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*Daughter of
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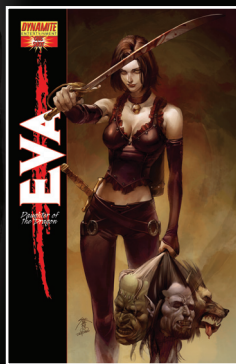
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YOU TOOK MY MOTHER AND EVERY DAY I CURSE THE FOUL BLOOD THAT RUNS THROUGH MY VEINS. IT SICKENS ME TO BE OF YOUR LINEAGE.



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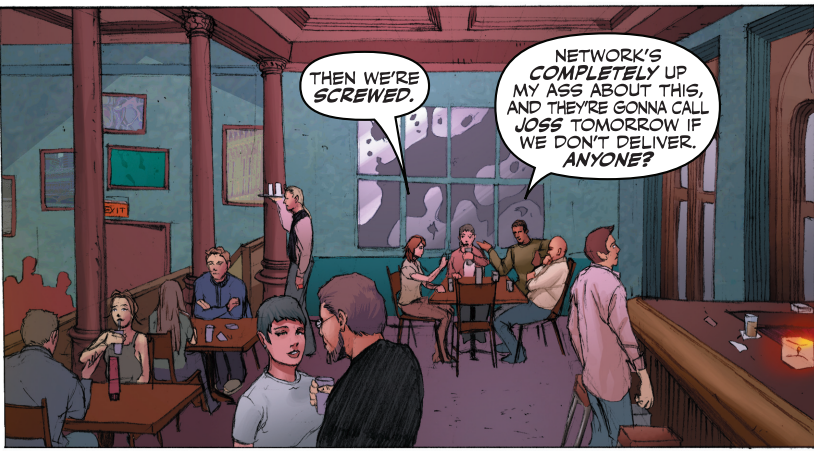
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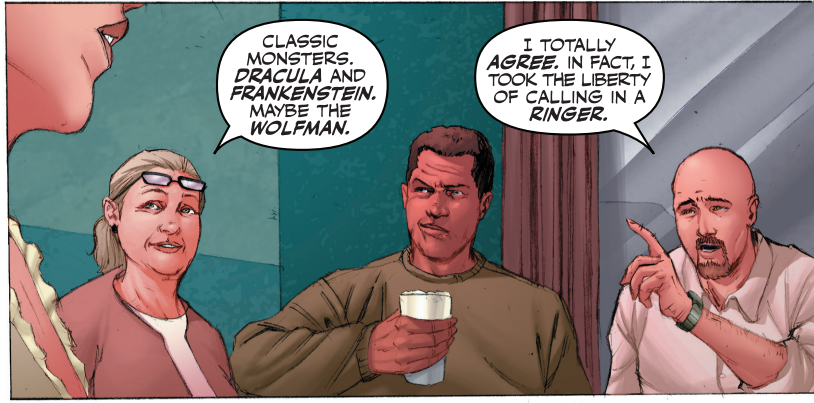
NEW YORK CITY, TOMORROW.

WE NEED A MONSTER STORY, AND WE NEED IT NOW. EVEN WORSE... IT HAS TO BE GOOD.



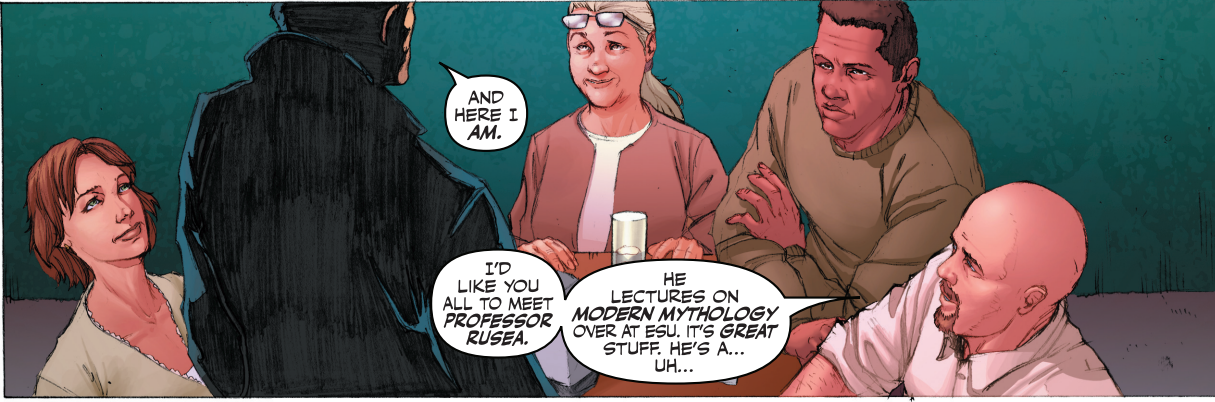
THEN WE'RE SCREWED.

NETWORK'S COMPLETELY UP MY ASS ABOUT THIS, AND THEY'RE GONNA CALL JOSS TOMORROW IF WE DON'T DELIVER. ANYONE?



CLASSIC MONSTERS. DRACULA AND FRANKENSTEIN. MAYBE THE WOLFMAN.

I TOTALLY AGREE. IN FACT, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF CALLING IN A RINGER.



AND HERE I AM.

I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO MEET PROFESSOR RUSEA.

HE LECTURES ON MODERN MYTHOLOGY OVER AT ESU. IT'S GREAT STUFF. HE'S A... UH...



LITERARY ANTHROPOLOGIST.

AND HE'S HERE TO SAVE US.

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU ALL... AND PLEASE, CALL ME PIOTR.



TO BEGIN WITH, YOU MUST ACCEPT THAT MARY SHELLEY AND BRAM STOKER WERE GIFTED FICTION WRITERS...


...BUT THEY SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE THEIR FACTS STRAIGHT.



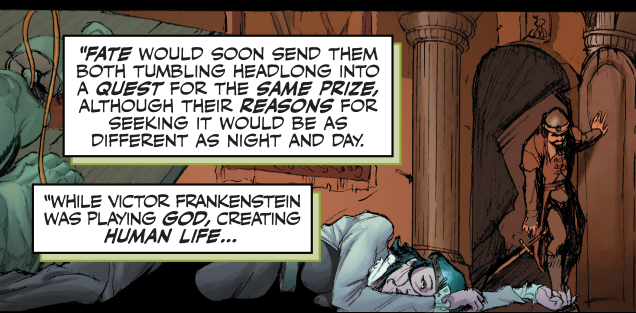
"THE YEAR IS 1550, NO MATTER WHAT ANY BOOK MIGHT TRY TO PROVE OTHERWISE."

"VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN WAS NOT A MAN OF SCIENCE IN THE WAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND IT. HE WAS A TRUE ALCHEMIST, OBSESSED WITH THE MECHANISMS OF LIFE AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH IT OCCURS. THIS PURSUIT WAS FROWNED UPON BY HIS PEERS."

"MEANWHILE, IN TRANSYLVANIA, THE DARK PRINCE VLAD TEPEA WAS LEADING HIS FORCES AGAINST THE INVADING TURKISH ARMY. HIS BLOODY VICTORIES WERE LEGEND, BUT THEY COST HIM HIS VERY SOUL."

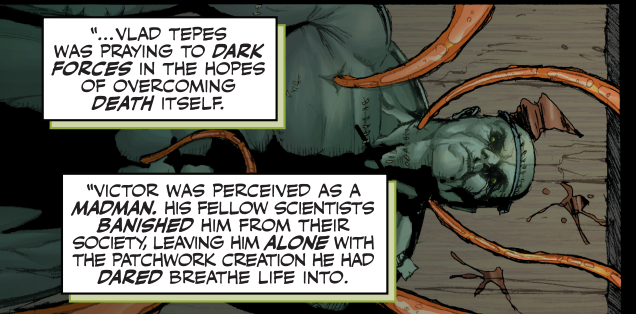


"THE TWO MEN GREW DISTANT FROM THEIR FELLOWS, BUT THE PARALLELS DO NOT END THERE."



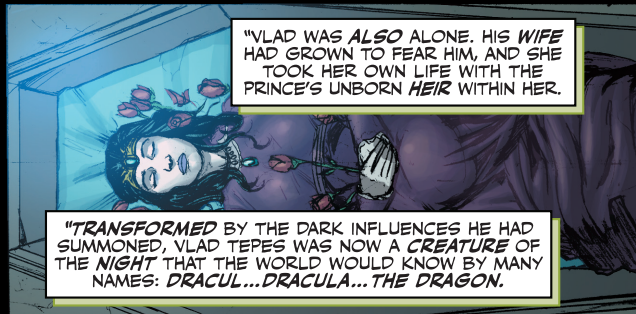
"FATE WOULD SOON SEND THEM BOTH TUMBLING HEADLONG INTO A QUEST FOR THE SAME PRIZE, ALTHOUGH THEIR REASONS FOR SEEKING IT WOULD BE AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY."

"WHILE VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN WAS PLAYING GOD, CREATING HUMAN LIFE..."




"...VLAD TEPEA WAS PRAYING TO DARK FORCES IN THE HOPES OF OVERCOMING DEATH ITSELF."

"VICTOR WAS PERCEIVED AS A MADMAN. HIS FELLOW SCIENTISTS BANISHED HIM FROM THEIR SOCIETY, LEAVING HIM ALONE WITH THE PATCHWORK CREATION HE HAD DARED BREATHE LIFE INTO."




"VLAD WAS ALSO ALONE. HIS WIFE HAD GROWN TO FEAR HIM, AND SHE TOOK HER OWN LIFE WITH THE PRINCE'S UNBORN HEIR WITHIN HER."

"TRANSFORMED BY THE DARK INFLUENCES HE HAD SUMMONED, VLAD TEPEA WAS NOW A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT THAT THE WORLD WOULD KNOW BY MANY NAMES: DRACUL...DRACULA... THE DRAGON."



"DRACULA AND FRANKENSTEIN HAD BOTH HEARD WHISPERED RUMORS OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE--AN OBJECT OF GREAT POWER THAT COULD UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE AND DEATH."

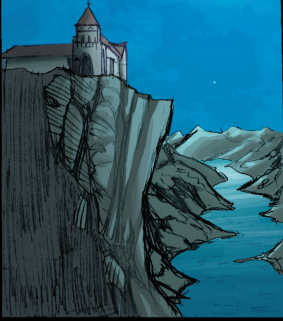


"WHEN RUMORS TURNED TO FACTS, AND THE TWO MEN LEARNED THAT MONKS IN TRANSYLVANIA HAD FOUND THE STONE AND WERE PROTECTING IT AS A HOLY ARTIFACT..."

"...THE QUEST WAS UNDERWAY."

"THE *SCIENTIST* AND THE *WARRIOR PRINCE* BOTH MADE THEIR PILGRIMAGE TO THE MONASTERY WHERE THE STONE WAS BEING HELD...

"...AND THERE, THEY WOULD FIND THEMSELVES AT THE *CROSSROADS OF FATE AND HAPPENSTANCE*. THIS INTERSECTION WOULD LEAD MORE THAN *ONE* LIFE ON A NEW JOURNEY BEFORE THE NIGHT'S END.



"DRACULA ARRIVED *FIRST*, CLAIMING MANY INNOCENT LIVES IN THE PROCESS OF SEIZING THE STONE.



"FRANKENSTEIN WAS NOT FAR BEHIND, HOWEVER, AND HE DID *NOT* COME *ALONE*. WITH A SOULLESS CREATION AT HAND TO DO HIS BIDDING, VICTOR HAD NO REASON TO FEAR THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS.



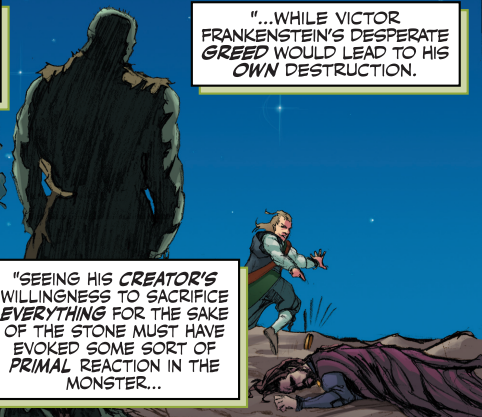
"THE *BATTLE* THAT ERUPTED WOULD FOREVER BESMIRCH THIS HUMBLE *HOUSE OF GOD* AND ITS HOLY GROUNDS.



"THE TWO *AVATARS OF MAN'S FOLLY* SOUGHT TO DESTROY ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF *POSSESSION*...

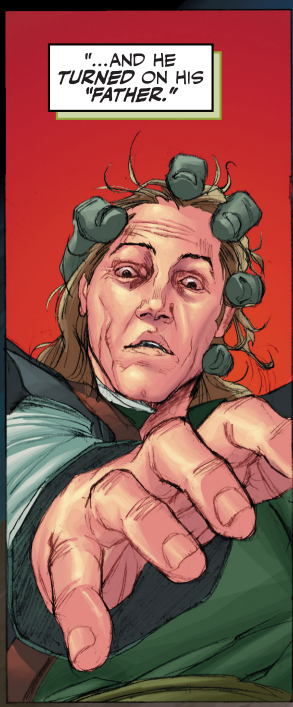


"...WHILE VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN'S DESPERATE *GREED* WOULD LEAD TO HIS *OWN* DESTRUCTION.



"SEEING HIS *CREATOR'S* WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE *EVERYTHING* FOR THE SAKE OF THE STONE MUST HAVE EVOKED SOME SORT OF *PRIMAL* REACTION IN THE MONSTER...

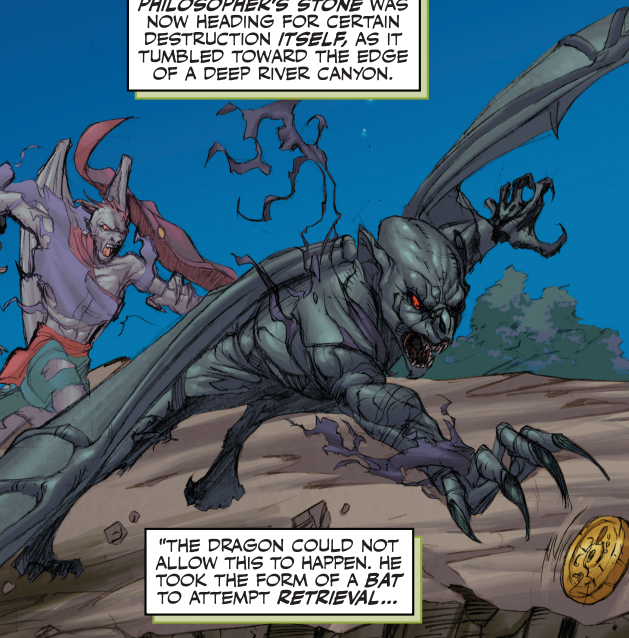
"...AND HE *TURNED* ON HIS *'FATHER.'*"



"VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN WAS *DEAD* BY THE HAND OF HIS OWN CREATION.



"THE *COVETED PHILOSOPHER'S STONE* WAS NOW HEADING FOR CERTAIN DESTRUCTION *ITSELF*, AS IT TUMBLED TOWARD THE EDGE OF A DEEP RIVER CANYON.



"THE *DRAGON* COULD NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. HE TOOK THE FORM OF A *BAT* TO ATTEMPT *RETRIEVAL*...



"...BUT THE PATCHWORK MAN'S BURGEONING INTELLECT SERVED HIM WELL--HE COULD SEE THE DAMAGE WROUGHT BY THE STONE, AND HE KEPT DRACULA FROM REACHING HIS PRIZE.

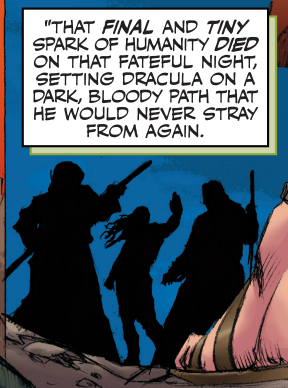
"IT WAS A VALIANT EFFORT MADE IN VAIN.

"THE MONSTER LOST HIS FOOTING AND FELL SCREAMING INTO THE RIVER VALLEY. SURELY NOT EVEN AN ARTIFICIAL MAN COULD SURVIVE SUCH A FALL, OR THE IMPACT WITH THE DEEP WATER THAT RAGED BELOW HIM.

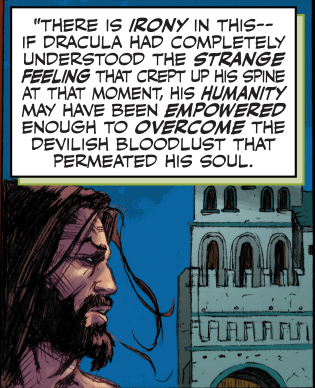
"AND SO, THE DREAM OF BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE WORLDS OF LIGHT AND SHADOW WOULD GO UNREALIZED.



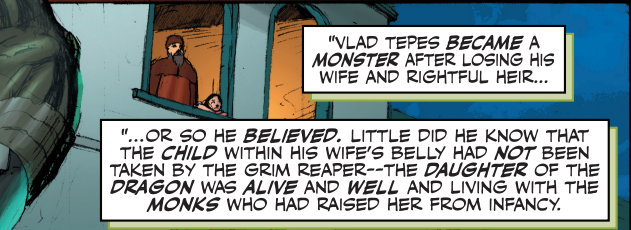
"DRACULA WAS DEVASTATED. NO MATTER WHAT HE HAD BECOME, IT WAS THE MAN INSIDE OF HIM THAT CARRIED THE HOPE OF BRINGING HIS WIFE AND CHILD BACK TO LIFE.



"THAT FINAL AND TINY SPARK OF HUMANITY DIED ON THAT FATEFUL NIGHT, SETTING DRACULA ON A DARK, BLOODY PATH THAT HE WOULD NEVER STRAY FROM AGAIN.



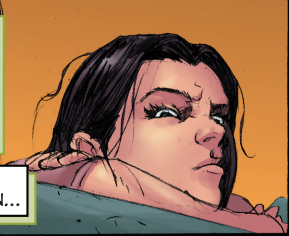
"THERE IS IRONY IN THIS-- IF DRACULA HAD COMPLETELY UNDERSTOOD THE STRANGE FEELING THAT CREPT UP HIS SPINE AT THAT MOMENT, HIS HUMANITY MAY HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THE DEVILISH BLOODLUST THAT PERMEATED HIS SOUL.



"VLAD TEPES BECAME A MONSTER AFTER LOSING HIS WIFE AND RIGHTFUL HEIR...

"...OR SO HE BELIEVED. LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT THE CHILD WITHIN HIS WIFE'S BELLY HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN BY THE GRIM REAPER--THE DAUGHTER OF THE DRAGON WAS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING WITH THE MONKS WHO HAD RAISED HER FROM INFANCY.

"AS FIVE-YEAR-OLD EVA STOOD AND FACED A MAN SHE DID NOT KNOW AS HER FATHER, SHE FELT NOTHING BUT HATRED AND AN OVERWHELMING NEED TO ERASE SUCH AN EVIL PRESENCE FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.



"HER PATH WAS CHOSEN...

"...BUT EVA WOULD NOT FACE DRACULA AGAIN UNTIL THE YEAR 1599, NEARLY HALF A CENTURY LATER."

"THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS LEFT TRANSYLVANIA IN PEACE AFTER LOSING THE STONE, SEEKING HIS FORTUNE ACROSS EUROPE AND ASIA. HE RETURNED TO HIS MOTHERLAND TO FIND HIS CASTLE ABANDONED AND CRUMBLING, A CONDITION THAT MIRRORED HIS OWN LONELY EXISTENCE."

MASTER...?

MASTER, YOU SUMMONED ME?

YES... YES, I CALLED FOR YOU.

THE BLOOD... IT SPEAKS TO ME. IT WHISPERS TO ME IN MY SLEEP AND TELLS ME... SECRETS.

I SENSE AN END IS AT HAND, GREGOR. IS IT MINE? I DO NOT KNOW.

I AM... CERTAIN... THAT DESTINY WILL BLOW A COLD WIND THROUGH THIS LAND. THIS WIND THREATENS TO... CARRY ME AWAY.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO, MASTER?

SEND THE WOLVES... SEND THE WOLVES AND TELL THEM TO SEARCH UNTIL THEY CAN SMELL THE BLOOD IN THE WIND.

THEY MUST UNCOVER THE TRUTH OF DESTINY'S PLANS...

...AND YOU MUST FIND NEW FLESH FOR ME, GREGOR.

IT IS TIME FOR ME TO FEED.

"PERHAPS IT WAS THE INFLUENCE OF A JUST AND MIRACULOUS GOD, BUT *EVA* AGED ONLY *TWENTY-FIVE YEARS* WHILE THE *CALENDARS* MARKED *TWICE* THAT. DURING THAT TIME, *EVA* TRAINED WITH THE MONKS, USING HER ABILITY TO *SENSE* INNATE *EVIL* TO WAGE *WAR* AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD TREAD *OUTSIDE* THE *LIGHT*.

"THE MONKS *NEVER* REVEALED HER TRUE *LINEAGE*. THEY HAD HOPED TO KEEP THE *SECRET FOREVER*..."

FORTUNES REVEALED HERE, MILADY! LET THE ALL-SEEING EYE OF AGATHA TELL YOUR DESTINY!

ABSOLUTELY NOT, EVA.

I'LL BE QUICK. STOP WORRYING SO MUCH!



YES, YES...COME IN AND SIT. OPEN YOUR MIND.

YOU CAN READ MY CARDS?

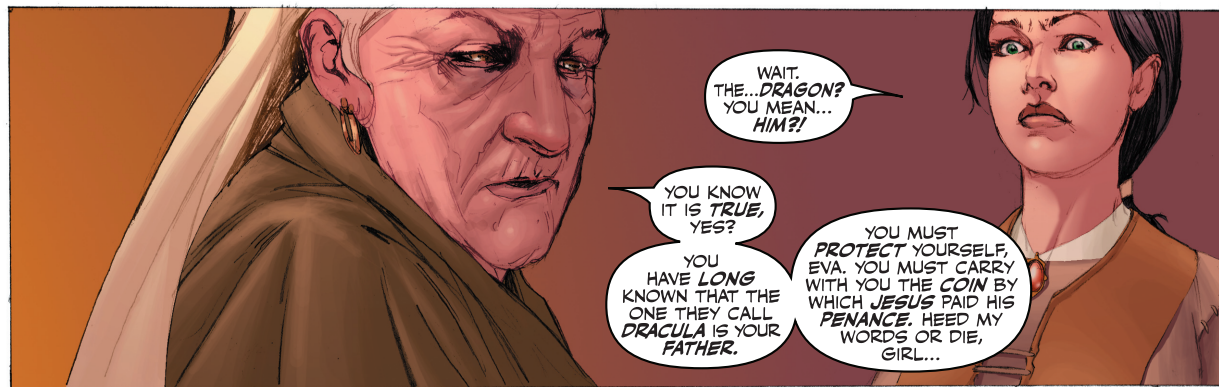
OH, I DON'T NEED CARDS TO TELL YOUR FUTURE! YOUR DESTINY IS AS CLEAR AS THE SUN IN THE CLOUDLESS SKY...

YOU HAVE PREPARED, HAVEN'T YOU? READY FOR A WAR THAT YOU ALONE MUST WAGE?

AND YOU SUSPECT THAT THERE IS MORE BEHIND THE VEIL THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD? A DARK SECRET KEPT?

THE DRAGON IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR BLOOD, AND HE WILL COME TO TAKE IT--BUT THE BATTLEFIELD WILL NOT BE OF YOUR MAKING.

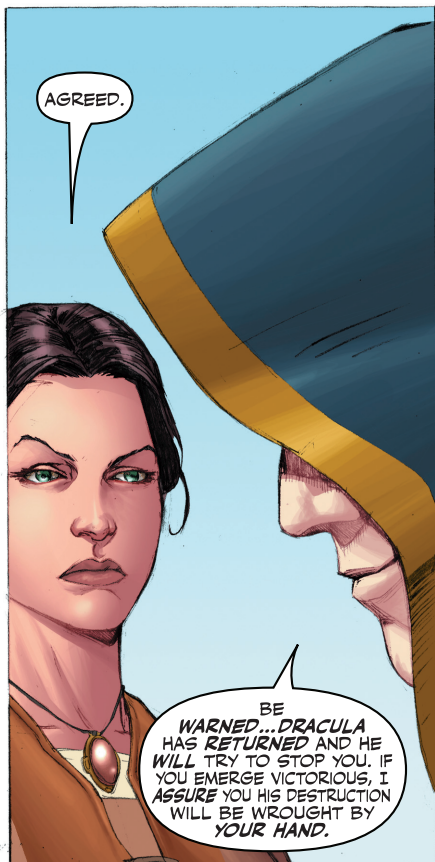
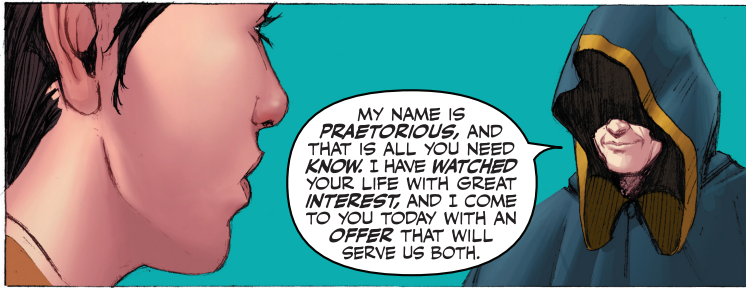
YES! HOW DID YOU--?



WAIT. THE...DRAGON? YOU MEAN... HIM?!

YOU KNOW IT IS TRUE, YES? YOU HAVE LONG KNOWN THAT THE ONE THEY CALL DRACULA IS YOUR FATHER.

YOU MUST PROTECT YOURSELF, EVA. YOU MUST CARRY WITH YOU THE COIN BY WHICH JESUS PAID HIS PENANCE. HEED MY WORDS OR DIE, GIRL...



"BY THE MIDPOINT OF THE NEXT NIGHT, EVA AND HER ATTENDANT MONK HAD UNDERTAKEN THE TREACHEROUS JOURNEY."

GRACIOUS LORD! LOOK THERE...!



WHAT IS IT? WHERE?

I DON'T KNOW. SOMETHING IN THE SNOW...



DO YOU SEE IT? A CAVE... PERHAPS THE LAIR OF THIS BEAST WE'VE COME TO SEE?

I SENSE DARKNESS AND SPITE, BUT NOT FROM THE CAVE. BE PREPARED, BROTHER... AND STAY BEHIND ME.



HAVE YOU COME TO CLAIM MY PRIZE?



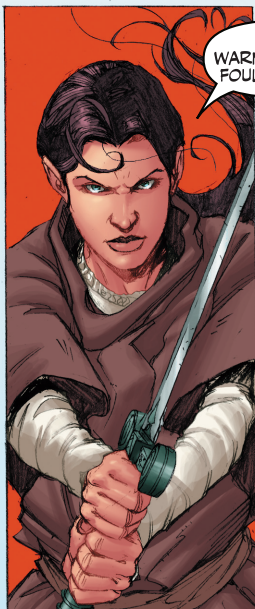
YOU HAVE COME SO FAR, AND DEATH WOULD NOT BE A SWEET ENOUGH REWARD FOR YOUR EFFORTS, BUT DO NOT DESPAIR.

KNOW INSTEAD THAT YOU WILL FIND NEW LIFE AS MY LOYAL SUBJECTS, TRANSFORMED INTO HIGHER BEINGS WORTHY ENOUGH TO STAND AT MY SIDE!



I WILL WARN YOU ONCE, FOUL CREATURE...

...FACE MY BLADE AND FACE YOUR DEATH.

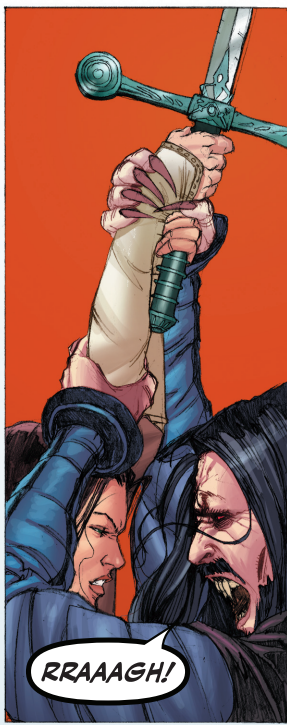


EEYYAAAH!

END THIS FOOLISHNESS...

...BUT LEAVE HER PURITY FOR ME.







STUPID BEASTS, FOLLOWING A MASTER WHO WOULD SACRIFICE YOU.

RRRAAGGH



IF YOU LIVE... ...LEARN.

SHAKY



TAKE ANY FORM YOU'D LIKE, MONSTER...

...THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE.



HE'S CHANGING! I CAN'T--

HOLD HIM!



WHISSSH

THE WIND! I CAN'T SEE!

YOUR BLINDNESS IS SELF-INDUCED.



TRICKS WON'T SAVE YOU. THERE IS NOTHING THAT WILL KEEP ME FROM MY VENGEANCE...



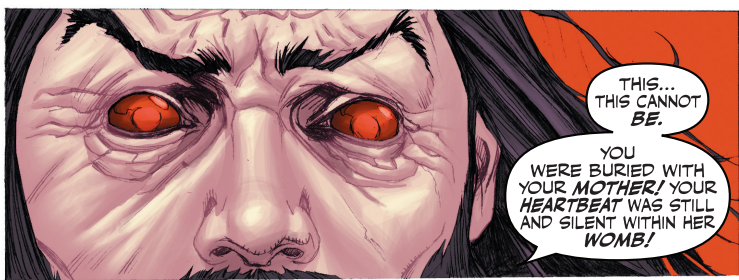
...FATHER.



WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR EYES, DRACULA? IS IT THE COLD FEAR THAT ONLY TRUTH CAN BRING?

YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW I FELT WHEN I CONFIRMED THE TRUTH THAT I HAD SUSPECTED FOR MOST OF MY LIFE:

I AM YOUR DAUGHTER.



THIS... THIS CANNOT BE.

YOU WERE BURIED WITH YOUR MOTHER! YOUR HEARTBEAT WAS STILL AND SILENT WITHIN HER WOMB!



WISHOOOSH

BEGONE FROM MY SIGHT!

YOUR LIES WILL BE PUNISHED!



THE MOUNTAIN...

...HE'S TEARING IT APART!



TAKE THE STONE! I KNOW THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE... TAKE IT AND PROTECT IT FROM THE DRAGON AT ALL COSTS!

BUT... WHAT ABOUT YOU...?



WOOOOW



"EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO FIND THE PATCHWORK SAVIOR, BUT THE SEARCH PROVED FUTILE. EVA INSISTED ON A FALLEN HERO'S MEMORIAL SERVICE, AND THE MONK AGREED."

"BROKEN AND BATTERED--BUT VICTORIOUS--THE DUO ARRIVED AT CASTLE PRAETORIOUS MANY HOURS LATER."

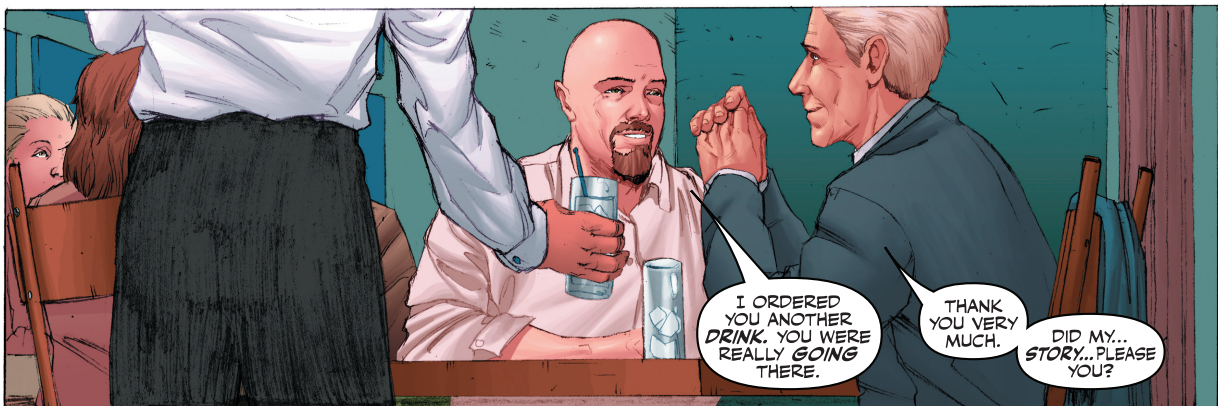
"PRAETORIOUS WAS MORE THAN PLEASED AND HE OFFERED MEDICAL CARE TO THE TWO HEROES, BUT EVA REQUIRED NO REST, AND WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE BARGAIN SHE HAD MADE WITH THIS STRANGER."

"TRUE TO HIS WORD, THE MYSTERIOUS MAN REVEALED HER PRIZE: A METAL SPIKE ONCE DRIVEN THROUGH THE BODY OF CHRIST AT HIS CRUCIFIXION, STILL SATURATED WITH THE BLOOD OF EVA'S ONE TRUE SAVIOR. IT WAS NEVER INTENDED AS A WEAPON, BUT IT'S UNIQUE ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH WOULD GRANT IT POWER AGAINST A BEING SUCH AS DRACULA--A MONSTER TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF SATAN HIMSELF."

"ARMED NOW WITH A PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION OF HER UNSHAKABLE FAITH, EVA KNEW THAT SHE FINALLY HAD THE MEANS TO FULFILL HER MISSION."

"DRACULA SENSED THE SHIFTING BALANCE OF POWER AS WELL, EVEN THROUGH HIS CONFUSION AND DESPAIR, AND IT CHILLED HIM TO THE REMAINS OF HIS UNHOLY SOUL. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS TRANSFORMATION, THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS HAD DISCOVERED FEAR."

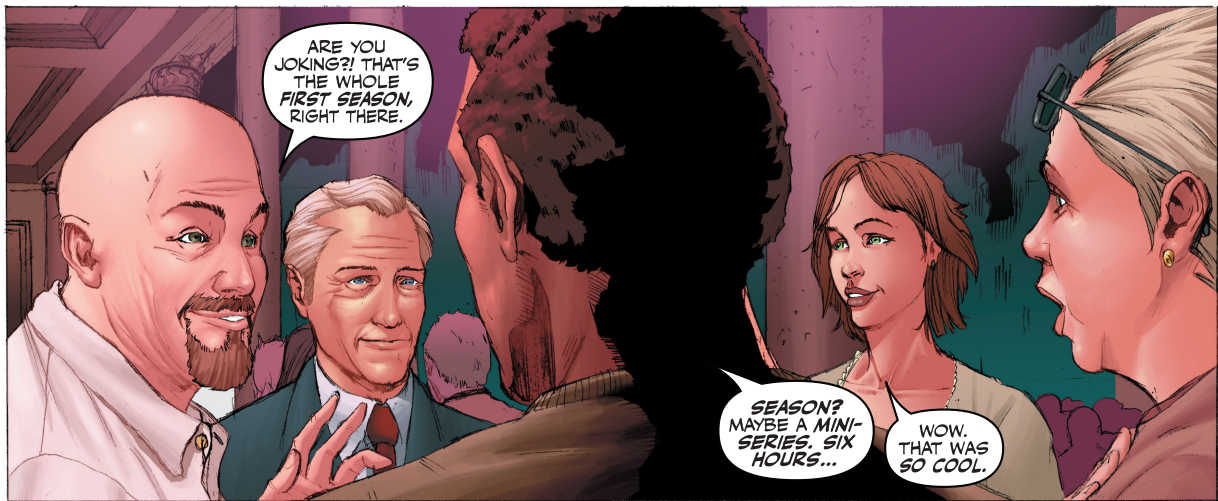
"MEANWHILE, THE SO-CALLED 'MONSTER' HAD FINALLY EMERGED FROM HIS ICY PRISON, UNBEKNOWNST TO HIS FRIENDS AND ENEMIES. HE WOULD EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR INTO THE NIGHT, SEEKING SOLACE FOR HIS TROUBLED, ARTIFICIAL SPIRIT."



I ORDERED YOU ANOTHER DRINK. YOU WERE REALLY GOING THERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

DID MY... STORY... PLEASE YOU?



ARE YOU JOKING?! THAT'S THE WHOLE FIRST SEASON, RIGHT THERE.

SEASON? MAYBE A MINI-SERIES. SIX HOURS...

WOW. THAT WAS SO COOL.



YOU FLATTER ME.

I'LL ADMIT THE CONVENTIONS OF MODERN STORYTELLING ELUDE ME. ALL OF THIS SLASHING ABOUT WITH MACHETES AND CHAINSAWS! IT'S TRIBE.

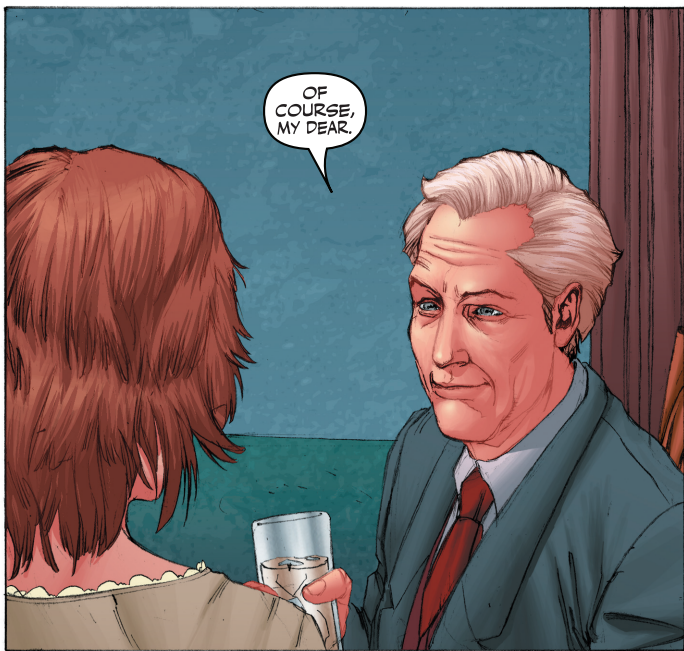


AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE HAVE TO RUN WITH THIS. WE NEED TO TAKE BACK MODERN HORROR FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CAN APPRECIATE IT!

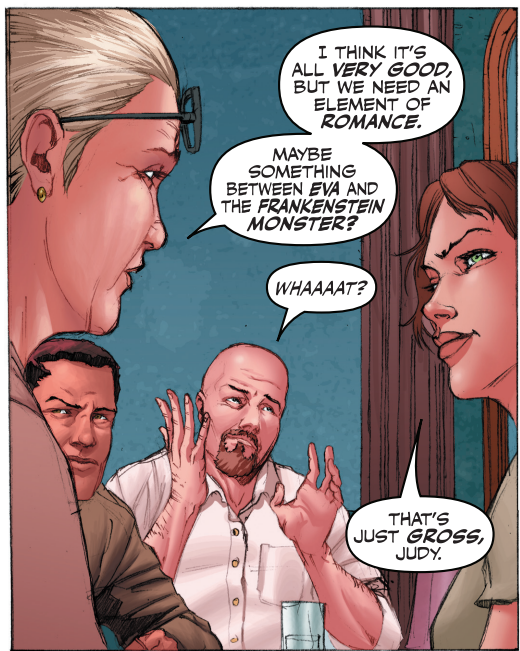


KEEP IT IN YOUR PANTS, DAVE.

PIOTR, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTINUE?



OF COURSE, MY DEAR.



I THINK IT'S ALL VERY GOOD, BUT WE NEED AN ELEMENT OF ROMANCE.

MAYBE SOMETHING BETWEEN EVA AND THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER?

WHAAAAAT?

THAT'S JUST GROSS, JUDY.



OKAY, OKAY...

MAYBE GIVE US SOME INSIGHT AS TO HOW WE COULD MOVE FORWARD AND PICK UP THE STORY IN THE PRESENT DAY?



INTRIGUING.



AS I SAID BEFORE, MODERN STORYTELLING IS NOT MY FORTÉ...

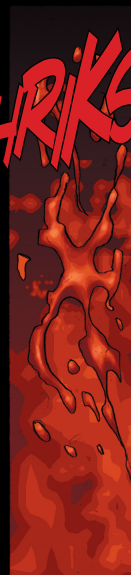
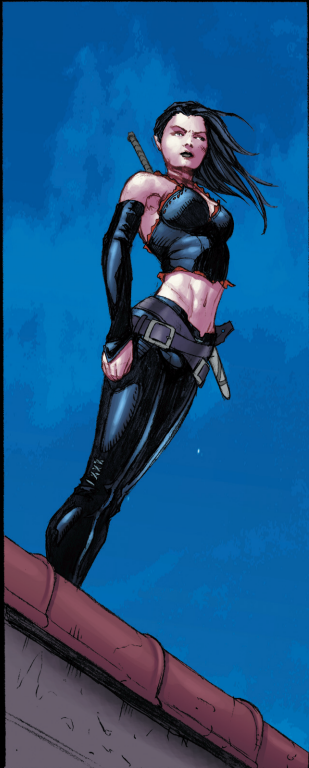
...BUT TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK OF THIS.

"WE MOVE AHEAD TO **PRESENT DAY**. EVA, NOW IN POSSESSION OF THE **HOLY SPIKE**, HAS RECENTLY **FACED DRACULA** AND HAS FOLLOWED ONE OF HIS **MINIONS** TO A WATERFRONT HEADQUARTERS."

"**WAIT A SECOND**. HOW DID THEY **GET** TO THE **PRESENT DAY**?"

"**DOES IT REALLY MATTER?** ANY EXPLANATION I GIVE YOU IS AN **ARTISTIC CONCEIT**, AND THEREFORE **NOT CRUCIAL** TO THE STORY. WE SHOULD ALSO DO AWAY WITH **THIRD-PERSON NARRATION** AND LET THE STORY TELL ITSELF."

"**FINE**. WE'LL JUST SAY IT'S **MAGIC** OR **SOMETHING**. GO ON."





SNARRLLL

WELCOME, PRETTY.

WE'LL ENJOY STRIPPING YOUR BONES WITH OUR TEETH.



MAKE YOUR MOVE, BEASTS...

...AND DIE HUNGRY.

SHRIK



YOU'LL NEVER KEEP ME FROM HIM...



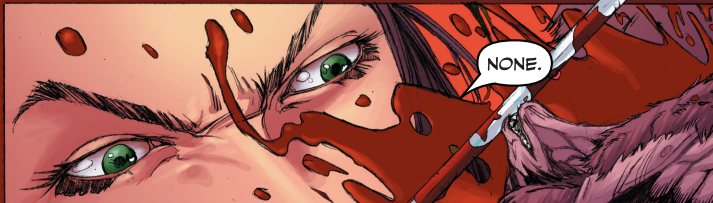
SHRUK

AAHWWOO



...AND HE'LL NEVER PROTECT YOU FROM ME.

M-MERCY...



NONE.



NOW...
...WHERE IS YOUR MASTER?



STAY YOUR HAND, DAUGHTER, AND LISTEN.

I DO NOT WISH TO FIGHT YOU, THOUGH I WILL GIVE NO QUARTER IF YOU PERSIST. I HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING FAR MORE SINISTER THAN...

IT IS...TOO LATE...FOR THAT, EVA. THERE IS A PRESENCE THAT HAS PURSUED ME ACROSS TIME AND SPACE, AND IT COMES NOW TO LEVEL IT'S FINAL JUDGMENT AGAINST ME...

ONLY GOD MAY JUDGE...

ENOUGH OF YOUR LIES! USE WHAT IS LEFT OF YOUR VOICE TO BEG FORGIVENESS FROM THE LORD.

...AND HE WILL RIGHTLY GUIDE MY HAND AGAINST AN ABOMINATION LIKE YOU!



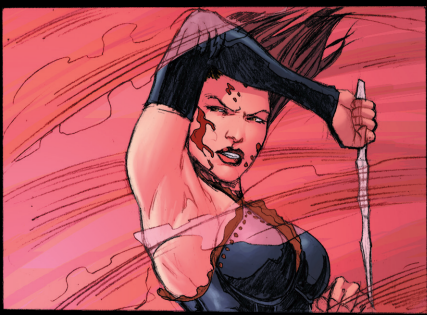
THIS EVIL I SPEAK OF DOES NOT FEAR YOUR GOD!

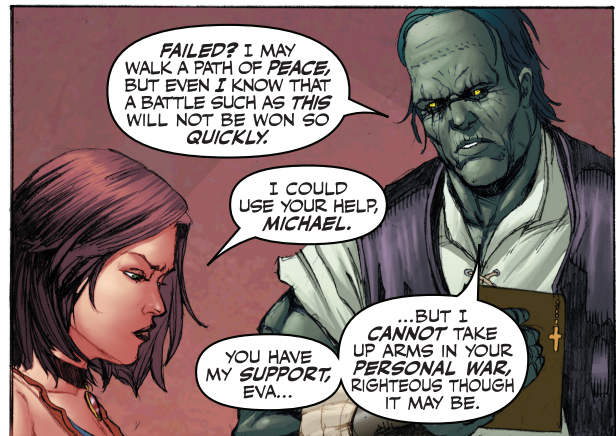
IT IS OLDER THAN THOSE SUPERSTITIOUS TALES AND IT WILL NOT BE STOPPED!

IF YOU SEEK TO LIGHT THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, THEN YOU MUST HELP ME OVERCOME THIS...THING...THAT SEEKS TO DESTROY ME...



NO! NOOOO! IT COMES FOR ME NOW, EVA--AND IT WILL COME FOR YOU IN TIME!







WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
 WHO ARE YOU, TO BRING ME HERE AND RISK THE WEIGHT OF MY WRATH?!



YOUR BRAVADO IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE FICTION OF A FRIGHTENED MIND.
 YOU HAVE BEEN SUMMONED, VLAD TEPEŠ. UNDERSTAND THIS AND QUESTION NO MORE.

YOU DO NOT SUMMON ME! I AM THE DRAGON! I AM DRACULA!



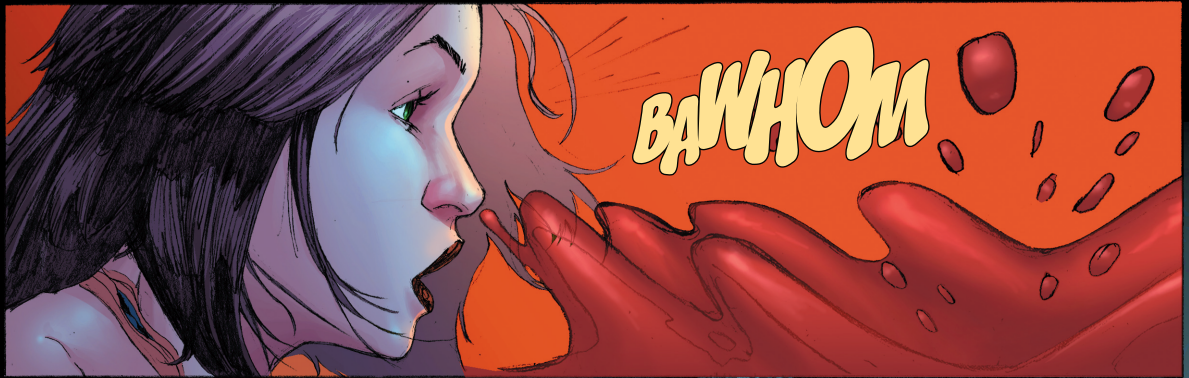
RELEASE ME!

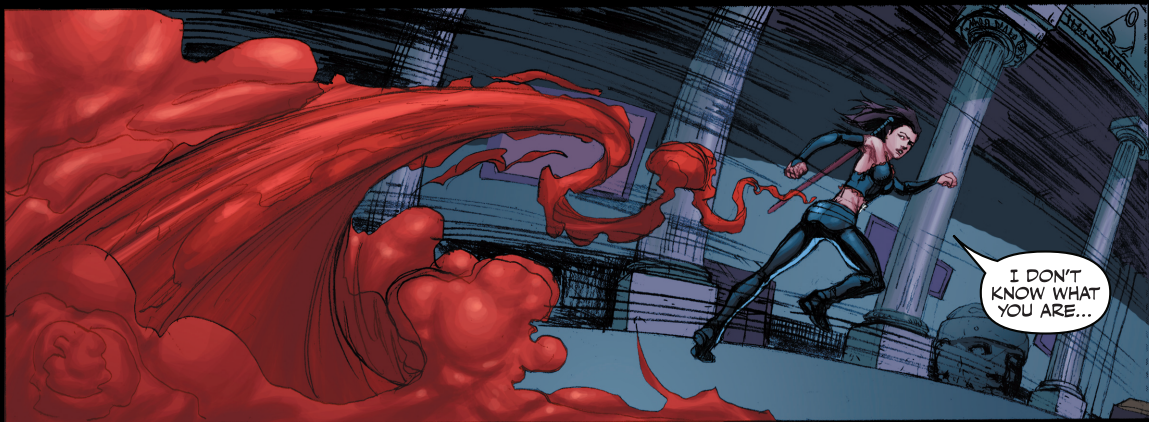


RELEASE ME!



I... I KNOW.
 I CAN FEEL YOUR FEAR... I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.
 AND I'M COMING FOR YOU.





I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE...



...BUT I PROMISE YOU, I WON'T BE TAKEN SO EASILY.



NNNGH!

SSSSOVERCOMEMEPAAYOUWILLBEAAH



YOU WILL NOT KEEP ME! YOU WILL---



AAMMGGH



AWAKEN.

WHUUU--
WHAT...?

YOU
HAVE BEEN
SUMMONED.

DRACULA!

YOU STINK
OF BETRAYAL.
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE?!

YOU
ACCUSE
ME...?

TEPES
IS NOT THE
ARCHITECT OF
THIS MAJESTIC
GATHERING.

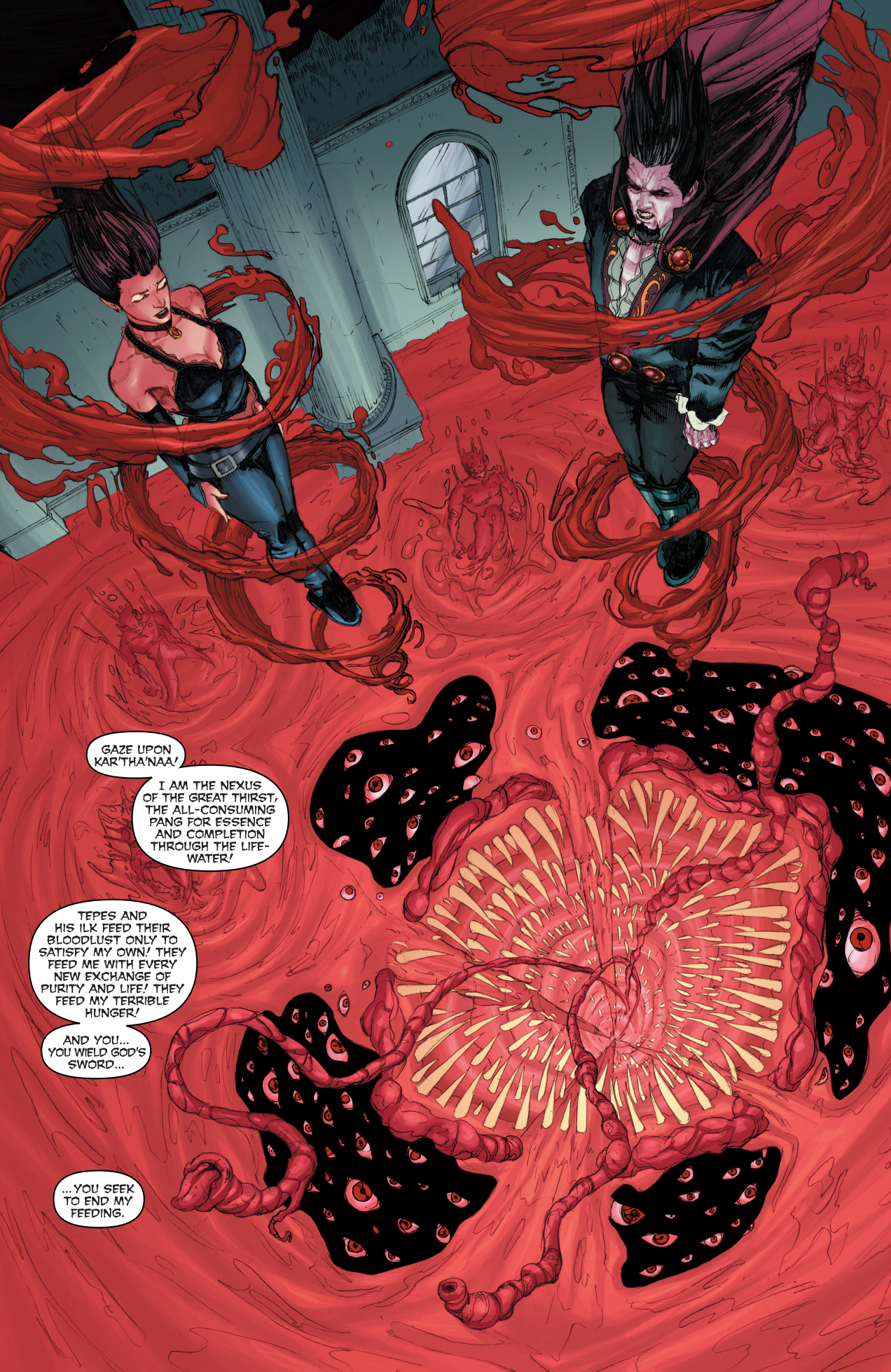
YOUR FATE
IS JOINED IN
AN ETERNAL
CIRCLE...

WHAT
IS...?

LORD
PROTECT
ME!

... THE CIRCLE
AND THE CYCLE
WILL BE ENDED
THIS DAY.

LOOK UPON
THE TRUE FORM
OF DOMINION! GAZE
UPON THE MAJESTY
THAT IS YOUR FINAL
SIGHT!



GAZE UPON
KAR'THA'NAA!

I AM THE NEXUS
OF THE GREAT THIRST,
THE ALL-CONSUMING
PANG FOR ESSENCE
AND COMPLETION
THROUGH THE LIFE-
WATER!

TEPES AND
HIS ILK FEED THEIR
BLOODLUST ONLY TO
SATISFY MY OWN! THEY
FEED ME WITH EVERY
NEW EXCHANGE OF
PURITY AND LIFE! THEY
FEED MY TERRIBLE
HUNGER!

AND YOU...
YOU WIELD GOD'S
SWORD...

... YOU SEEK
TO END MY
FEEDING.

THIS, I CANNOT ALLOW.

OH, GOD... IT IS SO VILE AND FOUL...!

LEAVE HER, YOU WICKED THING!



SSSSSSPPAHHHHHHHHHHSSSSPPP

TEPES, YOU HAVE OUTLIVED YOUR WORTH AS MY UNSUSPECTING HERALD. YOUR LUST FOR POWER RIVALS MY OWN. IT MAKES YOU NO BETTER THAN THE CHRIST-WHORE THAT SEEKS TO DESTROY YOU!



I'LL SEE YOU BOTH DESTROYED!



I THINK NOT...



AAARRGGHH!

... FOR THE CYCLE AND THE CYCLE WILL BIND YOU NO MORE!



NO!



MMMFF!



AAAIIIIY!

SHRRK



LET GO OF ME, DEMON!

EVA, WE CAN DEFEAT HIM TOGETHER!

I'M YOUR FATHER! YOUR FATHER!



NO!



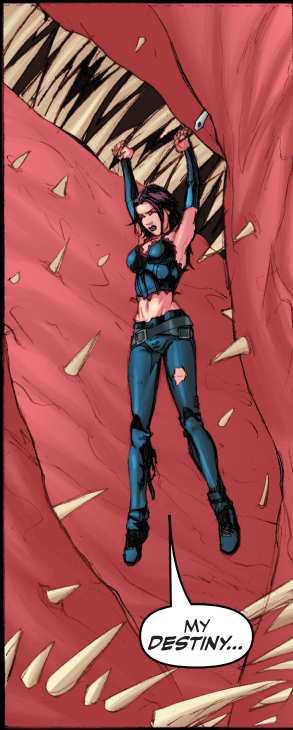
NEVERMORE.

EVA, NO--!



EEURGGH

ACCEPT YOUR FATE! EMBRACE YOUR DESTINY!



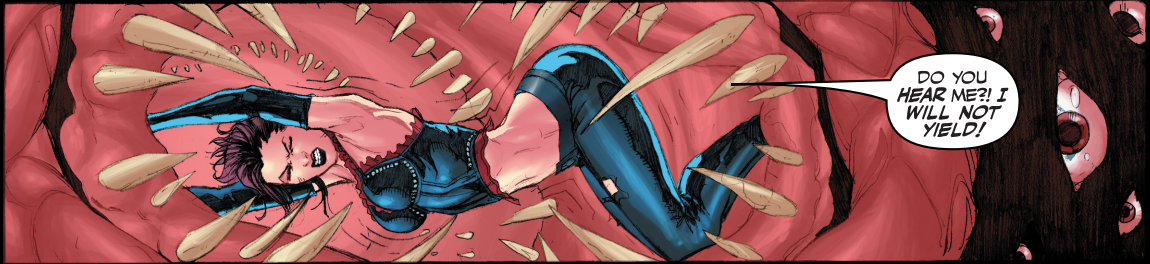
MY
DESTINY...



...IS TO RID
THE EARTH OF
THE PESTILENCE AND
PLAGUE WROUGHT
BY BEASTS LIKE
YOU!

AND I
WILL NOT
YIELD!

KRAAAAK

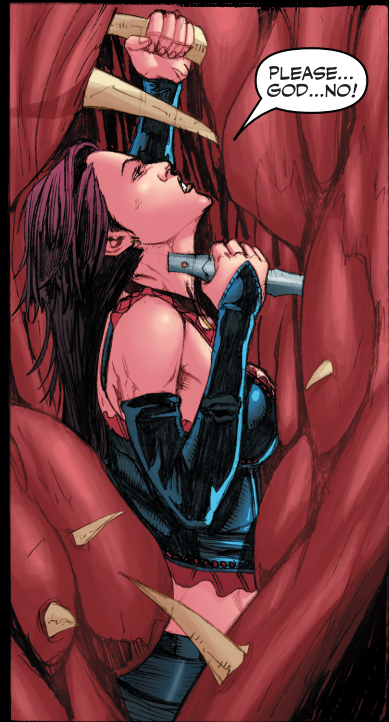


DO YOU
HEAR ME? I
WILL NOT
YIELD!



NNNGGH!
LORD, HEAR THE
PLEA OF YOUR
SERVANT AND
GRANT ME THE
STRENGTH--

**WHOOM
WHOOM
WHOOM**



PLEASE...
GOD...NO!

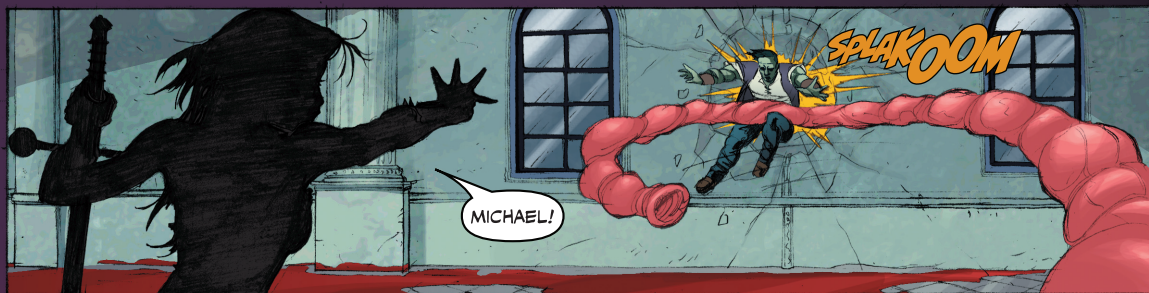


MICHAEL!

A TRUE MIRACLE...

I COULDN'T JUST WALK AWAY, EVA.

QUICKLY! WE CAN'T LET IT RECOVER--



SPLAKOOM

MICHAEL!



I CANNOT KEEP MY FOOTING!



I'M HERE, EVA!

BRRULIMWHUMWHUM

RAAUGHUURREYNI!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

BRRULIMWHUMWHUM

SKURRRK OOM

SHIELD YOUR EYES! THE BEAST IS SHAKING ITSELF APART!

UNBELIEVABLE...

...IT'S OVER. IT'S TRULY OVER.

IT HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN!

HAHAHAHAHA!
BEAR WITNESS TO THE BIRTH OF A NEW GOD...

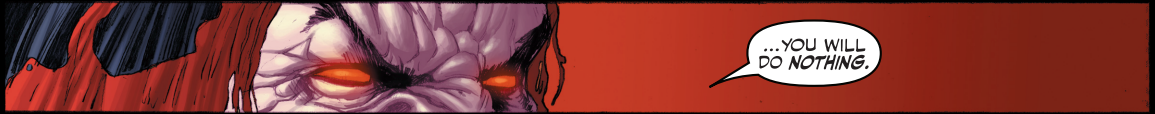
...AN ALL-POWERFUL DEITY GIVEN LIFE BY YOUR OWN FOOLISH PRIDE!

SHRRIP

I WILL END YOU NOW, HELLSPAWN!



EVA,
NO! IF YOU'VE
HARMED
HER...



...YOU WILL
DO NOTHING.



EVA, YOU
CAN'T--

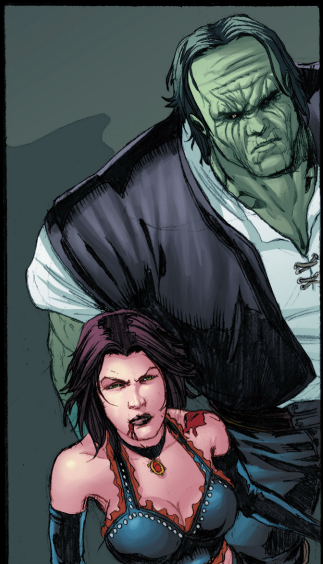
RELEASE ME
AND LET ME HAVE
MY REVENGE,
MICHAEL!

I CANNOT
ALLOW THAT.
NOT NOW.



ON THIS SOLITARY
OCCASION, I WILL ALLOW
YOU TO LEAVE IN PEACE.
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY. IT
WILL NOT BE OFFERED
AGAIN.

THE
CREATURE WAS
CORRECT IN ONE WAY,
EVA. OUR CONNECTION
IS NOW SEVERED, AND
SHALL REMAIN SO.



IF YOU
INTERFERE
WITH
MY DESIRES AGAIN, I
PROMISE YOU I WILL
DELIVER YOUR ETERNAL
DAMNATION.



DO YOU
HEAR IT? THERE
ARE PEOPLE
COMING.

WE CAN'T
LET THEM
FIND US,
EVA.

EVA?



YOU WERE RIGHT, YOU KNOW.

I WAS BLIND. I BELIEVED THAT MY MISSION WAS **RIGHTEOUS** ENOUGH TO ENSURE **VICTORY**, THAT **GOD** WOULD SIMPLY ALLOW ME TO WIN WITHOUT A STRUGGLE. I KNOW NOW THAT THIS IS A **TEST** OF MY FAITH, A **TEST** OF MY STRENGTH.

PATIENCE IS YOUR GREATEST WEAPON. USE IT WISELY.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR **HELP**, MICHAEL. I'M **SORRY** THAT YOU WENT AGAINST YOUR BETTER JUDGMENT ON MY BEHALF.

WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

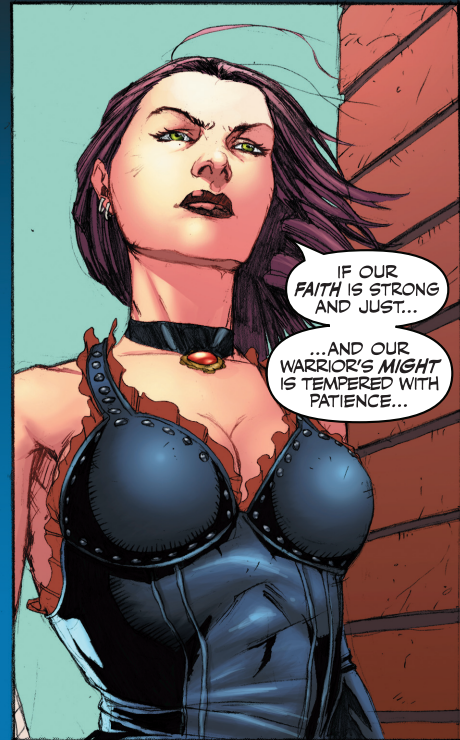


I DO NOT KNOW, TRULY.

UNTIL THE **HEAVENS** PART AND A **PATH** IS REVEALED TO ME, I SUPPOSE I WILL HAVE TO STAY AND **FIGHT** BY YOUR **SIDE**, IF YOU'LL HAVE ME.



I WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE.



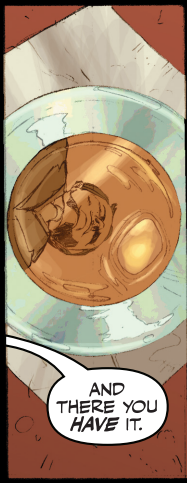
IF OUR FAITH IS STRONG AND JUST...

...AND OUR WARRIOR'S MIGHT IS TEMPERED WITH PATIENCE...

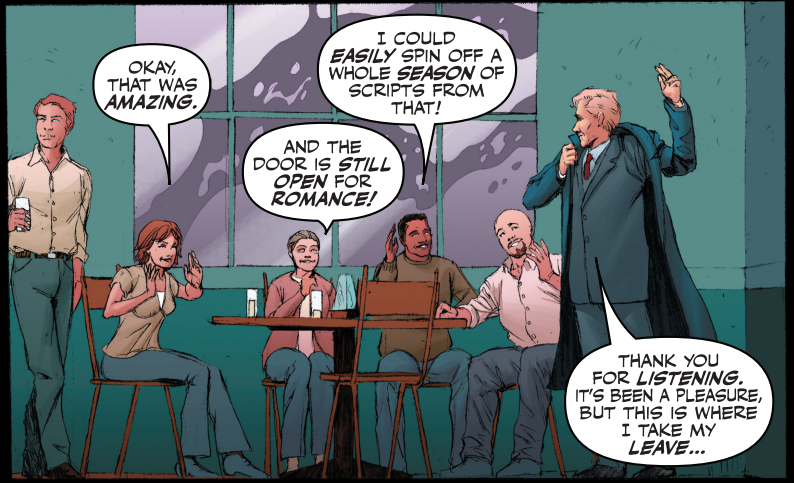


...WE WILL **CLEANSE** THIS WORLD AND RESTORE THE **GLORY** OF THE LORD'S CREATION.

THIS, I SWEAR UNTIL MY DYING DAY.



AND THERE YOU HAVE IT.

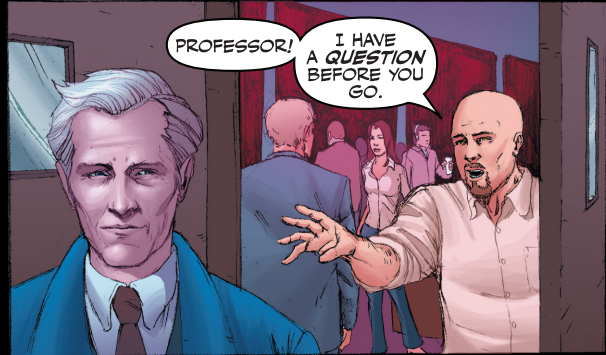


OKAY, THAT WAS AMAZING.

AND THE DOOR IS STILL OPEN FOR ROMANCE!

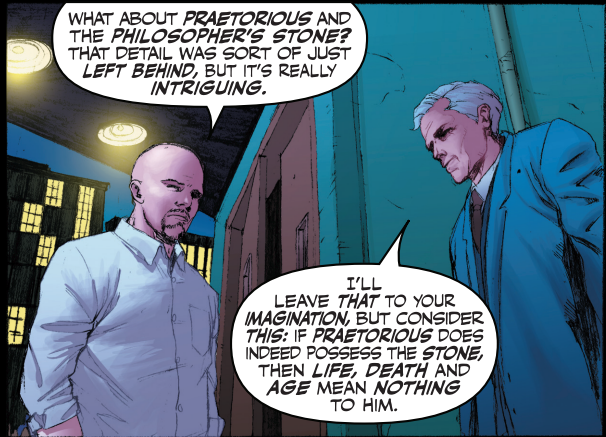
I COULD EASILY SPIN OFF A WHOLE SEASON OF SCRIPTS FROM THAT!

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE, BUT THIS IS WHERE I TAKE MY LEAVE...



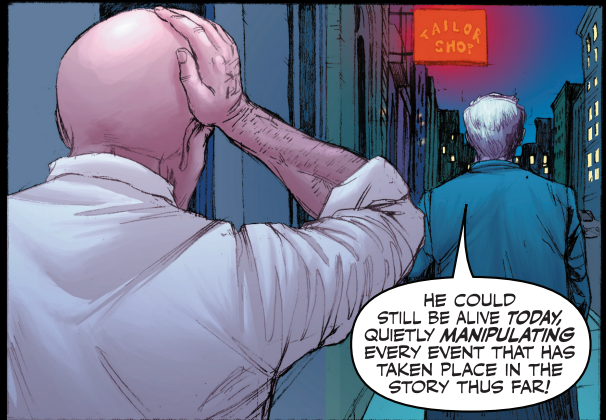
PROFESSOR!

I HAVE A QUESTION BEFORE YOU GO.

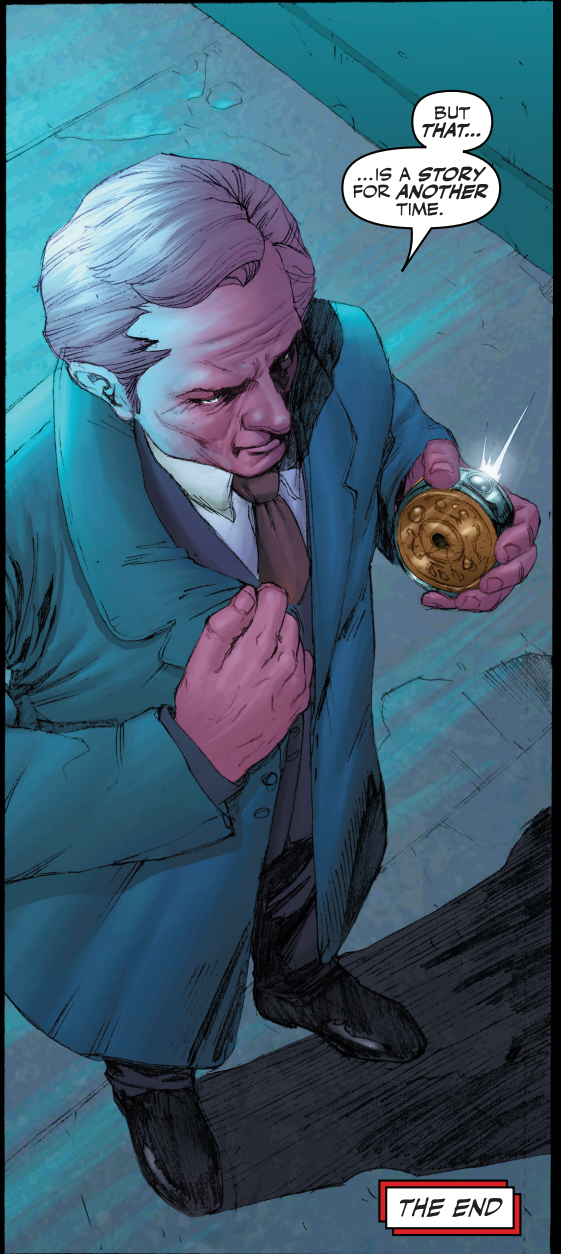


WHAT ABOUT PRAETORIOUS AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE? THAT DETAIL WAS SORT OF JUST LEFT BEHIND, BUT IT'S REALLY INTRIGUING.

I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOUR IMAGINATION, BUT CONSIDER THIS: IF PRAETORIOUS DOES INDEED POSSESS THE STONE, THEN LIFE, DEATH AND AGE MEAN NOTHING TO HIM.



HE COULD STILL BE ALIVE TODAY, QUIETLY MANIPULATING EVERY EVENT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE STORY THUS FAR!



BUT THAT...
...IS A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME.

THE END