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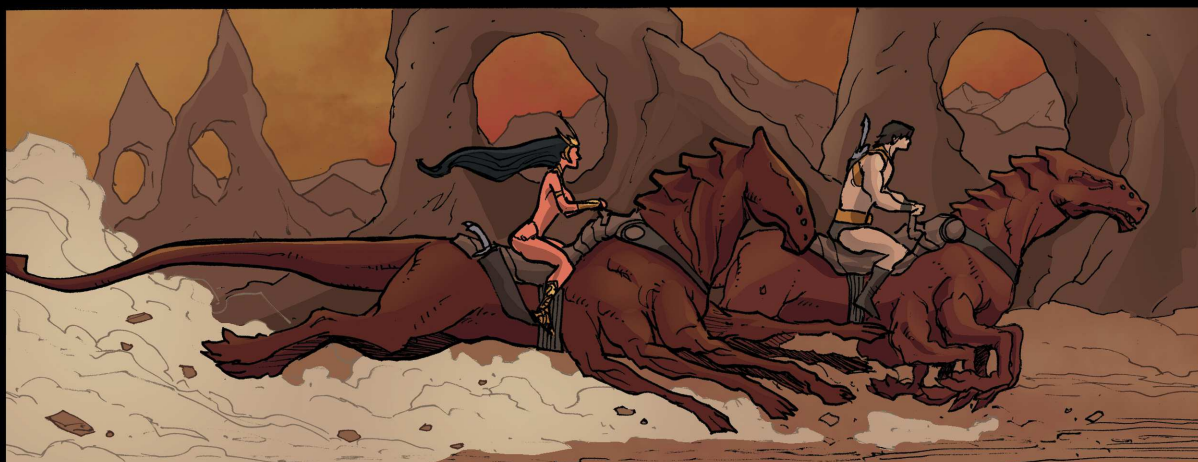
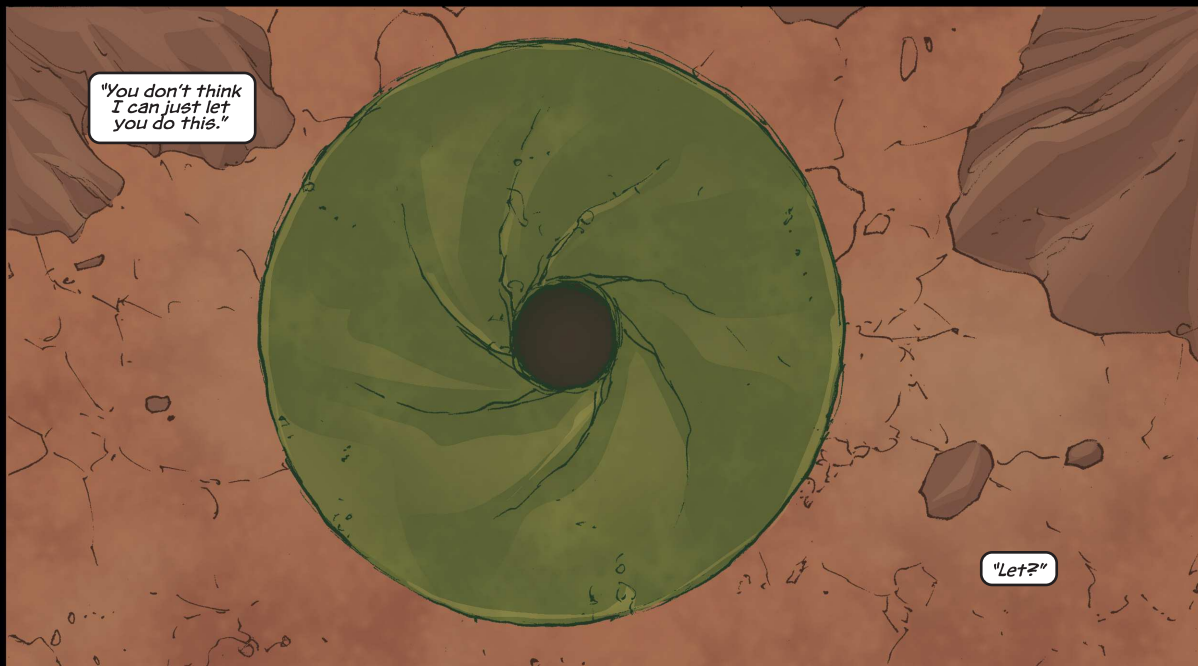


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GO TO HELL,  
VORO.



WELCOME,  
DEJAH THORIS.  
AND YOU, JOHN  
CARTER.

## DEJAH THORIS AND THE GREEN MEN OF MARS PART 8

WRITTEN BY MARK RAHNER, DRAWN BY LUI ANTONIO, COLORED BY ARISON AGUIAR, LETTERED BY MARSHALL DILLON



I CAN ONLY GUESS HOW YOU KNEW ABOUT THE GREEN DOME, PRINCESS.

NO DOUBT YOUR HOUSE THARK, TARS TARKAS, TOLD YOU OF IT.

DO WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT OR NOT?



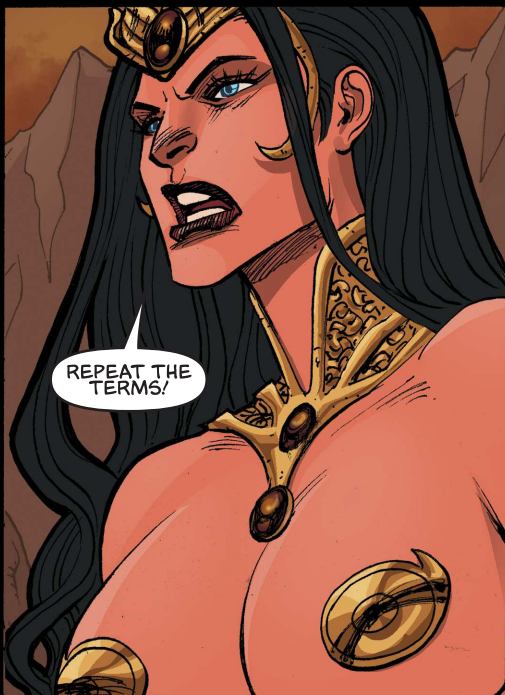
YOU COME TO THIS PLACE. YOU QUESTION MY WORD.

AND YOU WONDER THAT WE WANT AN END TO YOUR SHAM OF A PEACE.



THAT IS A YES, THEN.

HOW COULD I DO ANYTHING *BUT* ACCEPT? EVEN IF YOURS WAS THE LAUGHABLE CHALLENGE OF A WOMAN APPARENTLY DRIVEN MAD BY--



REPEAT THE TERMS!



I AM A THARK. MY WORD IS--

REPEAT THEM IN FRONT OF JOHN CARTER AND YOUR MEN.

VERY WELL. YOU AND I ENTER THE GREEN DOME. ONLY ONE OF US COMES OUT ALIVE.

WHEN I EMERGE, I WILL HAVE WON THE RIGHT TO SECEDE AND RULE OVER AS MANY THARKS WHO WISH TO RETURN TO OUR NATURAL WAY OF LIFE.

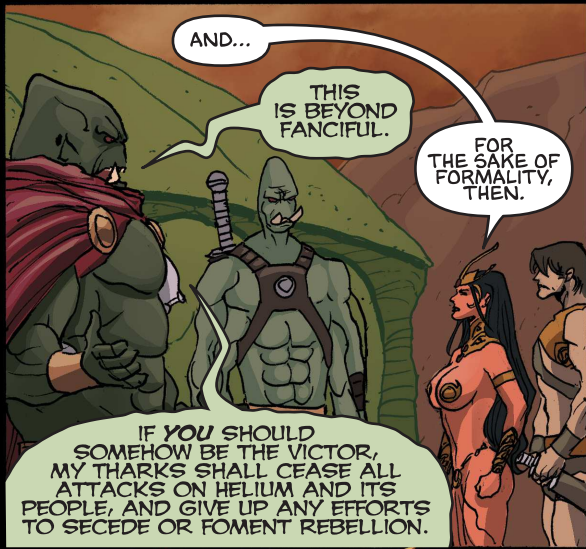


AND...

THIS IS BEYOND FANCIFUL.

FOR THE SAKE OF FORMALITY, THEN.

IF YOU SHOULD SOMEHOW BE THE VICTOR, MY THARKS SHALL CEASE ALL ATTACKS ON HELIUM AND ITS PEOPLE, AND GIVE UP ANY EFFORTS TO SECEDE OR FOMENT REBELLION.



YES. EVERYONE HAS HEARD THE TERMS.

HOW DO WE GET INSIDE?



DAMN IT.

YOU KNOW I MUST DO THIS.

I KNOW WHAT YOU SAID, AND I HATE IT.

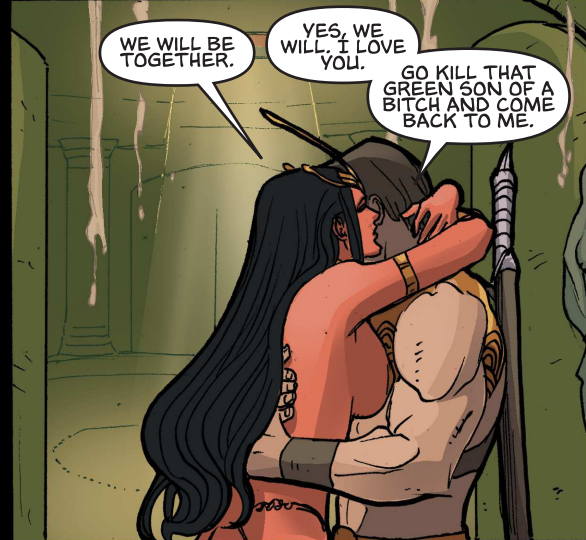
I'D SACRIFICE EVERYONE ON THIS--



WE WILL BE TOGETHER.

YES, WE WILL. I LOVE YOU.

GO KILL THAT GREEN SON OF A BITCH AND COME BACK TO ME.





"I AM IMPRESSED YOU DID NOT BRING TARS TARKAS."

"This is not for him."



"I AM ALSO IMPRESSED IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP INFORMATION FROM LEAKING. SURELY A PRINCESS HAS MINDERS."

"Surely."



"AND YOU HAVE NOT EVEN TOLD YOUR JEDDAK GRANDFATHER?"

"Now you question my word."

"I QUESTION WHY YOU WOULD GET IN SO FAR OVER YOUR HEAD."





THE RITUAL BEGINS, THEN. WHENEVER YOU ARE READY, PRINCESS.



I AM ACTUALLY **GRATEFUL** THAT YOU CHOSE THE GREEN DOME.

IT AFFORDS US TIME ALONE. PRIVACY.

I WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO TASTE YOUR MEAT WHEN THIS IS DONE, AND NO ONE CAN INTERFERE.

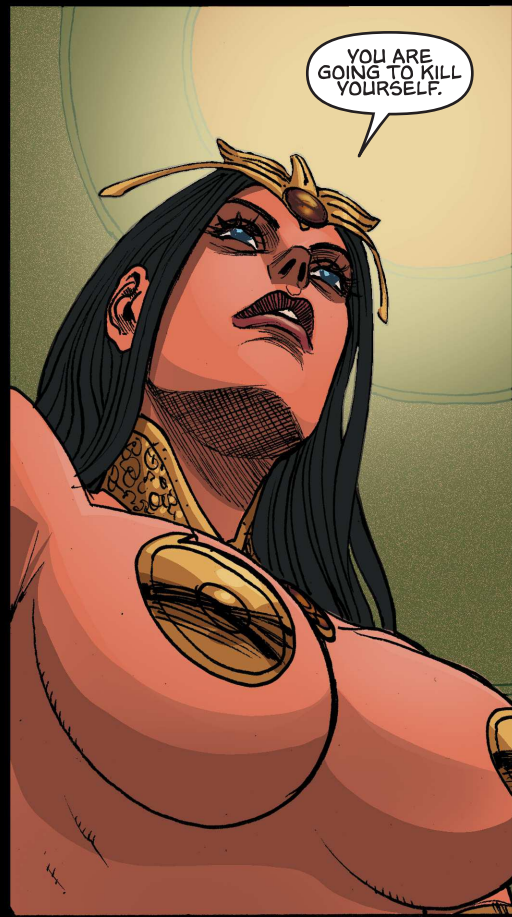


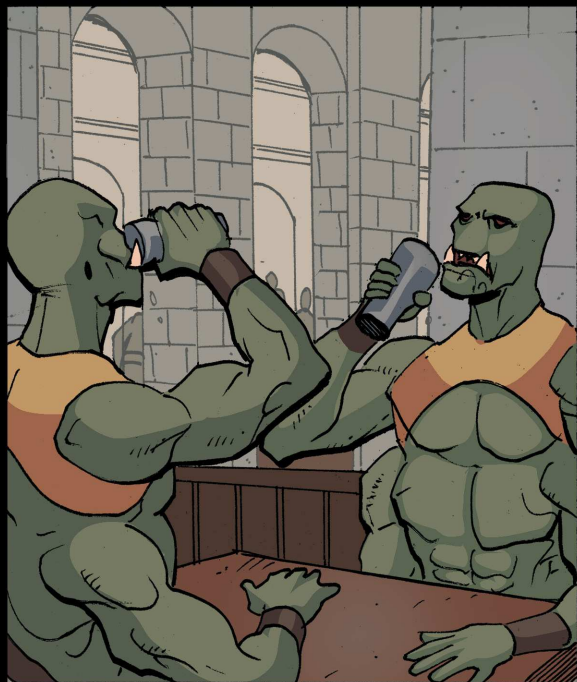
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT IS THIS?

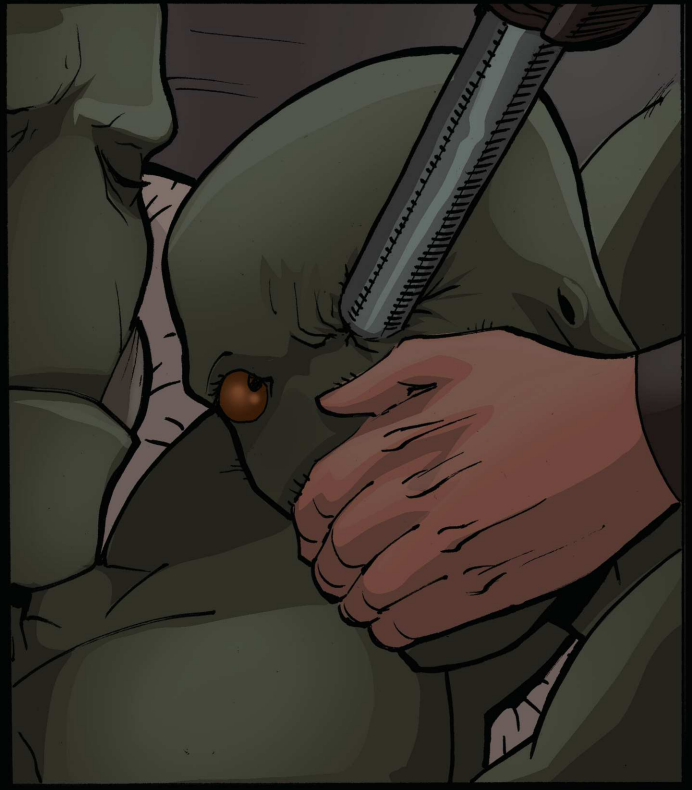


WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE, VORO?





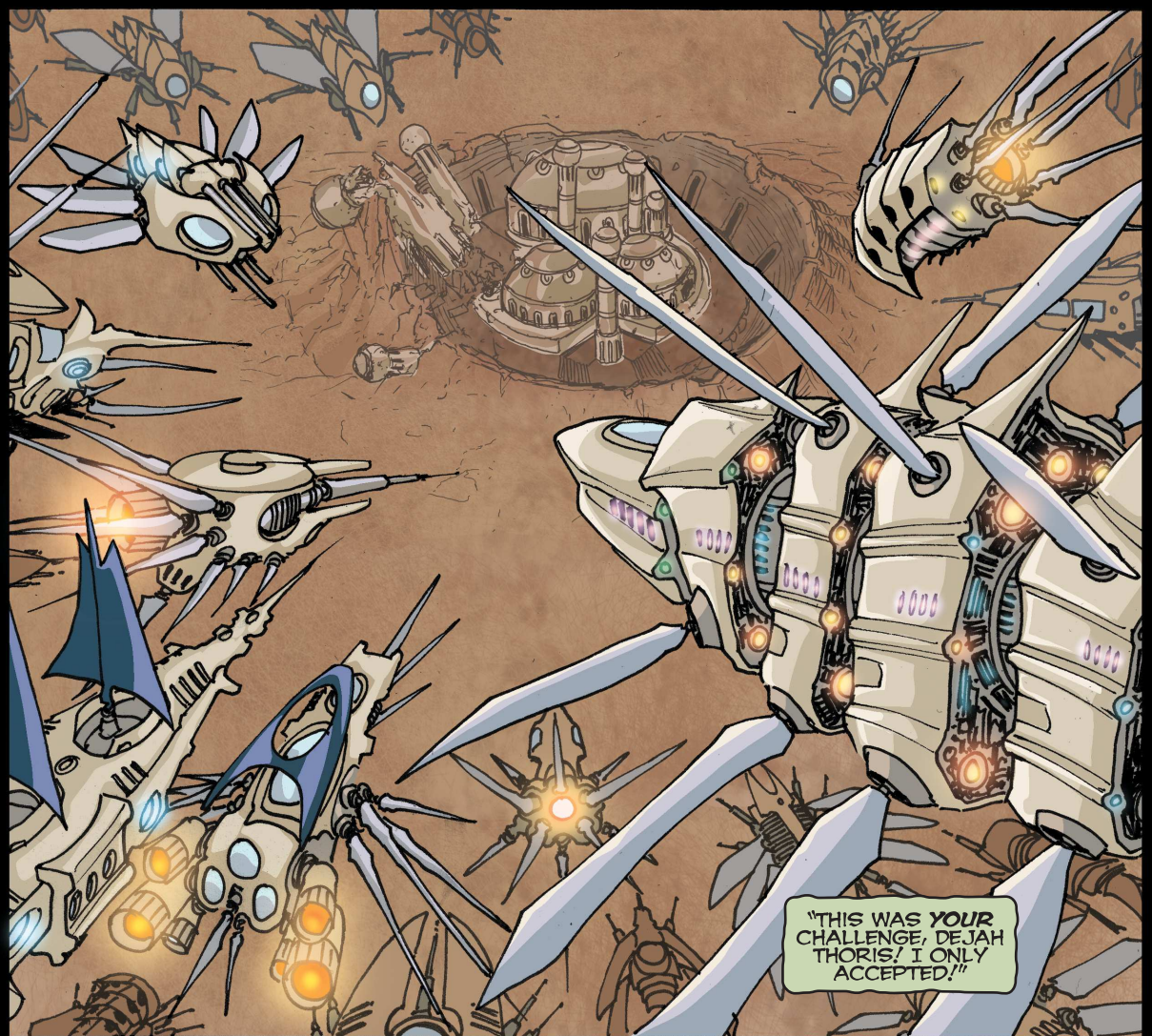
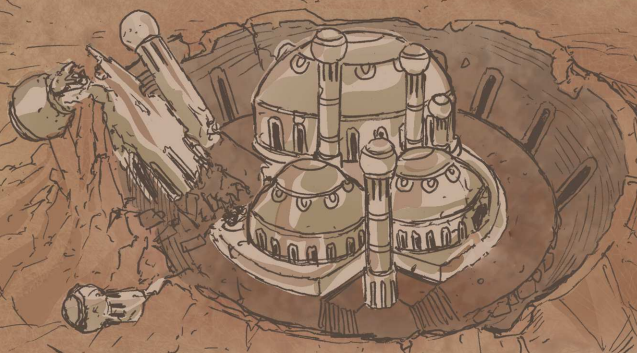




YOU WOULD KILL THE BELOVED PRINCESS OF HELIUM, VORO?

ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

"You are three times my size."



"THIS WAS YOUR CHALLENGE, DEJAH THORIS! I ONLY ACCEPTED!"

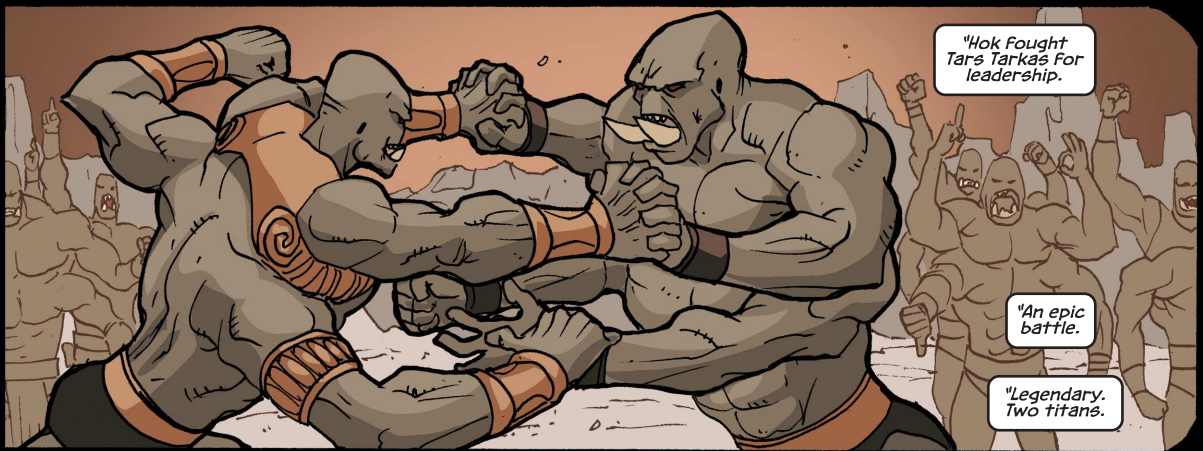


WHO CARES?

WHAT?



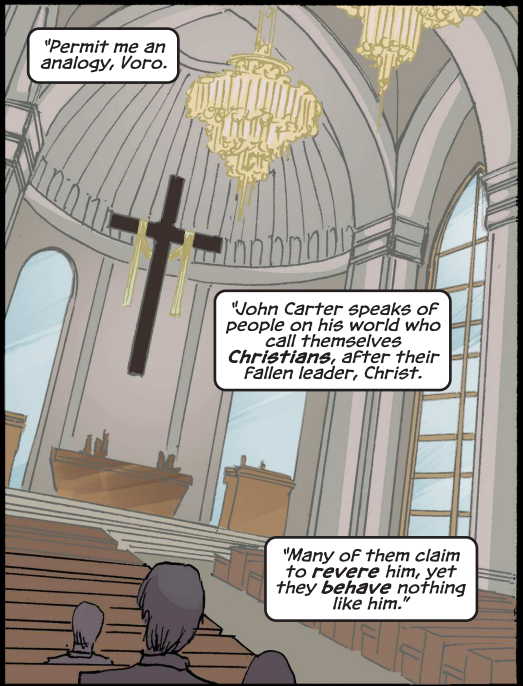
YOU ACCEPTED BECAUSE YOU ARE RULED BY YOUR APPETITES, NOT YOUR MIND.



"Hok Fought Tars Tarkas for leadership."

"An epic battle."

"Legendary. Two titans."



"Permit me an analogy, Voro."

"John Carter speaks of people on his world who call themselves **Christians**, after their fallen leader, Christ."

"Many of them claim to **revere** him, yet they **behave** nothing like him."



WHAT DOES THAT MAKE THEM?

I BELIEVE I SEE WHERE YOU ARE--



YOU ARE NO  
HOK. YOU ARE  
UNWORTHY  
OF HIM.

HE WOULD  
NOT *DESPISE*  
YOU, THOUGH. HE  
SIMPLY WOULD  
NOT *NOTICE*  
YOU.



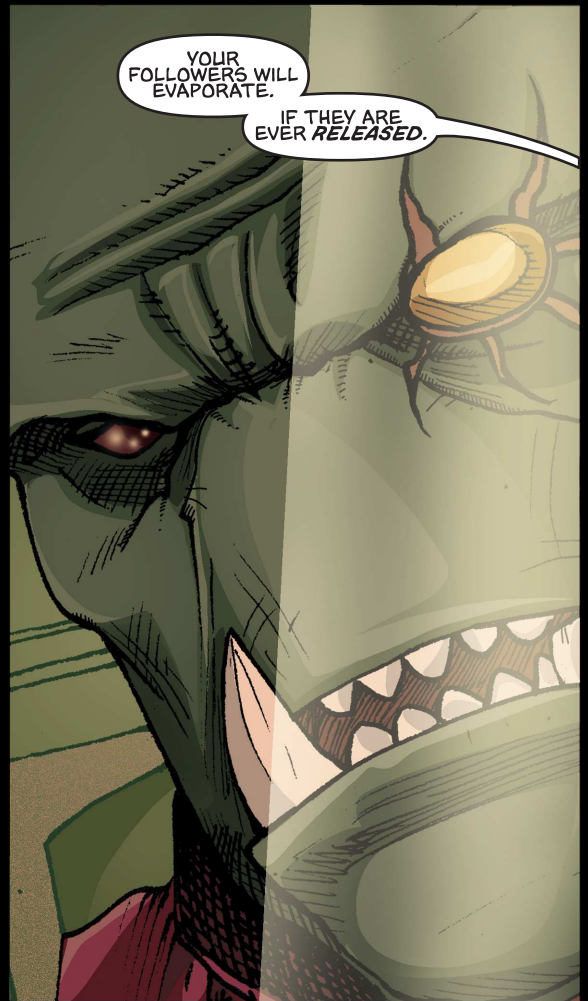
THERE IS NO  
HONOR FOR YOU  
IN WINNING  
AGAINST ME.



ONLY  
SHAME.

RIDICULE.

DIMINISHMENT.



YOUR  
FOLLOWERS WILL  
EVAPORATE.

IF THEY ARE  
EVER *RELEASED*.

YOUR FAVORITE DYNAMITE CHARACTERS AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE!

WILLINGHAM · DAVILLA

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Johnny Desjardins' designs for (from left to right): The Phantom, Vampirella, Zorro, The Bionic Man, The Green Hornet, Kato, Captain Victory, Red Sonja, and Flash Gordon

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WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT.

I ADHERE TO THE LETTER OF IT.



HA.

THARKS WILL MOCK YOU. ANOTHER OF HISTORY'S MANY DELUSIONAL CRANKS WHO COULDN'T MEASURE UP.

BUT I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING THAT WOULD KEEP YOUR REPUTATION INTACT. AND YOUR CAUSE.



MARTYRDOM.



AT LEAST SHOW ME THE RESPECT OF ADMITTING THE TRUTH THAT WE BOTH KNOW, DEJAH THORIS.

YOU HATE THARKS.



NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO HIDE IT. FORCE IT DOWN. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

YOU WILL ALWAYS HATE US.

OH, NO, VORO. YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME TO THE VERY END.

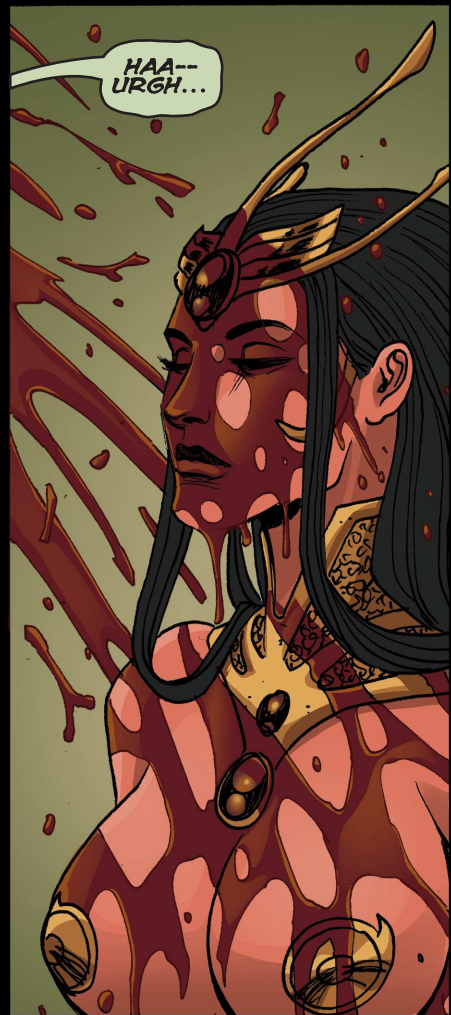


I REALLY DO NOT HATE THANKS. I HAVE NEVER HATED THEM.

I HATE YOU.



HAAA-HA-HA-HA!



HAA--URGH...



"You will not serve Tars Tarkas."

"You will not even recognize him as your rightFUL jeddak."

"I understand that I cannot change your *nature*."

"But perhaps I can utilize it."



"You want battle. Perpetual killing."

"To wake up each day of your lives and know there will be either glory or death."

"I can provide that."



"As well as a *purpose*. One greater than simple *nihilism*."

"Those of you who would hear no more of this, you may leave. There are thots waiting for you. Fully provisioned."

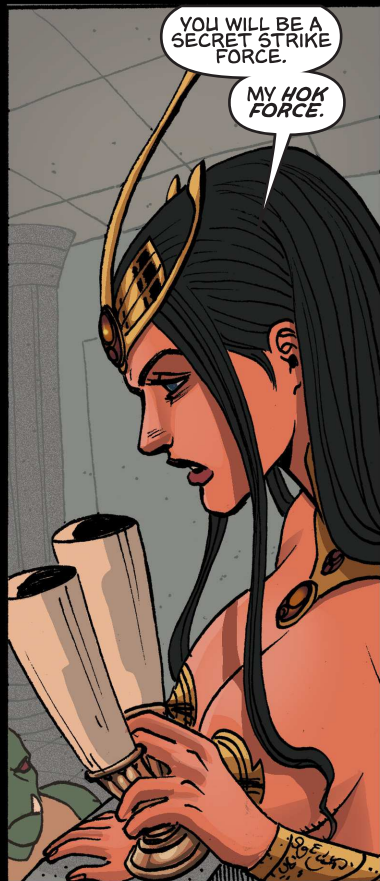


"For you who remain, I have an offer you will find most satisfying."



YOU SIX ARE THE BRUTAL.

THE BLOODTHIRSTY. THE ELITE.



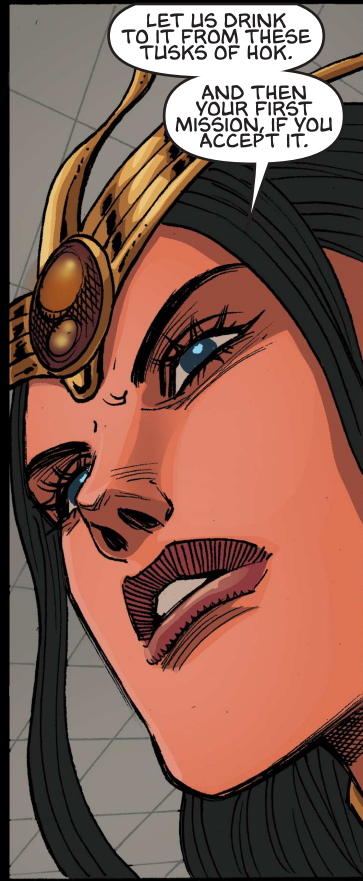
YOU WILL BE A SECRET STRIKE FORCE.

MY HOK FORCE.



DO YOU ACCEPT?

YOU KNOW THE ANSWER, PRINCESS.

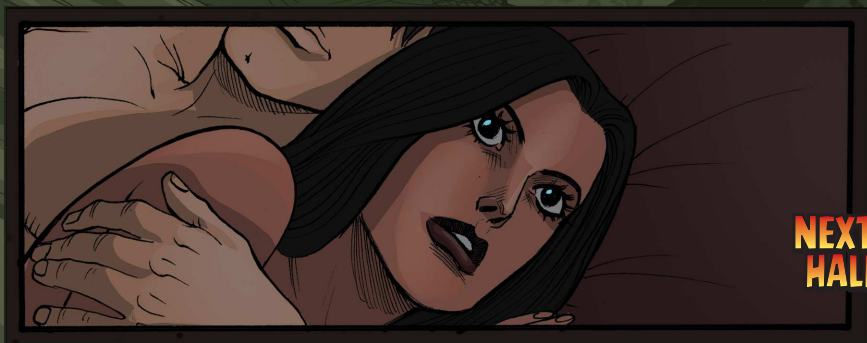
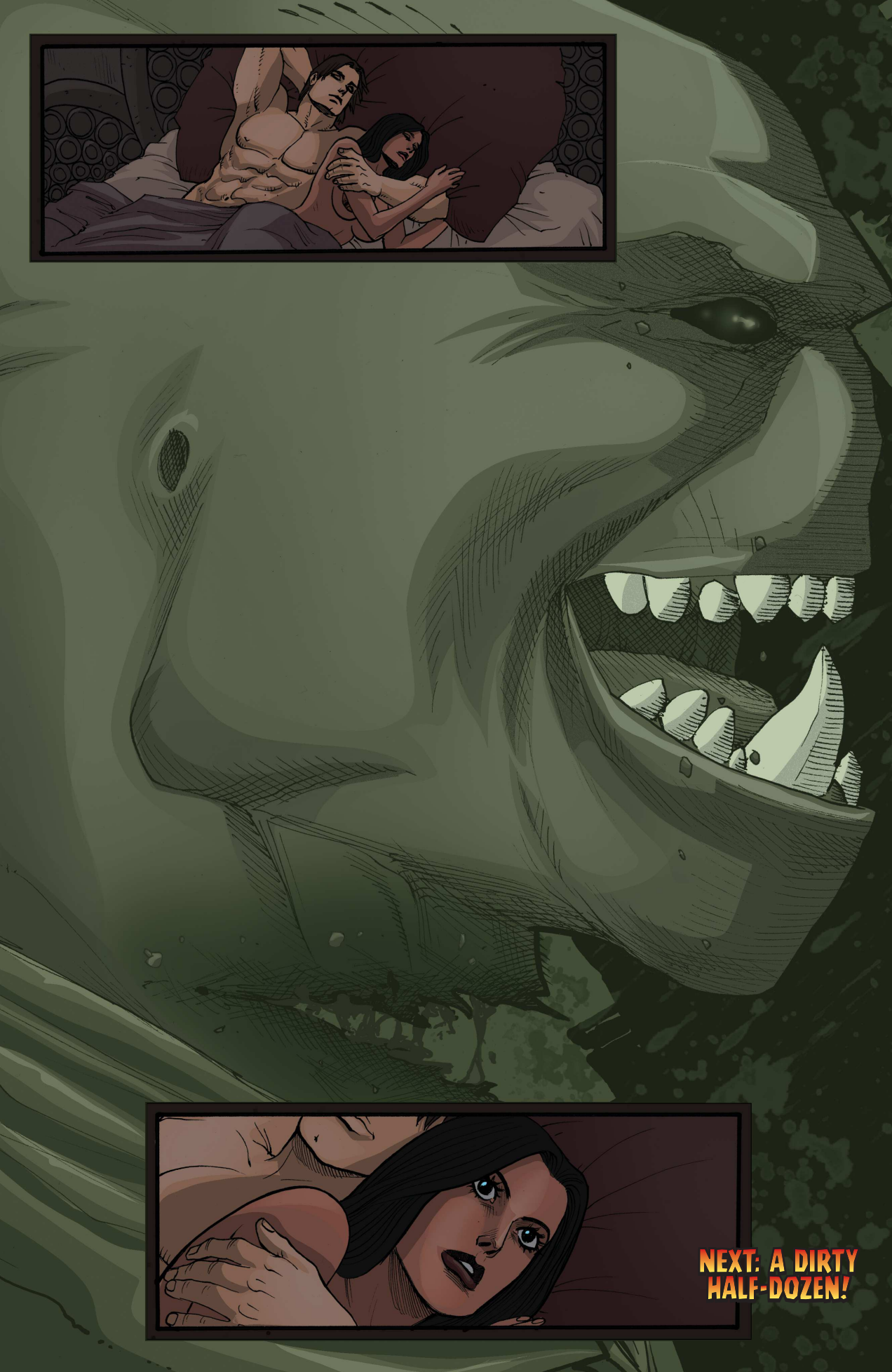


LET US DRINK TO IT FROM THESE TUSKS OF HOK.

AND THEN YOUR FIRST MISSION, IF YOU ACCEPT IT.



HUNT DOWN THE THARKS WHO JUST LEFT.



**NEXT: A DIRTY  
HALF-DOZEN!**

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## IN THE NEWS - NOVEMBER 2013

BILL WILLINGHAM, BESTSELLING WRITER OF *FABLES*, PRESENTS *LEGENDERRY: A STEAMPUNK ADVENTURE* EVENT SERIES FROM DYNAMITE



Dynamite proudly announces *Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure*, a seven-issue monthly crossover event featuring classic characters of comics and film as reimagined by bestselling writer Bill Willingham (*Fables*). Featuring interior artwork by Sergio Fernandez Davila, *Legenderry* launches in January featuring covers by celebrated steampunk artist Joe Benitez (*Lady Mechanika*).

"This is a story where I get to have my cake and eat it too," says Bill Willingham. "I get to work with some of my favorite characters from comic books, prose, and film, but also get to create brand new versions of each one of them. That way, I don't have to make a single one of them fit in with all of the past continuity of those characters. I get the best of both situations. Plus, I built an entire new world in which to place those characters. World-building is one of the best parts of adventure storytelling. *Legenderry* is the name of the world, and it is in fact a world peopled with some of the greatest legends of adventure fiction. This is my first-ever foray into the Steampunk genre, so that's another new adventure I get to go on as a writer."

*Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure* is, as Bill Willingham describes it, "a world in which the great heroes of our stories live in the flesh." The story begins in a massive Victorian-style metropolis, a city protected by Vampirella, the Green Hornet, and Kato. After a scarlet-clad woman of mystery rushes into a bar pursued by assassins, the resulting chaos spreads to other reimagined landscapes ripped from classic comic books, literature, and television, including the wild jungles of The Phantom, Flash Gordon's futuristic haven of Landing, aerial combat alongside Captain Victory, and more. The action eventually leads to the Monstrous Lands, an unruly territory both lawless and sinister.

An event series four years in the making, *Legenderry* proves the old adage that "good things come to those who wait." Willingham mined the rich Dynamite Universe for the perfect characters to populate the vast, reimagined landscape of *Legenderry*. In recent months, Willingham has personally

overseen the visual development of the series, courtesy of designs by artist Johnny D., whose artwork has graced numerous Dynamite covers and most recently, the complete *Vampirella Strikes* comic book series. "It was an honor to take some truly timeless characters and make them fit into the steampunk world," says Johnny D. "They all have a great unique base to go off, so it has been a lot of fun working on the designs. I've worked with many of these characters before and look forward to the series."

The cast of *Legenderry* characters changes each issue, as Willingham and Davila steer the action from one dazzling location to the next. Featured characters include Steve Austin of *The Six Million Dollar Man*, the classic pulp duo of Green Hornet and Kato, legendary masked adventurer Zorro, the Dynamite mainstay Vampirella, the beloved superheroes Silver Star and Captain Victory created by Jack Kirby, Flash Gordon and The Phantom from King Features Syndicate, and finally, the swords-and-sorcery icon Red Sonja.

Bill Willingham has been writing, and occasionally drawing, "funnybooks" for close to thirty years, and authors prose fiction as well. He is best known for creating the following comic book series: *Elementals*, *Ironwood*, *Coventry*, *Pantheon*, *Proposition Player*, *Shadowpact*, and -- perhaps most notably -- the bestselling and long-running DC/Vertigo series, *Fables* and *Fairest*.

"I've personally known Bill Willingham for over three decades, and regard him as one of the most talented, hardworking, and innovative creators in our industry," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of Dynamite. "I've been talking with him since 2009 about projects, but between his busy schedule and the explosive success of *Fables* and *Fairest*, we both wanted to wait until we could give the project the full attention it deserves. And Bill wouldn't want to give anything less than 100% of his attention! As time progressed, our many discussions have led to a groundbreaking event, something that will shake up how people view our incredible library of characters. Bill wanted to work in a world without the constraints of continuity, where he could paint broad strokes on a fresh canvas. When the imagination and aesthetics of Steampunk science-fiction became our focus, well -- the ideas just began to flow from his mind onto the page. It's my pleasure, both personal and professional, to welcome Bill Willingham to the Dynamite fold, and to welcome everyone with an adventurous spirit to the whimsical world of *Legenderry*."

Joseph Rybandt, Senior Editor of Dynamite, says, "As a longtime fan of Bill's work, it was such a surprise that Nick Barrucci, our CEO and Publisher, had been able to work out a deal to not only create this character crossover, but to include some of our biggest and best company-owned and licensed characters. This is THE kick-off event for comics in 2014. Be there!"

*Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure* will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors' November Previews catalog, the premiere source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release beginning in January 2014. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of *Legenderry* with their local comic book shop or hobby specialty store. *Legenderry: A Steampunk Adventure* will also be available for individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, iVerse, and Dark Horse Digital.

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