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The world has forever changed. The Blue, the underwater race who have remained hidden below the ocean's surface for centuries, shockingly revealed their existence to the Humans above. Amidst the chaos that ensued from a historical summit between both civilizations that would alter the landscape of the world's future, another more personal battle raged on. Aspen Matthews, the brilliant marine biologist who would become the savior of both the humans and the Blue, and Kiani, the Elite Blue warrior later scorned as a dissident, fought upon the body of their mutual ally and mentor Cannon Hawke-- who lay killed by Kiani's blade and hand. Fueled by the anger of Cannon's passing, Aspen channeled her immense Blue power and eviscerated Kiani's form in painful fashion deep at the bottom of the ocean. However, the essence of the Elite Blue exists within the sanctity of the water, where its true power thrives...

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YOU KNOW.

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THEY PROVE  
THEMSELVES  
IN COMBAT.



FOR WHAT THEY  
FEEL IS RIGHT, THEN  
EVENTUALLY...



FIGHT FOR THEIR  
PEOPLE FOR  
THEIR CAUSE.





THEY ALL  
RETURN TO  
THE BLUE.

IT DIDN'T  
NEED TO BE  
THIS WAY.

PERHAPS IT  
WAS FATE.



IT WASN'T  
FATE.  
SHE KILLED  
HIM. IN COLD BLOOD.  
HER LEADER. HER  
MENTOR.



OUR FRIEND.



HE DIDN'T  
LEAVE HER MUCH  
CHOICE.

BECAUSE  
HE DIDN'T HAVE A  
CHOICE HIMSELF.

CANNON HAWKE  
SERVED THE BLUE AS I DO.  
AS WELL. OUR PURPOSE MUST  
BE BEYOND OUR OWN PREJUDICE. IF  
SHE HATED THE ACTIONS OF HUMAN-  
KIND SO MUCH, SHE SHOULD HAVE  
HELPED OUR PEOPLE IN CHANGING  
THEIR MINDS THROUGH PEACE  
NOT VIOLENCE.

SIPHON,  
HAS THERE EVER  
BEEN PEACE THAT  
DIDN'T INVOLVE  
VIOLENCE?

TORN AND DIVIDED.  
KILLING OUR OWN OVER OUR  
HATRED FOR THOSE ABOVE THE  
SURFACE? THIS CAN'T BE WHAT  
HE DIED FOR. WHAT THE CITIZENS  
OF SABA, AND MURIA, AND ALL  
THOSE AT THE SUMMIT--  
DIED FOR.

WE NEED  
TO MOVE BEYOND  
OUR PAST DIFFERENCES  
IF WE EVER WISH TO  
CO-EXIST WITH  
THEM.

I DON'T DOUBT  
YOUR COURAGE IN THE  
FACE OF OPPOSITION  
SIPHON. THAT MUCH  
IS A CERTAINTY.

IS THIS  
WHAT WE'VE  
BECOME?

HOWEVER,  
I QUESTION THE  
JUDGMENT OF PLACING  
THE FUTURE OF OUR EXISTENCE  
ON AN ALLIANCE WITH  
THOSE WE ULTIMATELY  
CANNOT TRUST.

WE MUST. WE'VE  
COME TOO FAR TO EVER  
TURN BACK NOW. IF WE  
CAN'T MAKE PEACE WITH  
THE HUMANS, THERE IS  
NO GOING BACK.

BUT THIS ISN'T  
WHY YOU ASKED  
ME HERE. IS IT  
CASQUE?

I ASKED  
FOR YOUR PRESENCE  
BECAUSE THERE IS A  
MORE SERIOUS THREAT  
FOR US NOW THAN  
THE HUMANS.

SOMETHING  
WE KNEW ONE  
DAY WE WOULD  
HAVE TO DEAL  
WITH...

...AFTER ASPEN  
KILLED HER.

THEN.

YOU  
CAN'T BE  
SERIOUS!

DEAD  
SERIOUS.

YOU'LL  
KILL HER!

SHE'S NOT  
READY FOR THIS AND  
YOU KNOW IT.

SHE IS  
READY FOR  
THIS.

YOU DON'T GIVE  
HER ENOUGH CREDIT. I  
KNOW SHE CAN HANDLE  
IT. SHE'S TOUGHER THAN  
EITHER OF US.

BUT  
HOW--

--BECAUSE I  
KNOW HER.

LOOK, SIPHON,  
I'M TELLING YOU ABOUT  
THIS BECAUSE I CAN TRUST  
YOU. AND IF SOMETHING GOES  
WRONG, YOU WILL KNOW THAT MY  
TRUE INTENT IS NOT MURDER. IT  
IS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT  
SOMEONE KNOWS THE  
TRUE REASONS WHY.

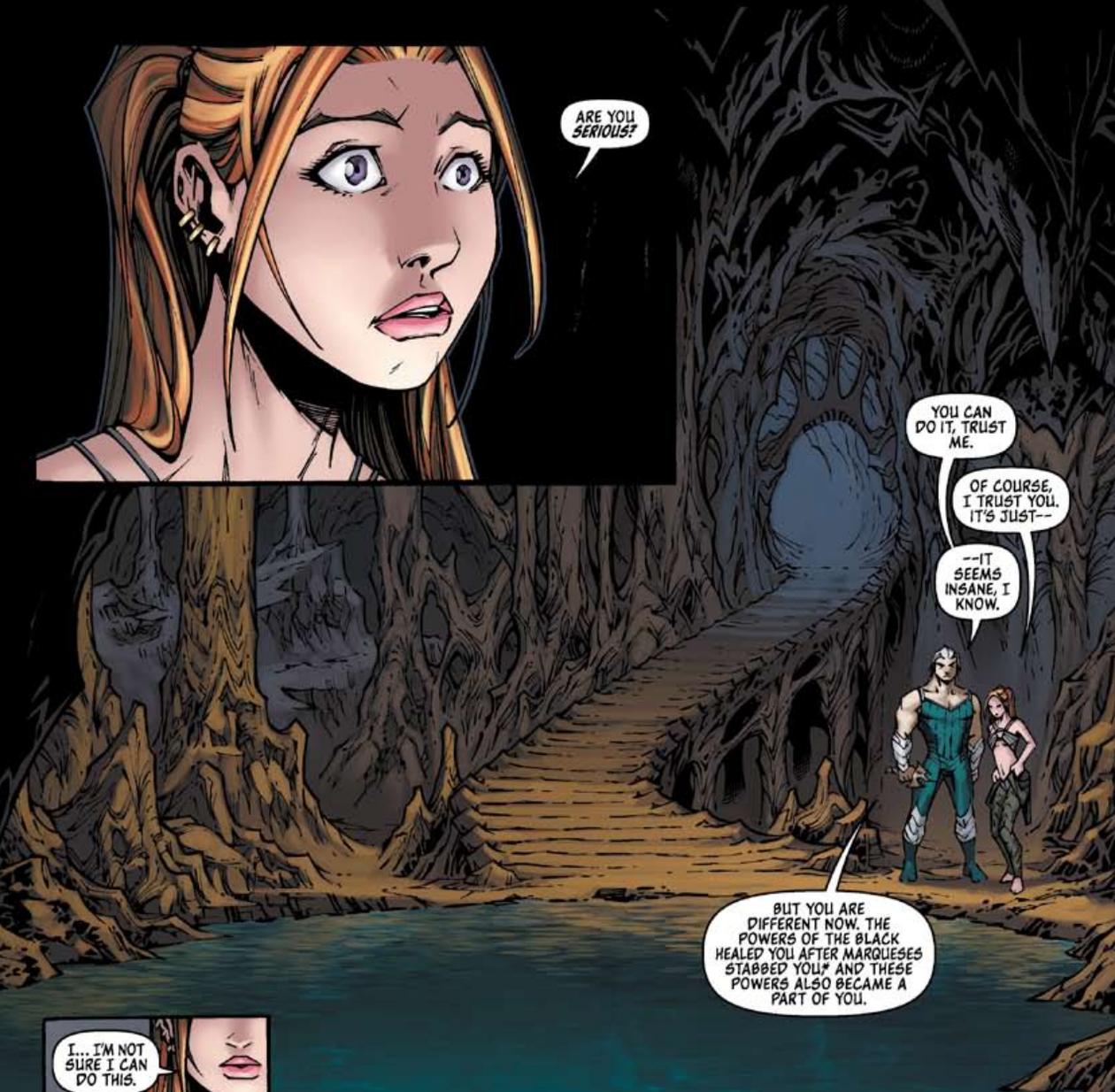
BUT  
I STILL  
DON'T.

YES, YOU  
DO. YOU ARE MUCH  
SMARTER THAN ALL OF US  
AND YOU KNOW IT. AND ONE DAY  
YOUR INTELLIGENCE-- NOT YOUR  
FIGHTING SKILLS-- WILL RESULT IN  
GREAT THINGS. YOU KNOW HOW  
IMPORTANT SHE WOULD BE TO  
THE BLUE IF WHAT I THINK  
IS TRUE.

NOW IF YOU  
ARE DONE PLEADING  
WITH ME, LET'S FIND  
OUT WHAT THIS GIRL  
IS MADE OF.



ARE YOU SERIOUS?



YOU CAN DO IT, TRUST ME.

OF COURSE, I TRUST YOU. IT'S JUST--

--IT SEEMS INSANE, I KNOW.

BUT YOU ARE DIFFERENT NOW. THE POWERS OF THE BLACK HEALED YOU AFTER MARQUESES STABBED YOU\* AND THESE POWERS ALSO BECAME A PART OF YOU.

\*SEE FATHOM: DAWN OF WAR FOR DETAILS.



I... I'M NOT SURE I CAN DO THIS.

KIANI, YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO BECOME SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN I EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

THERE IS SOMETHING INSIDE YOU THAT IS REMARKABLE.

SOMETHING YOU CAN USE TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

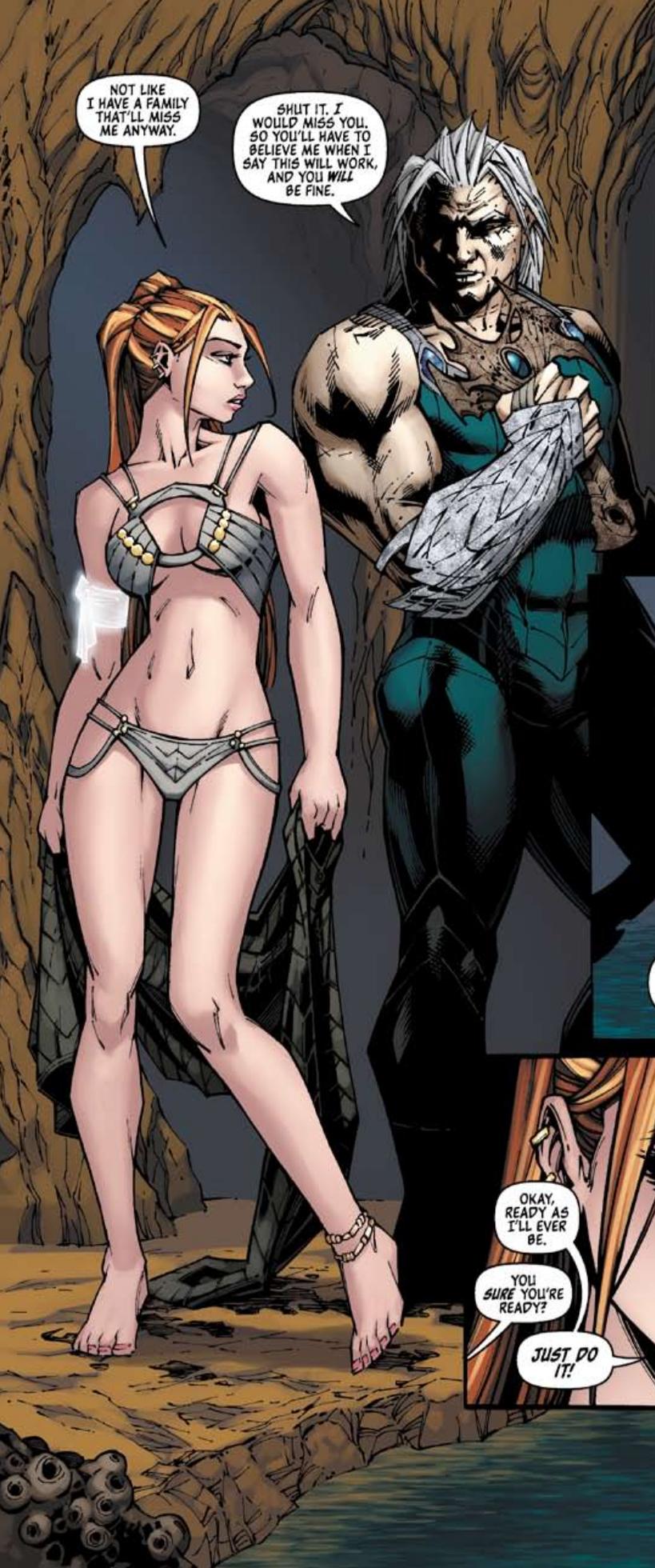
I NEED YOU TO DO THIS...



...FOR ME.



FINE.



NOT LIKE I HAVE A FAMILY THAT'LL MISS ME ANYWAY.

SHUT IT. I WOULD MISS YOU. SO YOU'LL HAVE TO BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THIS WILL WORK, AND YOU WILL BE FINE.



LET'S HOPE.



IF IT DOESN'T WORK, AT LEAST I'LL DIE IN THE WATER INSTEAD OF IN MY BED. I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.



OKAY, READY AS I'LL EVER BE.

YOU SURE YOU'RE READY?

JUST DO IT!



HUNG GHHHH!

FALL BACK  
IN! THE WATER  
WILL HELP!



...

...KIANI?





-GASP!-

KIANI!



HERE! LAY DOWN.



CAN'T...  
LUNNHH...  
BREATHE!

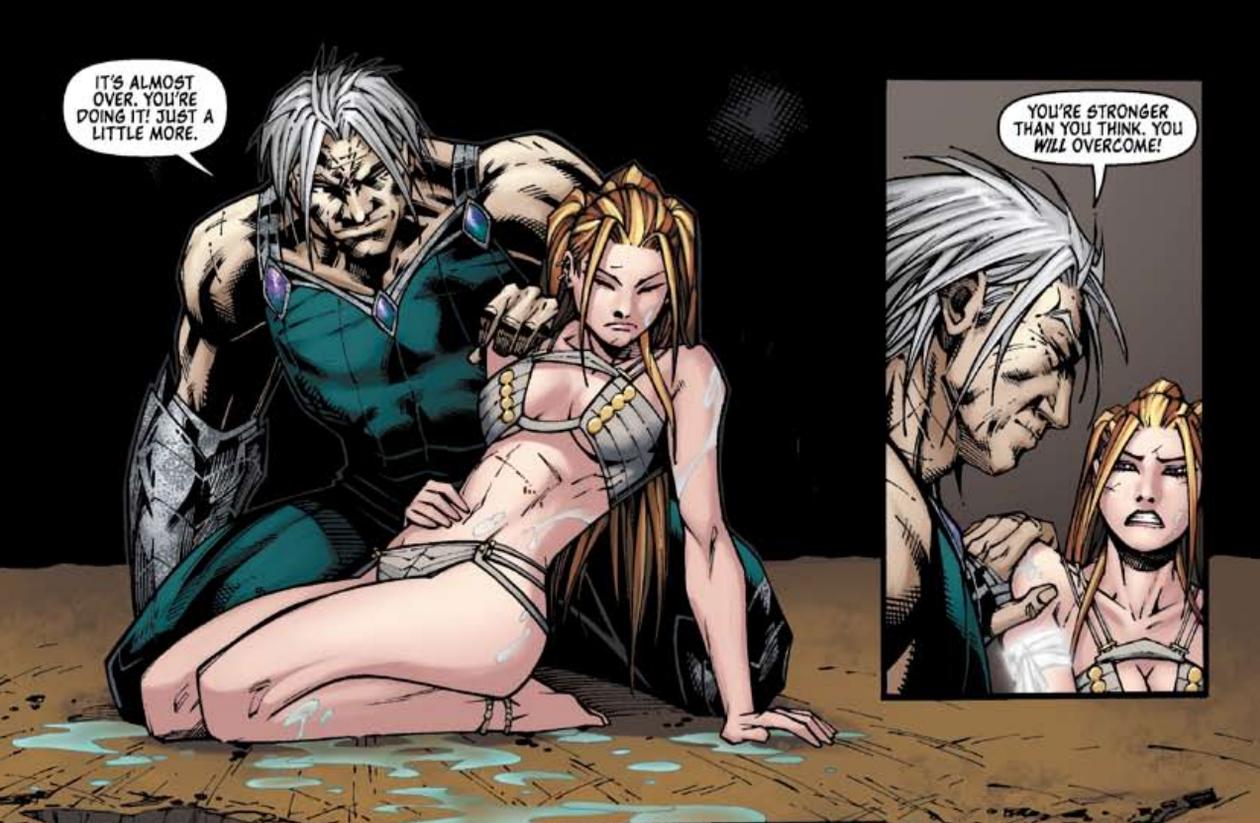
CONCENTRATE.  
DIRECT YOUR FOCUS  
ON THE WOUND AND  
NOTHING ELSE!



IT IS WORKING.  
ALL YOUR FOCUS,  
KIANI. YOU CAN  
DO THIS.



AHHH...  
IT'S SO...  
PAINFUL!



IT'S ALMOST OVER. YOU'RE DOING IT! JUST A LITTLE MORE.



YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU THINK. YOU *WILL* OVERCOME!



YOU ARE... HEALING YOURSELF.



LOOK. BARELY A SCRATCH NOW.