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THMPPLSSH!

WHAT IN
THE NAME OF YOUR
DAMNEDEST GODS
DO YOU THINK YOU
ARE DOING?!



THE DEMON...
YOUR GRACE, IT
FOUND ITS WAY
THROUGH THE
MINING TUNNELS
TO OUR GATE,
AND--

AND THE KONG
ARE TRAINED TO
CRUSH ANY SUCH
THREATS. THAT IS
WHY THEY RESIDE
ON THIS END OF
OUR SHORE.



YET--YOUR
PRECIOUS
KONG WERE
NOT HERE...
MY QUEEN.

AMONG US ARE
MEMBERS OF YOUR
ROYAL COUNCIL--ARE
YOU SAYING THAT
POSITION COMES
WITH NO TRUE
AUTHORITY IN YOUR
ABSENCE?

WE WOULD BE
PARALYZED THE
NEXT TIME A
DEMON STEALS
OFF WITH
YOUR--



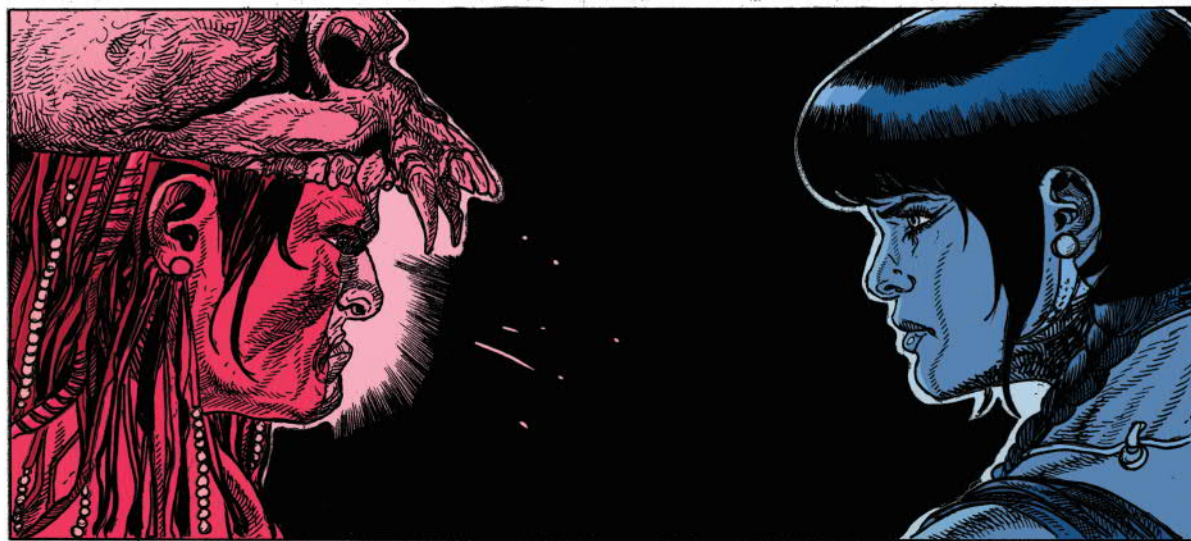
YES. MY DAUGHTER
DOES NOT NEED TO BE
REMINDED OF HER
EXPERIENCE...

BUT THAT
IS PRECISELY WHY
WE HAVE THE GATE OF
ORE--AND WHY YOU WAIT
UNTIL A KONG RETURNS
TO HANDLE THOSE
CREATURES.



MANY OF US
HAVE SUFFERED
AT THE JAWS OF
DEMONS.

AND THERE
IS MORE THAN
ONE LESSON TO BE
LEARNED FROM THE
EXPERIENCE.





I DON'T KNOW WHAT STORIES YOU TELL THESE MEN, AGUUL.

BUT YOU AND I FACED THE SAME NIGHTMARE AT THE HEART OF THIS ISLAND. I RELIVE IT ALL TOO OFTEN IN MY DREAMS.

YET IN MY WAKING HOURS, IT DRIVES ME TO INSURE OUR PEOPLE ARE SAFE.



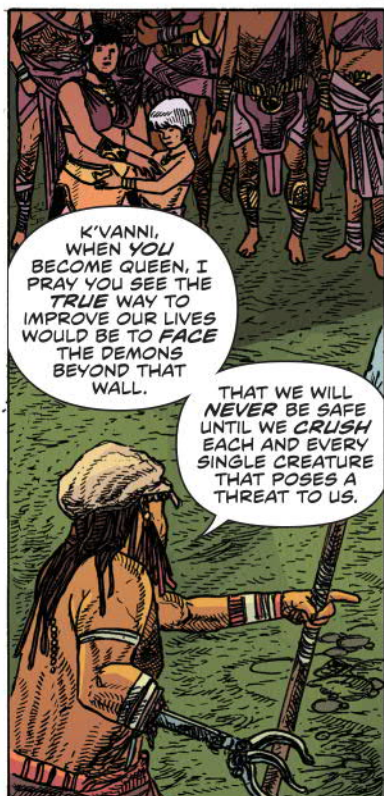
WHILE YOU, IT SEEMS, ARE INTENT ON DRIVING OTHERS INTO THE HORROR YOU SUFFERED.

FIRST WITH THIS FORTRESS OBSESSION OF YOURS--NOW IN PREPPING YOUR BROTHERS FOR WAR?



WE ONLY NEED WEAPONS BECAUSE WE ARE UNDER ATTACK.

THE EXPANSION WE BUILD FOR OUR PEOPLE MUST BE A FORTRESS BECAUSE WE ARE UNDER ATTACK.



K'VANNI, WHEN YOU BECOME QUEEN, I PRAY YOU SEE THE TRUE WAY TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES WOULD BE TO FACE THE DEMONS BEYOND THAT WALL.

THAT WE WILL NEVER BE SAFE UNTIL WE CRUSH EACH AND EVERY SINGLE CREATURE THAT POSES A THREAT TO US.



AND WHO AMONG YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO DIE IN THESE BATTLES?

DIE AS EVEN YOUR SHAMAN AND HIS DAUGHTER DID?

WHEN WILL YOU PEOPLE REALIZE THAT YOUR GODS WILL NOT PROTECT YOU HERE?



OUR GODS, MOTHER.

WE LEAD THE TAGU AND THE ATU. SO THOSE ARE OUR GODS YOU SPEAK OF, TOO.

OF COURSE. APOLOGIES, I...

WE CAN DISCUSS THIS MORE, IF YOU WISH, AT THE NEXT COUNCIL.

BUT I'M SORRY--



"LESSONS"? THAT ILLEGITIMATE QUEEN SHELTERS HER BASTARD DAUGHTER AWAY FROM EVERY DANGER AND UGLY FACT OF THIS PLACE!

IF THE GIRL IS ALLOWED TO ASCEND TO POWER--SHE MAY BE EVEN MORE OBLIVIOUS THAN HER MOTHER.

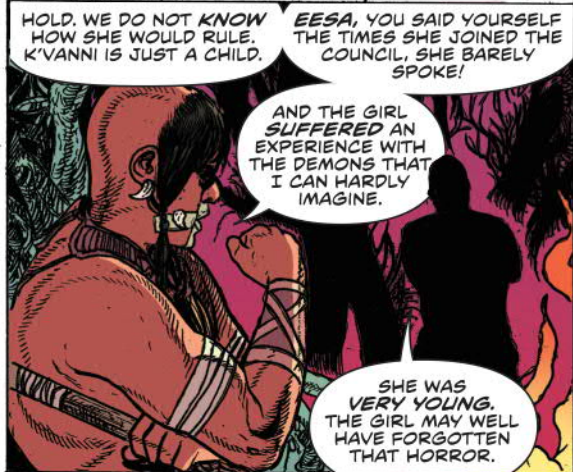


HOLD. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW SHE WOULD RULE. K'VANNI IS JUST A CHILD.

EESA, YOU SAID YOURSELF THE TIMES SHE JOINED THE COUNCIL, SHE BARELY SPOKE!

AND THE GIRL SUFFERED AN EXPERIENCE WITH THE DEMONS THAT I CAN HARDLY IMAGINE.

SHE WAS VERY YOUNG. THE GIRL MAY WELL HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT HORROR.



THEN PERHAPS WE NEED TO REMIND HER.

