

THE NOTED AMERICAN POET ROBERT FROST ONCE SURMISED THAT THE WORLD MIGHT ONE DAY END IN FIRE... OR PERHAPS IN ICE.

BRITISH POET T.S. ELIOT SAID THE WORLD WOULD END, NOT WITH A BANG, BUT WITH A WHIMPER.

APPARENTLY, THEY WERE BOTH WRONG.

INSTEAD, IT SEEMS THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO END AT THE WHIM OF THE MASSIVE MARSH MONSTER WHO CURRENTLY CALLS ITSELF...

SWAMP THING

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THE CLOCK IS TICKING, PEOPLE!

YOUR TIME IS RUNNING SHORT.

EITHER SURRENDER THIS PITIFUL PLANET TO THE FORCES OF THE GREEN--

--OR SEE IT DESTROYED BEFORE YOUR EYES!

DARK DESTINY!

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IT WAS AS I SAID...

MATT CABLE SEARCHED THE WORLD FOR A CURE FOR YOU--

--AND HE FOUND IT IN NANDA PARBAT.

BUT, ON HIS WAY DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, HE WAS CAUGHT IN A TERRIBLE AVALANCHE--

--AND ALMOST DIED.

WHILE HE LAY THERE, BATTERED AND BROKEN, SUFFERING TERRIBLY, A VOICE CAME TO HIM--

--AND OFFERED HIM LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR POWER.



WHAT CAN I SAY? CABLE WAS A COWARD.

IN THE END, HE TOOK THE DEAL.

A DEAL WITH WHOM?

AND WHY DO YOU KEEP SPEAKING ABOUT YOURSELF IN THE THIRD PERSON?



MY GOD, YOU REALLY ARE AS THICK AS THE PROVERBIAL POST, AREN'T YOU?

WHO DO YOU THINK OFFERED HIM THE DEAL, ALEG?



NO! NOT YOU!
YOU WERE DEAD,
YOUR SOUL
CONSIGNED TO
HELL!



HOW
DID YOU...?!

OH,
PLEASE...

BY NOW,
YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT VIRTUALLY
NOTHING IS BEYOND
THE POWER OF--

**ANTON
ARCANE!**



BUT HOW...?

YOU WERE GONE...FINALLY OUT OF MY LIFE.



THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH, MY BOY.

IN THAT SNOWDRIFT, CRUSHED, SMOTHERED, DYING, POOR MATTHEW INVITED ME IN--

--AND I WAS MOST GRATEFUL TO ACCEPT HIS KIND OFFER.

AS I POSSESSED HIS BODY, MATTHEW LAPPED INTO A COMA--

--SO I'VE BEEN IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THIS BODY FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.



NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT PUTTING YOU BACK IN THE GROUND FOR THE FINAL TIME, SHALL WE?

I'M GETTING QUITE SICK OF LOOKING AT YOU!



DID YOU HONESTLY THINK ME THAT STUPID?

THIS TIME I BROUGHT ALONG REINFORCEMENTS, JUST IN CASE.