"Adm & Eiv"

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FADE IN:

EXT. VALLEY CALDERA - ICE AGE CALIFORNIA - DAY - ESTABLISHING SHOT

A LARGE FOREST, covering the caldera, holds the snow and icy wasteland at bay. Cut into the forest is a huge clearing with four distinct areas running off each other.

EXT. LAKE MARY - DAY

Neanderthals, with ginger fur covering most of the body, are deftly fishing with sharpened wood stakes.

Neanderthal children play at the water's edge, one of them trying, unsuccessfully, to catch fish in her hand.

A short distance from the lake's edge rests a haphazard MARKET

where the Neanderthals trade food and artistic trinkets laid out on trays made from grasses that are woven by another close-by trader.

EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

A huge clearing in the trees, a few hundred yards from the lake, where the Neanderthals reside in huts made from mud, wooden branches and rocks.

Bordering the Village and the dense forest beyond is the FARM AREA

containing haphazard areas for growing food and tending livestock.
EXT. VEGETABLE FARM – DAY

ADM (19), unusual with his bright white fur and slimmer stature, plucks vegetables, placing them onto upturned trays made from woven grasses. He glances over into the VILLAGE and spots NGULA (30's), a huge Neanderthal heavily scarred who wears the dried ears of animals as trophies on a thin leather chain around his neck. He's leading a SMALL HUNTING PARTY out of the village.

EXT. VEGETABLE FARM - DAY

MNDI(70's), wisest of all, arrives behind Adm. Mndi is clutching a nine foot tall trident made from oak. Each prong of the trident is crudely carved into a different animal head. The first a snake, the second a dire wolf and the third an American lion.

    MNDI
    He's hunting a lion for his collection.

Adm turns, startled at first.

    ADM
    I wish he would let me go with him.

    MNDI
    Your day will come, Adm.

    ADM
    He should have let me go last year, like the others my age. It's because I'm different, not as strong and...

Adm looks down and pulls at his fur.

    MNDI
    When your father died he promised him that he would take care of you. They were great friends.
NGULA THROWS UP HIS ARMS in a show of bravado, females swoon while others follow the hunting party, cheering and whooping with excitement.

ADM SIGHS AND bends to harvest another vegetable.

MNDI
You should wish him well.

Adm looks over at the baying fans surround Ngula and shakes his head.

ADM
He wouldn't want me jumping around him.

Adm turns his back and misses NGULA LOOK OVER at him expectantly. Ngula looks a little disappointed and hides it quickly. Once again smiling for the crowd.

ADM
I'm not significant enough.

MNDI
Often the greatest of all begin as the most insignificant.

Mndi leans back his head, blinking as rain drops onto his face. Then his eyes open wide and he stares fearfully into the sky. A flash of lightning is followed by the distant rumble of thunder.

MNDI
No. It cannot be.

ADM
What is it, Mndi?

MNDI
The visions are true.

EXT. DEEP SPACE

HVAN, a large octopus-like creature created as a biotechnological mother ship, weakly pumps out her seventy-four large tentacles as she attempts to swim in orbit against the pull of a huge WORM HOLE.
Many open wounds on her body are leaking GREEN BLOOD. The blood bubbles and boils before evaporating further, turning to ice.

Space debris is sucked into the hole as Hvan is pulled nearer; her desperate attempts to escape becoming futile as she loses energy.

INT. ENGINE ROOM - HVAN

The walls are made from a pinkish flesh with veins running throughout that pump a luminous green blood -- which is all that is needed for lighting.

There are 7 large hearts taking up most of the room but only two of them are beating - one of them, only weakly so.

NPHILIM are genderless, humanoid beings, lithe and measuring two-three meters tall with jet black skin that is tinged with an alternative color -- denoting their individuality. They have bug-like, multi-faceted eyes and a single hole that acts as both nose and mouth.

DANEL, medium height with a violet tinge, opens up a VIEWSCREEN that projects from an EYEBALL set into one of the walls.

SHEMYAZA, close to 3 meters tall and with an azure tinge, appears on the VIEWSCREEN

SHEMYAZA

How is she?

ENGINE ROOM

DANEL

Hvan is seriously hurt. And...

SHEMYAZA

And?

DANEL

She is pregnant.
INT. HVAN - BRIDGE

Around the outer walls are virtual control panels projected from eyeballs of varying sizes with 4 Nphilim on chair-like protuberances seated opposite them.

CENTRALIZED is a huge 3D VIEWSCREEN projected from a single, large eyeball set into the floor.

[PLEASE NOTE THE NECESSARY USE OF GENDERLESS PRONOUNS INCLUDING HIR FOR HIS/HER AND ZE FOR HE/SHE]

Shemyaza motions with hir hand into a virtual panel and the engine room disappears from the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN, replaced with a view of the oncoming WORM HOLE.

The Nphilim stand and tentacles manifest from the walls ensnaring them across the chest, middle and legs; securing them tight against the wall, keeping them safe as Hvan shakes violently.

EXT. SPACE

Hvan is sucked into the WORM HOLE

and goes into a spin. She bounces off course after hitting a meteor and is thrown out into the MILKY WAY

where she finds herself swimming in orbit alongside a VAST COMET -- completely dwarfing her.

INT. BRIDGE - HVAN

The tentacles retract inside the walls, freeing the Nphilim.

They sit and look at the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN that is now projecting alternate images of the MILKY WAY and the VAST COMET.
PENEMUE, 2 meters tall and a lime tinge, scans alphanumeric figures on hir PRIVATE VIRTUAL DISPLAY.

SHEMYAZA
The comet?

PENEMUE
The trajectory suggests it will pass through the galaxy without incident.

SHEMYAZA
Are there any other collisions possible that could knock it off course?

Penemue scans the data.

PENEMUE
No.

A close up of the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN reveals nine planets surrounding a huge sun.

BRIDGE

PENEMUE
The white planet is Erth. It is her pulling us in.

Images on the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN show Erth, the huge polar caps and slithers of green and blue here and there.

SHEMYAZA (OS)
Sentient life?

Images appear of varying animals, smilodons, American lions, wonambis, woolly mammoths, dire wolves, apes.
BRIDGE

PENEMUE

Possible.

Shemyaza ponders.

AZAZEL

We have no other choice.

SHEMYAZA

The Elders placed me in charge.

AZAZEL

And look where it has gotten us.

They stare each other down for a while.

ARMEROS, tall at a little over 3 meters and with a purple tinge scans hir private virtual display.

ARMEROS

We are nearing Erth's atmosphere.

SHEMYAZA

Maybe the Elders have a bigger plan for us.

The Nphilim stand against the wall and are again secured by tentacles.

EXT. ERTH'S ATMOSPHERE - DAY

Bright sunlight glints off Hvan as she shakily drops through the

VARIOUS LAYERS OF THE ATMOSPHERE - MONTAGE

Hvan freezes completely and then melts again. More wounds open up on her body, pouring green blood.

She travels through a heavy rain, the droplets falling in reverse.

Amidst the lightning and thunder, Hvan emerges above the clouds of Erth.

END MONTAGE
STORMY SKY, HIGH ABOVE CALIFORNIA, 63001BC

Hvan continues to gain speed as she falls towards the iceberg-dotted

LAKE CROW

Hvan crashes into the GREY ANGRY WATER and sinks for a long while before resurfacing with an intense whale-like groan, water pouring out of her part-opened mouth.

EXT. VEGETABLE FARM - DAY

Adm stops work as Hvan's groans reverberate around the village.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Ngula raises his hand to halt the HUNTING PARTY and cocks his head from side to side at the sound of Hvan's groans. He motions for the party to follow him.

EXT. LAKE CROW

Hvan blinks water out of her eyes and swims a short distance onto a

SNOWY BEACH

Her giant tentacles dig into the ice and drag herself further onto land, groaning loudly with the strain.

INT. HVAN - BRIDGE

The Nphilim are seated staring at the

CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN

Images of the icy wasteland that covers most of the planet. The imagery changes to the lush, green forest that covers the Caldera.
BRIDGE

PENEMUE

The area is a volcano.

AZAZEL

Is it stable?

PENEMUE

For now.

ARMEROS

How long do we need to remain here?

PENEMUE

Forever if we cannot find a source.

AZAZEL

Conditions?

PENEMUE

The atmosphere contains nutrients and there is enough sunlight for photosynthesis, we will be fine.

The Nphilim watch a disturbance on the

CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN

A lone woolly mammoth cries and raises its trunk defensively.

BRIDGE

SHEMYAZA

What is that?

Penemue whispers into the control panel -- lots of information and pictures appear on its PERSONAL SCREEN.

PENEMUE

It is a herbivore, non sentient.

CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN

A pack of smilodons appear and jump onto the mammoth's back, long fangs burying deep into its flesh - bringing it to its knees. Blood staining the snow red.
BRIDGE

The Nphilim cannot bear to watch and turn their heads away in disgust. Azazel watches the screen intently.

AZAZEL
Seems that life here is very basic.

PENEMUE
There could still be sentient life.

SHEMYAZA
Agreed, we should take care.

AZAZEL
If they are not sentient then we can use them to help mine the materials we need.

SHEMYAZA
We are prohibited from interfering.

AZAZEL
It is fine to interfere with creatures that cannot determine what interference is.

SHEMYAZA
The risks are too great.

AZAZEL
The dumb beasts will never know anything different.

SHEMYAZA
That is not the point.

AZAZEL
Then what is?

Shemyaza hesitates.

SHEMYAZA
Why do you constantly question the teachings?

AZAZEL
Why do you not?
SHEMYAZA
We need to have faith in the will of the Elders.

Azazel bridles and clenches hir fists. Danel materializes from one of the walls, taking everyone’s attention.

DANEL
Ready?

Armeros and Penemue rise, standing against the walls.

PENEMUE
I couldn't resist an opportunity to further my education.

Azazel and Shemyaza stare each other down for a while before taking their place at the wall. The walls swallow them – spitting them out in the GEAR ROOM

They materialize from the walls into a room that, like the rest of the ship, is constructed of living material.

Penemue operates a 3D VIRTUAL CONTROL PANEL projected from an eyeball set into one of the walls.

Several sets of BLACK ANTI-GRAVITY WINGS, made from real flesh, much like the wings of a bat, appear hanging from the ceiling. They take a set each, placing them against their backs.

The wings, with a span of approximately 3 meters, attach themselves to the Nphilim, fusing into them so that it is impossible to distinguish that they were once separate things.

EXT. SNOWY BEACH – LAKE CROW – DAY

Hvan opens her mouth revealing an immense tongue, all five Nphilim standing upon it, that protrudes onto the ice. The Nphilim float off the tongue.

The tongue rolls back in and the mouth closes as the Nphilim fly across the
ICE SHEET

Penemue takes readings from a hand-held biotechnological device. The device contains a tiny eyeball projecting images and alphanumeric symbols in a 3D virtual display.

The Nphilim catch a sudden strong scent in the air and raise their faces to better breathe it in.

SHEMYAZA
Sulfur.

Armeros studies a 3D map.

ARMEROS
There is a source near here.

The group continue across the ice sheet keeping the forest to their left. Penemue notices melting ice from a rock formation they float by.

PENEMUE
We should be careful.

Suddenly a LARGE GEYSER BURSTS THROUGH THE ICE, drenching Armeros in a yellow, watery liquid. Armeros drops to the ground in agony as the liquid burns hir skin, causing it to bubble and melt.

PENEMUE
The sulfur is tainted.

The Nphilim use their hands to shovel snow onto Armeros until ze stops burning.

Penemue carefully takes a small sample from the snow next to Armeros and analyzes it using the biotechnological device.

PENEMUE
Mercury and cyanide.

Azazel helps Armeros to hir feet, hir face and body now terribly scarred. Azazel places hands on hir wounds helping to heal them.

Penemue butts in, placing hir own hands upon Armeros' skin.
PENEMUE
Let me help.

AZAZEL
If the sulfur is tainted then what is the point in searching for more?

PENEMUE
It will not be tainted at source.

Suddenly geysers begin ripping through the ice all around them.

SHEMYAZA
The forest!

The Nphilim fly away, Azazel helps Armeros along. Eventually they hit the FOREST where the Nphilim walk to avoid low hanging branches. A group of tapir stop to watch the Nphilim.

DANIEL
Look at them. So Innocent.

AZAZEL
Plenty of time to play with the animals later.

Shemyaza looks askance but holds back from responding.

EXT. FOREST - DAY
Ngula spots animal tracks and droppings. He picks some up in his hands, rubs it between his fingers, sniffs it, tastes it. He waves his arm -- follow me.

The hunting party follow him at pace through the trees.

EXT. FOREST - DAY
Penemue studies the 3D projection showing a heat-graphed image depicting the land ahead and the layers below..
The source is just ahead... but it's deep.

Penemue leads the party to the edge of the forest and they spot the CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN.

**EXT. FOREST - DAY**

Ngula sniffs at the air, points and then begins to run, with the hunting party following after him.

**EXT. CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN - DAY**

The Nphilim scout around looking for a way into the mountain while the tapir hang back at the forest's edge, watching with avid interest.

**AZAZEL**

We should collect the necessary tools from Hvan first. Looking around here is just wasting time.

Suddenly the tapir break from the forest and head towards them in a blind panic.

**EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS**

Ngula and the hunting party whoop as they chase the animals towards the CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN

The Neanderthals, upon seeing the Nphilim, stop a few hundred yards away and stare in awe.

The Nphilim stare back.

**SHEMYAZA**

They are sentient.

**PENEMUE**

We should head back to Hvan.

Ngula eyes the Nphilim inquisitively; then strokes at the trophy chain hanging around his neck.
NGULA

Ngula! Ngula!

The hunting party catch a wave of excitement and they all ready themselves for attack.

HUNTING PARTY

Ngula! Ngula! Ngula!

The Neanderthals charge.

THE NPHILIM FLY HARD away from danger but Armeros is caught by a thrown rock, knocking hir off balance. Ngula leaps into the air and wrestles hir to the ground.

The rest of the HUNTING PARTY are quickly upon hir, smashing hir with rocks and stabbing hir with stone spears.

AZAZEL STOPS AND TURNS. Shemyaza, Penemue and Armeros also stop.

SHEMYAZA

Azazel, we must leave.

AZAZEL

I will not leave Armeros.

SHEMYAZA

You know the law.

AZAZEL

No!

SHEMYAZA

We treat their lives as more valuable than our own.

AZAZEL

No!

The Neanderthals stand over Armeros, cheering proudly. Ngula raises his hand in a victory salute to Azazel.

NGULA

Ngula! Ngula!

HUNTING PARTY

Ngula! Ngula! Ngula! Ngula! Ngula! Ngula!
SHEMYAZA
Azazel!

Azazel roars and charges towards the Neanderthals, wings pumping hard.

SHEMYAZA
We cannot harm the Elders' creations!

PENEMUE
Azazel has lost faith. Now... anything is possible.

Shemyaza hesitates a moment longer then sorrowfully they turn and continue their escape.

AZAZEL FLIES LIKE A TORPEDO into the hunting party surrounding Armeros, knocking them asunder.

Ngula lands hard against a tree, stunned.

Azazel faces the Neanderthals.

AZAZEL
I cannot hurt you.

The Neanderthals stare open-mouthed, even Ngula who is just starting to recover.

AZAZEL
I can only heal you.

Azazel bends to Armeros placing hands about hir wounded areas, healing them in front of the stunned hunting party.

Azazel motions for the Neanderthals to walk forward.

AZAZEL
Allow me to heal you.

A NEANDERTHAL, blind in one eye, cautiously approaches.

Azazel places a hand over his eye and it is healed within seconds. The Neanderthal dances with joy.

NEANDERTHAL
It's amazing.
He drops to his knees in gratitude as another Neanderthal walks forward.

Azazel's crimson tinge gets darker and darker until it is the primary color and bumps begin to appear on hir head. Ze grows a penis [and will from here on out be referred to as masculine] and hir voice goes much deeper.

Azazel heals one after another and the Neanderthals kneel in worship.

The last one he heals, a NEANDERTHAL with only one ear and hearing problems, is only partly healed. The Neanderthal tries to protest but Azazel pushes him roughly away.

**AZAZEL**

You.

Ngula takes a second to realize he is being spoken to.

**AZAZEL**

Come.

Ngula rises and slowly walks to Azazel. Azazel places his hand on top of Ngula's head. Ngula happily accepts and closes his eyes. After a short time...

Ngula's EYES SHOOT OPEN and he screams. CRIMSON SMOKE can be seen coming from between Azazel's hand and Ngula's head. Ngula struggles to get away but is held fast by Azazel's single hand.

The numerous bumps on Azazel's head develop into horns of varying sizes. Azazel looks down at himself; then raises his head and laughs at the sky.

**AZAZEL**

Is this my punishment? Is this it?

Azazel lets go of Ngula who now has a hand print melted into his skull. Ngula collapses to the ground while the rest of the hunting party look on in a mixture of awe and fear.

**AZAZEL**

Tell everyone that Azazel is here. Tell them I have come for their souls.
Azazel picks up Armeros and flies towards the mountain.

INT. BRIDGE – HVAN – LATER

Shemyaza, Penemue and Danel sit on protuberances while various images of ERTH'S LANDSCAPE intermittently appear on the Centralized Viewscreen.

PENEMUE
Azazel has fallen.

The Nphilim sit in contemplative silence.

DANEL
What of Armeros?

SHEMYAZA
Azazel will corrupt hir.

PENEMUE
There is still hope.

DANEL
Perhaps they have both been killed?

SHEMYAZA
Azazel is too vain for that.

EXT. CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN – DAY

The rain slows and the sky brightens up as Azazel, carrying Armeros over his shoulder, eventually finds a pothole large enough to get inside.

ARMEROS
What is happening?

AZAZEL
I've found a way in.

ARMEROS
It hurts.

AZAZEL
You have a blood infection.

ARMEROS
How long do I have left?
AZAZEL
The source isn't far from here.

ARMELOS
What if it is tainted?

AZAZEL
Then we are both lost.

Azazel pushes Armeros into the pothole and follows in after.

EXT. VILLAGE – NIGHT

Daylight is waning as Ngula is carried to the center of the village by some members of his hunting party.

Adm hurries over to them.

ADM
What happened?

Nobody in the party answers and all look fearful.

Mndi arrives with his sly and gutless apprentice, PAXDAN (20's).

Mndi takes a closer look at Ngula's wound, placing his hand in the hand print. It dwarfs his own.

ADM
What is wrong with him?

KRIS (18), loyal and strong, places a friendly arm on Adm's shoulder.

KRIS
I have never seen anything like it before. Only Ngula will know.

Ngula's eyes shoot open and he sits up.

NGULA
It spoke... as we speak.

Ngula strokes at the trophy chain around his neck.

ADM
What did it do to you?
Ngula struggles to his feet.

NGULA
I will tell it over some fermented fruit.

INT. CAVE SYSTEM - CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN

Azazel helps Arneros through a narrow, labyrinthine cave system.

AZAZEL POV - Flashes illuminate the darkened cave, leading in the direction they should travel.

AZAZEL
This is our new home Arneros.

Azazel takes turn after turn, recess after recess, cavern after cavern.

Arneros moans.

ARMEROS
I can't heal properly, help me.

AZAZEL
I don't work like that any more.

ARMEROS
You interfered... for me.

AZAZEL
You know it had been coming for a long time. You still have a choice.

ARMEROS
How much longer till we are out of this Limbo?

Azazel takes another turn and arrives at a

SPIRAL PATH

that corkscrews deep down into an ABYSS.

Azazel leans his head over the path and sniffs at the smells emanating from below.
AZAZEL
Not far now.
Azazel helps Armeros to the edge of the path.

AZAZEL
It smells good down there.
Azazel holds onto Armeros and leaps off, wings spreading -- floating down into the darkness.

EXT. VILLAGE - NIGHT
A LARGE FIRE sits in the center of the village with Neanderthals sitting around it including Adm, Ngula, Kris, Mndi and Paxdan.

Ngula is clutching a clump of herbs on his head -- that he occasionally dips into a watery mixture stored in a carved wooden bowl as he speaks.

NGULA
The creatures come from Crow Lake.

Many of the Neanderthals at the meeting are holding either stone or wooden weapons.

NGULA
We killed one, smashed it into pieces.

A cheer.

NGULA
The other one came to help. We are guessing its mate. Stronger, so it is probably the male. When we catch it, I want its head.

Adm stands.

NGULA
Sit down Adm.

ADM
If it can talk then why don't we try talking to it?

NGULA
Adm, I will not tell you again.
KRIS
He is grown now. Older than I. Let him speak.

NGULA
Adm is my son, I decide when he is grown.

ADM
My father is dead.

Ngula looks hurt and then clenches his jaw.

NGULA
Together we can hunt and bring down the beast. If we do not then it will be back to hunt us... one by one. Growing stronger and stronger.

Kris hands Adm a stone hammer and they grip each other's forearms. Meeting each other's eye.

ADM
Thank you.

Kris nods.

NGULA
Tonight we will create the first story. The first of many that we will pass to our children so that they can learn of the bravery of all of us. Tonight we fight!

The village erupts in a huge cheer.

Mndi hangs back watching. Paxdan is in his ear.

PAXDAN
Perhaps the boy is right? Maybe we can reason with a creature that speaks as we do.

MNDI
It is too late for reason.
INT. ABYSS - CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN

Azazel floats gently to the ground, arriving at the edge of a huge, yellow

SULFUR LAKE

Azazel sets Armeros down and cautiously dips his hand in and out of the lake.

AZAZEL

It is pure.

Azazel rolls Armeros into the lake and climbs in with hir, helping hir to float.

ARMEROS

I feel it. It's working.

Azazel leaves Armeros to float and climbs out of the lake.

Azazel takes some of the sulfur and moves to a wall where he strips some bacteria.

He mixes them together inside a small bowl-shaped hole in the wall. Then he uses a nail to scrape some of his own skin into the mixture.

The mixture turns to a green slime that creeps slowly over the walls. Tentacles grow out of the slime that hardens like skin, with a vein network beneath, pumping luminous red blood.

Azazel bends down at the lake's edge while Armeros heals slowly.

AZAZEL

We shall call it Helle.

INT. BRIDGE - HVAN - NIGHT

Penemue, Shemyaza and Danel turn from their work stations to look at the
CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN

Neanderthals are gathering outside Hvan, waving weapons ready for battle.

BRIDGE

PENEMUE
We cannot allow Hvan to be hurt.

DANEL
The lake?

PENEMUE
The creatures there are more volatile, she is safest on land.

SHEMYAZA
Then we have only one other choice.

EXT. SNOWY BEACH – NIGHT

Hvan groans terribly as she struggles to SWIM UP INTO THE SKY.

The Neanderthals look on cheering, none more so than Adm, as though they have won a great battle.

NGULA
See how they run. Ngula! Ngula!

A LARGE BAT-LIKE SILHOUETTE moves fast against the backdrop of the moon and a commotion can be heard from the Neanderthal ranks. Adm looks around, concerned.

NGULA
What is that?

Screams of terror come from the Neanderthals as Azazel SWOOPS FROM THE SKY snatching one at a time, snapping and ripping open their necks in mid air.

Adm panics as blood is sprayed across his face from a freshly dropped body.

The rest of the Neanderthals begin to run in different directions, dropping their weapons in a panic.
Kris sits on the ground staring in shock. A hand appears in front of his face. It's Adm.

ADM

Come on.

Kris suddenly realizes the gravity of the situation and takes Adm's hand.

Ngula is snatched into

THE AIR

AZAZEL

We meet again.

Azazel buries his fingers into Ngula's neck and slowly separates the head completely from his body before discarding the body and drinking the fluids from his brain stem.

Adm and Kris are trapped by tentacles that writhe along the ground, ensnaring their legs, bringing them to the ground and then securing their hands. The same thing happens to a few more Neanderthals as they run.

Azazel looks up through the clouds at Hvan as she perches atop the summit of the mountain.

AZAZEL

This is what I think of the Elders' creations, Shemyaza. Tell them that Azazel has risen!

Azazel drops Ngula's head and flies at a height so that the ensnared Neanderthals, including Adm and Seph, can be lashed with a TENTACLE WHIP he is now holding.

INT. BRIDGE - HVAN - NIGHT

The Nphilim sit at their stations facing the Centralized Viewscreen, watching the aftermath of the carnage. Dead Neanderthal bodies littering the scene.

PENEMUE

How can we allow this?
SHEMYAZA
It is not for us to decide what is allowed.

PENEMUE
If we sacrifice ourselves for the good of these people we will become as them. Live and die, like them. Daemon is not the only choice.

Shemyaza distastefully turns hir head and Penemue nods in understanding.

DANEL
What of the materials we need? The sulfur?

SHEMYAZA
We will have to scavenge what we can. Purify what needs to be purified.

DANEL
We will be here for millenia.

SHEMYAZA
We have no other choice.

Penemue looks disconcertingly at the Centralized Viewscreen and the images of the dead Neanderthals.

PENEMUE
If Azazel has found pure sulfur then hir will have everything ze needs to cheat death.

SHEMYAZA
Azazel is no longer Nphilim, it is Daemon.

PENEMUE
Azazel could become very powerful here.

INT. LIMBO - HELLE - NIGHT

Azazel leads eight prisoners through tunnel after tunnel, cavern after cavern as the Neanderthals sweat from the intense heat.
AZAZEL
This is limbo. Many of your people will be lost here.

Adm and Kris look at the walls and the tentacles growing here and there; also the beginnings of flesh, holding veins and arteries that pump the red fluorescent blood. The slime replicates and spreads across the walls of its own accord.

EXT. VILLAGE - NIGHT

Mndi stands at the edge of the village, clutching the trident. His followers, including Paxdan, stand behind him.

Several NEANDERTHALS run towards the Village in the distance. Mndi watches them, unmoving.

PAXDAN
What does this mean, teacher?

MNDI
Patience, Paxdan.

The Neanderthals finally catch up to him, panting with exertion.

MNDI
Where is Adm?

NEANDERTHAL
He may have been taken.

Mndi nods, as though that was the answer he expected.

PAXDAN
Taken?

NEANDERTHAL#2
Some were taken. A creature came from the sky. I didn't stop to look.

NEANDERTHAL#1
We must take the women and children and run.

MNDI
There is nowhere to go.
Mndi sits cross-legged with the trident laid out in front of him. His followers sit behind him similarly.

    MNDI
    We must stay and face it. Maybe we can still talk.

The Neanderthals look at each other.

    MNDI
    Prepare your families for what is to come.

    NEANDERTHAL
    What is coming?

    MNDI
    The end of everything.

    NEANDERTHAL#2
    I can't tell my wife that.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE - NIGHT

Around the lake's edge now are protuberances of living flesh, similarly made from the same materials, although far more compact, on the walls.

Tentacles writhe from the protuberances as though to ensnare anyone sitting on them.

Azazel is kneeling next to Armeros close to the lake's edge.

The prisoners remain standing, still in their tentacle binds, near one of the walls.

    AZAZEL
    Stay in the lake. It will cure your poison.

Armeros looks at the prisoners.

    ARMEROS
    What are you doing?

    AZAZEL
    What I have to do.

Armeros reaches out a hand and touches Azazel's skin.
ARMEROS
You've changed... fallen.

AZAZEL
It is my choice.

Azazel gently pushes Armeros into the liquid sulfur while the Neanderthal PRISONERS struggle to breathe while pinned by tentacles high up on the wall.

Armeros stands waist high in the shallow part of the lake and breathes a sigh of relief.

ARMEROS
What of Shemyaza and the others?

AZAZEL
They ran.

Azazel turns away.

ARMEROS
Wait.

Azazel looks back.

ARMEROS
Let us be the same.

AZAZEL
That is what you really want?

Armeros nods.

Azazel selects an older prisoner that he drags to the lake.

AZAZEL
You must hate these creations. Desire to own them.

Azazel burns his fingers into the Neanderthal's neck and rips off his head.

Azazel lifts the head and drinks from the brain stem before offering it to Armeros.

AZAZEL
The ultimate transgression. Drink the soul.
Armeros stares at the head before taking it and drinking from the brain stem, sucking it dry.

Armeros mutates, turning a deep orange and several bumps appear on hir head. He grows a penis and his voice goes much deeper.

AZAZEL
Revile these stupid creatures, revile the Nphilim, revile the Elders.

Azazel grabs another Neanderthal MALE leaving the others cowering in fear.

His new victim screams in a mixture of agony and terror as Azazel pins him to one of the bed-like protuberances where the tentacles rise up and secure him to the bed.

Azazel pushes his fingers into the Neanderthal's stomach and peels back the skin to reveal the intestines.

AZAZEL
So much going on.

Azazel pulls out the intestines.

A FEMALE prisoner vomits.

ADM
Stay strong.

Azazel dissects the Neanderthal while he is still alive. The Neanderthal stops screaming abruptly.

AZAZEL
This one is no good.

Azazel heads over to the Prisoners again and looks at a young MALE.

AZAZEL
If you were going to reproduce which one would you choose?

The male instinctively looks around at the other prisoners. The Female that vomited catches his eye and she shakes her head in terror. Azazel smiles.
AZAZEL

Thank you.

The Female cries out as Azazel takes hold of her and struggles futilely against his superior strength.

Azazel secures the Female onto the same bed-like protuberance the male was on, still covered in blood and bits of body parts.

Armeros, now fully transformed into an orange Daemon, climbs out of the lake and stands to join Azazel.

AZAZEL

Better?

ARMEROS

Much.

Looking at the Female, now secured tightly to the bed by tentacles.

ARMEROS

What are you doing?

AZAZEL

We can take out the womb... afterwards.

Azazel positions himself between the Female's legs and has sex with her.

EXT. NEANDERTHAL VILLAGE – DAY

Mndi, clutching the trident, steps out in front of Azazel and Armeros as they approach. Armeros is clutching a huge tentacle-whip.

MNDI

We only seek peace.

Mndi vigorously rubs the bottom of the trident on the ground, generating electricity.

The electricity concentrates within the trident then fires out of the prongs, knocking Azazel and Armeros from the air where they land heavily on the ground.

Azazel is the first to stand, he checks out his wings and sees no damage.
AZAZEL
What is that?

Azazel SOARS INTO THE SKY till he is barely visible.

Mndi rubs the trident again and hits Armeros with another bolt.

Armeros rises to his feet, laughing.

ARMEROS
Why is there only one of you?

Mndi keeps Armeros at bay, pointing the trident at him.

MNDI
Why do we have to fight?

Azazel DIVES AND SNATCHES the trident from Mndi's hands.

AZAZEL
You think this is a fight?

Mndi drops to his knees while Azazel admires the trident in mid-air.

AZAZEL
Impressive device.

Azazel lands and uses his fingers to gouge out Mndi's eyes.

Mndi drops to the floor screaming in agony, clutching at his face.

AZAZEL
We are here for your females.

The Neanderthals bow down as rain pours around them.

ADULT FEMALEs are picked out by Armeros, securing them with tentacles at the wrist and feet.

AZAZEL
Your lives are no longer of your concern. They are mine.

Azazel looks pointedly at Mndi who is still writhing in agony.
A couple of the older Neanderthals exchange worried glances.

AZAZEL
Will sacrifice yourselves voluntarily.

Armeros grabs an old Neanderthal and pins her to the ground. She screams as he sears his fingers into her neck and separates her head, holding it aloft to shock and horror. Then Armeros drinks from the brain stem.

Many of the Neanderthals are crying and holding each other in abject terror. Armeros tosses the head to Azazel who catches it and sucks the remaining fluids from the brain stem.

Armeros uses the tentacle-whip to lash the females, encouraging them to walk. The tentacle produces an electrical charge that burns into flesh.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE
Adm and Kris are still attached high up on the walls.

ADM
I am ready to die.

KRIS
Just don't think about it.

THE TENTACLE BINDING ADAM'S RIGHT HAND slowly dies. Adm feels the weakness and pulls his hand, it comes free.

ADM
My hand...

KRIS looks over.

KRIS
Can you free your legs?

Adm tries without success to reach the binds at his ankles.
ADM
I'll have to free my other arm first.

Adm rips at the tentacle binding his left hand, tearing into the flesh, squirting luminous red blood. Eventually he rips through and he falls hitting his face against the wall of the cave... his ankles still bound by tentacles.

KRIS
Adm?

Slowly, Adm stirs into life and climbs awkwardly up the wall using his hands. He reaches the tentacles and works hard in getting them off.

KRIS
Hurry.

Adm finally manages to free both legs and agilely flips to land safely on his feet.

Adm jumps up at Kris but can't even reach his ankles.

KRIS
Don't worry about me. Just get out of here. Tell Mria I love her.

ADM
I can't leave you.

KRIS
You know you have to go.

Adm looks forlornly around the cavern. He tries jumping from the bed-like protuberances but they are too far away to reach Kris.

KRIS
Even if you reach you will fall before pulling off the binds.

Adm bends at the knee, gasping for breath.

KRIS
Our people need you to escape.

Adm finally nods his head in agreement.
ADM
I will come back for you.

KRIS
I know. Goodbye... friend.

Adm nods and heads off up the SPIRAL PATH.

INT. HVAN – BRIDGE – NIGHT

Shemyaza and Penemue wait in a silence that is eventually broken by Danel appearing on the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN

Danel looks concerned.

DANEL
Another heart has died. Only one remains.

BRIDGE

Shemyaza sighs.

SHEMYAZA
If the other heart dies then we are lost.

PENEMUE
I will go.

INT. BREEDING CAVERN – HELLE

Armeros secures the Neanderthal FEMALES onto bed-like protuberances, lined up specially for the purpose.

Tentacles secure the women down and enter every orifice on their bodies: feeding them, feeding from them and taking care of her internal organs -- like a life support machine that also feeds and excretes for you.

MRIA (19), Kris' wife, struggles weakly as the tentacles secure her ankles. Armeros helps hold her down until she is fully secured.
MRIA
What are you doing with us?

ARMEROS
What you were designed to do.

Mria is silenced as a tentacle flies down her throat.

INT. SULFUR LAKE - HELLE

Azazel hovers near the Neanderthal prisoners that are secured to the walls. He notices that there is somebody missing, then spots the tentacle flesh on the ground.

Azazel looks around, and sees nobody, then looks at Kris.

AZAZEL
What did you see?

KRIS
I saw nothing.

Kris spits defiantly.

Azazel pulls Kris from the wall, the tentacles giving way easily, and throws him into THE LAKE.

Kris goes under then surfaces, screaming as his skin bubbles from the heat.

Azazel pulls Kris out with one hand and carries him to a bed-like protuberance.

KRIS
Please...

AZAZEL
Just a few improvements. Trust me, you'll thank me for them later.

Kris Screams just before a tentacle penetrates his throat.
EXT. NEANDERTHAL VILLAGE – NIGHT

The Neanderthals are too restless to sleep. Many are crying at the loss of their loved ones, others are wandering around aimlessly.

One male sits in a corner, laughing to himself.

Mndi's followers pick him up and carry him inside a hut.

EXT. MINING AREA – MOUNTAINS – DAY

Penemue and Danel are using hand-held creatures that project high intensity light, from a large red eyeball, to drill and cut through the rocks.

The sulfur collected is thrown into a barrel-like creature with stumpy legs.

    AZAZEL (OS)
    The Elders have lied to us.

Penemue and Danel stop work as Azazel and Armeros appear.

Azazel floats closer, hands held outward to show he means no harm.

    AZAZEL
    You know my arguments. Heard them all before.

    PENEMUE
    Your arguments center around your vanity. You cannot see any further than that.

    AZAZEL
    I have seen much further than your puny teachings could ever fathom possible, Penemue. All your learning and you still don't understand what we really are.

    PENEMUE
    And what is that?

    AZAZEL
    Slaves.
Azazel picks up that Danel is listening intently and looks at hir directly.

AZAZEL
What do we get?

PENEMUE
The opportunity for transcendence.

AZAZEL
All sentient creation has that opportunity.

PENEMUE
Ours is different.

AZAZEL
How so?

PENEMUE
The elders were once as we are.

AZAZEL
And so was I.

Penemue is silenced.

AZAZEL
Theirs is a lie. They were never like us, they created us.

PENEMUE
Creation is ongoing. One day we will create too.

AZAZEL
I am already creating.

PENEMUE
Your creations are false, empty.

Azazel angers slightly, then regains composure.

PENEMUE
Can you not see how you've been corrupted?

AZAZEL
Can you not see how you've been fooled?
PENEMUE
You are of the fallen.

AZAZEL
You confuse freedom with falling from grace. I am my own master.

PENEMUE
You will always be blinded by vanity. Now you have finally done what you always promised you would.

AZAZEL
This is real transcendence. You do not understand the feeling I get from the rapture and fear of these creatures. To drink their hopes and dreams, to swallow their souls.

Danel drops the work tool.

AZAZEL
Do not fall for their lies, Danel.

PENEMUE
Danel!

DANIEL
I am sorry Penemue.

AZAZEL
No need to be sorry.

Danel floats past Azazel, who nods respectfully, and stops next to Armeros.

AZAZEL
One last chance. I will not offer again. Join us and experience real freedom... or stay enslaved.

Penemue turns hir back on Azazel.

AZAZEL
You and Shemyaza are welcome to stay here for as long as it takes for you to leave.

PENEMUE
Will you provide us with the sulfur we need?
AZAZEL

No.

PENEMUE

We will never join you.

AZAZEL

We will see.

Azazel turns his back.

AZAZEL

Come Danel, there is much to show you.

Azazel, Armeros and Danel leave. Penemue continues mining sulfur.

INT. BREEDING CAVERN - HELLE - DAY

The Neanderthal females have now been moved to their own cavern, laid out on bed-like protuberances; secured by tentacles.

Most of them pregnant, many of them heavily so; one or two even giving birth, aided by the tender touches of the tentacles.

As the FETUSES ARE BORN they flop into large sacks set around on the floor. Inside some of the sacks we see that the babies grow rapidly.

Long tubes of flesh hang from the females' mouths pumping in a gruel mixture.

Adm walks along the rows of beds a hand stroking each one as he takes in the horror.

FEMALE

Can you help me?

Adm looks over at one of the beds where a tentacle has fallen from a FEMALE'S face. Adm examines the tentacle, it is dead.

FEMALE

Have you seen what they do to us?
Another tentacle grows to replace the one that is dead and forces its way into the female's mouth. Tears drip down her cheeks as Adm tries to rip the tentacles from her wrists.

It's then that Adm hears a distant groan, echoing through the cave system -- something is coming.

Adm continues pulling at the tentacles binding the female.

ADM
I will get you out.

EXT. NEANDERTHAL VILLAGE – DAY

Danel has now transformed into a Daemon and is overseeing the Neanderthals who are erecting twelve large wooden crucifixes. He occasionally whips them with a tentacle whip.

Two of the crucifixes have old Neanderthals on them, held in place with tentacles at the wrists and ankles. Behind each victim's head, attached to the back of the neck, is a serpentine creature that sucks juices from the brain stem and then excretes them into a bucket on the ground.

Mndi's followers wait around outside the hut he is in. Danel floats over to them.

DANEL
Who is in there?

The followers stand defiantly.

DANEL
Must I ask twice?

Danel readies the tentacle whip and is about to strike when the door to the hut opens. Mndi stands in the doorway, head held high, a bandage covering his eyes.

MNDI
I am in here.

DANEL
You will sacrifice yourself as soon as a space is free.
CLOSE UP of the crucifixes. Mndi's followers gasp in shock.

MNDI
Yes, Lord. Whatever your wish.

Danel snorts satisfactorily then floats over to accost the Neanderthals that are erecting the crucifixes.

INT. SPIRAL PATH - HELLE

Kris ambles along groaning and snorting snot from his nose, a foot taller and with huge, but misshapen, muscles. One shoulder far larger than the other.

INT. BRIDGE - HVAN

Shemyaza and Penemue sit alone at their seats, watching images of Erth on the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN.

SHEMYAZA
Soon we will have enough sulfur to get to one of the neighboring planets, there we can take care of Hvan's child until she is ready.

PENEMUE
Azazel would not give us the sulfur we need.

SHEMYAZA
Your point?

PENEMUE
Azazel does not want us to leave.

SHEMYAZA
Azazel is a fool if it thinks I will ever waver from my faith.

PENEMUE
They have created what they call Helle.

SHEMYAZA
Daemon cannot make a creature swim. No matter what they create, no matter how long they live, they are trapped on this planet.
PENEMUE
What of the creatures they infect?

SHEMYAZA
This planet is lost. We should escape it and then cleanse it.

PENEMUE
Hvan does not have the power.

SHEMYAZA
Then we escape and wait for the Elders to purify it.

INT. BREEDING CHAMBER - HELLE
A groaning and shuffling from outside causes Adm to retreat further in. He places a finger to his lips, warning the females to be quiet.

As he moves further back there are females pinned, with their skins stretched to grotesque proportion, to the walls.

 Tubes dangle from their breasts feeding milk into MULTIPLE SACKS MADE FROM LIVING MATTER that have adult-size humanoid creatures growing in them.

There are several sacks surrounding each female with tubes leading out to feed all of them.

MRIA
Help me.

MRIA (19) rolls her eyes around in her pancake-like skin, trying to focus properly on Adm. Adm looks up at her and gasps.

There is a ripping sound from one of the sacks. First a long black arm pokes through followed by a head that is covered in a long mass of ginger hair.

What we're witnessing is the birth of a Daemon/Neanderthal hybrid, known as Cro-Magnon (Cro' or Cro's). They average 2 meters high and are that height from the moment they are born. They have black skin and come in both sexes.

The one ripping out of the sack is called EIV; she is approximately 20 years old and quite beautiful.
Eiv falls to the floor of the cavern, gasping for breath. Hands slap the ground as she takes her first breath and then... tries to crawl.

MRIA
My baby, my baby!

Mria has tears of joy dripping down her cheeks.

MRIA
Get the babies out. You must get them out!

Adm heads over to Eiv, till he is close enough to touch her.

Finally, Eiv takes a deep, easy breath and looks directly into his eyes. He reaches out a hand to help her up, she takes it and they stand together.

Eiv smiles at him with all the innocence of a child, amazed at being able to stand. Adm lets go of her and she sways before finding her balance. She reaches out and touches his cheek in wonder.

MRIA
Help her, help her!

RIIIIP, THWACK, RIIIIP. More of the eggs rip open. The Cro-Magnon stand and then fall down again.

Eiv, smiling with all the innocence of a baby, REACHES OUT HER HAND to Adm.

Suddenly there is a roar from the OTHER END OF THE CHAMBER as Kris enters. Kris has now been transformed into something akin to a troll, huge powerful, but malformed muscles -- face contorted out of almost all recognition.

Kris sniffs at the air just as Adm arrives to confront him. Kris roars out a warning, Adm stands ready to fight. Then recognizes his friend.

ADM
Kris?

Kris throws a punch -- Adm rolls out of the way.
INT. SULFUR LAKE - HELLE

Azazel and Armeros hear Kris' warning.

AZAZEL
Make sure the creature isn't in the breeding chamber.

Armeros nods and pumps his wings, flying into the air.

INT. BREEDING CHAMBER - HELLE

Adm grapples with Kris, but Kris is too strong and pushes Adm to his knees. Kris then headbutts him, breaking his nose.

Adm rolls away, deftly finishing up in a crouched position.

ADM
Kris, it's me Adm.

Adm backs away as Kris edges towards him. Kris throws a couple of punches but Adm is able to dodge them as he backs further and further into the chamber.

Suddenly Kris stops and cries out forlornly as he spots Mria.

KRIS
Mria!

Kris' voice has now changed to something akin to the hunchback's from Notre Dame.

Kris ambles over to his wife and his extra height is enough for him to reach her.

ADM
If you pull her down it will kill her!

Kris turns, eyes filled with tears, face full of sorrow.

KRIS
She's my Mria.

Adm, awkwardly, soothes Kris, patting him on his huge shoulder.
Kris rips his wife down, tearing her skin, he then rips out the tentacles, including the one from her throat -- places her gently on the ground.

As she looks at him with her last breath, she smiles and nods her head in gratitude.

Kris kisses her lips and then leaves her to rest on the floor.

More Cro-Magnon rip through the thin skin of their eggs. Most of them are crawling around, although some, including Eiv, can now walk.

ARMEROS ENTERS and spots Kris. He doesn't see Adm who is bending behind an unhatched egg.

    ARMEROS
    Get out of here now!

Kris turns on Armeros and, with a mighty roar, charges him -- barging him against the wall.

Armeros is slightly stunned and can't do anything to prevent Kris escaping the cavern.

Armeros pulls himself together and looks around at the Cro-Magnon.

    ARMEROS
    Come children. Follow me.

Adm keeps low as the Cro-Magnon leave the cavern. Eiv glances down at him and he places a finger against his lips, shhhhh. Eiv is puzzled but she doesn't give his position away.

EXT. VILLAGE – DAY

Against the backdrop of Neanderthals on crucifixes being milked for their brain juices -- the rest of the Neanderthals are trying their best to continue as normal; working the farms, fishing and bartering goods.

The happiness and innocence has faded, replaced with an omnipresent doom.

Azazel, carrying the trident, arrives with Armeros and one hundred or so male and female Cro-Magnon.
The Cro-Magnon have been placed in underwear made from leaves. Eiv is amongst them.

**AZAZEL**
Welcome your new overseers.

The Cro-Magnon walk through the village clutching buckets of slime as the Neanderthals stare open-mouthed at their beauty.

**AZAZEL**
You will work hard to feed their needs. They are your masters just as we are theirs.

The Cro-Magnon paint slime on the ground at various points. The slime quickly develops into man-sized globules.

Armeros grabs a random Neanderthal and throws her INTO ONE OF THE GLOBULES.

She screams but is quickly silenced as the globule manifests a tentacle that flies down her throat. Another tentacle enters her vagina and another in her rectum. Other parts of the globule secure her arms and legs while it slowly encapsulates her completely.

**AZAZEL**
The Globules will breathe for you, feed you and all they require in return is your bodily waste. When not working or aiding your masters, this is where you will stay.

There is a sudden commotion as a few Neanderthals break for an escape. They are quickly captured by the much faster and stronger Cro-Magnon.

**AZAZEL**
Crucify them.

Azazel picks up one of the buckets from behind a crucifix and drinks from it.

**AZAZEL**
Drain some of these quickly and replace them with the new ones.

The captured Neanderthals look on in fear.
INT. LIMBO - HELLE

Adm, breathing heavily, makes his way through the cave system, now mostly lit by the luminous blood running along the fleshy walls.

Moans and groans echo all around him and just ahead he spots a small flickering light from a fire. Adm creeps towards the CAMP

and spots a lone NEANDERTHAL, quite aged, sitting cross-legged, as though in meditation, next to a small fire. Adm steps out.

ADM
Can you help me?

The Neanderthal opens his eyes and looks Adm up and down.

NEANDERTHAL
Yes. Please... sit down.

Adm looks around him cautiously.

NEANDERTHAL
It's OK, you're safe here.

Adm is puzzled by the remark but sits down opposite.

ADM
I'm looking for a way out.

NEANDERTHAL
There is one way out of here and I can help you.

ADM
You know where it is?

NEANDERTHAL
Of course.

ADM
Then why are you here?
NEANDERTHAL
They brought me here, lots of us, released us into these caves.

ADM
So why do you stay?

NEANDERTHAL
I have no choice.

ADM
But you know the way out.

NEANDERTHAL
Do I?

Adm realizes the guy is crazy and gets up to walk away. Suddenly the Neanderthal reveals several rows of shark-like teeth and launches into the air, landing on Adm's back.

Adm spins around trying to reach the guy on his back. The Neanderthal attempts to bite into Adm's back but Adm slams him against the wall, knocking the wind out of him.

The Neanderthal loses his grip -- falls to the ground. Adm grabs a rock and sits astride the Neanderthal, ready to kill him.

The Neanderthal suddenly becomes lucid.

NEANDERTHAL
Follow the slime.

Adm pauses.

ADM
What?

NEANDERTHAL
The slime. It grows towards the light. It grows out.

The Neanderthal gets his crazy face back on again and tries to bite upwards, gnashing his teeth. Adm has no choice but to bring the boulder down onto his head -- killing him.
EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

The passive Cro-Magnon linger for a while before many of them move away and head into one of the free huts.

Eiv remains sitting on the ground, clutching her knees. A Cro-Magnon named CAINE (20) approaches her and holds out his hand.

CAINE
Come with me.

Eiv shakes her head, too afraid to move.

EIV
What is going to happen to us?

CAINE
Nothing.

Eiv looks over at the crucifixes. Caine laughs.

CAINE
That isn't for us. We've been chosen by the Gods. Now come, stop worrying.

Eiv takes Caine's hand and he helps her to stand. As she stands she notices that Caine is holding a tentacle whip in his other hand. Eiv looks down at the ground and sees her own lying there.

CAINE
You should pick that up. These creatures will rip us apart if they corner us.

Caine hurries towards some Neanderthals that have just been ejected from their hut and lashes them with his tentacle-whip -- encouraging them into the globules.

Eiv walks slowly, weakly clutching the tentacle-whip, as all around her the Cro-Magnon beat and force Neanderthals into the sleeping globules.

Caine turns to her, eyes filled with excitement.

CAINE
Take your pick. That one is mine.
Caine enters one of the huts. Eiv takes a moment to survey the scene. Globules and Neanderthals being milked on crucifixes. A tear forms... she wipes it away, steels herself, and then heads into an empty hut.

EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

Eiv steps out of her hut and surveys the scene. The Neanderthals are awake and out of their globules, working the farms and serving their new masters.

One group of Neanderthals are banging drums and making noises with their mouths in a dub-style beat while a bunch of Cro-Magnon dance around them.

Others are busy serving the Cro-Magnon food while yet another are busy cooking and preparing that food.

The Cro-Magnon occupy themselves with eating, drinking, merriment and regularly whipping and abusing the Neanderthals.

Caine parades around -- cockily twirling his tentacle-whip. He spots Eiv and smiles at her.

CAINE
The Gods call this place Edinu.
The land of the fruitful.

Eiv smiles weakly. Caine notices that her hands are empty.

CAINE
You've forgotten...

EIV
Oh... I don't need it.

CAINE
Of course you need it. What if a group of these creatures cornered you? They could ravish you.

Eiv sees the Neanderthals working peacefully and being abused for their troubles.

EIV
They don't look like they would.
CAINE
That is what makes them so scary.

Eiv looks at him with a puzzled look on her face -- just not getting it.

INT. LIMBO

Adm feels along the walls as he goes, heading into the darker caves where the slime has yet to grow its thickest.

It appears he is making some headway when all of a sudden he runs out of slime and is in COMPLETE DARKNESS.

His breathing becomes more pronounced as we hear him shuffle around. Soon he becomes lost, no light, no hope -- only the sound of breathing.

EXT. VILLAGE - DAY

Mndi is thrown out of his hut where he lands unceremoniously on the ground. His followers, including Paxdan, who is currently crying, help him to his feet.

Caine appears in the doorway of Mndi's hut, laughing just as Eiv walks onto the scene. He looks over at her and winks. Eiv ignores him and reaches out her hand, taking a hold of Mndi's to help him up. BAM!

Mndi'S POV - A huge flash of white light, then a VISION OF TWO FIGURES, little more than silhouettes, walking into the mushroom of what appears to be the aftermath of a nuclear strike. Then...

the birds are singing, the grass is green, trees begin to bud. The silhouettes standing beneath a huge tree become clearer and we finally see that one is Adm and the other is Eiv.

END POV

Mndi, much to Caine's merriment, collapses to the ground as Eiv lets go of his hand.

MNDI
Who... are... you?
EIV
I am Eiv.

CAINE
This is one for the crucifixes.

Caine picks up on Eiv's concern.

CAINE
There are better ones. Younger. More virile.

Caine smirks.

EIV
I don't understand why we have to hurt them.

CAINE
They are animals.

EIV
Animals that can communicate as we do? Think as we do?

CAINE
You should watch your tongue. I'm sure the Gods wouldn't appreciate one of their children pitying the animals.

Mndi is suddenly dragged away by two Cro-Magnon.

CAINE
Get him on a crucifix.

Caine stands next to Eiv and places a tender finger on her cheek, she flinches. Caine harrumphs dejectedly and moves his hand.

CAINE
Not hairy enough for you?

Eiv walks away with Caine watching after her.

INT. LIMBO - HELLE

Darkness and the sound of Adm breathing.
Then... a tiny pinprick of light in the distance. Adm's breathing stops. We hear him get up and his breathing starts normally again. Then he heads towards the light.

The light disappears and Adm panics again, breathing intensifying. He feels along the wall and turns a corner.

The light is there again, waiting for him. Adm's breathing relaxes again.

Eventually the light leads Adm out onto the

EXT. CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN - NIGHT

Adm gratefully breathes in the fresh air and spots a shadow next to him. Adm turns to look at it but it flies away quickly.

EXT. VILLAGE - NIGHT

The Neanderthals are asleep in their globules whilst Mndi is secured, along with lots of other Neanderthals, on a crucifix being milked for his brain juice.

The wind whispers through the village as just one or two Cro-Magnon guards watch over everything. A dark shadow lands behind Mndi's crucifix, pulling the snake from the back of his head.

We now see that the dark figure is Penemue and it whispers something in Mndi's ear.

Penemue removes the tentacles binding Mndi to the crucifix using a liquid poured from a glass vial -- that burns like an acid through the tentacle's flesh.

Mndi falls to the ground with a thud... alerting one of the GUARDS.

GUARD

Who's that?
The Guard heads over to the crucifixes and gets there just as Mndi is getting up off the floor. The Guard readies his whip but doesn't get time to use it as Penemue swoops from the air, knocking him to the ground.

Penemue

Follow me.

Mndi

I cannot see. I am blind.

Penemue looks at Mndi then reaches out a hand, taking Mndi by the shoulder.

Penemue

This way.

Penemue leads Mndi out of the village.

Ext. Forest - Night

Penemue stops.

Penemue

Wait here.

Mndi

Where are we?

Penemue sighs and places a hand over Mndi's face. A light can be soon moving from hir hand into Mndi's face.

After a while Penemue removes hir hand and Mndi has to close his eyes with the shock of being able to see again, even in the dark.

Mndi

I can see. I can see!

Mndi looks at Penemue.

Mndi

Thank you.

Penemue nods and then flies away. Mndi looks around and takes a seat next to a tree.
INT. LIMBO - HELLE

Darkness... then we hear the grunts and groans of Kris moving through.

Suddenly there is a long sliver of natural moonlight ahead. Kris howls and runs to it, climbing through it and out onto the

EXT. CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN - NIGHT

Kris howls at the moon and beats at his chest before ambling quickly towards the forest.

INT. BRIDGE - HVAN

Penemue arrives and collapses exhausted, in a little pain.

  SHEMYAZA
  Where have you been?

Penemue raises hir face and Shemyaza is shocked to see the beginnings of a ginger beard.

  SHEMYAZA
  Your face.

Penemue touches fingertips to the beard. Fur grows on Penemue's hand like a time-lapse on fast forward.

  SHEMYAZA
  Why?

  PENEMUE
  I'm sorry, I thought I had longer.

Penemue grows a flattened, Neanderthal nose and hir brow becomes more pronounced.

  PENEMUE
  Forgive me Shemyaza. Sometimes sacrifice is the only way.

Penemue gets up and staggers away towards a wall of the bridge.

  PENEMUE
  I will not become Daemon.
SHEMYAZA
It matters not. You have fallen.

PENEMUE
I'm sorry. I hope that one day you understand.

Penemue has now almost fully transformed into a male Neanderthal and is SUCKED INTO THE WALL.

Shemyaza turns to the

CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN

and sees Penemue scurrying away.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Mndi circles around a small area looking and feeling everything, clearly overjoyed at having his sight back.

A crunching sound behind him makes him turn quickly. He strains his eyes but can only see darkness and he heads closer to the sound.

As he gets there we see Kris sitting beneath a tree eating a wonambi -- raw.

Kris looks at Mndi and Roars, then drops his meal and runs towards him.

Mndi runs through the trees trying to get away -- then crashes into a tree, knocking himself out.

Kris approaches, beating his chest in victory.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Adm hears Kris' roar and sprints in the direction of the sound, coming upon Kris just as he is about to tear Mndi apart.

ADM
He is not your enemy.

Kris stops and looks at Adm. It takes a moment for Kris to remember him.
KRIS

Adm?

Adm nods. After and a tear forms and drips down Kris' face.

KRIS

I remember.

Adm nods and bends to Mndi.

ADM

It's OK, he's just unconscious.
Help me carry him.

Kris lifts Mndi easily and places him, fireman lift style, over his shoulder. They then head off into the trees.

EXT. FOREST - LATER

Adm and Kris stop at a SMALL CLEARING where Mndi, now rousing, is placed carefully against a tree.

Mndi comes to and looks around groggily, finally focusing on Adm and then Kris -- suddenly crying out at the sight of him.

ADM

It's OK. This is Kris, he's our friend.

Mndi looks at Kris strangely.

MNDI

Kris? Mother named Mry, and your father Isck?

Kris frowns and bows his head, growling softly. Mndi hurries to comfort him.

MNDI

What have they done to you?

A soft growl makes Mndi look to the
TREE LINE

a huge American lion pokes its head through the trees and sniffs at the air.

CLEARING

Kris tenses as though about to attack.

MNDI
Careful. There is usually more than one.

Another one appears next to the first.

The trio look around the clearing and see that they are surrounded by an entire pride -- even one or two in the branches of the trees.

Adm and Kris steel themselves -- ready to fight.

Mndi closes his eyes and drops to his knees -- consigned to the inevitable.

Suddenly the lions visibly back down and slink slowly away as Penemue, now fully transformed into a Neanderthal, enters the clearing.

ADM
Who are you?

Penemue smiles.

PENEMUE
I am Penemue.

Mndi frowns suspiciously.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE - NIGHT

Danel arrives at the side of the lake and waits for Azazel to poke his head from beneath the surface of the sulfur.

DANEL
Shemyaza.

AZAZEL
Shemyaza what?
Azazel climbs out of the lake, liquid sulfur fizzing against his skin as it boils and evaporates in the hot air.

AZAZEL
Well?

DANEL
We have had some Neanderthals escape.

AZAZEL
Escape? They have left the planet?

DANEL
Well... no.

AZAZEL
Then they have not escaped. Find and cull them.

DANEL
They had help.

Azazel harrumphs.

AZAZEL
Perhaps the Elders are interfering. The difference between slave and master is that the master can break his rules whenever he likes.

EXT. NEANDERTHAL VILLAGE – DAY

The Neanderthals work hard, farming, mining and labouring while the Cro-Magnon stand guarding them, armed with tentacle whips.

Many crucifixes litter the village with Neanderthals attached to them in varying stages of death. The same worm-like tube protruding from the back of their necks where brain fluid is slowly leaked into a bucket set on the ground.

A Neanderthal band play in the background, making a dub type melody using their mouths and improvised instruments.
Most of the Cro-Magnon lounge around not doing much of anything. Some are smoking herbs, others dancing, others making love... life is good.

Eiv steps out of her hut and surveys the scene, breathing in and out deeply. A Neanderthal scuttles over to her, offering her wine -- she refuses and heads over to listen to the Neanderthal band.

A commotion takes her eye and she heads over to where a group of Cro's are crowding around

Eiv spots a Cro-Magnon female being accosted by several Cro-Magnon males -- one of them, Caine. Eiv hurries over to stop them.

**EIV**

What are you doing?

**CAINE**

Ah, the animal lover. New directives from the Gods. We are to breed freely.

Eiv looks at the distressed female and doesn't notice the other Cro-Magnon males that are now surrounding her.

**EIV**

She doesn't look like she wants to breed freely.

**CAINE**

Freedom works both ways, she has no right to deny me my freedom to do as I please.

Caine kisses her on the lips and Eiv makes to slap him. Caine catches her hand and uses his superior strength to hold her arm.

**CAINE**

Why do you think they made us stronger?

Eiv drops to the floor beneath the pressure and she is pinned to the ground by the Cro-Magnon.

**CAINE**

Hold her.
Caine positions himself between her legs, ready to rape her.

EXT. FOREST - CAMP - NIGHT

Adm and Kris are sleeping peacefully.

Mndi sits next to Penemue, both wide awake, staring at the stars.

MNDI
You may have them fooled, but me...

Mndi taps his nose.

MNDI
It takes a little bit more to get one past this.

PENEMUE
I don't understand.

MNDI
Try a little harder.

PENEMUE
It is not my intention to fool anybody.

MNDI
Then why do you lie?

PENEMUE
I would never lie.

MNDI
Then you'll answer any question with honesty?

PENEMUE
Of course.

MNDI
Who are you?

PENEMUE
Penemue.

MNDI
That is not a Neanderthal name.
PENEMUE
It is a Nphilim name.

MNDI
Nphilim?

PENEMUE
We were created by the Elders to observe their creations.

MNDI
Creations?

PENEMUE
You, us... everything.

MNDI
Why did they create us?

PENEMUE
That is their purpose.

MNDI
Why are you in this form?

PENEMUE
Nphilim are forbidden from interfering with the Elders' creations. Doing so corrupts us, changes us.

MNDI
Azazel?

PENEMUE
For the vain and the selfish then yes, just like Azazel. The pure of heart live and die as the creatures we try to help.

MNDI
Why do they punish you?

PENEMUE
Your innocence is the most precious thing. Once it is lost you are corrupt and may never transcend.

MNDI
Transcend?
PENEMUE
Rise above the physical, become one with the central consciousness.

MNDI
I do not understand.

PENEMUE
The Elders are the guardians of the central consciousness and were themselves created by it.

MNDI
What is it?

PENEMUE
Everything.

MNDI
Why did you do it? Why did you join us?

PENEMUE
Because I love you.

EXT. RED MOUNTAIN - PEAK - DAY

Danel, Armeros and Azazel, clutching the trident, gather with a hundred or so Cro-Magnon, armed with tentacle whips, outside Hvan.

AZAZEL
Shemyaza!

Azazel is greeted with silence.

ARMEROS
We knew this day would come, why prolong it further?

INT. HVAN - BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Shemyaza watches Azazel and the Cro-Magnon on the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN for a short time before moving to a personal control panel and issuing some commands.
Azazel disappears from the CENTRALIZED VIEWSCREEN and is replaced with an image of Hvan's fetus. Some information appears over the image: "FETUS READY FOR CAESARIAN".

Shemyaza issues another command and is suddenly SUCKED THROUGH THE FLOOR.

Shemyaza TRAVELS THROUGH THE BODY OFR HVAN and is eventually deposited into HVAN'S FETUS

Shemyaza's eyes open as ze finds hirself secured against a wall by malformed tentacles in a room not fully developed -- still half full of slime.

Everything vibrates as the fetus prepares for birth.

EXT. PEAK - RED MOUNTAIN - DAY

The Fetus, looking like an underdeveloped version of Hvan, jettisons from the rear of Hvan and rises quickly into the sky.

ARMEROS
They are escaping.

Azazel watches the fetus disappear.

AZAZEL
They will both die in space.

DANEL
What of Hvan?

AZAZEL
Tear her to pieces.

Hvan screams as the Cro-Magnon rip Hvan's flesh from her bones. The Daemon turn their backs and leave.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Penemue leads Mndi, Adm and Kris through the trees. We see that Adm is carrying some fruit and plant material.
PENEMUE
To defeat the Daemon you will need to learn how.

The group arrive upon A CAVE.

PENEMUE
There are elements on this planet that you can use to your advantage. You just need to know how. Follow me.

INT. CAVE

Penemue leads them into the cave where it opens out into a huge cavern.

MNDI
The silver lake.

PENEMUE
You know it?

MNDI
We know to keep away from it.

Penemue nods.

PENEMUE
It is an element called mercury. It is poisonous to all creation.

ADM
What's this for?

PENEMUE
Another poison.

Adm drops the stuff he is carrying on the floor. Penemue laughs and picks up the materials himself.

PENEMUE
Like this it won't hurt you, we need to extract the poison. It's called cyanide.

The group continue walking deeper into the caves as a noise, similar to rushing water, can be heard getting louder and louder.
Eventually, Penemue gets everybody to stop.

**PENEMUE**

You must wait for me here

**ADM**

Why?

**PENEMUE**

I work better alone.

Adm frowns but Mndi nods to him, holding him back. Penemue smiles at them before continuing on alone.

**INT. VILLAGE - NIGHT**

The Cro-Magnon women are now tied up and several of the men are also set upon crucifixes being milked.

Eiv is lying on her back, secured with tentacles, legs splayed so that any passing male can have sex with her.

The Neanderthals are busy working the farms or serving the few Cro-Magnon left guarding the village while the rest are away attacking Hvan.

**INT. CAVE**

Adm, Mndi and Kris are sitting around as Penemue rejoins them clutching various items.

**PENEMUE**

These...

Penemue shows them a batch of leather skin hand grenades.

**PENEMUE (CONT.)**

are for the Daemon power source.

**MNDI**

How do they work?

**PENEMUE**

They must be thrown into the molten sulfur lake.

**PENEMUE**

This...
Penemue hands Adm a spear with a metal head, not exactly neat, but certainly functional.

Adm stares at it in wonder, feeling the point, drawing blood on his finger.

**PENEMUE**

It is called Bronze.

(turning to Kris)

And this...

Penemue hands him a large stone hammer infused with metal pieces.

**PENEMUE**

I wanted to make it all from bronze but had to settle for this.

Kris takes it and feels the weight in his hands.

**KRIS**

Heavy.

Kris smashes the hammer off the ground to emphasize his point.

**PENEMUE**

And this is for you.

Penemue hands Mndi a large wooden staff also infused with bronze.

**MNDI**

Thank you.

**ADM**

Now we free my people.

**PENEMUE**

First we should deal with the Daemon.

**ADM**

Fine, you do that. We're going to save the others. Kris?

Adm sets off at a run and Kris follows quickly after him. Mndi and Penemue look at each other.
PENEMUE
The Daemon will learn of us. We will lose the element of surprise.

MNDI
Too late now. I have seen the end.

Penemue looks at him questioningly.

INT. HVAN'S FETUS

Shemyaza watches a FUZZY VIEWSCREEN flipped down over his face.

Red alarm flashes pulsate a sudden warning. On the

FUZZY VIEWSCREEN

A huge comet spits fire and toxic chemicals into space.

EXT. NEANDERTHAL VILLAGE - DAY

Adm and Kris, armed with their new weapons, catch the Cro-Magnon guards by surprise and quickly cut them down with their new weapons.

Adm and Kris look around at the Cro-Magnon victims on the crucifixes just as Penemue and Mndi arrive.

KRIS
Now they hurt their own.

ADM
Help me get them down.

KRIS
I not help them.

Adm nods but continues to cut the Cro's down from the crucifixes too.

Mndi spots Eiv and walks over to her. He reaches out a hand and touches her skin. BAM.

Mndi POV - Orange flames and walking through the fire is Eiv.

END POV
Mndi retracts his hand.

**MNDI**

It is you.

Mndi uses the butt of his staff to rub the tentacles, causing a friction that eventually forms into a small fire -- burning through the tentacles.

**MNDI**

Can you walk?

Eiv gets to her feet and nods.

**EIV**

Just.

Penemue and Adm round up the farmers, freeing them from their tentacle bonds while Kris rips open the residential globules with his bare hands. Freeing the victims inside -- one of them Paxdan.

Suddenly there is a commotion and we see that the Cro-Magnon are arriving back from the attack on Hvan.

**ADM**

Can you run?

FROM JUST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE

Caine spots what is going on and lets out a roar before leading the rest of the Cro-Magnon in a sprint.

VILLAGE

The Neanderthals have all escaped by the time he gets there and he looks around angrily. He bends to one of the dead Cro-Magnon bodies and investigates the wound at his throat.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE

Armeros and Danel swim gently in the sulfur as Caine stands, sweating profusely, at the edge of the lake.

**ARMEROS**

We only saw the fetus leave.
AZAZEL
Hvan was empty. Without Hvan the Nphilim couldn't last long without creating some attention.

ARMEROS
The rebels must be hiding them.

AZAZEL
The Nphilim cannot interfere without being corrupted.

ARMEROS
Then they are Daemon like us.

Azazel ponders for a while.

AZAZEL
Not necessarily.

EXT. CAMP - FOREST - NIGHT

The Neanderthals relax around a large fire. Adm and Eiv sit eating and watching Neanderthals dance, juggle and eat fire.

Penemue and Mndi stand in a quiet spot away from everyone unaware that Paxdan is listening, hidden behind a tree.

PENEMUE
The Daemon will know you have help and they will come.

MNDI
Wouldn't it be better to draw them out?

PENEMUE
Despite cutting off their power source they would still live a long time using what power they have to torture and enslave us.

MNDI
Then how?

PENEMUE
We must seal them inside Helle.
Paxdan CREEPS AWAY.

EXT. SPACE

Hvan's fetus picks up speed as it swims towards the comet.

INT. HVAN'S FETUS

Shemyaza watches the comet get closer and closer on the viewscreen.

SHEMYAZA
My gift to you all.

EXT. SPACE

Hvan's fetus SMASHES INTO THE COMET knocking it off course. The fetus disappears amidst a mass of bright light.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE

Caine drops Paxdan onto the ground.

CAINE
This one came to me begging for its life. It claims to know things you need to hear.

Azazel climbs out of the lake.

AZAZEL
Why.

CAINE
It knows the location of the one you seek.

Azazel looks Paxdan up and down.

AZAZEL
And what one is that?

Paxdan is sweating and struggling to breathe.
PAXDAN
Lord, all I ask is that you spare me. I will live a life of complete servitude.

AZAZEL
Don't test my patience creature. Tell me what I want to know.

PAXDAN
The one you seek calls himself Penemue.

AZAZEL
Are there any more?

PAXDAN
More?

AZAZEL
Is there one calling himself Shemyaza?

PAXDAN
No Lord, there is only Penemue.

AZAZEL
You will show the Cro'.

PAXDAN
Will I be spared.

AZAZEL
You have already been spared.

PAXDAN
Yes Lord.

Paxdan is led away from the lake by Caine. Azazel waits until they are out of earshot before turning to Armeros.

AZAZEL
I think it's time we wiped out their race altogether. I prefer the Cro juices anyway.
EXT. MNDI'S CAMP - MORNING

Adm and Eiv wake up, next to each other, as Mndi shakes them awake.

MNDI
Follow me.

ADM
What is it?

Kris and Penemue are standing behind Mndi.

PENEMUE
Quickly, no time for questions.

Adm and Eiv get up and follow Mndi, Penemue and Kris into

THE TREES

They stop some way away from the camp.

ADM
What's going on?

PENEMUE
It is time to go.

ADM
Well let's go then.

PENEMUE
I must stay behind.

Suddenly screams can be heard coming from the camp and Penemue hands a woven bag, full of leather grenades to Adm.

PENEMUE
You must leave.

ADM
What is happening at the camp?

MNDI
We must leave now.

ADM
Not without him.
MNDI
He will meet with us later. Now go!

The four of them hurry into THE TREES, leaving Penemue alone.

Penemue steels himself before heading back in the direction of the camp.

EXT. CAMP - DAY

Penemue arrives to find the Neanderthals running in horror as the Cro-Magnon, led by Caine, rip them to pieces.

PENEMUE
Cease this slaughter!

Caine approaches him, a tentacle whip writhing at his side.

CAINE
Tell your people to bow.

PENEMUE
It is me that you seek.

There is a gasp and

IN THE SKY

We see Azazel, Armeros and Danel.

THE CAMP

Caine waits for them to land.

CAINE
We have them Lord.

AZAZEL
I see that.

Paxdan appears from where he had been hiding -- the Neanderthals look at him in disgust, many of them spitting onto the ground.
AZAZEL
Which is the one I seek?

Paxdan walks forward and points a finger from a shaky hand at Penemue. Azazel appraises Penemue for a short time.

AZAZEL
You've changed.

PENEMUE
So have we both.

Azazel nods, appreciating the point.

AZAZEL
You could have joined us.

PENEMUE
I was never enamored with your vanity.

AZAZEL
What of the vanity of the Elders? Do they not do the same as I?

PENEMUE
They do not seek rapture.

AZAZEL
And all of this... this is a sacrifice just to stop me?

PENEMUE
Yes.

Azazel throws back his head and laughs.

AZAZEL
I'm honored, however your sacrifice is for naught.

Penemue bows his head.

AZAZEL
And what of Shemyaza? Another pointless sacrifice?

PENEMUE
Shemyaza was afraid, chose to run away.
Azazel nods, satisfied with this answer.

AZAZEL
You know you will suffer.

PENEMUE
I am ready.

AZAZEL
I wouldn't be so sure of that.

Tentacles clasp Penemue's arms, spreading them out wide. More tentacles wrap around his legs and waist, cutting into his skin. Penemue is marched through the forest and up to the MOUNTAIN PEAK

where some Cro-Magnon have carried a WOODEN CRUCIFIX. Penemue is secured to it with tentacles.

The Cro-Magnon use ropes to raise the crucifix till Penemue is clearly visible for miles around.

AZAZEL
I'm going to milk you for everything. Then play with your genes until you and your offspring are hunted for your tasty flesh by every predator on the planet.

Penemue ignores him. Azazel spins the trident in his hands.

AZAZEL
Why did you choose to become one of these disgusting animals?

PENEMUE
Because it is better than the alternative.

AZAZEL
Is it really?

Azazel laughs uproariously.

AZAZEL
You know it was all a lie?
PENEMUE

What was?

AZAZEL

The more that I think about it the more it seems that this has all been a test.

PENEMUE

I agree.

AZAZEL

You do?

(Pause)

Ah, I see what you're doing.

Azazel waves his finger -- naughty-naughty.

AZAZEL

Blind subservience is the wrong path to transcendence. As you can see we have found immortality using our own intuition.

PENEMUE

Immortality is not the prize. We had that as Nphilim.

AZAZEL

It is a prize indeed for a FREE Daemon.

PENEMUE

You had freedom as Nphilim, you failed to recognize it.

AZAZEL

I am a God.

PENEMUE

I see only Daemon. One of the fallen, the failed.

AZAZEL

Daemon is transcendence.

PENEMUE

It is devolution.

Azazel laughs.
AZAZEL
You dare to speak of devolution?

PENEMUE
Maybe the elders will forgive me.

AZAZEL
You will soon find out.

Azazel nods to Caine, who relishes the order and picks up a tentacle whip.

AZAZEL
Guard it well.

The Cro-Magnon circle as Caine mercilessly lashes Penemue with the whip. Paxdan approaches Azazel.

PAXDAN
Lord?

AZAZEL
Come with me creature, I have a gift for you.

Azazel lifts Paxdan into the air and flies away. Armeros and Danel follow.

Caine leads the Cro-Magnon away with their Neanderthal prisoners, leaving Penemue half dead on the crucifix.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Kris looks back and spots the crucifix set high on the mountain. Kris taps Adm, getting him to look. Adm stops and turns. Eiv and Mndi also stop.

EIV
It is a crucifixion.

MNDI
We must press on.

ADM
Penemue.

Kris runs off through the trees, heading for the crucifixion site.
ADM

Kris!

Adm places the leather bag down on the ground.

ADM

Look after this.

Eiv and Mndi watch them sprint away.

EIV

Shall we wait?

MNDI

Go after them, I will wait for you here.

Eiv nods and chases after them, leaving Mndi alone. Mndi moves the leather bag, hiding it in a bush.

EXT. CRUCIFIXION SITE - NIGHT

Kris arrives at the site first, finding it empty aside from Penemue who is now dead.

Adm arrives soon after, panting heavily with exhaustion. Kris drops to his knees crying.

ADM

Help me cut them down.

Caine arrives with several Cro-Magnon, all armed with tentacle whips.

CAINE

I knew you'd come. Where is she?

ADM

Where is who?

CAINE

Your bitch.

Adm readies his spear, Kris his hammer. Caine smiles.

CAINE

Really?

The Cro-Magnon twitch their tentacle whips.
CAINE
Let's teach these animals a lesson.

Kris brings the hammer down hard, crushing the skull of one of the Cro-Magnon, but is quickly set upon by the others jumping onto his front and back. The hammer is wrestled from his hands.

Adm runs at Caine with his spear. Caine quickly unfurls the tentacle whip and turns in time to duck under Adm's strike, then twists like a pro boxer to deliver a punch to Adm's ribs, shattering them. Adm wheezes for breath and falls to the ground.

The other Cro-Magnon have managed to pin Kris. Caine struts around his felled opponents.

CAINE
Is that it? I really expected a little more.

Penemue's SKIN CRACKS and pieces fall off, a bright white light emanating from deep within the bones, pours outwards, getting brighter and brighter and gaining momentum.

A sliver of light glances across Caine's face and he turns to look at Penemue.

The other Cro-Magnon release Kris and drop to their knees as Penemue's skin completely falls away. A beautiful white Nphilim floats off from the crucifix like a butterfly exiting its cocoon.

CAINE
What... what are you?

PENEMUE
I am your equal.

Caine is smothered in light and he drops to his knees, eyes wide with innocent delight. Suddenly Adm's spear appears out of his throat followed by a cascade of blood. Caine's hands reach to his throat and as the light subsides we see Eiv standing behind him. She bends to whisper in his ear.

EIV
I am not so forgiving.

The other Cro-Magnon run away in fear.
KRIS
Lord.

Kris drops in worship.

PENEMUE
No, we are equals.

EIV
Are you here to help us against the Daemon?

PENEMUE
I cannot.

ADM
What will happen to you now?

PENEMUE
I become a part of the central consciousness.

Kris suddenly spots the comet in the sky.

KRIS
What that?

Penemue looks up and nods -- realizing what has happened.

PENEMUE
Shemyaza.

EIV
What do you mean?

PENEMUE
You must stay in Helle if you hope to survive.

KRIS
Why?

PENEMUE
It is large enough to destroy all life on the surface of this planet.

Adm looks at the comet, admiring the majesty of its flight.
ADM
It's beautiful.

EIV
And it's going to kill us.

PENEMUE
I must leave.

ADM
Wait!

Too late, Penemue flies into the sky and disappears within seconds. The three stand admiring the comet for a while longer.

ADM
We must get to Helle.

KRIS
What of the others, one of us should warn them.

EIV
It is too late for them.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE

Azazel is waist high in the lake whilst Armeros stands at the edge next to Paxdan. Paxdan is on his knees.

PAXDAN
Please Lord, I will serve you in whatever way you ask.

AZAZEL
We have no more need for creatures like you.

PAXDAN
Please Lord, I'll do anything, anything.

ARMEROS
The pathetic creature believes it can somehow bargain for its life.

PAXDAN
I told you what you wanted to know.
AZAZEL
Yes, you did.

Azazel uses the trident to slice open Paxdan's stomach. Paxdan struggles to breathe as his intestines poke from inside the wound.

PAXDAN
You bastards...

Azazel, Armeros and Danel laugh.

PAXDAN
They will kill you. They have new magic and they will kill you!

Azazel slices Paxdan's throat, silencing him.

DANEL
Magic?

AZAZEL
To them it is magic, to us it is cause and effect.

Azazel thinks for a while.

AZAZEL
Make sure we are secure.

Armeros and Danel nod before exiting the lake.

EXT. FOREST - DAY

The trio hurry through the forest and find that Mndi has disappeared.

ADM
Mndi!

Eiv retrieves the leather bag from the bush.

EIV
Mndi would have wanted us to carry on.

CLOSE UP of The Comet.

Adm nods resignedly.
INT. LIMBO - HELLE

Adm, Kris and Eiv slice open the veins, spilling the blood and darkening the caves as they pass.

EIV
At least if we get lost we'll know where we've been.

Moans reverberate around the slime covered walls, and tentacles protrude here and there trying to snatch at them, seeking small morsels of food.

EIV
Am I hallucinating already?

ADM
This is all real.

EIV
I don't remember any of this.

ADM
I can't remember the day I was born either.

Kris touches a tentacle, strokes it. The tentacle produces a tiny mouth and bites Kris' finger, sucking at the blood. Kris yelps and snatches his hand back.

EIV
What is all the moaning?

ADM
The lost and the damned. The Daemon release creatures to devour them small pieces at a time.

Kris
The tentacle bites.

ADM
Yes, those bite too.

EIV
Too?

A tiny creature full of fur leaps out of the air. Eiv snatches the creature out of the air and snaps its neck. We see that the creature has several rows of razor sharp teeth in its mouth.
INT. HELLE - SOMEWHERE IN LIMBO

Danel flies swiftly through the caves -- searching.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE

Armeros arrives as Azazel relaxes in the lake.

AZAZEL
You find them?

ARMEROS
There is no sign in the village, but there is something you should see.

AZAZEL
What is it?

ARMEROS
The comet has altered course. It is headed here.

AZAZEL
Impossible.

ARMEROS
It is definitely headed here.

AZAZEL
Shemyaza.

ARMEROS
Everything on the surface will be destroyed.

AZAZEL
We will be safe here.

ARMEROS
But all of our work...

AZAZEL
This way we can start over. All the materials we need are right here.
INT. LIMBO

Adm leads them through the narrow cave system. While walking single file through a recess they see Danel walk past the other end.

They freeze -- making sure he has gone before continuing.

They walk, sideways, through the recess in single file and step into a Cavern.

They look around briefly to make sure Danel is gone.

Suddenly Kris is thrown against a wall of the cavern and he slumps unconscious to the ground.

Adm and Eiv face Danel. Danel eyes Eiv.

DANEL
You turn against your Gods?

EIV
I turn against being owned.

Adm lunges forward with his spear and pierces Danel in the stomach. Adm pulls the spear out as Danel looks at the wound.

DANEL
You think your weapons can hurt me?

The wound heals before their eyes and Danel back-slaps Adm sending him sprawling.

Eiv spots another recess leading out of the cavern as Danel strides towards her.

Eiv freezes -- like a rabbit caught between headlights. Danel is almost upon her and Adm JUMPS ONTO HIS BACK.

Danel turns trying to snatch Adm off him and suddenly Kris is there too, helping to drag Danel to the ground. Adm manages to pin him down while Kris smashes his hammer into Danel's head, crushing it.
EIV

Over there!

Adm and Kris head into the second

RECESS

and Eiv follows behind them. Eiv looks back the way they came -- into the

CAVERN

and sees Danel getting to his feet, his face healing. Suddenly Mndi appears behind Danel.

MNDI

Why don't you pick on somebody your own size?

Danel turns to face him, grinning maliciously.

RECESS

Eiv spots Mndi and reaches out a hand -- encouraging Adm to look.

EIV

It is Mndi.

Adm looks back and tries to push past her.

ADM

We have to help him.

CAVERN

Mndi rubs his brass staff on the ground a massive surge of light pours out of the other end, blasting Danel in the chest -- causing a huge wound.

The wound heals and Danel stands.

DANEL

What is that?

Mndi looks at the staff, then shrugs.
Danel roars and flies like a bullet at Mndi. Mndi rubs the staff on the floor and fires but the blast misses hitting the rocks above the recess, causing a cave in.

RECESS
Adm tries to hurry through the recess but the end is blocked through the cave in.

ADM
Mndi!

CAVERN
Danel pins Mndi to the wall by his throat and leans in close -- face to face.

DANEL
Now I'm going to kill you.

MNDI
I am ready, Daemon.

Danel sears his fingers into Mndi's throat.

RECESS
Adm, Eiv and Kris stand in the recess for a while.

EIV
We must press on. Don't make his death worthless.

ADM
Hurry!

The trio pick up their pace.

INT. SULFUR LAKE
Armeros and Azazel hear the commotion caused by cave-in.
The comet?

No. Not yet. Find Danel.

Armeros heads off into the caves while Azazel sinks himself into the lake.

EXT. SPACE

The comet now has Erth in its sights, parts of it burning away as it hits

ERTH'S ATMOSPHERE

The comet hardly misses a beat as it courses its way towards the SURFACE.

INT. SPIRAL PATH - HELLE

Eiv walks ahead with Adm and Kris following.

ADM

Stay on the path.

Kris places a hand on the wall as he walks and is bitten by a tentacle again. He smashes the tentacle with his hammer.

Armeros flies up from the ABYSS and faces them.

ARMEROS

Welcome to Helle.

EXT. ERTH'S ATMOSPHERE

The comet causes the whole planet to shake as it FREEFALLS THROUGH THE SKY.

INT. LIMBO

Danel staggers through the darkened cave system and spies LIGHT up ahead. He heads towards it and finds himself in THE FOREST.
EXT. FOREST - DAY

Danel looks up and sees the comet coursing towards him, growing larger and larger, brighter and brighter. Danel has to shield his eyes.

INT. HELLE - SPIRAL PATH

Armeros flies quickly between Adm, Eiv and Kris, hitting them with fists and feet in rapid succession, toying with them.

The trio take some abuse before falling to the ground under the onslaught.

Armeros flies above the ABYSS, confident in his gravity wings. He faces Eiv.

    ARMEROS
    What is in the bag, Cro'?

Eiv clutches the bag tightly. Armeros sighs.

    ARMEROS
    No matter.

Quick as a flash, Armeros removes the bag from her.

    ARMEROS
    Is this it? Is this what you sought to defeat your Gods with? Foolish creature.

Armeros laughs.

    ARMEROS
    Foolish...

Suddenly Kris leaps from the path and hovers in mid air for a while before landing on Armeros, clutching to him with one hand.

Armeros barely has time for a bemused glance as Kris snatches the leather bag from him and tosses it to Eiv -- who catches it deftly.
We now see that in Kris' other hand he is holding a leather grenade. He shoves the grenade into Armeros' mouth. Armeros screams and Kris rips the gravity wings from him with his bare hands. They both drop into the abyss.

INT. HELLE - SULFUR LAKE

Azazel pokes his head out of the lake just as Armeros and Kris land with a heavy splat on the ground a few yards from him.

Armeros has turned to mush, a few fingers from one hand twitch on the floor as the flesh tries unsuccessfully to heal itself. An eyeball's pupil dilates as Azazel climbs fully out of the lake and looks up.

INT. SPIRAL PATH

Adm looks down forlornly. Eiv takes his arm.

    EIV
    This isn't over.

Adm nods and taking a moment to steel themselves they sprint down the spiral path.

Azazel accosts them on the way down, snatching Adm and throwing him the rest of the way to the SULFUR LAKE.

Adm lands with a thump on the ground, unconscious. Eiv lands next to him soon after, the leather bag landing near the lake's edge. Azazel floats to the ground, trying to contain his rage.

    AZAZEL
    How dare you! How dare you!

Azazel picks up Adm and repeatedly punches him, at a speed impossible for a human to replicate, then tosses him to the ground.

    AZAZEL
    And you... Cro' bitch.
Azazel picks her up by the throat and gets in her face.

AZAZEL
I created you.

Azazel crushes her throat, Eiv gasps for air, fighting for her life.

AZAZEL
And this is how you repay me?

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Danel is staring at the comet as it becomes so massive it seems the same size as the Erth itself.

The comet HITS THE GROUND in a thermonuclear-type explosion.

Trees are obliterated and all life is wiped out as the Erth burns.

INT. SULFUR LAKE

The rocks begin to fall in from above, a large boulder hits Azazel's head and he drops Eiv.

Adm regains consciousness and spots the leather bag.

Azazel picks up his trident and heads towards Eiv with it.

AZAZEL
You think you win Cro' bitch? I will recreate everything you have destroyed.

Azazel turns to see Adm clutching a leather grenade. Adm tosses the grenade into the lake.

AZAZEL
No!

Azazel leaps into the lake in an attempt to retrieve the grenade... but it is too late, the grenade cracks open and infects the sulfur, solidifying it into a vermilion metal. Azazel is solidified waist deep within it. Slowly the infected sulfur creeps up his upper torso too, solidifying him in vermilion.
Adm hurries over to Eiv and helps her up as the cave-in becomes more insistent.

ADM
We need to find a way out.

EIV
There is no way out. I sealed us in.

Adm looks up and sees a light, like a willow the wisp, resting high up in the cave.

ADM
That way.

They climb towards the light and finally see that the light is being made by Penemue.

ADM
Penemue.

Penemue motions for them to follow. Penemue looks at Azazel, now completely solidified.

PENEMUE
You were right, this has all been a test... you failed.

Penemue floats higher into the cave with Adm and Eiv following.

EXT. CASA DIABLO MOUNTAIN - NIGHT

Thunder bellows and lightning crackles as a heavy rain falls laying waste to the flames that have little left to burn.

Adm and Eiv climb out of a tight pothole, getting instantly soaked.

Penemue hangs back, leaving Adm and Eiv to walk ahead. Adm turns.

ADM
Are you coming?

PENEMUE
You are free now, make your own choices.
Adm and Eiv exchange a glance.

**PENEMUE**

Share this story with your children. Let them know of Hvan and Helle, of the battle you fought and won. Let them know how evil can twist even the purest of hearts and that the fight against it will never be over.

Adm nods and turns to Eiv, smiles at her... then looks back to Penemue but ze has gone.

Eiv takes in the devastation all around her.

**EIV**

What do we do now?

The storm stops and the rain gives way to a sudden bright sunlight. Adm bends to a spot on the ground where a fresh, green seedling is sprouting.

**ADM**

We start again.

Adm stands and they embrace, then kiss. The trees produce small buds and grass shoots from the ash-filled ground.

**SUPER: THE BEGINNING**

FADE OUT