

SO MUCH
POWER. AND
SO CLOSE TO
SO MUCH
MORE.

I
COULD BE
FORGIVEN A
CHUCKLE, I
THINK.

MAYBE
EVEN A
GIGGLE.

THE DEMON

Hell is Earth Part Five

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YOU WERE ALWAYS
HIGHLY AMBITIOUS,
MY FORMER ARCH-
DUKE.

YOUR
OVERSTRETCHED
REACH WILL LEAD
TO YOUR
DESTRUCTION.



ONE DAY, MAYBE.
BUT NOT TODAY, NOR
ANY DAY THAT I
CAN SEE IN THE
INFINITE.

YOUR
CONSTANT
UNDERMINING
PROVIDED ME WITH
EXCELLENT FUEL
FOR MY GOALS,
LUCIFER.

NOW
THAT HELL HAS
A REAL LEADER,
MY KINGDOM
WILL GET
TO...



...DEFILE
WITH
BELIAL!

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I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT STUPID SLOGAN CAUGHT ON.

I'M SURE MY OET-RHYMING SON WOULD BE IMPRESSED.

HELL HAS GIVEN HUMAN POLITICS A GREAT DEAL. USING ITS LOVE OF THE INAPPLY CATCHY SEEMS LIKE A PERFECT DIVIDEND.

A VERY SMALL PIECE TO MAKE WHAT WAS **WRONGLY** YOURS RIGHTFULLY MINE.

I HAVE WAITED TOO LONG FOR WHAT I **DESERVE!**

ONCE I COMPLETE MY SPELL, THE EARTH AND I WILL BE **ONE!**

AND SOON AFTER, I WILL TAKE THE UNIVERSE!

ALL CREATION WILL BE BUT BEALIA'S REFLECTION!

YOU...YOU UTTERLY **CRAZED** NARCISSIST.

THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! THAT IS BEYOND YOU!

THAT IS BEYOND--

--YOU. NOT ME. YOU.

SO SMALL. SO SCARED. SO UNWORTHY OF THE CROWN.

YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO HEEL--

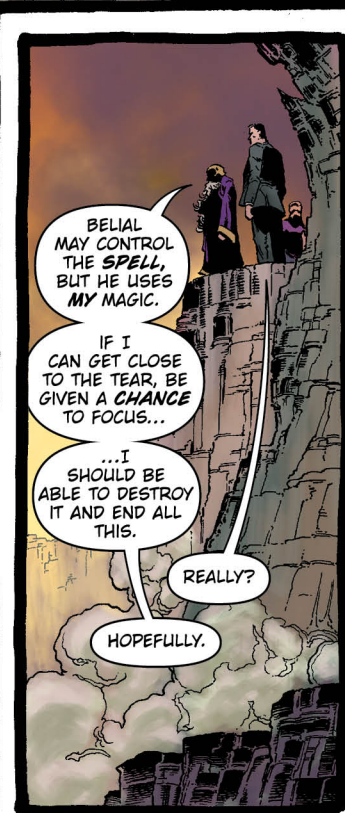
AAARGH!

--TIME FOR YOUR FORM TO MATCH YOUR NEW STATUS.



WHAT
NOW,
MERLIN?

CHOOSE
A PLAN OF
ATTACK AND
SEAL THE
TEAR.



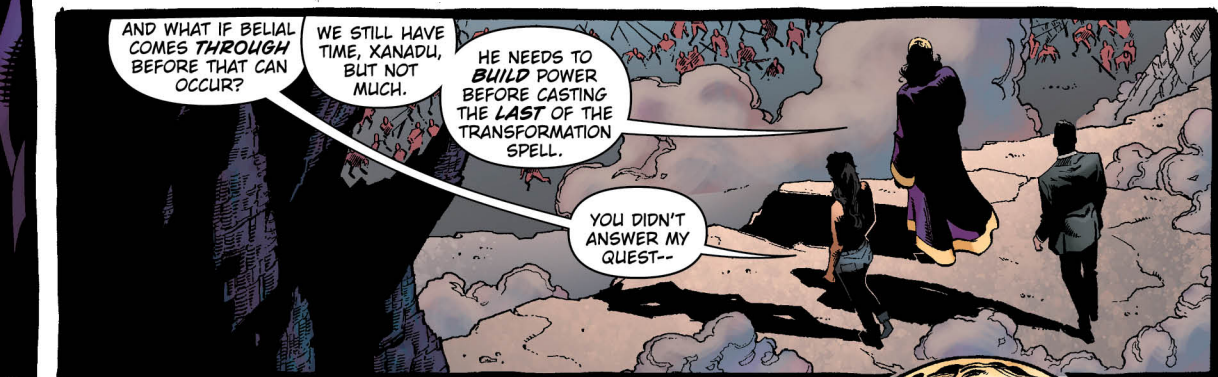
BELIAL
MAY CONTROL
THE **SPELL**,
BUT HE USES
MY MAGIC.

IF I
CAN GET CLOSE
TO THE TEAR, BE
GIVEN A **CHANCE**
TO FOCUS...

...I
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO DESTROY
IT AND END ALL
THIS.

REALLY?

HOPEFULLY.



AND WHAT IF BELIAL
COMES **THROUGH**
BEFORE THAT CAN
OCCUR?

WE STILL HAVE
TIME, XANADU,
BUT NOT
MUCH.

HE NEEDS TO
BUILD POWER
BEFORE CASTING
THE **LAST** OF THE
TRANSFORMATION
SPELL.

YOU DIDN'T
ANSWER MY
QUEST--



WE
STILL HAVE
TIME!



...MY
APOLOGIES.
I...



I WAS FORCED,
TRICKED AND TORTURED,
INTO DESIGNING MAGIC
THAT MAY DESTROY
THE UNIVERSE, BY
A BEAST THAT IS
MY FATHER.

FURY
RIGHTFULLY
CONSUMES
ME.



AS DOES
GUILT...

BLAME DOES NOT
SUIT YOU, NOR
HELP US. NOT
NOW.

WE ARE WITH YOU,
AND YOUR FURY,
RIGHT TO THE
END...

...NO
MATTER WHAT
SHAPE THAT
TAKES.



AH, JASON.
MY RELUCTANT
CHAMPION.

SUPERFICIALLY
RELUCTANT. AND NOT
EVEN THAT WHEN
SO MUCH IS AT
STAKE.

AHEM.
FELLOW WEARY
TRAVELERS...



...ANYONE
NOTICE HOW
THEY HAVEN'T
BEEN INSULTED
FOR A WHILE?

SO MUCH
FOR A WELL-
THOUGHT-OUT
STRATEGY.

BEST
TO POINT AND
SHOOT WITH HIM,
ANYWAY, WHEN
POSSIBLE.

QUITE
SILENT FOR
A HULKING
MONSTER...

