

**Y**OU'RE HURT, DICK GRAYSON.

SOMETHING RAN YOU DOWN. A TRUCK, MAYBE. A TRAIN.

A TRAIN WITH A SWORD...



...OH RIGHT.

THIS IS THE MESS YOU'RE SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF.

I WILL RIP THE TRUTH FROM YOU, WATER-BORN!

I HAVE NO TRUTH FOR YOU, WARRIOR-WITCH!



QUIT IT! WILL YOU BOTH--

FOR GOD'S SAKE!

THE ATLANTEAN'S STRONG. INHUMANLY STRONG.

**WHUNGGGG!**

GNH.

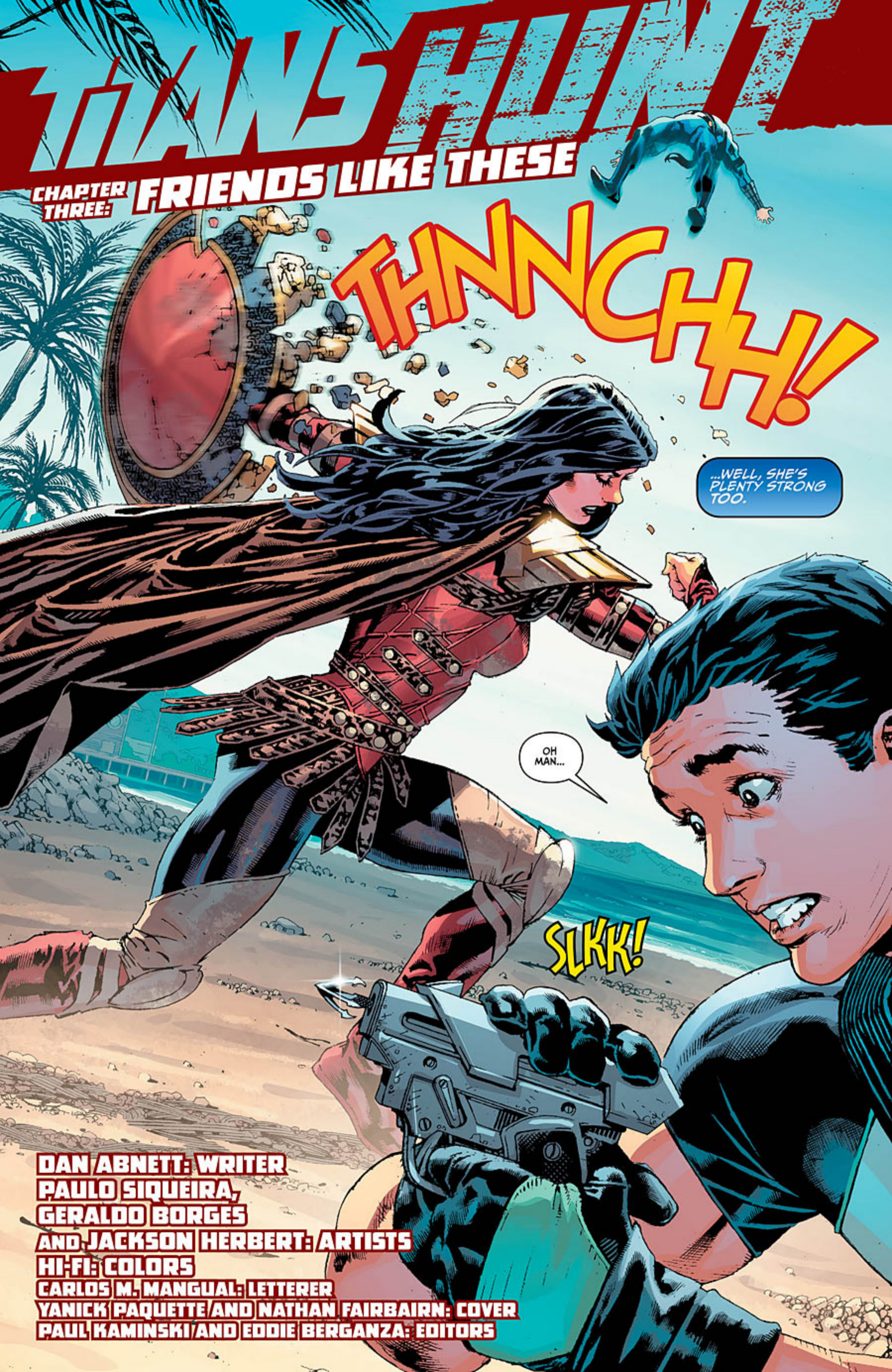


BUT HIS COMBAT TECHNIQUE IS DEVELOPED TO COPE WITH DEPTH AND FLUID PRESSURE.

HE'S USED TO FIGHTING AGAINST WATER, AND HAVING IT SUPPORT AND STABILIZE HIS MOVEMENTS.

IN THE OPEN AIR, HE PUNCHES TOO HARD AND EXTENDS TOO FAR. HIS BALANCE IS OFF.

AND THE AMAZON, WHEREVER SHE CAME FROM...



# CHAPTER THREE: FRIENDS LIKE THESE

THNNGH!

...WELL, SHE'S PLENTY STRONG TOO.

OH MAN...

SLKK!

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...THAT'S ENOUGH!

PTUM

HNNN!

YOU PUT A NOOSE ON ME?!

I AM THE ONE WHO HAS COME HERE FOR THE TRUTH!

SNAKKK↑

OH #@\*!

LISTEN TO ME! I WANT ANSWERS TOO!

YOUR FACE, MAN-CHILD! YOUR FACE HAS BEEN IN MY DREAMS!

AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE QUESTIONS!

THE FISH-BOY'S TOO!

WHY HAVE YOU SUMMONED ME HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

THE TRUTH! SPEAK IT NOW!

GHHHKK!



LILITH CLAY  
ADDICTION  
COUNSELOR



ROY?  
ROY, IT'S  
LILITH.



I WAS  
WONDERING  
WHERE YOU  
WERE, ROY. I'M  
WORRIED--

I WAS  
WORRIED I MIGHT  
HAVE MISSED A CALL  
FROM YOU. THERE'S  
BEEN A STORM HERE.  
THE POWER'S BEEN  
ON AND OFF ALL  
NIGHT.

I'M SURE  
YOU'RE ON  
YOUR WAY TO  
SEE ME. JUST...  
JUST CALL,  
OKAY?

JUST  
LET ME KNOW  
HOW YOU'RE  
DOING.



TAP TAP TAP

JUST RAIN. RAIN  
BEATING ON THE  
WINDOW. IT'S  
BEEN RAINING  
SINCE BEFORE  
DAWN.



TAP TAP TAP

LILITH.

NOT RAIN.

G-GO  
AWAY.



LET ME IN, LILITH.

I--

--I DO NOT GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO ENTER.

AW.

THAT'S CUTE.



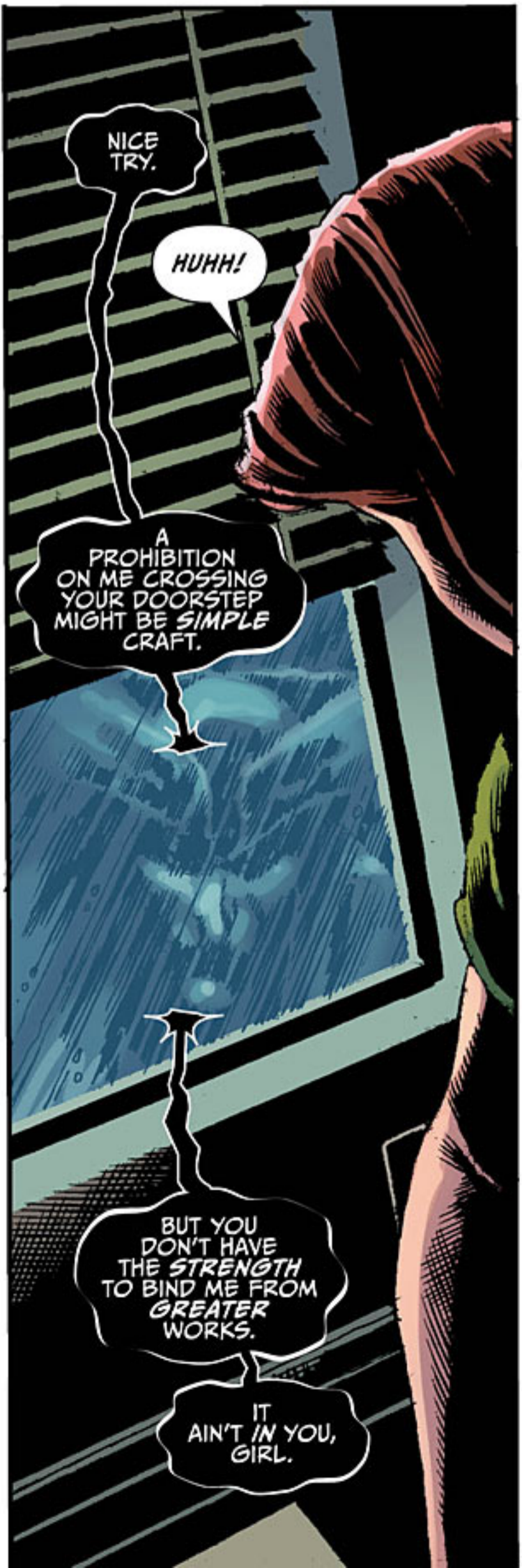
GETTING TOUGH, ARE YOU, LILITH? TRYING TO RESIST ME?

YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE RULES NOW, DO YOU? THE RULES OF THE MAGIC?

THINK YOU CAN WORK THEM AGAINST ME?



I WANT YOU TO LEAVE THEM ALONE. ALL OF THEM.



NICE TRY.

HUHH!

A PROHIBITION ON ME CROSSING YOUR DOORSTEP MIGHT BE SIMPLE CRAFT.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BIND ME FROM GREATER WORKS.

IT AIN'T IN YOU, GIRL.