

ISLAND OF LOST SOULS



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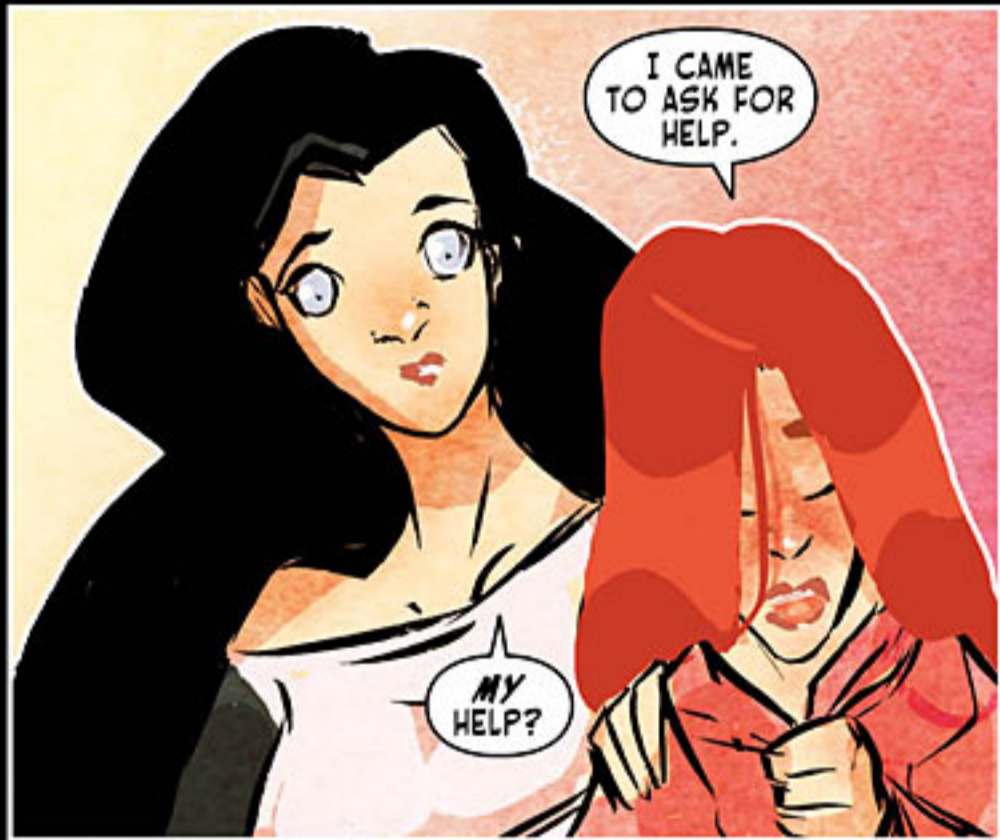
WONDER WOMAN CREATED BY
WILLIAM MOULTON MARSTON.





BARBARA MINERVA?!

PLEASE DON'T HURT ME.



I CAME TO ASK FOR HELP.

MY HELP?

YOU BREAK INTO MY HOME AND ATTACK ME, AND YOU WANT MY HELP?

THANK YOU.




I DIDN'T ATTACK YOU, AND I *HAD* TO BREAK IN. IF THE CHEETAH HAD RUNG YOUR BELL, WOULD YOU HAVE LET HER IN?

I'M DYING.

BARBARA...

I'VE TOLD YOU HOW I DISCOVERED THE LOST URZKATARGA TRIBE IN AFRICA DURING AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION...




I HAD HEARD LEGENDS OF
A MYSTERIOUS TRIBE
OF PEOPLE THAT HAD THE
ABILITY TO TRANSFORM
INTO CHEETAHS...


*...USING AN ANCIENT MAP, WE FOUND
THE VILLAGE AND WERE RECEIVED WITH
FRIENDSHIP BY THE URZKATARGANS...



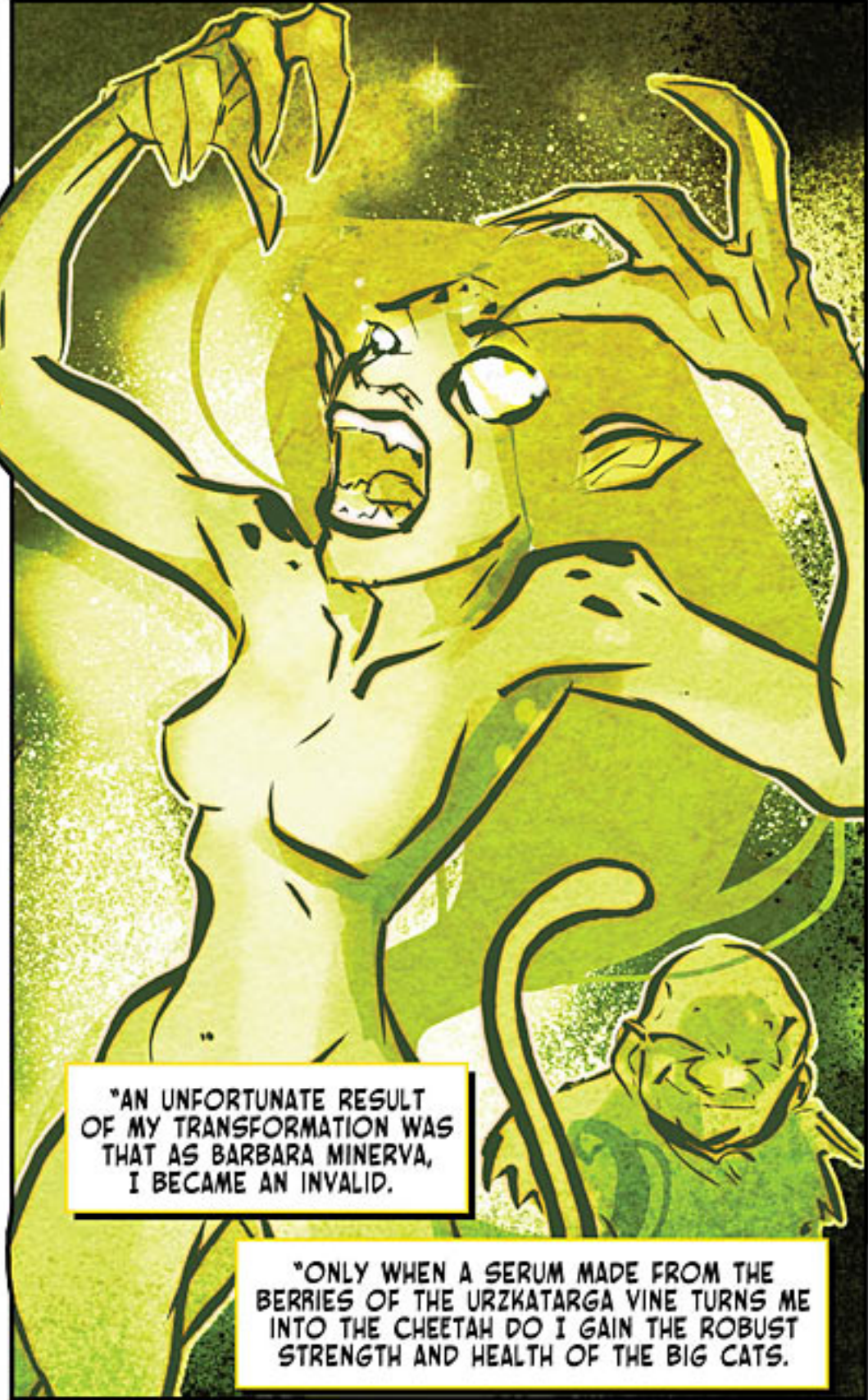
*...BUT WITHIN DAYS, OUR
NEW FRIENDS WERE
ATTACKED AND WIPED OUT
BY A NEIGHBORING TRIBE.



*THEIR HIGH PRIESTESS WAS KILLED.
ONLY CHUMA--THE TRIBAL WITCH
DOCTOR--AND I SURVIVED.



*IN GRATITUDE, CHUMA
REVEALED TO ME THE SECRET
TRANSFORMATIVE ABILITIES
OF THE URZKATARGA PLANT.



*AN UNFORTUNATE RESULT
OF MY TRANSFORMATION WAS
THAT AS BARBARA MINERVA,
I BECAME AN INVALID.

*ONLY WHEN A SERUM MADE FROM THE
BERRIES OF THE URZKATARGA VINE TURNS ME
INTO THE CHEETAH DO I GAIN THE ROBUST
STRENGTH AND HEALTH OF THE BIG CATS.



BUT MY BODY HAS GROWN DEPENDENT ON THE SERUM. IF I CAN'T HAVE IT, I'LL GROW WEAKER UNTIL I DIE.

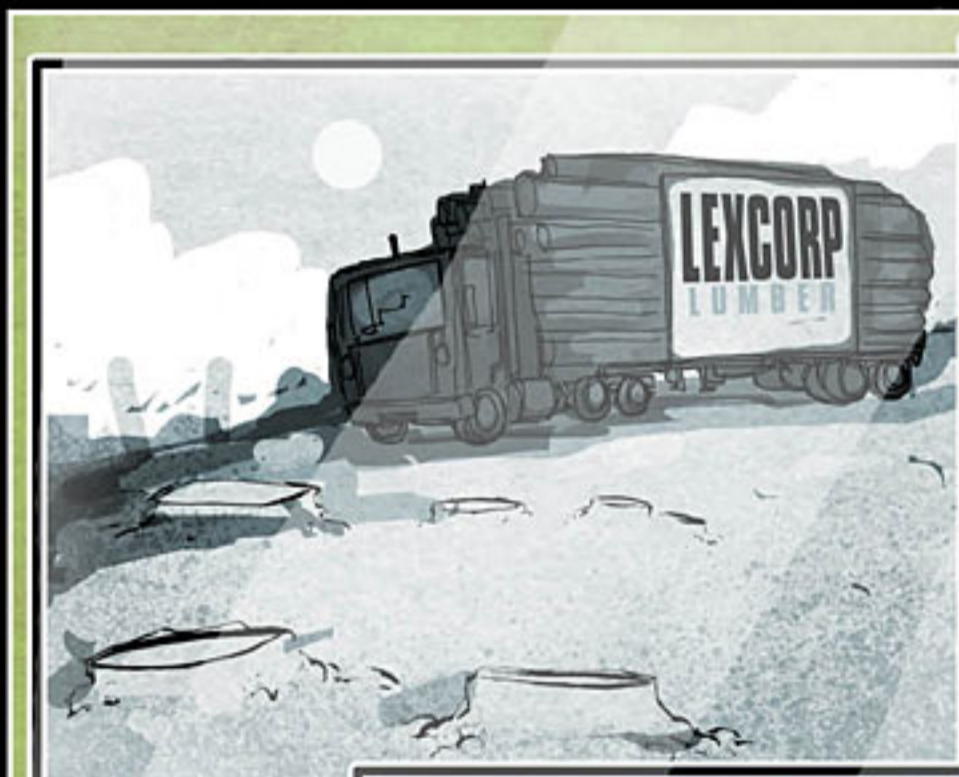


MAY I SHOW YOU? I LEFT MY LAPTOP OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR.

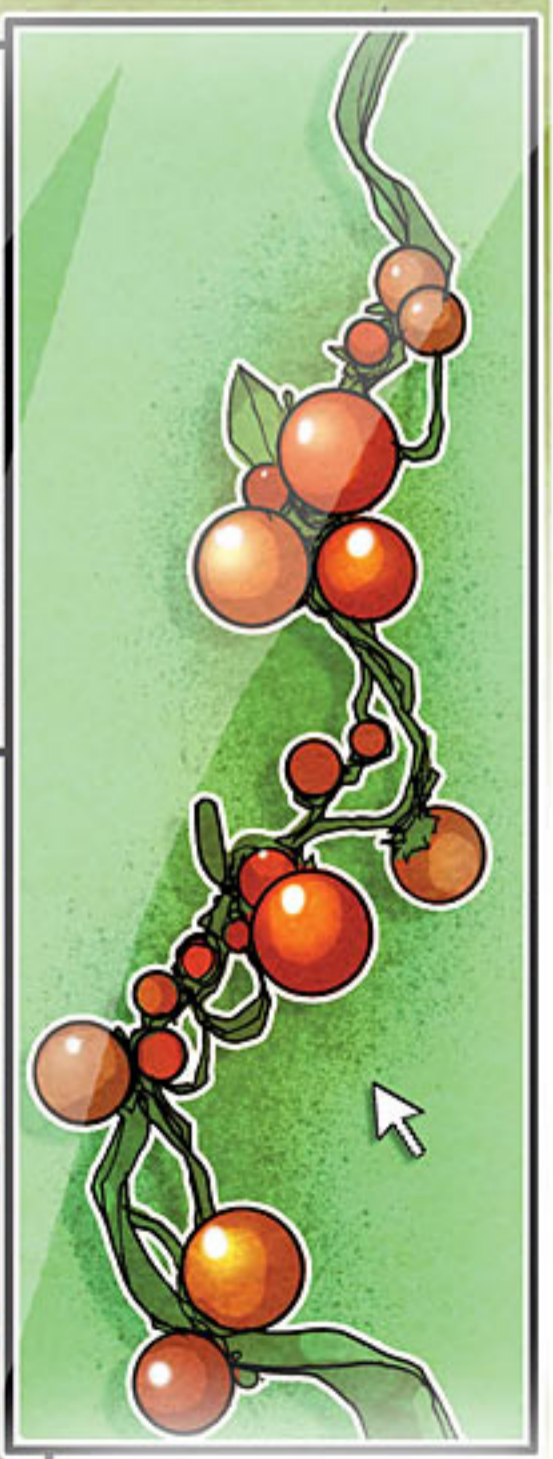
DON'T TRY TO STAND. I'LL GET IT.



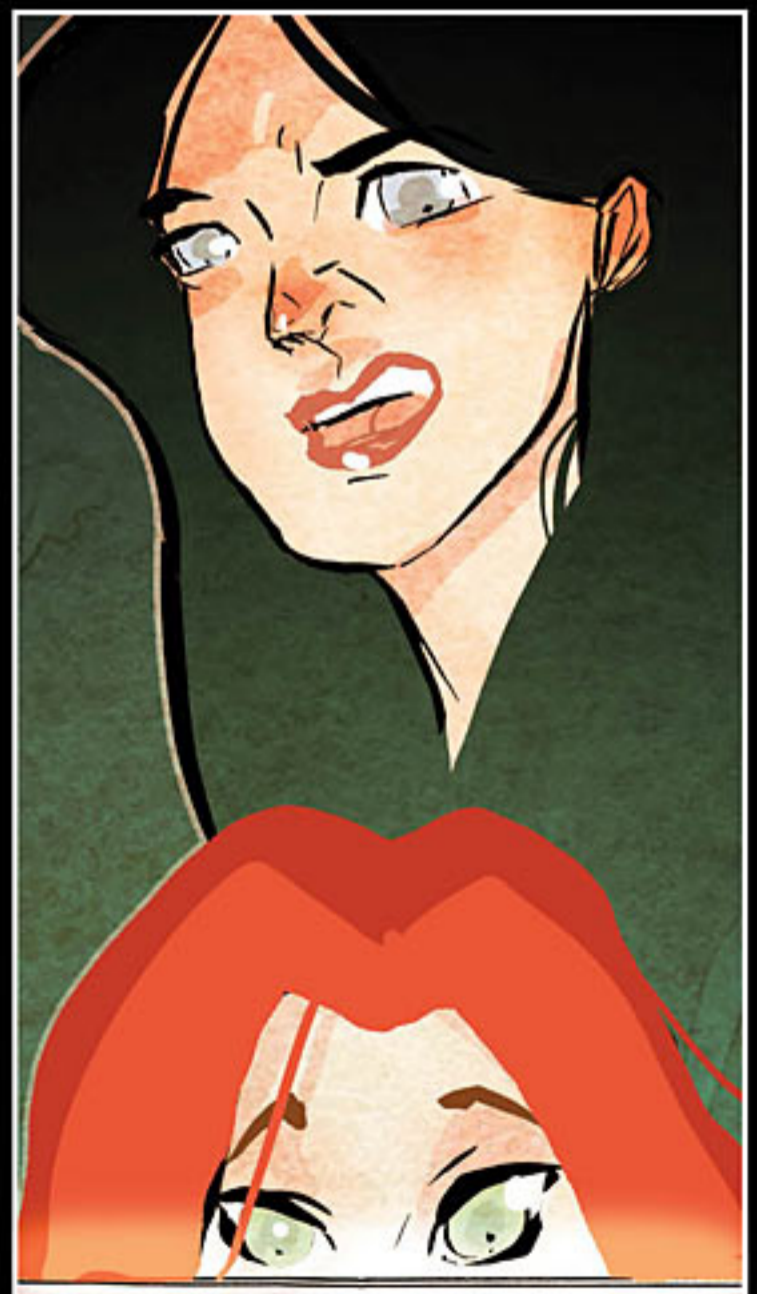
URZKATARGA IS A PARASITIC VINE THAT GROWS IN RAINFORESTS, AND ONLY ON A VERY RARE HARDWOOD TREE CALLED KA'A.



"BUT THE PLANET'S RAINFORESTS ARE DISAPPEARING AT AN ALARMING SPEED; OVER 100,000 ACRES A DAY. ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN THE RAINFORESTS, LIKE THE SUMATRAN TIGER OR THE ORANGUTAN, FACE EXTINCTION.



"WORSE FOR ME, THE KA'A, IN DEMAND FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL WOOD, IS ALMOST GONE, AND WITH IT, THE URZKATARGA BERRIES.



I HAD A HOUSE BUILT NEXT TO ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVING KA'A GROVES, ON BORNEO. I RETURNED FROM THE MAINLAND TO FIND IT HAD BEEN CLEARCUT. MY ONLY SOURCE WAS GONE!