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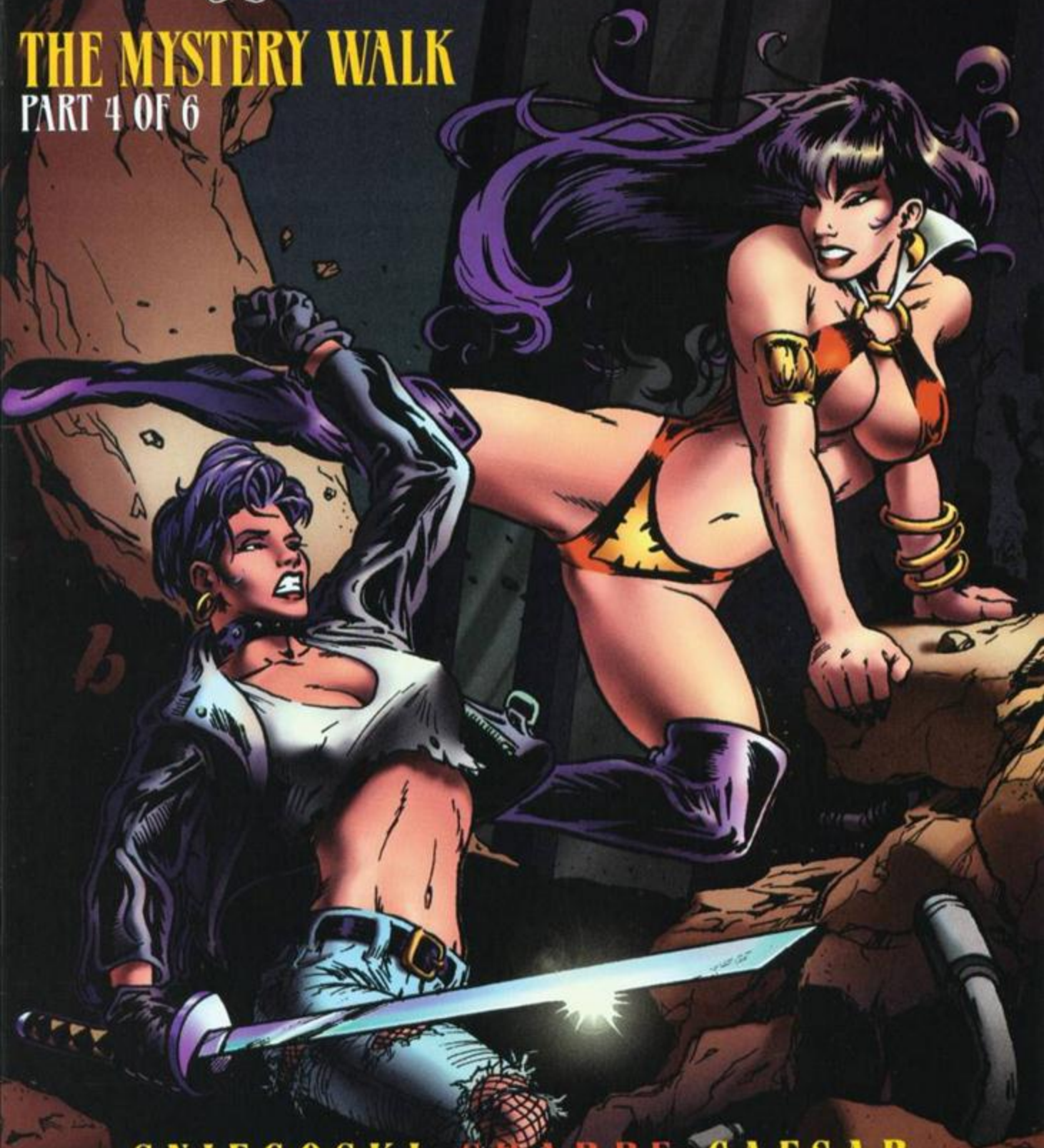
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WALKING INTO THE LIGHT

Do you know what your purpose in life is? Do you have one? I know it's a serious topic, but this is the stuff that's at the heart of the MYSTERY WALK. While some people feel that they don't truly embark on their life's purpose until they die, I think that's a trifle late to receive the update on such a crucial matter. I envy those who sail through life with one fixed agenda, secure in their goals since infancy, but that's rare.

The cast within these pages are all in pursuit of their individual destinies. Magdelene has been driven by an obsession with her purpose: Revenge.

While Vampirella, blinded and uncertain, is now rediscovering her life's goal: Redemption. Most of us engage in an ongoing quest for meaning and purpose in life, and perhaps the search is more important than the ultimate achievement.

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EGYPT, 3500 B.C.

"SUCH AN *INHOSPITABLE* PLACE OUR MOTHER HAS PLACED US IN, MAGDELENE. BUT IT'S NOT WITHOUT ITS CHARMS, DON'T YOU AGREE?"



COME NOW, SISTER. YOU MUST ADMIT THAT THE NATIVE LIFEFORMS HAVE BEEN NICE!

MUST YOU GO ON SO, BROTHER? AS SOON AS THIS ACCURSED STORM CEASES, WE WILL SET IN MOTION OUR PLANS FOR THIS PITIFUL *MUD BALL* AND BEYOND!



YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE REASON WE WERE CREATED, THE *MISSION* WE WERE BORN TO PERFORM IN THE NAME OF *LILITH*, OUR DARK MOTHER?




DO NOT MENTION HER NAME IN MY PRESENCE AGAIN, BROTHER! TO CAST US, *MERE BABES*, FROM THE BOSOM OF *PARADISE* FOR THE BENEFIT OF HER *OWN* SALVATION... IT FILLS ME WITH SUCH RAGE!

BUT THE CHILDREN OF GOD, WHO WILL PROTECT THEM AND CLEAR OUR MOTHER'S NAME, SO SHE WILL AGAIN BE RECOGNIZED BY THE POWERS OF HEAVEN?!




THAT WAS THE MISSION ASSIGNED TO US, MAGDELENE. SURELY YOU--


I CARE NOT OF HER FATE! AND AS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN, THEY WILL BE OUR SLAVES. OUR PLAYTHINGS, OUR FOOD, FOR AS LONG AS WE WISH TO RESIDE HERE!




YOU HAVE BECOME *HARD*, SISTER. SUCH A *CALLOUS* SENTIMENT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO *EMBRACED* US AS SOON AS WE APPEARED IN THE DESERT!




I HAVE NOT THE *TIME* NOR THE *INCLINATION* TO CARE FOR THE *INSECTS* THAT CRAWL UPON THIS LAND! *DARKER* PLANS ARE FORMULATING IN MY TORTURED MIND, PLANS THAT INVOLVE THE CONQUEST OF PARADISE AND THE *PAINFUL DEATH* OF THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR INTERNMENT IN THIS PIECE OF HELL.




THEY SHELTERED US FROM THE *HARSH* DESERT ENVIRONMENT AND CLOTHED US AGAINST THE ELEMENTS. HOW COULD YOU CARE SO *LITTLE* FOR THE PEOPLE WHO TREAT US AS *GIFTS* FROM A HIGHER POWER?



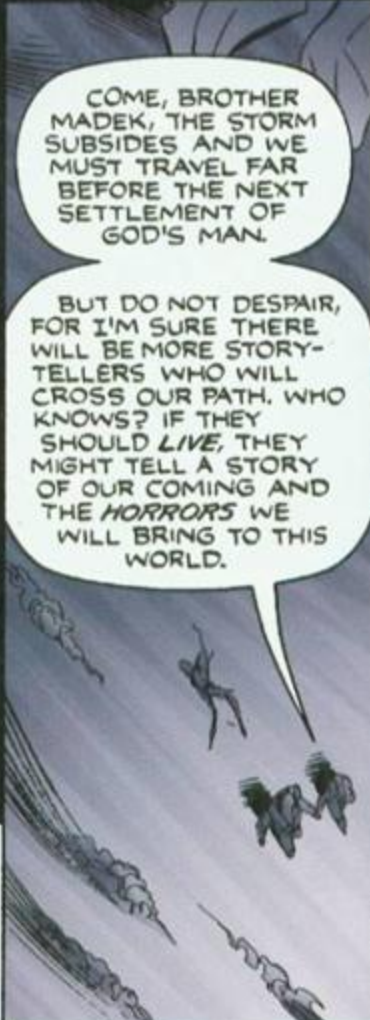
INSECTS! THIS ONE WAS KIND. I'M SURE *HE* WOULD HAVE WILLINGLY GIVEN US ANYTHING WE WISHED. HE WAS QUITE PLEASANT, A STORY-TELLER BY TRADE. HE SAID HIS NAME WAS SAIDD.



"YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO *KILL* HIM, SISTER! I WOULD HAVE ENJOYED TALKING WITH HIM LONGER, LEARNING OF THE ORAL TRADITIONS HE HAD MASTERED."



COME, BROTHER MADEK, THE STORM SUBSIDES AND WE MUST TRAVEL FAR BEFORE THE NEXT SETTLEMENT OF GOD'S MAN.



BUT DO NOT DESPAIR, FOR I'M SURE THERE WILL BE MORE STORY-TELLERS WHO WILL CROSS OUR PATH. WHO KNOWS? IF THEY SHOULD *LIVE*, THEY MIGHT TELL A STORY OF OUR COMING AND THE *HORRORS* WE WILL BRING TO THIS WORLD.

THE MYSTERY WALK

PART 4-
LIGHT DAWNS

DON'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE, GIRL, BUT YOU MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY HIGH UP ON THE MONSTER TOTEM POLE.

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NO! IT CAN'T
BE LIKE THIS!
I WAS CLOSE.

WE
WERE BOTH
SO CLOSE!

SWAK!

"WHEN WE FIRST MET DURING
THAT SONS OF GOD FIASCO, I
JUST *KNEW* THAT THE DARK LADY
WAS RESPONSIBLE..."

"... USED TO DREAM ABOUT
THE DARK LADY. SHE WOULD
SPEAK TO ME ABOUT THE
BEAUTY OF FORGIVENESS
AND HOW IT COULD BE
ATTAINED IF ONE WAS TRULY
SORRY."

I KNEW YOU CAME FROM
THE LADY... BUT YOU DIDN'T
SEEM TO *KNOW* IT!

POW

GOOD
ONE! MY
TURN!

I WANTED TO
TELL YOU OF HER PLANS, OF
HOW THE THINGS THAT
CRAWL IN THE DARK WOULD
BE *PURGED* FROM THE
WORLD, HOW WE WOULD
SOON BE *FORGIVEN*...

"... BUT SOMETHING
TOLD ME THAT IT
WASN'T QUITE TIME
... THAT THERE WERE
BIG PLANS FOR
YOU..."

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
CRYING ABOUT,
BIG MAN! BUT I'VE
GOT A SENSE FOR
THINGS THAT AREN'T
HUMAN, AND
RIGHT NOW, MY
SENSES ARE
GOING
CRAZY!

IT CAN'T
END LIKE
THIS! IT
CAN'T!



THE SENSES SAY YOU'RE **ALL** MONSTERS, AND I'M SORRY TO SAY, MY JOB IS **KILLING** THE LIKES OF YOU!

IT CAN'T, IT CAN'T.



LET ME BE THE ONE TO PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY!

Wuh?!

THERE'S BEEN **ENOUGH** OF THAT FOR THE MOMENT, GIRL! PUT DOWN THE SWORD AND CALM YOURSELF. HOW'S ABOUT A CUP OF TEA?



DON'T... DON'T KNOW **WHY**, BUT I... I **TRUST** YOU.

THAT'S GOOD. PROBABLY BECAUSE WE GOT SO MUCH IN **COMMON** AND ALL. YOU SEE, ME AND THE KIDS, HERE, WE WALK ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF MANKIND, TOO. I THINK WE'RE **BOTH** LOOKING FOR THE SAME **THING**.



I THINK... A **PULSE**, ADAM! I FEEL A **PULSE**! VAMPIRELLA IS STILL **ALIVE**!



IT SEEMS ALMOST WORTH IT TO HER. THE BRIEF EXCRUCIATING PAIN AND THEN... THIS...

HOLD ON, GIRL! WE'RE GONNA GET YOU THROUGH THIS. THAT'S IT, VAMP!, HOLD ON!

... A QUIET DARKNESS, AWAY FROM THE VIOLENCE THAT ENFOLDS HER IN SHADOWY ARMS. SHE HEARS A VOICE LIKE THE EARLY RUMBLING OF A SUMMER SQUALL, WHISPERING OF NEW BEGINNINGS.



LOOK AT YOU! MY FINEST CREATION! I CAN SENSE THE POTENTIAL FOR GREATNESS IN THIS TINY FORM. YOU SHALL MAKE YOUR MOTHER PROUD, AND THE HEAVENS TAKE NOTICE.

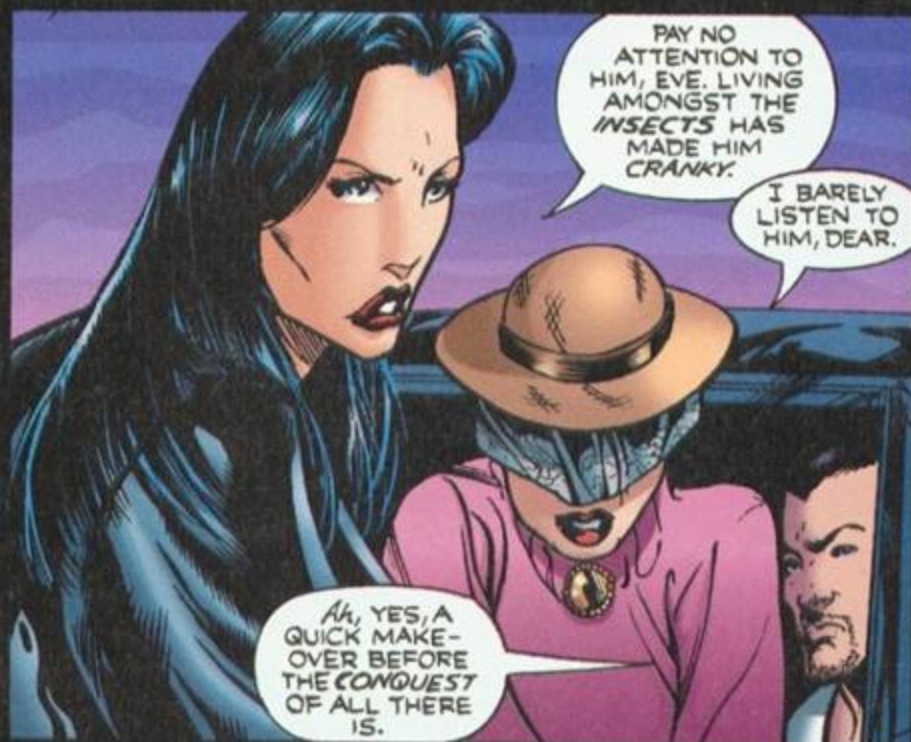
ONE SUCH AS YOU DESERVES A NAME BEFITTING OF YOUR BEAUTY AND INHERENT POWER. I SHALL CALL YOU VAMPIRELLA, MY LIGHT OF DARKNESS, MY REDEMPTION!



ELSEWHERE.

I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN STAND THE PRATTLING OF THAT ANCIENT GOAT, MAGDELENE! ARE WE ALMOST THERE? AND WOULD YOU LET ME KNOW WHERE WE WILL BE WHEN WE ARRIVE?!

"AS IMPATIENT AS EVER, DEAR BROTHER. WE'VE JUST PASSED THROUGH THE GATES OF ONE OF MY MANY COSMETIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES."



PAY NO ATTENTION TO HIM, EVE. LIVING AMONGST THE INSECTS HAS MADE HIM CRANKY.

I BARELY LISTEN TO HIM, DEAR.

AA, YES, A QUICK MAKE-OVER BEFORE THE CONQUEST OF ALL THERE IS.

YOU WOUND ME, MADEK! THERE IS MORE HAPPENING BEHIND THESE WALLS THAN THE CREATION OF A NEW WATERPROOF MASCARA AND THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS USES OF LAMB PLACENTA.



THIS IS WHERE IT WILL ALL BEGIN.

GOOD EVENING, MOTHER, MISTRESS EVE...

"... FATHER."

WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?!





YOU ARE AS MUCH MY OFFSPRING AS THE DEAD FLECKS OF SKIN THAT FALL FROM MY BODY! THE PRODUCT OF A COUPLING THAT I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT EVEN OCCURED!



IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW WORTHLESS YOU ARE! YOU'D STOP BREATHING ALL TOGETHER!

Huk!
HUK!



I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT OUR SPAWN, BROTHER, BUT AT LEAST RESPECT THE SERVICE THEY HAVE GIVEN US THROUGH OUR LIFETIME!

LET HIM LIVE, MADEK, PLEASE!



WE'VE CREATED A FAMILY OF MURDEROUS SERVANTS!

JUST WONDERFUL!

GO AHEAD, LIVE! BREATHE AGAIN!

MOTHER WOULD BE SO PROUD!



SHE WILL BE MORE THAN PROUD, BROTHER, AS MY NEWEST SPAWN STORM THE GATES OF HER PARADISE!



NEWEST SPAWN?! WHAT NEW MONSTROSITY HAVE YOU BIRTHED FROM THAT TAINTED WOMB OF YOURS?!

"FOLLOW ME, BROTHER, DEAR. I SHALL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE TROOPS."

**BUZZ
CLICK**

"I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE NO OFFENSE TO THIS, MADEK, BUT I REQUIRED THE SEED OF SOMEONE A TAD MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU TO PRODUCE MY LATEST BROOD."

THE COUPLING WAS PLEASANT, BUT THE GESTATION WAS SIMPLY TORTUROUS!

WHAT HAVE YOU CREATED, SISTER?!

"MY BABIES! MY INSTRUMENTS OF REVENGE! MY BLACK SERAPHIM!"



YOU ARE STILL SO YOUNG! BUT YOU MUST BE TAUGHT THE *EXTENT* OF YOUR ABILITIES IF YOU ARE TO DELIVER MY MESSAGE TO EARTH.

"WITHIN YOUR TINY FRAME ARE CAGED ALL THE POWERS OF THE MYRIAD CREATURES OF DARKNESS THAT I HAVE SPAWNED UPON THE PLANET OF GOD.

"VAMPIRELLA, YOU MUST LEARN TO REACH *DEEP* WITHIN YOURSELF, TO PLUCK THE POWER OF THE *BEAST* FROM INSIDE AND USE IT AS YOUR *OWN*."



"YOU MUST ALWAYS REMAIN IN *CONTROL* OF THESE DARK TALENTS, DAUGHTER, FOR THEIR POWER CAN *EASILY* SEDUCE YOU TO THE WAYS OF *SHADOW* THAT ARE *INHERENT* IN YOU."

DO NOT BE *FRIGHTENED* BY THESE POWERS, MY VAMPIRELLA. WHEN *MASTERED*, THEY WILL SERVE YOU WELL ON YOUR EARTHLY MISSION AND AGAINST THE FALLEN PAIR THAT HAS GONE BEFORE YOU.



AND SOON...

IT APPEARS THAT THE CREATURES OF THE GARDEN APPROVE OF YOUR PROGRESS, MY CHILD. THEY SEEK TO REWARD YOU!

I...I CAN SEE 'EM INSIDE ME, MOTHER! BEAUTIFUL WINGS ... BEAUTIFUL WINGS SO I CAN FLY!

WHAT IS IT? FOR ME?

"SATYR AND CIRCE HAVE DONE INTRICATE WORK TO ADORN YOU IN CLOTH THAT BEFITS A WARRIOR OF YOUR STATURE, CHILD. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!"

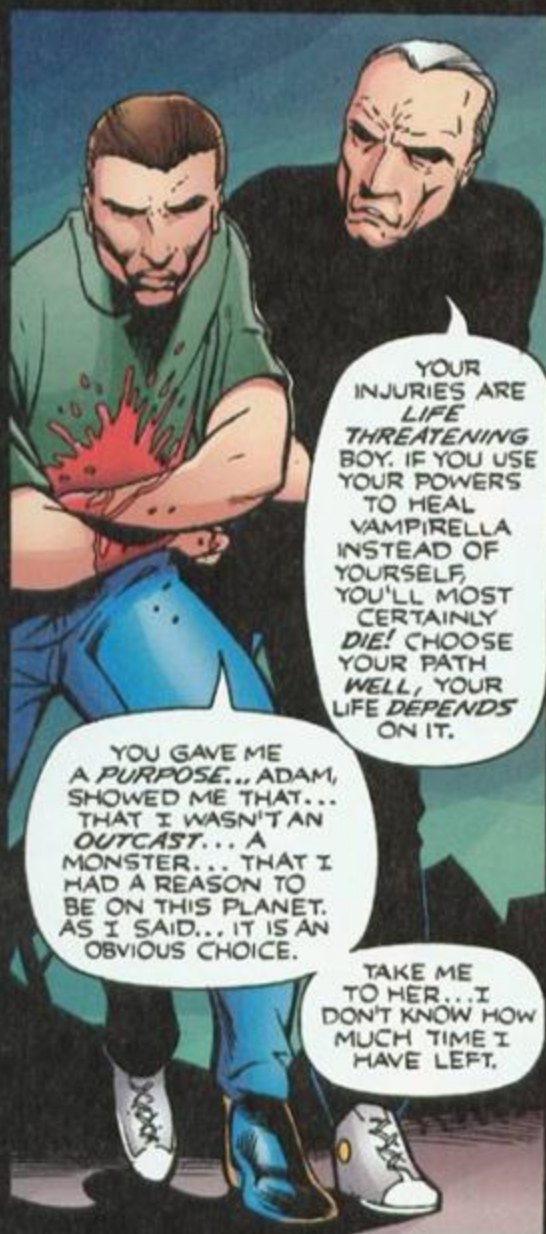
I AM, I AM, MOTHER! THANK YOU SATYR AND CIRCE, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

"IT'S BEAUTIFUL! I SHALL WEAR IT ALWAYS TO REMIND ME OF THIS PLACE AND THE MISSION I MUST ACCOMPLISH!"



ARE YOU
SURE OF THIS,
KEVIN?

I... I HAVE THE GIFT OF HEALING.
SHE IS... IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE
MISSION... SO I MUST TRY AND *SAVE*
HER. THE CHOICE... THE CHOICE IS
AN OBVIOUS ONE.



YOUR
INJURIES ARE
LIFE
THREATENING
BOY. IF YOU USE
YOUR POWERS
TO HEAL
VAMPIRELLA
INSTEAD OF
YOURSELF,
YOU'LL MOST
CERTAINLY
DIE! CHOOSE
YOUR PATH
WELL, YOUR
LIFE DEPENDS
ON IT.

YOU GAVE ME
A *PURPOSE*... ADAM,
SHOWED ME THAT...
THAT I WASN'T AN
OUTCAST... A
MONSTER... THAT I
HAD A REASON TO
BE ON THIS PLANET.
AS I SAID... IT IS AN
OBVIOUS CHOICE.

TAKE ME
TO HER... I
DON'T KNOW HOW
MUCH TIME I
HAVE LEFT.

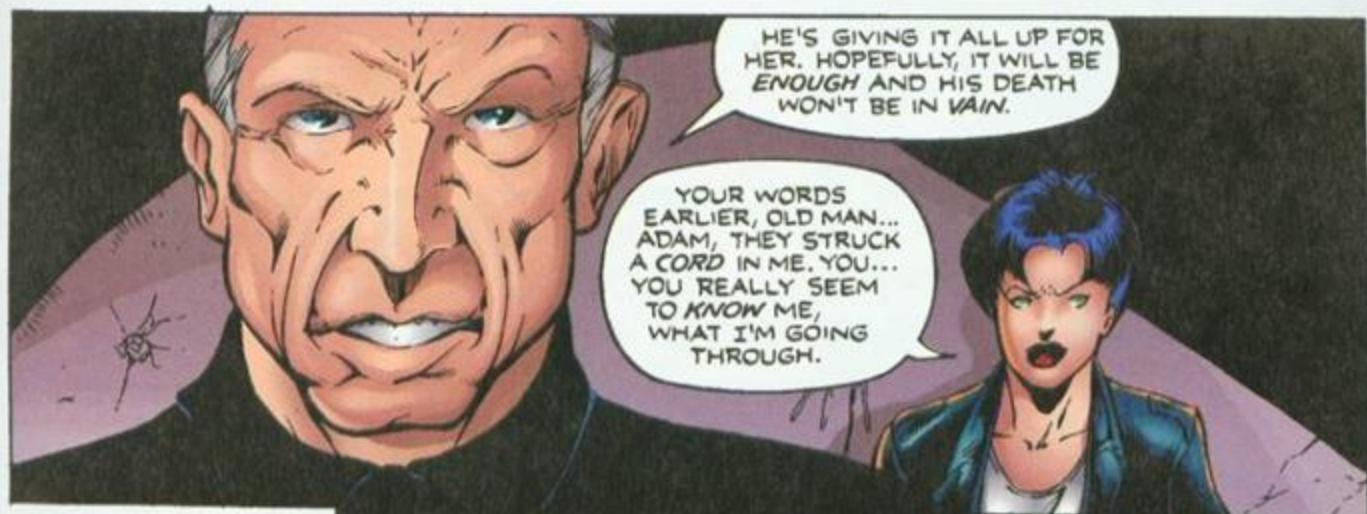


TIME... IS
SHORT. I CAN
SEE THE LIFE
LEAKING FROM
HER. MUST ACT
QUICKLY...



I GIVE UP MY LIFE
FOR YOU, VAMPIRELLA.
STOP HER... ANYWAY
YOU CAN...

PLEASE.

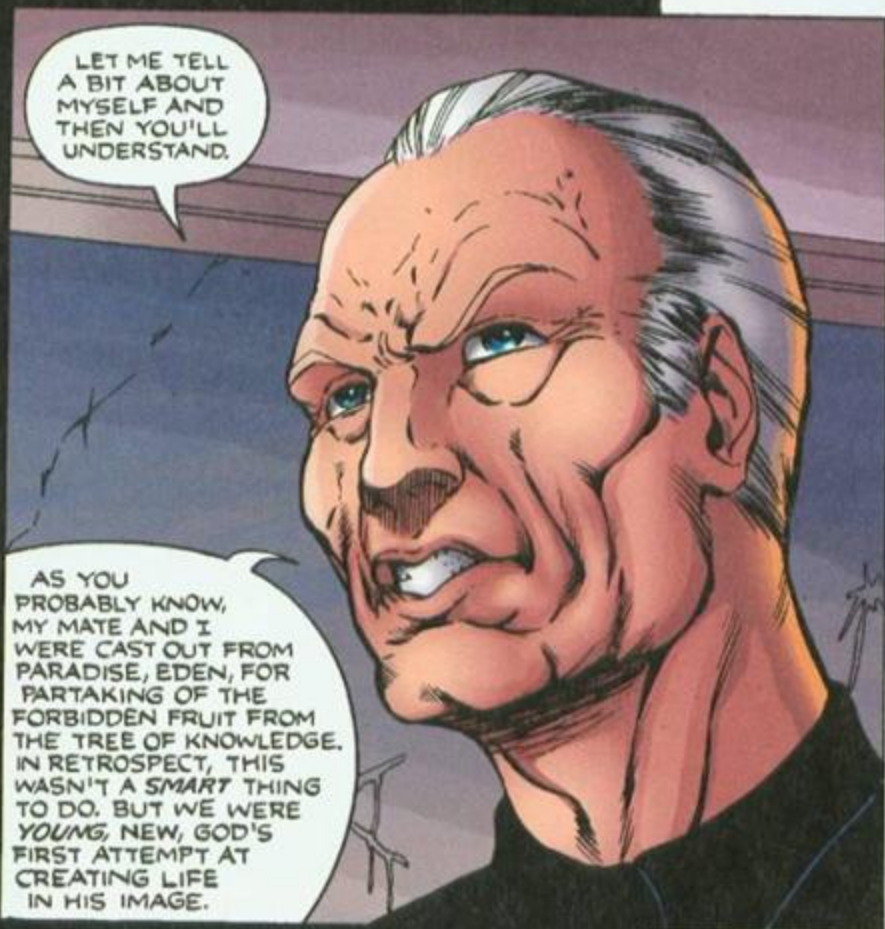


HE'S GIVING IT ALL UP FOR HER. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE ENOUGH AND HIS DEATH WON'T BE IN VAIN.

YOUR WORDS EARLIER, OLD MAN... ADAM, THEY STRUCK A CORD IN ME. YOU... YOU REALLY SEEM TO *KNOW* ME, WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH.



WE HAVE QUITE A BIT IN COMMON, YOU AND I. MATTER OF FACT THERE ARE SIMILARITIES WITH *ALL* OUR LIVES HERE.

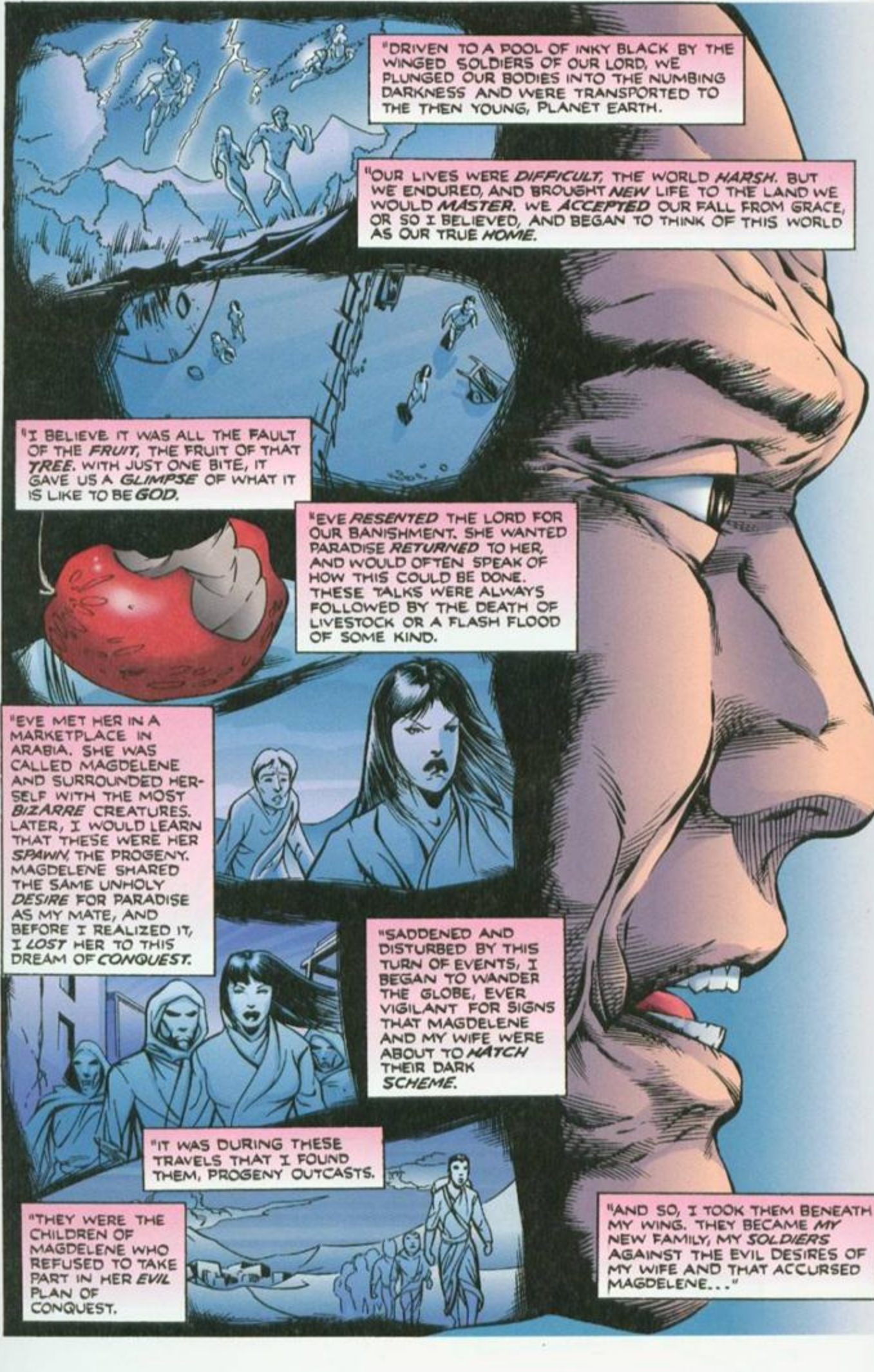


LET ME TELL A BIT ABOUT MYSELF AND THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, MY MATE AND I WERE CAST OUT FROM PARADISE, EDEN, FOR PARTAKING OF THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT FROM THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE. IN RETROSPECT, THIS WASN'T A *SMART* THING TO DO. BUT WE WERE *YOUNG*, NEW, GOD'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT CREATING LIFE IN HIS IMAGE.



"I CAN RECALL IT AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY... ALL THE *FEELINGS* I FELT. I WAS *ASHAMED*... WE WERE *ASHAMED*."



"DRIVEN TO A POOL OF INKY BLACK BY THE WINGED SOLDIERS OF OUR LORD, WE PLUNGED OUR BODIES INTO THE NUMBING DARKNESS AND WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE THEN YOUNG, PLANET EARTH.

"OUR LIVES WERE *DIFFICULT*, THE WORLD *HARSH*. BUT WE ENDURED, AND BROUGHT *NEW* LIFE TO THE LAND WE WOULD *MASTER*. WE *ACCEPTED* OUR FALL FROM GRACE, OR SO I BELIEVED, AND BEGAN TO THINK OF THIS WORLD AS OUR TRUE *HOME*.

"I BELIEVE IT WAS ALL THE FAULT OF THE *FRUIT*, THE FRUIT OF THAT *TREE*. WITH JUST ONE BITE, IT GAVE US A *GLIMPSE* OF WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE *GOD*.

"EVE *RESENTED* THE LORD FOR OUR BANISHMENT. SHE WANTED PARADISE *RETURNED* TO HER, AND WOULD OFTEN SPEAK OF HOW THIS COULD BE DONE. THESE TALKS WERE ALWAYS FOLLOWED BY THE DEATH OF LIVESTOCK OR A FLASH FLOOD OF SOME KIND.

"EVE MET HER IN A MARKETPLACE IN ARABIA. SHE WAS CALLED MAGDELENE AND SURROUNDED HERSELF WITH THE MOST *BIZARRE* CREATURES. LATER, I WOULD LEARN THAT THESE WERE HER *SPAWN*, THE PROGENY. MAGDELENE SHARED THE SAME UNHOLY *DESIRE* FOR PARADISE AS MY MATE, AND BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I *LOST* HER TO THIS DREAM OF *CONQUEST*.

"SADDENED AND DISTURBED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS, I BEGAN TO WANDER THE GLOBE, EVER VIGILANT FOR SIGNS THAT MAGDELENE AND MY WIFE WERE ABOUT TO *HATCH* THEIR DARK *SCHEME*.

"IT WAS DURING THESE TRAVELS THAT I FOUND THEM, PROGENY OUTCASTS.

"THEY WERE THE CHILDREN OF MAGDELENE WHO REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN HER *EVIL* PLAN OF *CONQUEST*.


"AND SO, I TOOK THEM BENEATH MY WING. THEY BECAME *MY* NEW FAMILY, MY *SOLDIERS* AGAINST THE EVIL DESIRES OF MY WIFE AND THAT ACCURSED MAGDELENE..."

"... WE HAD OUR CHANCE AT PARADISE, AND WE **LOST** IT. EDEN IS NO LONGER FOR US!"


"HER PROGRESS, IT PLEASES ME."

"SHE SEEMS TO HAVE MASTERED THE DARK POWER SHE POSSESSES FAR SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED."


"WITH THIS FINAL TEST, I WILL DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF HER SKILL AND HER READINESS FOR THE MISSION AHEAD."




"SHE MOVES WITH
THE GRACEFUL
ASSUREDNESS OF
A GREAT JUNGLE
PREDATOR."



"PERHAPS MORE TIME
IS NECESSARY."



"YET, SHE IS
STILL SO
YOUNG, SO
NEW TO THE
WAYS OF THE
WARRIOR."



BUT TIME
GROWS SHORT
FOR I SENSE THAT
THE TWINS HAVE
SET DIRE DEALINGS
IN MOTION.



999RRRRR!



THE DECISION
HAS BEEN MADE...
HER TIME IS NOW!



SOUTH BOSTON.

HE'S GONE!
KEVIN IS DEAD,
ADAM.

THAT'S ALRIGHT,
SAMANTHA. KEVIN KNEW
WHAT HE WAS DOING.
REMEMBER, SACRIFICE
IS THE *ULTIMATE* FORM
OF *PENANCE*. HE'S IN A
BETTER PLACE NOW.
I'M SURE OF IT!

HOPEFULLY HE DIDN'T
GIVE UP THE GHOST FOR
NOTHIN'. I DON'T SEE ANY
CHANGE IN HER.

DO YOU?

COULD TAKE TIME,
BOY, BUT I'M AFRAID
THAT'S SOMETHING
WE'RE RUNNING
SHORT ON RIGHT
NOW.

EVER SINCE I
TOOK THAT
BITE OF FOR-
BIDDEN FRUIT,
I CAN *SENSE*
THINGS. RIGHT
NOW, MY SENSES
TELL ME THAT
SOMETHING
REAL *BAD*
IS ABOUT TO
HAPPEN...

MAGDELENE
AND EVE, THEY'RE
GETTING READY
TO MOVE. WE
GOTTA GO, SON!



WHAT ARE YOU OUTTA YOUR FREAKIN' MIND?!

WE CAN'T LEAVE HER HERE LIKE THIS! SHE'S IMPORTANT TO HOW EVERYTHING TURNS OUT! THE DARK LADY TOLD ME SO!



SOME THINGS HAVE HAPPENED THAT OUR MYSTERY LADY DIDN'T COUNT ON.

THIS DARK LADY, WHO IS SHE, ADAM?



I DON'T REALLY KNOW. SHE'S BEEN COMIN' TO ME AND AND THE KIDS IN OUR DREAMS FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

SHE TALKS ABOUT FORGIVENESS AND HOW WE MUST FIGHT TO ATTAIN IT. SHE SAYS WE GOTTA MAKE GOD TAKE NOTICE!



I'LL STAY WITH HER, WALKER. WE'LL CATCH UP WHEN WE CAN, OKAY?

YOU'RE A GOOD KID, SAM!

ALRIGHT, MR. KNOW-IT-ALL, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? WHERE ARE THIS MAGDELENE AND MOM HANGING OUT AND PLANNING THE ATTACK ON THE FREAKIN' GARDEN OF EDEN?



"MY SENSES AREN'T QUITE SPECIFIC ENOUGH. SO, WE'LL HAVE TO QUESTION OUR GUESTS HERE. I'M SURE THEY KNOW SOMETHING! MAGDELENE LIKES TO KEEP ALL HER SOLDIERS ABREAST OF THE SITUATION... ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!"



I HAVE A LOT TO MAKE UP FOR. LET ME GET THE INFORMATION WE NEED!

SHE FEELS THE RAGE OF THE HUNT SUDDENLY UPON HER. SHE WANTS NOTHING MORE THAN TO FEEL THE WARM SPRAY OF MONSTER BLOOD UPON HER FACE.

BUT THEN IT DAWNS ON HER. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SENSITIVE TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE CREATURES, BUT NEVER HAS IT BEEN THIS SHARP, THIS CONCISE. SHE CONCENTRATES HARDER, HER EYES BORING INTO THE CREATURE BEFORE HER. SUDDENLY IT IS THERE, BEFORE HER MIND'S EYE, PERFECTLY CLEAR.

AWAY FROM ME, MONGREL!

I CAN BARELY STAND THE STINK OF YOU! GO BACK TO YOUR FAMILY OF WEAKLINGS AND OUTCASTS! MOTHER MAGDELENE WILL SOON DEAL WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!



SPEAK TO ME! WHERE IS YOUR MOTHER? WHERE WILL HER HELLISH ATTACK BEGIN?



I KNOW WHERE! I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT I CAN SEE IT!




GET OUT OF MY HEAD, HALF-BREED WITCH! YOU HAVE NO PLACE IN THE COMMUNAL THOUGHTS OF OUR KIND!



IT SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU HAVE GAINED SOME OF THE NATURAL ABILITIES OF YOUR PROGENY HALF.




WHAT'S THE LOCATION, GIRL?! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD IN MY EYES.




IT'S A BUILDING... A FACTORY
OF SOME KIND... THE LIGHT
DAWNS CORPORATION!"

LIGHT DAWNS
CORPORATION


LIGHT DAWNS
CORPORATION



CAREFULLY,
RUSSELL, CAREFULLY.
LET THEM CLEAR THEIR
LUNGS OF THE BIRTH-
ING FLUIDS.



"OF COURSE, MOTHER.
THEY LOOK TO BE IN
PERFECT HEALTH. IT
SEEMS EVERYTHING
GOES ACCORDING TO
YOUR PLANS.



DID YOU *DOUBT*
YOUR MOTHER?!
THAT IS *NOT* A
WISE THING!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK, DEAR
BROTHER? HAVE
I *OUTDONE* MY-
SELF THIS TIME
OR NOT?!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.

"LET ME FIND THE WORDS FOR YOU,
MADEK. *BEAUTIFUL* IS WHAT THEY
ARE! *ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!*"





LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT, POP—WHAT OUR WHOLE MISERABLE EXISTENCE HAS BEEN LEADIN' UP TO.

PERHAPS AFTER THIS, WE CAN ALL FIND OUR PEACE AND REST. THE ALTERNATIVE IS TOO HORRIBLE TO EVEN THINK ABOUT!



WHAT DO YA THINK? DO THEY *KNOW* THEY'RE ABOUT TO HAVE COMPANY?



LET THEM KNOW! IT WON'T DO THEM ANY GOOD.




THE VAN IS JUST ABOUT LOADED. FROM THE MAP I WOULD SAY WE'RE ABOUT FIVE HOURS AWAY FROM...

What The?!!

WHATEVER IT IS, I CAN'T IMAGINE IT'S GOOD! ON YOUR TOES, GUYS!

I'LL ATTACK FIRST, GIVE MY ALLIES TIME TO FLEE THIS PLACE.

I MUST MAKE AMENDS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED ME AS ONE OF THEIR OWN. FINALLY, I BELONG...



THE AIR IS FILLED
WITH AN UNNATURAL
SILENCE AS THEY
SHIFT SUDDENLY
INTO THIS TIME AND
SPACE FROM
ANOTHER.

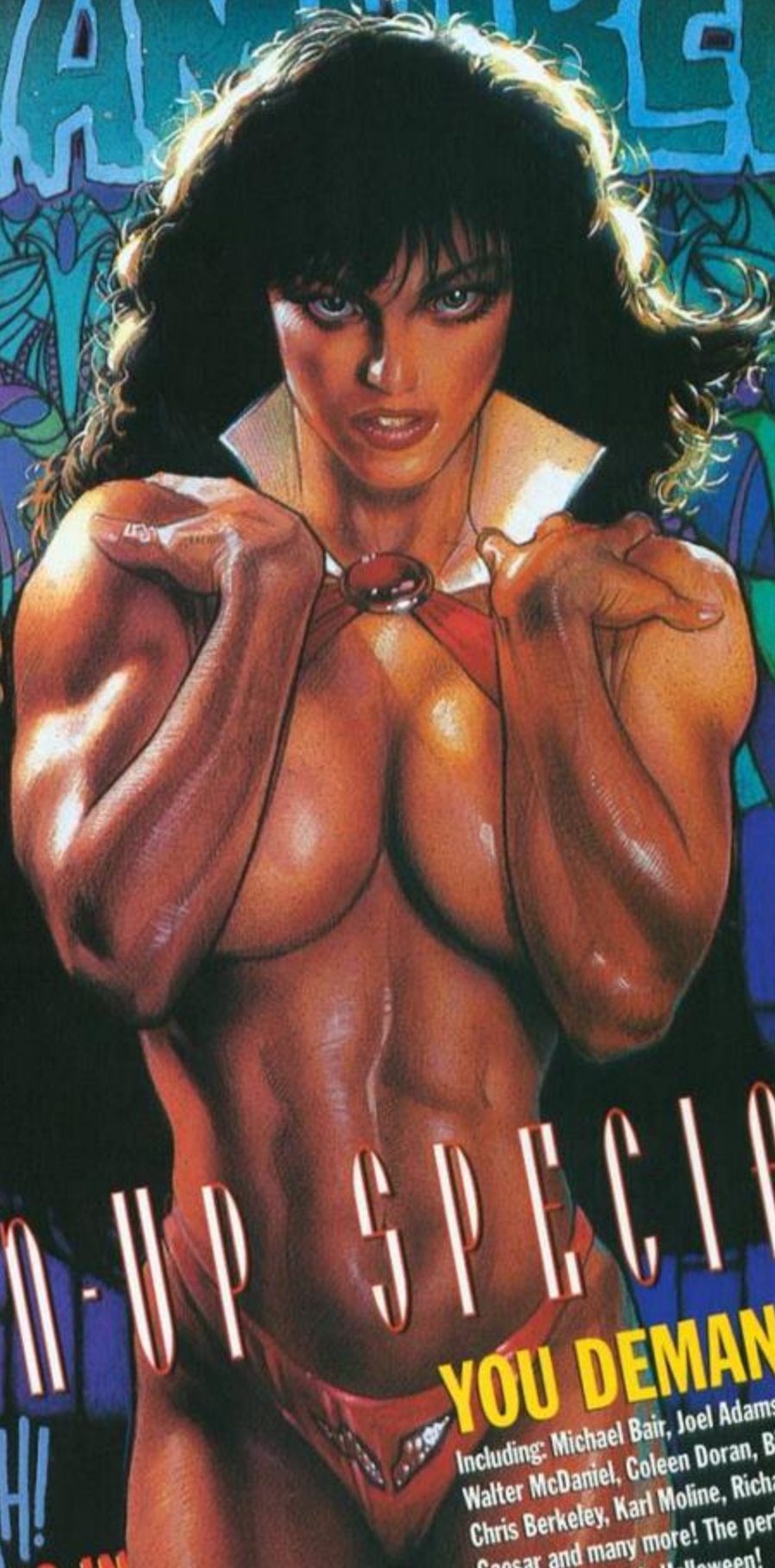
THEY HAVE COME—BAD JACK,
DANSER PORTER AND DERVISH,
ON A MISSION OF UTMOST
IMPORTANCE. VAMPIRELLA IS
IN GRAVE DANGER AND MUST
BE RETURNED TO THE SALEM
DANSE MACABRE FACILITY
IMMEDIATELY. THE FATE OF
THE WORLD HANGS ON HER
CONTINUED SURVIVAL...

SHE'S HERE!
I CAN SENSE
HER!

DON'T YA
JUST HATE
THOSE SUDDEN
STOPS?!

... HEAVEN HELP
ANYONE FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO STAND
IN THEIR WAY!

VAMPIRELLA



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