



MOMENTS
LIKE THIS
MAKE ME
WONDER.

DOES TROUBLE
FIND ME? OR, DO
I FIND TROUBLE?

THUUUNNNN!

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YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST MINDLESS BRUTE I'VE FACED BEFORE.



WOULD IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF I TOLD YOU I'M NOT HERE TO STEAL ANY OF YOUR SHINY OBJECTS?



I WILL TAKE THAT AS A NO.



WOW, YOU SURE CAN TAKE A BEATING, LADY.



THANKS. I'VE HAD A LOT OF PRACTICE.

IS HE WITH YOU?

YOU COULD SAY THAT.



EASY, BIG GUY.

THIS IS TONGO. I AM KASPAR.



YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT BEFORE HE TRIED TO POUND ME INTO DUST?

APOLOGIES. WE DO NOT GET MANY VISITORS HERE. ONLY THIEVES.

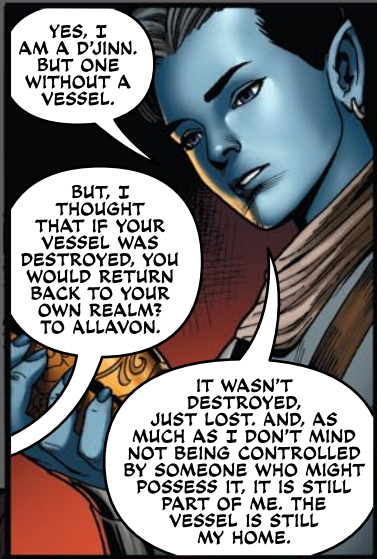


MY NAME IS ARA, AND I AM NO THIEF.

NO, YOU DO NOT SEEM LIKE ONE. IN FACT, YOU SEEM SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR.

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M LIKE YOU, PARTLY, ANYWAY. MY MOTHER IS A D'JINN.

A DAUGHTER BORN OF MAN AND D'JINN. REMARKABLE. DID NOT KNOW THAT WAS EVEN POSSIBLE.



YES, I AM A D'JINN. BUT ONE WITHOUT A VESSEL.

BUT, I THOUGHT THAT IF YOUR VESSEL WAS DESTROYED, YOU WOULD RETURN BACK TO YOUR OWN REALM? TO ALLAVON.

IT WASN'T DESTROYED, JUST LOST. AND, AS MUCH AS I DON'T MIND NOT BEING CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE WHO MIGHT POSSESS IT, IT IS STILL PART OF ME. THE VESSEL IS STILL MY HOME.



I AM NOTHING WITHOUT IT.



I CAME HOPING TO FIND MY VESSEL HIDDEN AMONGST THIS TREASURE. BUT, NO SUCH LUCK. I DID FIND SOMETHING, HOWEVER. A FRIEND.

TONGO WAS ALREADY IMPRISONED HERE, FORCED TO SERVE LAZO AND HIS BAND OF THIEVES. AND SUCH IS OUR FATE.



KASPAR, IF I HAVE LEARNED ONE THING IN SEARCH OF MY MOTHER...