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YOU KNOW.

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THEY PROVE
THEMSELVES
IN COMBAT.



FIGHT FOR THEIR
PEOPLE, FOR
THEIR CAUSE.



FOR WHAT THEY
FEEL IS RIGHT, THEN,
EVENTUALLY...





THEY ALL
RETURN TO
THE BLUE.

IT DIDN'T
NEED TO BE
THIS WAY.

PERHAPS IT
WAS FATE.



IT WASN'T
FATE.

SHE KILLED
HIM IN COLD BLOOD.
HER LEADER, HER
MENTOR.



OUR FRIEND.




HE DIDN'T
LEAVE HER MUCH
CHOICE.

BECAUSE
HE DIDN'T HAVE A
CHOICE HIMSELF.

CANNON HAWKE
SERVED THE BLUE AS I DO,
AS WELL. OUR PURPOSE MUST
BE *BEYOND* OUR OWN PREJUDICE. IF
SHE HATED THE ACTIONS OF HUMAN-
KIND SO MUCH, SHE SHOULD HAVE
HELPED OUR PEOPLE IN CHANGING
THEIR MINDS THROUGH PEACE
NOT VIOLENCE.

SIPHON,
HAS THERE *EVER*
BEEN PEACE THAT
DIDN'T INVOLVE
VIOLENCE?



TORN AND DIVIDED.
KILLING OUR OWN OVER OUR
HATRED FOR THOSE ABOVE THE
SURFACE? THIS CAN'T BE WHAT
HE DIED FOR. WHAT THE CITIZENS
OF SABA, AND MURIA, AND ALL
THOSE AT THE SUMMIT--
DIED FOR.

WE NEED
TO MOVE BEYOND
OUR PAST DIFFERENCES
IF WE EVER WISH TO
CO-EXIST WITH
THEM.

I DON'T DOUBT
YOUR COURAGE IN THE
FACE OF OPPOSITION
SIPHON. THAT MUCH
IS A CERTAINTY.

IS THIS
WHAT WE'VE
BECOME?

HOWEVER,
I QUESTION THE
JUDGMENT OF PLACING
THE FUTURE OF OUR EXISTENCE
ON AN ALLIANCE WITH
THOSE WE ULTIMATELY
CANNOT TRUST.

WE MUST. WE'VE
COME TOO FAR TO EVER
TURN BACK NOW. IF WE
CAN'T MAKE PEACE WITH
THE HUMANS, THERE IS
NO GOING BACK.

BUT THIS ISN'T
WHY YOU ASKED
ME HERE. IS IT
CASQUE?

I ASKED
FOR YOUR PRESENCE
BECAUSE THERE IS A
MORE SERIOUS THREAT
FOR US NOW THAN
THE HUMANS.

SOMETHING
WE KNEW ONE
DAY WE WOULD
HAVE TO DEAL
WITH...

...AFTER ASPEN
KILLED HER.

THEN.

YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS!

DEAD
SERIOUS.

YOU'LL
KILL HER!

SHE'S NOT
READY FOR THIS AND
YOU KNOW IT.

SHE IS
READY FOR
THIS.

YOU DON'T GIVE
HER ENOUGH CREDIT. I
KNOW SHE CAN HANDLE
IT. SHE'S TOUGHER THAN
EITHER OF US.

BUT
HOW--

--BECAUSE I
KNOW HER.

LOOK, SIPHON,
I'M TELLING YOU ABOUT
THIS BECAUSE I CAN TRUST
YOU. AND IF SOMETHING GOES
WRONG, YOU WILL KNOW THAT MY
TRUE INTENT IS NOT MURDER. IT
IS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT
SOMEONE KNOWS THE
TRUE REASONS WHY.

BUT
I STILL
DON'T.

YES, YOU
DO. YOU ARE MUCH
SMARTER THAN ALL OF US
AND YOU KNOW IT. AND ONE DAY
YOUR INTELLIGENCE-- NOT YOUR
FIGHTING SKILLS-- WILL RESULT IN
GREAT THINGS. YOU KNOW HOW
IMPORTANT SHE WOULD BE TO
THE BLUE IF WHAT I THINK
IS TRUE.

NOW IF YOU
ARE DONE PLEADING
WITH ME, LET'S FIND
OUT WHAT THIS GIRL
IS MADE OF.



ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

YOU CAN
DO IT, TRUST
ME.

OF COURSE,
I TRUST YOU.
IT'S JUST--

--IT
SEEMS
INSANE, I
KNOW.

BUT YOU ARE
DIFFERENT NOW. THE
POWERS OF THE BLACK
HEALED YOU AFTER MARQUESES
STABBED YOU* AND THESE
POWERS ALSO BECAME A
PART OF YOU.

I... I'M NOT
SURE I CAN
DO THIS.

KIANI, YOU HAVE
THE CHANCE TO BECOME
SOMETHING FAR GREATER
THAN I EVER COULD
HAVE IMAGINED.

THERE
IS SOMETHING
INSIDE YOU THAT
IS REMARKABLE.

SOMETHING YOU
CAN USE TO DO
GREAT THINGS FOR
YOUR PEOPLE.

I NEED
YOU TO DO
THIS...

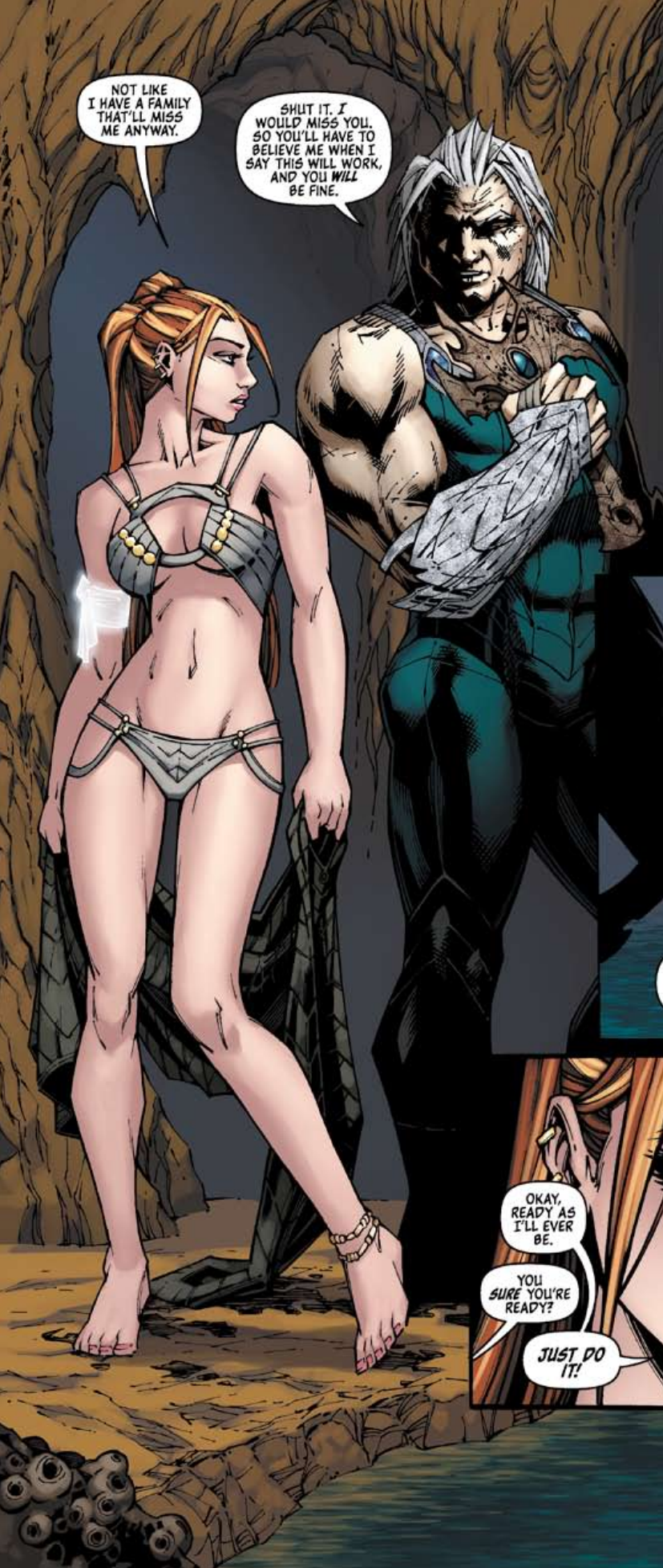
*SEE FATHOM: DAWN
OF WAR FOR DETAILS.



...FOR
ME.



FINE.



NOT LIKE I HAVE A FAMILY THAT'LL MISS ME ANYWAY.

SHUT IT. I WOULD MISS YOU. SO YOU'LL HAVE TO BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THIS WILL WORK, AND YOU WILL BE FINE.



LET'S HOPE.



IF IT DOESN'T WORK, AT LEAST I'LL DIE IN THE WATER INSTEAD OF IN MY BED. I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.



OKAY, READY AS I'LL EVER BE.

YOU SURE YOU'RE READY?

JUST DO IT!



HUNG GHHHH!



FALL BACK IN! THE WATER WILL HELP!



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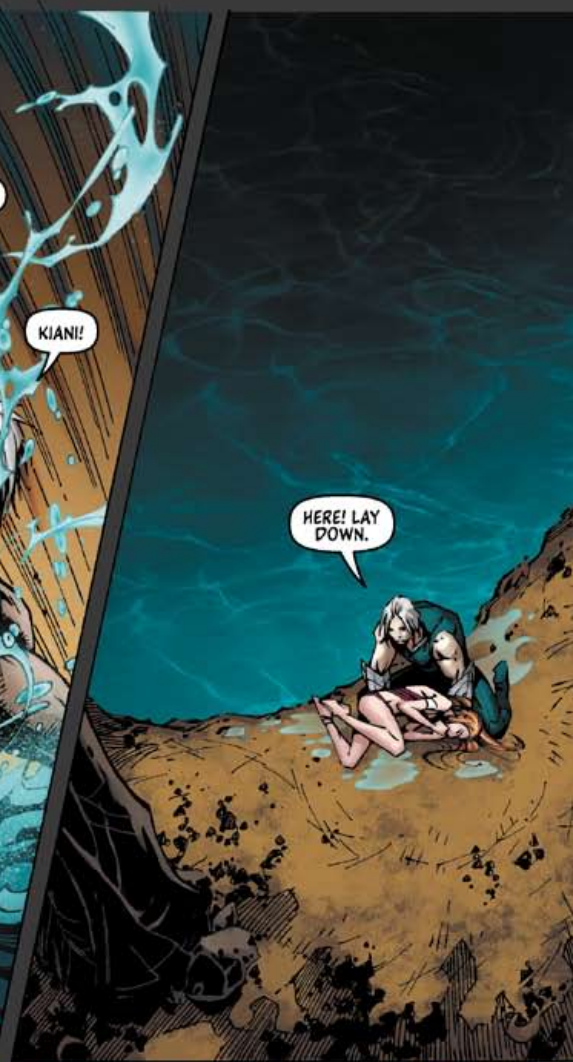


...KIANI?



-GASP!

KIANI!



HERE! LAY DOWN.



CAN'T...
LUNNNGH...
BREATHE!

CONCENTRATE.
DIRECT YOUR FOCUS
ON THE WOUND AND
NOTHING ELSE!




IT IS WORKING.
ALL YOUR FOCUS,
KIANI, YOU CAN
DO THIS.



AHHH...
IT'S SO...
PAINFUL!



IT'S ALMOST
OVER. YOU'RE
DOING IT! JUST A
LITTLE MORE.



YOU'RE STRONGER
THAN YOU THINK. YOU
WILL OVERCOME!



YOU
ARE... HEALING
YOURSELF.



LOOK.
BARELY A
SCRATCH
NOW.