



Th-they're beautiful.



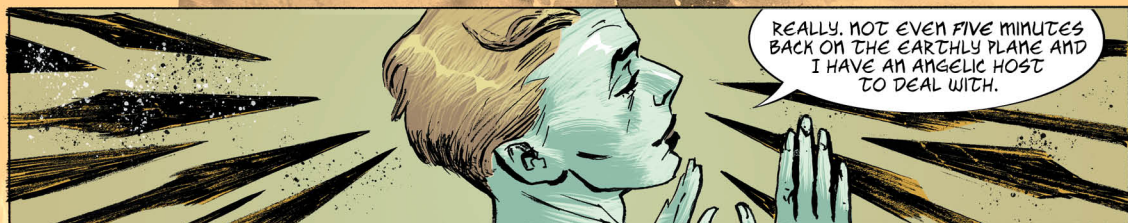
OH, DON'T ENCOURAGE THEM.



KEEP HOLD OF STINGY JACK, WOULD YOU, MAZIKEEN?



AND DO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM. HE HID IN SYCORAX'S MINDSCAPE WITH A VIEW TO TRAP ME FOR ETERNITY.



REALLY. NOT EVEN FIVE MINUTES BACK ON THE EARTHLY PLANE AND I HAVE AN ANGELIC HOST TO DEAL WITH.



LUCIFER. BOW.

OH RAGUEL. NO. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS. WE HAD THAT WHOLE WAR IN HEAVEN THING.

SO LET'S JUST LEAVE OUT THE PONTIFICATIONS AND SAY THAT WE DID THEM, HMMM?

YOU ABDICATED HELL TO WALK OUR FATHER'S CREATION. IN HIS MERCY, HE ALLOWED THIS.

AND YET YOU INSIST ON FURTHER BLASPHEMIES.

BROTHER OF MINE...

I AM FURTHER BLASPHEMIES.





M-Mother...  
Wh-what's  
happening?

HUSH, CALIBAN.  
THEY ARE SPEAKING  
AS *ANGELS* SPEAK. IN  
THE LANGUAGE FOR  
WHICH THE MOVEMENTS  
OF *PLANETS* ARE  
METAPHOR.

THIS...WE  
CANNOT LET  
STAND.



YOU SEEK TO  
WRITE *NEW* GOSPELS,  
TO *MOCK* HIS MIRACLES BY  
PERFORMING YOUR OWN  
RESURRECTION.

I SEEK  
NOTHING OF THE  
SORT. I WISH TO  
MIRROR OR PARODY  
NOTHING OF OUR  
FATHER'S DESIGN.



IT'S NOT  
MY FAULT HE  
CREATED SUCH  
A CIRCULAR  
UNIVERSE.

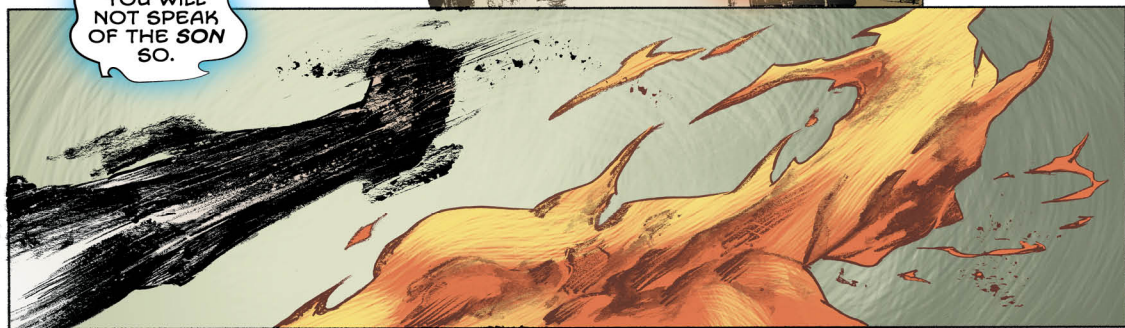


HE BROUGHT  
BACK HIS MEWLING  
BRAT WITH THE HOLES  
IN THE HANDS OVER  
TWO THOUSAND  
YEARS AGO.



THIS HAS  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH  
THAT.

YOU WILL  
NOT SPEAK  
OF THE SON  
SO.







YOU ARE  
WEAKENED,  
LUCIFER...

YOU ARE  
WEAKENED  
GREATLY.



AND YOU,  
THE MIGHTY  
VENGEANCE OF  
THE LORD, RAGUEL.  
YOU ARE AS CRUEL  
AND VINDICTIVE  
AS EVER I  
WAS.

I AM  
VENGEANCE.  
I AM FURY. I TAKE  
NO PLEASURE IN  
THIS. EVEN IN  
LIFTING A HAND  
TO YOU,  
MY WAYWARD  
BRETHREN, I FIND  
ANGUISH.

FOR  
HE IS A  
LOVING  
GOD.



AND YET  
YOU CARRY OUT YOUR  
DUTY ADMIRINGLY.  
UNFLINCHINGLY.




IT IS MY  
PURPOSE.



THERE  
IS A HAIR'S  
BREADTH  
BETWEEN  
SEARING DIVINE  
ECSTASY AND  
THE AGONY OF  
THE DAMNED,  
RAGUEL.

I HAVE  
ALWAYS  
THOUGHT  
YOU WOULD  
DO VERY  
WELL IN  
HELL.



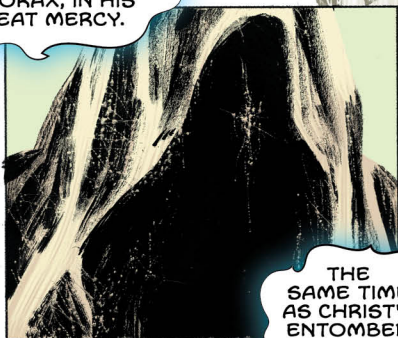
ENOUGH. HE  
SPEAKS TO ME.  
HIS WILL SHALL  
BE DONE.



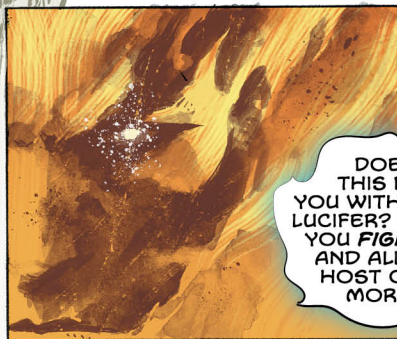
LUCIFER'S  
RESURRECTION IS  
A **PERVERSION** OF  
CHRIST'S. AND SO  
IT SHALL BE.

THE NAZARENE  
WAS THREE DAYS **DEAD**  
BEFORE HIS RESURRECTION.  
AND SO...**SYCORAX** WILL ONLY  
BE THREE DAYS **ALIVE**  
AFTER HERS.

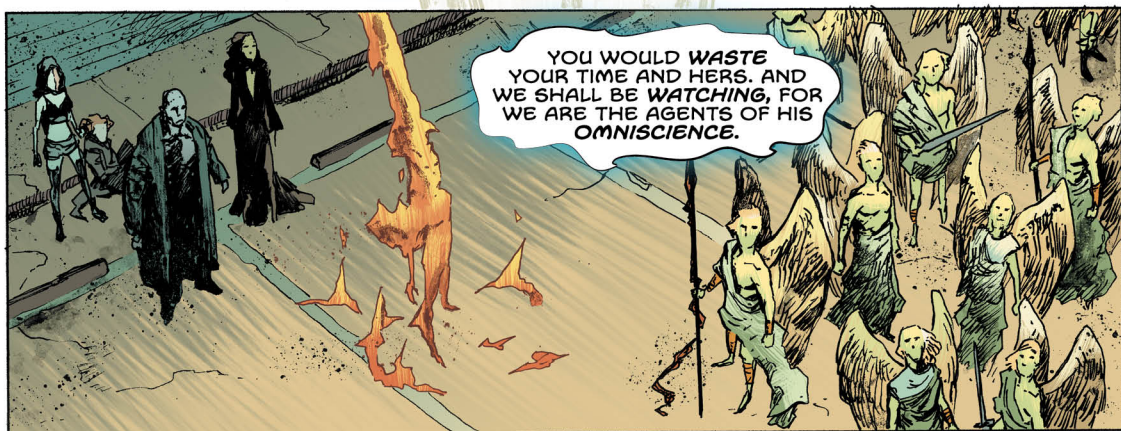
SEVENTY-TWO  
HOURS. THAT'S WHAT  
HE WILL **ALLOW** YOUR  
SYCORAX, IN HIS  
GREAT MERCY.



THE  
SAME TIME  
AS CHRIST'S  
ENTOMBED  
EASTER.



DOES  
THIS FILL  
YOU WITH **RAGE**,  
LUCIFER? WOULD  
YOU **FIGHT** ME  
AND ALL THE  
HOST ONCE  
MORE?



YOU WOULD **WASTE**  
YOUR TIME AND HERS. AND  
WE SHALL BE **WATCHING**, FOR  
WE ARE THE AGENTS OF HIS  
**OMNISCIENCE**.



SEVENTY-TWO  
HOURS. FOR THE  
FIRST TIME IN  
**MILLENNIA** BE WISE,  
LUCIFER. AND  
BROTHER...

...I LOVE  
YOU.



Wait--  
where  
are they  
going?



