

**HOLLY BEACH,  
LOUISIANA.**

EARLY ON A CLEAR, BRISK MORNING. A VOICE IN THE LITTLE HOUSE CALLS OUT FOR HIM.

DAD?  
DAD, WHERE  
ARE YOU?

THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE DAY HE TAUGHT TOMMY TO FISH. HE'D BEEN PROMISING FOR MONTHS.

DAD?  
ARE YOU  
READY?

MOM!

MNNH...  
TOMMY?

ERIN SHAW WAKES.  
THE OTHER HALF OF  
THE BED IS COLD.

MOOOOMM!

HEARING HER SON CALL FOR HER ALWAYS MAKES ERIN TENSE. IT REMINDS HER OF THE DAY OF THE PRISON BREAK.

THE DAY ORM SAVED THEM BOTH...



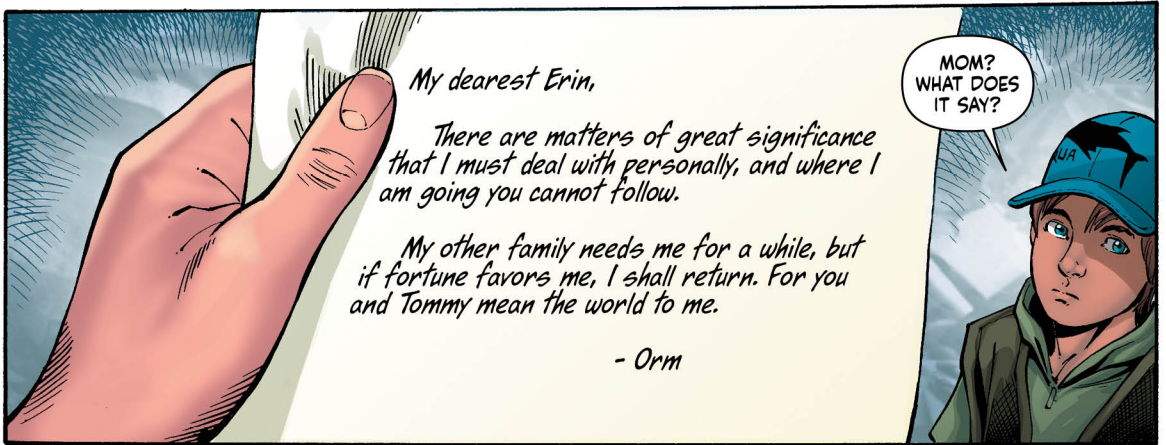
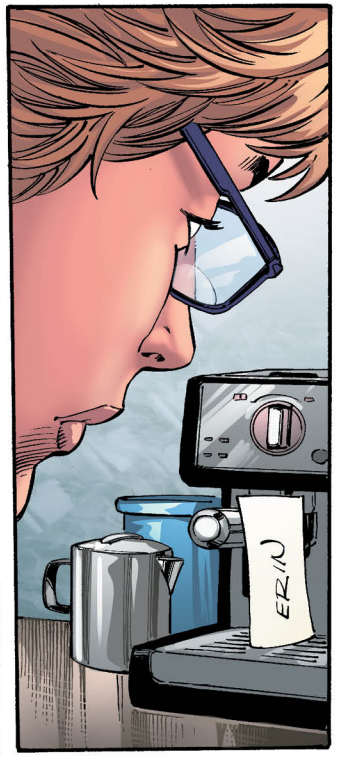
... THE DAY ORM BECAME PART OF THEIR LIVES.

TOMMY?  
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS?



WHERE'S DAD?  
HE'S NOT HERE. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE ME FISHING.

HONEY,  
I'M SURE HE'S--



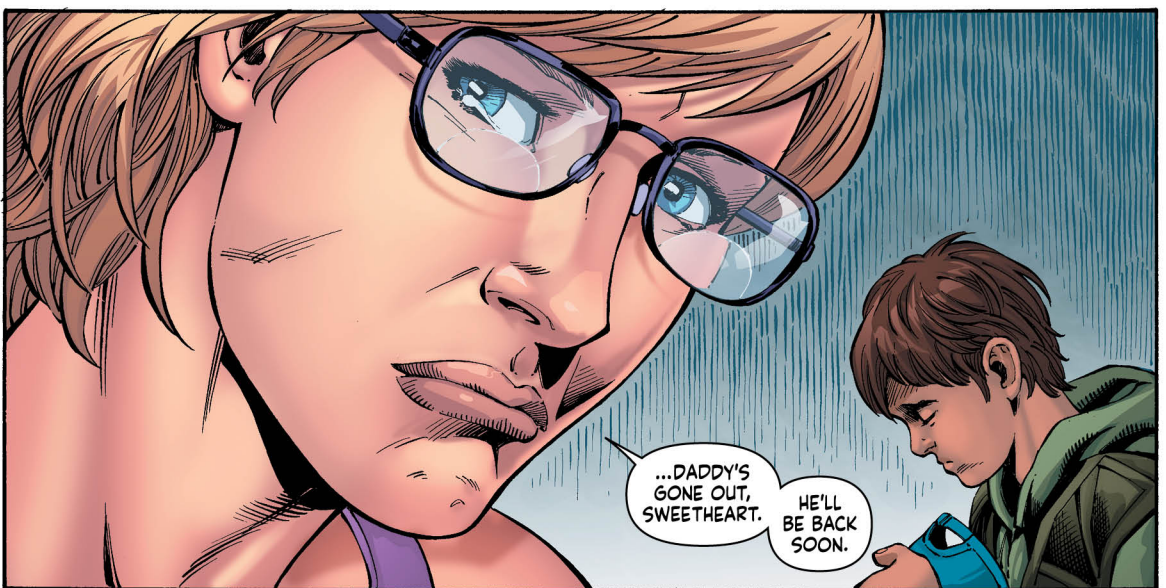
*My dearest Erin,*

*There are matters of great significance that I must deal with personally, and where I am going you cannot follow.*

*My other family needs me for a while, but if fortune favors me, I shall return. For you and Tommy mean the world to me.*


*- Orm*

MOM?  
WHAT DOES IT SAY?



...DADDY'S GONE OUT,  
SWEETHEART.

HE'LL BE BACK SOON.



*THIS IS THE ONLY  
LIFE SHE WANTS.*

*THE OCEAN AS A  
SILENT, ENDLESS BOND  
BETWEEN THEM.*

*MERA AND ARTHUR.*

*BEINGS OF LAND AND  
SEA, OF WATER AND AIR,  
JOINED BY A LOVE THAT  
NEVER NEEDED WORDS.*

# THE KING AND THE QUEEN

*NOT HUMAN WORDS,  
NOR THE CLICK OF  
THE DOLPHINS, NOR  
THE LONG HYMNS  
OF THE WHALES.*

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SHE COULDN'T  
SPEAK, EVEN IF  
SHE HAD TO.

HIS KISS, AS  
ALWAYS, TAKES  
HER BREATH AWAY.



AS THE WATER  
FILLS HER LUNGS,  
SHE WONDERS...



"WHY  
DOESN'T HE  
HELP ME?"



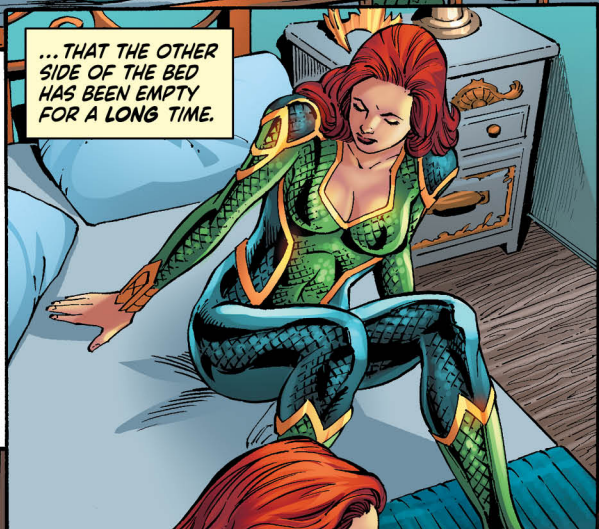
"WHY IS HE SO  
FAR AWAY?"



**HUAAAAH!**

NERA WAKES.  
SHE BREATHES  
AGAIN.

SHE REMEMBERS...



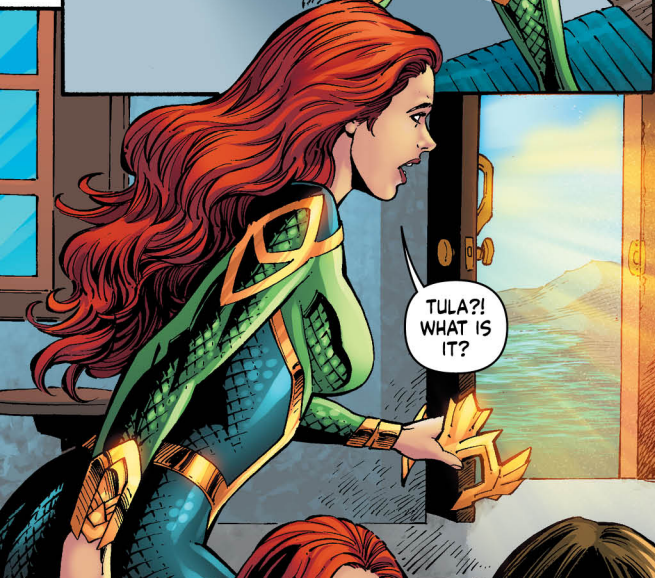
... THAT THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE BED  
HAS BEEN EMPTY  
FOR A LONG TIME.



JUST ANOTHER  
NIGHTMARE,  
THAT'S ALL.  
JUST--

**YAAAHH!**

**TULA!**



TULA?  
WHAT IS  
IT?



HE...  
HE WAS HERE.  
RIGHT HERE.

HE SAID  
HE'D COME TO  
FIND YOU.



WHO...?

SEE FOR  
YOURSELF...