

MERCENARY MARC SPECTOR DIED IN EGYPT UNDER A STATUE OF THE MOON GOD KHONSHU. IN THE SHADOW OF THE ANCIENT DEITY, MARC RETURNED TO LIFE AND TOOK ON KHONSHU'S ASPECT TO FIGHT CRIME FOR HIS OWN REDEMPTION. IN TIME, THE MANY DIFFERENT IDENTITIES HE HAD CAREFULLY MAINTAINED BEGAN TO SLIP OUT OF HIS CONTROL...AND SO DID HIS GRIP ON REALITY ITSELF.

# MOON @ KNIGHT

## DEATH AND BIRTH: PART 5 OF 5

AFTER A CONFRONTATION WITH HIS ALTERNATE IDENTITIES, IN WHICH THEY SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR FOR GOOD, MARC REALIZED THAT, TO BECOME WHOLE AGAIN, HE MUST KILL KHONSHU. EVEN WITH THIS MEASURE OF CLOSURE, MARC'S PAST—FROM HOSPITALIZATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS, TO HIS ENTRY INTO MERCENARY WORK, TO HIS DEATH AT BUSHMAN'S HANDS—FOLLOWS HIM.

WHILE TRACKING KHONSHU IN THE OVERVOID, MARC TRADED A GODDESS FOR HIS FRIEND CRAWLEY'S FREEDOM, AND EVEN FACED EXECUTION. AT THAT HOPELESS MOMENT, MARC'S IDENTITIES BRIEFLY RETURNED TO SAVE HIM.

FINALLY, MARC HAS ARRIVED AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL WHERE THIS STORY BEGAN. KHONSHU IS WAITING.

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# SOME YEARS AGO.

NOWHERE. I AM NOWHERE AND NO ONE.

THEY LEFT ME TO DIE. FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN WANDERING ALL DAY. NO SHELTER. NO HOPE.



TRAPPED IN A BRIGHT, BURSTING NIGHTMARE. THIS IS NOT--THIS IS NOT HOW I THOUGHT I WOULD DIE.



MARC?  
WHY ARE YOU LYING THERE LIKE THAT?



ST-STEVEN?  
JAKE?

IT'S US,  
MARC.



WILL YOU GUYS STAY WITH ME? I--I'M SCARED.

WE'VE NEVER LEFT YOU.

WE'VE BEEN HERE ALL ALONG. JUST REST. WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.



EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE US, WE'LL BE HERE.

JUST REST. IT'LL BE NIGHT SOON...



"...AND HE'LL  
BE COMING  
FOR US."



MARC?



MARC,  
CAN YOU  
HEAR ME?

I--  
YES.



COME  
TO ME...

THEN COME  
TO ME,  
MY SON.

...AND BE REBORN  
IN MY LIGHT.

IT IS TIME.



WHO ARE  
YOU?

SOON.  
SOON,  
YOU WILL  
KNOW  
MY NAME...



SOON,

YOU WILL  
KNOW MY FACE.



