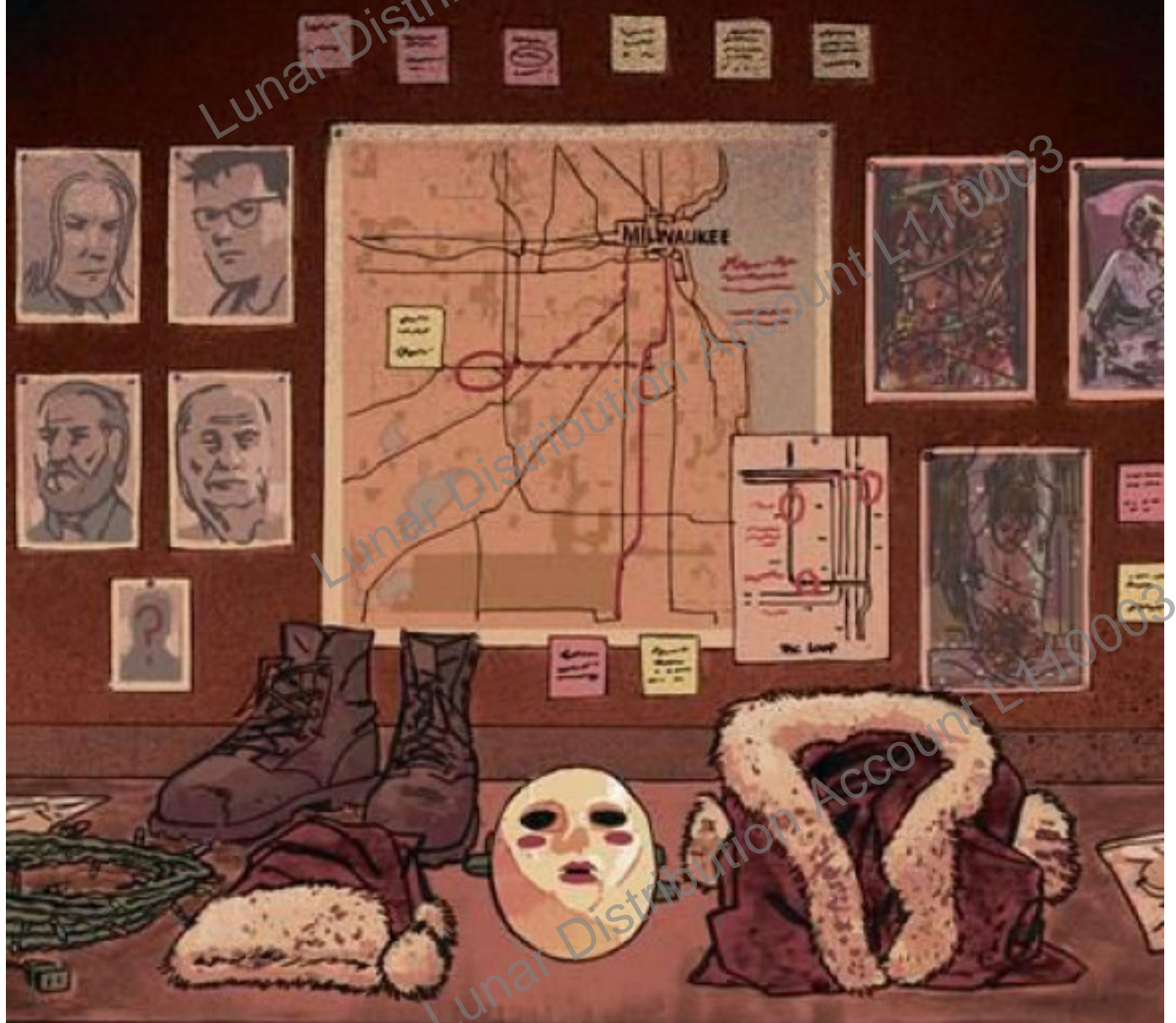


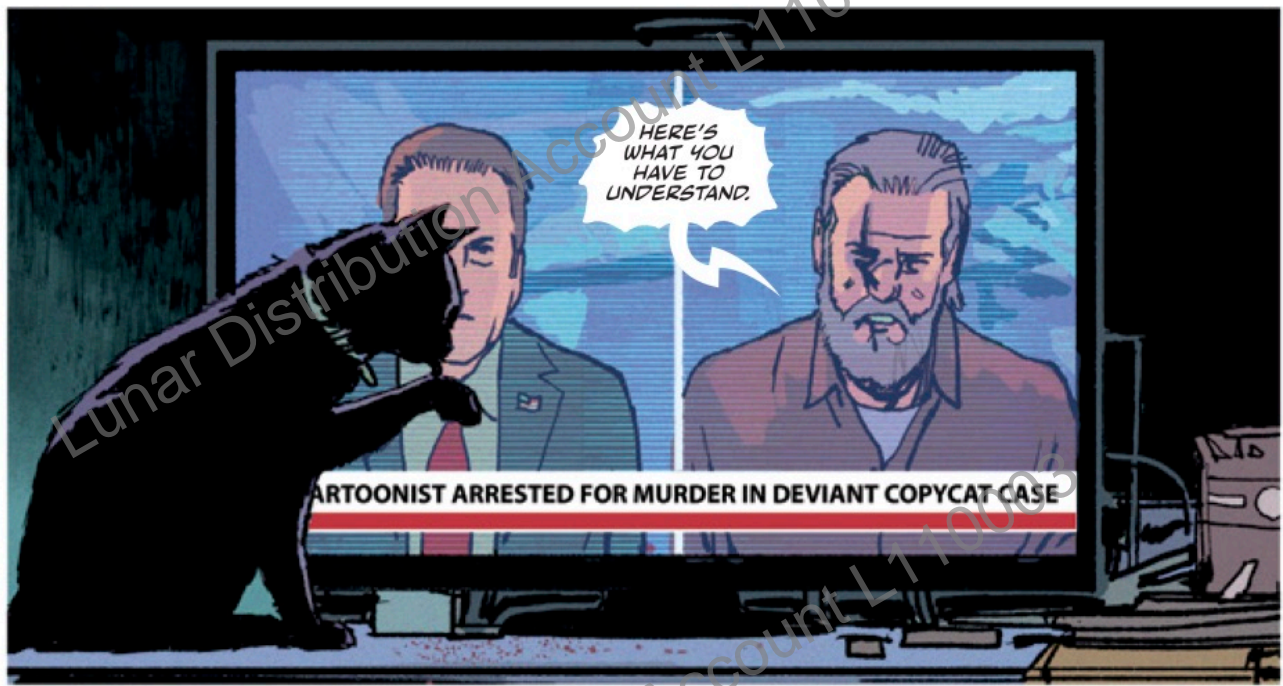
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A Christmas Story
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HERE'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND.

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I WAS IN HIS HOUSE, AND IT WAS ONE OF THOSE... YOU KNOW, IT WAS TOO NEAT, IT WAS A WEIRD PLACE.

AND HE HAD ALL THIS... CAN I SAY PORNOGRAPHY?

YES.



SO, HE HAD THIS PORNOGRAPHY ALL OVER THE APARTMENT, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW OLD THOSE BOYS WERE, AND I DIDN'T LOOK CLOSE, BUT THEY DIDN'T LOOK TOO OLD.



HE'D BEEN QUESTIONED ALREADY, AND RIGHT AFTER, I SAW HE HAD THE PICTURES OF THE VICTIMS ON HIS BED. THESE UNDERAGE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS.



LIKE A SHRINE OF SOME KIND, AND I REMEMBERED SEEING THOSE BOYS' BODIES STRUNG UP IN LIGHTS.



AND YOU HIT HIM.

LOOK, I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN COMPOSED. DONE IT BY THE BOOK.



BUT THIS GUY HAD ALREADY TAKEN A SWING AT ME. HE MUTILATED HIS CO-WORKER, STOLE HIS SANTA SUIT.



HE TOOK THESE BOYS AND HE CUT PIECES OFF THEM AND MADE THEM UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE.



AND HE WAS SITTING IN HIS HOUSE, LOOKING AT HIS LITTLE TROPHIES. LOOKING AT THESE YOUNG, NORMAL BOYS WHOSE LIVES HE'D TAINTED AND RIPPED AWAY.



OF COURSE I HIT HIM. I'M SURPRISED I DIDN'T KILL HIM.

SOMETIMES I STILL WISH I HAD.

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MAYBE HE
WOULDN'T HAVE
LIVED ON TO
INSPIRE THIS GUY
TO DO IT ALL
AGAIN.



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