



BRUCE WAYNE.

YOU ARE DEAD.

SHALL WE DECIDE WHAT COMES NEXT?



WHO...

...WHERE AM I?



"THIS, BRUCE?"

"THIS IS SHAMBA-LA."



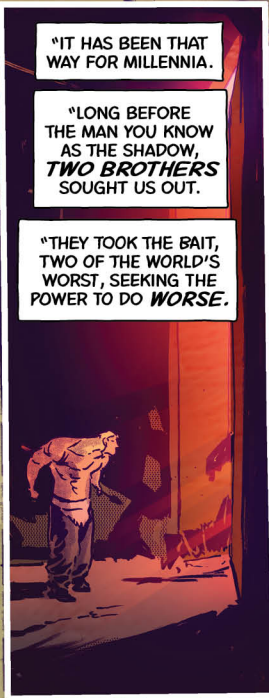
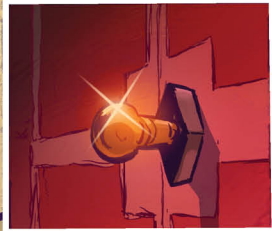
"SHAMBA-LA IS NOT A PROMISED LAND. IT IS A TRAP."

"WE LURE YOUR WORLD'S WORST WITH PROMISES OF POWER."



"INSTEAD, WE OFFER TWO PATHS: REDEMPTION OR DEATH."

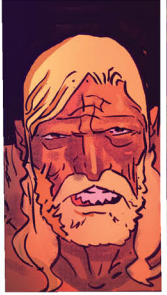
"ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, NO EVIL MEN LEAVE SHAMBA-LA."



"IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY FOR MILLENNIA."

"LONG BEFORE THE MAN YOU KNOW AS THE SHADOW, TWO BROTHERS SOUGHT US OUT."

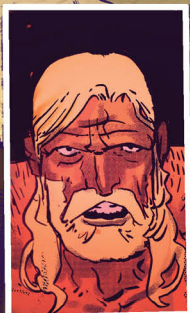
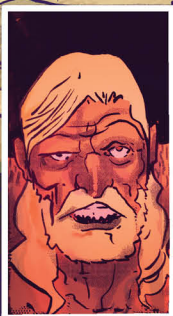
"THEY TOOK THE BAIT, TWO OF THE WORLD'S WORST, SEEKING THE POWER TO DO WORSE."



"WE LIVE HERE, ON A HIGHER THAUMIC FREQUENCY."

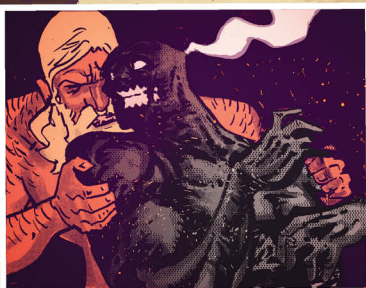
"THIS CITY YOU SAW? OUR FOOHOLD ON YOUR PLANE OF EXISTENCE. ANCHORED BY HEAVY DIMENSIONAL BALLAST."

"THERE WE MAKE PURCHASE. TO TEACH."

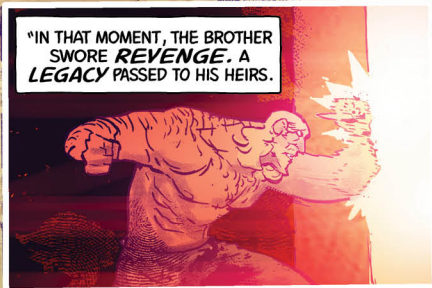


"ONE ENTERED. PRESENTED WITH THE SAME CHOICE WE GIVE ALL EVIL MEN, HE CHOSE DEATH."

"WE CAST HIS CARCASS INTO HIS BROTHER'S ARMS."



"IN THAT MOMENT, THE BROTHER SWORE REVENGE. A LEGACY PASSED TO HIS HEIRS."



"THAT IS THE STAG."

"A LINEAGE OF EVIL, WORKING TO ONCE AGAIN SULLY THEIR HEARTS ENOUGH TO OPEN OUR DOOR."

"THOUGH OUR POWER OVER EARTHLY MATTER IS VAST, WE CANNOT RESURRECT OUR OWN SOULS. DEAD ON EARTH IS DEAD FOR US."

"THEY COULD DO IT, BRUCE. THEY COULD KILL US ALL."



"UNLESS YOU STOP THEM."

THE STAG'S ARMY IS UNENDING!

FIGHT! PROTECT THE BALLAST TORCH!

I AM AN HONEST SIGNAL.

THEN TELL ME! YOU SPENT GENERATIONS OPENING THE DOOR TO SHAMBA-LA!

THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO REACH THIS PLACE, ONLY TO DESTROY IT?

WHY?

HEARD OF REVENGE?

HNNNG!





...YOU WANT ME
TO BECOME **THE
SHADOW**.

HE
TOLD
YOU.

YOUR PREDECESSOR CAME TO US
LONG AGO. A CRUEL MAN, WHO ACCEPTED
THE PATH TO **REDEMPTION**.

"WE TAUGHT HIM TO CLOUD
MEN'S MINDS. TO MOVE IN
THE WORLD AS WE DO. TO
EXPUNGE EVIL.

"THE **SHADOW** WAS HIS
SENTENCE, YES. AND
HIS PATH TO **REDEMPTION**.

"BUT HE IS
IMPERFECT.



"BUT YOU
IMPROVED UPON
WHAT HE TAUGHT YOU,
BRUCE. YOU COULD BE
THE **BEST** VERSION
OF HIM.



"WE CAN GIVE YOU
HIS POWER. THE
POWER TO BE **MORE**
THAN A MAN.

"YOU MUST CHOOSE:
BECOME **IMMORTAL**,
UNSHACKLED TO WAR
ETERNAL AGAINST EVIL...



"...OR RETURN TO LIFE
IN **MORTAL** FORM, TO
FIGHT AND FIGHT...AND
ONE DAY DIE."