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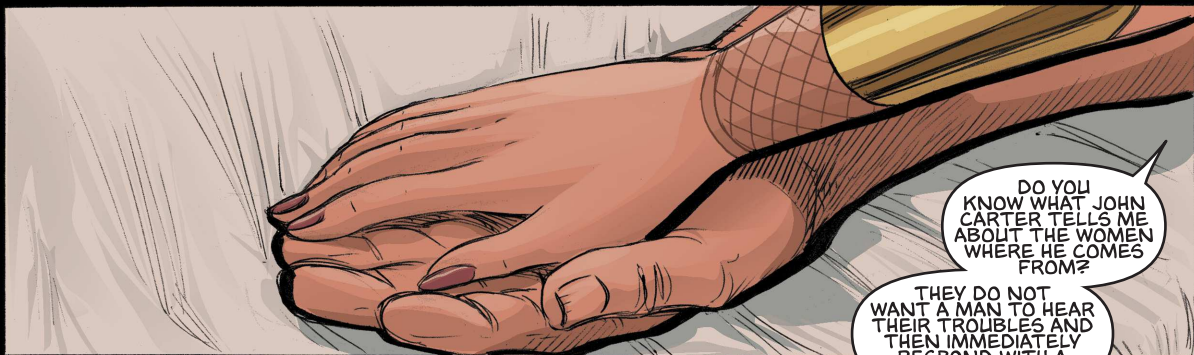


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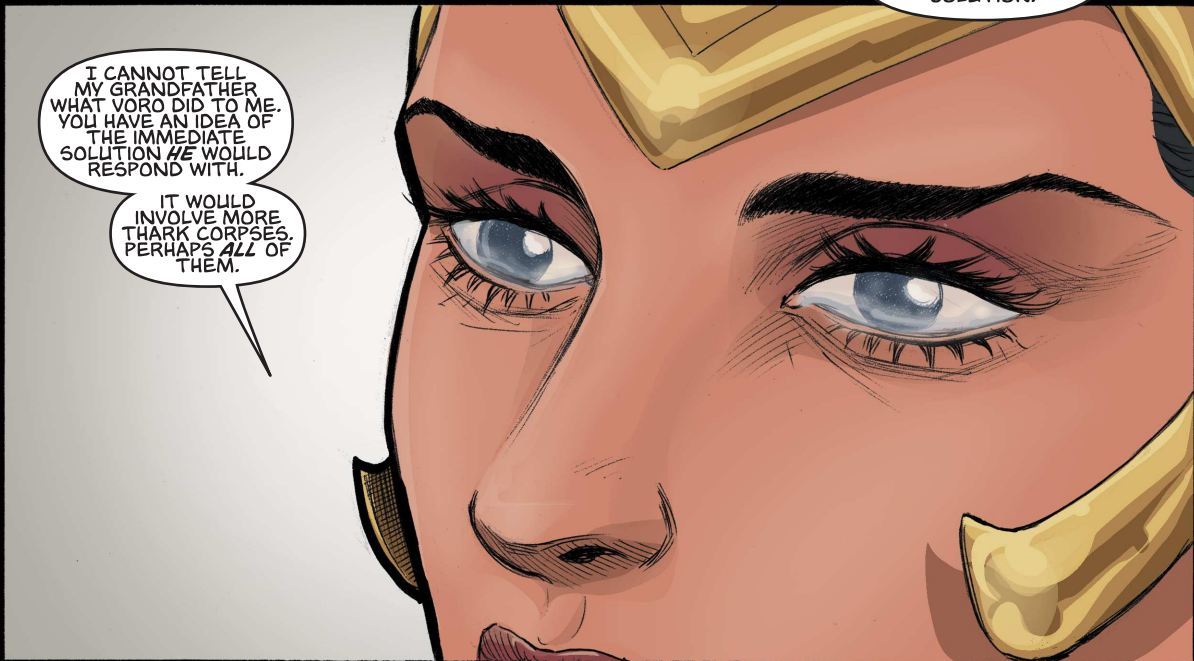
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DO YOU KNOW WHAT JOHN CARTER TELLS ME ABOUT THE WOMEN WHERE HE COMES FROM?

THEY DO NOT WANT A MAN TO HEAR THEIR TROUBLES AND THEN IMMEDIATELY RESPOND WITH A SOLUTION.



I CANNOT TELL MY GRANDFATHER WHAT VORO DID TO ME. YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF THE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION HE WOULD RESPOND WITH.

IT WOULD INVOLVE MORE THARK CORPSES. PERHAPS ALL OF THEM.



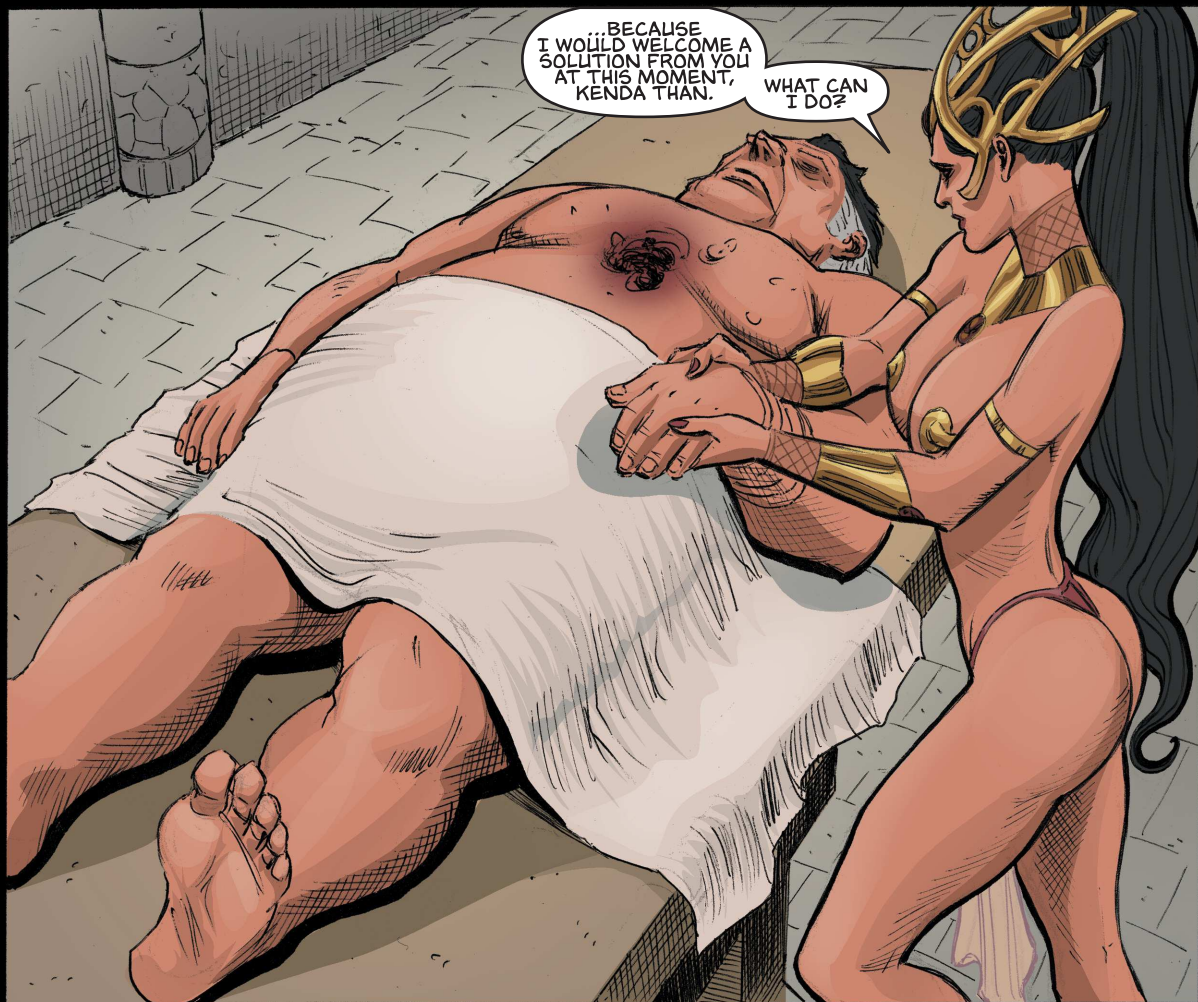
AND I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT THE ONE BECAUSE MY LIES OF OMISSION HAVE COMPOUNDED.

REK IS CIRCLING. HE IS ANNOYING BUT NOT A FOOL.



AND I HAVE PUT MY GREAT FRIEND, TARS TARKAS, BEHIND BARS.

PERHAPS WOMEN ARE NOT THE SAME EVERYWHERE...



BECAUSE I WOULD WELCOME A SOLUTION FROM YOU AT THIS MOMENT, KENDA THAN.

WHAT CAN I DO?



WHAT HAVE I DONE?

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YOUR VISIT IS APPRECIATED, ZON TAR.

DO NOT INSULT ME, COMRADE. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING.

I KNOW.



SHE WOULD JAIL A JEDDAK. A THARK JEDDAK.



AND A FRIEND.

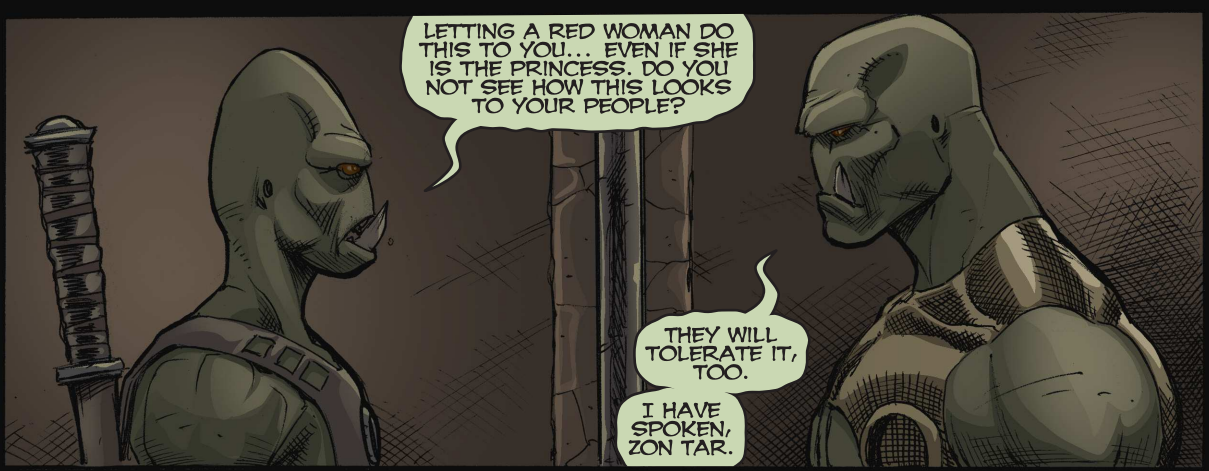


YOU CANNOT TOLERATE THIS!

I WILL TOLERATE IT FOR NOW.



MY JEDDAK... I DO NOT CHALLENGE YOU WHEN I SAY IT IS ABOUT MORE THAN YOU.



LETTING A RED WOMAN DO THIS TO YOU... EVEN IF SHE IS THE PRINCESS. DO YOU NOT SEE HOW THIS LOOKS TO YOUR PEOPLE?

THEY WILL TOLERATE IT, TOO.

I HAVE SPOKEN, ZON TAR.



YES, YOU HAVE.  
VERY WELL, THEN,  
JEDDAK.



CHANGE IS DIFFICULT. BUT  
WE SHALL ALWAYS HAVE  
MEMORIES OF HOW  
THINGS WERE. GLORIOUS  
MEMORIES.

YES.



WE STILL SPEAK  
OF THE DAY YOU  
DEFEATED HOK.  
MAGNIFICENTLY  
BRUTAL.

AND  
CLOSE.



BY THE WAY, DO YOU STILL  
HAVE THOSE GOBLET'S OF  
HOK'S TUSKS THAT WE  
HONORED YOU WITH?

THEY ARE IN THE  
CARE OF A TRUSTED  
FRIEND. ONE HOK  
WOULD ADMIRE.



WATCH  
YOURSELF,  
ZON TAR.

BAH!  
NO TERRORIST  
WILL LAY A FINGER  
ON ME, TARS  
TARKAS.



YOU DO NOT BELONG IN THERE, TARŠ.

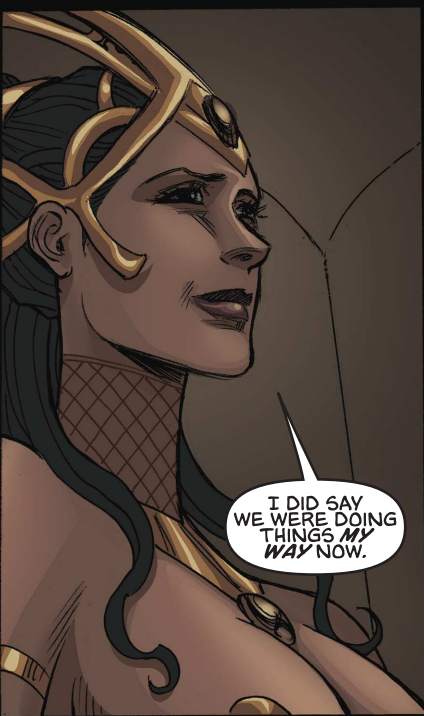
YOU UNDERSTATE THE SITUATION. BY AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE.



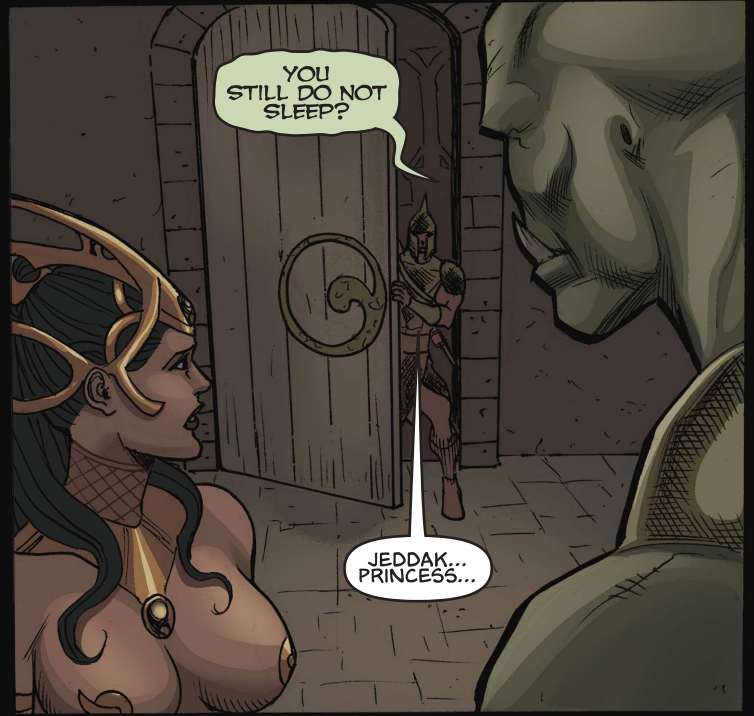
FORGIVE ME, PLEASE. I NEVER SUSPECTED YOU FOR A SINGLE *TAL*.

BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD NEVER HIDE. AND I COULD NOT LOSE YOU AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED. I NEEDED TIME TO THINK.

I DO NOT NEED YOU TO PROTECT ME, DEJAH THORIS. I NEED NO ONE'S PROTECTION.



I DID SAY WE WERE DOING THINGS *MY* WAY NOW.



YOU STILL DO NOT SLEEP?

JEDDAK... PRINCESS...



WHAT IS THIS?!

OH ISSLU6, NO...



WHO DARES THIS WITH THE JEDDAK OF...



WHERE IS SOLA?



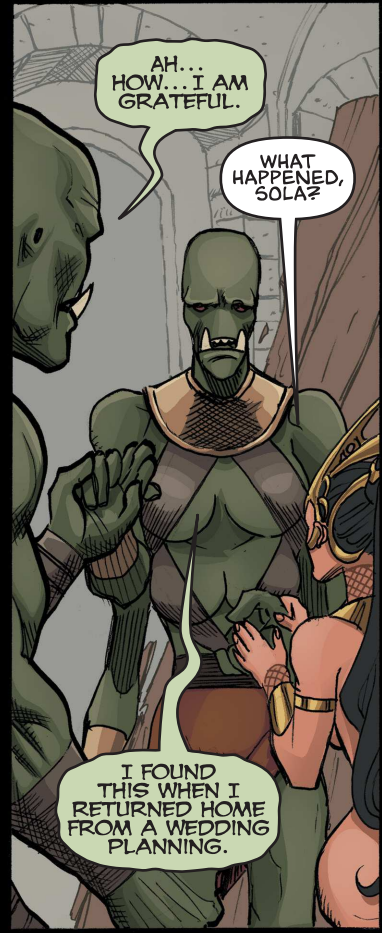


SOLA!

SOLA!



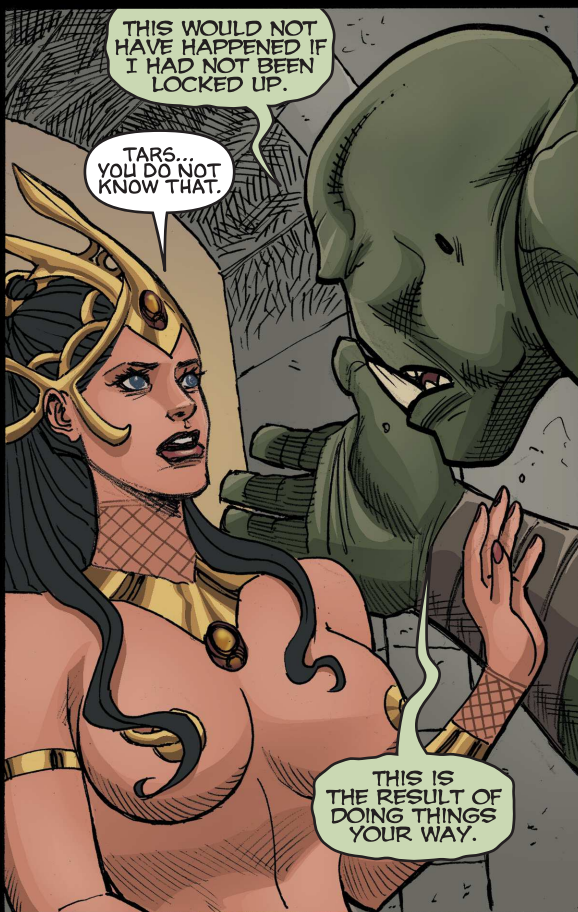
I AM UNHARMED, FATHER.



AH... HOW... I AM GRATEFUL.

WHAT HAPPENED, SOLA?

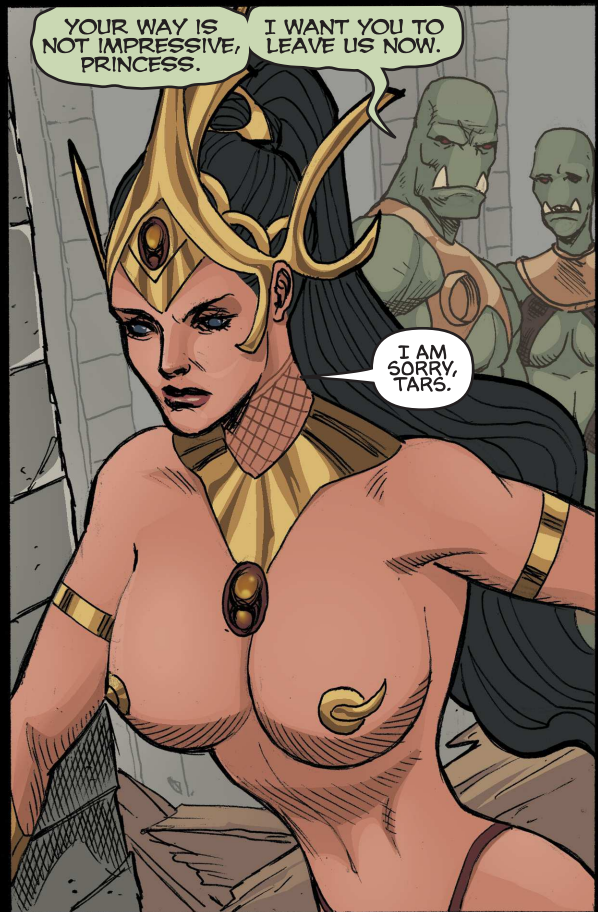
I FOUND THIS WHEN I RETURNED HOME FROM A WEDDING PLANNING.



THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF I HAD NOT BEEN LOCKED UP.

TARS... YOU DO NOT KNOW THAT.

THIS IS THE RESULT OF DOING THINGS YOUR WAY.



YOUR WAY IS NOT IMPRESSIVE, PRINCESS.

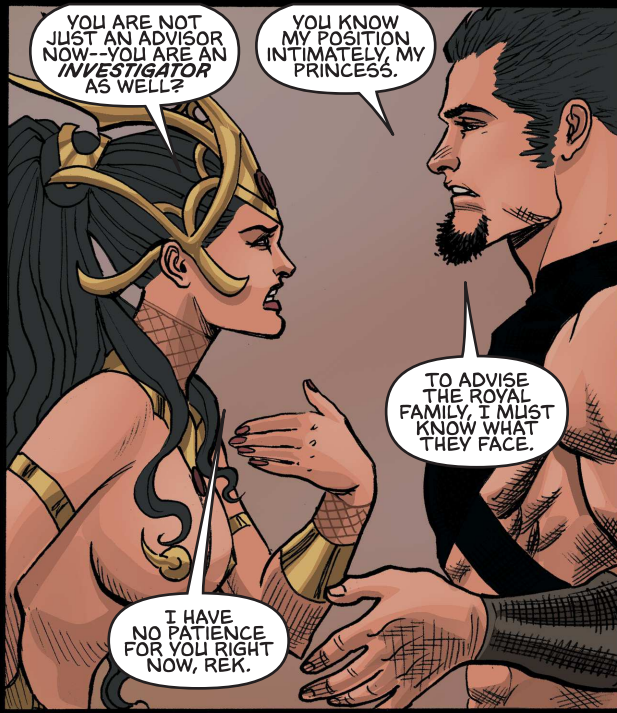
I WANT YOU TO LEAVE US NOW.

I AM SORRY, TARS.



REK.. WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS HERE?

TO GATHER INFORMATION, PRINCESS. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



YOU ARE NOT JUST AN ADVISOR NOW--YOU ARE AN INVESTIGATOR AS WELL?

YOU KNOW MY POSITION INTIMATELY, MY PRINCESS.

TO ADVISE THE ROYAL FAMILY, I MUST KNOW WHAT THEY FACE.

I HAVE NO PATIENCE FOR YOU RIGHT NOW, REK.



OF COURSE YOU DO NOT.

DO YOU FORGET YOUR PLACE?



I KNOW IT TOO WELL, AND I HOPE YOU DO NOT FORGET THAT I AM NOT AN IDIOT, YOUR MOST REVERED HIGHNESS.



"Kenda Than is dead. He was investigating the killing of the Thark in the alley. His death served someone."

"His death saddens me very greatly."

"Surely it does, princess."



"You and Tars Tarkas went with him after you dismissed me at the murder scene. I envy whatever he knew, that I do not."

"What are you implying?"



NOTHING, PRINCESS. ONLY THAT I AM MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS SITUATION SO THAT I CAN APPRISE OUR JEDDAK OF IT.



I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU SUPPORT ME IN THAT, AND I THANK YOU.



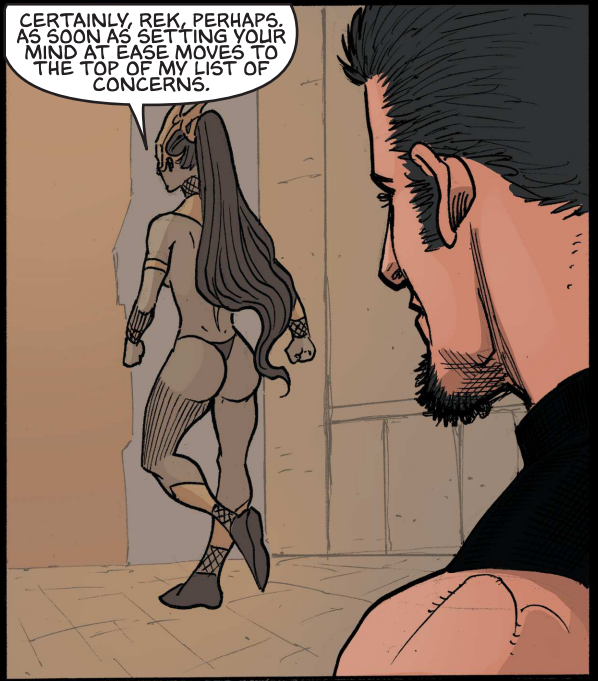
NATURALLY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU FIND.




IF YOU WILL FORGIVE ME, YOU SEEM FATIGUED, PRINCESS. STRESSED ALSO. IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO, I HOPE YOU KNOW...

THANK YOU, REK.


PERHAPS SOMETIME YOU WILL CONFIDE IN ME ABOUT YOUR DISAPPEARANCE BEFORE THE FESTIVAL - MERELY TO SET MY MIND AT EASE THAT IT IS UNRELATED.




CERTAINLY, REK, PERHAPS, AS SOON AS SETTING YOUR MIND AT EASE MOVES TO THE TOP OF MY LIST OF CONCERNS.




I HOPE THIS MESSAGE FINDS YOU WELL, DEJAH THORIS...



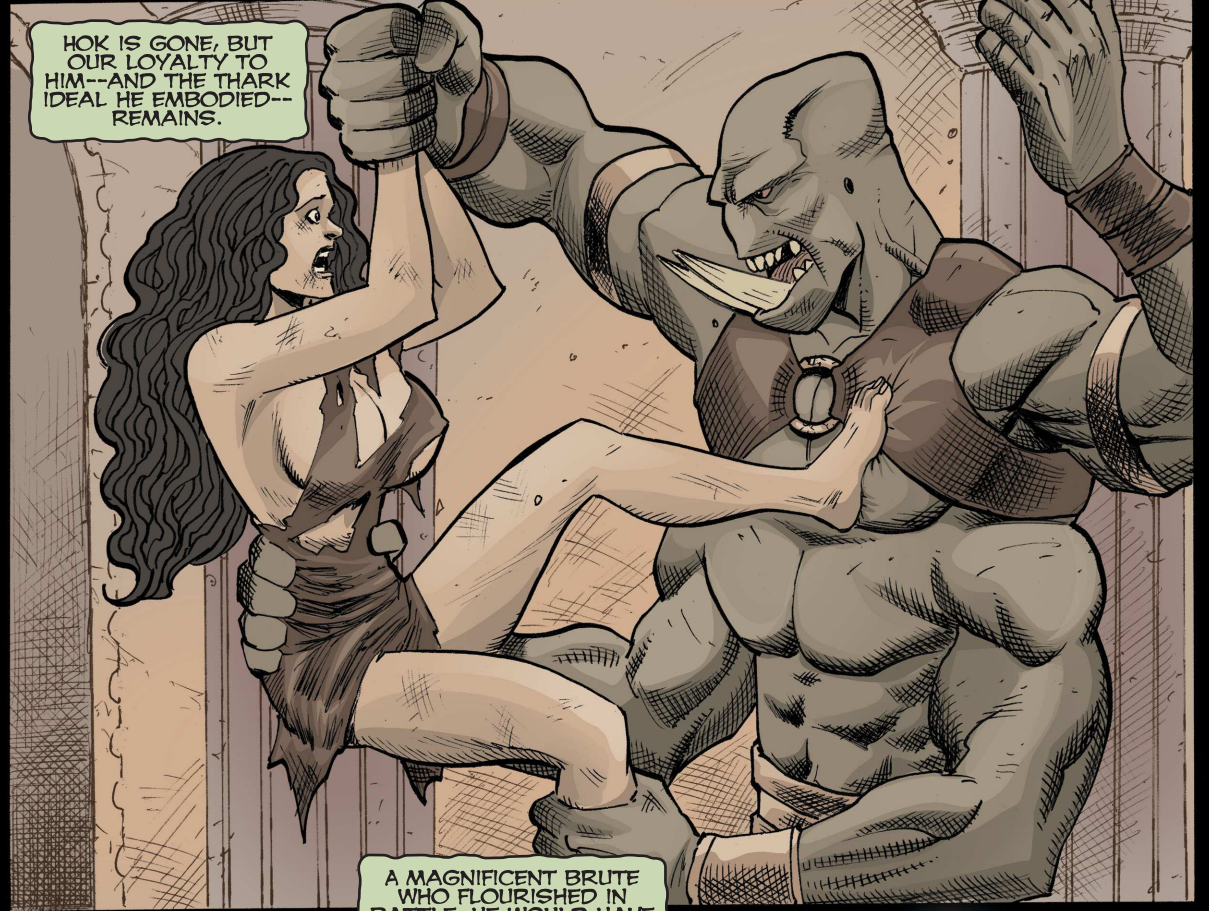
... AS I HOPE EVENTUALLY TO SAVOR THE ENJOYMENT OF KILLING YOU MYSELF.



I WRITE TO YOU OF OUR GREATEST THARK WARRIOR, HOK. YOU WILL RECALL THAT I SPOKE TO YOU OF HIM BEFORE.

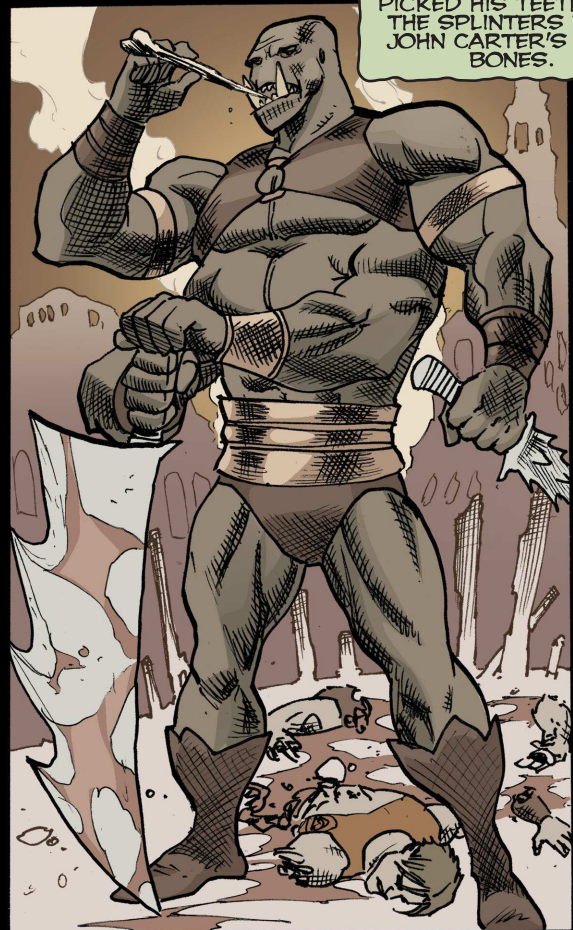


IF YOU WERE PREOCCUPIED, I REMIND YOU THAT HOK WAS DESTINED ALSO TO BECOME OUR GREATEST LEADER BEFORE HE WAS CHEAPLY CUT DOWN BY YOUR HOUSE PET, TARS TARKAS.



HOK IS GONE, BUT  
OUR LOYALTY TO  
HIM--AND THE THARK  
IDEAL HE EMBODIED--  
REMAINS.

A MAGNIFICENT BRUTE  
WHO FLOURISHED IN  
BATTLE, HE WOULD HAVE  
PICKED HIS TEETH WITH  
THE SPLINTERS FROM  
JOHN CARTER'S ALIEN  
BONES.



HOK WOULD NEVER HAVE  
AGREED TO A FALSE PEACE  
WITH OUR HELIUMITE PREY.



... JUST  
THREW THE  
JEDDAK IN JAIL.  
THE JEDDAK.

AND HE LET  
THE LITTLE  
RED THING DO  
IT TO HIM.



WHAT IS MY PURPOSE  
IN TELLING YOU THIS?

IT IS TO LET YOU KNOW  
THAT I DID NOT ONLY  
REPRESENT THARKS WHO  
REFUSED TO GIVE UP THEIR  
OLD WAYS OF FEASTING  
ON YOUR KIND.

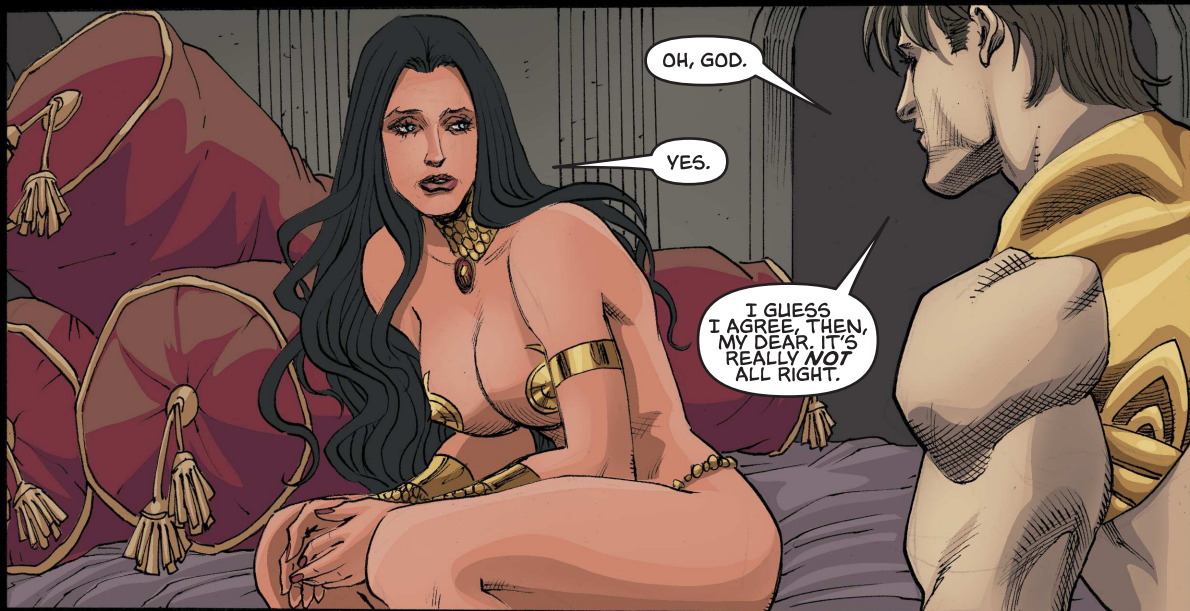
I STAND FOR THARKS  
WHO WILL NEVER  
RECOGNIZE TARS  
TARKAS AS THEIR  
JEDDAK.

THARKS WHO WILL KILL  
AND DESTROY AND  
SABOTAGE UNTIL YOUR  
ILLEGITIMATE PEACE IS  
ENDED. UNTIL WE ARE  
FREE AGAIN.

KNOW THIS, AND KNOW  
THAT I WILL YET TASTE  
YOUR RED FLESH.

I REMAIN,  
VORO





OH, GOD.

YES.

I GUESS I AGREE, THEN, MY DEAR. IT'S REALLY NOT ALL RIGHT.



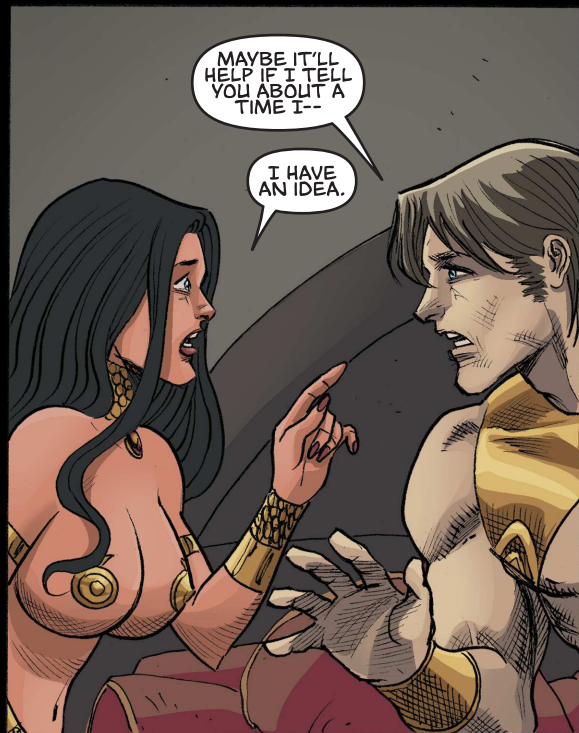
HOW CAN I HELP?

CAN YOU STAB RACISM IN THE FACE?



AH...

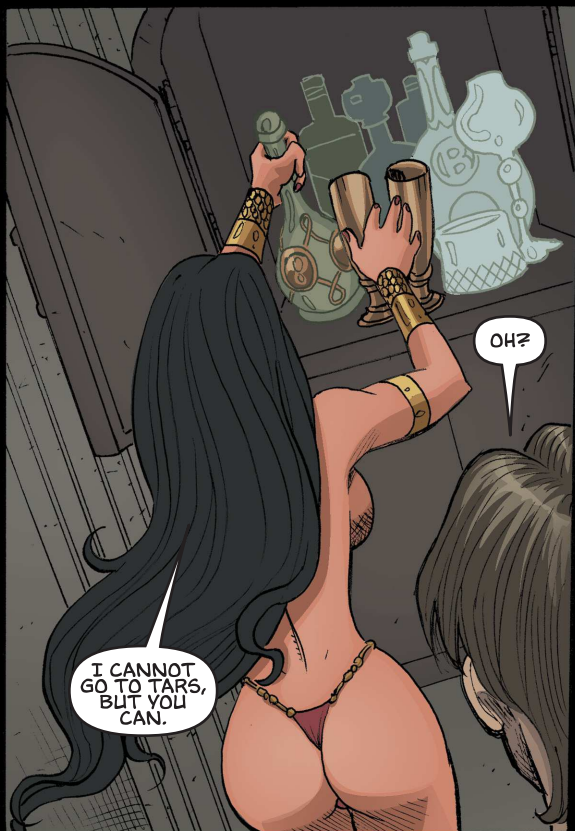
I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW YOU COULD HELP, JOHN. I CANNOT EVEN MAKE A MOVE OF MY OWN THAT DOES NOT TURN INTO A DISASTER.



MAYBE IT'LL HELP IF I TELL YOU ABOUT A TIME I--

I HAVE AN IDEA.





I CANNOT GO TO TARS, BUT YOU CAN.

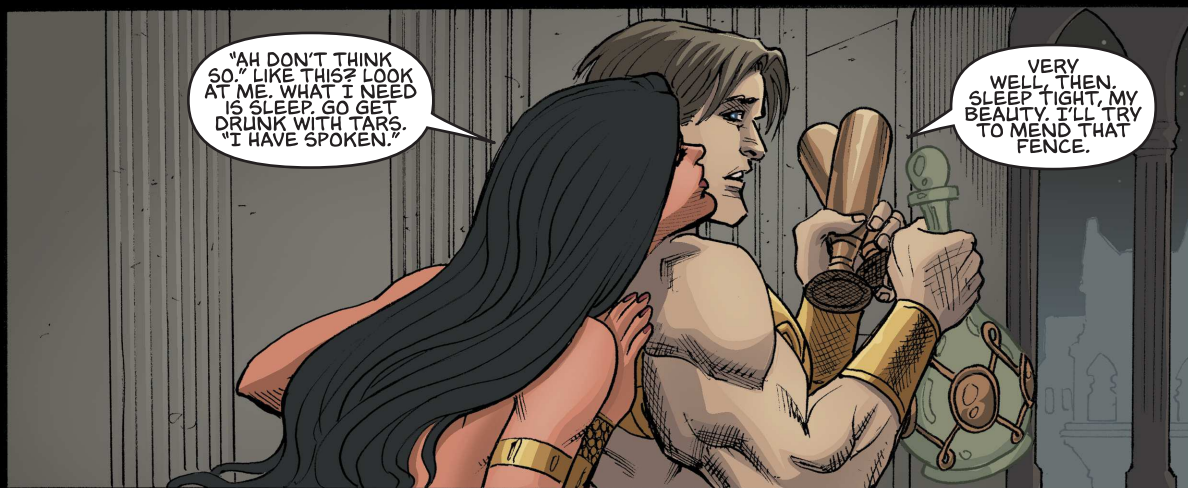
OH?



AND YOU CAN TAKE HIM THIS. IT IS PRICELESS. DRINK IT WITH HIM.

GO TO YOUR FRIEND.

AND LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS? I DON'T THINK SO.

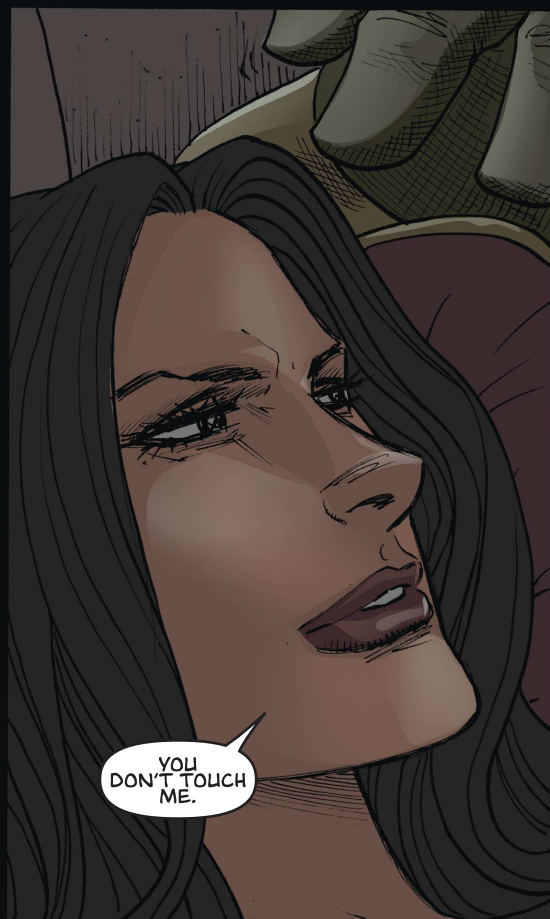


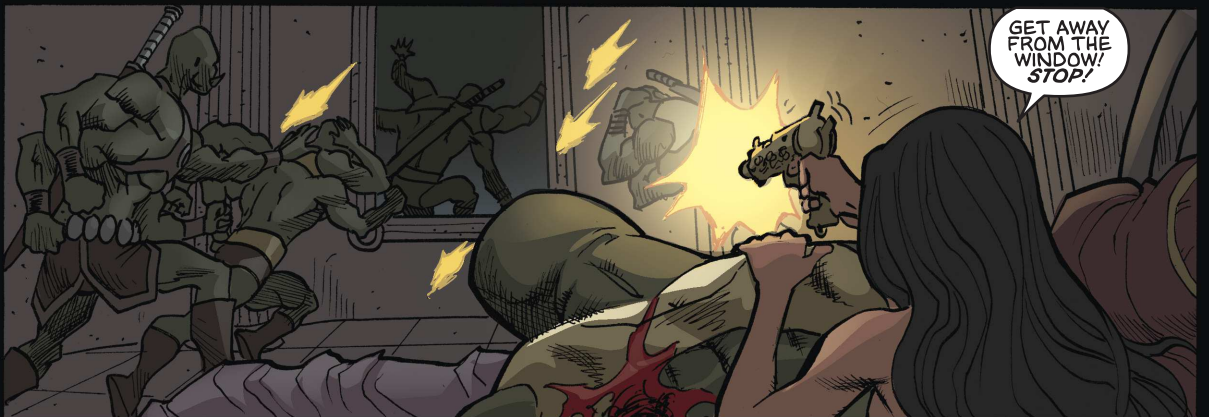
"AH DON'T THINK SO. LIKE THIS? LOOK AT ME. WHAT I NEED IS SLEEP. GO GET DRUNK WITH TARS. I HAVE SPOKEN."

VERY WELL THEN. SLEEP TIGHT, MY BEAUTY. I'LL TRY TO MEND THAT FENCE.









HOLD.  
I SURRENDER.

GET OUT  
OF THE  
WAY!

MOVE!

I AM  
THE ONE IN  
CHARGE.

MAY  
I REACH FOR  
SOMETHING?

REACH FOR  
ISSUS.

YOU GET IT,  
THEN. BELT  
POUCH.

I  
RECOGNIZE  
YOU.

I WAS  
THE GREEN  
ONE.

YOU.  
DO IT.

WEAK. I  
RECOGNIZE YOU  
FROM THE JAIL.



WHAT DO YOU SAY, YOUR HIGHNESS?

WHAT DO I SAY? A COUPLE OF THINGS.

LOCK THIS FOUR-ARMED FILTH INTO THE WORST DUNGEON IN HELIUM.



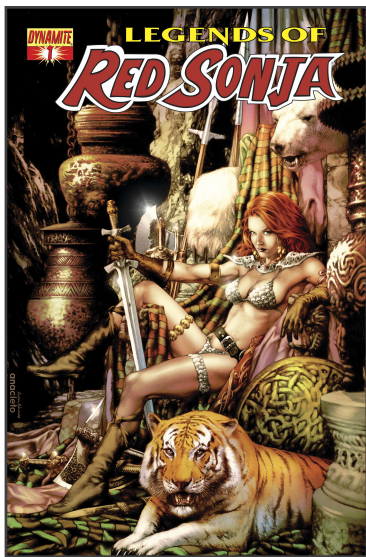
AND HE IS VERY GOOD.

**NEXT: ZON TAR MUST DIE!**

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## IN THE NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2013

**DYNAMITE TO LAUNCH  
LEGENDS OF RED SONJA PRESTIGE  
MINI-SERIES FEATURING TOP FEMALE  
NOVELISTS AND COMIC BOOK WRITERS**



Following on the immense success of the newly launched *Red Sonja* ongoing series by Gail Simone, Dynamite proudly announces the upcoming *Legends of Red Sonja* prestige miniseries, an extravaganza celebrating the iconic fantasy heroine's long and storied career. *Legends of Red Sonja* is a collaborative effort uniting Simone with a star-studded and prestigious creative team including Marjorie Liu, Mercedes Lackey, Kelly Sue DeConnick, Rhianna Pratchett, Leah Moore, Tamora Pierce, Blair Butler, Nancy Collins, Meljean Brook, Nicola Scott, Devin Grayson, and more to be announced. Frank Thorne, one of the key artists responsible for defining the character's distinct look, will be among the artists to contribute cover artwork, as will Jay Anacleto.

"When it was first decided that I would be taking part in the relaunch of Red Sonja, we had what I thought was a very fun idea, which was to have all the covers and variant covers be drawn by top female artists," says Gail Simone, an industry legend with celebrated runs on *Birds of Prey*, *Secret Six*, and *Batgirl*. "The idea just took off, as some of my artistic heroes, people like Colleen Doran, Amanda Conner, and Nicola Scott all contributed these gorgeous, eye-popping pieces of art for the book. It made everyone tremendously happy and gave us a wonderful extra kick for our relaunch of this classic character. So when Dynamite told me that the 40th anniversary of Red Sonja was coming up, I thought, 'I wonder if we could do the same thing, but with all my favorite female writers?' I can't tell you how exciting this is for me, it's something I've wanted to do for years."

The structure of the *Legends of Red Sonja* prestige series will be, in Simone's words, "a braided story, with individual, unique stories written by titans of comics, prose, and the gaming world. These are all powerful voices whose work I adore. Dynamite asked me to make a list of the women I'd love to see included, and again, I was astounded at the eager responses! We have giants of the fantasy and horror prose world: Tamora Pierce, Nancy Collins, Mercedes Lackey, and Meljean Brook. We have some of the hottest comics talents: Marjorie Liu, Kelly Sue DeConnick, Leah Moore, Devin Grayson and

(in her first published story as a writer) Nicola Scott. And we have brilliant writers from games and television: Rhianna Pratchett and Blair Butler. Getting to hand-pick this crew of fierce women was an absolute joy, and the fun of it is we're all fans of Red Sonja and of each other. Throwing ideas back and forth and shaping the stories has been some of the most fun I've ever had in comics. I can't wait for people to read these takes on Red Sonja...some are funny, some are scary, some are very different versions of Sonja than we are familiar with!"

Many of Gail Simone's hand-picked contributors have shared their excitement about the project:

Rhianna Pratchett (*Heavenly Sword*, *Mirror's Edge*): "I treasured my Red Sonja poster when I was kid. So to get the opportunity to write a story for the character, and to do it in the company of such extraordinary, talented women, is a dream come true."

Leah Moore (*Doctor Who: The Whispering Gallery*, *Sherlock Holmes: The Liverpool Demon*): "It's not everyday that Gail Simone asks me to write Red Sonja. To be honest, I'm glad, because when it happened, I had to be peeled off the ceiling. Writing Red Sonja has been a personal ambition of mine for a long time. She is about the most fun a writer can have."

Tamora Pierce (*The Song of the Lioness*, *Mastiff*): "This is the coolest project ever: new stories crafted by some of the best writers and artists out there, about a woman warrior created by one of my literary idols, Robert E. Howard, spearheaded by my comics goddess, Gail Simone. I'm honored to be a part of this, and can't wait to see the whole thing."

Blair Butler (*Heart*, host of MSN's *Nerdcore*): "I'm honored and exceedingly intimidated to be included in this group of talented creators. Gail Simone is amazing -- and her take on Red Sonja is something I've been looking forward to since it was announced way back at Emerald City Comic-Con. So when she asked me to contribute, I agreed immediately, even though I'm totally nervous about it."

Nancy Collins (*Swamp Thing*, *VAMPS*): "I am thrilled to have been chosen by Gail Simone to participate in *Legends of Red Sonja*. I remember how excited I was when I plucked *Conan the Barbarian* #23 off the spinner rack as a kid, all those years ago, and finally saw a female hero capable of dishing it out with the best of them. I am honored to have been given this chance to add to Red Sonja's mythos."

Meljean Brook (*Iron Seas*, *Demon Angel*): "I'm absolutely thrilled to be writing a story for the she-devil, Red Sonja. I first encountered Red Sonja in the movie with Nielsen and Schwarzenegger when I was about eight years old -- and I know that movie isn't without its problems, but it's almost impossible to describe how incredible it was to watch a film in which the heroine was just as strong and as tough as the muscle-bound hero. Red Sonja was a revelation to eight-year-old me, and I can trace many of the heroines I write today back to those roots."

"Wow. Gail and the editorial team at Dynamite have put together an incredible team of creators - a prestigious and impressive list - on a series that celebrates one of the strongest female characters in comics. I can say that they have done an incredible job together, and I thank them," says Dynamite CEO and Publisher Nick Barrucci.

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Things are closing in on an exhausted and traumatized Dejah Thoris as she tries to keep the fragile Helium-Thark peace from blowing up. Every move she makes seems to bring disaster closer. And a former suitor may expose her abduction by Tharks, whose leader now backs violent rebels who will never bow to Tars Tarkas.

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