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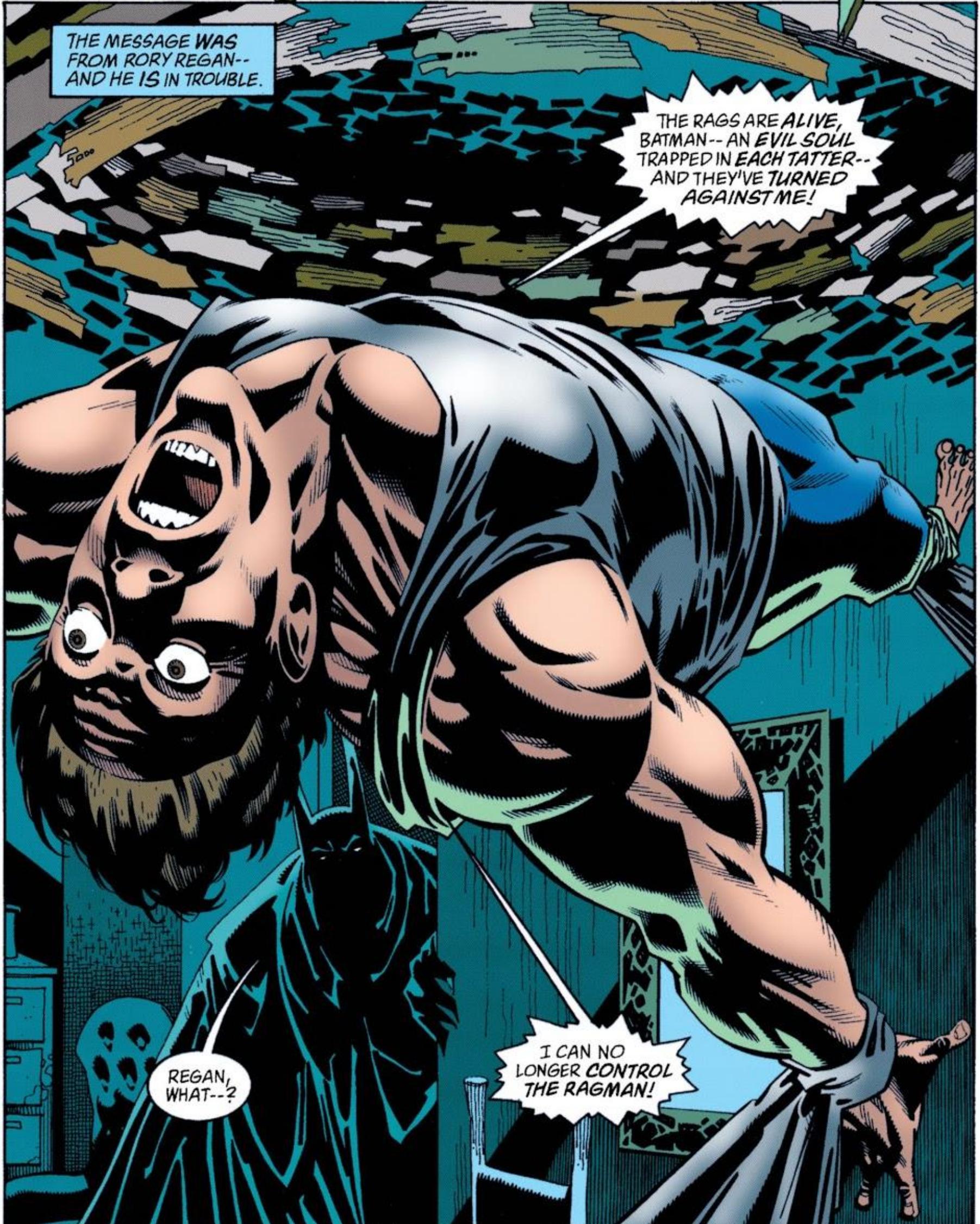
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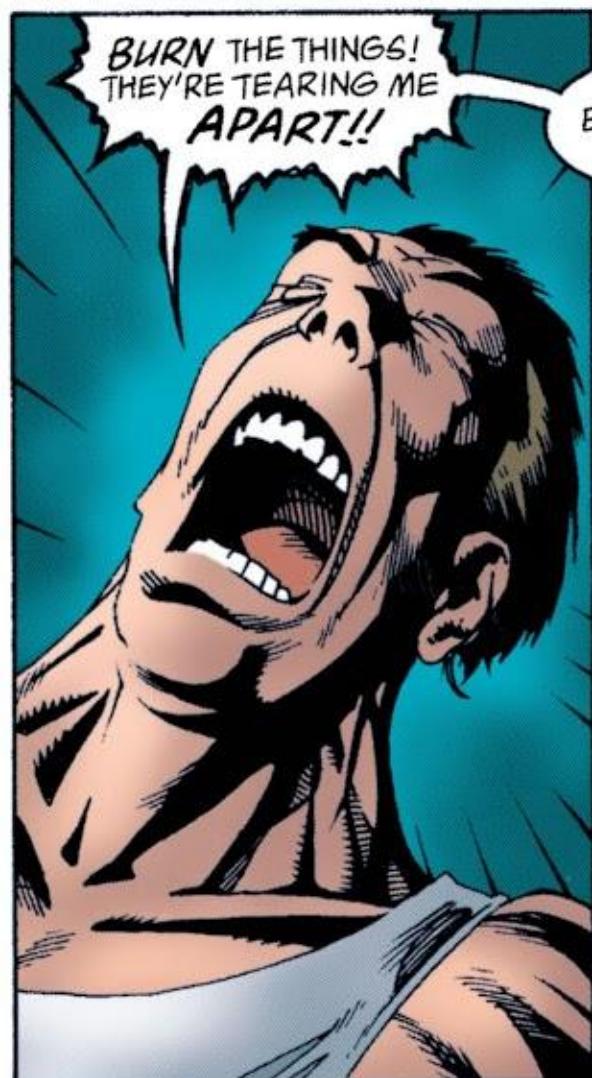


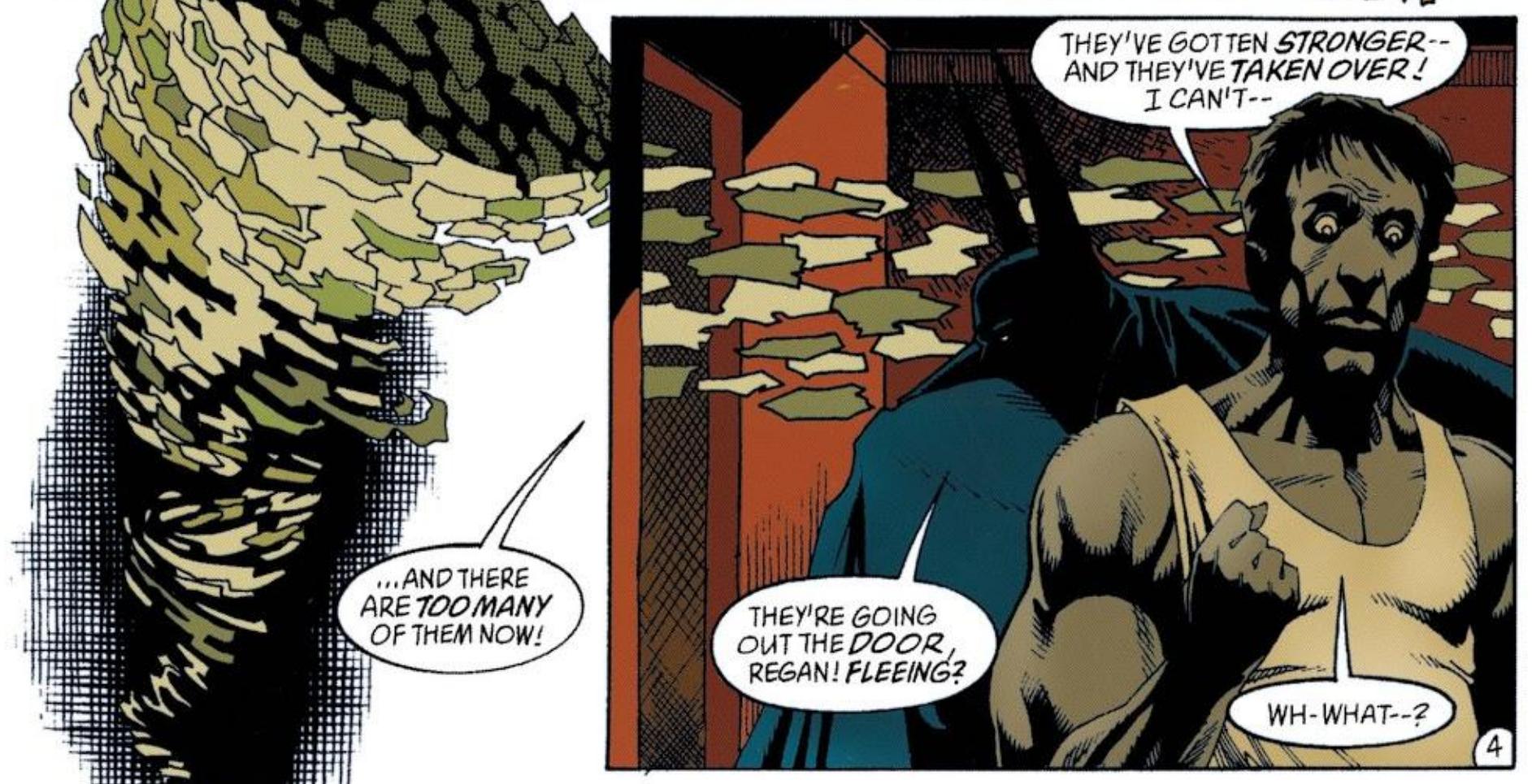
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THE GREATEST EVIL











"RABBI LURIA--
HE'S IN DANGER!"

KNOCK-KNOCK!

THE PURE MAN,
THAT'S WHO--AND THIS
AIN'T ISRAEL!

EH? WH-
WHO--?

WHO IS RABBI
LURIA?

ONE OF HIS
CONGREGATION
WAS MURDERED
BY THE ARYAN
REICH...

"HE'S COOPERATING WITH THE
POLICE INVESTIGATION! THE
SKINHEAD GANG WANTS HIM
DEAD!"

AS GOD IS MY
WITNESS AND MY
STRENGTH, I DO NOT
FEAR YOU--OR
YOUR HATE.

THEN FEAR
WHAT'S ABOUT TO
BANG IN YOUR
FACE!

GUN
IN THE
WINDOW.

NOT MUCH
TIME...

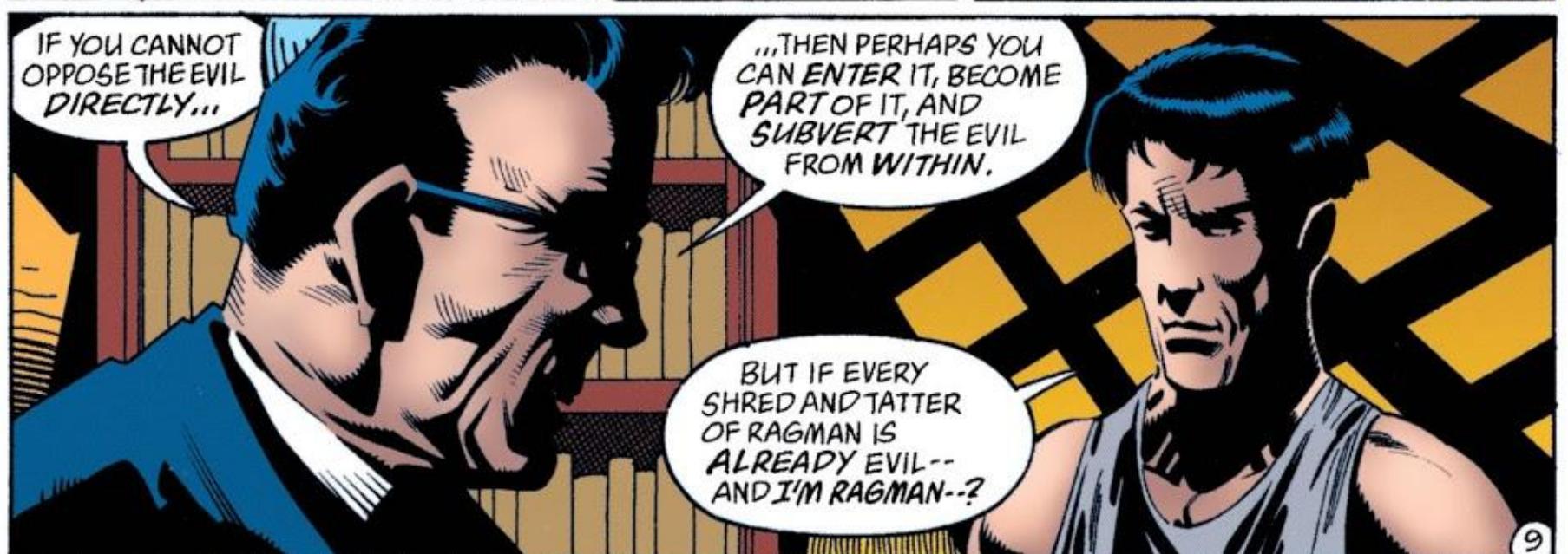
THE PURE MAN HAD HIS CHANCE ONCE
BEFORE--ALMOST FLUSHED YOUR
TAINTED BLOOD RIGHT OUTTA
HISTORY!

THEN YOU CHEATED, LIKE
YOU ALWAYS DO--TRICKED THIS
COUNTRY INTO JOININ' THE
WRONG SIDE!

BUT AMERICA'S
CHANGED, JEW, AND
NOW YOU'RE--











THE KABBALAH IS "RECEIVED LORE," RORY REGAN, A PHILOSOPHY BASED ON MYSTICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE SCRIPTURES AND CHARTING "THIRTY-TWO PATHS TO WISDOM"...

IT WAS DEVELOPED IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY AS ECSTATIC CONTEMPLATION OF EZEKIAL'S VISION--A CHARIOT BELIEVED TO BE GOD'S "THRONE"...

...AND IT ESPOUSES THE DOCTRINE THAT MAN HIMSELF EMBODIES THE UNIVERSE AND ALL ITS MYSTERIES.

BUT HOW CAN IT HELP US, RABBI?

IT MAY PROVIDE A MEANS OF APPROACHING GOD DIRECTLY.

WHILE IT IS CONSIDERED HERETICAL BY SOME, IT HAS FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE BELIEFS OF HASIDISM, WHOSE ADHERENTS SEEK GOD THROUGH PIETY, HUMILITY, LOVE AND ASCETICISM.

SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE TORAH--GOD'S REVEALED LAW AS FOUND IN THE PENTATEUCH--IS THE ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE VERY UNIVERSE.

BUT HOW--

PATIENCE,
RORY REGAN.

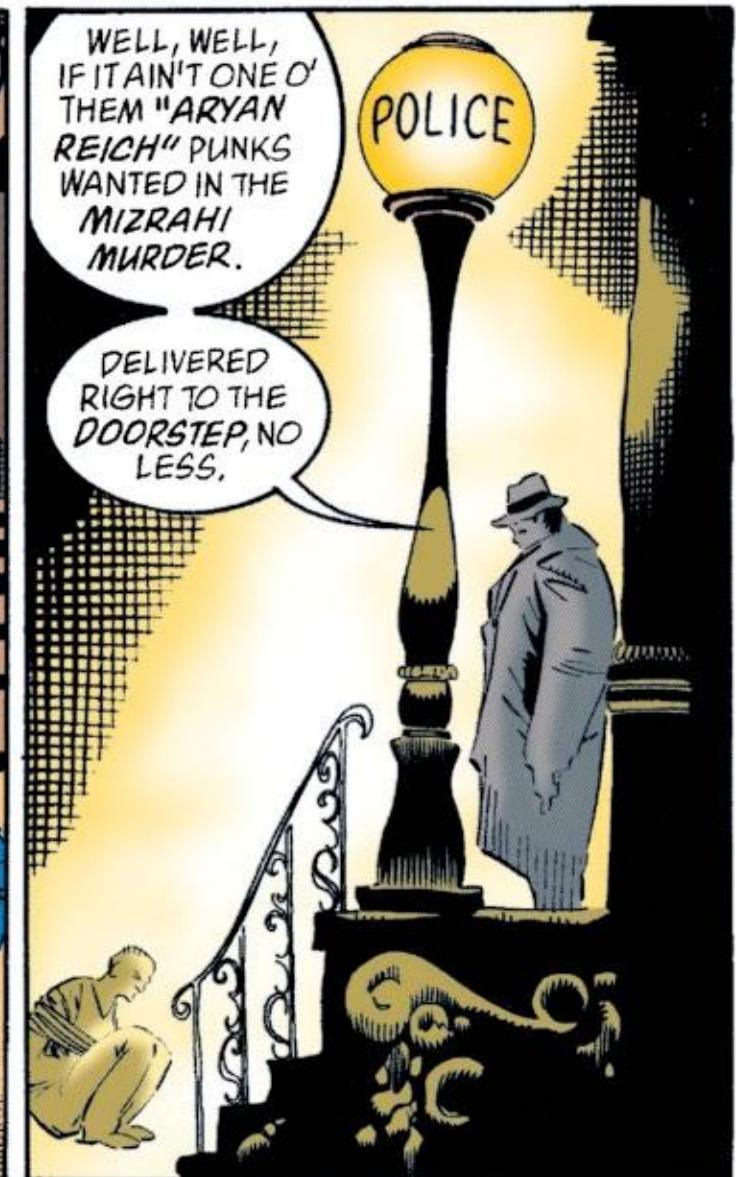
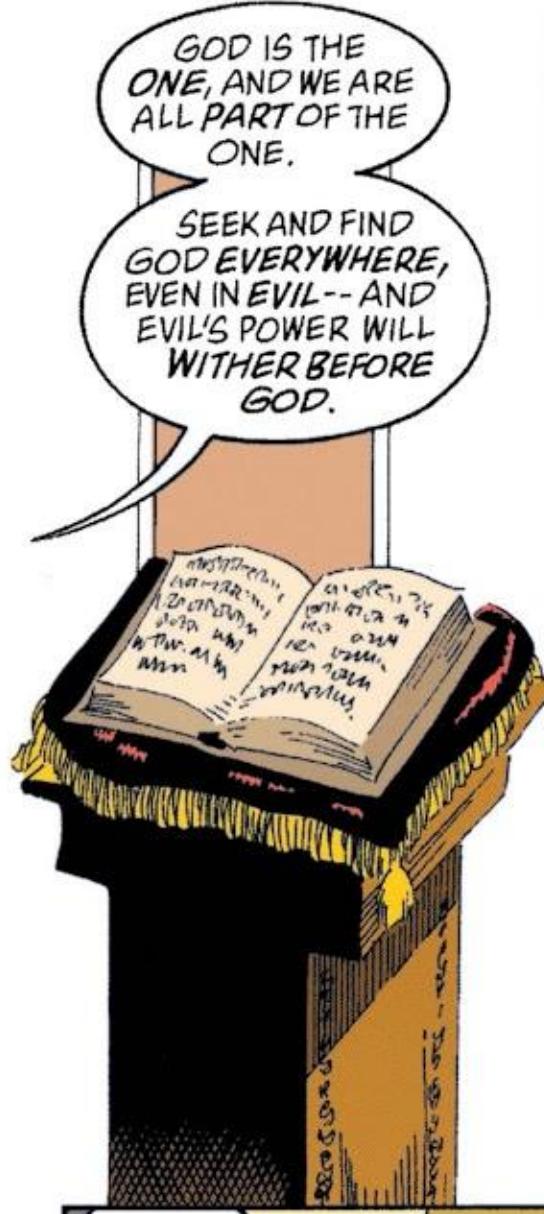
THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE--TAKEN TOGETHER--IS GOD, AND MAN IS MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE.

MAN IS THEREFORE A MINIATURE EMBODIMENT OF THE UNIVERSE.

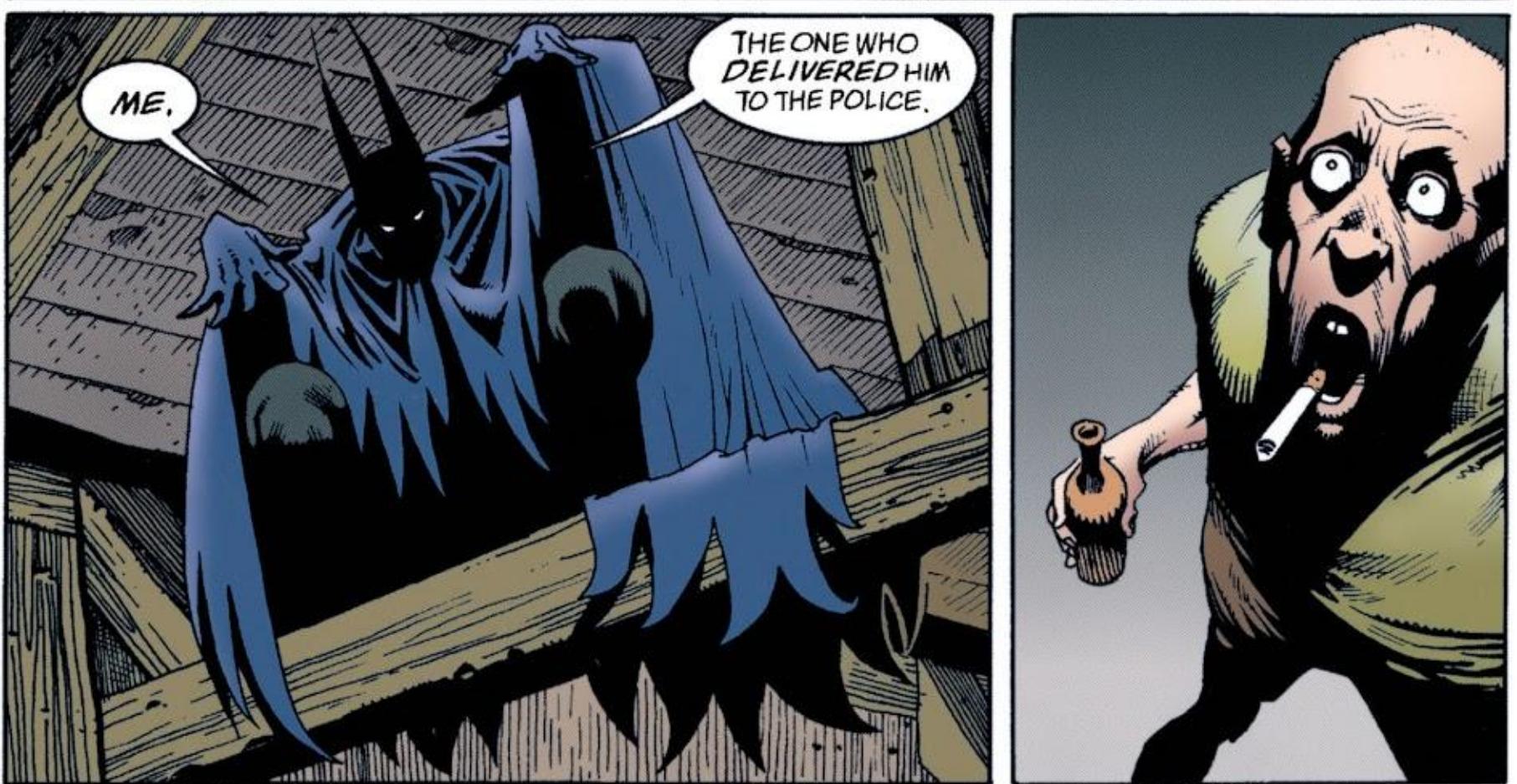
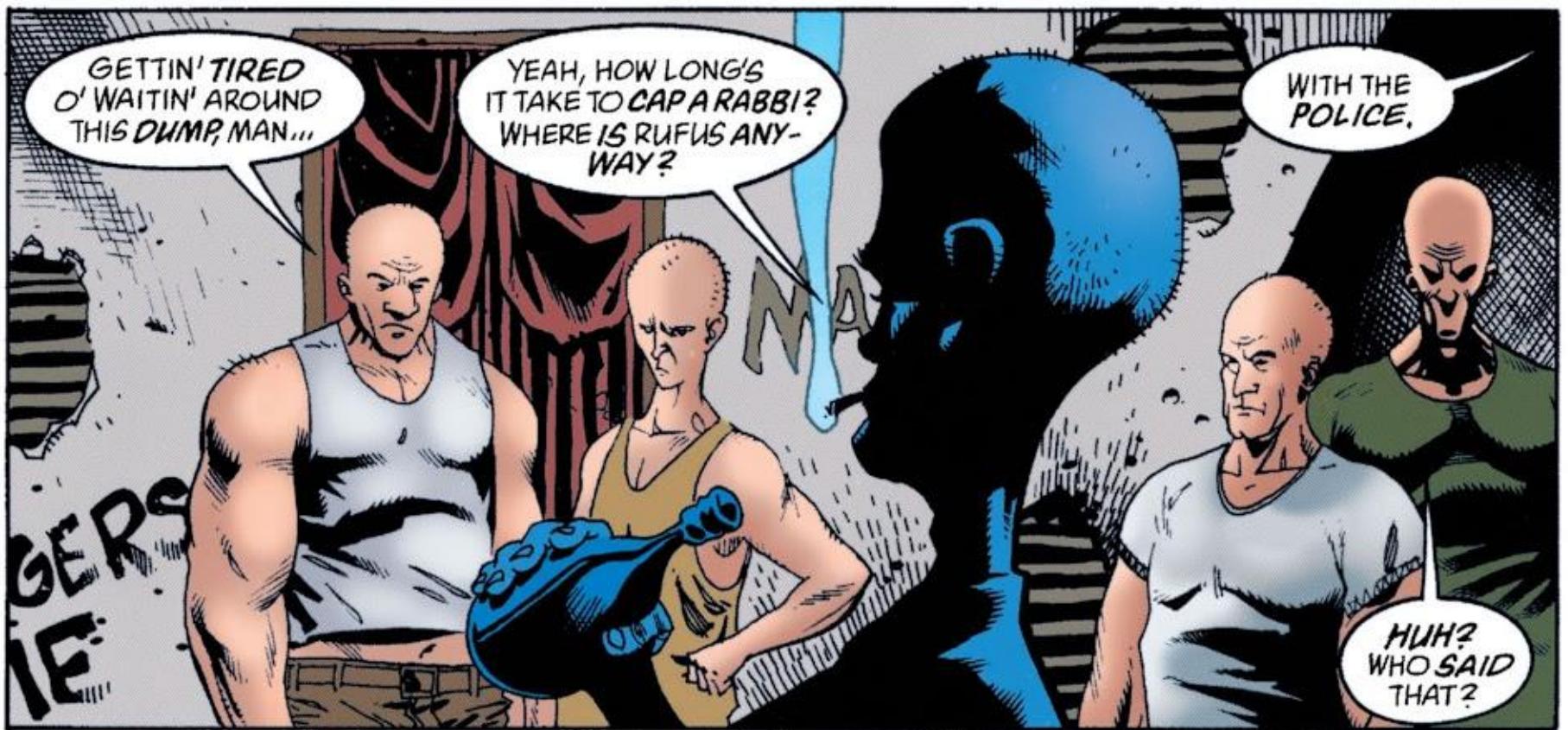
WE ARE ALL "STAR-STUFF"?

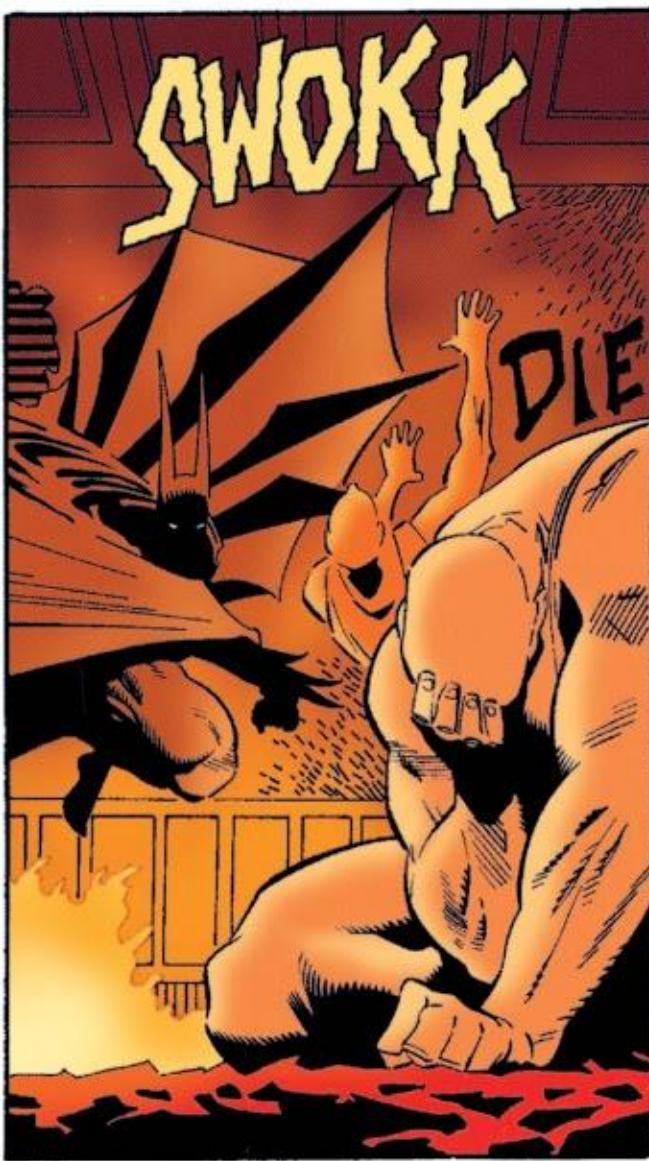
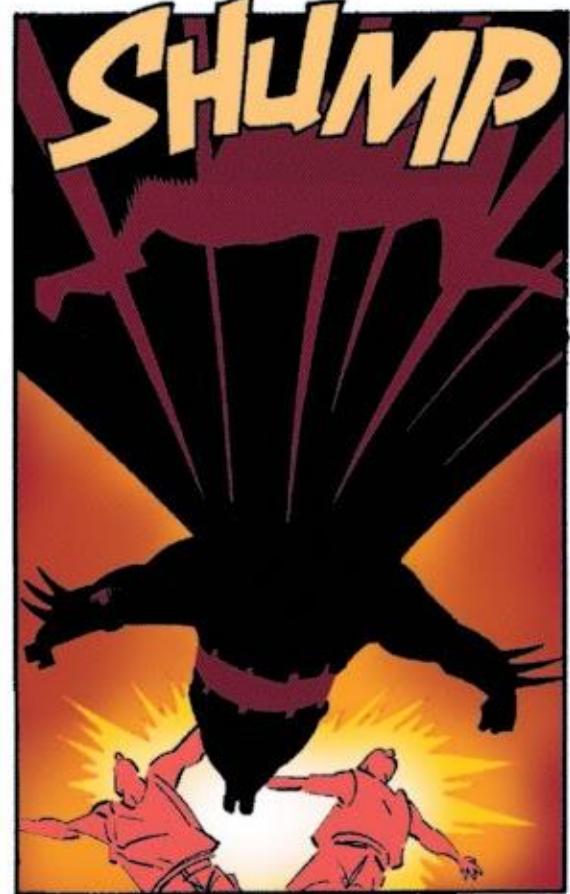
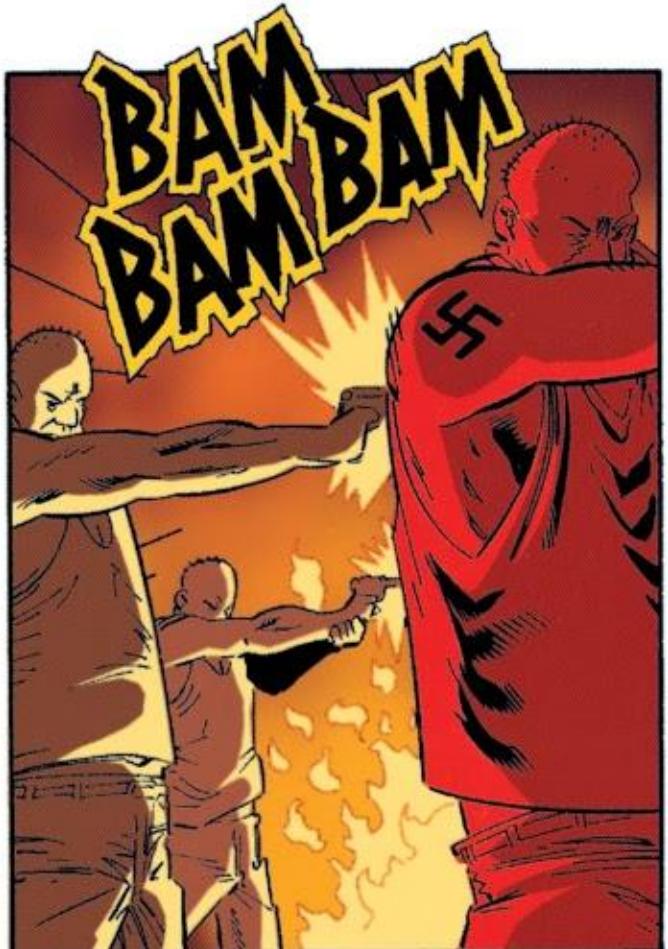
"ONE WITH EVERYTHING"?

WE ARE ALL PART OF THE "WORLD SOUL", ALL PART OF GOD--WHO IS EVERYWHERE, IN EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING.

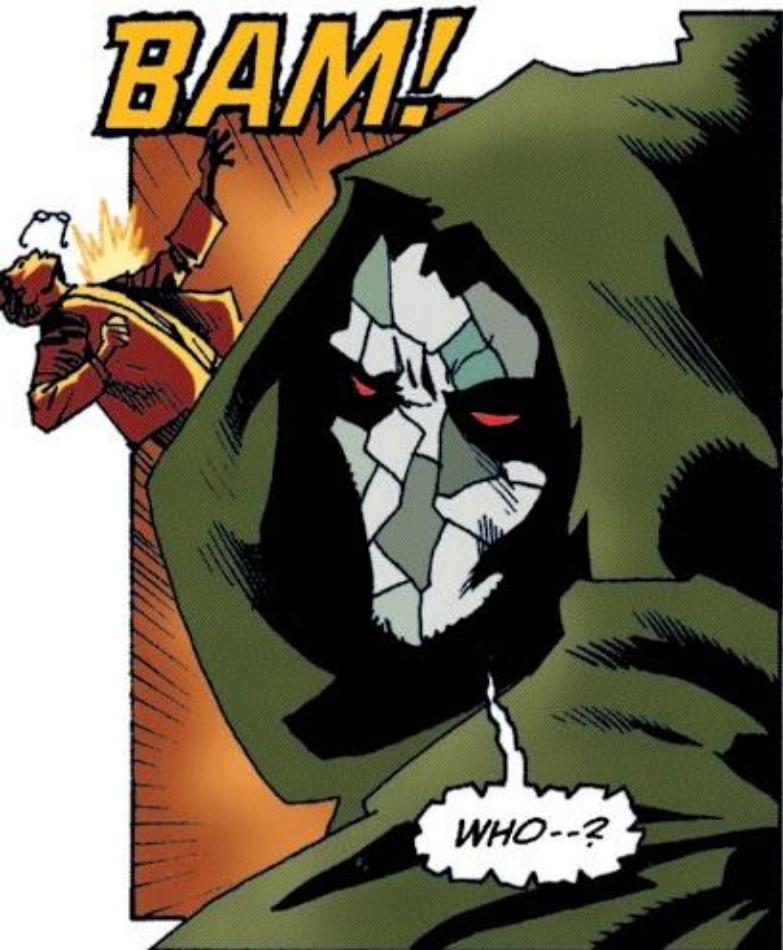


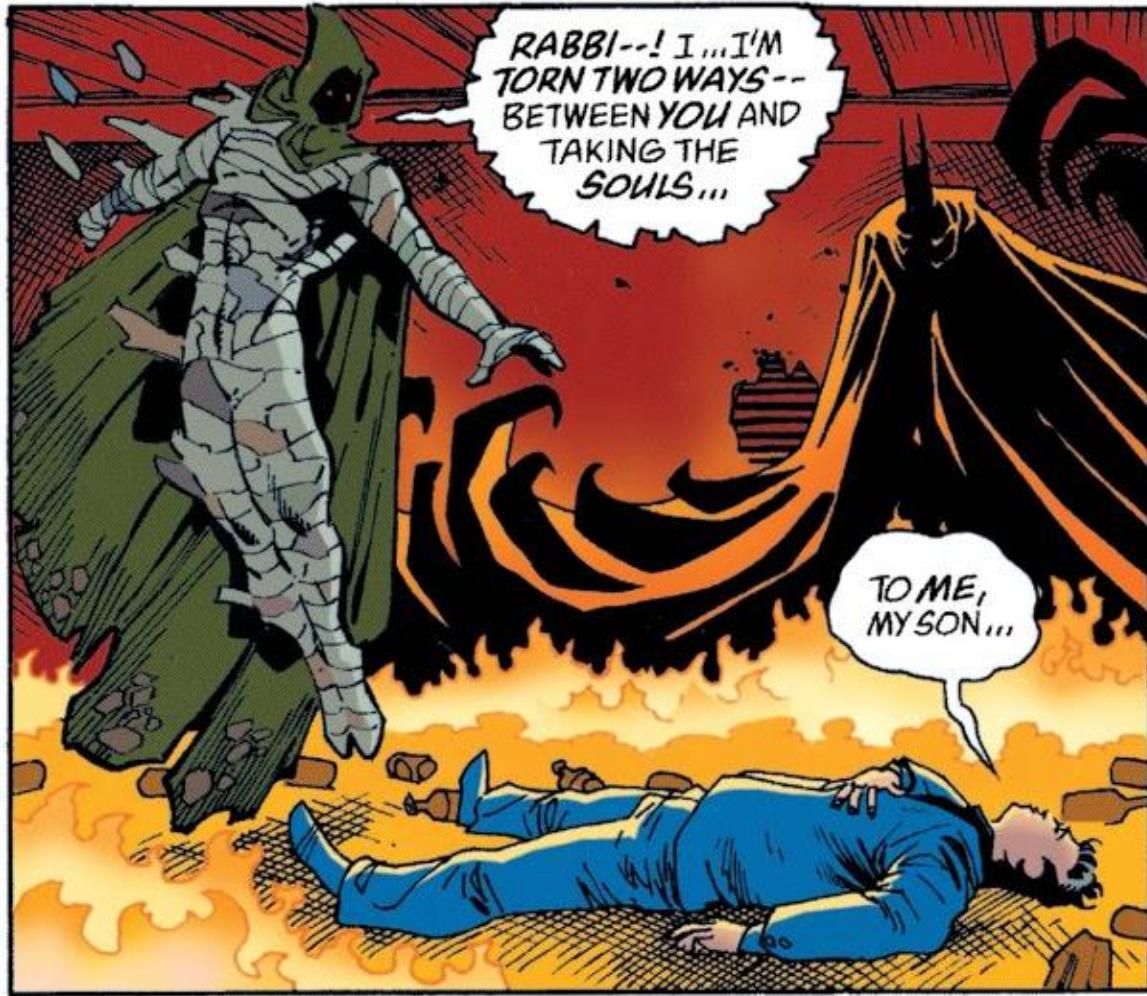


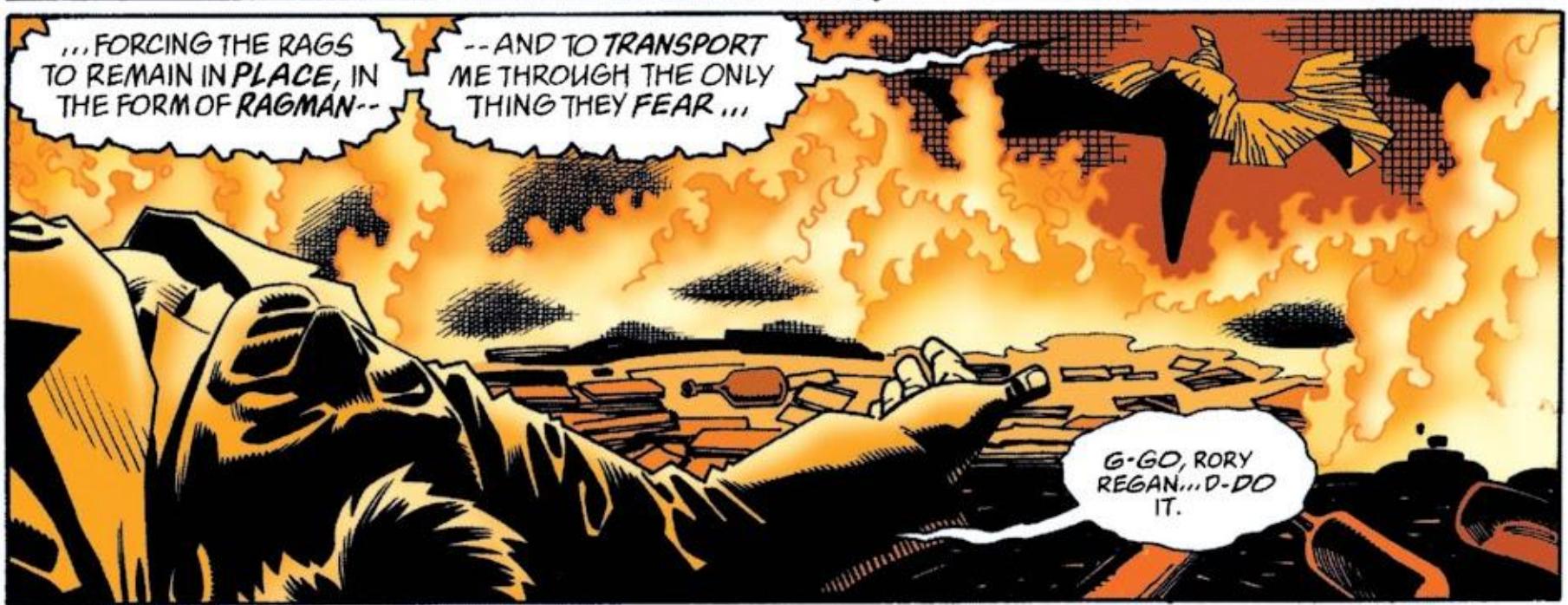


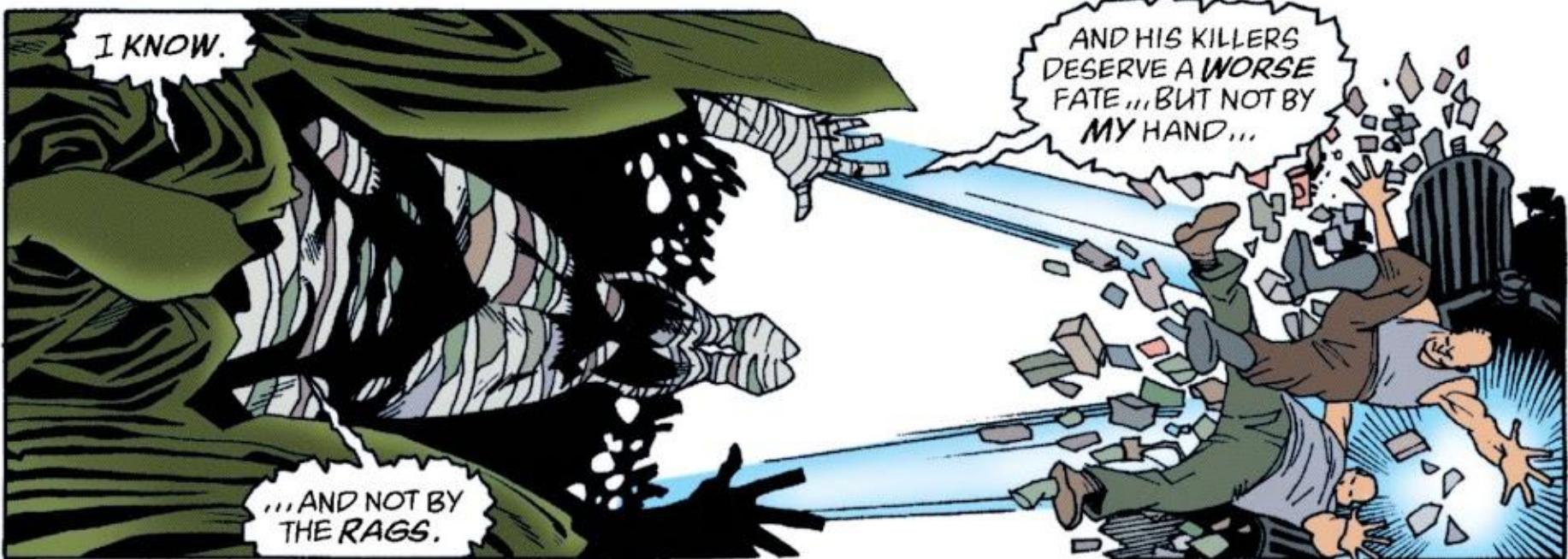












WITH A
LOVE SO
STRONG
THE
RABBI
WAS
WILLING
TO DIE
FOR
IT--

--RORY REGAN
CONQUERED
THE EVIL WITHIN
HIM, AND EVEN
CHANNELED IT
TO GOOD.

IT MUST--

WHAT? BALLS OF LIGHT DRIFTING THROUGH
THE CAVE... SOME SORT OF GEOMAGNETIC
ANOMALY... THE PHENOMENON KNOWN AS
"EARTHLIGHTS"? OR SOMETHING ELSE...?

AND IF IT
CAN DO THAT,
IT MUST BE
THE ANSWER.

SOMETHING MORE?
PERHAPS EVEN... A
SIGN?

HELLO?

VESPER?

YES, BRUCE.

I THINK...
NO, VESPER, I'M
CERTAIN...

CERTAIN
ABOUT WHAT,
BRUCE?

I...

I
LOVE
YOU.

NEXT:
**THE
QUAKE**

Deadman Wade

"THIS IS WHAT
AWESOME
LOOKS LIKE"

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