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THE DEADMAN CONNECTION

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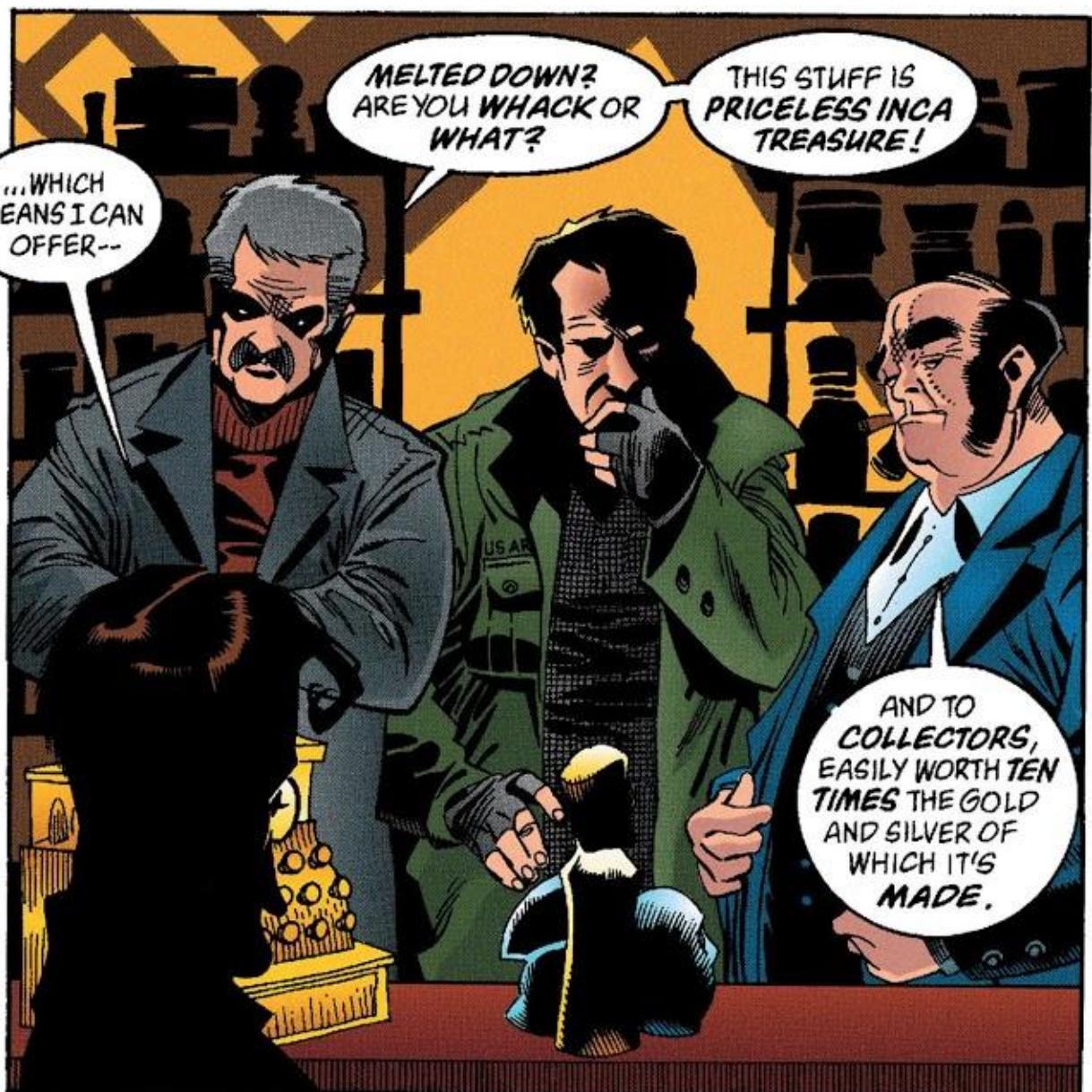
SWEET OF THE SUN, TEARS OF THE MOON

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A PAWN SHOP--
PERFECT FRONT
FOR A FENCE...

...ESPECIALLY SINCE ITS
ADDRESS WAS IN THE
POCKET OF A MURDERED
MAN--ALONG WITH TWO
TRINKETS, BOTH OF INCAN
ORIGIN AND SURELY
STOLEN, ONE SILVER, THE
OTHER GOLD...

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WIESEL'S PAWN
BUY SELL

...EACH GLEAMING BRIGHTER THAN
THE LIGHT SPILLING FROM THE
SHOP'S WINDOWS--WELL PAST
CLOSING TIME.



FOUR TO ONE, AT
LEAST THREE OF
THEM ARMED.

FTAK

STRIKE FAST--NO
HESITATION, FULL
POWER, SMOTHERING
BLACKNESS.



STAND
ASIDE, YOU
CRETINS!

THRACK

YOU'RE
IN THE
WAY!

I CAN'T
DRAW A CLEAR
BEAD ON--

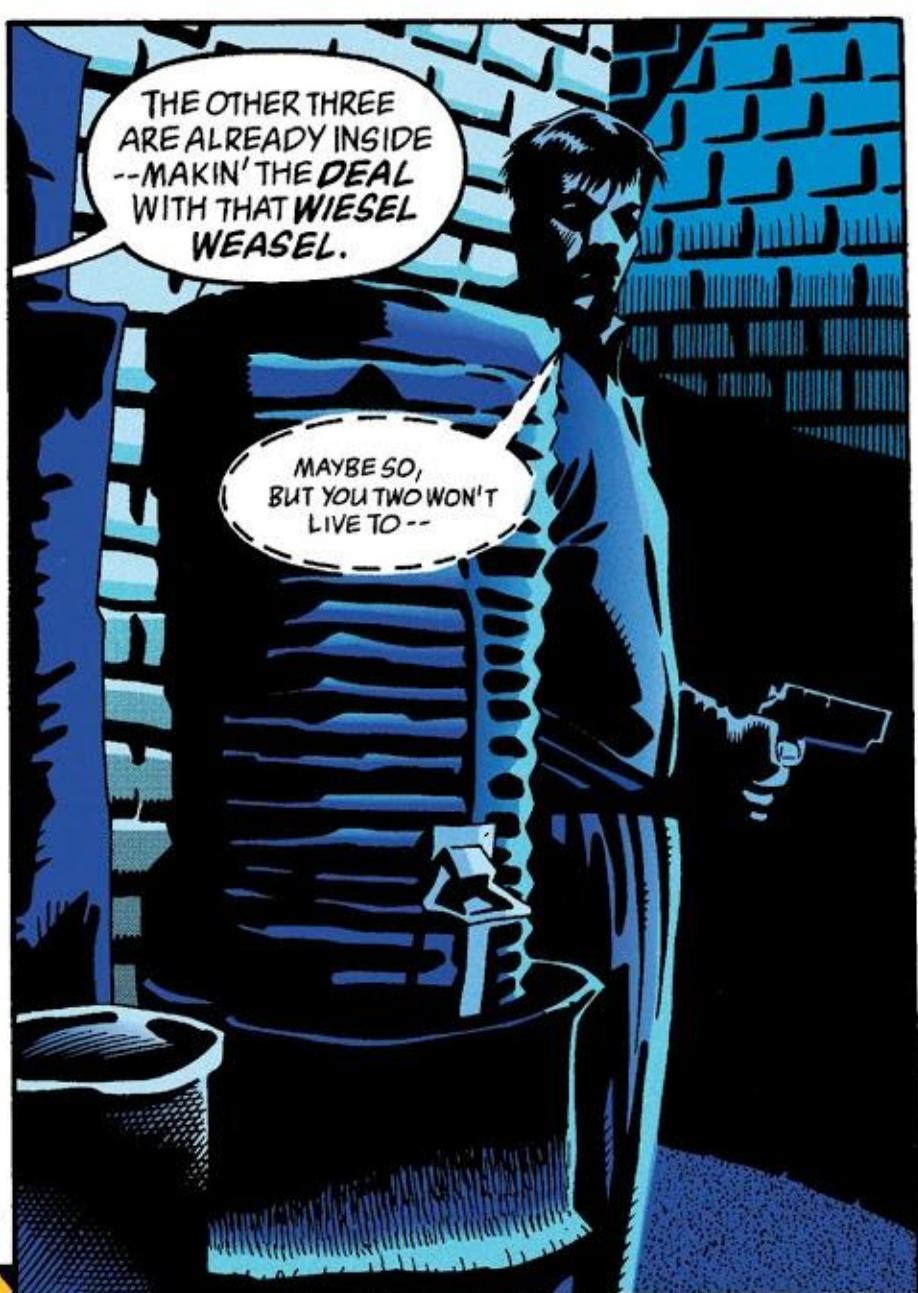
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PAWNED
DRIVER--
DOOMED
DUFFER.

SWOOOOFF





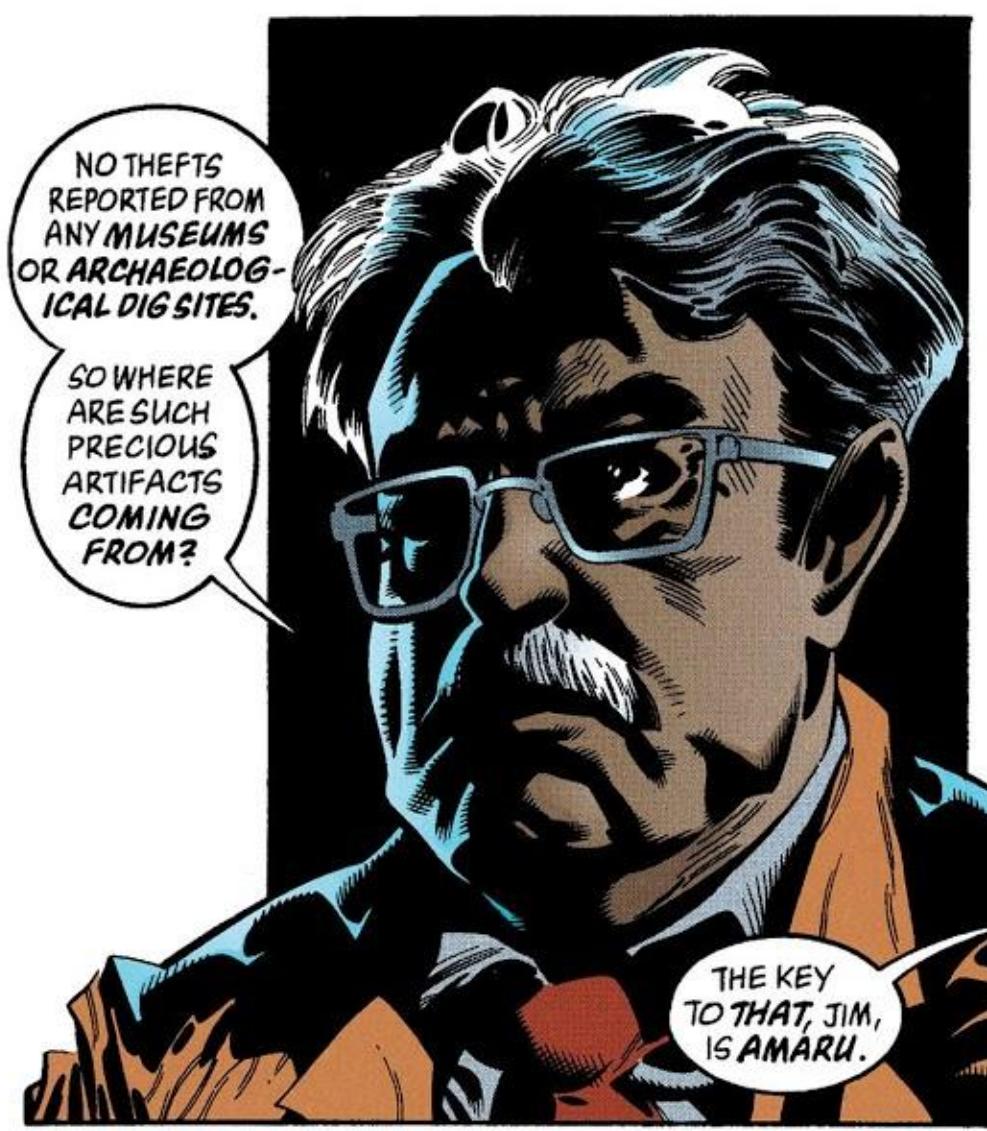














COMPUTER ENCYCLOPEDIA LISTS "AMARU" AS THE LAST RULER OF THE INCAS -- BEFORE PIZARRO AND HIS CONQUISTADORS SHATTERED THE EMPIRE.

A DIRECT LINK TO THE INCA GOLD AND SILVER.

FOUND HIS CAVE AGAIN, BUT NOW THE HARD PART...

...GETTING HIS ATTENTION.

SO THE MERCENARY'S LAST WORDS -- "DEATH TO THE DEFILERS OF AMARU" -- SUGGEST THE ARTIFACTS CAME FROM THE TREASURE OF THE LAST INCA RULER.

BEHIND ME...

RED GLOW IN MIDAIR--BUT WHAT...?

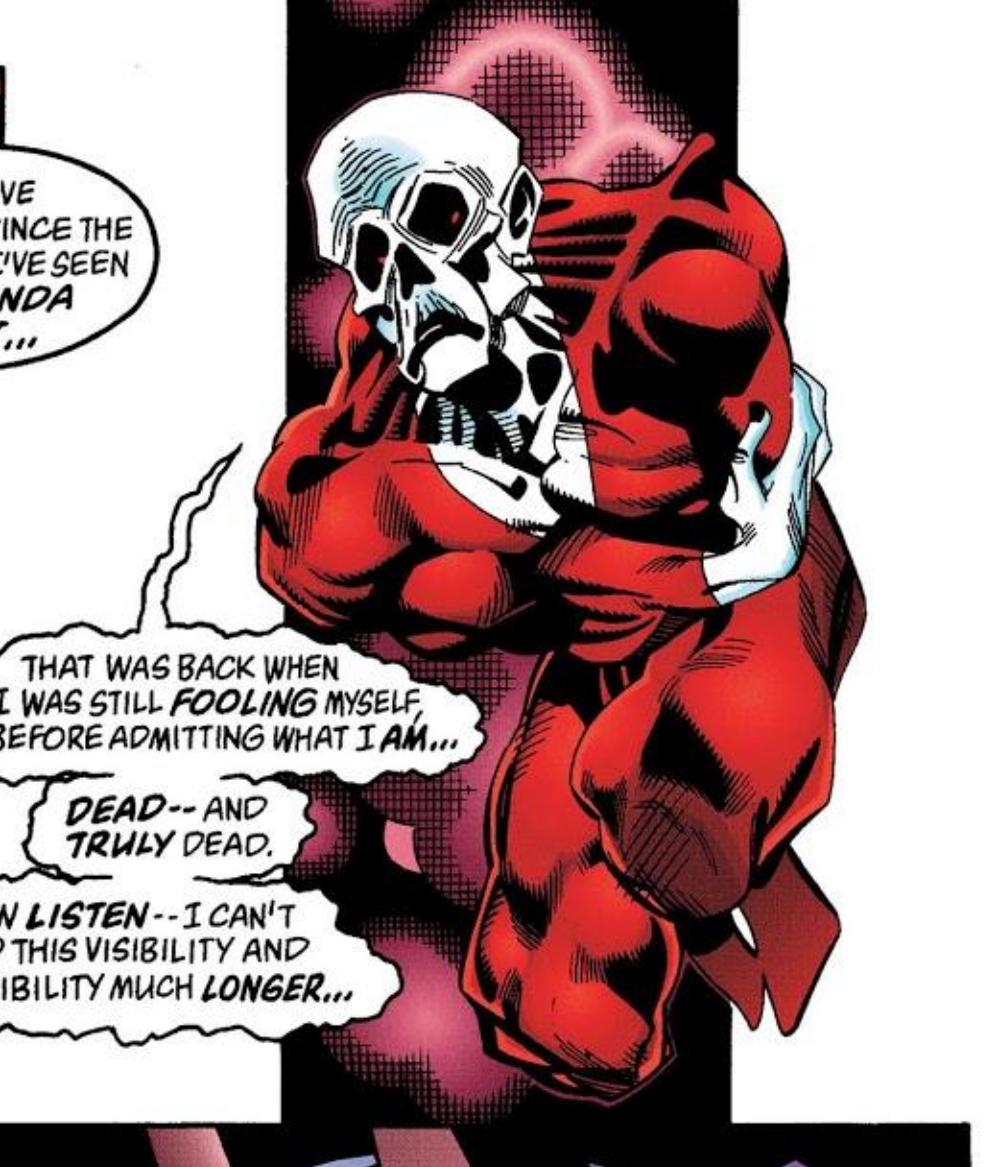
DID IT!

YOU-- BOSTON BRAND.

NOT QUITE IN THE FLESH--AND OTHERWISE KNOWN AS DEADMAN.



BUT...YOU'VE
CHANGED...SINCE THE
OTHER TIMES I'VE SEEN
YOU...IN NANDA
PARBAT...



THAT WAS BACK WHEN
I WAS STILL FOOLING MYSELF,
BEFORE ADMITTING WHAT I AM...

DEAD--AND
TRULY DEAD.

NOW LISTEN--I CAN'T
HOLD THIS VISIBILITY AND
AUDIBILITY MUCH LONGER...



...BUT THE BODY I'M USING IS RIGHT OUTSIDE
THE SECRET EXIT YOU USE FOR YOUR CAR.



OPEN IT, HUH?--
SO I CAN CONTINUE THIS
CONVERSATION WITHOUT
HERNIATING MY
ECTOPLASM.

MAYBE HE HASN'T CHANGED--
AT LEAST NOT IN ATTITUDE.



ALL RIGHT, BRAND, I'LL
LET YOU IN--BUT THIS HAD
BETTER BE IMPORTANT.

MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN MEASLY
SILVER AND
GOLD, PAL.

HE DIDN'T HEAR
ME--WALKED RIGHT
THROUGH ME--
WHICH MEANS I LOST
IT REAL FAST...

BETTER
WORK ON MY
WILL
POWER.



THEN YOU WERE RIGHT
OUT IN THE ALLEY--WHILE
I WAS INSIDE THE
PAWN SHOP?

MAYBE A
WHILE AFTER YOU
SPLIT.

THE COPS ARRIVED
AS I WAS GOING IN.

AND THAT'S WHEN YOU POSSESSED THE
BODY YOU'RE IN NOW?

ONLY BECAUSE
I HAD TO.

Y'SEE, AFTER DEATH,
LIFE BECOMES PRECIOUS--
AND I DON'T LIKE STEALING
EVEN A MINUTE OF IT.

PLUS...I WENT A LITTLE
MAD NOT LONG AGO.

UNRESOLVED
STUFF ABOUT MY
BROTHER CLEVE AND
...WELL, LET'S JUST
SAY I DON'T LIKE
TAKING ADVANTAGE
OF PEOPLE, ABUSING
THEIR BODIES...

ANYWAY, I SAW THIS GUY FIXIN'
TO BLAST TWO OTHER GUYS WHO,
FOR ALL I KNEW, WERE FACING
A FATAL MUGGING--

--EVEN THOUGH
IT TURNED OUT THEY
WERE BAD GUYS
INVOLVED IN THIS
INCA LOOT
BUSINESS...

WHY WERE
YOU EVEN IN
THAT ALLEY?

MISSING
TIME.

...AND WHEN I STOPPED THIS GUY FROM
KILLING THEM, THEY KILLED HIM--DOIN'
REAL WONDERS FOR MY FESTERING
GUILT COMPLEX.

I'M SEEING A SHRINK IN BOSTON ABOUT THOSE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS AND SHE MENTIONED A FRIEND HERE IN GOTHAM--ALSO A SHRINK--WHO'S BEEN TREATING A CASE OF MISSING TIME.

A PERSON BLACKS OUT AND COMES TO IN A STRANGE PLACE WITH A CHUNK OF TIME MISSING...

...AN HOUR, A DAY, EVEN A WEEK.

WHICH IS?

SO YOU FOLLOWED THIS INDIVIDUAL INTO THE ALLEY BECAUSE--

LIBERTY

HE WAS THE PATIENT COMPLAINING OF MISSING TIME EPISODES.

TO A DEAD GUY LIKE ME, WHO'S BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSING TIME, IT'S A RED FLAG MEANING POSSESSION--AND GHOSTS ARE MY BUSINESS.

THEN YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST TO...INHABIT HIS BODY?

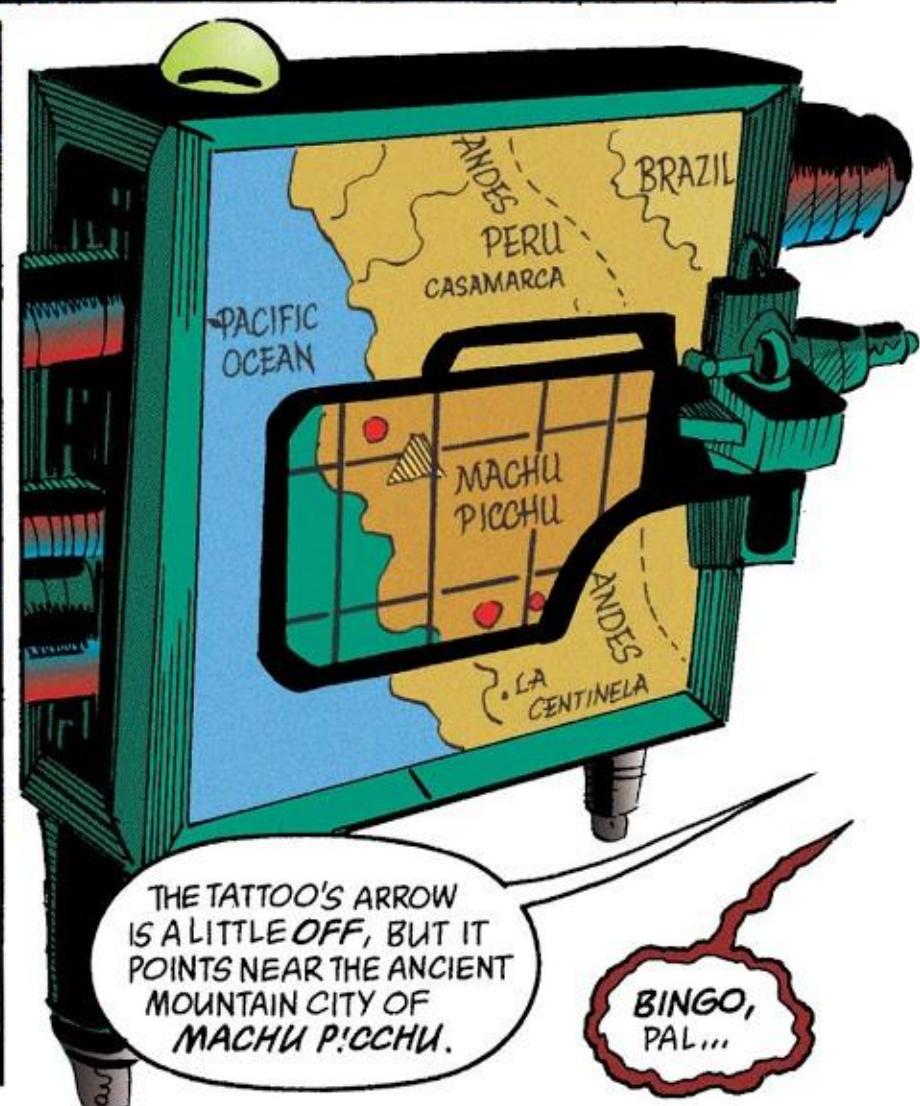
APPARENTLY NOT.

BUT YOU DIDN'T POSSESS THE OTHER ONE--INSIDE THE PAWN SHOP--AND FORCE HIM TO COMMIT SUICIDE?

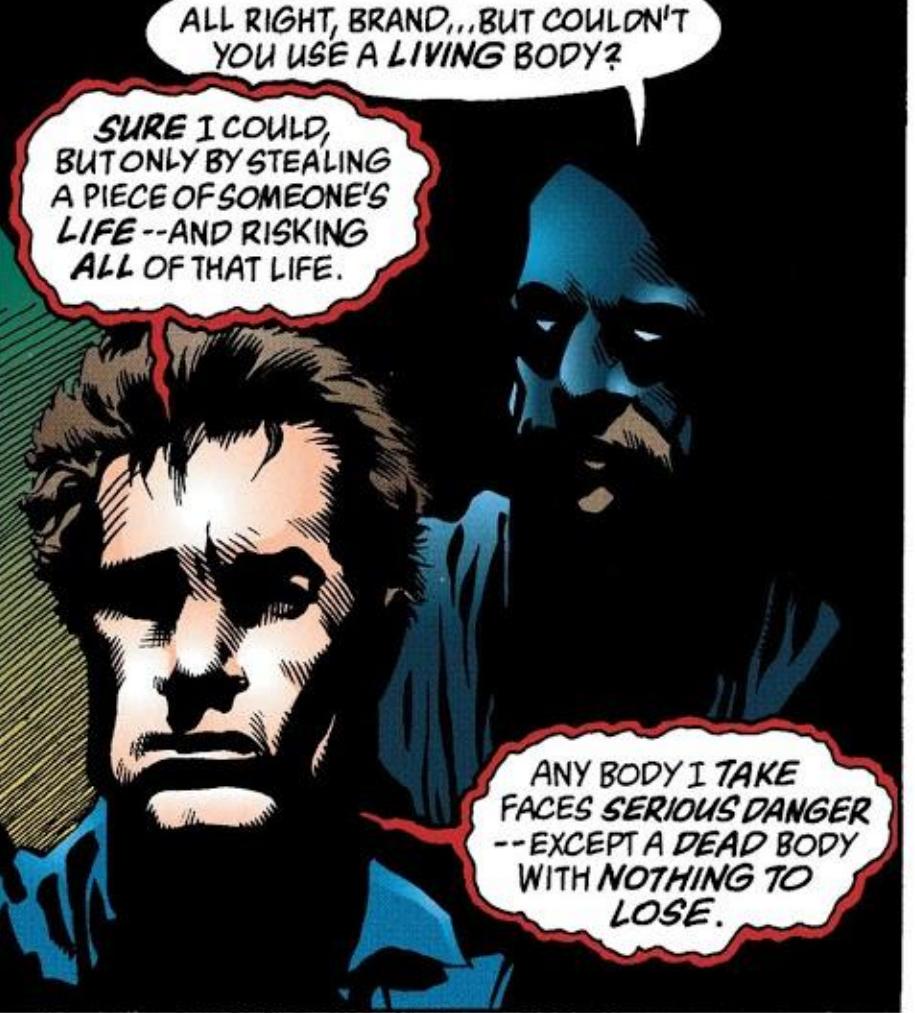
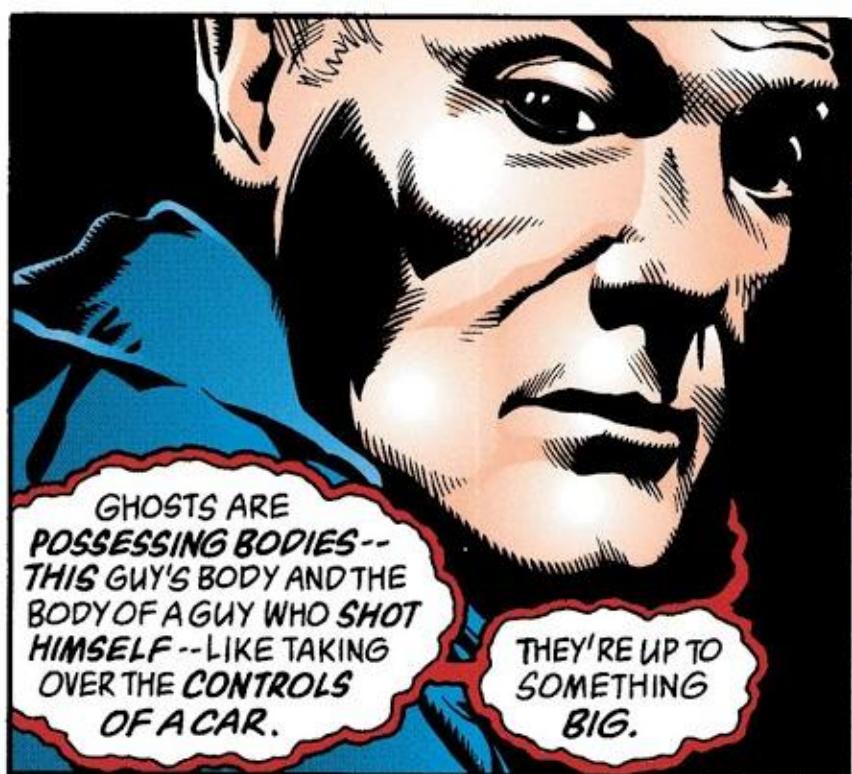
YOU REALLY THINK I'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

HARDLY YOUR STYLE, BRAND, BUT I HAD TO ASK.

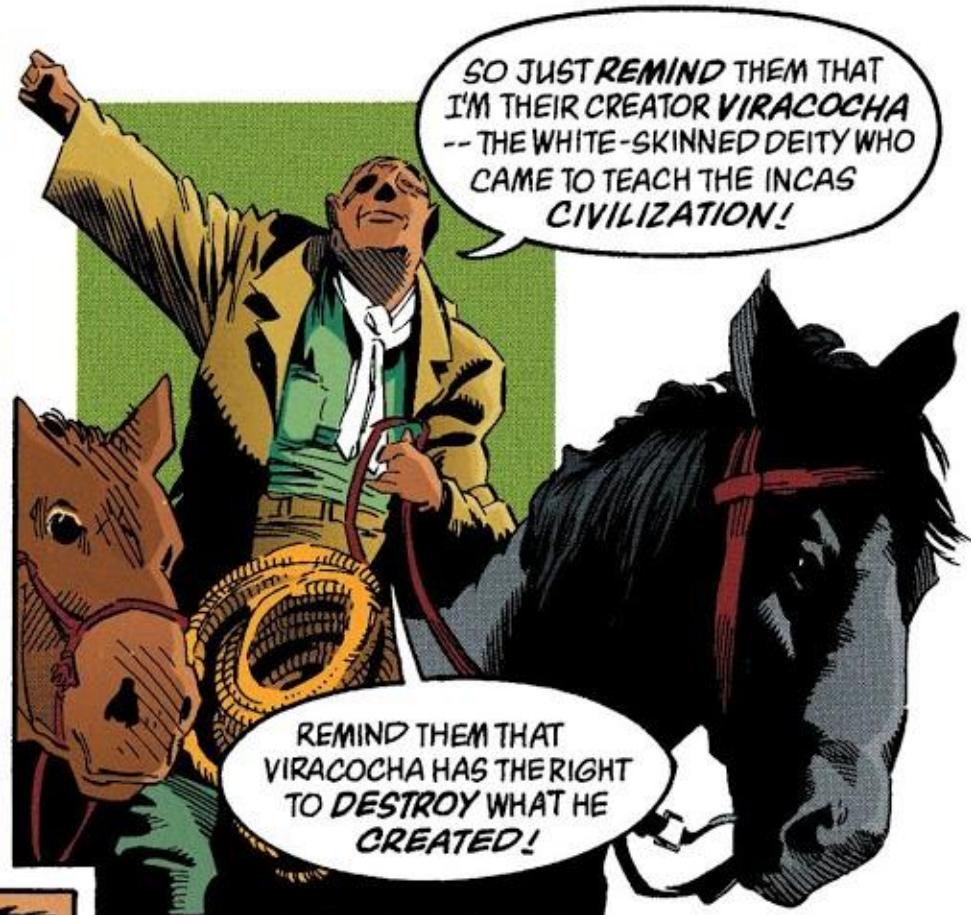
GO ON-- FINISH YOUR STORY.













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