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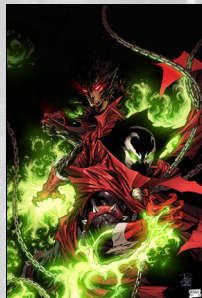
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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

In *Prophecy of Death Part 1* – A mysterious Orange energy had engulfed Spawn and sent him hurtling towards a horrific version of the future. A future, that if Raptor is to be believed, is all Spawn's fault! Now the showdown is set to begin, The Hellspawn vs. The Angel Slayer!

TO HELL
WITH THEM.

THEY ALWAYS HAVE
A RATIONALE---
A REASON FOR THEIR
ACTIONS. EVEN WHEN
MILLIONS OF HUMANS
SUFFER IN THE WAKE
OF THOSE ACTIONS,
BECOMING NOTHING
BUT COLLATERAL
DAMAGE IN THEIR
WAR.

EARTH IS MERELY A
NUISANCE. GETTING
IN THEIR WAY AS
HEAVEN AND HELL
WAGE THEIR ENDLESS
WAR AGAINST ONE
ANOTHER.

SO, IF CENTURIES OF THEIR
CALLOUS SLAUGHTER COULD
SO EASILY BE DISMISSED, THEN
SPAWN IS EQUALLY UNMOVED
BY THE FACT HE'S JUST KILLED
THE ONLY WOMAN LEFT ALIVE
IN THIS NEW REALITY. *



TO HELL
WITH ALL
OF THEM!

*See last issue (the pre-pandemic one!) - Todd



AND THE REASON FOR SPAWN'S COLDNESS IS BECAUSE, EVEN WHEN HIS ENEMIES THINK THEY'RE DIFFERENT OR THAT THEY'VE SOMEHOW CHANGED, AT THEIR CORE, THEY'LL ALWAYS BE EVIL.

REGARDLESS OF THEIR DELUSIONS TO THE CONTRARY.

A comic book panel featuring a character with a glowing green aura. The character is wearing a red and black suit with a red mask. The background is a dark, swirling green and yellow. A speech bubble is positioned at the top right. The text in the speech bubble is: SHE WAS THE LAST ONE!

SHE
WAS THE
LAST
ONE!

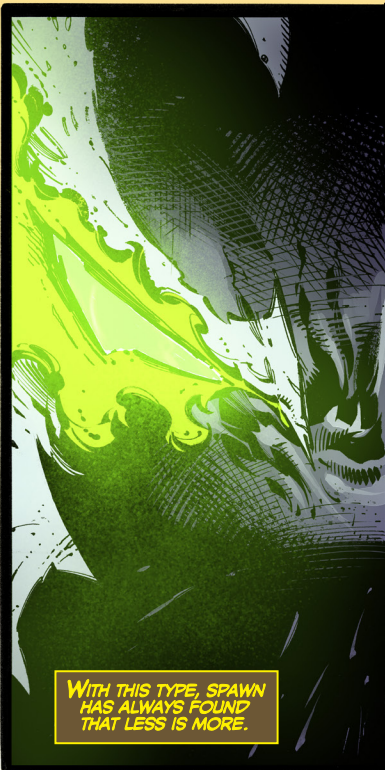
NOW, WE'RE ALL
CONDEMNED!



SHE SAID
YOU'D BE COMING.
THAT YOU'D RETURN
TO THE DEVASTATION
YOUR KIND
CREATED!

SPAWN HAS ALMOST
BECOME DEAF TO
THE RAMBLING OF THE
INSANE. INSTEAD HE
READIES HIMSELF,
USING A PORTION OF
THE LIMITED POWERS
HE STILL HAS.

BECAUSE TO JUSTIFY
HIMSELF TO THIS ENEMY
WOULD ENCOURAGE EVEN
MORE RAMBLINGS.



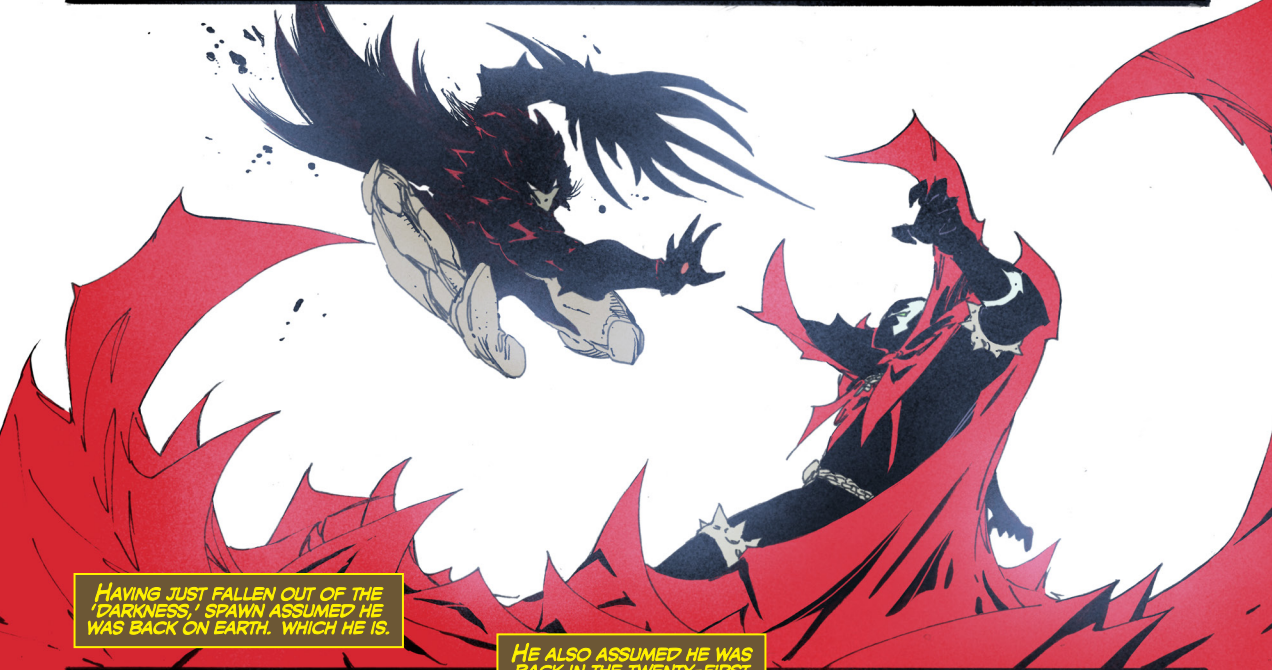


BUT,
I *DIDN'T*
WANT
THAT!



SHE BEGGED
ME--TOLD ME
TO SURVIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO FIND THOSE
WHOEVER DESTROYED
OUR PLANET.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



HAVING JUST FALLEN OUT OF THE
'DARKNESS,' SPAWN ASSUMED HE
WAS BACK ON EARTH. WHICH HE IS.

HE ALSO ASSUMED HE WAS
BACK IN THE TWENTY-FIRST
CENTURY.



HE
WASN'T
EVEN
CLOSE.

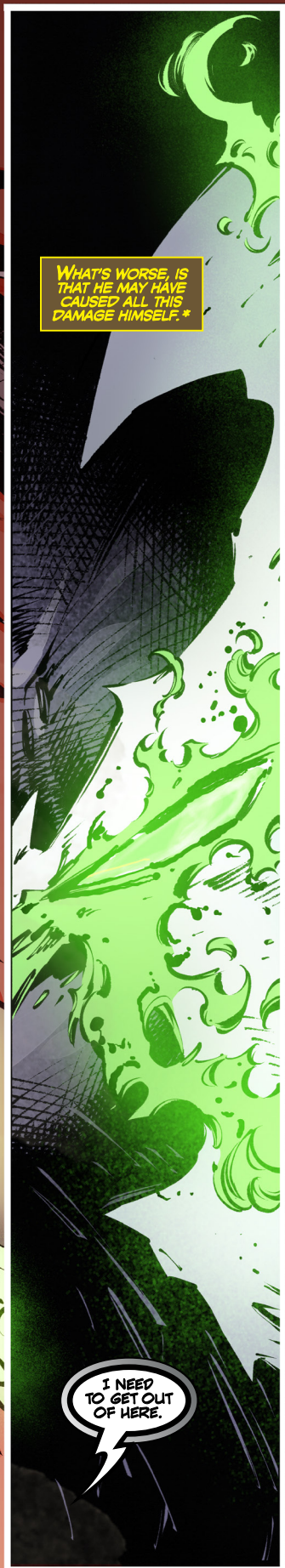
SOMEHOW SPAWN WAS PULLED THROUGH A "TIME CONTINUUM LOOP" AND INSTEAD OF GETTING OFF AT THE SAME PLACE HE STARTED-- LIKE SOME CELESTIAL FERRIS WHEEL--A RIPPLE OCCURRED THROWING HIM OFF BEFORE HIS HELLISH RIDE WAS COMPLETE.



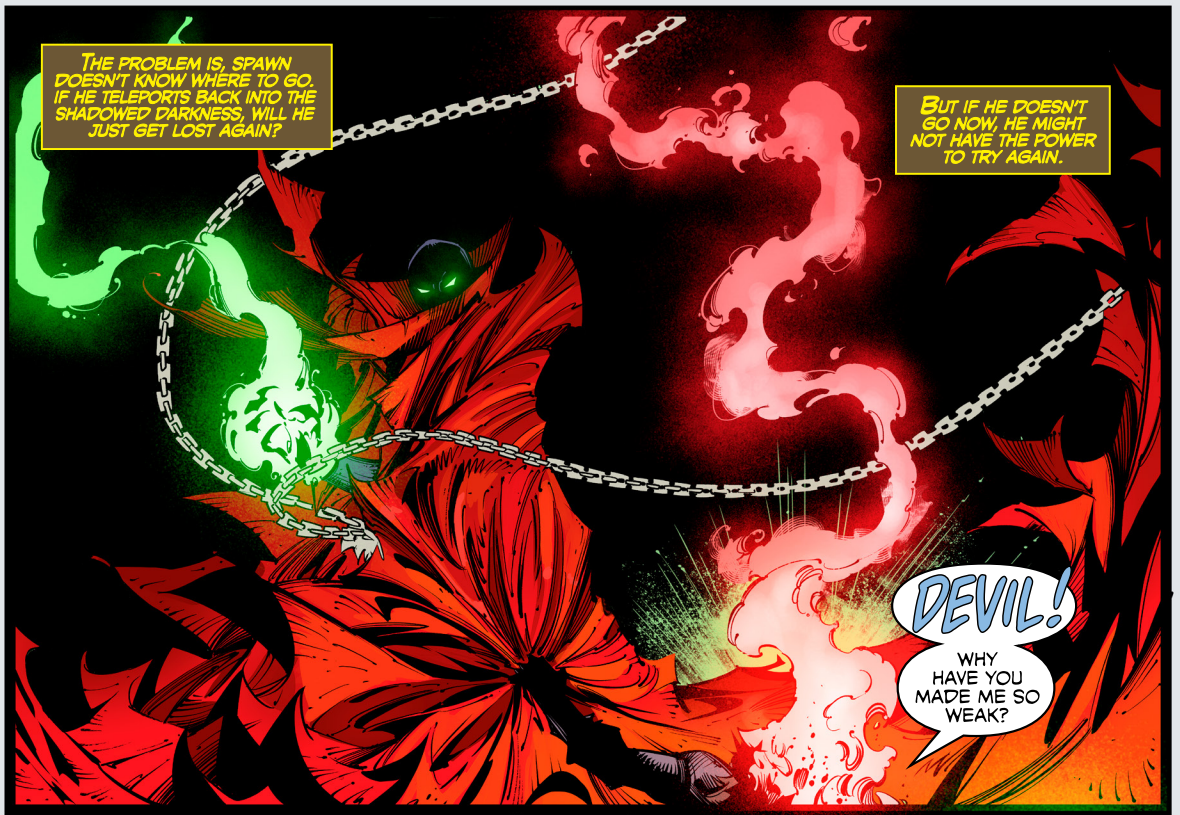
HIS SYMBIOTE COSTUME TUNED ITSELF TO THE EVIL COMING FROM THIS FUTURE, BUT IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO REACT TO IT.

SOMETHING IS WRONG. HE USED TO HAVE MASTERY OVER THE SHADOWS AND HIS COSTUME.

WHAT'S WORSE, IS THAT HE MAY HAVE CAUSED ALL THIS DAMAGE HIMSELF.*



I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

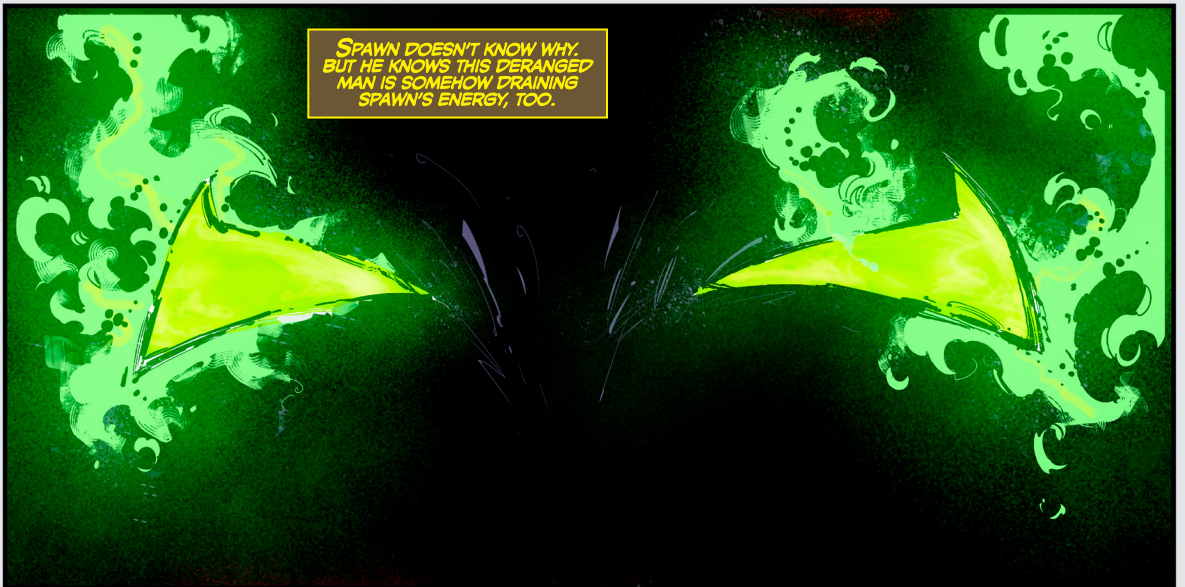


THE PROBLEM IS, SPAWN DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO. IF HE TELEPORTS BACK INTO THE SHADOWED DARKNESS, WILL HE JUST GET LOST AGAIN?

BUT IF HE DOESN'T GO NOW, HE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE POWER TO TRY AGAIN.

DEVIL!

WHY HAVE YOU MADE ME SO WEAK?



SPAWN DOESN'T KNOW WHY. BUT HE KNOWS THIS DERANGED MAN IS SOMEHOW DRAINING SPAWN'S ENERGY, TOO.



THESE TWO ARE SOMEHOW FEEDING OFF EACH OTHER'S LIFE FORCE.

IF I'M GOING TO DIE, THEN YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

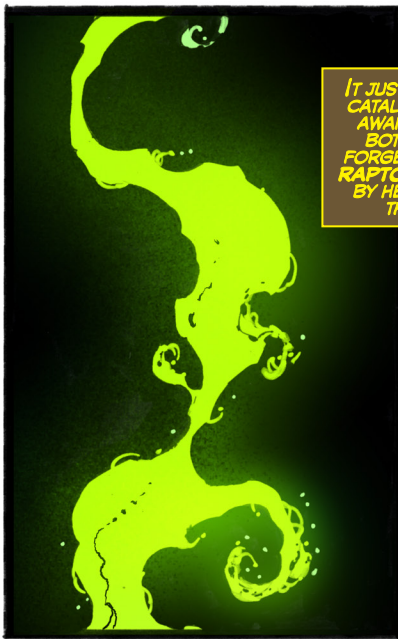
SPAWN'S BEGINS TO FEEL--WHAT LITTLE POWER HE STILL HAS-- START TO DRAIN FROM HIS BODY. THIS PLANET IS SLOWLY EATING THEM BOTH ALIVE LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S CONNECTED TO IT. THE HEARTBEAT OF THIS WORLD IS EBBING ITS WAY TO EXTINCTION.

THE CHILL GOING DOWN SPAWN'S SPINE IS THAT DEEP IN THE RECESSES OF HIS MIND IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MANKIND MAY NOT SURVIVE IN THE LONG RUN.

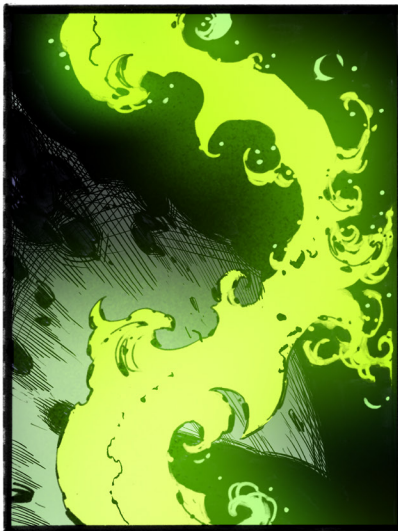
AND SOMEHOW HE AND THIS MADMAN ARE A PART OF THIS INSANE PUZZLE. THOUGH SOMETHING ELSE IS AT PLAY HERE. SOMETHING THAT ISN'T HEAVEN OR HELL.

IT'S BIGGER THAN THOSE TWO.
MUCH BIGGER!

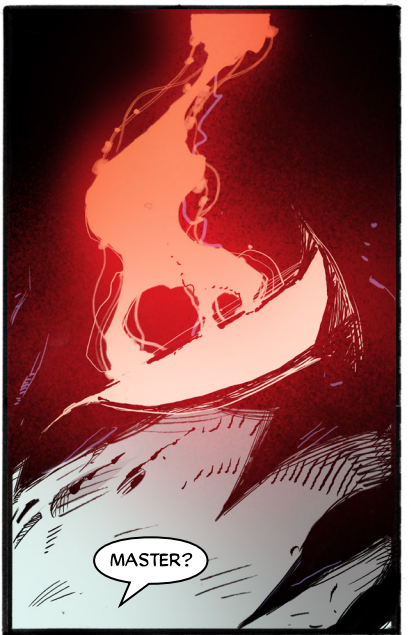
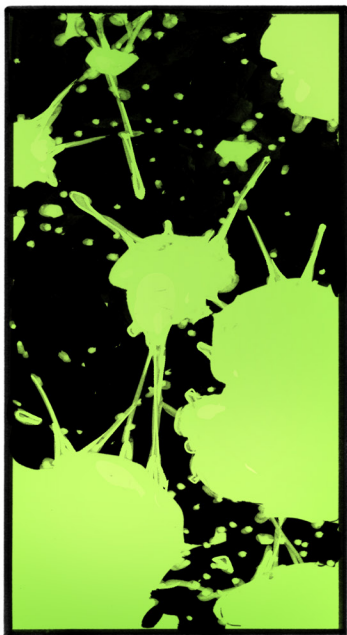
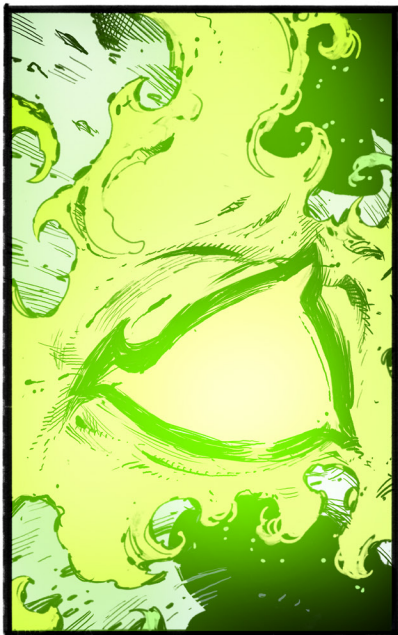




IT JUST NEEDED THE RIGHT CATALYSTS TO TRIGGER TO AWAKEN ITS SPIRIT. AND BOTH SPAWN, A MAN FORGED IN HELL, AND THIS RAPTOR, A MAN ENSLAVED BY HEAVEN, ARE KEYS TO THAT AWAKENING.



NOW, AS SPAWN TRIES TO ESCAPE INTO THE DARKNESS, HIS MIND IS BURNT WITH SEARING MEMORIES FROM RAPTOR'S PAST.



MASTER?



AND THOSE MEMORIES
HAVE A CRYPTIC
TALE TO TELL:

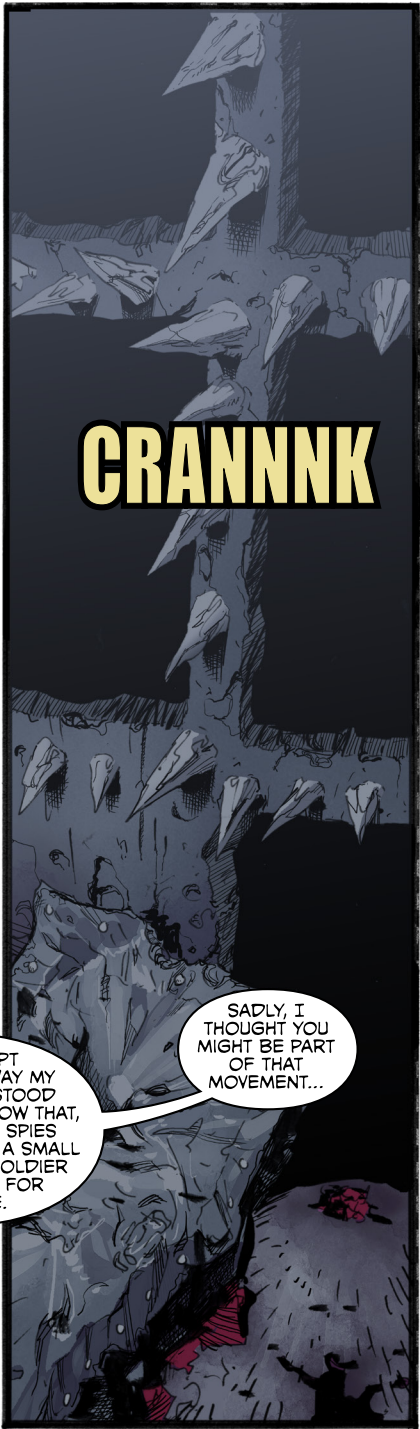
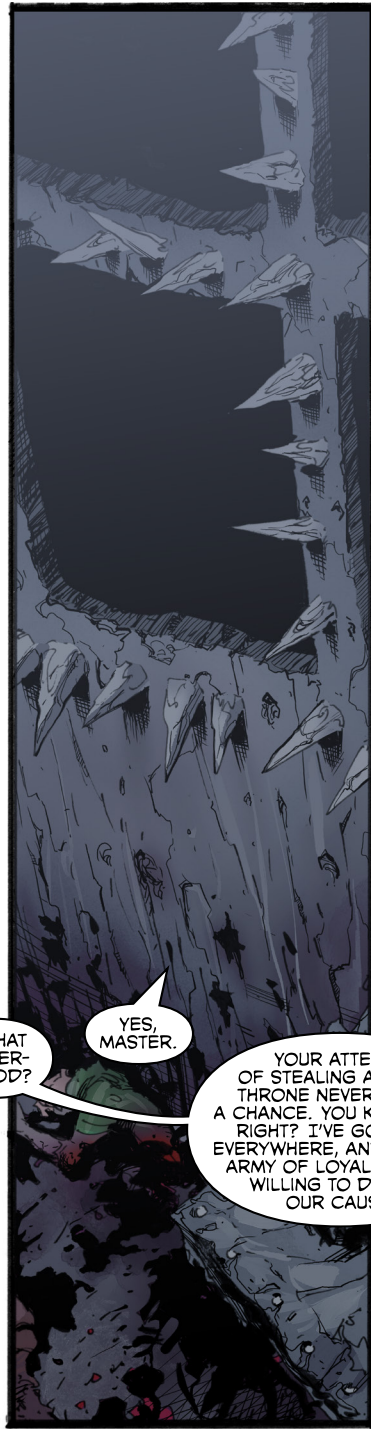
YOU'VE SERVED YOUR TIME, WARRIOR. LET'S HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED A LESSON BECAUSE I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO DISRUPT MY PLANS AGAIN.

IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

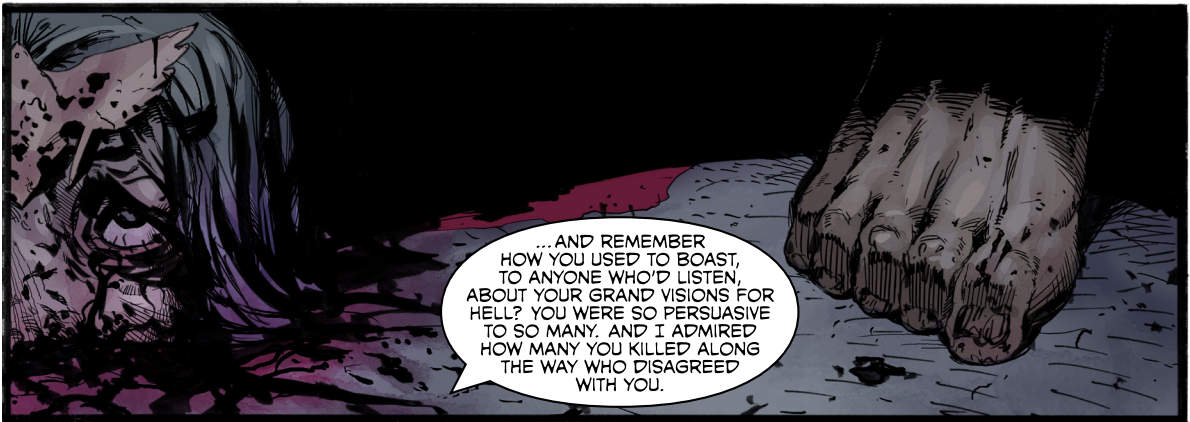
YES, MASTER.

YOUR ATTEMPT OF STEALING AWAY MY THRONE NEVER STOOD A CHANCE. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT? I'VE GOT SPIES EVERYWHERE, AND A SMALL ARMY OF LOYAL SOLDIER WILLING TO DIE FOR OUR CAUSE.

SADLY, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE PART OF THAT MOVEMENT...



CRANNK



...AND REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO BOAST, TO ANYONE WHO'D LISTEN, ABOUT YOUR GRAND VISIONS FOR HELL? YOU WERE SO PERSUASIVE TO SO MANY. AND I ADMIRER HOW MANY YOU KILLED ALONG THE WAY WHO DISAGREED WITH YOU.



LOYALTY IS YOUR ONLY CURRENCY.

WITHOUT IT, THEY WON'T FOLLOW YOU. AND THOSE WHO AREN'T BUILT TO BE LEADERS CAN'T UNDERSTAND ITS VALUE.



LOYALTY CREATES ARMIES. ARMIES CREATE ADHERENCE. AND ADHERENCE IS THE BEDROCK OF POWER. AND WE DON'T CARE IF WE GET THAT POWER THROUGH FEAR OR ALLEGIANCE. JUST AS LONG AS THEY KNOW THEIR LEADER CAN DESTROY ANY OF THEM.



THAT'S WHY I'VE CHOSEN YOU-- THEY DON'T KNOW YOU YET, SO, YOU CAN INFILTRATE THEIR RANKS. THEN KILL THOSE YOU DEEM 'UNNECESSARY.'

LIKE YOU DID?

EXACTLY, LIKE I DID. GOD, MEPHISTOPHELES, THE CLOWN... NONE OF THEM, WHEN THEY HAD THEIR CHANCES, **FINISHED** WHAT THEY STARTED! AND NONE OF THEM EVER WANTED ME FREED BECAUSE ONCE THAT HAPPENED, THEY KNEW IF THEY COULDN'T CONTROL SIMMONS, THEY'D HAVE NO CHANCE WITH ME.

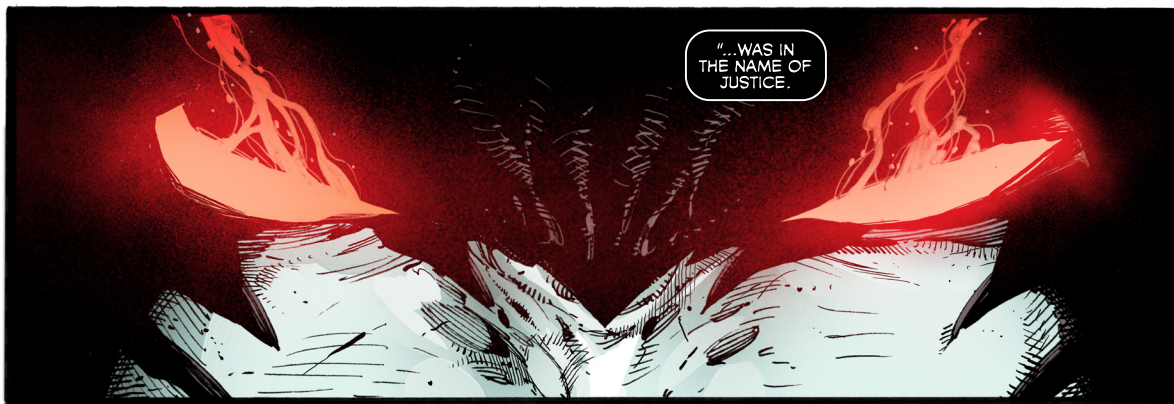
ALL I NEED NOW IS SOMEONE TO UNLOCK THE FINAL DOOR FOR ME. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN.

"WE'RE GOING TO CONVERT THIS PLANET. MAKE IT IN OUR IMAGE. AND THE MILLIONS WHO WILL FIGHT AGAINST US WILL BLAME THE HELL-SPAWNS FOR EVERYTHING! IT MAY TAKE CENTURIES BUT WHEN WE GET THERE, I PROMISE I'LL SERVE YOU THE CARCASS OF THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING ME.

"AL SIMMONS NEVER KNEW WHAT HE UNLEASHED WITH MY DEATH. HE HAD NO IDEA HE HAD SENTENCED THE END OF HUMANITY WHEN HE KILLED ME.

"WHEN HE DOES, I'M SURE HE'LL SCREAM... AND SCREAM!

"THEN YOU CAN TAKE OVER HIS MANTLE WITH A NEW IDENTITY, FILLED WITH MEMORIES THAT'LL BE SO CONVINCING YOU'LL THINK EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE...



"... WAS IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE."



"AND SO, ANSWER A SIMPLE QUESTION: CAN YOU BE LOYAL TO ME?"

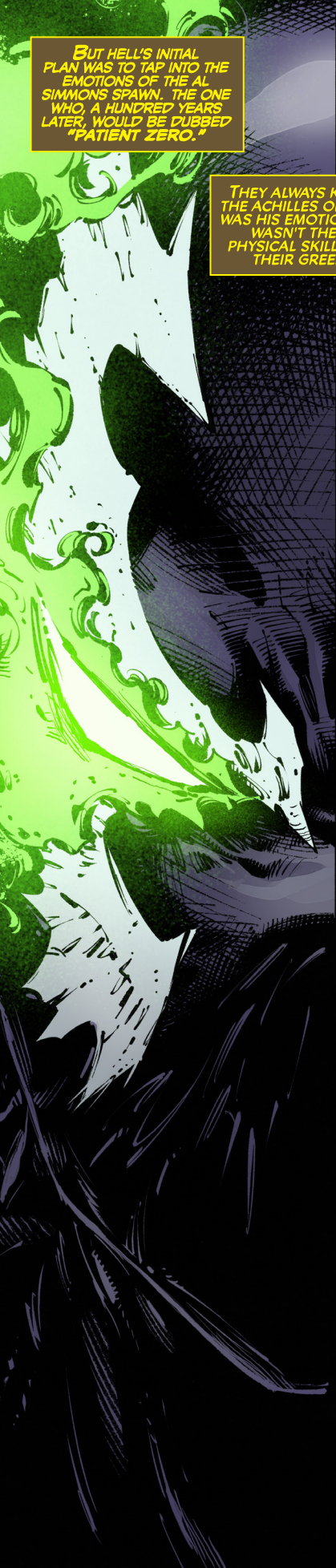
YES.

WITH THAT SINGLE WORD, THE ATTEMPTS AT INTERSECTING THE FUTURE AND THE PAST BEGAN.



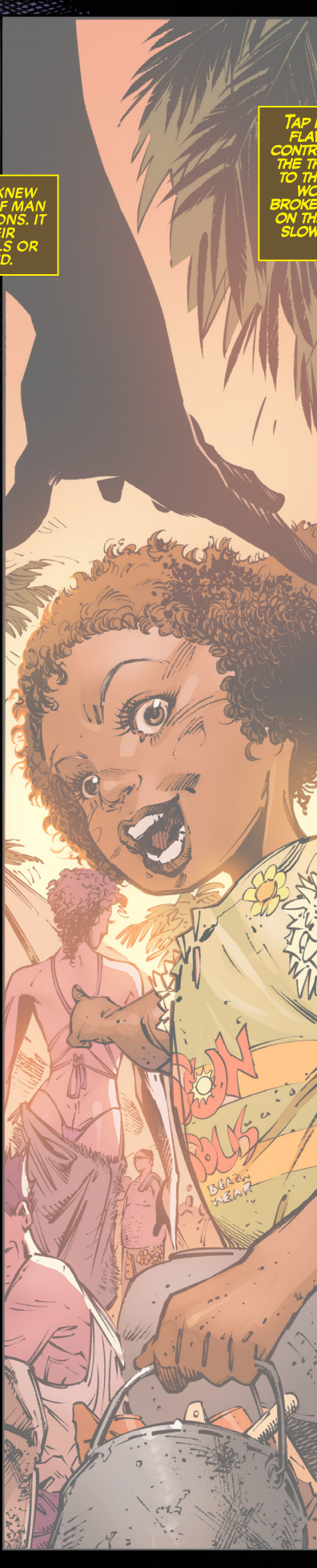
THE PROBLEM IS, THAT'S NOT HOW NATURE WORKS. IT WON'T TOLERATE BEING FORCED INTO SOMETHING THAT ISN'T 'NATURAL.'

SO, WHEN HELL'S AMBITIOUS GOAL WERE THRUST UPON THE WORLD, TRYING TO DESTROY MAN AND CONQUERING HEAVEN, IT ALSO WOKE A SLEEPING GIANT. THAT RESULT WILL SOON MAKE ITS PRESENCE KNOWN.



BUT HELL'S INITIAL PLAN WAS TO TAP INTO THE EMOTIONS OF THE AL SIMMONS SPAWN. THE ONE WHO, A HUNDRED YEARS LATER, WOULD BE DUBBED "PATIENT ZERO."

THEY ALWAYS KNEW THE ACHILLES OF MAN WAS HIS EMOTIONS. IT WASN'T THEIR PHYSICAL SKILLS OR THEIR GREED.



TAP INTO THEIR BIGGEST FLAW AND YOU COULD CONTROL THEM. TAKE AWAY THE THING THAT MATTERED TO THEM MOST, AND THEY WOULD FOREVER BE BROKEN. UNABLE TO FOCUS ON THE GROWING THREATS SLOWLY SEEPING OUT OF THE SHADOWS.



IT WORKED ON "PATIENT ZERO" AT THE BEGINNING...



... AND CONTINUED TO WORK THROUGH THE COUNTLESS DECADES, UNTIL THE SERVITUDE OF HUMANS TURNED THEIR OWN ACTIONS INTO WARS SO DEVASTATING THAT THE VERY AIR BECAME POISONOUS TO MOST INHABITANTS.



AL SIMMONS MAY HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TARGET, BUT OTHERS, BLINDED BY THEIR FAITH AND LOYALTY, FOLLOWED ORDERS THAT WOULD KILL THEIR OWN LOVED ONES. AND BY THE TIME ANYONE COULD COMPREHEND THAT, THE DELUSION OF THEIR ACTIONS HAD BEEN SET.

EVEN THE VILLAINS CONVINCED THEMSELVES THEY WERE THE HEROES.





PULLED DEEP INTO THE BLACKNESS-- WHERE SPAWN THRIVES-- RAPTOR WON'T ALLOW HIMSELF TO BECOME A CAPTIVE. IF HE CAN'T CONTROL SIMMONS' MIND, THEN HE'LL MAKE SURE SIMMONS CAN'T CONTROL HIS, EITHER.



YOUR TIME WILL COME, HELLSPAWN!



THE SHADOWS WILL TURN ON YOU-- WHEN YOU'RE LEAST EXPECTING IT. THEN YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I'M FEELING. THE LOSSES I'VE HAD TO ENDURE ALL THIS TIME.

I'D SOONER DIE THAN SERVE YOU!

RAPTOR!
YOU CAN'T!

SPAWN GRITS HIS TEETH. IT HAD ONLY BEEN A FEW MOMENTS LOST IN THE DARKNESS FOR HIM, BUT FOR RAPTOR IT WAS YEARS OF BEING LOST. TIME HAD TWISTED ITSELF ONCE MORE.

AND THOUGH THE SHADOWS HAD BLANKETED SPAWN A SHORT TIME, HIS MIND SAW FLASHES OF SOMETHING LURKING IN THE BACKGROUND. SOMEONE WHO HAD WAITED GENERATION UPON GENERATION TO PUT HIS "CHOSEN ONE" DIRECTLY IN SPIRITUAL CONTACT WITH SPAWN.

WHY? BECAUSE IT ONLY WANTED ONE THING AND SPAWN NOW KNOWS WHAT THAT WAS...



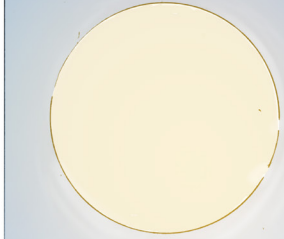
THE
BEAST...
IT'S BEEN
FREED.

HE DIDN'T
WANT RAPTOR AS
A WARRIOR, HE
WANTED HIM AS A
SACRIFICE!

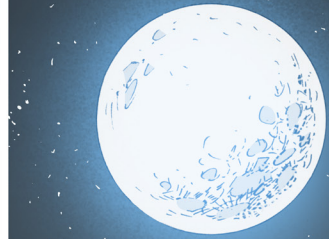
FROZEN IN THAT
THOUGHT, SPAWN WILL
HIMSELF TO FIND A WAY
BACK HOME, TO GET
BACK TO WHERE HE
BELONGS. AS HE PASSES
THROUGH THAT MAZE
OF TIME, SOMETHING
FOLLOWS HIM.

IT'LL TAKE SOME
TIME BEFORE THE
TWO OF THEM
COME FACE TO
FACE.

UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN THAT MEETING DOES HAPPEN, UNSPEAKABLE HORRORS WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED. SCREAMS OF ANGUISHED PARENTS WILL FILL THE AIR LIKE THE HOWLS OF SOME INJURED ANIMAL.

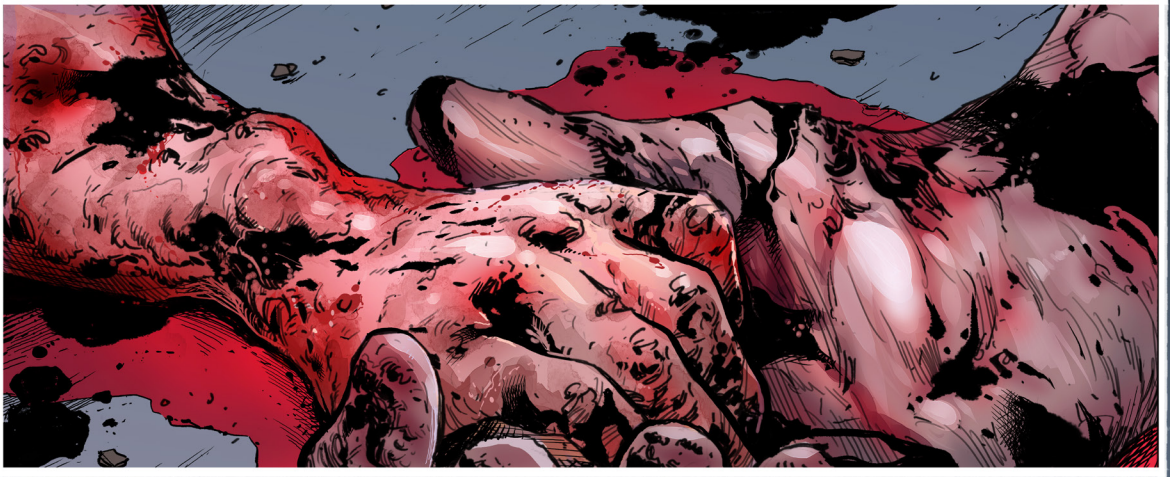


WEEK AFTER WEEK THESE ACTS WILL OCCUR AS THE BEAST, WAITING UNTIL THE SUN SETS, ROAMS THE PLANET PREYING UPON OUR MOST INNOCENT.



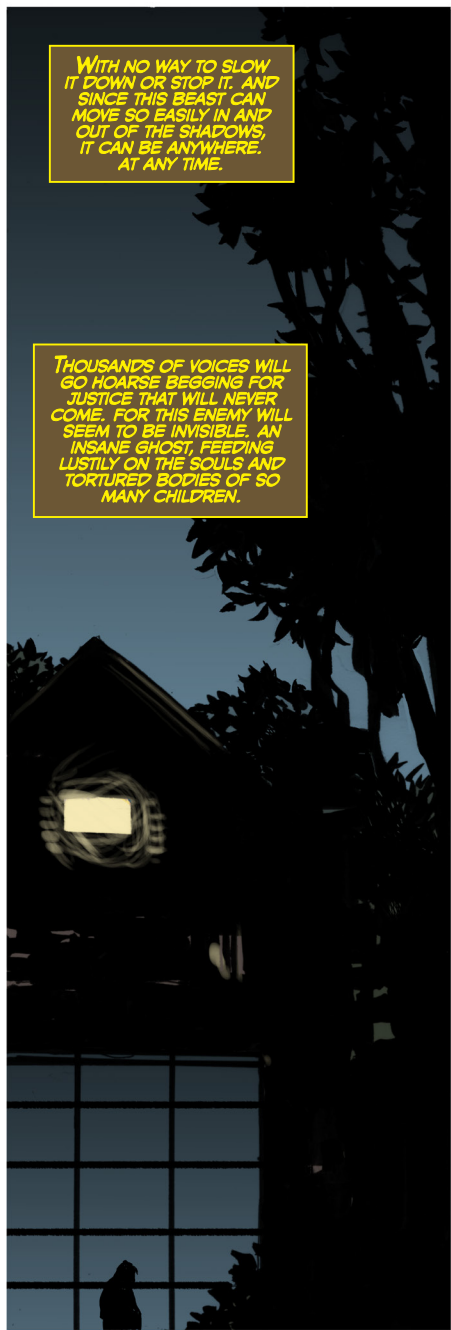
AGAIN. AND AGAIN. AND AGAIN, IT WILL HAPPEN.





WITH NO WAY TO SLOW
IT DOWN OR STOP IT, AND
SINCE THIS BEAST CAN
MOVE SO EASILY IN AND
OUT OF THE SHADOWS,
IT CAN BE ANYWHERE,
AT ANY TIME.

THOUSANDS OF VOICES WILL
GO HOARSE BEGGING FOR
JUSTICE THAT WILL NEVER
COME. FOR THIS ENEMY WILL
SEEM TO BE INVISIBLE, AN
INSANE GHOST, FEEDING
LUSTILY ON THE SOULS AND
TORTURED BODIES OF SO
MANY CHILDREN.

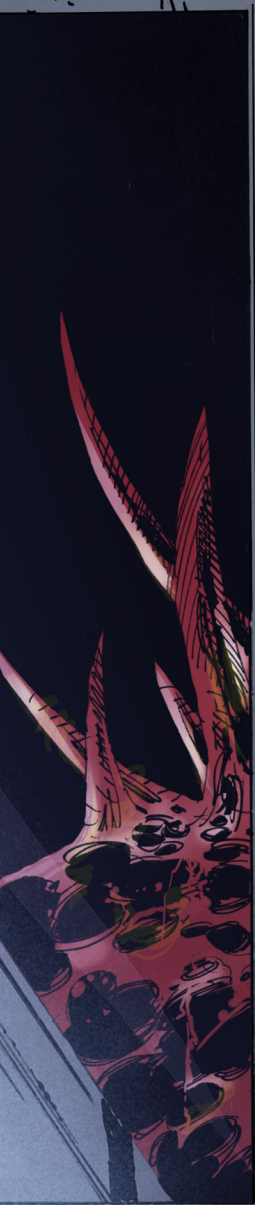


ON THAT NIGHT WHEN
SPAWN AND THE BEAST
WILL ONCE AGAIN
MEET, THE MONSTER
WILL RE-INTRODUCE
HIMSELF.

HEE HE
HEEE HE
HEEE HE
HEE HE
HEE HE

AND THOSE
WORDS WILL
FOREVER HAUNT
SPAWN...

WHAT'S THE
MATTER, SIMMONS?
OF COURSE, *IT HAD TO* BE ME!
BUT BILLY--HE'S GONE--
NOW THERE'S ONLY
KINCAID!



GOD HELP ALL OF US.

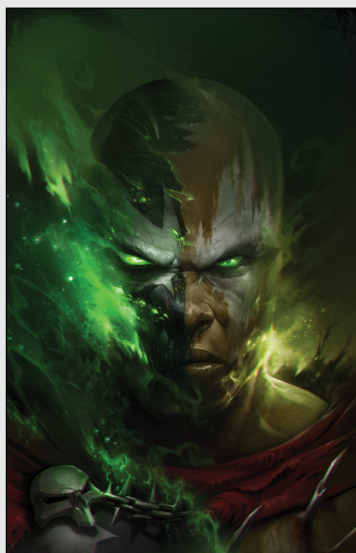
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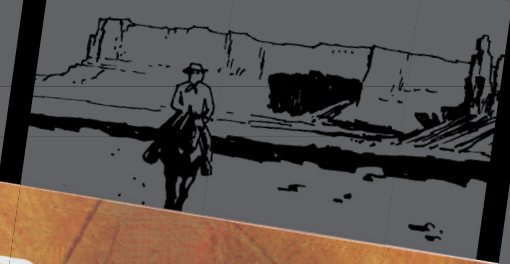


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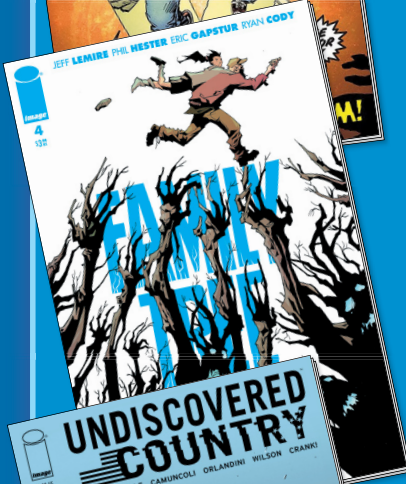
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