



NATURAL SELECTION,
MORE COMMONLY KNOWN
AS SURVIVAL OF
THE FITTEST.

THE NOTED NATURALIST AND
BIOLOGIST CHARLES DARWIN
FIRST EXPLAINED THE CONCEPT
IN HIS WORLD-CHANGING 1859
BOOK ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES.

AND NEVER HAS
IT SEEMED MORE
APPROPRIATE
THAN NOW--

--AS A HUGE BOA CONSTRICTOR
STRUGGLES TO PUT AN END TO THE
MUCK-ENCRUSTED MONSTROSITY
WHO PROWL THIS MARSH, THE
CREATURE MORE COMMONLY CALLED...

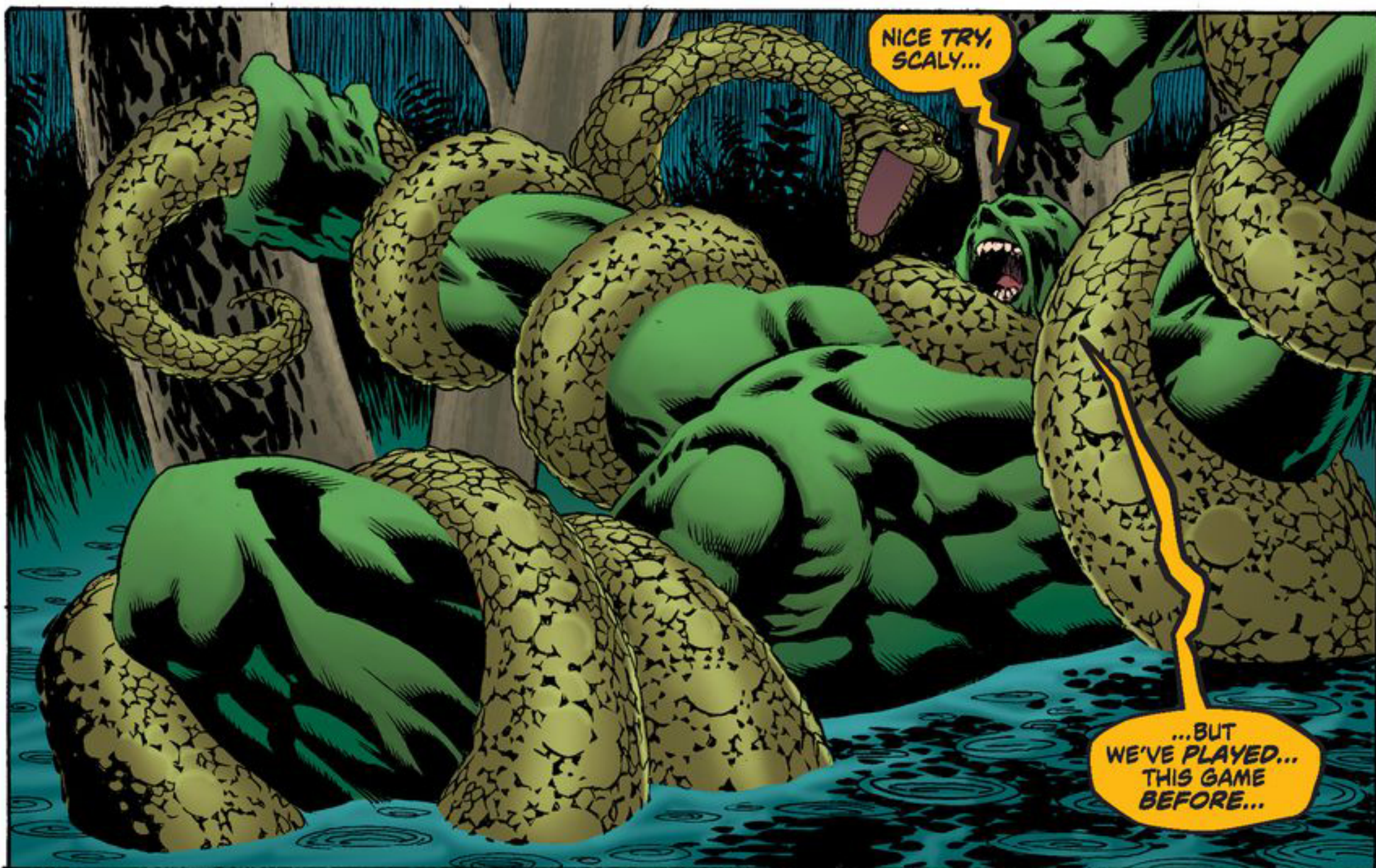
SWAMP THING

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GET...
OFF...!

FATEFUL REUNION!

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NICE TRY,
SCALY...

...BUT
WE'VE PLAYED...
THIS GAME
BEFORE...

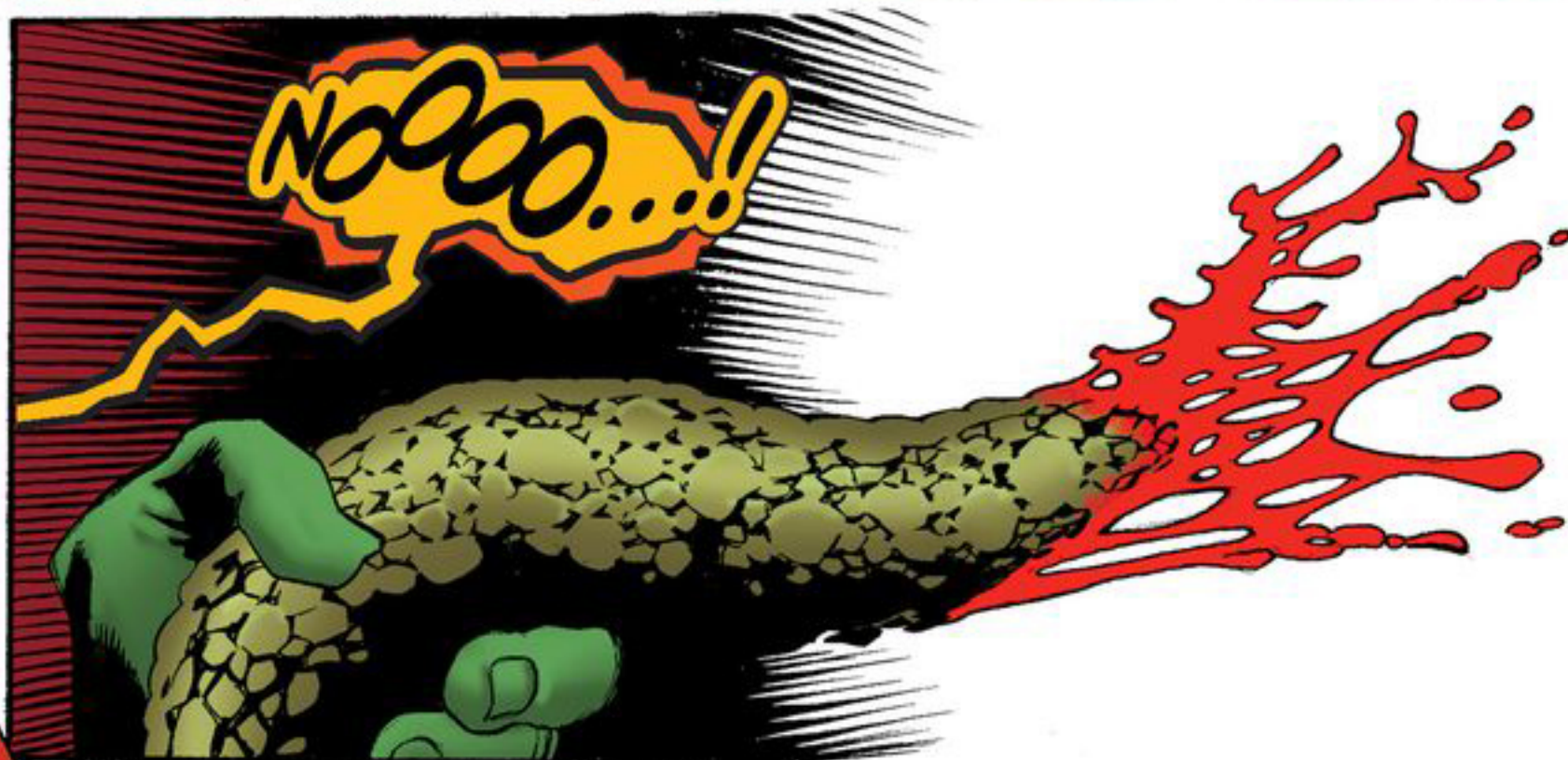


...AND YOU KNOW...
NO MATTER HOW
HARD YOU TRY...

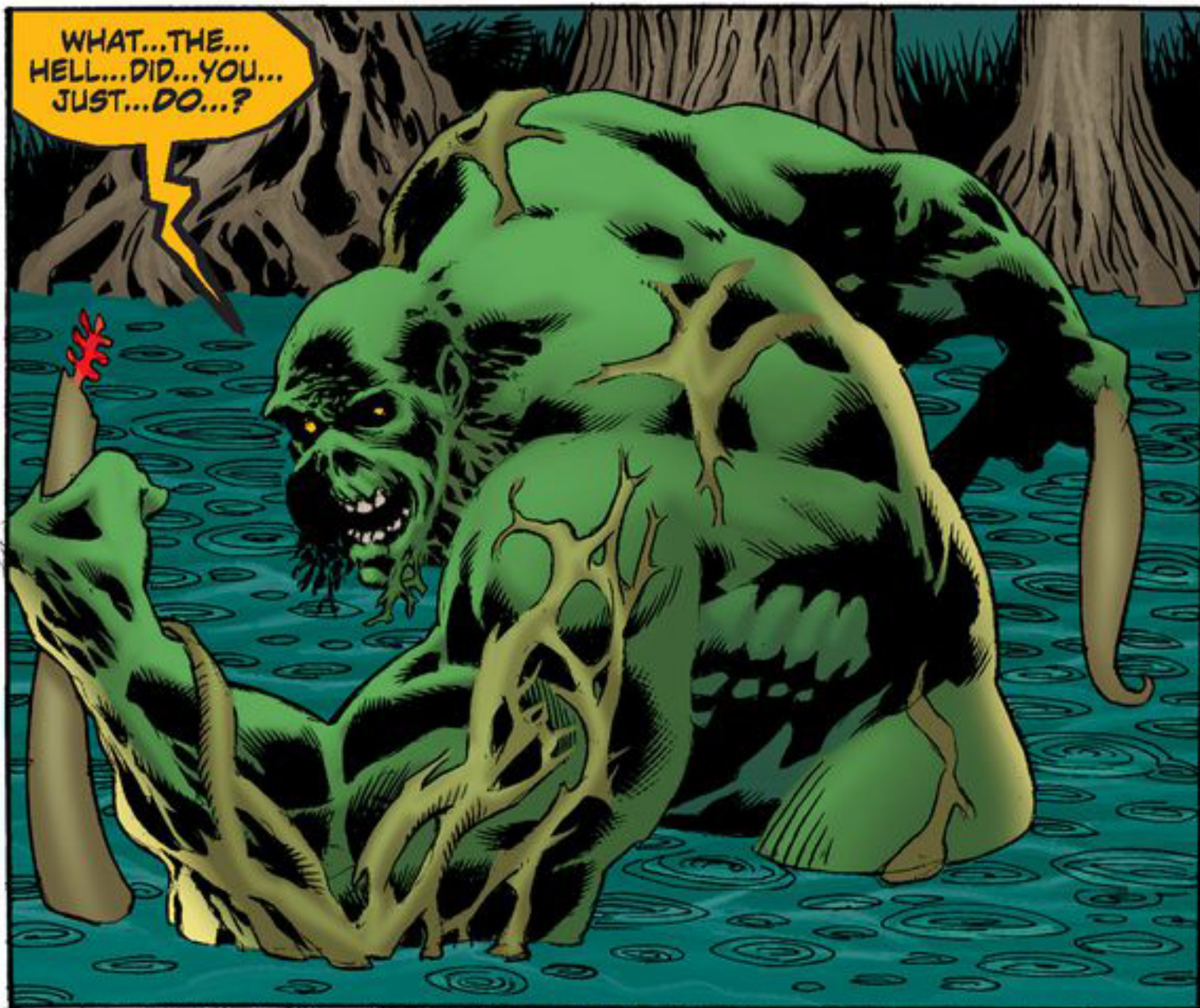


...IN THE END...
I ALWAYS--

BRAM



NOOOO...!



WHAT...THE...
HELL...DID...YOU...
JUST...DO...?



NEAR AS I CAN
TELL, I JUST SAVED
YOUR LIFE.

BY THE WAY,
YOU'RE WELCOME.



FOR
WHAT...?

I WAS IN...
NO DANGER...!



SURE DIDN'T
LOOK THAT WAY
TO ME.



IT WAS A...
GAME WE
PLAYED...

HE'D TRY
TO KILL
ME...

I'D
KICK HIS
ASS...

HE'D
SLITHER
AWAY...UNTIL
THE NEXT
TIME...

I--I DIDN'T
KNOW--!



AND NOW IT'S OVER...

YOUR IGNORANCE... HAS PUT AN END... TO AN INNOCENT LIFE...



I HOPE YOU'RE... PROUD OF YOURSELF...



WELL... I WAS.



WHY IN PITY'S NAME... WOULD YOU DO... SUCH A THING...?



WELL, I FIGURED IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO AFTER ALL THE TIMES YOU SAVED ME.



HELLO, OLD FRIEND.



MATTHEW...?

MATT CABLE...?

OH... DEAR... GOD...!



A SHORT TIME LATER, UNDER A SHELTERING BOWER FORMED FROM THE SWAMP THING'S OWN BODY...

SO... AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...

...WHAT...?

...HOW...?



TRUST ME, IT'S ONE LONG AND EXTREMELY CONVOLUTED STORY.

I HAVE NOTHING... BUT TIME...



*WELL, AFTER WE PARTED WAYS, I TRANSFERRED TO A NEW FBI UNIT...

*LET'S JUST SAY THE WORK DIDN'T EXCITE ME.



*SO I TOOK MY TWENTY, AND RETIRED.



IT JUST WASN'T THE SAME WITHOUT YOU AND ABBY.

SPEAKING OF WHICH...WHERE IS ABBY?

I THOUGHT THE TWO OF YOU WERE INSEPARABLE.



WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER... IN A WHILE...

IT'S... COMPLICATED...