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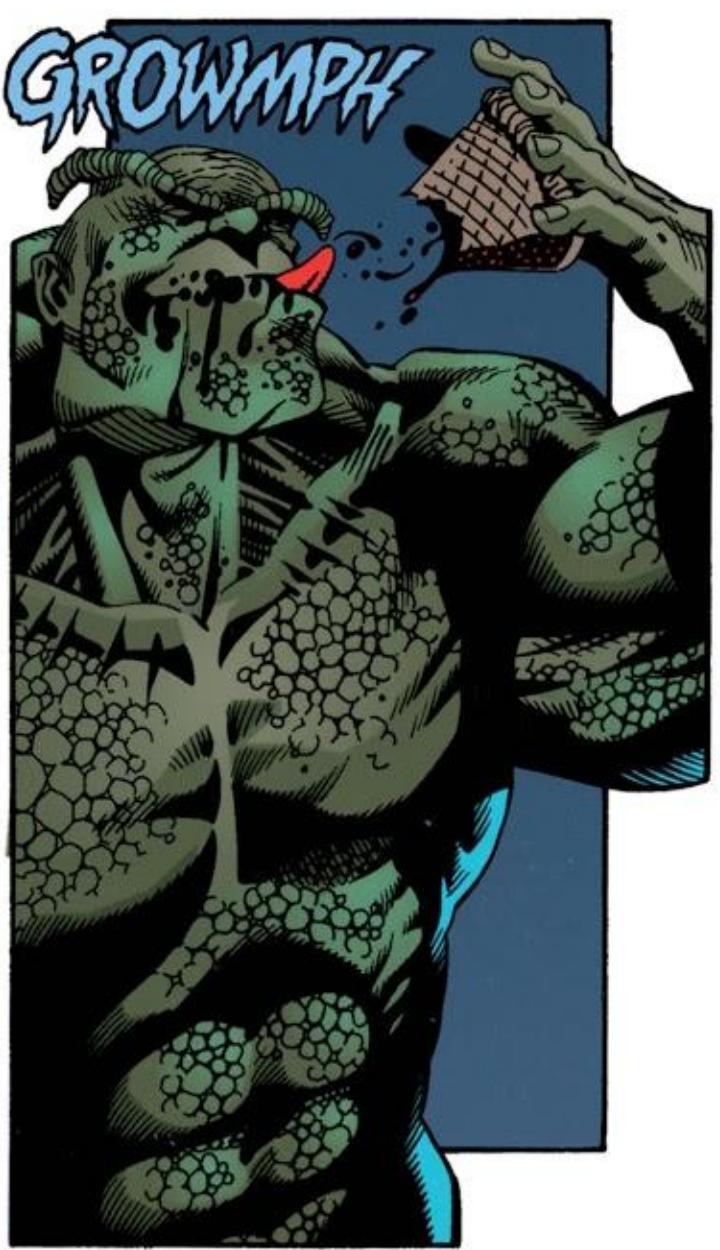
POLICE HELICOPTERS-- RESCUING THE PASSENGERS... BUT STILL NO SIGN OF THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE WRECK.

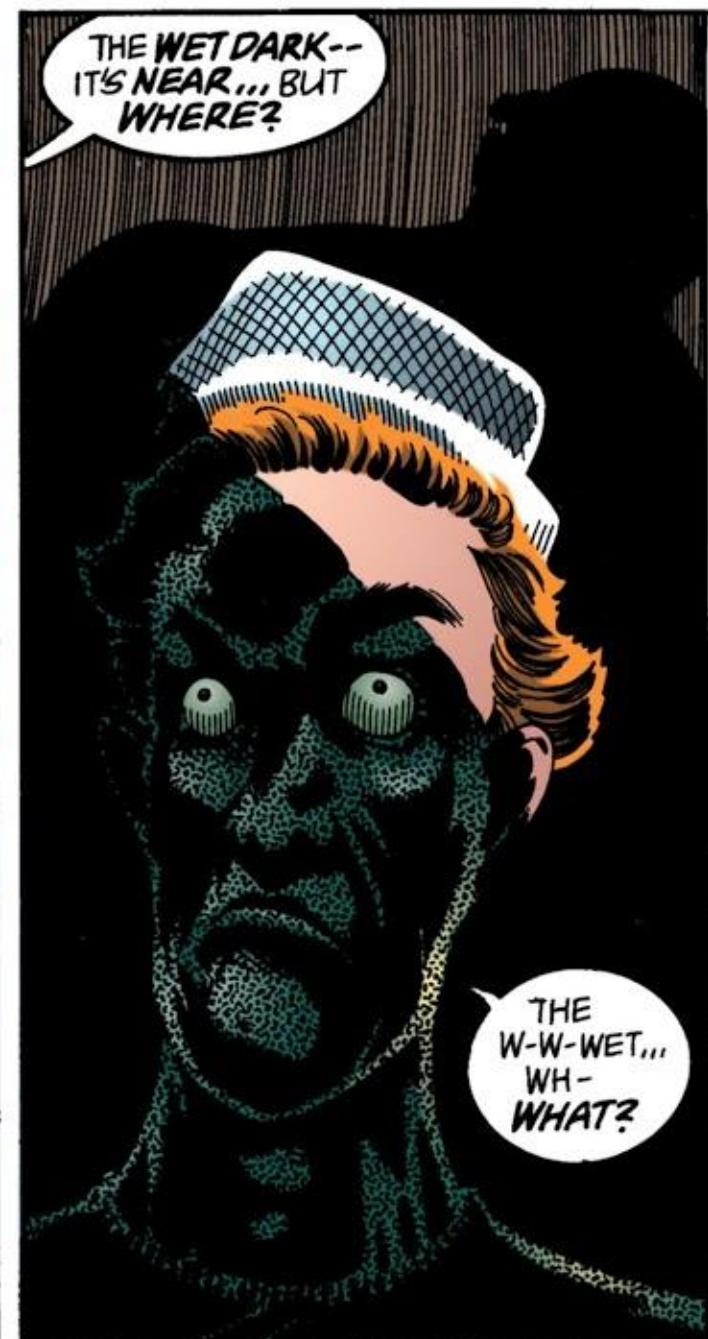
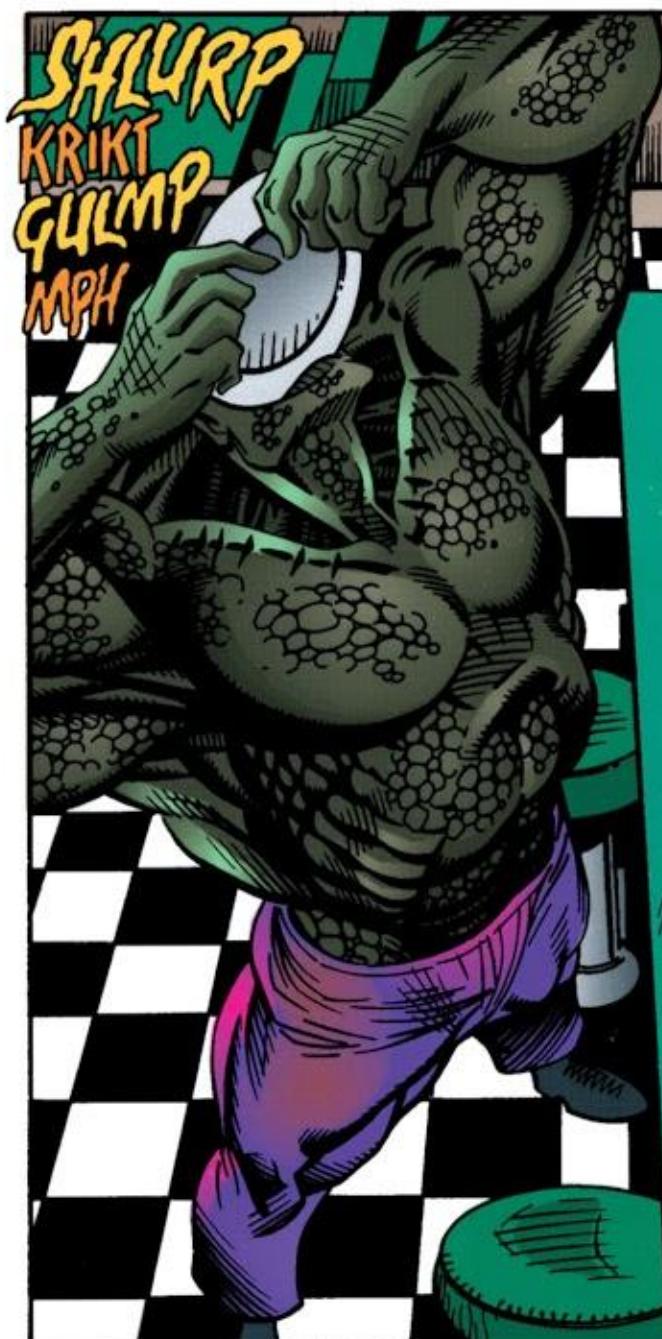
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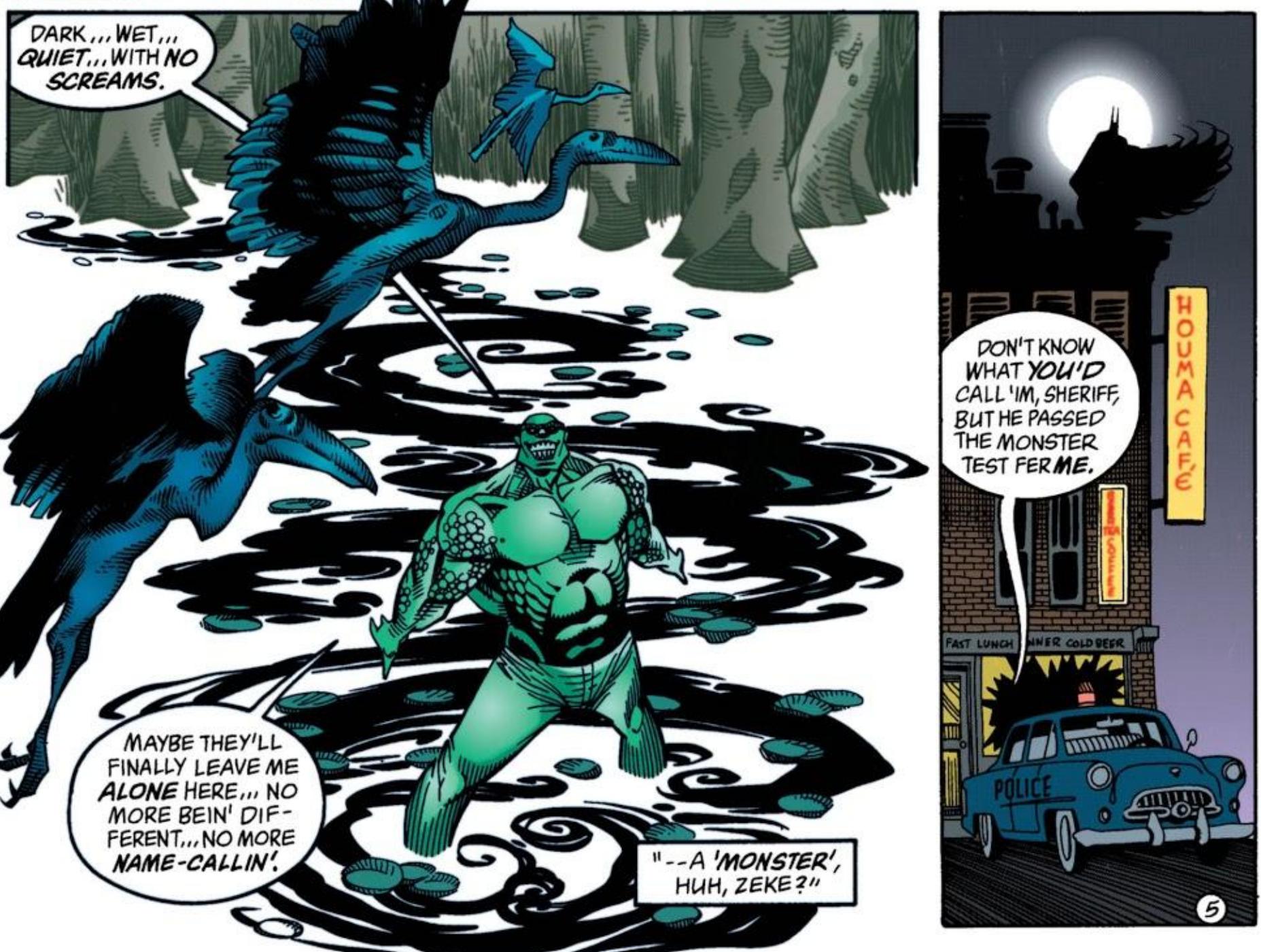
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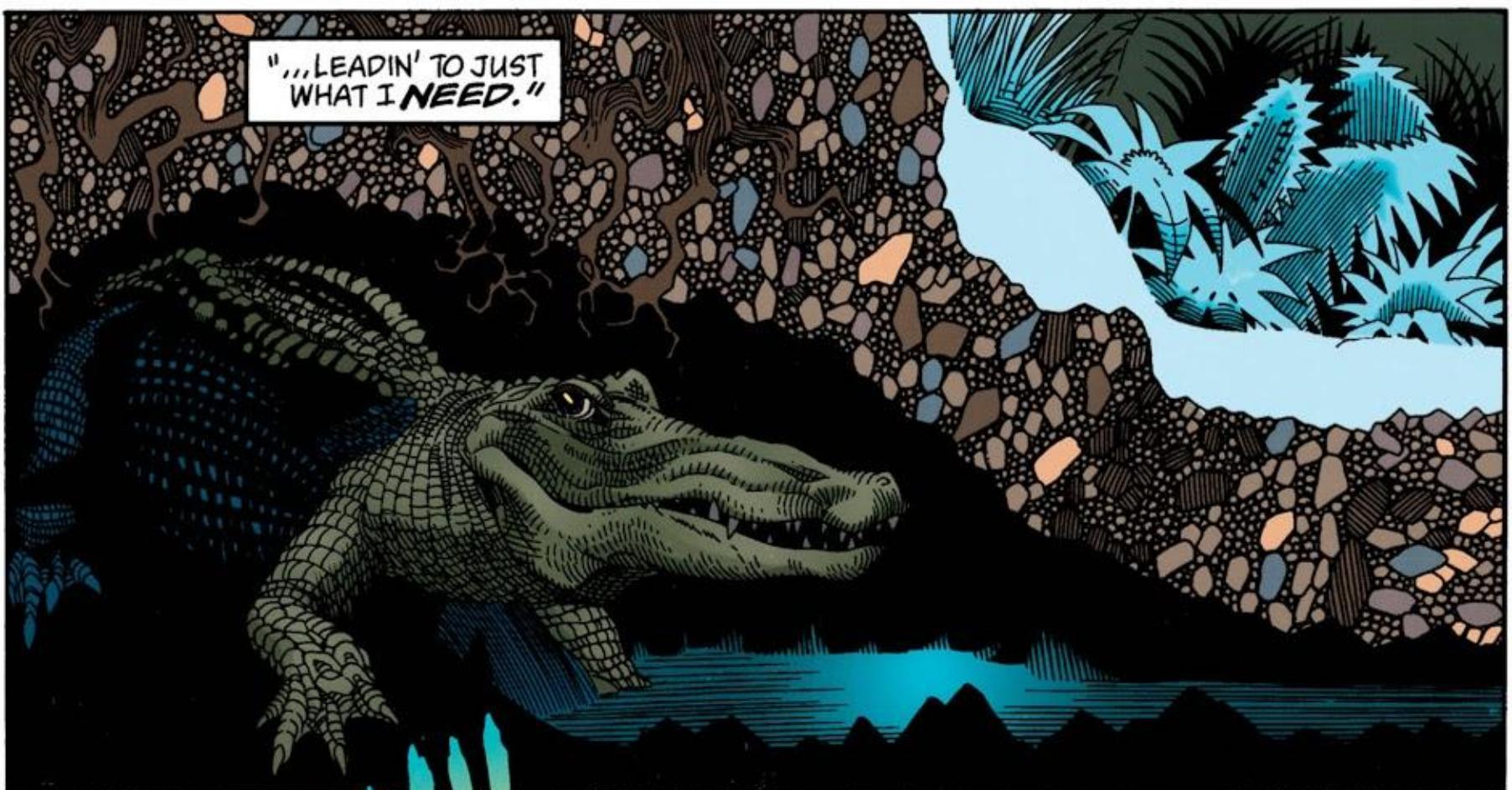


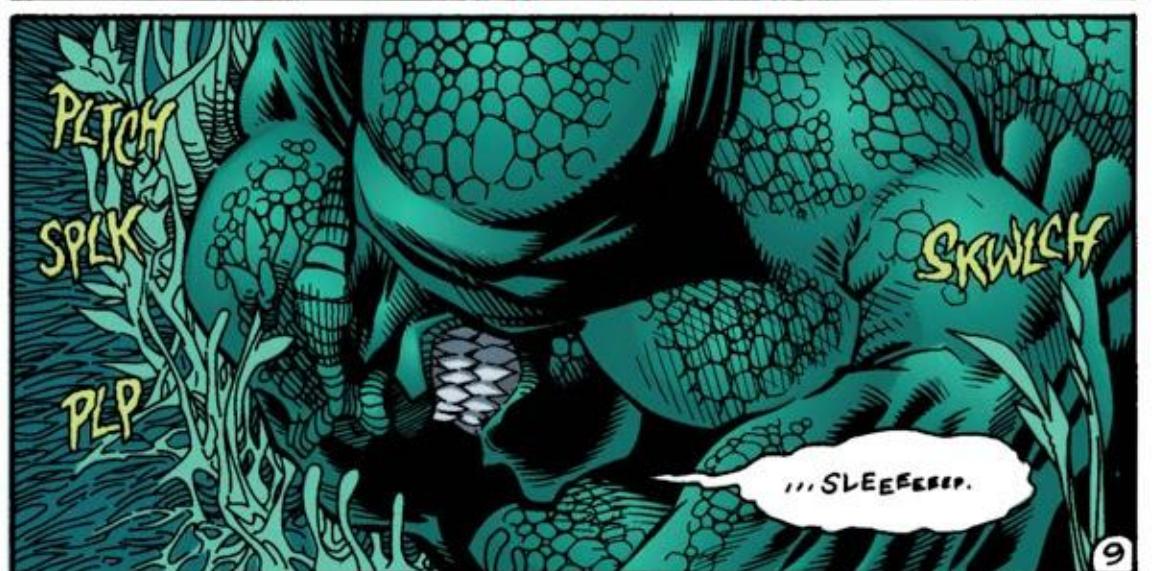
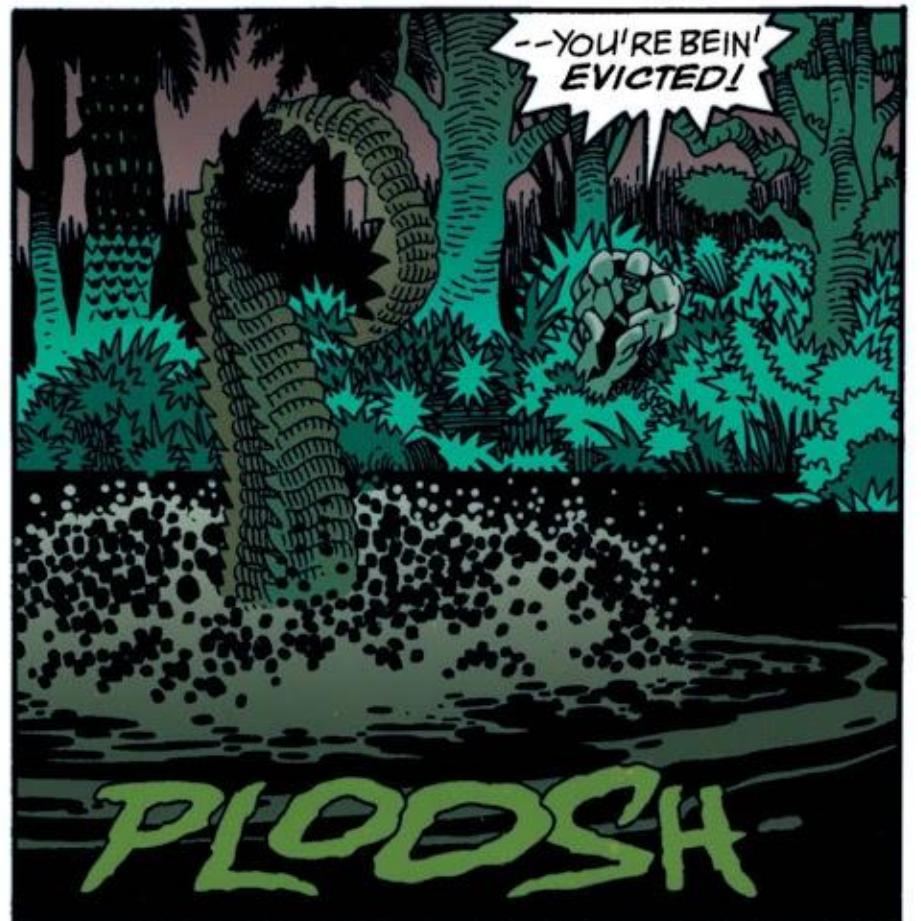
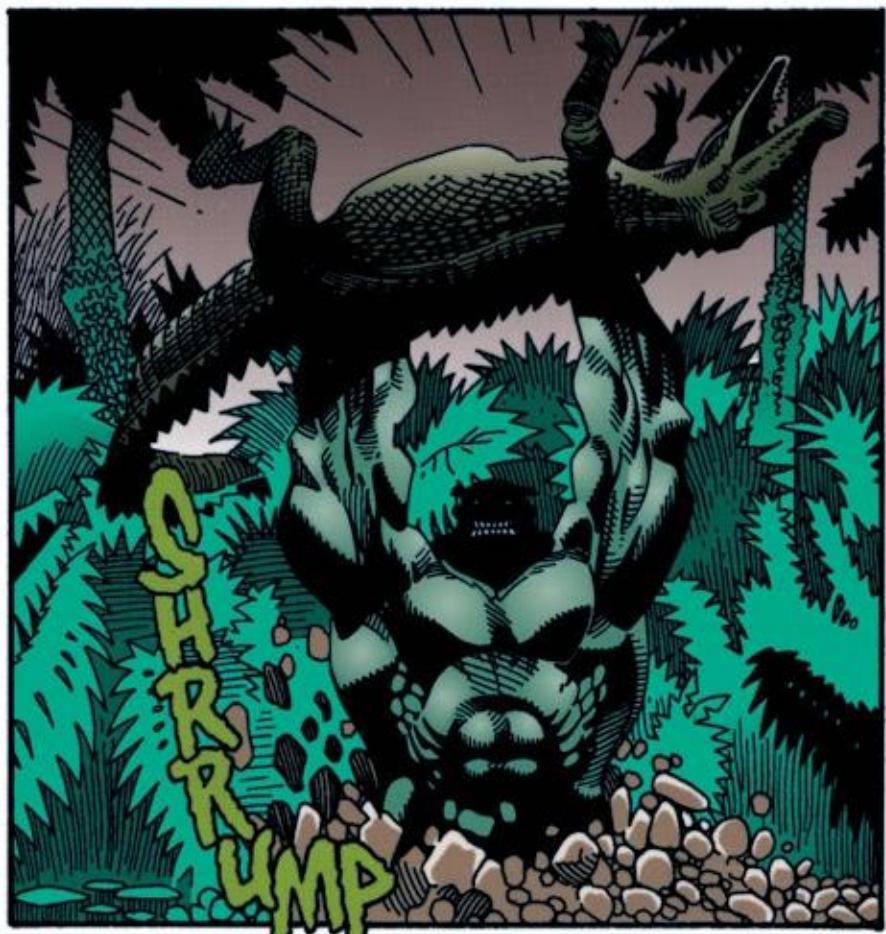












KILLER CROCHAS STEADILY DEVOLVED SINCE OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER, HIS PROGRESSIVE DEMENTIA MIMICKING HIS GENETIC DISORDER...

...HIS INNER PSYCHE DISINTEGRATING TOWARD THE STATUS OF HIS OUTWARD APPEARANCE.

HE STARTED AS A RUTHLESS GANGSTER WITH "NORMAL" CRIMINAL MOTIVES, BUT WITH EACH ESCAPE HIS GOALS HAVE BECOME MORE PRIMITIVE--

...LITTLE MORE THAN A COOLBLOODED PREDATOR...

--UNTIL NOW HE ACTS ALMOST PURELY ON INSTINCT...

BARON SAMEDEI



ULTIMATELY, HE MAY BECOME INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM AN ACTUAL CROCODILE--

--A CASE, PERHAPS, OF CURSE BY BIRTH.

PLSH

WAIT...

THERE...
ON THE
BANK...

A DISTURBED NEST, BREACHED
FROM WITHIN, FROM BELOW UPWARD...

WHAT WAS THE PHRASE QUOTED BY
THE CAFÉ WITNESS?-- FROM THE
"DARK WETNESS", UP INTO
DRIER LIGHT.

IT'S THE TYPE OF
NEST USED BY
ALLIGATORS
HERE IN
LOUISIANA...

...BUT IN EVEN MORE
TROPICAL CLIMATES,
ALMOST IDENTICAL
TO THE NESTS OF--

--CROCODILES.

FOOD...

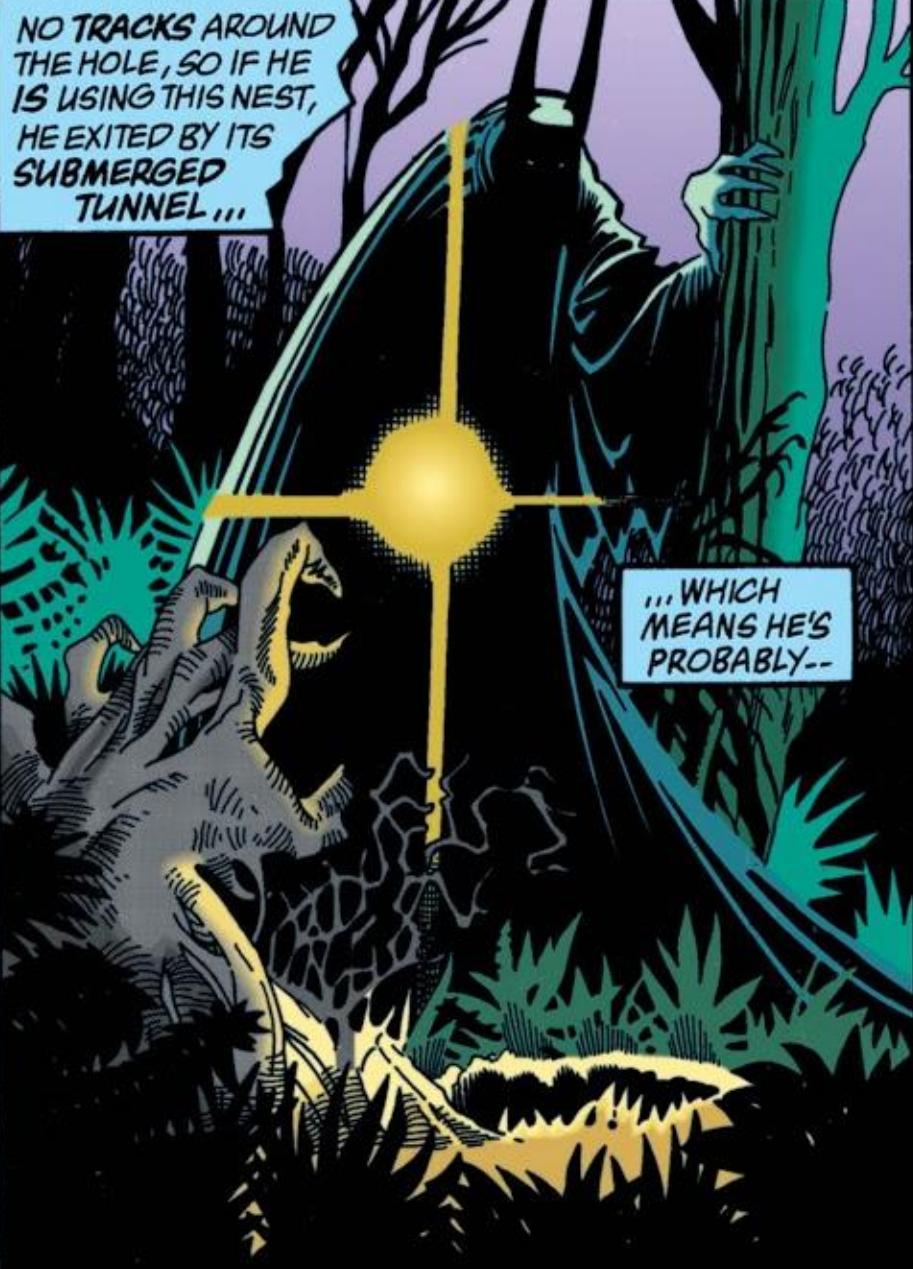
THE RUPTURED
EARTH IS STILL
WET--FRESH.

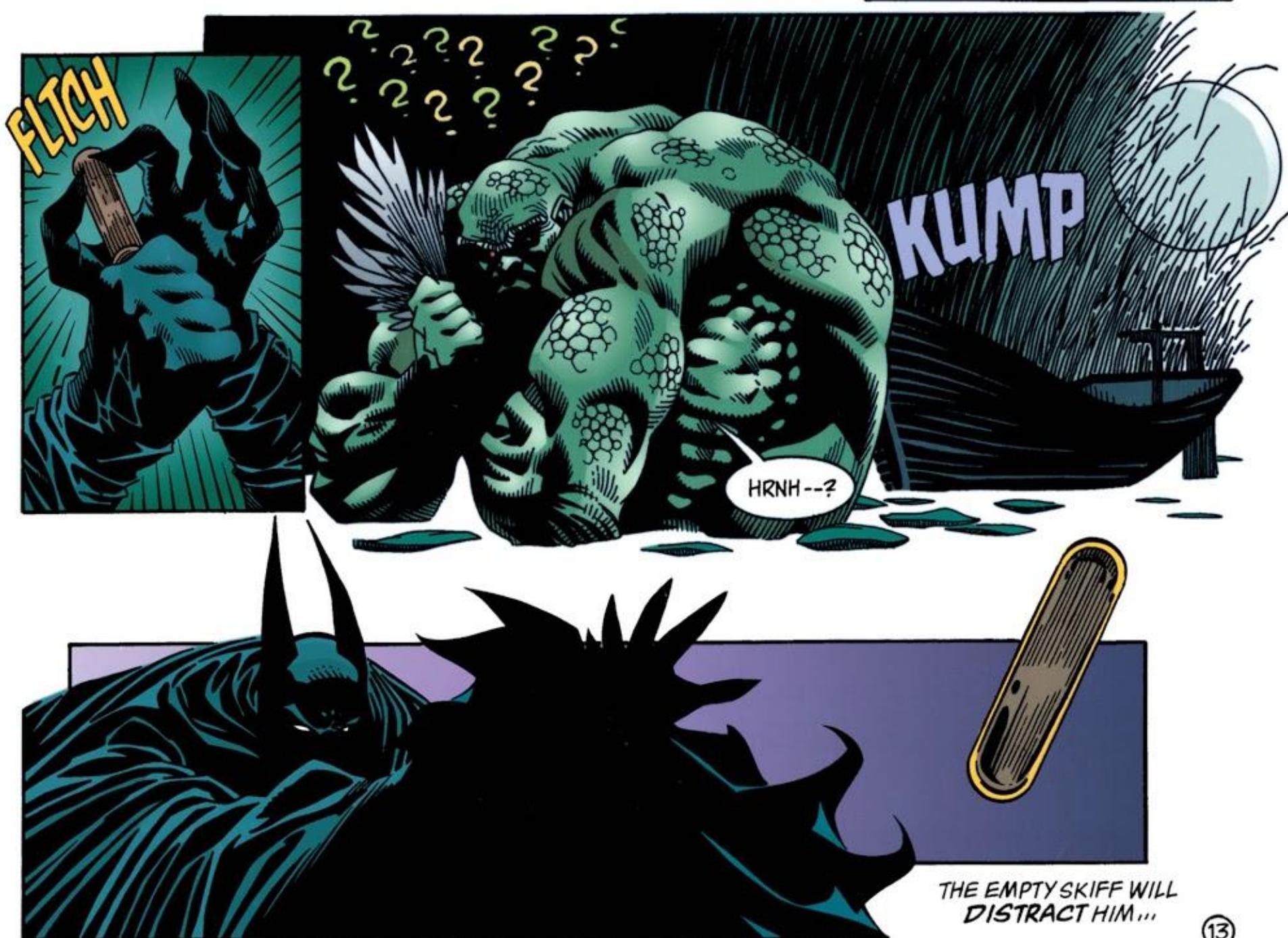
IF THERE WAS A FIGHT
OVER THIS NEST, OR
EVEN IF IT WAS MERELY
INVADED...

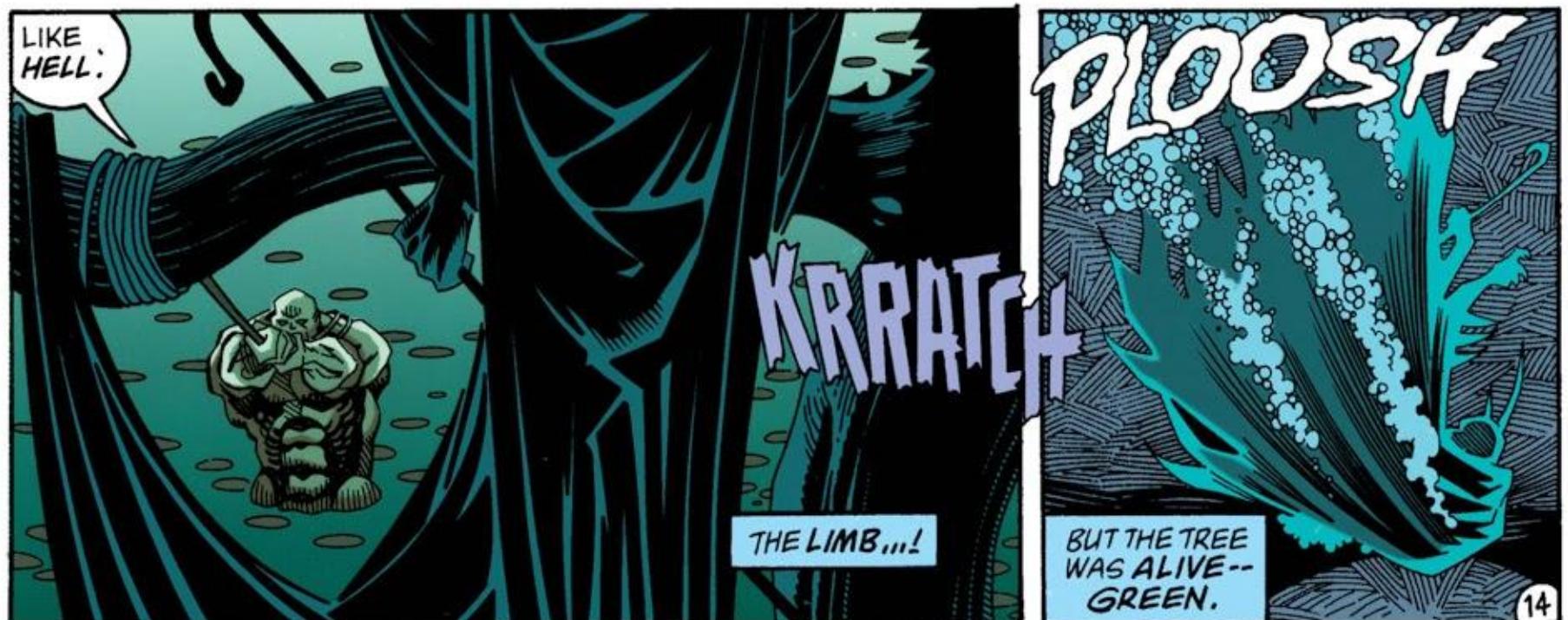
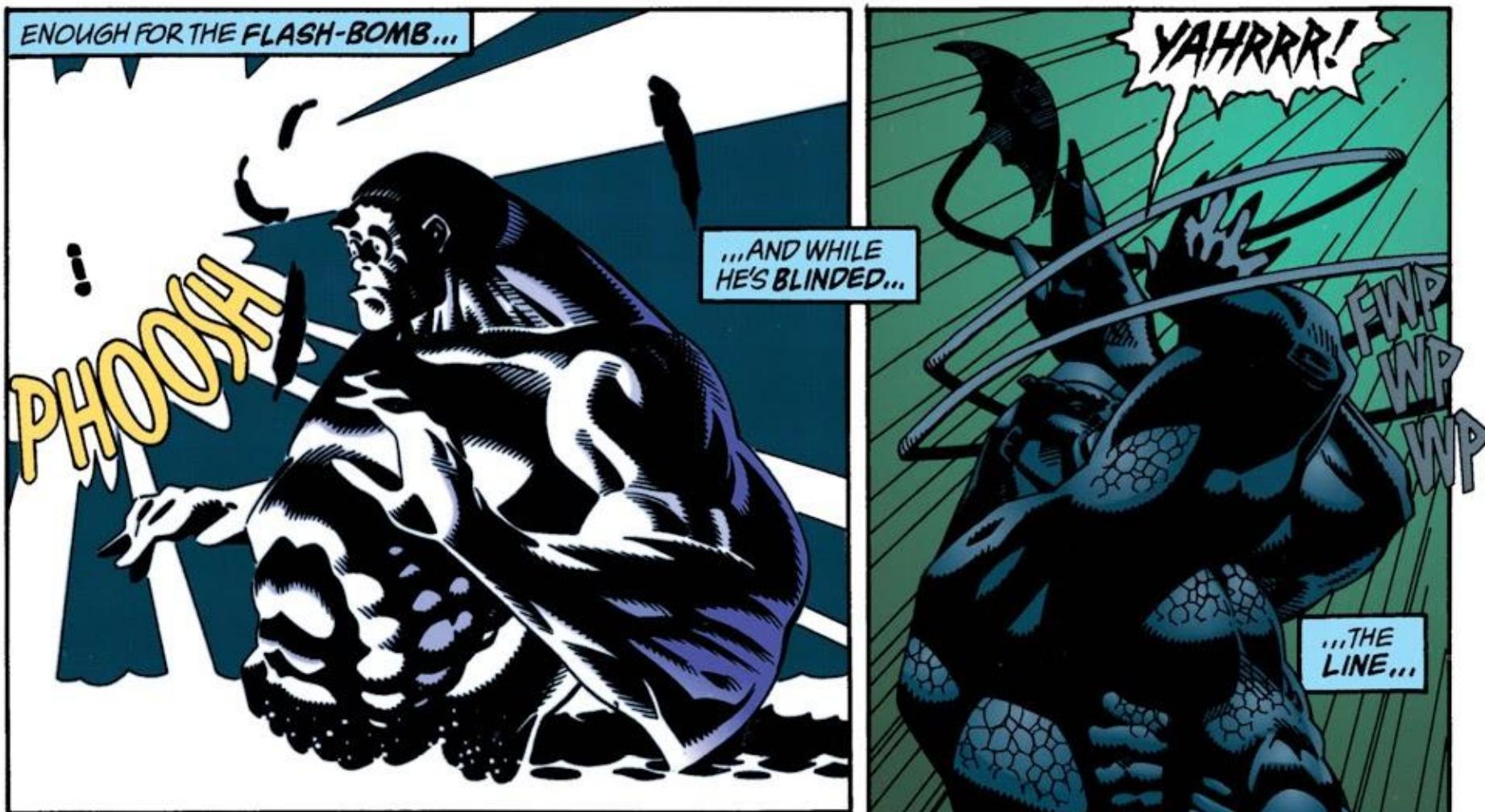
...IT HAPPENED RECENTLY, AND KILLER
CROC COULD BE CLOSE.

VERY
CLOSE...

--SOMEWHERE IN THE WATER.











--BROKEN
WATER.

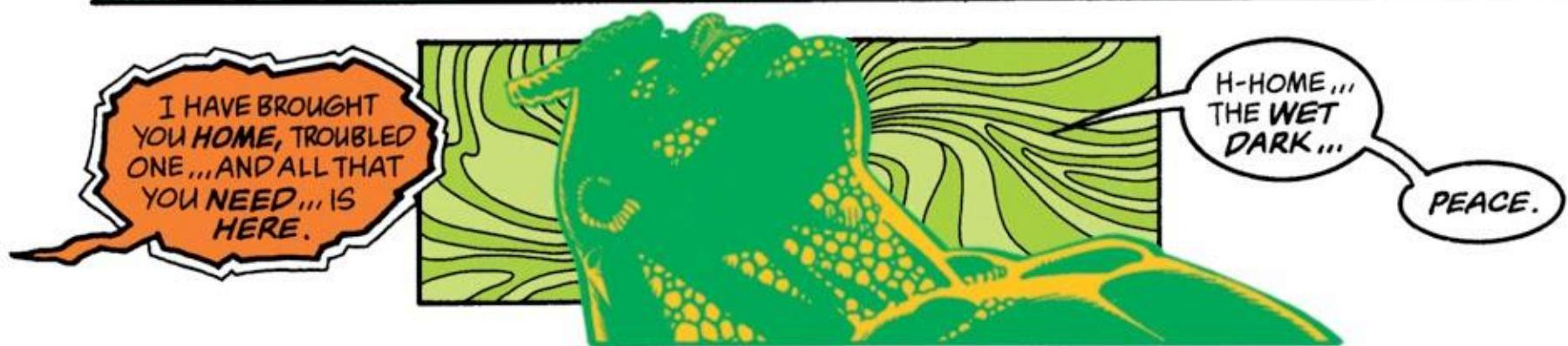
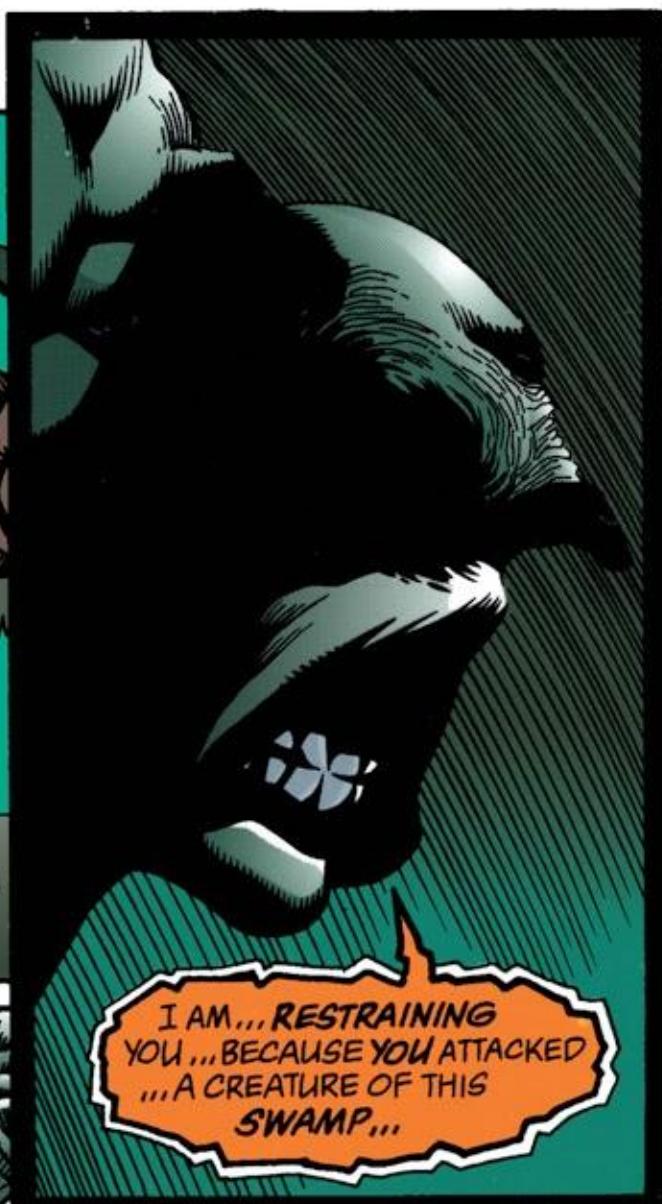
Y-YOU--!

THE SWAMP
CREATURE--ALEC
HOLLAND...

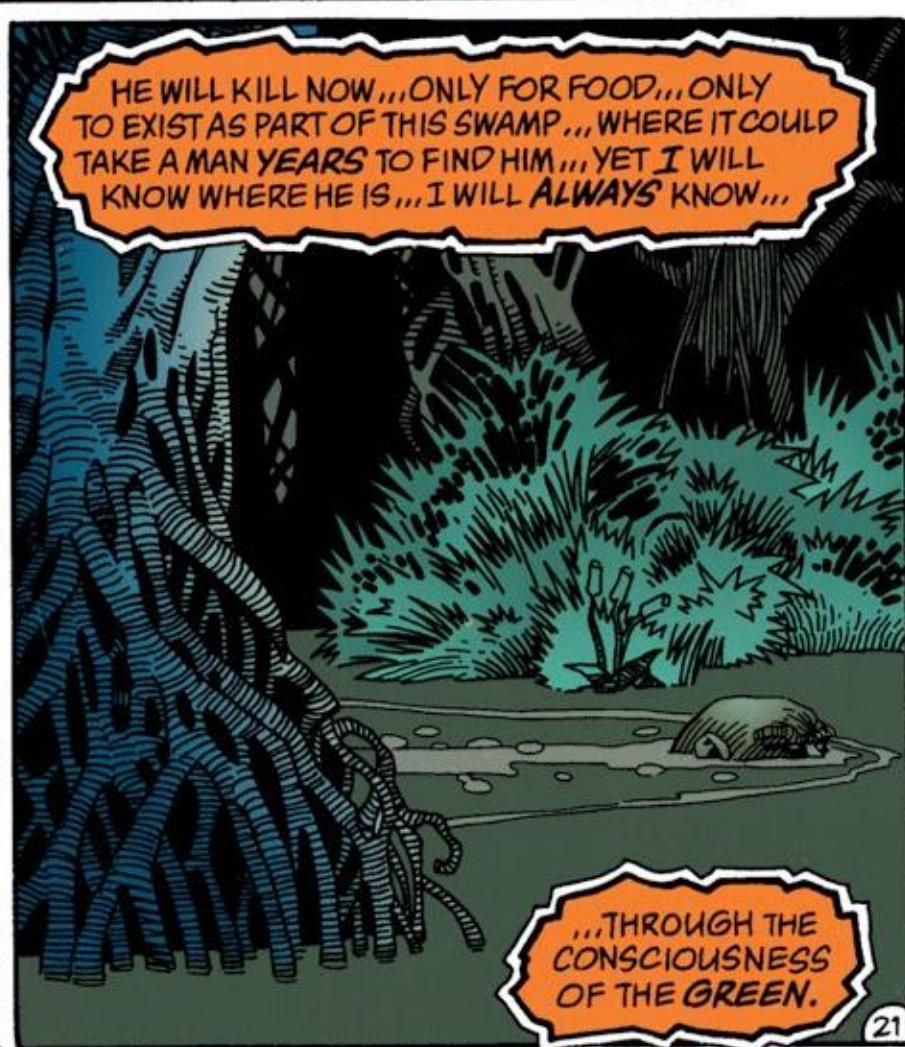
WHO YOU
TALKIN'
TO?

I AIN'T
HOWLIN'!

HE IS...
ADDRESSING
ME...FELLOW
SWAMP
THING...







AND IF EVER AGAIN...
HE BECOMES A THREAT
TO THE WORLD OF MAN...
I WILL MAKE YOU
AWARE OF IT.

HE SLIPS FROM MY ARM AND
SHAMBLES GRACEFULLY INTO
HIS GREEN REALM...

I BELIEVE
HIM, BUT IS
IT RIGHT?
IS IT JUSTICE?
AND WHAT
IS JUSTICE?

...WET SOUNDS
SEALING THE HOLE
THROUGH HIS
HEART.

THE TREATMENT WAYLON JONES HAS
SUFFERED HIS ENTIRE LIFE SIMPLY FOR
BEING DIFFERENT--HIS CURSE OF
INNOCENT BIRTH?

AND IF THERE IS
ABSOLUTE JUSTICE, IS
IT ANY BETTER SERVED
WITHIN THE MADNESS
OF ARKHAM--A PLACE
THAT HAS ONLY MADE
KILLER CROC WORSE?

GOTHAM HOLDS
MORE THAN
ENOUGH OTHER
TROUBLE FOR
ANY MAN-
HUNTER--

...NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS...

ANOTHER DIFFICULT DECISION...
BUT MAYBE IT IS BEST IF CROC STAYS
HERE, ISOLATED FROM THE WORLD
BEYOND THIS SWAMP.

--EVEN IF I AM LEFT
WITH A LOT OF
QUESTIONS...

...TO
GET MY CAR?

NEXT:

SCARECROW

"DARK WINGS
FLY AWAY
IN FEAR"





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