

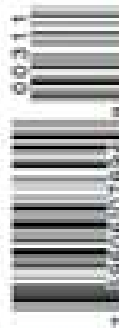
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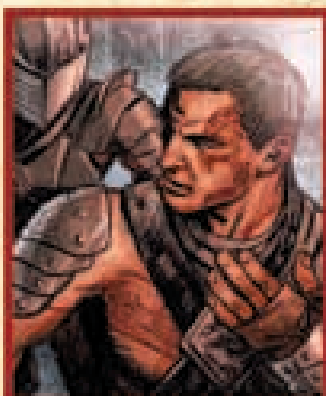
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John Carter was once a Captain in the United States military who has, through a series of unusual events, found himself on Mars. In his attempt to assimilate to the civilization of Mars—what natives call Barsoom—Carter recounts the stories of the planet, told to him by Dejah Thoris, Princess of Helium, and Tars Tarkas of the Tharks.

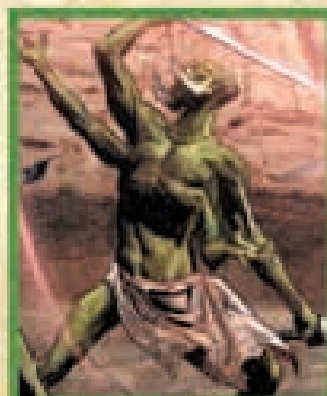
## PREVIOUSLY...



Dejah Thoris  
Princess of Helium



Sab Than  
Prince of Zodanga



Tars Tarkas  
of the Tharks

On Mars there exists an unending war between Helium and its rival city, Zodanga. Believing Helium would be defeated if he were Jeddak (King), Sab Than, Prince of Zodanga, lashed out at his father, resulting in his forced exile.

Meanwhile in the hinterlands, Tal Hajus of the Tharks—the Green Men of Barsoom—hatched a plan to become Jeddak of the Tharks: killing the great Warhoon Gohan with the help of Tal Hajus' friend, Tars Tarkas. Along the way, Loas, a female Thark and friend to Tars Tarkas, joined them despite Tal Hajus' displeasure. The sudden interruption was the least of their concerns, however, as a ferocious white ape suddenly attacked the travelers. Reacting swiftly and fiercely, Tars Tarkas defeated the beast with his bare hands.

Off on a secret mission of his own, Sab Than infiltrated Helium, kidnapping the Princess Dejah Thoris. Though the Princess put up a worthy fight in self-defense, her escape was cut short by a fierce sandstorm—one that was proving to be a deadlier foe than Sab Than as it began to swallow the both of them...

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## WORLD OF MARS

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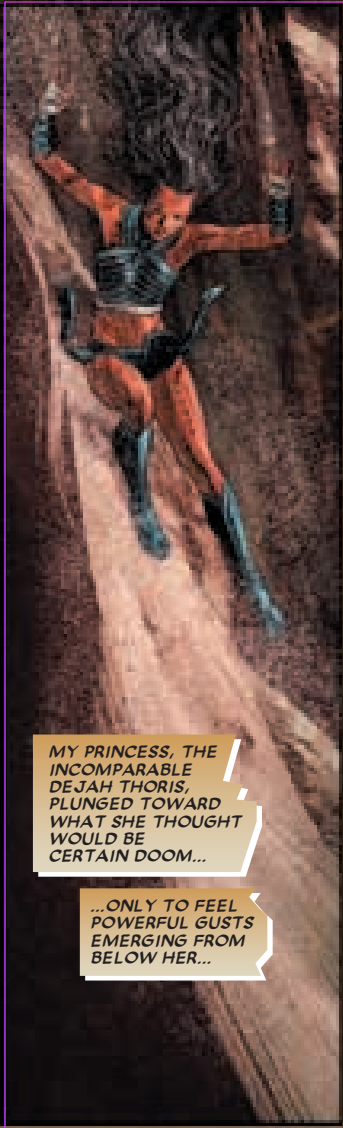
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MY PRINCESS, THE INCOMPARABLE DEJAH THORIS, PLUNGED TOWARD WHAT SHE THOUGHT WOULD BE CERTAIN DOOM...

...ONLY TO FEEL POWERFUL GUSTS EMERGING FROM BELOW HER...

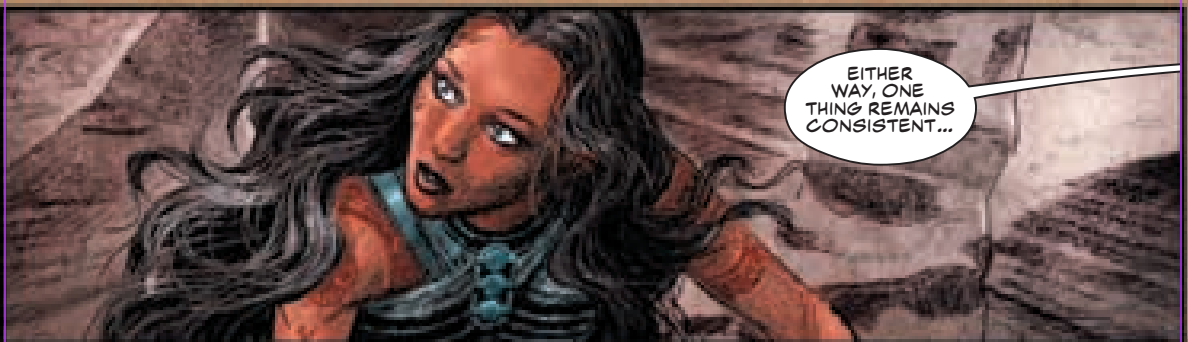


...CUSHIONING HER FALL EVEN AS THEY BLEW THE SAND AROUND HER BACK TO THE SURFACE.

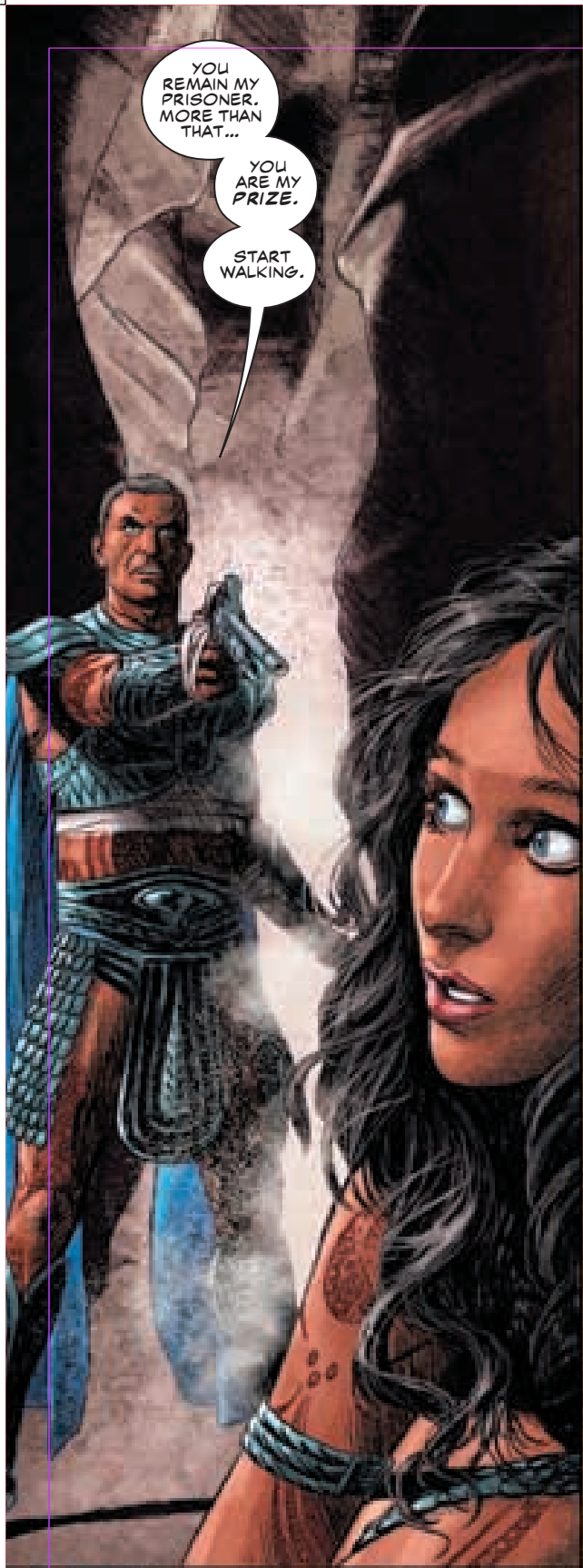


A FLUKE OF THE WIND, LOWERING ME TO SAFETY?

OR IS THERE SOMETHING MORE SINISTER AT WORK?



EITHER WAY, ONE THING REMAINS CONSISTENT...



YOU REMAIN MY PRISONER. MORE THAN THAT...

YOU ARE MY PRIZE.

START WALKING.



I WALK, NOT AT YOUR COMMAND, BUT BECAUSE I HAD ALREADY RESOLVED TO HEAD IN THIS DIRECTION.

SALVE YOUR WOUNDED EGO HOWEVER YOU WISH.



HOW DO YOU ENVISION THIS PLAYING OUT, SAB THAN?

DO YOU HARBOR SOME DEMENTED NOTION THAT, IF I SPEND SUFFICIENT TIME WITH YOU, I WILL DEVELOP FEELINGS FOR YOU?

YOUR FEELINGS ARE OF LITTLE RELEVANCE, DEJAH THORIS.



YOU ARE SIMPLY A MEANS TO AN END.

THAT END BEING?

GAINING THE RESPECT THAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE.



AND IF THAT REQUIRES DRAGGING YOU KICKING AND SCREAMING BACK TO ZODANGA, THEN THAT IS WHAT I SHALL--



KICKING, PERHAPS.

OOOOOF!



BUT YOU'LL BE DOING THE SCREAMING!



YOU'D THINK THAT SAB THAN WOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO LET HIMSELF GET TOO CLOSE TO DEJAH THORIS.



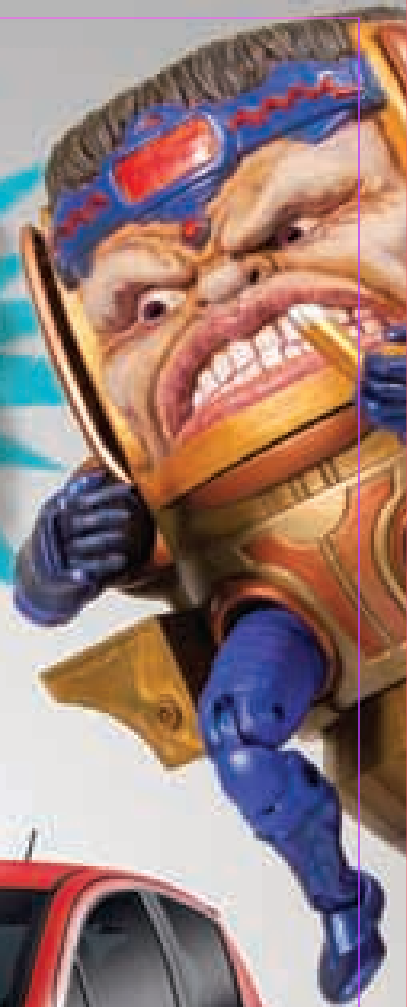
APPARENTLY NOT.



HAH!

# YARIS

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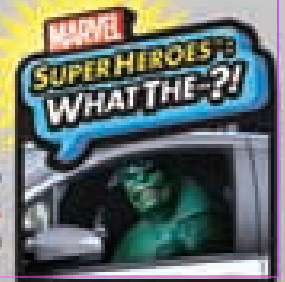


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NOW! NOW  
WE SEE WHO  
IS WHOSE  
PRISONER.



THAT  
MUCH IS  
CLEAR.



YOU, LITTLE  
RED GIRL, ARE A  
PRISONER OF THE  
WARHOON.

WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED ON BARSOOM,  
MY UNINITIATED EYE THOUGHT THE  
WARHOONS QUITE SIMILAR TO THE  
THARKS. IN RETROSPECT, IT'S HARD  
TO BELIEVE I THOUGHT THEY  
LOOKED OR BEHAVED  
ANYTHING ALIKE.

THE THARKS MAY BE WARLIKE, EVEN  
SAVAGE BY EARTH STANDARDS. BUT  
WHEN COMPARED TO THE WARHOON...

...THARKS ARE  
POSITIVELY  
GENTEEL.

SPEAKING  
OF THARKS...

TARS TARKAS, TAL HAJUS  
AND LOAS WERE BUSY  
MAKING THEIR WAY TO  
THE CITADEL OF GOTHAN.

IN RELATING THE STORY TO ME,  
TARS TARKAS CLAIMS THAT THEY  
ENCOUNTERED SOME "MINOR  
DIFFICULTIES."

I CAN ONLY  
IMAGINE WHAT  
HE WOULD DEEM  
"MINOR."





IT IS NOT MUCH FARTHER TO THE CITADEL. THE DIRECTIONS COULD NOT BE MORE CLEAR.

HOW NICE THAT YOU ARE CONTRIBUTING SOMETHING TO THIS ENDEAVOR.



AND WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN, LOAS?

ENLIGHTEN ME.

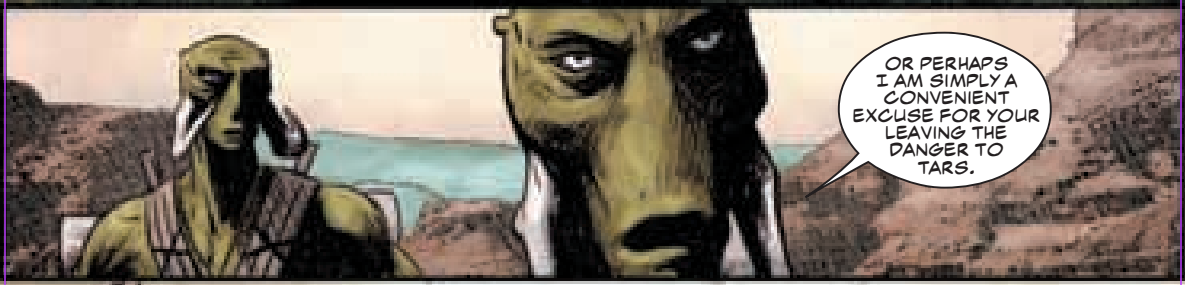
IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS, TAL HAJUS.



EVERY CHALLENGE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED THUS FAR, IT IS TARS TARKAS TO WHOM WE OWE OUR LIVES.

I HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING CERTAIN THAT YOU DO NOT GET IN THE WAY!

OR AT LEAST MORE IN THE WAY THAN YOU ALREADY ARE.



OR PERHAPS I AM SIMPLY A CONVENIENT EXCUSE FOR YOUR LEAVING THE DANGER TO TARS.



DO YOU CALL ME COWARD?

I CALL YOU WHAT YOU ARE.

YOU, FEMALE, DO NOT KNOW YOUR PLACE.

# SHATTERED HEROES



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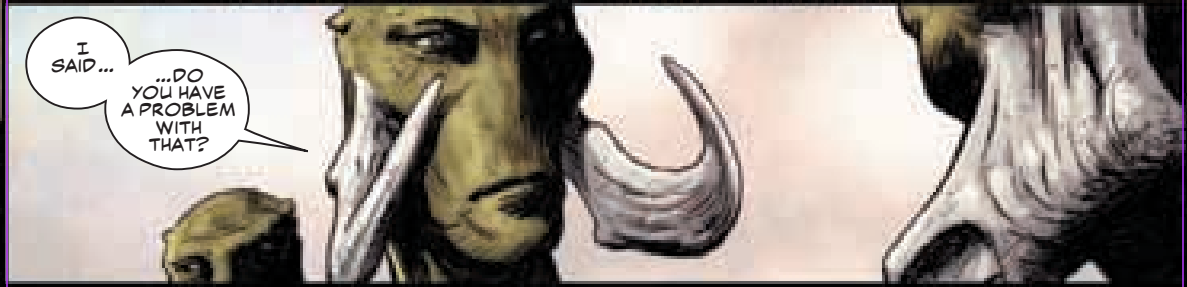
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HER PLACE IS BY MY SIDE.

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, TAL?

BLAST IT, TARS, THIS FEMALE IS--



I SAID...

...DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?



...



YOUR PROBLEMS ARE NOT MINE.

THAT MUCH IS TRUE.



WE NEED NOT WASTE TIME ON THIS MATTER.

THE CITADEL IS JUST AHEAD.

I COULD NOT BE MORE CERTAIN IF MY LIFE DEPENDED UPON--

YOU'RE CERTAIN?



--IT?

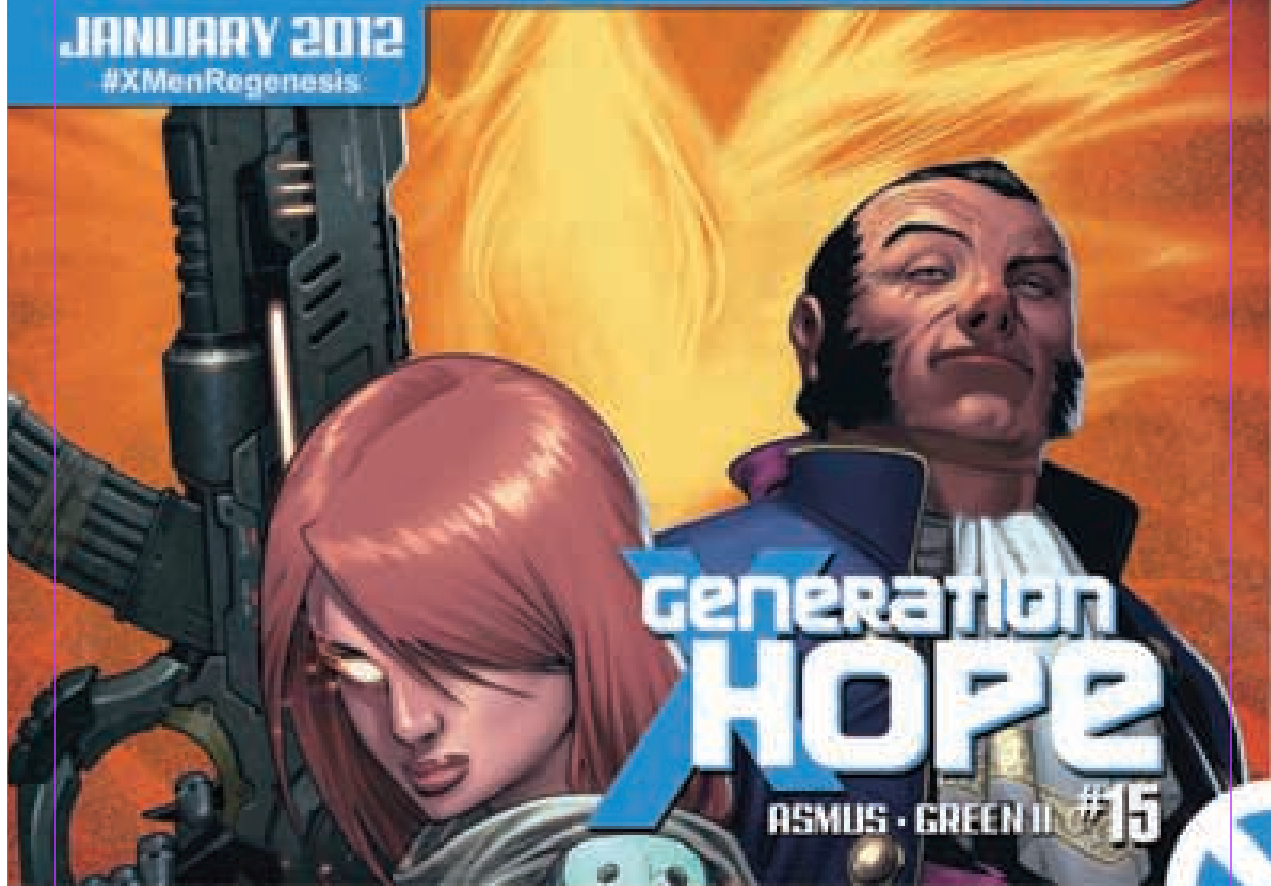


CAN WE  
GO HOME  
NOW?

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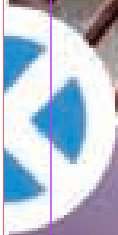
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FAR FROM HOME, LITTLE RED WOMAN?

WELCOME TO OUR HUMBLE ABODE.

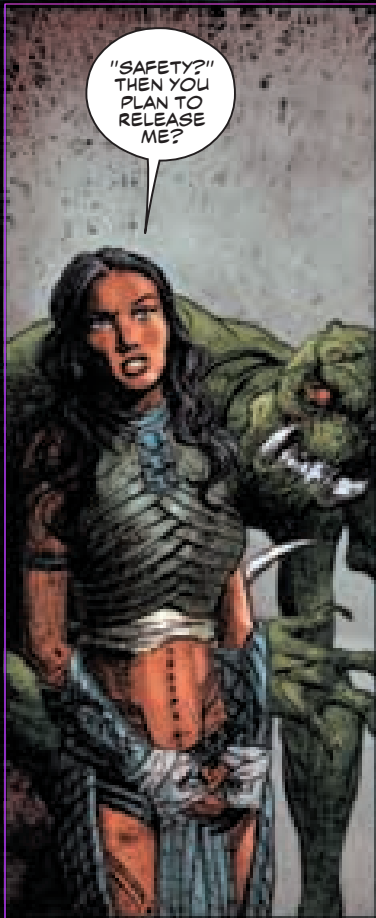


WARHOON WOULD NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE OR TALENT TO DESIGN SOMETHING LIKE THIS YOURSELVES.

WHERE ARE THIS CITY'S TRUE BUILDERS?

LONG GONE TO DUST, RED WOMAN. BUT FEAR NOT: WE HAVE MADE IT OUR OWN AND KEPT THE MACHINERY FUNCTIONING.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR, ELSE YOU WOULD HAVE FALLEN TO YOUR DEATH INSTEAD OF BEING LOWERED GENTLY TO SAFETY.

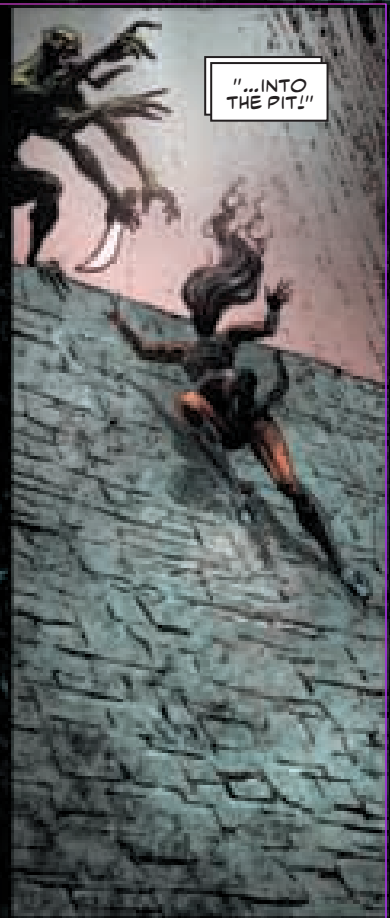


"SAFETY?"  
THEN YOU  
PLAN TO  
RELEASE  
ME?

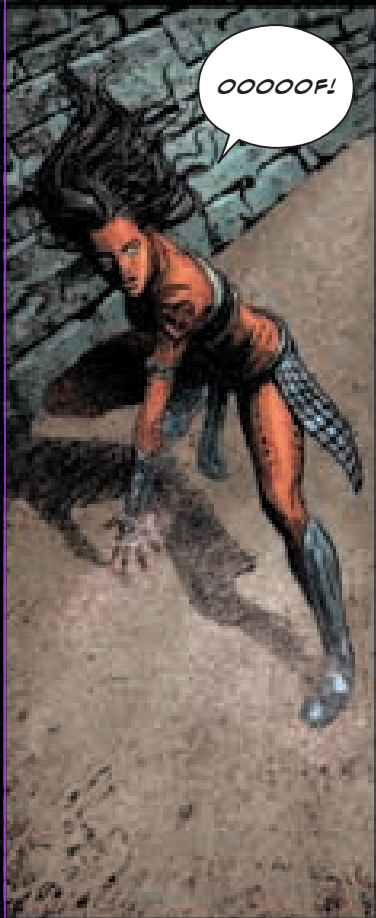


WHAT SAY  
YOU, THERAX,  
FIRST AND GREATEST  
OF MY MATES?  
SHALL WE  
RELEASE HER?

YES. YES,  
RELEASE HER.  
RELEASE  
HER...



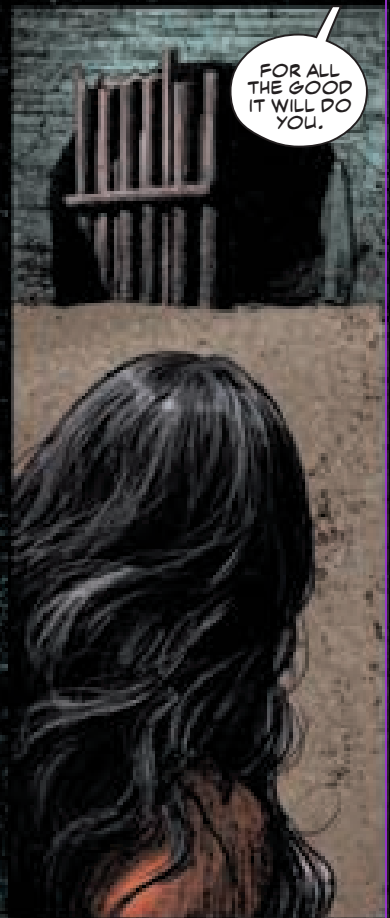
"...INTO  
THE PIT!"



OOOOOF!



HERE,  
RED WOMAN!  
TAKE THIS! USE  
IT, IF YOU'VE A  
MIND TO.



FOR ALL  
THE GOOD  
IT WILL DO  
YOU.





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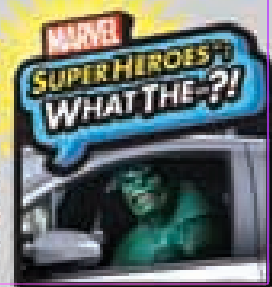
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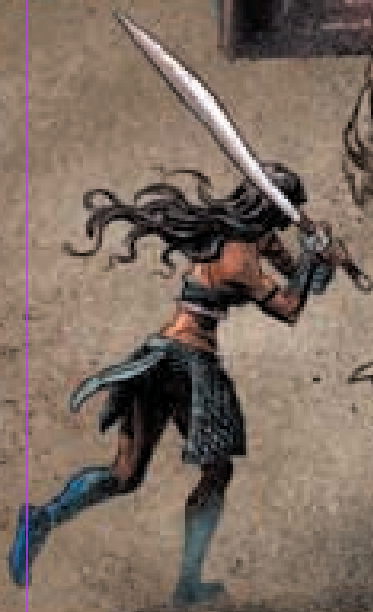
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BARSOOMIAN DOGS—CALOTS—  
ARE MUCH LIKE THEIR EARTH  
COUNTERPARTS. THEY CAN BE  
DOMESTICATED, EVEN  
MADE FIRM FRIENDS.

BUT THEY CAN  
ALSO BE WILD  
AND EXTREMELY  
DANGEROUS.

IT WAS THE LATTER VARIETY  
THAT DEJAH THORIS WAS  
FACING, THERE IN THE ARENA  
OF A LOST UNDERGROUND  
CITY.



ALL FOR THE  
AMUSEMENT OF HER  
WARHOON CAPTORS.





THERE'S NOTHING HERE, TAL. JUST MORE MOUNTAINS, AND A SHEER DROP BENEATH US.

THAT RIFT SHOULD NOT BE HERE, AND THE CITADEL SHOULD--

THE WRITINGS GOT IT WRONG, TAL. YOU HAVE TO SEE WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU!

IMPOSSIBLE.



IMPOSSIBLE? TAL HAJUS, OPEN YOUR EYES!

THERE'S NO CITADEL! JUST A VAST GORGE SEPARATING US FROM MORE MOUNTAINS!

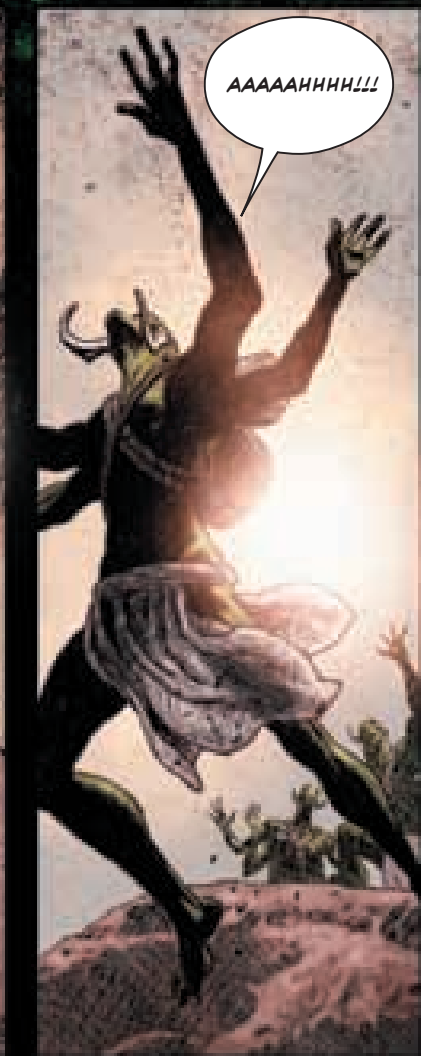
FOR ONCE, LISTEN TO TARS TARKAS!



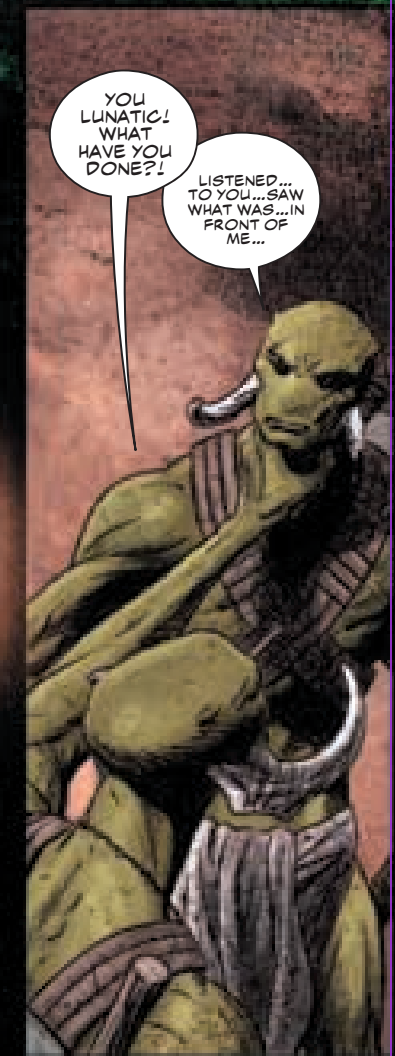
AS YOU WISH.

WHA---!!!

NO!



AAAAAHHHH!!!



YOU LUNATIC! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

LISTENED... TO YOU... SAW WHAT WAS... IN FRONT OF ME...



OW!

WHAT IN THE--?



IT'S SOME SORT OF...OF VAST DRAWING! A PAINTING!

CONVINCING ENOUGH WHEN VIEWED FROM ABOVE, BUT OBVIOUS ONCE YOU'RE UPON IT!

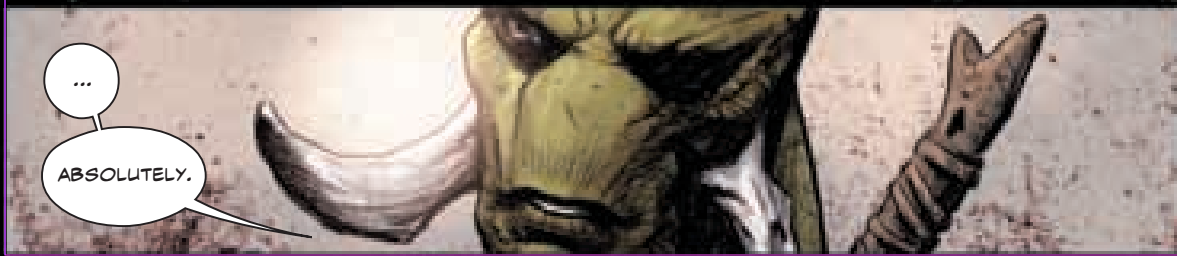
AND FROM HERE I CAN EVEN SEE THE CITADEL!



IT'S CAMOUFLAGED AGAINST THE MOUNTAINS!



YOU KNEW! YOU KNEW YOU WEREN'T PUSHING HER TO HER DEATH!



...

ABSOLUTELY.

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ONCE THEY HAD REJOINED LOAS, REACHING THE CITADEL AND FINDING THE ENTRANCE WAS NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM.

UPON ENTERING, THOUGH, THINGS BECAME...COMPLICATED.



HUNH.  
ALL RIGHT.

THIS IS INTERESTING.



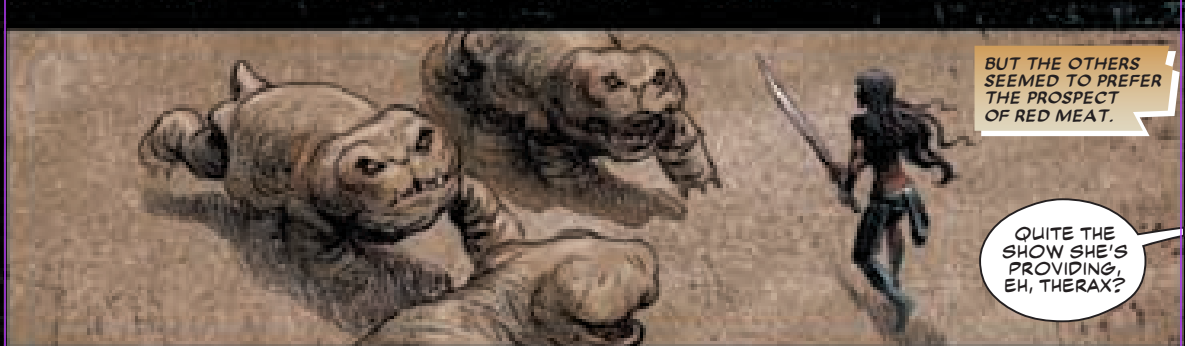
MEANWHILE, MY PRINCESS WAS FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE, ALL TO ENTERTAIN THE SAVAGE WARHOON.

MOVING QUICKLY, SHE MANAGED TO GUT THE NEAREST OF THE DOGS.



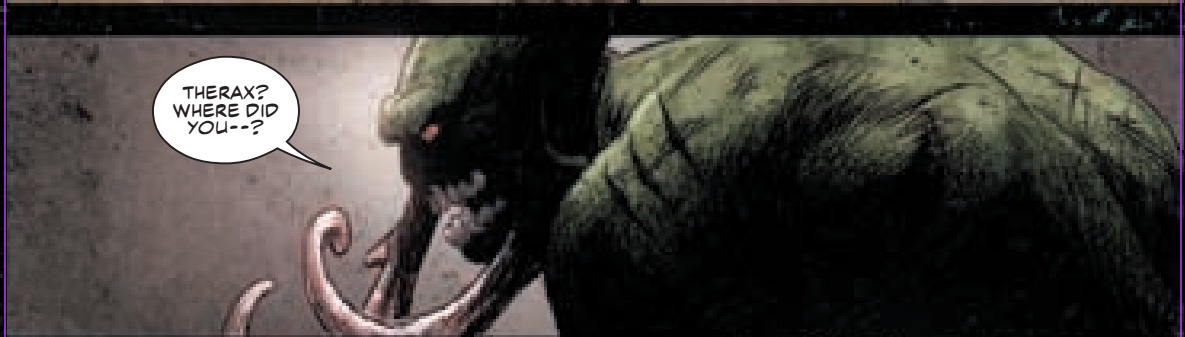
AND JUST AS SHARKS WILL TURN UPON EACH OTHER WHEN SMELLING BLOOD...

...SO DID TWO OF THE BEASTS IMMEDIATELY ASSAULT THEIR INJURED BROTHER.



BUT THE OTHERS SEEMED TO PREFER THE PROSPECT OF RED MEAT.

QUITE THE SHOW SHE'S PROVIDING, EH, THERAX?



THERAX? WHERE DID YOU--?



LOOKIN FOR THIS, OH JEDDAK?



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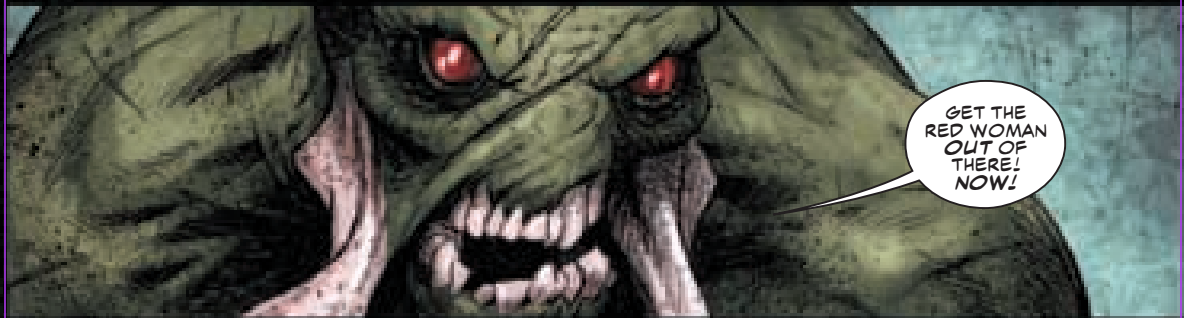


AS IT HAPPENS, YOU HAVE SOMETHING OF MINE AS WELL.

BRING HER TO SAFETY, NOW, OR YOUR FIRST AND GREATEST MATE DIES.

HE WAS TAKING A CHANCE. THEY WERE WARHOON, AFTER ALL.

THE JEDDAK COULD EASILY HAVE LET HER DIE RATHER THAN GIVE IN. BUT INSTEAD...



GET THE RED WOMAN OUT OF THERE! NOW!



HIS COMMANDS WERE INSTANTLY OBEYED.

AS THEY DROVE THE CREATURES BACK, DEJAH THORIS WAS BROUGHT QUICKLY UP TO SAFETY.

AND MOMENTS LATER...



ONCE WE'RE CLEAR OF THIS PLACE, WE LET HER GO!

FOLLOW US AND YOU'LL BE PICKING UP HER PIECES FROM HERE TO THE RIVER ISS!

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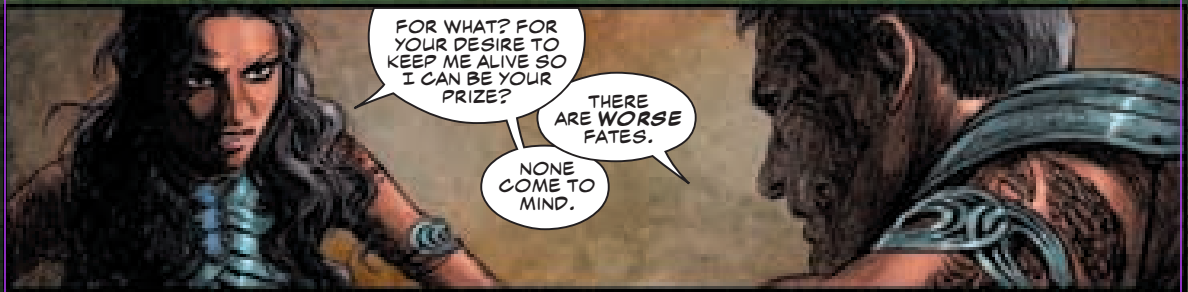
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SO YOU DECIDED TO CRAWL OUT FROM YOUR HIDING PLACE, DID YOU?

A HIDING PLACE I WAS IN BECAUSE YOU THREW ME THERE.

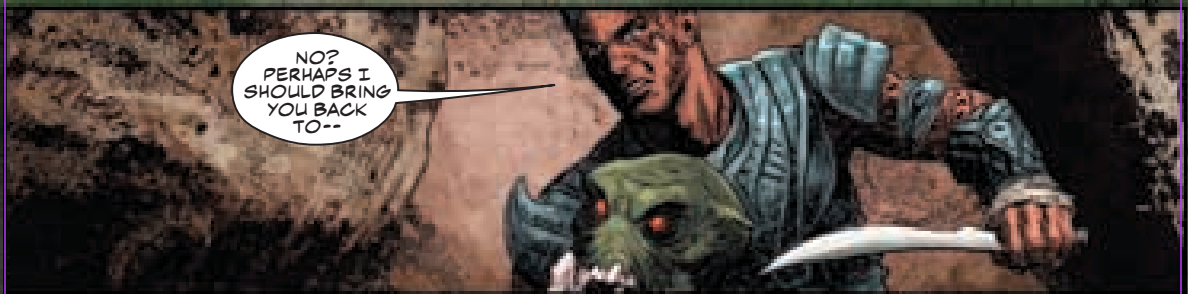
CONSIDERING I COULD HAVE LEFT YOU TO THEIR MERCIES, I'D SHOW A BIT OF GRATITUDE WERE I YOU.



FOR WHAT? FOR YOUR DESIRE TO KEEP ME ALIVE SO I CAN BE YOUR PRIZE?

THERE ARE WORSE FATES.

NONE COME TO MIND.



NO? PERHAPS I SHOULD BRING YOU BACK TO--



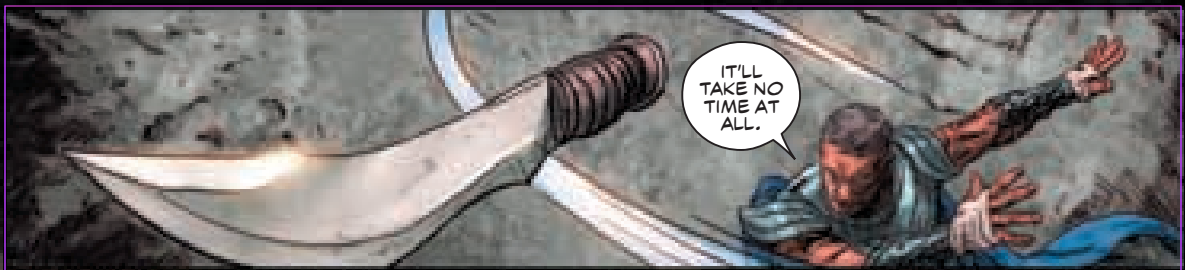
ARRRRHH!!!!



LEAVE HER BE! SHE SERVED HER PURPOSE!

WE HAVE ENOUGH OF A HEAD START! DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME!

SHE'LL PAY FOR THAT--!



IT'LL TAKE NO TIME AT ALL.



-GHHKKKKK-



LET'S GO.

IT'S ONE LESS WARHOON.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.

YOU... HEARTLESS--!



WERE IT A ZODANGAN, YOU WOULDN'T CARE. IN FACT, YOU'D BE CELEBRATING.

CELEBRATE A POINTLESS DEATH? THAT'S HOW LITTLE YOU KNOW ME.

NO. THAT'S HOW LITTLE YOU KNOW YOURSELF.



HIS WORDS CUT INTO DEJAH THORIS...NOT THAT SHE EVER WOULD HAVE ADMITTED IT TO HIM...OR EVEN TO ME. BUT HE WAS RIGHT. THE DEATH OF ANY ZODANGAN WOULD HAVE PROMPTED A SMILE FROM HER, AT THE VERY LEAST.

MEANWHILE, AT THE MIGHTY CITADEL OF GOTHAN...

# GET THE POINT!



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JUST THINK...  
->UNF-> OF ALL THE THINGS I'D'VE MISSED OUT ON... IF I'D NEVER... KNOWN YOU... TAL...

OH, STOP COMPLAINING. WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

BESIDES, YOU CAN'T BLAME ME BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN EXTRA PASSENGER.

I CAN'T HELP THAT MY ROPE BROKE. FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU WEAKENED IT.

BLAMING ME FOR YOUR OWN INCOMPETENCE? TRULY?

SHUT UP... THE BOTH OF YOU...

WELL, WELL... IT HAS BEEN QUITE SOME TIME SINCE ANYONE CHOSE TO VISIT THE DOMICILE OF THE GREATEST WARHOON IN HISTORY...





GOTHAN!!!!

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