



AND THIS IS A PLACE WHERE NOTHING EVER HAPPENS.

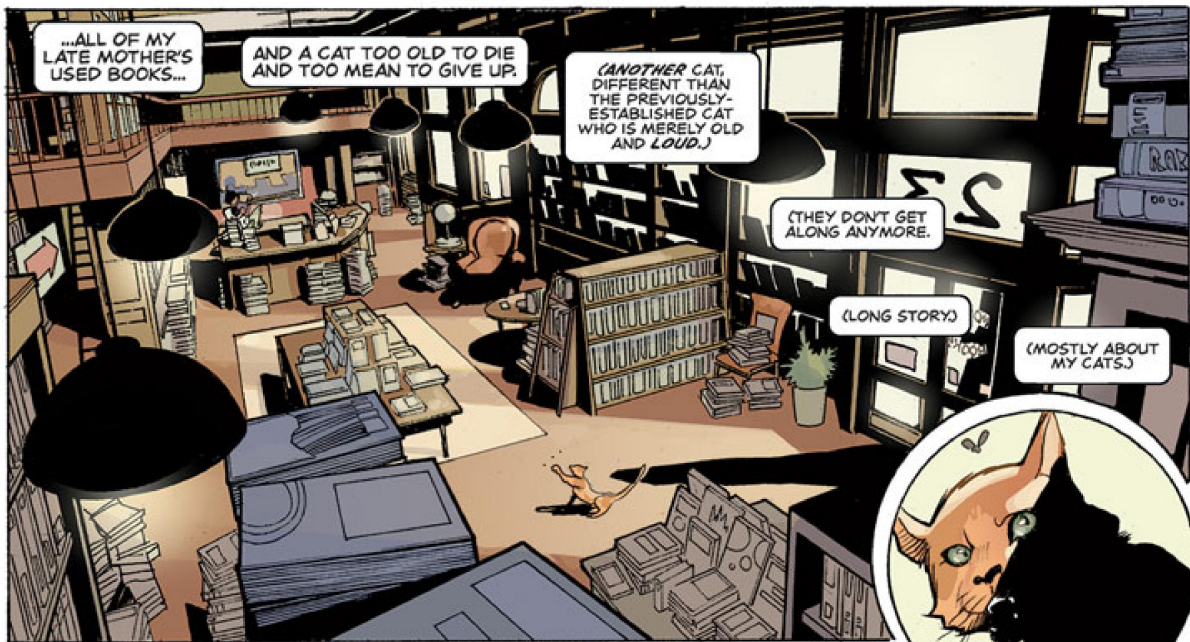
MY MOTHER'S USED BOOK STORE.



STARRING ME...



...THE BEST SMELL IN THE WORLD...



...ALL OF MY LATE MOTHER'S USED BOOKS...

AND A CAT TOO OLD TO DIE AND TOO MEAN TO GIVE UP.

(ANOTHER CAT, DIFFERENT THAN THE PREVIOUSLY-ESTABLISHED CAT WHO IS MERELY OLD AND LOUD.)

(THEY DON'T GET ALONG ANYMORE.)

(LONG STORY)

(MOSTLY ABOUT MY CATS.)





BOY IT REALLY WAS THE BEST OF TIMES AND THE WORST OF TIMES...

MMWWOAOAOORRRK

AHH!

SORRY, MA'AM...

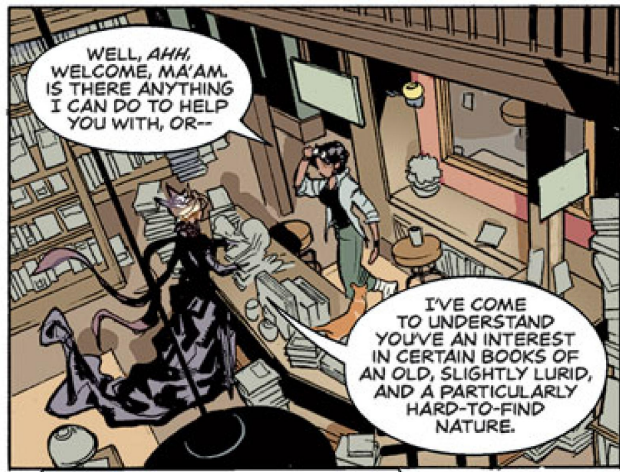


...I DIDN'T... UH...

I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.

IT'S ODD, ISN'T IT? SOMEONE THAT INSISTS ON SUCH AN OSTENTATIOUS STYLE OF DRESS SUCH AS MYSELF.

BUT YET IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.



WELL, AHH, WELCOME, MA'AM. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU WITH, OR--

I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND YOU'VE AN INTEREST IN CERTAIN BOOKS OF AN OLD, SLIGHTLY LURID, AND A PARTICULARLY HARD-TO-FIND NATURE.

OH, SURE. PULPS, BIG LITTLE BOOKS, EARLY SF, POCKET BOOKS, IF THEY'RE IN GOOD ENOUGH SHAPE...



WELL THEN, MAYBE THIS WILL TICKLE YOUR FANCY...



WHOA.



THIS IS ADVENTUREMAN'S LITTLE LOGO THINGY, ISN'T IT?

THIS IS THE NICEST ADVENTUREMAN! EDITION I'VE EVER SEEN...



BEG PARDON. HAVE YOU A SECTION ON THE STRANGE AND SUPERNATURAL?

HUH.



BACK ROOM, BETWEEN "PET SPORTS" AND "TRAIN CRIMES."

...THANK YOU...



S'LIKE A ... CONCORDANCE OR SOMETHING.



...OR A HOW-TO...



BRRR-RRR-RRR.

