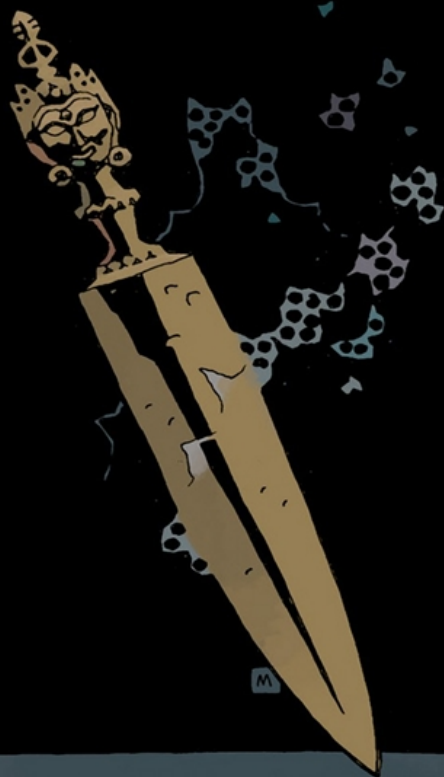




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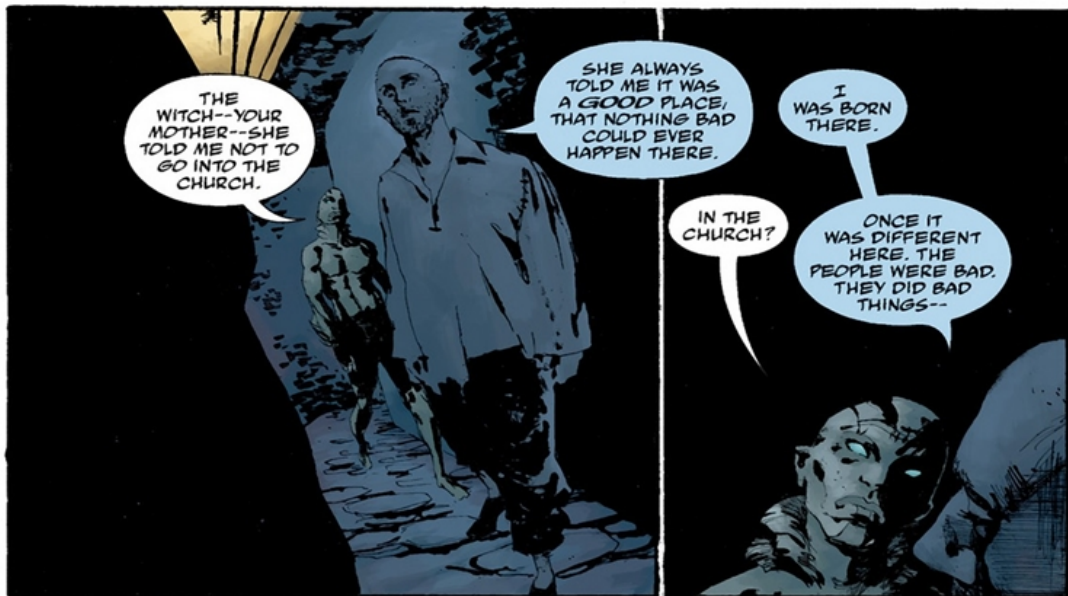
HURRY.

THIS
WAY.

I KNOW
A SECRET
WAY INTO THE
CHURCH, BUT WE
CAN'T USE
THAT NOW...

THEY
CLOSED IT
WITH THEIR
MAGIC
WORDS.

BUT
I KNOW
ANOTHER WAY.
NOT IN, BUT
CLOSE.



"MY MOTHER WAS
BORN, WITH ALL HER
POWERS, TO PROTECT
THE PEOPLE--



"AND SHE
MADE ME
TO BE HER
HELPER--



"AND HE,
MY FATHER,
GAVE ME
LIFE."



OH MY
GOD.

HE
GAVE IT TO
ME AND I
RUINED
IT.

I'M
DEAD.

MOTHER
TOLD ME TO
KEEP IT SAFE,
BUT I WASN'T
STRONG
ENOUGH.



SOB



"I CAN'T
GO BACK
THERE--"



BUT
YOU HAVE
TO GO.

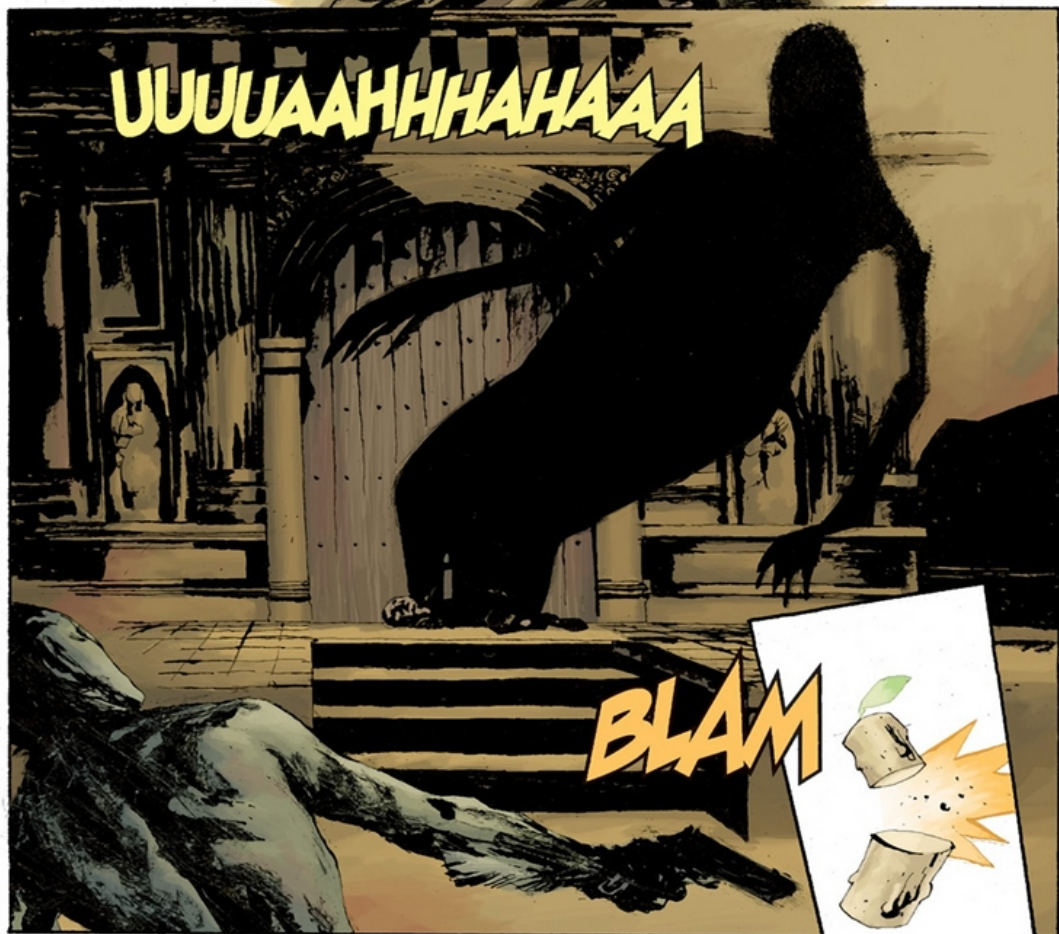
THEY ARE
TRYING TO
DO THE BAD
THING.

I'LL
STOP
THEM.





BLAM BLAM



UUUUAHHHAHAAA

BLAM







DO
NOT GO
THERE.



YOU ARE
NOT READY TO
SEE WHAT'S
THERE.

WHAT--

"THEY INVITED
MY FATHER'S
SPIRIT INTO
THAT CHURCH..."





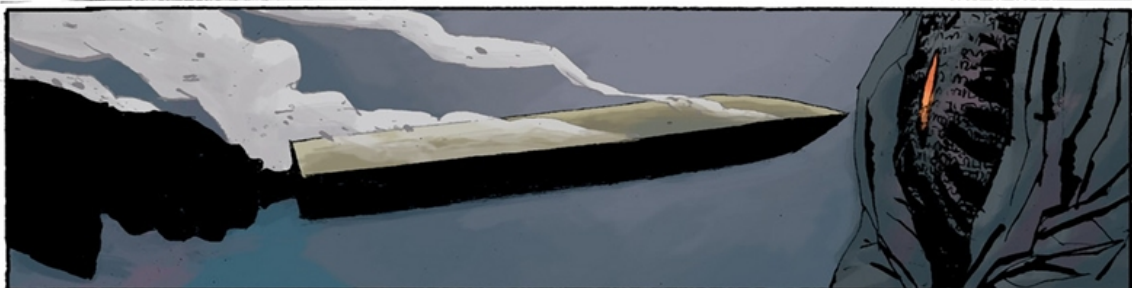
"THEY
REMADE
IT FOR
HIM."



"MY
FATHER."

WHO IS
YOUR--







YOU WEREN'T FAST
ENOUGH. YOU WEREN'T
STRONG ENOUGH.

MASSU
CEDU-
BARRA.

YOU AREN'T
HELLBOY AND
YOU NEVER
WILL BE.

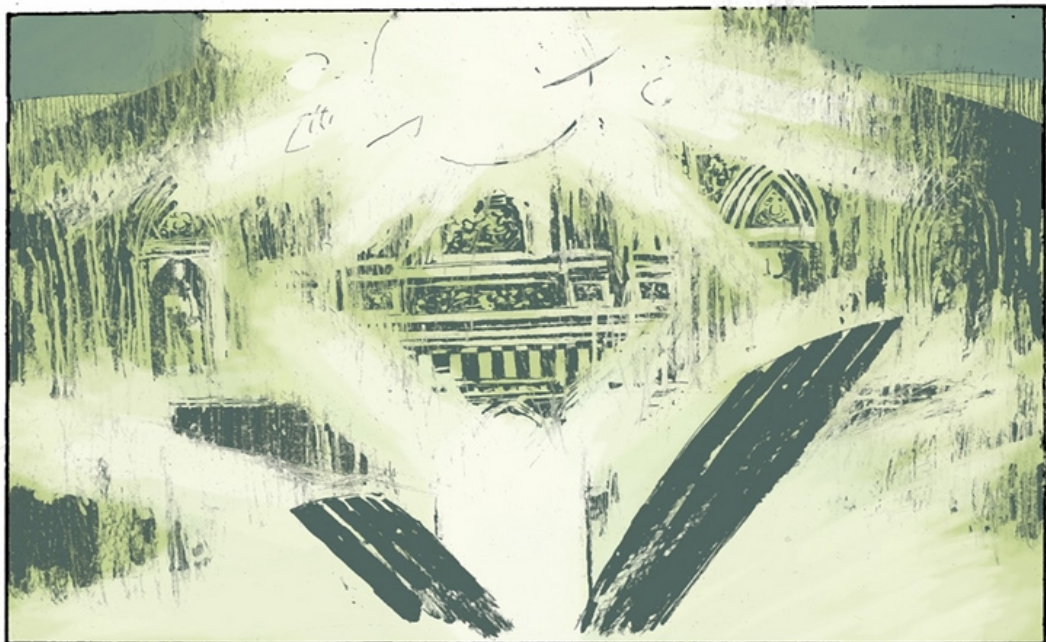
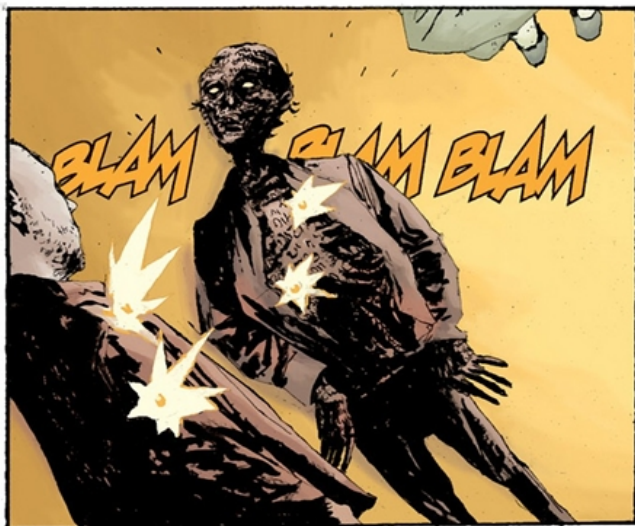
CEDU-
BARRA SUGGAK
VMMAAA.



WHAT
NOW?



BLAM BLAM BLAM





I
WARNED
YOU.


YOU ARE
BRAVE, BUT
MOSTLY YOU
ARE STILL
HUMAN.

CEDU-BARRA
LEARNED HIS ART
AT GORINIUM, FROM
THE TEETH OF THE
SERPENT HERSELF--
HECA-EMEM-RA.




WHO?

THE BLACK
GODDESS.

A man with a skeletal body, wearing a dark jacket and pants, stands in the center of a swirling, red, and orange hellish landscape. The background is filled with large, swirling, tentacle-like structures that resemble giant eyes or mouths. The overall color palette is dominated by reds, oranges, and blacks, creating a fiery and menacing atmosphere.

WHATEVER
HUMANITY HE MAY
HAVE GAINED IN THE
HUNDREDS OF HUMAN
LIVES HE HAS LIVED
SINCE...ALL BURNED
AWAY IN THE YEARS
IMPRISONED IN
THAT BOX.

A close-up of a monstrous, grotesque face with a wide, toothy grin and intense, yellow eyes. The face is rendered in a dark, textured style, with swirling patterns around it that match the background of the top panel. The overall tone is dark and menacing.

HIS
SOUL IS ALL
BLACK. HE HATES
EVERY LIVING THING.
HE WANTS TO KILL
EVERY LIVING
THING.











I WAS
PROMISED
TO THE
SEA--



AND
I AM
DELIVERED
INTO THE
SEA--







NOT AT ALL. IT WAS A
BAD SITUATION.

I
SHOULD HAVE
BEEN MORE
CAREFUL.

NO ONE
COULD HAVE
FORESEEN
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN.

BUT IF WE
HADN'T COME
HERE AT ALL--
IF WE HADN'T
COME FOR THAT
DAGGER--





