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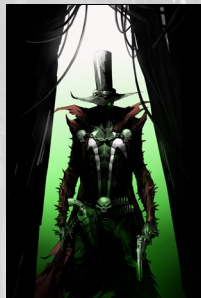
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## PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

**The STORM... begins** – SPAWN is on the hunt for someone, or something, insidious! Demons hiding among humans! Secret dealings with Big-Pharma! Dark plans are about to be exposed! There is a STORM coming, and SPAWN is at its center.



BURSA, NORTHWEST TURKEY, THE MUNICIPALITY BUILDING.

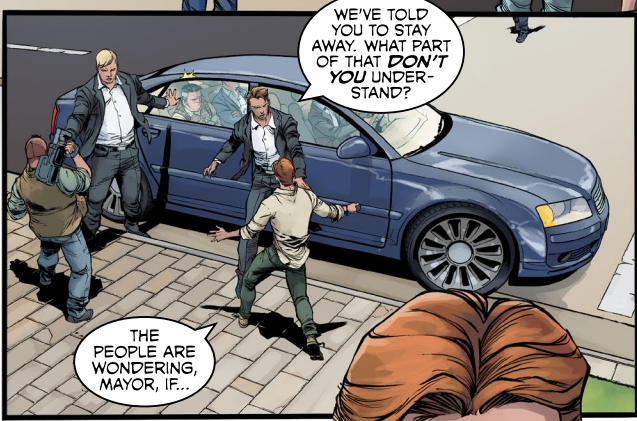
REGIONAL UNREST HAS GRIPPED THIS NATION AS A GROWING STRAIN OF DISEASE IS SEEMINGLY BEING UNDERPLAYED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. EVEN AS THE TOTAL REPORTED CASES CONTINUES TO GROW.

HERE THEY COME! ABOUT TIME, KNEW THEY COULDN'T HIDE FOREVER.



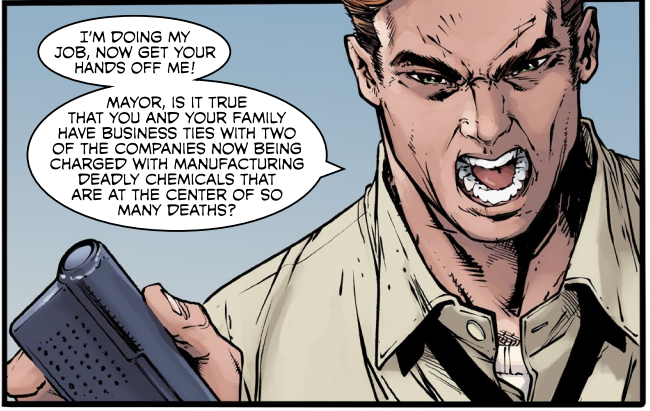
MAYOR!  
MAYOR UTAMBI... A FEW QUESTIONS PLEASE!

NOT AGAIN.



WE'VE TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY. WHAT PART OF THAT **DON'T** YOU UNDERSTAND?

THE PEOPLE ARE WONDERING, MAYOR, IF...



I'M DOING MY JOB, NOW GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

MAYOR, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE BUSINESS TIES WITH TWO OF THE COMPANIES NOW BEING CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURING DEADLY CHEMICALS THAT ARE AT THE CENTER OF SO MANY DEATHS?

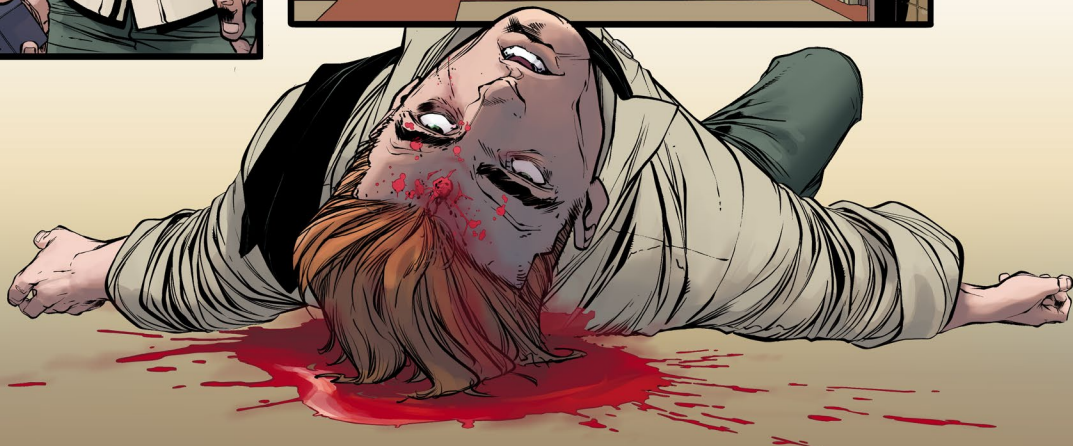
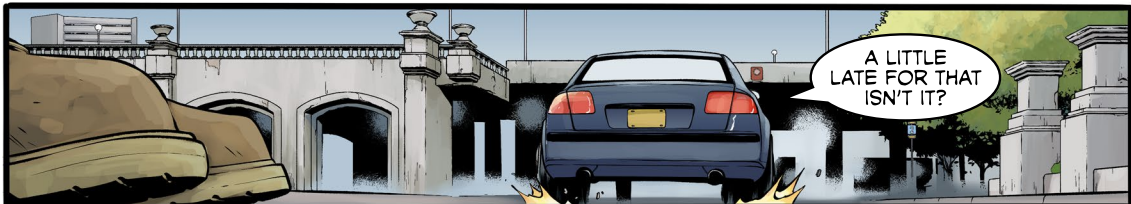
WE'VE OBTAINED BANK RECORDS THAT SHOW YOU'VE PROFITED IN THE PAST DECADE FROM THESE COMPANIES. ALONG WITH NEARLY A DOZEN OF YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY. DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

I CHERISH PRIVACY AND NOTHING IS MORE VALUABLE THAN ONE'S SOLITUDE.

WHAT ABOUT THE THIRTEEN THOUSAND DEAD? AND ALL THE UNREST?

WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWERS TO MITIGATE ALL OF IT. TELL YOUR PAPER I WISH FOR EVERYONE'S CONTINUED HEALTH.







HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY.



AS NIGHT FALLS, THE CREATURES WHO THRIVE IN DARKNESS EMERGE. IT'S THEIR TIME TO PLAY.



TO MORPH.

TO TRANSFORM AND BOND TOGETHER INTO A POWER IN WHICH THE "WHOLE" IS MUCH, MUCH STRONGER THAN ITS PARTS!

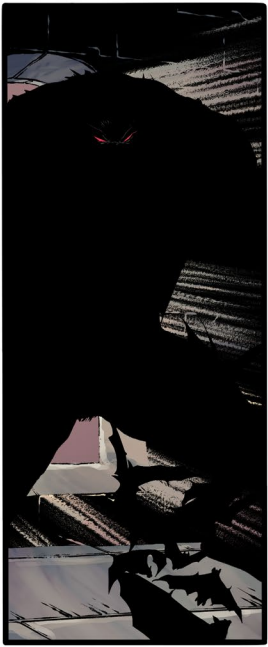
**KNOCK  
KNOCK**

SIR, MOST OF THE GUESTS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE INQUIRING WHEN YOU MIGHT MAKE YOUR ENTRANCE.

**KNOCK  
KNOCK**

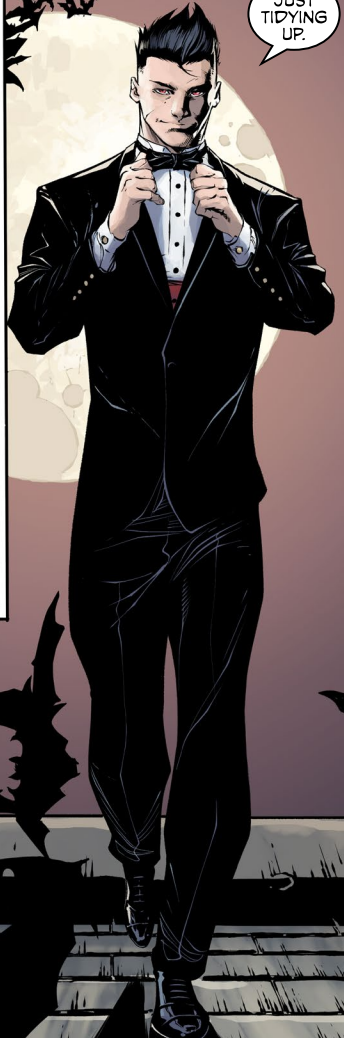
WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?

SIR?



COMING.

JUST TIDYING UP.



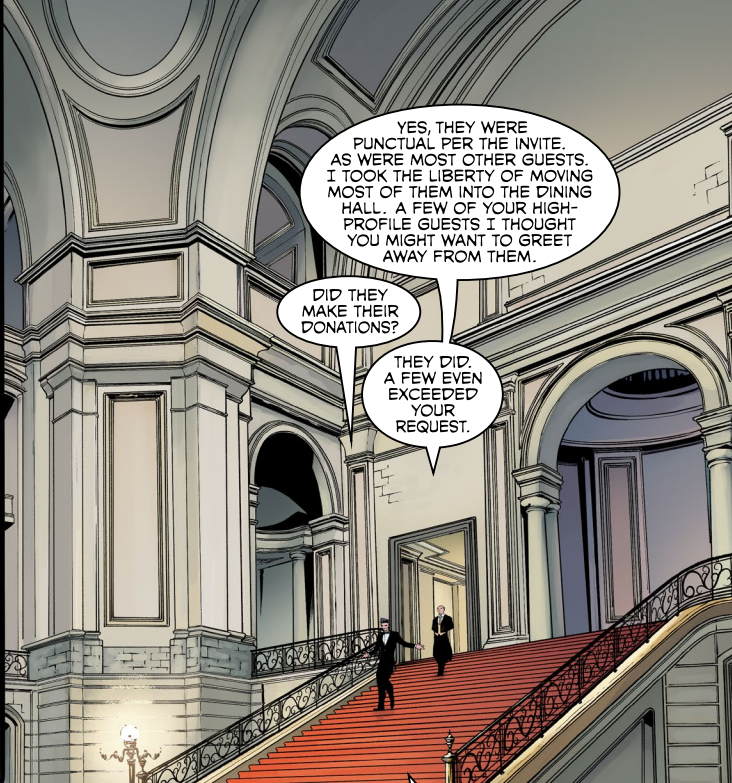
WITH ITS HUNGER FED, THE CREATURE ASSUMES THE ROLE IT HAS BEEN PLAYING FOR DECADES. A ROLE PAVED BY OTHERS JUST LIKE HIM, WHO'VE MADE SURE THE LEVERS OF GOVERNMENT POWER WILL ALWAYS BE IN THE HANDS OF THOSE NOT BORN HUMAN--SO BEST TO CONTROL THE HUMANS.



EVERYONE'S COMFORTABLE DOWNSTAIRS?

OF COURSE. DRINKS HAVE BEEN SERVED AND DINNER IS JUST AWAITING YOUR PRESENCE.

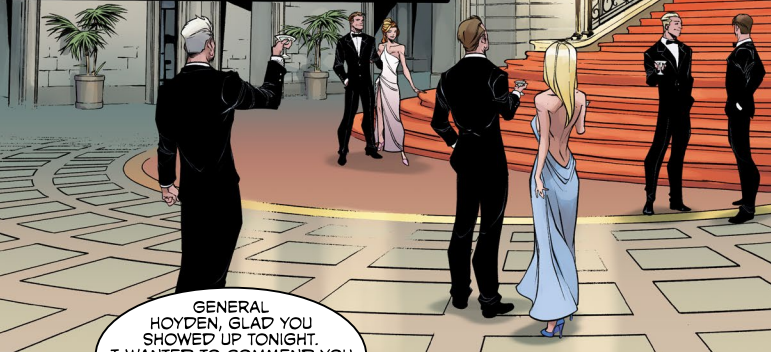
EXCELLENT. AND THE CONTINGENCY FROM ISTANBUL IS HERE?



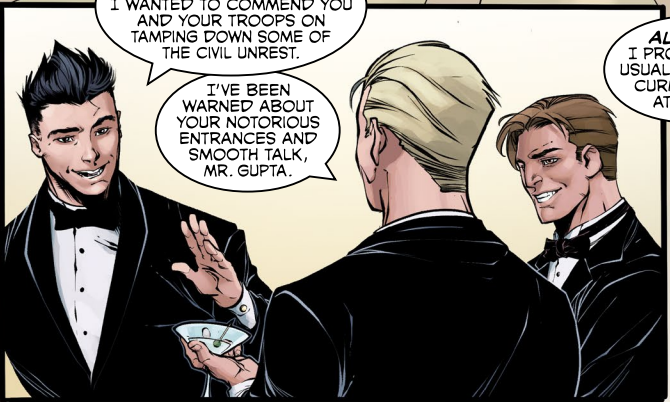
YES, THEY WERE PUNCTUAL PER THE INVITE. AS WERE MOST OTHER GUESTS. I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF MOVING MOST OF THEM INTO THE DINING HALL. A FEW OF YOUR HIGH-PROFILE GUESTS I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GREET AWAY FROM THEM.

DID THEY MAKE THEIR DONATIONS?

THEY DID. A FEW EVEN EXCEEDED YOUR REQUEST.



**SO, THIS IS WHERE EVERYONE IS!**  
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU GOOD PEOPLE!



GENERAL HOYDEN, GLAD YOU SHOWED UP TONIGHT. I WANTED TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR TROOPS ON TAMPING DOWN SOME OF THE CIVIL UNREST.

I'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT YOUR NOTORIOUS ENTRANCES AND SMOOTH TALK, MR. GUPTA.

**ALL LIES.** I PROMISE! I'M USUALLY A BRASH CURMUDGEON AT HEART.

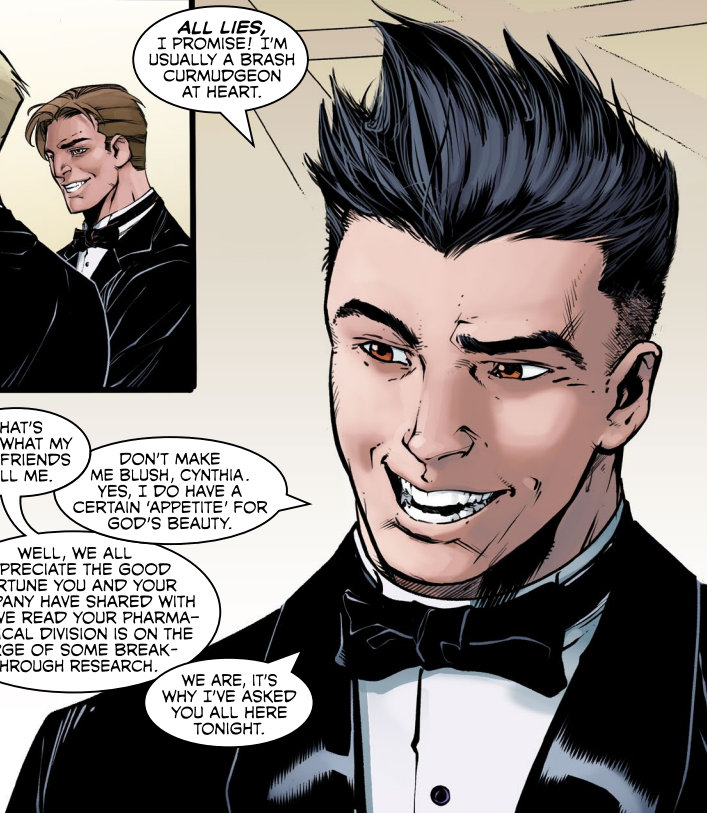


THAT'S NOT WHAT MY GIRLFRIENDS TELL ME.

DON'T MAKE ME BLUSH, CYNTHIA. YES, I DO HAVE A CERTAIN 'APPETITE' FOR GOD'S BEAUTY.

WELL, WE ALL APPRECIATE THE GOOD FORTUNE YOU AND YOUR COMPANY HAVE SHARED WITH US. I'VE READ YOUR PHARMACEUTICAL DIVISION IS ON THE VERGE OF SOME BREAK-THROUGH RESEARCH.

WE ARE, IT'S WHY I'VE ASKED YOU ALL HERE TONIGHT.



THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST IN CALCUTTA, INDIA. THERE ARE CREATURES OF ALL SORTS OUT TONIGHT.

THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN HUNTING, NOT AN ENEMY, LIKE MOST DAYS, BUT SOMEONE WHO SHOULDN'T EVEN BE WALKING, LET ALONE ALIVE.

THEIR LOYALTY SHOULD HAVE BEEN EMBEDDED INTO THEM WHEN HE AWOKE THEM FROM THEIR DEATHS. YET, SOMEHOW, THEY ARE HEARING THE CALL OF ANOTHER MASTER.

AND IF WHAT SPAWN SUSPECTS IS TRUE, THEN THE RIP IN TIME HE CAUSED\*--THAT'S SOMEHOW VAULTED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF OTHER HELLSPAWN FORWARD TO OUR PRESENT DAY--MAY ALSO BE THE REASON WHY SPAWN IS MISSING A FEW OF HIS "UNDEAD WARRIORS."

\*Issue 301 - TODD





SPAWN ISN'T WILLING TO TOLERATE THAT.

AND AFTER HIS RECENT BATTLE WITH THE 'MEDIEVAL' SPAWN, HE HAS NO IDEA IF HE CAN TRUST HIS OWN INSTINCTS ANYMORE.

FOR A SOLDIER LIKE AL SIMMONS, DOUBTING YOUR OWN ABILITIES IS SOMETHING YOUR ENEMIES SEEK OUT SO THEY CAN ELIMINATE YOU.



LATER.

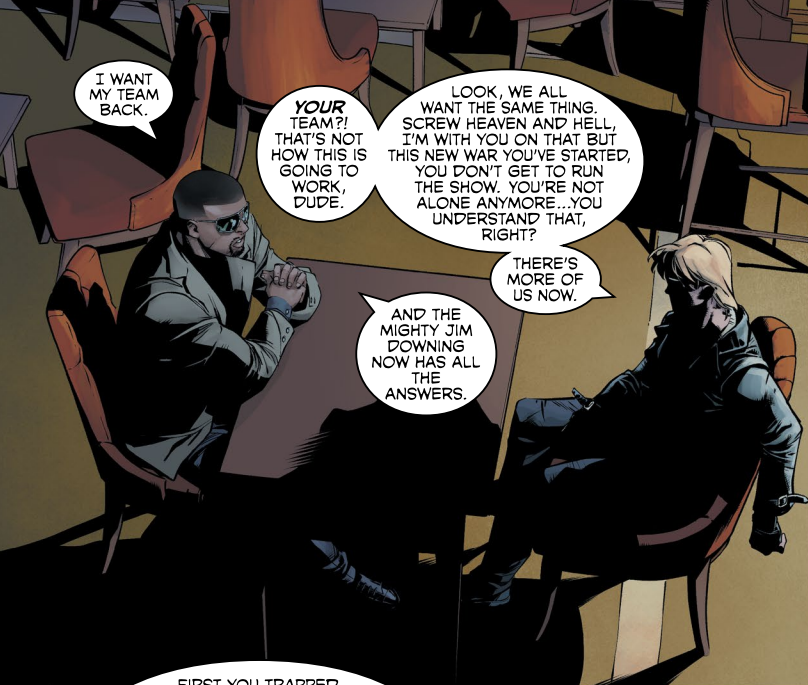


NICE TO FINALLY MEET FACE TO FACE.

WHERE ARE THEY?

THAT'S IT? THAT'S HOW THIS IS GOING TO GO DOWN? YOU JUST WALTZ IN HERE AND START MAKING DEMANDS? I THOUGHT YOU WERE CLEVERER THAN THAT, PLUS YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH ENEMIES ALREADY, I WOULDN'T BE TRYING TO ADD TO THAT.

NOT WHEN WE COULD BOTH BE OF USE TO EACH OTHER. NOW WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?



I WANT MY TEAM BACK.

YOUR TEAM?! THAT'S NOT HOW THIS IS GOING TO WORK, DUDE.

LOOK, WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING. SCREW HEAVEN AND HELL, I'M WITH YOU ON THAT BUT THIS NEW WAR YOU'VE STARTED, YOU DON'T GET TO RUN THE SHOW. YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE...YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, RIGHT?

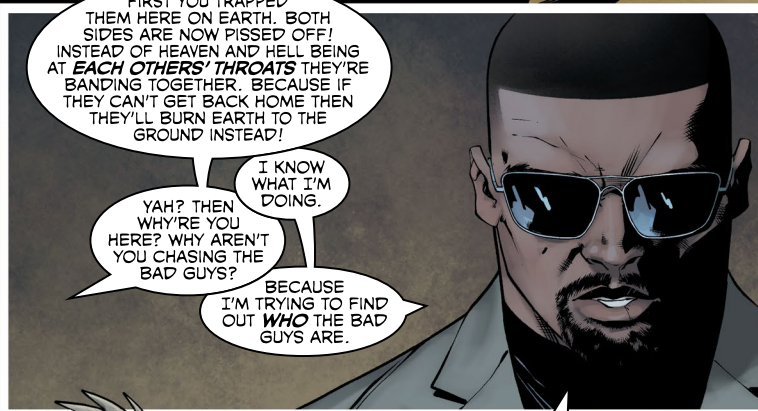
THERE'S MORE OF US NOW.

AND THE MIGHTY JIM DOWNING NOW HAS ALL THE ANSWERS.



NOT ALL OF THEM.

BUT HERE'S WHAT I DO KNOW, YOU'VE SWATTED A HORNET'S NEST--A COUPLE TIMES!



FIRST YOU TRAPPED THEM HERE ON EARTH. BOTH SIDES ARE NOW PISSED OFF! INSTEAD OF HEAVEN AND HELL BEING AT EACH OTHERS' THROATS THEY'RE BANDING TOGETHER. BECAUSE IF THEY CAN'T GET BACK HOME THEN THEY'LL BURN EARTH TO THE GROUND INSTEAD!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

YAH? THEN WHY'RE YOU HERE? WHY AREN'T YOU CHASING THE BAD GUYS?

BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO THE BAD GUYS ARE.



LIKE YOU SAID, EVERYONE'S PICKING A SIDE AND AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO ACCEPT THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT SIDE YOU'RE ON--

--I STILL HAVE TO ASK.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN YOU CAME OUT OF YOUR COMA BUT IF YOUR POWERS ARE ANYWHERE CLOSE TO MINE, YOU KNOW YOU'RE A TARGET TOO.



THEY'RE NOT GOING TO CARE THAT YOU'RE THE NEWEST AND MOST INEXPERIENCED. SHIT, MY GUESS IS THEY'LL HUNT YOU FIRST SINCE YOU'LL BE AN EASY KILL FOR THEM. BECAUSE WHAT YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT IS THAT WE'RE ALL LEAVING A "TRAIL" BEHIND WITH OUR ACTIONS.

SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY CY-GOR, OVERT-KILL AND FREAK CAME YOUR WAY, BUT THEY'RE TAINTED. THE MOMENT I RESURRECTED THEM THEY BECAME BEACONS OUR ENEMIES CAN TRACK— JUST LIKE I DID WITH YOU.

THE REASON I WANT THEM BACK IS TO PROTECT YOU. LOOK WHAT THEY DID IN TURKEY LAST WEEK. THEY TORE THROUGH A HALF DOZEN VILLAGES LOOKING FOR SOMETHING. I HAD A SPAWN READING ON MY COMPUTER OVER THERE, **NOW IT'S GONE!** WHICH MEANS YOU'RE NOT READY FOR THEM TO FIND YOU... **NOT YET!**





MOVING AROUND SO MUCH IS PROBABLY THE ONLY THING THAT'S SAVED YOU SO FAR.

I'VE HAD A COUPLE RUN-INS WITH THEM ALREADY. I DID OKAY.

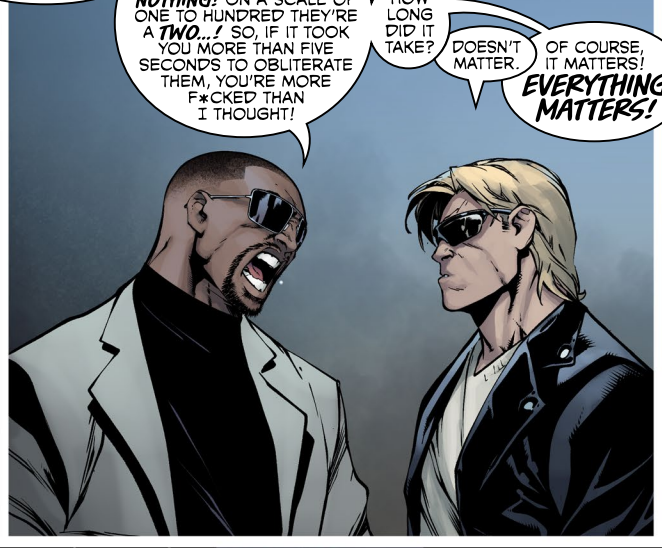
ARE YOU LISTENING?!

THOSE WERE SCOUTS! YOU GET THAT? NOT WARRIORS OR HUNTERS! THEY'RE NOTHING! ON A SCALE OF ONE TO HUNDRED THEY'RE A TWO...! SO, IF IT TOOK YOU MORE THAN FIVE SECONDS TO OBLITERATE THEM, YOU'RE MORE F\*CKED THAN I THOUGHT!

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?

DOESN'T MATTER.

OF COURSE, IT MATTERS! EVERYTHING MATTERS!



YOU'D BETTER COOL OFF, AL, I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE!



GOOD! THAT MAKES TWO OF US.

A HEARTBEAT PASSES AS JIM DOWNING CONTEMPLATES ATTACKING, BEFORE WISELY DECIDING TO BACK DOWN.

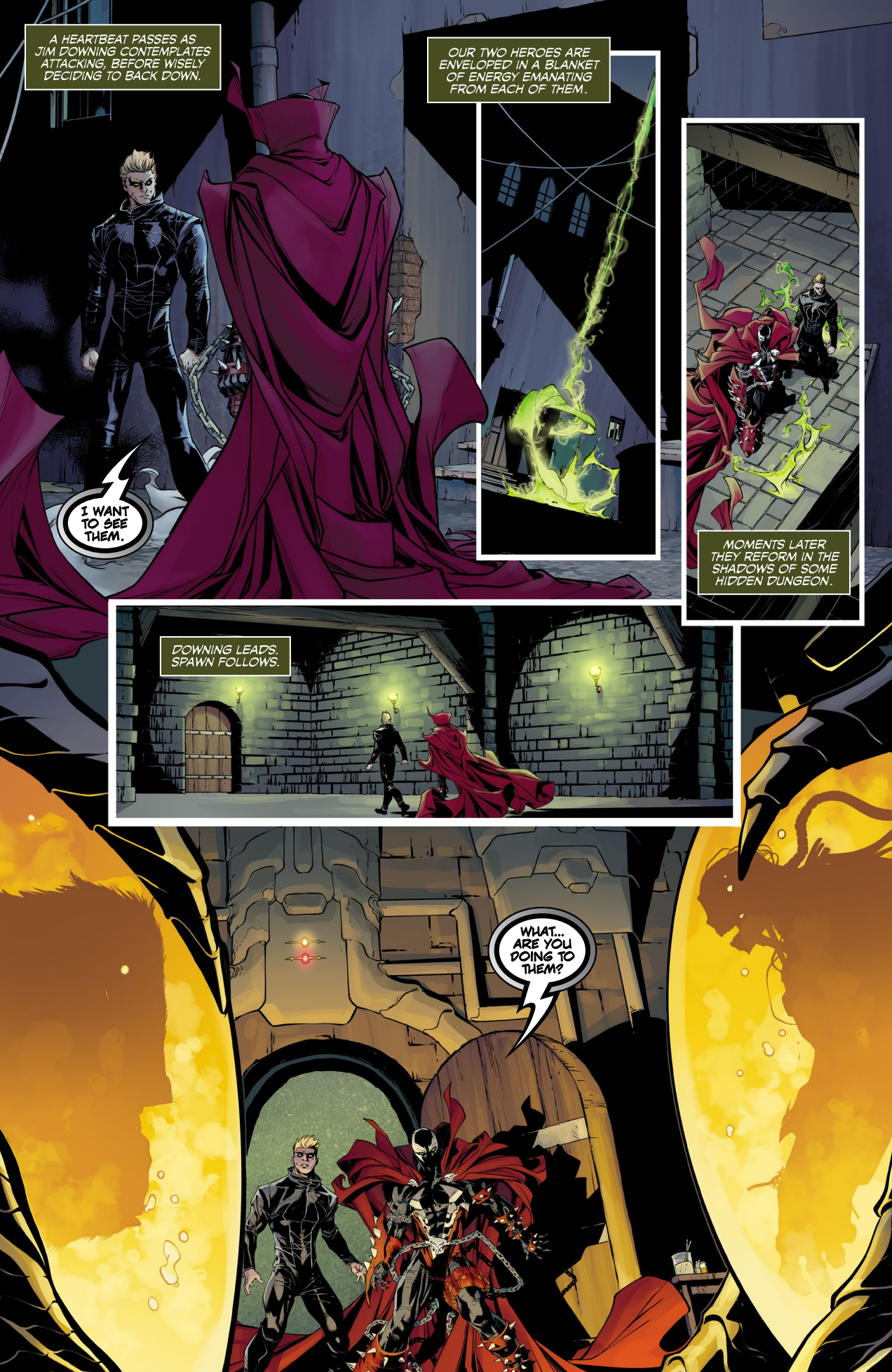
OUR TWO HEROES ARE ENVELOPED IN A BLANKET OF ENERGY EMANATING FROM EACH OF THEM.

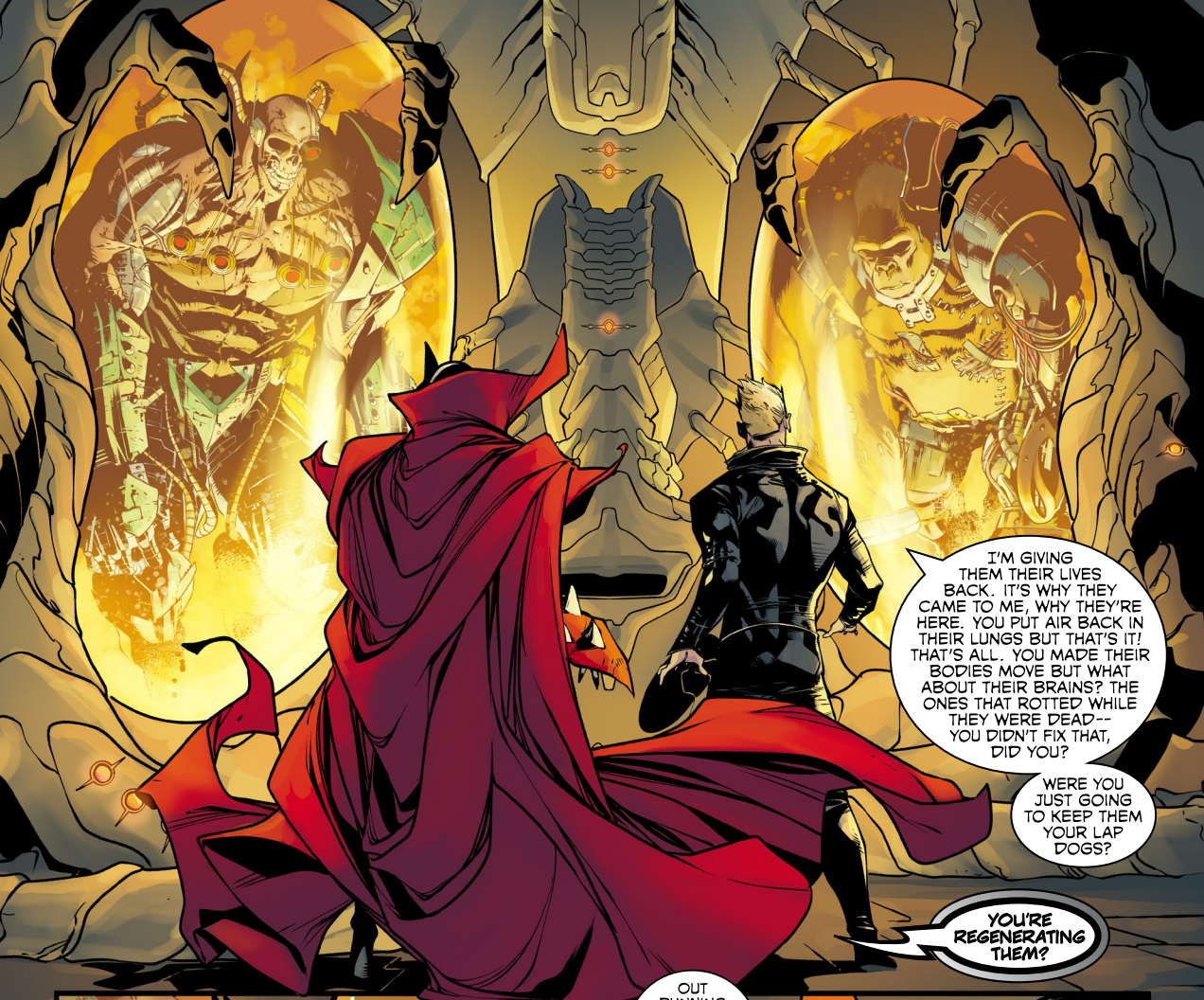
I WANT TO SEE THEM.

MOMENTS LATER THEY REFORM IN THE SHADOWS OF SOME HIDDEN DUNGEON.

DOWNING LEADS. SPAWN FOLLOWS.

WHAT... ARE YOU DOING TO THEM?

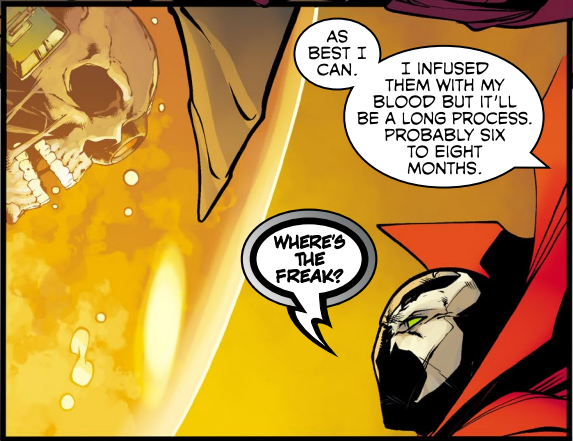




I'M GIVING THEM THEIR LIVES BACK. IT'S WHY THEY CAME TO ME, WHY THEY'RE HERE. YOU PUT AIR BACK IN THEIR LUNGS BUT THAT'S IT! THAT'S ALL. YOU MADE THEIR BODIES MOVE BUT WHAT ABOUT THEIR BRAINS? THE ONES THAT ROTTED WHILE THEY WERE DEAD-- YOU DIDN'T FIX THAT, DID YOU?

WERE YOU JUST GOING TO KEEP THEM YOUR LAP DOGS?

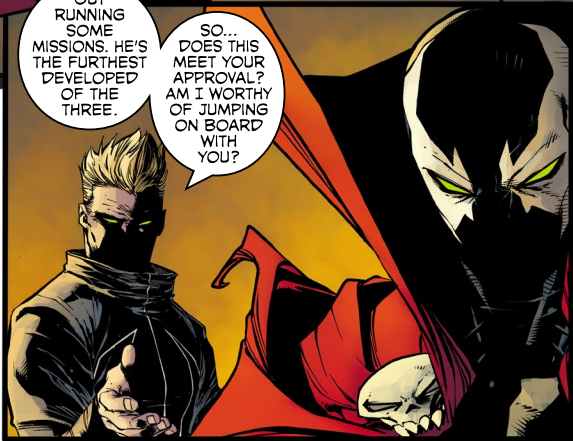
YOU'RE REGENERATING THEM?



AS BEST I CAN.

I INFUSED THEM WITH MY BLOOD BUT IT'LL BE A LONG PROCESS. PROBABLY SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS.

WHERE'S THE FREAK?



OUT RUNNING SOME MISSIONS. HE'S THE FURTHEST DEVELOPED OF THE THREE.

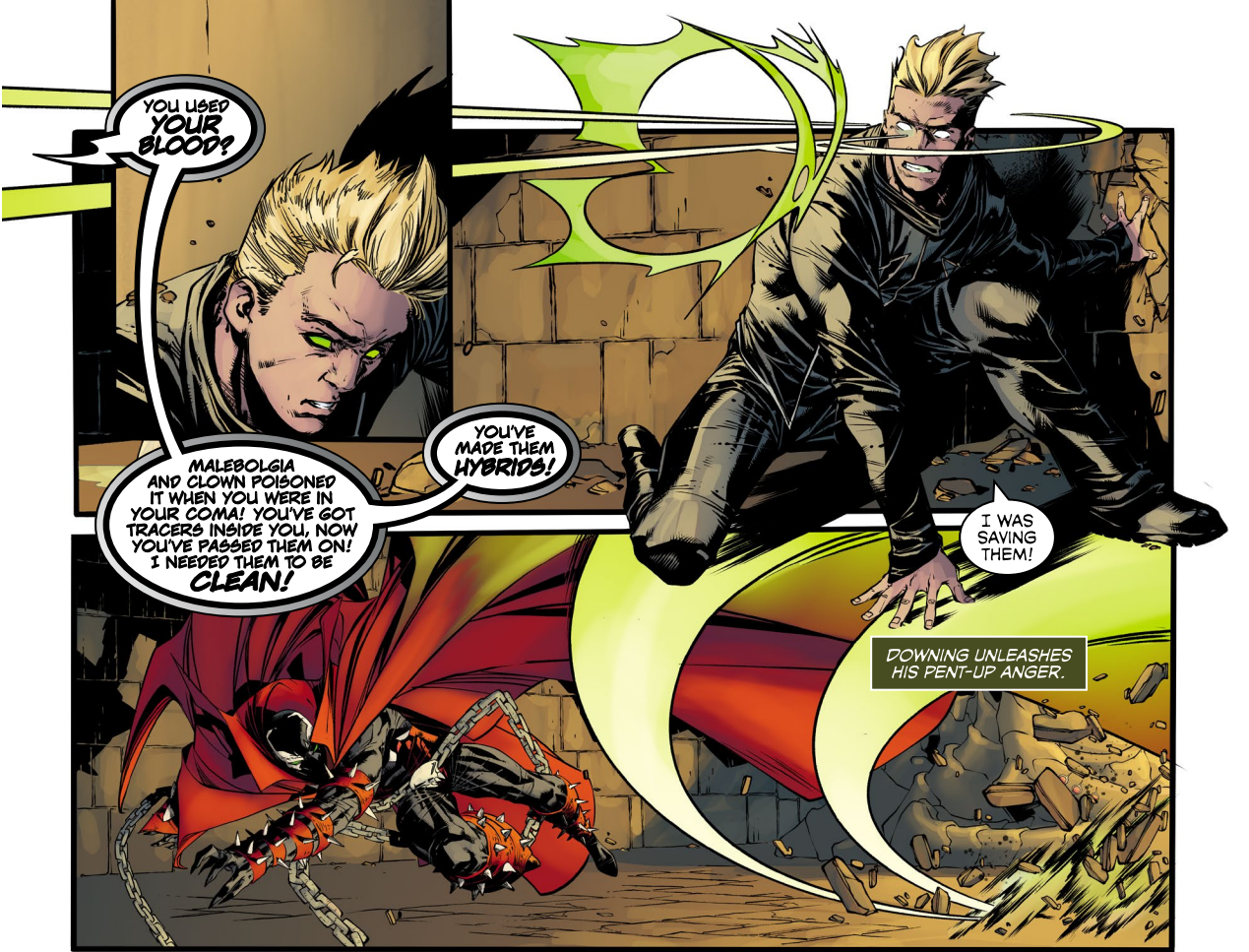
SO... DOES THIS MEET YOUR APPROVAL? AM I WORTHY OF JUMPING ON BOARD WITH YOU?



YOU IDIOT!



KRAK



YOU USED YOUR BLOOD?

MALEBOLGIA AND CLOWN POISONED IT WHEN YOU WERE IN YOUR COMA! YOU'VE GOT TRACERS INSIDE YOU, NOW YOU'VE PASSED THEM ON! I NEEDED THEM TO BE **CLEAN!**

YOU'VE MADE THEM **HYBRIDS!**

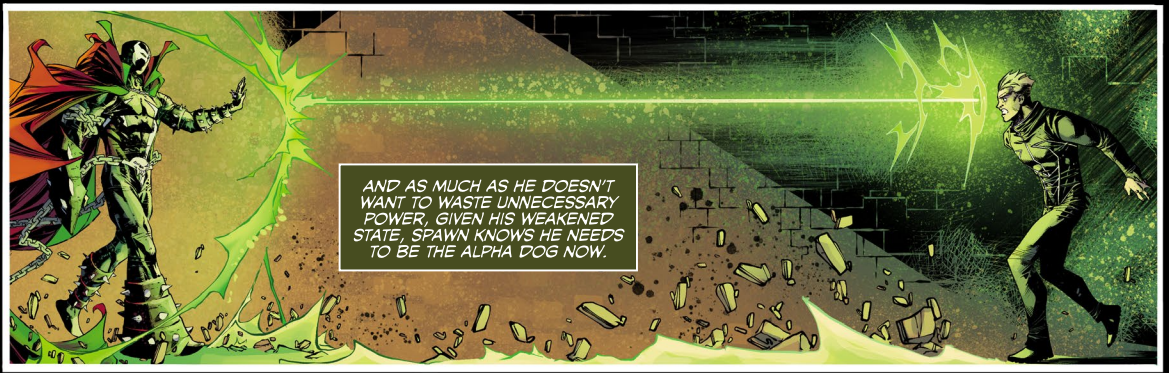
I WAS SAVING THEM!

DOWNING UNLEASHES HIS PENT-UP ANGER.

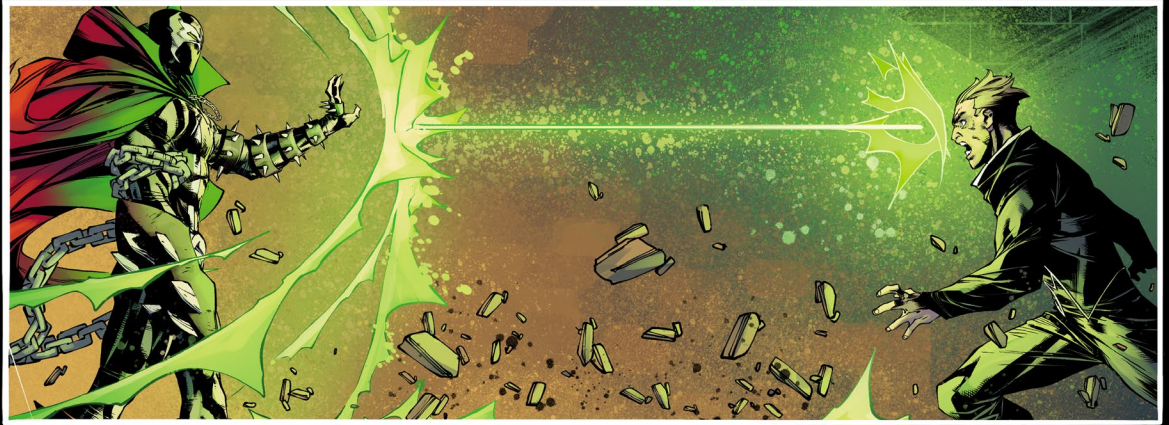


THE ENERGY DOWNING DISPLAYS CATCHES SPAWN BY SURPRISE. HE'S UNDERESTIMATED THE FORCE DOWNING COULD BECOME SOON.

THOUGH RIGHT, HE NEEDS TO ASSERT HIS DOMINANCE.



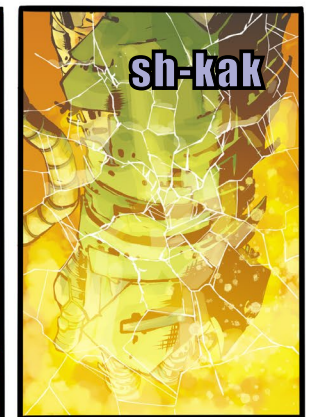
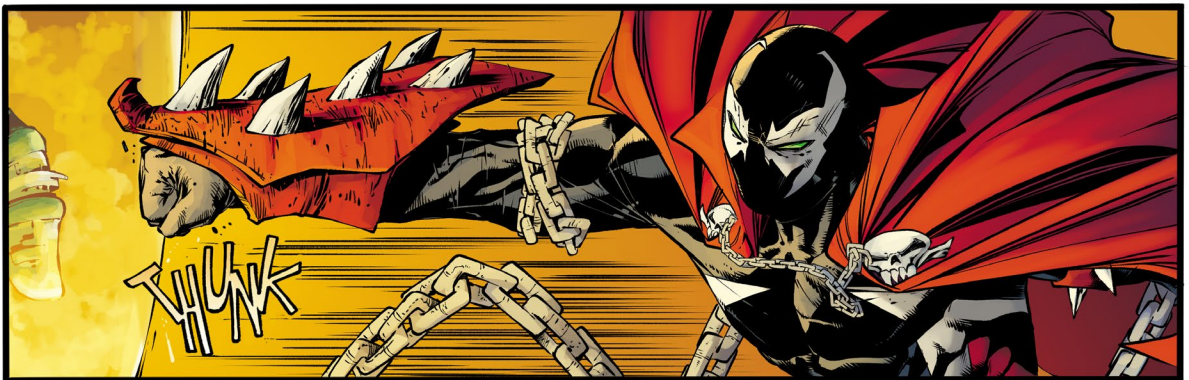
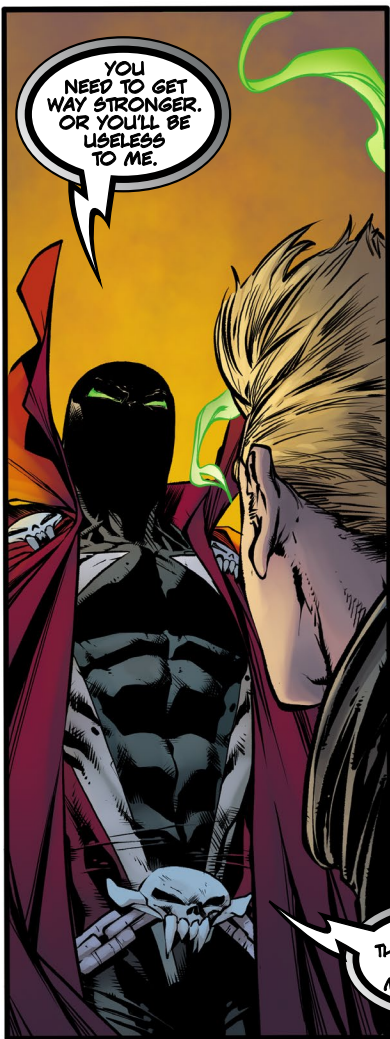
AND AS MUCH AS HE DOESN'T WANT TO WASTE UNNECESSARY POWER, GIVEN HIS WEAKENED STATE, SPAWN KNOWS HE NEEDS TO BE THE ALPHA DOG NOW.



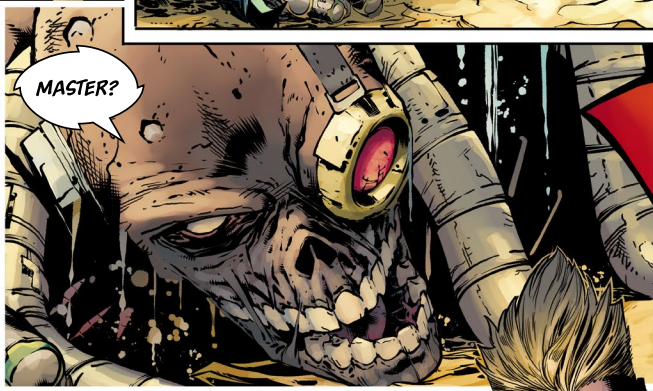
I MADE YOU!#  
HOPING YOU'D BE SOME-  
ONE SPECIAL. SOMEONE THE  
WORLD COULD COUNT ON!  
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
FIGHT FOR THAT...

THEN  
I'LL TAKE  
YOU OUT  
RIGHT  
NOW!

\*Way back in issue 185 - TODD



# FRANKLIN



HE CAN'T SURVIVE OUT OF HIS CHAMBER! I HAVE TO PUT HIS TUBES BACK IN! **OVERT-KILL**, GET YOUR TUBES!

DON'T WORRY, HE'LL SURVIVE.





THIS ONE WAS BUILT TO ENDURE ANYTHING.

I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT CY-GOR AND FREAK.



THEY'RE... COMING, LIKE YOU... TOLD US, MASTER. THE BAD ONES... ARE COMING.

THEY ARE. BUT WE'LL BE READY.

NORTH DAKOTA.



THEY WERE GOOD FOLKS.  
LIVED IN THESE PARTS FOR  
DECADES AND ALWAYS HAD  
A SMILE ON THEIR FACES  
AND A KIND WORD TO SAY.



NEVER CAUSED  
ANY TROUBLE.  
AT LEAST NONE  
THE LOCALS  
KNEW ABOUT.

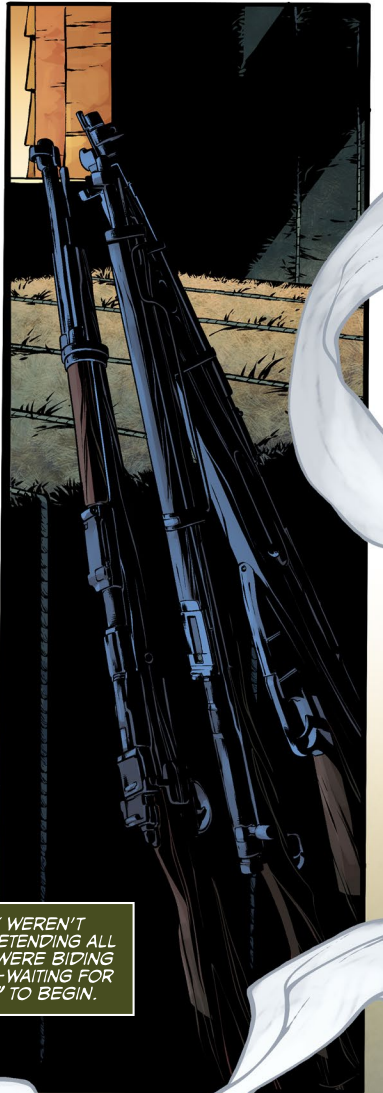




BUT, HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE, HE HAD TO KILL THEM.



AND IT WAS EASY FOR HIM TO DO, EVEN WHEN THE ELDER LADY SCREAMED FOR MERCY.



SEE, THEY ACTUALLY WEREN'T HUMAN. THEY'D BEEN PRETENDING ALL THOSE YEARS AS THEY WERE BIDDING THEIR TIME, PREPARING--WAITING FOR THEIR "GREAT WAR" TO BEGIN.





**Click**

UNFORTUNATELY  
FOR THEM...

**...GUNSLINGER  
SPAWN**

HAS BEEN MAKING PREPARATIONS  
OF HIS OWN. THEY JUST HAPPENED  
TO GET IN HIS WAY.

**TO BE CONTINUED**



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The word "SPAWN" is written in a large, stylized, red font with a white outline. The letter 'A' is replaced by a white skull with black eye sockets. The background is a dark, stormy sky with red lightning bolts and a cityscape below.

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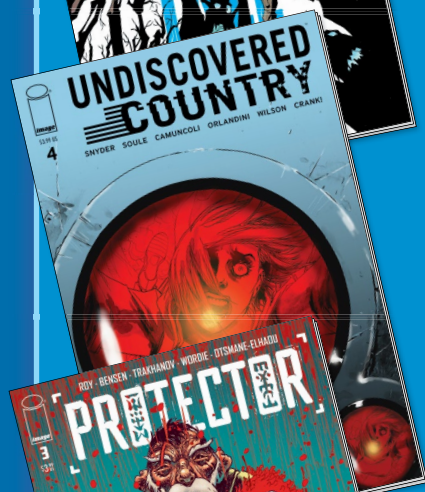
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