



THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

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BATMAN



DUEL WITH

THE DEMON'S
DAUGHTER!



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JONES
BELLAIRE

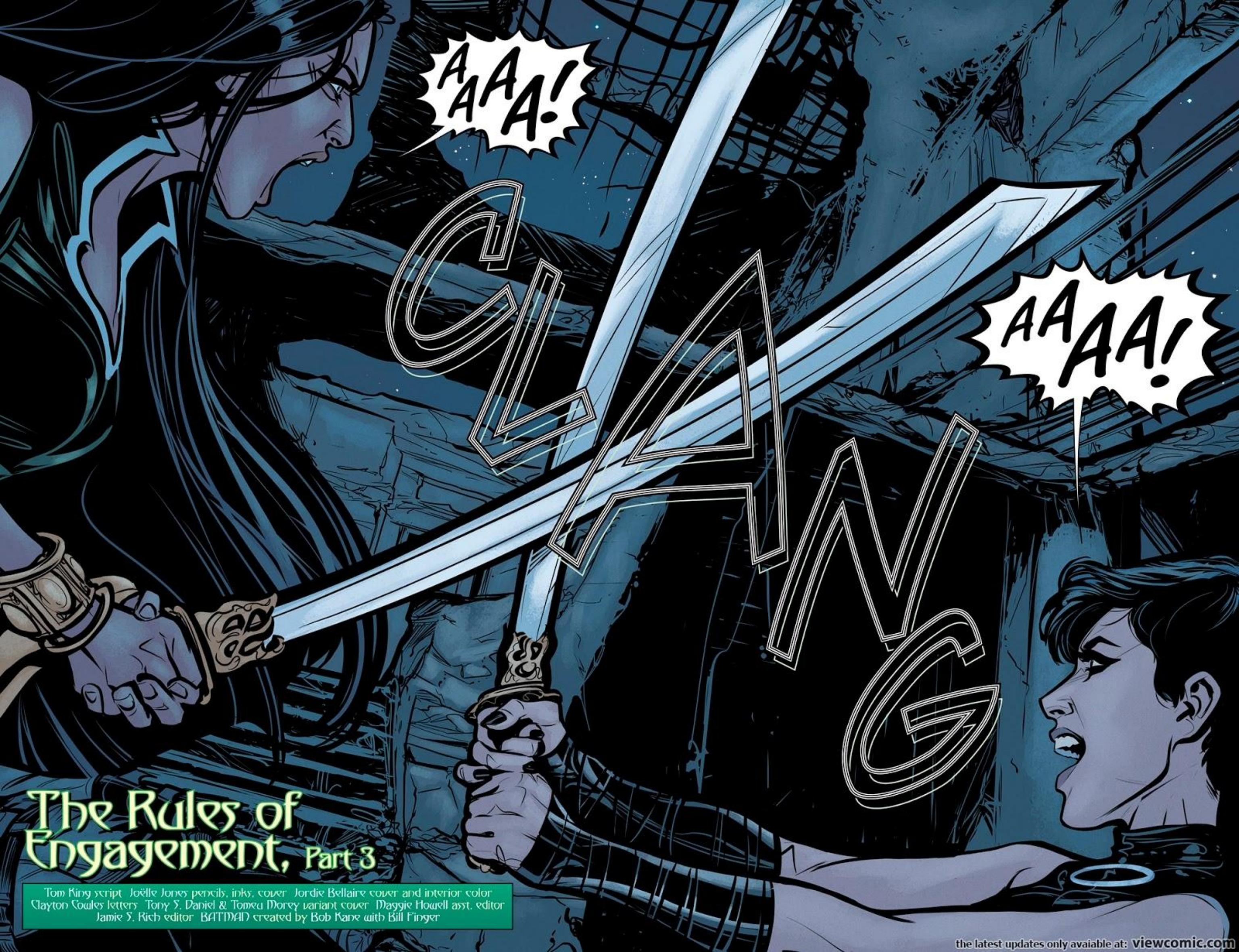
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AND SO I FOUGHT.

EVERY MINUTE.

EVERY DAY.

SOMETIMES I WON.

SOMETIMES I DIED.

AND WHEN I DIED, HE'D TOSS ME IN THE PIT.

I'D WAKE.
I'D WATCH SKIN STRETCHING OVER ROTTED WOUNDS.
I'D SCREAM.

AND HE'D FETCH ME OUT.

I WAS SO TIRED, AND HE'D MAKE ME WALK, AND HE'D SLAP ME AGAIN.

BITTER.
WET.

THEN,
AGAIN, THE SWORD IN MY HAND.

FIGHT,
TALIA.

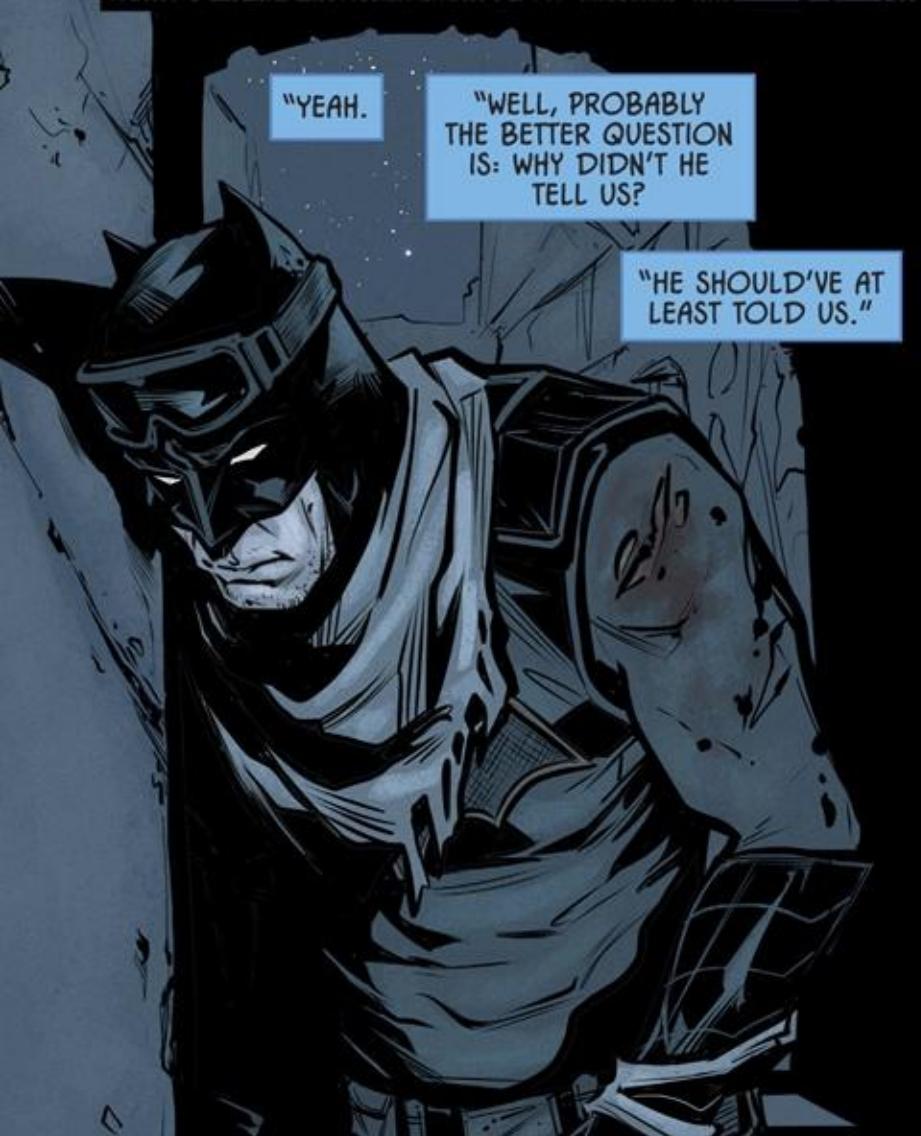
OR DIE,
TALIA.

THAT IS HOW I LEARNED.

THAT IS HOW I KNOW THAT YOU--FOR COMING HERE WITH HIM--

YOU WILL DIE.







SO YOU
ARE FROM
NOTHING. YOU
ARE NO
ONE.

AND
YOU WISH TO
MARRY THE
DETECTIVE.

IS THIS NOT
LAUGHABLE?

CRACK

I'M NOT
LAUGHING.

TO BE
MARRIED
IS TO BE A
PARTNER.

AN EQUAL
PARTNER.

DO YOU
THEN THINK
OF YOURSELF
AS EQUAL TO HIM?

I DO.

REALLY?
YOU
THINK THAT.
YOU?

WELL
THEN.
NOW,
AT LEAST I'M
LAUGHING.



THIS IS A
WORLD OF
SUPERMEN.

AND
MISTER'S
TERRIFIC.

BATMAN.
FOR HIS...
JUSTICE...

HE'LL
BETRAY
YOU.

HE'LL
BETRAY
ME.

IF YOU
THINK OF
YOURSELF AS
THE BEST. AND
YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR **THE**
BEST...

WHATEVER
HE IS, TALIA,
I SWEAR, HE'S
NOT THAT.

WHAT
HE IS...

ALL
HE IS...

HE'S
JUST THE STUPID
MAN I STUPIDLY
LOVE.





