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# Bêlit

## CHAPTER 5: ALL HAIL THE QUEEN

As captain of the *Tigress*, Bêlit has made a name for herself as the most feared pirate captain along the coasts of the Hyborian Age. When Bêlit double-crossed the Stygian priest Apheru, he cast a curse upon her. Now in the throes of the curse's madness, with her faithful advisor, N'Yaga, and crew beside her, Bêlit must face both the demons of her past and an uncertain future...

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YOU  
THERE.

WOMAN.

GIRL.

THE ONLY  
THING MADE  
BY A MAN WHO  
STOLE IT  
ALL.



WHAT IS  
IT THAT YOU  
FEAR?



I--

YOU  
FEAR  
THAT  
YOUR  
DEATH  
WILL  
BE IN  
VAIN.

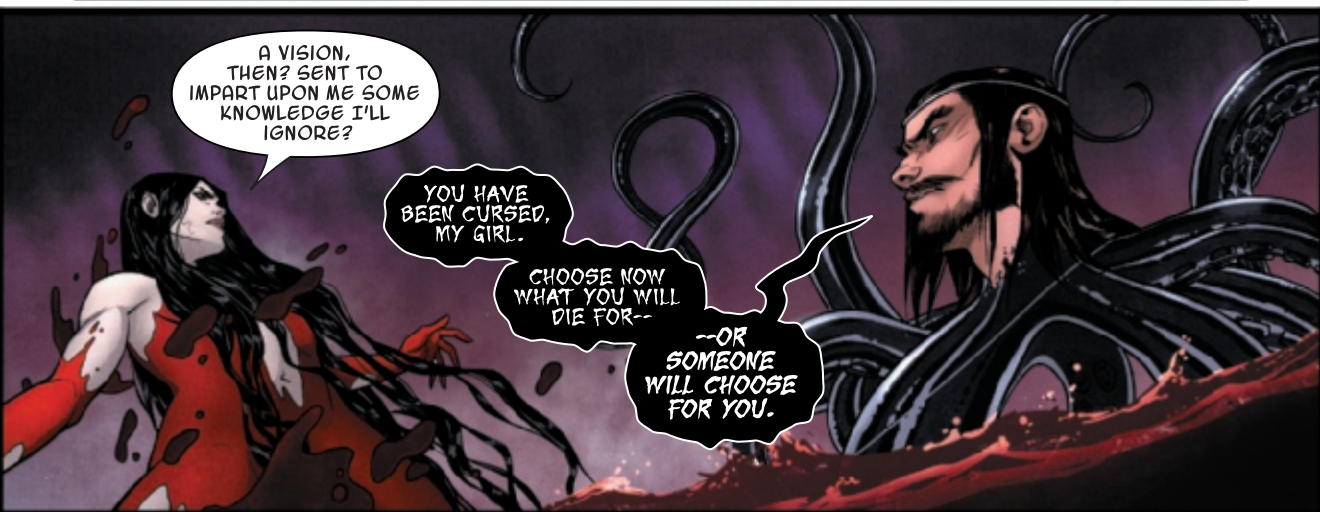
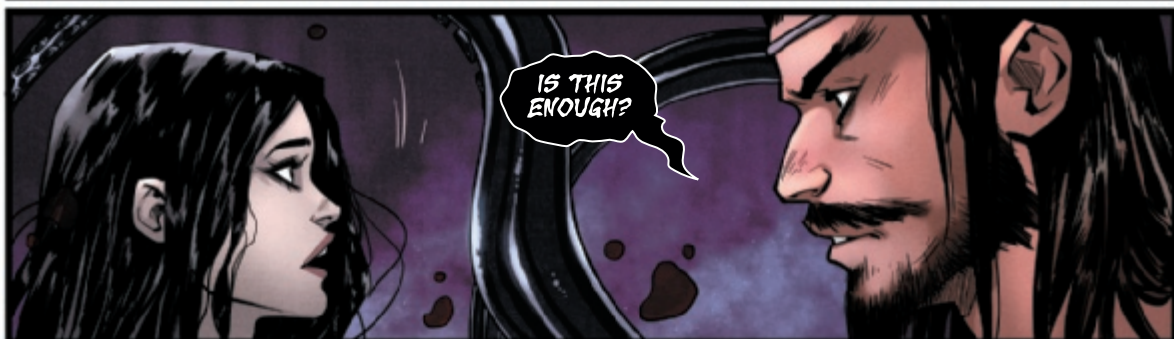


AND WHAT COULD  
MAKE DEATH WORTHWHILE?  
WHAT COULD MAKE YOU FEEL  
A FAIR PRICE WAS PAID?



VENGEANCE.









The Tigress.  
Hidden off the  
coast of Stygia.

IS SHE  
AWAKE?



NO...  
SHOULD  
I WAKE  
HER?

NO,  
NO...

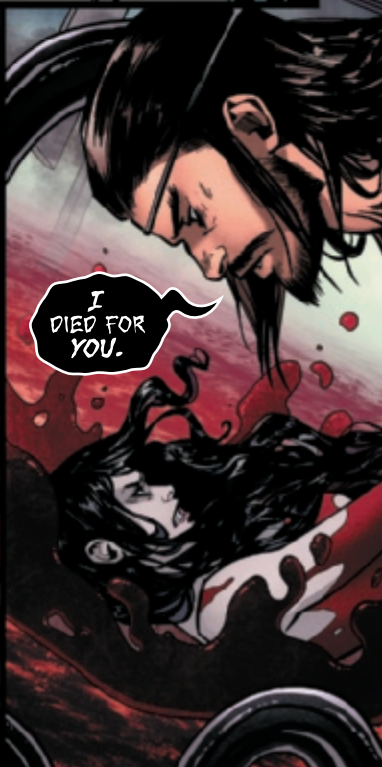


SHE  
NEEDS TO  
SLEEP.



WHAT IS  
IT, THEN?  
WHAT IS  
WORTH DYING  
FOR?

**NOTHING!**  
ONLY A  
FOOL GIVES UP  
THEIR LIFE FOR  
ANOTHER!



I  
DIED FOR  
YOU.





NO.  
THAT  
WAS FOR  
YOU.



YOU  
NEEDED  
MERCY!

AND  
I HAD THE  
STRENGTH TO  
DISPENSE  
IT!

YOUR  
WHOLE  
LIFE I HAVE  
BEEN READY  
TO DIE FOR  
YOU, MY  
CHILD.

TO SETTLE  
DOWN ON  
LAND AND RAISE  
YOU WAS TO DIE  
FOR YOU. AND I  
WELCOMED IT.



I COULD  
NO LONGER FIGHT  
FOR MYSELF, AS A  
PIRATE DOES.

A PIRATE  
DOES NOT DIE FOR  
HIS CREW--THEY  
DIE FOR HIM.

BUT I WAS  
YOUR CREW, MY  
DAUGHTER. I WOULD  
HAVE DONE  
ANYTHING  
FOR YOU.

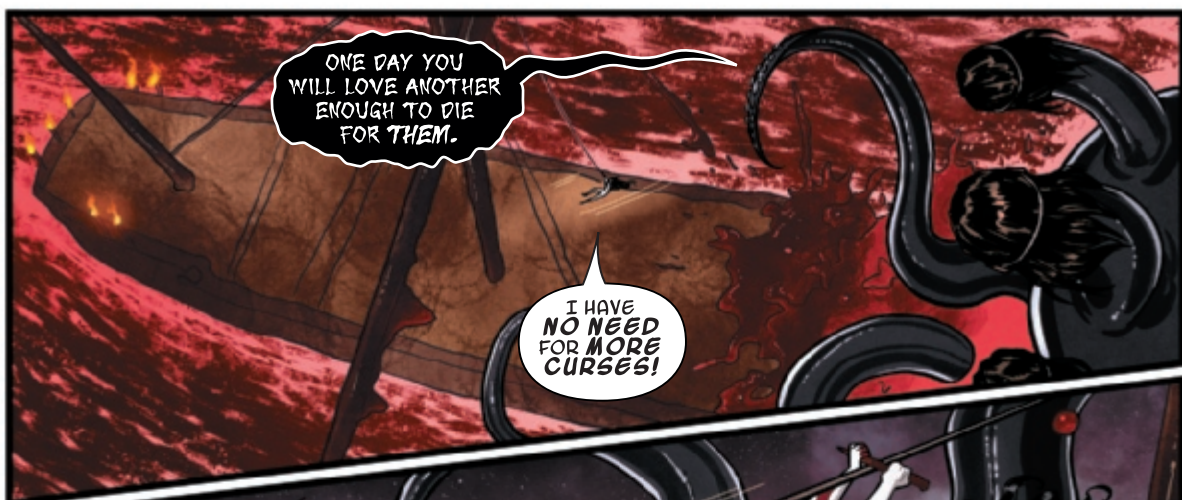


I DID  
NOT RUN.

I  
DID NOT  
HIDE.

I LET THEM  
TAKE ME. PAID  
MY DEBT SO THEY  
WOULDN'T TAKE IT  
FROM YOU.





ONE DAY YOU  
WILL LOVE ANOTHER  
ENOUGH TO DIE  
FOR THEM.

I HAVE  
NO NEED  
FOR MORE  
CURSES!



IT IS A  
BLESSING TO  
LOVE ANOTHER  
ENOUGH TO DIE  
FOR THEM.



BUT YOU  
MUST SETTLE YOUR  
AFFAIRS TO KEEP THE  
ONES YOU LOVE  
SAFE.

YOU  
MUST  
SUCCEED  
WHERE I  
FAILED.

AND  
THOSE WHO  
WOULD STRIKE  
AT YOU, YOU  
SHOULD NOT  
SUFFER THEM  
TO LIVE.



TAUNT  
ME NO MORE,  
BEAST!