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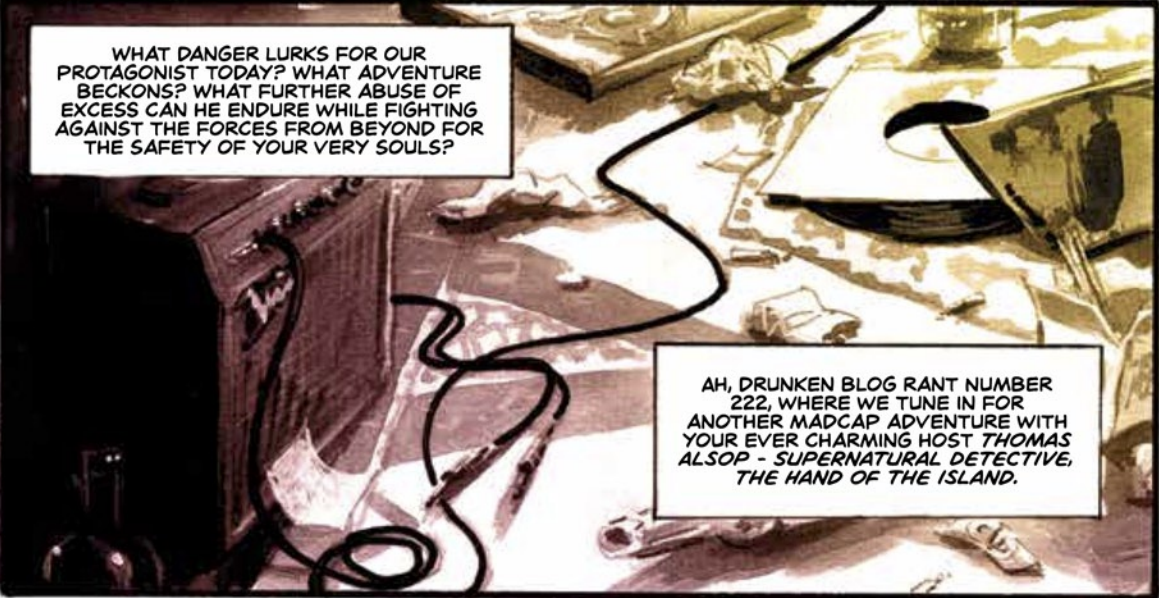
August 31st, 2011.
New York City.

WHAT IS THOMAS ALSOP?

WHO IS THOMAS ALSOP?



THESE AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS FLOW THROUGH MY MUDDLED BRAIN AS I WRITE TO YOU MY STRANGE CITIZENS. QUESTIONS CONCERNING WHICH PILLS I MIXED LAST NIGHT WITH THE HUNDRED YEAR OLD BOURBON? HOW THE LIVER FEELS WHEN IT FINALLY SHRIVELS UP? WHY I NEVER SLEPT WITH JEN STEWART? AN ODD DECISION.



WHAT DANGER LURKS FOR OUR PROTAGONIST TODAY? WHAT ADVENTURE BECKONS? WHAT FURTHER ABUSE OF EXCESS CAN HE ENDURE WHILE FIGHTING AGAINST THE FORCES FROM BEYOND FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR VERY SOULS?

AH, DRUNKEN BLOG RANT NUMBER 222, WHERE WE TUNE IN FOR ANOTHER MADCAP ADVENTURE WITH YOUR EVER CHARMING HOST THOMAS ALSOP - SUPERNATURAL DETECTIVE, THE HAND OF THE ISLAND.

AND THIS IS ME,
THOMAS ALSOP.

I AM A MEDIA
SENSATION.



OUR NEWEST ADVENTURE BEGINS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MY FRIEND AND PRODUCER (TWO WORDS WHICH CANNOT EXIST TOGETHER) MARCUS ROGERS.



PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE HIGH.

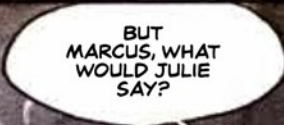
I WILL CONFIRM OR DENY NOTHING ON THE MATTER!



COME ON. LETS GET YOU INTO THE SHOWER.



BUT MARCUS, WHAT WOULD JULIE SAY?



WHAT DID YOU DO LAST NIGHT?

I STOPPED A VERY ANGRY DEMONIC SPIRIT FROM BUILDING A NEST OF CARDS IN A CHURCH ON THE WEST SIDE. THEN I DRANK MYSELF SICK.



THE MONKEY NEEDS TO DANCE. THE DANCING MONKEY. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...



BLEEURGH!!



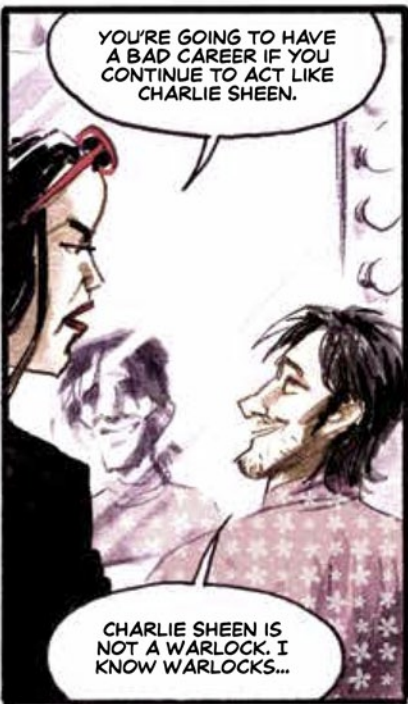
PLEASE, WE'RE DUE AT THE DRAKE SHOW BY NOON.



YOU LOOK LIKE CRAP.

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM AN HOUR AGO.

I HAD A BAD NIGHT.



YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BAD CAREER IF YOU CONTINUE TO ACT LIKE CHARLIE SHEEN.

CHARLIE SHEEN IS NOT A WARLOCK. I KNOW WARLOCKS...



IS YOUR MOUSTACHE BURNED?

YES.

CINDY, SHAVE HIM.



WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO LAST NIGHT?

I HAD A BAD NIGHT.



STRANGE CITIZENS, LET ME BE CLEAR. A "BAD NIGHT" FOR ME IS NOT THE SAME AS A BAD NIGHT FOR YOU.

ONCE AGAIN, I FEEL IT IS NECESSARY TO GIVE YOU MY FASCINATING BACK STORY (MOSTLY BECAUSE MY MILITANT PUBLICIST ARNICA SAYS THAT I NEED TO CONSTANTLY REMIND AMERICANS OF MY ORIGIN TO BE A RECOGNIZABLE BRAND NAME). I TOOK THAT TO MEAN THAT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICAN'S AREN'T SMART AND WANDER THE WOODS EATING GRASS. YES, MANHATTAN IS THE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. DEAL WITH IT. AS I WAS SAYING...

January 13th, 2009.
Meet the Johnson's Bar.
The Lower East Side.

A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS HANGING OUT
AT MY LOCAL PUB WITH MY FRIEND AND
PRODUCER, MARCUS ROGERS, ALTHOUGH
AT THIS POINT HE WAS WORKING AS
A PRODUCTION ASSISTANT ON ALL OF
THESE TERRIBLE COP SHOWS THAT FILM
IN MANHATTAN.



NOW, LETS BE CLEAR...BY
HANGING OUT I MEAN
GETTING TRASHED.



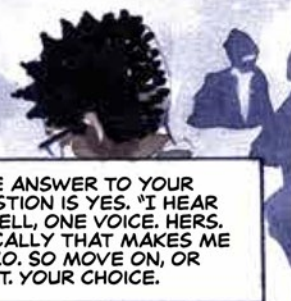
AND BY GETTING TRASHED,
I MEAN DRINKING HEAVILY.



WE WERE HAVING A FINE TIME
UP UNTIL SHE, MANHATTAN
THAT IS, TOLD ME TO TAKE CARE
OF A NEARBY DISTURBANCE.
AND YES, "TOLD ME" AS IN
THE ISLAND TALKS TO ME,
EVEN THOUGH IT'S MORE OF
A PSYCHIC NUDGE THAN A
CONVERSATION.



AND THE ANSWER TO YOUR
NEXT QUESTION IS YES. "I HEAR
VOICES." WELL, ONE VOICE. HERS.
SO, TECHNICALLY THAT MAKES ME
A SCHITZO. SO MOVE ON, OR
DON'T. YOUR CHOICE.



MARCUS ASKED TO TAG ALONG ON
OUR UNKNOWN ADVENTURE. UNKNOWN
BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT
THEY ARE UNTIL I GET THERE. I SAID
IT WAS FINE SINCE THESE THINGS DON'T
TEND TO BE TOO BAD WHEN I GET
THE PUSH.



YOU SEE, I'M THE CURRENT *HAND OF THE ISLAND*. MANHATTAN'S MAGICAL CARETAKER, WHICH IS A TITLE THAT'S BEEN PASSED THROUGH MY FAMILY SINCE 1699 WHEN RICHARD ALSOP GOT CURSED BY MESPEATCHES INDIANS. BASICALLY, THIS MEANS THAT I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THE SPOOKY WHO-HA THAT HAPPENS TO THE ISLAND.



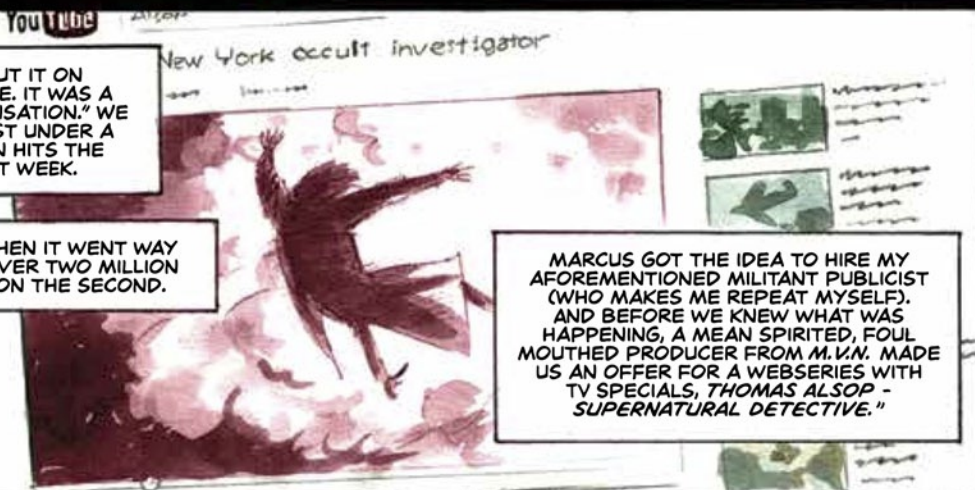
USUALLY ITS NOTHING THAT ANYONE CAN SEE. BUT THIS TIME...WELL, THIS TIME WAS A BIG DEAL, AND MARCUS GOT IT ALL ON VIDEO.



HE PUT IT ON YOUTUBE. IT WAS A "WEB SENSATION." WE HAD JUST UNDER A MILLION HITS THE FIRST WEEK.

THEN IT WENT WAY OVER TWO MILLION ON THE SECOND.

MARCUS GOT THE IDEA TO HIRE MY AFOREMENTIONED MILITANT PUBLICIST (WHO MAKES ME REPEAT MYSELF). AND BEFORE WE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, A MEAN SPIRITED, FOUL MOUTHED PRODUCER FROM *M.V.N.* MADE US AN OFFER FOR A WEBSERIES WITH TV SPECIALS, *THOMAS ALSOP - SUPERNATURAL DETECTIVE.*"



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LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN,
I BET THAT ALL OF YOU
WROTE DOWN THE
NUMBER TWO, AM
I RIGHT?



HOW ABOUT
THAT?



I'LL TELL YOU THIS. SOME
THINGS ARE MAGIC, AND SOME
THINGS ARE JUST TRICKS.

WE'LL BE RIGHT
BACK.



