

Look at that. A happy family right?



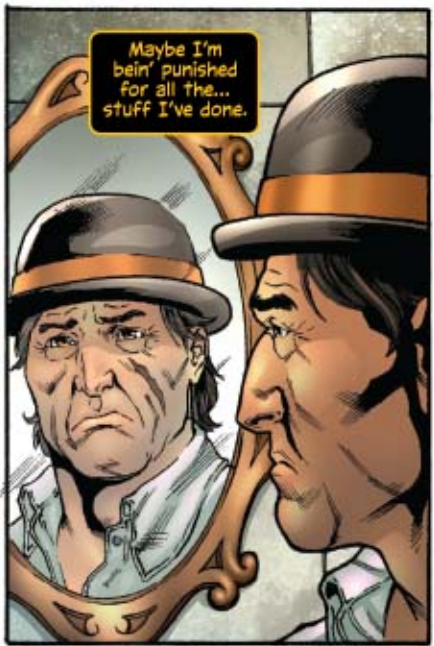
At least for a moment.



I'm sorry I failed our little girl, Vanessa. Maybe it would be different if you were still here.



Maybe I'm bein' punished for all the... stuff I've done.



But I ain't givin' up my daughter without a fight!

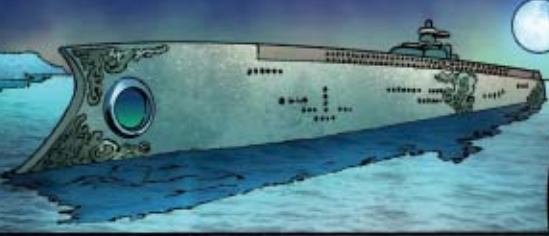








"ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, CAPTAIN?"



NO. BUT WHEN HAS THAT STOPPED ME BEFORE?

THEN LET ME GO IN YOUR PLACE. THAT ISLAND IS POISON. AND YOU ARE--



--A WOMAN?



NO! THAT ISN'T IT AT ALL!

YOU ARE THE BRAVEST PERSON I KNOW AND HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME AND THE REST OF THE CREW. LET ME DO THIS FOR YOU. IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO DIE IN YOUR PLACE.



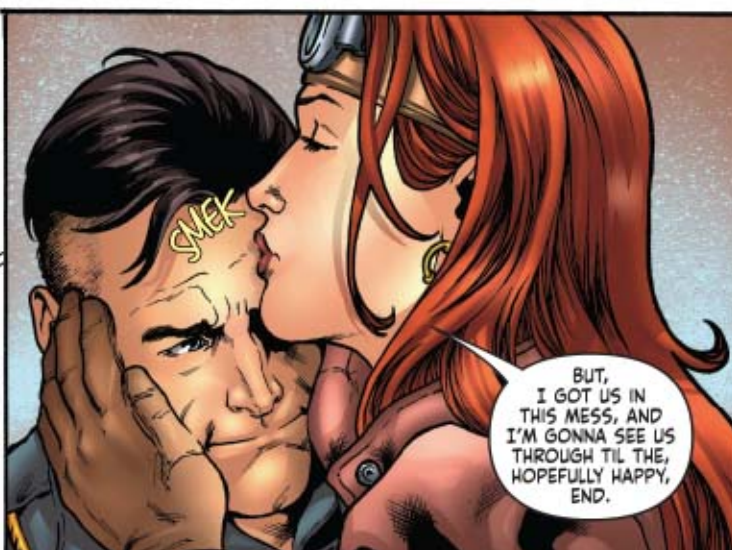
UM, THANKS? BUT I HAVE NO PLANS ON LEAVING THIS MORTAL COIL ANYTIME SOON.

I hope.



THAT'S NOT WHAT I--I MEAN--PLEASE, CAPTAIN, LET ME--

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT, ADRIANO, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LOYALTY.



BUT, I GOT US IN THIS MESS, AND I'M GONNA SEE US THROUGH TIL THE, HOPEFULLY HAPPY, END.





THIS IS INSANE! YOU ARE TOO ILL! LET ME--

COUGH! I HAVE TOLD YOU: THIS IS MY FAULT. I MUST BE THE ONE TO END IT.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU REQUESTED.



I CAN DO THIS ALONE.



NOW, LET'S GO OVER THIS "PLAN" AGAIN.



THERE SEEMS TO BE AN OUTBREAK OF CHIVALRY ONBOARD, EH?

OR FOOLISHNESS.



AS IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.





ALTHOUGH THE ENTIRE ISLAND IS TAINTED BY THE ELEMENT, THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION, THE DEEPEST VEIN, OF IT LIES WITHIN THE CENTER.



THERE IS A DEEP CAVERN, PERHAPS AN OLD, DEAD VOLCANO, WHERE THE ELEMENT IS ABUNDANT. VOMITED FORTH FROM HELL ITSELF, I IMAGINE.

THAT'S CERTAINLY AN IMAGE.



THERE IS NO OTHER EXPLANATION FOR SUCH A DEADLY SUBSTANCE. I WISH MY WANDERLUST HAD NEVER LED ME HERE.

BUT THERE IS NO TIME FOR REGRET. MY FATHER IS A CLEVER MAN AND WILL FIND THIS PLACE SOON ENOUGH. HE IS UNDERRABLE.



THEN YOU HAD BETTER BRING ME UP TO SPEED ON THE TOPOGRAPHY. I WANT TO SPEND AS LITTLE TIME OUT THERE AS POSSIBLE.



YOUR BETROTHED SEEMS AS DETERMINED AS MY CAPTAIN.

BETROTHED?-- OH, YES, D'NAR SHARES THAT TRAIT WITH HIS FATHER.



ARE YOU READY?

IS THAT AN OPTION?