

TOP COW REBIRTH

THE DARKNESS

THE CRACK IN EVERYTHING
PART 2



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GET OUT
OF MY WAY,
WITCH-MAN.

YOU MADE
THE MISTAKE OF
CONDEMNING ME TO
LIVE FOREVER. THE
ONE PERSON YOU
CAN'T TOUCH.

I'M ALWAYS
GOING TO BE IN
YOUR WAY.



JACKIE'S
FINISHED WITH
YOU.

I'M NOT
FINISHED WITH
HIM.

THAT'S MY
VOICE.



WHAT
THE HELL IS
THAT?!

SOMETHING
I DIDN'T
FORESEE.


THE DARKNESS WAS
PART OF YOU FROM THE
MOMENT OF YOUR
CONCEPTION. EXPELLING
IT HAS CREATED
THIS... THIS...

THERE REALLY
ISN'T A WORD IN
YOUR LANGUAGE
FOR WHAT I AM,
IS THERE?

HOW ABOUT
'DOPPELGÄNGER'?
GERMAN FOR 'DOUBLE
WALKER' -- HARBINGER
OF BAD LUCK AND
PERSONIFICATION OF
DEATH.



YES.
THAT'LL
DO IT.



I'VE PLACED A BINDING SPELL ON THIS BUNKER. I CAN'T STOP HIM LEAVING AT NIGHT, BUT WHEN THE SUN RISES, HE'LL BE COMPELLED TO RETURN HERE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM? A FUCKING VAMPIRE?



I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, I HAVE KNOWN YOU LONGER AND BETTER THAN ANYONE.

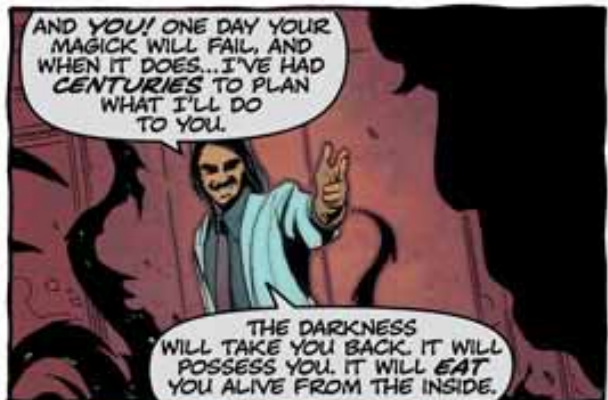


WILL THE DARKNESS STILL DO WHAT I WANT?

I DON'T KNOW. THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW. THE RULES HAVE CHANGED.



DON'T WORRY JACKIE, YOU DON'T NEED THAT PIECE OF FILTH TO MAKE ME COOPERATE. I LIKE OUR LIFE, I'M NOT GOING TO SCREW UP A GOOD THING.



AND YOU! ONE DAY YOUR MAGICK WILL FAIL, AND WHEN IT DOES... I'VE HAD CENTURIES TO PLAN WHAT I'LL DO TO YOU.

THE DARKNESS WILL TAKE YOU BACK. IT WILL POSSESS YOU. IT WILL EAT YOU ALIVE FROM THE INSIDE.



IT WILL DEVOUR YOUR SOUL.



BE CAREFUL, JACKIE. THE DARKNESS IS A FORCE, AT BEST AN UNFOCUSED COLLECTIVE MIND. THIS **DOPPELGÄNGER** IS A UNIQUE PERSONALITY.

IT'S UNPREDICTABLE AND THAT MAKES IT VERY DANGEROUS.

USEFUL TOO. AS LONG AS IT CO-OPERATES.



DON'T COUNT ON THAT. IN A SENSE, IT IS YOU. BUT WITHOUT A CONSCIENCE, WITHOUT EVERYTHING THAT MADE YOU, ON YOUR BETTER DAYS, A HALFWAY DECENT PERSON.

THE PLAN WAS TO LEAVE THE DARKNESS WITHOUT A HUMAN BODY TO CALL ITS HOME.



"INSTEAD, I MAY HAVE GIVEN IT THE PERFECT HOST."





FOR A SECOND
I SEE ANOTHER
GARDEN, ANOTHER
WORLD,
SUPERIMPOSED
OVER THIS ONE,
OR PERHAPS LYING
BENEATH IT.

A WORLD WHERE
I FAILED YOU.



JENNY ROMANO



OKAY,
JENNY.
OKAY.

TAKE
ALL THE TIME
YOU NEED.
JUST KNOW
THAT I'M--

--DID
YOU SEE
HOPE?



WHAT?

SHE WENT
LOOKING FOR
BASTET.

SHE'S
BEEN
WORRIED.

