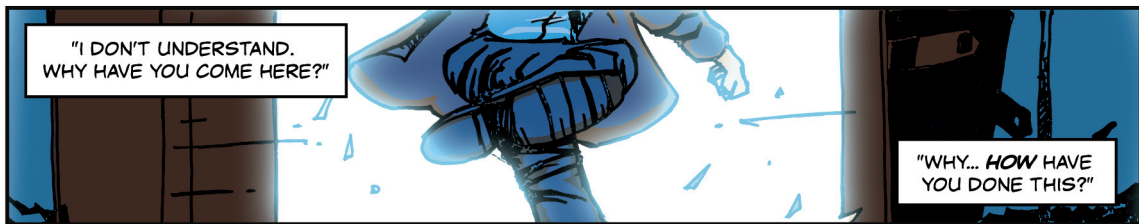


"BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE *SINNED*."

"IT HAS BEEN A LIFETIME AND
LONGER SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION."



"I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?"

"WHY... *HOW* HAVE
YOU DONE THIS?"



"I'VE DONE NOTHING
MORE THAN WAS
DEMANDED OF ME."

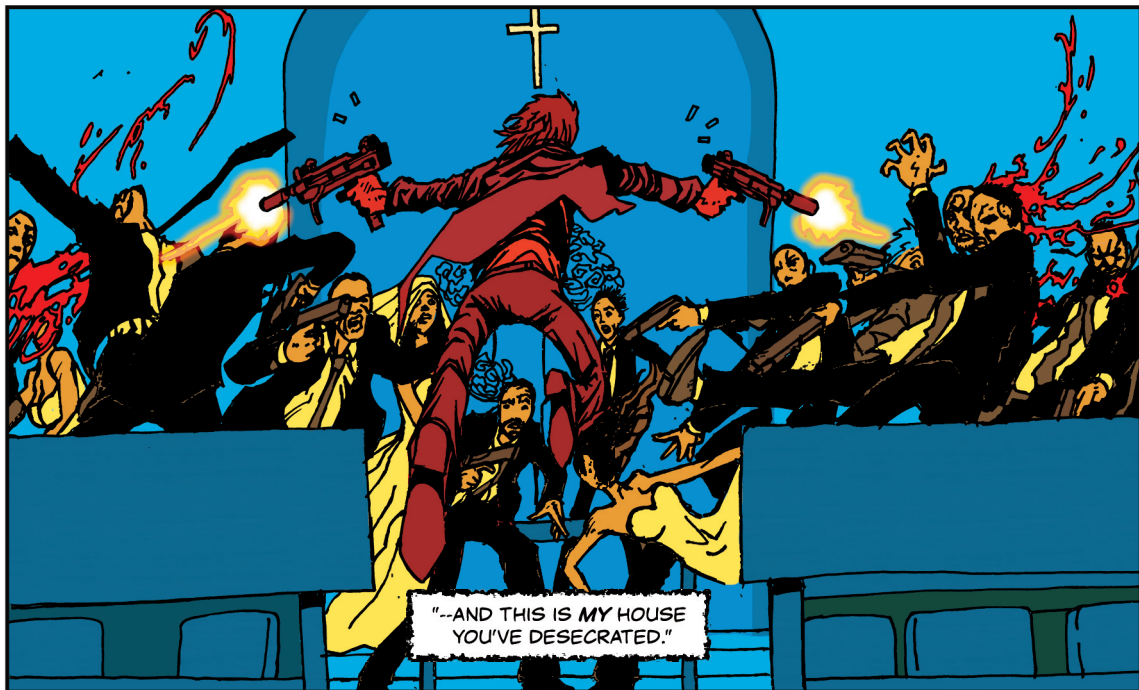
"YOU BROUGHT
WEAPONS INTO THE
HOUSE OF *GOD!*"



"NO, FATHER. YOU MISTAKE
THE TOOL FOR THE HAND
THAT WIELDS IT."



"FOR I AM THE
WEAPON OF GOD--"



"--AND THIS IS MY HOUSE
YOU'VE DESECRATED."



"SO SAY THE WORDS, FATHER KAPLAN."

"STAND IN PERSONA CHRISTI
AND PRONOUNCE ABSOLUTION
UPON THIS SINNER'S SOUL."



"HOW CAN YOU ASK ME
THAT? AFTER WHAT
YOU'VE DONE HERE...
HOW--?"

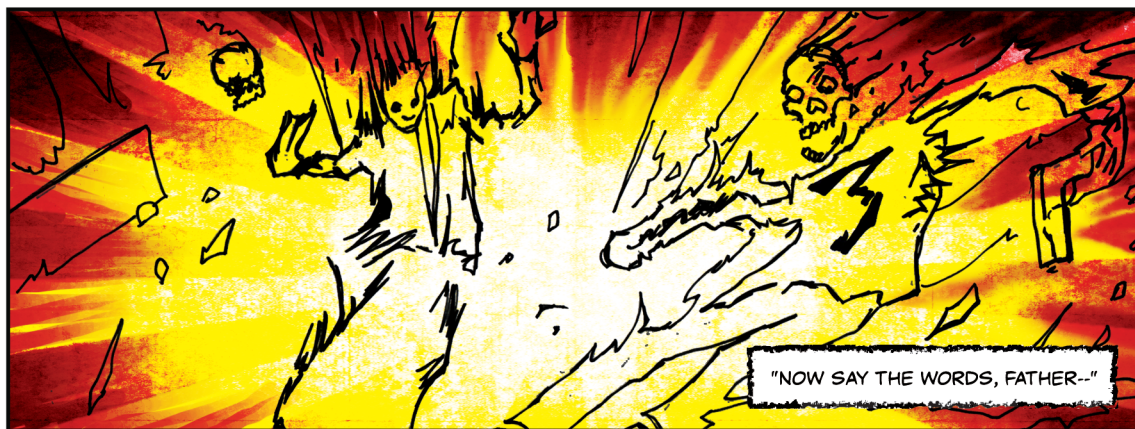
"YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME
AGAIN, FATHER KAPLAN."



"MY SIN DOESN'T LIE IN
THE LIVES I'VE ENDED TODAY--"



"--MY SIN LIES IN HAVING
LET YOU LIVE SO LONG."



"NOW SAY THE WORDS, FATHER--"



"--WITH GOD AS YOUR WITNESS,
SHOW ME THAT YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT TO WASH THE
BLOOD FROM THESE HANDS."



"I... I CAN'T. WHAT
YOU'VE DONE. WHAT
YOU ARE."

"IT'S BEYOND PENANCE.
BEYOND **ABSOLUTION**."



"DANGEROUS WORDS, FATHER."

"PLEASE, JUST GO.
YOU'LL ANSWER IN THE
NEXT LIFE FOR WHAT
YOU'VE DONE HERE--"



"--BUT I SWEAR TO YOU THAT
I **WILL** FORGET YOUR FACE."

"YOU DISAPPOINT ME,
KAPLAN. I HAVE NO FEAR OF
THE LORD'S JUDGEMENT--"



"--AND THIS IS **NOT** MY FACE."