

The Throne Room of Thurd



WELCOME, PRINCESS DEJAH THORIS OF HELIUM. YOU ARE A LONG WAY FROM HOME.


I CONGRATULATE YOU ON FINDING US HERE IN THURD. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE? A DESIRE TO REKINDLE OUR BRIEF MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP IN YOUR FATHER'S PRISON?



SPEAK!

I SEEK EPHYSIUM, THE PLACE YOU FALSELY CLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF.


YOU TRICKED ME INTO FREEING YOU FROM MY FATHER'S PRISON. BECAUSE OF YOU, MY FATHER TOOK AWAY MY FLYER--



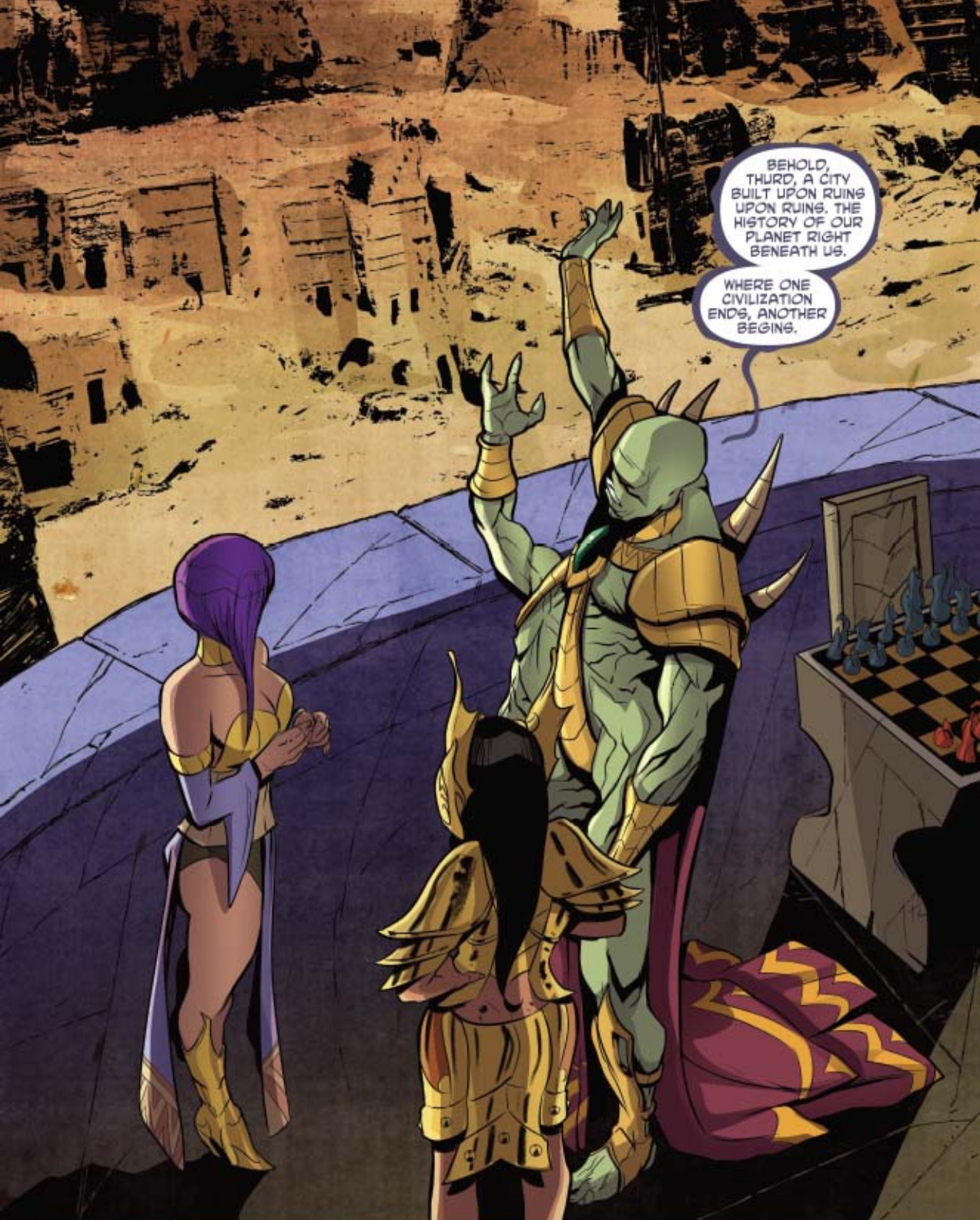
THAT'S THE SPIRIT. YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED, PRINCESS. WHO IS THIS COMPANION OF YOURS?

KAJAS, THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF OUR SCIENTIFIC TEAM.

I SEE. SCIENTIST. NOT WARRIOR. YOU WOULDN'T LAST LONG HERE.



YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AFTER YOUR LONG JOURNEY. COME WITH ME. LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING.



BEHOLD, THURD, A CITY BUILT UPON RUINS UPON RUINS. THE HISTORY OF OUR PLANET RIGHT BENEATH US.

WHERE ONE CIVILIZATION ENDS, ANOTHER BEGINS.



WE ARE CASTOFFS FROM DIFFERENT TRIBES. WOUNDED WARRIORS, ALL.

"WE SETTLED HERE IN THIS ANCIENT CITY BECAUSE WE HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. NO SOCIETY OF OUR OWN.



"IT HAD BEEN UNTOUCHED FOR THOUSANDS OF CYCLES.

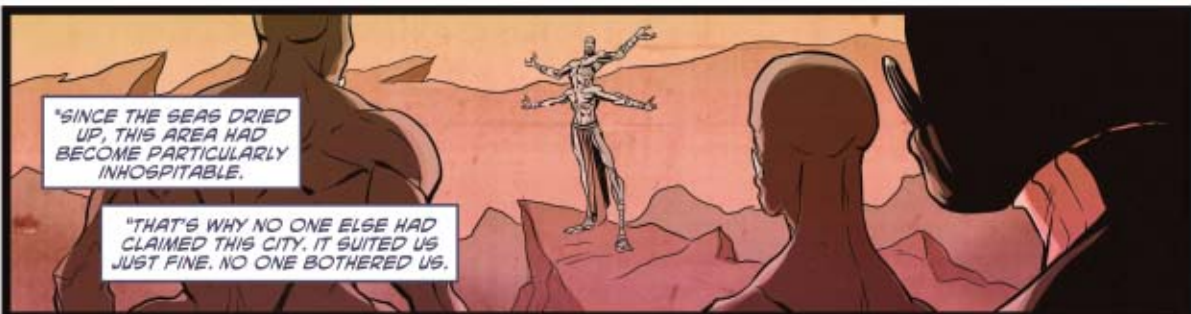


"THIS BECAME OUR HOME.



"SINCE THE SEAS DRIED UP, THIS AREA HAD BECOME PARTICULARLY INHOSPITABLE.

"THAT'S WHY NO ONE ELSE HAD CLAIMED THIS CITY. IT SUITED US JUST FINE. NO ONE BOTHERED US.




"EXCEPT THE WHITE APES."







"THAT IS HOW WE WERE DISCOVERED."



"THE BATTLE WITH
THE WHITE APES
ATTRACTED SOME
ATTENTION."



"I RECOGNIZED HIM
IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS
THE JEDDAK OF HELIUM.
YOUR FATHER."



"WE FOUGHT HARD,
BUT WE WERE
OUTNUMBERED."

"TO MY SHAME, I
WAS CAPTURED. I
WENT QUIETLY AND
SAID NOTHING,
HOPING THEY WOULD
NOT DISCOVER OUR
HIDDEN CITY."