

...THE WORLD RETURNED TO HOW IT WAS BEFORE MY BRIEF APPEARANCE.

I REGRET THIS.

AYE. IT WAS A FOOLISH CHOICE.

DID OUR BEST. EITHER OPTION WAS A BLIND GAMBLE.



YE MAY'VE JUST MADE THE WORST BET O' YER LIFE, BOYO.

LOST IN HERE FER A DAY NOW.

AN' WE'RE BEIN' FOLLOWER.



THE SWAMP HAS DESIRE.

I CAN FEEL IT.

AYE.



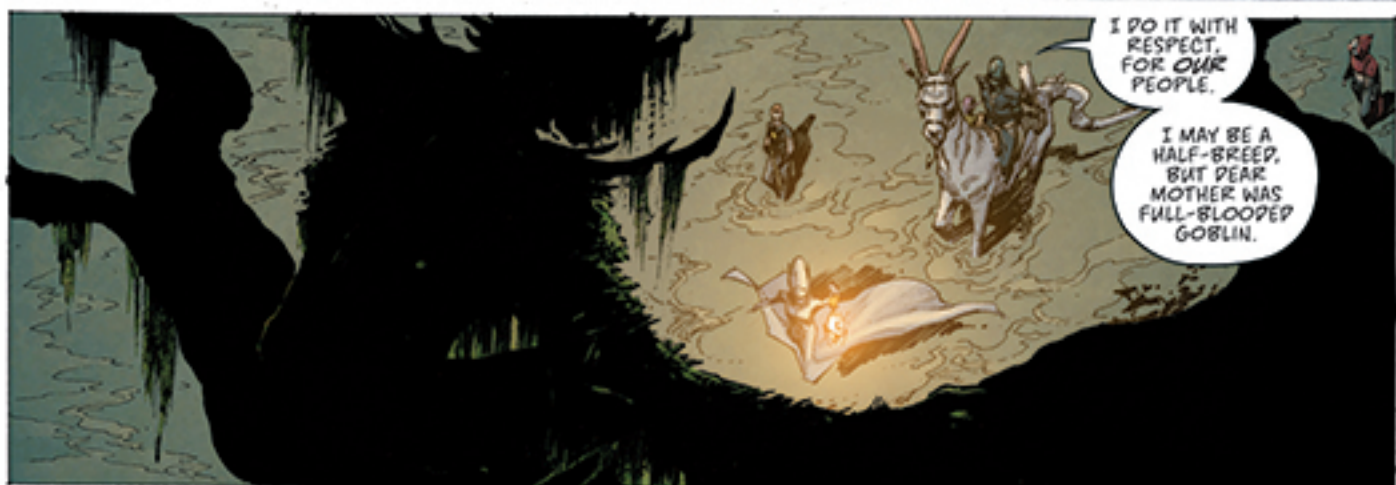
IF THEY FIND US, IF THEY DISCOVER THAT WE'VE BROUGHT HIM HERE...

OH, LASS, THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.



THEY'VE BEEN WAITIN' ON US.









"HE BROUGHT HER HERE, TO THIS VERY SWAMP. OLD BASTARD KNEW A SECRET."

"NO ONE WHO *PIES* IN THE SWAMP EVER REALLY *PIES*."

"THE SWAMP HOLDS THEM FROM THE WELL, ECHOING THEIR SADNESS AND LONGING."

"SO, HE HELP MOM IN THIS NOXIOUS SLIME UNTIL SHE FILLED HER LUNGS WITH ITS ROT."



THERE'S THE WAY THINGS ARE AND THE WAY YOU WANT 'EM TO BE.

ONE YOU CAN NAVIGATE WITH COMPROMISE, ADAM.

THE OTHER YOU HAVE TO THROW YOUR LIFE AT WITH NO PROMISE OF AFFECTING EVEN THE SMALLEST CHANGE.



THIS WASN'T HERE LAST TIME WE PASSED.

THE ALTAR DRINKS MY LANTERN'S LIGHT.



YOU'VE MARCHED US TO OUR DOOM.

THERE IS NO ESCAPING IT NOW...



...WE WILL ALL JOIN THIS SWAMP.

YOU SON OF A BITCH!

CAREFUL, MOM MIGHT HEAR YOU.

ENOUGH GAMES!



WHAT'S OUT THERE?









DO NOT LISTEN TO THE DEAD!



A BEAUTIFUL PLACE WHERE NO ONE EVER PIES.

THE LIVING MARSH SPOKE FROM THE WELL.

WE MERGE TO IT, GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR BRINGING HIM.



THE SWAMP WILL HAVE WHAT IT NEEDS-- REVENGE!



"YOU DO NOT KNOW US.

"OUR CHILDREN DID NOT GROW UP TOGETHER.

"WE WERE NOT YOUR MOTHERS OR FATHERS.

"NOT YOUR HUSBANDS OR WIVES--

"BUT WE WERE TO SOMEONE.



"ON A DAY LIKE ANY OTHER, WE HEARD THE PIPER'S SONG.

"POWERLESS AGAINST IT, WE MARCHED FOR PAYS.

"WELL AWARE OF WHAT AWAITED US IN THE MARSH.

"SUCH TERROR.



"HIS SONG DREW US LIKE MOTHS.

"MOTHERS PROWNER THEIR CHILDREN.

"HUSBANDS PROWNER WIVES.

"ONE BY ONE WE MARCHED UNDER THE PUTRID WATERS.

"AND BECAME THE SWAMP."