

I HAVE EXPENDED MUCH ENERGY BATTLING DEMONIC INCURSIONS OF LATE. I WILL BE UNABLE TO SUSTAIN THIS FOR LONG.

HASN'T... BEEN A PICNIC... FOR ME EITHER, BUT I THINK...

YES! OKAY, PEOPLE, WE'VE FORCED OPEN THE KRAKEN'S PORTAL.

NOW, EVERYONE-- DRIVE IT BACK!

I RECOMMEND LOUD SOUNDS AND BRIGHT COLORS. A DEEP-SEA DWELLER SHOULD FIND THEM ANNOYING.



UH-OH. A LITTLE HELP HERE?!

I DON'T WANNA END UP IN THIS THING'S DIMENSION! IT SMELLS LIKE AIRPLANE BATHROOMS!





GOTCHA, CHEERS, KEIKO.

DO NOT TEAR MY WEDDING DRESS, OR I WILL HAVE YOUR SOUL FOR MY DOWRY CHEST.



WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT? YOU ALMOST BOUNCED ME INTO KRAKENWORLD!

YOUR SCYTHE SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WEAPON AGAINST THE BEAST. HAD YOU BEEN LOST, YOUR SACRIFICE WOULD HAVE BEEN HONORED.

I'LL HONOR MY SCYTHE UPSIDE YOUR HIPSTER-BEARDED FACE, PAL--



GUYS, EASY. I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT COULD'VE BEEN HANDLED BETTER.

BUT WE'RE FIGHTING THESE INVAGIONS 24/7. WE'RE ALL EXHAUSTED. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE IF WE'RE NOT AT OUR BEST.



THERE'S TIRED, AND THEN THERE'S CARELESS. SLOPPY.

BUFFY'S GOT A POINT. WE SHOULD DIVIDE YOU INTO TEAMS... DEPLOY YOU IN SHIFTS.



YOU DON'T DEPLOY ME ANYWHERE, LADY. I'M A CIVILIAN. I GO WHERE I WANT.

EASY, LOVE. LAKE'S JUST TRYIN' TO HELP. A LITTLE FRIENDLY ADVICE FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED, INNIT?



WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

THE SIDE THAT LIKES TO KEEP HELL IN HELL DIMENSIONS. THE SIDE I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL ON.



Y'KNOW WHAT'S AFFECTING US MORE THAN BEING TIRED? THE INFIGHTING, AND I'M SICK OF IT.

YOU GUYS DO YOUR THING--WE'LL DO OURS. CAN WE AT LEAST KEEP EACH OTHER IN THE LOOP SO WE'RE NOT ALL FIGHTING THE SAME MONSTERS?



SURE. I'M NOT TRYING TO BE A JERK. BUT I MADE IT CLEAR I WASN'T TAKING ORDERS FROM--

I KNOW. JUST...EVERYONE GET SOME REST, OKAY? WE'LL TALK MORE LATER.



HH. DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE THIS HARD?

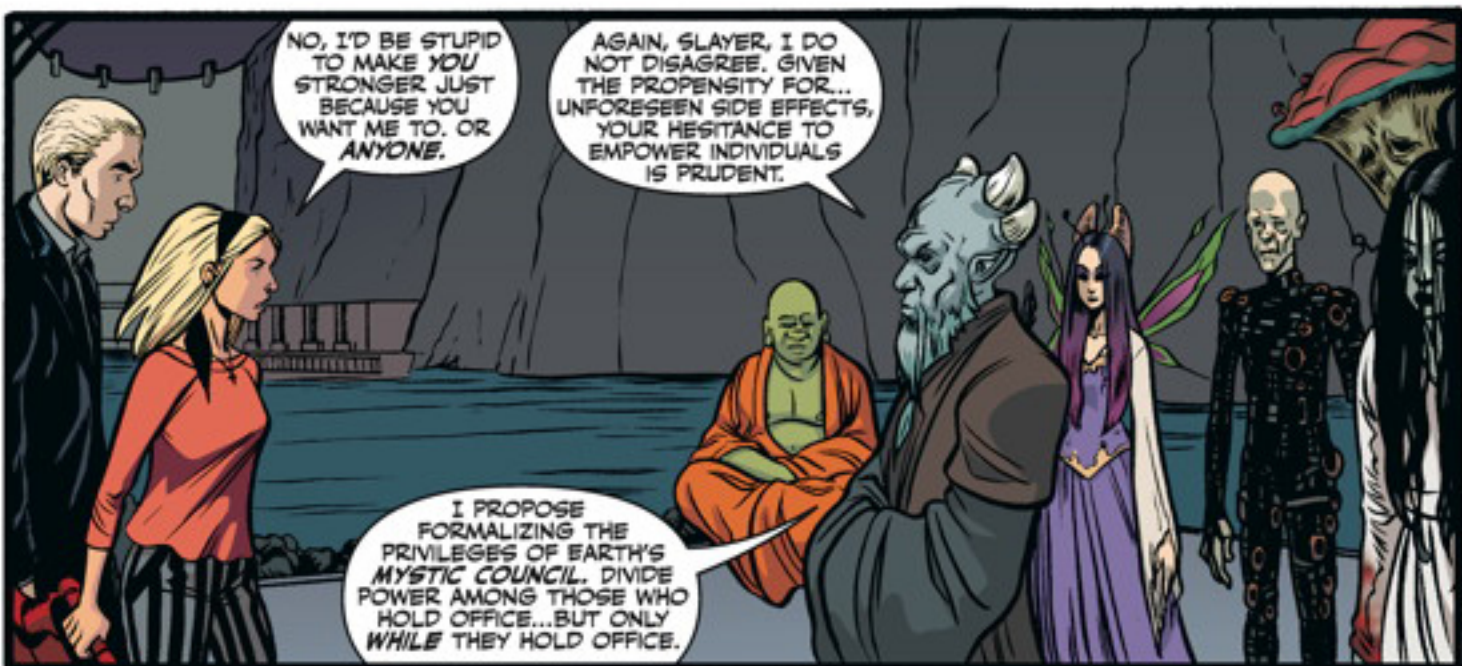
PART AND PARCEL OF A STATE OF CONSTANT WAR. FRAYS THE NERVES.

YEAH, I GUESS...



ONCE AGAIN, I REMIND YOU THAT YOU POSSESS THE VAMPIR BOOK. THE LAWS OF THIS WORLD'S MAGIC ARE YOURS TO SHAPE.

YOUR REFUGAL TO ADD TO OUR POWER HAS CROSSED THE LINE FROM PRINCIPLE TO STUPIDITY.



NO, I'D BE STUPID TO MAKE YOU STRONGER JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT ME TO. OR ANYONE.

AGAIN, SLAYER, I DO NOT DISAGREE. GIVEN THE PROPENSITY FOR... UNFORESEEN SIDE EFFECTS, YOUR HESITANCE TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS IS PRUDENT.

I PROPOSE FORMALIZING THE PRIVILEGES OF EARTH'S MYSTIC COUNCIL. DIVIDE POWER AMONG THOSE WHO HOLD OFFICE...BUT ONLY WHILE THEY HOLD OFFICE.