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SIMON PURE
1873
Stop young friend
as you pass by
As you are now
so once was I
As I am now so
you must be
Prepare for death
and follow me

SIMON
PURE
Died
1827

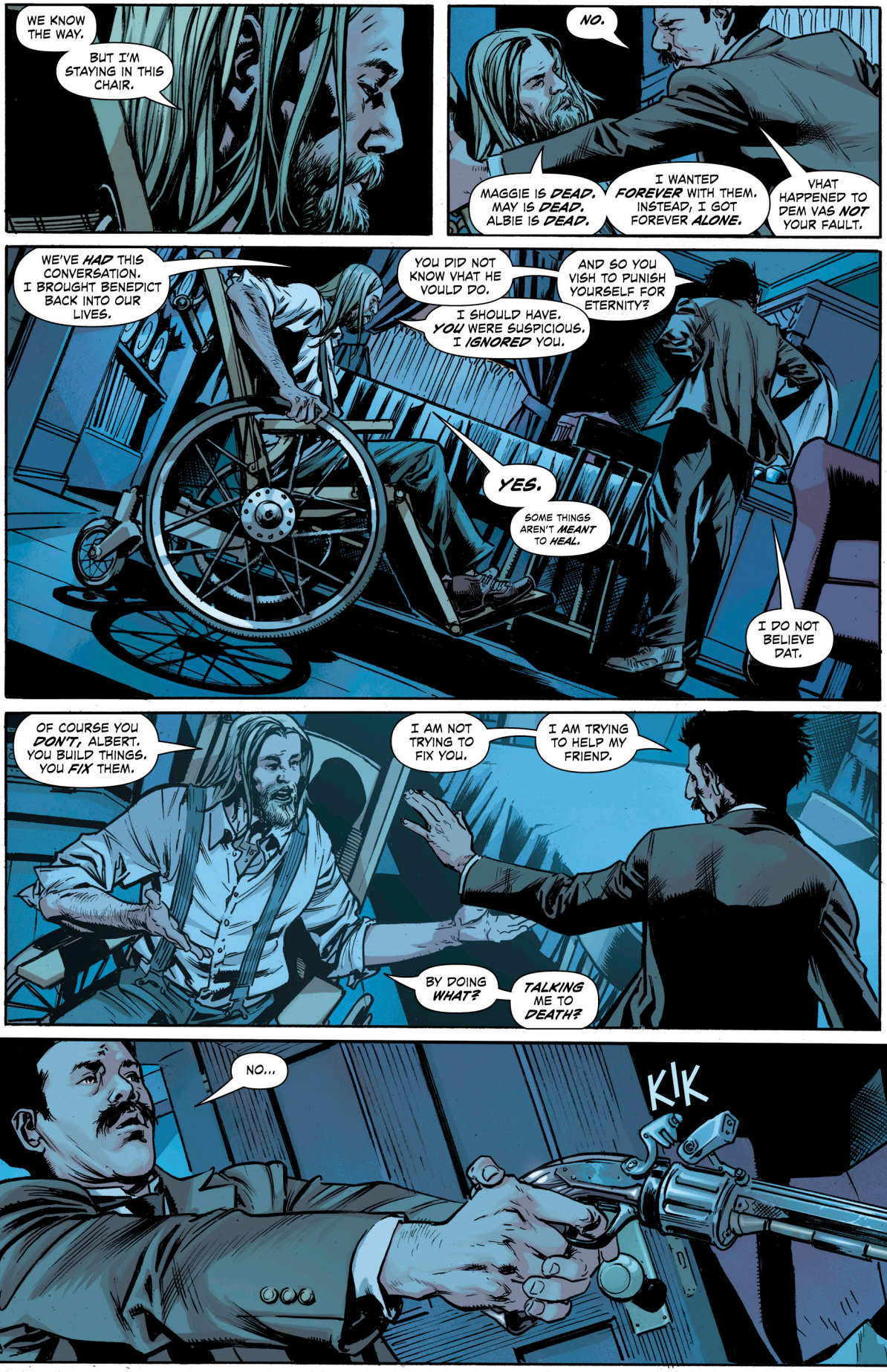
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Here Will Lie
for the Final Time
SIMON
PURE
1749-1909


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MR. PURE.
ALBERT?
I THOUGHT YOU LEFT.
DERE IS A VAY FOR YOU TO VALK AGAIN.


WE KNOW THE WAY.
BUT I'M STAYING IN THIS CHAIR.
NO.
MAGGIE IS DEAD. MAY IS DEAD. ALBIE IS DEAD.
I WANTED FOREVER WITH THEM. INSTEAD, I GOT FOREVER ALONE.
VHAT HAPPENED TO DEM VAS NOT YOUR FAULT.
WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION. I BROUGHT BENEDICT BACK INTO OUR LIVES.
YOU DID NOT KNOW VHAT HE VOULD DO.
I SHOULD HAVE. YOU WERE SUSPICIOUS. I IGNORED YOU.
AND SO YOU VISH TO PUNISH YOURSELF FOR ETERNITY?
YES.
SOME THINGS AREN'T MEANT TO HEAL.
I DO NOT BELIEVE DAT.
OF COURSE YOU DON'T, ALBERT. YOU BUILD THINGS. YOU FIX THEM.
I AM NOT TRYING TO FIX YOU.
I AM TRYING TO HELP MY FRIEND.
BY DOING WHAT?
TALKING ME TO DEATH?
NO...
KIK


...BY DOING VHAT YOU VON'T.
ALBERT...
YOU ARE MY DEAREST FRIEND. I *VILL* DO THIS FOR YOU
I VILL HEAL YOU.


YOUR BODY CAN BE WHOLE AGAIN.
NO.
BUT FIRST... YOU HAF TO DIE.
I SAID NO.
MR. PURE, I...I MUST DO DIS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING.
I DO.
WHY?
I CANNOT STAND HERE AND VATCH YOU TORTURE YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE PAIN IS ALL YOU DESERVE.
WHO TAUGHT YOU TO BELIEVE DAT?
EVERY TIME I DIE, I SEE MY FATHER.
EVERY SINGLE TIME.
HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU THAT?
I HEAR HIS HORRIBLE VOICE AGAIN. I BECOME THAT SAD, FRIGHTENED CHILD AGAIN.
THE BASTARD'S BEEN DEAD MORE THAN A CENTURY, AND HE STILL HAUNTS ME.
BUT THAT ISN'T WHY I'M SAYING NO.


I'M SAYING NO BECAUSE I CHOOSE THIS.
DEN I AM ASKING YOU TO CHOOSE AGAIN. PLEASE.
AND IF I WON'T?
ALBERT--
DEN FORGIVE ME.
YOU VILL COME BACK.
PUT THE GUN DOWN.
NO, YOU CAN'T.
I CAN DO DIS.
YOU'VE NEVER KILLED A MAN IN YOUR LIFE.
YOU VILL COME BACK.


ALBERT...
LOOK AT ME.
I AM LOOKING AT YOU.
NO. YOU'RE NOT.
LOOK AT ME.
YOUR HANDS ARE SHAKING.
I... I JUST...
I VANT YOU TO HAF A CHANCE...
...I VANT YOU TO...
...TO BE OKAY...
PUT THE GUN DOWN, ALBERT.