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The events in *Hunters: The Shadowlands* take place prior to the events of *Unleashed* #1.

Story So Far...

It is widely assumed that fables and ghost stories are fictional tales passed down from generation to generation. However, that is not entirely true. Beings from four different realms linked to Earth do in fact exist. These realms are known as Myst, Neverland, Wonderland, and Oz. Heroes, fairies, gods and monsters from these "fictional" stories are all very real. And while some have good intentions, many others are pure evil.

Previously in *Hunters: The Shadowlands*...

On one side of the Shadowlands, the Being has quelled the wars between the monsters trapped in this realm, joining them into a single army that is united for his own mysterious purposes. On the other side, the hunters have reunited in Roman's cabin. As hordes of monsters surround them, they have no choice... it's escape, or die.



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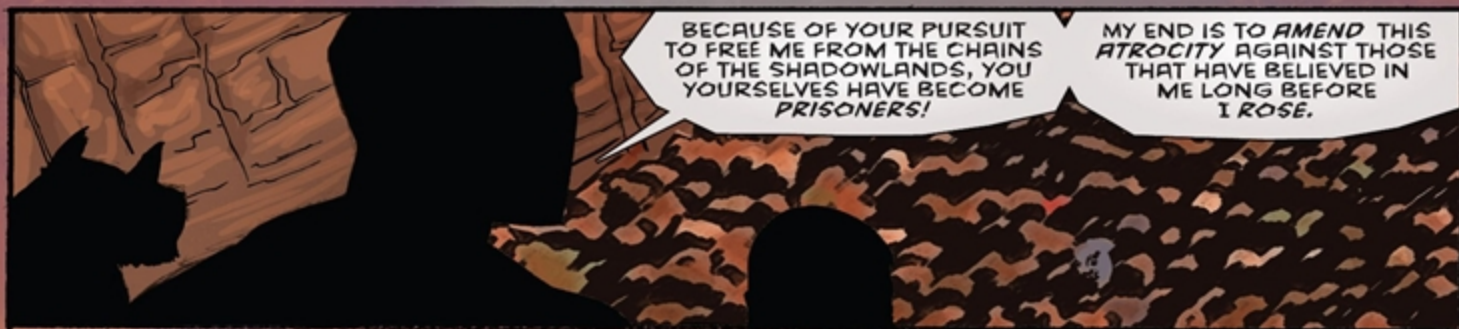


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BECAUSE OF YOUR PURSUIT
TO FREE ME FROM THE CHAINS
OF THE SHADOWLANDS, YOU
YOURSELVES HAVE BECOME
PRISONERS!

MY END IS TO *AMEND* THIS
ATROCITY AGAINST THOSE
THAT HAVE BELIEVED IN
ME LONG BEFORE
I ROSE.



MY MEANS
ARE YOU *ALL*--
MY ARMY, MY
BELIEVERS.

JOIN ME IN
OUR EXODUS FROM
THIS HELL. JOIN ME AS WE
JOURNEY BACK TO THE
REALM FROM WHENCE WE
CAME AND *RECLAIM*
THE EARTH AS OUR
OWN!



JOIN ME AS WE
UNLEASH--

KAAAHK
KAAHKK!

...ER,
HELLO?







YOU MAY ACCEPT THAT, ROMAN, BUT I DON'T.

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER -- AND THIS IS THE **WORST** OF IT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN'T **BEAT** IT.

ALONE AND DIVIDED, WE'RE **LOST**.

BUT TOGETHER? TOGETHER, WE ARE THE **HUNTERS**. THE GUARDIAN OF THE NEXUS, THE GREATEST WEREWOLF HUNTER OF ALL TIME, A GENIUS INVENTOR, THE MOST FEARED EXORCIST TO EVER LIVE, AND A MAN WHO RISES ABOVE EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS TO EQUAL EVEN THE **STRONGEST** OF US.

WHAT **CAN'T** WE DEFEAT?



ALL WE NEED IS A **PLAN**.

AND I THINK I'VE **GOT** ONE.

THE MOMENT I BEGIN FEELING AS IF ALL'S GONE TO HELL, THERE SHE IS, MY BEST MATE. SELA MATHERS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN GET OUT. WE CAN WIN THIS.



I JUST NEED TWO OF YOU WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE A **RISK**.

NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT SHE'S SAYING ABOUT US. NOT BECAUSE OF ANY PLAN SHE HAS.

BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO.

BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS SELA...

...PERHAPS NOW
MORE THAN EVER.

THE
SHANDULL'S
DYING WORDS
HAVE AFFECTED
YOU SO,
SAMIRA?

I CARE NOT FOR
THE WORM'S LIFE, MY
LORD. BUT I KNOW THESE
HUNTERS OF WHOM
HE SPEAKS.

I ASSUMED
THEY MUST HAVE **PERISHED**
BY NOW, BUT I WAS WRONG.
THEY LIVE TO **KILL** OUR KIND -- IT
WAS THEY WHO **BANISHED** US
HERE TO BEGIN WITH.

THEY ARE BUT **DUST**
MOTES FLOATING
THROUGH THE **STARRY**
EXPANSE OF
SPACE.

WERE YOU NOT
BANISHED HERE, YOU
WOULD HAVE NEVER
RISEN ME.

YES, MY
LORD, BUT I DO
NOT WISH FOR THEM
TO INTERRUPT US
AGAIN.

LET ME KILL
THEM. WE HAVE THE
RESOURCES. WE CANNOT
STAND IDLY BY AND ALLOW
THEM TO INTERFERE. YOUR
ASCENSION IS TOO
IMPORTANT.

I WILL **ASCEND**. THEY
ARE NO MORE THREAT
TO ME THAN A DYING
SHANDULL.

LET THEM
NOT CLOUD
YOUR MIND,
SAMIRA.

COME, RAVENOUS. OUR LORD HAS BEEN
TRAPPED IN THE DARKNESS FOR TOO LONG,
AND HE KNOWS NOT THE **THREAT** THAT
HANGS OVER US LIKE A PENDULUM.
WE WILL FIND THE **SEER** AND
DESTROY THESE
HUNTERS.

YOU
DISOBEY?

I WOULD
DIE BEFORE
GOING AGAINST
HIS WORD.

BUT I WOULD
DIE A THOUSAND
TIMES AGAIN BEFORE
ALLOWING HIS LIFE TO
BE **ENDANGERED**.





"FATE WAITS FOR NO WOMAN...
OR VAMPIRE, OF COURSE."

Is this how this
is supposed to
go down?

SHHHHH...

Answer me,
dammit!

ALRIGHT.
THINKIN' WE'RE
GOOD TO GO.

DO
YOU NEED
ANYTHING
ELSE?

THE GRACES OF
A GOD THAT
DOES NOT
EXIST.



YOU'RE
SURE ABOUT
THIS?



HELL, NO. BUT
IT'S GOTTA BE
DONE.

ELIJAH
SPEAKS
TRUE. WE
GO.



YOU CAN DO
THIS. I KNOW
YOU CAN.

THAT MAKES
ONE OF US, SELA.
BUT HEY, THANKS FOR...
Y'KNOW. KEEPING ME
SAFE WHILE YA
COULD.

IT'S BEEN
FUN. KIND
OF.











HAHK.
SHLRRP.
HRM.

THAT
SHOULD DO IT, MY
LOVELY LITTLE DISCIPLE.
SEATED AT THE RIGHT,
YOU ARE!

OUR LORD
SHALL **REWARD** ME
WHEN HE HEARS OF THIS,
MY WHITE-EYED, PIOUS
GODLING?

YOU
WORSHIP OUR
LORD AND YET ACT ON
WORDS YOU *KNOW*
ARE NOT *HIS*.



I ACT
ON *YOUR*
WORDS.

I AM HIS SAVIOR. YOU,
SEER, ARE **FALSE**. IT IS
YOUR JOB TO LISTEN TO
HIM... NOT I.



YOU
JEST...

I WAS
MERELY -- I
FOLLOWED YOUR
WORD! I HAVE ACTED
TO **PROTECT** HIM!



I TOLD YOU OF HIS
GLORY! IT WAS *I*
WHO--



SILENCE...
YOU LUNATIC
FLESHBAG.

SHRUKKT

"WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE?!"



MASUMI PROBABLY
THINKS I'M OUT OF
MY MIND.

SHIT, MAYBE
SHE'S RIGHT.

BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO
GET THIS POOR BASTARD OUT
OF MY HEAD SINCE I FIRST
SAW HIM CHAINED UP HERE.

ELIJAH!
ELIJAH, STOP
THIS!

I COULD BE LETTING
LOOSE THE WORST DAMN
THING TO EVER DARKEN
THE SHADOWLANDS.

PLEASE!

THOSE EYES TELL
ME A DIFFERENT
TALE, THOUGH.

THEY WERE
PLEADING
WITH ME.

AND IT'S NOT IN ME TO SIT
BY WHILE SOMETHING, NO
MATTER WHAT IT MAY BE,
SUFFERS IN CHAINS.

KLANGG

KLANG-KK

NO!

RRRRH

WELL. THAT
DOES THAT.



THIS COULD BE THE
LAST THING I EVER
SEE.

I COULD DIE
BLOODY RIGHT
HERE.



AT LEAST I'LL HAVE
GONE OUT FOLLOWING
MY HEART.



Heh.



I... I CANNOT
BELIEVE WHAT I
HAVE SEEN.

WELCOME TO
MY LIFE.



WHY?

WHY'D
I LET HIM
GO?



'CAUSE
I COULDN'T
NOT.











DIG.

YOU MAKES
ME **BETRAY** MY
KIND! MY KIN!
MY--

I'M NOT
REMEMBERING
THE PART WHERE SHE
SAID **WHINE** US TO
DEATH. JUST DIG,
SQUIRMY.

OKAY.
MASUMI, YOUR
SWORDS ARE
A GO?

OF
COURSE.

BE SURE THEY
GUIDE THE SHANDULL TOWARD THE
POWER CENTER OF THE SHADOWLANDS.

IF THERE
IS A WAY IN, THERE
IS A WAY OUT.

WITH MASUMI'S
SWORDS AND MY CONNECTION
TO THE **ORB** THAT GOT US HERE IN
THE FIRST PLACE*, WE CAN TAP INTO
THE MAGIC HERE AND GET OUT.

*See **UNLEASHED #0**,
now collected in
**UNLEASHED:
VOLUME ONE TPB.**



OR DIE
TRYIN'.

DIDN'T
TAKE YOU FOR
THE MARTYR TYPE,
MATE.

THERE'RE FEW
THINGS I'D DIE FOR. ONE
OF 'EM'S **FREEDOM**. ALSO,
DEBATABLE, A GOOD **BEER**.
SHADOWLANDS GOT ME
THIRSTY FOR A
COLD ONE.

THERE WILL
BE A **FIGHT** WAITING
FOR US ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THIS HOLE.
YOU ALL KNOW
THIS.



CAN'T BE
WORSE THAN WHAT WE
JUST BEEN THROUGH,
CAN IT?

THERE'S
ALWAYS
WORSE, ELIJAH.



RAAHK!
RAHKK!



COME ON! MASUMI,
GET THOSE **SWORDS**
OUT HERE!

WE
HAVE TO MOVE
QUICKLY
AND--



AH.
LOOK AT
THIS!

IT APPEARS
THE MOTES OF DUST
HAVE DRIFTED IN
THROUGH OUR
WINDOW!

YEAH,
THIS IS
WORSE.

TO BE
CONCLUDED...

IT'S COMING...

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FINAL
ISSUE

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Sela and the Hunters continue to take on a seemingly endless army of monsters and things look dire. Can Sela and her team find a way to defeat evil before the Being escapes the Shadowlands and unleashes his wrath upon the world? This final issue of the Hunters will blow you away!