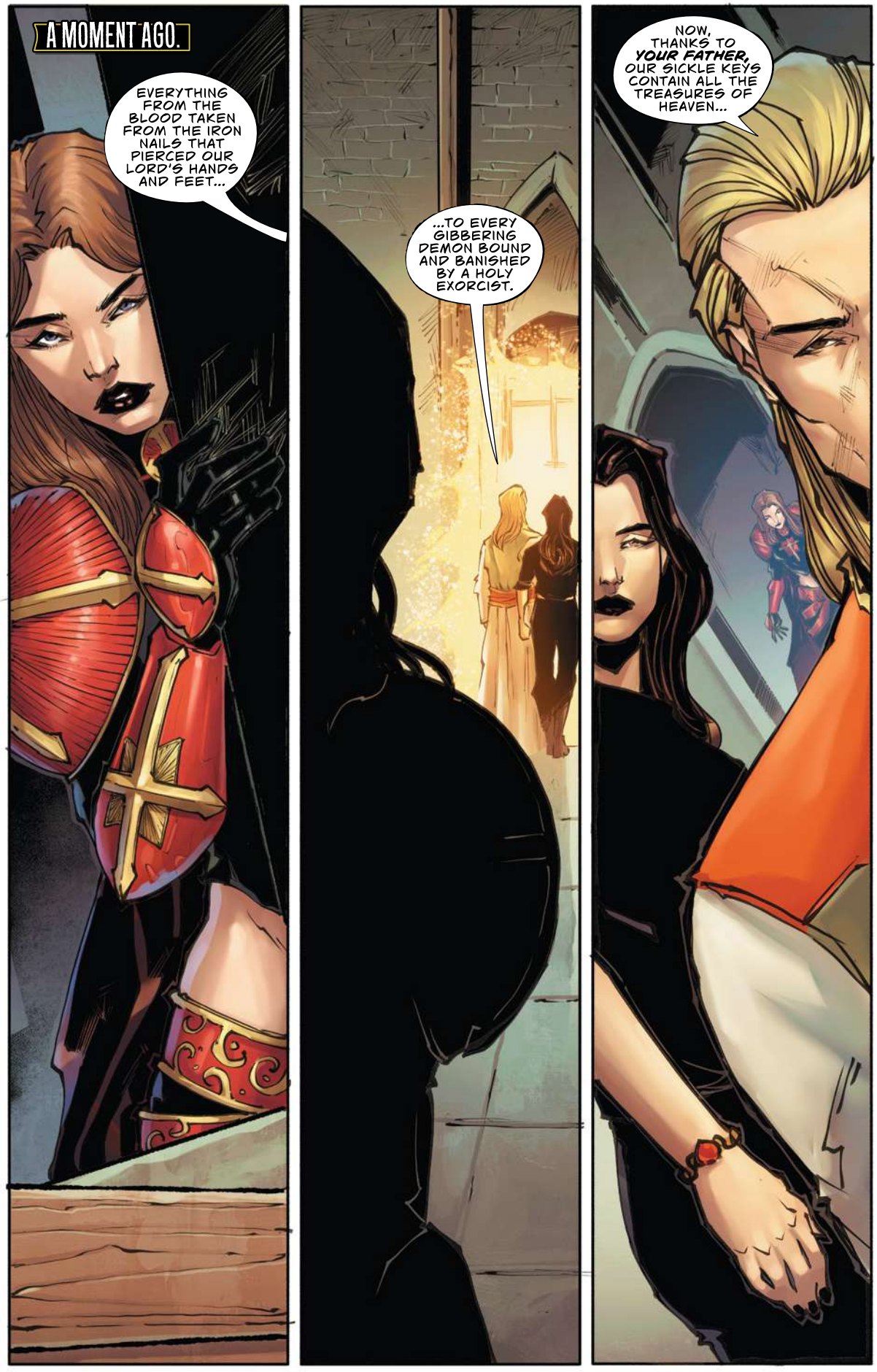

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A MOMENT AGO.
EVERYTHING FROM THE BLOOD TAKEN FROM THE IRON NAILS THAT PIERCED OUR LORD'S HANDS AND FEET...
...TO EVERY GIBBERING DEMON BOUND AND BANISHED BY A HOLY EXORCIST.
NOW, THANKS TO ***YOUR FATHER,*** OUR SICKLE KEYS CONTAIN ALL THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN...

...AND ALL THE PRISONS OF HELL.

THE ORDER OF THE MAGDALENE GUARDS THESE VAULTS AND DEFENDS THE HOLY MOTHER CHURCH.

THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY PATH TO HEAVEN, AND SHE MUST BE PRESERVED, NO MATTER THE COST.

EVERY DEMON EVER EXORCISED FROM A SINNER...

...EVERY CREEPING THING THAT WAS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE FLOOD.

"IF VINCENT PEZZINI REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUPERNATURAL, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

"HOLY WAR?

"OR THE UTTER DEFEAT OF THE CHURCH-PRIESTS NO LONGER NEEDED TO INTERPRET THE WILL OF GOD?

"IS FAITH NOT A COMMANDMENT? PROOF MUST NEVER BE SEEN?

"AND SICKLE KEYS, DEMONS, WITCH-BLADES--THESE ARE PROOF OF GOD.

"AND PROOF OF THE SUPERNATURAL WILL DESTROY THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.

"YOUR BIRTH FATHER...WAS A ***'NECESSARY SACRIFICE.'***

"ONE DEATH, OR HOLY WAR?

"EVEN ***GOD,*** AT ***SODOM AND GOMORRAH,*** SAID HE WOULD STOP THE DESTRUCTION FOR ***TEN GOOD MEN...***

...BUT NOT FOR ***ONE.***

THESE SECRETS MUST BE KEPT.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I HAD TO TAKE YOUR FATHER'S LIFE?

I UNDERSTAND, MY LORD ZADOKITE.

AND I THINK ***YOU*** MUST UNDERSTAND, TOO...


...WHY I STILL HAVE TO AVENGE HIM.