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Story So Far...

It is widely assumed that fairy tales and fables are fictional stories passed down from generation to generation, however, that is not entirely true. Beings from four different realms linked to Earth do in fact exist. These realms are known as Myst, Neverland, Wonderland and Oz.

Those born of these powerful realms are known as "Highborns" and those with both human and highborn blood are known as "Falsebloods." Each of these beings has some form of supernatural ability that sets them far apart from mortal men. And while many of these beings are good, there are many others who carry evil inside of them.

Previously in Unleashed...

The hunters have been defeated and the gods have abandoned Earth. The Maker, the caretaker of the universe, lies dead at his son's hand, thanks to the Innocent's betrayal. A shadow has fallen over the Grimm Universe, and nothing shall ever be the same. Unleashed concludes now...



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BEFORE:



now:







"IT'S TIME TO
LEAVE THE
HORROR
BEHIND..."

I WONDER... HOW
DID YOU PRESUME
THIS WOULD
END?

YOUR REALM KNIGHTS
FAILED TO DEFEAT ME.
WHAT DID YOU THINK
WOULD BECOME
OF YOU?

WHAT DID
YOU DO TO
THEM?!



YOU ASSUMED
I WOULD KILL YOU.
I SEE IT IN YOUR
EYES.



FOR SUCH A WISE
MAN... YOU GRASP
SO LITTLE OF WHAT
STANDS RIGHT
BEFORE YOU.

YES,
YOU'VE TOLD ME.
PEACE THROUGH
VIOLENCE. THE CALM
AFTER THE STORM.



AND YET THIS WORLD
BLEEDS BECAUSE OF
YOU! I HAVE BEEN
YOUR CAPTIVE FOR
OVER A YEAR.

WHAT ELSE
WOULD I EXPECT,
MONSTER?!

SPAK



"SHARE MY BURDEN."

SELA...

I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I FIND HIM.

I SENSE HIM HERE.

I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I FIND HIM, HELSING. OKAY?

RIGHT... WHATEVER YOU SAY, LOVE.

HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR OVER A YEAR.

DON'T YOU THINK--

I LOST MY FATHER. I LOST ERIK. I LOST EVERYONE IMPORTANT TO ME.

SHANG IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAME BACK TO ME...





YOU
REMEMBER THAT
CRAP, RIGHT,
JULIAN?

BIG IDIOT
LIKE YOU WASN'T MUCH
WITH THE BOOKS. HEH.
THAT IS A FACT.

BUT I 'MEMBER
YOU'D ALL OF A SUDDEN
GET REAL INTERESTED WITH
THEM POEMS IN ENGLISH
CLASS. GODDAMN
SOFTIE.

YOU KNOW
THE ONE I'M
TALKIN' 'BOUT,
RIGHT?

THE WOODS
ARE LOVELY, DARK AND DEEP.
BUT I HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP,
AND MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP,
AND MILES TO GO BEFORE
I SLEEP.




THAT'S YOU,
BOY.

YOU TOOK ON
THE GODS. YOU
STEPPED UP.



YOU
KILLED
ME.

YA
GODDAMN
JUDAS.
HEH.



WHY ARE YOU
HAUNTING ME,
TONY?

YOU THINK
THIS IS HAUNTIN',
BRO? I AIN'T NO
CASPER, JULES. I'M
ONLY IN YOUR MIND
'CAUSE YOU LET
ME IN.













BEFORE:

WE ARE
LINKED NOW,
MY SON.

IF YOU
ARE EVER IN
PERIL, I WILL
FEEL IT IN MY
BLOOD.

I **KNOW** THIS
BEING WILL COME FOR
YOU... BUT I BELIEVE HE
WILL SEE IN YOU WHAT
I HAVE.



POWER...
STRENGTH...
PASSION...
AND HOPE.

HE WILL
ATTEMPT TO **USE**
THOSE THINGS, JULIAN.
HE WILL ATTEMPT TO
MAKE YOU INTO HIS
WEAPON.

BECOME
THAT
WEAPON...



...AND THEN
TURN THAT WEAPON
AGAINST THIS
FOUL DEMON.



YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR
REDEMPTION FOR MANY LIFETIMES,
MY SON. AS HAVE I. I KNOW I WILL
NEVER MAKE UP FOR ALL OF MY
SINS... BUT **YOU?**

I **BELIEVE**
IN YOU.



"I BELIEVE THAT YOU
WILL DO WHAT **NEEDS**
TO BE DONE."

Miles
to go...

"BEFORE I
SLEEP..."



FUNNY. THINKIN' YOUR
HAIRY ASS COULD CREEP
UP ON ME NOW THAT I'M
SINGING THE MONSTER
MASH?

I KILLED
YOUR KIND FOR
FUN, FURRY. AIN'T NO
SNEAKIN' AROUND ON
ROMAN ASHER.

ROMAN ASHER
IS NO MORE. YOU ARE
NOW LEVIATHAN.

HOOOOH,
BOY! I FORGOT
YOU CAN *TALK*. I'M
USED TO YOU
FUZZY BASTARDS
BEING *DUMBER*
THAN A SACK OF
BRICKS.

RAVENOUS
IS FIRST OF
HIS KIND.

AH. AND
YOU KNOW HOW
MANY OF YOUR
DOGS I *PUT DOWN*
IN MY DAY.

BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU TO MAKE
SOMETHIN' OF
IT, FIDO.





I DO NOT
COME FOR
KILLINGS.

I COME
BECAUSE
ONCE...

I, TOO...
WAS MAN.



MAN LIKE
YOU.

I BECOME
MONSTER...
TO KILL THE
PAIN.

FOR A TIME...
THE HORROR
WAS GONE.



BUT IT... LIES
IN WAIT... INSIDE...
BENEATH...



YOU MADE
THE HORROR
FOREVER.



"YOU MADE IT
ETERNAL..."



SELA
COULDN'T FIX
YOU, COULD
SHE?



I FEAR HER
MAGIC HAS BEEN
CORRUPTED.



YOU LOOK...
DIFFERENT.

I AM
DIFFERENT,
SAMANTHA. ARE
YOU NOT, AFTER
WHAT YOU SAW
SELA DO?

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?

THE WORLD IS
CHANGING.

SELA IS AN
UNSTABLE GUARDIAN.
SHE ALWAYS HAS BEEN,
BUT NOW IT IS BEGINNING
TO AFFECT THE
BALANCE.

SHE CHOSE
HER DAUGHTER OVER
THE WORLD. THAT
CANNOT BE.





IF SELA IS A FAILURE, WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SECOND RATE.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE BEEN ACTING IN THE **WRONG** ROLE. PERHAPS... THIS WORLD NO LONGER **NEEDS** A GUARDIAN.

PERHAPS... IT NEEDS NEW **KEEPERS**.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ON THE **WRONG** SIDE.

NO...

IF YOU JOIN US, YOU--

DON'T SAY IT. DO NOT TELL ME THAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH... WITH THAT **THING**...

THERE IS **MUCH** YOU DO NOT KNOW, SAMANTHA.



I KNOW THAT THE BEING IS A **KILLER**. THAT **MILLIONS** OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN **SUFFERING** BECAUSE HE--

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE HAVE **SUFFERED EVERY DAY** BECAUSE THE **KEEPERS** SAT BY AND **ALLOWED** IT. IS THAT AN **EVIL** ACT?



THIS IS A **TRICK**. YOU AREN'T THE **INNOCENT**... SHE WOULD **NEVER**--

I HAVE ALWAYS DONE WHAT I **MUST** TO PRESERVE HUMANITY.

TO **HEAL** THIS WORLD.



"SEE WHAT I SEE,
SAMANTHA... KNOW
WHAT I KNOW..."

"WITHOUT THE BEING...
WITHOUT US... THIS
WORLD WILL FALL."

"AND THE
NEXUS WILL
BURN..."

"THIS IS NOT A MERE
POSSIBILITY. THIS IS
NOT A FLIGHTY
PROPHECY."

"THIS IS
FACT."

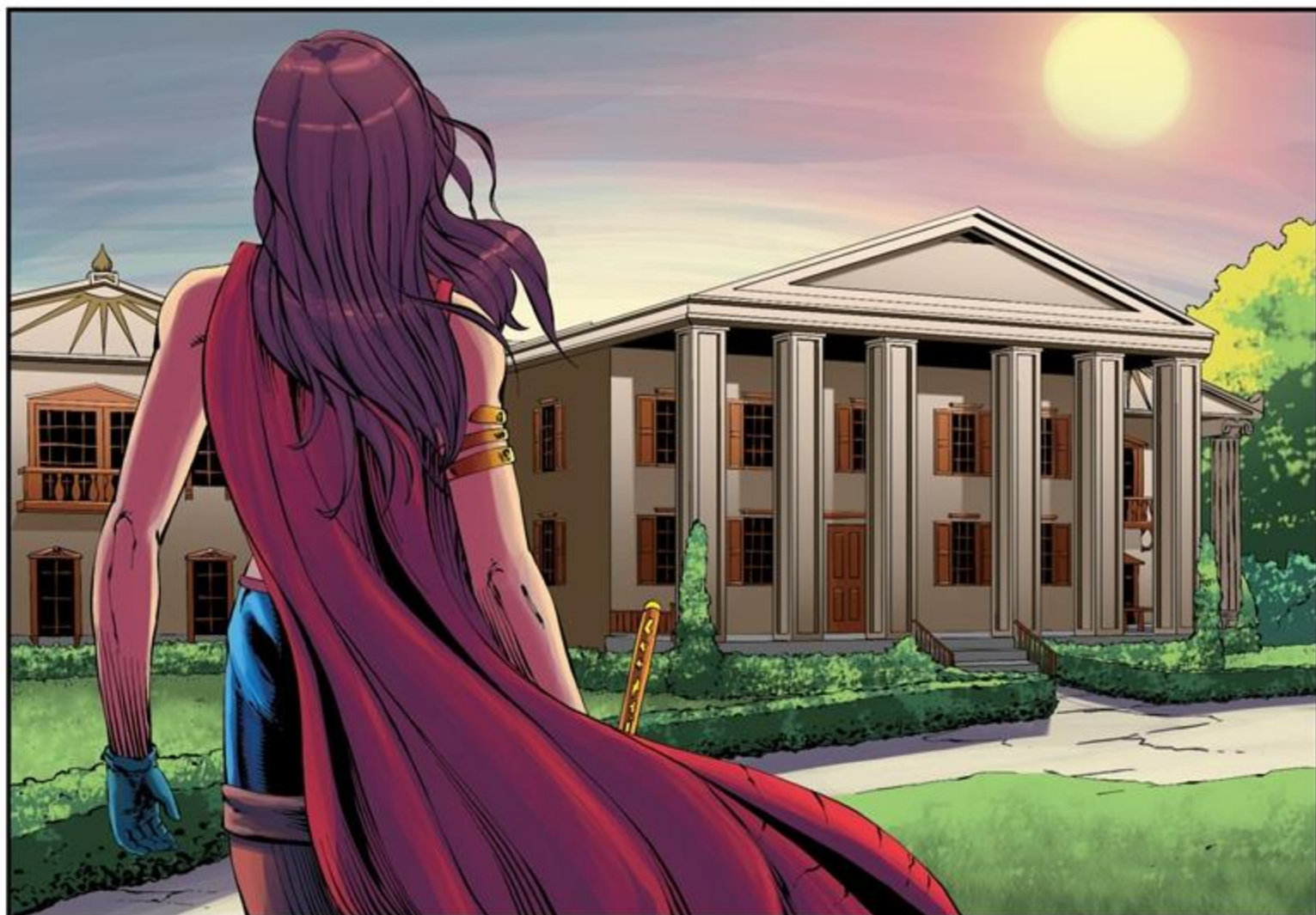
THE
BEING IS A
MEANS TO
AN END.

ONCE WE
HAVE OUSTED
THE REMAINING
KEEPERS, WE
WILL CONTEND
WITH HIM.

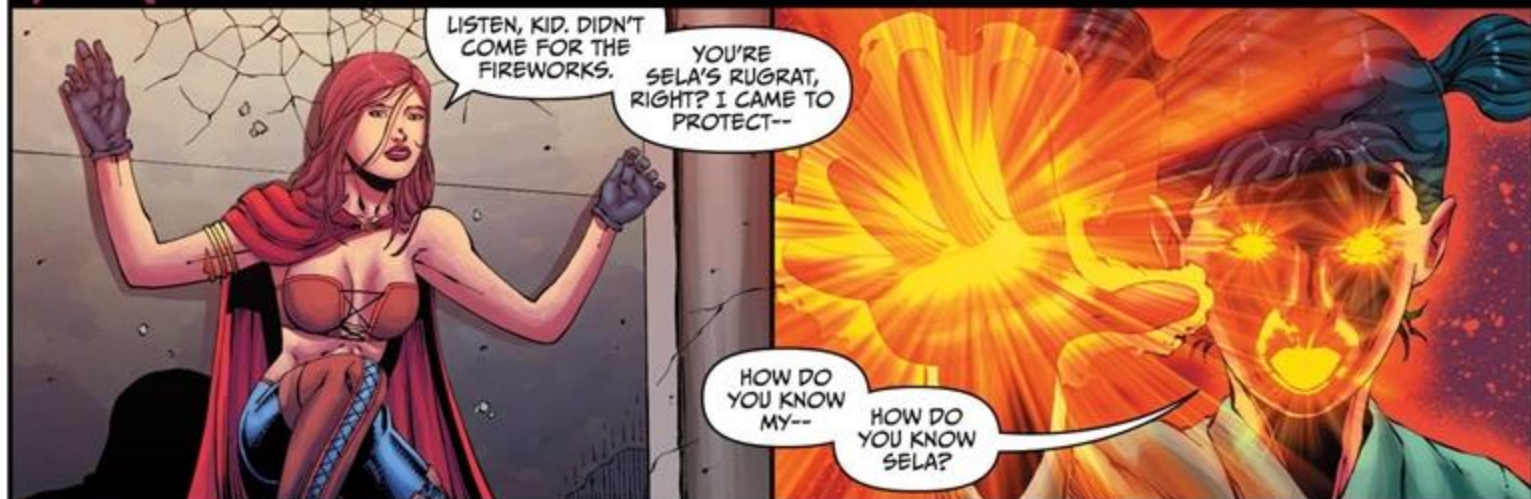
TAKE THE TIME TO
CONSIDER MY WORDS,
SAMANTHA.

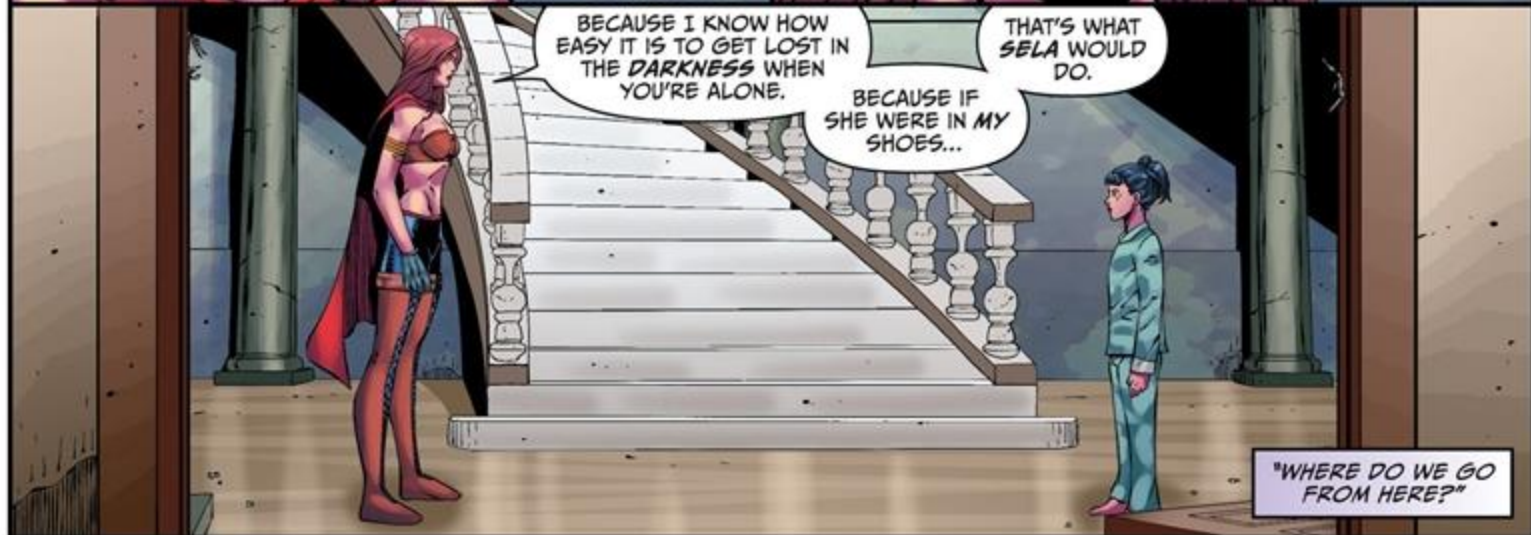
THIS IS YOUR
CHANCE TO BE
A HERO.

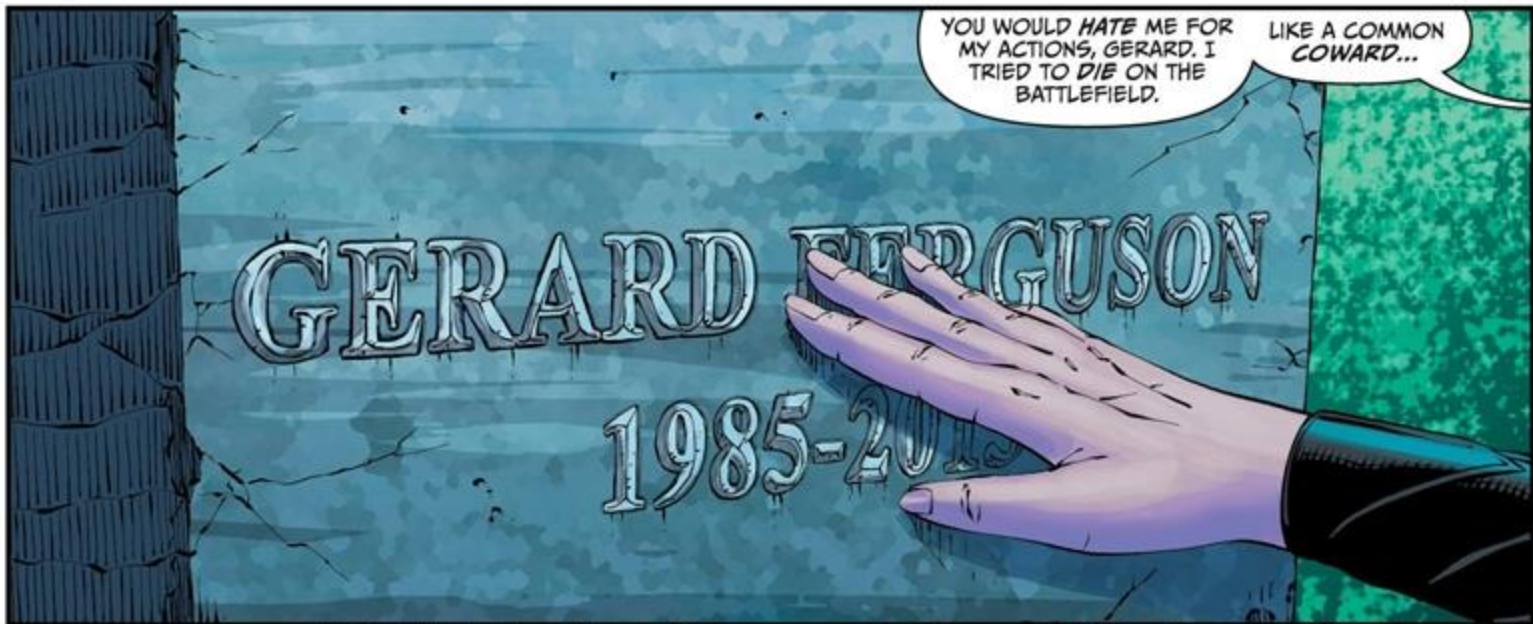
I...











YOU WOULD *HATE* ME FOR MY ACTIONS, GERARD. I TRIED TO *DIE* ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

LIKE A COMMON *COWARD*...



I AM... WITHOUT YOU.

AND WITHOUT YOU, I AM WITHOUT HONOR.



Gerard...



I NEVER TOLD YOU MY WHOLE STORY... THERE IS MUCH ABOUT MY LIFE YOU DO NOT KNOW. THAT YOU WILL *NEVER* KNOW...

WHEN AKIKO DIED, I WAS TOO *YOUNG*. I NEVER RECOVERED.

I NEVER MOVED PAST HER...



UNTIL YOU.



A POWERFUL DEMON
BOUND ITSELF TO HER
SOUL WHEN SHE WAS
A CHILD.

MY MOTHER
THOUGHT SHE COULD
FORCE THE DEMON OUT
OF AKIKO AND IMPRISON
IT IN HER SWORDS...
WHICH ARE NOW MY
SWORDS.



...BUT THE DEMON MADE
ITSELF ONE WITH AKIKO. THE
SPELL KILLED MY *SISTER*...
AND I WAS LEFT WITH
NOTHING.



NOTHING BUT A PAIR
OF SWORDS WITH A
DEMON AND THE
MEMORY OF
MY TWIN.

NO.

NOW,
AGAIN...
I AM
ALONE.



YOU'RE
NOT.



HELLO?

WHO
SAID
THAT?



"WHERE DID YOU GO?"

COME BACK TO ME...



MY LORD? IS IT YOU?

DID YOU NOT TRUST THAT I WOULD RETURN, SAMIRA?

I HAD WONDERED IF... IF MY ROLE WAS COMPLETE.

YOU ARE A MONSTER, SAMIRA.

MY LORD?



I HAVE NEVER LOVED YOUR KIND. BUT YOU... MY SAMIRA...

YOU BELIEVED. YOU ALONE STOOD BY MY SIDE IN THE DARKEST OF HOURS.



I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU THAT I WILL BE LEAVING FOR A TIME, SAMIRA.

WHEN THIS WORLD IS TRULY MINE, YOU WILL FINALLY GRASP THAT WHICH YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DESTINED TO BECOME.

I CAN COME WITH YOU. I CAN HELP YOU.

NO. I MUST WALK WHERE NO VAMPIRE CAN.



I WILL BE BACK, SAMIRA.

DO YOU HAVE FAITH IN ME?

"MORE THAN
ANY OTHER."





UGH. DON'T ANYBODY
USE A DAMN DOOR
ANYMORE?

NOT TO GET
INTO THE INNER
SANCTUM OF
THE NEXUS.





YOU MADE
THE RIGHT
DECISION.

TIME WILL
TELL.



THE FALSE GUARDIAN.
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE
TO STAND AGAINST A
FORCE YOU COULD
NOT DEFEAT.

NOW YOU
BOW TO THAT
FORCE. IS THIS THE
WAY OF THE
HUMANS?



YOU KILLED
ELIJAH. HE
WAS MY
FRIEND.

I'LL
NEVER
BOW TO
YOU...

BUT
I KNOW WHAT
HAS TO BE
DONE.



EXCELLENT.
THESE ARE THE
BOOKS OF
POWER?

YES.

ALL OF THE KNOWLEDGE
OF THE UNIVERSE BOUND IN
PAPER AND INK... THE GREAT
SECRETS OF LIFE, TRAPPED
FOR ALL ETERNITY BEHIND
BARS OR TEXT, LIKE
A COMMON
PRISONER...



ALLOW ME
TO UNLEASH
IT.



KNOW
WHAT I KNOW,
KEEPERS OF THE
FUTURE!



ASCEND!



HAH! YOU FEEL
THAT?!

YOU FEEL
THAT?!

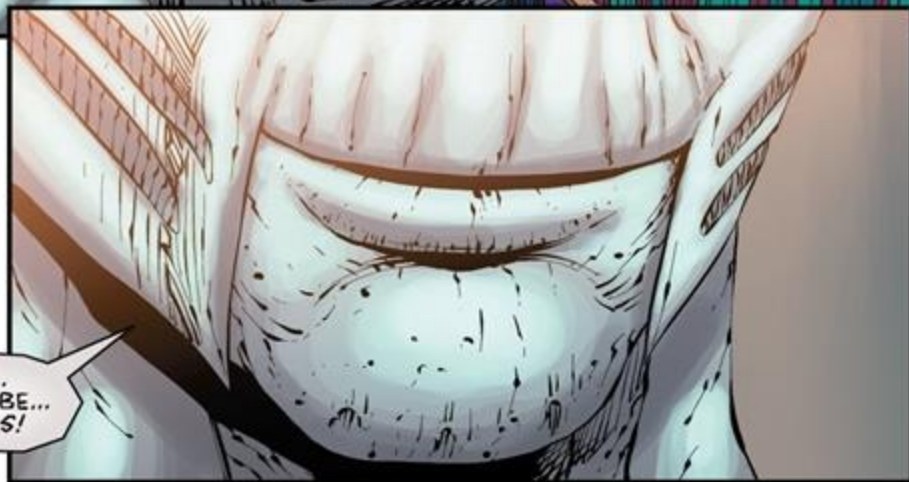
OH, MY
GOD...



YES.

NOW
YOU SEE. NOW
YOU SEE MY
WAY.

WALK WITH
ME INNOCENT...
SAMANTHA...
ZAGREUS...



WE...
WILL... BE...
GODS!

"WE WAIT ON
ONE GIRL..."

THE DEAD

"HER NAME IS JACKIE...
AND SHE KNOWS NOT
OF MY PLAN."

"SHE KNOWS NOT WHAT SHE IS
BECOMING, ONLY THAT SHE HAS
NO CONTROL OVER HER NEW
POWER."

"THE POWER OF THE
SHADOWLANDS WAS CAST
AWAY FROM SELA..."

"AND NOW IT
THRIVES WITHIN
THIS GIRL."

THE CREEPING

"SOON... SHE WILL
BE READY."



"TOGETHER, WE WILL VISIT THE REMAINING KEEPERS..."

"LOVE..."

"HATE..."

"AND CORRUPTION..."

"AND WE WILL REPLACE THEM."

"WE WILL WATCH OVER THIS REALM THE WAY THE KEEPERS NEVER SAW FIT..."

"IMAGINE GODS THAT TRULY ANSWERED PRAYERS."

"GODS THAT APPEARED TO THOSE WHO KNELT BEFORE THEM, GODS WHO WOULD SMILE UPON THEIR PEOPLE AND REMIND THEM THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS BEING WATCHED OVER."

"GODS WHO WOULD DEAL JUDGMENT WITH THEIR OWN HANDS..."

IT IS TIME FOR THE OLD GODS TO DIE.

IT IS OUR MOVE.





I HAVE
A FEW
GUESSES.



IT'S... WELL, IT'S
BRILLIANT, IS
WHAT IT IS.

IT'S A PERFECT
MARRIAGE OF MAGIC,
TECHNOLOGY, AND
MECHANISM.

IT IS ME...
EVOLVING.



IT WOULD HAVE
KILLED US ALL. ONE
FLIPPED SWITCH,
AND...

BOOM.

BOOM.

MIGHT HAVE
EVEN TAKEN OUT
THE **BEING**. WOULD
HAVE CERTAINLY
CLEARED ALL THE
BEASTIES.

AND
ALL OF US...



I KNOW I MADE MISTAKES. BUT
THOSE MAKE US **HUMAN**,
DON'T THEY?

YEAH, SURE.
WHEN YOU **ARE**
HUMAN. YOU'VE BECOME
SOMETHING **BIGGER**,
SELA. SOMETHING
GREATER.

I DON'T
KNOW THAT THE
WORLD CAN AFFORD
ANY MORE OF YOUR
MISTAKES.



BUT YOU
MADE THAT THING
BEFORE I MESSED
UP. YOU DIDN'T THINK
WE WOULD
WIN.

DID
YOU THINK
WE WOULD,
SELA?



I STILL
DON'T KNOW
IF WE **DID**.





3GASPE

AT LAST.
I HAVE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU TO
AWAKEN,
SHANG.



IT WAS
I THAT RAISED
YOU FROM YOUR
GRAVE AND
BREADED
LIFE INTO
YOU.

YOU...

I
HAVE MERE
MOMENTS
BEFORE MY
SPIRIT
PASSES
ON...



...AND
I MUST URGE
YOU TO GATHER
ALL OF YOUR
FORCES
AND STOP
THIS.

TELL
SELA WHAT
YOU KNOW.
RALLY YOUR
REALM
KNIGHTS.

THIS
CREATURE
MUST BE
STOPPED,
BEFORE--



MAKER...

HOW ARE
YOU HERE? THE
BEING CLAIMS TO
HAVE TAKEN YOUR
LIFE. HE--

WE ARE
CONNECTED,
SHANG.



BEFORE
THINGS GET
WORSE?



COME.
SIT.

I HAVE
BEEN THE
BEING'S CAPTIVE
FOR SO LONG THAT
SITTING BEFORE A
GAME I KNOW
SOOTHES ME.

I WONDER... WHAT
THREAT DO YOU THINK
THIS MONSTER POSES
TO THE WORLD,
MAKER?

HE HAS UNLEASHED
HORDES OF MONSTERS
ON THE NEXUS.
MILLIONS ARE DEAD
BECAUSE OF HIS
ACTIONS.

YES. AND IT
WAS ALL A RUSE. THE
BEING DIDN'T CARE ABOUT
ARMIES OR MONSTERS OR
THE SHADOWLANDS... IT
WAS ALL A WAY TO LURE
YOU HERE.

IT WAS
EVIL.



AND IT IS DONE. IF WE
FOUGHT HIM... WOULD
MILLIONS MORE
DIE? AND FOR
WHAT?

TO
STOP HIM
FROM POLICING
THIS WORLD! HE
MEANS TO FILL MY
SHOES, BUT TO
LORD OVER
THIS WORLD,
KEEPING
IT--

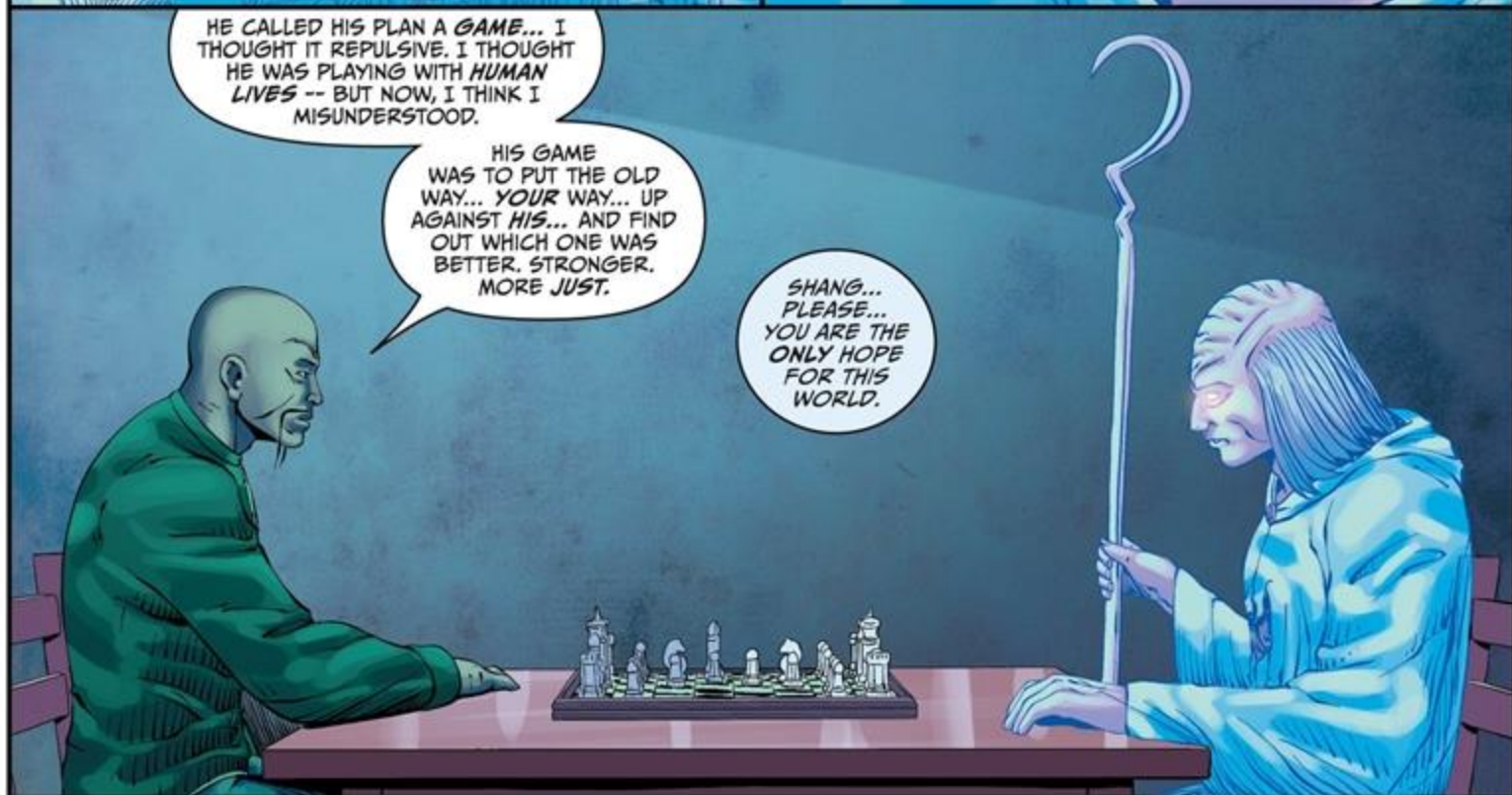
I ASK, THEN... WHY
WERE YOU IDLE ALL OF
THOSE CENTURIES?
WHY LET THE EARTH
SUFFER?

IT IS
THE COST
OF FREE
WILL.

A STEEP
COST
INDEED.

SAFE?

THERE
IS NO
SAFETY IN
THIS.



HE CALLED HIS PLAN A *GAME*... I
THOUGHT IT REPULSIVE. I THOUGHT
HE WAS PLAYING WITH *HUMAN
LIVES* -- BUT NOW, I THINK I
MISUNDERSTOOD.

HIS GAME
WAS TO PUT THE OLD
WAY... *YOUR WAY*... UP
AGAINST *HIS*... AND FIND
OUT WHICH ONE WAS
BETTER. STRONGER.
MORE JUST.

SHANG...
PLEASE...
YOU ARE THE
ONLY HOPE
FOR THIS
WORLD.



HOPE?!

YOU LET
THIS WORLD **BURN**.
YOU SAT BACK AND
ALLOWED **ANGUISH**
AND **DEATH** AND
WAR!

YOU
INTERVENED TO
RAISE **ME** FROM THE
DEAD -- WHY NOT THE
COUNTLESS **CHILDREN**
WHO DIE EVERY
DAY?!

FWAM



BECAUSE
YOU ARE--



I AM NO MORE
VALUABLE THAN
THE **MEEKEST** OF
US ALL.

WE ARE
ALL HUMAN, AND
WE ALL **SUFFER**
IN THIS REALM,
WHILE YOU SIT
BACK.

I HAVE
WATCHED OVER
THIS WORLD
FROM THE
BEGINNING.
I--

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'VE
BEEN DOING...
AND IT'S BEEN
NOTHING.



THIS HAS
NEVER BEEN
YOUR LINE OF
THOUGHT,
SHANG.

WHY
ARE YOU
SPEAKING
THIS
WAY?

SOMEONE
OPENED MY
EYES...



A LOT HAS
BEEN **LOST**, MAKER...
WHAT IF WE LET ALL OF
THESE DEATHS BECOME
A **SACRIFICE**?

WHAT IF
WE MAKE ALL
THE **HORROR** WE'VE
GONE THROUGH **MEAN**
SOMETHING?



WHAT
IF HE IS
RIGHT?

WHAT IF
THIS TRULY IS
THE WAY TO MAKE THE
WORLD **BETTER**?

A man with a shaved head and a goatee, wearing a green zip-up jacket, sits at a wooden table. On the table is a chessboard with chess pieces and a small model of a city or island. He is looking down at the chessboard with a serious expression. A speech bubble above him contains the text "WHAT IF WE'VE BEEN WRONG ALL ALONG...?". The background is a dark, textured wall.

WHAT IF
WE'VE BEEN
WRONG ALL
ALONG...?

THE END OF

UNLEASHED