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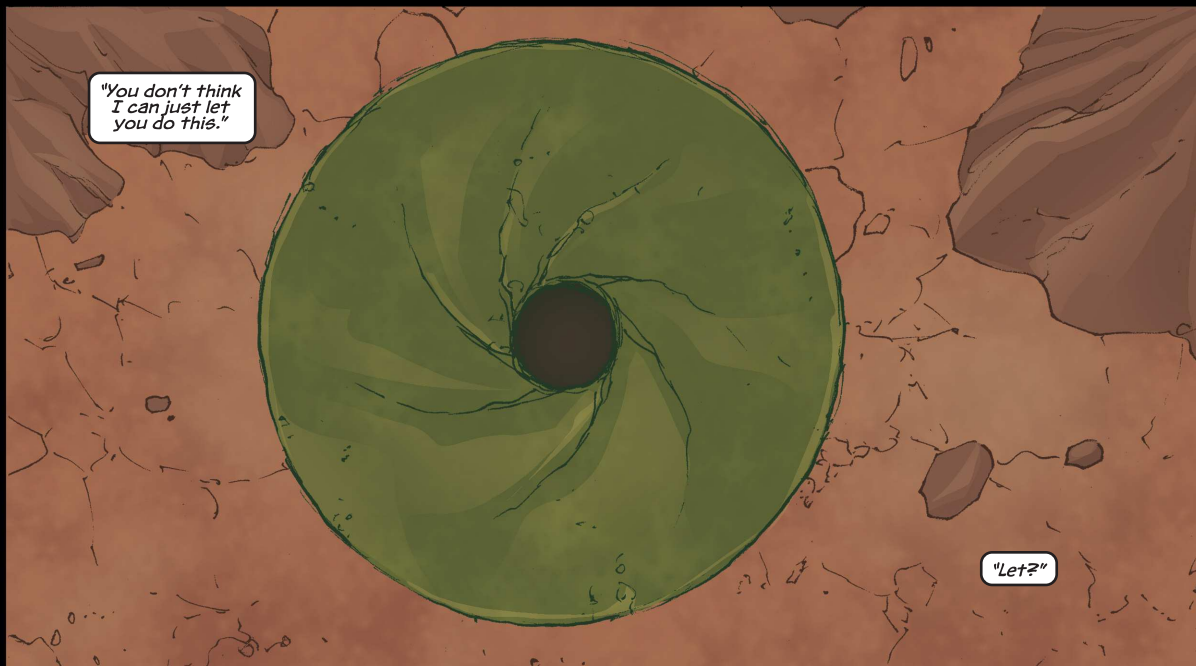


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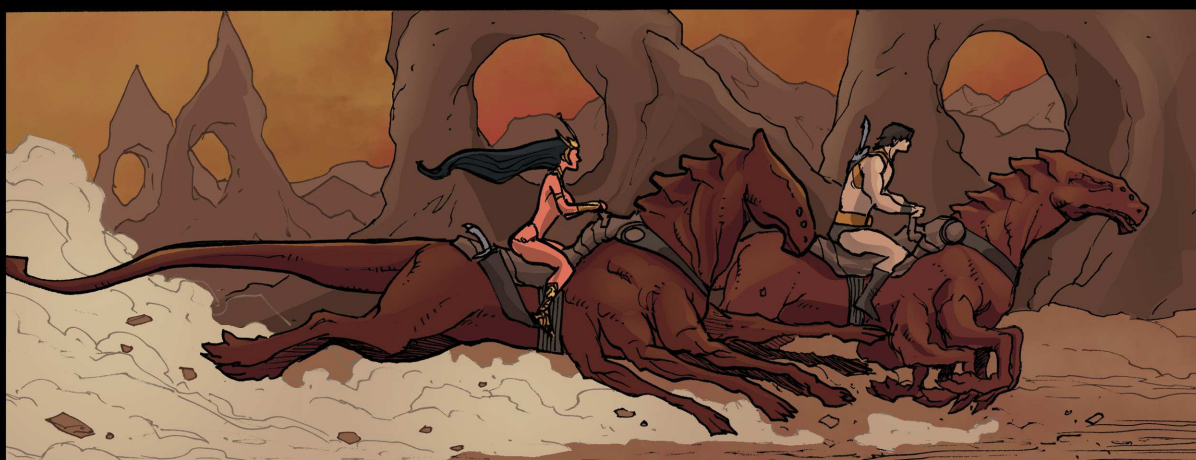
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"You don't think
I can just let
you do this."

"Let?"



LET ME
KILL THEM.
ALL OF
THEM.

NO.
THAT
WON'T END
IT.



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 ÁRISON 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?



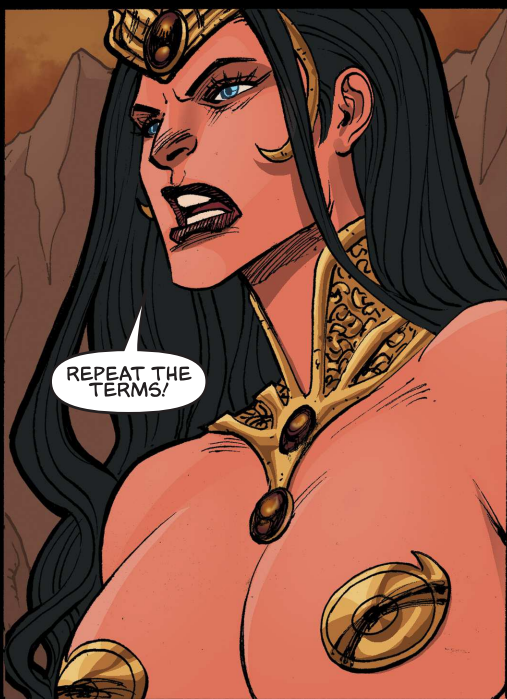
YOU COME TO THIS
PLACE. YOU QUESTION
MY WORD.

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."







NO!

AT LEAST GO
DOWN FIGHTING. AS
LITTLE SPORT
AS THERE WAS TO
DUELING WITH YOU,
THIS IS... I DO NOT
KNOW WHAT
THIS IS.



IT LOOKS AS
IF YOU WOULD
MERELY LET ME
SLAUGHTER
YOU LIKE AN
ANIMAL.

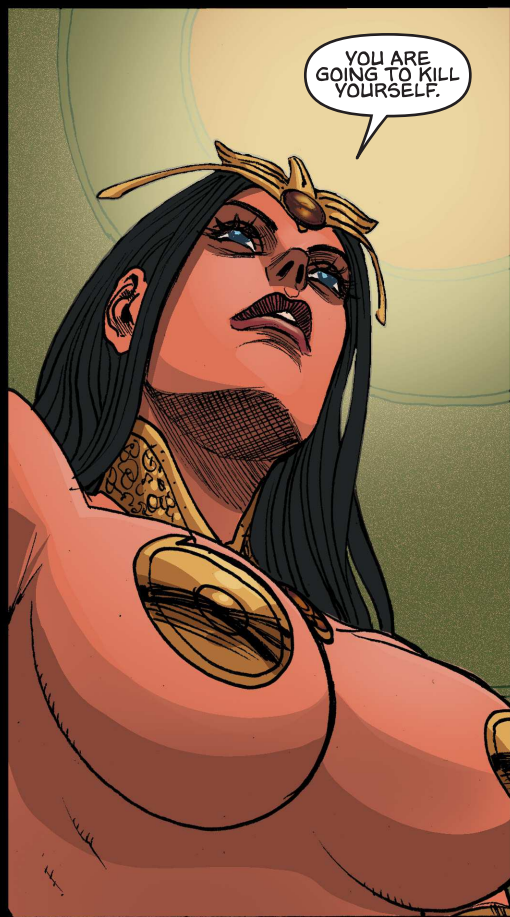
THAT YOU
WOULD LET ME
EXECUTE YOU
WITHOUT EVEN
RAISING A HAND
TO DEFEND
YOURSELF.



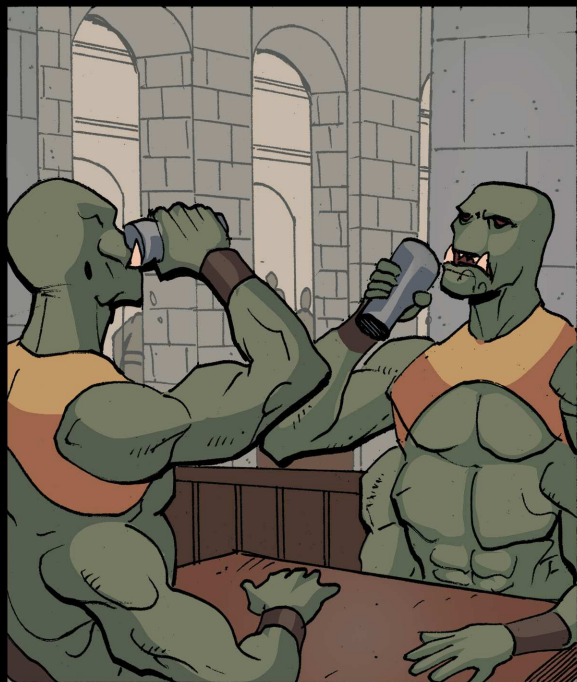
THAT YOU
HAVE GIVEN
UP, DEJAH
THORIS.

OH, NO, VORO.
NOOOOO.

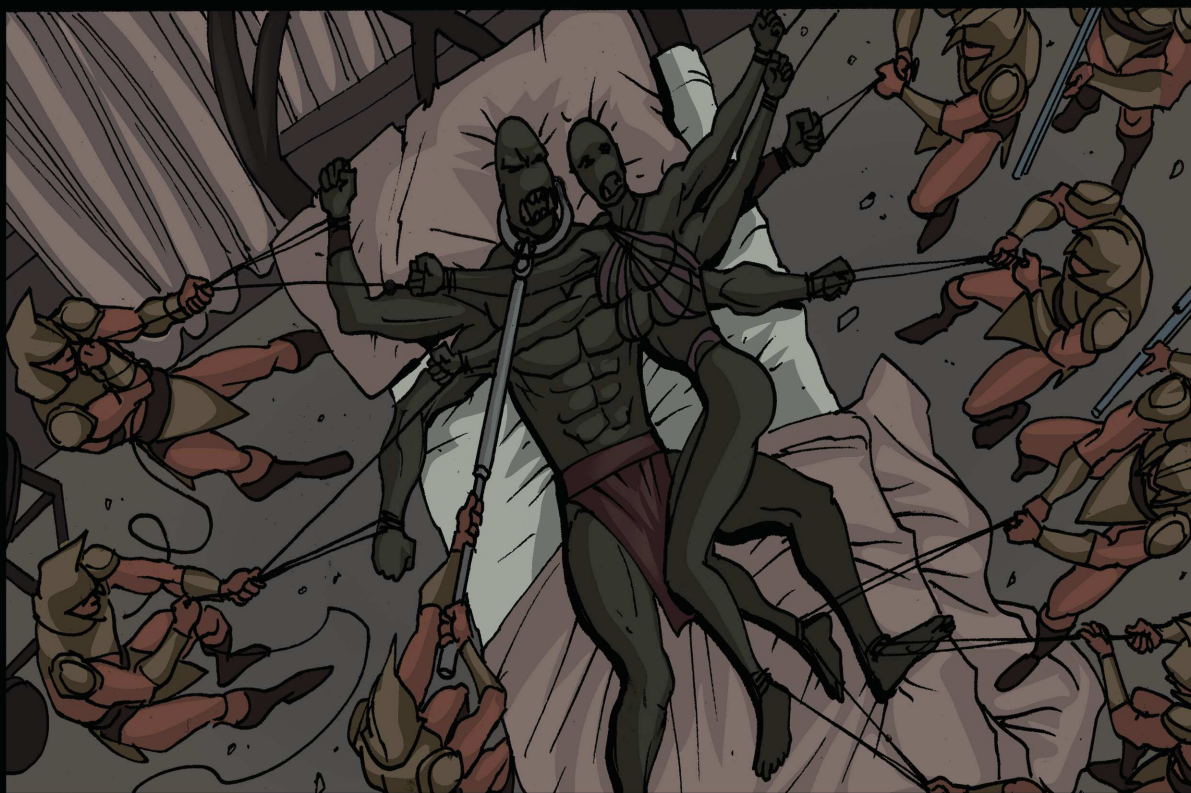
ON THE
CONTRARY.



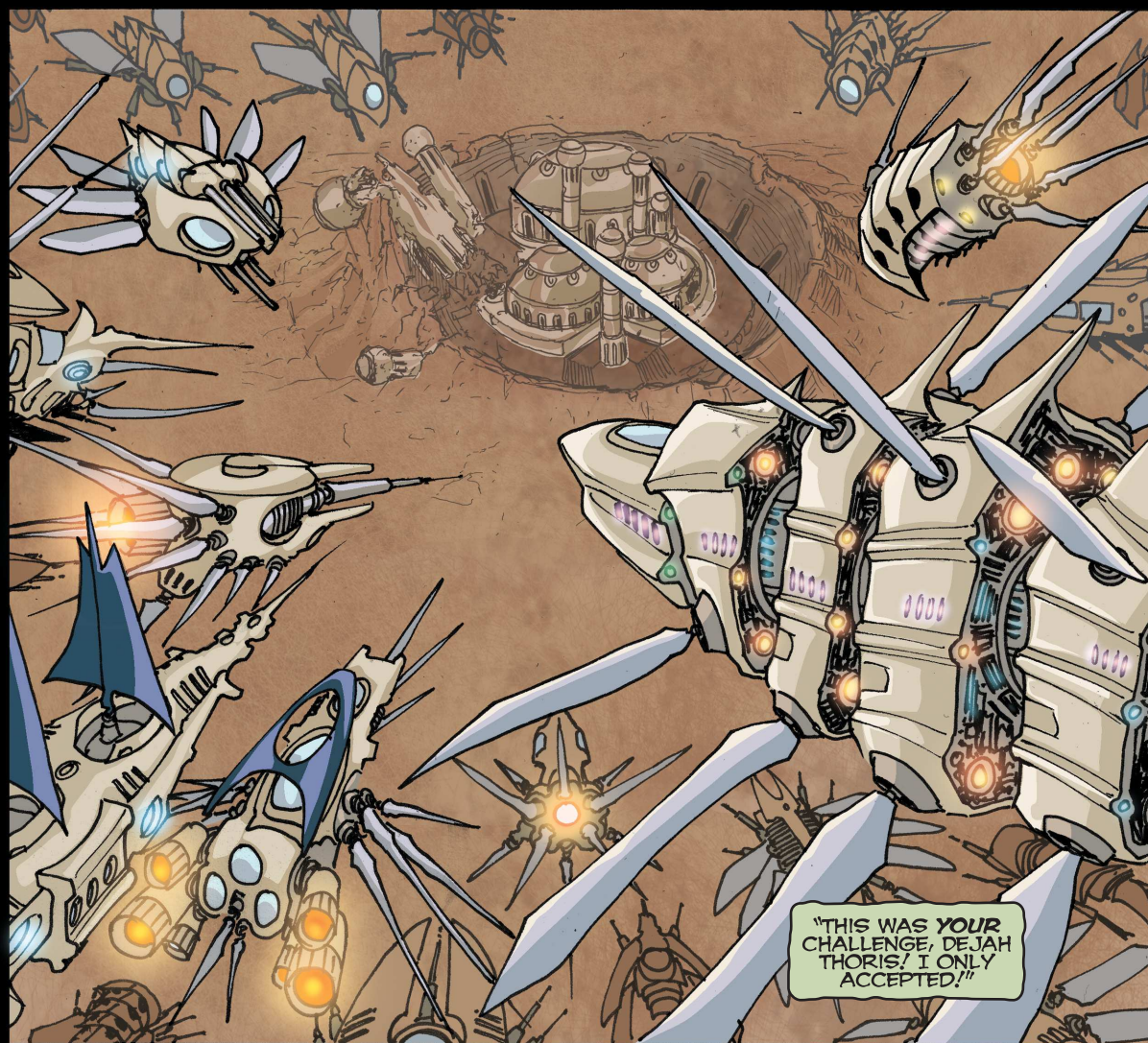
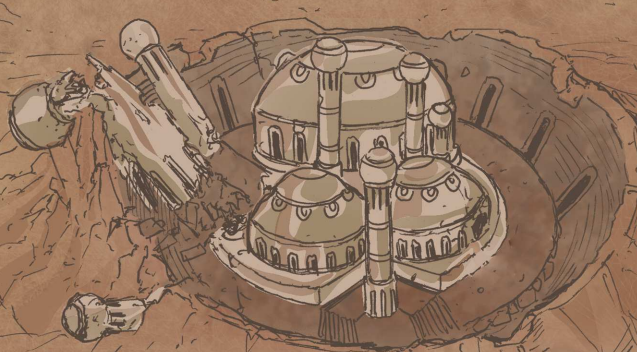
YOU ARE
GOING TO KILL
YOURSELF.







"You are three times my size."



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



WHO CARES?

WHAT?



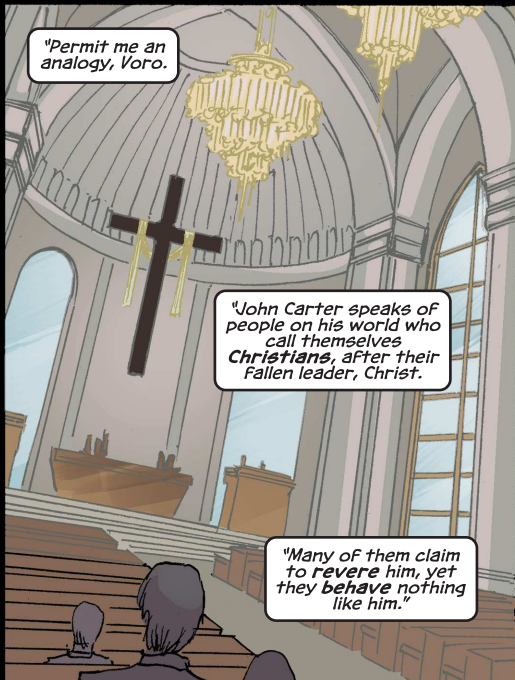
YOU ACCEPTED BECAUSE YOU ARE RULED BY YOUR APPETITES. NOT YOUR MIND.



"Hok Fought Tars Tarkas for leadership."

"An epic battle."

"Legendary. Two titans."



"Permit me an analogy, Voro."

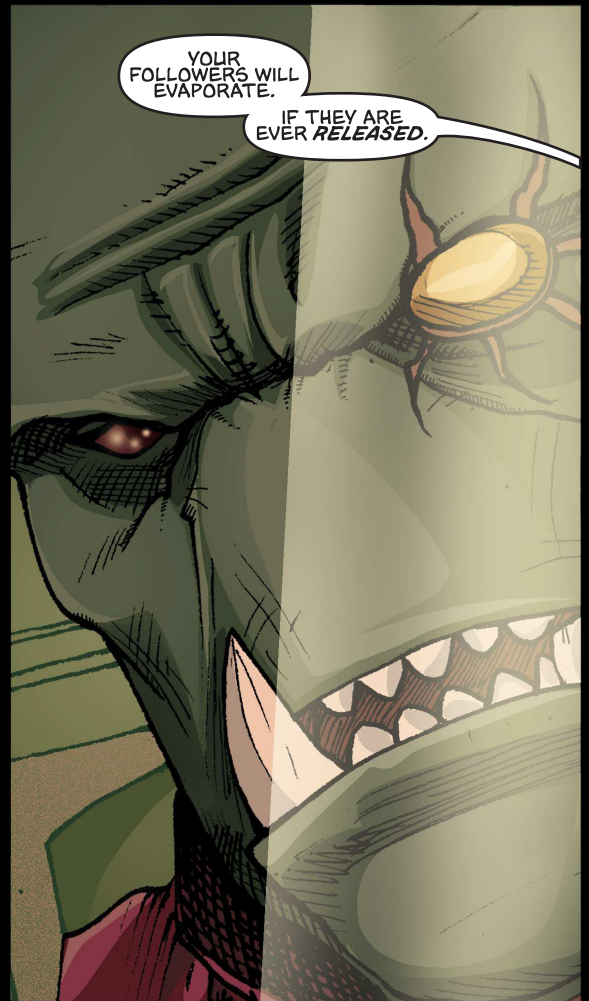
"John Carter speaks of people on his world who call themselves **Christians**, after their fallen leader, Christ."

"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--



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

WILLINGHAM • DAVILLA

LEGENDERRY

A STEAMPUNK ADVENTURE



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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." - **BILL WILLINGHAM**



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.

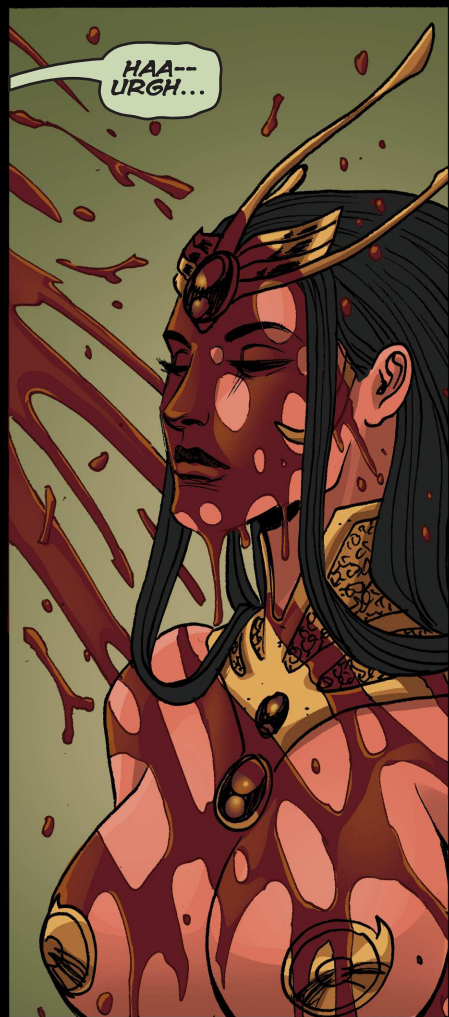
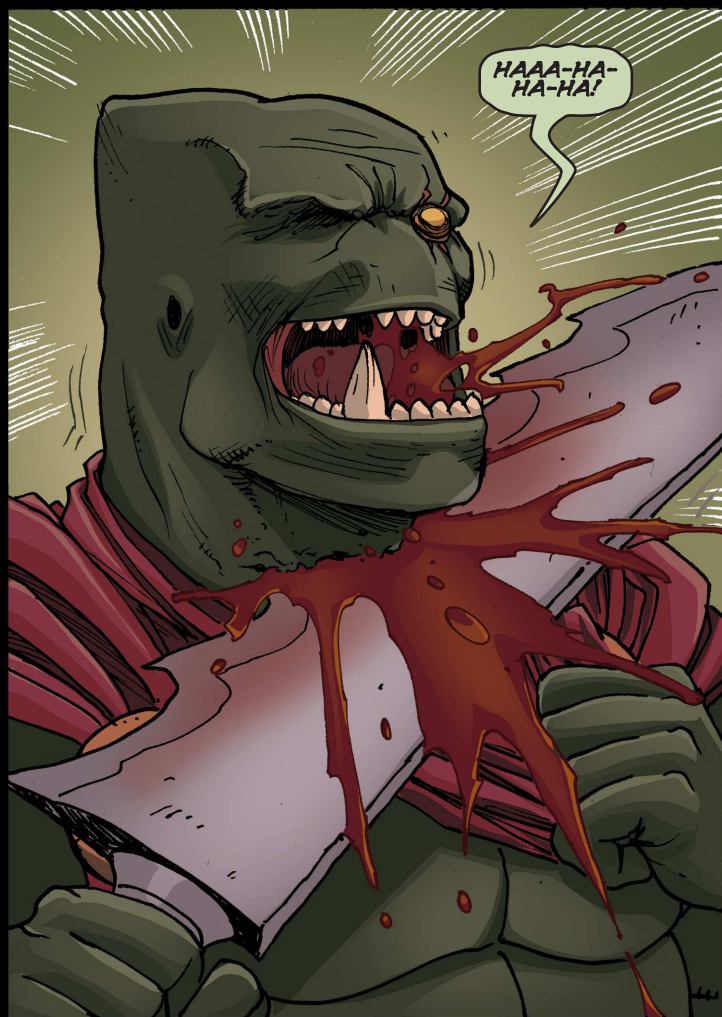


MARTYRDOM.



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

YOU HATE THARKS.





"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
thoats waiting for you.
Fully provisioned.

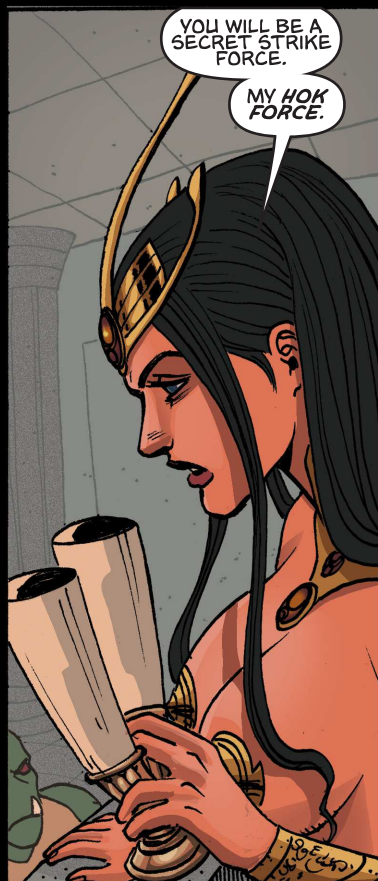


"For you who remain, I
have an offer you will
find most satisfying."



YOU SIX
ARE THE
BRUTAL.

THE
BLOODTHIRSTY.
THE *ELITE*.



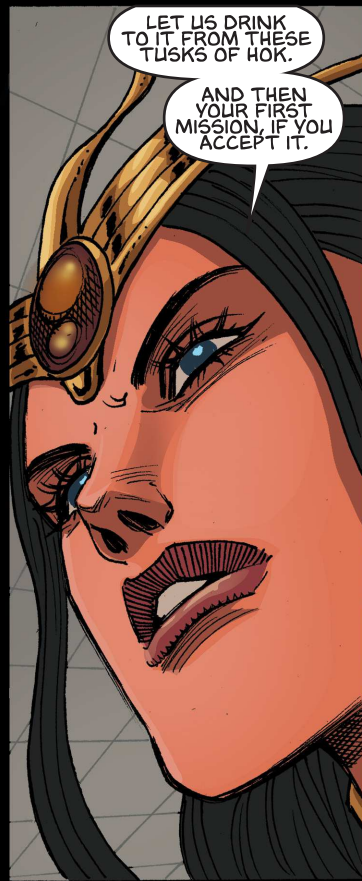
YOU WILL BE A
SECRET STRIKE
FORCE.

MY *HOK*
FORCE.



DO YOU
ACCEPT?

YOU KNOW
THE ANSWER,
PRINCESS.

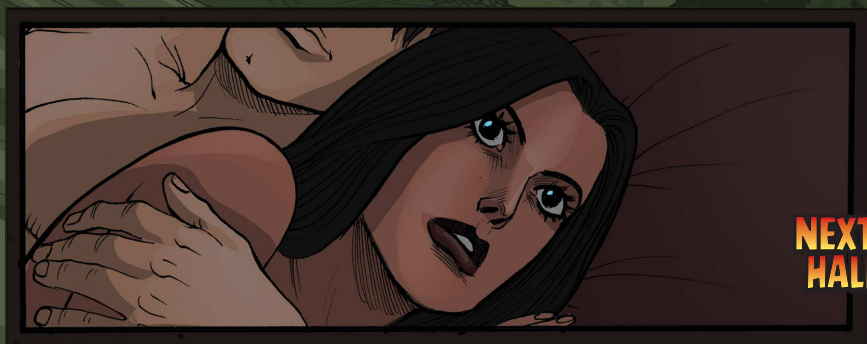
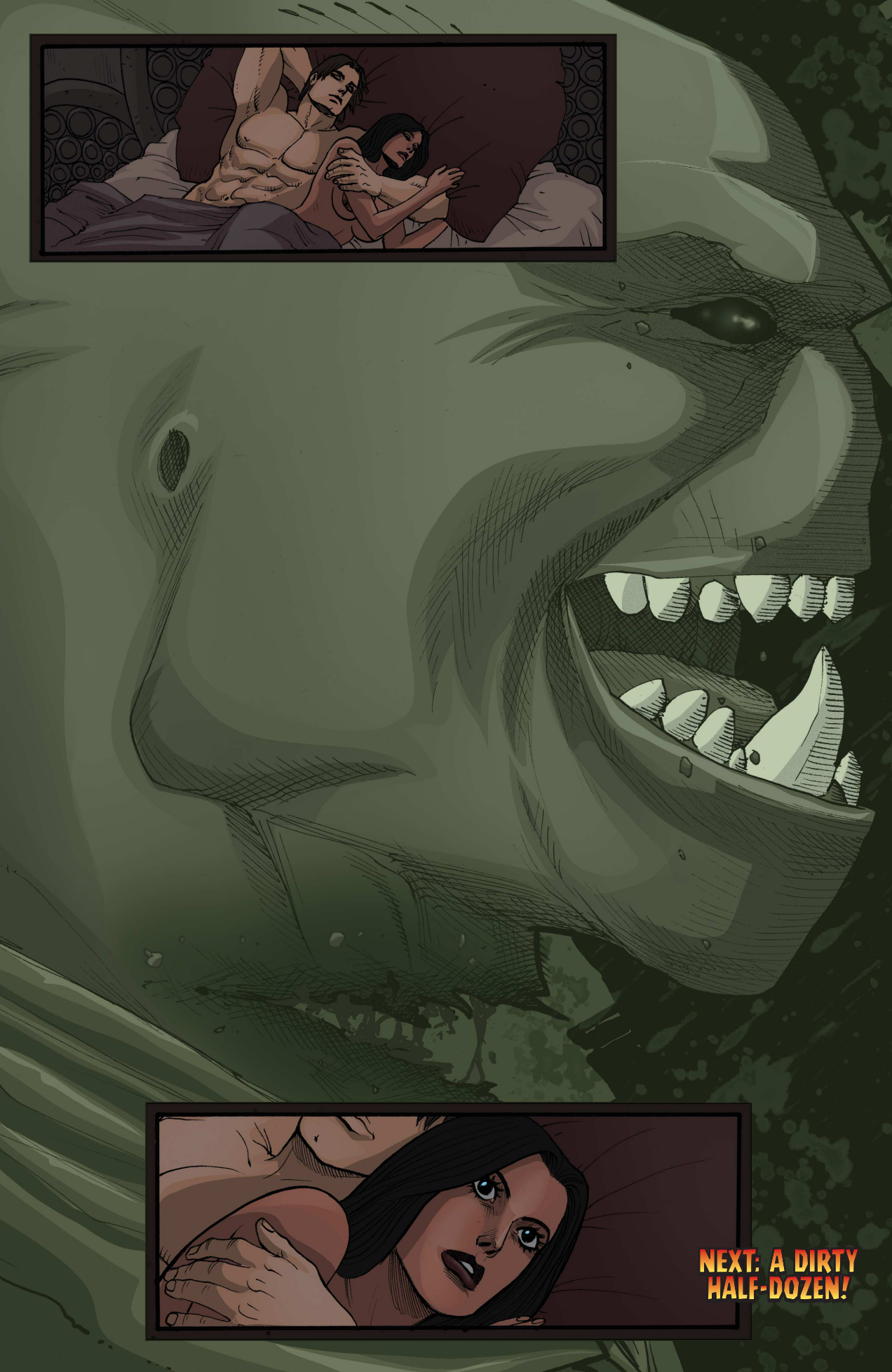


LET US DRINK
TO IT FROM THESE
TUSKS OF *HOK*.

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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ISSUE #9

Now that the evil Voro's dead, Dejah Thoris has her own green men: the Hok Squad, a secret Delta Force of Tharks for special missions. The nastiest warriors to throw at the nastiest jobs. Radical green separatists led by a red woman. What could go wrong?

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