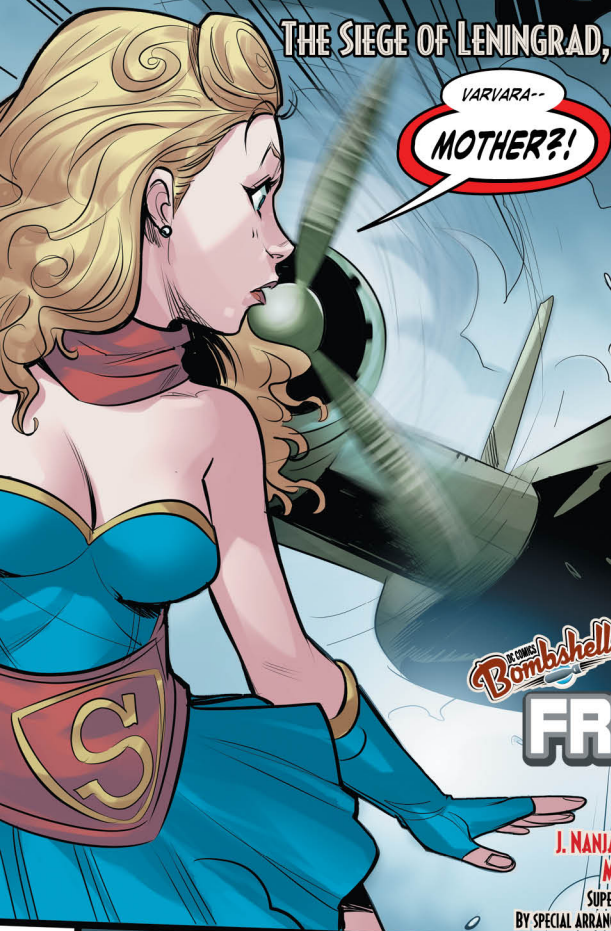


THE SIEGE OF LENINGRAD, 1942.



VARVARA--
MOTHER?!

THE ADULTEROUS
EXILED PEASANT?!

NO ARMY,
NO FLIGHT, NO
STRENGTH...

...WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
TO DO--?

AFTER YEARS
OF BEING A PAWN IN
THE SCHEMES OF OTHERS,
'GENERAL KHULLIN,' I HAVE
NOW FOUND THAT THE
BEST SOLUTION...



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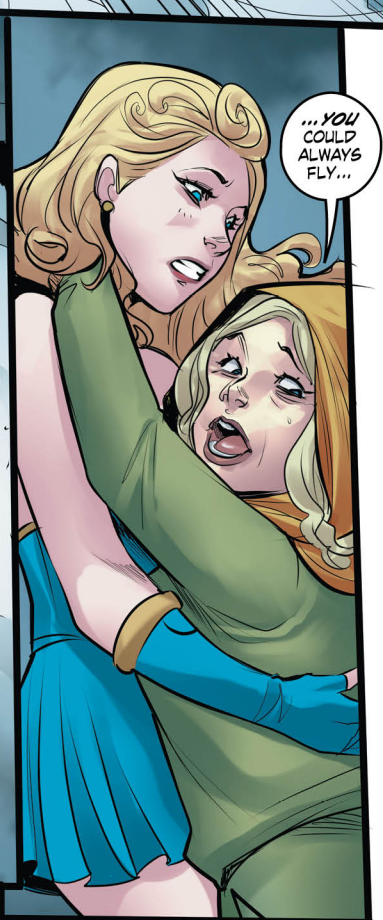
WHUMP!

"...IS OFTEN THE
MOST DIRECT."



FORGIVE
ME, CHILD--

I HAVE
NEVER BEEN
QUITE AS GOOD AT
AN ENTRANCE
AS YOU...



...**YOU**
COULD
ALWAYS
FLY...

...BUT I AM AFRAID IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY FATE...

...TO FALL.

MAMA, MAMUSHKA, I...

...I...DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY--

I DO, KARA.

GRA
SSH

I AM SORRY.

I AM SO, SO SORRY.

I WAS SO LOST...YOUR FATHER, YOUR SISTER, OUR LIFE TOGETHER...

...I VANISHED INTO MY GRIEF, AND I NEARLY LOST YOU...BECAUSE OF IT.

YOU COULD NEVER LOSE ME, MAMA.

I WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR CHILD.



IPATI--
PAPA--?

KARA.

I'M
S-SORRY,
EVERYTHING THAT
HAPPENED,
I--



YOU HAVE
NEVER BEEN OR
DONE **ANYTHING** OF
WHICH I HAVE EVER
BEEN ASHAMED...

...AND ARE
NOT CAPABLE OF
ANYTHING FOR WHICH
I COULD LOVE YOU
ONE HEARTBEAT
LESS.



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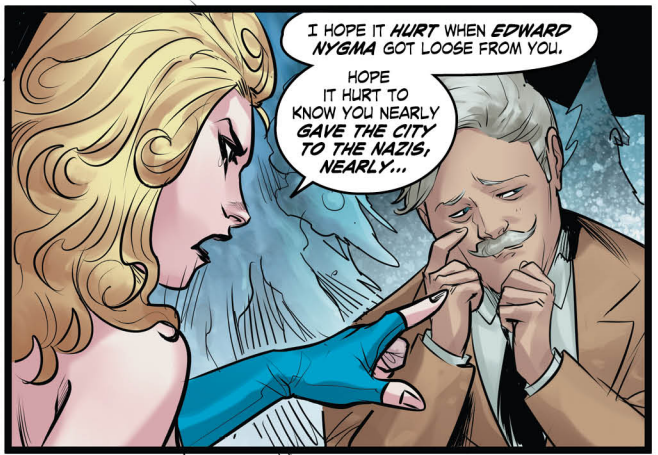
K-KARA--?



AND YOU, **WHITMORE**.

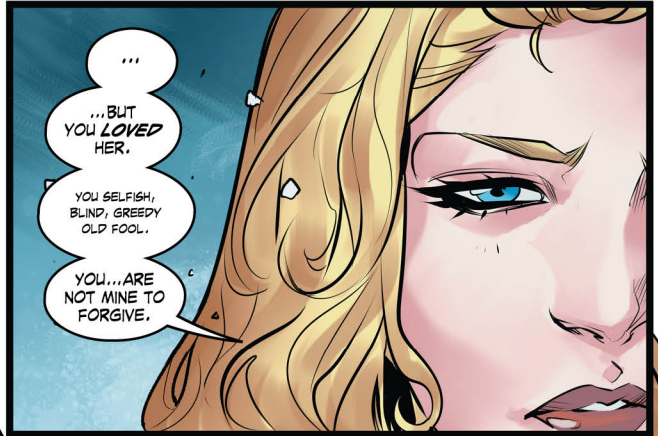
KORTNI'S BLOOD FATHER.

THE **FOOL** WHO LET HIMSELF BE DECEIVED BY HIS OWN WEAPONS, WHO SOUGHT TO KEEP MY SISTER SAFE BY TRAPPING HER IN A **CAGE**.



I HOPE IT **HURT** WHEN **EDWARD NYGMA** GOT LOOSE FROM YOU.

HOPE IT **HURT** TO KNOW YOU **NEARLY GAVE THE CITY TO THE NAZIS**, **NEARLY...**



...
...BUT YOU **LOVED** HER.

YOU **SELFISH**, **BLIND**, **GREEDY** OLD **FOOL**.

YOU...ARE NOT MINE TO **FORGIVE**.



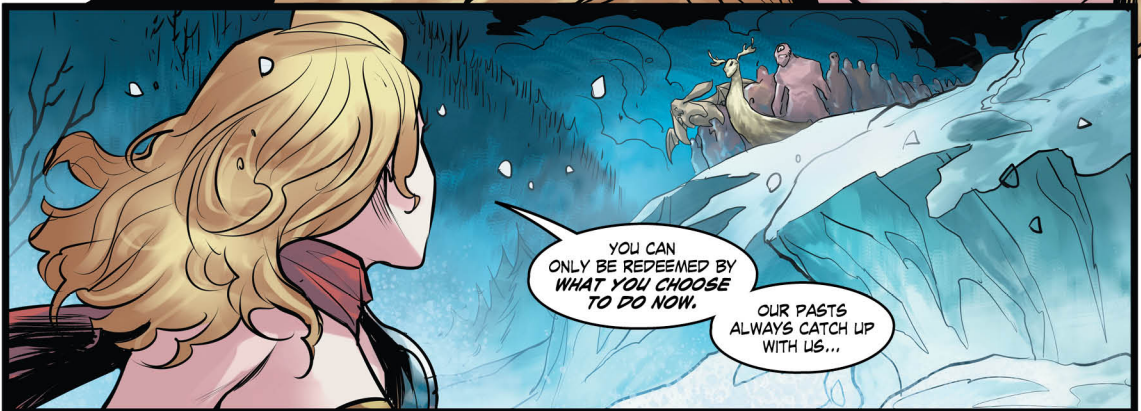
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PARDON YOU IS **BEYOND US ALL**.

I...REGRET AND RESCIND WHAT I SAID ABOUT **WISHING IT HAD HURT**.

OF **COURSE** IT **HURT...**

...IT **WILL ALWAYS HURT**.

BUT YOU ARE NOT **REDEEMED** BY HER **LOSS**.



YOU CAN ONLY BE **REDEEMED** BY **WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO DO NOW**.

OUR **PASTS** ALWAYS **CATCH UP** WITH US...

THE ORCHARD, INSIDE LENINGRAD.

"...AND THEY SET THE STAGE FOR EVERYTHING THAT NOW FOLLOWS."

WAIT, DOES EVERYONE HAVE A HORRIFYING MONSTER ARMY IN THIS ARC?

IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION, LITTLE CLOWN, YOU WOULD KNOW THEY WERE PRISONERS THAT GENERAL FAORA GAVE TO ME FOR MY EXPERIMENTS...

...CAUSALITIES OF PROGRESS!

BUT AS FOR MY OWN ORIGIN...

...I, HUGO STRANGE, WHO SOUGHT TO ENGINEER A HUMANITY BETTER THAN--

NOPE.

SON, LISTEN--

BONK

NO ONE CARES.