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HELLO,
CHAOS.



MY OLD
FRIEND.

HEY.

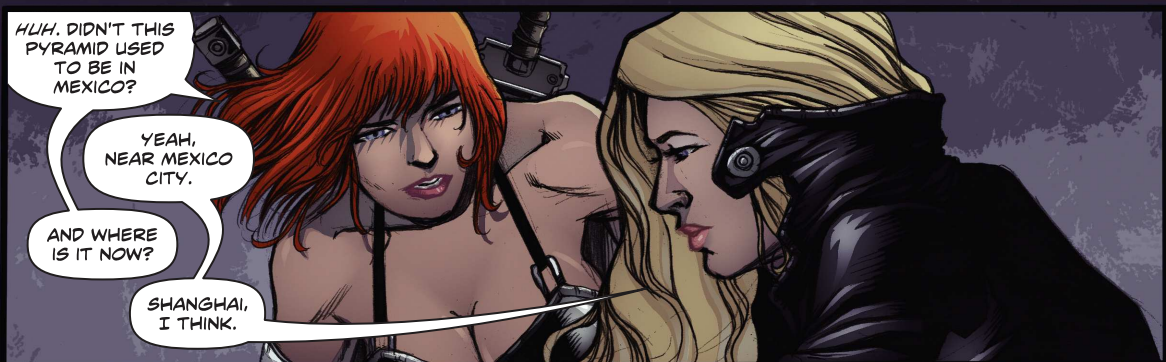


YOU'RE LOOKING
KIND OF BUMMED OUT,
THERE, BAD KITT.

PLEASE,
CHASTITY.
CALL ME
CATHERINE.

FAIR
ENOUGH.

BAD
NIGHT?



HUH. DIDN'T THIS
PYRAMID USED
TO BE IN
MEXICO?

YEAH,
NEAR MEXICO
CITY.

AND WHERE
IS IT NOW?

SHANGHAI,
I THINK.



PURGATOR'S GOT
THE PRINCE'S EAR,
CATHERINE.

SHE'S
TELLING HIM
THAT YOU'LL
BETRAY HIM.

I THINK
THEY'RE *DOING*
IT, TO BE
HONEST.



HE PROMISED TO DESTROY
THE DEMON I HAVE
INSIDE, CHASTITY

I... I CAN'T
TURN THAT DOWN.
I CAN'T.

BUT WAR IS
DEFINITELY COMING.
AND WE DON'T
BELONG HERE.



DO YOU EVER
WONDER--

--IF MAYBE WE
PICKED THE
WRONG SIDE?

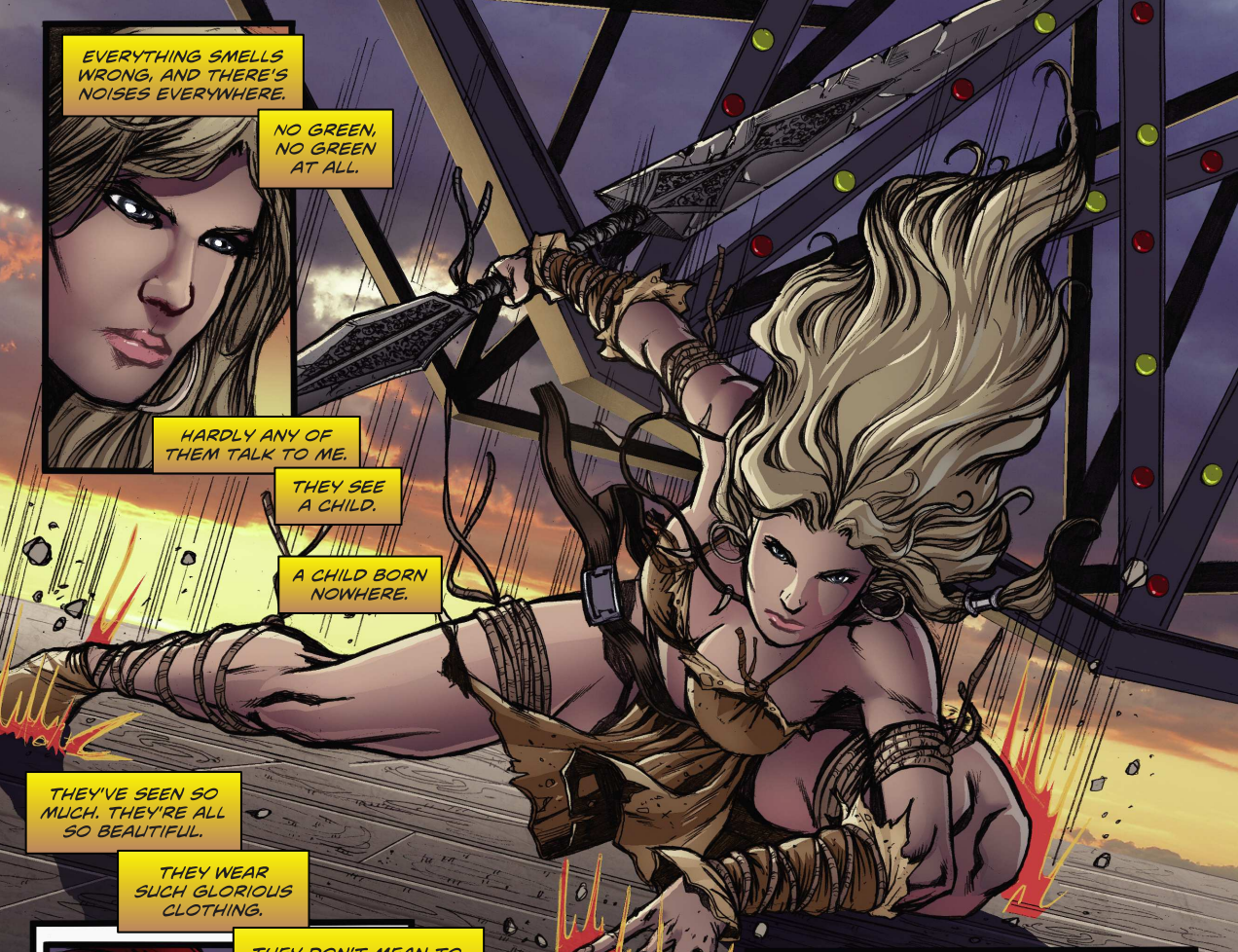
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THE LONG WALK
ACROSS WORLDS

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I DON'T
BELONG
HERE.



EVERYTHING SMELLS
WRONG, AND THERE'S
NOISES EVERYWHERE.

NO GREEN.
NO GREEN
AT ALL.

HARDLY ANY OF
THEM TALK TO ME.

THEY SEE
A CHILD.

A CHILD BORN
NOWHERE.

THEY'VE SEEN SO
MUCH. THEY'RE ALL
SO BEAUTIFUL.

THEY WEAR
SUCH GLORIOUS
CLOTHING.

THEY DON'T MEAN TO,
BUT THEY MAKE ME
FEEL...LIKE I DO NOT
DESERVE THIS BLADE.

EXCEPT JANE
PORTER.

SHE KEEPS
SAYING I "REMINDE
HER OF HOME."

I HAVE NO LOVE FOR PRINCES AT
THE BEST OF TIMES.
BUT HAVE YOU A SUGGESTION
WHERE EVEN WE MIGHT LOOK,
VAMPIRE?

THIS 'PRINCE'
IS CAPABLE OF
STITCHING WORLDS
TOGETHER AS
SEAMSTRESS
DARNS A QUILT.

DO YOU REALLY
THINK OUR LITTLE
BLADES CAN STAUNCH
THAT WOUND?

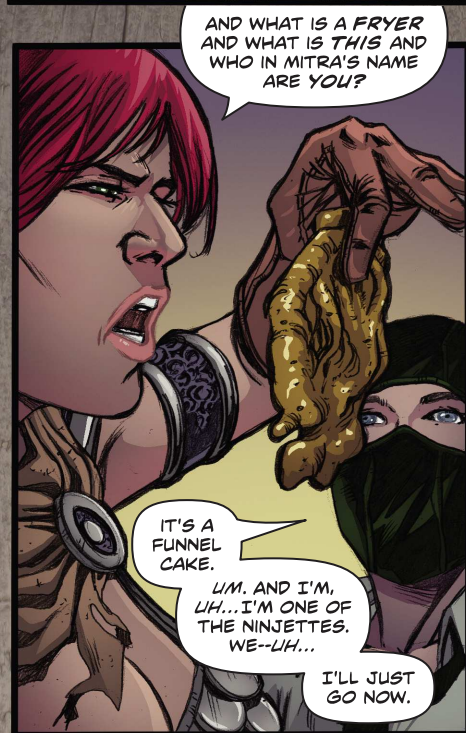
LOOK, WE CAN'T
STAY HERE.

WE HAVE
TO FIND THIS
"PRINCE CHARMING,"
AND KILL HIM.

WHAT
PLACE DOES
A JUNGLE
GIRL HAVE
AMONG
THESE
WOMEN?

I AM RED, HONORED
LADIES. THIS PRINCE,
HE IS KNOWN ON
OUR WORLD.

THE STORY IS
THAT HE WAS
KIND, GENEROUS
AND BRAVE.





NO, PRINCESS
OF MARS.

YOU WILL
HAVE MANY
SISTERS.



HOLD, DEVIL. STAY
YOUR BLADE.

LET US SEE
WHAT YOU KNOW OF
BLADES, ASSASSIN.



QUITE A LOT,
AS IT TURNS
OUT.

AS I
FORGED
YOURS,
MYSELF.



AS I FORGED
ALL OF YOUR
WEAPONS,
HUNDREDS OF
YEARS AGO.

I AM THE
TRAVELLER.
AND I AM YOUR
SERVANT.

PERHAPS YOU
MIGHT WAIT TO
KILL ME UNTIL I
HAVE SPOKEN?



YOU ARE NOT
HEROES.
BUT YOU ARE
VALOROUS.

AND IT IS
YOUR VALOR
THAT I WILL
NEED MOST,
PRESENTLY.



YOU MADE THESE
BLADES?
WHY?

THE PRINCE...
HE WILL SPEND
ALL HIS MAGIC TO
TAKE SOMETHING
FROM ME. HE
WILL SEND--

--TERRIBLE
FOES. MADE
FROM HIS
OWN BLOOD.



YOUR EBONY BLADES,
YOUR SWORDS OF
SORROW...

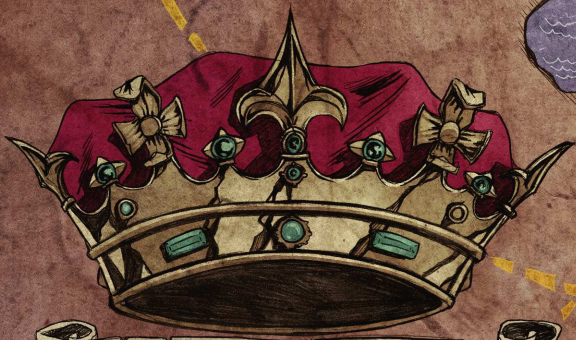
THEY CAN
DAMAGE THOSE
CREATURES.

BUT ONLY THESE
THREE BLADES, THE
PROPHECY SAYS...



MAY PIERCE THE
FLESH OF THE
PRINCE HIMSELF.

THEY WERE
MADE AT GREAT
PERSONAL COST.

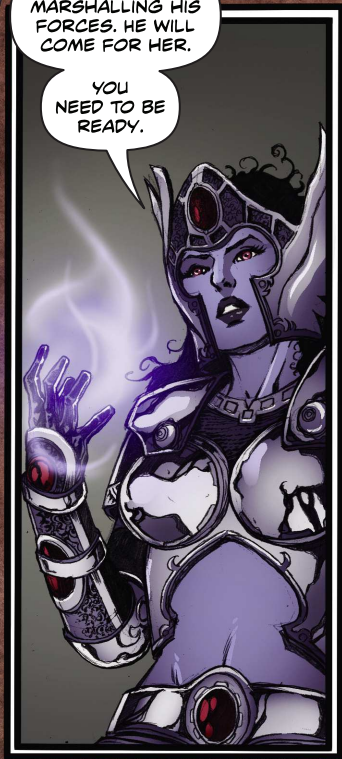


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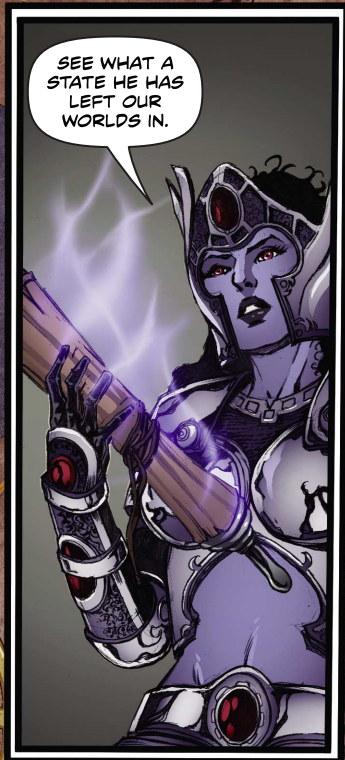
THERE IS NO TIME.

THE PRINCE IS MARSHALLING HIS FORCES. HE WILL COME FOR HER.

YOU NEED TO BE READY.



SEE WHAT A STATE HE HAS LEFT OUR WORLDS IN.



HE HAS MADE OF US ALL STRANGE BEDFELLOWS, MY GENERALS.

REGARD.



San Francisco

Paris at War



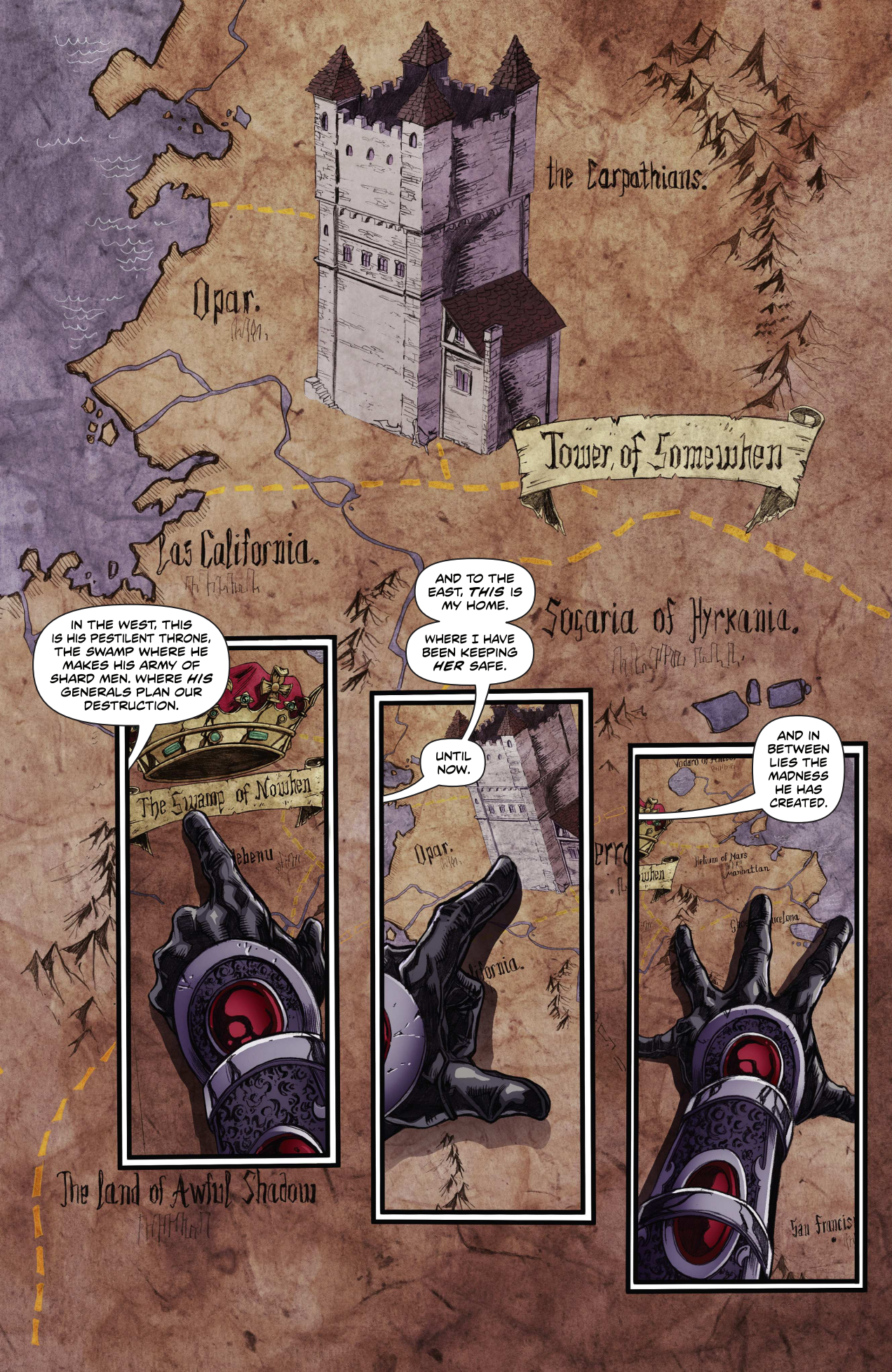
Vodaro of Amtor

Helium of Mars

Manhattan

Hebenu

Ghost of Barcelona



the Carpathians.

Opar.

Las California.

Tower of Somewhen

AND TO THE EAST, THIS IS MY HOME.

WHERE I HAVE BEEN KEEPING HER SAFE.

Sogaria of Hyrkania.

IN THE WEST, THIS IS HIS PESTILENT THRONE, THE SWAMP WHERE HE MAKES HIS ARMY OF SHARD MEN. WHERE HIS GENERALS PLAN OUR DESTRUCTION.

The Swamp of Nowhen

UNTIL NOW.

AND IN BETWEEN LIES THE MADNESS HE HAS CREATED.

The land of Awful Shadow

San Francis



RIGHT NOW HE IS IN HIS SWAMP, SLITTING HIS WRISTS, TO CREATE HIS ENDLESS ARMY OF SOULLESS WARRIORS, WHO HATE WOMEN EVEN MORE THAN HE DOES.

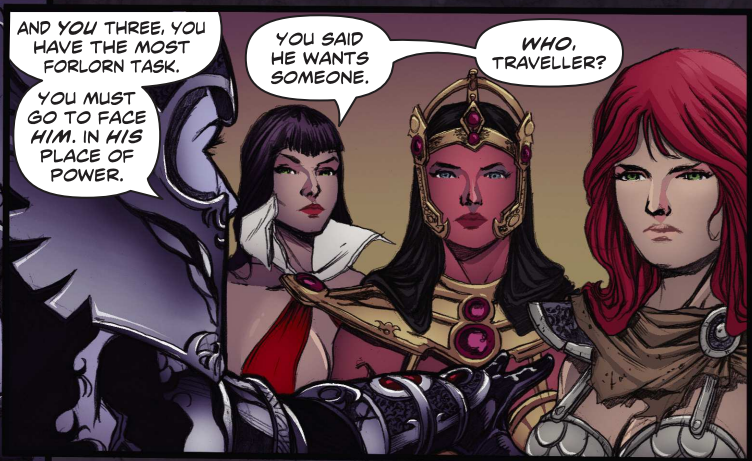
AND ONLY WOMEN TO STOP THEM.



MY TOWER HAS THREE POSSIBLE APPROACHES.

YOU MUST DEFEND THEM ALL.

IF HE HAS HER, HE WILL NOT NEED ANY OTHER LIFE ON THIS ROCK.



AND YOU THREE, YOU HAVE THE MOST FORLORN TASK.

YOU MUST GO TO FACE HIM, IN HIS PLACE OF POWER.

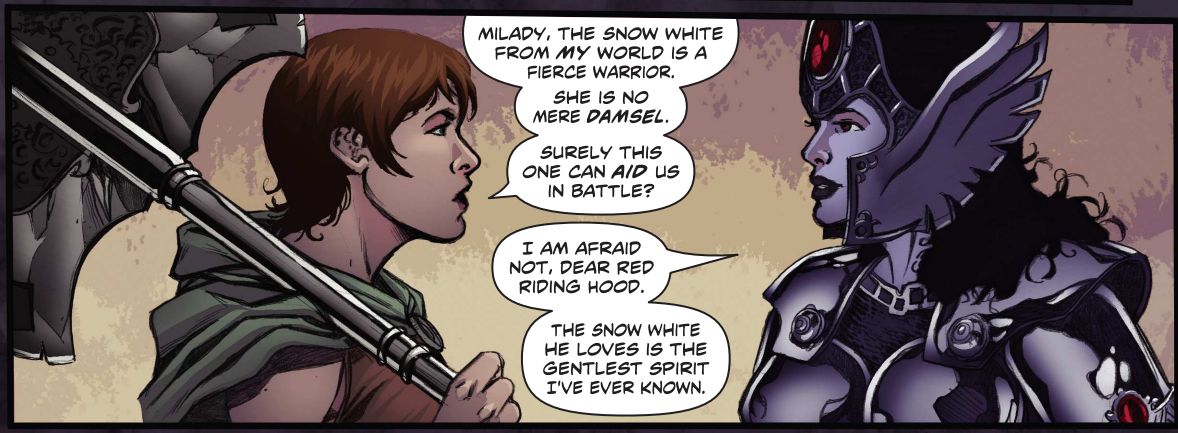
YOU SAID HE WANTS SOMEONE.

WHO, TRAVELLER?



I BELIEVE HER NAME IS **LEGEND** TO MOST OF YOU.

"**SNOW WHITE.**"



MILADY, THE SNOW WHITE FROM MY WORLD IS A FIERCE WARRIOR.

SHE IS NO MERE DAMSEL.

SURELY THIS ONE CAN AID US IN BATTLE?

I AM AFRAID NOT, DEAR RED RIDING HOOD.

THE SNOW WHITE HE LOVES IS THE GENTLEST SPIRIT I'VE EVER KNOWN.



"SHE IS UTTERLY INCAPABLE OF HURTING ANYONE, EVER, FOR ANY REASON.

"EVEN THE DEATH OF ALL OUR WORLDS."



MILADY SNOW.

I HAVE BROUGHT YOU SOME FOOD.



IT IS ROAST CAPON, AND TUBERS FROM MARS, AND AN ELVISH APPLE TART.

APPLES, COURIER? REALLY? YOU BRING ME AN APPLE?

FORGIVE ME, MILADY. I DID NOT THINK.



IT'S MY FAULT, NOBLE COURIER.

THE WORLDS ARE GOING TO DIE, AND IT'S MY FAULT.

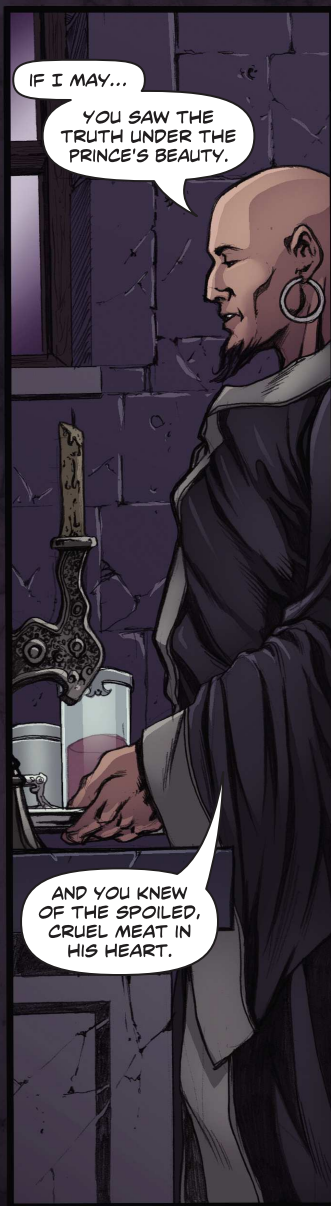


WE OF MY KIND, WE ARE OBSERVERS, PRINCESS. IT IS ABOVE MY STATION TO SPEAK.

BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE.

I SHOULD HURL MYSELF TO THE ROCKS BELOW AND END THIS.

BUT I LACK THE COURAGE.



IF I MAY...

YOU SAW THE TRUTH UNDER THE PRINCE'S BEAUTY.

AND YOU KNEW OF THE SPOILED, CRUEL MEAT IN HIS HEART.



ALL THOSE BRAVE WOMEN... FIGHTING TO PROTECT ME.

I WISH. I WISH I COULD STAND WITH THEM.

RESPECTFULLY, PRINCESS.



IF THERE IS NO PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR A COMPASSIONATE, LOVING HEART...

WHAT IS IT EXACTLY THAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR?



YES.

OH, MY LORD. MY PRINCE.



YES!



THAT WAS...
THAT WAS
AMAZING.

IT WAS ANIMAL
RUTTING, PURGATORI.
NOTHING MORE.

DO NOT
FORGET YOUR
STATION.

YOUR ARMIES
ARE READY,
CHARMING.

THEY HUNGER
FOR REVENGE, AND I
HUNGER TO STRIKE A
FEW DOWN MYSELF.



YOU WOMEN OF CHAOS
FAILED IN YOUR MISSION,
TO BREAK HER SQUALID
TEATIME WARRIORS.

SO I SEE I
MUST REDOUBLE
MY EFFORTS, AND
CREATE MORE
SHARD MEN.



AT LEAST
THEY FOLLOW
ORDERS.

YES,
LORD.

I WILL HAVE
MY BRIDE.



HOW MANY
DEFENDERS ARE
THERE? TWO DOZEN?
THREE?

I WILL SEND A
HUNDRED SHARD
MEN FOR EACH.
A THOUSAND.

LET ME DRINK
FOREVER ON THE
BLOOD OF THE
CHOSEN!



IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THIS ENTIRE AFFAIR QUITE IMPOSSIBLE?

AT LEAST YOU HAVE POWERS, MASQUERADE.

HE IS WEAKENED, FOR A TIME, AFTER CREATING HIS BLOOD ARMY.

I AM AFRAID YOU THREE MUST FACE HIM, AS THE STONE PROPHESED.

THE ABILITY TO PUT MY MIND IN ANOTHER'S BODY IS NOT GOING TO BE MUCH HELP IN A WAR AGAINST SHADOWS, BLACK SPARROW.

IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT YOU EACH CHOOSE A GENERAL TO GUARD SNOW WHITE IN THE TOWER, ONE FOR EACH APPROACH.

I WATCHED AS TWO 'GENERALS' WERE CHOSEN.

THEY DID NOT SHIRK.

I'M... HONORED, PRINCESS OF MARS.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR EVA, JENNIFER BLOOD. SHE COMES FROM BAD STOCK.

AND THEN I WATCHED THE DEVIL MAKE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

ME?

I CAN'T, SONJA. I'M JUST... I'M JUST A GIRL.

I WAS ELEVEN WHEN I KILLED THE MARAUDERS WHO KILLED MY FAMILY.

HUSH, JANA. YOU CAN DO THIS.

THE PORTALS GET MORE DANGEROUS CLOSER TO HIM.

YOU WILL NEED TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY TO THE PRINCE.

I CANNOT BELIEVE I AM ABOUT TO SUGGEST THIS.



SHE HAD BETTER COME BACK WITHOUT A SCRATCH.

AND SO WE
PREPARED TO DIE
FIGHTING.

THE NORTH
STAIR GUARD.

AND THE
EAST.

AND LASTLY, MY
TEAM, GUARDING
THE SOUTHWEST.

AFRAID TO
SHOW THE FEAR
I WAS FEELING.

IF ANY OF
YOU HAVE ANY
REGRETS.

NOW
MIGHT
BE THE
TIME TO
SAY.

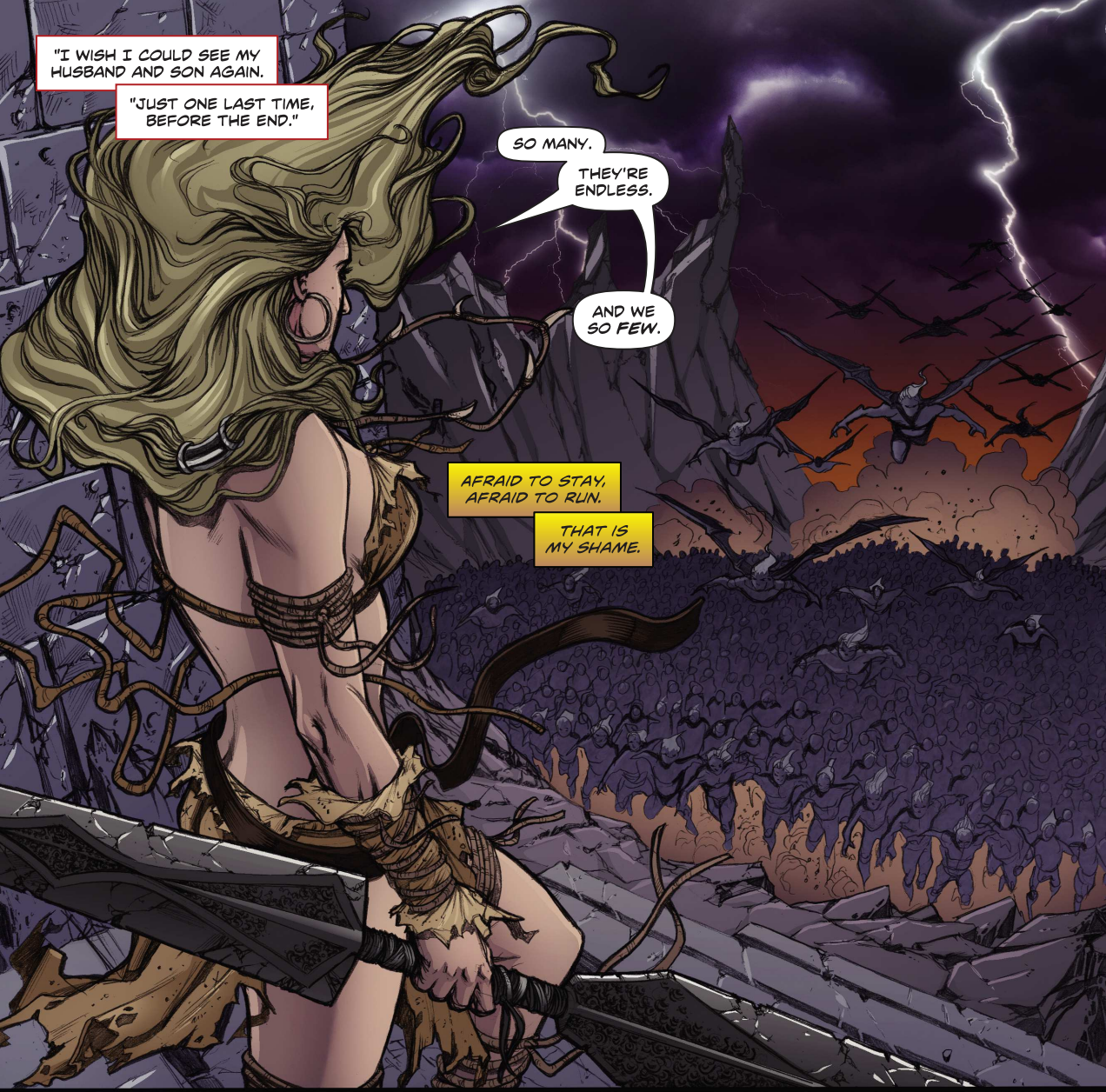
I HAVE
BUT ONE.

WELL,
LADIES.

WE WEREN'T
EVER MEANT
TO GROW
OLD, WERE
WE?

THESE... SHARD
MEN. THEY'RE
SHAPESHIFTERS.
WHAT'S TO KEEP
THEM FROM
ATTACKING
BY AIR?

I'LL TAKE
CARE OF THAT,
GENERAL ADLER.



"I WISH I COULD SEE MY
HUSBAND AND SON AGAIN.

"JUST ONE LAST TIME,
BEFORE THE END."

SO MANY.

THEY'RE
ENDLESS.

AND WE
SO FEW.

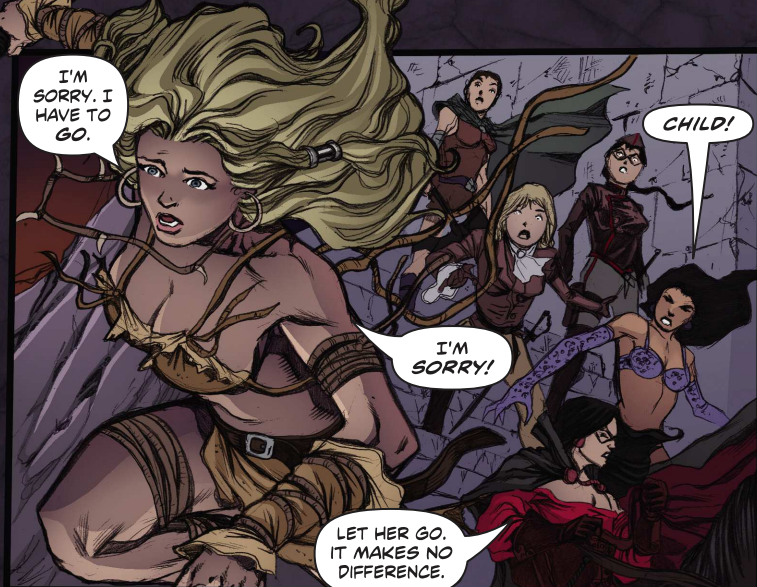
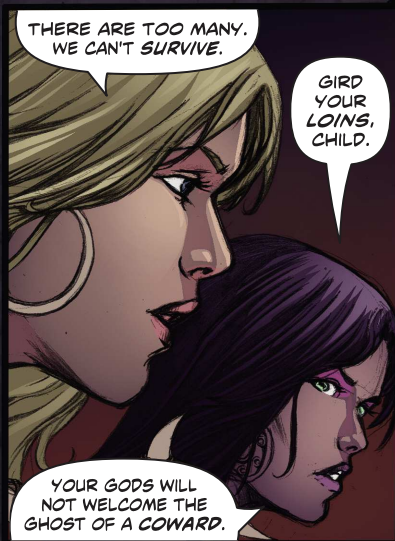
AFRAID TO STAY,
AFRAID TO RUN.

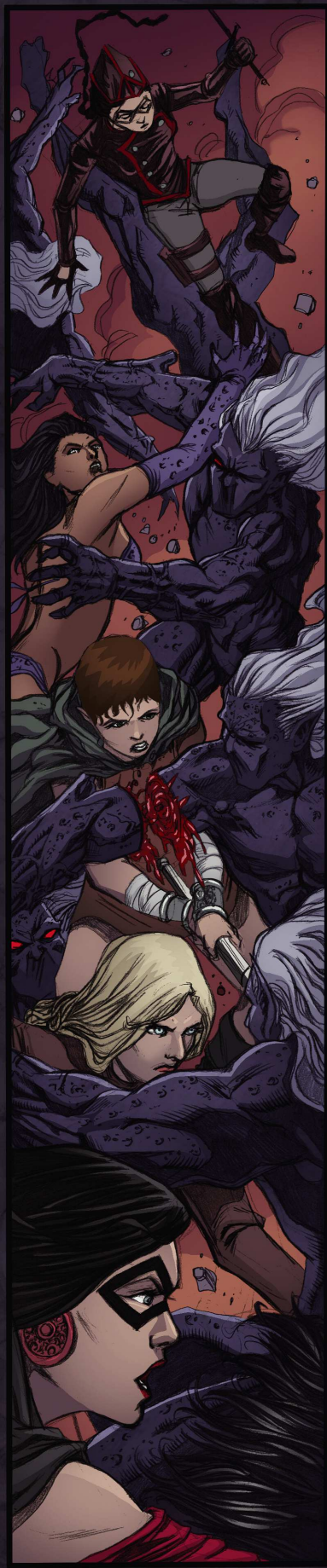
THAT IS
MY SHAME.

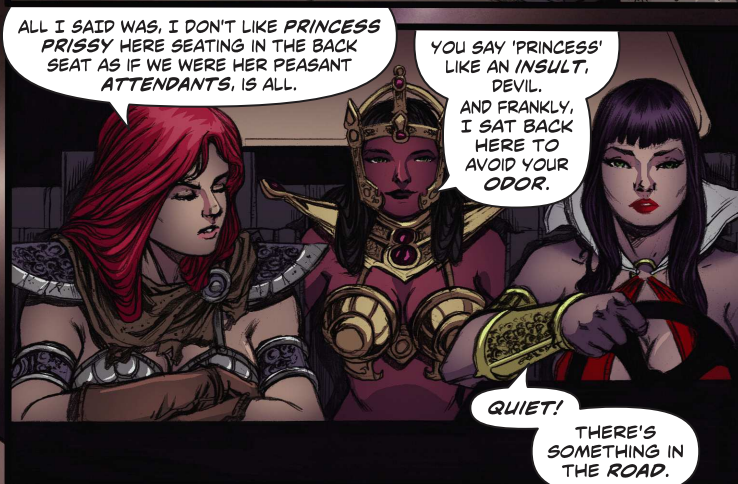
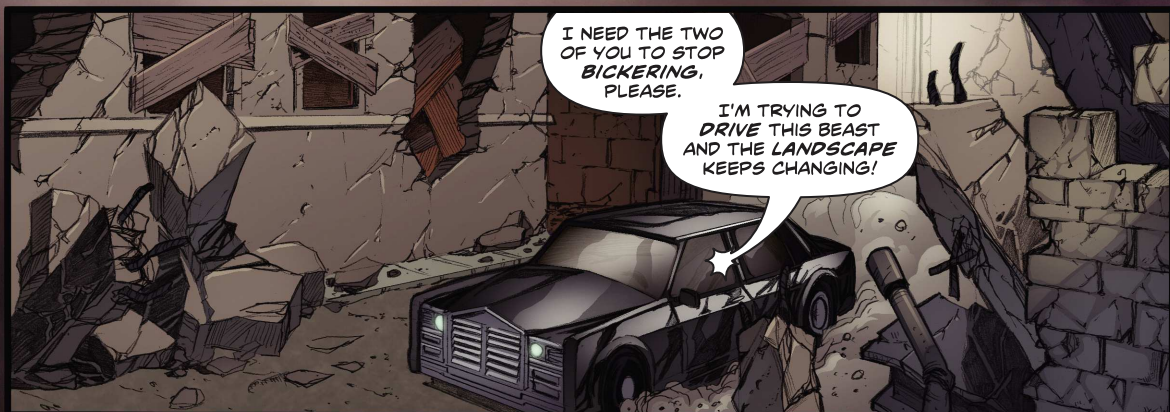


AND THEN I SAW
THE DEMONESS
LEADING THEM.

AND JANA THE
FIERCE FELT MORE
FEARFUL STILL.

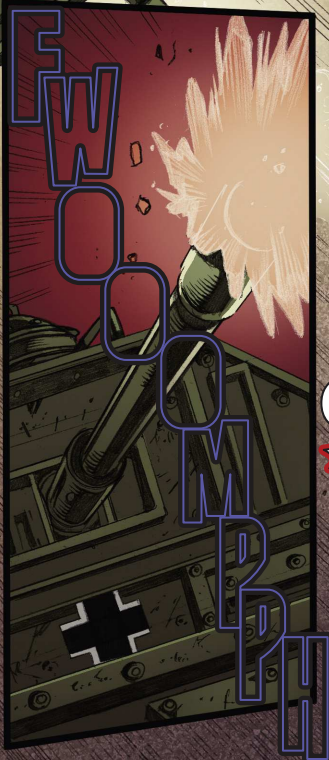




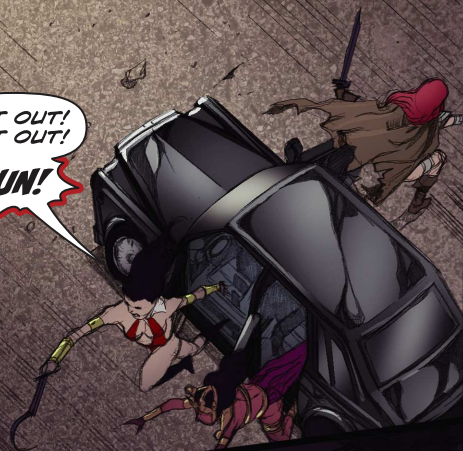


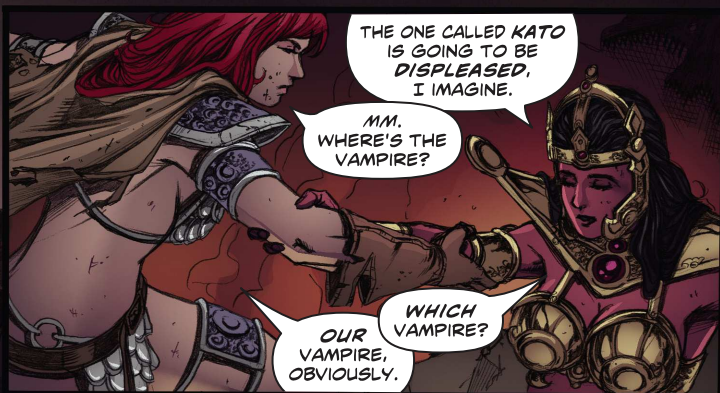


FIRE.



GET OUT!
GET OUT!
RUN!







NEXT ISSUE:

IT ALL ENDS NOW. The planet-crushing finale to this epic crossover ends here! With a key player down for the count, can the remaining warriors (and their Swords of Sorrow) hold the tide against Purgatori and the other CHAOS women, AND the Prince of All Dimensions as the universe collapses around them? Featuring the greatest pulp heroines of all time in the adventure no one ever imagined could happen!

DYNAMITE IN THE NEWS

WRITER WARREN ELLIS DEBUTS THE ALL-NEW JAMES BOND COMIC BOOK SERIES WITH ARTIST JASON MASTERS

Dynamite proudly announces that fan-favorite author Warren Ellis will be writing the James Bond ongoing comic book series. James Bond is scheduled for release in November 2015, featuring interior artwork by Jason Masters (Batman Incorporated). In the series, Bond returns to London after a mission of vengeance in Helsinki, to take up the workload of a fallen 00 Section agent... but something evil is moving through the back streets, and sinister plans are being laid for Bond in Berlin.

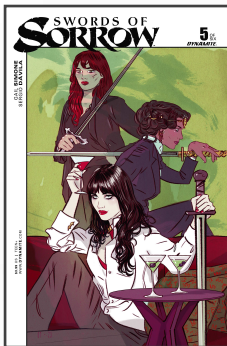
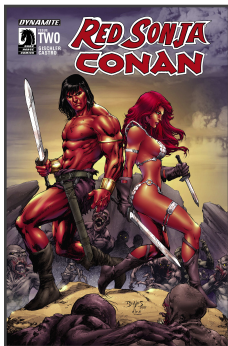
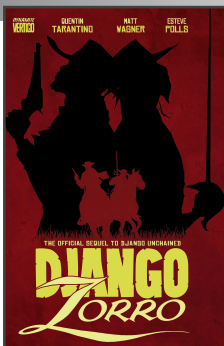
The news of the high-profile author's involvement follows Dynamite's announcement of their partnership with Ian Fleming Publications Ltd. (IFPL), the Fleming family company that owns and administers the literary copyright of Ian Fleming's published works. Launching their James Bond line with a writer of exemplary skill and reputation has been a priority for Dynamite, and Warren Ellis' stewardship will guarantee all the hallmarks of high-octane action and international intrigue that exemplify the franchise.

"Ian Fleming's James Bond is an icon, and it's a delight to tell visual narratives with the original, brutal, damaged Bond of the books," says Warren Ellis.

Great-nephew of Ian Fleming, Diggory Laycock says, "We were thrilled when Warren agreed to write the first story in this exciting new chapter of literary James Bond. Warren's style is gritty, dark, and unique, and we can't wait to see James Bond embroiled in an adventure of his creation."

"Warren Ellis is one of the most brilliant writers of the 21st century, not just in comics but across all media," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of Dynamite. "We met with Warren and everyone at IFPL, and Warren's passion for the novels showed. He really is the perfect writer for Bond, and I can't express how excited we are that he is tackling the ongoing series. This will be James Bond unlike anything you've ever seen before, true to Ian Fleming's source material yet bursting all preconceptions of what a Bond story should be."

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