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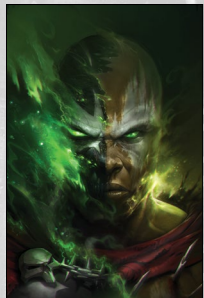
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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Consequence of Sin (Part 1) – With the future in doubt and Medieval Spawn's legacy in question, Spawn, She-Spawn, and Reaper go on the offensive. But a long-time ally has shown his true colors, and Cogliostro rallies an army and a deadly new recruit... GUNSLINGER SPAWN.

THERE WERE 857 LIVING SOULS WHEN HE FIRST ENTERED THIS TOWN. MOST LIVING ORDINARY, MUNDANE LIVES.

BUT ONE BY ONE THEY BEGAN GETTING SICK. YOUNG. OLD. AGE DIDN'T MATTER. ONCE IT BEGAN IT COULDN'T BE STOPPED.

WHY WAS IT HAPPENING? THEY WERE ALL BEING POISONED AT AN ACCELERATED RATE THAT WOULD MANIFEST ITSELF AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME FOR ALL OF THEM.

BUT GUNSLINGER SPAWN, HAVING BEEN RIPPED FROM SOME TIME CONTINUUM WAS TRYING TO ADJUST TO THIS MODERN WORLD HE FOUND HIMSELF IN.

SO, HE QUICKLY FOUND A HOST BODY TO USE SO HE COULD BLEND IN.

THEN HE WENT TO GO FIND HIMSELF A DRINK AND GIVE HIMSELF A CHANCE TO COLLECT HIS THOUGHTS.

IT DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED.*

*See last issue - Todd

A full-page comic book illustration of Spawn running down a city street. He is shown from a low angle, emphasizing his massive size. He wears his signature black and red suit with a large, flowing red cape. His face is a dark, featureless mask. He is running towards the viewer, with his right leg forward. The street is lined with multi-story buildings, and the sky is a bright blue with yellow sunbeams radiating from behind him. Debris is flying through the air around him.

INSTEAD, HE NOW FEELS HIS BODY SLOWLY DRAINING HIS ENERGY SOURCE. LIKE SOME HELLISH CANCER HAS BEEN RELEASED IN HIM. AND IF HE DOESN'T FIND A CURE OR A **REPLACEMENT** FOR THAT ENERGY, HE'LL MEET THE SAME FATE AS EVERYONE ELSE FROM THIS GODFORSAKEN PLACE.

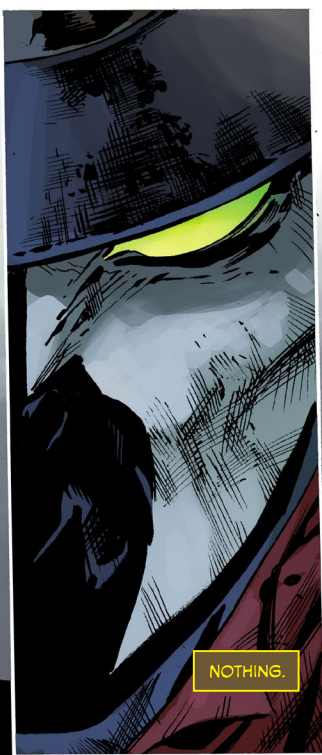
AND IF THIS SPAWN CAN'T SURVIVE, IT WON'T MATTER HOW HE GOT HERE OR WHY COGLIOSTRO IS HELPING HIM.

HE'LL SEARCH FOR THOSE ANSWERS LATER.

FOR NOW, HE HAS
TO FIND ANOTHER
"HOST BODY"
TO JUMP INTO.



HE DOUBTS HE
HAS MORE THAN
12 HOURS LEFT
WITH THIS ONE
HE'S IN.



TWENTY SECONDS PASS,
THEN HE HEARS
THE SOUND AGAIN.

Grrwl

THE RABID ANIMAL
IS DELIBERATE IN HIS
THREATENING TONE.

*BARK
BARK
BARK*

click

THEN SUDDENLY IT
SILENCES ITSELF.
ITS AFRAID OF
SOMETHING IT SEES...

BLAM
BLAM

BLAM

... BEHIND THE
GUNSLINGER!



AS BULLETS FLY PAST COGLIOSTRO, HE ALMOST BASKS IN THE SLIGHT BREEZE THEY CAUSE. KNOWING THAT THESE **HELLHOUNDS** AT HIS SIDE WERE GOING TO DRAW OUT THE GUNSLINGER'S NATURAL INSTINCTS, HE'D BROUGHT THEM ALONG FOR A TEST.

COG THOUGHT THEY'D LAST A LITTLE LONGER BUT, GIVEN THE GAME THEY'RE ALL PLAYING, **COLLATERAL DAMAGE** IS OFTEN A RESULT.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE STAYING BEHIND?

I CHANGED MY MIND.

ELSEWHERE.



THERE HAS TO BE A CORRELATION AS TO WHY THIS SPAWN TRIED TO KILL ME AND THE READINGS YOU'RE GETTING OUT THERE.

OUR COSTUMES HAVE ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO KNOW WHEN THEY'RE FACING A THREAT. HIS ACTIONS WERE THE OPPOSITE OF THAT. LIKE THEY'D BEEN REWIRED.

I KEEP SAYING, THE DATA FROM THOSE OTHER ENTITIES ISN'T FITTING INTO ANY KIND OF PATTERN. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND A PATH TO FOLLOW.

MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MATERIAL THEY'RE MADE FROM?

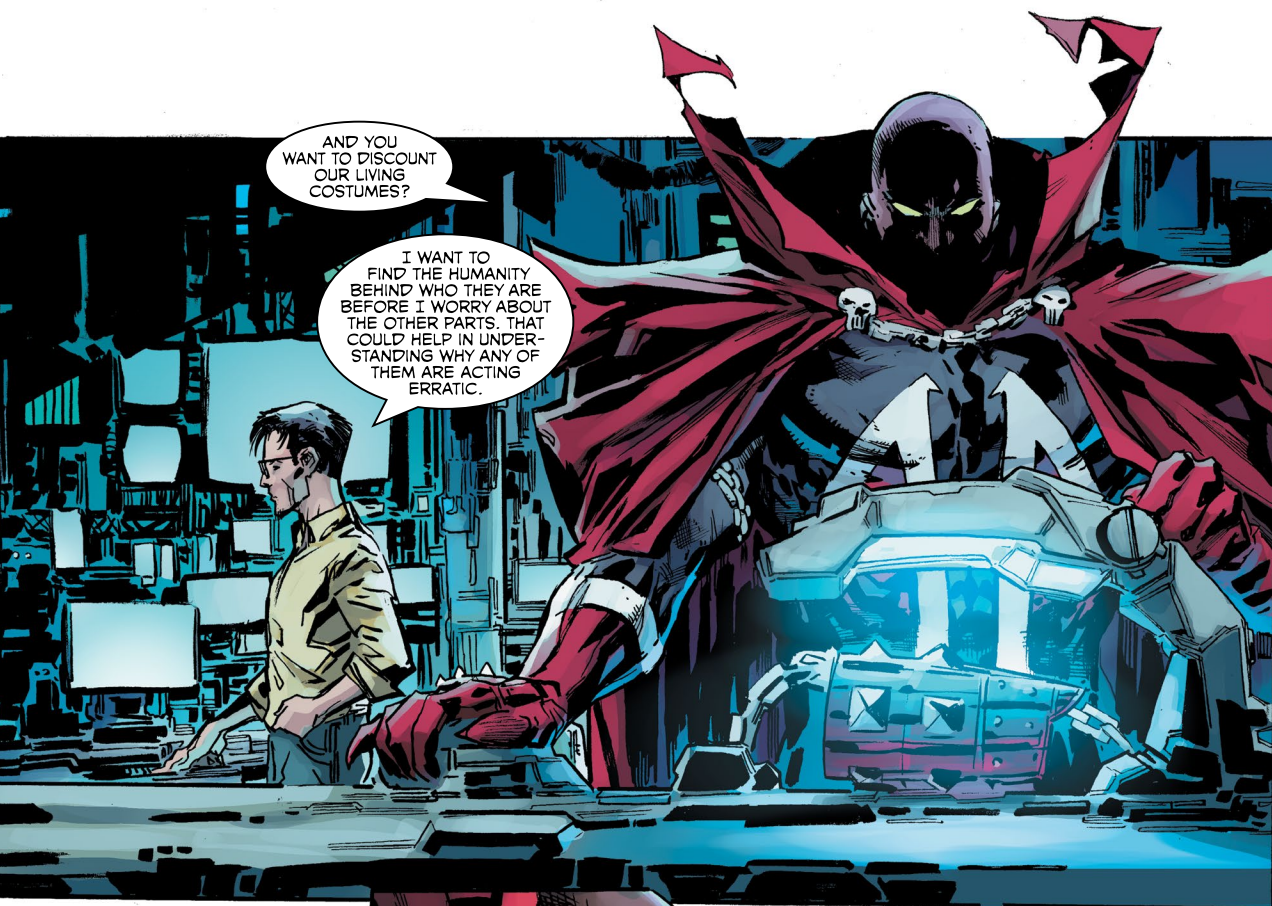


I DON'T THINK THAT HAS MUCH TO DO WITH IT. I'M TALKING ABOUT PSYCHOLOGICAL TENDENCIES AND IMPULSES. THOSE AREN'T DRIVEN BY EXTERNAL INTERACTIONS, THEY'RE PREBUILT INTO OUR D.N.A. AT BIRTH.

THESE NEW SPAWNS, OR WHATEVER THEY ARE, THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND THEIR MENTAL FOOTING.



AND A LITTLE NUDGE EITHER WAY COULD DRAMATICALLY CHANGE THE DIRECTION THEY GO.



AND YOU
WANT TO DISCOUNT
OUR LIVING
COSTUMES?

I WANT TO
FIND THE HUMANITY
BEHIND WHO THEY ARE
BEFORE I WORRY ABOUT
THE OTHER PARTS. THAT
COULD HELP IN UNDER-
STANDING WHY ANY OF
THEM ARE ACTING
ERRATIC.



THAT THEY'RE
DISORIENTED...
SHOULDN'T SURPRISE
YOU. YOU MAY HAVE
PULLED ALL OF THEM
OUT OF THEIR
NATURAL
ENVIRONMENTS.

THINK
ABOUT
THE TIME TWIST
YOU JUST WENT
THROUGH.*



HERE!

SINCE YOU'RE
SO DAMN SMART
YOU FIGURE IT
OUT! I'M DONE
ARGUING!

IT'S MORE
THAN OUR
PERSONALITIES THAT
DRIVES US. YOU'VE
SEEN WHAT MY
SYMBIOTE IS
CAPABLE OF.

YOU'RE
THINKING MYOPIC.
THERE'S MORE GOING
ON HERE.

THAT'S
WHAT I'VE
BEEN DOING!
YOU'RE JUST
NOT PAYING
ATTENTION.



TOKYO, JAPAN.

A LOW, LEVEL HUM
BREAKS THE SILENCE
INSIDE THIS QUIET
OFFICE SPACE.

A HUM WHOSE
INTENSITY GROWS
UNTIL IT DELIVERS ITS
TWO PACKAGES.

YOU SAID
SOMEONE WOULD
BE WAITING
FOR US?

THERE
WAS.

SOMEONE
MUST HAVE
TIPPED THEM
OFF.

SHE-SPAWN DOESN'T LIKE
THE FACT THAT THE PERSON
WHO WAS TO BE THERE GAVE
NO INDICATION ANY OF
THEIR PLANS HAD CHANGED.

HAVE WE BEEN
COMPROMISED?

WE'D
HAVE BEEN
AMBUSHED IF
WE WERE.

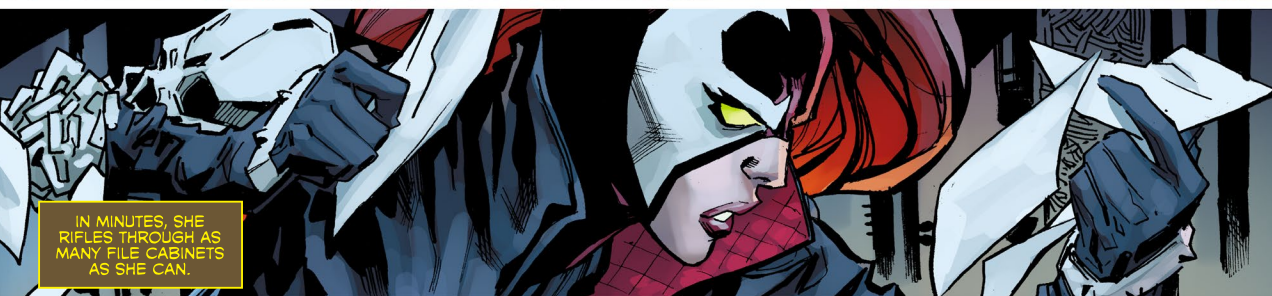


HOPEFULLY
HE LEFT THE
PACKAGE HE
PROMISED
ME.



WHAT'S
IN THE
PACKAGE?

NAMES
AND
LOCATIONS
OF TARGETS
THAT'VE BEEN
FINANCING COVERT
MISSIONS THAT
A FRIEND OF
MINE DIED
TRYING TO
UNCOVER.



IN MINUTES, SHE
RIFLES THROUGH AS
MANY FILE CABINETS
AS SHE CAN.



SHIT.
NOTHING'S
HERE.

WHAT
NOW?

SHE PICKS
UP A CHAIR.



KRASH

SETTING
OFF A SHRILL
ALARM.

IF WE CAN'T
FIND THEM, THEN
I'LL MAKE THEM
FIND US.



I SEE
YOU'VE
CHANGED
YOUR
LOOK.

I HAVE
MANY
LOOKS.

SO
I'VE BEEN
TOLD.



YOU'VE
GARNERED QUITE
A LEGACY OVER THE
CENTURIES. COG. IS IT
TRUE YOU'RE THE LONGEST
LIVING SPAWN? OR
DID YOU CREATE THAT
MYTH TOO?



WE'VE
ALL DONE
WHAT WE
NEEDED. NONE
OF US IS
AS LOYAL AS
WE'D LIKE TO
BE. EVEN
YOU!

SO, I
HAVE AN OFFER.
YOU WANT TO
LIVE YOU'LL NEED
MY HELP BUT
THEN YOU'RE ON
MY SIDE.



AND
WHAT
SIDE IS
THAT?

WHICHEVER
ONE ALLOWS US TO
SURVIVE. BUT BEFORE
YOU MAKE YOUR
DECISION, I'D LIKE
TO INTRODUCE YOU
TO SOMEONE.

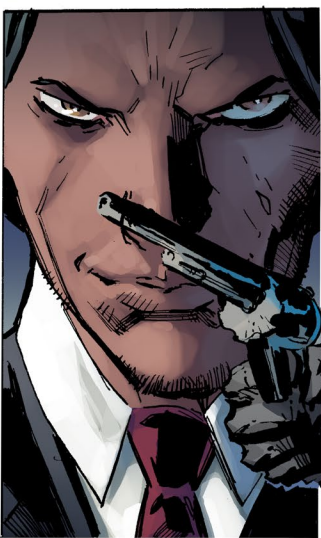
GUNSLINGER SPAWN IS
MOMENTARILY SHOCKED. FROM
THE SHADOWS COMES A PRISTINE
LOOKING JAVIER SANCHEZ, THE
SAME PERSON HE THOUGHT HE
WAS CURRENTLY POSSESSING!



IS THIS
SOME TRICK?
WHAT IS IT, ANOTHER
ONE OF YOUR
HELLHOUNDS
SHAPE-
SHIFTING?

NO--HE'S
THE ORIGINAL,
WHICH BEGS THE
QUESTION: WHO
ARE YOU
POSSESSING?

OH, DON'T BE
SO NAÏVE. YOU'RE NO
GOOD TO ME IF YOU'RE
THAT STUPID.



YOU
SET ME
UP!



NOW
YOU'RE
GETTING
IT.



THEY SAID
YOU COULDN'T BE
TRUSTED. YOUR
LUST FOR POWER IS
WHAT CAUSED YOUR
DOWNFALL.



FUNNY--
I'VE OUTLASTED
MOST OF MY
ENEMIES.

JAVIER! TEST HIM.

Vip

JAVIER FLINCHES AND GUN-SLINGER SHOOTS INSTINCTUALLY, THOUGH HE KNOWS BULLETS WON'T HAVE AN EFFECT ON ANY ALLY OF COG'S.

YOU'RE RIGHT, I DID SET YOU UP...



"...THE BODY YOU TOOK OVER, I CONSTRUCTED IT MAKING IT SO YOU'D BE ATTRACTED TO IT. YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE THAT BODY BY ACCIDENT."



"I LED YOU TO IT. AND YOU FELL RIGHT INTO THE TRAP."



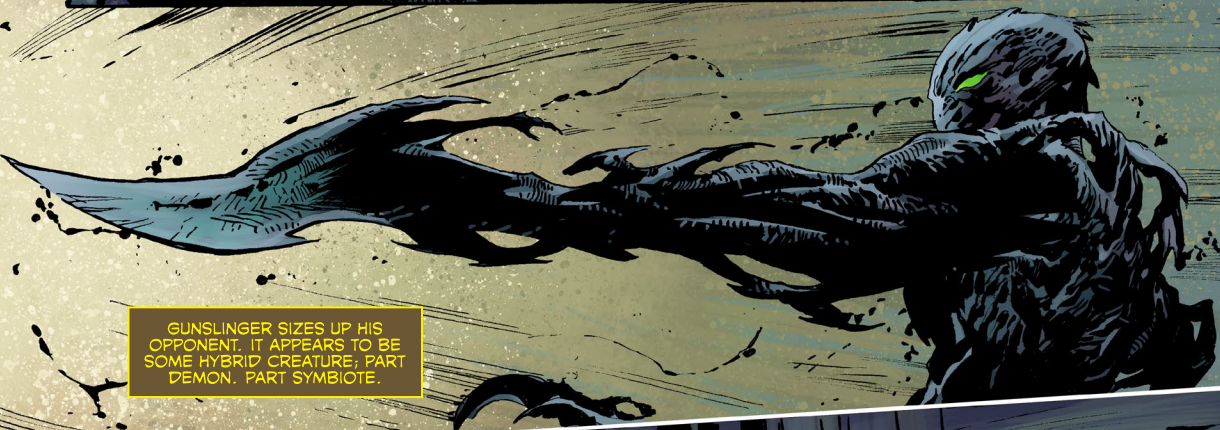
BUT, IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHOICE.

SHOW ME
YOU'RE WORTH TRYING
TO RECRUIT, THAT EVEN WITH
POISON COURSEING THROUGH
YOU, THAT I DIDN'T MAKE
A MISTAKE. THAT I HAVEN'T
UNDERESTIMATED
YOU.

MAYBE
THEN I'LL LET
YOU JOIN MY
CAUSE.



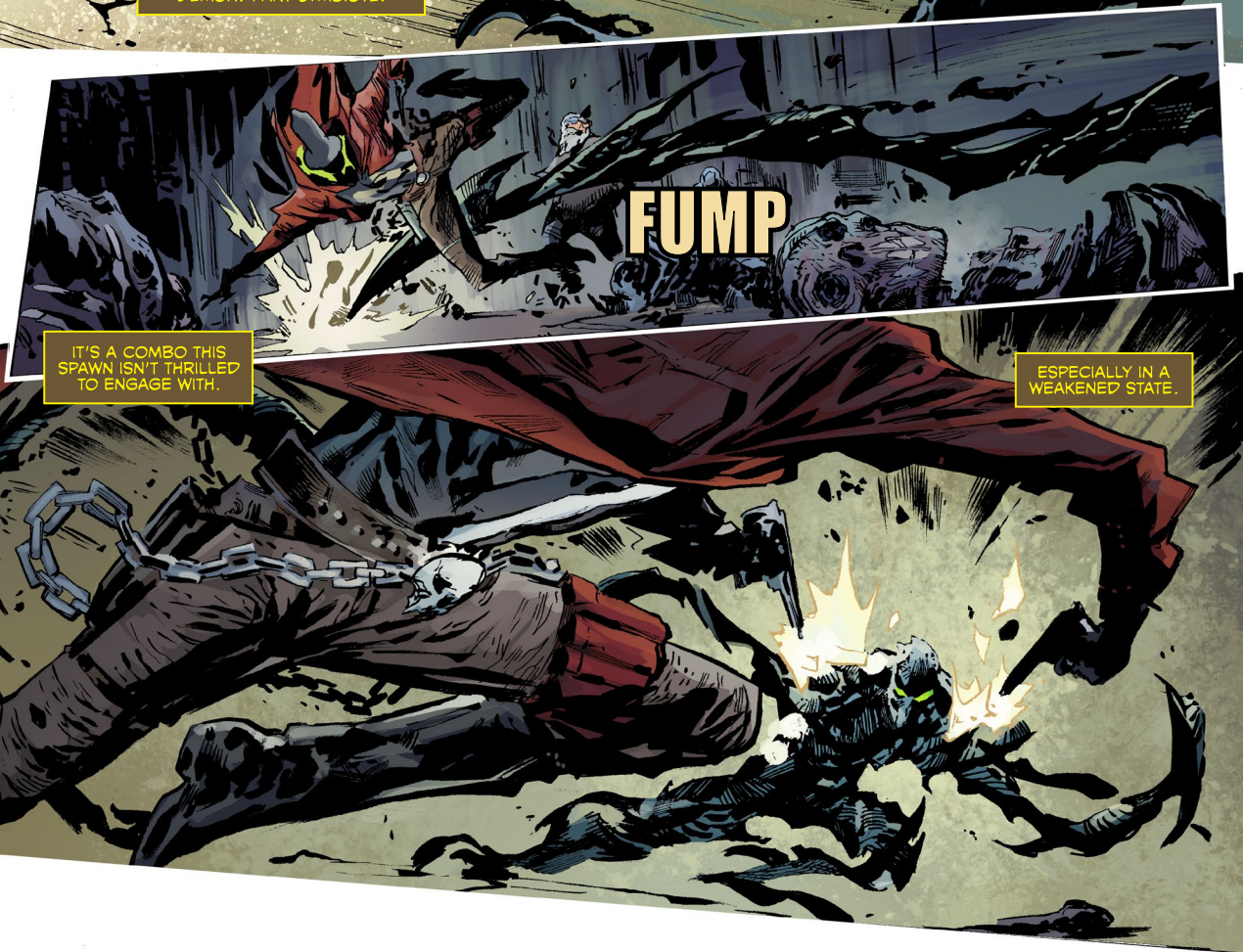
GUNSLINGER SIZES UP HIS
OPPONENT. IT APPEARS TO BE
SOME HYBRID CREATURE; PART
DEMON. PART SYMBIOTE.



FUMP

IT'S A COMBO THIS
SPAWN ISN'T THRILLED
TO ENGAGE WITH.

ESPECIALLY IN A
WEAKENED STATE.





VAP
VAP

VAP

HIS BEST
HOPE IS TO
TRY AND
SLOW IT
DOWN.

THEN TRY FINDING
ITS VULNERABLE SPOT,
ITS ACHILLES HEEL.

EXPLOIT THAT AND HE'LL END
THIS BATTLE ON HIS TERMS IN
A FASHION HE WANTS.

IF HE CAN'T... SPAWN'S
TIME IN THIS MODERN
WORLD WILL BE SHORTER
THAN HE'D ANTICIPATED.



AS THEIR BATTLE RAGES
BACK AND FORTH,
GUNSLINGER BEGINS TO
'FEEL' SOMETHING.



SOMETHING
EMANATING
FROM INSIDE
THIS CREATURE.

SOMETHING THAT
MUST HAVE BEEN
PUT THERE BY
COG HIMSELF.



BEFORE
HE CAN
DECIPHER
WHAT THAT
MEANS...



SHANK



HOW DOES THAT FEEL? TO RECEIVE THE PAIN--INSTEAD OF GIVING IT?



I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO DEVOUR ONE LIKE YOU.



FEK

NO!



THE CREATURE'S CLAWS BURY THEMSELVES DEEPER INTO GUNSLINGER'S CHEST AS BLACK TAR BEGINS TO POUR INTO HIM.



IT TAKES TEN
SECONDS FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION
TO COMPLETE.

EXCELLENT,
MY LOYAL PET.
SOON OUR
NEXT PHASE
BEGINS.

SORRY TO
BREAK THE NEWS,
COG...YOUR PET
DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT.
I LET HIM GUT ME. LET
HIM OOZE INTO ME
BECAUSE I NEEDED HIS
POWER AND HE GAVE
IT TO ME IN
SPADES!

CAUSE
I GET HIM
UP JUST LIKE
YOU DID TO
ME!

CONGRATULA-
TIONS, I HOPED
YOU'D FIGURE
THAT OUT.

BY
PASSING
YOUR TEST
YOU'VE SHOWN
THAT YOU'RE
READY.

OH, I'M
READY
ALRIGHT...



SLIT



I'M
READY TO
BE LEFT
ALONE.

FOR
NOW.

IN THE WEEKS TO COME, GUNSLINGER, FILLED WITH RENEWED POWER, WILL SHOW OUR WORLD THE TRUE IMPACT OF HIS PRESENCE, ESPECIALLY WITH WHAT HE'S ABOUT TO DO NEXT!



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The background of the cover is a detailed illustration of the character Spawn. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing his signature black, textured suit. His face is a dark, skeletal mask with large, glowing green eyes. His mouth is open, revealing a row of sharp, white teeth and a large, curved fang on the left side. A red, fleshy tongue is visible on the right. The overall color palette is dark, with black, grey, and green tones, accented by the bright green of the eyes and the red of the tongue and the 'SPAWN' logo.

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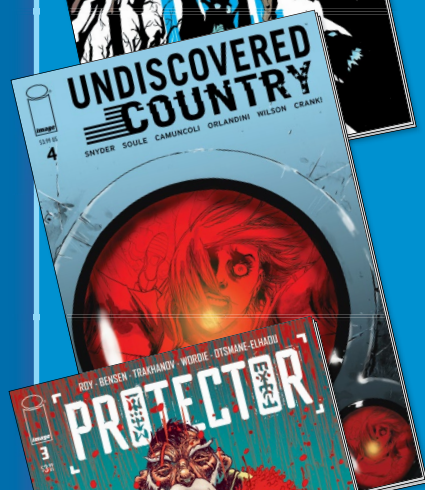
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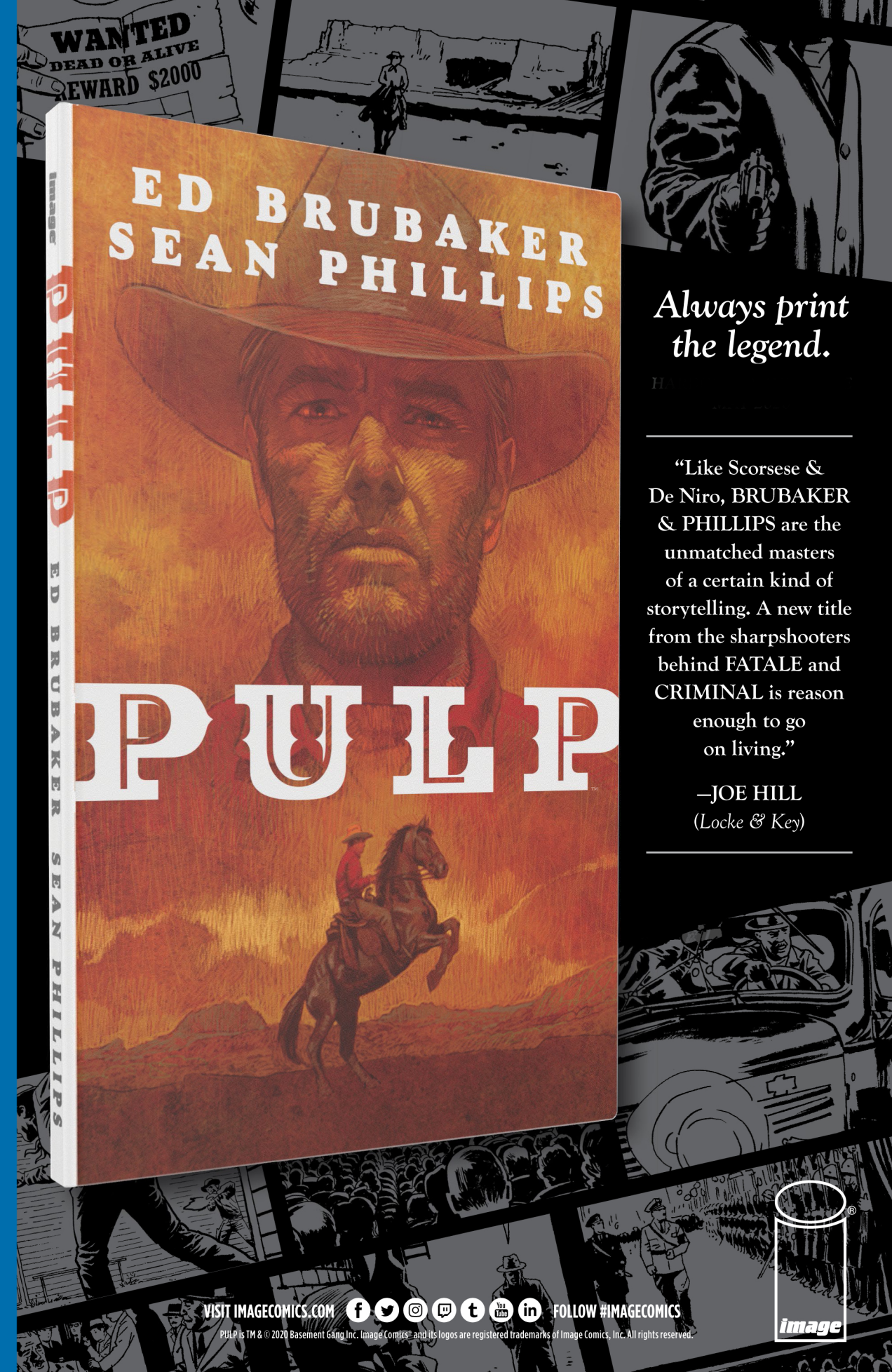
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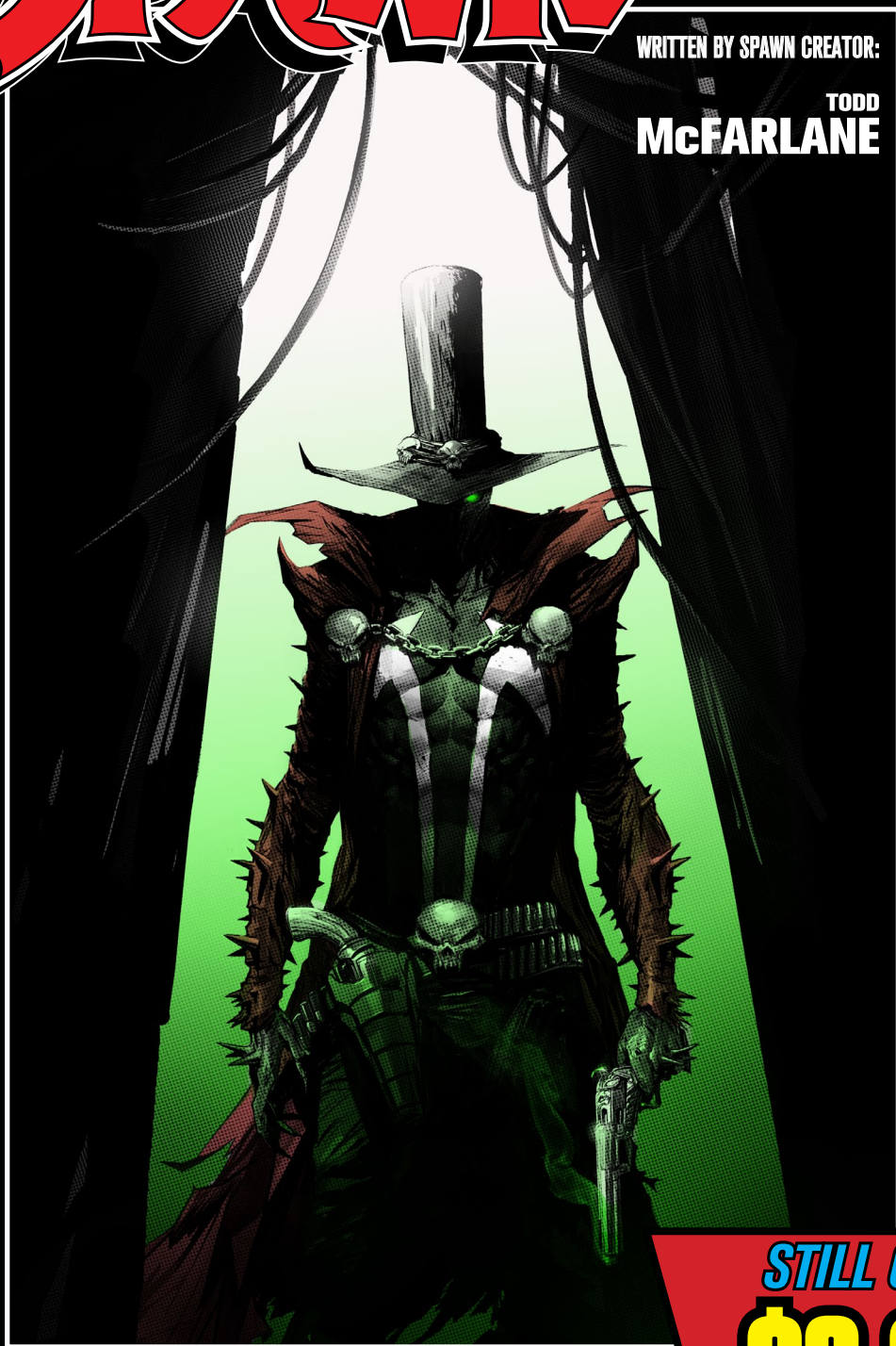
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