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A WORLD
CONSUMED
BY FEAR.



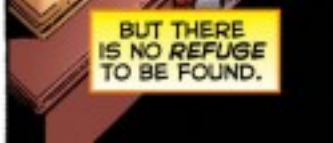
THEY FEAR
KILLERS IN
THE NIGHT.




THEY FEAR
SICKNESS.




ITS PEOPLE HUDDLE
TOGETHER, PRAYING
FOR SANCTUARY FROM
THE EVER-PRESENT
TERROR.




BUT THERE
IS NO REFUGE
TO BE FOUND.




THEY FEAR BOTH
THE SLOW DEATH
AND THE QUICK.




THESE EARTH
BEINGS COULD
RETREAT INTO
MADNESS...




...PROTECT
THEMSELVES
WITH BLISSFUL
INSANITY...



...BUT THEY
FEAR THAT,
TOO.



THEY ARE AFRAID
OF WHAT THEY
UNDERSTAND...



...AND THAT
WHICH IS
UNKNOWN
TO THEM...



FEAR RULES
HERE LIKE
AN OLD GOD.

THIS WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE.

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIGHT, YES, BUT NEVER HAS IT BEEN AS DOMINANT AS IT IS NOW.

CERTAINLY WHEN THE PALE BISHOP LAST STIRRED, THE ROPES OF DREAD DID NOT SO TIGHTLY BIND THIS WORLD.

THE HIGH PRIEST OF THE ANTI-EMOTION RELIGION HAS AWAKENED TO WHAT MUST SEEM A BLASPHEMOUS APOCALYPSE.

THE PALE LEGION

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PERHAPS THIS
WAS HIS PLAN.



THIS WORLD
HAS TURNED
APOSTATE!

IT
HAS GROWN
BLOATED ON
EMOTION!

ONLY
THROUGH
SUBMISSION...
THROUGH THE
PURGING... CAN
REDEMPTION BE
ATTAINED!

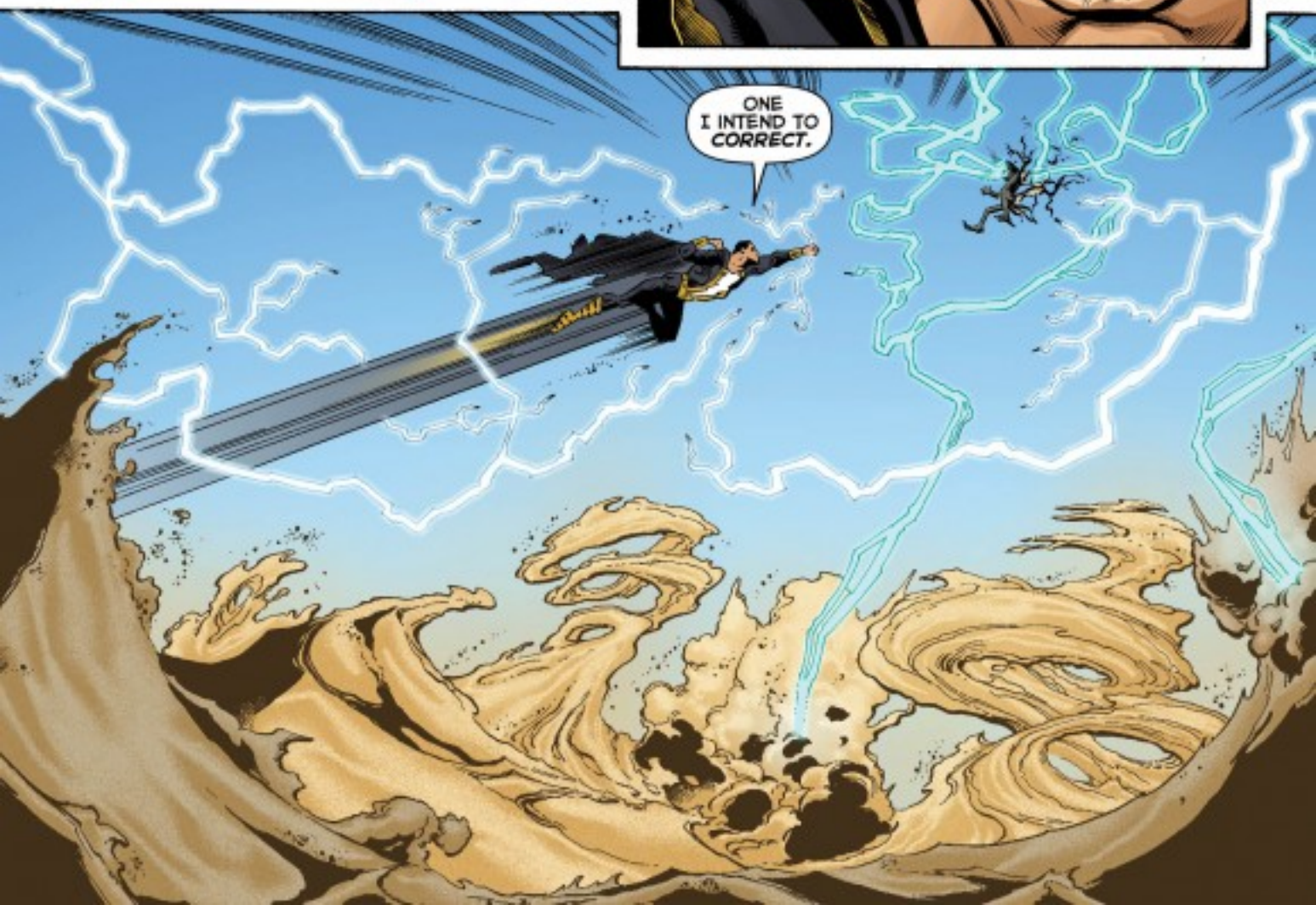


IT WOULD
APPEAR, TETH-ADAM,
THAT YOUR FOE WAS
NOT SO THOROUGHLY
VANQUISHED AS
YOU BELIEVED.



INDEED.

A MINOR
OVERSIGHT.



ONE
I INTEND TO
CORRECT.



SKKRRRAAKKOW

IT IS DONE.

PERHAPS.



BUT THIS CREATURE APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.



I'VE FOUND THEM TO BE FULL OF SURPRISES.



THE TRUTH OF ANTI-EMOTION CANNOT BE DESTROYED BY RAGE!

THE VESTMENTS OF HERESY WILL NOT SAVE YOU!

DIVEST YOURSELF OF INIQUITY!



THIS CREATURE HAS CHANGED.

HE HAS GROWN MORE POWERFUL.

I DO NOT RECALL HIS ABILITY TO HEAL HIMSELF.

NO MATTER.

THIS TIME I'LL LEAVE NOTHING BUT ASH!



CAREFUL, ADAM.

THOSE TENDRILS OF LIGHT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HARM YOU PHYSICALLY...

...BUT THEY ARE MOST DANGEROUS TO ONE'S PSYCHE.



NNGGGG... WAAH!

I HAVE VISITED MANY HORRORS UPON THE UNIVERSE...

...BUT I HAVE RARELY HEARD ANYTHING SO CHILLING AS BLACK ADAM'S SCREAM.



STILL...

...I CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER...