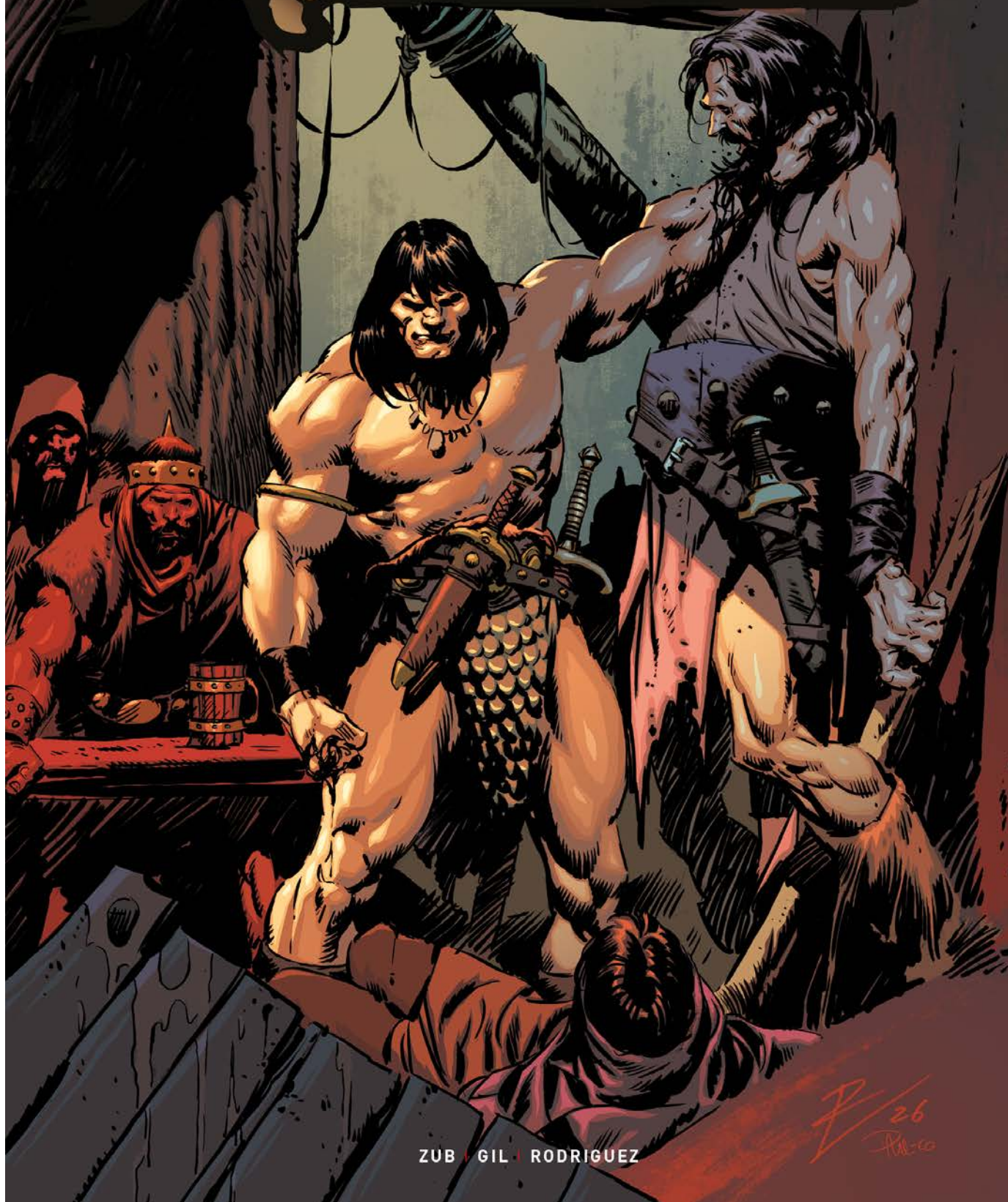


# CONAN

## THE BARBARIAN





# PACTS & PROPHECIES

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# FORBIDDEN

# TANGL ELEM ENTS

**A**FTER THE ELEPHANT TOWER CRASHED INTO SHINING SHARDS, CONAN'S LIFE WAS FOREVER CHANGED.

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ACROSS ZAMORA AND FURTHER STILL, STORIES  
BEGAN TO BE SPUN OF A YOUNG BARBARIAN-THIEF  
WHO VENTURED FROM THE NORTH IN SEARCH OF  
GLEAMING GOLD AND GRAND GLORY.

HE TUSSELED WITH  
BRUTES ON THE  
RAGGED EDGE OF  
THE FRONTIER.

BATTLED FEROCIOUS  
BEASTS ON THE  
UNKEMPT STREETS  
OF THE MAUL.

ROMANCED  
EXQUISITE MAIDENS  
IN SECLUDED GARDENS.

AND OBTAINED  
FABULOUS TREASURES  
AFTER ENDURING TRIALS  
THAT WOULD HAVE SLAIN  
ANY SMALLER SOUL.



WERE ANY OF THESE  
TALES TRUE?

IT MATTERS  
NOT.

REPUTATION  
BREEDS REALITY  
AND THE CIMMERIAN'S  
NEWFOUND  
NOTORIETY CLING  
TO HIM AS SURE AS  
HE STOOD OUT  
AMONGST THE CITY'S  
COMMONFOLK.

THUS, WHEN HE ENTERS  
A FAMILIAR HAUNT  
INTENT ON A STIFF DRINK  
AND SOME PRIVACY...

...HE INSTEAD  
RECEIVES  
EXCITED  
STARES AND  
SWIFT  
WHISPERS.

O!  
DARK-  
HAIR!

ARE YOU  
TALKING  
TO ME?

DO KOTHIAN  
HUSTLERS  
CUTTA HARD  
DEAL?

I DO NOT  
UNDERSTAND  
YOUR QUESTION,  
STRANGER.

SPEAK  
PLAIN OR  
LEAVE  
ME BE.

YER GETTIN'  
QUITE THE  
REP IN  
TOWN!

IF EVEN  
HALF IT'S  
TRUE, YOU  
SHOULD  
JOIN OUR  
GUILD.

BEING  
INDEPENDENT  
IS PLENTY  
DANGEROUS.

WITH OUR  
SUPPORT YU CUD  
CARVE OUTTA  
FINE FUTURE IN  
ZAMORA, BOY.