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SPINNING OUT OF ALAN MOORE AND GARY FRANK'S RETELLING OF THE AGELESS HORROR CLASSIC, DRACULA HAS COME TO AMERICA TO PLAY OUT HIS TIMELESS NARRATIVE IN THIS BRAVE, NEW WORLD. ONLY HE DIDN'T REALIZE ANOTHER VAMPIRE ALREADY BEAT HIM TO IT. DRAWN TO ONE ANOTHER ACROSS CONTINENTS AND CENTURIES BY A MYSTERIOUS FORCE, BOTH VAMPIRELLA AND DRACULA FIND THEMSELVES AT THE CENTER OF A TIME-TOSSED EPIC OF LOVE, HATE, DEATH AND DAMNATION.

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The Carpathian foothills, where the time, for us, is unspecified--

--and the age insignificant.

THIS WAY, SZGANY! THIS WAY, GYPSY TRAVELLERS!

OURS IS THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON, AFTER ALL...





She was bound with magic when we finally brought her into the fold...



Then with chains to keep her that way...



Then with the loftiest of expectations and the grandest of hopes...



For her tale was only beginning...



And her new role
in the Great Narrative
had only begun to be
revealed...



YOU WON'T SEE IT NOW...



THE ORDER OF THE DRAGON ONLY SHOWS THEIR INFLUENCE WHEN THE MOMENT IS PIVOTAL. THEY DO NOT ANNOUNCE THEMSELVES, RATHER...

THEY LET YOU KNOW WHEN THEY'VE BEEN THERE.



YOU MENTION THIS GROUP-- THIS ORDER.

CAN THEY BE FOUGHT?



HM... UNLIKELY.



THEY ARE **ETHEREAL** IN THEIR MAKEUP. THE MOST CRAFTY AND SHIFTLESS OF SPECTERS AND TROUBLEMAKERS.

BUT THEY CAN BE DENIED THEIR MOMENT.



WE CAN DENY THEM, YOU AND I.

YOU DON'T SAY...



WHEN I ABDICATED MY PLACE IN THE ORDER'S DESIRED NARRATIVE, THEY ADAPTED. THAT WE ARE HERE, IN NEW YORK CITY, IN THIS TIME, IS EVIDENCE OF THIS.

NOW, THEY SEEK A NEW TERRIBLE VAMPIRE THREAT FOR THEIR TALE...



YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT VAMPIRELLA, AREN'T YOU.

I'M TALKING ABOUT STORIES, MR. HALLORAN.

ABOUT HEROES.



ABOUT MONSTERS.




I'M TALKING ABOUT FREEING OURSELVES FROM THEM.

ABOUT TAKING BACK CONTROL SO THAT WE MIGHT OWN THE ENDING OF OUR OWN STORIES.

BUT... YOU DIE AT THE END OF OUR STORY.



WE SHALL SEE ABOUT THAT, MR. HALLORAN. WE SHALL SEE...



We pushed through the snow, our prize secured.


THIS WAY, YOU LAGABOUTS! NOT MUCH FARTHER!

But the final leg of our journey would be the toughest...



DAMN YOU, I WOULD BE--

FREE...?



...for all parties involved.



EVERY GOOD TALE NEEDS ITS INSPIRATION...



HA! WE'LL GIVE IT A GOOD ONE, WON'T WE?



The story was a familiar one...

Segany minions bore the vampire's cashot back toward the castle high in the mountain snow.



IF THESE BONDS NNNNGH...
...WILL NOT BREAK...



Only vigilantes pursued, determined to stop them from reaching safe haven.

A brutal battle awaited. Each participant oddly knowing the bloody fate they faced.



THERE IS ONLY ONE GAAA...
...OTHER WAY...



And yet... it felt so now all at once.







FREE HER FROM THE ORDER'S GRIP AND WE CAN PUT THINGS BACK THE WAY THEY--

YOU'RE A LIAR.



YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THIS.

YOU JUST CAN'T STAND THAT THE ORDER MIGHT'VE REPLACED YOU.



THIS IS A GAME TO ALL OF YOU PEOPLE. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU EVER CARED ABOUT WINNING IT...

BUT YOU SURE AS HELL DON'T LIKE TO LOSE!



DO YOU KNOW I HAVE NOT SEEN THE SUN RISE IN OVER FIVE HUNDRED YEARS?

CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT...?



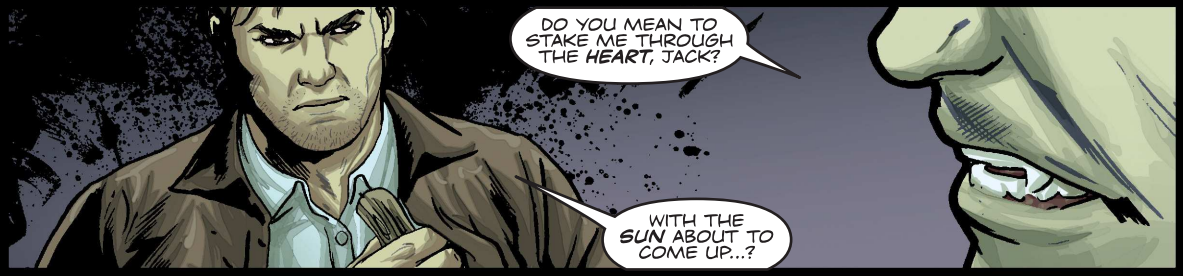
TO FOREVER KNOW DARKNESS AND NEVER THE LIGHT AGAIN?

OH I THINK YOU'VE HAD YOUR PLEASURES, COUNT.



IT TEACHES HUMILITY, MY DEAR MR. HALLORAN...

AND THAT, SOMETIMES, WE NEED TO LOSE IN ORDER TO TRULY WIN.



DO YOU MEAN TO STAKE ME THROUGH THE HEART, JACK?

WITH THE SUN ABOUT TO COME UP...?



NOT EXACTLY!





WHAT--?

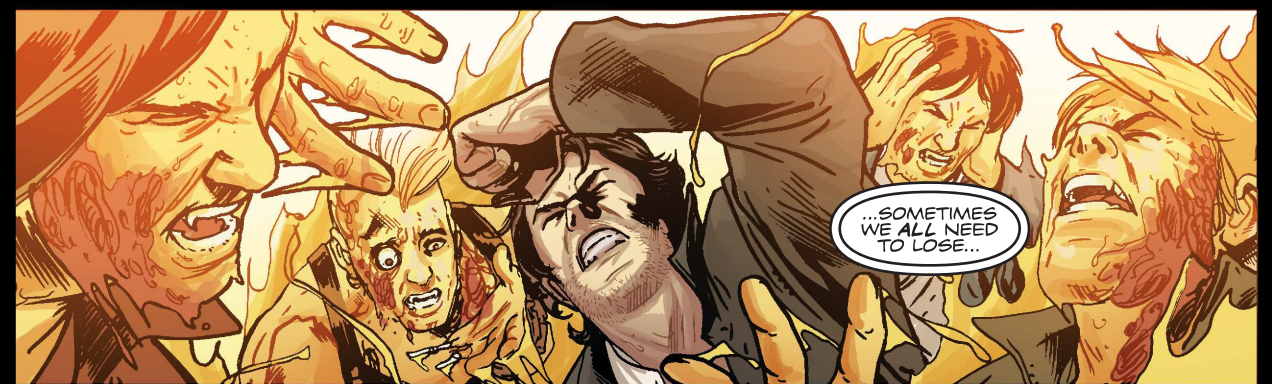


DAMN YOU, DRAGUNSUN!

IT IS TOO LATE FOR THAT, I AM AFRAID...



YOU'RE PLAYING THE OLD GAME, BOY...

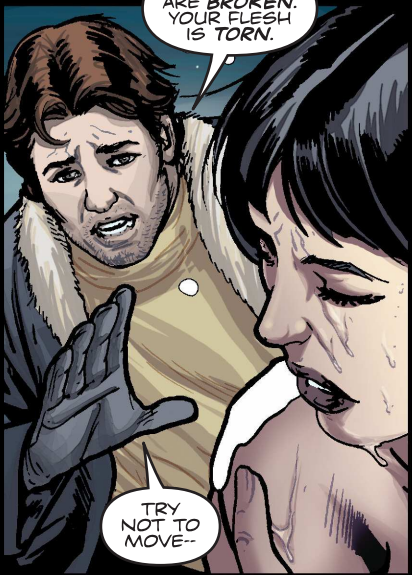






I--
I KNOW
YOU...

YOUR BONES
ARE BROKEN.
YOUR FLESH
IS TORN.



TRY
NOT TO
MOVE--



HOWOOOO

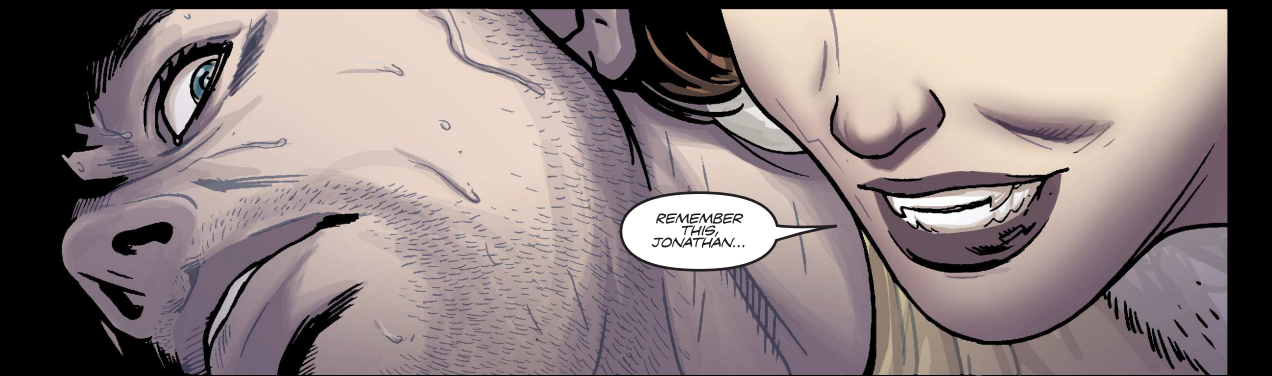


AH...
DO YOU HEAR
THEM, THESE
CHILDREN?



THEIRS IS
THE ETERNAL
SONG.







EXCELLENT, CHILD... NOW DRINK DEEPLY FOR THE WAY IS PERILOUS FROM HERE.
AND WE HAVE MUCH TO PREPARE FOR.



I UNDERSTAND... BUT I WILL NOT BE GOING...
...WITH YOU.



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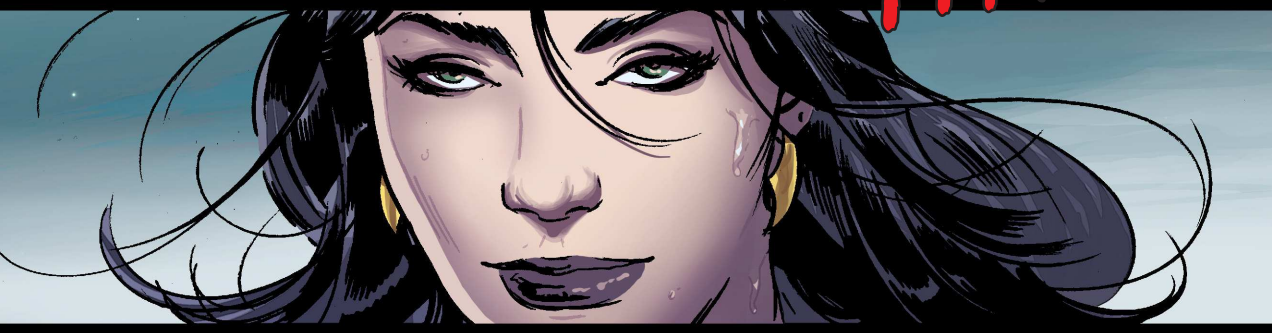
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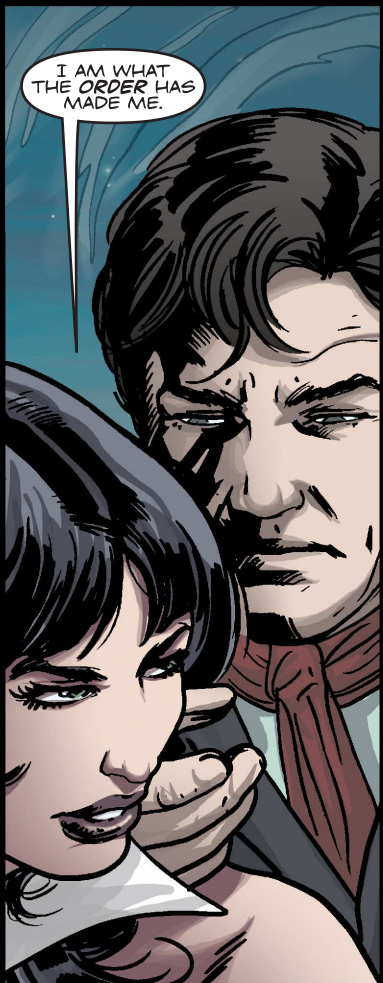


I WOULD NOT EXPECT LESS BY NOW.



ARE YOU READY, THEN? ARE YOU READY TO COMPLETE THIS STORY...

...AND BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE?

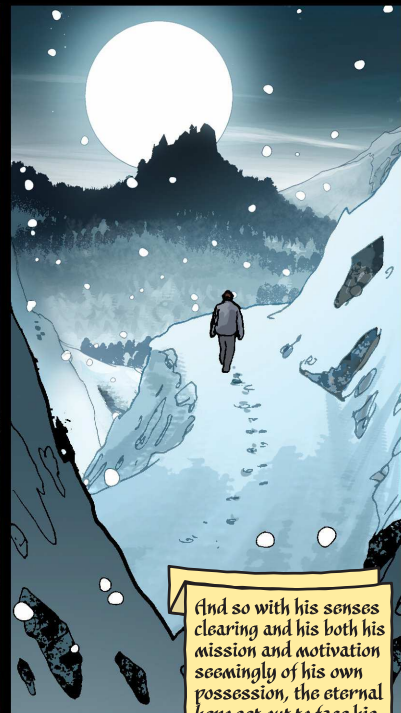
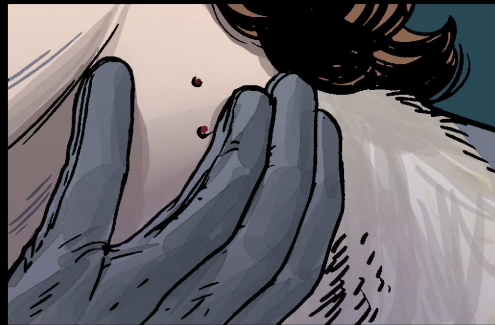


I AM WHAT THE ORDER HAS MADE ME.



YOU'LL BE MUCH MORE THAN THAT, MY DEAR. BUT DO NOT FEAR.

SOMETIMES WE ALL MUST LOSE... IN ORDER TO WIN.



And so with his senses clearing and his both his mission and motivation seemingly of his own possession, the eternal hero set out to face his greatest challenge...



He left with
a heavy heart,
but renewed
purpose...



...as well as the
curious, nagging
feeling...



...that he'd done
all this before...



NEXT:
LOVE OF THE DAMNED!