



COULD YOU GUYS USE AN EXTRA HAND?

CROSSWIND!

I SAW THE NEWS AND FIGURED I'D HEAD OVER.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY?

OH, YOU KNOW, THE USUAL...

...POWER MAD DESPOT TEARING HOLES IN SPACE AND TIME SO HE CAN LORD OVER ALL OF MANKIND.

JUST ANOTHER THURSDAY.

OH, GREAT... FORTUNION. I'VE TANGLED WITH HIM BEFORE.

DIME-STORE TELEVANGELIST TURNED CUT-RATE SATANIC MESSIAH. REAL PAIN IN THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT.

HE DIDN'T FEEL CUT-RATE WHEN HIS DEMONS WERE SWARMING ALL OVER US...

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE ABOUT HIM... THEY THINK HE MAKES PORTALS TO THESE WORLDS. TRUTH IS, HE IS THE PORTAL. THESE THINGS CAN'T THRIVE HERE WITHOUT HIM.

SO, IF YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THE MONSTERS...





AND THEY ALL JUST DISAPPEARED?

THAT'S RIGHT. APPARENTLY PERDITION WAS THEIR TETHER TO THIS WORLD. WITHOUT HIM... POOF!

SPEAKING OF WHICH...ARE YOU SURE THAT IS GOING TO HOLD HIM?

OH, YES. THERE'S AN INTERNATIONAL DATABASE OF MAGIC-USERS THAT MOST AGENCIES USE IN CASES LIKE THIS.



HE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

REMEMBER MY WORDS, CROSSWIND.

REMEMBER THEM.

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?



WHAT--?! OH, NOTHING. JUST SOME IDLE THREATS.

LIKE I TOLD YOU. WE HAVE HISTORY.



CROSSWIND, THIS IS INSPECTOR RAY FOURNIER, TORONTO POLICE.

PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, SON. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK YOU DID, HELPING TO BRING PERDITION DOWN.



OH, IT WAS NOTHING, SIR. IT WAS ACTUALLY THE FRONTLINERS WHO DID MOST OF THE--

I AM AFRAID MY YOUNG FRIEND LIES TO YOU, INSPECTOR.



A WARRIOR DOES NOT HIDE BEHIND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OTHERS. THE CREATURES HAD US OVERWHELMED. WERE IT NOT FOR CROSSWIND...

...PERDITION MIGHT HAVE HAD THE DAY.

WELL, IF THAT'S TRUE...



... THEN IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU MIGHT BE A HANDY GUY TO HAVE AROUND.

ALL RIGHT, MEN. LET'S WRAP IT UP! WE NEED THE PRISONER SECURED BEFORE HE CONJURES A SNAKE GOD OR WHATEVER THE HELL ELSE...



HE'S NOT WRONG, YOU KNOW.

EXCUSE ME?

THREE TIMES NOW YOU'VE HELPED US AGAINST THREATS AND TODAY, YOU EARNED THE GAME BALL.



WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT MAKING IT OFFICIAL, AND I THINK TODAY CLINCHES IT.

WHAT DO THE REST OF YOU THINK SHOULD CROSSWIND JOIN US?



YES.

WELL, SURE, I SUPPOSE, BUT I SHOULD WARN YOU: THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE REALLY STEEP.

LUCKY FOR YOU I'M TEAM TREASURER SO IF YOU WANT TO GIVE ME CASH I'LL--

AGAIN WITH THE FLAPPING OF THE MOUTH.

OF COURSE.



YEAH, YEAH, YOU BET.

ARE WE DONE HERE? I HAVE THIS THING--

IT WOULD BE A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE YOU AT OUR SIDE.

I ABSTAIN.



HE ALWAYS ABSTAINS.

AND I VOTE YES, THAT'S SIX YAYS AND ONE RECLUSE.

CROSSWIND, WE WANT YOU ON THE FRONT LINE WITH US.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?