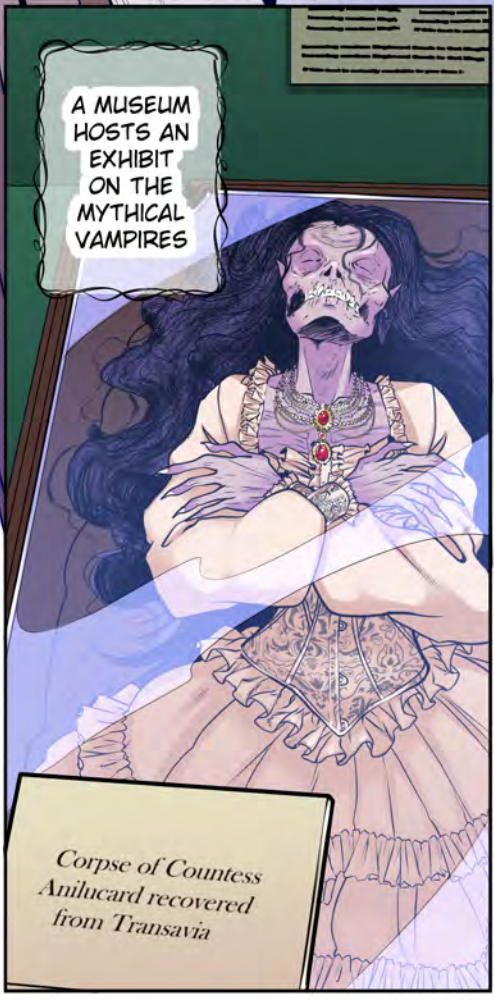


NOT ALL  
THREADS ARE  
WOVEN SMOOTHLY  
IN THE TAPESTRY  
OF TIME: SOME END  
UP TANGLED AND  
TWISTED, LEADING  
TO A WORLD WHERE  
THINGS PLAY OUT  
JUST AS TANGLED  
AND TWISTED



A MUSEUM  
HOSTS AN  
EXHIBIT  
ON THE  
MYTHICAL  
VAMPIRES



*Corpse of Countess  
Anilucard recovered  
from Transavia*

WHERE A  
BREAK IN  
OCCURS



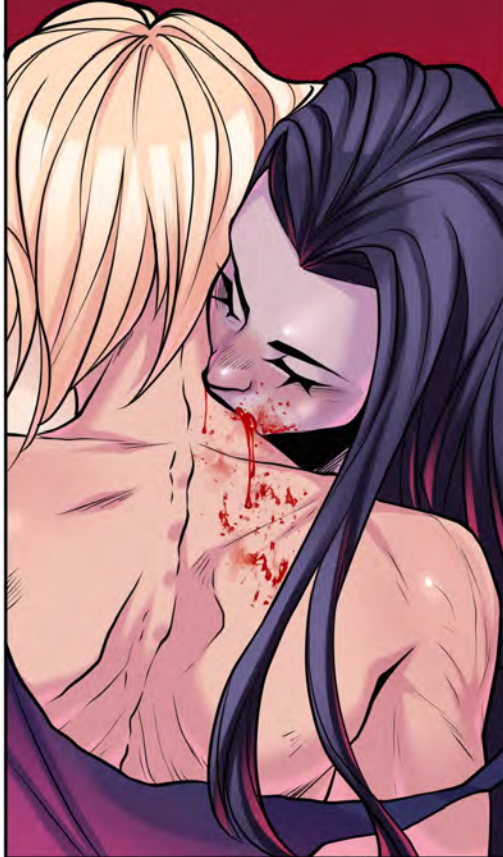
A  
SIMPLE  
ACT OF  
IMPULSIVE  
GREED...



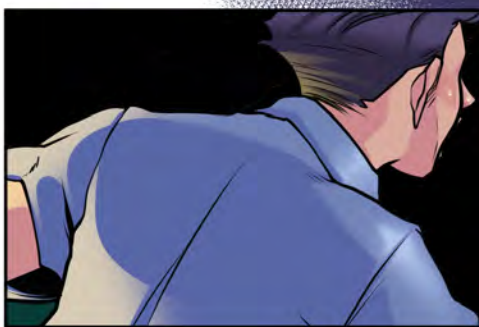
AWAKENING SOMETHING  
LONG SINCE DEAD



AND IT SHOULD HAVE REMAINED THAT WAY...

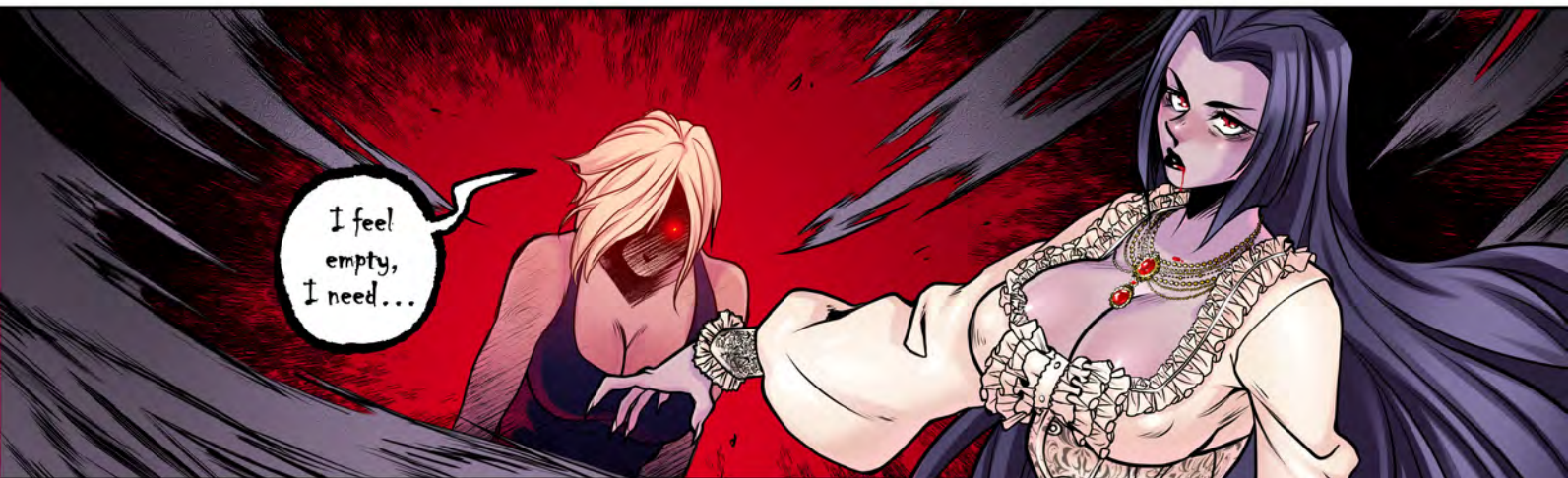


At long last, I am restored!!



HEY!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



I feel empty, I need...



Blood!

I need  
Blood!

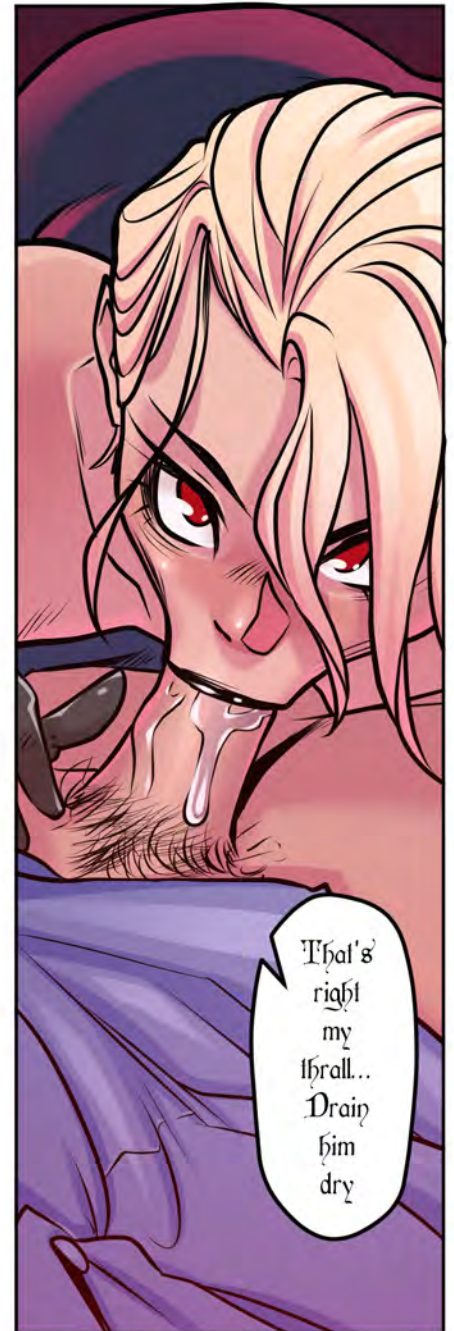
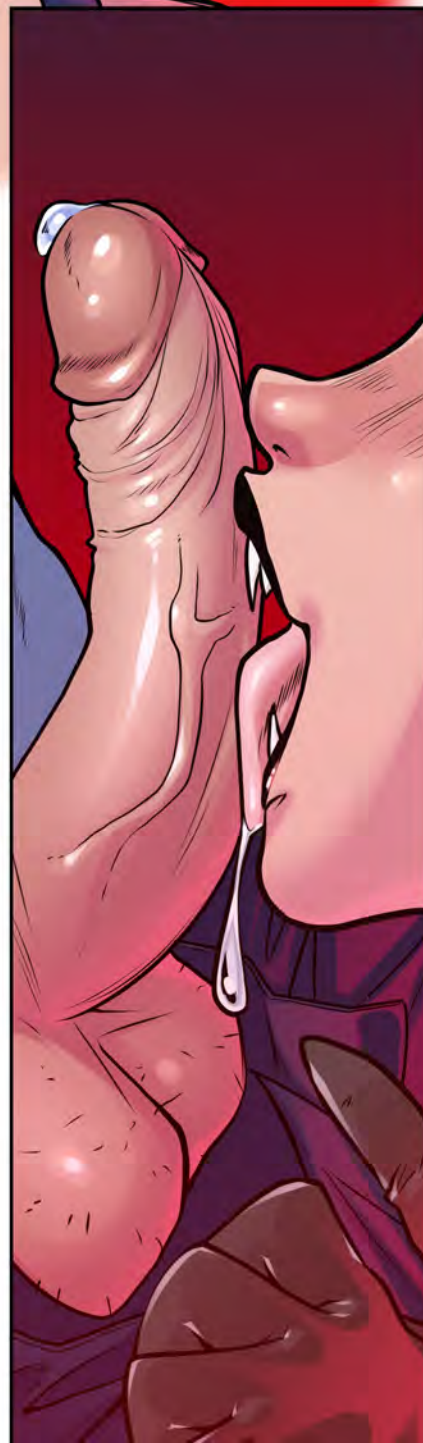


OH HELL  
NO, I'M  
GETTING  
OUT OF  
HERE!

Leaving  
so soon?



Please  
do stay,  
I promise  
it will be  
pleasant!



That's  
right  
my  
thrill...  
Drain  
him  
dry

And while  
my thrall  
lasts  
your  
essence,  
you may  
taste mine

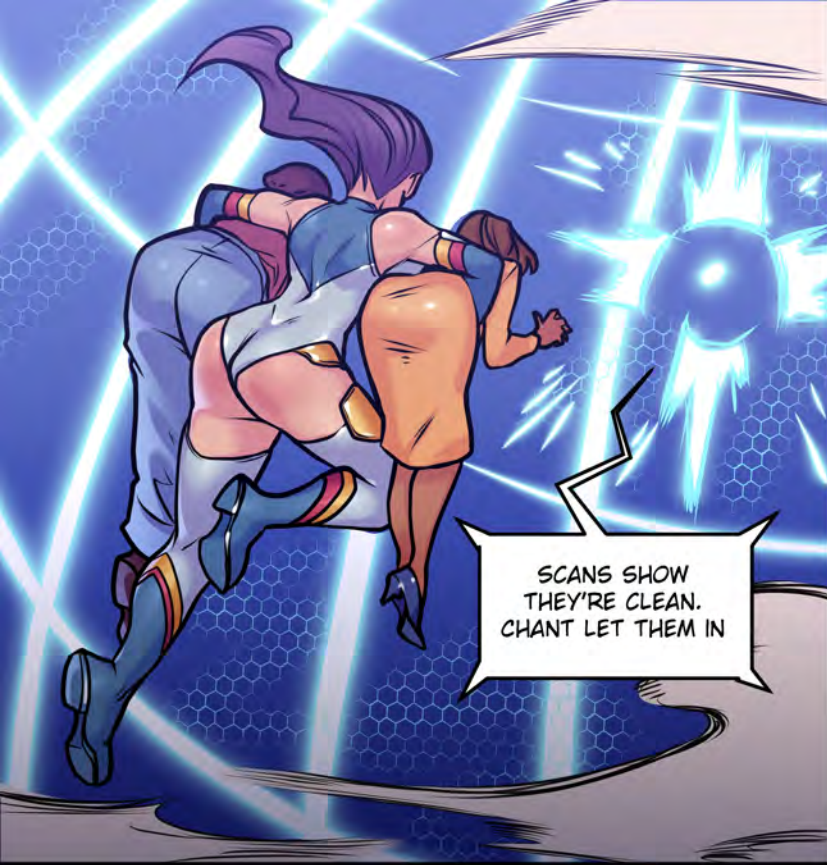
VAMPIRES HAVE  
STARTED APPEARING

SOON  
AFTER,  
VAMPIRES  
BEGAN  
APPEARING  
IN THE  
STREETS

AND BEGAN CONVERTING  
MORE TO THEIR SIDE

NOT EVEN THE  
HEROES ARE SAFE

THANKS TO CHANT  
AND S.W.A.P'S MAGIC  
DIVISION, A SAFE HAVEN  
WAS MADE



SCANS SHOW THEY'RE CLEAN. CHANT LET THEM IN



THANK YOU, LADY VALIANT!

YOU'RE DOING GOOD OUT THERE



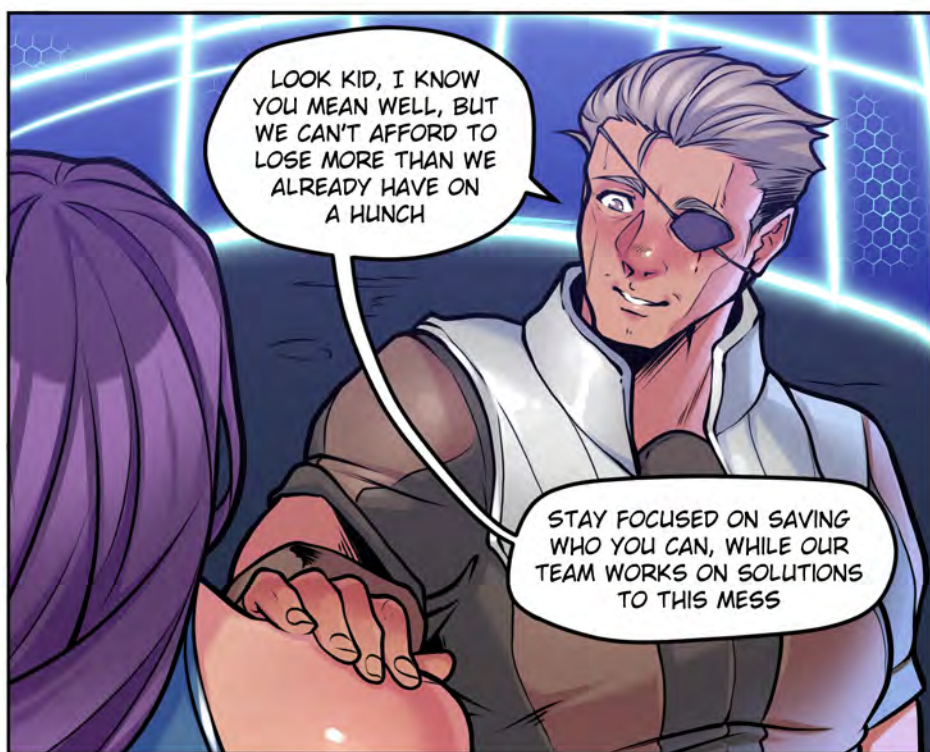
...BUT I COULD BE DOING MORE



NOT THIS AGAIN, OUR PRIORITY IS SAVING WHO WE CAN, NOT RECKLESSLY CHARGING IN

IF WE CAN JUST CAPTURE THE HEAD VAMPIRE, MAYBE WE COULD -

TOO RISKY. WE NEED MORE INTEL



LOOK KID, I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL, BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MORE THAN WE ALREADY HAVE ON A HUNCH

STAY FOCUSED ON SAVING WHO YOU CAN, WHILE OUR TEAM WORKS ON SOLUTIONS TO THIS MESS



YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL BE HEADING BACK OUT

THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING. I'LL HAVE CHANT OPEN A WAY FOR YOU. AND REMEMBER TO AVOID ENGAGEMENT

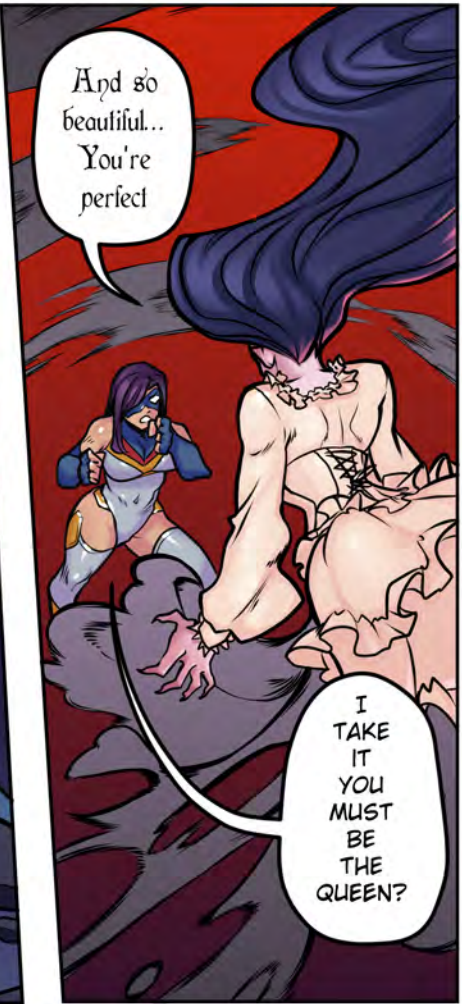


HELP!  
ANYONE,  
HELP  
ME!



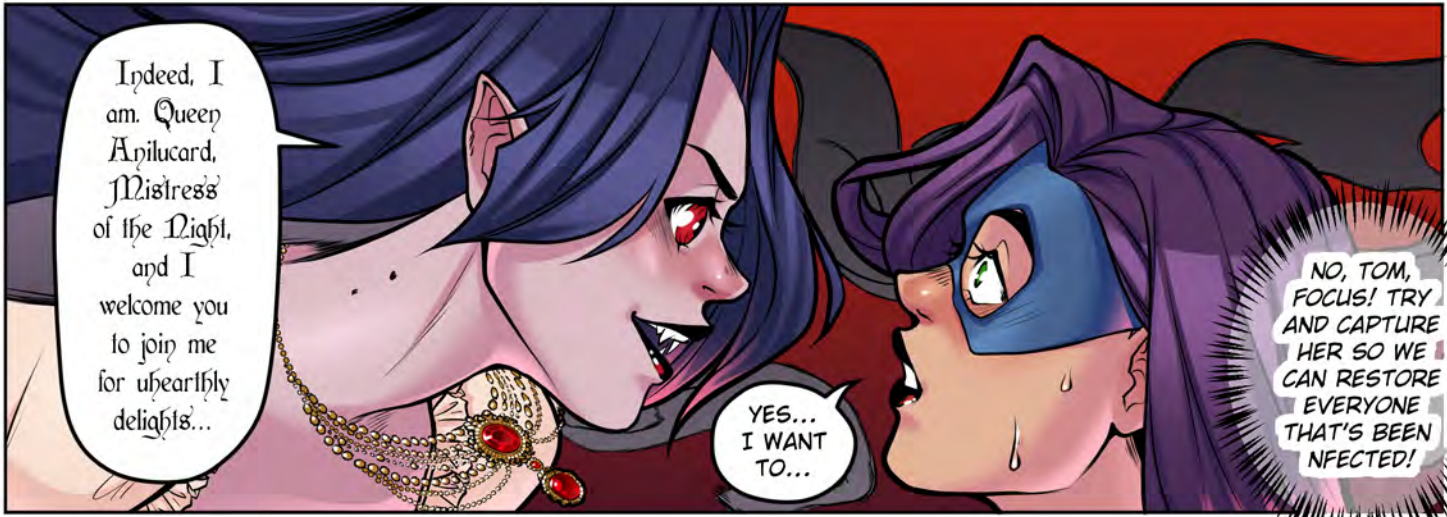
DON'T  
WORRY,  
I'M HERE  
TO HELP

Such  
power...



And so  
beautiful...  
You're  
perfect

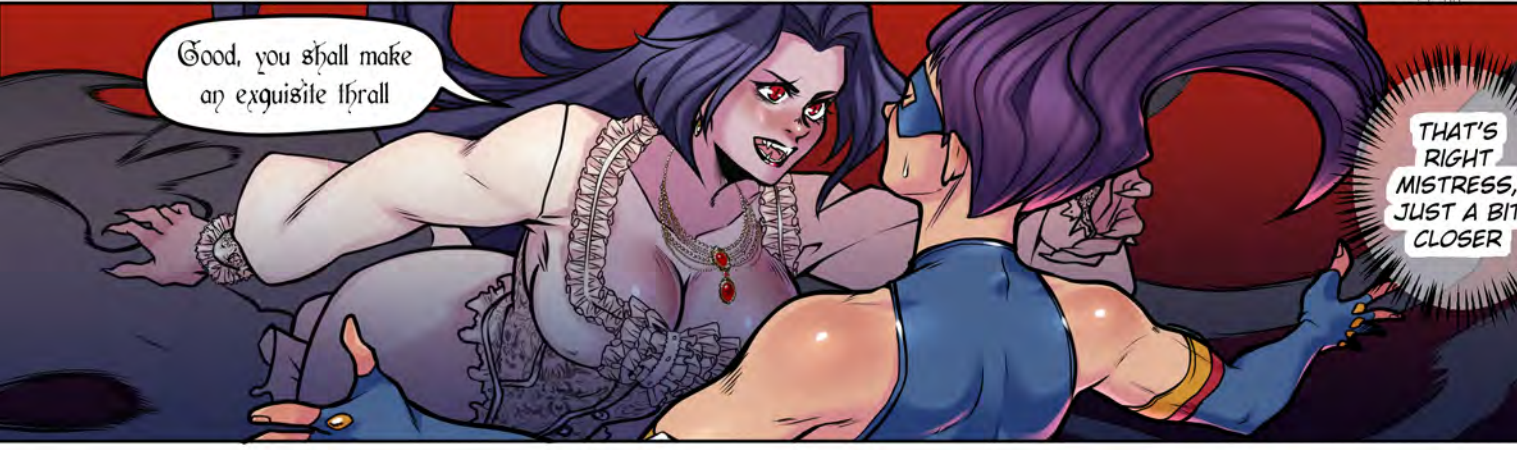
I  
TAKE  
IT  
YOU  
MUST  
BE  
THE  
QUEEN?



Indeed, I  
am. Queen  
Apilucard,  
Mistress  
of the Night,  
and I  
welcome you  
to join me  
for unheardy  
delights...

YES...  
I WANT  
TO...

NO, TOM,  
FOCUS! TRY  
AND CAPTURE  
HER SO WE  
CAN RESTORE  
EVERYONE  
THAT'S BEEN  
NEFECTED!



Good, you shall make  
an exquisite thrall

THAT'S  
RIGHT  
MISTRESS,  
JUST A BIT  
CLOSER

