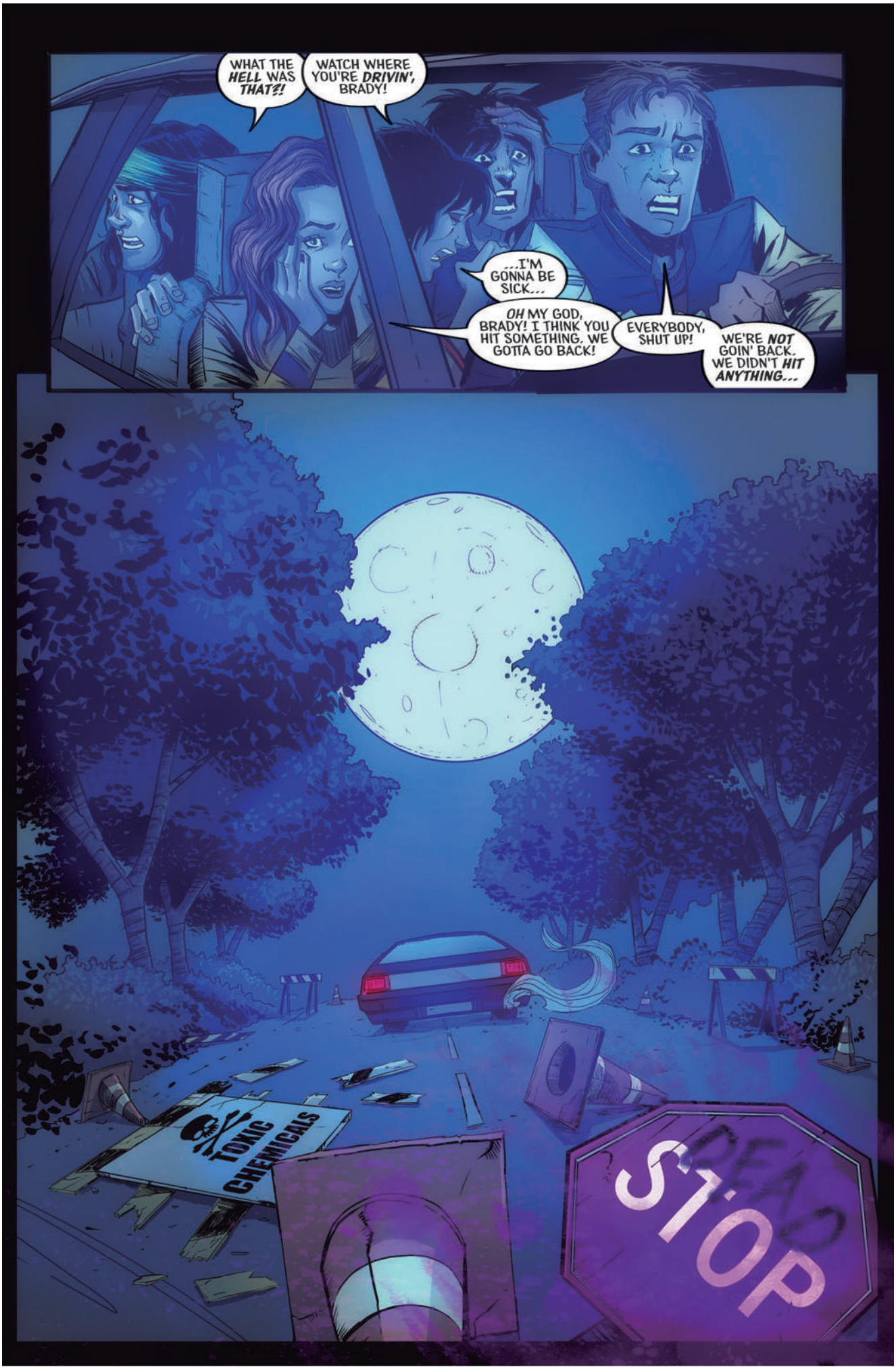

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THE YEAR 1989.
IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ME AND THE CAR...
WHAT WOULD IT BE?
PFFFT! CAN YOU GO ZERO TO SIXTY IN FOUR SECONDS?
FASTER.
TAB

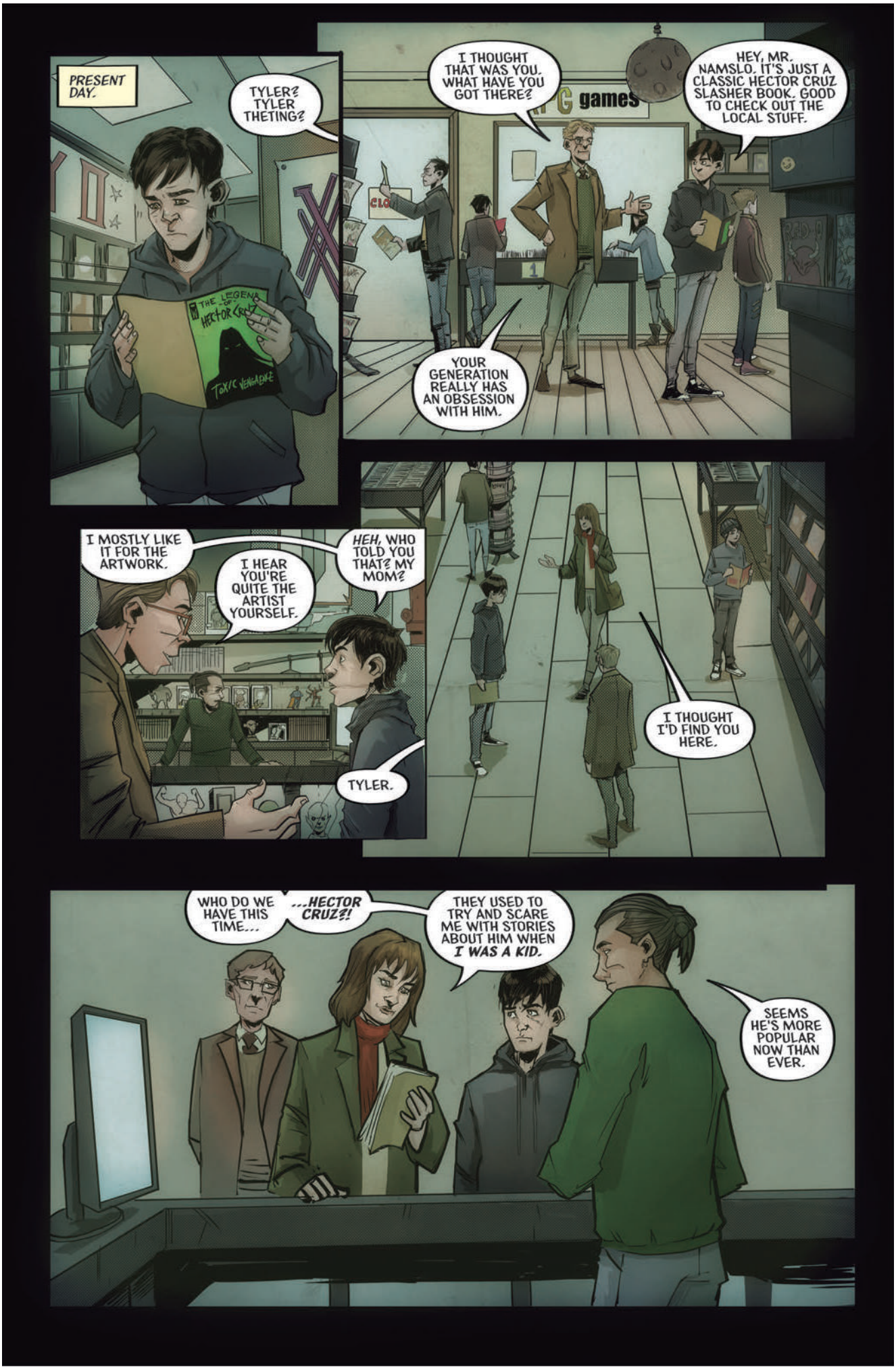

SKRRR
OH BABY. OH BABY. OH--
SHII--
PAWG
FUMP
FUMP
FUMP


WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE DRIVIN', BRADY!
...I'M GONNA BE SICK...
OH MY GOD, BRADY! I THINK YOU HIT SOMETHING. WE GOTTA GO BACK!
EVERYBODY, SHUT UP!
WE'RE NOT GOIN' BACK. WE DIDN'T HIT ANYTHING...
TOXIC CHEMICALS
STOP


NOT FAR DOWN THE ROAD...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS STUFF ANYWAY?
NOT SURE, BUT THIS TRUCK NEVER SHOULD'VE COME DOWN HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WEIGHT VIOLATION. UNMARKED CONTAMINANTS. NO PERMIT STICKERS.
CRUZ! LOOK OUT!
KWOOWWMP


...I'M GONNA BE SICK...
CHRIST, BRADY. I THINK YOU JUST KILLED A GUY!
LISTEN. WE HAVE TO FIND THE OTHER GUY. HE'S THE ONLY WITNESS. IF HE'S DEAD, WE CAN SAY THE CAR--
HOW THE HELL DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DRIVE WHEN YOU'RE ALL SCREAMING AT ME!
B-B-B-BRAAAAAADY!


YOU SPEED.
YOU BLEED.


PRESENT DAY.
TYLER? TYLER THETING?
THE LEGEND OF HECTOR CRUZ
TOXIC VENGEANCE
I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOU. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?
games
HEY, MR. NAMSLO. IT'S JUST A CLASSIC HECTOR CRUZ SLASHER BOOK. GOOD TO CHECK OUT THE LOCAL STUFF.
YOUR GENERATION REALLY HAS AN OBSESSION WITH HIM.
I MOSTLY LIKE IT FOR THE ARTWORK.
I HEAR YOU'RE QUITE THE ARTIST YOURSELF.
HEH, WHO TOLD YOU THAT? MY MOM?
TYLER.
I THOUGHT I'D FIND YOU HERE.
WHO DO WE HAVE THIS TIME...
...HECTOR CRUZ?!
THEY USED TO TRY AND SCARE ME WITH STORIES ABOUT HIM WHEN I WAS A KID.
SEEMS HE'S MORE POPULAR NOW THAN EVER.