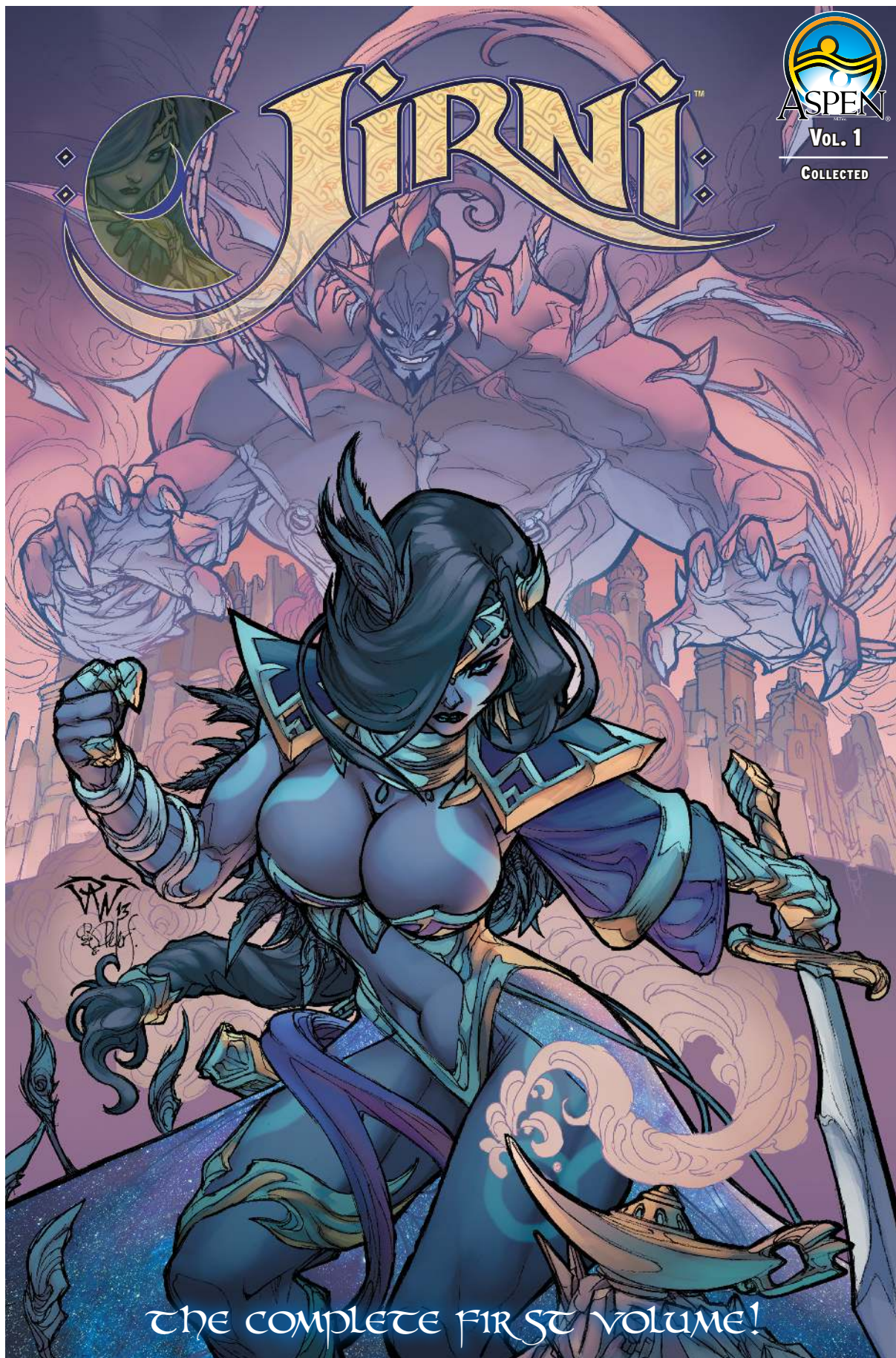


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IN MY QUEST, I HAVE DISCOVERED MANY TRUTHS ABOUT THIS WORLD. MOST BASIC AND UNDENIABLE IS THE FACT THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF CREATURES.

PREDATORS AND PREY.

THE TRICK IS TO REALIZE WHICH ONE YOU ARE, AND LIVE-- AND DIE-- ACCORDINGLY.



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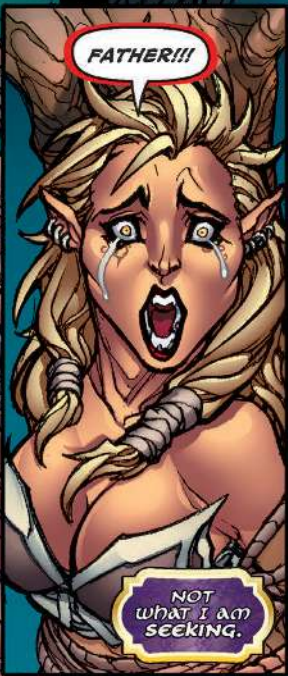


BE A HELL OF A LOT EASIER TO DO THIS AFTER WE KILL THEM.

HRRMP. I LIKE MY MEAT FRESH.

THIS IS NOT MY FIGHT.

FATHER!!!



NOT WHAT I AM SEEKING.



BUT SOME CRIES...

...SOME CRIES
EVEN I CAN'T
IGNORE.



SHH

GET HER!



HRUGITES.
I'VE RUN INTO
THESE BRUTES
BEFORE.

DANCED
THEIR
DANCE.



THEY LIKE
IT BIG AND
NASTY.

THEY FEAR
NOTHING. RESPECT
ONLY STRENGTH.



Lucky
FOR ME, I CAN
ACCOMMODATE.



HELP!



ARE YOU BLIND?



THXSHIT

WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM DOING?



BITCH.

INDEED.

YOU'RE TOUGH, BUT YOUR SKIN IS SOFT. BET YOU'LL TASTE EVEN BETTER THAN THESE VERMIN.



THAT IS SOMETHING YOU WILL NEVER KNOW.