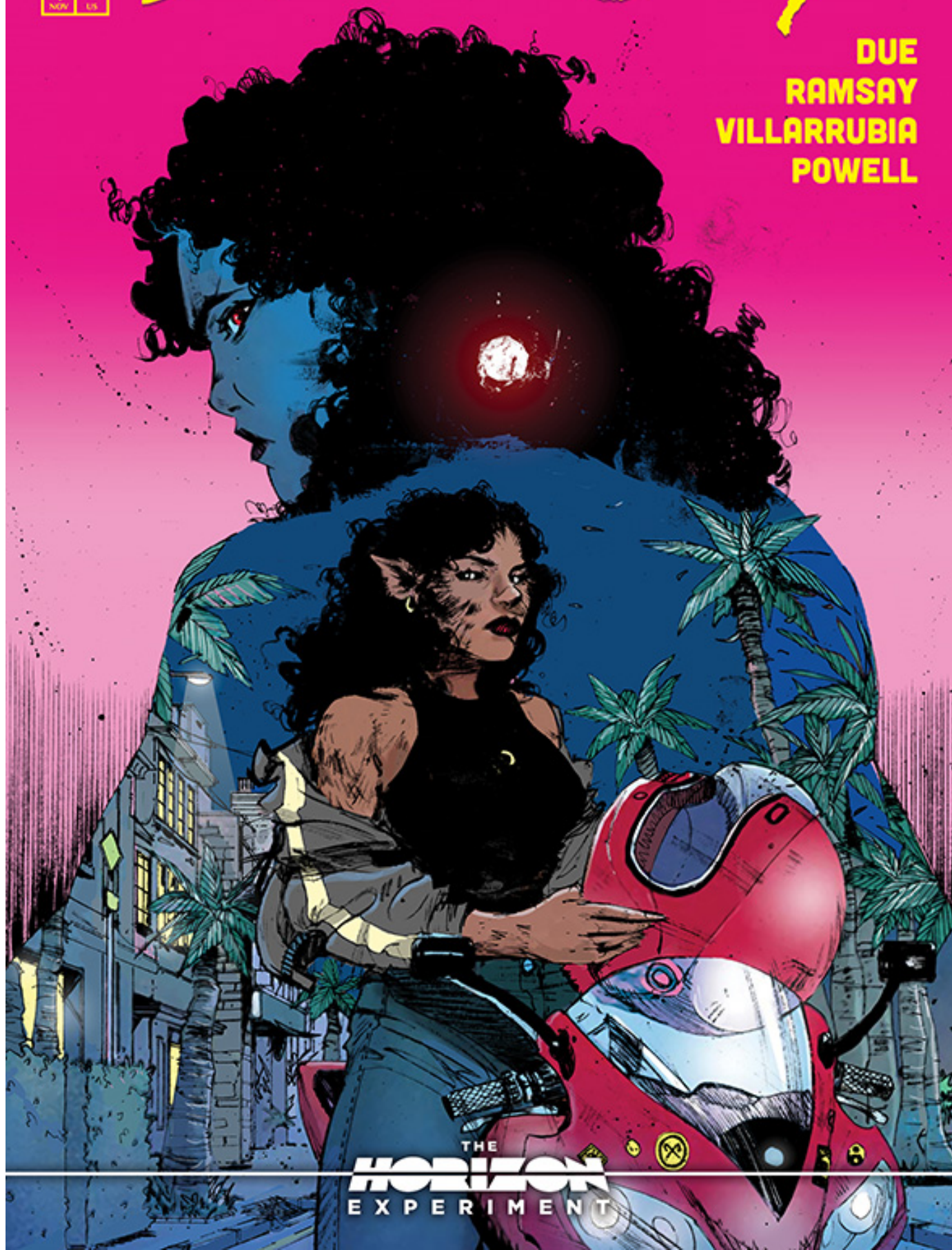




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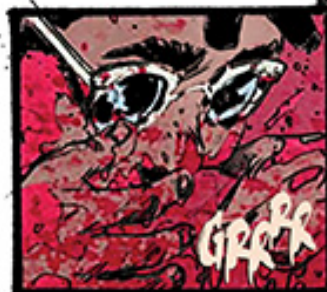
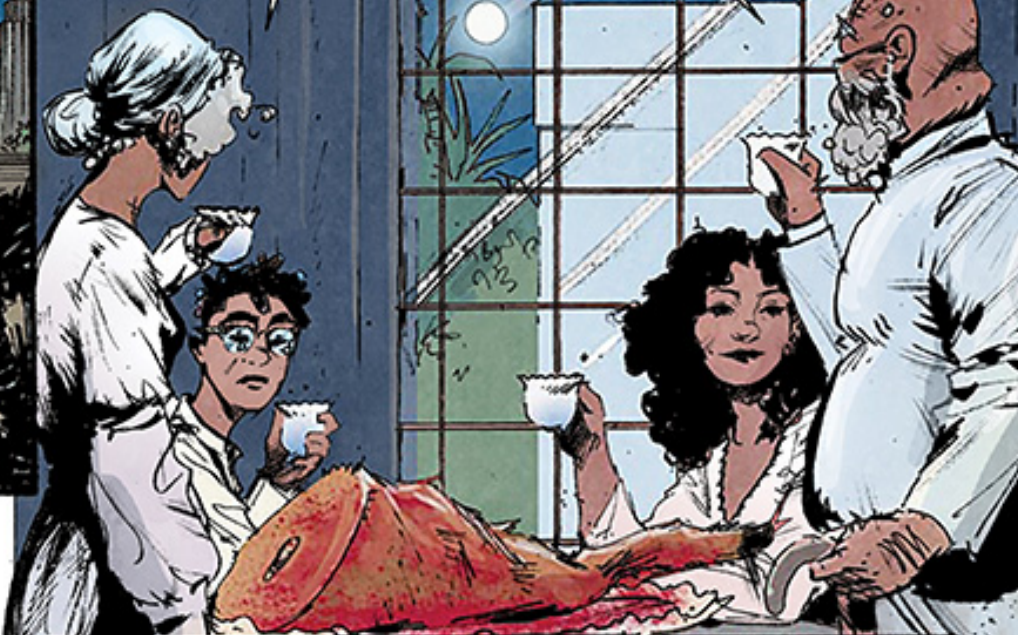


THE  
**HORIZON**  
EXPERIMENT

I COULDN'T INVITE CARLOS TO DINNER ON MOON NIGHTS. "FAMILY" ONLY. TRUST ME...HE WOULDN'T LIKE THE MENU.

BLESS THESE CREATURES FOR OUR SUSTENANCE. MAY WE ALWAYS EQUALLY HONOR THE SKIN WE'RE IN...AND OUR LINEAGE OF FUR AND FANG.

MAY THIS MOON NIGHT BRING US CLOSER TO OUR ANCESTRAL POWER...WHILE OUR TEA TEMPERS OUR SPIRITS WITH PEACE.



CARLOS WOULDN'T LIKE OUR TABLE MANNERS, EITHER. I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT HIM EVER SEEING ALL OF WHO WE ARE. BUT I HAD OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT...LIKE MY BROTHER.



AND WONDERING WHAT THOSE FERALS HAVE PLANNED FOR MOON NIGHT. BUT MOM AND DAD PLANNED DINNER AND A SHOW...





WHERE I GREW UP, EVERYONE LIVED IN FEAR OF THOSE WHO **CROSS THEIR STAFFS**. WE ALONE COULD UNLOCK THE POWER OF THE **HYENA**.

IN THE ARMY, I HAD A SERGEANT WHO **LOVED** MY SECRET THAT I WAS "A LITTLE BIT WOLF."



WE HAVE ALL THIS POWER, SO WHY CAN'T WE CLAIM OUR RIGHTFUL PLACES?

BUT, YOU TWO ARE THE BEST OF EACH OF US!



WE CAN'T THINK LIKE THAT, SON.

OUR GIFT IS NOT FOR DOMINION. IT IS OUR SACRED RESPONSIBILITY TO BE STRONG ONLY WHEN WE'RE NEEDED.



I KNEW KAI  
WOULDN'T LIKE  
WHAT I WAS  
ABOUT TO TELL  
HIM AFTER  
DINNER.

SO... I WAS  
WONDERING...  
IF YOU MIGHT  
WANT TO STAY  
ON THE LEASH  
TONIGHT?

YOU BETTER  
BE JOKING. I'M NOT  
A LITTLE KID ANYMORE.  
AND THAT'S WHAT THE  
TEA'S FOR.

TEA MIGHT NOT WORK  
RIGHT IF SOME ALPHA FERAL  
GOT INTO YOUR HEAD. THEY  
WON'T WANT TO LET YOU GO. I  
FELT IT TOO, KAI--A KIND OF  
PULL. THEY'LL WANT TO  
CONTROL YOU.

NO ONE  
CONTROLS  
ME BUT  
ME.

THEN TAKE  
A DOUBLE  
DOSE OF TEA,  
OK? I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU.

YOU'RE SURE  
YOU DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT  
THOSE FERALS ARE  
UP TO?

I COULD HAVE  
LEARNED MORE... BUT  
YOU MADE ME LEAVE,  
REMEMBER?

I KNOW, BUT  
THERE'S NO WAY THEY  
WOULD HAVE STOPPED  
USING THE HERBS YOU GAVE  
THEM. THEY PROBABLY  
WOULD HAVE KILLED  
YOU, KAI.

LET'S JUST  
HOPE THIS IS A  
QUIET NIGHT...  
FOR ALL  
OF US.

AS MUCH AS  
I WANTED TO  
GO OUT AND  
INVESTIGATE,  
SOMETHING  
TOLD ME TO  
STAY CLOSE TO  
HOME AND KEEP  
AN EYE ON KAI.

OR...MAYBE  
I WAS JUST  
AFRAID.

SOMEHOW, I MANAGED TO SLEEP, BUT I WOKE UP WITH A BAD FEELING...



AND WHEN I SAW KAI'S BED HADN'T BEEN SLEPT IN...

I KNEW I HAD TO SEE CARLOS NO MATTER MY SECRETS.

THIS LOOK IS KIND OF HOT, THOUGH. I NEVER THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS A "FURRY," BUT...

KAI'S GONE.

SO MUCH FOR ME BEING TERRIFIED TO LET CARLOS SEE ME ON A MOON NIGHT.

WHOA, NALA, IS THAT YOU?

IF HE WANTS TO BE A PART OF MY LIFE, HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO SEE ME ON A MOON NIGHT SOMETIME...





THIS ALPHA HAS SOME KIND OF HOLD ON HIM. THE WEALTH AND FAKE EMPOWERMENT, YEAH... BUT SOMETHING ELSE. WE CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM.

THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT FINDING MY BROTHER! WE NEED TO STOP WHATEVER HIS PLAN IS TONIGHT. YESTERDAY WAS JUST A TASTE OF IT.

THIS SOUNDS WAY TOO DANGEROUS.



I'M DANGEROUS TOO.



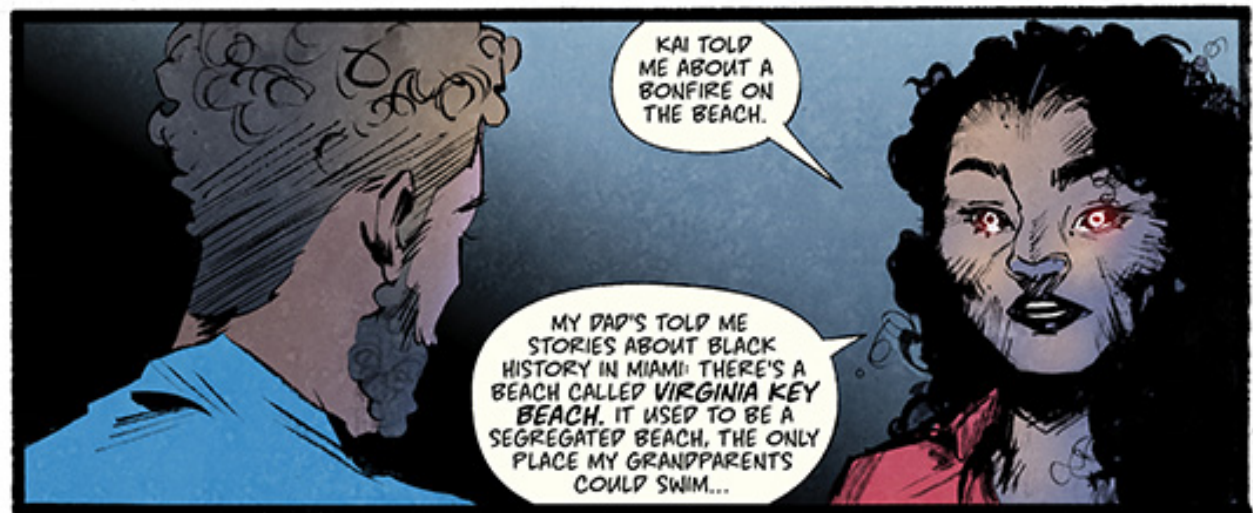
...WILL YOU MARRY ME?

HELP ME FIND MY BROTHER... AND WE'LL SEE.



I KEEP THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD: "DOWN AT VIRGINIA." HE'S NOT TALKING ABOUT THE STATE.

VIRGINIA AVENUE? VIRGINIA STREET?



KAI TOLD ME ABOUT A BONFIRE ON THE BEACH.

MY DAD'S TOLD ME STORIES ABOUT BLACK HISTORY IN MIAMI: THERE'S A BEACH CALLED VIRGINIA KEY BEACH. IT USED TO BE A SEGREGATED BEACH, THE ONLY PLACE MY GRANDPARENTS COULD SWIM...


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