



OF COURSE, DID YOU THINK THOSE BONDS COULD HOLD ME IF I DIDN'T WISH IT?



I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

LUTHER, UPSTAIRS, NOW. WE'LL NEED ROOM FOR THIS FIGHT.



I SUPPOSE YOU WOULDN'T.

AND YOU, LUTHER? WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE POWER COMES FROM? TRUE POWER?

STRENGTH? INTELLIGENCE? WISDOM? IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

KINGS GROW OLD AND DIE. POLITICIANS ARE REPLACED, GOVERNMENTS ARE OVERTHROWN, THE WHEEL TURNS. LIVES ARE FORGOTTEN. TO SEE A MAN IS TO KNOW THEY ARE MORTAL. I WOULD NOT ALLOW IT TO BE SO WITH ME. REAL POWER, THE ONLY REAL POWER, COMES FROM BELIEF.

I WENT INTO CHAINS WILLINGLY. I WENT SO THAT WHAT I'VE BUILT COULD LIVE AND GROW. THROUGH MY DESCENSION, I'VE TRANSCENDED THE PHYSICAL. I DO NOT LIVE IN THE COMPANY OF MEN, BUT IN THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS. I LIVE IN THEIR STORIES AND FEARS. I EXIST OUTSIDE RATIONALITY AND TIME. I'VE BECOME WHAT MY FOLLOWERS BELIEVE ME TO BE, WHICH IS FAR GREATER THAN ANY MAN, EVEN ME, CAN BECOME. IMMORTAL, INFALLIBLE, UNCHANGING, UNFAILING. WHATEVER DARK HEARTS IMAGINE POWER TO BE, THEY PROJECT ONTO ME, AND I BECOME IT.

MURDER IS THE RELIGION I'VE BUILT, LUTHER. I AM YOUR GOD.

SO, NO, DEAR DELILAH.



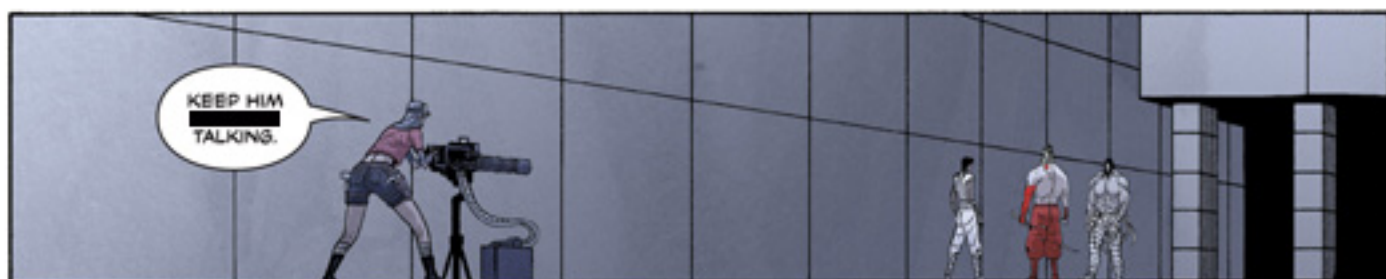
I WAS NEVER BOUND.



YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE?



I KNOW WHY YOU THINK YOU'RE HERE.



KEEP HIM TALKING.

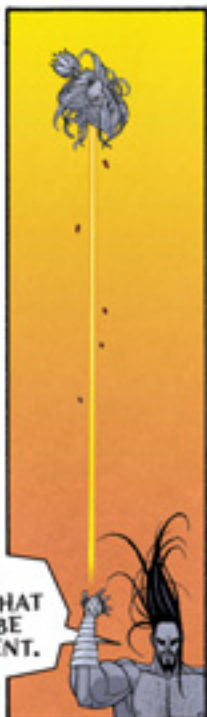


WHICH, YOU KNOW, SHOULDN'T BE REAL HARD.

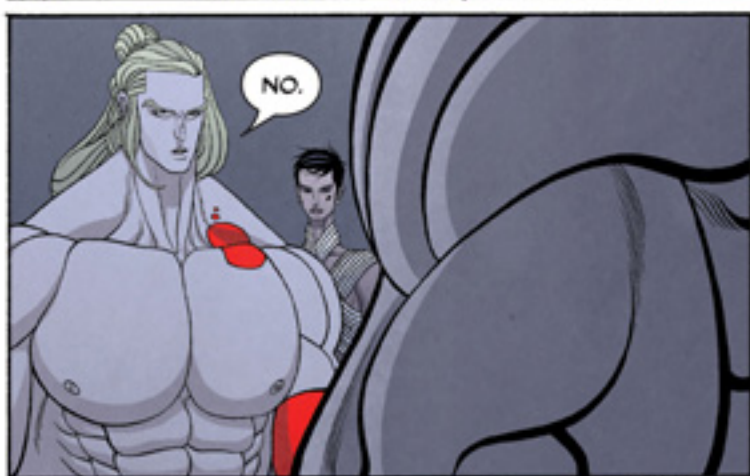
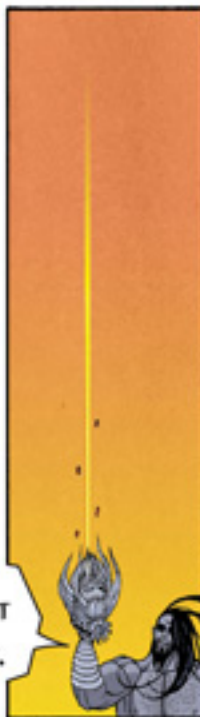


YOU THINK YOU CAN REDEEM ME. YOU THINK YOU CAN TALK ME INTO BETRAYAL AS YOU DID POOR MUSASHI HERE. I'LL MISS HIM.

YOU THINK THAT I CAN BE DIFFERENT.



YOU AREN'T THE FIRST.



NO.



NO?



I'M NOT ACTUALLY AN IDIOT. YOU'VE HAD ALL THIS TIME TO DO BETTER. TO BE BETTER. THOUSANDS OF YEARS. BUT ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED IS TO BE WORSE. AND TO DRAG OTHERS DOWN WITH YOU. I WANT YOU TO CHANGE. I WISH YOU COULD. I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU...