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SHE
CAN'T FIGHT
ALL OF
US!

ARE
YOU SURE?
BECAUSE I'M NOT
SURE YOU'RE
RIGHT.

WHAP

I'M ALSO NOT
SURE WHY THEY
ATTACKED ME...



...IN FACT, I'M NOT SURE OF MUCH RIGHT NOW. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I AM.

I WOKE UP IN THE DUST, WITH THE KIND OF SPLITTING HEADACHE I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO GET.



...AND BEFORE I COULD GET MY BEARINGS, THEY SHOWED UP-- SHOUTING, POINTING, AND GENERALLY MAKING MY HEADACHE WORSE.





IF I'D HAD HALF A CHANCE, I MIGHT'VE TRIED TALKING FIRST... BUT THESE GUYS DIDN'T GIVE ME A SECOND, AND SINCE THEY'RE ALMOST AS FAST AS I AM...



...I HAD TO REACT WITH VIOLENCE. THAT'S NOT GENERALLY WHERE I LIKE TO START...AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK IT IS. MY BRAIN IS STILL FOGGY, AND...WAIT. FOGGY.



THAT'S IT!

I CAN END THIS!

STOP!

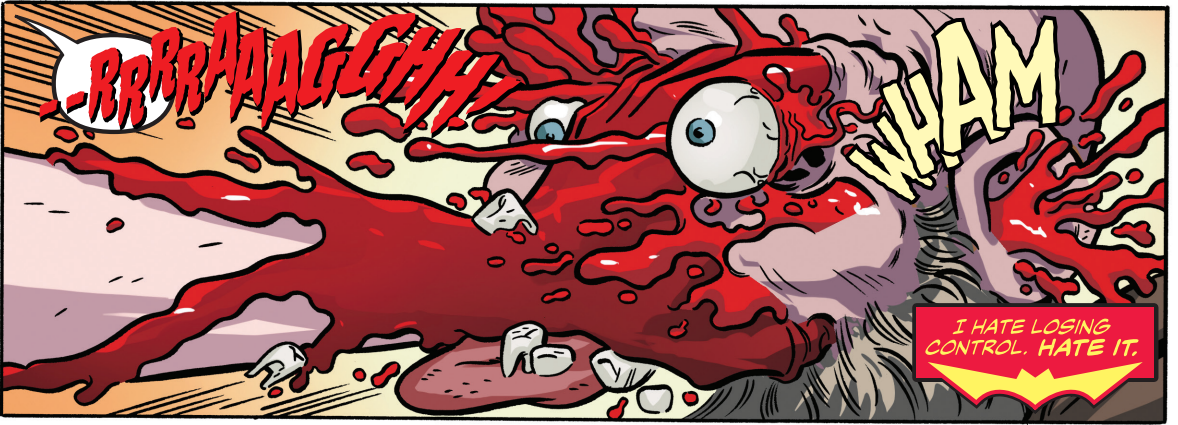
PEOPLE HAVE
TINY MINDS. MINDS
I CAN CONTROL.

YES, I'M EMBARRASSED I DIDN'T
THINK OF THIS SOONER, BUT I'D
LIKE TO SEE ANYONE HAVE THEIR
WITS ABOUT THEM WHEN THEY
WAKE UP GROGGY AND THEN
GET ATTACKED BY BARBARIANS.

...WAIT--THEY'RE
FIGHTING ME?

NO. NOT THEM.
SOMETHING ELSE.







I'M GOING TO FIND
IT, AND GIVE IT A
PIECE OF MY MIND.

BUT FIRST, I
NEED TO REGAIN
MY STRENGTH--



--AND
MY ARM.

SHPLOORP!

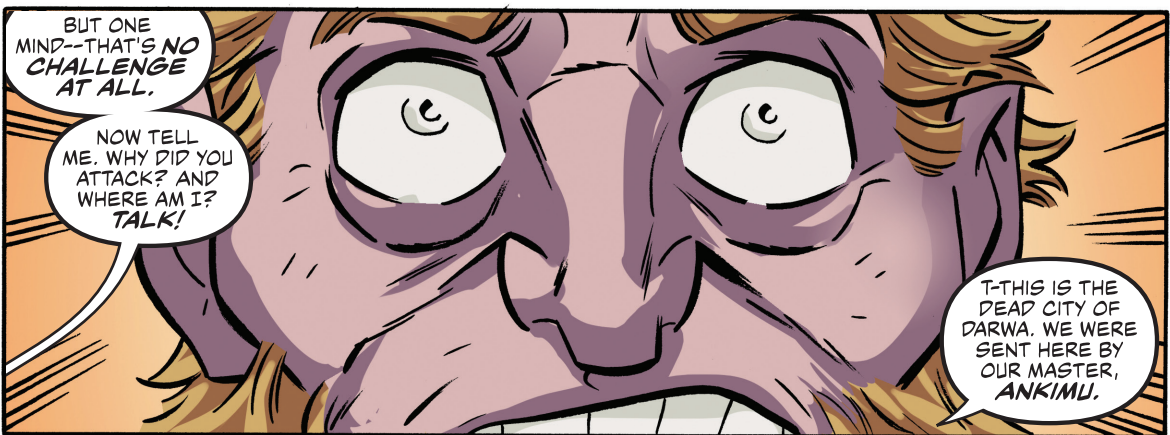


YOU--YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE...



YOU MEAN I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE.

...AND
I **AGREE**,
BUT I DIDN'T HAVE
MUCH CHOICE IN THE
MATTER. WHATEVER'S
CONTROLLING YOU
HAD TOO STRONG
A GRIP FOR ME TO
BREAK ITS HOLD
ON ALL FOUR
OF YOU.



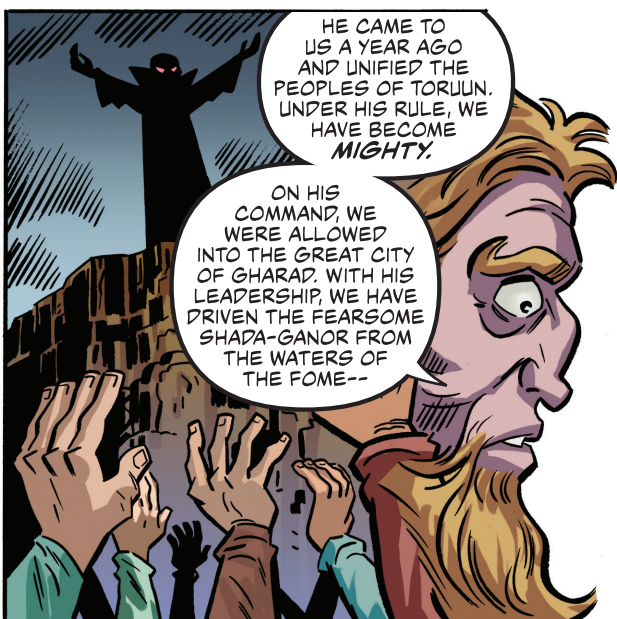
BUT ONE
MIND--THAT'S NO
CHALLENGE
AT ALL.

NOW TELL
ME, WHY DID YOU
ATTACK? AND
WHERE AM I?
TALK!

T-THIS IS THE
DEAD CITY OF
DARWA. WE WERE
SENT HERE BY
OUR MASTER,
ANKIMU.



WHO IS ANKIMU?



HE CAME TO US A YEAR AGO AND UNIFIED THE PEOPLES OF TORJUN. UNDER HIS RULE, WE HAVE BECOME **MIGHTY**.

ON HIS COMMAND, WE WERE ALLOWED INTO THE GREAT CITY OF GHARAD. WITH HIS LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE DRIVEN THE FEARSOME SHADA-GANOR FROM THE WATERS OF THE FOME--



OKAY, OKAY, I DON'T NEED HIS RESUME...



HE HAS THE STRENGTH OF TWENTY MEN! HE HAS THE WISDOM OF THE OLD GODS! AND HE SENSED A **DANGEROUS PRESENCE** HERE, IN DARWA. HE SENT US TO KILL WHATEVER WE FOUND HERE--



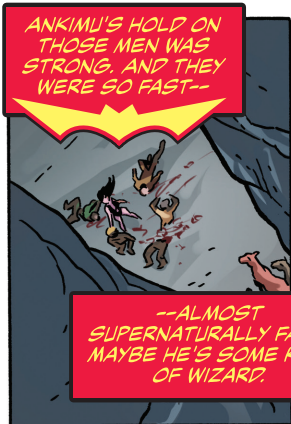
BUT ALL YOU FOUND WAS ME.

I FIND IT KINDA STRANGE THAT A MIGHTY RULER WITH THE STRENGTH OF TWENTY MEN ONLY SENT **FOUR** GUYS AFTER SOMETHING HE THOUGHT WAS **DANGEROUS**. I THINK I'LL HAVE TO HAVE A WORD WITH HIM ABOUT THAT.

BUT FIRST, I NEED TO **HEAL**. AND FOR THAT, I NEED **MORE BLOOD...AND I'M SORRY, BUT I NEED IT FRESH**. IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, I PROMISE I'LL AVENGE YOU ALL FOR BEING SENT TO SLAUGHTER LIKE THIS...



SHLUK



ANKIMU'S HOLD ON THOSE MEN WAS STRONG. AND THEY WERE SO FAST--

--ALMOST SUPERNATURALLY FAST. MAYBE HE'S SOME KIND OF WIZARD.



EASY, EASY-- SHHH...

Wheeneeheehee

BARBARIAN GUYS WOULD HAVE A WIZARD, RIGHT?



WRRREEEE!

SNAP



FINE! I DIDN'T NEED A RIDE ANYWAY!

EITHER WAY, MAYBE HE KNOWS HOW I GOT HERE.



ANKIMU MAY BE A LONG SHOT, BUT HE'S ALSO THE ONLY CLUE I HAVE.



AT LEAST SINCE THERE'S NO WIND, THERE'S A TRAIL FOR ME TO FOLLOW--

--ALL THE WAY BACK TO WHERE
THOSE BARBARIANS CAME FROM.

OH!

I WAS EXPECTING, I DON'T
KNOW, HUTS AND A FEW
DOZEN PEOPLE, NOT...
THIS.

MAYBE I SHOULD DO
SOME SCOUTING FOR A
CHANGE, INSTEAD OF
JUST RUSHING IN.

SNEAK IN, GET THE
PEOPLES' TAKE ON
ANKIMU-- HE CAN'T
HAVE HYPNOTIZED
THE WHOLE CITY!

MAYBE I CAN FIND SOME
ANSWERS WITHOUT VIOLENCE.
BUT IF I WANT TO DO THAT...

...MAYBE I
SHOULD LOOK
FOR A WAY TO
BLEND IN.



I CAN
AN ALMOST
TASTE IT--THE
PEACE, THE
HAPPINESS.

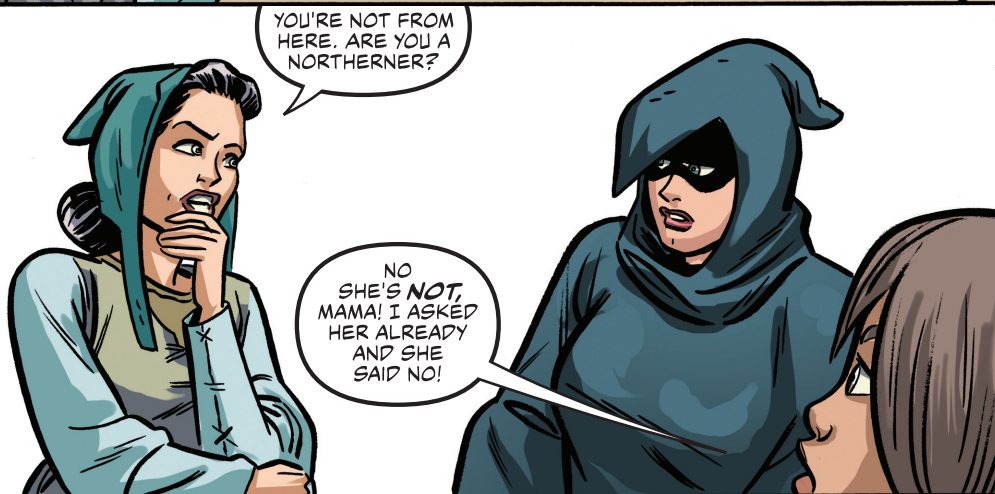
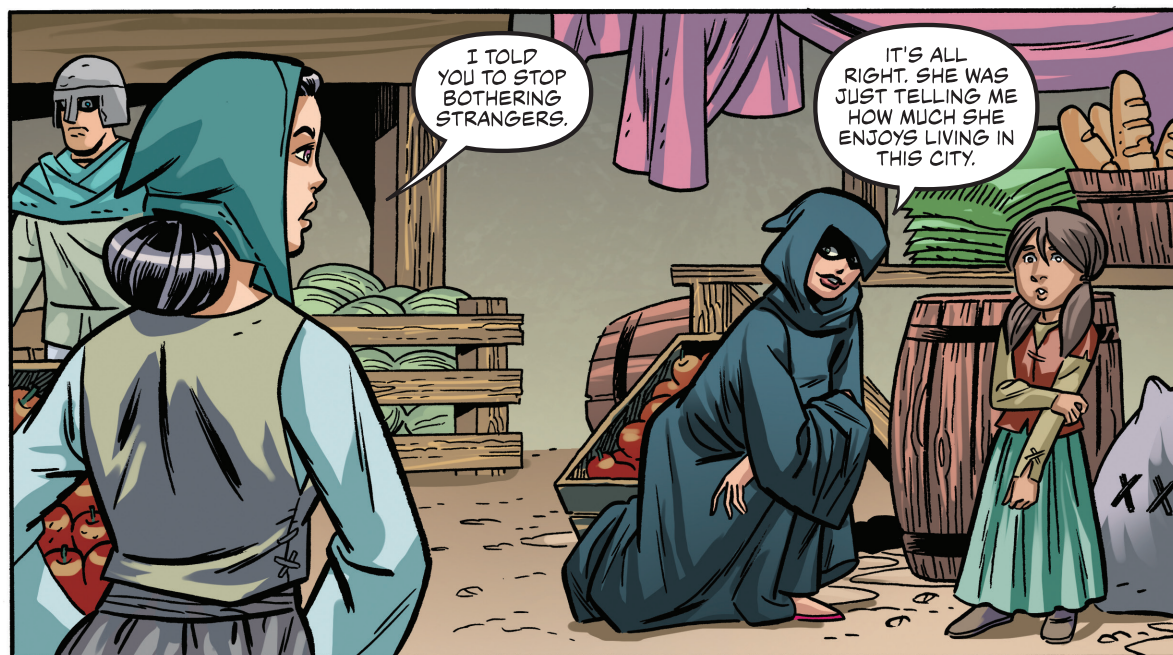
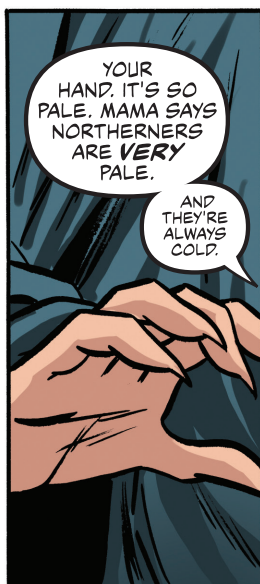


THAT'S TWICE
NOW I'VE BEEN
SURPRISED.



EXCUSE
ME--
...HM?

tug
tug





SHE'S VERY INQUISITIVE, ISN'T SHE?

SHE IS.

WHERE DID YOU SAY YOU WERE FROM? YOUR ACCENT IS SO VERY **STRANGE**.



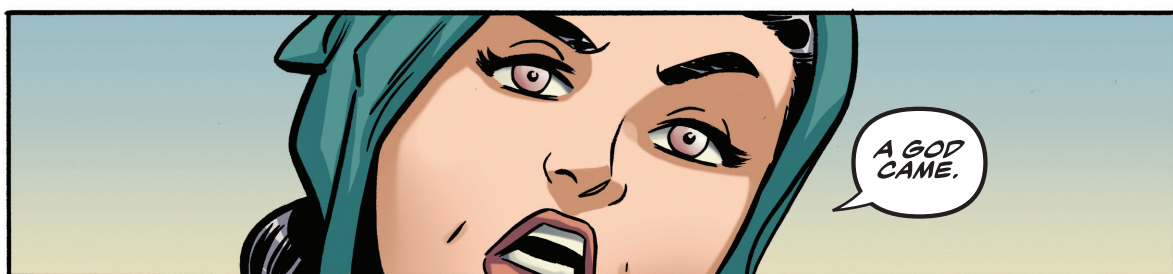
OH, I'M JUST A TRAVELER WHO'S **VERY** FAR FROM HOME.

I'D BE SURPRISED WE SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE IF I HADN'T SEEN SO MANY STRANGE THINGS IN MY LIFE.



YES, WELL. COUNT YOURSELF LUCKY. THESE LANDS WEREN'T ALWAYS SO HOSPITABLE TO TRAVELERS...OR TO THOSE OF US WHO LIVED HERE.

MARIEL SAID THAT, TOO. WHAT CHANGED?



A GOD CAME.



"HE BROUGHT US TO THIS CITY AND MADE A PLACE FOR US HERE.

"HE HELPS PROTECT US FROM THE DANGERS OF THE WORLD.

"HE HAS LENT HIS STRENGTH TO OUR HUNTERS, SO THEY MAY BETTER PROVIDE."

AND HE HAS ASKED **VERY LITTLE** IN RETURN FOR ALL THIS. JUST **LOYALTY**. WE'D BE LOST WITHOUT HIM. WE WOULD BE--



THE THREAT IS HERE.



WHAT DID YOU SAY?

BRING IT TO ME...



I WOULD LOOK UPON ITS FACE.



BRING IT TO ME...

BRING IT TO ME...

BRING IT TO ME...



THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED! I HAVE TO--

WAIT. NO. PLAY IT COOL. THEY'RE GOING TO BRING ME EXACTLY WHERE I WANT TO GO. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LET THEM.

NO ONE HAS TO GET HURT.

YOU WIN! YOU WIN. TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER.

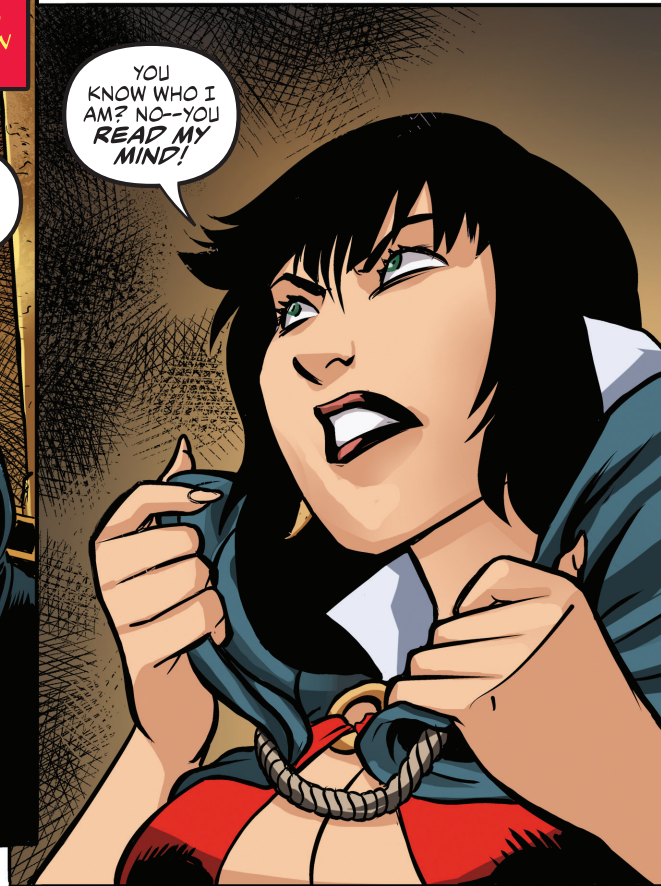




YOU
ARE IN THE
PRESENCE
OF LORD
ANKIMU!

...AND HIS BARBARIAN GUARDS.
AT LEAST THE PEOPLE GOT TO
LEAVE ONCE THEY HERDED ME IN
HERE, IF A FIGHT BROKE OUT--

LET'S
HOPE IT DOESN'T
COME TO THAT,
VAMPIRELLA.



YOU
KNOW WHO I
AM? NO--YOU
READ MY
MIND!



NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE,
I CAN READ YOUR MIND,
AS EASILY AS ANYONE'S,
BUT I STILL CAN'T
CONTROL IT.

I
THOUGHT YOU
WERE A DANGER
TO ME WHEN I
FIRST SENSED
YOUR MIND... BUT
YOU'RE JUST A
WOMAN.



NO, NOT
JUST.

DID YOU
BRING ME
HERE? WHY
CAN'T I
REMEMBER?



DEEP IN YOUR MIND, I SEE A FIGHT WITH A **GOD**. HER POWER WAS **GREATER**, BUT STILL YOU FOUGHT. YOU WERE CAST ASIDE...AND THEN, YOU WERE HERE.

HAH. YOU HAVE SPIRIT! I LIKE THAT. YOU SHOULD BE MY **QUEEN**, VAMPIRELLA. WE COULD DO **GREAT THINGS** TOGETHER.



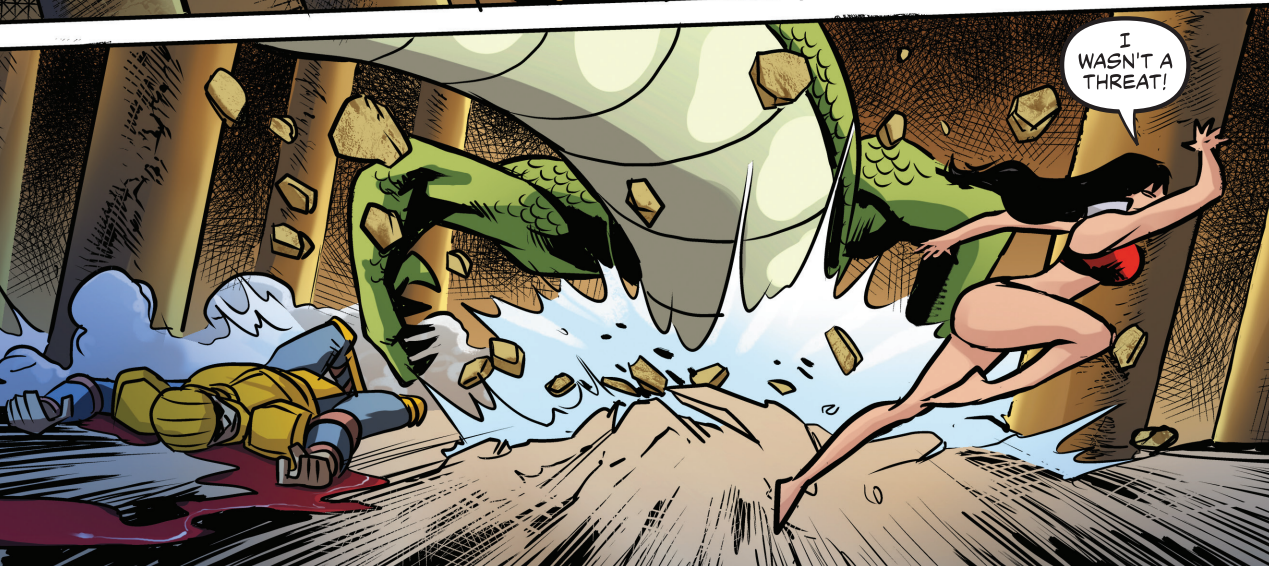
YOU CAN READ MY MIND. YOU KNOW MY ANSWER.



WELL, AT LEAST THEN YOU'LL PROVIDE ME WITH SOME ENTERTAINMENT... GUARDS, KILL HER.



OH! YOU'VE MORE POWER THAN I THOUGHT!



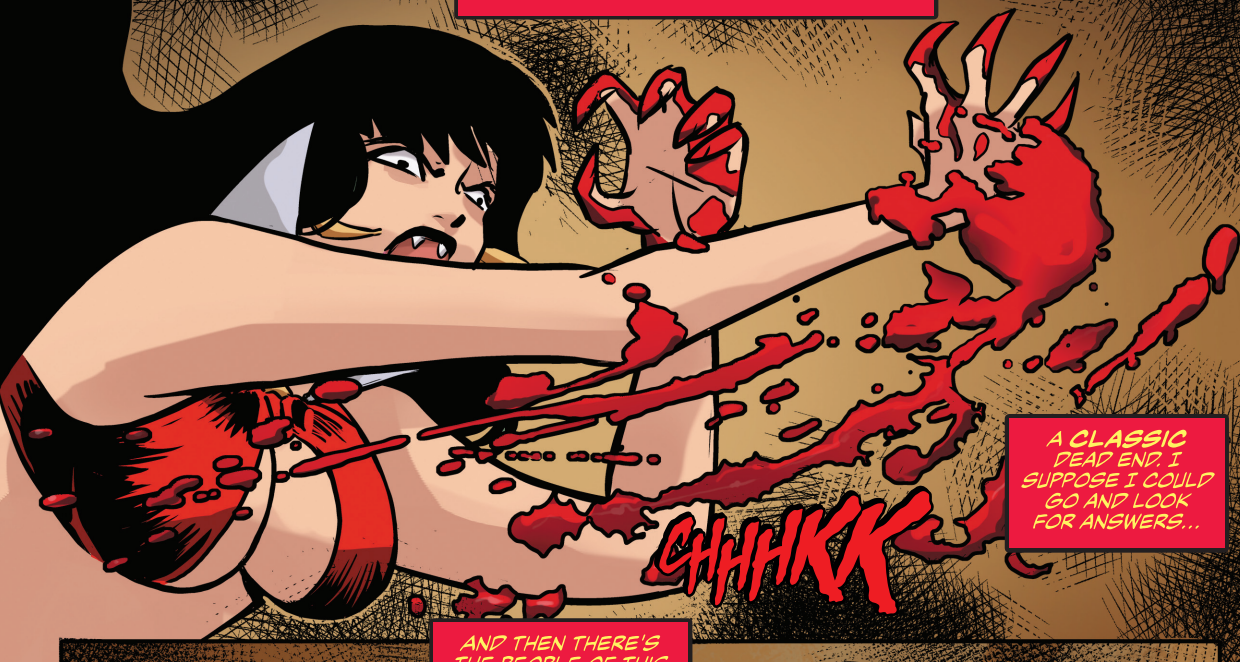




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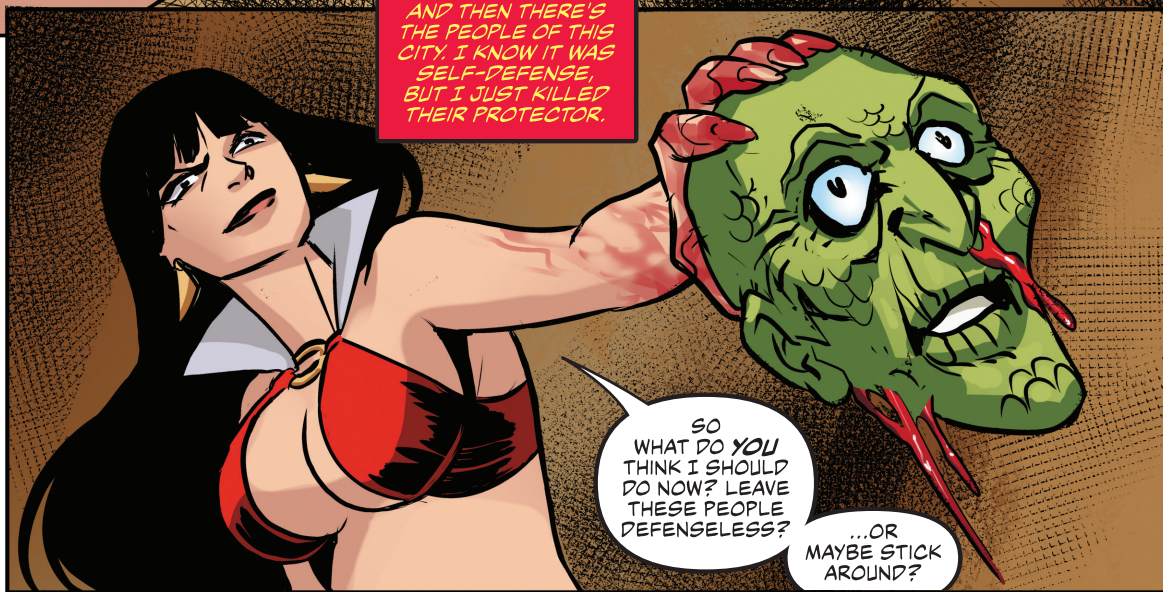
WELL, HE
ASKED FOR IT.

I FOUND OUT HOW I GOT HERE, SORT OF,
BUT HE COULD'VE BEEN LYING. AND I HAVE
NO IDEA HOW TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE.



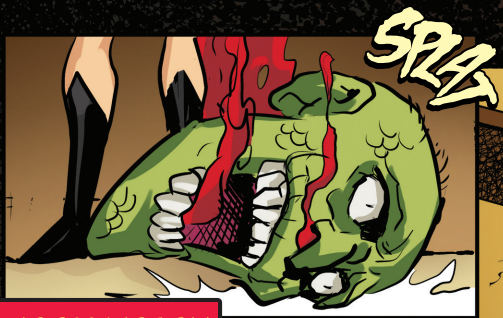
A CLASSIC
DEAD END. I
SUPPOSE I COULD
GO AND LOOK
FOR ANSWERS...

AND THEN THERE'S
THE PEOPLE OF THIS
CITY. I KNOW IT WAS
SELF-DEFENSE,
BUT I JUST KILLED
THEIR PROTECTOR.



SO
WHAT DO YOU
THINK I SHOULD
DO NOW? LEAVE
THESE PEOPLE
DEFENSELESS?

...OR
MAYBE STICK
AROUND?



AS SOON AS I SAY
IT OUT LOUD, THE
ANSWER HITS ME.

I'M IMMORTAL.
IF THERE ARE ANY
ANSWERS TO BE FOUND
IN THIS WORLD, I
CAN ALWAYS LOOK
FOR THEM LATER.

IN THE MEANTIME, I CAN HELP
THESE PEOPLE. MAYBE MAKE THEM
A LITTLE MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT,
ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES
WITHOUT SOMETHING LIKE ME.

BUT UNTIL
I CAN DO
THAT...

LONG
LIVE THE
QUEEN.

END?

VALAKA

PART
ONE







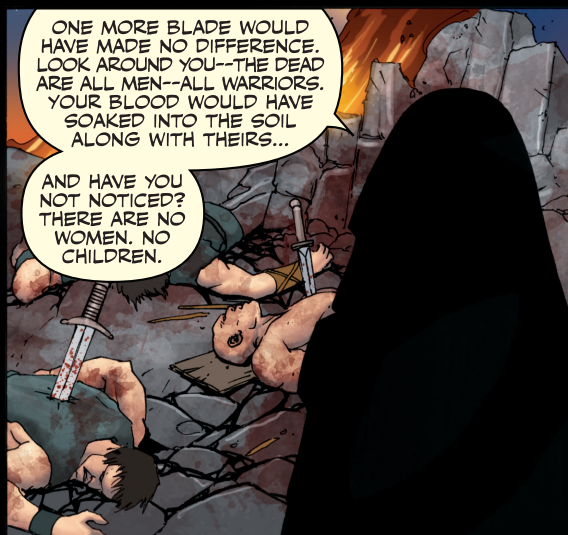
WHO ARE YOU?

YOU CAN CALL ME... VALAKA.



THIS WAS YOUR VILLAGE? YOUR PEOPLE?

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE...



ONE MORE BLADE WOULD HAVE MADE NO DIFFERENCE. LOOK AROUND YOU--THE DEAD ARE ALL MEN--ALL WARRIORS. YOUR BLOOD WOULD HAVE SOAKED INTO THE SOIL ALONG WITH THEIRS...

AND HAVE YOU NOT NOTICED? THERE ARE NO WOMEN. NO CHILDREN.

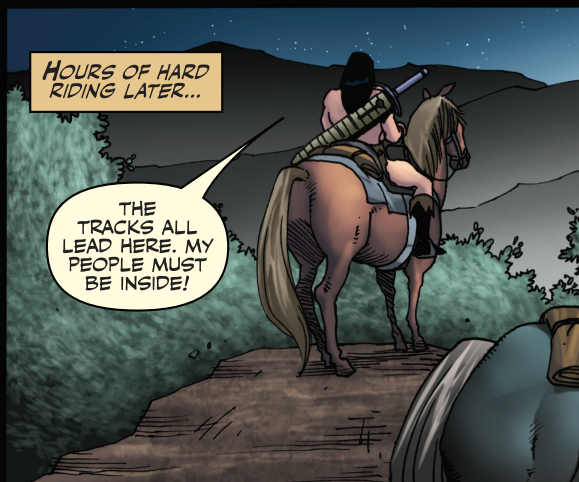


TAKEN...



A MAN I HAVE BEEN HUNTING FOR SOME YEARS...

A MAN WE NOW HUNT TOGETHER!





THE BATTLE IS SHORT,
SHARP, AND DEADLY...

THE REANIMATED
FIGHTERS ARE NO MATCH
FOR THE STRENGTH OF
NESTOR, THE SKILL OF
VALAKA...



AND SO...

I THINK
THAT'S THE
LAST ONE.

THE AIR
REEKS OF ACTIVE
SORCERY. WE
MUST HURRY!

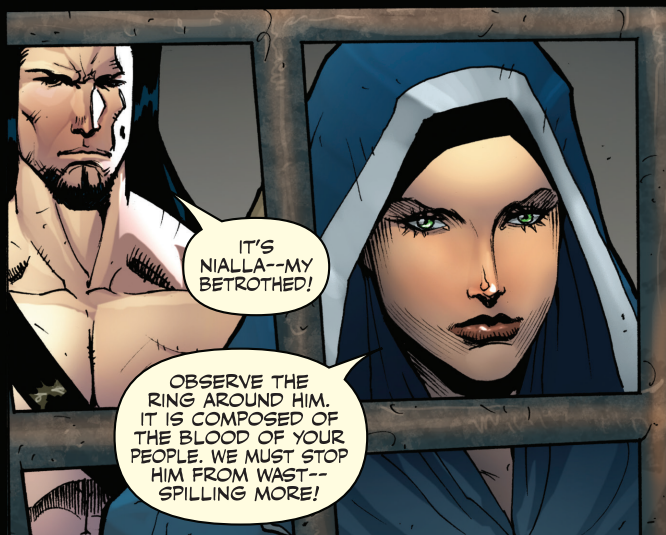




WE HAVE TO FIND
THE SORCERER
BEFORE HE CAN
RAISE ANY MORE
DEFENDERS!



LOOK!

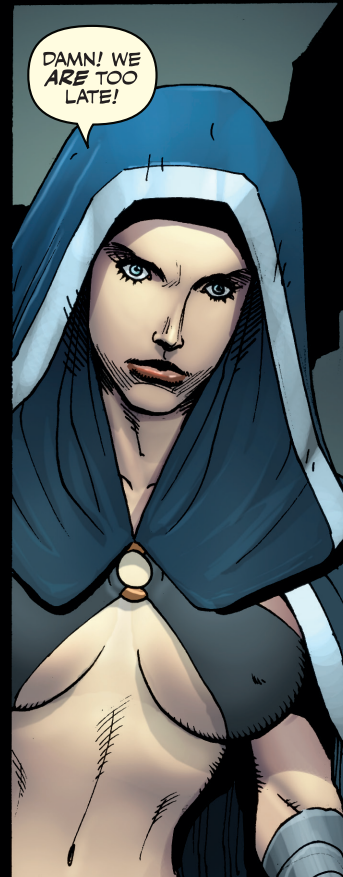
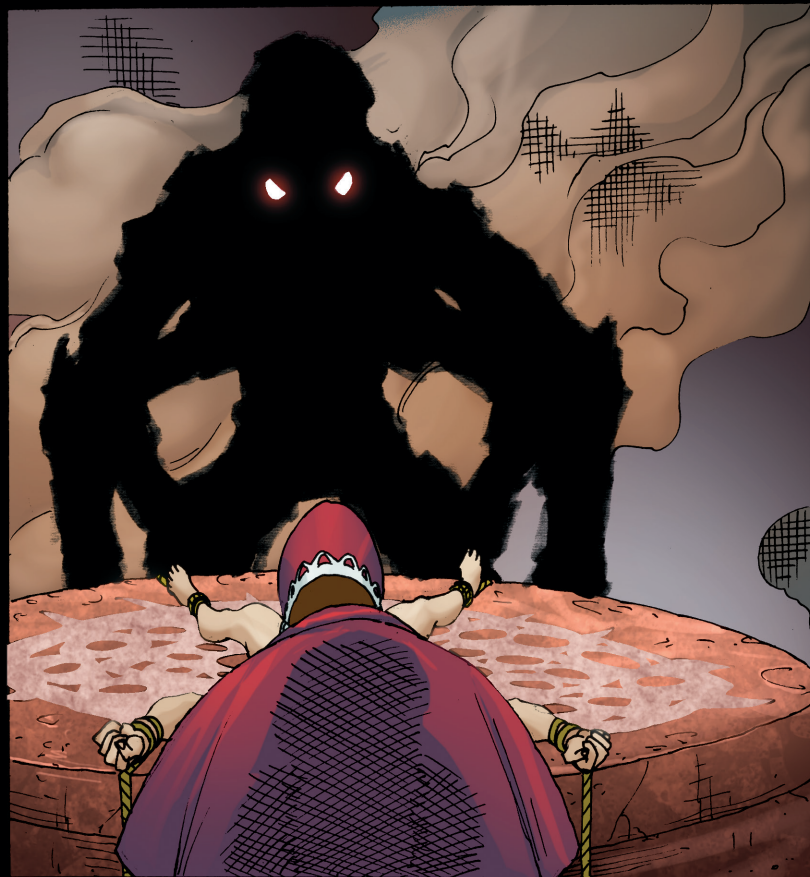
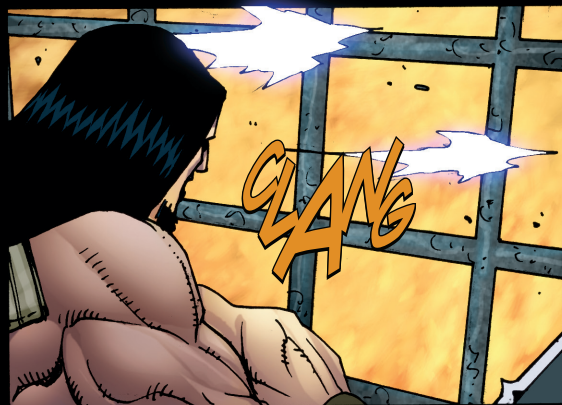
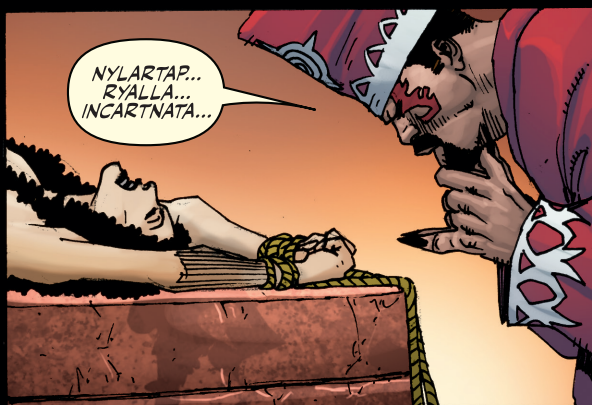
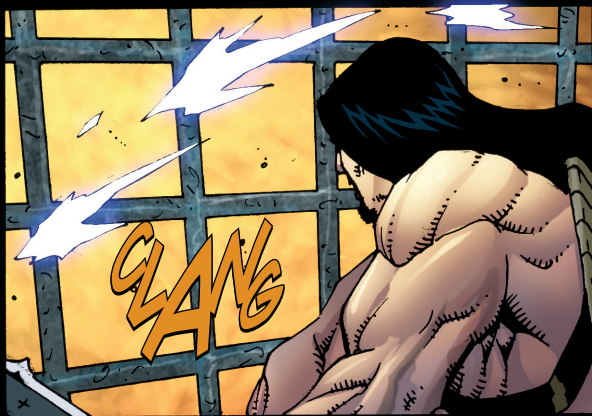


IT'S
NIALLA--MY
BETROTHED!

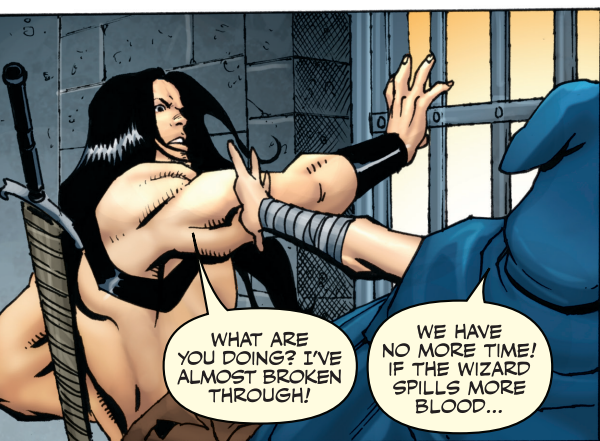
OBSERVE THE
RING AROUND HIM.
IT IS COMPOSED OF
THE BLOOD OF YOUR
PEOPLE. WE MUST STOP
HIM FROM WAST--
SPILLING MORE!



STAND
BACK!

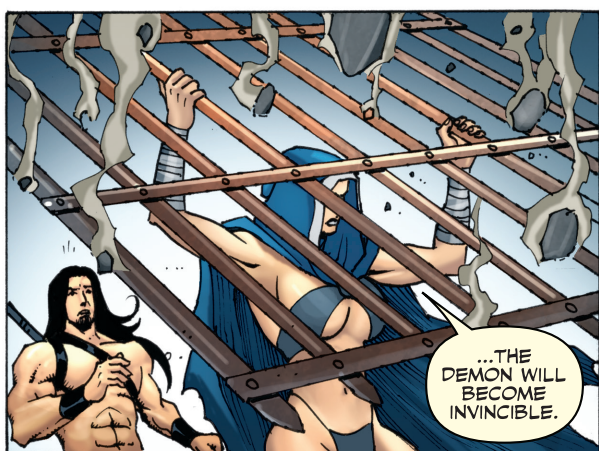






WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I'VE ALMOST BROKEN THROUGH!

WE HAVE NO MORE TIME! IF THE WIZARD SPILLS MORE BLOOD...



...THE DEMON WILL BECOME INVINCIBLE.



"I CANNOT LET THAT HAPPEN!"



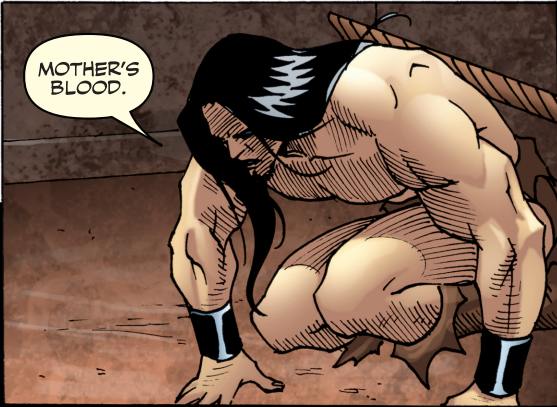
"WE MUST BE QUICK!"

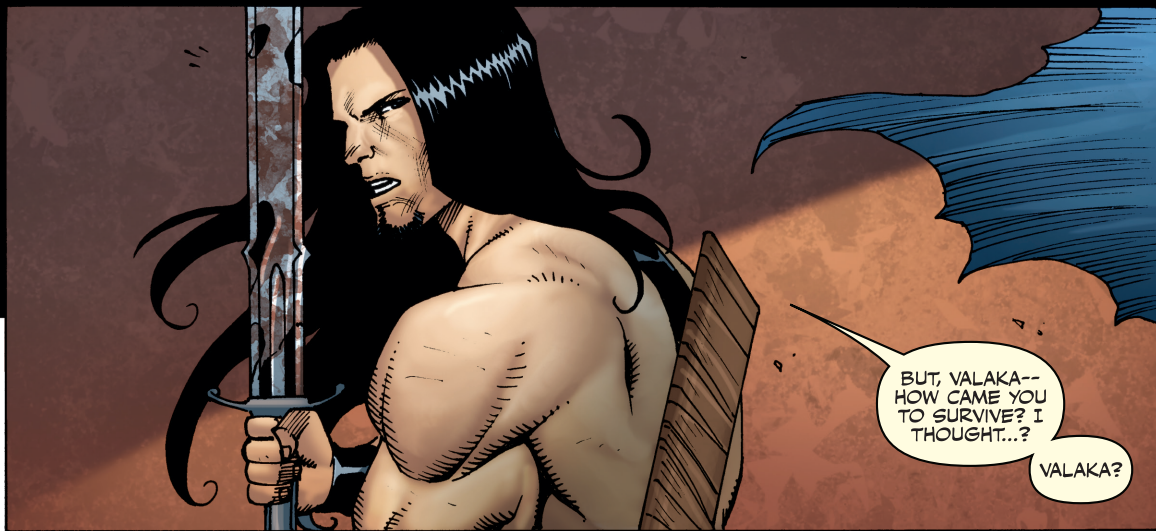


WE MUST KILL THIS ABOMINATION BEFORE IT HAS TIME TO GAIN ITS FULL STRENGTH!











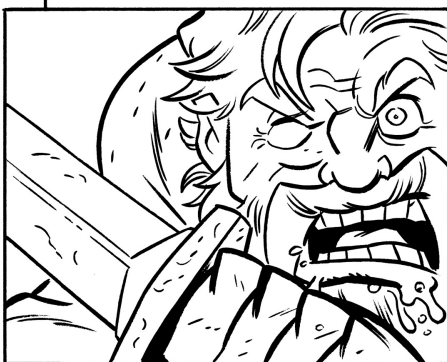
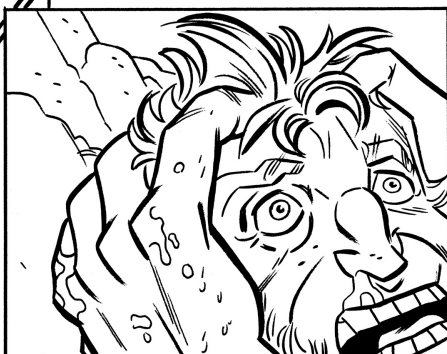
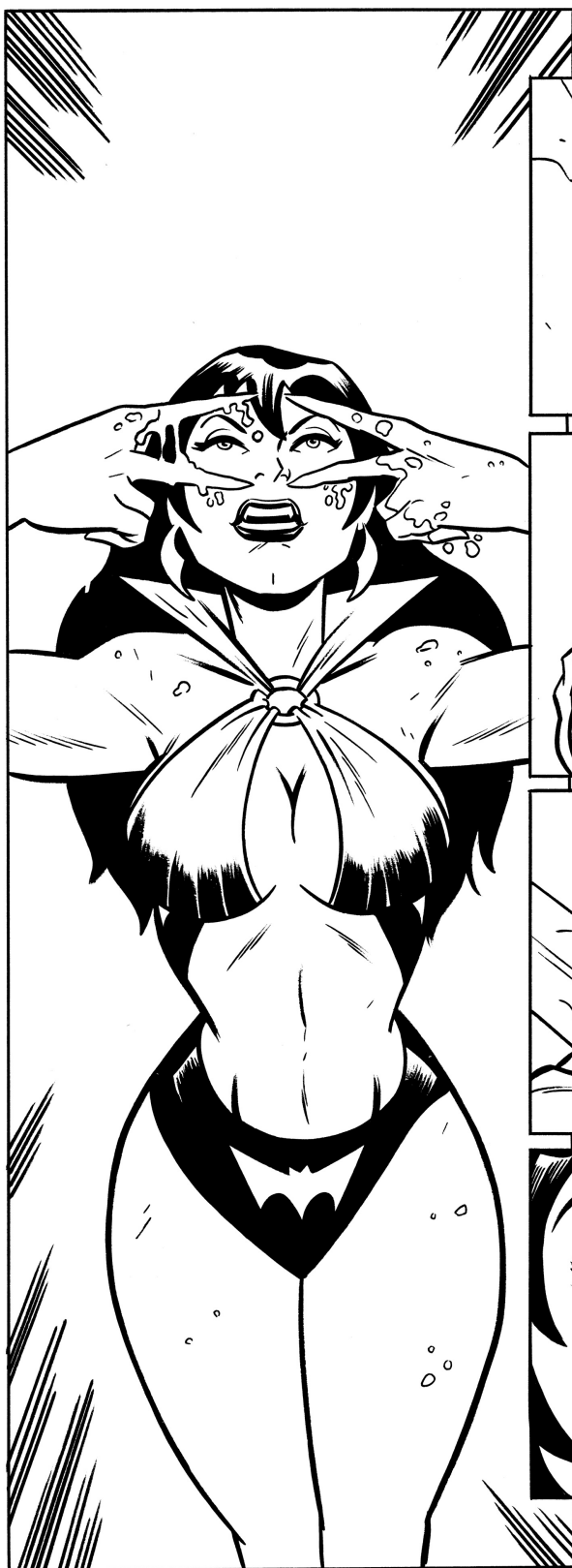


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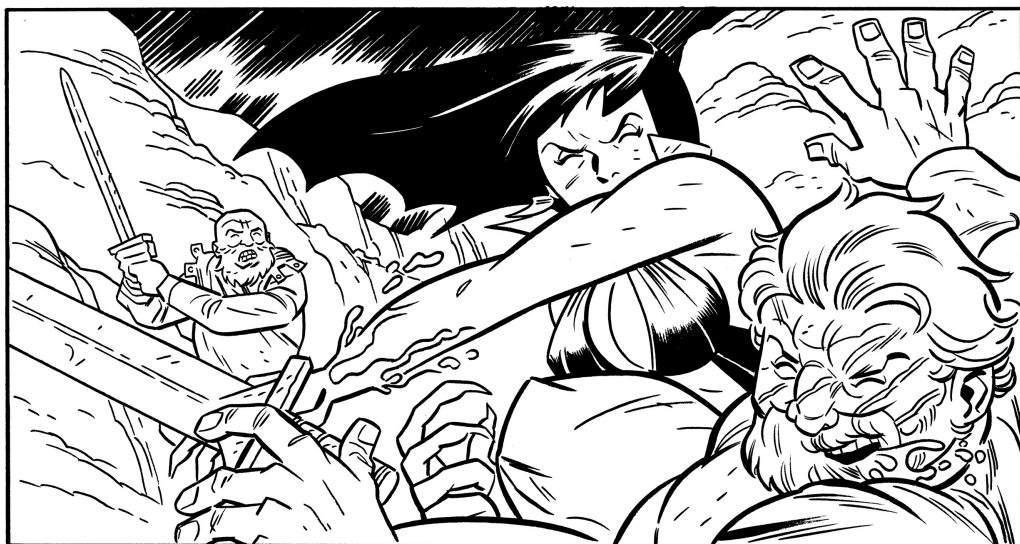
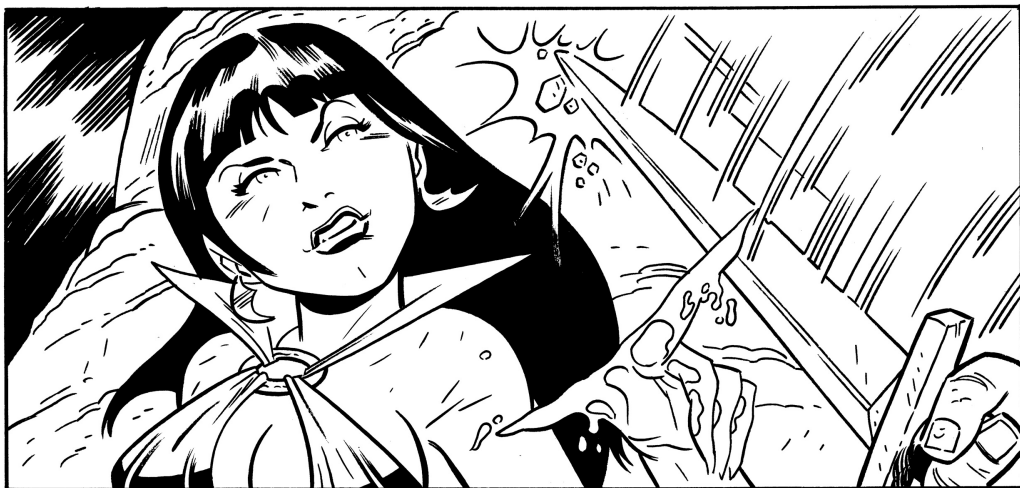
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