



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.

YOU CAME WITH A PURPOSE-- TO GET YOUR WIFE BACK. SO STOP YOUR CHARADE AND TAKE HER!

SURRENDER THE COSTUME YOU WEAR AND SHE'S YOURS, UNHARMED. IF NOT, YOU KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT.

I DO.

AND I'M PREPARED FOR THAT.

BUT LET ME MAKE MY OWN THREAT. RELEASE MY WIFE NOW, THEN WALK AWAY FROM HERE. BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE-- I'M ALREADY DEAD. THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR ANYMORE.

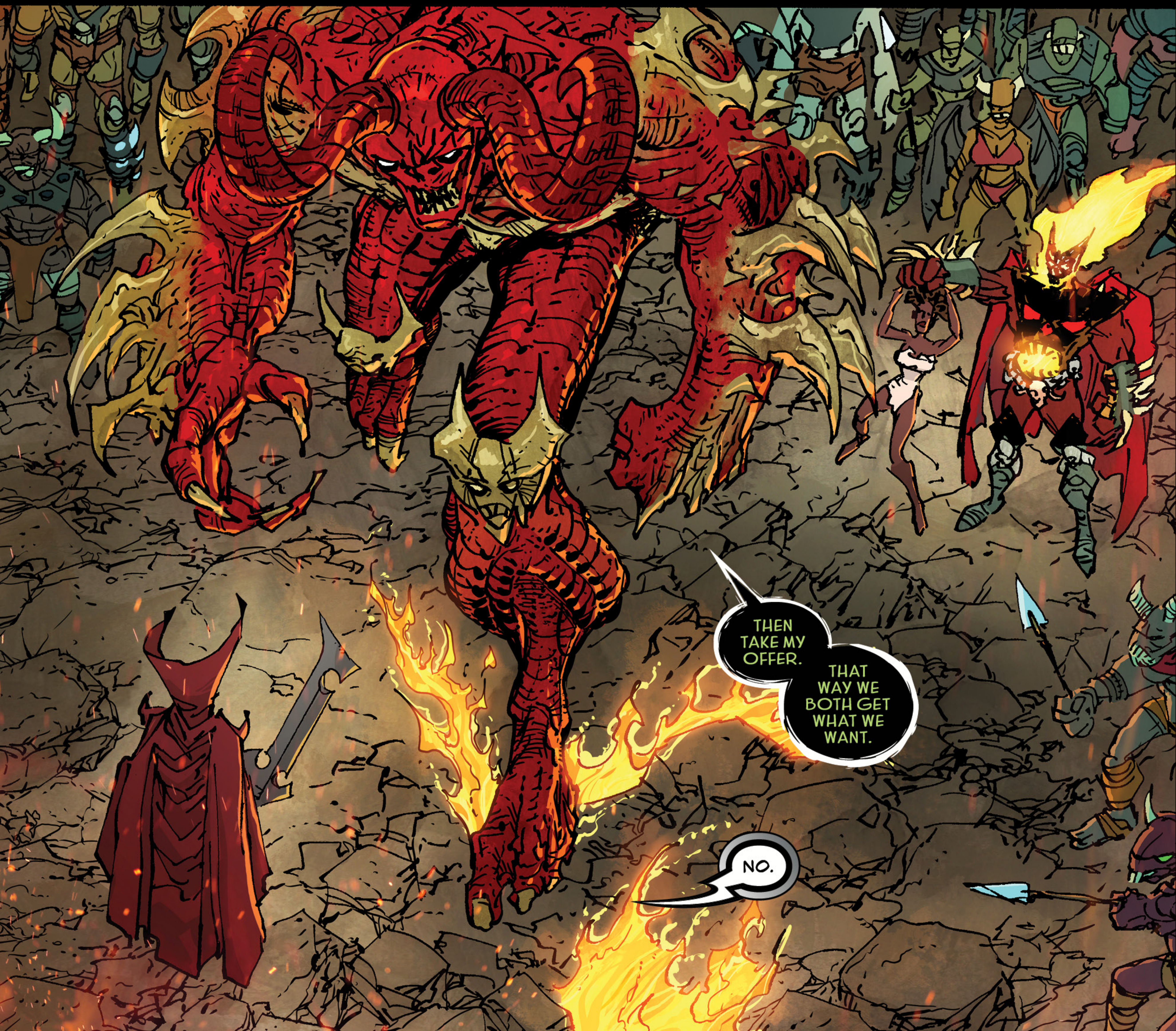


ALI...
DON'T DO IT!
I BEG YOU!
JUST GO! JUST
LEAVE.



NO.

NOT
WITHOUT
YOU.



THEN
TAKE MY
OFFER.

THAT
WAY WE
BOTH GET
WHAT WE
WANT.

NO.



THAT'S A LIE. YOU CAN'T LET ME LEAVE HERE. THAT WOULDN'T SHOW YOUR ARMY HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE, AND YOU NEED THAT POWER TO KEEP THEM SCARED.

TO KEEP THEM LOYAL.



SO YOU HAVE TO DESTROY ME. YOU HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS.



THEN WHY COME?



I ALREADY TOLD YOU.



I WANT MY WIFE.

AND...



WITH EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY SPAWN HAS WITHIN HIM--HE UNLEASHES IT! HIS TALKING WAS MERELY A DELAY TACTIC WHILE HE GATHERED HIS POWERS INTO THIS SINGLE MOMENT OF ACTION. IT WON'T KILL SATAN, EVEN AT HIS NOW SMALLER SIZE, BUT THAT WASN'T THE SPAWN'S INTENT.

I WANT HER
NOW!

HE NEEDED A BRIEF DISTRACTION, ONE THAT MIGHT ONLY LAST FOR A SECOND OR TWO, SO HIS TIMING HAD TO BE PERFECT!

