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A REBEL ATTACK ON GOLGOTH'S CITADEL HAS BEEN THWARTED BY LORD GOLGOTH HIMSELF, BUT HIS INDECISION AFTER THE FAILED INSURRECTION HAS LEFT HIS MINISTERS QUESTIONING HIS SUPERIORITY.

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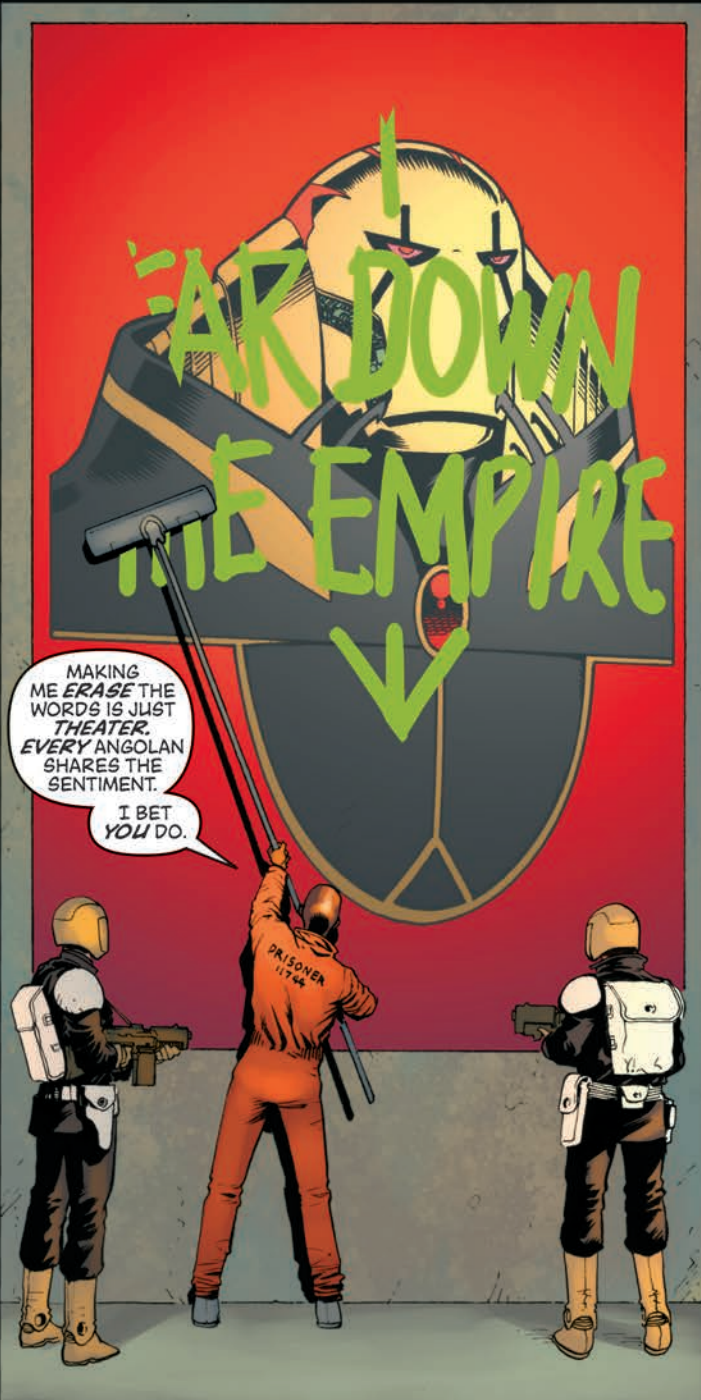


NEW ANGOLA.



PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT.

WHY BOTHER?



MAKING ME ERASE THE WORDS IS JUST THEATER. EVERY ANGOLAN SHARES THE SENTIMENT.

I BET YOU DO.

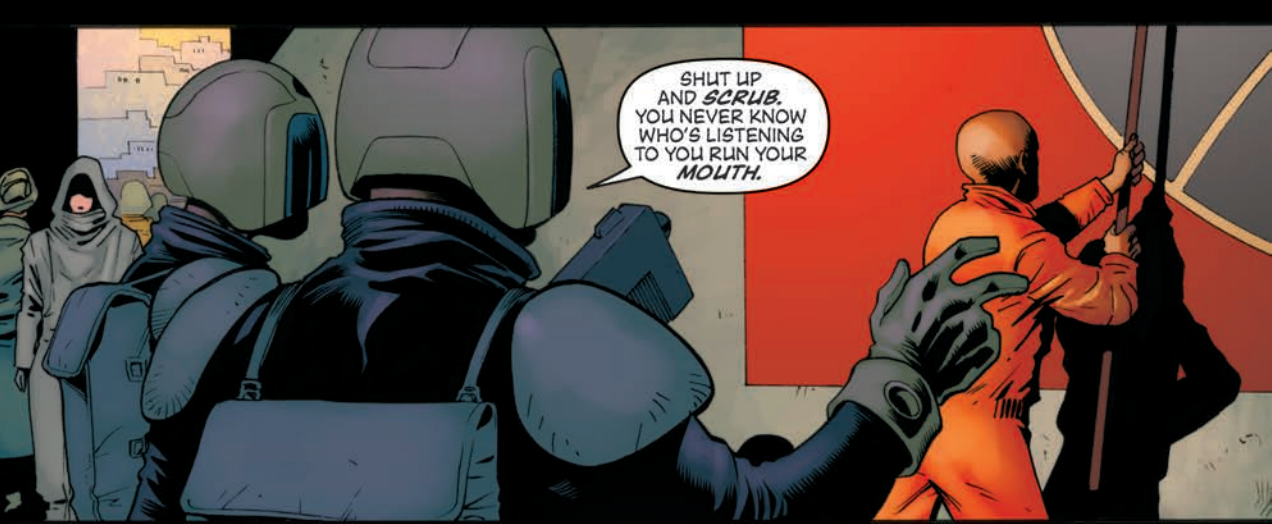


NOT THE POINT. THE POINT RIGHT NOW IS NOT TO DRAW THE EMPIRE'S ATTENTION TO OUR MONARCH WITH FLAGRANT REBELLION,



GROW UP. (1) EVERYONE HERE LOVES GOVERNOR KIANDA, AND (2) GOLGOTH DOESN'T CARE ABOUT OUR GRAFFITI. HE CARES ABOUT OUR RESOURCES.





SHUT UP AND *SCRUB*. YOU NEVER KNOW WHO'S LISTENING TO YOU RUN YOUR *MOUTH*.



AGAIN, THE EMPIRE DOESN'T *CARE*. WHICH IS OUR ACE IN THE *HOLE*.

BY THE TIME THE CITADEL GETS WISE TO OUR *MANEUVERS*, WE'LL BE A *WORLD POWER* AGAIN. MAYBE *THE WORLD POWER*.



*KIANDA THE BELOVED* WILL PUT ALL THIS *RIGHT*. WITH HER NATION *BEHIND* HER, IN TIME, *KIANDA* WILL *OVERTHROW* THE EMPIRE. AGREED?

GUYS?



THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU.





I, ON  
THE OTHER HAND,  
AM A RAPT  
AUDIENCE.



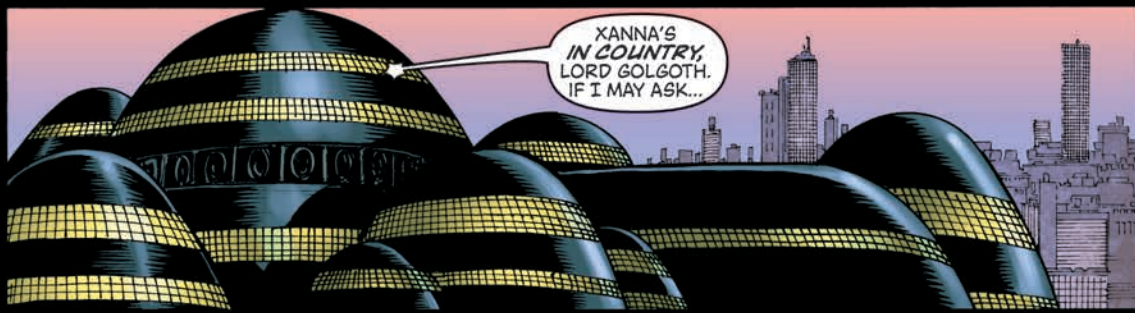
MOVE.  
LET'S GO  
FIND A  
DISCREET  
CORNER.



I WANT  
TO HEAR ALL  
ABOUT YOUR  
LITTLE HAVEN  
OF HOPE AND  
FREEDOM...

...AND ALL  
ABOUT THIS  
"KIANDA."





XANNA'S  
IN COUNTRY,  
LORD GOLGOTH.  
IF I MAY ASK...



...HOW  
MUCH DETAIL  
DID YOU GIVE  
HER?

ENOUGH.

HAS SHE  
BEEN MADE AWARE  
OF THE BIGGER PICTURE  
AS REGARDS NEW  
ANGOLA? OF ALL THE  
EMPIRE'S SATELLITES, IT  
SEEMS THE ONE MOST  
RIPE FOR *REBELLION*.  
SUPPOSE SHE HAS TO  
*IMPROVISE*.



XANNA  
KNOWS HER  
*PURPOSE*,  
LUCULLAN. I  
HAVE NO DOUBTS  
REGARDING  
HER.



MEANING  
YOU *DO* HAVE  
DOUBTS ABOUT  
*OTHERS...*?



WE'RE  
DONE.  
SEND IN  
VALPURGIS.



YOUR PRESENCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED, OLD MAN.

THAT WAS... BRIEF.

I REMEMBER A TIME WHEN GOLGOTH WOULD SPEND *HOURS* WITH HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN...NOT *MINUTES*.

IF YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING TO REMOVE YOU FROM FAVOR, DEAR BOY, THE CONFESSORIAL IS ALWAYS OPEN.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. GO TEND TO GOLGOTH'S *SPIRITUAL* HEALTH. HE THINKS HE NEEDS YOU.



DESS, NEW ORDERS. I'M AWARE YOU'RE MONITORING XANNA'S EVERY MOVE.

I WANT YOU TO RELAY HER PROGRESS TO ME ON A BI-HOURLY BASIS UNTIL I SAY OTHERWISE.

TWICE-HOURLY, YOU MEAN? HAS GOLGOTH REQUESTED REAL-TIME REPORTS..?

I HAVE. OVER AND OUT.

