



YOU'D CALL ME "MERCIFUL LUCIFER"?

WHAT DID YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN, FIRST PHARAOH?

THIS UNDERWORLD IS SO STARVED OF WORSHIP-- OF POWER-- THAT TO ATTACK ME WAS A CERTAIN SUICIDE ATTEMPT.



BUT THEN, THAT'S YOUR STORY, ISN'T IT?

A RESURRECTION GOD. MURDERED BY YOUR JEALOUS BROTHER. SCATTERED TO THE WIND, THEN BROUGHT BACK BY ISIS, YOUR MOST DEVOTED WIFE.



WHAT WAS THE PLAN, ISIS?

ONCE I'D KILLED OSIRIS, YOU'D INSTATE ME AS THE KING OF D'AT?

USE MY STILL-LIVING LEGEND TO FUEL SOME NEW BELIEF IN YOUR OWN?



IF I WAS TRULY MERCIFUL, I'D LET YOU.

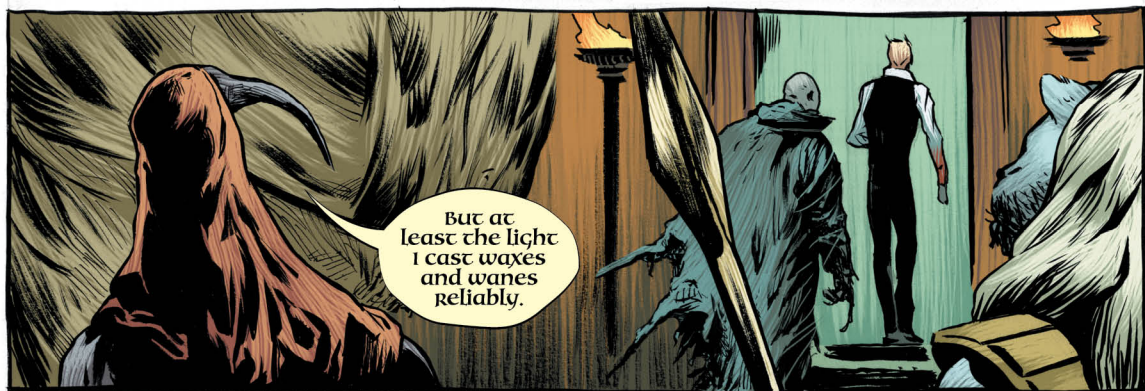
COME, CALIBAM. WE'RE LEAVING.



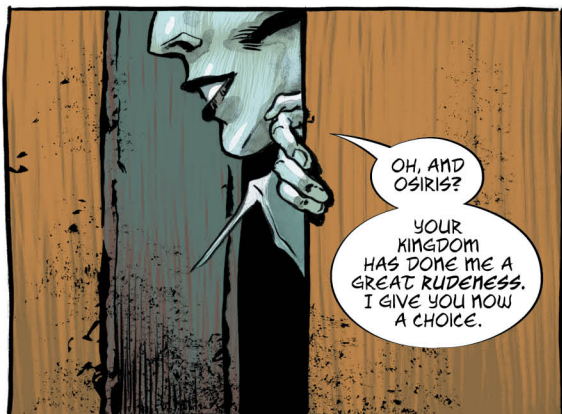
your father is crueler than you know.

So, I've learned, are most gods, moon god.

True enough.



But at least the light I cast waxes and wanes reliably.



OH, AND OSIRIS?

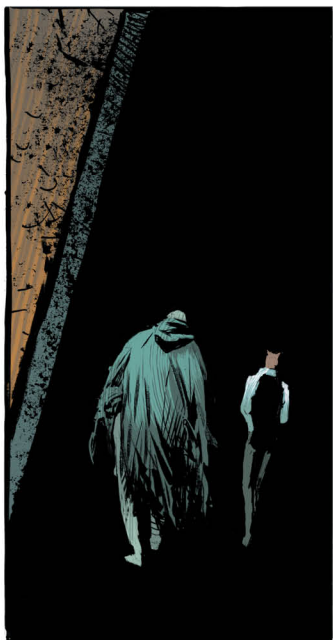
YOUR KINGDOM HAS DONE ME A GREAT RUDENESS. I GIVE YOU NOW A CHOICE.



I CAN TURN THIS WHOLE PLACE TO RUBBLE. OR YOU CAN OWE ME A BOON, FOR WHEN I NEED ONE.



A boon!
A boon!





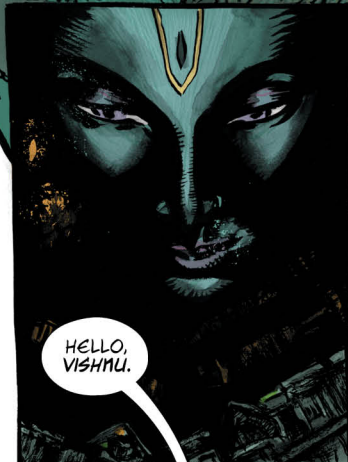
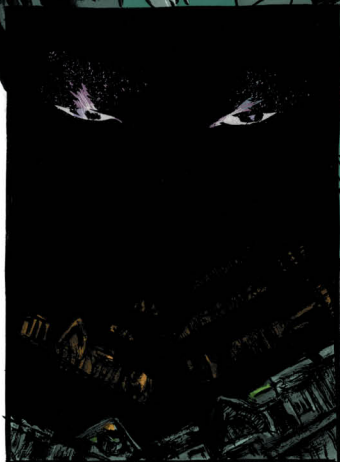
WE NEED
SOMEWHERE
WHERE THE
PRAYERS FLOW
LIKE WINE.



WELCOME
TO PADALA.
RATHER MORE
LIKE IT, YOU'LL
AGREE.



HULLO.
WE'RE SEEKING
COUNSEL AND
HOSPITALITY.



HELLO,
VISHNU.

LUCIFER.
I HAVE NOT
MET YOU AS
THIS AVATAR
BEFORE.

YOU HAD
WINGS, DID
YOU NOT?

I DID,
LORD VISHNU.
IT'S BEEN A
FUNNY FEW
DECADES.

YOU WISH
TO SEEK
ASYLUM FOR
SYCORAX.

How
do you
know?

I KNOW ALL
THINGS IN THIS
PLACE. I AM ALL
THINGS IN THIS
PLACE.

I WILL TAKE YOU TO
YAMA. IT IS HE WHO
DECIDES WHERE THE
DEAD MUST GO. YOU
WILL FIND HIM IN
NARAKA.

You are
the same
man.

I AM RAMA.
AN AVATAR OF
VISHNU, IT IS TRUE.
BUT MY OWN MAN,
NONETHELESS. I
LIVED AND DIED
A KING.

FOLLOW ME,
PLEASE. WE ARE
GOING DOWN
INTO THE DEPTHS.
PERHAPS YOU
WILL FEEL AT
HOME.

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING,
DAYAANI?

DOES
KALI KNOW
THAT YOU ARE
SNEAKING UP
TO THE LIVING
WORLD?

SHE DOES,
LORD RAMA.
MY LADY HAS
GIVEN ME
LEAVE FOR
THE NIGHT. ALL
OF MY KIND
ARE MEETING
TOGETHER...