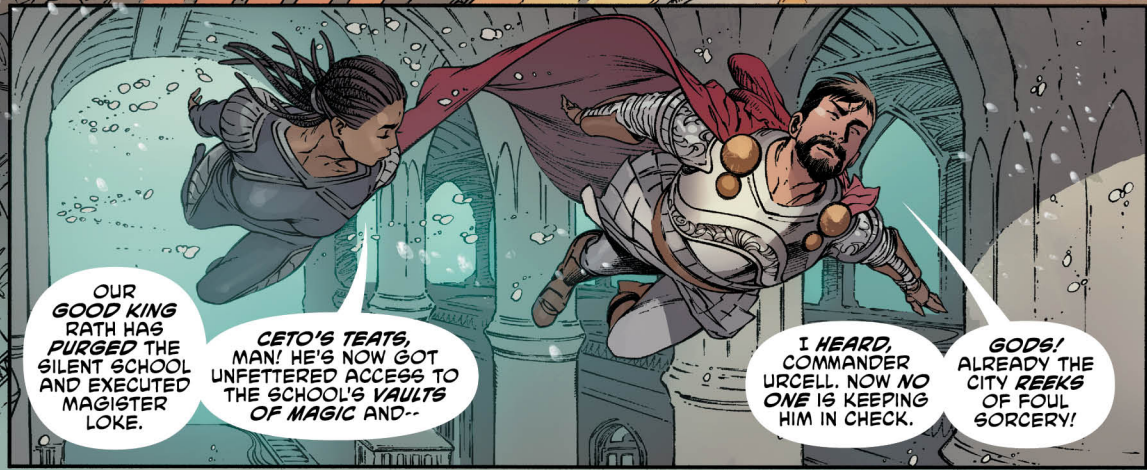


The Royal Palace of Atlantis.

DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS, ELDER LEOT?
HE'S GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME!



OUR GOOD KING RATH HAS PURGED THE SILENT SCHOOL AND EXECUTED MAGISTER LOKE.

CETO'S TESTS, MAN! HE'S NOW GOT UNFETTERED ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL'S VAULTS OF MAGIC AND--

I HEARD, COMMANDER URCELL. NOW NO ONE IS KEEPING HIM IN CHECK.

GODS! ALREADY THE CITY REEKS OF FOUL SORCERY!



WE'VE ENABLED A MONSTER. HE'S DRUNK WITH MYSTIC POWER. THE DOUBTS WE HAD ABOUT HIS FITNESS TO RULE ARE CONFIRMED.

BUT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THIS REBELLION IS PUT DOWN BEFORE MOVING AGAINST--



WE DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY, LEOT.

WE MUST DO WHAT WE ONLY DARED TO IMAGINE BEFORE.

RATH IS OUR KING, URCELL. WE SHOULD TRY TO REASON WITH HIM FIRST.



THINK THINK

MY LORD? LORD KING?

GO AWAY, LEOT...



"...I'M
BUSY."

THE DRIFT, KING RATH'S
ELITE, MOVED INTO THE
SLUM QUATER AT DAWN TO
SUPPRESS THE UPRISING.

TAKE
THEM DEVILS
DOWN!

NOW THEY ARE
DYING AT THE
HANDS OF THE VERY
REVOLUTIONARIES
THEY CAME TO
EXECUTE...

...THE REBEL
UNDERCURRENT
LED BY OLD
JUROK BYSS...

...AND THE SEA-
CHANGED GANGS
COMMANDED BY
THE CRIMINAL
KING SHARK.

BITE
'EM A NEW
ONE!

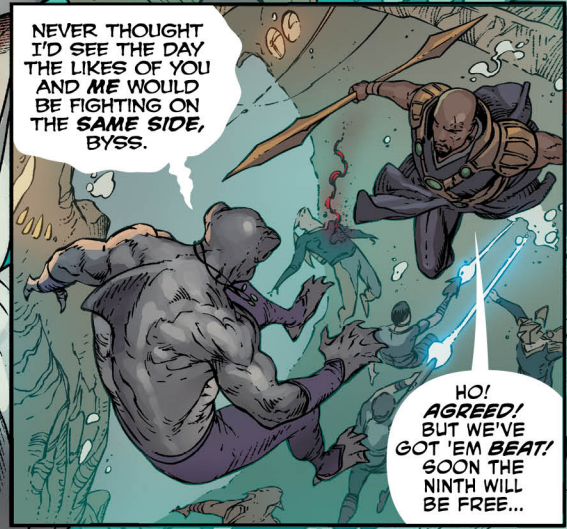
The Ninth Tribe of Atlantis.



BLAAAGKK!



WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN, BOYS! GO SNAP AT THEIR HEELS!



NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY THE LIKES OF YOU AND ME WOULD BE FIGHTING ON THE SAME SIDE, BYSS.

HO! AGREED! BUT WE'VE GOT 'EM BEAT! SOON THE NINTH WILL BE FREE...



...THEN THE CITY WILL FOLLOW AND--

WHAT IN HELL'S MAW IS THAT?



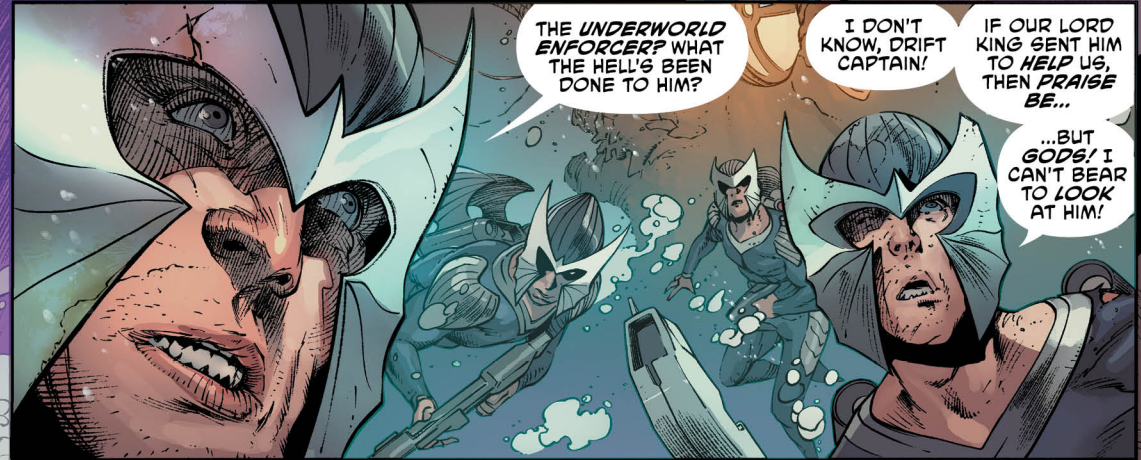
THIS.

DEFIANCE.

ENDS.

IN THE
NAME OF
THE KING,
YOU WILL
PERISH.

NEPTUNE'S
BALLS! IS THAT...
KADAVER?



THE UNDERWORLD
ENFORCER? WHAT
THE HELL'S BEEN
DONE TO HIM?

I DON'T
KNOW, DRIFT
CAPTAIN!

IF OUR LORD
KING SENT HIM
TO HELP US,
THEN PRAISE
BE...

...BUT
GODS! I
CAN'T BEAR
TO LOOK
AT HIM!



HEAR ME, DRIFT. I AM NO LONGER KADAVER. I AM AN INSTRUMENT OF THE KING.

THE KING OF ALWAYS!
HEAR NOW HIS VOICE...



THIS IS THE KING! HEAR MY COMMANDS AND OBEY!

I SEND THIS INSTRUMENT TO ASSIST YOU IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE ENEMY!

STAND FAST AND DESTROY THE REBEL SCUM!



M-MAJESTY--!
PLEASE, WE ARE SPENT AND BEATEN FROM THE CONFLICT! HOW CAN WE FIGHT ON?

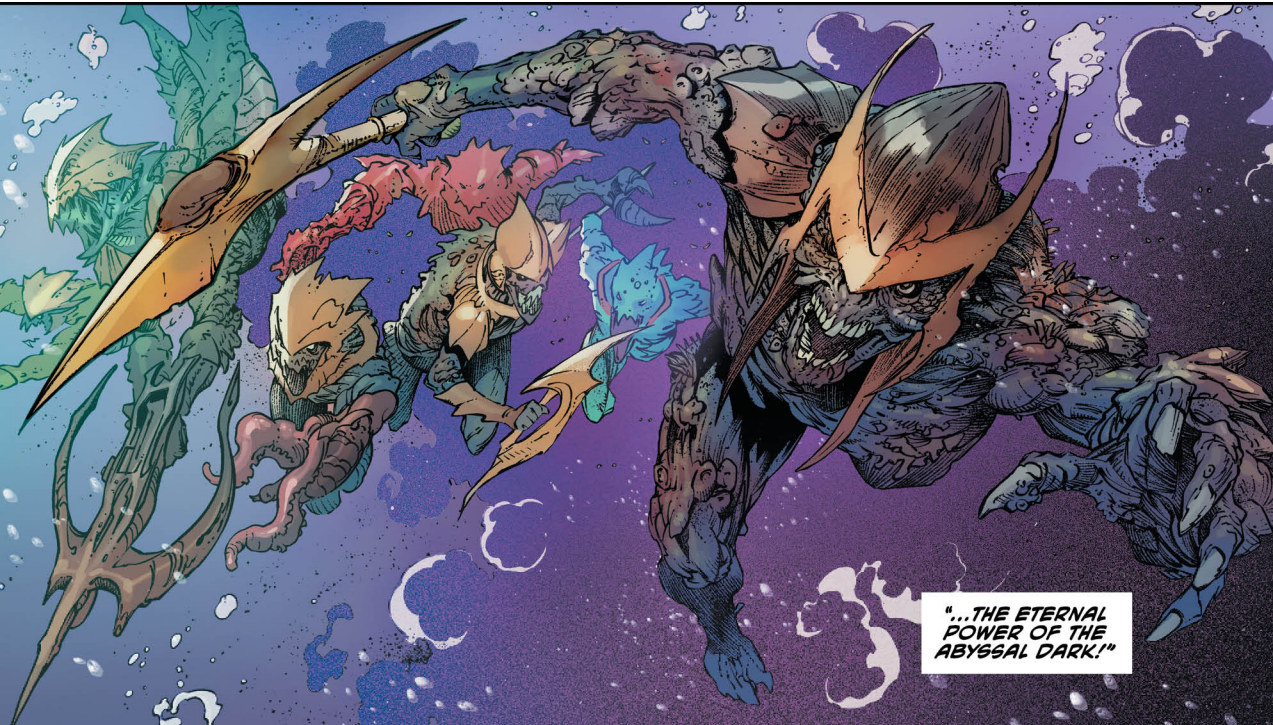


YAAAGGHH!

I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, MY WARRIORS!

I WILL SHARE WITH YOU THE POWER THAT HAS IMBUED MY INSTRUMENT KADAVER...

MNNHAAA!
N-NO--!



"...THE ETERNAL POWER OF THE ABYSSAL DARK!"