



I HAVE TRAVELED TO MORE REALMS THAN I CAN COUNT.

MIGHTY EMPIRES RULED BY THE IRON FIST OF LAW.



TRIBAL NATIONS GOVERNED ONLY BY THE STRONGEST BLADE.

THEOCRACIES DEVOTED TO WHATEVER GOD THEY THINK WILL SAVE THEM.



ALL OF THEM HAVE A PLACE LIKE THIS.

A CITY ON THE EDGE OF NOTHING. WHERE THE HOPELESS AND FOOLISH COME TO MAKE THEIR FORTUNE.



WHERE THE PREDATORS COME TO FEED ON EASY PREY.

AND HERE IS WHERE I WILL FIND THE FIRST OF THEM.

THIS WORLD,
THIS TIME, HOUSES
FOUR OF THE MOST
POWERFUL BEINGS
IN EXISTENCE.

ALL OF WHICH
MUST BE MINE.

SWORDS OF SORROW

FOUR QUEENS
& A JACK

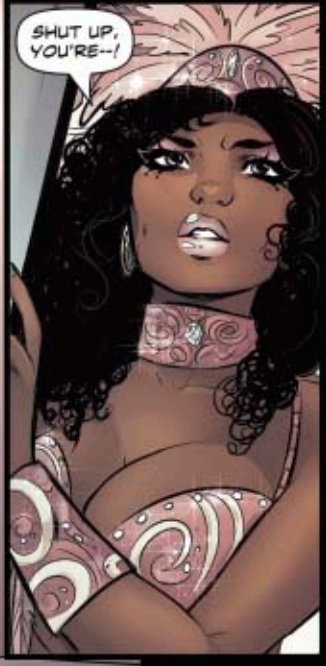
Writer: Maighread Scott
Artist: Mirka Andolfo
Letters: Erica Schultz
Editor: Hannah Elder

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR TICKET STUBS, GENTS. A LUCKY FEW WILL BE INVITED BACKSTAGE TO MEET OUR LOVELY LADIES UP CLOSE AND IN PERSON.



I HOPE THEY GET A FATTY THIS TIME.

YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU.




SHUT UP, YOU'RE--!




WAAAAH!

"I DO NOT SHARE."



DON'T THINK OF THIS AS A WARNING; THERE WILL BE NO MERCY FOR ANY OF YOU.



BUT YOU ALL KNOW FEAR MAKES BLOOD TASTE SWEETER.



KILL HER!

SORCERY? HOW QUAIN'T.

PURGATORI:
HALF-VAMPIRE,
HALF-DEMON.

ETERNALLY
ALMOST A
GODDESS.



IT WILL NOT--
URK!

SHE COULD DO
QUITE WELL.

IF SHE STILL
HAS HER SPIRIT.

IF SHE TRULY
DOES STILL
HUNGER.

I HAVE SEEN EVERY
DEMON THAT CRAWLS THE
PIT, BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN
SUCH AS YOU. TRULY...



...YOU LOOK
DELICIOUS.



RAHHHHH!

