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WHEN I TRY TO REMEMBER...  
THERE ARE ONLY PIECES OF IT.

...THAT  
MIGHT BE  
BEST.



I KNOW I PLAYED  
WITH KONG.

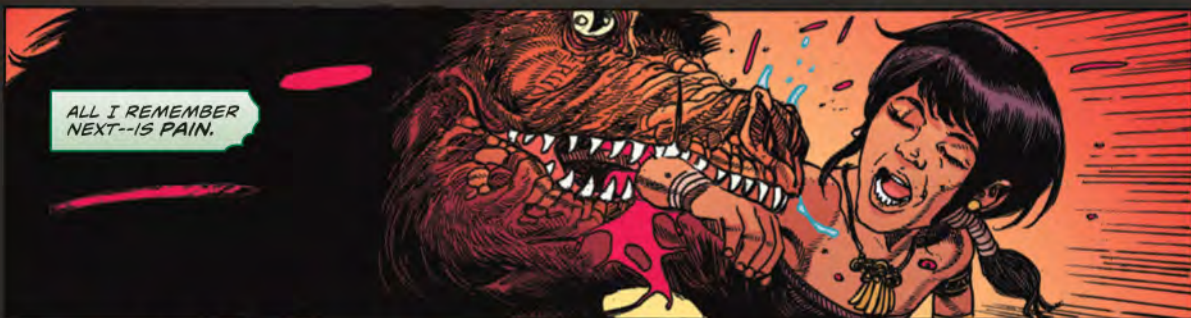
IT WAS...  
SOME SMALLER  
FEAST DAY.

NO ONE WORKING  
IN THE MINES...



...I KNEW I WAS NOT  
ALLOWED IN ALONE, BUT...

...NO ONE HAD  
TOLD ME WHY.



ALL I REMEMBER  
NEXT-IS PAIN.

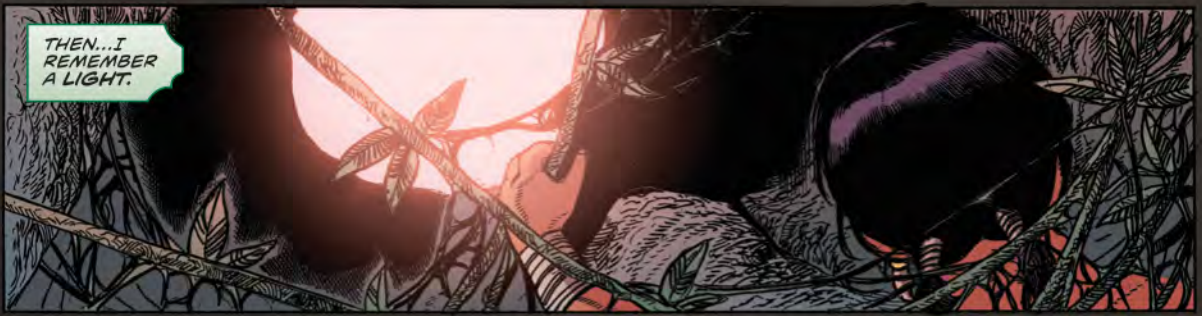


AND THINKING  
EVIL ITSELF  
WAS RIPPING  
MY BODY...

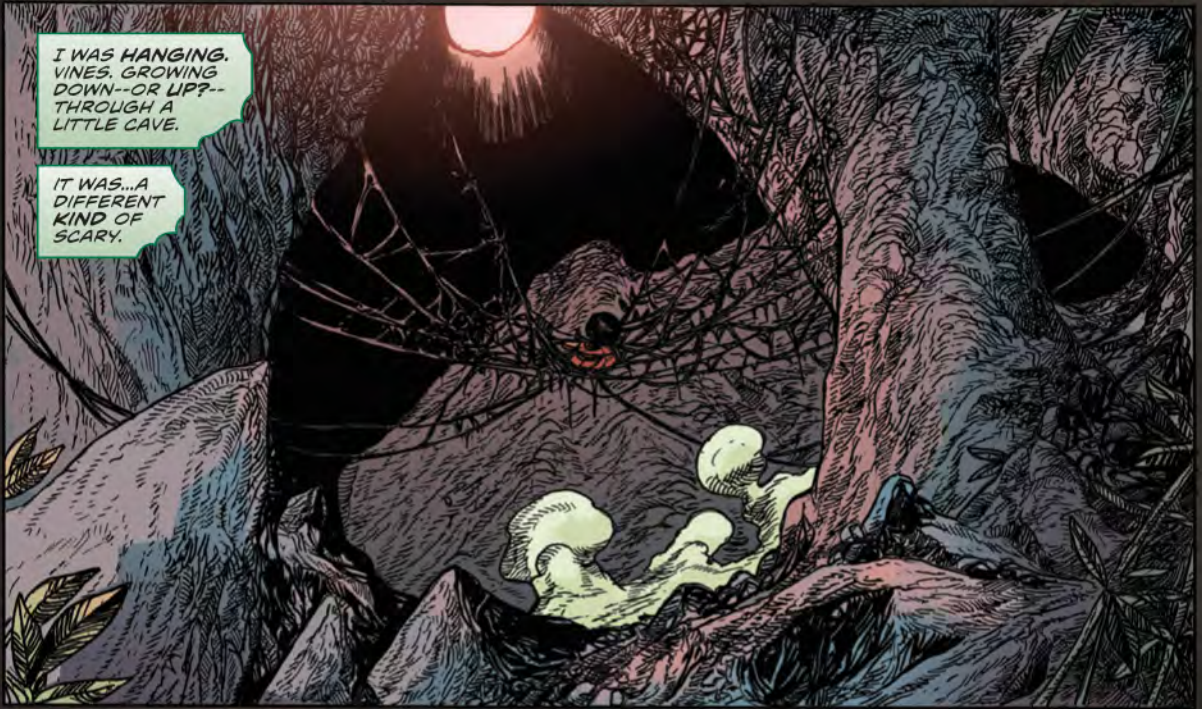
...THAT IT WANTED  
TO TAKE MY  
PIECES APART  
UNTIL I WAS A PILE  
OF DARKNESS.

...JUST LIKE THEM.



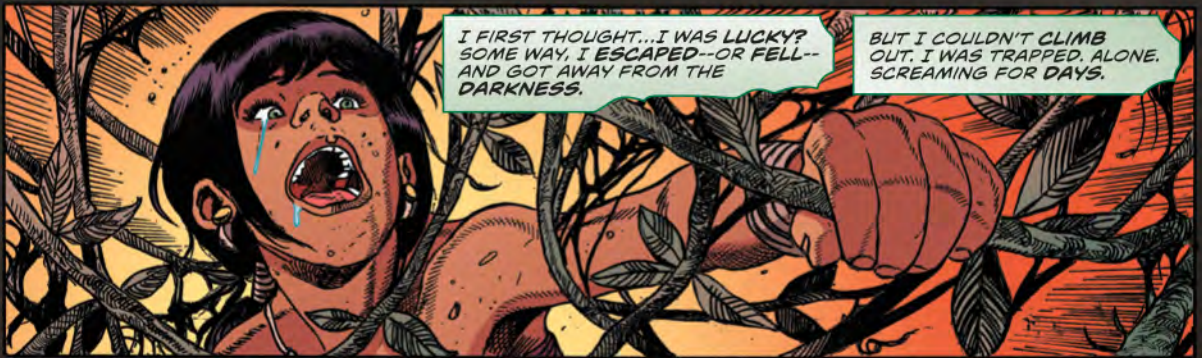


THEN...I  
REMEMBER  
A LIGHT.



I WAS HANGING.  
VINES. GROWING  
DOWN--OR UP?--  
THROUGH A  
LITTLE CAVE.

IT WAS...A  
DIFFERENT  
KIND OF  
SCARY.



I FIRST THOUGHT...I WAS LUCKY?  
SOME WAY, I ESCAPED--OR FELL--  
AND GOT AWAY FROM THE  
DARKNESS.

BUT I COULDN'T CLIMB  
OUT. I WAS TRAPPED. ALONE.  
SCREAMING FOR DAYS.



BUT THAT  
WASN'T THE  
BAD PART...







ONCE I WAS SCREAMING-- PULLING AS HIGH AS I COULD--

--THE DEMONS CAME TO WATCH.



MY MOM TELLS ME THAT WHEN SHE AND THE OTHERS FOUND ME, MY HAIR WAS COMPLETELY WHITE...

I-I AM SO SORRY, PRINCESS, I...

...WOULD NOT HAVE ASKED IF I HAD KNOWN.



HMMN

AH...NO WORRY, BUT SINCE THEN, MY MOTHER HAS NEVER ALLOWED ME INTO THE ISLAND.

THAT'S WHY I WAS EXCITED TO COME. TO SAFELY SEE WHAT YOU WANT TO BUILD HERE, BUT...

...THIS IS SO MUCH MORE THAN WHAT YOU DESCRIBED. DOES MY MOTHER KNOW YOU'VE DONE ALL THIS?

NO, I'M AFRAID SHE WOULD NOT HAVE APPROVED.



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HNN-FT?!

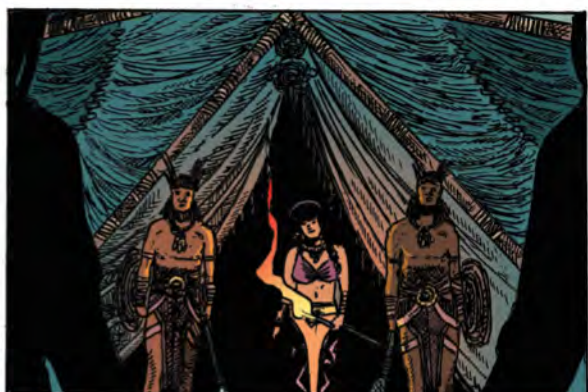


KONG?! WHAT--?! WHAT ARE YOU--

--DMMFN?!

BUT YOU ARE ABOUT TO SECURE OUR FUTURE.









NO. THIS ISN'T ABOUT OUR IDEALS ANYMORE, COUSIN.

AGUUL HAS K'VANNI! TOOK MY DAUGHTER! HIS ARMS MAKER CONFESSED IT!

AND IF I CANNOT TRUST MY COUNCIL--I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE.



WHERE DID HE TAKE HER?

THE CITADEL. WHERE THEY'VE PREPARED FOR THIS.

YOU MEAN TO TAKE AN ARMY? ASK OUR DWINDLING PEOPLE TO GO TO WAR WITH EACH OTHER?



NO.

THEY WANT ME TO MARCH TO THEIR FORTRESS. THEY WANT CAUSE TO KILL MY ALLIES AND HUMILIATE THEIR QUEEN.



BUT I DON'T NEED AN ARMY. AND I'M NOT GOING AS THE QUEEN.

I WILL FACE HIM AS A MOTHER.

AND I PITY ANY MAN, WOMAN, OR DEMON THAT STANDS IN MY WAY.