

CHIP ZDARSKY  
KRIS ANKA  
MATT WILSON

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# THE WHISPER QUEEN

A BLACKSAND TALE



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"THE KING  
IS DEAD."



MURDERED.  
IN THE **THRONE ROOM**.

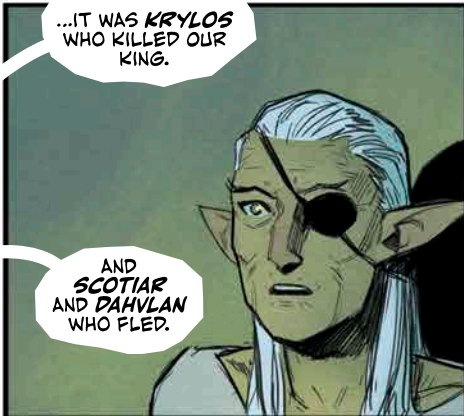
ALONG WITH  
A DOZEN OF  
THE **ROYAL GUARD**.



AS YOU KNOW,  
THERE ARE  
NO **HEIRS**.

IT'S A **CRISIS**. I'VE  
TAKEN CHARGE UNTIL  
THE **COUNCIL** CAN  
FIGURE OUT NEXT  
STEPS.

THE ASSASSIN HAS BEEN SLAIN,  
BUT HIS **ACCOMPLICES** FLED.  
I WANTED YOU TO HEAR IT  
FROM ME FIRST...



...IT WAS **KRYLOS**  
WHO KILLED OUR  
KING.

AND  
**SCOTIAR**  
AND **DAHVLAN**  
WHO FLED.

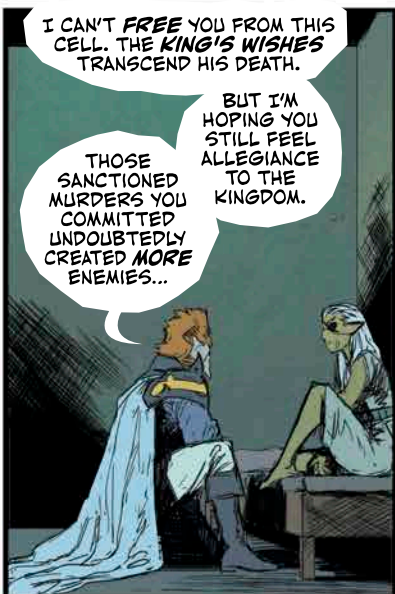


YOU KNEW  
THEM AS WELL  
AS I DID, **JAVRO**.  
WE **FOUGHT** WITH  
THEM IN THE  
**WAR**.

THEY WERE  
NOT THE  
**PLOTTING**  
**TYPES**.  
SOMEONE  
MUST HAVE  
PUT THEM  
UP TO  
IT.



YOU WERE THE **KING'S**  
**ASSASSIN**. ONLY YOU WERE  
PRIVY TO HIS **DARKEST**  
**COMMANDS**.



I CAN'T **FREE** YOU FROM THIS  
CELL. THE **KING'S WISHES**  
TRANSCEND HIS DEATH.

THOSE  
SANCTIONED  
MURDERS YOU  
COMMITTED  
UNDOUBTEDLY  
CREATED **MORE**  
ENEMIES...

BUT I'M  
HOPING YOU  
STILL FEEL  
ALLEGIANCE  
TO THE  
KINGDOM.



...LOVED  
ONES WHO  
WANTED  
**REVENGE**.  
IF  
YOU  
TOLD  
ME--

**STOP.**





YOU  
ALREADY  
SAID IT,  
KRAHL:

THE  
KING'S  
WISHES  
EXTEND  
PAST HIS  
LIFE.

I CANNOT  
TELL YOU WHO  
I KILLED FOR HIM.  
YOU CANNOT FREE  
ME FROM THESE  
WALLS.



...YES.

I SUPPOSE  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



I'M  
SENDING  
THE DARK  
WHISPER  
AFTER  
THEM.

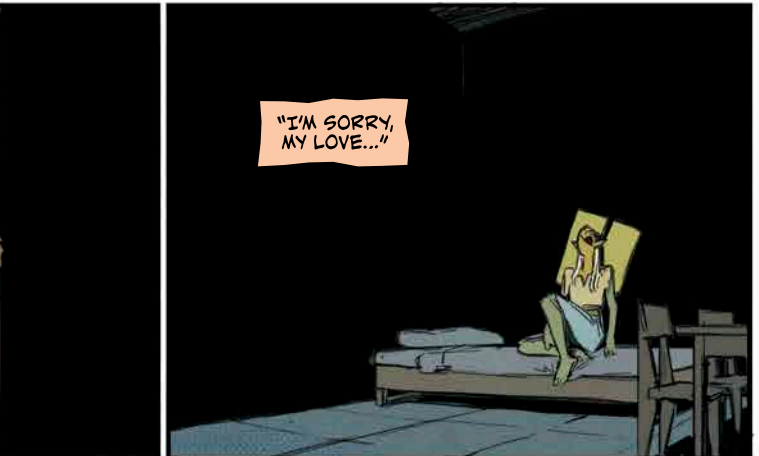


AMONG  
OTHERS. IT'S  
ALL HANDS ON  
DECK, AFTER  
ALL.

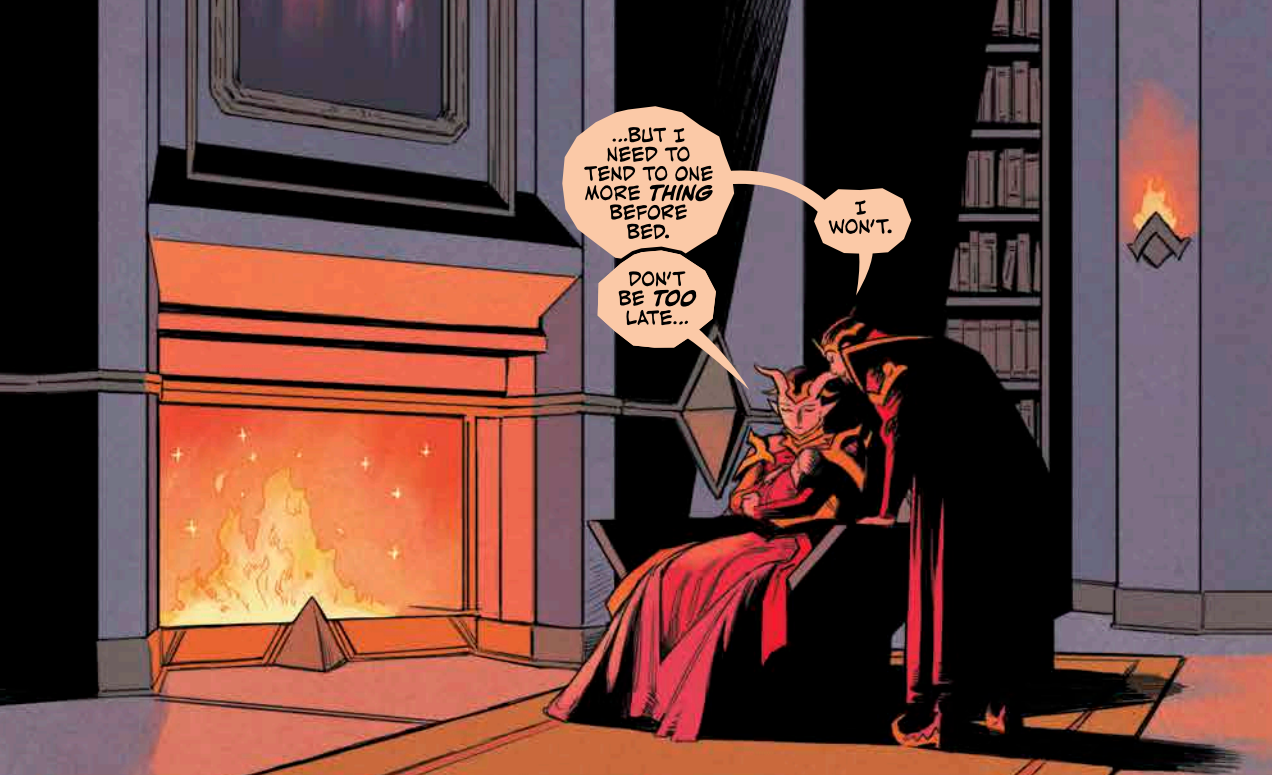
AT ONE TIME IT  
WOULD HAVE JUST BEEN  
YOU THAT WAS SENT--  
OUR VERY **BEST**. SO I  
SUPPOSE YOU SHOULD  
BE THANKFUL THAT  
YOU'RE IN **HERE**...



...FOR YOUR  
CRIMES.



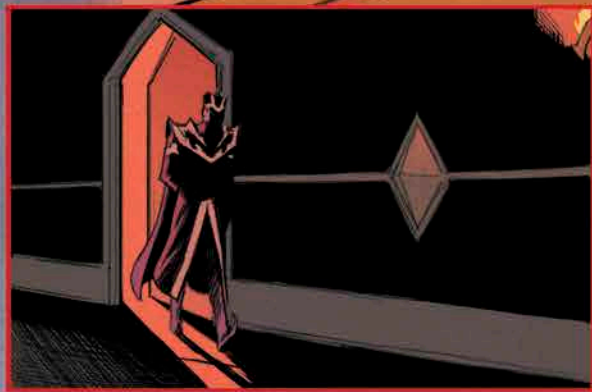
"I'M SORRY,  
MY LOVE..."



...BUT I NEED TO TEND TO MORE THING BEFORE BED.

I WON'T.

DON'T BE TOO LATE...



MY LORD.

JAVRO!



TELL ME... DID YOU...

...WAS IT...



...I SEE.

IT WAS NOT AN... EASY TASK THIS TIME OUT.

NO, MY LORD, IT WAS NOT.

