

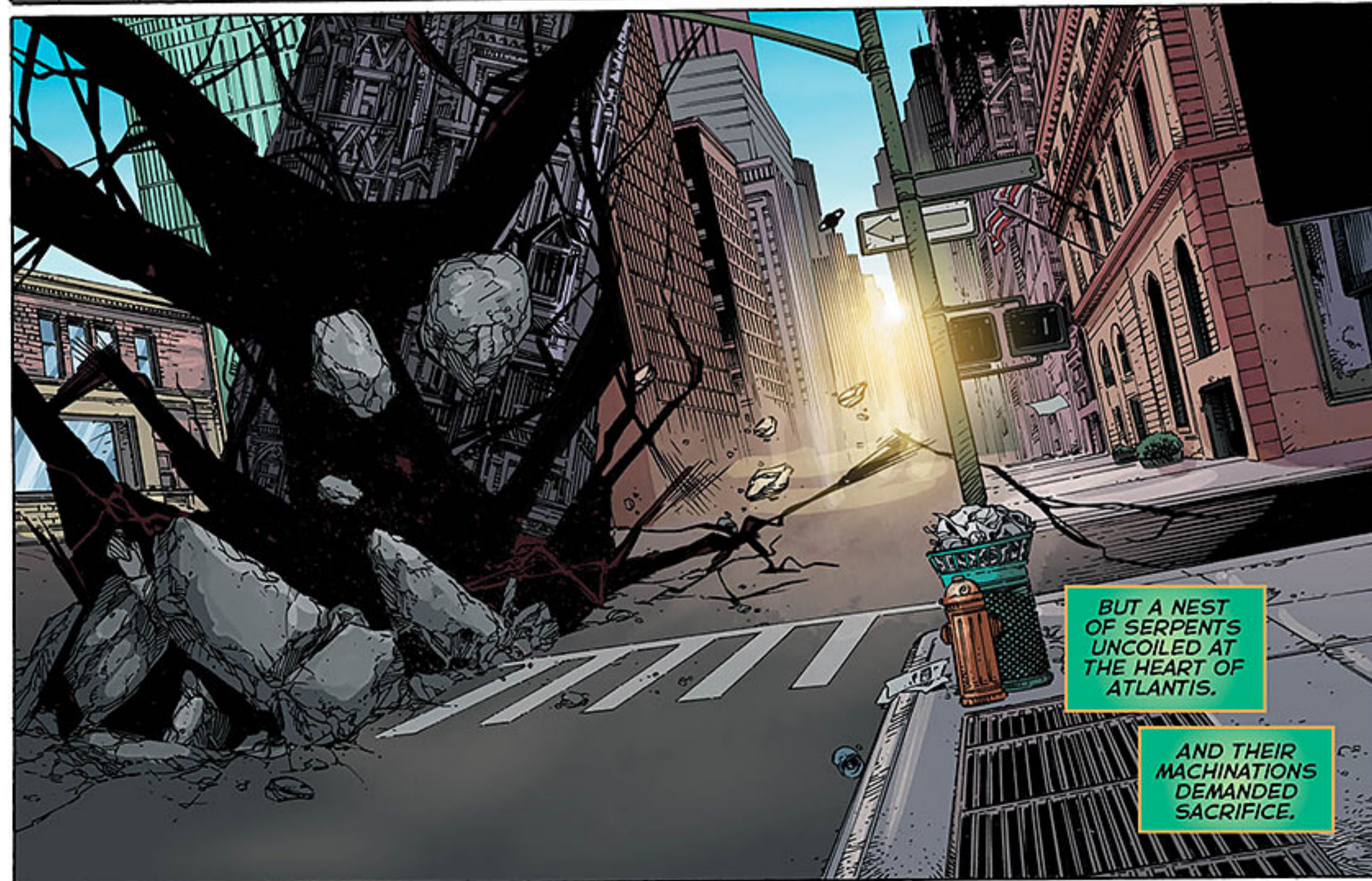
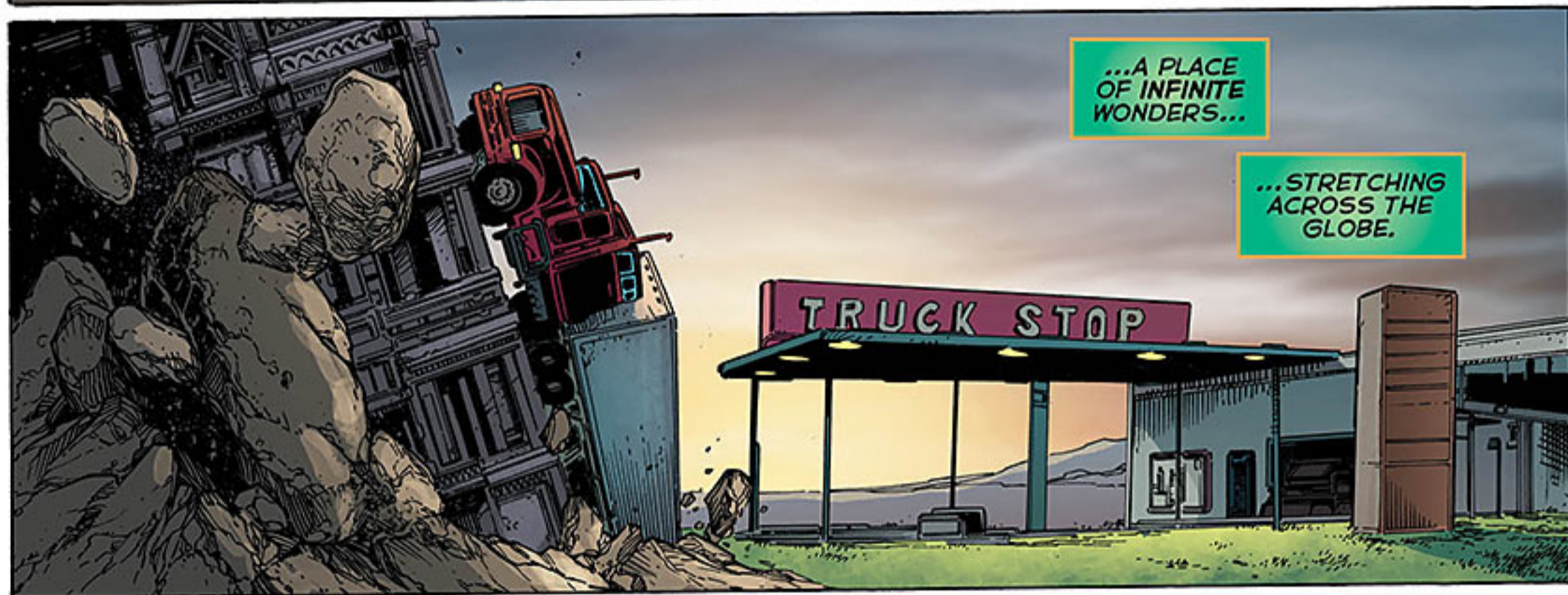
CENTURIES AGO,  
ATLANTIS FELL.

IT WAS THE GREATEST  
EMPIRE THE WORLD  
WOULD EVER KNOW...



...A PLACE  
OF INFINITE  
WONDERS...

...STRETCHING  
ACROSS THE  
GLOBE.



BUT A NEST  
OF SERPENTS  
UNCOILED AT  
THE HEART OF  
ATLANTIS.

AND THEIR  
MACHINATIONS  
DEMANDED  
SACRIFICE.



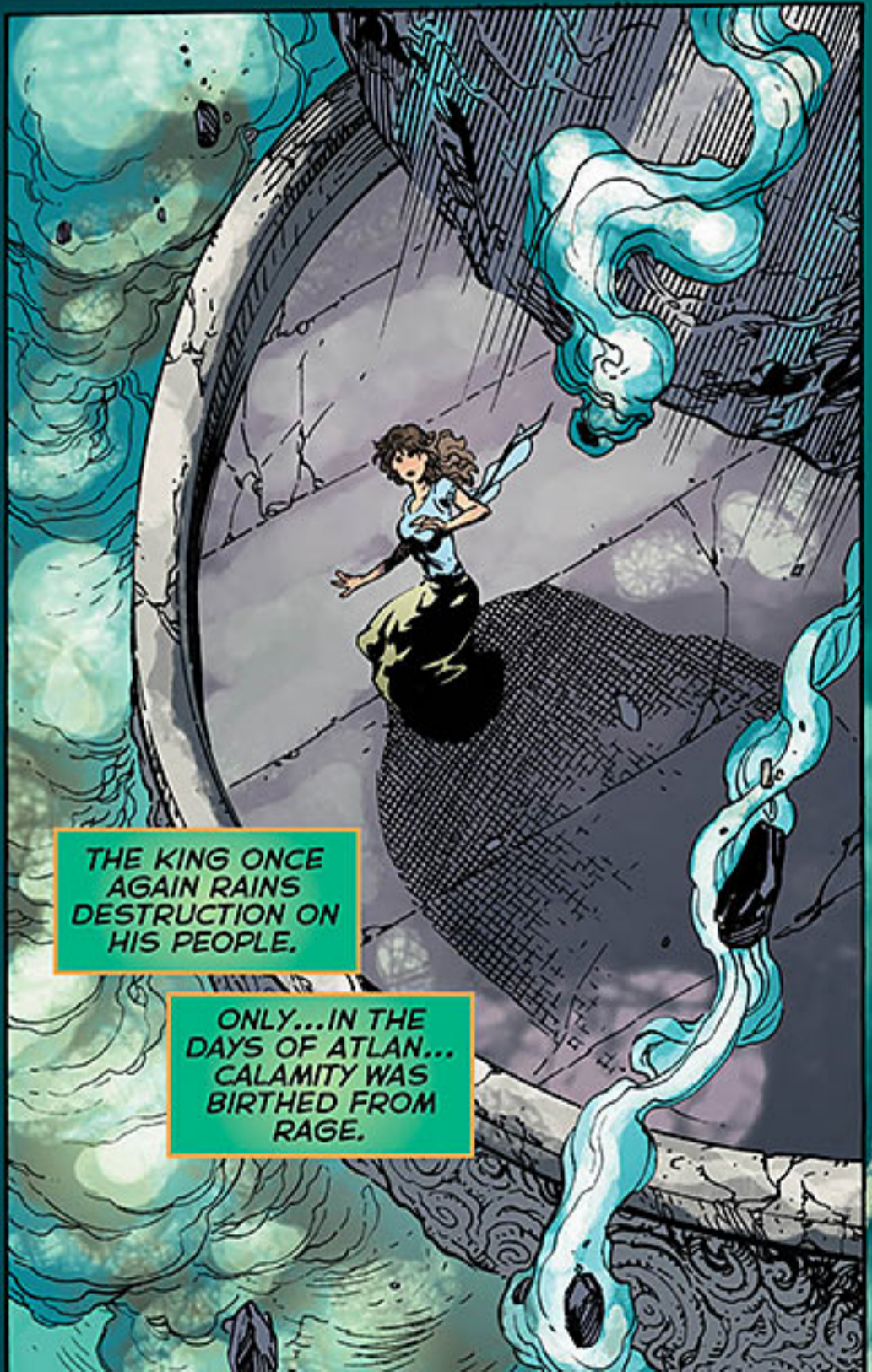
THROUGH TRICKERY AND DECEPTION, THEY PROVOKED A KING'S FURY.

IT WAS A TRAGEDY THAT SENT THE KINGDOM TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.



THE LORD OF ATLANTIS...ATLAN... BROUGHT ABOUT THIS RUIN.

NOW... HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.



THE KING ONCE AGAIN RAINS DESTRUCTION ON HIS PEOPLE.

ONLY...IN THE DAYS OF ATLAN... CALAMITY WAS BIRTHED FROM RAGE.



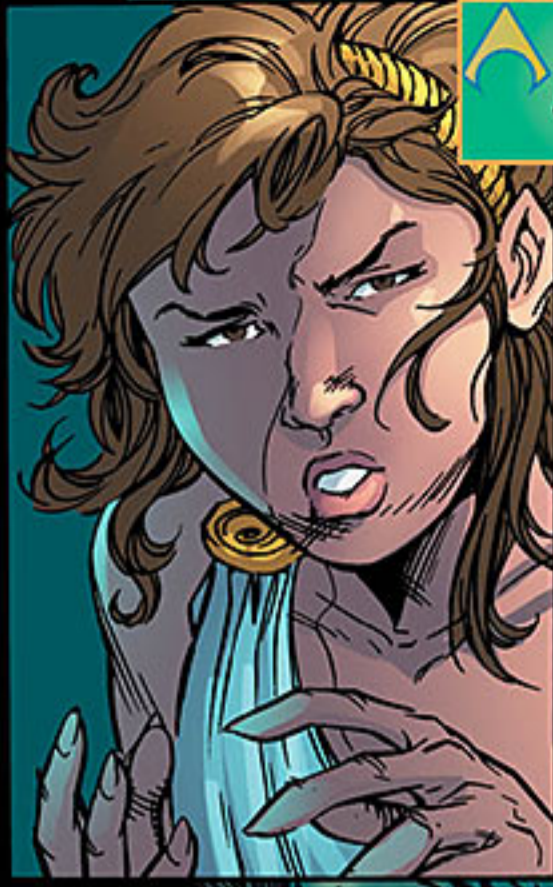
TODAY, THE KING...AND THAT WOULD BE ME...

...TRIES TO TELL HIMSELF THAT THIS IS FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

INVASERS FROM ANOTHER WORLD HAVE INFILTRATED MY KINGDOM.

THEY'VE TAKEN OVER.

BUT TODAY... I'M TAKING IT BACK.



KING ARTHUR!

I... KNEW IT!

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON US!



# RETURN OF THE KING

CULLEN BUNN WRITER VICENTE CIFUENTES PENCILLER  
JOHN DELL, JUAN CASTRO AND VICENTE CIFUENTES INKERS  
GUY MAJOR COLORIST TOM NAPOLITANO LETTERS  
BRETT BOOTH, NORM RAPMUND AND ANDREW DALHOUSE COVER  
ANDY KUHN ADULT COLORING BOOK VARIANT  
AMEDEO TURTURRO ASSISTANT EDITOR BRIAN CUNNINGHAM GROUP EDITOR  
AQUAMAN CREATED BY PAUL MORRIS.  
SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.



GO ON.

SWIM CLEAR.

TAKE COVER.

SHOOON



ARTHUR...

...WE HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH APPREHENDING YOU...



...AND BRINGING YOU TO JUSTICE FOR CRIMES AGAINST ATLANTIS.

TULA, GARTH, SWATT, AND MURK.

THE DRIFT.

FRIENDS, MOST OF THEM, OR AT LEAST ALLIES.

BUT IT'S LIKE I LEARNED WHEN I WAS A KID...

...FRIENDS FIGHT SOMETIMES.

I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF THIS.

LOOK AROUND.

ATLANTIS IS BEING OVERTAKEN BY AN ALIEN WORLD...



...AND YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT ARRESTING ME?

ARTHUR... WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK.

THERE ARE THOSE IN ATLANTIS WHO BELIEVE YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED THE POISONING OF OUR KINGDOM LONG AGO.



AND... NO OFFENSE, BUT--

"--YOU DID JUST SEND AN ARMY OF SEA MONSTERS TO ATTACK THE KINGDOM."

I FIGURED I'D NEED A DISTRACTION IF I WANTED TO GET PAST THE ARMIES OF ATLANTIS.

DON'T WORRY.

THOSE CREATURES WON'T KILL ANYONE...

...WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR MYSELF IF YOU DON'T GET THE HELL OUT OF MY WAY.

THE QUEEN REGENT...

...MERA...

...SHE'S BEEN REPLACED BY SOME SORT OF SHAPE-SHIFTER...

...AND SHE'S BEING HELD SOMEWHERE NEARBY.

BAH!

A SHAPE-SHIFTER?

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY EXPECT US TO BELIEVE SOMETHING SO LUDICROUS--

