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For eons, the scales balancing the supernatural realms have held steady...until now. Only the strangest of alliances can save Heaven and Hell...a union of disparate heroes, counteracting the sins of mortals as...

SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE

At the dawn of time, Heaven and Hell forged a pact known as the Covenant. Although the two sides were at war, every thousand years a ceasefire would occur where the rules of engagement were renegotiated. Thus, the balance between Heaven and Hell has been maintained to this day.

After being handed a silver bullet by a dying angel, Johnny Blaze (A.K.A. Ghost Rider) turned to Daimon Hellstrom for answers. Unbeknownst to them, the silver bullet was the property of a sorcerer named Necrodamus, who is desperate to reclaim the enchanted metal. His lieutenant, Razan the Night Jackal, was entrusted to recover the silver and prevent knowledge of their existence from spreading by any means necessary...

They placed a bounty on Johnny's head, putting demons of all kinds on the hunt for Blaze and the silver. Without the missing silver, Ragnar the Dark Dwarf cannot forge the ultimate weapon: one capable of killing an angel for good...

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"WE ALL KNOW THE STORY. THE BETRAYAL. THE JUDAS KISS.



"THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER IS A PALTRY SUM FOR SELLING OUT ALL OF HUMANITY, ISN'T IT?"



"I MEAN, REALLY? THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER? IT'S NOTHING. A TRIFLE.

"OF COURSE, JUDAS ISCARIOT HAD OTHER *MOTIVATIONS* FOR HIS FOUL DEED.



"AND ANYWAY, YOU CAN'T *BUY* FORGIVENESS.




"RAVAGED BY ANGER,
CONFUSION AND *GUILT*...
WELL, COULD ANYONE
BLAME HIM FOR
WHAT HE DID NEXT?



"IT WAS FATE...AND MY GOOD FORTUNE...
THAT *MATTHIAS* WAS THE ONE TO FIND
HIM. HE WOULD LATER BE PICKED TO
REPLACE JUDAS AS THE *TWELFTH* APOSTLE.

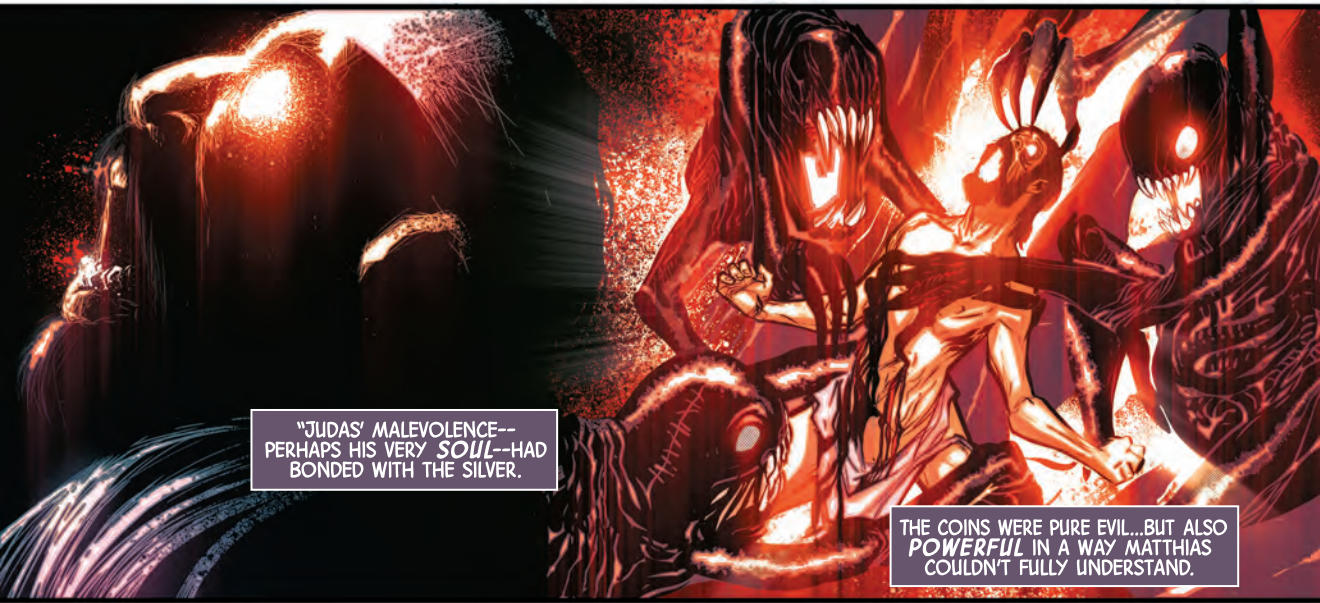
"THE *GOSPEL OF MATTHIAS*
WAS THOUGHT TO BE LOST. I FOUND
IT. IT TOOK HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF
PORING OVER ANCIENT HEBREW SCROLLS
IN DISTANT CRYPTS, BUT I FOUND IT.



"PERHAPS MATTHIAS HAD BEEN
GIFTED WITH SPECIAL VISION. OR
MAYBE IT WAS SIMPLY THE
CURSED NATURE OF THE COINS.



"BUT IN
THAT MOMENT,
MATTHIAS *KNEW*."

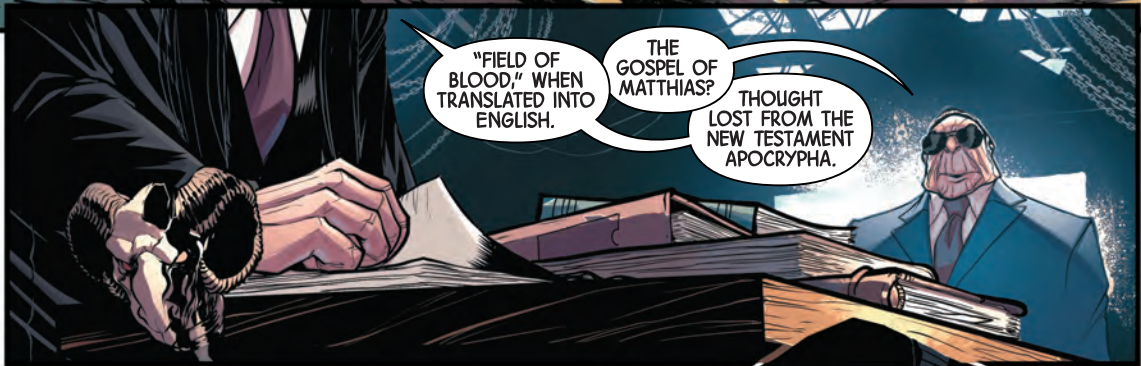


"JUDAS' MALEVOLENCE--
PERHAPS HIS VERY *SOUL*--HAD
BONDED WITH THE SILVER.

THE COINS WERE PURE EVIL...BUT ALSO
POWERFUL IN A WAY MATTHIAS
COULDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND.



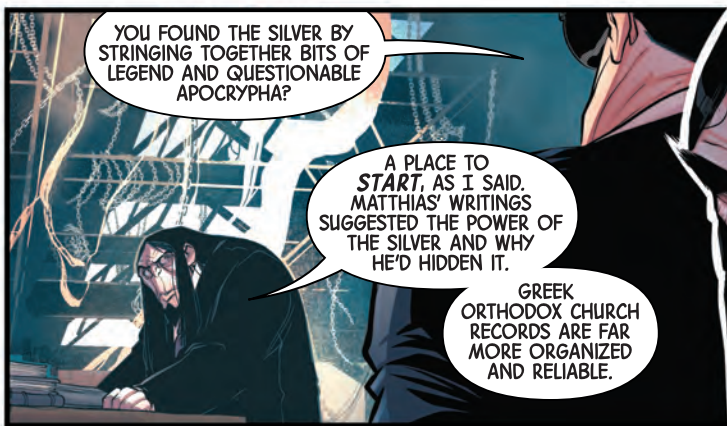
"BUT WHAT HE *DID* KNOW WAS THAT THE
SILVER WAS *BLOOD MONEY* AND SHOULD
BE AS BURIED AS JUDAS HIMSELF. THUS THE
POTTER'S FIELD WAS NAMED *AKELDAMA*."



"FIELD OF
BLOOD," WHEN
TRANSLATED INTO
ENGLISH.

THE
GOSPEL OF
MATTHIAS?

THOUGHT
LOST FROM THE
NEW TESTAMENT
APOCRYPHA.




YOU FOUND THE SILVER BY
STRINGING TOGETHER BITS OF
LEGEND AND QUESTIONABLE
APOCRYPHA?

A PLACE TO
START, AS I SAID,
MATTHIAS' WRITINGS
SUGGESTED THE POWER OF
THE SILVER AND WHY
HE'D HIDDEN IT.

GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH
RECORDS ARE FAR
MORE ORGANIZED
AND RELIABLE.



AND IN
1892, THEY BUILT
A MONASTERY
AT AKELDAMA.



"I'M SURE YOU CAN GUESS WHAT THEY UNEARTHED THERE WHEN CONSTRUCTION BEGAN.



"THEY FOUND JUDAS' BODY AND THE SILVER, YES, BUT ALSO SOMETHING *MORE*--

"--THE *WARNING* LEFT BY SAINT MATTHIAS.



"AND BEING TRUE BELIEVERS, THEY *HEEDED* THAT WARNING.



KLAK



"AND SO THE SILVER WAS SEALED AWAY...



"...TO BE GUARDED FOR DECADES BY MERE HUMAN BEINGS.