

**SOMEWHERE IN
THE WILDERNESS OF
NORTH CAROLINA.**



TODAY.



I'M
SCARED,
GILAD.

ME, TOO,
TAMA.



THE BOOK OF THE GEOMANCERS SAYS ALL THE HEROES OF THIS WORLD WON'T BE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE CORRUPTED ONE.

THAT EVERYONE'S GOING TO DIE.

YET WE'RE ABOUT TO TRY. JUST THE TWO OF US.



THE BOOK. YOU TOLD ME YOU HAVE THE FINAL PROPHECY MEMORIZED.

YOU MADE ME STUDY IT A THOUSAND TIMES. YOU SAID IT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF ALL.

YOU NEVER SAID WHY.



TELL IT TO ME AGAIN.

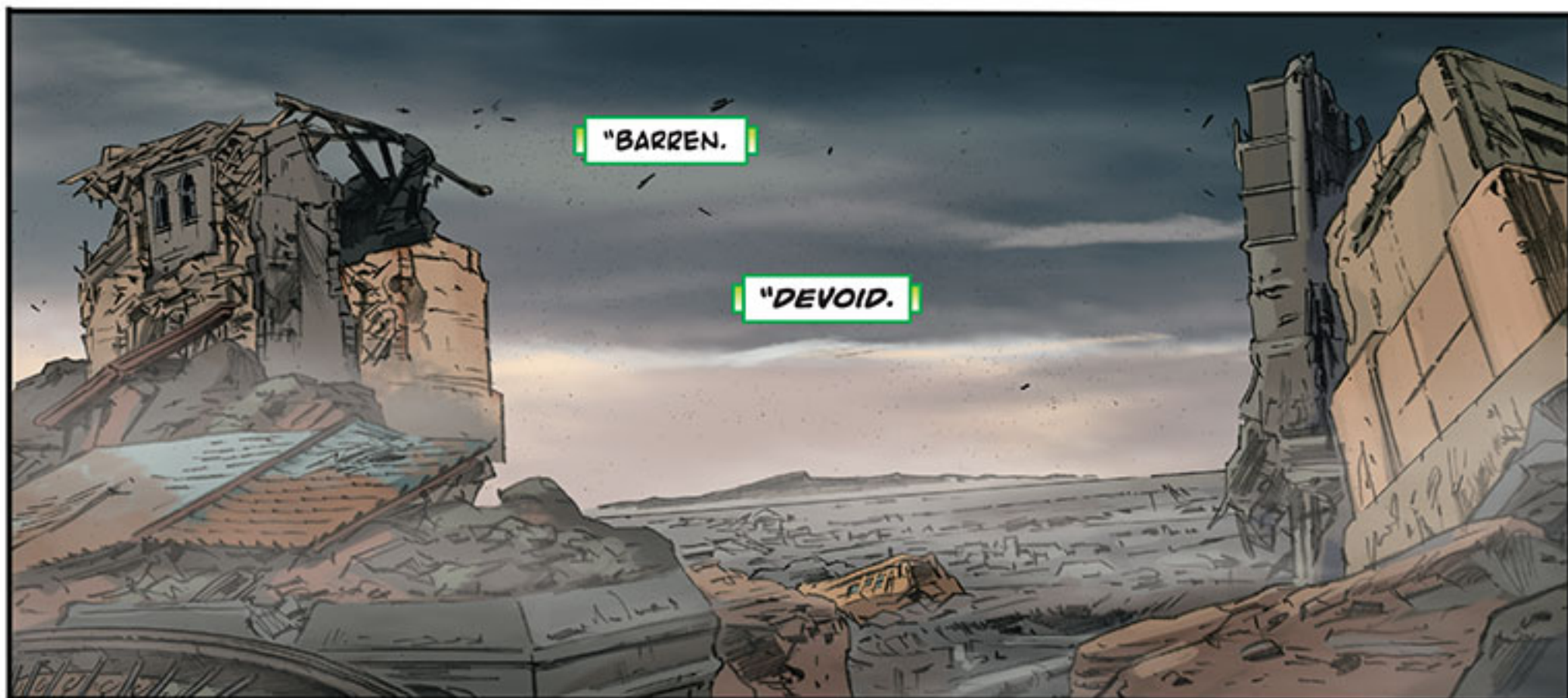
I HATE IT.



TELL ME.



"THE EARTH WAS A HUSK..."




"BARREN."

"DEVOID."




"ALL WAS THE DOMAIN OF
THE *CORRUPTED ONE.*"

BOOK
of
DEATH
(PART 4):
THE FINAL DEATH



"THE TIME HAD COME FOR HIM TO DEPART EARTH AND VENTURE TO THE *DEADSIDE*.



"YEARS. DECADES. *CENTURIES* HE HAD TORTURED THE WORLD. THERE WERE NONE WHO COULD OPPOSE HIM.

"DOMINION WAS HIS. WHY DEPART?"



"BECAUSE HE WAS ABLE.

"ALWAYS, HE HAD BEEN MADE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE *LIVING* AND THE *UNLIVING* REALMS.

"WITH THE POWER OF THE EARTH CLAIMED, HE WAS NOW FREE TO TRAVERSE. HE RULED *BOTH*. FOREVER, AND ALL TIME.

"BUT THE EARTH ENDURES."

"IT IS LAID WASTE
AND HEALS.

"MANY TIMES HAS THIS
HAPPENED. IT WILL HAPPEN
MANY TIMES MORE.

"AND WHEN THE EARTH IS
MADE FULL, THE CORRUPTED
ONE WILL RETURN.

"THERE WILL BE NEW FIELDS
TO WITHER AND BROWN. NEW
CITIES TO BATHE IN BLOOD.

"HIS POWER
WILL GROW.

"THOUGH HE KNOWS THE EARTH
WILL CHOOSE A NEW GEOMANCER
IN HIS ABSENCE, THE CORRUPTED
ONE DOES NOT FEAR IT.

"HIS POWER
IS FAR TOO
TERRIBLE.

"SUCH WILL BE THE
WAY OF EXISTENCE."

