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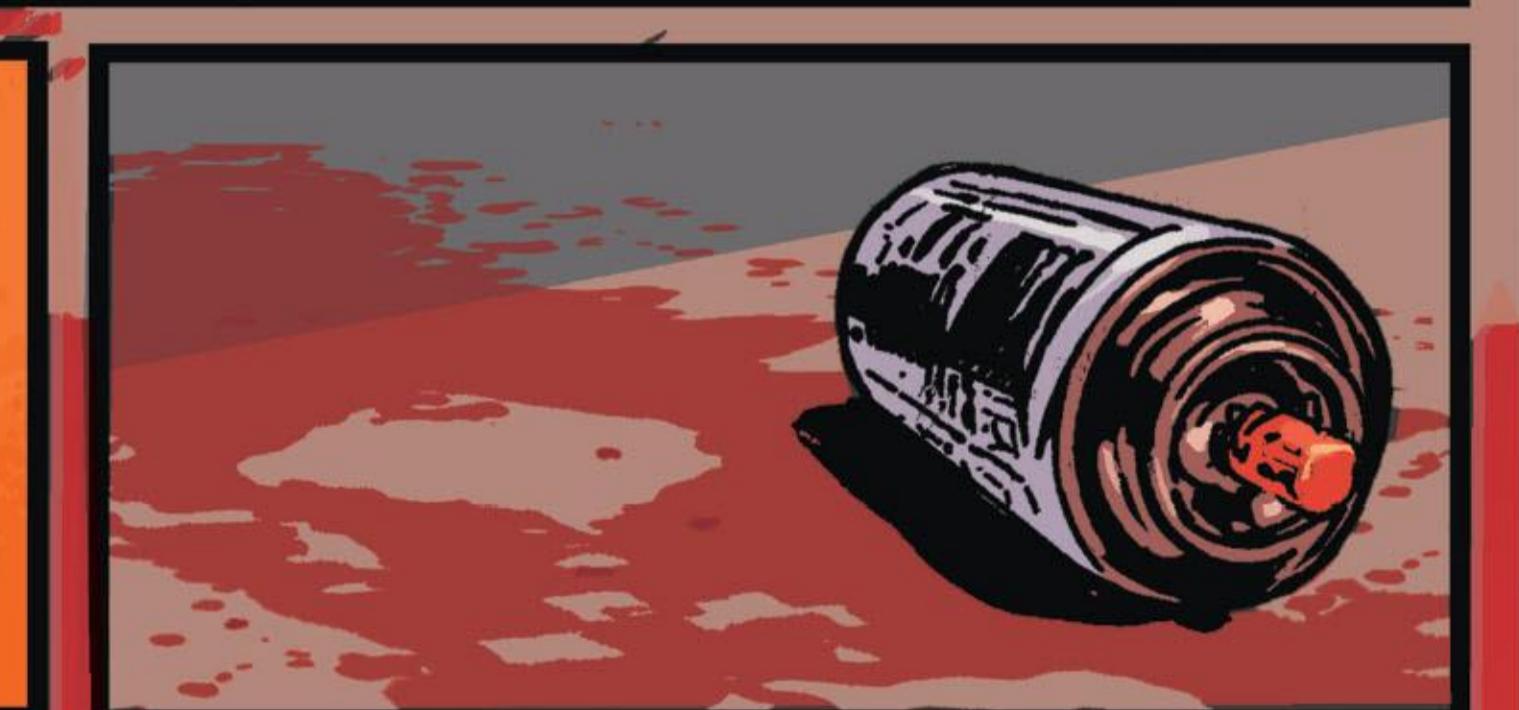


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"...ABOUT HIS HISTORY,
THAT WAS WIPE
FROM OUR FUTURES."

HE IS THE FIRST
BORN OF ZEUS...

AND HERA.

ON THE DAY OF HIS BIRTH,
A WITCH TOL' ZEUS HIS
BOY'S DESTINY WAS TO
RULE OLYMPUS ALONE.

AN' ZEUS GOT ALL
JEALOUS, AN'
LIKE, "THAT AIN'T
GONNA HAPPEN."

SO HE HAD HIS
OWN BABY PUT
TO DEATH, AND
CHARGED THE
WITCH WITH DOIN'
THE DEED...

WHICH TORE
HERA'S HEART
APART.

AND EVEN THOUGH THE
WITCH COULDN'T, LIKE,
DISOBEDI THE KING, LIKE...

SHE FELT BAD
FOR THE QUEEN.

SO SHE LEFT THE BABY
ALONE IN THE DESERT...

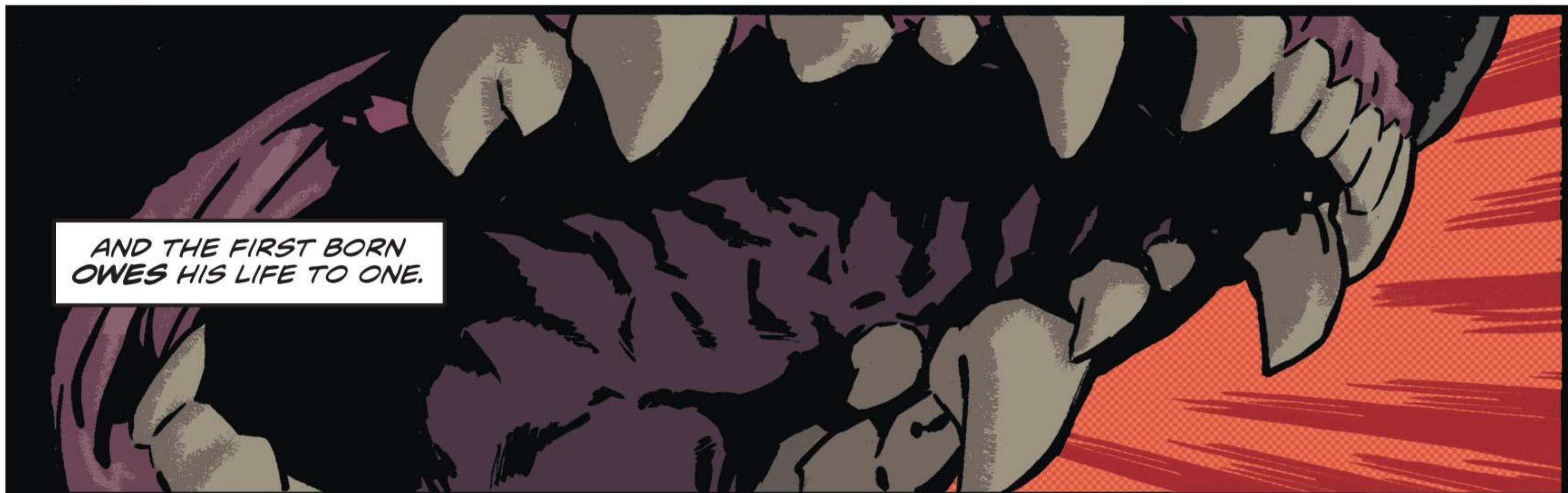
...YEAH, FOR THE CRUEL
WORLD TO DECIDE ITS FATE.



LIFE'S A BITCH.

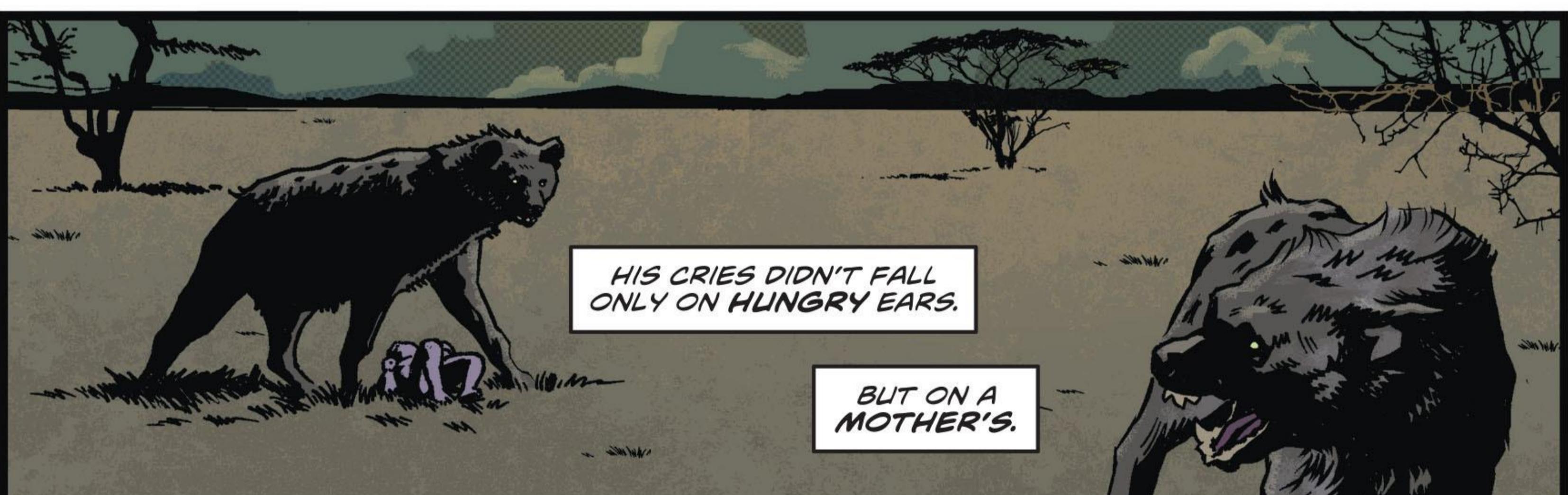


AND THE FIRST BORN
OWES HIS LIFE TO ONE.



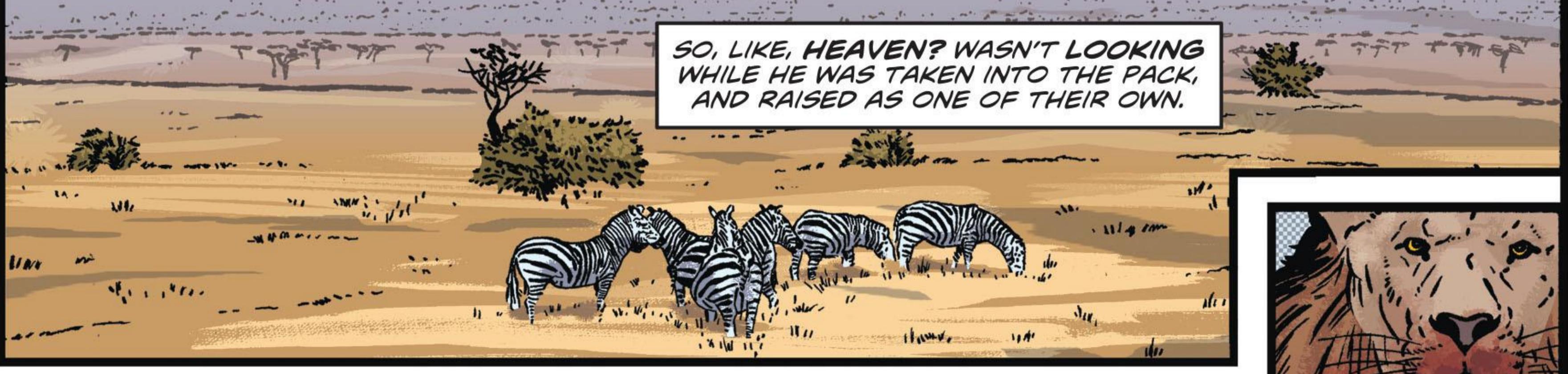
HIS CRIES DIDN'T FALL
ONLY ON HUNGRY EARS.

BUT ON A
MOTHER'S.

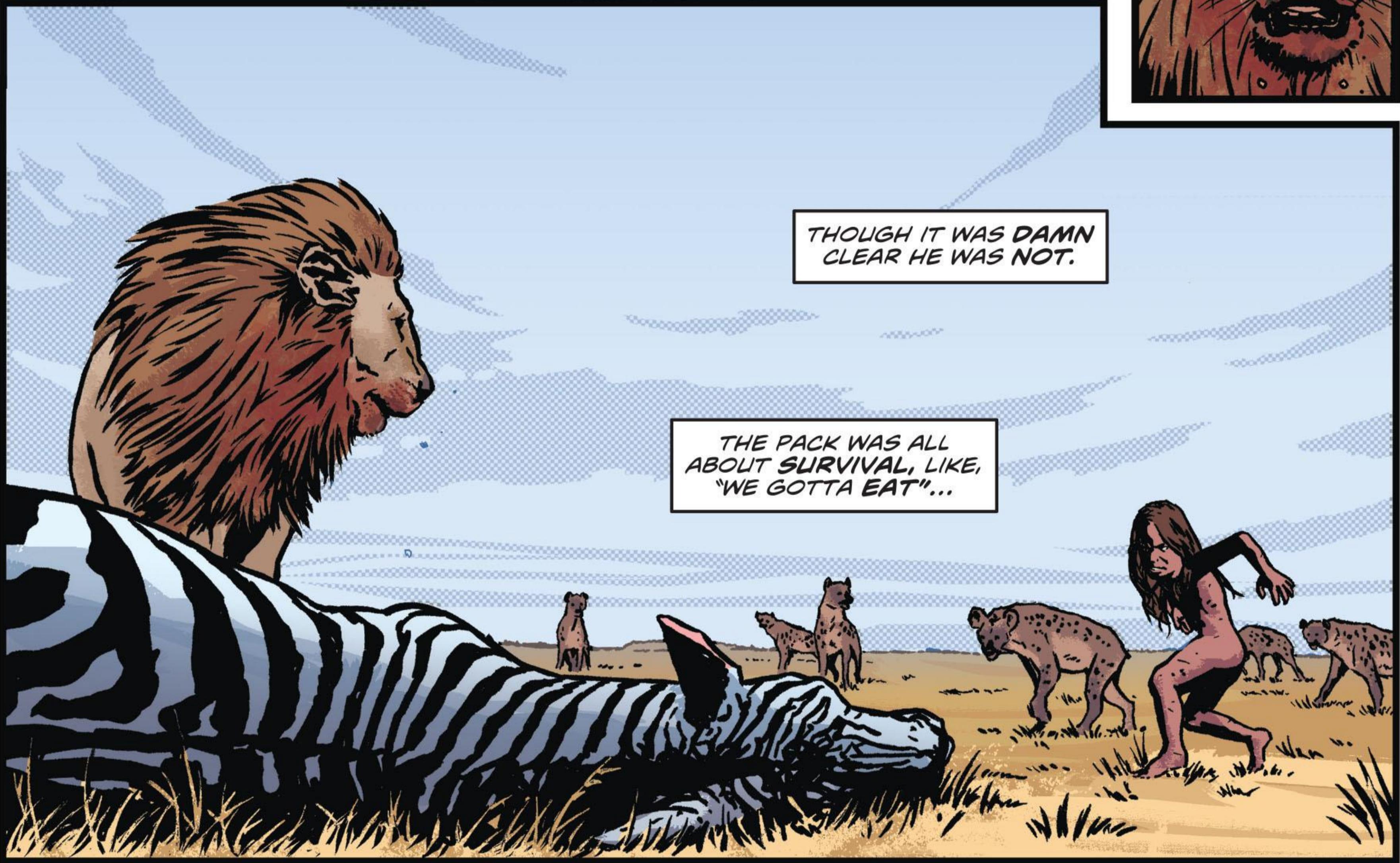


GAME OVER.





SO, LIKE, HEAVEN? WASN'T LOOKING WHILE HE WAS TAKEN INTO THE PACK, AND RAISED AS ONE OF THEIR OWN.



THOUGH IT WAS DAMN CLEAR HE WAS NOT.

THE PACK WAS ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL, LIKE, "WE GOTTA EAT"...

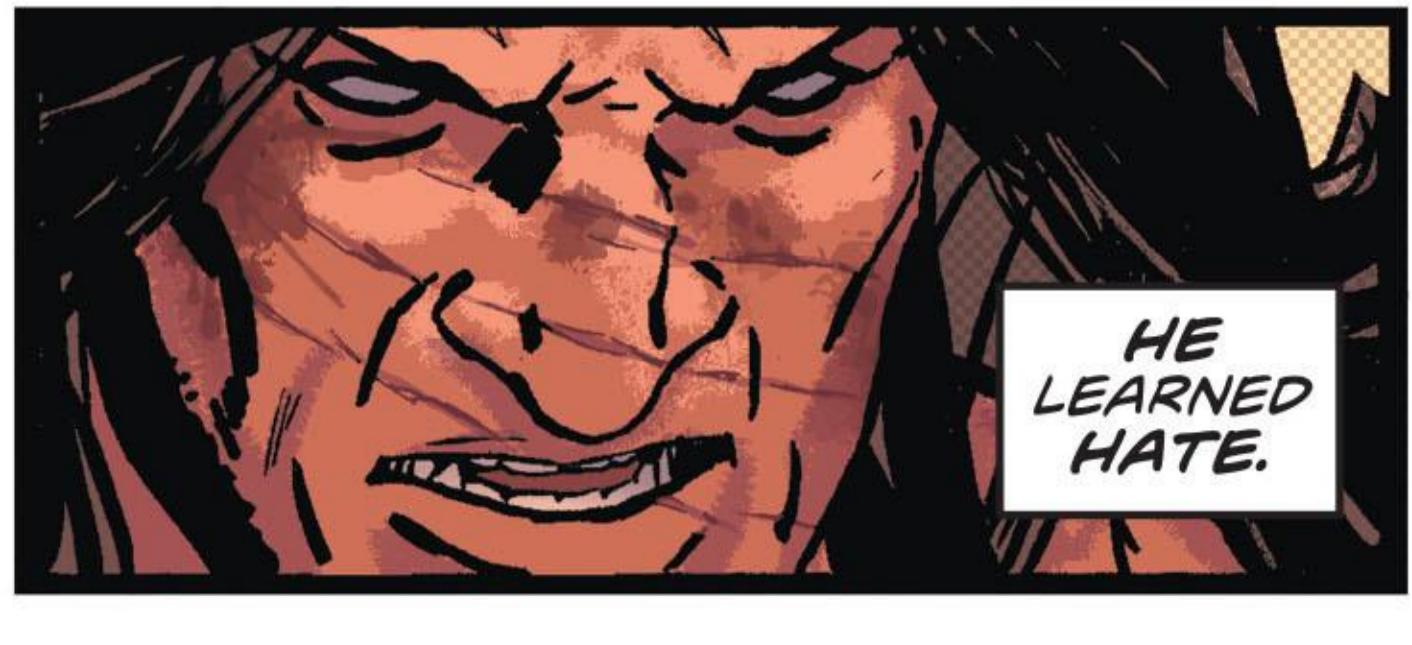


BUT THE FIRST BORN FED ON SOMETHING ELSE.



LIKE, WHERE OTHERS WOULD LEARN FEAR...

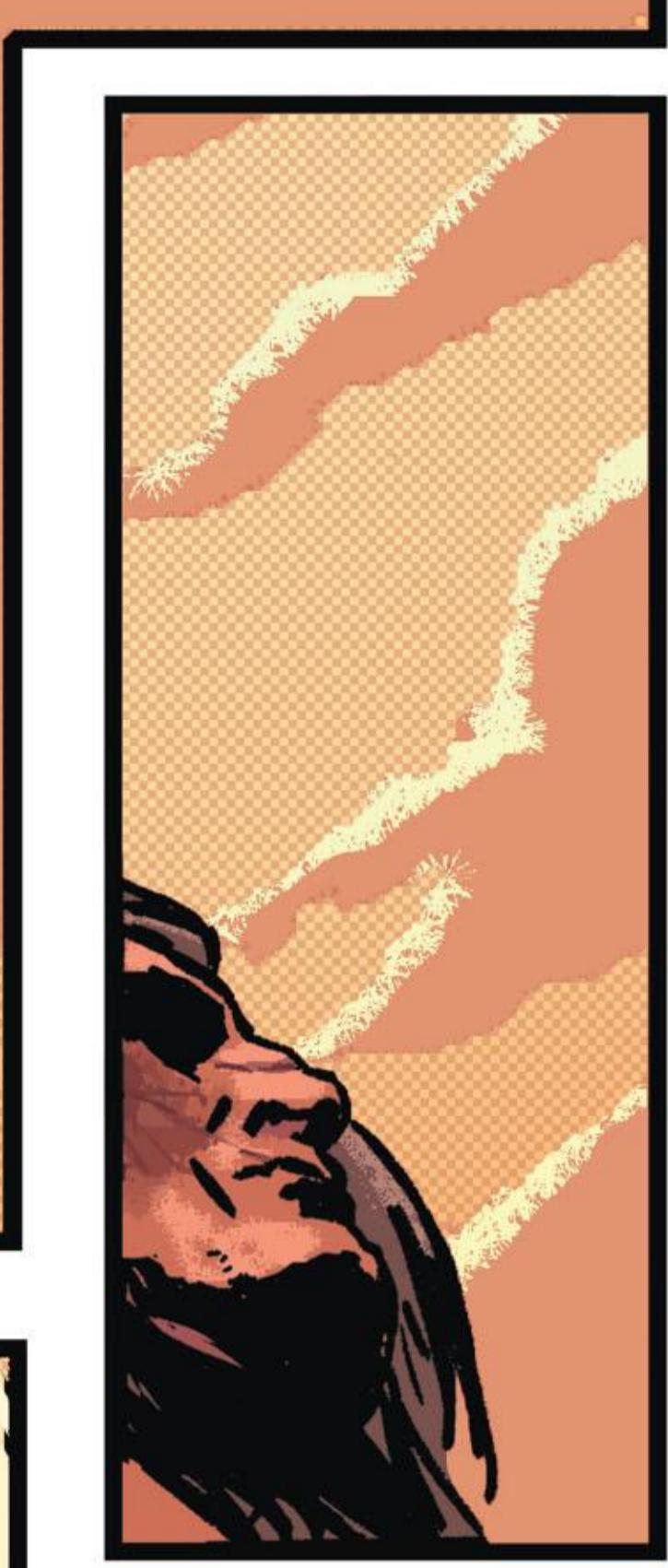




HE
LEARNED
HATE.



HE SURROUNDED HIMSELF
WITH THE DEAD BODIES OF
HIS ENEMIES, SO THAT, LIKE
ALL WOULD NOTICE...



BUT THE
GODS DIDN'T.



HE WAS COOL WITH THAT.
HE HAD THE PACK, AND
HE WAS CONTENT.



BUT HIS CONTEMPT
ATE AWAY HIS
CONTENTMENT.

STORIES BEGAN TO REACH
THE CITIES, OF A' ANIMAL
MORE GOD THAN MAN...

OF A GOD LEFT
TO THE ANIMALS.
A GOD WITH
NO FAMILY.

BUT THE STORIES?
DAMN, THEY
WAS WRONG.

HE HAD,
LIKE, MAD
CHILDREN.

HE WANTED HIS
FATHER TO SEE...
SEE ALL HIS
GRANDCHILDREN,
EATING...

TO SEE THAT HE
WAGED HIS WAR
AGAINST LIFE...

AND LIFE
FOUGHT BACK.

THE FIRST BORN ROAMED
THE WORLD, TO TAKE ON AN'
DESTROY LIFE'S CHAMPIONS...

HE TOOK THEM
AS A PERSONAL
AFFRONT...

AND USED
THEM TO FUEL
HIS HATRED.



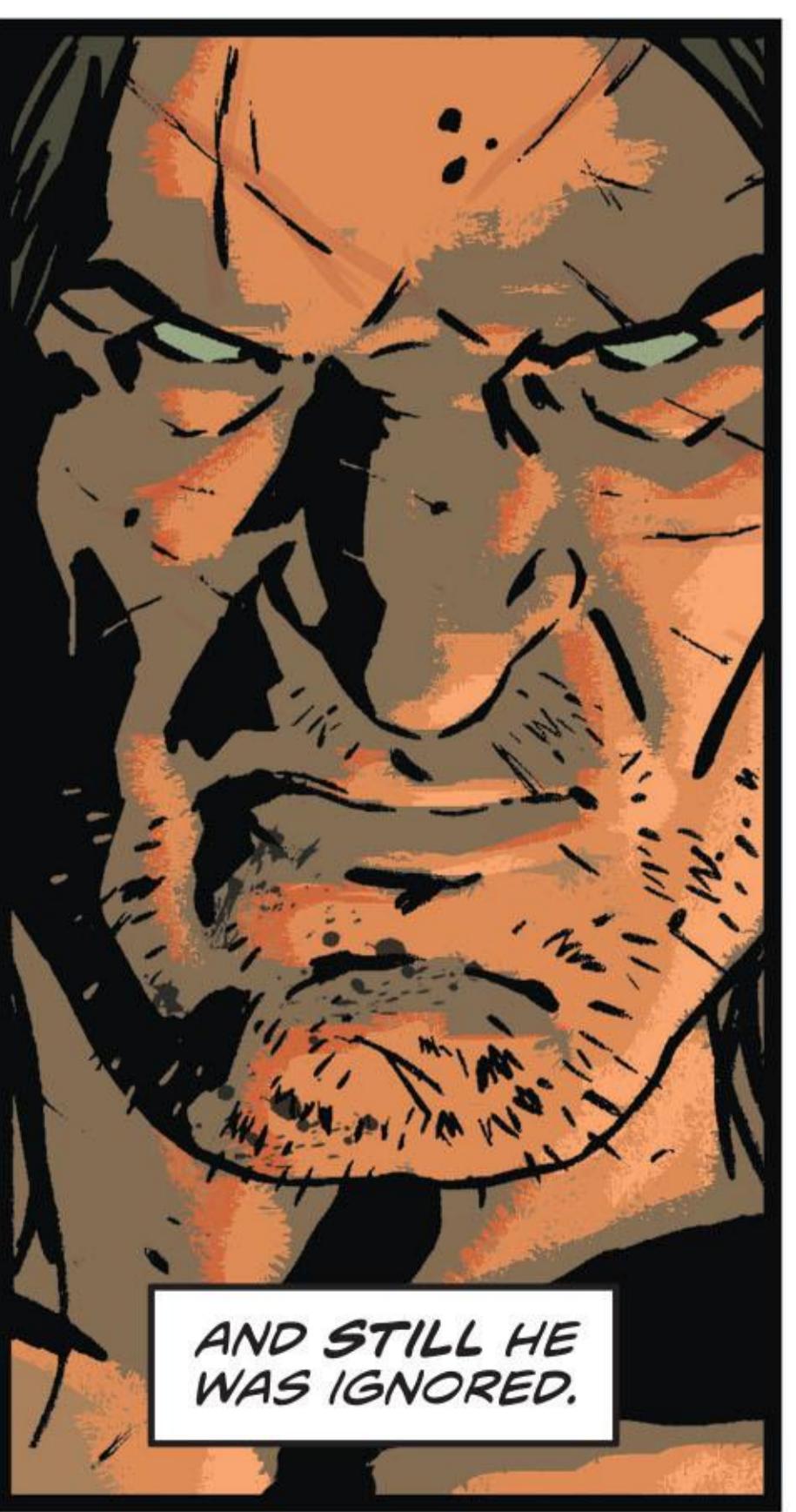
IN TIME, HE CONQUERED IT ALL.
THE WORLD WAS A MIRROR
IMAGE OF HIS BLACK HEART.



NOT THAT IT
MADE HIM HAPPY.



HE HAD RECREATED THE
WORLD TO SUIT HIM...



AND STILL HE
WAS IGNORED.



THIS DISS FROM OLYMPUS,
IT OFFENDED HIM, AND
MADE HIS BLOOD BOIL.



IN THIS TORMENT, AN
IDEA CAME TO HIM.



AN IDEA SO DARK AND
PERVERSE, IT WOULD
SCARE EVEN THE
MOST MONSTROUS.



HE DECLARED
WAR ON HEAVEN.



HE AMASSED THE BIGGEST ARMY THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN. HE TURNED FARMERS INTO MURDERERS, AND LADIES INTO EXECUTIONERS.

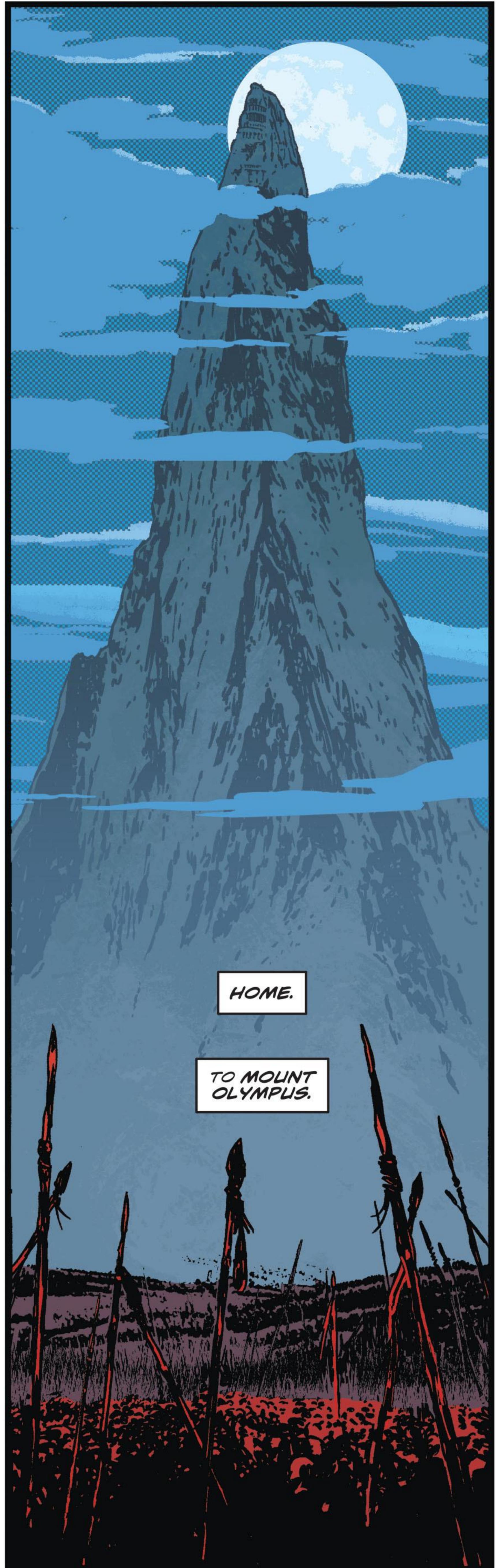
ITS RANKS WERE FILLED WITH THOSE THAT, FACED WITH THAT ARMY, RESPONDED TO HIS ONE OFFER...

"JOIN OR DIE."

AND THIS ARMY, IT LEFT, LIKE, NOTHING BUT DEATH IN ITS WAKE. LIKE A RIVER OF RAZORS, IT SWEEPED OVER EVERYTHING.

IN TIME, THE FIRST BORN WITHDREW HIS OFFER. IT WAS JUST "DIE."

STILL THE GODS IGNORED HIM.



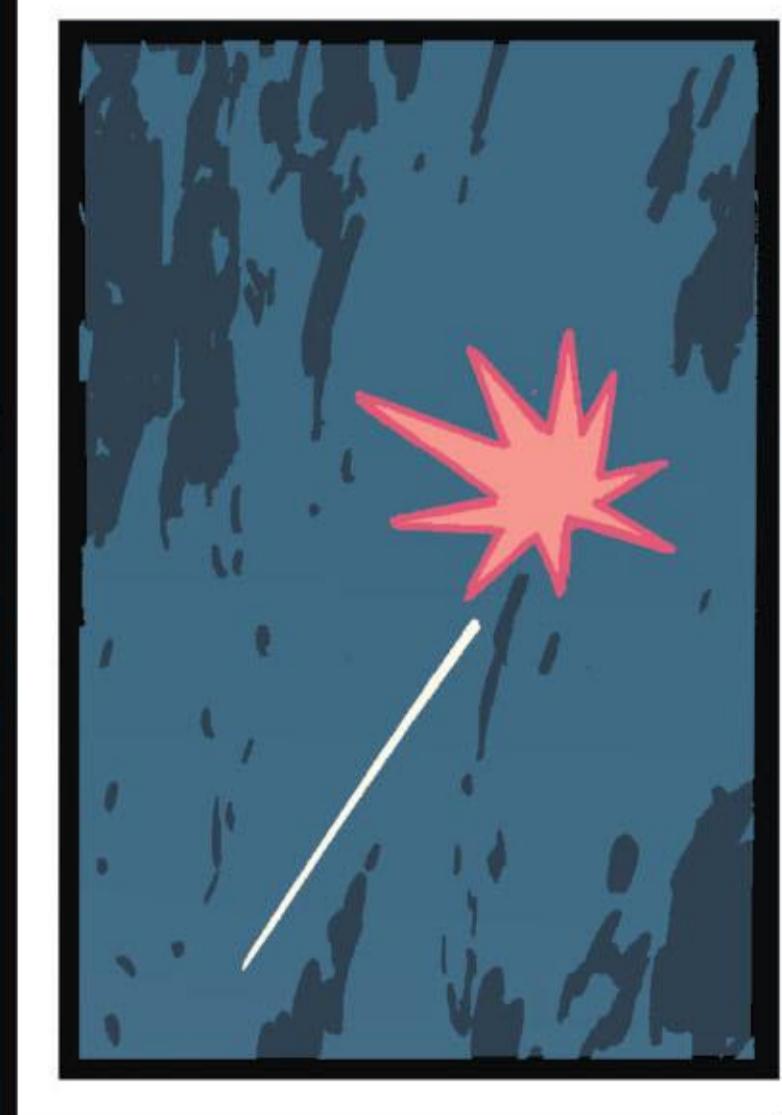


I AM THE
ONE WITH
NO NAME...

THE CRIPLER
OF SOULS...



THE
FIRST
BORN.



I WON'T BE
IGNORED ANY
LONGER.

I'VE
TAKEN YOUR
WORLD...

AND NOW
I'LL TAKE MY
THRONE.



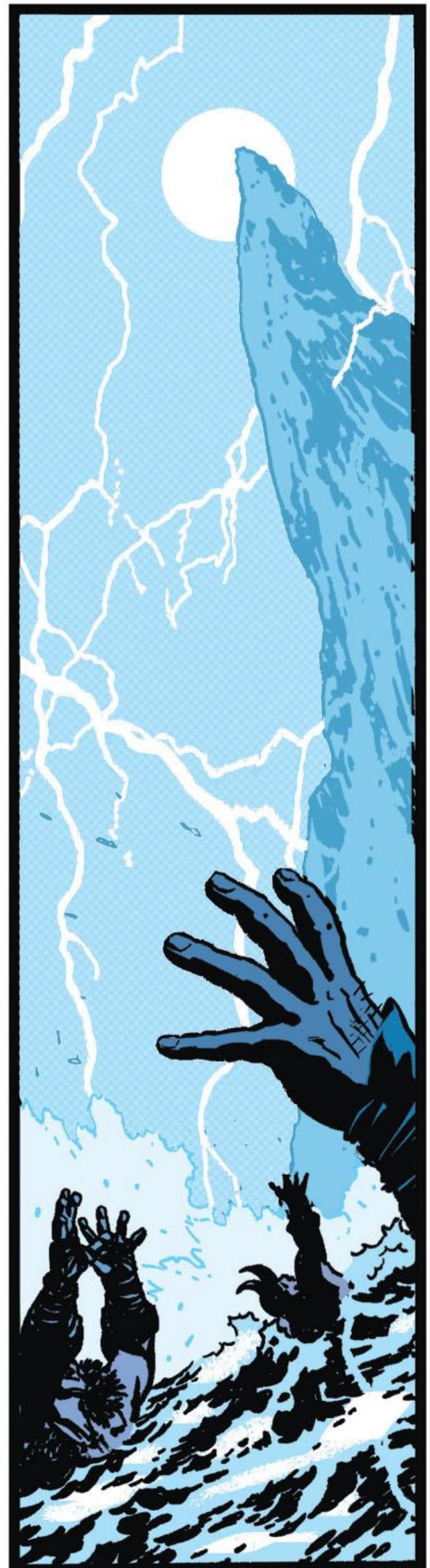
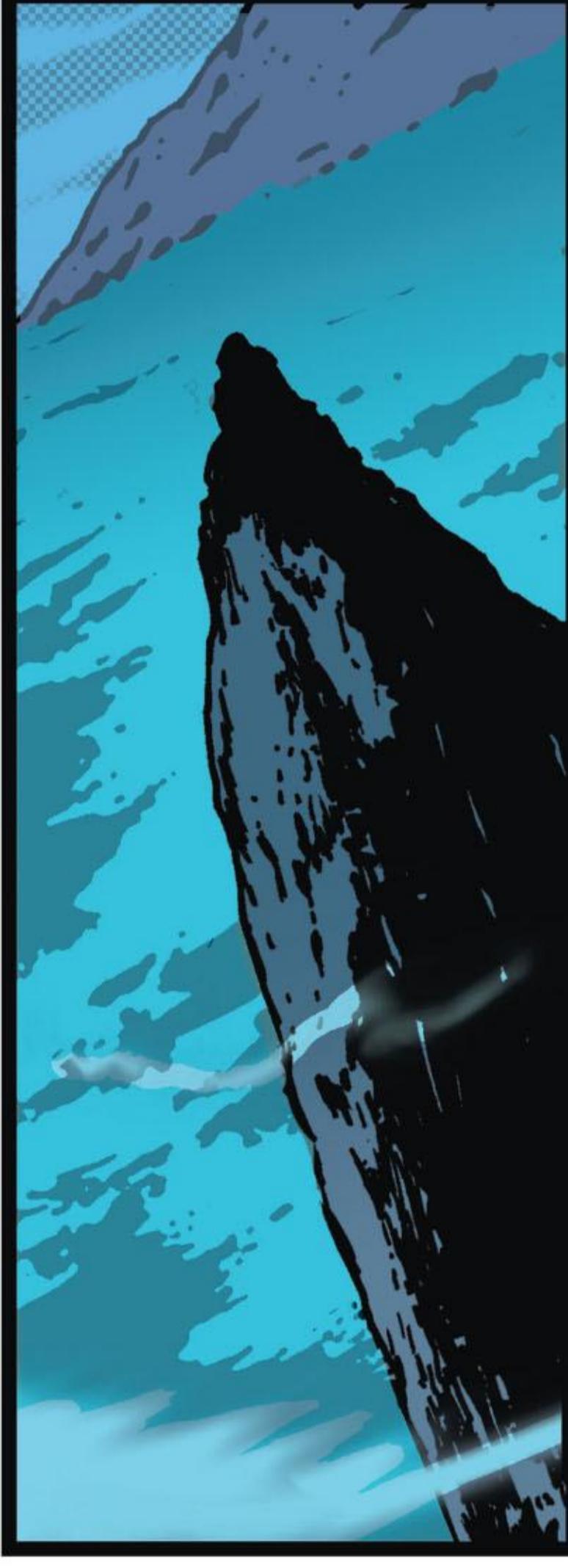
CHOK



AND THE GODS,
QUIET FOR SO LONG...



...ANSWERED
THE FIRST BORN.





IN THE FACE OF SUCH HATRED,
ZEUS WAS ALL, "HUH?"

...LIKE, HE WAS SEEING
SOMETHING HE'D NEVER SEEN
BEFORE. KINDA BLEW HIS MIND.

SO RATHER THAN KILL HIS SON,
HE CONDEMNED HIM. WIPED
HIS EXISTENCE FROM HISTORY.

HE TOOK THE FIRST BORN'S PRIDE--
HIS DRAGON SKIN AN' STUFF--
AND SPLIT IT WITH HIS BROTHERS.
LEFT HIM ONLY WITH HIS HATE...

AND A BARGAIN.
HE GOT ALL "I'M ZEUS,
I'M ETERNAL, FOREVER..."

"BUT IF I EVER STOP BEING--
IF I ABANDON HEAVEN-- THEN
THE THRONE IS YOURS TO CLAIM."

"OR TO TRY AND CLAIM.
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT."

THEN HIS BROTHER POSEIDON
CRASHED THE OCEANS TO THE
LAND AND SUCKED ALL TRACES
OF THE FIRST BORN'S ARMY
TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.

HIS BROTHER HELL CRACKED OPEN A
CRATER AND THE FIRST BORN TUMBLED
TO, LIKE, THE CENTER OF THE EARTH,
THEN IT CLOSED IT AROUND HIM...

AND HIS HATE.

AND HIS BARGAIN.

AND THAT WAS ENOUGH.



