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THE Barman Blade

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MANY YEARS BEFORE
ANATTA EVER DREAMT
OF THE KARMAN BLADE,
THE BURDEN OF A FREE
LAND BEFELL ANOTHER.

THEY CALLED HIM
the false King.



SOON
HE'LL BE
OLD ENOUGH
TO JOIN YOU IN
BATTLE, MY
LOVE.

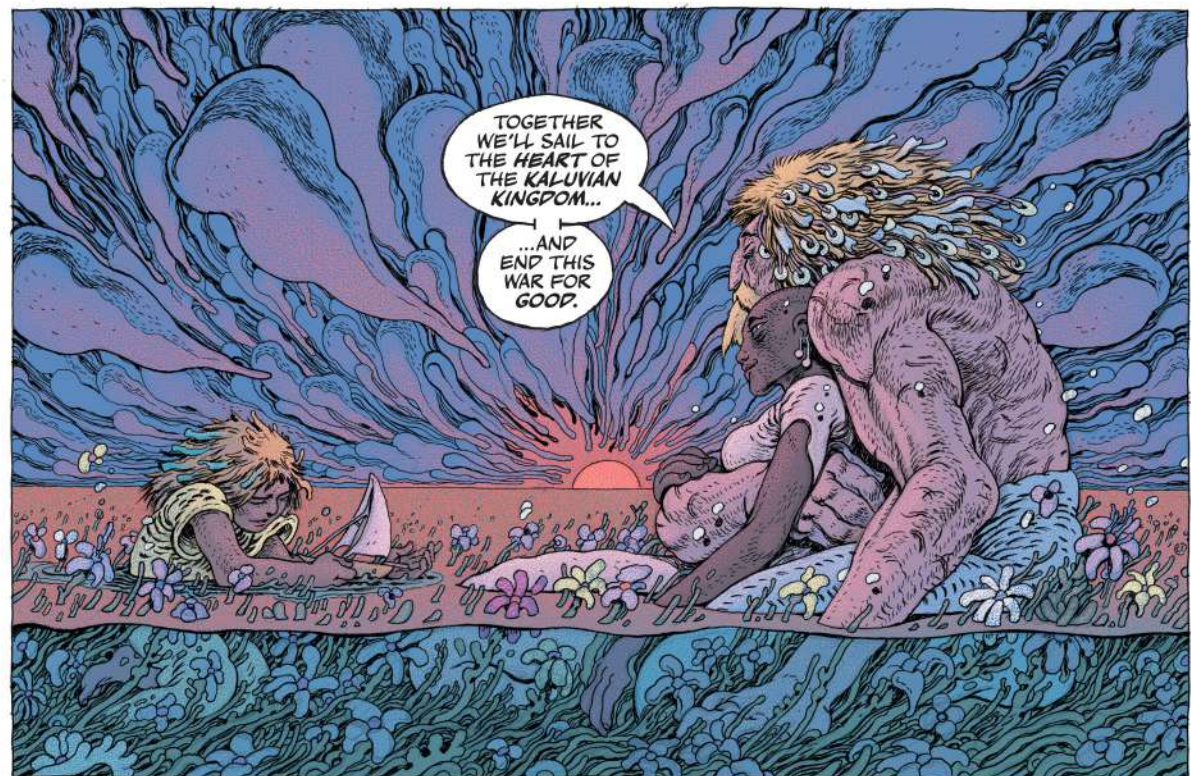


A KING FASHIONED NOT
BY THE VIRTUE OF HIS
ANCESTORS, BUT BY
THE CRIMSON TIDE HE
RAISED IN THE NAME
OF A FREE LAND.



TOGETHER
WE'LL SAIL TO
THE HEART OF
THE KALUVIAN
KINGDOM...

...AND
END THIS
WAR FOR
GOOD.

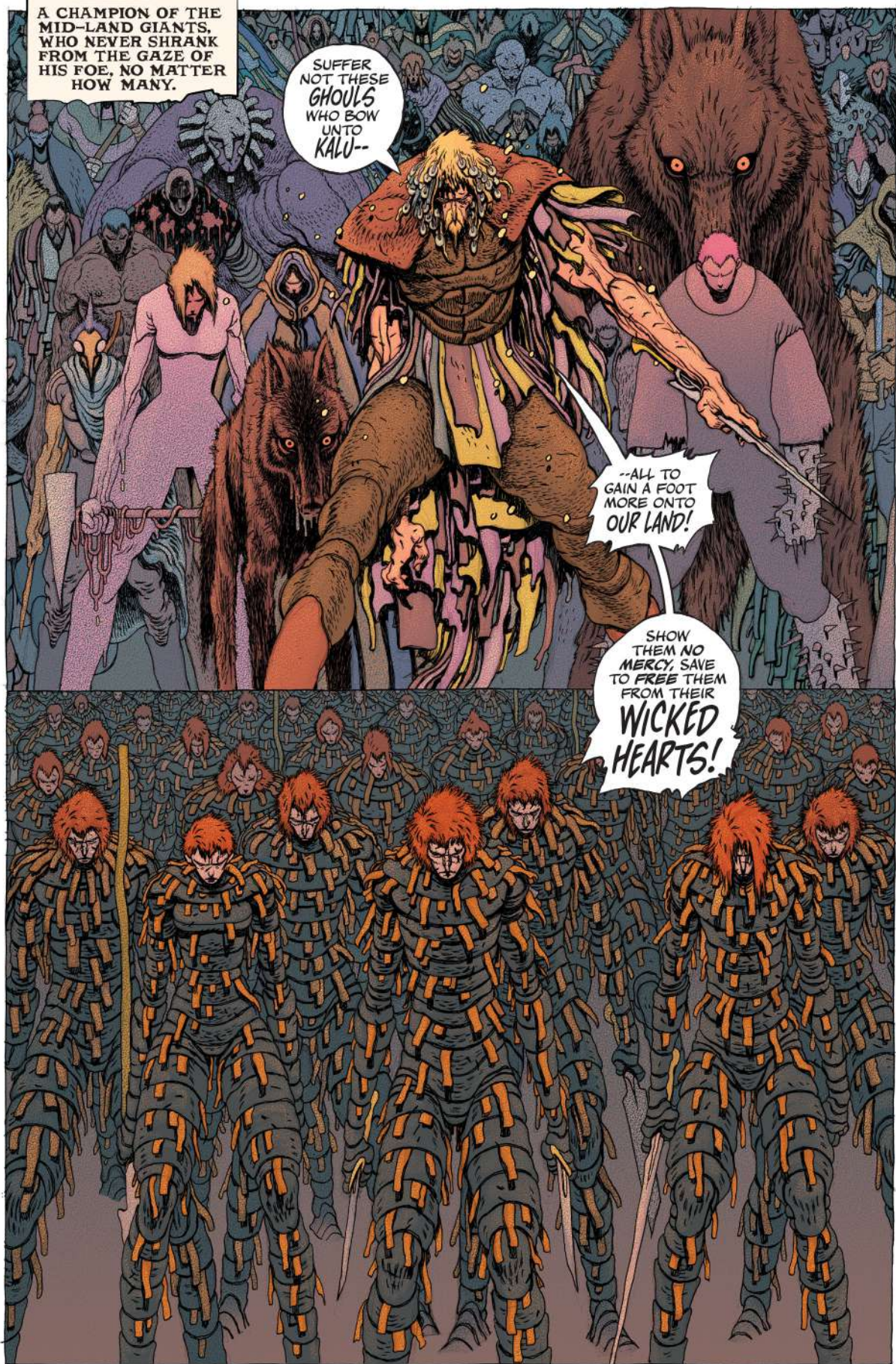


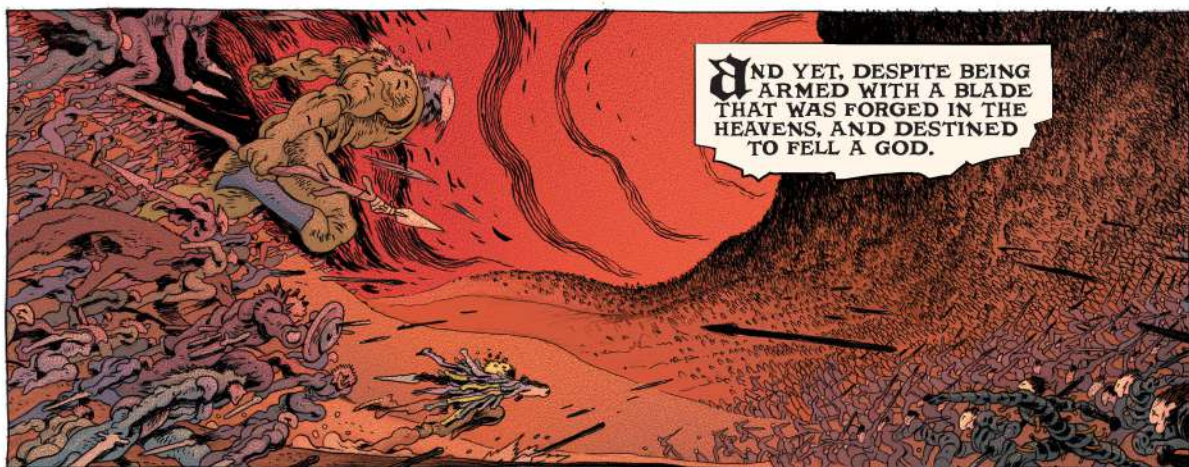
A CHAMPION OF THE
MID-LAND GIANTS,
WHO NEVER SHRANK
FROM THE GAZE OF
HIS FOE, NO MATTER
HOW MANY.

SUFFER
NOT THESE
GHOULS
WHO BOW
UNTO
KALU--

--ALL TO
GAIN A FOOT
MORE ONTO
OUR LAND!

SHOW
THEM NO
MERCY, SAVE
TO FREE THEM
FROM THEIR
**WICKED
HEARTS!**





AND YET, DESPITE BEING
ARMED WITH A BLADE
THAT WAS FORGED IN THE
HEAVENS, AND DESTINED
TO FELL A GOD.



HE HELD
A WEAKNESS
WITHIN HIS
HEART.



A FEAR MORE
POTENT THAN
HIS OWN
GRAVE.



A WIFE AND CHILD,
MORE PRECIOUS TO
HIM THAN THE LAND
HE VOWED TO KEEP.



FALSE!

KING!