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ROCKSTARS OF THE DREAMTIME

III

Quercus



Act I: In the Court of the Crimson Queen Part 3

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Previously:



Jackal and crew narrowly escaped capture by bandits in the vast wasteland and now have arrived at ????

Meanwhile Abigail in her other-dimensional travels had a fateful encounter with the enigmatic and sinister Leland Zelanquoix who has taken an interest in the young woman.

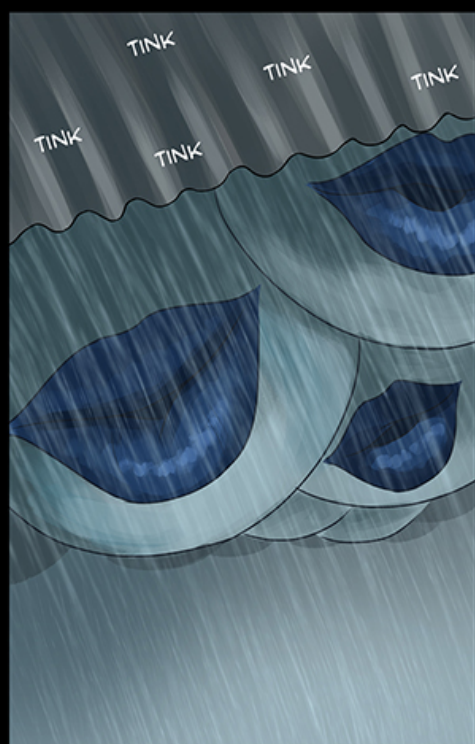


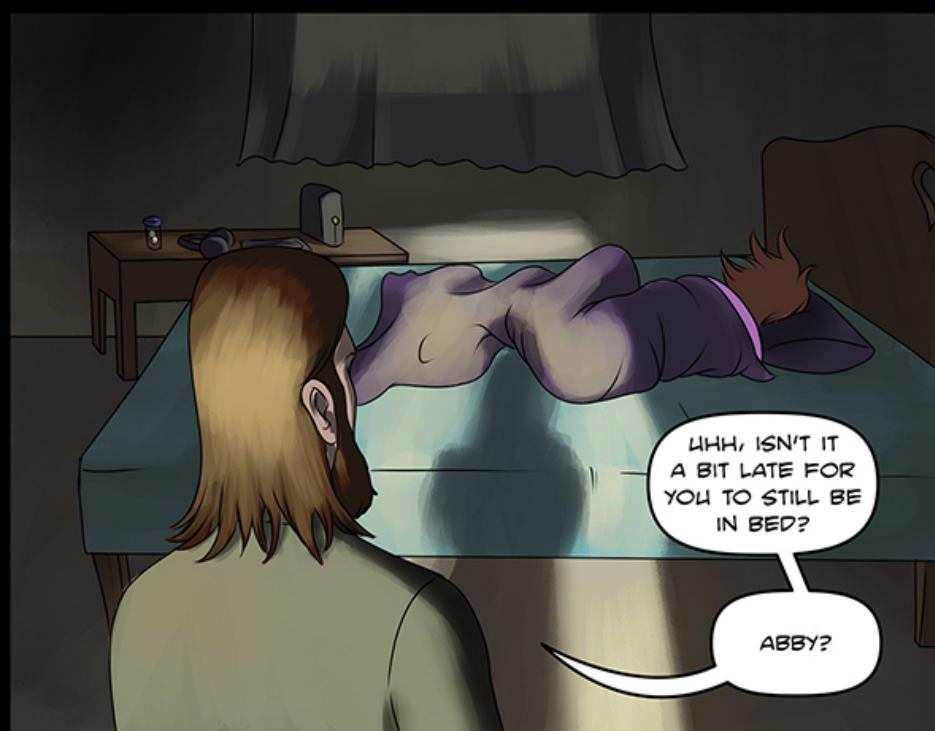
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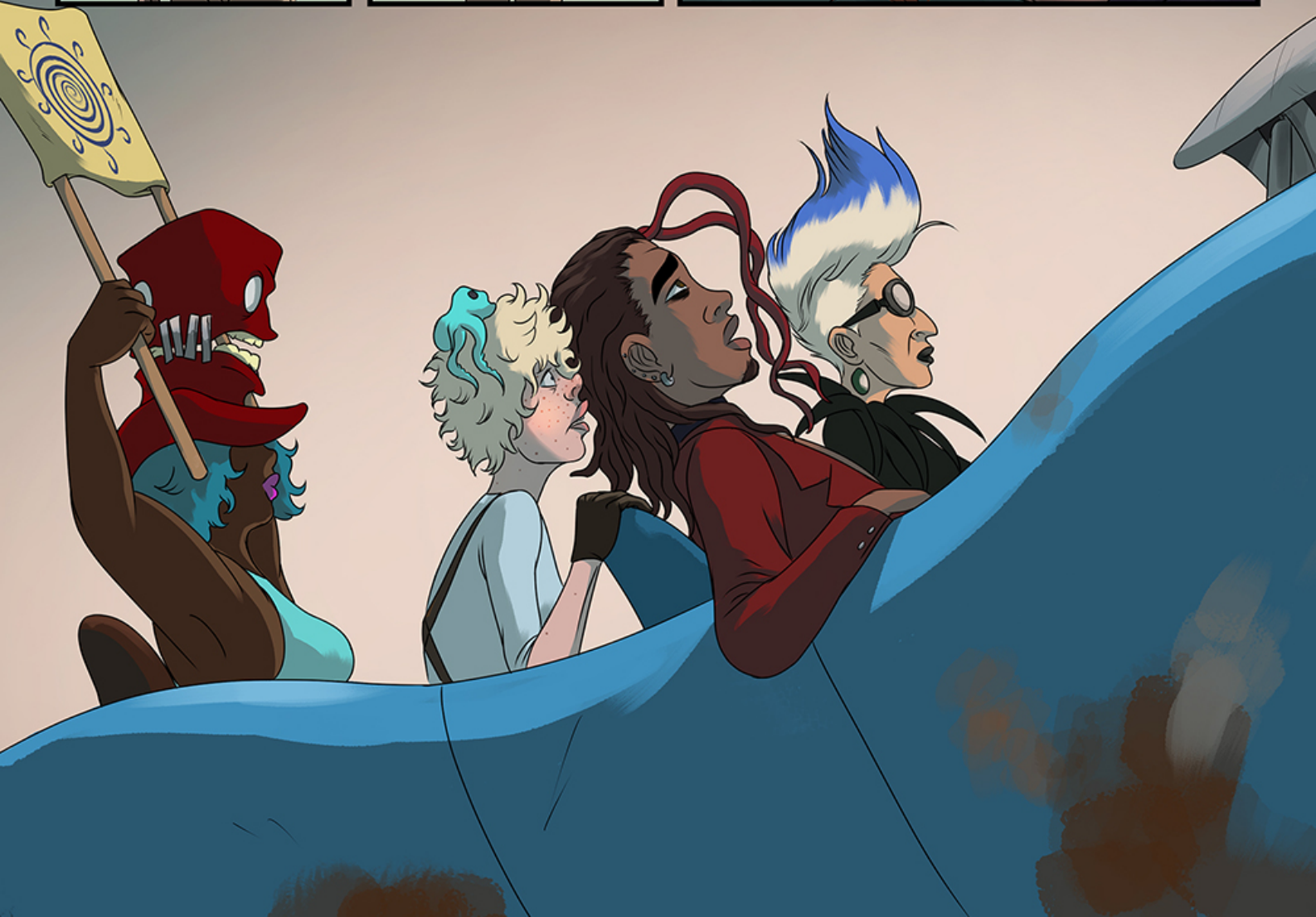
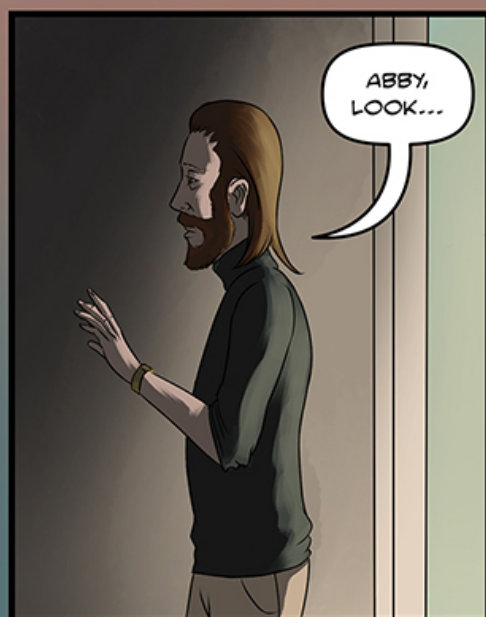
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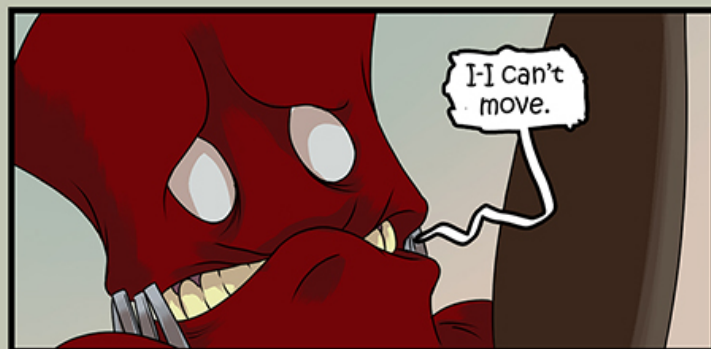
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BOOF

MAN YOU GUYS ARE LUCKY. GLORIA HARDLY EVER LETS ANYONE IN THESE DAYS

GLORIA?



S'WHAT WE CALL HER ANYWAY.

AIN'T LIKE SHE TALKS.



WE'LL BE DOING A CHECK OF YOUR VEHICLE BUT YOU GUYS CAN GO ON AHEAD.

RULES ARE SIMPLE. CAUSE A RUCKUS AND YOU'LL BE DISPOSED OF.



ENJOY YOUR STAY AND WATCH OUT FOR MONKEYS.



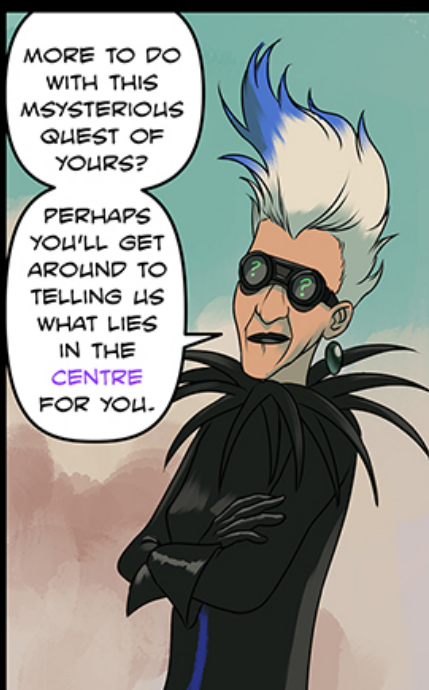
TIME TO EXPLORE AND GO WILD RIGHT?

YOU HEARD THE MAN.



ONLY GO A LITTLE WILD SQUIDDY

ANYWAY, I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF. YOU GUYS'LL JUST CRAMP ME SO LET'S SPLIT UP.



MORE TO DO WITH THIS MYSTERIOUS QUEST OF YOURS?

PERHAPS YOU'LL GET AROUND TO TELLING US WHAT LIES IN THE CENTRE FOR YOU.



FREEDOM.

FREEDOM LIES THERE.

WE'LL MEET UP IN THE PARKING LOT IN A COUPLE HOURS.



EXPLORAYYSHUUUNN!

Squiddy, slow down
you bastard!!!

WE NEED GAS
FOR THIS QUEST
OF YOURS. I GUESS
I'LL TAKE CARE OF
THAT.

PLEASE.



YOU KNOW, I THINK
YOUR FATHER COULD
HANDLE KNOWING YOU
HAD YOUR FIRST PERIOD
HUN

YES, BUT
COULD I?

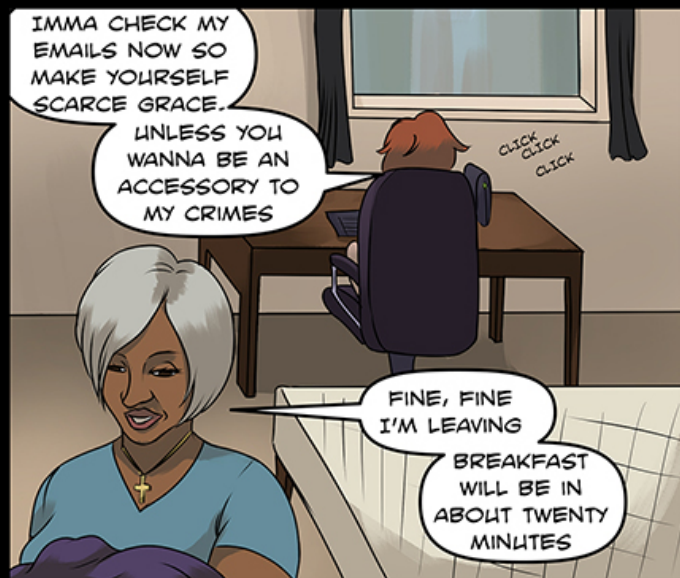


I CAN JUST
PICTURE IT.

"OH WOW. IT'S
SO AMAZING!
HOW DOES IT
MAKE YOU
FEEL?"

I'LL PASS ON
THAT, THANKS

HAHAHA
CHILE, YOU
SO SAUCY



IMMA CHECK MY
EMAILS NOW SO
MAKE YOURSELF
SCARCE GRACE.

UNLESS YOU
WANNA BE AN
ACCESSORY TO
MY CRIMES

click
click
click

FINE, FINE
I'M LEAVING

BREAKFAST
WILL BE IN
ABOUT TWENTY
MINUTES

LOYAL TIER 3 SUBSCRIBER, YOU ARE
PROBABLY NO DOUBT AWARE OF
BLOODY LEVIATHAN'S APPEARANCE
LATER THIS WEEK AT THE ROYAL
BATTLE OF THE BANDS IN CENTRAL
PARK. AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

HOWEVER IN A SURPRISE TWIST
(NO DOUBT ORCHESTRATED BY THE
WHIMSICAL LEVIATHAN HIMSELF)
THE BAND WILL BE CONDUCTING
A SURPRISE POP-UP CONCERT
ON THE ROOF OF THE RIKER
BUILDING TOMORROW AFTERNOON
AT 3PM.

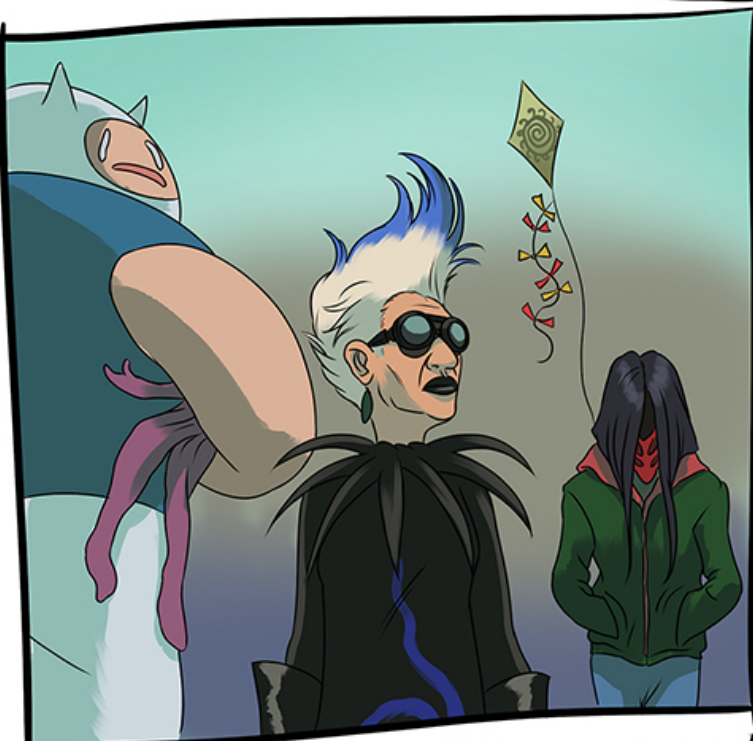
ENTRANCE IS FREE TO LOYAL
SUBSCRIBERS SUCH AS YOURSELF.
EXPERIENCE PERFORMANCES FROM
THE BAND'S LATEST CHART TOPPING RELEASE
'THE SATYR'. WITNESS THE MIND-MELTING PRESENCE OF--

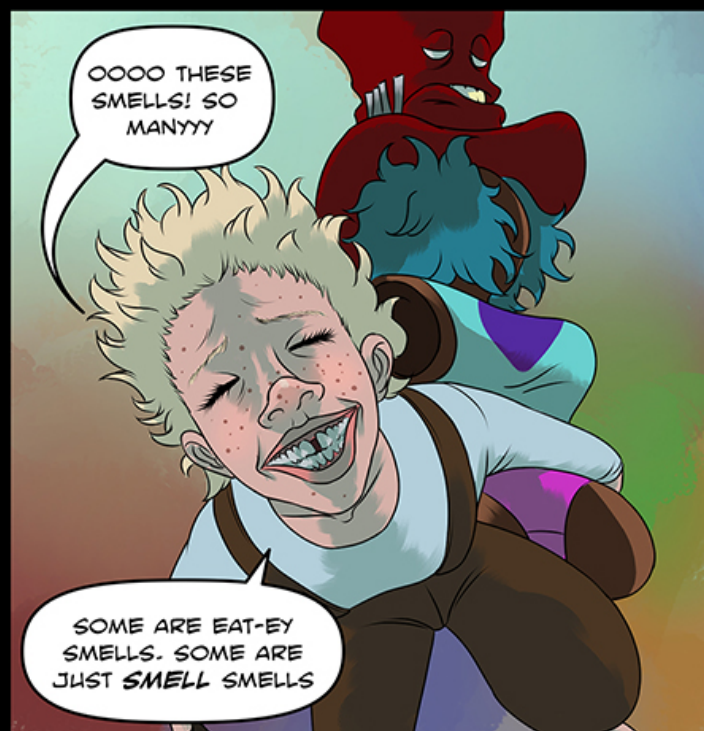
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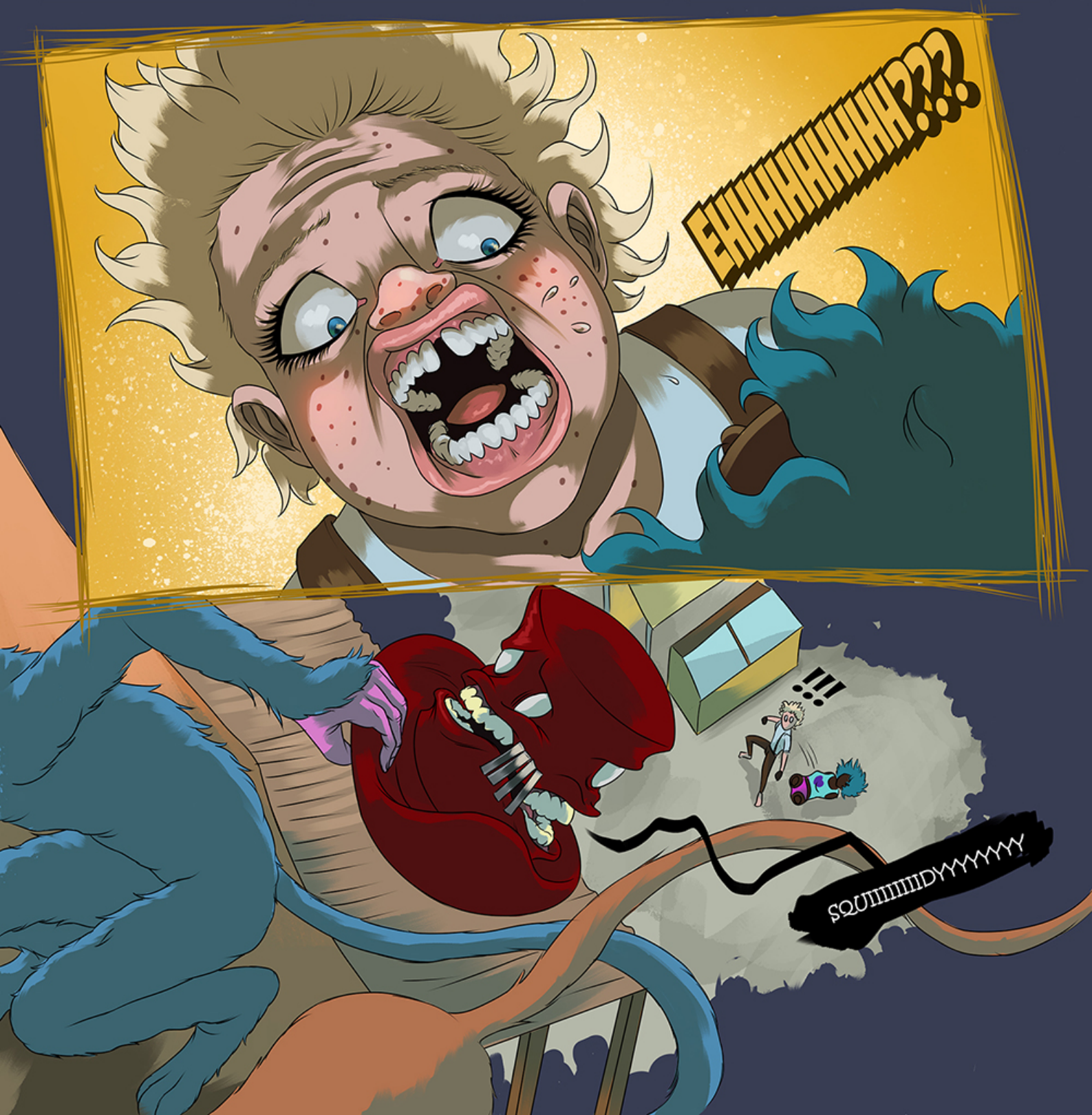
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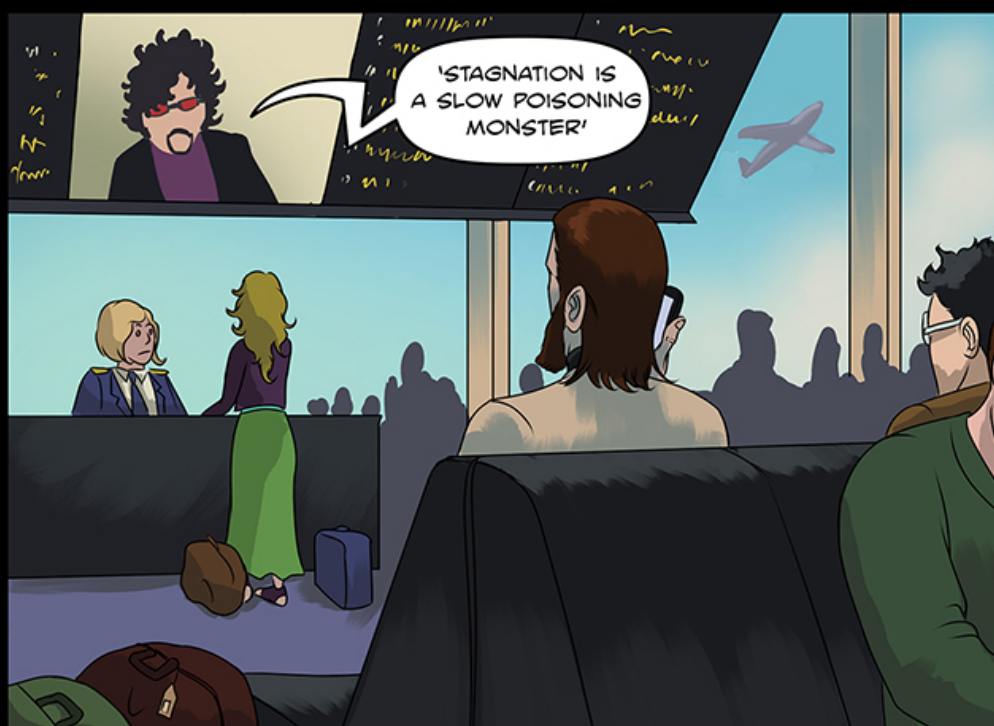
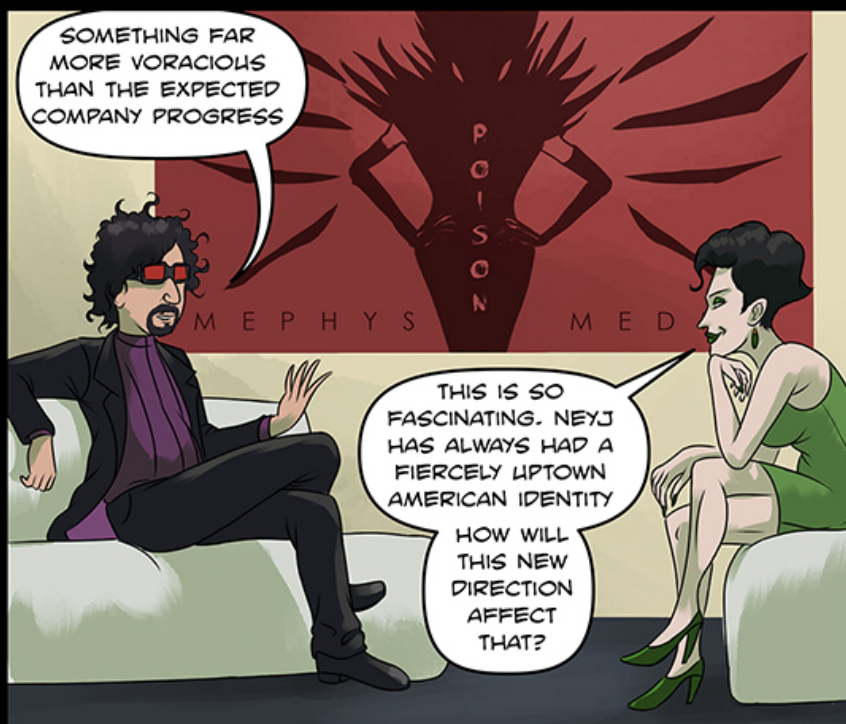
oooooooo~♥



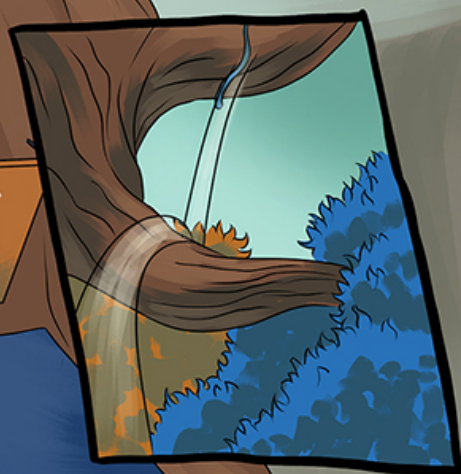












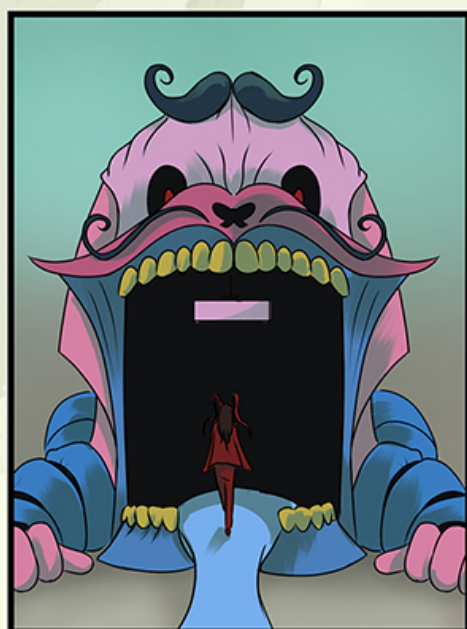


I'M A STAIN
ON YOUR GODDAMN
CROTCH RIGHT
NOW!!



→ZUMMF←







HOW MAY
I BE OF
ASSISTANCE?



UM, YEAH, UM
CAN YOU MAKE
THIS ACCORDING
TO THESE
SPECS?



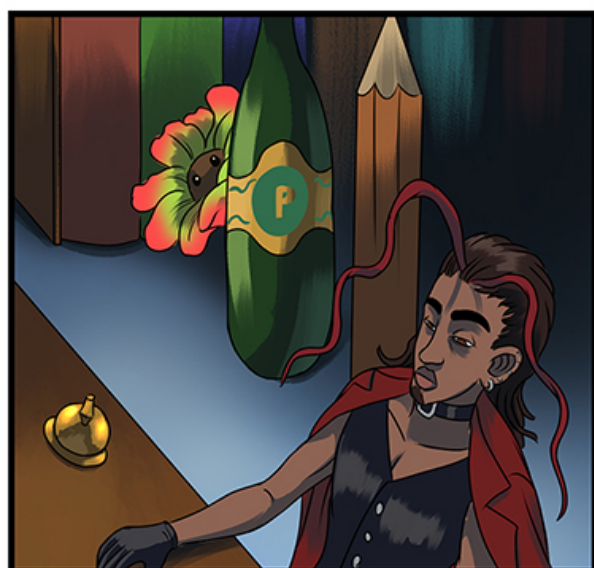
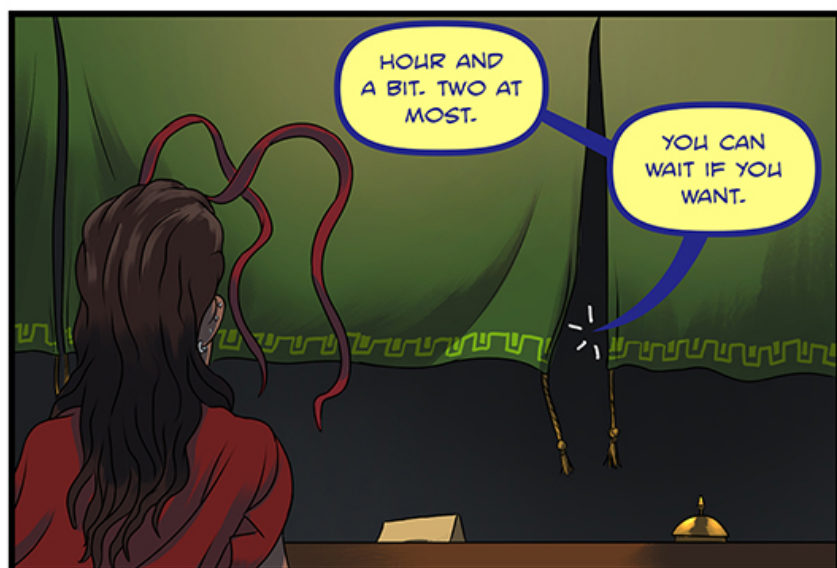
HMM, PRETTY
RARE MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS.
SPICY...BUT
DOABLE

WILL COST
YOU THOUGH.



THAT'S NOT
A PROBLEM.

HOW LONG
WILL IT TAKE?





I'VE HEARD
OF YOU GUYS.
YOU'RE EXPLORERS
RIGHT?



SEEKERS OF
KNOWLEDGE
YES.

COMMITTED
FULLY TO OUR QUEST
TO UNCOVER ALL THE
SECRETS OF
THIS WORLD.



THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE EVE
FRUIT GREW LIKE WEEDS THROUGH-
OUT THE MANY LANDS.



IT IS SAID THAT THE FRUIT POSSESSES
AN IMPRINT OF THE WORLDS IT
HAS INHABITED. A MEMORY IF YOU
WILL.



SPREAD FAR
AND WIDE TAKING UP
ROOT IN THE MOST
UNIMAGINABLE PLACES

SOAKING UP
ALL THOSE THOUGHTS
AND EXPERIENCES.

GROWING PLUMP
AND JUICY WITH
KNOWLEDGE

KNOWLEDGE TO
BE SHARED WITH
ANYONE WHO
CONSUMED IT.

LIKE A
PORTABLE
DREAMTIME.

I WONDER
WHAT TALES LIE
WITHIN YOUR
FRUITS.

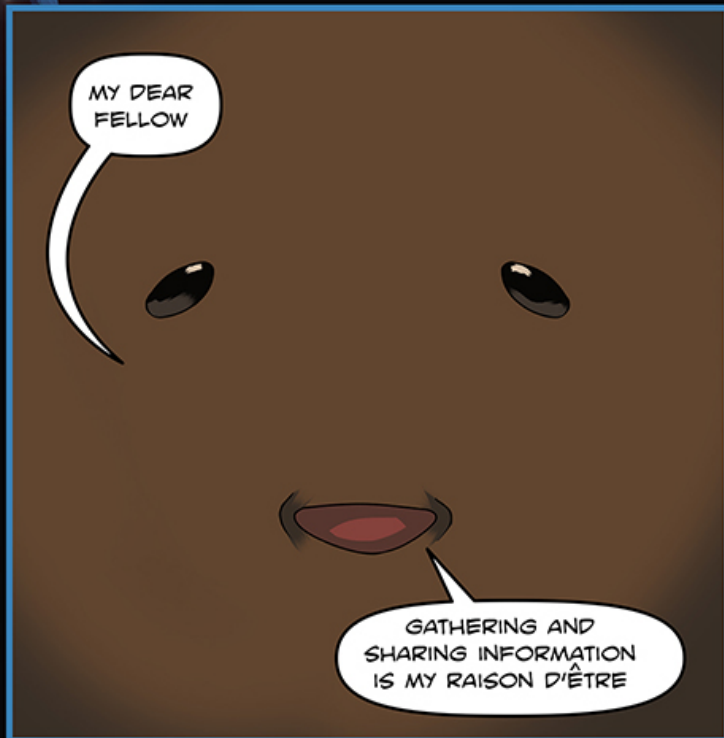
MAY I
ASK WHERE
YOU AQUIRED
THEM?



HMM, I
JUST MIGHT BE
ABLE TO RECALL
...

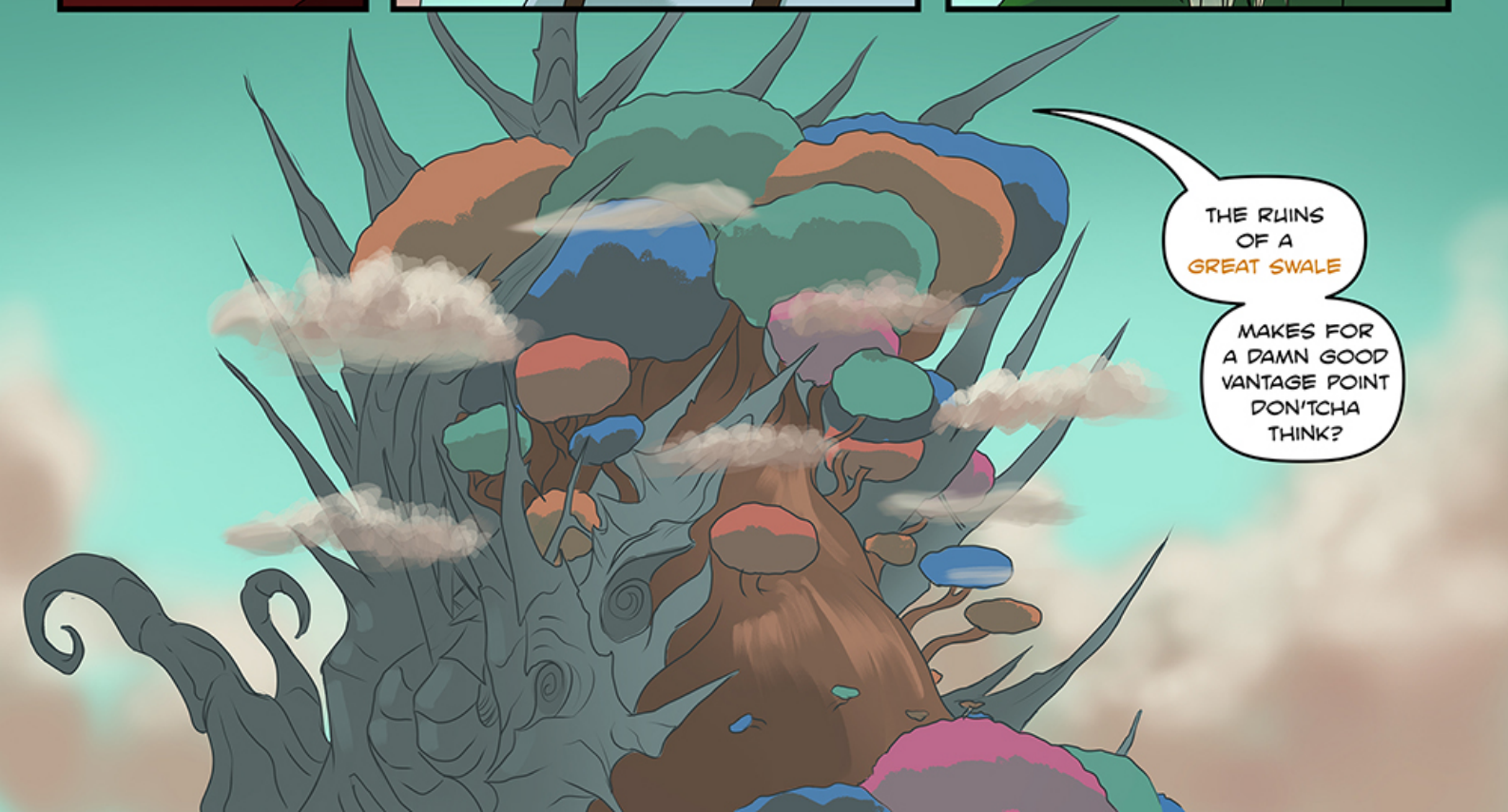


...ASSUMING
YOU HAVE
INFORMATION
THAT CAN HELP
ME GET TO THE
CENTRE OF
FOUNDATION



MY DEAR
FELLOW

GATHERING AND
SHARING INFORMATION
IS MY RAISON D'ÊTRE







Sphere of Yaggyoth
(Enlightenment)

Sphere of Tiferet
(Beauty)

Sphere of Hod
(Splendor)

Sphere of Yesodd
(Foundation)

Sphere of Netzach
(Eternity)

Sphere of Odinn
(Knowledge)

Sphere of Safra
(Pain)

TO GET
THE VALUE OF THE
GREAT SWALES FIRST
YOU NEED A GRASP OF THE
MAKE-UP OF OUR WORLD
AND THE DREAMTIME THAT
FLOWS THROUGH IT
LIKE A RIVER

IT'S NOT EXACTLY
SOMETHING YOU CAN
PICTURE BUT ALL THE
LANDS AND DIMENSIONS,
WAY TOO MANY TO COUNT
LIE STACKED ATOP
EACH OTHER.



EHH, LIKE
LIKE A GIANT
STACK OF
PANCAKES?


HEHE,
FO' SURE
LIL SISTER,
FO' SURE

IT AIN'T REALLY
ACCURATE OR ANYTHIN'
BUT THERE EXISTS A
KIND-O'-MAP. AND ON
THAT MAP THERE GOT
LAYERS

EACH LAYER,
DEPENDING ON ITS
POSITION IN THE
HIGH-ARE-KEE GOT
ITS OWN FLAVA


YOU, ME AND
PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE
YOU EVER MET LIVES IN
THE MIDDLE LAYER, THE
FOUNDATION

IT'S NOT EXACTLY
EASY TO GO UP OR DOWN.
AND THE FURTHER AWAY
YOU GET FROM FOUNDATION
THE WILDER THINGS
BECOME.




ENTER THE
GREAT SWALES. THE DWARVES,
THEY WAS REALLY COOKING WITH
GAS WHEN THEY CAME UP WID
THESE THINGS

THEY WERE
CAPTAINED AND
CREWED BY THE
GREATEST OF
EXPLORERS.



THE AGE DEFINED
BY THESE SHIPS WAS
A TIME WHEN A MAN'S
HEART WAS BURNING LIKE
A ROASTING BREADFRUIT
WITH A NEED TO
EXPLORE AND
MASTER.



TWO SHIPS ALWAYS
COME TO MIND IN
ANY REFLECTION ON THEM
TIMES.

THE PARADISO
AND THE APPLE OF
DISCORD

THEIR CAPTAINS
WERE FIERCE RIVALS
AND THEIR RACES
WERE THE STUFF
OF LEGENDS.

THEIR EGO-DRIVEN
COMPETITION GREW
WITH EACH NEW
ACCOMPLISHMENT.
LET ME TELL YOU.



THINKING ABOUT IT NOW IT SEEMS
DOWNRIGHT INEVITABLE. THE TWO FINALLY
MADE A BET TO SEE WHO COULD REACH
THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

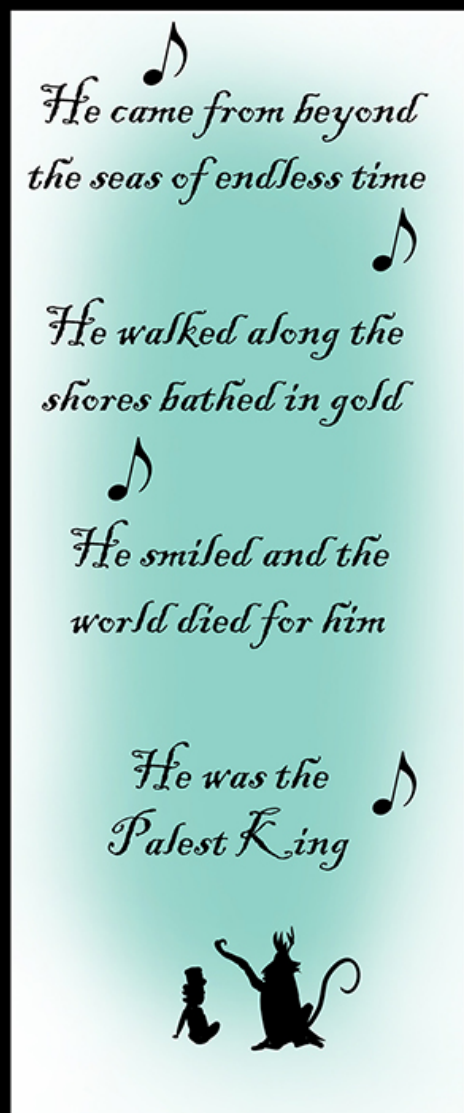
BEYOND WHAT ANYONE HAD REACHED
AND RETURNED TO TELL OF.

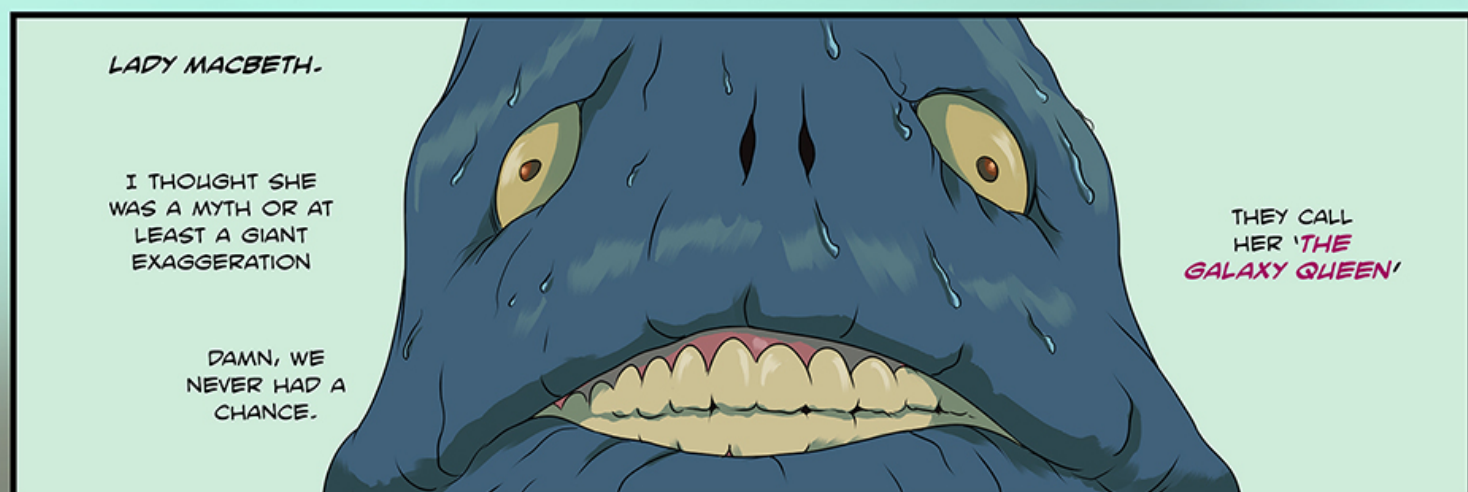
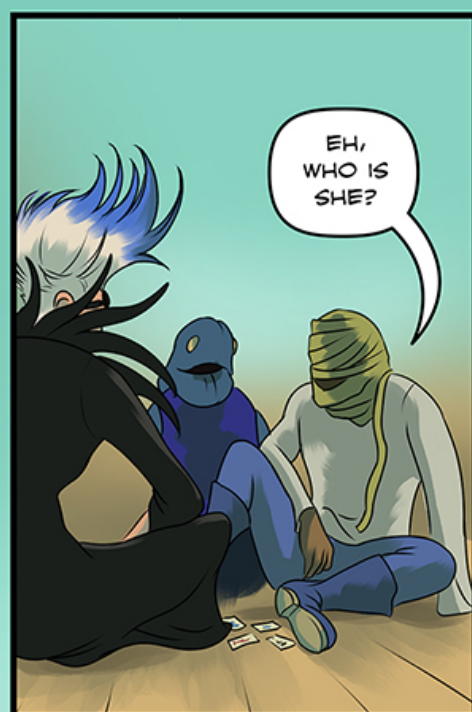


NO ONE DID.
NEITHER EXPLORER OR
THEIR CREW EVER
RETURNED.

ONLY THE REMAINS OF THE
PARADISO WERE EVER
ACCOUNTED FOR AND IT'S UPON
ITS CARCASS WE NOW
STANDING.

SOMEHOW IT ENDED UP
ON THE BACK OF THIS
WALKING ANGEL, ITSELF A
RELIC FROM BEFORE THE
GREAT ROT.





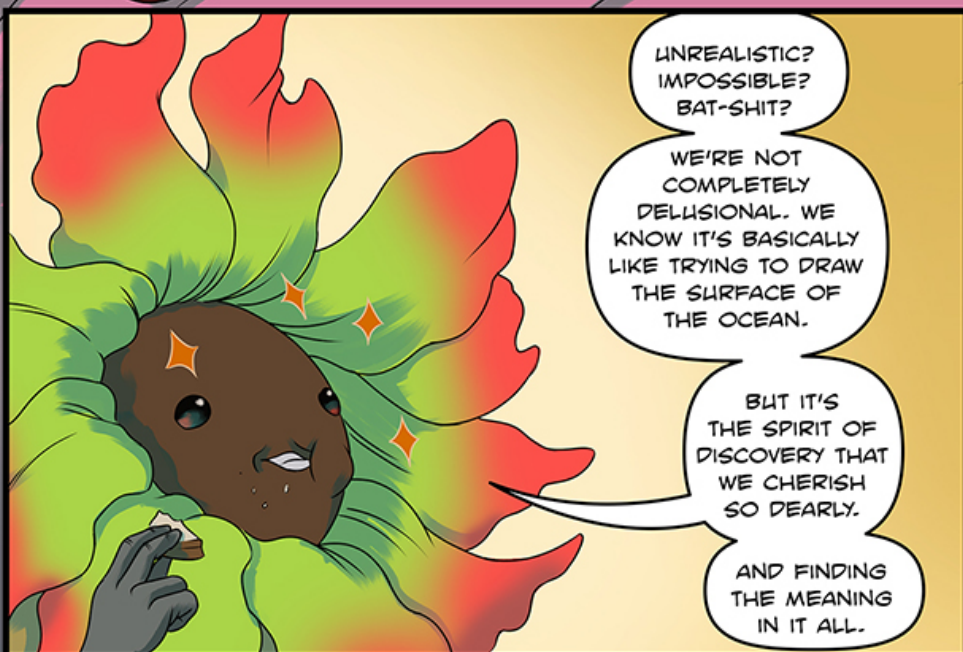


SO YOU GUYS REALLY INTEND TO MAP OUT THE ENTIRE WORLD?

→MUNCH←
→MUNCH←
MMHMM



I DON'T MEAN TO BE NEGATIVE OR ANYTHING BUT ISN'T THAT KIND OF...?



UNREALISTIC? IMPOSSIBLE? BAT-SHIT?

WE'RE NOT COMPLETELY DELUSIONAL. WE KNOW IT'S BASICALLY LIKE TRYING TO DRAW THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN.

BUT IT'S THE SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY THAT WE CHERISH SO DEARLY.

AND FINDING THE MEANING IN IT ALL.



HMPH, IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER I'D SAY YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND GOD.



HMMM



YOUR ORDER IS READY.



WELL, THANKS FOR THE TRAVELLING INFO AND THE SANDWICH.

HEY, NO PROBLEM.



JUST REMEMBER TO TAKE ONE OF BLUE TRACKS. IT'S ONE DRAGONFLY TOKEN PER PASSENGER.

GOOD LUCK, AND MAY WE MEET AGAIN.



SURE, AT THE MOST EXCITING PARTS OF THE STORY.



AS REQUESTED. I MADE 'EM AS SMALL AS I COULD

BE CAREFUL NOT TO DROP THEM.



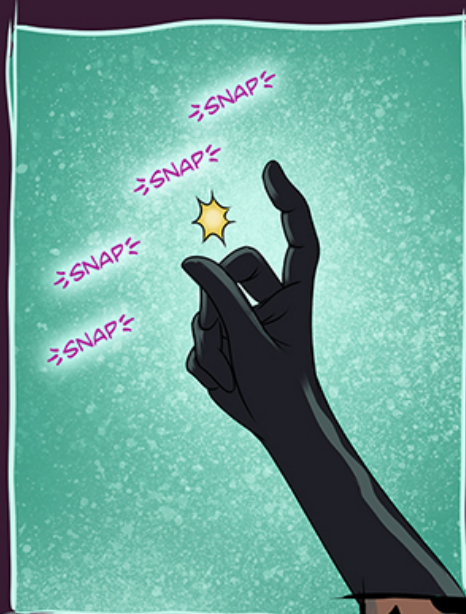
SWEET! GOOD JOB MATE.

CAN I GET THEM INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED?

EH, SURE



HOW MUCH FOR THESE?





**MASTER GREKKA,
OVERLORD OF THIS DIMENSION!**



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