



THE DEVIL
MADE HER
DO IT!

SATAN CREPT INTO ANN
GREELING'S BED AT
NIGHT AND CARESSED
HER WITH HIS ICY CLAWS,
WHISPERING HIS WICKED
IDEAS INTO HER EAR.

THE MURDERER'S MOTHER

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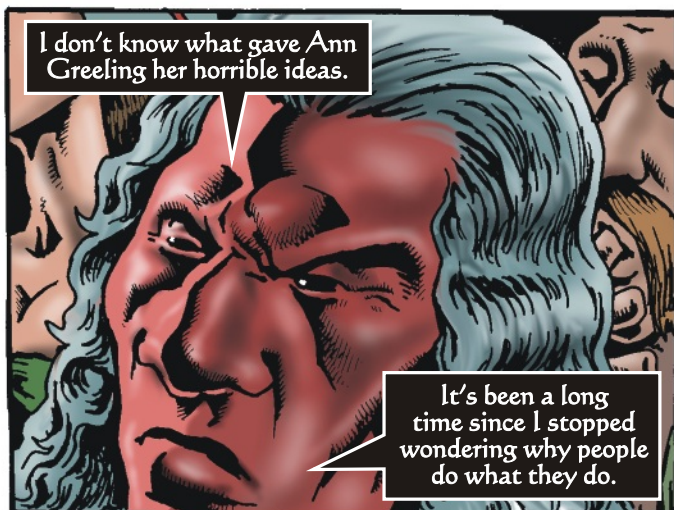
I TELL YOU, IT
WAS THE DEVIL!

THE DEVIL!



Please don't listen to the
right reverend's hog-wash.

I beg you to believe me: I
didn't have anything to do with
this unfortunate business.



I don't know what gave Ann
Greeling her horrible ideas.

It's been a long
time since I stopped
wondering why people
do what they do.



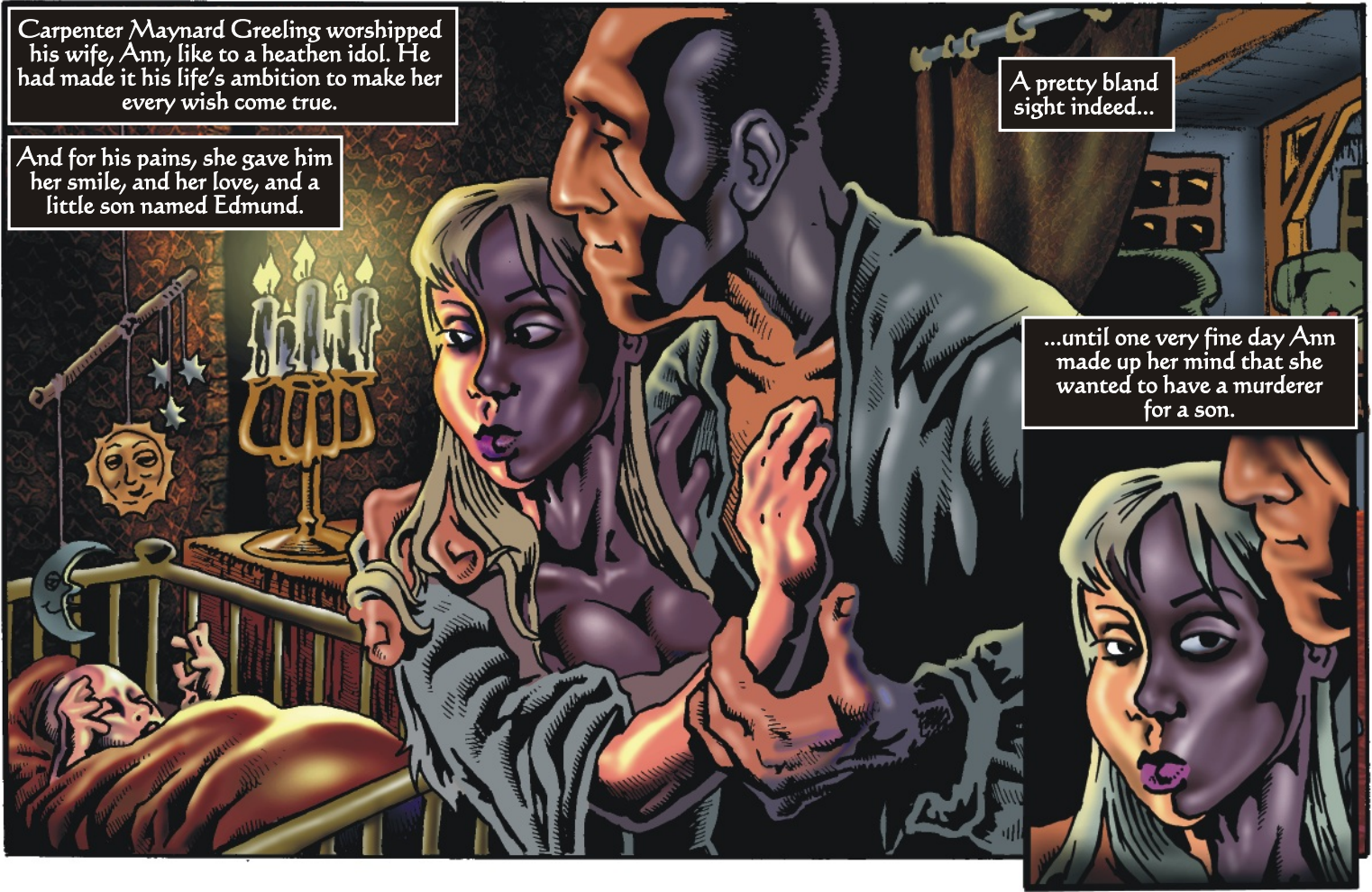
I just watch them do it...

Carpenter Maynard Greeling worshipped his wife, Ann, like to a heathen idol. He had made it his life's ambition to make her every wish come true.

And for his pains, she gave him her smile, and her love, and a little son named Edmund.

A pretty bland sight indeed...

...until one very fine day Ann made up her mind that she wanted to have a murderer for a son.



Now we all know that a murderer can only be fathered by a murderer.

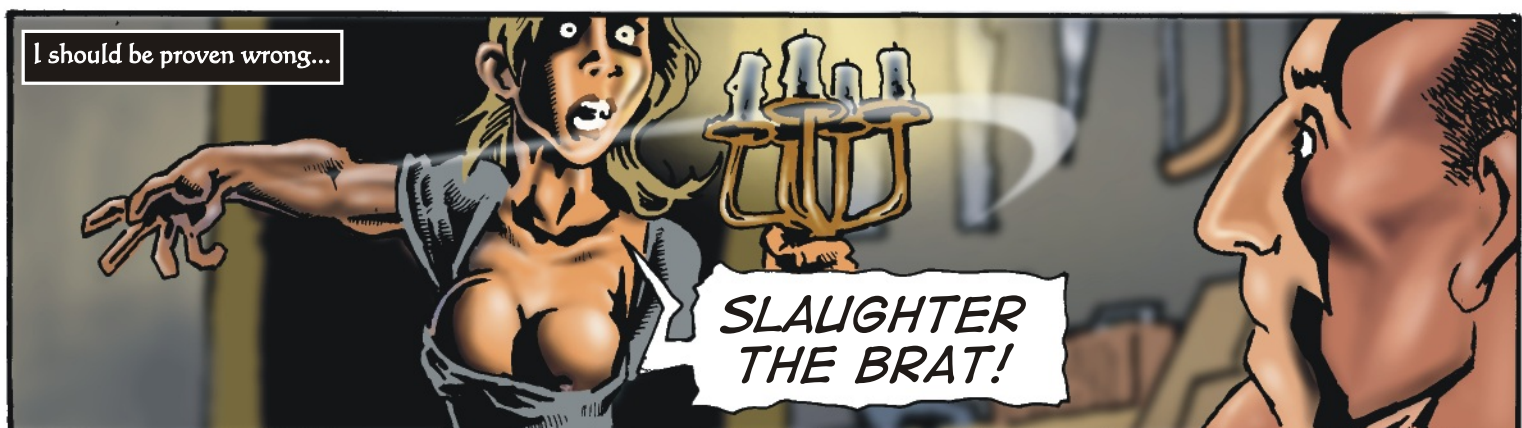
And Maynard Greeling was as kind-hearted a soul as you could meet. He hadn't hurt a fly his whole life.

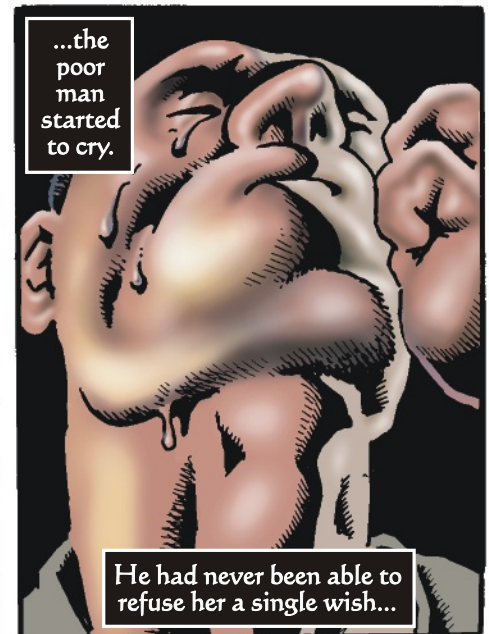
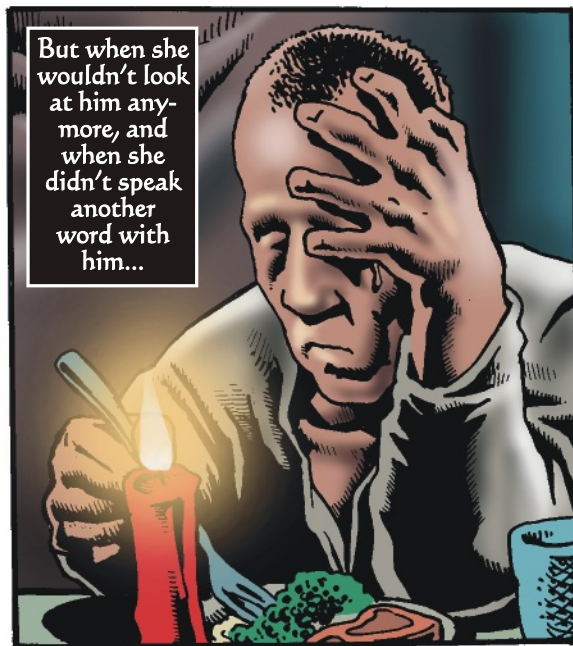
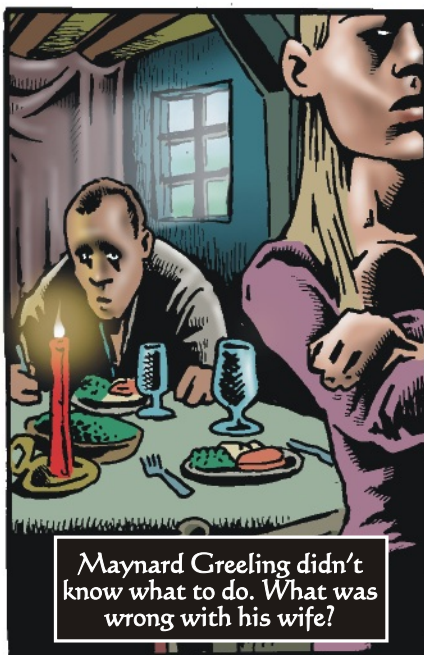
"Ann's been dealt rotten cards", I thought.



I should be proven wrong...

SLAUGHTER THE BRAT!







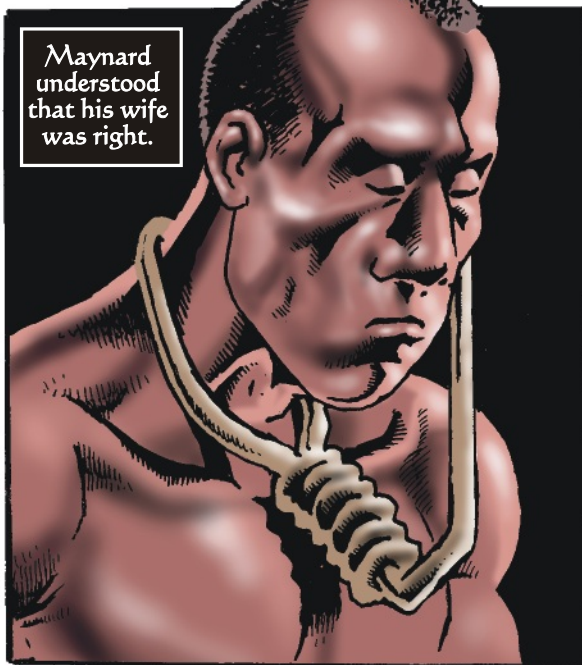
When Maynard woke the next morning, Ann had already been up and about for some time. She was waiting for him...

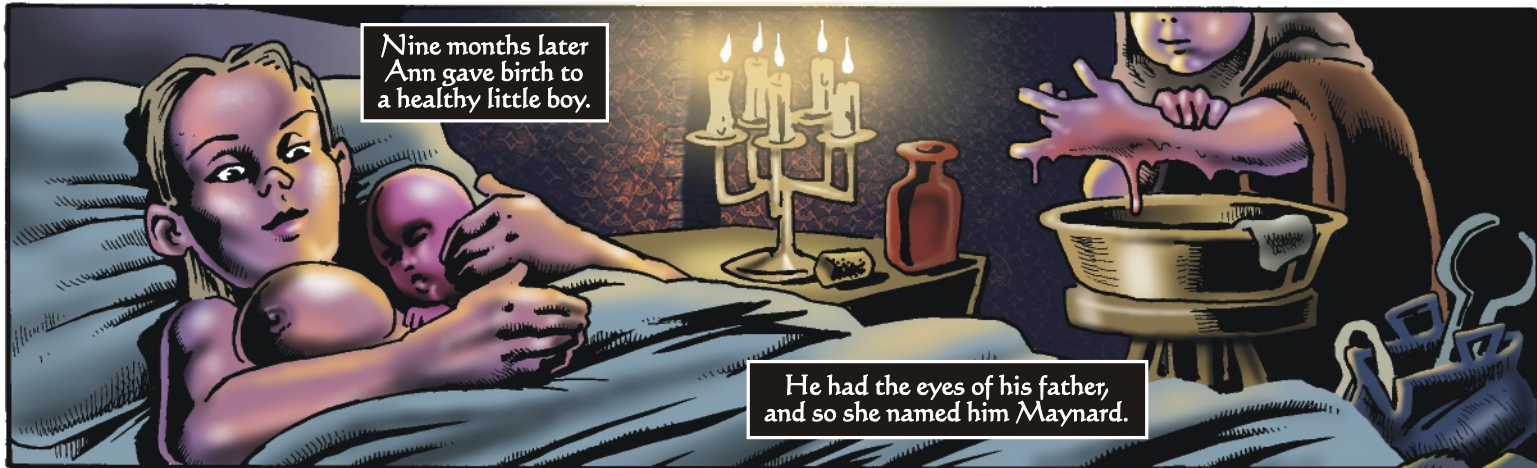


YOU HAVE TO
DIE, HUSBAND.

YOU KILLED YOUR OWN
CHILD AND DESERVE TO
BE HANGED BY THE NECK
UNTIL YOU ARE DEAD.

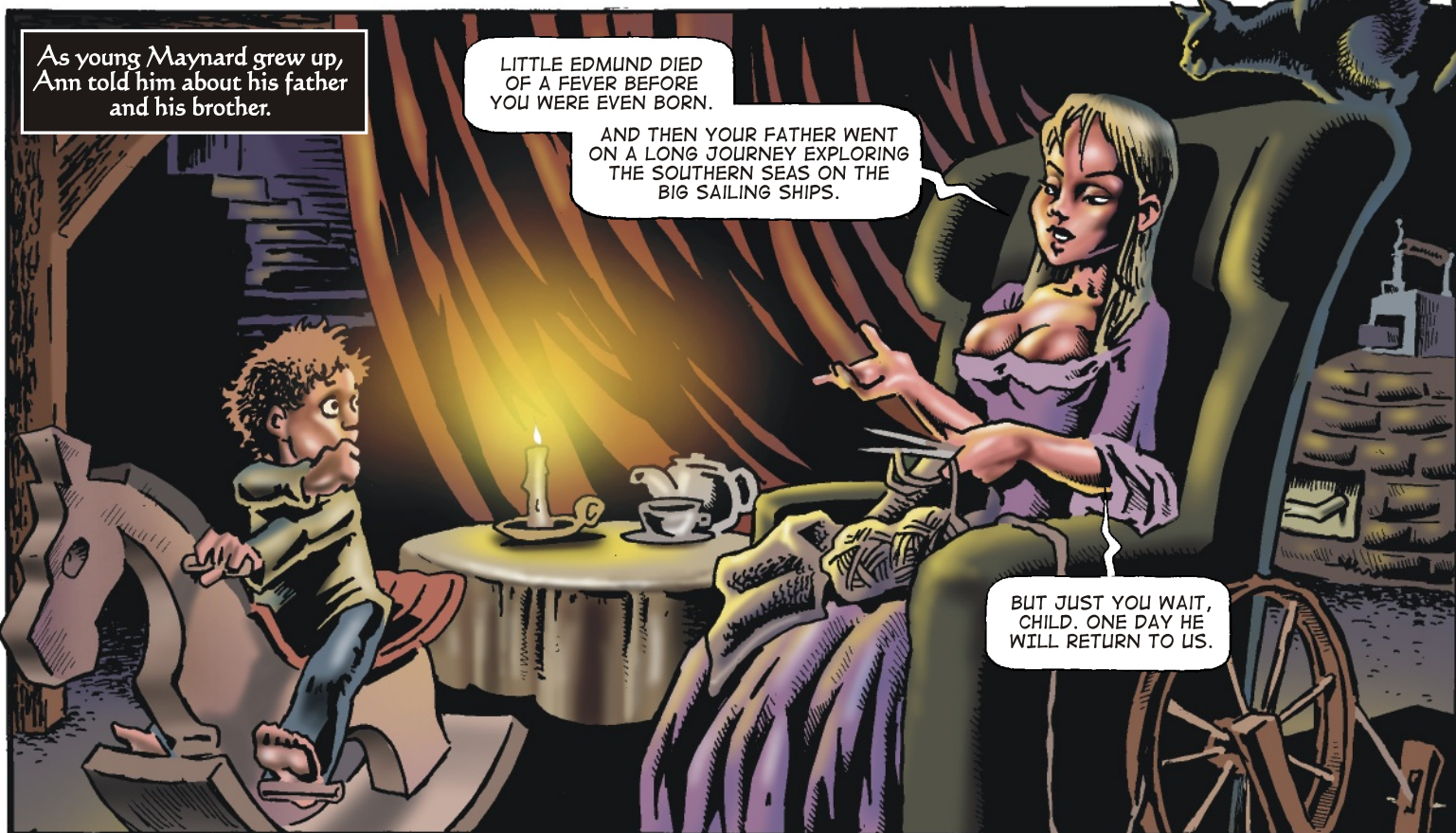
Maynard
understood
that his wife
was right.





Nine months later
Ann gave birth to
a healthy little boy.

He had the eyes of his father,
and so she named him Maynard.



As young Maynard grew up,
Ann told him about his father
and his brother.

LITTLE EDMUND DIED
OF A FEVER BEFORE
YOU WERE EVEN BORN.

AND THEN YOUR FATHER WENT
ON A LONG JOURNEY EXPLORING
THE SOUTHERN SEAS ON THE
BIG SAILING SHIPS.

BUT JUST YOU WAIT,
CHILD. ONE DAY HE
WILL RETURN TO US.

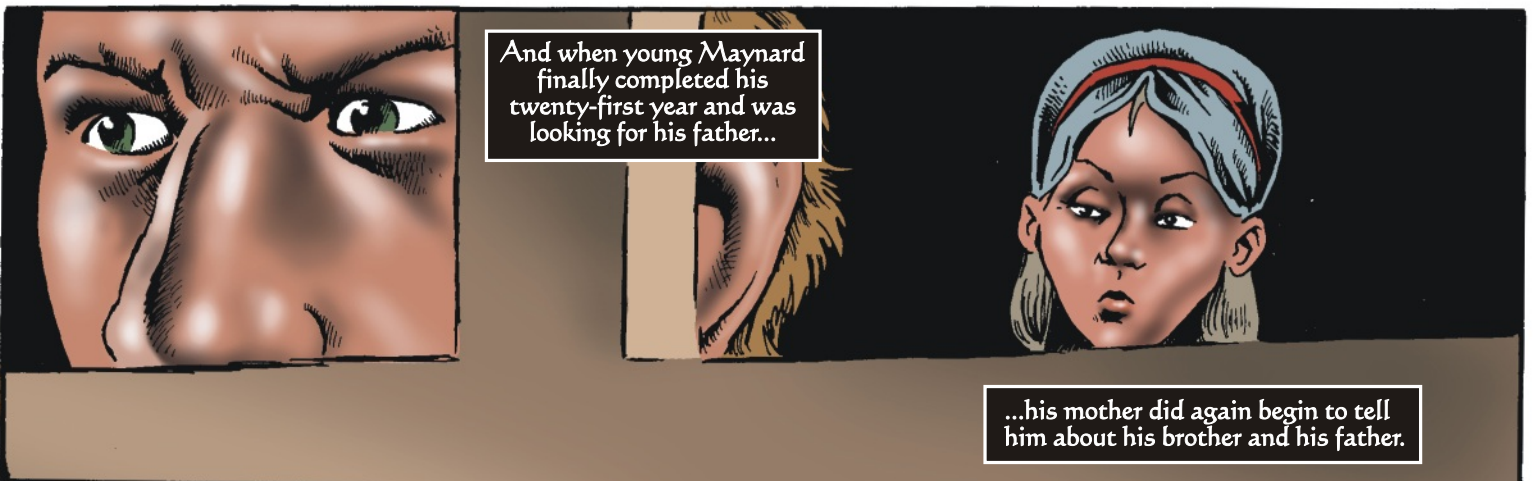


WHEN, MOTHER? WHEN
WILL FATHER RETURN?



SOON.

she said.



Ann told him how his father had killed his brother at her behest.



Maynard went pale with horror.

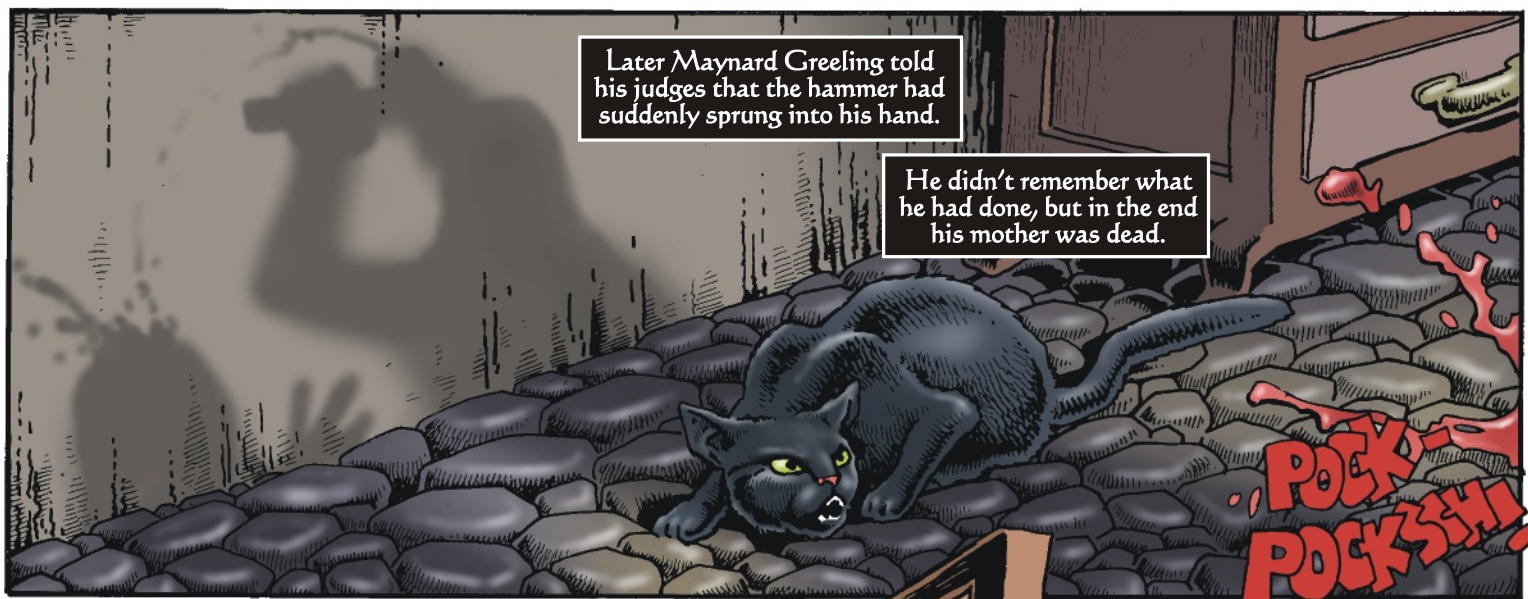


Ann told him how she had executed his father.

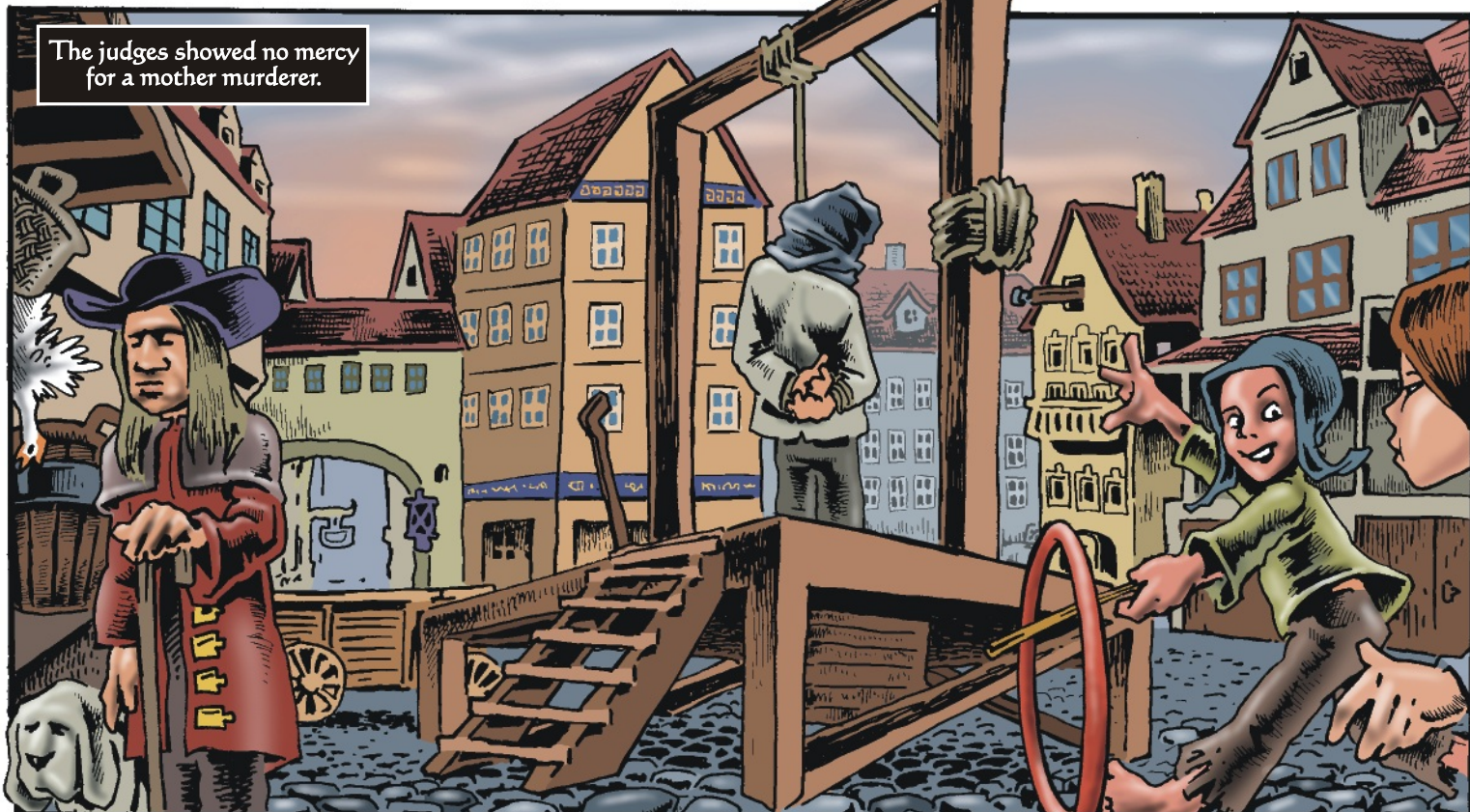


Later Maynard Greeling told his judges that the hammer had suddenly sprung into his hand.

He didn't remember what he had done, but in the end his mother was dead.



The judges showed no mercy for a mother murderer.



Ann is so proud of herself. She tells me her story time and time again, and I just can't get enough of it.



Once, however, curiosity got the better of me, and I dared to ask her why she had done it.



She gave me a strange look...



...and said:

YOU MADE ME DO IT.



THE END