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"THE UNIVERSE IS SHRINKING, COURIER."

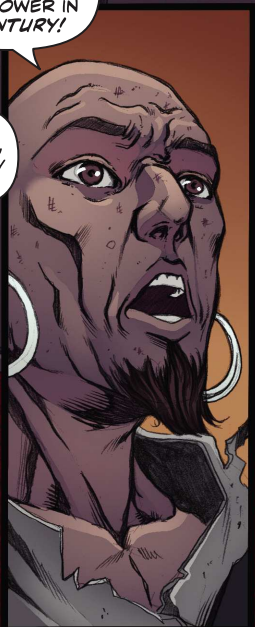


SOON THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE PAINTING ON MY WALL.

I CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

BUT, MY LADY, YOU HAVE NOT LEFT THIS TOWER IN A CENTURY!

I HAVE NOT.
FETCH MY SWORD, PLEASE, MY FRIEND.

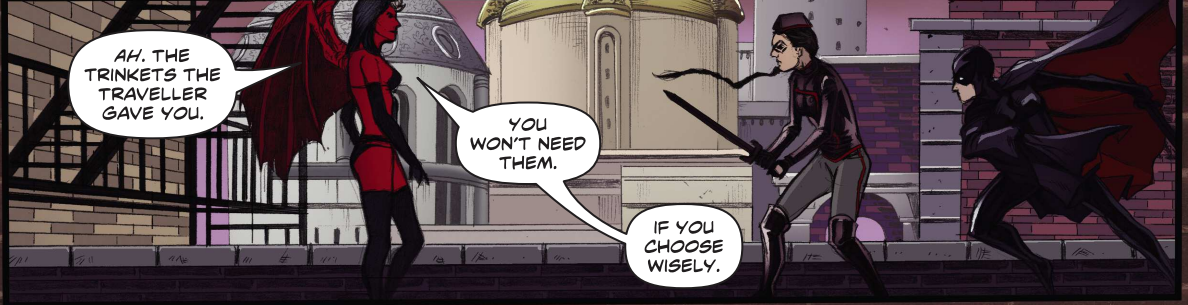


"I GO TO
FIGHT THE
END OF
DAYS."

"WELL, SON
OF A BITCH."







AH. THE TRINKETS THE TRAVELLER GAVE YOU.

YOU WON'T NEED THEM.

IF YOU CHOOSE WISELY.



WHAT DO YOU FANCY YOURSELVES TO BE, MY FRIENDS?

DO YOU FANCY YOURSELVES TO BE HEROES?

LET ME REMIND YOU ALL, THEN, WHO YOU ARE.



'A TERRORIST.

'A DERANGED VIGILANTE.

'A MONSTER'S DAUGHTER.

'A CRIMINAL.

'A THIEF.

"AND A LESS ACCOMPLISHED THIEF."



JUST WHAT IS IT YOUR 'PRINCE' IS OFFERING, BAT-LADY?

WELL, YOUR CONTINUED EXISTENCE FOR ONE.

YOU JOIN US, YOU LIVE.

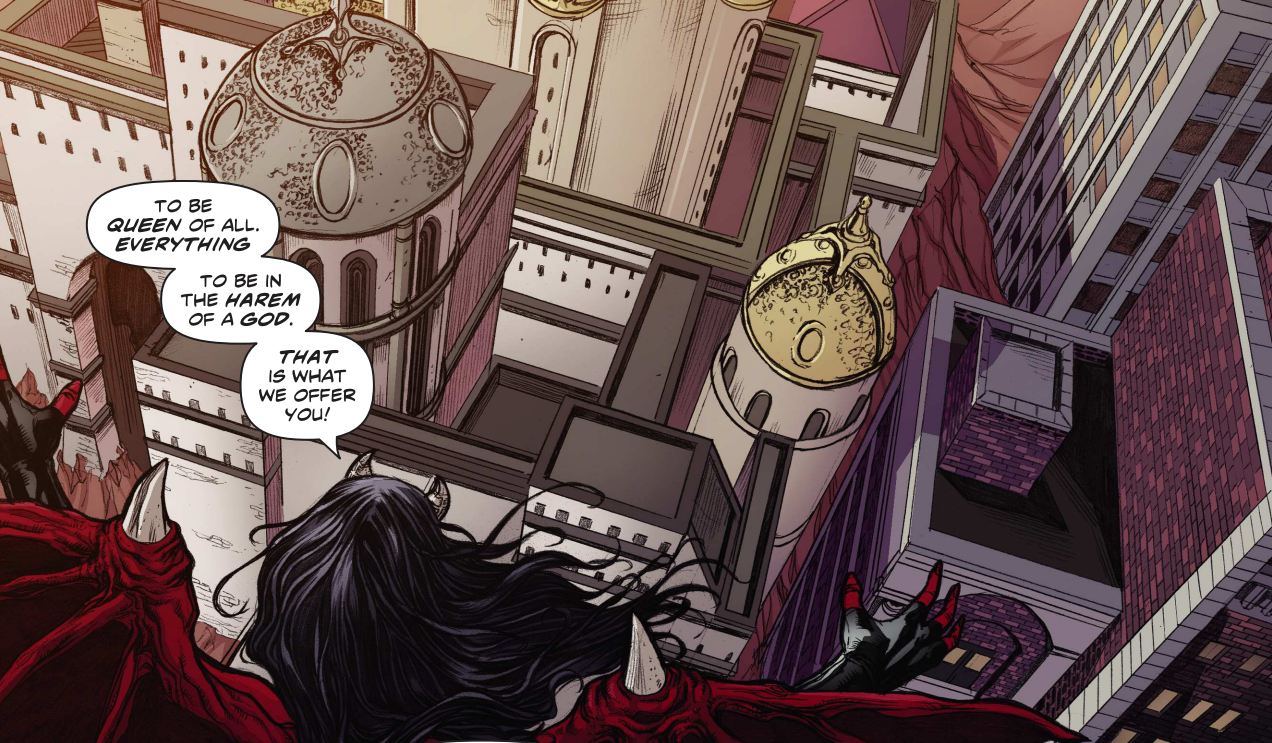
BETTER STILL, YOU LIVE TO RULE.



THINK OF IT...YOU ARE CLEARLY WOMEN OF FORTITUDE.

AND THE WORLD MOCKS AND DERIDES YOU FOR IT.

DO YOU NOT DESERVE... BETTER?



TO BE
QUEEN OF ALL.
EVERYTHING

TO BE IN
THE HAREM
OF A GOD.

THAT
IS WHAT
WE OFFER
YOU!

WELL, SHE LOST
ME AT THAT 'HAREM,'
BIT, BUT OTHERWISE,
SHE MAKES A GOOD
CASE.

WHAT HAS
POLITE SOCIETY
EVER DONE
FOR US?

I'VE SEEN
WHAT POWER DOES.
I DO NOT SEEK IT
IN EXCESS.

I WILL NOT TRADE
ONE OPPRESSOR
FOR ANOTHER.

NOR I. A CRIME
AGAINST A MAN IS WRONG,
A CRIME AGAINST ALL MEN
IS MONSTROUS.



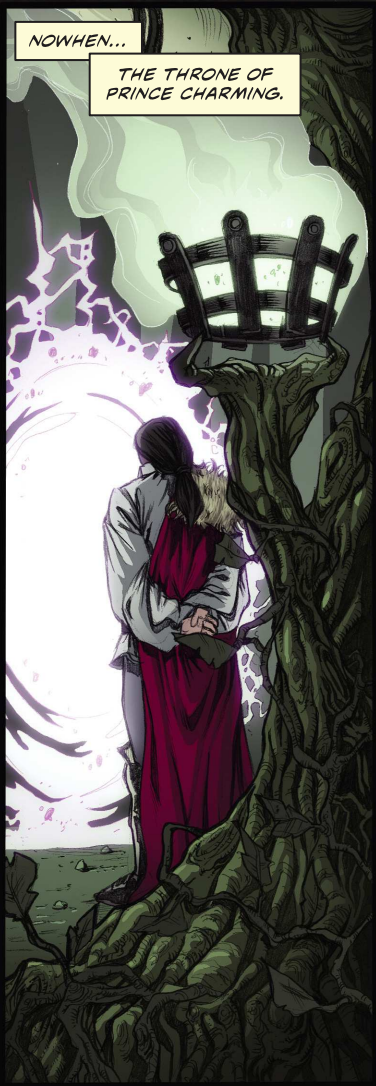
WELL.

THAT'S
THAT, I
SUPPOSE.



YOU CAN'T
SAY YOU WEREN'T
WARNED.

ENJOY YOUR
BRIEF LIVES
AS SLAVES,
LADIES.



NOWHEN...

THE THRONE OF PRINCE CHARMING.



PURGATORI. MY DEAREST PET.

I TAKE IT THAT IT DID NOT GO WELL?

NO, MY LOVE, MY PRINCE. NOT WELL AT ALL.



PITY.

STILL, THEY ARE A POOR, HARDSCRABBLE LOT, TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE UNIVERSE.

THE TRAVELLER CHOSE POORLY.



THEY WILL NOT SEEK THE TRINITY.

THEY ARE SELFISH AT HEART.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT A HERO LOOKS LIKE, MY LOVE.

BUT THEY ARE NOT HEROES.



NO. BUT THEY ARE DOGGED.



LOOK. THIS ISN'T OUR FIGHT. IT CAN'T BE.

THAT... CREATURE... TOLD NO LIES.

I AM A THIEF.

IF THIS REALLY IS THE END OF ALL THAT WE KNOW...

...I HAVE PEOPLE I WOULD LIKE TO SAY GOODBYE TO.

I'M SORRY.



GO, THEN.

I PICTURED YOU AS HAVING MORE HEART, SOMEHOW.



DID YOU NOT HEAR WHAT SHE SAID? WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO FIND THESE THREE WARRIORS, THIS 'TRINITY.'

DO YOU HAVE A MAP OF ALL TIME AND DIMENSION, LADY ZORRO?

AHEM.

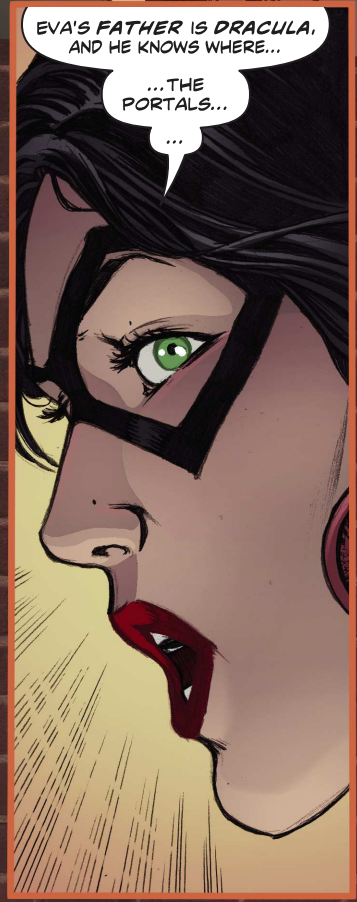


MY FATHER IS DRACULA, LORD OF DARKNESS.

HE'S EVIL BEYOND MEASURE, BUT HE WON'T BEND A KNEE TO THOSE THINGS.

AND HE KNOWS WHERE THE PORTALS ARE.

YES! SEE, BLACK SPARROW?



EVA'S FATHER IS DRACULA, AND HE KNOWS WHERE...

...THE PORTALS...

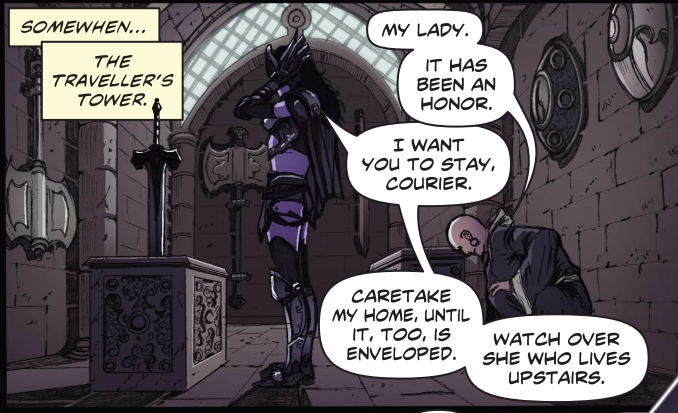
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WAIT.

WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST THEN?

DON'T WORRY, I GET THIS REACTION A LOT.



SOMEWHEN...
THE TRAVELLER'S TOWER.

MY LADY.

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR.

I WANT YOU TO STAY, COURIER.

CARETAKE MY HOME, UNTIL IT, TOO, IS ENVELOPED.

WATCH OVER SHE WHO LIVES UPSTAIRS.

AH.

THE VERY FIRST SWORD OF SORROW.



IT HAS SAVED MY LIFE A THOUSAND TIMES.

NOT THIS TIME, I FEAR.



TRAVELLER.

I NEVER ASKED, IN ALL MY TIME AS YOUR SERVANT.

IF YOU HAVE QUERIES, MY FRIEND--

--I SUGGEST YOU ASK PROMPTLY.



MY LADY.

PLEASE.

IN UNTOLD YEARS, YOU HAVE NEVER TOUCHED ME, COURIER.

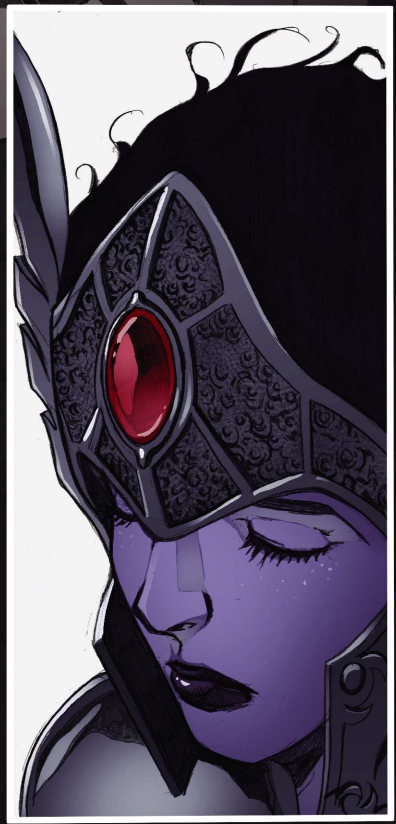
ASK YOUR QUESTION.

YOU HAVE EARNED AN ANSWER.



YOU NEVER TOLD ME, STAR OF HEAVEN.

HOW CAME YOU TO KNOW THE PRINCE?





"THEY THWARTED THE WICKED WITCH AND FOUND TRUE LOVE, PRINCE CHARMING AND SNOW WHITE.

"A LOVE SO PURE THAT THE BEASTS OF THE FOREST WEPT IN JOY.

"BUT HIS RAGE AT THE WITCH FOR THREATENING HIS LOVE WAS SUCH THAT HE SOUGHT TO PUNISH HER FOR ENDANGERING HIS BELOVED.

"HE STOLE MUCH OF THE WITCH'S POWER, AND FORCED HER TO DANCE IN SHOES MADE OF LEAD, STILL HALF-MOLTEN FROM THE FORGE.

"HE LAUGHED WHILE SHE BURNED ALIVE.

"SNOW WHITE WAS OF KIND HEART, AND COULD NOT BEAR TO SEE HIS CRUELTY, EVEN TO THE WITCH.

"SHE LEFT HIM, AND WENT INTO HIDING."



MY LADY. I MUST ASK.

ARE...ARE YOU THE PRINCESS FROM THE STORY?

ME?

AM I THE PRINCE'S ONE TRUE LOVE, SNOW WHITE?

NO, MY LOYAL FRIEND.



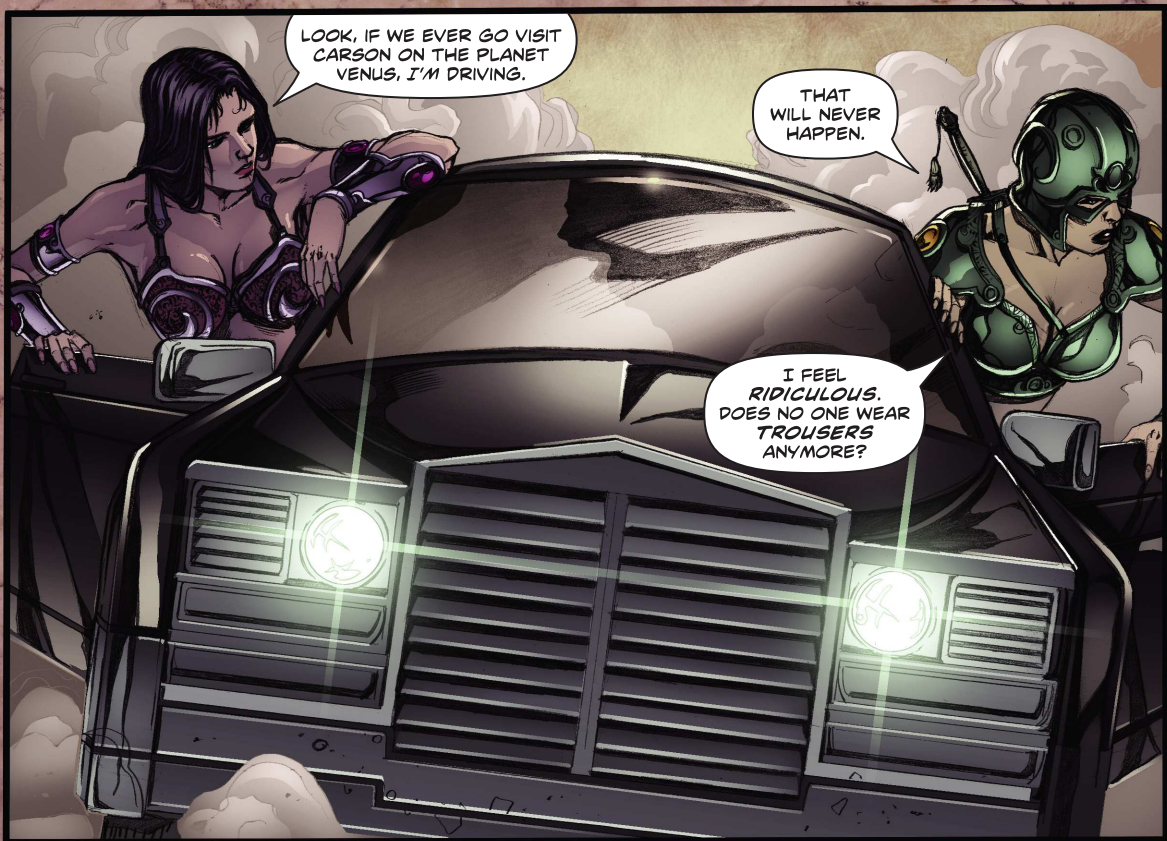
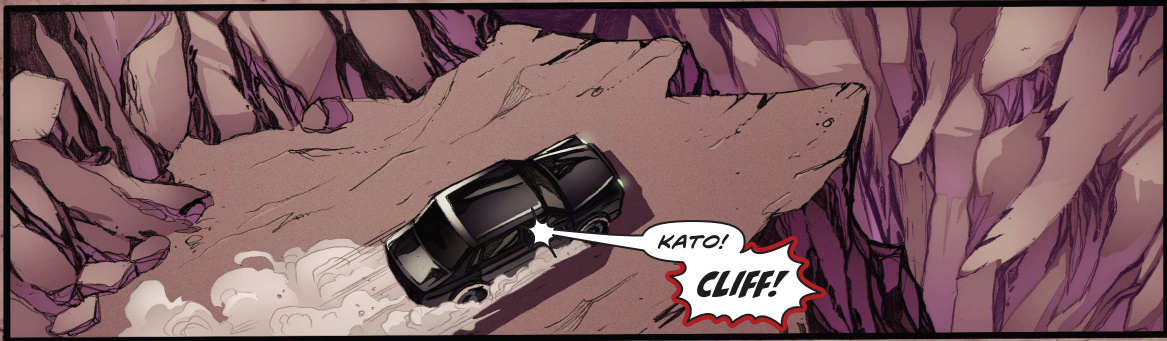
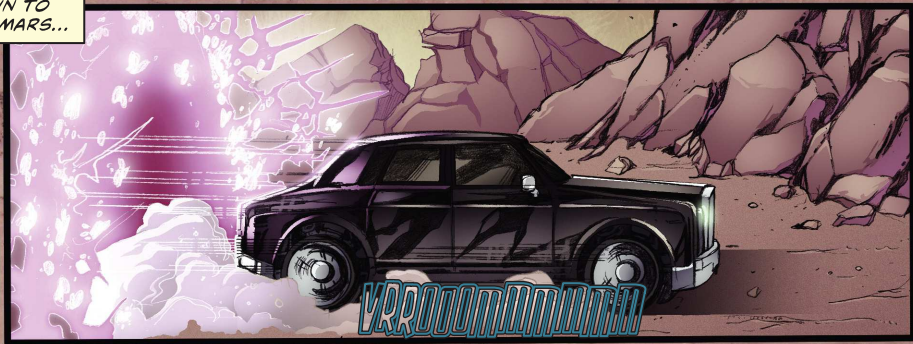
I AM
AFRAID I AM THE
WITCH!



BARSOOM, KNOWN TO EARTH PEOPLE AS MARS...

KATO

EVA





MY FATHER HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR. BUT HE ALSO FEELS WE SHOULD APPROACH INCOGNITO, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

HE SWEARS THE PRINCESS DEJAH THORIS IS HERE, FIRST OF THE TRINITY.

SO WE WALK.

WELL, NOT EXACTLY, ACCORDING TO THE LORD OF VAMPIRES.

TAKE MY HAND.

...WHAT?



IT MAY NOT BE ELEGANT, AT FIRST.

BUT YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, IT'S FASTER.



INVADERS!

ASSASSINS FROM JASOOM!

OH, FATHER.

I ACTUALLY HATE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR.

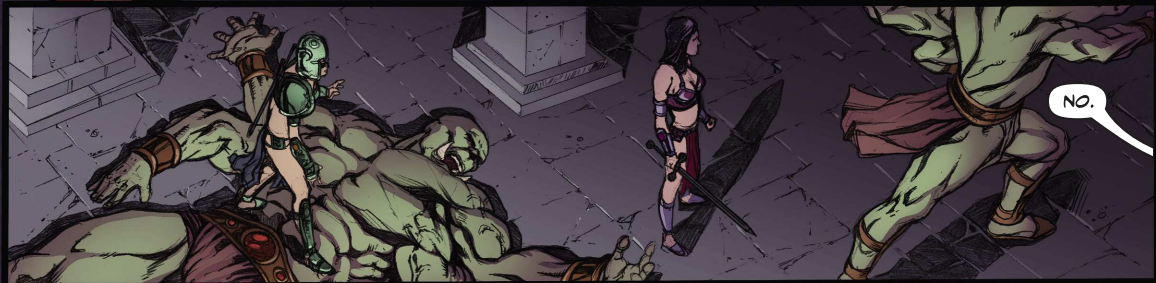


THEY STOLE OUR BELOVED CITY OF HELIUM!

VENGEANCE BE UPON THEM!

WHAT A CHALLENGE!

MAGNIFICENT!



A JUNGLE ISLAND NOT FOUND ON ANY MAP...

Lady ZORRO™

THE BLACK SPARROW™



GO,
GO,
GO,
GO!

DO YOU NOT THINK I AM TRYING?

NOT HARD ENOUGH, ZORRO, NOT NEARLY HARD ENOUGH!



I MEAN NO OFFENSE HERE... BUT I AM KIND OF HOPING THESE THINGS LIKE HORSEMEAT MORE THAN SPANISH FOOD.

NICE DEMON LIZARD, GOOD DEMON LIZARD!

THEY'RE GAINING.

THE FINAL STAND OF LADY ZORRO, THEN. SO BE IT.

HAVE YOU YOUR SWORD?



WELL, THAT'S A QUESTION WITH A COMPLICATED ANSWER.

CALL ME OLD FASHIONED.

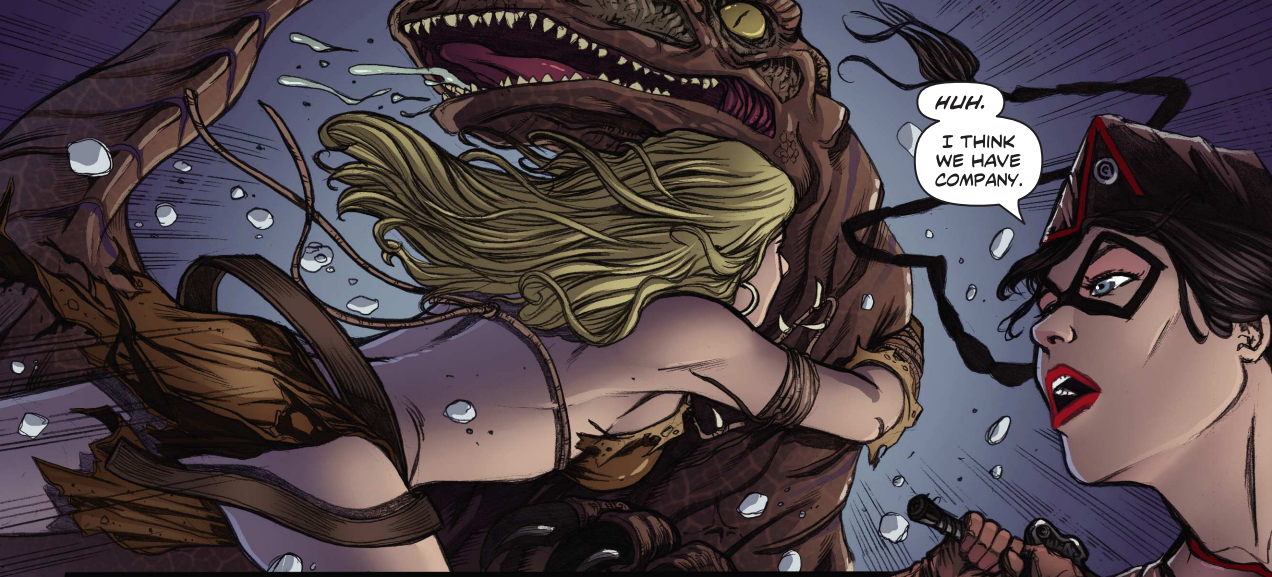
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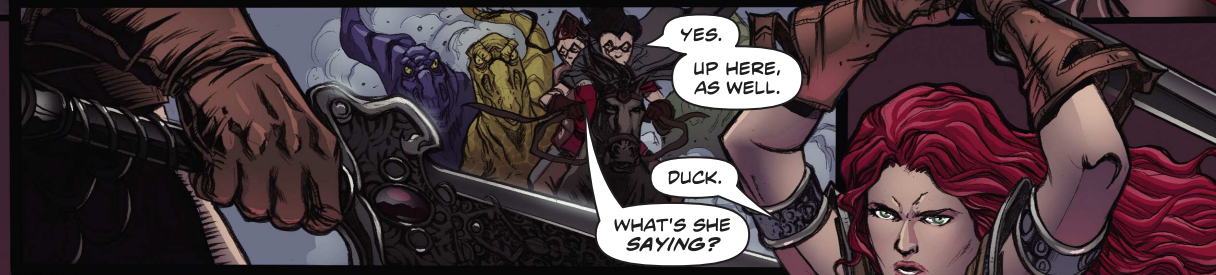


UH-OH.

SNAP



HUH.
I THINK
WE HAVE
COMPANY.



YES.
UP HERE,
AS WELL.

DUCK.
WHAT'S SHE
SAYING?



I SAID.
DUCK!

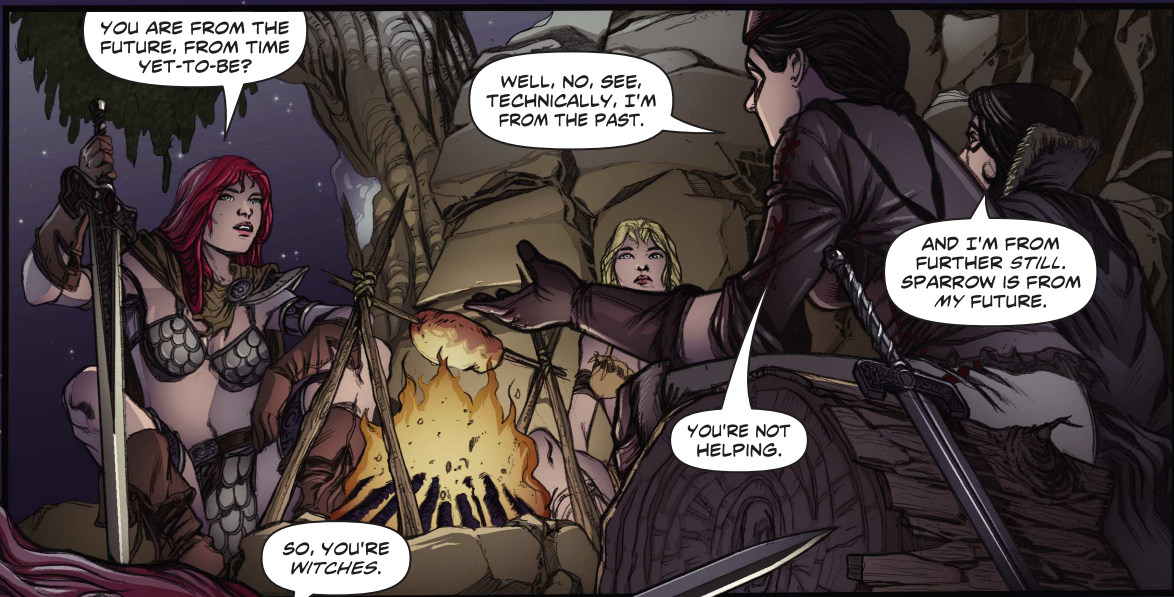


LOWER,
YOU
FOOLS!



SOON...

"SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN TO SONJA AGAIN, VISITORS."



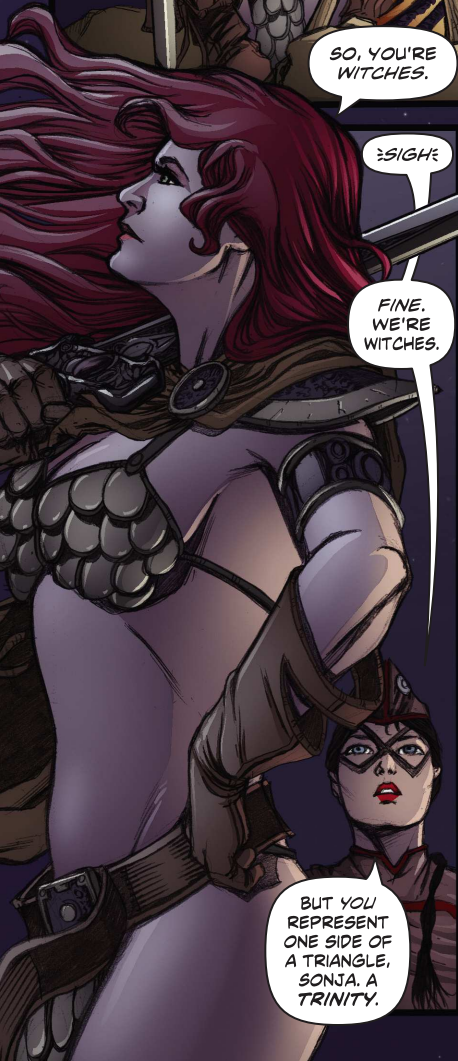
YOU ARE FROM THE FUTURE, FROM TIME YET-TO-BE?

WELL, NO, SEE, TECHNICALLY, I'M FROM THE PAST.

AND I'M FROM FURTHER STILL. SPARROW IS FROM MY FUTURE.

YOU'RE NOT HELPING.

SO, YOU'RE WITCHES.



SIGH

FINE. WE'RE WITCHES.

BUT YOU REPRESENT ONE SIDE OF A TRIANGLE, SONJA. A TRINITY.



FOR SOME REASON, THE MOST POWERFUL BEING IN THE UNIVERSE IS AFRAID OF THE THREE OF YOU.

WE NEED YOU.

WELL. WHAT DO YOU THINK, JUNGLE GIRL?

ME?



OUR WORLD IS AT STAKE. ALL THE WORLDS.

I SAY WE GO WITH THE WITCHES.

BURNT THUNDER LIZARD ASS, ANYONE?

PACIFICA PARK,
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MISS
FURY
MASQUERADE

I MEAN,
I KNOW WE
DIDN'T REALLY
PLAN THIS.

BUT WOULDN'T IT HAVE
MADE MORE SENSE TO SEND
DRACULA'S DAUGHTER
AFTER THIS VAMPIRE GAL?

I HEARD SHE'S
NOT REALLY A
VAMPIRE.

I HEARD SHE'S
SOME KIND OF ALIEN
OR SOMESUCH.

WELL,
THAT'S NOT
COMFORTING.

BLAM

YOU KNOW,
BLACK SPARROW
HAD A POINT.

WHY US?
I'M NO
HERO.

I DON'T
KNOW,
FURY.

BUT MAYBE YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO BE.

MAYBE YOU
JUST HAVE TO
ANSWER WHEN
CALLED UPON.

WE WERE
GIVEN THE
SWORDS FOR
A REASON.
US.

YOU BELIEVE
THAT?

I
HAVE
TO.

BECAUSE
I'M NO HERO,
EITHER.



GOOD EVENING, LADIES.

I GATHER YOU'VE BEEN HUNTING ME.

LET ME JUST WARN YOU.



MY NEW FRIEND JENNIFER MIGHT TAKE ISSUE WITH THAT.

HUNTING ME HAS BEEN HER HOBBY OF LATE, YOU SEE.



WELL, THIS IS EMBARRASSING.

I'D ADVISE YOUR FRIEND TO MAKE THE FIRST SHOTS, COUNT.

"VAMPIRELLA."

STOP.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.



PROVE IT!



WILL THESE DO?

WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE, LADY.

YES.



THE WRONG SIDE, AS IT TURNS OUT.

MY NAME IS LADY HEL, CREATURES, FUTURE RULER OF THE UNDERWORLD.

AND TO YOU...

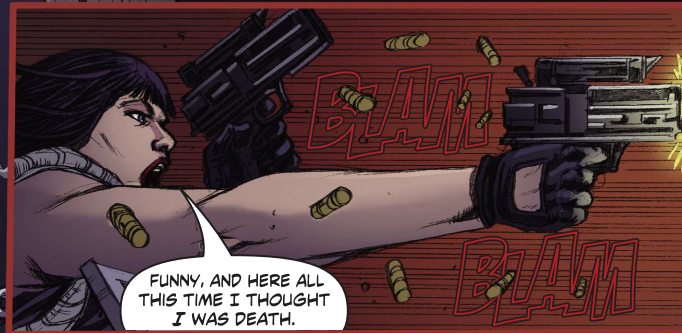
...I AM DEATH.



SHE MEANS THAT FIGURATIVELY, SURLY.

NOT AT ALL.

CRAP.



FUNNY, AND HERE ALL THIS TIME I THOUGHT I WAS DEATH.



I SERVE THE PRINCE, FRAGILE THINGS. FOR NOW, HE HAS PROMISED ME ALL.

IF YOU BUT FAIL IN YOUR PETTY MACHINATIONS.

PREPARE TO DIE, MEATLINGS.



CAN WE FIGHT HER?

I DON'T SEE HOW, FRANKLY.

WELL, THEN I GUESS IT'S A GOOD THING...



... THAT I HAD MY FRIENDS GATHER REINFORCEMENTS.





WELL. WELL.
WELL.

HOW 'BOUT
THAT, LADIES
AND GEN--
WELL.

--MORE
LADIES.

I KNOW HOW POWERFUL
YOU ARE, LADY HEL.

BUT ARE
YOU *THIS*
POWERFUL?



GO. TELL THE
PRINCE.

TELL HIM
THE TRINITY
AND THEIR
ARMY ARE
ASSEMBLED.

AND WE'RE
COMING
FOR HIM.

DO YOU
WANT TO ROLL
THOSE DICE?



YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
HE WILL SEND AGAINST
YOU, BLOODSUCKER.

YOU... YOU
THINK YOU'RE
HEROES.

NO. NO, WE
DON'T. KNOW
HOW I KNOW?

BECAUSE A HERO WOULDN'T
TEAR YOUR THROAT OUT
WITH HER TEETH, AND
ENJOY IT.

WE'RE
COMING,
PRINCE.

WE'RE
COMING.

NEXT:
THE LONG WALK
ACROSS WORLDS



NEXT ISSUE:

As the epic era-spanning tale rockets towards conclusion, reluctant heroines find themselves facing terrifying alternate versions of themselves on the road to the ultimate showdown with the Prince Of All Worlds. Can even the combined forces of Kato, Red Sonja, Dejah Thoris, Vampirella, Jungle Girl, Lady Zorro and dozens more save reality? Join us for the penultimate chapter in what critics are calling the best crossover event of the summer!

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Writer **WARREN ELLIS** debuts the all-new **JAMES BOND 007** comic book series with artist Jason Masters. We couldn't be more excited about what they have in store for the iconic super spy, and can't wait for issue #1 of **VARGR** to debut this fall.

GARTH ENNIS returns to Dynamite and welcomes fans aboard **A TRAIN CALLED LOVE** – A new 10-issue maxiseries of romance and violence in stores this October and perfect for fans of *The Boys* and *Preacher*.

The full creative team for October's **GRUMPY CAT #1** is here! Remember these names...**BEN FISHER**, **BEN MCCOOL**, **ROYAL MCGRAW**, AND **ELLIOTT R. SERRANO**. With art from **KEN HAESER** and **STEVE UY**, who also contribute cover artwork alongside **REBEKIE BENNINGTON**, **AGNES GARBOWSKA**, and **TAVIS MAIDEN**. Don't listen to the cat, this book is going to be amazing!

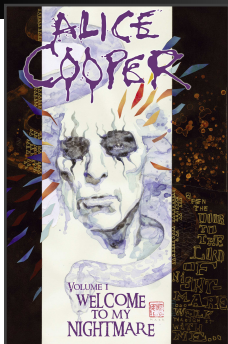
RICK REMENDER'S DEVOLUTION welcomes artist **JONATHAN WAYSHAK** and colorist **JORDAN BOYD**. This book is shaping to be outstanding. For a look at what the team has in store head over to Dynamite.com today.

CAGE HEROES will be fighting their way to you this fall from Dynamite! An all-new MMA-based superhero series is being developed by **KEVIN EASTMAN** and MMA manager **IAN PARKER** for this November. You'll want to hold on tight for this one.

Dynamite announces third **WOMEN OF DYNAMITE** statue based on **FRANK CHO'S JUNGLE GIRL** and sculpted by **JASON SMITH**. That's right Jana The Jungle Girl will be swinging into stores as a 12" inch high hand-painted, cold-cast porcelain statuary no collector will want to be without.

ATARI® and Dynamite ink publishing deal agreement! Includes retrospective hardcover and comics/graphic novels! All your favorite classics from the arcade are coming back in a major way! Be on sure to keep your eyes and ears open for more information a little later this year.

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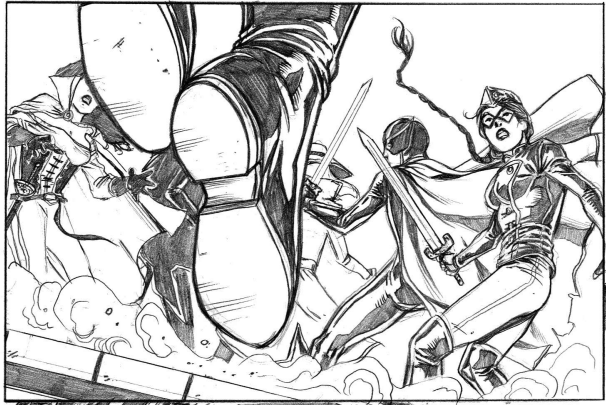
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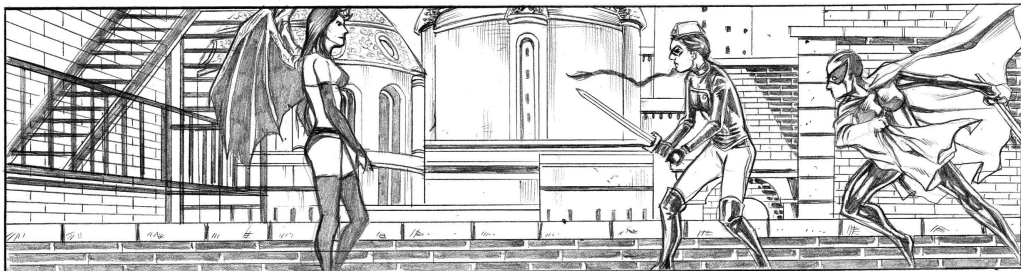
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