

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

IS IT THE UNFETTERED TANGLE OF ROOTS AND BRANCHES THAT HAVE RENDERED THE HEART OF THIS SLEEPY LITTLE HAMLET UNINHABITABLE...?

IS IT THE TWO HAPLESS FIGURES ENVELOPED IN VINE, WHO STRUGGLE IN VAIN TO SET THEMSELVES FREE...?

OR IS IT THE GREAT, GROTESQUE BOG BEHEMOTH WHO RANTS FROM HIS SELF-GENERATED THRONE OF THORNS TO THE TERRIFIED POPULACE BELOW...?

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!

WHAT ARE YOU... SCOOBY-DOO?

OF COURSE I'LL GET AWAY WITH IT.

THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW ANY BETTER MIGHT THINK HIM THE...

SWAMP THING

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...AVATAR OF THE GREEN, EARTH'S GREAT DEFENDER...

JUST MOMENTS AGO, HE CONDEMNED THE PREVIOUS MUCK MONSTER ALEC HOLLAND TO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH--

--AND HE'S ONLY JUST GETTING STARTED...

EMERALD APOCALYPSE!

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FOR SOMEONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE A PEACE OFFICER, YOU'VE GOT A LOUSY WAY OF SHOWING IT.

I'M DOING ALL THIS FOR THE GREATER GOOD.



AND THAT'LL BE JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OUT OF YOU FOR THE MOMENT.

MMMPHE



YOU IDIOTS FINALLY READY?

Y-YES, SIR...!



THEN GET THOSE CAMERAS ROLLING-- NOW!



GOOD EVENING. SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE ONCE KNOWN ME AS FBI AGENT MATT CABLE--

--BUT NOW YOU CAN CALL ME THE SWAMP THING.

THIS MESSAGE IS DIRECTED AT ALL THIS PLANET'S HEADS OF STATE.



FOR CENTURIES, YOU HAVE RULED THIS WORLD--

--AND MADE AN UTTER MESS OF IT!



THUS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, YOU WILL SURRENDER COMPLETE CONTROL OF THIS PLANET'S POLICE FORCES--

...OR THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES!

--AND TURN THEM OVER TO THE PLANTS TO RUN...



WHAT SORT OF CONSEQUENCES, YOU MIGHT ASK?

AN EXCELLENT QUESTION.



REMEMBER THAT ALL OF THE GREEN IS UNDER MY CONTROL...

I CAN MAKE IT DO ANYTHING I WANT...

IF YOU'D LIKE PROOF, LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOWS.



WITH A THOUGHT, I'VE TURNED ROME'S FAMOUS COLISEUM INTO A PLANTER...

...PARIS'S VAUNTED EIFFEL TOWER INTO A TRELLIS...

...AND WASHINGTON'S SUPPOSEDLY IMPREGNABLE PENTAGON INTO...

WELL, BY NOW, YOU GET MY POINT.



GIVE ME WHAT I WANT--OR TOMORROW BEGINS THE EMERALD APOCALYPSE!

WHEN YOU'RE READY TO COMPLY, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME.



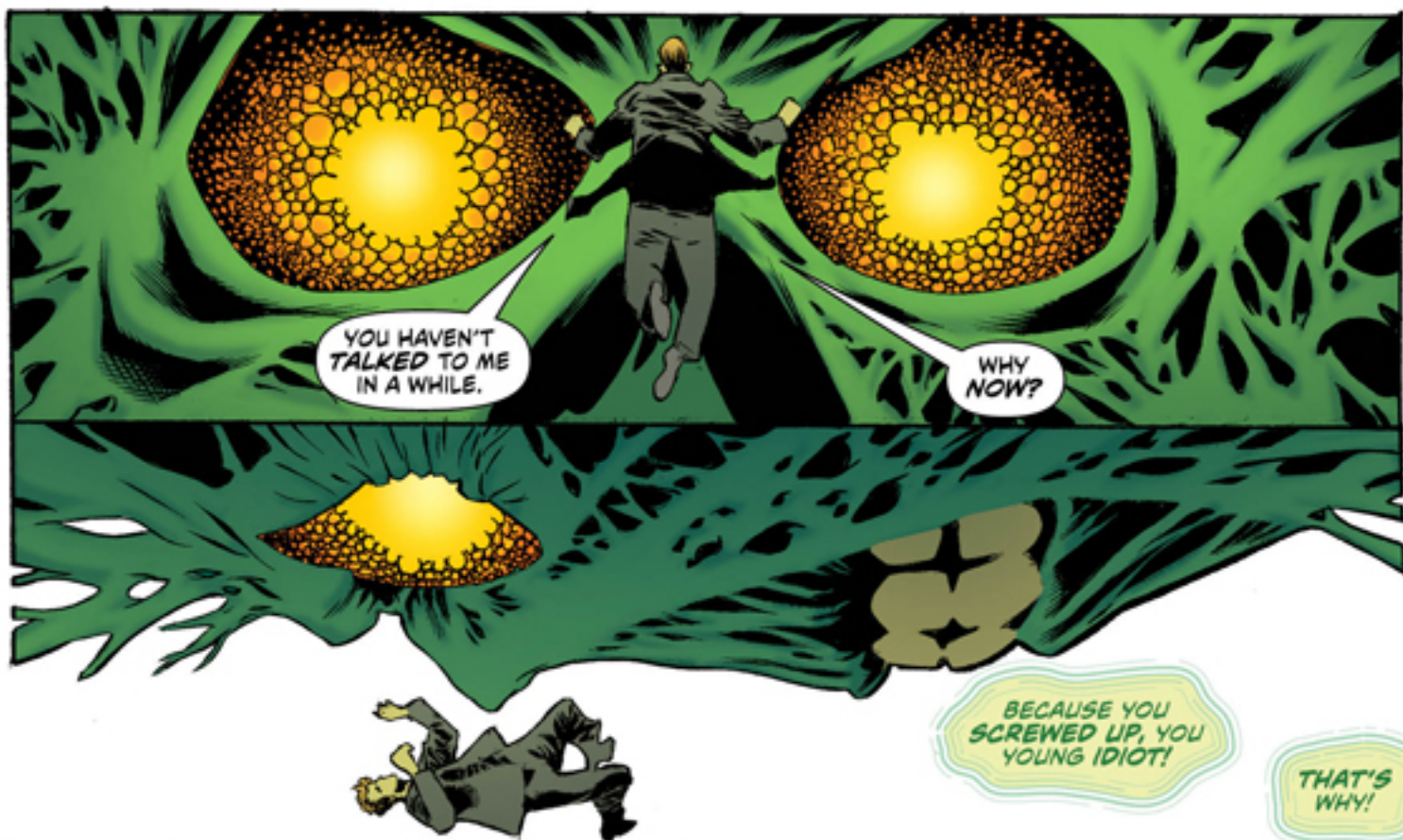
YOU KNOW, SHERIFF, MY ONLY REAL REGRET IN ALL THIS IS THAT ALEC HOLLAND WON'T BE HERE TO WITNESS MY FINAL VICTORY.

WE'LL STILL FIND--WH-- SOME WAY TO STOP YOU.

DREAM ON.

HERE, WHERE THE LOAM AND THE NUTRIENTS AND THE SILENT BREATH THAT MAINTAIN THIS PLANET MINGLE INTO SOMETHING THAT IS AS MUCH CONCEPT AS REALITY, A FIGURE DRIFTS THROUGH THE VERDANT DARKNESS...





YOU HAVEN'T TALKED TO ME IN A WHILE.

WHY NOW?

BECAUSE YOU SCREWED UP, YOU YOUNG IDIOT!

THAT'S WHY!



YOU ABANDONED YOUR POWER TO ONE NOT WORTHY OF THE GIFT.

AND NOW YOU HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY TO REMEDY YOUR MISTAKE.



YOU'RE THE PARLIAMENT!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST FIX IT YOURSELVES?



THE ENCHANTMENT THAT WAS USED PREVENTS US!

YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY.



OH, AND YOU HAD BETTER DO IT QUICKLY...

WHY...?

BECAUSE THE APOCALYPSE IS COMING!



WAIT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY--

--Huh?

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME--?!