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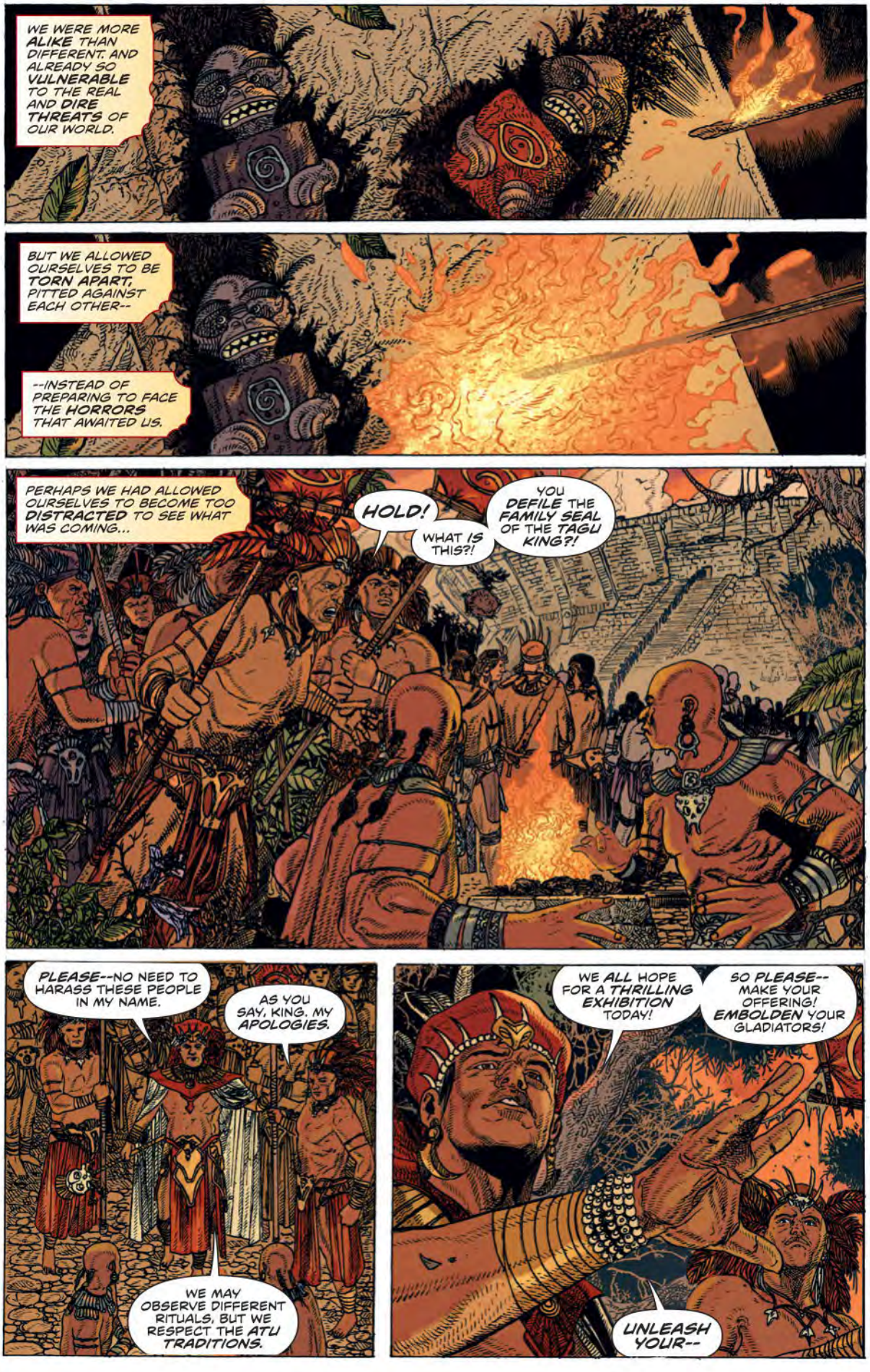
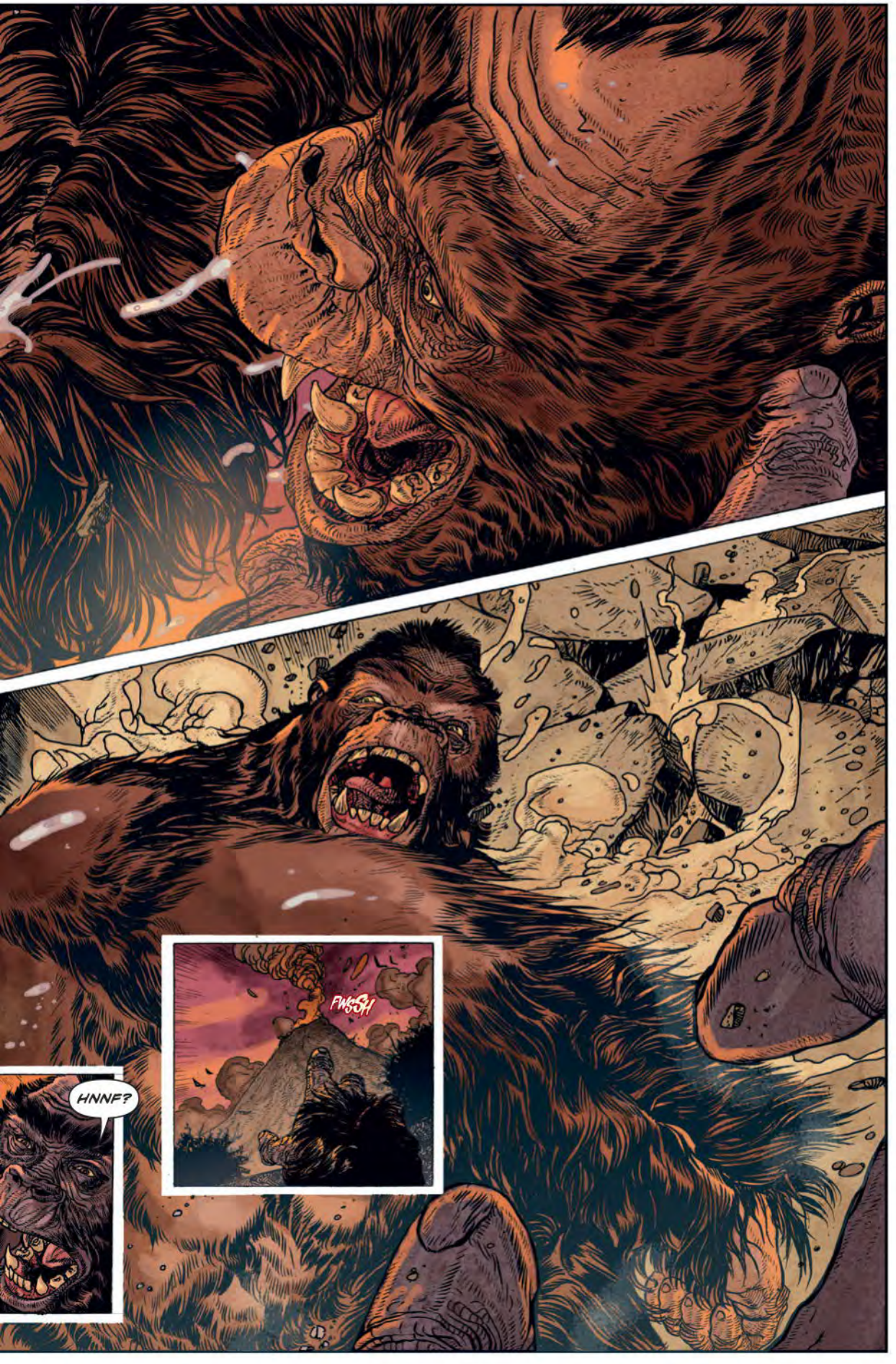

WE WERE MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT. AND ALREADY SO VULNERABLE TO THE REAL AND DIRE THREATS OF OUR WORLD.
BUT WE ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BE TORN APART, PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER--
--INSTEAD OF PREPARING TO FACE THE HORRORS THAT AWAITED US.
PERHAPS WE HAD ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BECOME TOO DISTRACTED TO SEE WHAT WAS COMING...
HOLD!
WHAT IS THIS?!
YOU DEFILE THE FAMILY SEAL OF THE TAGU KING?!
PLEASE--NO NEED TO HARASS THESE PEOPLE IN MY NAME.
AS YOU SAY, KING. MY APOLOGIES.
WE MAY OBSERVE DIFFERENT RITUALS, BUT WE RESPECT THE ATU TRADITIONS.
WE ALL HOPE FOR A THRILLING EXHIBITION TODAY!
SO PLEASE-- MAKE YOUR OFFERING! EMBOLDEN YOUR GLADIATORS!
UNLEASH YOUR--

KOOOOOOOO

ONNGG!

NO NEED TO WORRY, MY LOVE.
IT IS NATURAL FOR THE KONG TO FIGHT. TO DETERMINE RANK.
A THOUSAND YEARS OF TRAINING, SELECTIVE BREEDING-- THEY STILL HAVE ANIMAL IMPULSES. BUT THEY ARE INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO KNOW WHERE TO AIM THOSE URGES.
YES!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, VALLA? IF FER'RAH CONTINUES FIGHTING LIKE THAT--
--HAVE WE FINALLY FOUND YOU A MATE?
OFFERINGS!
WHO AMONG YOU WILL SACRIFICE TO GAIN THE GODS' FAVOR FOR OUR KONG?
HMM... THIS PIECE IS BEAUTIFUL.
SURELY THEY WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH A GIFT MORE THAN BERRIES?
USANA, I...
THE GODS PROTECT US. THROUGH THE KONG. THROUGH MY FATHER.
AND ONLY ASK FOR GRATITUDE, DEVOTION AND... THE OCCASIONAL SACRIFICE.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KRRRMK-KRKRKAMMM
HRGGRAAH!
DEAR GOD, WHAT--?!
NO--NO-- MOVE!
PROTECT THE KING! TAKE DOWN TH--
NO!
DO NOT HARM IT!
EWATA CAN HANDLE THIS.
FER'RAH!
PFFFF--
RELAX...IT WAS JUST A TREMOR. AND I'M HERE NOW.
HE'S ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE. IT'S SAFE.
OUR APOLOGIES FOR SCARING YOU LIKE THAT.
WE CONCEDE THE MATCH. PLEASE CON--
DM-DDDUM-
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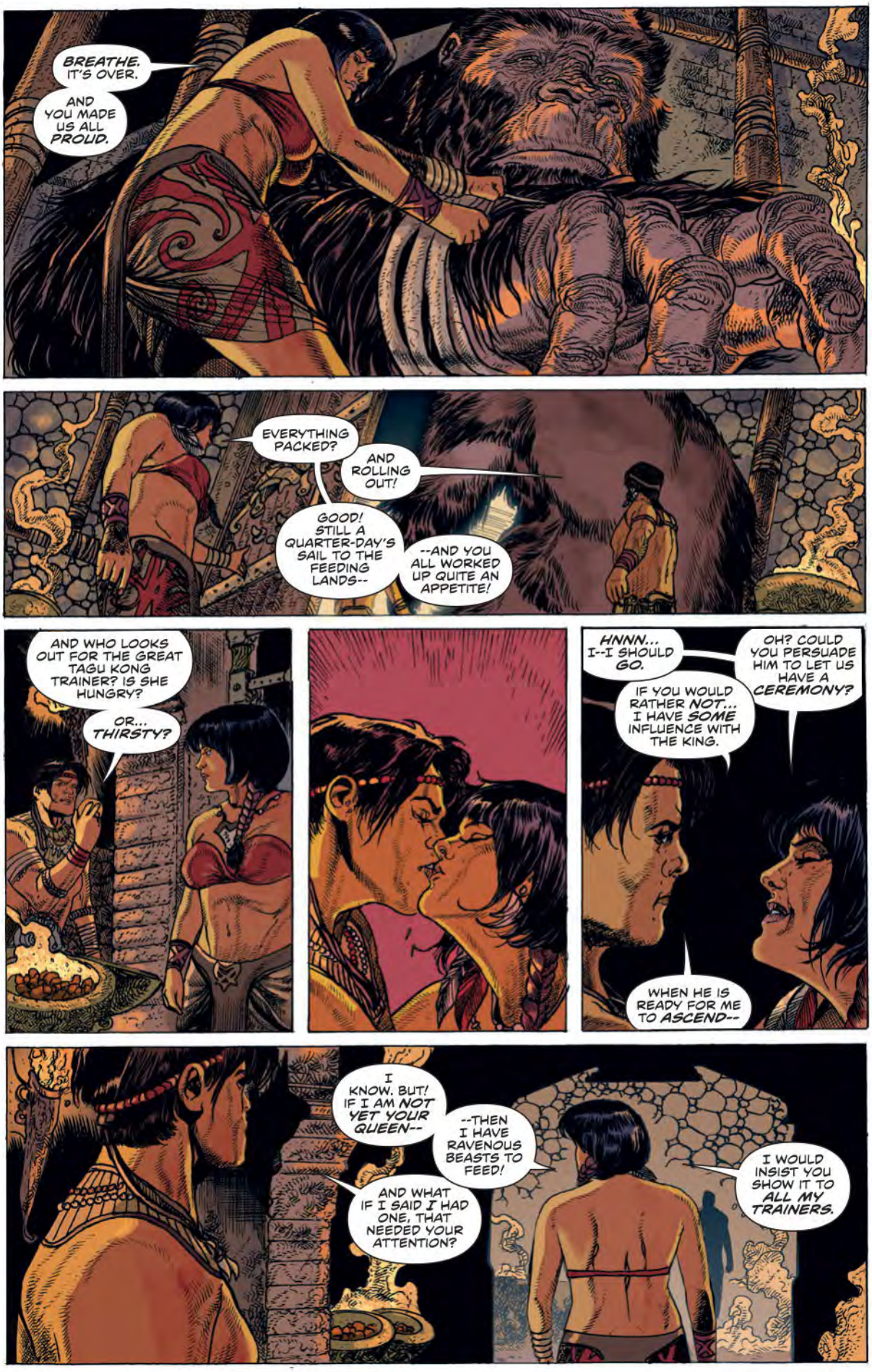
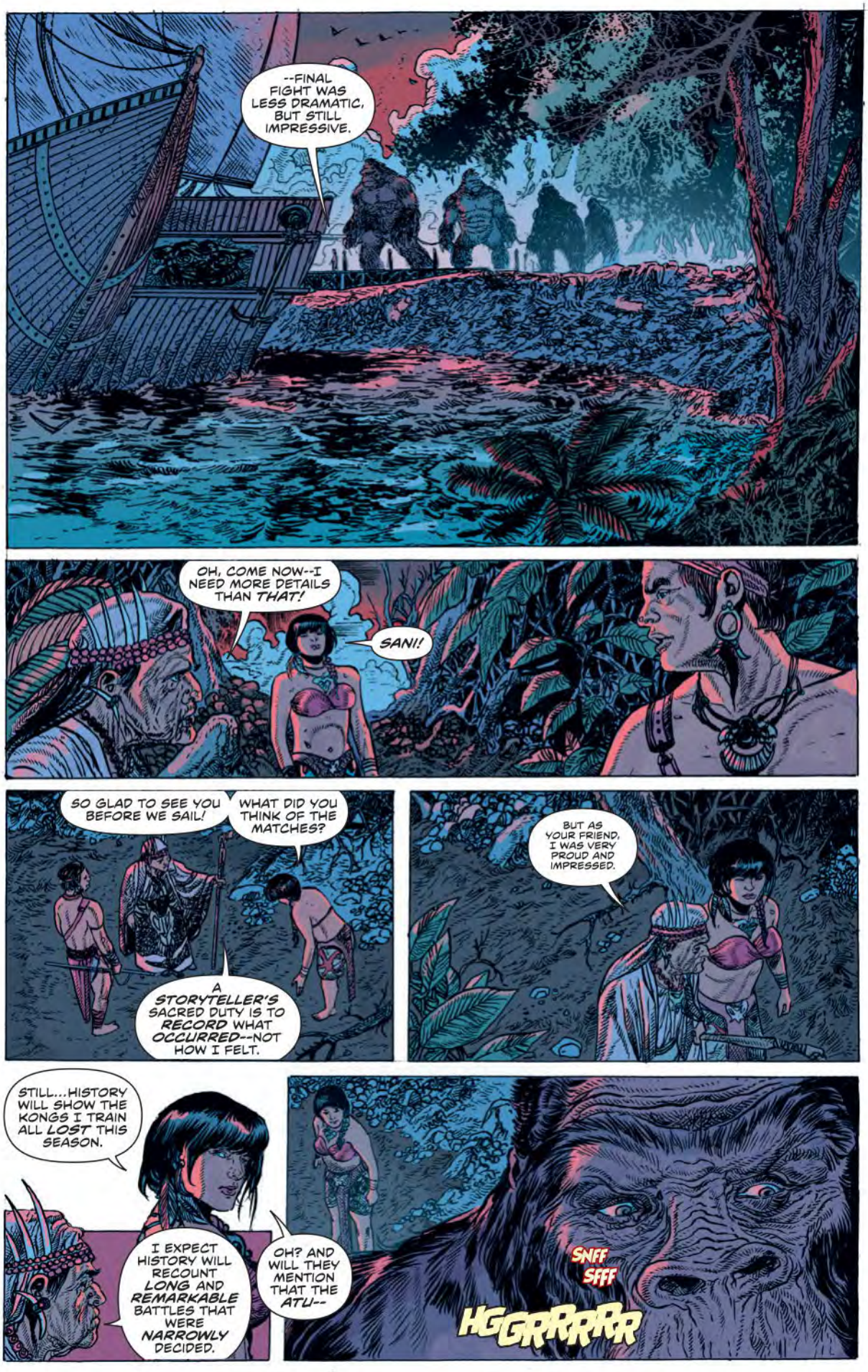
CHILDREN OF THE GODS!
FEAR NOT! WE ARE PROTECTED. WE ARE BLESSED!
DID NOT THE GODS JUST PROVE THEIR DOMINION?! THE STARTLING TURN IN FAVOR OF THEIR CHAMPION! THE UN-BLESSED BEAST'S BLOODLESS SURRENDER!
SO ONCE MORE--ON BEHALF OF THE DEVOUT ATU PEOPLE-- I CALL THEIR THOUSAND EYES UPON US!
AND I ASK FOR THEIR FAVOR IN EXCHANGE FOR THESE OFFERINGS--
--THAT WE MAY BURN FOR THE GODS!
WITNESS OUR SACRIFICE!
AND REPAY US AS WE DESERVE! WITH YOUR PROTECTION! YOUR GUIDANCE!
YOUR KONG!


BREATHE. IT'S OVER.
AND YOU MADE US ALL PROUD.
EVERYTHING PACKED?
AND ROLLING OUT!
GOOD! STILL A QUARTER-DAY'S SAIL TO THE FEEDING LANDS--
--AND YOU ALL WORKED UP QUITE AN APPETITE!
AND WHO LOOKS OUT FOR THE GREAT TAGU KONG TRAINER? IS SHE HUNGRY?
OR... THIRSTY?
HNNN... I--I SHOULD GO.
IF YOU WOULD RATHER NOT... I HAVE SOME INFLUENCE WITH THE KING.
OH? COULD YOU PERSUADE HIM TO LET US HAVE A CEREMONY?
WHEN HE IS READY FOR ME TO ASCEND--
I KNOW. BUT! IF I AM NOT YET YOUR QUEEN--
--THEN I HAVE RAVENOUS BEASTS TO FEED!
AND WHAT IF I SAID I HAD ONE, THAT NEEDED YOUR ATTENTION?
I WOULD INSIST YOU SHOW IT TO ALL MY TRAINERS.

PRINCE K'RETI.
OUR FATHERS SENT ME TO FETCH YOU.
USANA...?
CAN IT *WAIT?*
YOUR ADVISORS AND MY FATHER'S SEERS ARE MEETING AT THE GREAT MOUTH. *URGENTLY.*
SORRY TO--
NO WORRY. GO TO YOUR FATHER.
WE CAN TALK WHEN I RETURN.
SO. YOU CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE YOUR *APES.*
HMM...
THOUGH, IF YOU TAUGHT HIM TO *FEAR* YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING--YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM CAVING TO *ANIMAL IMPULSES.*
MAYBE. BUT I STILL PREFER *MUTUAL RESPECT.*
A FEARFUL ANIMAL HAS NO THOUGHT FOR *RESPECT.* FEAR REDUCES EVERY CREATURE TO ITS BASE INSTINCT. ATU *TEACH* AND *CONTROL* WHAT TO FEAR.
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THINGS SCARIER THAN YOU OUT THERE. BUT WITH RESPECT, COMES *LOVE.* FEAR ONLY DICTATES WHAT WE *RUN FROM--*
--LOVE DETERMINES WHAT WE *FIGHT FOR.*


--FINAL FIGHT WAS LESS DRAMATIC, BUT STILL IMPRESSIVE.
OH, COME NOW--I NEED MORE DETAILS THAN THAT!
SAN!
SO GLAD TO SEE YOU BEFORE WE SAIL!
WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MATCHES?
A STORYTELLER'S SACRED DUTY IS TO RECORD WHAT OCCURRED--NOT HOW I FELT.
BUT AS YOUR FRIEND, I WAS VERY PROUD AND IMPRESSED.
STILL...HISTORY WILL SHOW THE KONGS I TRAIN ALL LOST THIS SEASON.
I EXPECT HISTORY WILL RECOUNT LONG AND REMARKABLE BATTLES THAT WERE NARROWLY DECIDED.
OH? AND WILL THEY MENTION THAT THE ATU--
SNFF
SFFF
HGGRRRRRR