

The Finch Bride of Atlantis.


YOU'RE
DISAPPOINTED.

YOU DON'T
EVEN HAVE TO
SPEAK. I CAN TELL.
I'M SORRY.

DOLPHIN, I
WILL **PROTECT**
ATLANTIS TO
MY DYING
BREATH.

BUT
ATLANTIS
DOESN'T
LISTEN TO
ME.

IT DOES
NOT SEE ME
AS A **STRONG**
LEADER OR A
GOOD KING.



SO I
CAN'T SAVE
ATLANTIS
FROM KING
RATH.

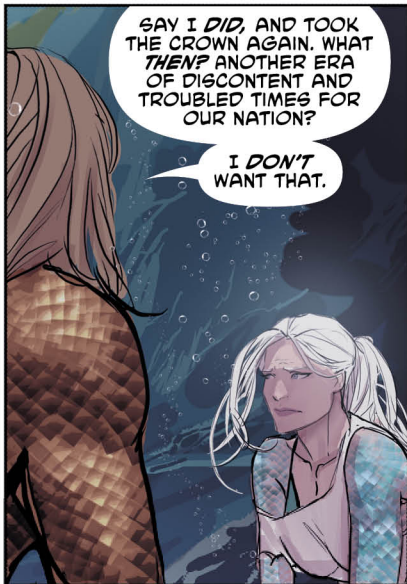


I'M **NOT**
THE LOST LEADER
YOU'RE WAITING
FOR, THE **FALLEN**
KING RETURNING
TO **RECLAIM** HIS
THRONE.

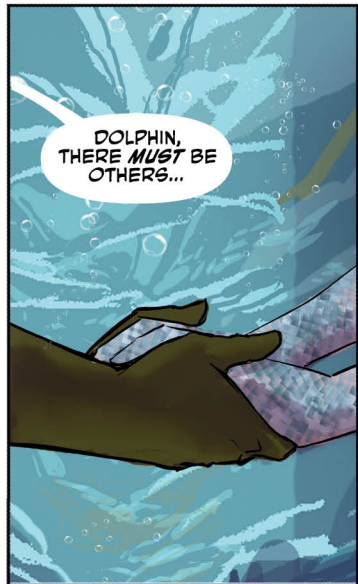


SAY I **DID**, AND TOOK
THE CROWN AGAIN. WHAT
THEN? ANOTHER ERA
OF DISCONTENT AND
TROUBLED TIMES FOR
OUR NATION?

I **DON'T**
WANT THAT.



DOLPHIN,
THERE **MUST** BE
OTHERS...



"...OTHERS
BETTER SUITED
TO LEAD THIS
FIGHT."

The Catacombs.

Beneath the
Royal Treasury
of Atlantis.

gsssss KKKKKKKKKK!

VULKO!

ONDINE!
FLEE
NOW!

SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

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STORY

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YOU DON'T KNOW THAT SHADE'S NAME?

GSSSSKKKK!

I DON'T RECOGNIZE IT! I CAN'T KNOW ITS NAME IF IT'S TOO DECAYED TO BE--

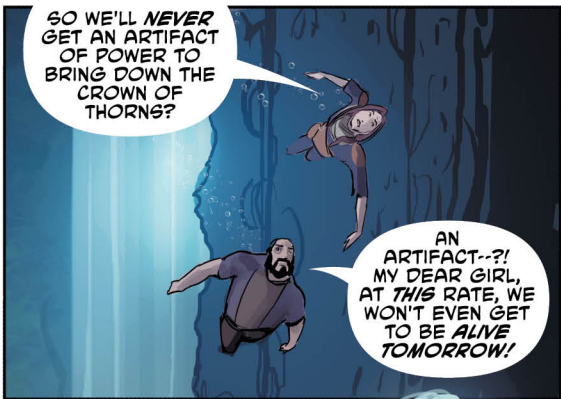


BUT IF WE DON'T KNOW THE NAMES, WE CAN'T TURN THE TREASURY GUARDIANS BACK! YOU SAID THAT!

BECAUSE IT WAS TRUE!

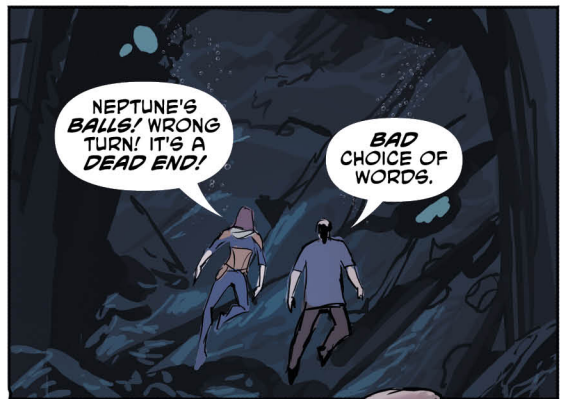
AND NOTHING ELSE WORKS AGAINST THEM?!

ALSO QUITE TRUE!



SO WE'LL NEVER GET AN ARTIFACT OF POWER TO BRING DOWN THE CROWN OF THORNS?

AN ARTIFACT--?! MY DEAR GIRL, AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T EVEN GET TO BE ALIVE TOMORROW!



NEPTUNE'S BALLS! WRONG TURN! IT'S A DEAD END!

BAD CHOICE OF WORDS.



GSSSSSSSSKKKKKKKKK!

AH! HAH HAH!

GREETINGS... MASTER ELIKA?



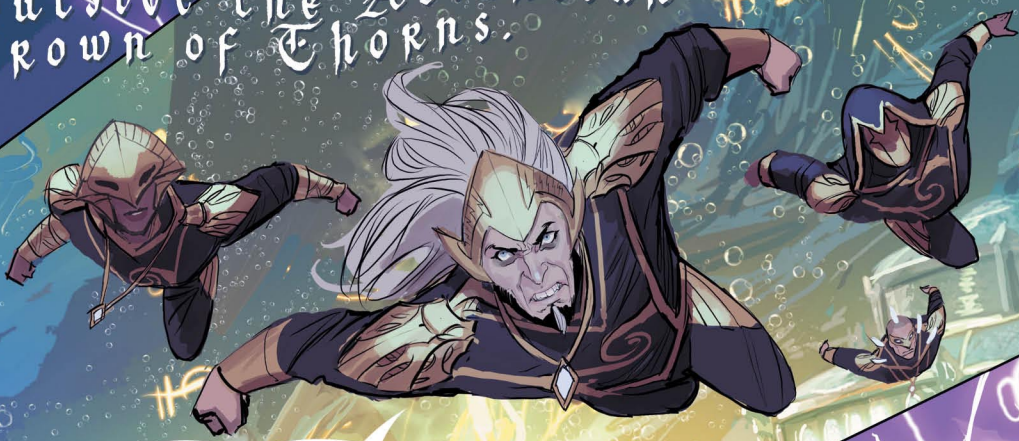
LADY BRONIZORP? TRIDE MASTER KORRIGELP?

FLEET CAPTAIN HAROP? ELDER THATE?

PRINCE JEREKP?

ELDER NULL..?

Outside the Atlantean Crown of Thorns.



MY OLD PUPIL.

YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE RETURNED TO THE CITY, GARTH.

MERA! GET BEHIND ME AND DON'T LOOK!

YOU AND THE FALSE KING'S WOMAN ARE EXILES!

AND YOU COME HERE PRACTICING THE ARTS WE TAUGHT YOU! ARTS OF MAGIC YOU RENOUNCED?

THE PENALTY IS--

