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WILL BE
BIGGER
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OF
DEATH
PART 2





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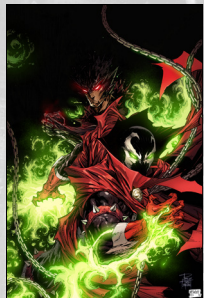
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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

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 depicting a dramatic moment. A character with a red mask and dark suit is shown from the chest up, looking down with a grimace. A massive, swirling green energy explosion erupts from the center of the frame, partially obscuring the character. In the foreground, a large, metallic, wing-like structure is visible. The background is a dark, industrial setting with structural beams. Two speech bubbles are present: one at the top center and one at the bottom right.

SHE
WAS THE
LAST
ONE!

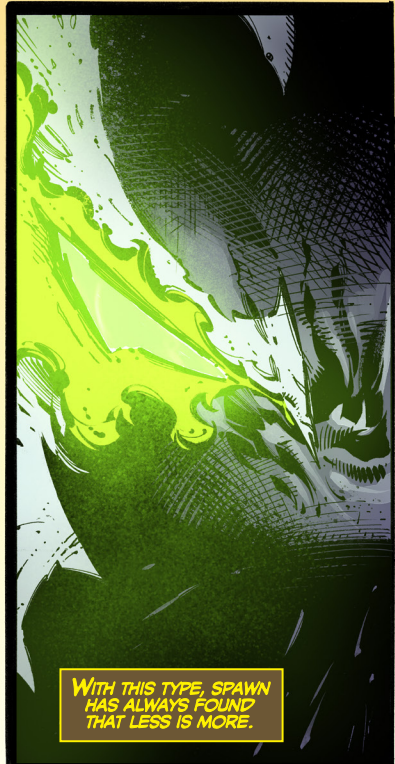
NOW, WE'RE ALL
CONDEMNED!

A large comic book panel showing Spawn in his iconic red cape and black armor. He is surrounded by bright green flames and smoke. He has a determined, almost angry expression. A speech bubble from an unseen character is in the top left. A yellow text box is on the right, and another yellow text box is at the bottom right.

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.

A vertical comic book panel showing a close-up of Spawn's face as he looks upwards. He is surrounded by red flames and smoke. A speech bubble is at the top, and a yellow text box is at the bottom.

MY
POWERS
FUSED WITH
HERS...

WITH THIS TYPE, SPAWN
HAS ALWAYS FOUND
THAT LESS IS MORE.

A vertical comic book panel showing a close-up of Spawn's face as he looks upwards. He is surrounded by red flames and smoke. A sound effect is at the bottom.

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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.

A large, dynamic illustration of Spider-Man in his black symbiote suit. He is shown from the chest up, looking down with a pained or determined expression. His mouth is open, revealing sharp teeth. A massive, bright green energy burst or explosion is erupting from his chest area, with yellow and white streaks radiating outwards. The background is a dark, swirling vortex of red and black, suggesting a time continuum loop or a chaotic dimension. The overall tone is dramatic and intense.

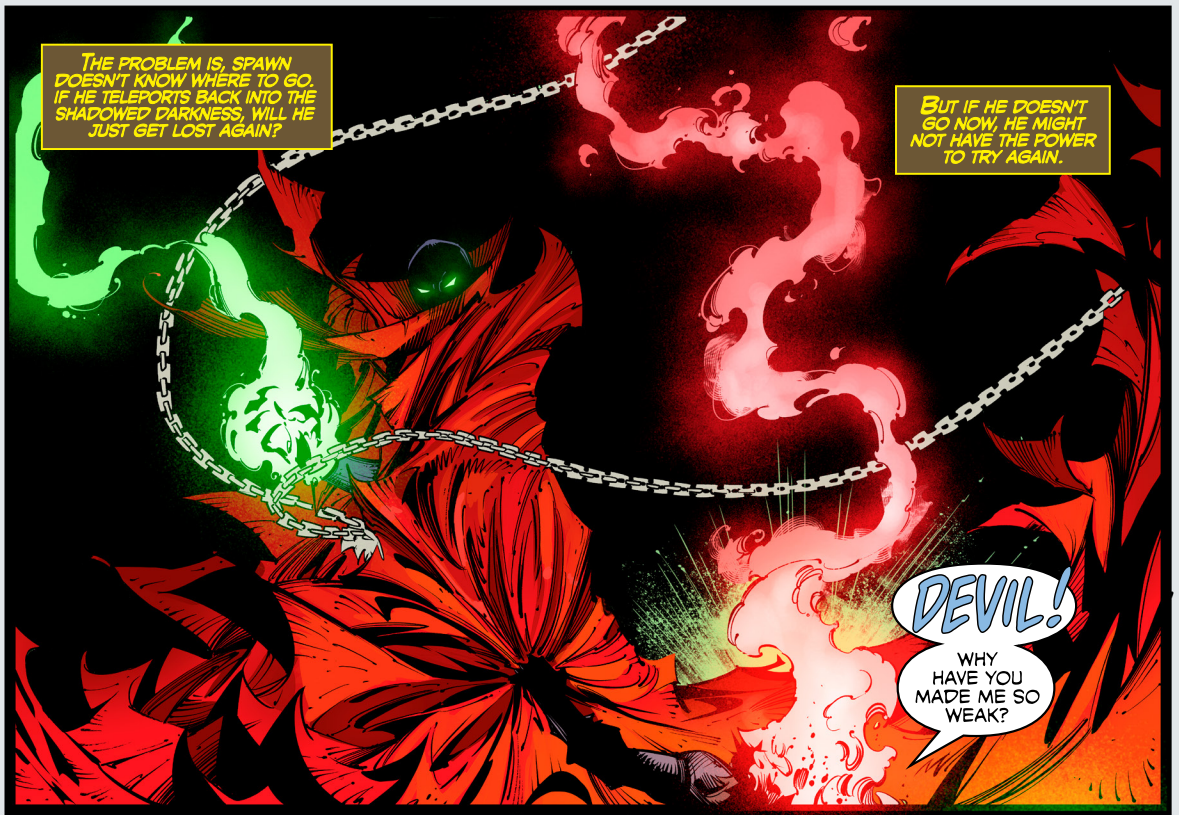
SOMEHOW SPAWN WAS PULLED THROUGH A "TIME CONTINUUM LOOP" AND INSTEAD OF GETTING OFF AT THE SAME PLACE HE STARTED-- LIKE SOME CELESTIAL FERRIS WHEEL--A RIPPLE OCCURRED THROWING HIM OFF BEFORE HIS HELLISH RIDE WAS COMPLETE.

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

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.

I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

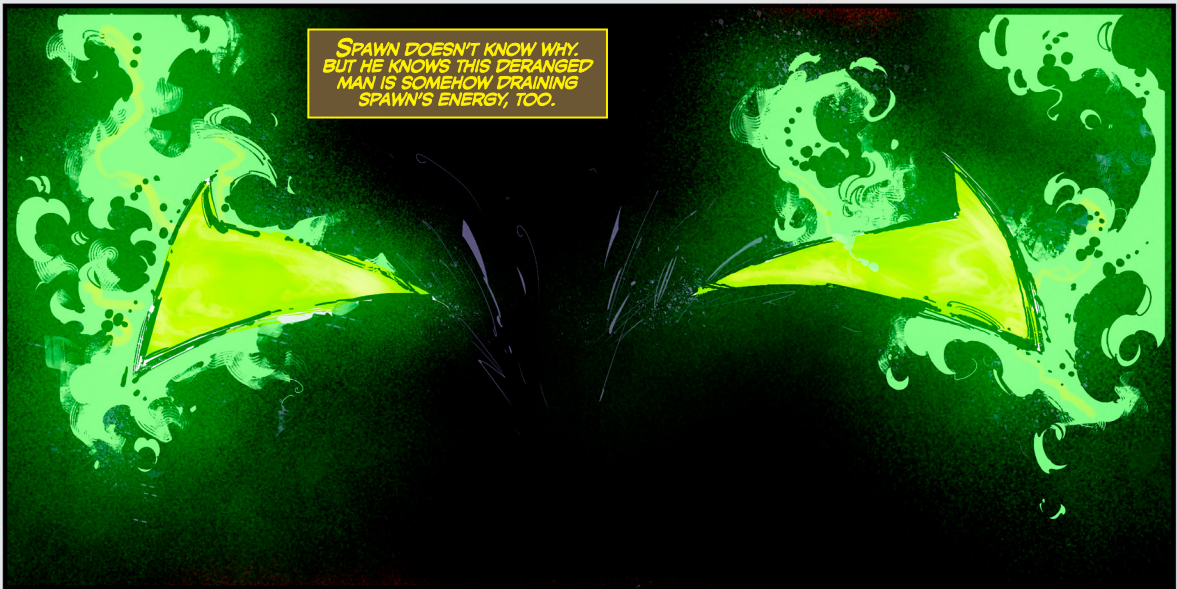


THE PROBLEM IS, SPAWN DOESN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO. IF HE TELEPORTS BACK INTO THE SHADOWED DARKNESS, WILL HE JUST GET LOST AGAIN?

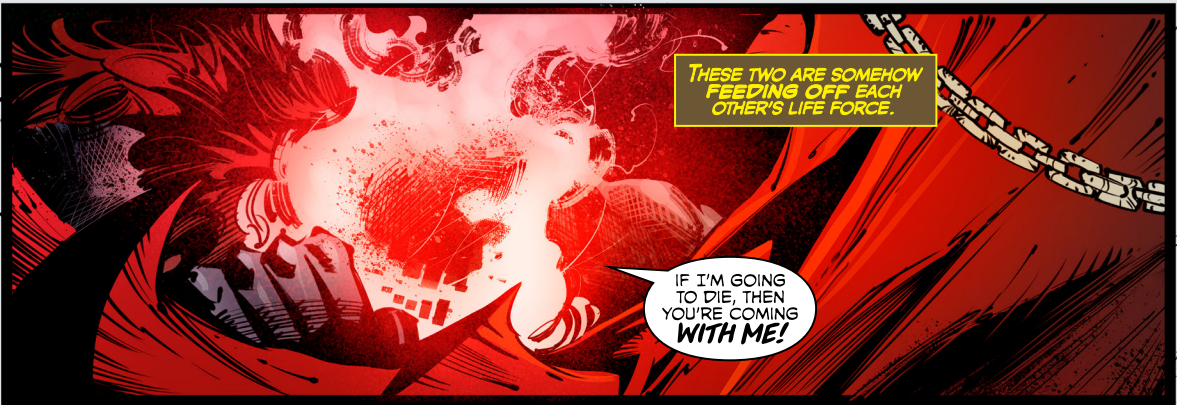
BUT IF HE DOESN'T GO NOW, HE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE POWER TO TRY AGAIN.

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!

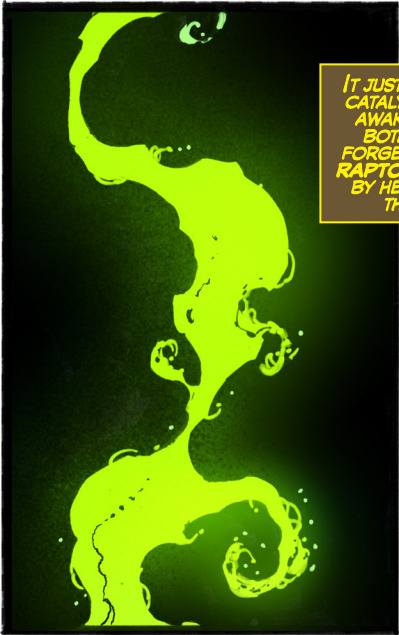
SPAWN'S BEGINS TO FEEL--WHAT LITTLE
POWER HE STILL HAS-- START TO DRAIN
FROM HIS BODY. THIS PLANET IS SLOWLY
EATING THEM BOTH ALIVE LIKE EVERYTHING
ELSE THAT'S CONNECTED TO IT. THE
HEARTBEAT OF THIS WORLD IS EBBING
ITS WAY TO EXTINCTION.

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!

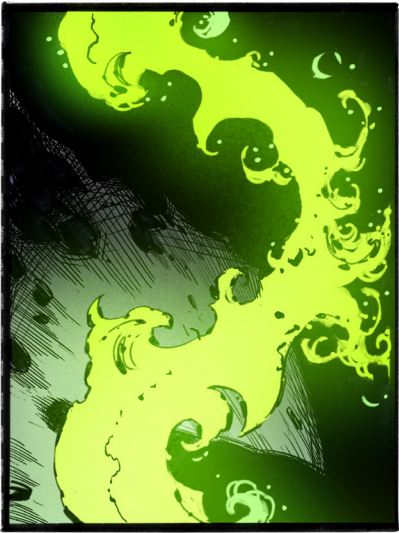




IT JUST NEEDED THE RIGHT
CATALYSTS TO TRIGGER TO
AWAKEN ITS SPIRIT. AND
BOTH SPAWN, A MAN
FORGED IN HELL, AND THIS
RAPTOR, A MAN ENSLAVED
BY HEAVEN, ARE KEYS TO
THAT AWAKENING.



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



MASTER?



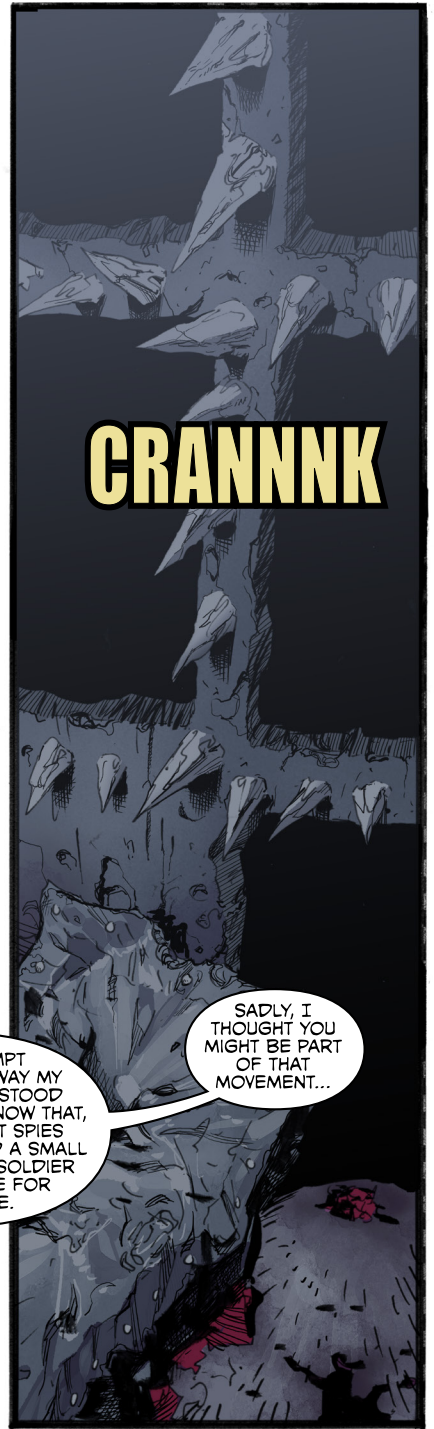
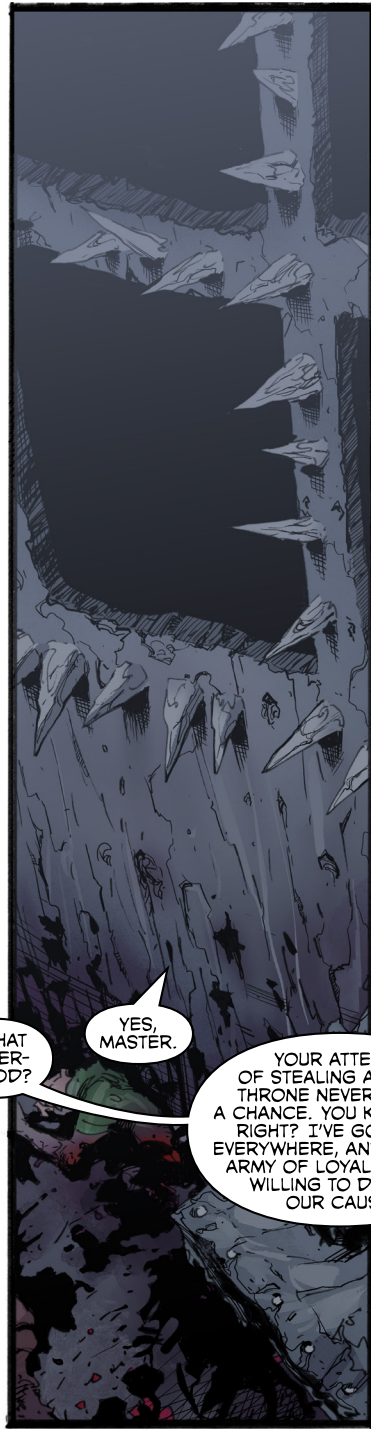
AND THOSE MEMORIES
HAVE A CRYPTIC
TALE TO TELL:

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 UNDER-
STOOD?

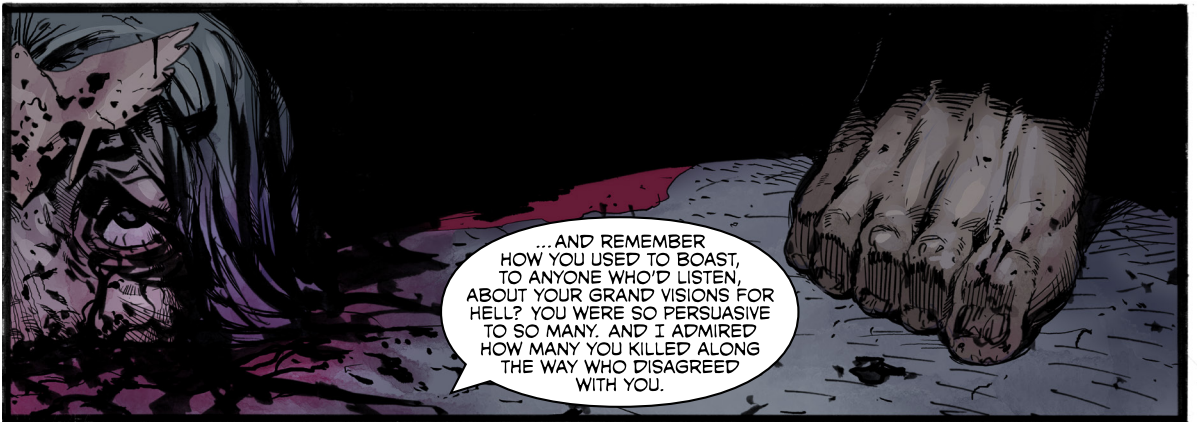
YES,
MASTER.

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.



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

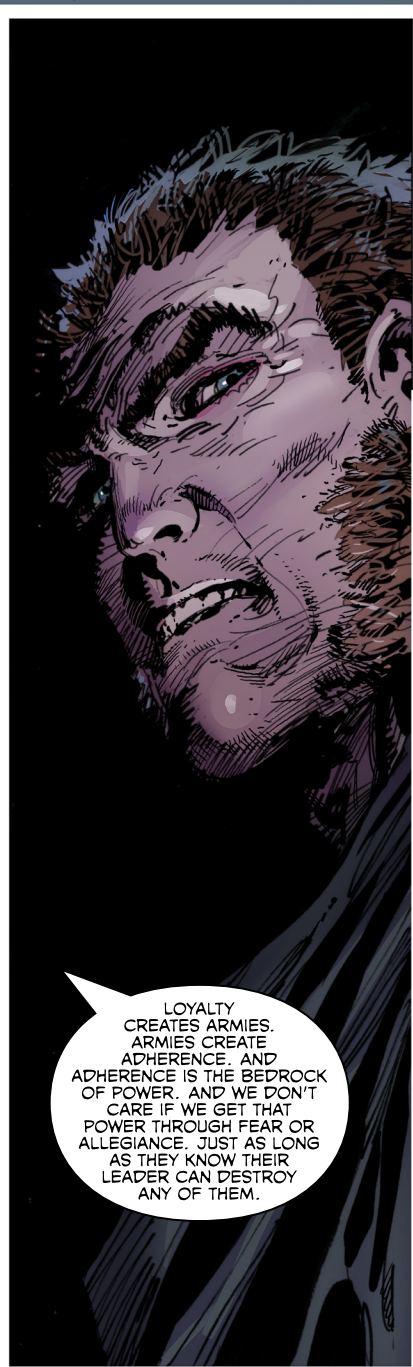


...AND REMEMBER
HOW YOU USED TO BOAST,
TO ANYONE WHO'D LISTEN,
ABOUT YOUR GRAND VISIONS FOR
HELL? YOU WERE SO PERSUASIVE
TO SO MANY. AND I ADMIRER
HOW MANY YOU KILLED ALONG
THE WAY WHO DISAGREED
WITH YOU.



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.

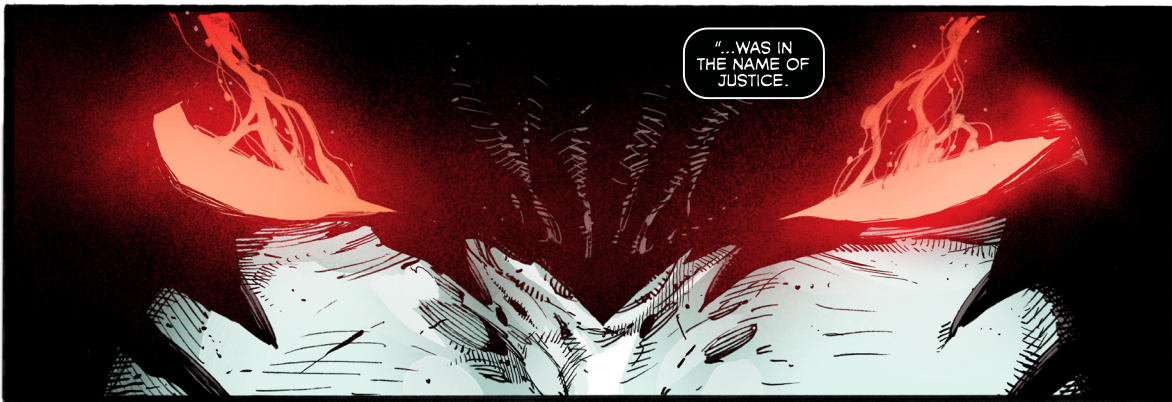


"WE'RE GOING TO CONVERT THIS PLANET. MAKE IT IN OUR IMAGE. AND THE MILLIONS WHO WILL FIGHT AGAINST US WILL BLAME THE HELL-SPAWNS FOR EVERYTHING! IT MAY TAKE CENTURIES BUT WHEN WE GET THERE, I PROMISE I'LL SERVE YOU THE CARCASS OF THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING ME.

"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?"

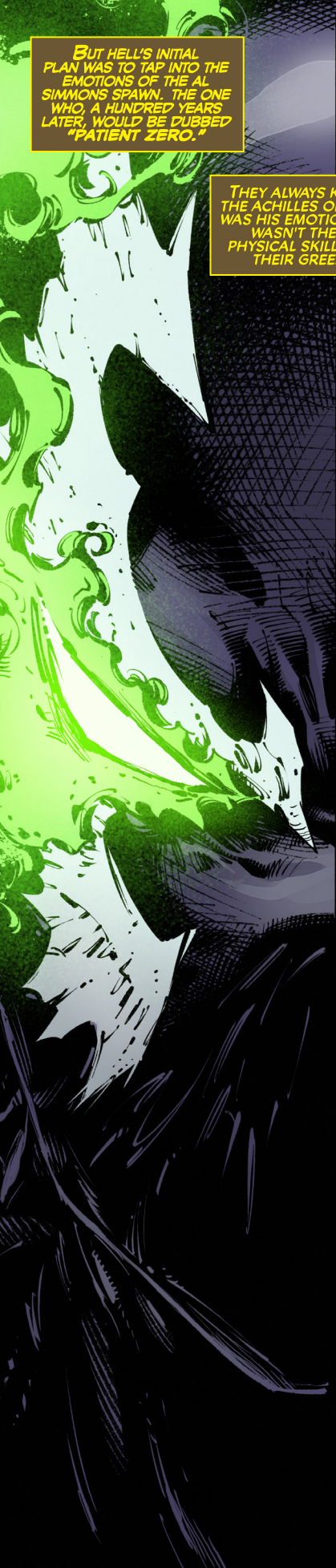
YES.

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



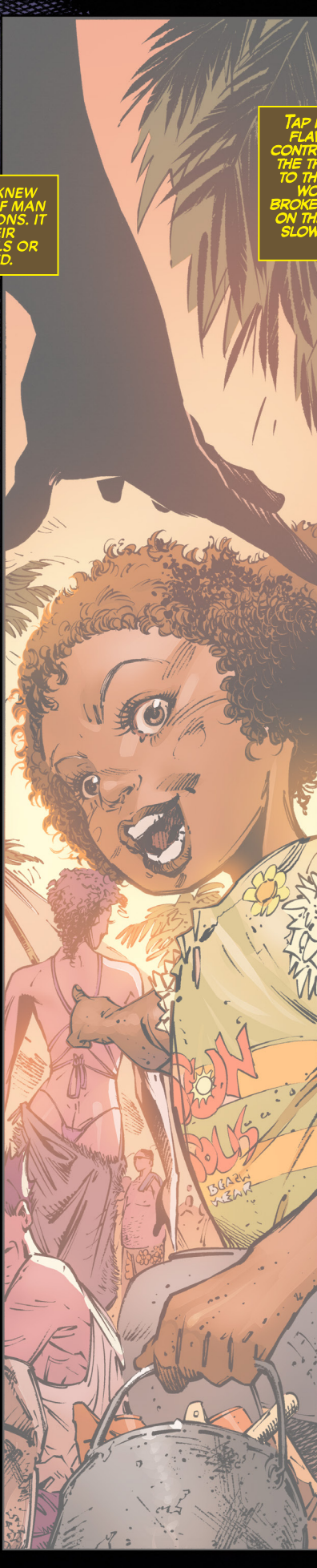
THE PROBLEM IS, THAT'S
NOT HOW NATURE WORKS.
IT WON'T TOLERATE BEING
FORCED INTO SOMETHING
THAT ISN'T 'NATURAL.'

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!

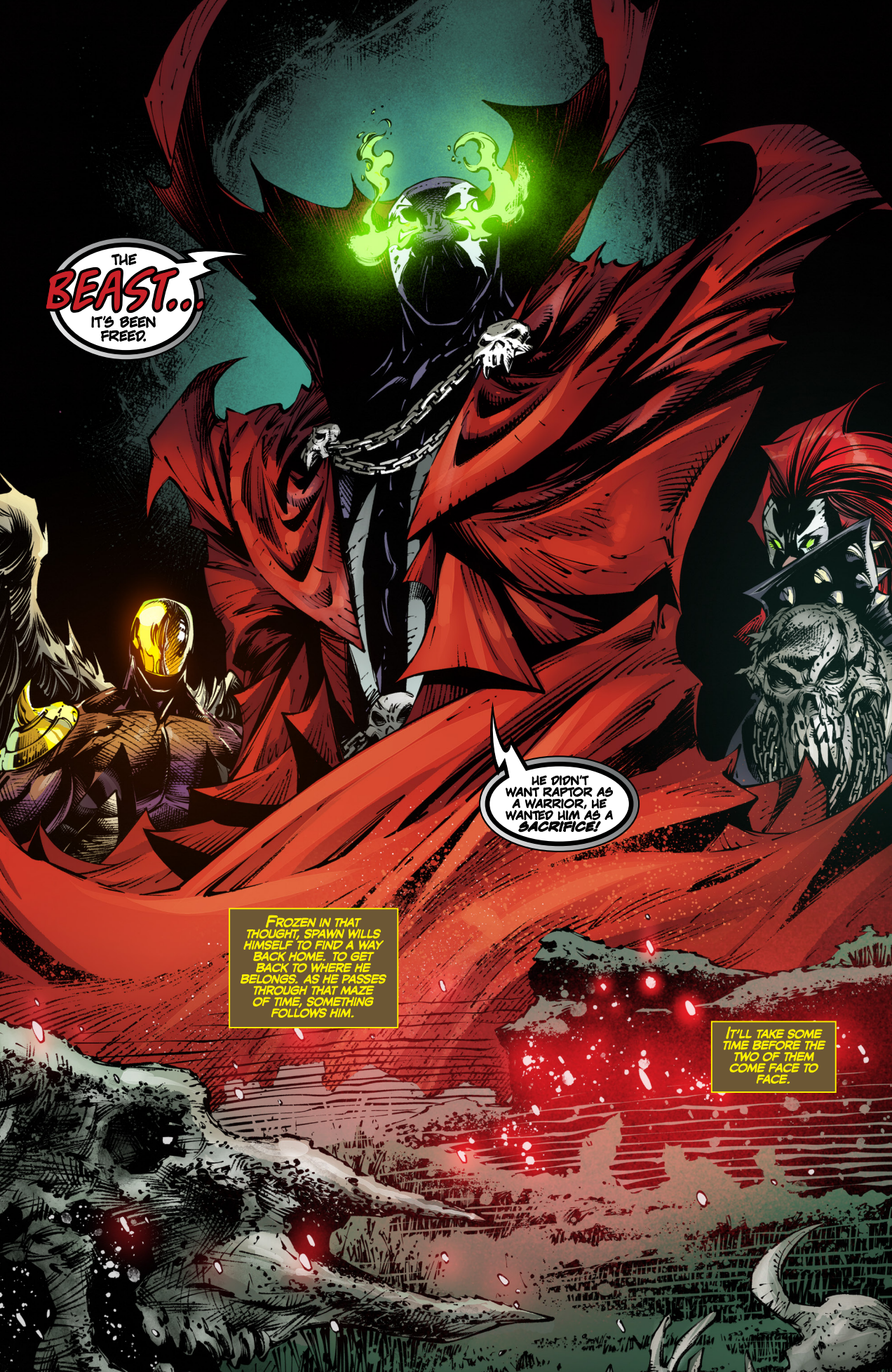
RAPTOR!
YOU CAN'T!

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.

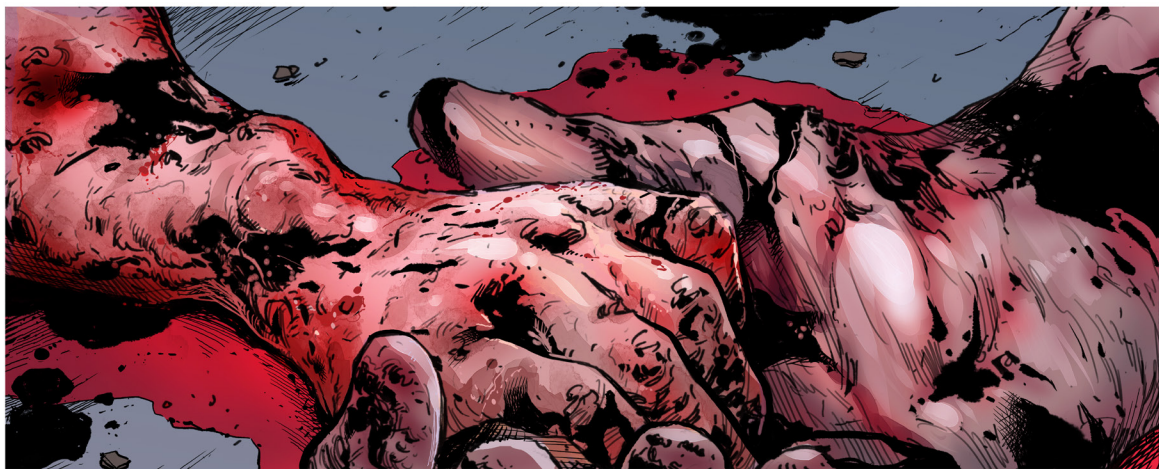


WEEK AFTER WEEK THESE
ACTS WILL OCCUR AS THE BEAST,
WAITING UNTIL THE SUN SETS,
ROAMS THE PLANET PREYING
UPON OUR MOST INNOCENT.



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^H
HEEE HE
HEEE HE
EE^H
HEEE

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.

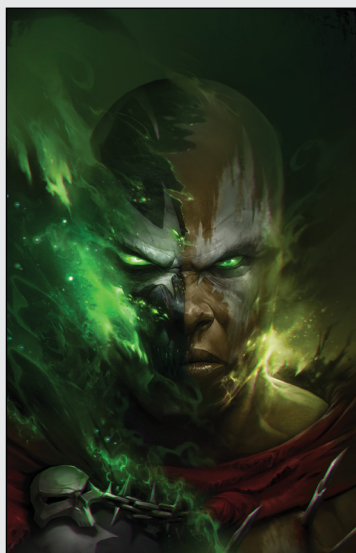
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comes calling...

The background of the poster features a dark, ominous sky with swirling red and black clouds. A massive, grotesque, green-skinned face with glowing yellow eyes and sharp teeth looms over a city skyline at night. The city is illuminated with green light, and the Empire State Building is prominent on the left. Lightning bolts are visible in the sky. At the bottom, a large, dark, segmented object, possibly a tentacle or part of a creature, is visible.

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The background of the entire cover is a high-contrast, red-tinted illustration of the character Spawn. He is shown from the waist up, wearing his signature black tactical suit and a large, flowing red cape. His mask is a dark, textured helmet with glowing green eyes. He is holding a thick metal chain across his chest. The overall atmosphere is menacing and dramatic.

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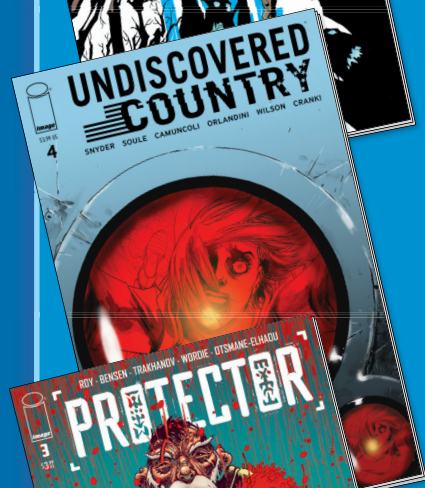
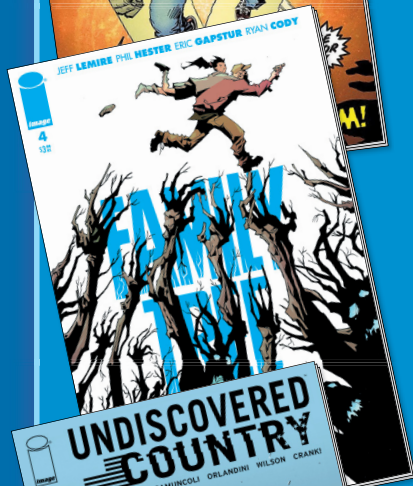
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