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WHAT REMAINS OF THE
TAGU-ATU PEOPLE HAVE
SURVIVED FIVE DAYS ON THE
SHORE OF SKULL ISLAND--



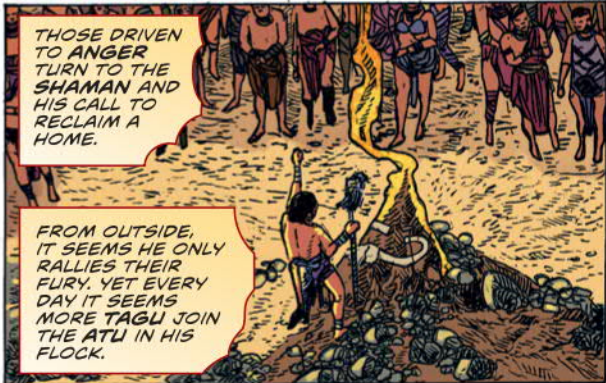
--BUT EACH DAY GIVES
THE SENSATION OF A
LIFETIME IN HELL.

MOMMY?!
WHERE
DID YOU
GOOO?



SOME AMONG US
HAVE BEEN UNABLE
TO SLEEP A SINGLE
MOMENT SINCE
ARRIVING--

--IN CONSTANT DREAD OF
THE BEASTS, OF ANOTHER
ERUPTION, OR OF
SLEEPING THROUGH AN
EVACUATION.



THOSE DRIVEN
TO ANGER
TURN TO THE
SHAMAN AND
HIS CALL TO
RECLAIM A
HOME.

FROM OUTSIDE,
IT SEEMS HE ONLY
RALRIES THEIR
FURY. YET EVERY
DAY IT SEEMS
MORE TAGU JOIN
THE ATU IN HIS
FLOCK.



BUT WHILE OUR PEOPLE ARE
UNITING--WE ARE RAPIDLY
LOSING OUR KONG.

SENT TO PULL MATERIALS
FOR SHELTER, FOOD, AND
DEFENSES FROM DEEPER AND
DEEPER IN THE ISLAND, OUR
KONG RETURN SAVAGED AND--

--SOME NEVER
COME BACK
AT ALL.



OUR LIVES
ARE NO
LONGER
WHAT THEY
WERE.



BUT WE DO NOT
YET KNOW WHAT
NEW PARADIGM
AWAITS...



--SACRIFICE! WHEN
WE OFFER UP ALL WE
CAN, THE GODS RAIN
DOWN UPON US
EVERYTHING WE
HAVE EARNED!



EWATA...

HOW ARE YOU FAIRING,
COUSIN?

BADLY.

I VOWED
TO UNRAVEL
THE TRUTH OF
YOUR BELOVED
K'RET'S
MURDER.

BUT I HAVE
RECORDED THE
FULL ACCOUNTING
OF EVERY WOMAN,
CHILD, AND MAN ON
THIS ISLAND. NOT
A SOUL HERE
WITNESSED HIS
END.



I AM GRATEFUL
YOU HAVE TRIED,
SANI. BUT
TRUTHFULLY...

I
FEAR MORE
FOR MY OWN
LIFE AT THE
MOMENT.

ARE YOU IN
DANGER?

I EXPECT
I WILL BE,
AFTER
THIS--

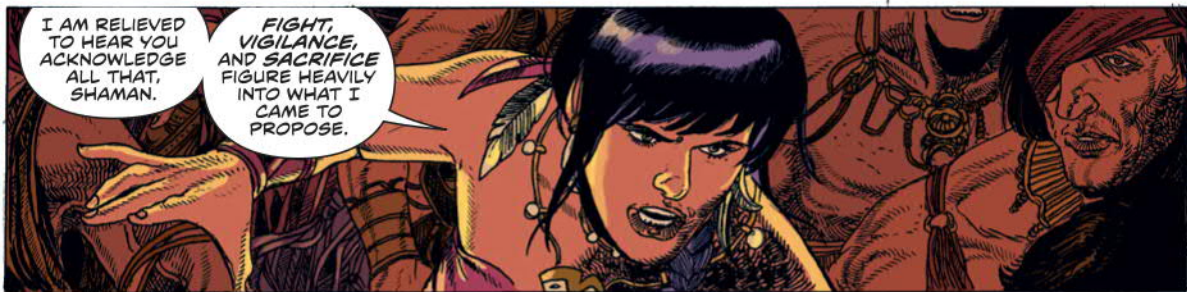


IN DELIVERING US HERE, THE GODS HAVE ISSUED TO US A CHALLENGE!

IN BESETTING US WITH DEMONS, THE GODS DEMAND WE FIGHT FOR OUR EXISTENCE!

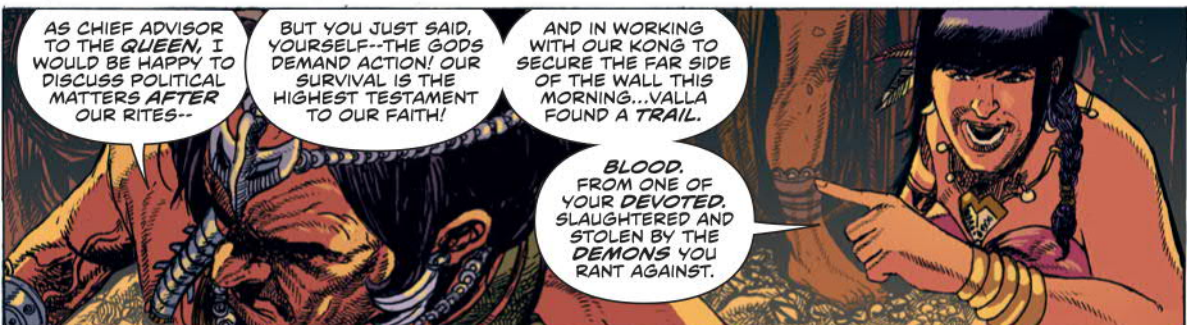
IN ALLOWING THESE MONSTERS TO *STEAL OFF* WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE NIGHT, THE GODS TEACH US TO BE EVER-VIGILANT!

IN BURNING OUR HOME TO SEND US HERE, THE GODS DEMONSTRATE THEY DEMAND *SACRIFICE* IN THEIR NAME!



I AM RELIEVED TO HEAR YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THAT, SHAMAN.

FIGHT, VIGILANCE, AND SACRIFICE FIGURE HEAVILY INTO WHAT I CAME TO PROPOSE.



AS CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE QUEEN, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS POLITICAL MATTERS *AFTER* OUR RITES--

BUT YOU JUST SAID, YOURSELF--THE GODS DEMAND ACTION! OUR SURVIVAL IS THE HIGHEST TESTAMENT TO OUR FAITH!

AND IN WORKING WITH OUR KONG TO SECURE THE FAR SIDE OF THE WALL THIS MORNING...VALLA FOUND A TRAIL.

BLOOD. FROM ONE OF YOUR DEVOTED, SLAUGHTERED AND STOLEN BY THE DEMONS YOU RANT AGAINST.



AND FOR THE FIRST TIME...WE CAN TRACK THIS MONSTER BACK TO ITS LAIR. WITH OUR KONG AND YOUR BLESSED GUIDANCE--WE CAN FINALLY, FULLY RISE TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE THE GODS HAVE ISSUED US!



YOU DON'T BELIEVE ONE WORD OF THAT.

I BELIEVE WE NEED TO STOP OUR PEOPLE FROM BEING TAKEN IN THE NIGHT.

AND I BELIEVE MY FRIENDS WILL HAVE EVERY RESOURCE AND CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IF YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER ARE MADE TO VENTURE WITH US.



IS IT
TOO LATE
TO SUGGEST A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
STRATEGY?

PERHAPS
ONE THAT
INVOLVES
LIVING TO SEE
TOMORROW?

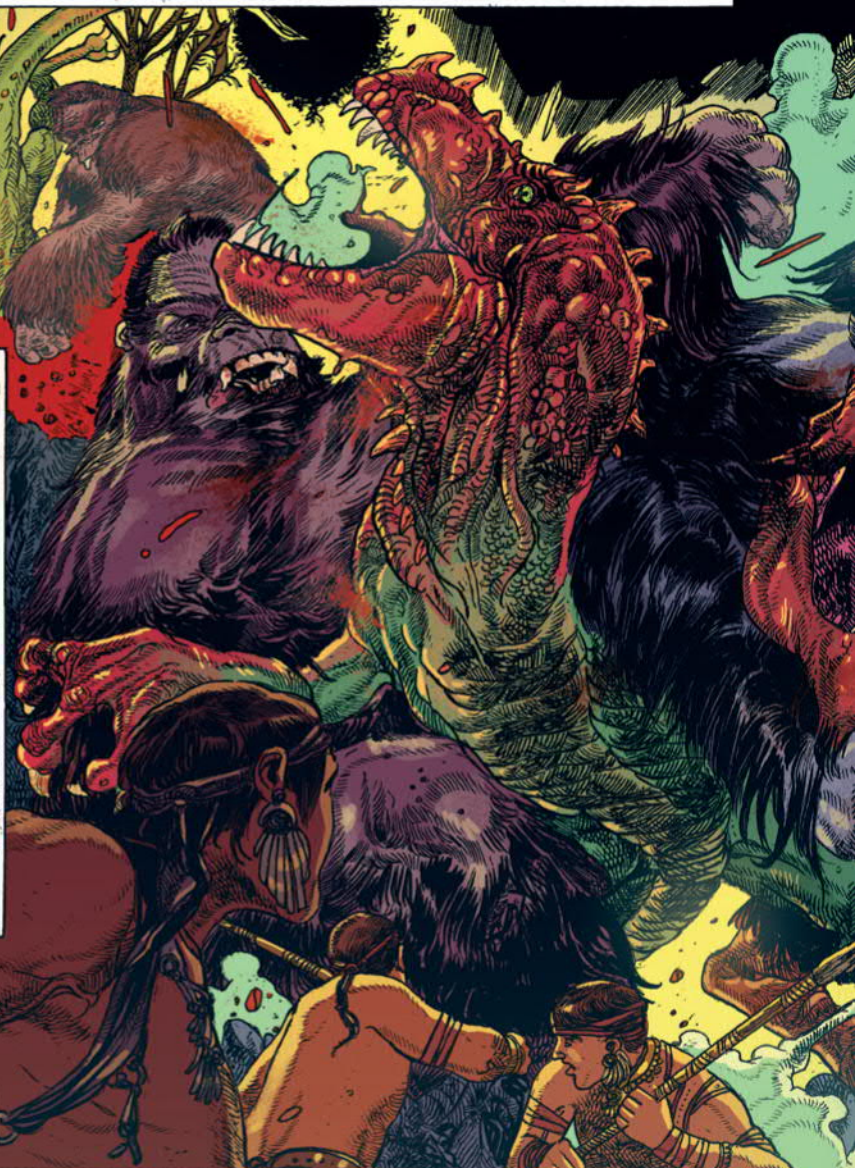
HUSH,
MBETI.

EWATA?
WE FOLLOW
YOUR LEAD.

APPRECIATED.
BUT AS KEEPERS
OF ROYAL KONG--
WE STILL TAKE
ORDERS FROM THE
CROWN. SO, YOUR
REGENCY...?



OR NONE
OF US HAVE
A HOPE
AGAINST
THAT.



EWATA?!
WHAT ARE
YOU--?!



I FEIGN NO EXPERTISE IN BEASTS. WE COMMUNE WITH THE GODS.

AND AS THEY ANNOINTED THE ATU KONG WITH VICTORIES AGAINST YOURS--

CLEARLY GRET HAS EARNED THE RIGHT TO TAKE COMMAND.

WITH ALL RESPECT, YOUR REGENCY...

EWATA KNOWS HER KONG. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.



THEY CAN'T OUT-SAVAGE THE BIG ONE. WE NEED STRATEGY--

AGREED.

AND I THINK I MIGHT SEE ONE.



VALLA! COME! WE CAN END THIS--