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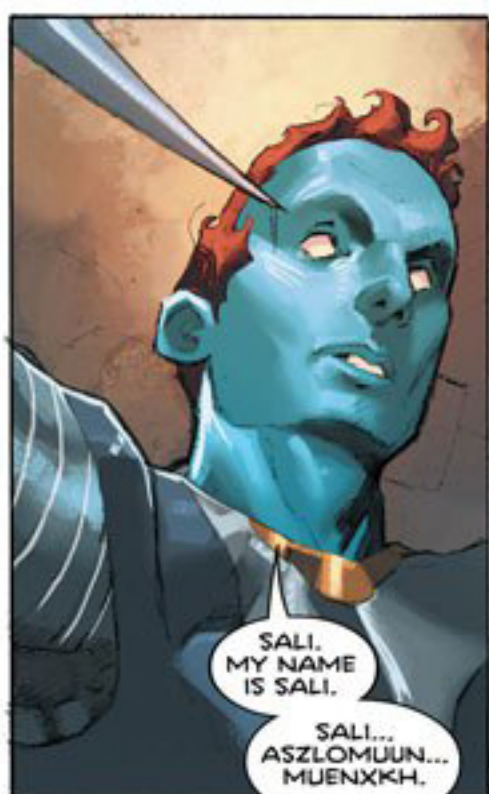
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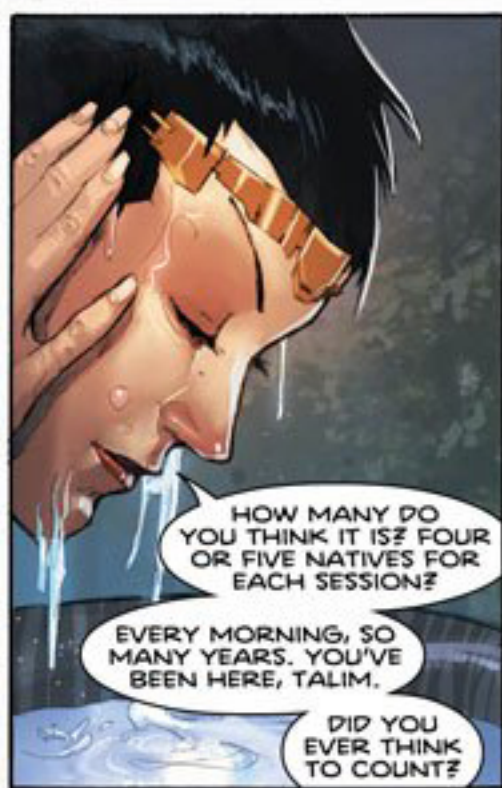
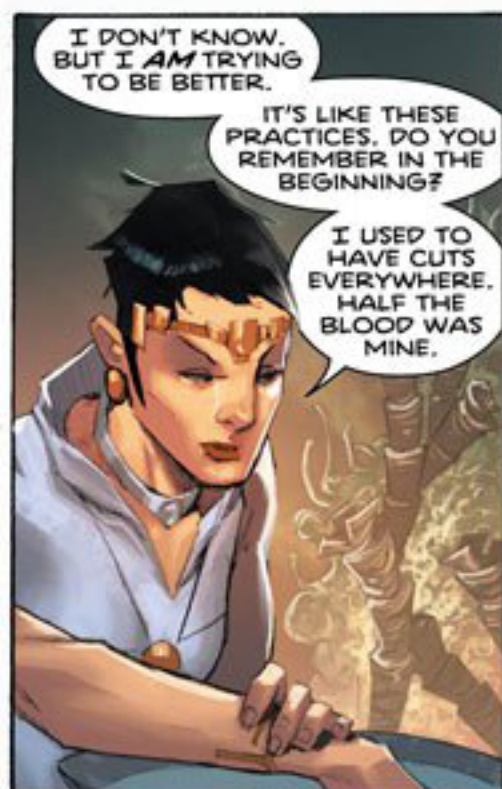
THE VEGA SYSTEM
PLANET EUPHORIA
THE WORLD OF KINGS AND SWORDS

WELL DONE, PRINCESS! AND I THINK THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH. WE SHALL SAVE SOME OF THESE NATIVES FOR TOMORROW MORNING.

A NEW BATCH ISN'T SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FOR A MOONSET, SO WE MUST UNFORTUNATELY BE CONSERVATIVE IN OUR CONSUMPTION.

I HAVE BROUGHT SOME WATER, IF YOU WISH TO CLEAN OFF.







...AFTER WHICH YOU WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH CITADEL AMBASSADOR RUUTOFYTZ IN FRONT OF YOUR ANCESTOR'S STATUE IN ROSSEL SQUARE.

NO, NO, NO, NOT THERE. HAVE YOU SEEN IT SINCE THE NATIVES BOMBED IT?

THERE'S A HOLE IN ALPHA'S NOSE. IT'S FILLED WITH FALKYNN'S AND IT... DRIPS.

IT'S LIKE HE'S SNEEZING BIRD DROPPINGS. IT'S HORRIBLE.

THE STATUE HAS BEEN FULLY REPAIRED WITH CITADEL FUNDS.

THEY WISHED TO SHOW THAT THOUGH THEY DO NOT SUPPORT OUR BELIEF THAT ALPHA WAS A KING AND NOT A GOD, THEY SUPPORT OUR RIGHT TO HAVE SUCH A BELIEF.

HOW NICE OF THEM. THEY HATE US FOR OUR RELIGION, THEY TAKE US FROM OUR HOMES, PLACE US IN THE VEGA SYSTEM, PUT US ON TOP OF THESE SAD NATIVES' HOMES.

BUT AT LEAST THEY FIXED THE STATUE.

IT IS ONLY A GESTURE. YOUR FATHER HAS DONE ENOUGH WORK FOR THESE PEOPLE.

HE IS WELL DESERVING OF A GESTURE.

MY FATHER'S BLOODY SWORD HAS KEPT A PEACE BETWEEN THE BRAMINS AND THE NATIVES FOR A GENERATION. EUPHORIX WOULD BE ANOTHER KARNA IF NOT FOR MY FATHER.

HE DESERVES MORE THAN MERE GESTURES.

FLOOR THIRTY-SEVEN.

WE ARE STILL BRAMINS. THEY ARE STILL THE CITADEL.

WE WILL SETTLE FOR GESTURES. THEY ARE BETTER THAN GUNS.

SETTLE? YES. THIS IS THE PROBLEM WITH OUR PEOPLE. SINCE THE CITADEL FIRST "GAVE" EUPHORIX TO THE BRAMINS.

WE STARTED AS SETTLERS. WE REMAIN SETTLERS.

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