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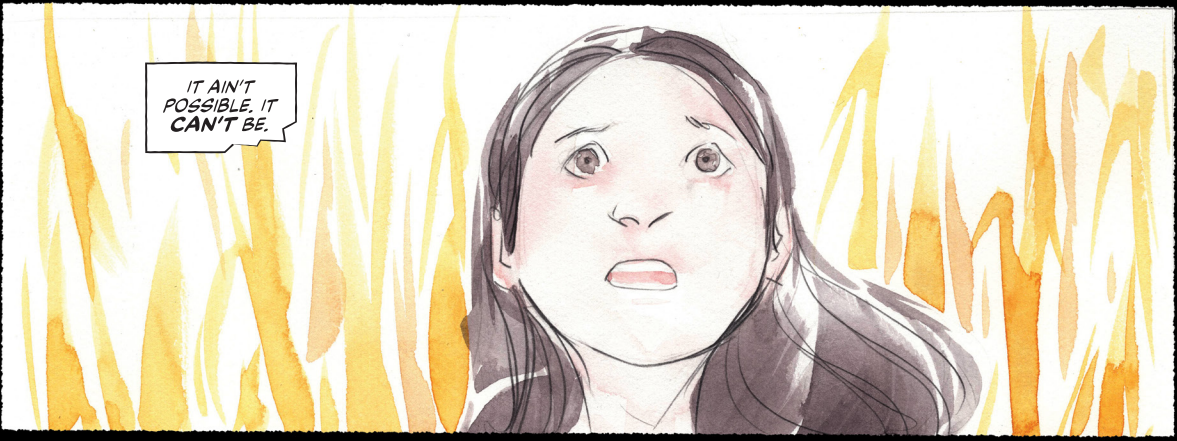
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IT AIN'T
POSSIBLE. IT
CAN'T BE.



YET IT
HAPPENED. I
KNOW IT IN MY
BONES.

SHE
WAS THERE. THE
SCARECROW
QUEEN WAS
THERE.



I WAS OUT TOO LATE. I WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE HOME BEFORE
DARK SO'S I COULD HELP GRAMMA
SET THE TABLE FOR SUPPER.

I REMEMBER THE
CICADAS WAS BUZZING
SO LOUD ALL DAY, BUT
AS SOON AS I SAW HER,
THEY ALL WENT QUIET.

AND THEN SHE SPOKE
AND IT WAS WORSE
THAN ANY SOUND I'D
EVER HEARD.



YER
LOST,
GIRLIE.

N-NO I
AIN'T.



OH, YES.
YOU ARE. YER
LOST FAR, FAR
FROM HERE,
AIN'T YA?

BUT DON'T
WORRY. I'LL FIND
YA.





I MUST HAVE RAN A MILE UP TO HIGGS' CREEK, BUT THERE SHE WAS, WAITING FOR ME AGAIN. ALWAYS WAITING FOR ME.

WELL, COME ON THEN...



BUT IT WASN'T HER I NEEDED TO SEE. IT WAS **THE OTHER**. THE THING THAT FELL LIKE A STAR.

COME SEE THE END BEGIN.



THEN I LOOKED AT IT... **THAT THING**. IT WASN'T NO STAR.

IT WAS **THE EATER**.

IT WAS JUST SMALL THEN, BUT I COULD ALREADY SEE IT STARTING TO SPREAD.



AIN'T NO USE RUNNIN'. IT'S GONNA COME FOR YOU AND FOR EVERYTHING ELSE. IT'S ALWAYS GONNA FIND YOU, JUST LIKE I AM.

BUT THAT AIN'T POSSIBLE.
I COULDN'T'VE BEEN THERE.

EVERYONE KNOWS THE
EATER FIRST CAME
ALMOST TWO
HUNDRED YEARS
AGO, AND I AIN'T EVEN
GONNA BE THIRTY
COME THE WINTER.

I KNOW THAT LITTLE GIRL
COULDN'T'VE BEEN ME,
YET I AM HER.

I WAS THERE AND
IT WAS REAL.

LISTEN NOW AND
LISTEN GOOD, GIRLIE.
YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO
REMEMBER THIS.

SEE, THERE ARE
THINGS IN THIS WORLD
OLDER THAN THAT THING.
THINGS BEEN HERE IN THE
MUD AND SOIL SINCE THE
BEGINNING. THINGS
LIKE ME.

AND YER GONNA
HAVE TO CHOOSE. WILL
YOU BIND YOURSELF TO
US OLD THINGS, OR TO
THAT FUCKING
SQUATTER...

...THAT NEWBORN
FUCKING BABY WHO
ONLY KNOWS TO EAT
AND SHIT?

WHEN YOU SEE
ME AGAIN, YOU'LL
ONLY HAVE ONE
MORE CHANCE. SO, YOU
REMEMBER THIS AND
YOU MAKE YER
CHOICE WISELY,
GIRLIE...

"TIME TO
REMEMBER,
NOW. TIME TO
WAKE UP."

"LET'S GET
STARTED."





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