

THE DARK TOWER

THE DRAWING OF THE THREE

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ROLAND DESCHAIN IS A COWBOY FROM MID-WORLD ON A QUEST TO REACH THE DARK TOWER. BUT HE HAS TO MOVE QUICKLY BECAUSE HE HAS POISON RUNNING THROUGH HIS VEINS. HE IS GATHERING HIS KA-TET TO HELP HIM ON HIS JOURNEY. ONE OF THESE MEMBERS IS EDDIE DEAN, A KID FROM NEW YORK WHO HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF A SELECT FEW THAT EXIST ON MANY PLANES OF REALITY. HE IS ALSO A RECOVERING HEROIN ADDICT.

NOW EDDIE AND ROLAND ARE RECRUITING A SECOND PERSON TO JOIN THEM: THE LADY OF SHADOWS, A WOMAN CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR AFTER BEING STRUCK BY AN ONCOMING TRAIN THAT SEVERED HER LEGS.

AFTER BEING HIT ON THE HEAD WITH A BRICK AS A YOUNG GIRL, THE LADY OF SHADOWS' PERSONALITY SPLIT INTO TWO HALVES: ODETTA HOLMES AND DETTA WALKER. ODETTA HOLMES IS A POLITE, EARNEST WOMAN WHO IS ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. DETTA WALKER IS FULL OF RAGE AND PRONE TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

UP UNTIL THIS POINT, ODETTA AND DETTA HAVE EACH TAKEN TURNS POSSESSING THEIR SHARED BODY, BUT A RECENT BREAKTHROUGH ALLOWED BOTH TO BE CONSCIOUS AT THE SAME TIME! AFTER AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE, ODETTA EMERGED IN CONTROL. AS ROLAND COLLAPSED, EDDIE WENT AHEAD TO BRING ODETTA TO FIND THE NEXT MAGIC DOOR. ON THEIR JOURNEY, ODETTA AND EDDIE BEGAN TO FALL IN LOVE. EDDIE RETURNED WITH HER WHEELCHAIR TO COLLECT ROLAND, AT WHICH POINT ROLAND STEPPED THROUGH THE DOOR TO THE MIND OF JACK MORT, THE MAN WHO CAUSED BOTH OF ODETTA'S INJURIES. MEANWHILE, DETTA HAS RESUMED CONTROL AND TURNED ON EDDIE!

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Poor Eddie. He couldn't begin to conceive of Detta's duplicity. It never occurred to him that his death was hiding in a tree overhead.

You'd think it would have. Roland had warned him, after all. Repeatedly. Yet he even offered to give her a gun. So trusting.

That trust is why I was falling in love with him.

And very likely why she despises him. Well, that, and that he's white, of course.

In retrospect, Detta didn't need much more incentive than that.



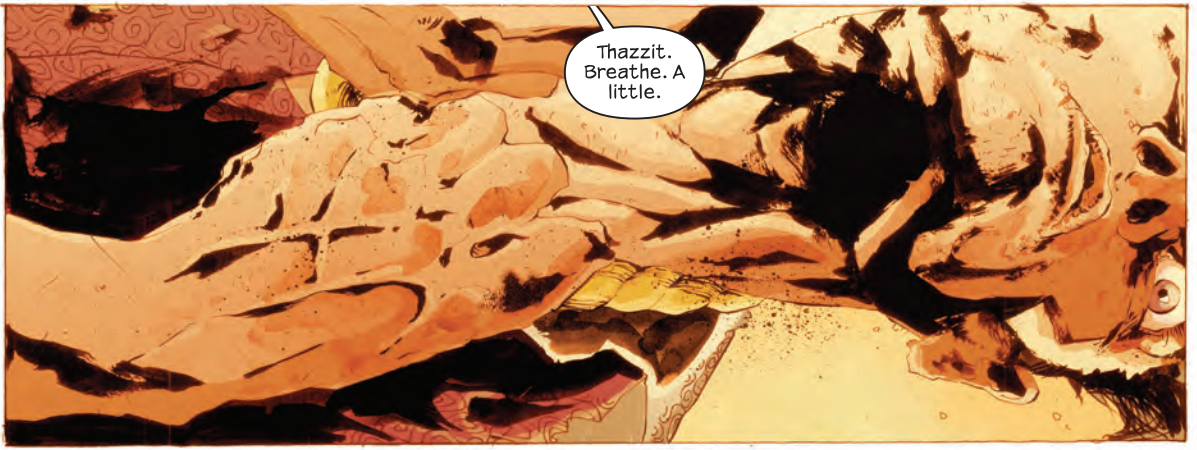
And then, to her surprise,
she feels a sudden stab
of pity for the white boy.

~kccchhhh~



Quit
on it!

I ain't goan
kill you if you
quit on it, but if
you don't, I'm
goan choke
you dead!



Thazzit.
Breathe. A
little.



Yeah, feel
round for the
gun, if it makes
ya feel
better.

I got
the gun,
graymeat.

Dammit.



Listen...
Odetta...



You
doan want
to be callin'
me dat.

My name's
Detta Walker, and
if you want to keep
drawin' brea' into yo'
lungs, you little piece
of whitewashed crap,
you better
'member it!



Next time
you be callin'
me dat be de
last time you be
callin' anyone
anythin'.

