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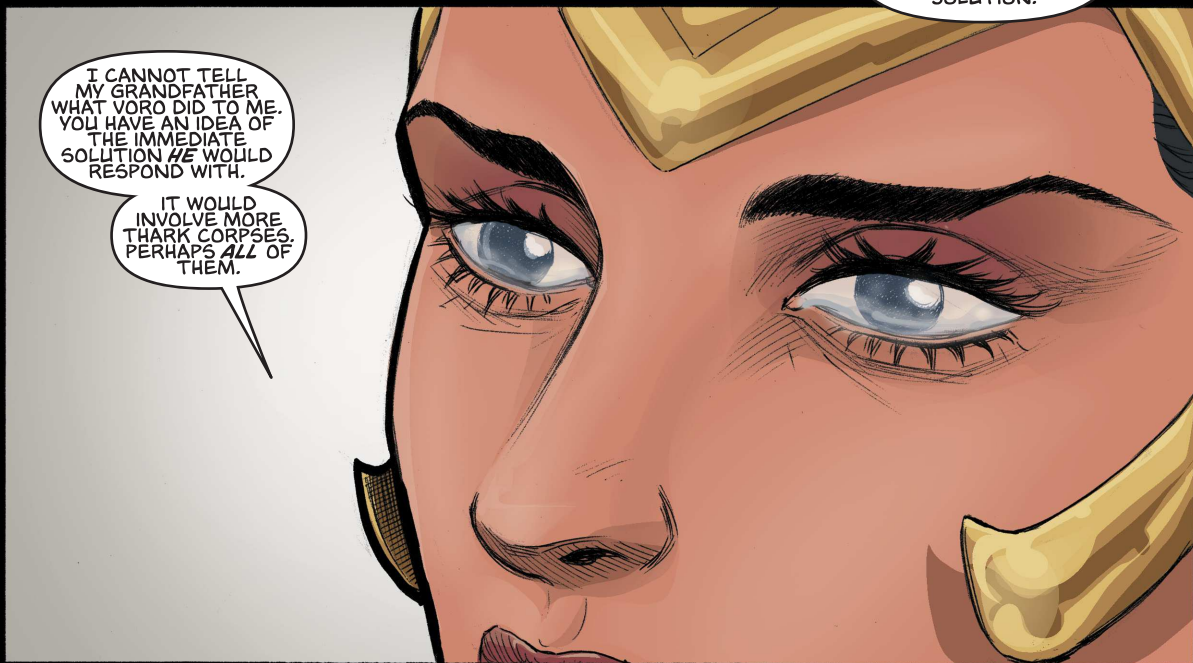
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DO YOU
KNOW WHAT JOHN
CARTER TELLS ME
ABOUT THE WOMEN
WHERE HE COMES
FROM?

THEY DO NOT
WANT A MAN TO HEAR
THEIR TROUBLES AND
THEN IMMEDIATELY
RESPOND WITH A
SOLUTION.



I CANNOT TELL
MY GRANDFATHER
WHAT VORO DID TO ME.
YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF
THE IMMEDIATE
SOLUTION ~~HE~~ WOULD
RESPOND WITH.

IT WOULD
INVOLVE MORE
THARK CORPSES.
PERHAPS *ALL* OF
THEM.



AND I CAN'T TELL
HIM ABOUT THE *ONE*
BECAUSE MY LIES OF
OMISSION HAVE
COMPOUNDED.

REK IS
CIRCLING. HE IS
ANNOYING BUT
NOT A FOOL.



AND I HAVE
PUT MY GREAT
FRIEND, TARS
TARKAS, BEHIND
BARS.

PERHAPS
WOMEN ARE NOT
THE SAME
EVERYWHERE...





YOUR VISIT IS
APPRECIATED,
ZON TAR.

DO NOT
INSULT ME,
COMRADE. IT
GOES WITHOUT
SAYING.

I KNOW.



SHE WOULD
JAIL A JEDDAK. A
THARK JEDDAK.



AND A
FRIEND.

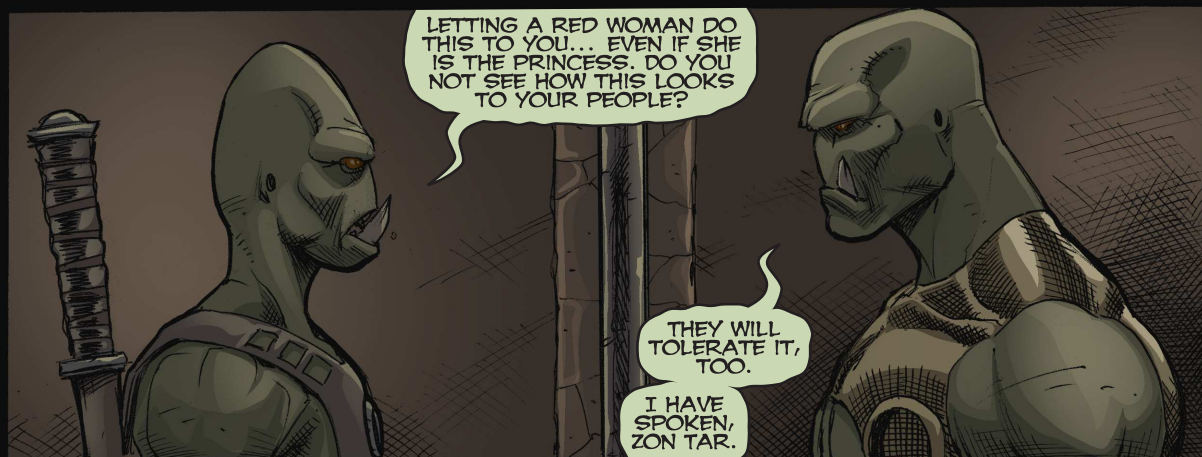


YOU CANNOT
TOLERATE
THIS!

I WILL
TOLERATE IT
FOR NOW.



MY JEDDAK...
I DO NOT CHALLENGE
YOU WHEN I SAY IT IS
ABOUT MORE THAN
YOU.



LETTING A RED WOMAN DO
THIS TO YOU... EVEN IF SHE
IS THE PRINCESS. DO YOU
NOT SEE HOW THIS LOOKS
TO YOUR PEOPLE?

THEY WILL
TOLERATE IT,
TOO.

I HAVE
SPOKEN,
ZON TAR.



YES, YOU HAVE.
VERY WELL, THEN,
JEDDAK.



CHANGE IS DIFFICULT. BUT
WE SHALL ALWAYS HAVE
MEMORIES OF HOW
THINGS WERE. GLORIOUS
MEMORIES.

YES.



WE STILL SPEAK
OF THE DAY YOU
DEFEATED HOK.
MAGNIFICENTLY
BRUTAL.

AND
CLOSE.



BY THE WAY, DO YOU STILL
HAVE THOSE GOBLETS OF
HOK'S TUSKS THAT WE
HONORED YOU WITH?

THEY ARE IN THE
CARE OF A TRUSTED
FRIEND. ONE HOK
WOULD ADMIRE.



WATCH
YOURSELF,
ZON TAR.

BAH!
NO TERRORIST
WILL LAY A FINGER
ON ME, TARS
TARKAS.



YOU DO NOT BELONG IN THERE, TARIS.

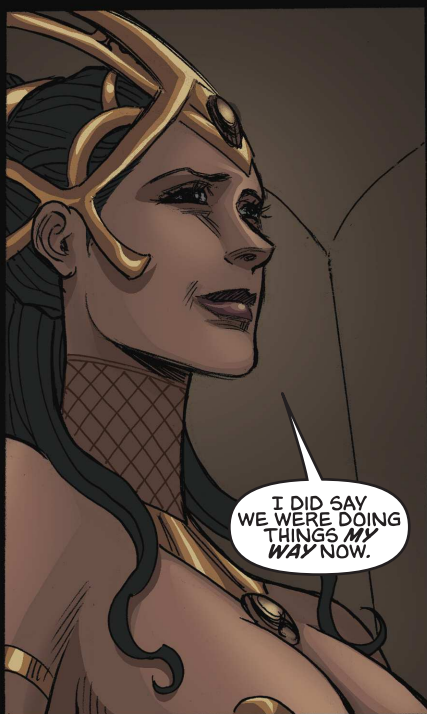
YOU UNDERSTATE THE SITUATION. BY AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE.



FORGIVE ME, PLEASE. I NEVER SUSPECTED YOU FOR A SINGLE TAL.

BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD NEVER HIDE. AND I COULD NOT LOSE YOU AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED. I NEEDED TIME TO THINK.

I DO NOT NEED YOU TO PROTECT ME, DEJAH THORIS. I NEED NO ONE'S PROTECTION.



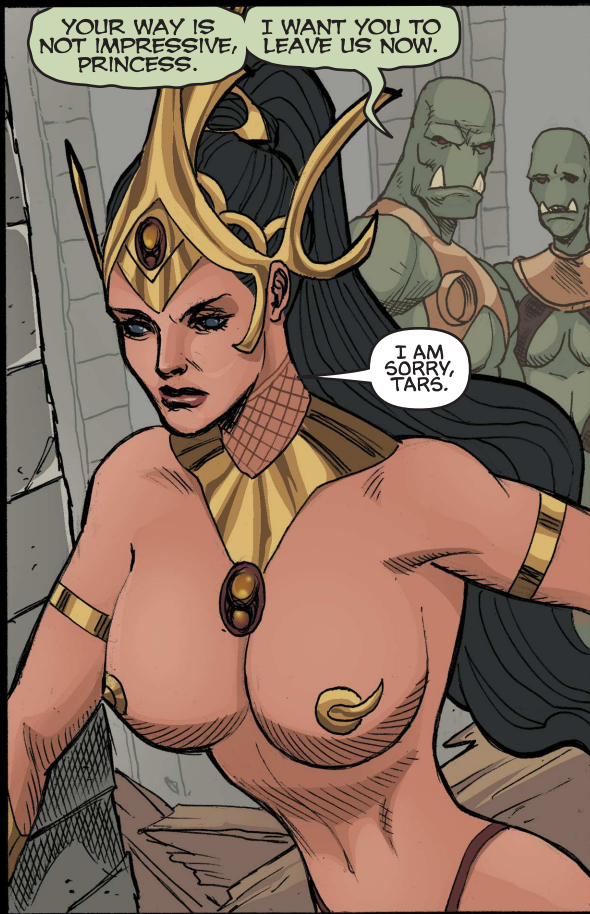
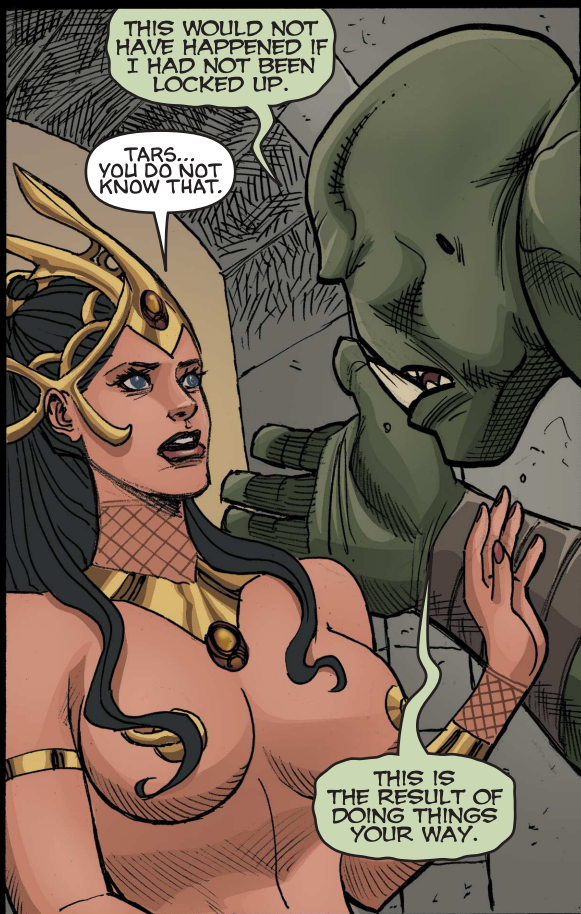
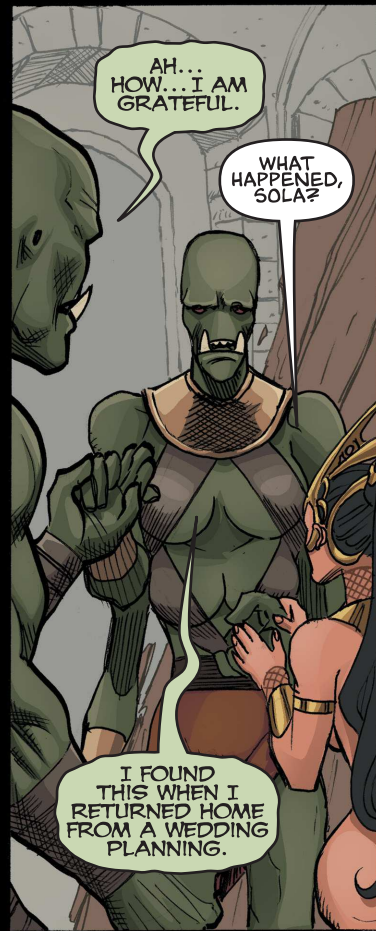
I DID SAY WE WERE DOING THINGS *MY* WAY NOW.

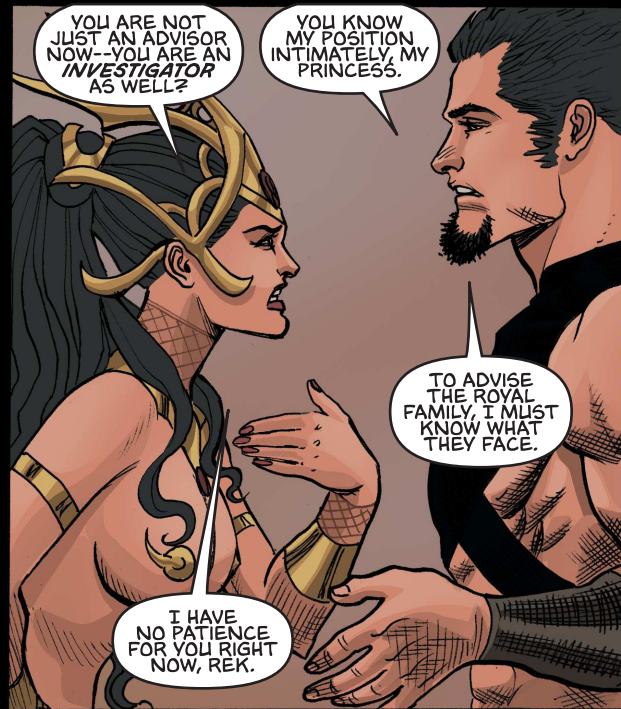


YOU STILL DO NOT SLEEP?

JEDDAK... PRINCESS...









"You and Tars Tarkas went with him after you dismissed me at the murder scene. I envy whatever he knew, that I do not."

"What are you implying?"



NOTHING, PRINCESS. ONLY THAT I AM MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS SITUATION SO THAT I CAN APPRISE OUR JEDDAK OF IT.



I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU SUPPORT ME IN THAT, AND I THANK YOU.

NATURALLY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU FIND.



IF YOU WILL FORGIVE ME, YOU SEEM FATIGUED, PRINCESS. STRESSED ALSO. IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO, I HOPE YOU KNOW...

THANK YOU, REK.

PERHAPS SOMETIME YOU WILL CONFIDE IN ME ABOUT YOUR DISAPPEARANCE BEFORE THE FESTIVAL... MERELY TO SET MY MIND AT EASE THAT IT IS UNRELATED.



CERTAINLY, REK, PERHAPS, AS SOON AS SETTING YOUR MIND AT EASE MOVES TO THE TOP OF MY LIST OF CONCERNS.



I HOPE THIS
MESSAGE
FINDS YOU
WELL, DEJAH
THORIS...



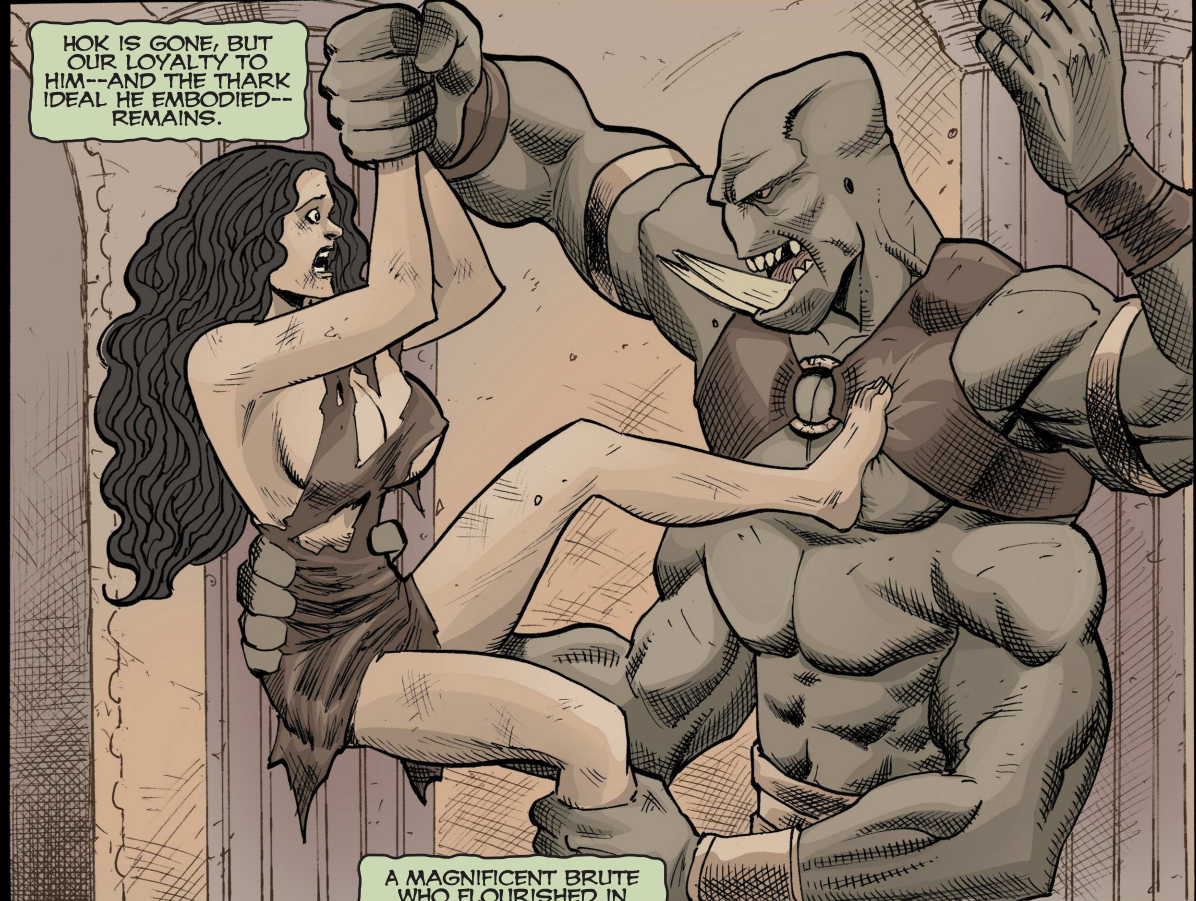
...AS I HOPE
EVENTUALLY TO
SAVOR THE
ENJOYMENT OF
KILLING YOU
MYSELF.



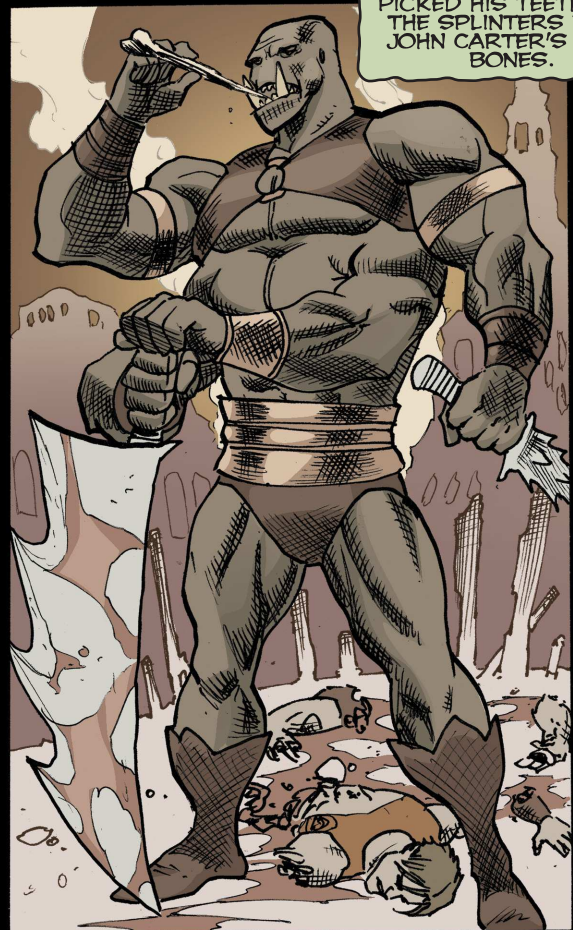
I WRITE TO YOU
OF OUR GREATEST
THARK WARRIOR,
HOK. YOU WILL
RECALL THAT I
SPOKE TO YOU OF
HIM BEFORE.



IF YOU WERE PREOCCUPIED,
I REMIND YOU THAT HOK
WAS DESTINED ALSO TO
BECOME OUR GREATEST
LEADER BEFORE HE WAS
CHEAPLY CUT DOWN BY
YOUR HOUSE PET,
TARS TARKAS.



HOK IS GONE, BUT
OUR LOYALTY TO
HIM--AND THE SHARK
IDEAL HE EMBODIED--
REMAINS.



A MAGNIFICENT BRUTE
WHO FLOURISHED IN
BATTLE, HE WOULD HAVE
PICKED HIS TEETH WITH
THE SPLINTERS FROM
JOHN CARTER'S ALIEN
BONES.



HOK WOULD NEVER HAVE
AGREED TO A FALSE PEACE
WITH OUR HELIUMITE PREY.

... JUST
THREW THE
JEDDAK IN JAIL.
THE JEDDAK.

AND HE LET
THE LITTLE
RED THING DO
IT TO HIM.



WHAT IS MY PURPOSE
IN TELLING YOU THIS?

IT IS TO LET YOU KNOW
THAT I DID NOT ONLY
REPRESENT THARKS WHO
REFUSED TO GIVE UP THEIR
OLD WAYS OF FEASTING
ON YOUR KIND.

I STAND FOR THARKS
WHO WILL NEVER
RECOGNIZE TARS
TARKAS AS THEIR
JEDDAK.

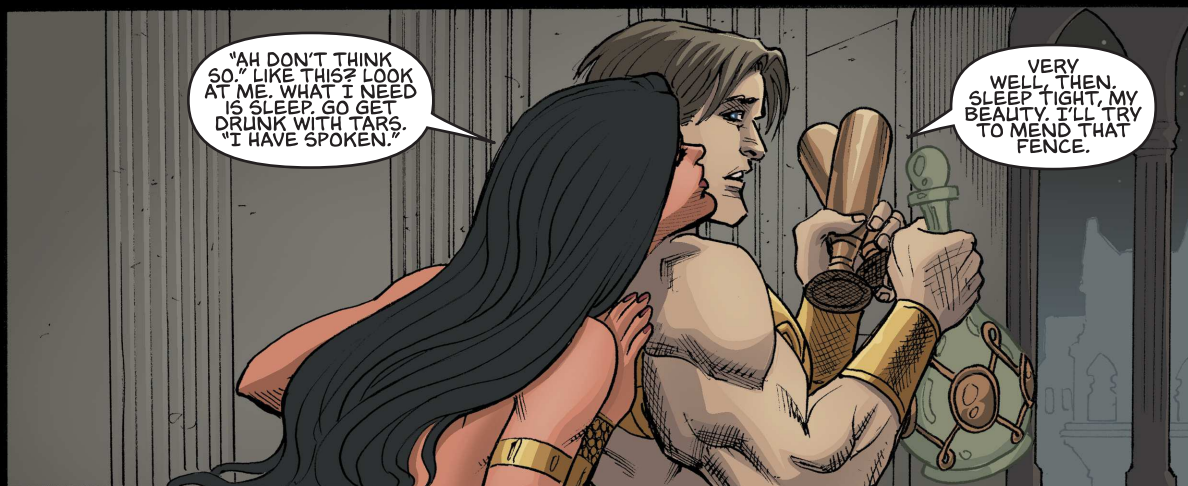
THARKS WHO WILL KILL
AND DESTROY AND
SABOTAGE UNTIL YOUR
ILLEGITIMATE PEACE IS
ENDED. UNTIL WE ARE
FREE AGAIN.

KNOW THIS, AND KNOW
THAT I WILL YET TASTE
YOUR RED FLESH.

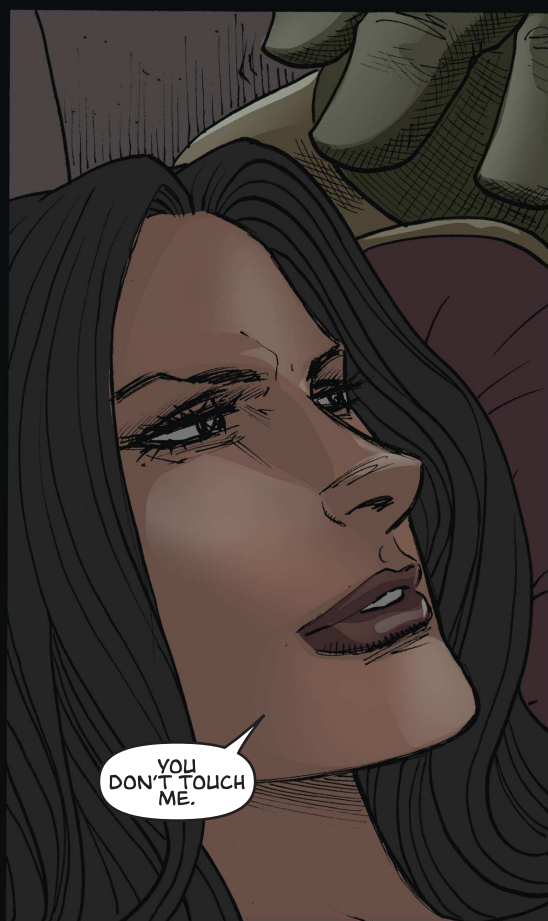
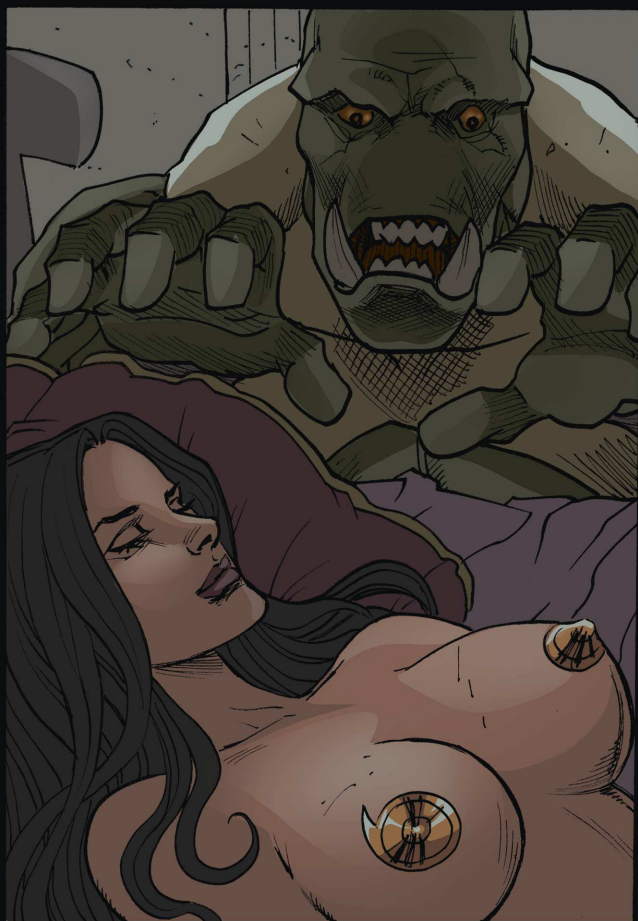
I REMAIN,
VORO















HOLD.
I SURRENDER.

GET OUT
OF THE
WAY!

MOVE!

I AM
THE ONE IN
CHARGE.



MAY
I REACH FOR
SOMETHING?

REACH FOR
ISSUS.

YOU GET IT,
THEN. BELT
POUCH.



I
RECOGNIZE
YOU.

I WAS
THE GREEN
ONE.

YOU.
DO IT.

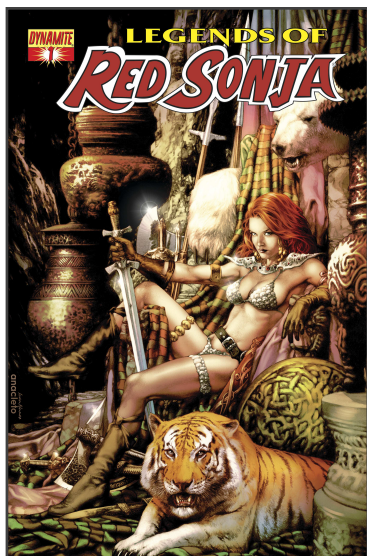
WEAK. I
RECOGNIZE YOU
FROM THE JAIL.



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IN THE NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2013

**DYNAMITE TO LAUNCH
LEGENDS OF RED SONJA PRESTIGE
MINI-SERIES FEATURING TOP FEMALE
NOVELISTS AND COMIC BOOK WRITERS**



Following on the immense success of the newly launched *Red Sonja* ongoing series by Gail Simone, Dynamite proudly announces the upcoming *Legends of Red Sonja* prestige miniseries, an extravaganza celebrating the iconic fantasy heroine's long and storied career. *Legends of Red Sonja* is a collaborative effort uniting Simone with a star-studded and prestigious creative team including Marjorie Liu, Mercedes Lackey, Kelly Sue DeConnick, Rhianna Pratchett, Leah Moore, Tamora Pierce, Blair Butler, Nancy Collins, Meljean Brook, Nicola Scott, Devin Grayson, and more to be announced. Frank Thorne, one of the key artists responsible for defining the character's distinct look, will be among the artists to contribute cover artwork, as will Jay Anacleto.

"When it was first decided that I would be taking part in the relaunch of Red Sonja, we had what I thought was a very fun idea, which was to have all the covers and variant covers be drawn by top female artists," says Gail Simone, an industry legend with celebrated runs on *Birds of Prey*, *Secret Six*, and *Batgirl*. "The idea just took off, as some of my artistic heroes, people like Colleen Doran, Amanda Conner, and Nicola Scott all contributed these gorgeous, eye-popping pieces of art for the book. It made everyone tremendously happy and gave us a wonderful extra kick for our relaunch of this classic character. So when Dynamite told me that the 40th anniversary of Red Sonja was coming up, I thought, 'I wonder if we could do the same thing, but with all my favorite female writers?' I can't tell you how exciting this is for me, it's something I've wanted to do for years."

The structure of the *Legends of Red Sonja* prestige series will be, in Simone's words, "a braided story, with individual, unique stories written by titans of comics, prose, and the gaming world. These are all powerful voices whose work I adore. Dynamite asked me to make a list of the women I'd love to see included, and again, I was astounded at the eager responses! We have giants of the fantasy and horror prose world: Tamora Pierce, Nancy Collins, Mercedes Lackey, and Meljean Brook. We have some of the hottest comics talents: Marjorie Liu, Kelly Sue DeConnick, Leah Moore, Devin Grayson and

(in her first published story as a writer) Nicola Scott. And we have brilliant writers from games and television: Rhianna Pratchett and Blair Butler. Getting to hand-pick this crew of fierce women was an absolute joy, and the fun of it is we're all fans of Red Sonja and of each other. Throwing ideas back and forth and shaping the stories has been some of the most fun I've ever had in comics. I can't wait for people to read these takes on Red Sonja...some are funny, some are scary, some are very different versions of Sonja than we are familiar with!"

Many of Gail Simone's hand-picked contributors have shared their excitement about the project:

Rhianna Pratchett (*Heavenly Sword*, *Mirror's Edge*): "I treasured my Red Sonja poster when I was kid. So to get the opportunity to write a story for the character, and to do it in the company of such extraordinary, talented women, is a dream come true."

Leah Moore (*Doctor Who: The Whispering Gallery*, *Sherlock Holmes: The Liverpool Demon*): "It's not everyday that Gail Simone asks me to write Red Sonja. To be honest, I'm glad, because when it happened, I had to be peeled off the ceiling. Writing Red Sonja has been a personal ambition of mine for a long time. She is about the most fun a writer can have."

Tamora Pierce (*The Song of the Lioness*, *Mistift*): "This is the coolest project ever: new stories crafted by some of the best writers and artists out there, about a woman warrior created by one of my literary idols, Robert E. Howard, spearheaded by my comics goddess, Gail Simone. I'm honored to be a part of this, and can't wait to see the whole thing."

Blair Butler (*Heart*, host of MSN's *Nerdcore*): "I'm honored and exceedingly intimidated to be included in this group of talented creators. Gail Simone is amazing -- and her take on Red Sonja is something I've been looking forward to since it was announced way back at Emerald City Comic-Con. So when she asked me to contribute, I agreed immediately, even though I'm totally nervous about it."

Nancy Collins (*Swamp Thing*, *VAMPS*): "I am thrilled to have been chosen by Gail Simone to participate in *Legends of Red Sonja*. I remember how excited I was when I plucked *Conan the Barbarian* #23 off the spinner rack as a kid, all those years ago, and finally saw a female hero capable of dishing it out with the best of them. I am honored to have been given this chance to add to Red Sonja's mythos."

Meljean Brook (*Iron Seas*, *Demon Angel*): "I'm absolutely thrilled to be writing a story for the she-devil, Red Sonja. I first encountered Red Sonja in the movie with Nielsen and Schwarzenegger when I was about eight years old -- and I know that movie isn't without its problems, but it's almost impossible to describe how incredible it was to watch a film in which the heroine was just as strong and as tough as the muscle-bound hero. Red Sonja was a revelation to eight-year-old me, and I can trace many of the heroines I write today back to those roots."

"Wow. Gail and the editorial team at Dynamite have put together an incredible team of creators - a prestigious and impressive list - on a series that celebrates one of the strongest female characters in comics. I can say that they have done an incredible job together, and I thank them," says Dynamite CEO and Publisher Nick Barrucci.

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Things are closing in on an exhausted and traumatized Dejah Thoris as she tries to keep the fragile Helium-Thark peace from blowing up. Every move she makes seems to bring disaster closer. And a former suitor may expose her abduction by Tharks, whose leader now backs violent rebels who will never bow to Tars Tarkas.

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