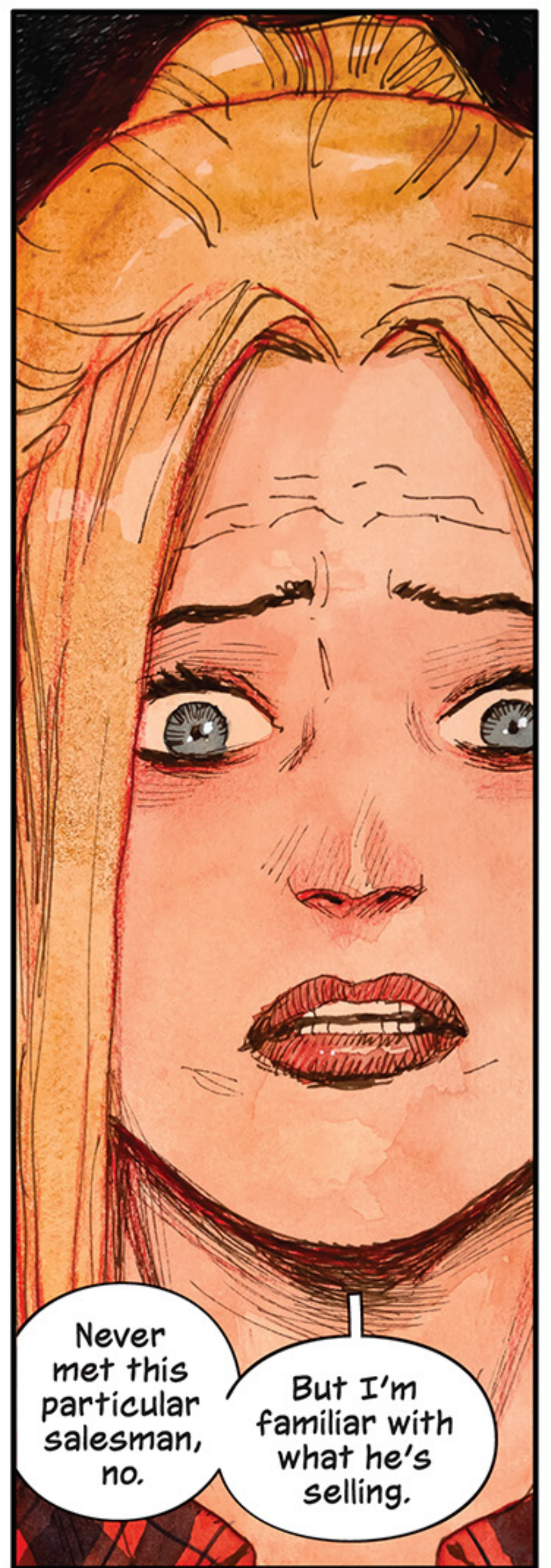


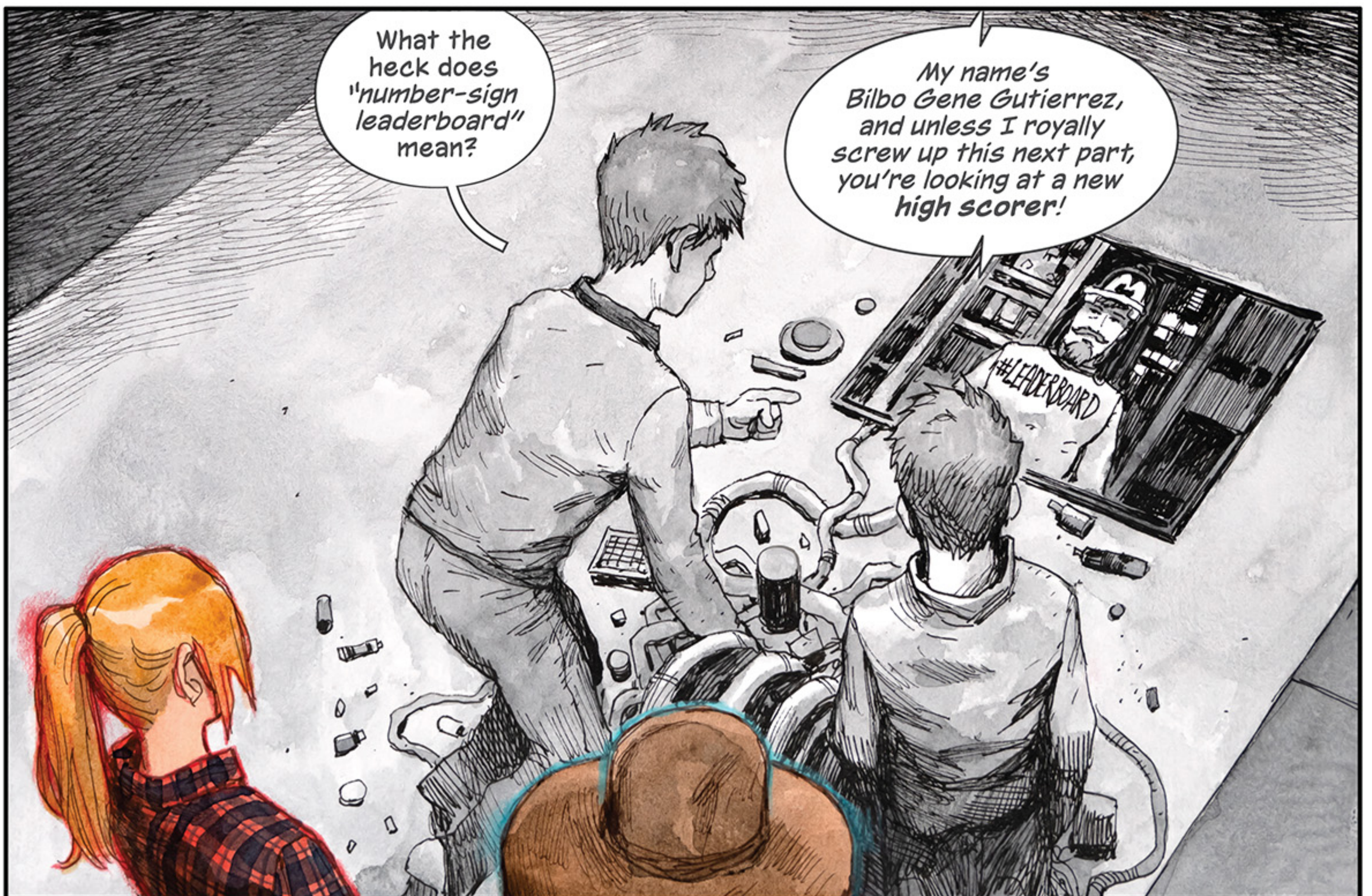


Val?  
You don't...  
know this guy,  
do you?



Never met this particular salesman, no.

But I'm familiar with what he's selling.



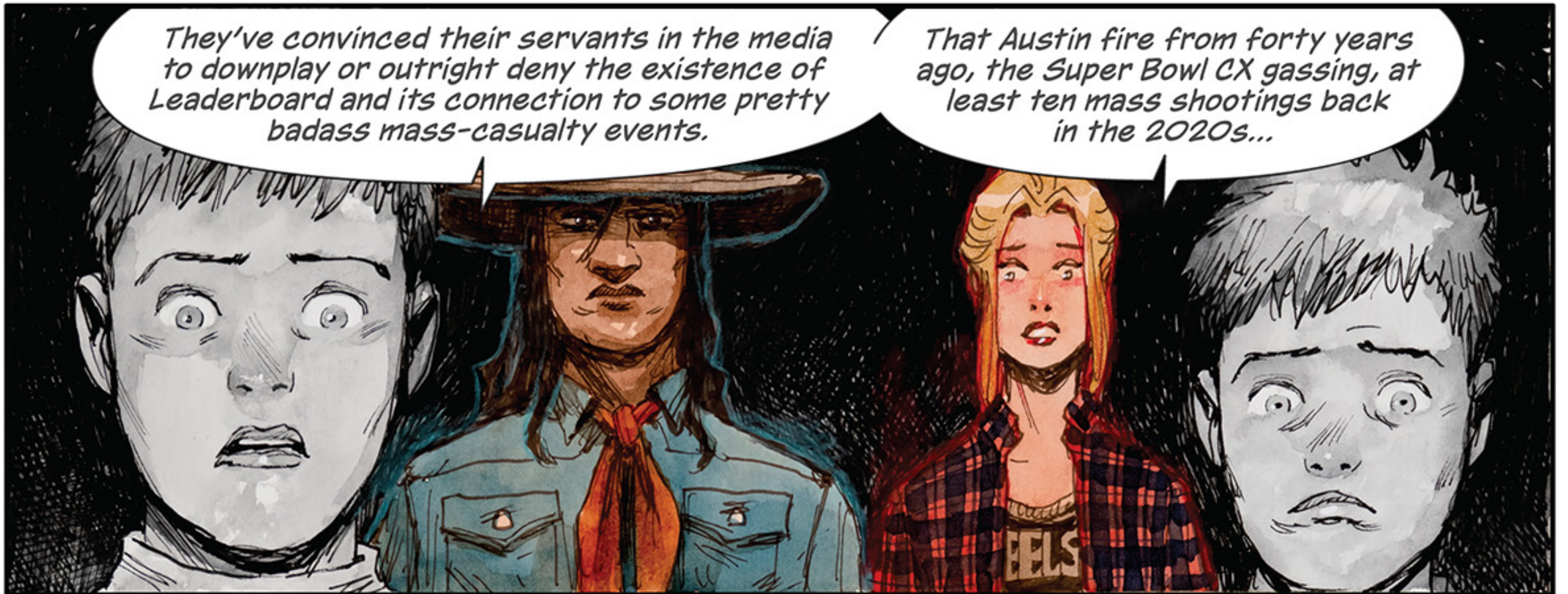
What the heck does "number-sign leaderboard" mean?

My name's Bilbo Gene Gutierrez, and unless I royally screw up this next part, you're looking at a new high scorer!

#LEADERBOARD



For those of you who've never heard of our game, you can thank your freedom-loving government.



They've convinced their servants in the media to downplay or outright deny the existence of Leaderboard and its connection to some pretty badass mass-casualty events.

That Austin fire from forty years ago, the Super Bowl CX gassing, at least ten mass shootings back in the 2020s...

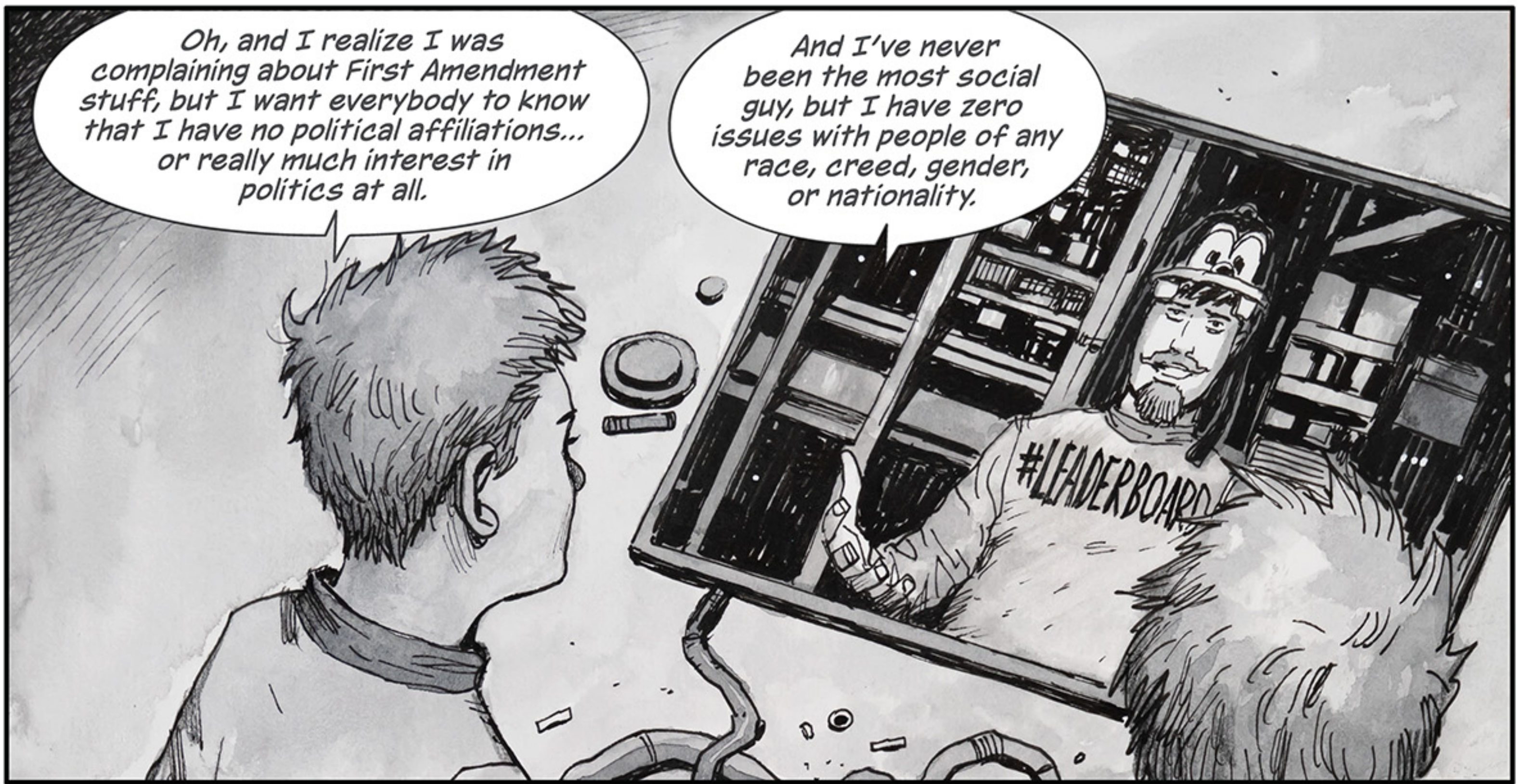


...all done by my fellow players!



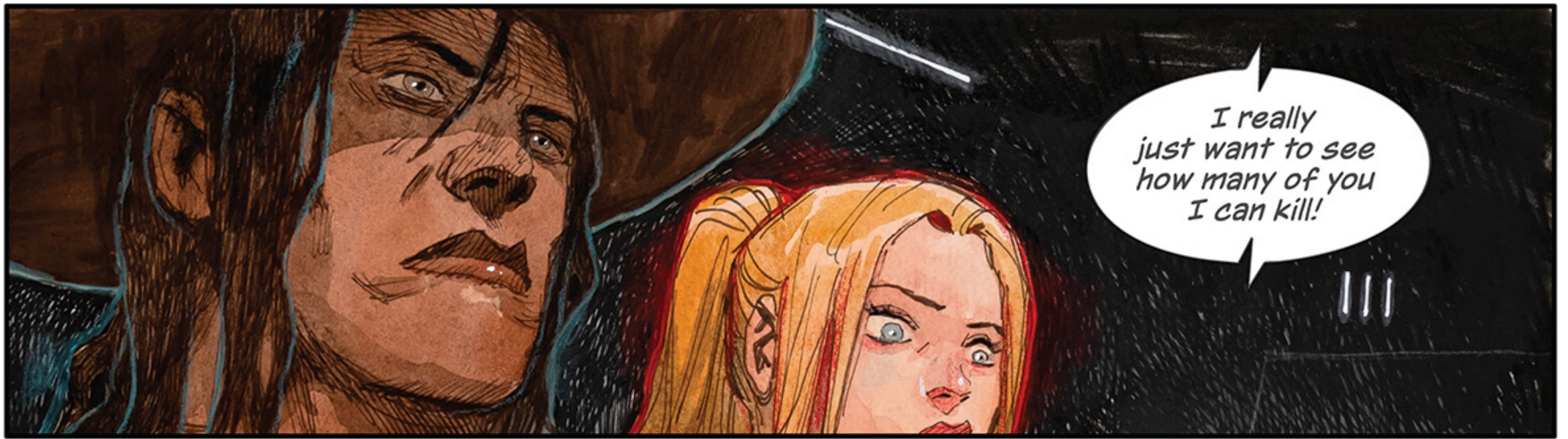
For too long, those brave men -- and like two women -- were denied any recognition outside of what's left of our dedicated little community.

I can only hope that the way I compete today will help bring them all the credit they deserve.



Oh, and I realize I was complaining about First Amendment stuff, but I want everybody to know that I have no political affiliations... or really much interest in politics at all.

And I've never been the most social guy, but I have zero issues with people of any race, creed, gender, or nationality.



I really just want to see how many of you I can kill!



Like our patron saint, blessed be S.C.P., I want to achieve whatever rank I'm lucky enough to reach single-handedly, without assistance from anyone.



I mean, folks can argue that Genghis or Stalin deserve the top spot, but those guys had help, you know?