

CZARNIA.

YEARS AGO...

I...EMPEROR
CALIUS-WRELL...STAND
HUMBLED BEFORE THE
WELLSPRING OF
CZARNIAN
LIFEBLOOD!

AS I DRINK
OF CZARNIA'S
ESSENCE, SO
TOO WILL CZARNIA
DRINK OF
MINE!

WE
SHALL TASTE
EACH OTHER
UPON OUR
TONGUES!

AND
WE SHALL
KNOW WE ARE
ONE AND THE
SAME!

YOUR
BLOOD WILL
STRENGTHEN
ME!

AND MY
BLOOD WILL
STRENGTHEN
YOU!

HEH...

--RITES.

MY
BLOOD IS THE
SACRAMENT
FOR WHICH THE
VERY PLANET
HUNGERS!

THIS IS THE
ABSOLUTION OF
LIFE ETERNAL.

AM I NOT
WONDROUS?

SHOW
SOME
RESPECT.

THIS
IS A HOLY
PLACE.

AND
THESE ARE
HOLY--

DEATH!

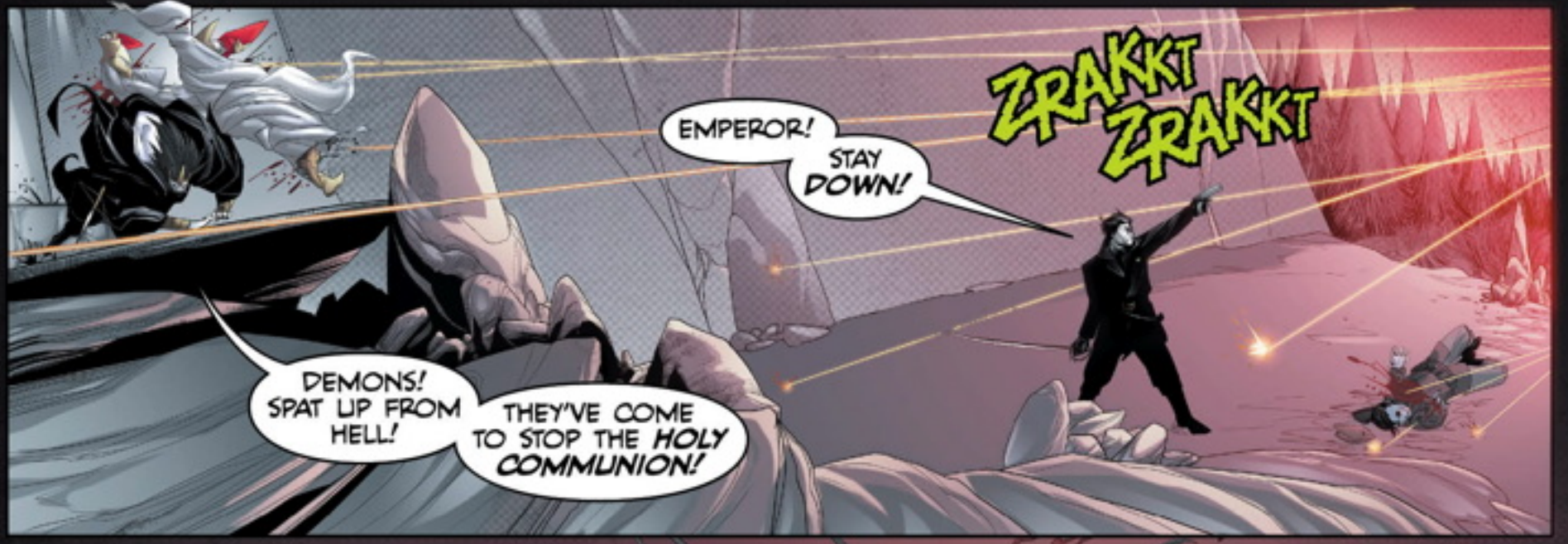
DEATH TO
THE CURSED
GOD!



ATTACK!

THE DEVIL-GOD MUST DIE SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE!!

KILL HIM BEFORE HIS CURSE CONSUMES US ALL!



EMPEROR! STAY DOWN!

ZRAKKT ZRAKKT

DEMONS! SPAT UP FROM HELL!

THEY'VE COME TO STOP THE HOLY COMMUNION!



THEY MUST NOT--

ZZRAKTT



MY LORD!

ZRAKK



ARE YOU--



...SEND YOUR FIENDS...

...SEND YOUR IMPS...



...BUT YOU CAN NO MORE KILL ME...



...THAN YOU CAN MURDER THE WORLD.



WE CANNOT SAY THE SAME FOR MY BROTHERS-IN-ARMS.

THEY HAVE NOT TASTED THE SACRAMENT!

THEIR POOR SOULS!

CONDEMNED TO THE HEREAFTER!



THROW DOWN YOUR ARMS!

WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH--

UAAGGH!

SLASH



LISTEN TO--

URRRGH!

SHHHINK

Y-YOU KNOW...

YOU KNOW...HE IS CURSED...

...DISEASED...



...AND STILL YOU...

...DEFEND HIM...



I AM SWORN TO PROTECT THE EMPEROR...
...AND ALL OF CZARNIA.
AND I DON'T BELIEVE--

"--IN CURSES."

I SHALL DRINK OF CZARNIA'S LIFEBLOOD...
SLRRP!



AND CZARNIA WILL DRINK OF MINE!
IT IS...



"...A HOLY DAY."