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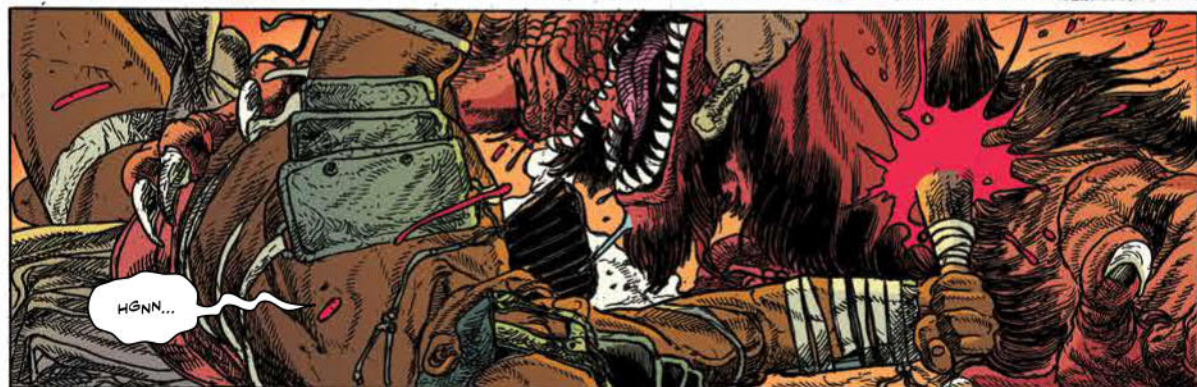
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THE DEMON...
YOUR GRACE, IT
FOUND ITS WAY
THROUGH THE
MINING TUNNELS
TO OUR GATE,
AND--

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
REMINDING 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.





EESA--WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?!

ONLY THAT WE **SHOW** HER WHAT THIS CITADEL COULD MEAN FOR OUR PEOPLE!

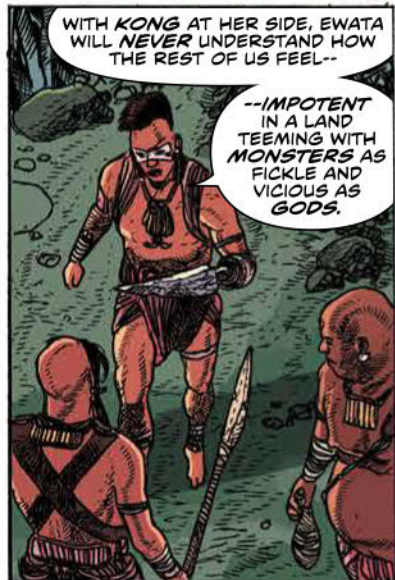
YEARS OF INSISTING, SCROUNGING MATERIALS FROM **SCRAPS**, RISKING OUR LIVES TO BUILD THE FIRST STAGES OF THIS PLACE.



B'SAN SITS ON THE COUNCIL--HE CAN ATTEST!

TRUE. I JOINED WITH ATU IN APPROVING AN EXPANSION. THERE IS NO ROOM ON THE SHORE FOR A NEXT GENERATION!

YET EWATA HAS DONE **EVERYTHING** IN HER POWER TO UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS, WHILE MAKING A HOLLOW FACE OF HONORING OUR VOTE.



WITH KONG AT HER SIDE, EWATA WILL **NEVER** UNDERSTAND HOW THE REST OF US FEEL--

--IMPOTENT IN A LAND TEEMING WITH **MONSTERS** AS FICKLE AND VICIOUS AS **GODS**.



SHE RESTS **ALL** OUR LIVES AND SAFETY AT THE FEET OF THOSE **KONG**!

THE SAME CREATURES THAT **TURNED** ON OUR FAMILIES--OUR FRIENDS AND CHILDREN THE MINUTE OUR OLD HOME BEGAN TO **CRUMBLE**.



AND EVEN **AFTER** THAT--SHE CONVINCED HER LOVE, THE PRINCE, TO LET KONG FILL THE ESCAPE SHIPS INSTEAD OF OUR **WOUNDED**.

EWATA CHOSE THE LIVES OF HER PETS OVER THE HUNDREDS WHO DIED **WAITING**.

...OVER THE LIVES OF MY **HUSBAND** AND **MOTHER**.

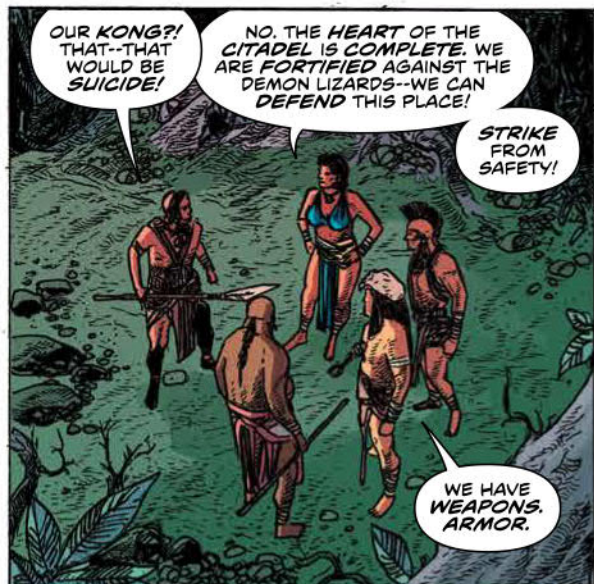


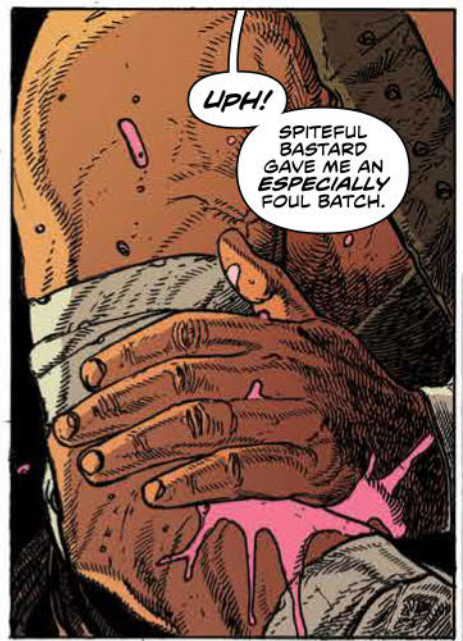
EWATA HAS NEVER BEEN OUR QUEEN. SHE IS QUEEN OF THE **KONG**.

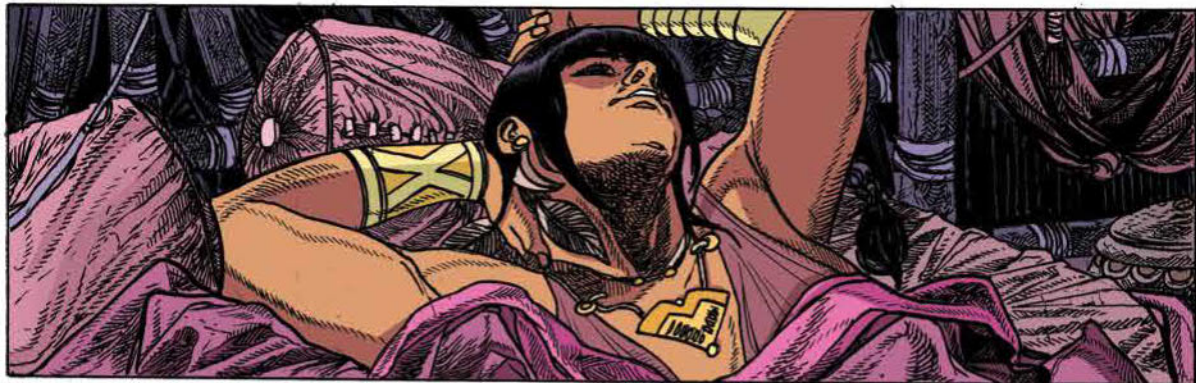
AND WITH THE CHILD KONG AT HER SIDE, K'VANNI FOLLOWS IN THOSE FOOTSTEPS.

BUT THE TAGU-ATU WILL ONLY THRIVE AFTER WE HAVE **SLAUGHTERED** EVERY LAST **MONSTER** ON THIS ISLAND--

--BEGINNING WITH THE **KONG**.









AH...
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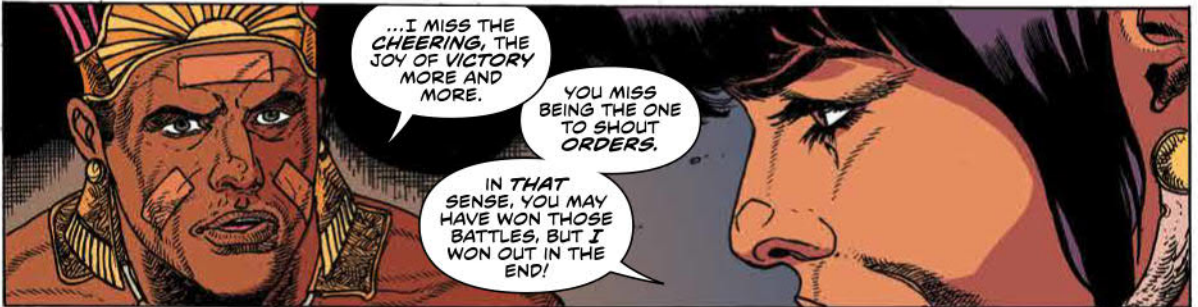
ARE
THESE YOUR
TRAINER
RECORDS?

BECOMING
THE...CLOSEST
ADVISER TO
THE QUEEN HAS
GROWN SO
TIRESOME YOU
LONG TO PROD
KONG INTO THE
FIGHTING
PIT?!



ONE OF
THE OTHER
COUNCIL
ASKED FOR
MY NOTES.

I...
ADMIT I LOST
MYSELF IN THE
PAGES, AFTER
YEARS AWAY
FROM IT...



...I MISS THE
CHEERING, THE
JOY OF VICTORY
MORE AND
MORE.

YOU MISS
BEING THE ONE
TO SHOUT
ORDERS.

IN THAT
SENSE, YOU MAY
HAVE WON THOSE
BATTLES, BUT I
WON OUT IN THE
END!



YOU SHOULD NOT
JOKE ABOUT YOUR
POSITION LIKE THAT,
EWATA.

WHAT?!

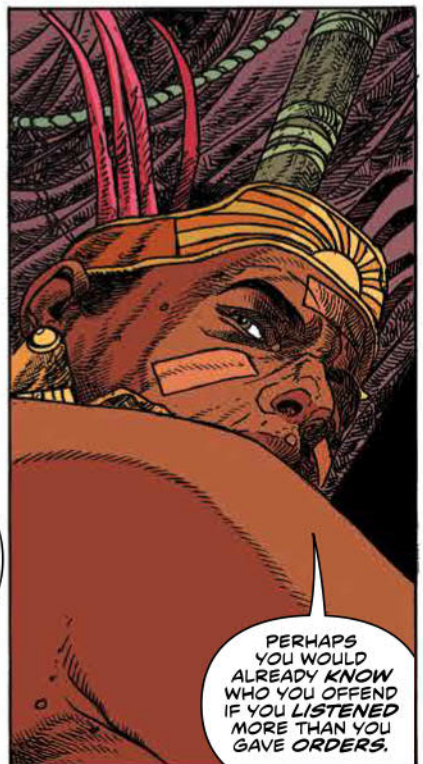
IT UPSETS
PEOPLE WHEN
YOU WIELD
THE CROWN
SO...SO...



FORGET
MY WORDS.
I HAVE A
SLEEPLESS
TONGUE.

NO!
FINISH. AND
TELL ME
WHICH
PEOPLE I
OFFEND--

--THE
UNNAMED
COUNCIL
PERSON YOU
SPENT THE
NIGHT
SERVING?!



PERHAPS
YOU WOULD
ALREADY KNOW
WHO YOU OFFEND
IF YOU LISTENED
MORE THAN YOU
GAVE ORDERS.