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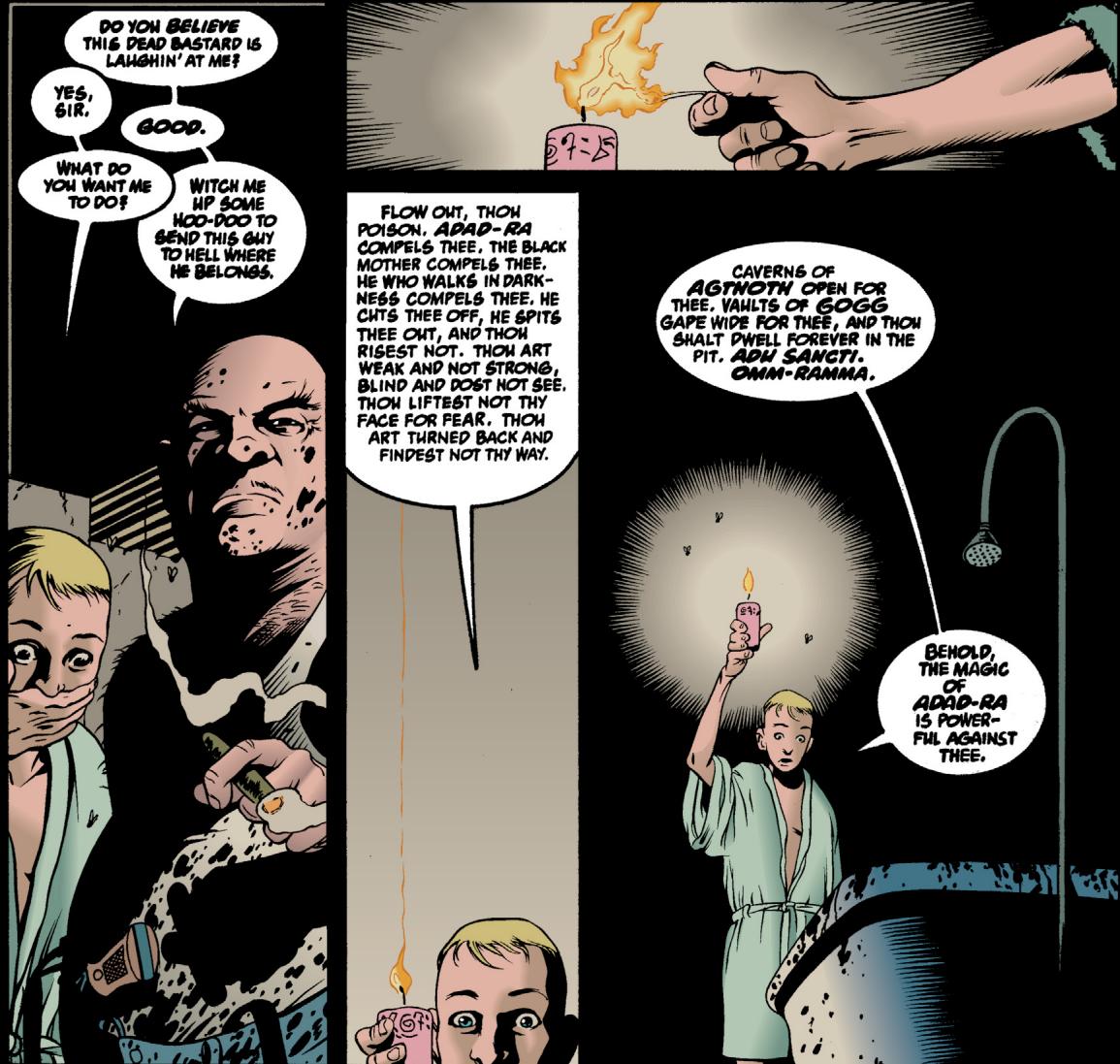
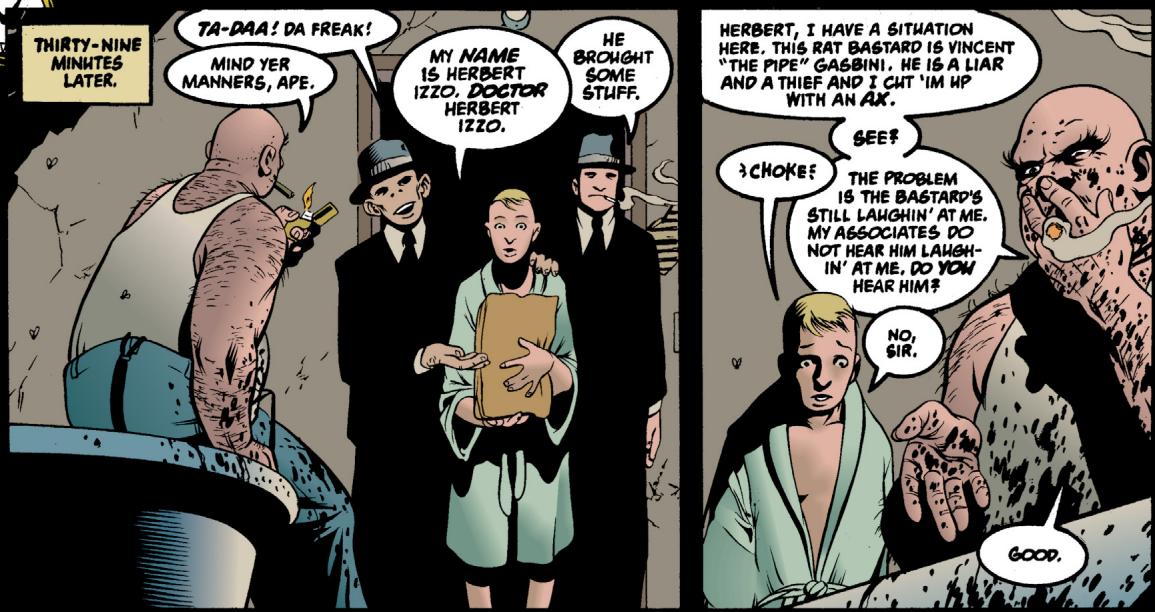
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ARCADIA,  
NOW.



WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THIS PLACE?

NO CITY IN AMERICA CAN MATCH ARCADIA'S HISTORY OF GANGLAND-STYLE VIOLENT CRIME, A HUNDRED YEARS OF MOB WAR OVER GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION, DRUGS, WHATEVER. A CENTURY OF THUGS KILLING EACH OTHER IN THE STREET WITH WAY TOO MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE GETTING CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE.

WHERE DOES ALL  
THAT BLOOD GO?

KEEP  
MOVIN',  
PINHEAD.



SEYMORE GLUCK, PARAPSYCHOLOGIST AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LONG ISLAND PSYCHICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY:

I BELIEVE THE SPILLED BLOOD OF ARCADIA HAS COLLECTED IN SOME SUBTERRANEAN GROTTO BENEATH THAT CITY.

IT HAS, IN FACT, BECOME A SORT OF LIVING CREATURE-- AN EVIL, CONTROLLING BRAIN, CORRUPTING THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT CITY, POLLUTING THE VERY ATMOSPHERE OF THE PLACE AND MAKING IT A BREEDING GROUND FOR...

...FREAKS...

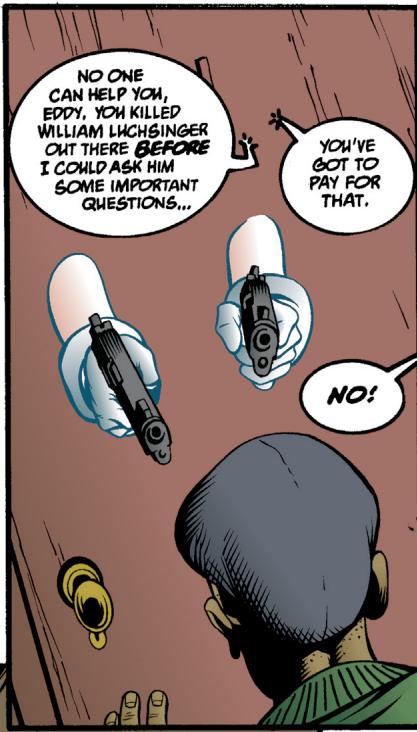


...MONSTERS...



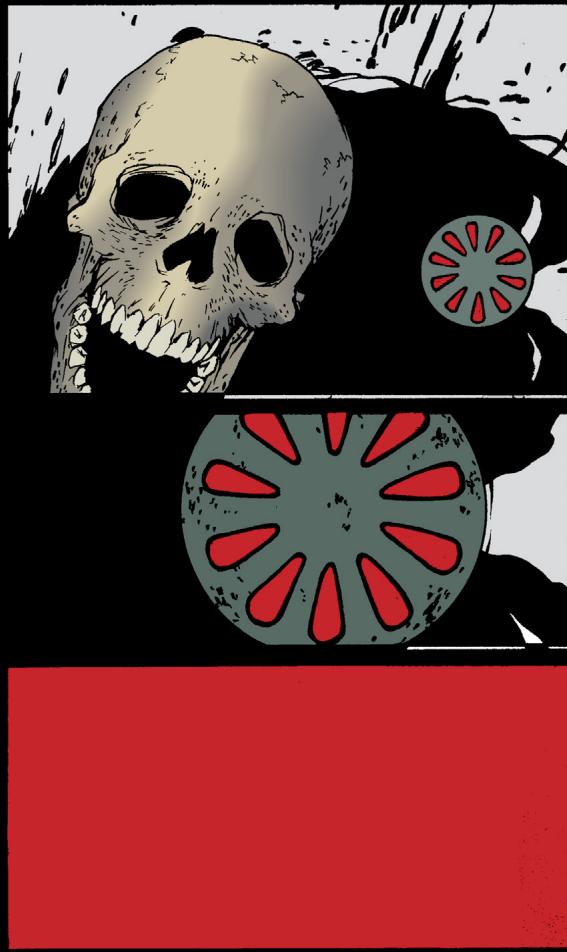
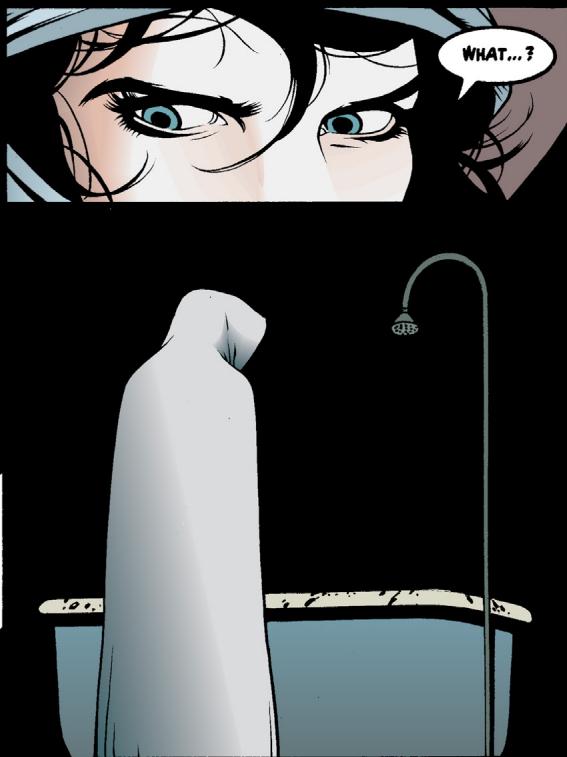
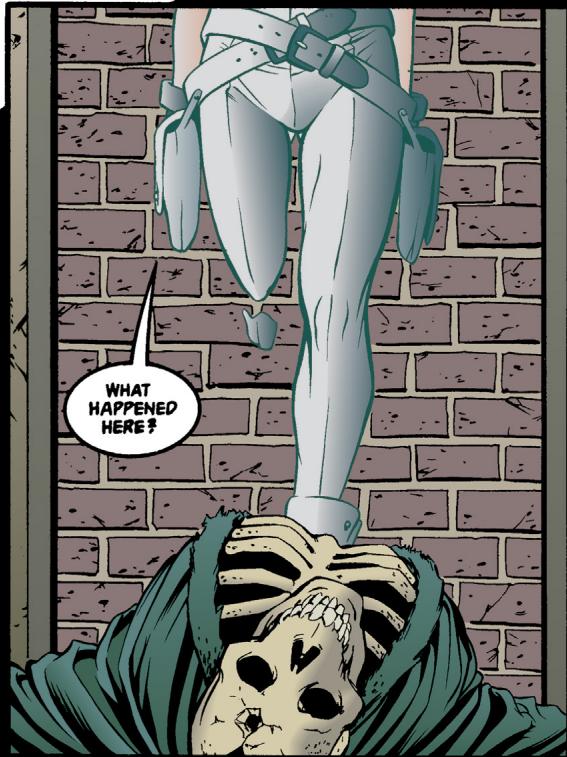


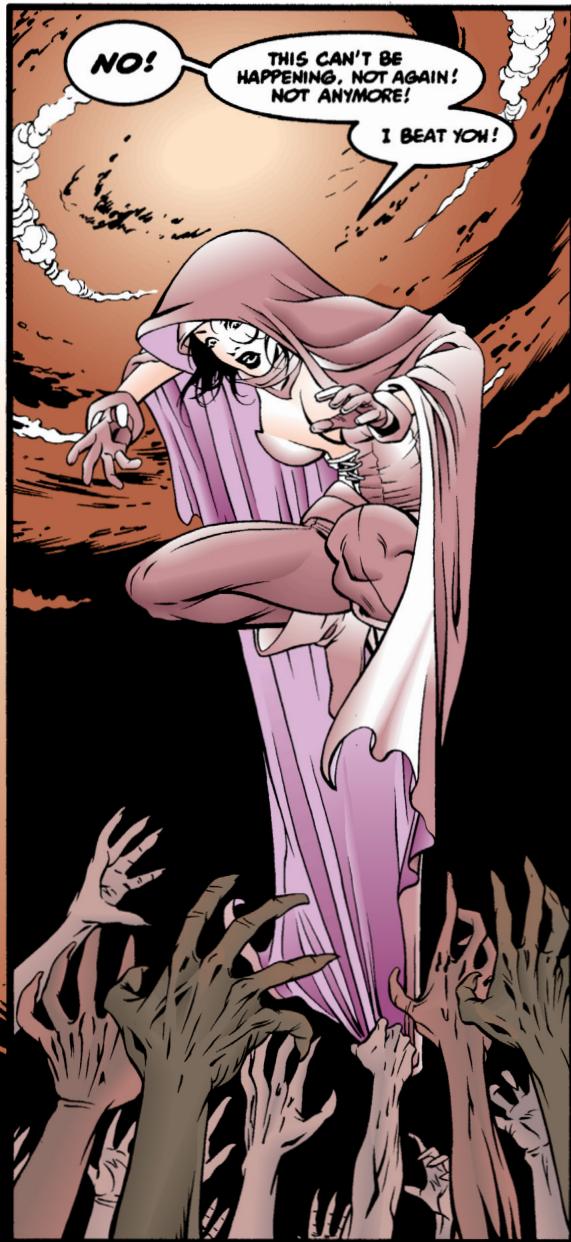












THESE CREATURES  
SHOULD HAVE NO POWER  
OVER YOU. WHY DO YOU  
ALLOW IT? TRY AGAIN  
TO CAST THEM OFF,

I... CAN'T...

DO YOU LOVE YOUR  
PAIN SO MUCH, OR IS IT  
POSSIBLE THAT THESE  
DEMONS ARE NOT OF  
YOUR OWN MAKING?

WHO  
ARE  
YOU?

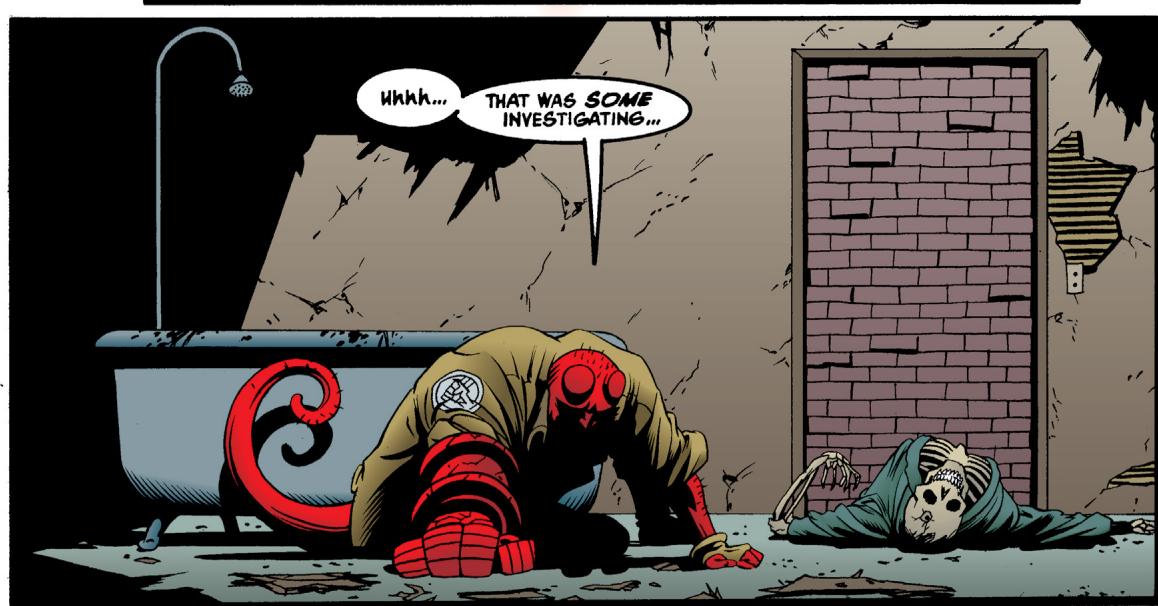
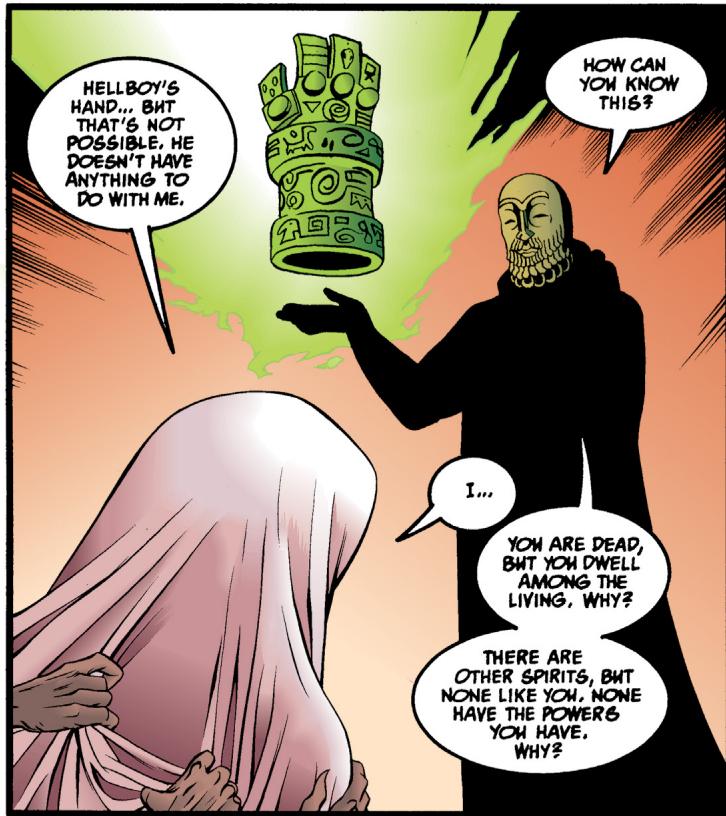
IS YOUR ROAD SO  
LONG AND SO BLACK  
THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW  
ME AT ALL?

CAN YOU  
NOT RECALL  
MY FACE?

CHILD...





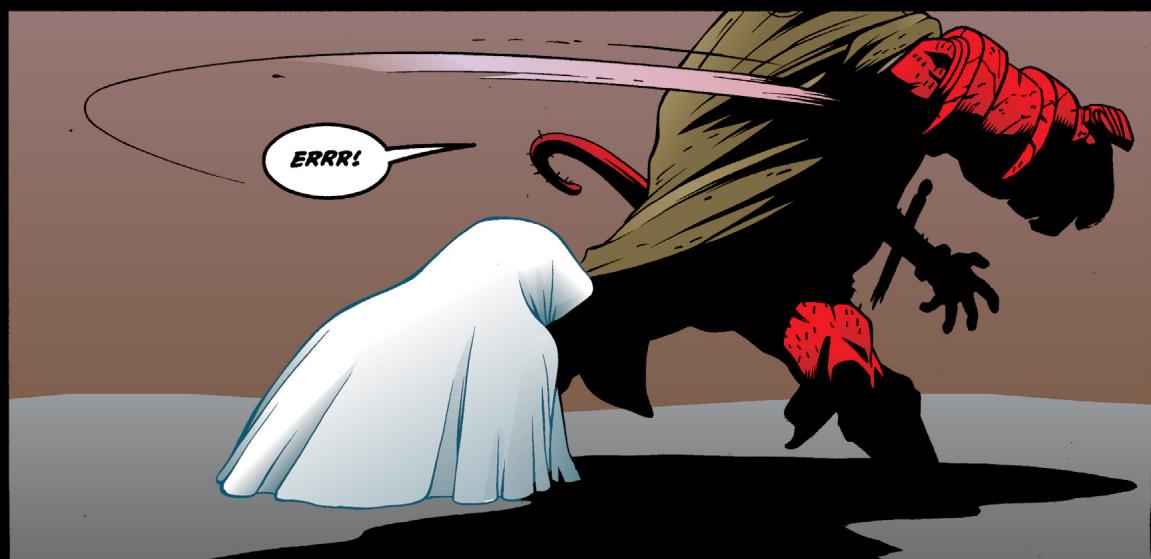














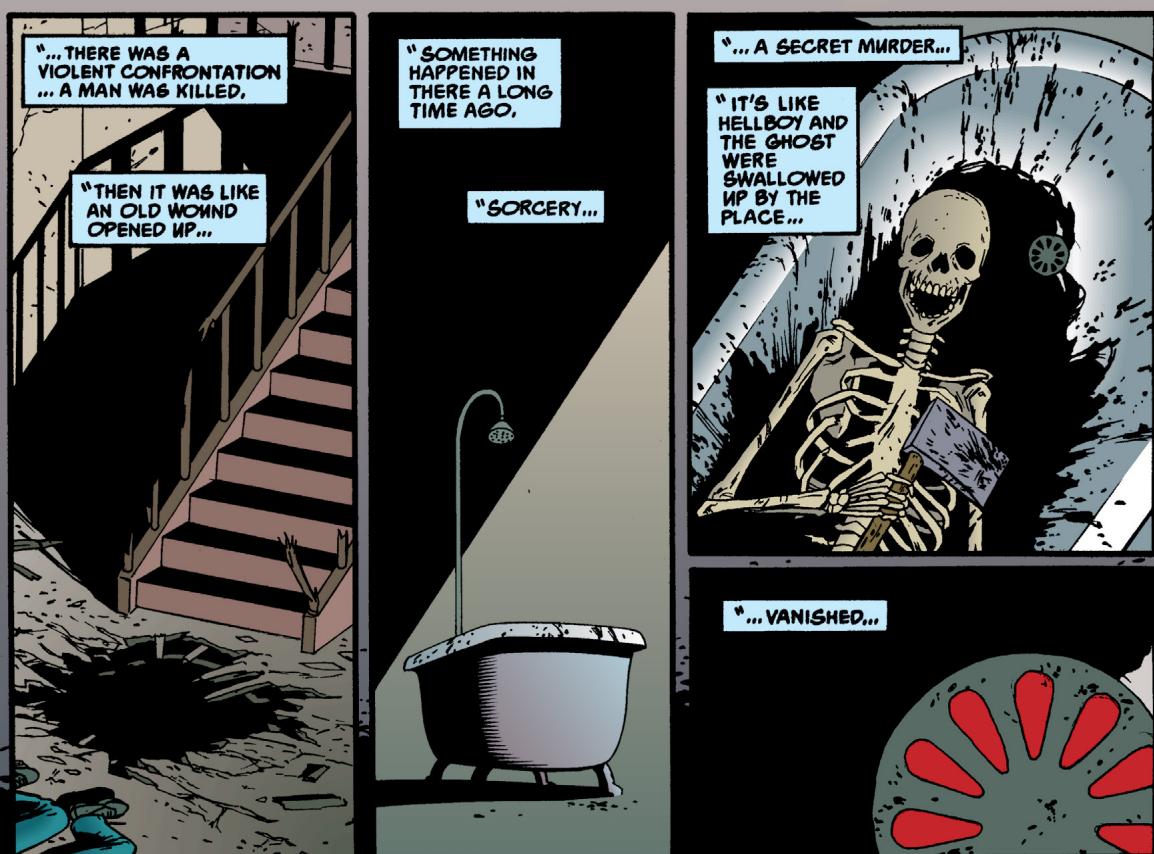




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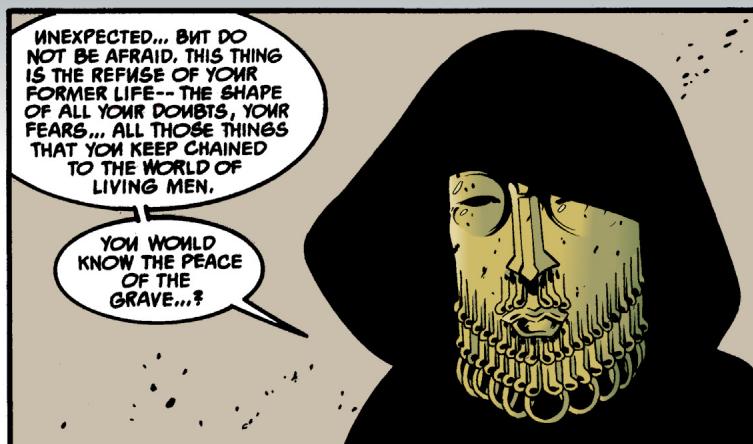


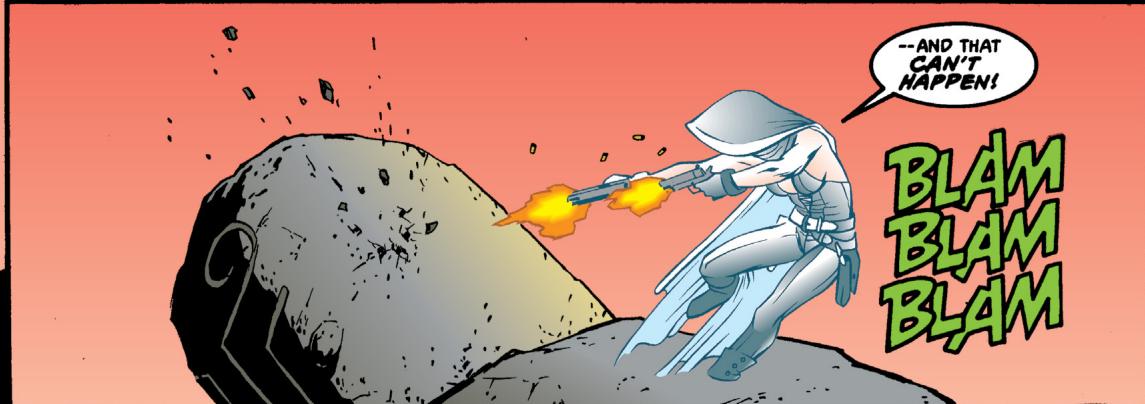
"...OFF THE FACE  
OF THE EARTH."

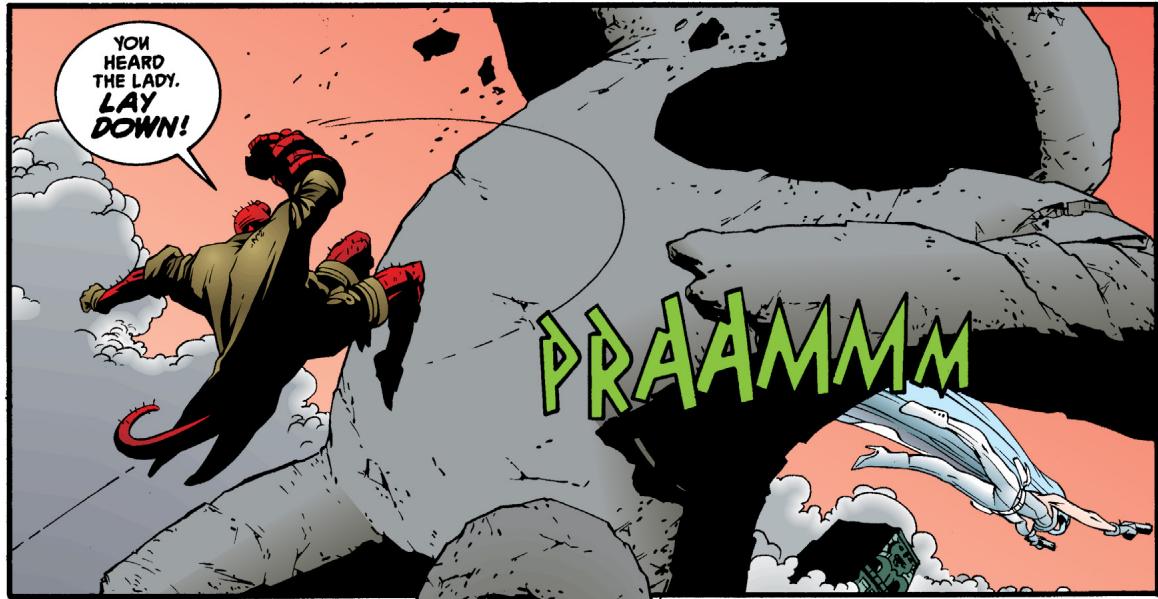
Uhh...

YOU HAVE  
DONE SO WELL,  
SUFFERED SO  
MUCH, COME  
SO FAR...











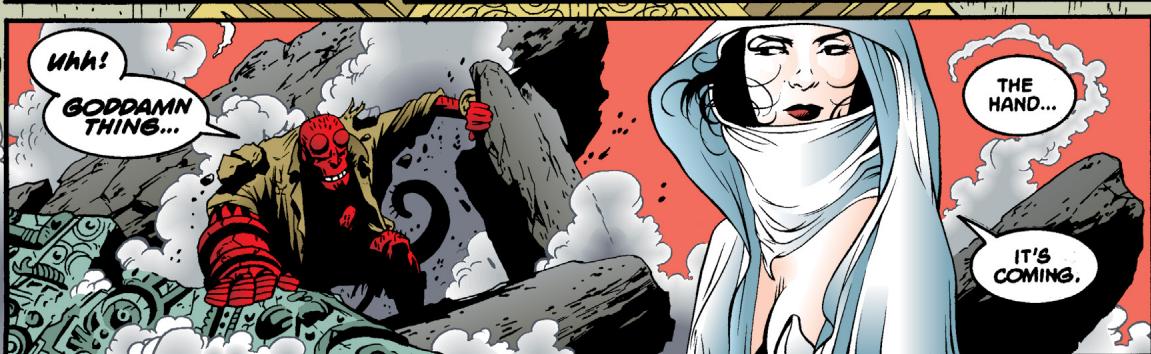
RAAAA

KRIK  
KIK  
KIK

KACK  
KAK  
KAK  
POP  
KAK

KRAK

URRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR





YOO-HOO...

СИТЕ,



IS HE DEAD? DID YOU KILL HIM?

NO.

JUST TELL ME, WHAT DOES HELLBOY HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

IN TRUTH, HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AT ALL.

BUT YOU SAID HE WAS THE KEY...

THE HAND SHOULD BE STRUCK OFF WHILE THE BODY YET LIVES, SO IT IS WRITTEN IN THE TESTAMENT OF MULGE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

HA HA HA HA

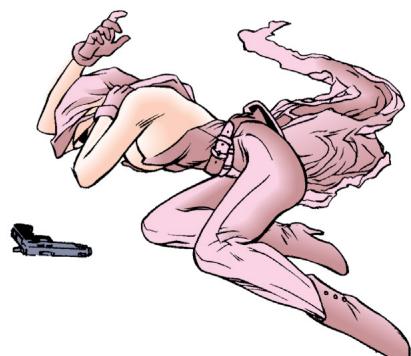
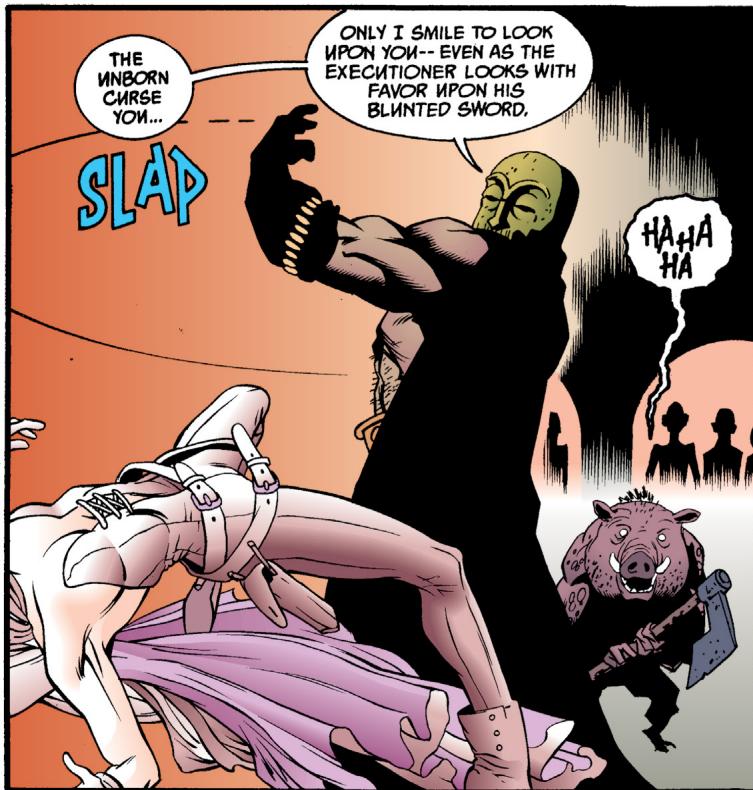
THE HAND IS UNRELATED TO YOU EXCEPT IN ITS RELATIONSHIP TO ALL HUMAN ANIMALS.

HA HA HA

EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID TO YOU IS A LIE.

WHAT...?







NOW, TO THAT WORK  
AND FREEDOM AND REVENGE,  
OH, THAT THOSE TREACHEROUS  
PRIESTS OF CHALDEA COULD BE  
ALIVE STILL TO WITNESS THE OVER-  
THROW OF THEIR PLANS. THEIR  
STONE GIANT, MY JAILED,  
DESTROYED. WHAT PRISON  
WALLS CAN HOLD ME NOW?

THE HAND, DAMN AB  
JURR, HELD UP BEFORE US,  
WE GO LIKE THUNDER INTO THEIR  
WAKING WORLD, AND NO STONE  
SHALL BE LEFT ONE UPON ANOTHER,  
AND ALL THEIR GREEN FIELDS  
LAID WASTE, AND ALL THE  
RIVERS RUN WITH BLOOD.

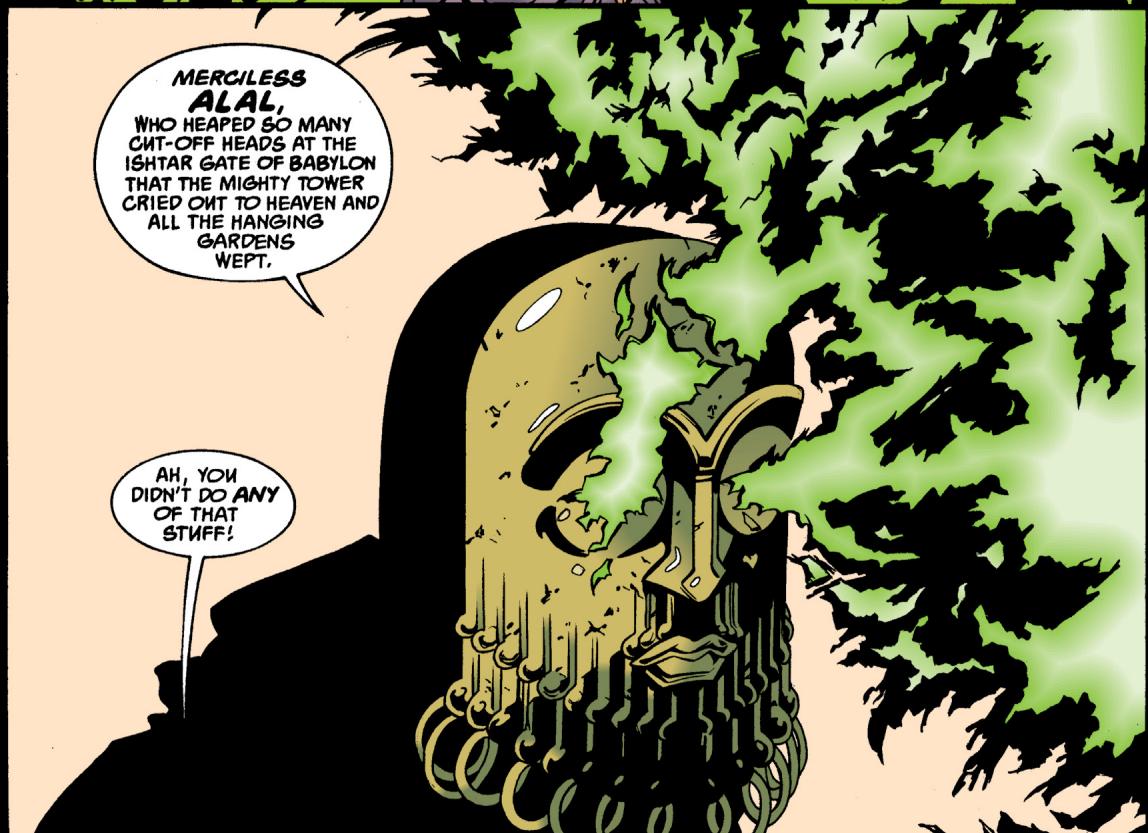
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HA



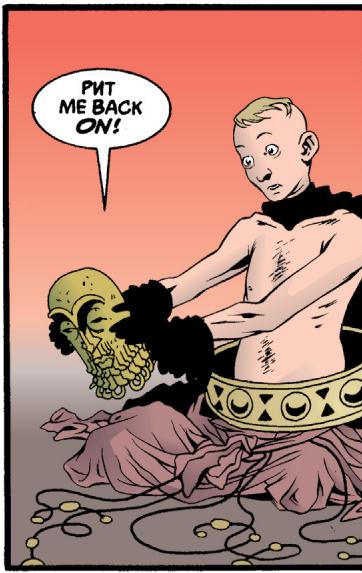
BROTHERS!  
BROTHERS! OUR TIME  
IS COME AT LAST--THE  
AGE OF RUIN!











"WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
PARANORMAL  
INVESTIGATOR..."

YEP...

...BUT I DON'T  
KNOW WHO THAT GUY IS,  
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE  
ASKED HIM BEFORE I  
STUCK THAT BIG AX IN  
HIS HEAD...

HA HA  
HA HA HA

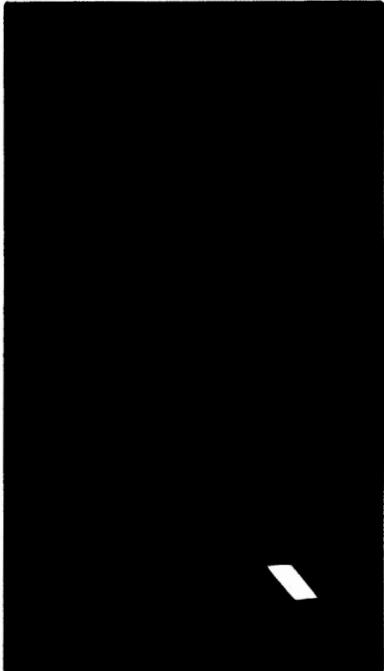
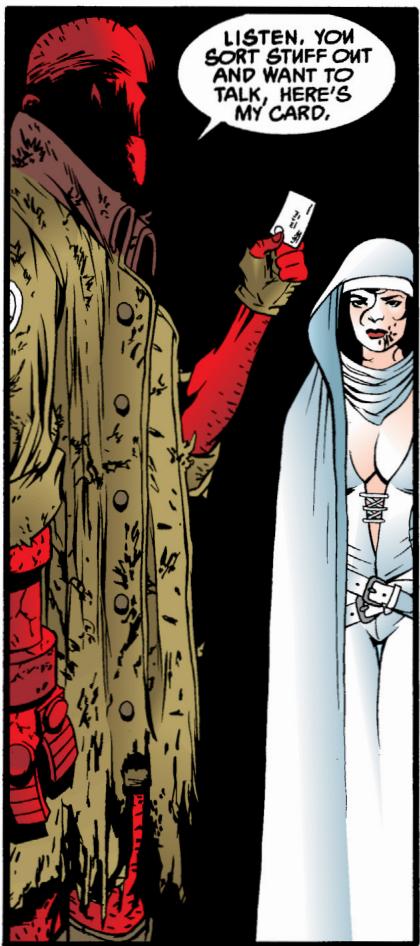
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MUST BE  
THE GUY IN  
THE BATHTUB.

HAHA  
HA

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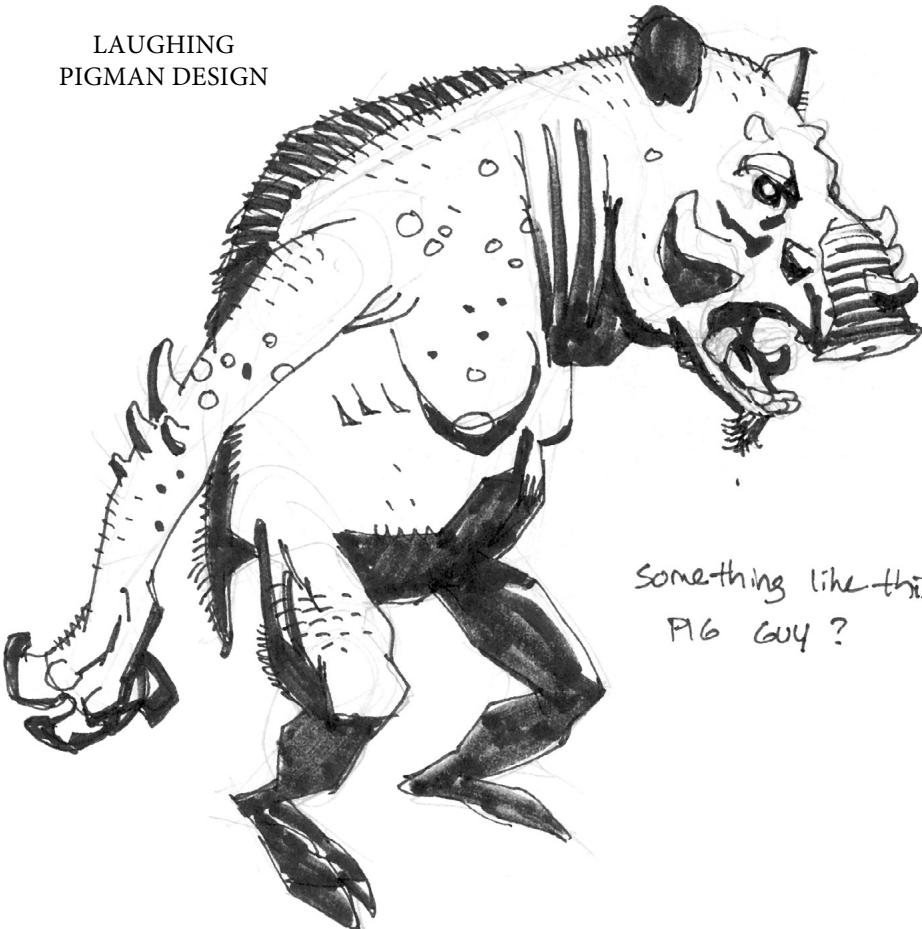






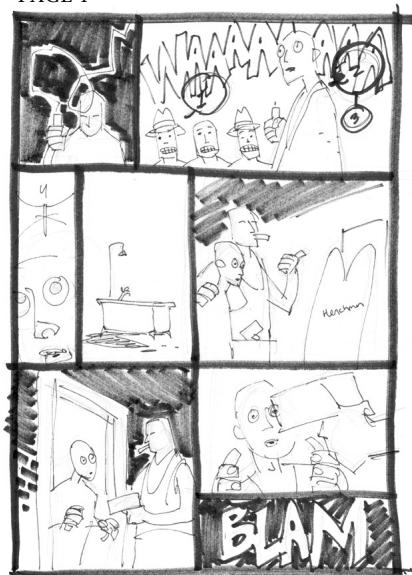
# MIGNOLA'S THUMBNAILS

LAUGHING  
PIGMAN DESIGN



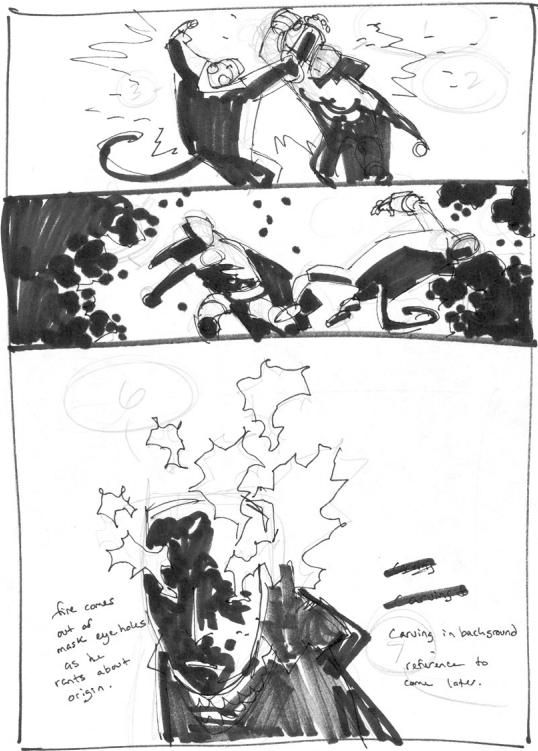
Something like this for  
pig guy?

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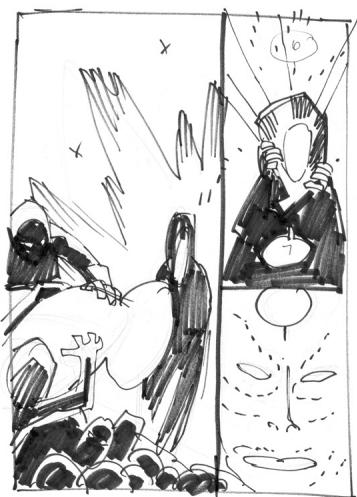


RATHER THAN WRITING A detailed script for this story, Mike Mignola created rough layouts, or thumbnails, for Scott Benefiel to draw from. As you can see on this and the following page, Mike not only worked out the action to take place in the panels, but the light and dark composition of the pages, lending the book some of the atmosphere *Hellboy* fans are used to.

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