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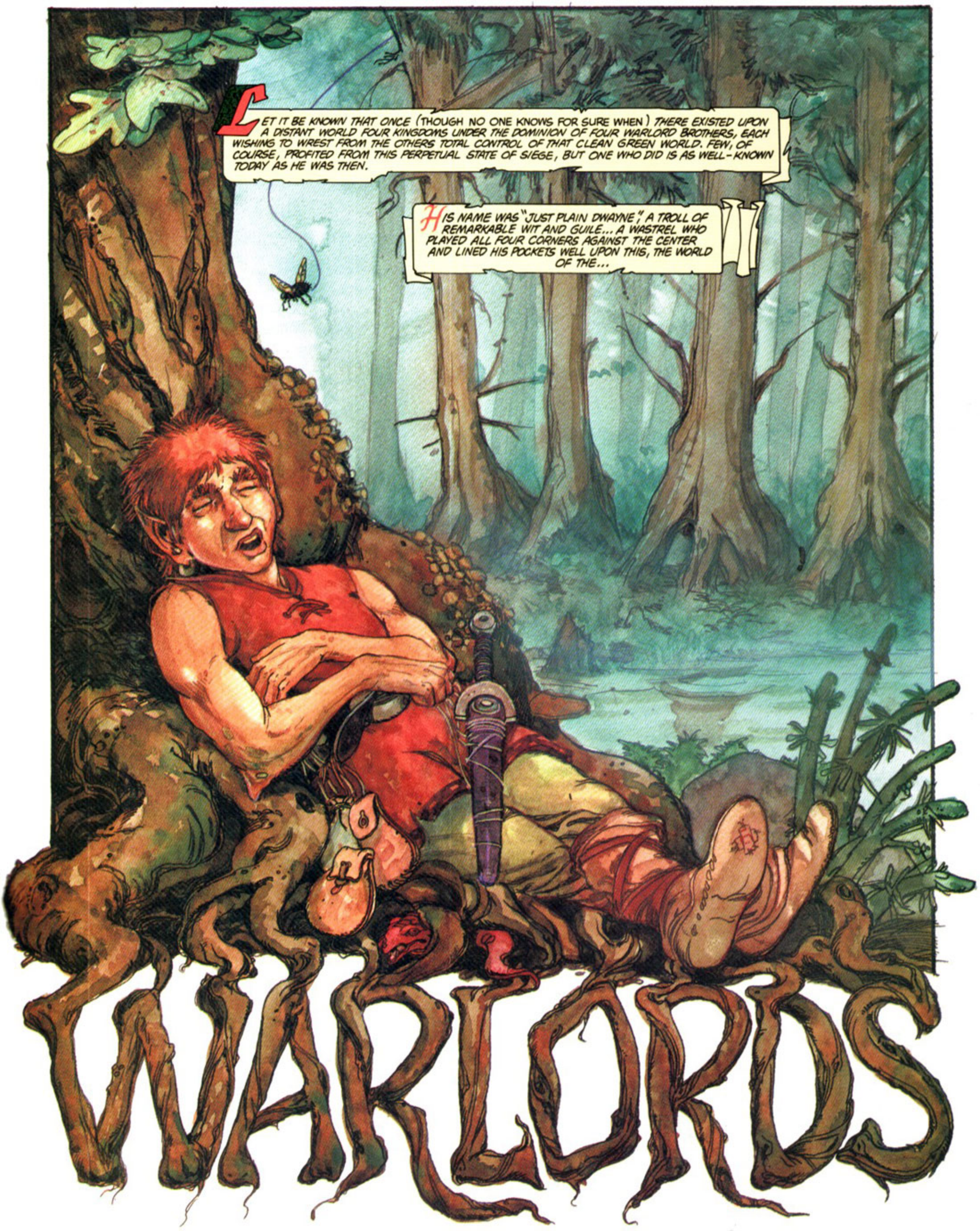
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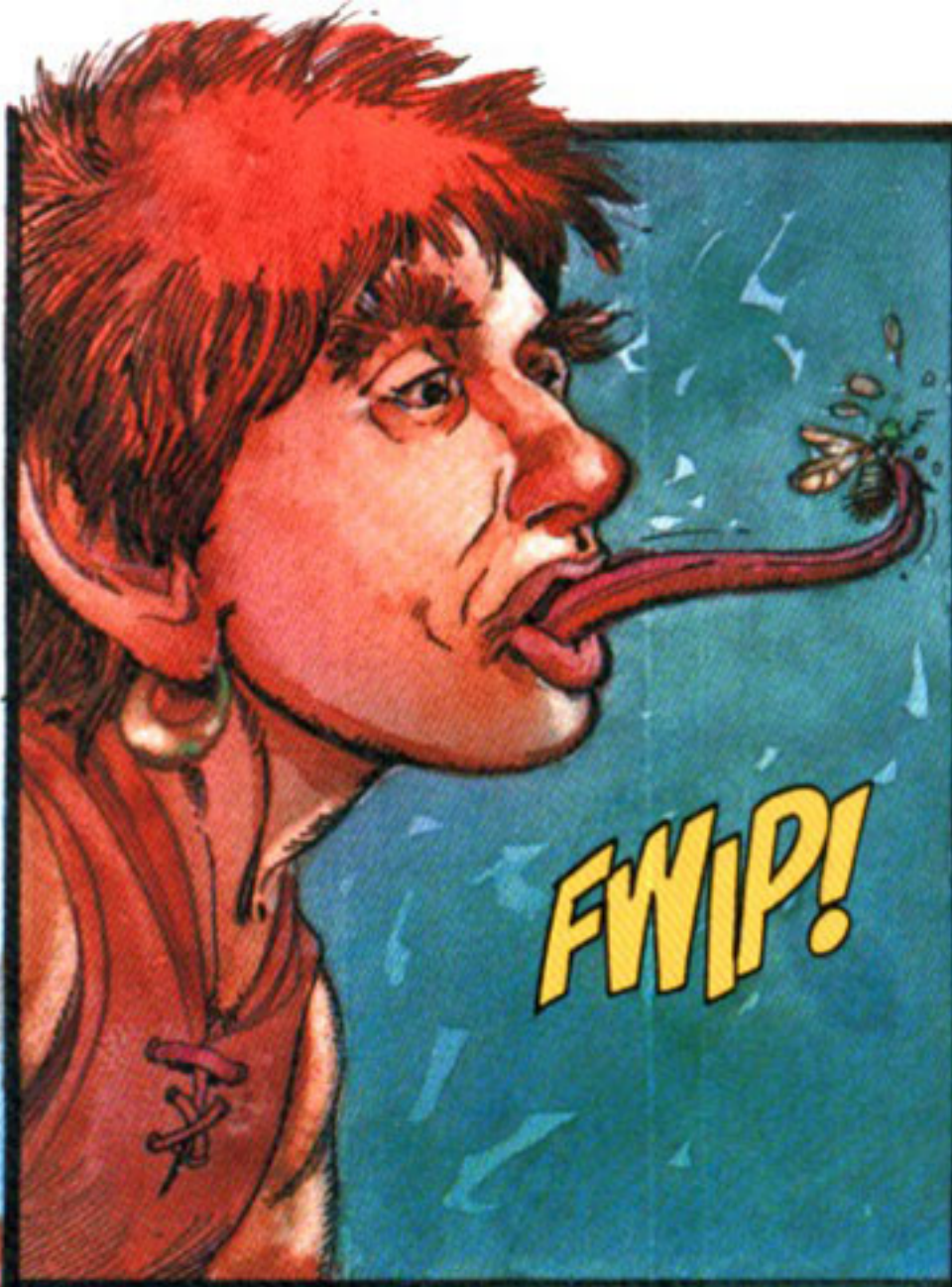


LET IT BE KNOWN THAT ONCE (THOUGH NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE WHEN) THERE EXISTED UPON A DISTANT WORLD FOUR KINGDOMS UNDER THE DOMINION OF FOUR WARLORD BROTHERS, EACH WISHING TO WREST FROM THE OTHERS TOTAL CONTROL OF THAT CLEAN GREEN WORLD. FEW, OF COURSE, PROFITED FROM THIS PERPETUAL STATE OF SIEGE, BUT ONE WHO DID IS AS WELL-KNOWN TODAY AS HE WAS THEN.

HIS NAME WAS "JUST PLAIN DWAYNE," A TROLL OF REMARKABLE WIT AND GUILE... A WASTREL WHO PLAYED ALL FOUR CORNERS AGAINST THE CENTER AND LINED HIS POCKETS WELL UPON THIS, THE WORLD OF THE...

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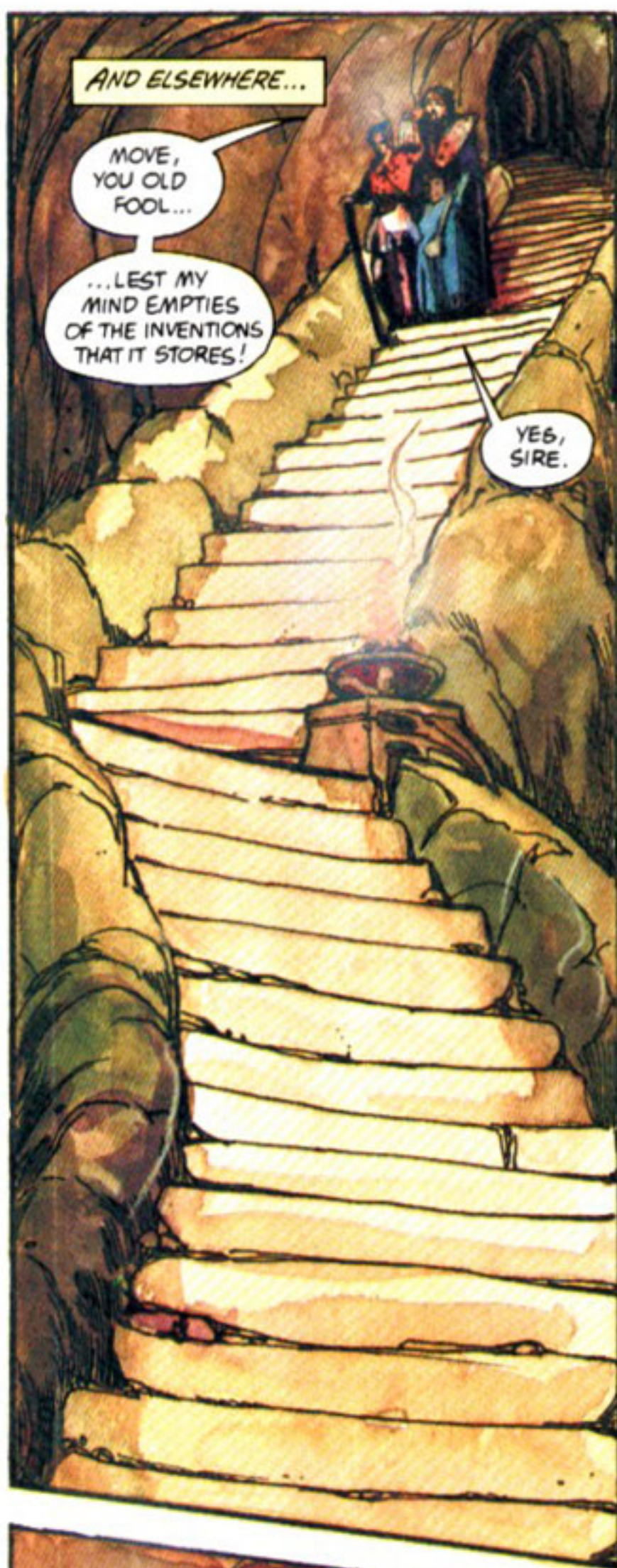




UH... YOU KNOW, YOU  
NEVER *DID* FINISH THAT  
REQUEST OF YOURS,  
M' LORD!

NOW, WHAT EXACTLY IS THE *NAME*  
OF THIS PLACE YOU AND YOUR  
FRIENDS WOULD LIKE DIRECTIONS TO?





AND ELSEWHERE...

MOVE,  
YOU OLD  
FOOL...

...LEST MY  
MIND EMPTIES  
OF THE INVENTIONS  
THAT IT STORES!

YES,  
SIRE.



MANY  
SCIENTIFIC  
WORKS AWAIT  
MY FINAL  
TOUCH...

...WORKS THAT  
WILL SEND MY  
REPUTATION TO  
EVEN FARTHER  
BOUNDARIES OF  
THIS WORLD!



BUT IF I MUST  
DEPEND ON YOUR  
ANCIENT LEGS TO  
CARRY THE KEYS...

...I MAY NOT  
EVEN ENTER  
MY LABORATORY  
THIS DAY!

AT LEAST  
MY LEGS, FEEBLE  
AS THEY MAY BE,  
DO THEIR OWN  
WALKING, SIRE.



WHA--? HOW  
DARE YOU QUESTION  
MY GENIUS!

OOOF!




PERHAPS A GOOD  
FLOGGING WILL  
SET YOUR MIND  
STRAIGHT, TURNKEY!

YES--A LESSON  
TO TEACH YOU WHEN  
AND HOW TO USE  
YOUR OLD TONGUE!

MANY  
THANKS,  
SIRE.





THE DOOR OPENS TO THE ERRATIC  
DIN OF A MAMMOTH WORKSHOP,  
UPON INDUSTRIOUS SUBHUMAN  
LABORERS WORKING LITERALLY  
UNDER A TRUE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS...

AH, MY LIEGE! I  
AM GLAD YOU CAME!  
I HAVE ANOTHER  
GREAT CREATION TO  
SHOW YOU! PERHAPS  
MY GREATEST YET!

THEN COME DOWN FROM  
THERE, LEO, MY FRIEND!  
CONVERSING FROM THIS  
DISTANCE IS A STRAIN  
ON YOUR VOICE!





I AM NOT CONCERNED WITH MY VOICE, SIRE!



THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE THE MOST NOBLE OF DESIRES, MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT MY NAME, LEO NARDO, GO DOWN IN HISTORY.



HERE IT IS, SIRE! FEAST YOUR EYES!

WHA-? A SUIT OF ARMOUR?

AH, SIRE, BUT NOT JUST A SUIT OF ARMOUR...

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, OLD FRIEND!

IDIOT! YOU DO NOT EVEN SUSPECT THAT I-- AND I ALONE--

--TAKE CREDIT FOR EVERY ONE OF YOUR SCIENTIFIC MARVELS!



...IT IS A VERY SPECIAL SUIT OF ARMOUR!





A VERY SPECIAL SUIT OF ARMOUR INDEED... AND SOON, UPON ENTERING THE MAIN HALL, KING RESTIVO REVEALS "HIS" LATEST WONDER!

FAITHFUL KNIGHTS, THERE IS SOMEONE HERE I WOULD HAVE YOU MEET... FOR HE SHALL BE LEADING YOU INTO BATTLE!

YOU MAY SALUTE MY NEW CHAMPION!



HA-- DUMBFOUNDED, EH?...

...TOO SHOCKED EVEN TO SPEAK!



WE CAN SPEAK, SIRE! BUT FINDING THE PROPER WORDS-- THAT IS THE PROBLEM!

TO BECOME THE KING'S CHAMPION ONE MUST PROVE ONESELF IN BATTLE...



AND I SAY IT IS THE SAME FOR THIS ONE!

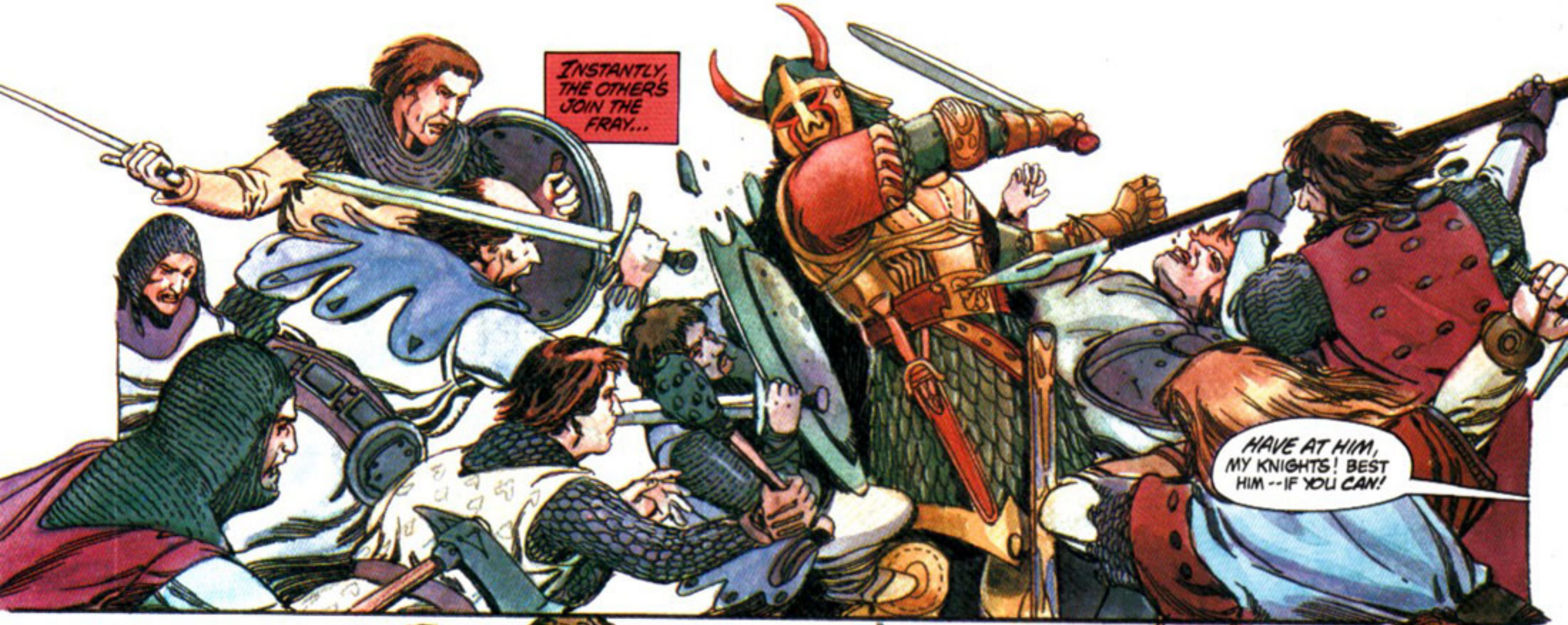
COME, LET US SEE THE STUFF OF WHICH HE IS MADE!



BUT, THOUGH THIS HEADSTRONG KNIGHT LANDS HIS HEARTIEST BLOW...

BY MY SOUL! HE IS NOT EVEN SHAKEN!

















AND SPEAKING OF GOOD KING RESTIVO, LET US LEAP AHEAD OF OUR HERO AND SEE...

...FURTHERMORE, IT *MOVES!* IT OBEYS THE KING'S EVERY COMMAND! AND, WITH ITS AID, WE SHALL EASILY EMERGE VICTORIOUS O'ER ALL ENEMIES!

SOON, THE FOUR KINGDOMS WILL BE UNDER KING RESTIVO'S CONTROL! AND YOU, THE SUBJECTS, SHALL REAP THE BENEFITS!

DOES HE TRULY EXPECT US TO BELIEVE IT MOVES?

PHEW! IF THIS DEVICE IS *HALF* AS GOOD AS HE SAYS, IT STILL SHOULD BE WORTH QUITE A PRICE!



...AND, WHEN I STEAL THE PLANS FOR THAT MONSTROSITY AND SELL THEM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER...

...I WILL BE SET FOR LIFE!

SO, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE IS A SCOUNDREL IN THE AUDIENCE... AND JUST TO MAKE THE SCENE COMPLETE, ANOTHER KNAVE, ONE ALREADY FRIENDLY TO OUR EYES, APPROACHES!

WELL, WELL... DIDN'T EXPECT *THIS* MANY PEOPLE TO BE MILLING ABOUT!

SOME SORT OF CELEBRATION GOIN' ON!





THESE CELEBRATIONS SURE HAVE A WAY OF BRINGING OUT THE RIFFRAFF! HMMM... THAT FELLOW OVER THERE!

...HE HAS PROVED USEFUL TO ME IN THE PAST.



WHAT NO, BERTRAM? THIS CERTAINLY IS A SURPRISE! CAN IT BE TWO SEASONS HAVE PASSED SINCE WE LAST SCHEMED TOGETHER?

OH NO!-- NOT DWAYNE!!



QUIET! CAN YOU NOT SEE THAT I AM IN THE GUISE OF A MONK?!

CALM DOWN, FRIEND BERTRAM! NOBODY'S PAYING ATTENTION TO US! THEY'RE ALL TOO CAUGHT UP IN THE FESTIVITIES!

YOU'D THINK YOU WEREN'T GLAD TO SEE ME!



YOU'RE NOT STILL UPSET ABOUT THAT LITTLE MESS THAT FELL UPON US WHEN WE ACQUIRED THAT MAGISTRATE'S PRIZE MARE AND ENTERED HER IN A FAIR AUCTION?



EH... HOW WAS I TO KNOW IT WAS THE SAME AUCTIONEER WHO...

...SOLD THE SAME MARE TO THE SAME MAGISTRATE ONLY THE DAY BEFORE... EH?



LISTEN, TROLL-- IF YOU FOUL MY ATTEMPT TO STEAL THE PLANS TO THAT INVENTION... I'LL--

PLANS TO THE INVENTION, HUH?

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU-- FOR A SIZABLE FELLOW, YOU THINK TOO SMALL!



NOW, LISTEN, I HAVE AN IDEA!-- I RECENTLY CAME INTO POSSESSION OF A FLOOR PLAN TO RESTIVO'S CASTLE!

I'LL MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THE CASTLE SLEEPS VERY SOUNDLY TONIGHT!-- THEN YOU'LL SNEAK INTO THE ROYAL CHAMBER... AND--





THAT NIGHT, CREEPING  
WITH THE STEALTH OF  
AN OX...

WHAT AM I DOING--  
HOW COULD I LET THAT  
TROLL TALK ME INTO  
THIS?



WITH A MAP TO FOLLOW,  
I DOUBT THAT EVEN BERTRAM  
COULD FUDDLE THIS JOB!

STILL, I WISH HE  
WEREN'T TAKING  
SO LONG!



THEN...

ONE KIDNAPPED KING  
ON HIS WAY DOWN!  
TRULY HE IS PUTTING  
UP QUITE A FIGHT!

JUST GET HIM  
DOWN HERE!



OH, NO! ONLY  
TWO PEOPLE IN THE  
BED AND YOU GRAB  
THE QUEEN!

D-DWAYNE?!--  
THE TROLL! OH,  
HOW I PRAYED TO  
BE RESCUED! BUT  
I NEVER DARED  
HOPE--



LISTEN,  
M'LADY--  
YOU'VE--

YOU DO NOT  
KNOW-- CAN  
HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT IT IS  
LIKE!

RESTIVO HAS  
BECOME SO  
UTTERLY CONSUMED  
WITH POWER-  
LUST! HE EVEN--



YES, THAT'S IT,  
BERT-- SHUT HER  
UP! AND WHILE  
YOU'RE AT IT,  
NOTICE HER ABSENCE  
OF A BEARD!

THAT SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN YOUR  
FIRST CLUE THAT  
SHE WASN'T  
THE KING!



WE STILL HAVE TIME  
TO EXCHANGE HER FOR THE  
KING AND THEN GET OUT  
OF HERE BEFORE THE  
POTION I SLIPPED INTO  
EVERYONE'S WINE  
STARTS WEARING OFF!

BUT THIS  
TIME I'LL GO  
WITH YOU!



A FULL WEEK'S JOURNEY FROM RESTIVO'S CASTLE, THERE STANDS AN EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE ROYAL DWELLING-PLACE, ALBEIT A COLD AND FOREBODING STRUCTURE. THIS IS THE PALACE OF KING MARCUS...

... AND AS COLD AS IT MAY SEEM ON THE OUTSIDE, THINGS ARE WARMING UP...



... WITHIN-- TRULY THIS IS A PLACE OF POWERFUL MAGIC...

PLEASE, MIGHTY ONE, HAVE MERCY! I WAS ONLY MOMENTS LATE TO YOUR SUMMONS-- I MEANT NO DISRESPECT!



VERY WELL, FIRST MINISTER-- I SHALL PROVE MYSELF BENEVOLENT AND ALLOW YOU TO LIVE... THIS TIME!



I TRUST YOU HAVE LEARNED YOUR LESSON!



HEAR ME!-- I AM THE POWER! AND I SHALL NOT BE SO LENIENT IF ANYONE AGAIN DISOBEYS ME!

NOT BAD... YOUR-- "HIGHNESS?"









REALIZE, MY BROTHER, THAT WITH BUT ONE FLIP OF MY WRIST, I CAN...

COME, BERTRAM! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

PERHAPS WE CAN DEVISE SOME OTHER SCHEME THAT WILL--



NO! I AM NOT ABOUT TO LEAVE!

WE PUT TIME AND SWEAT INTO THIS ENDEAVOR!

BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!



THAT MAY BE WHAT YOU THINK, BUT I BELIEVE OTHERWISE!

HEAR ME, KING MARCUS -- YOU CANNOT SHOO US AWAY LIKE FLIES!

BERT! DON'T BE A FOOL!



WE DESERVE PAYMENT FOR OUR TASK, AND I...

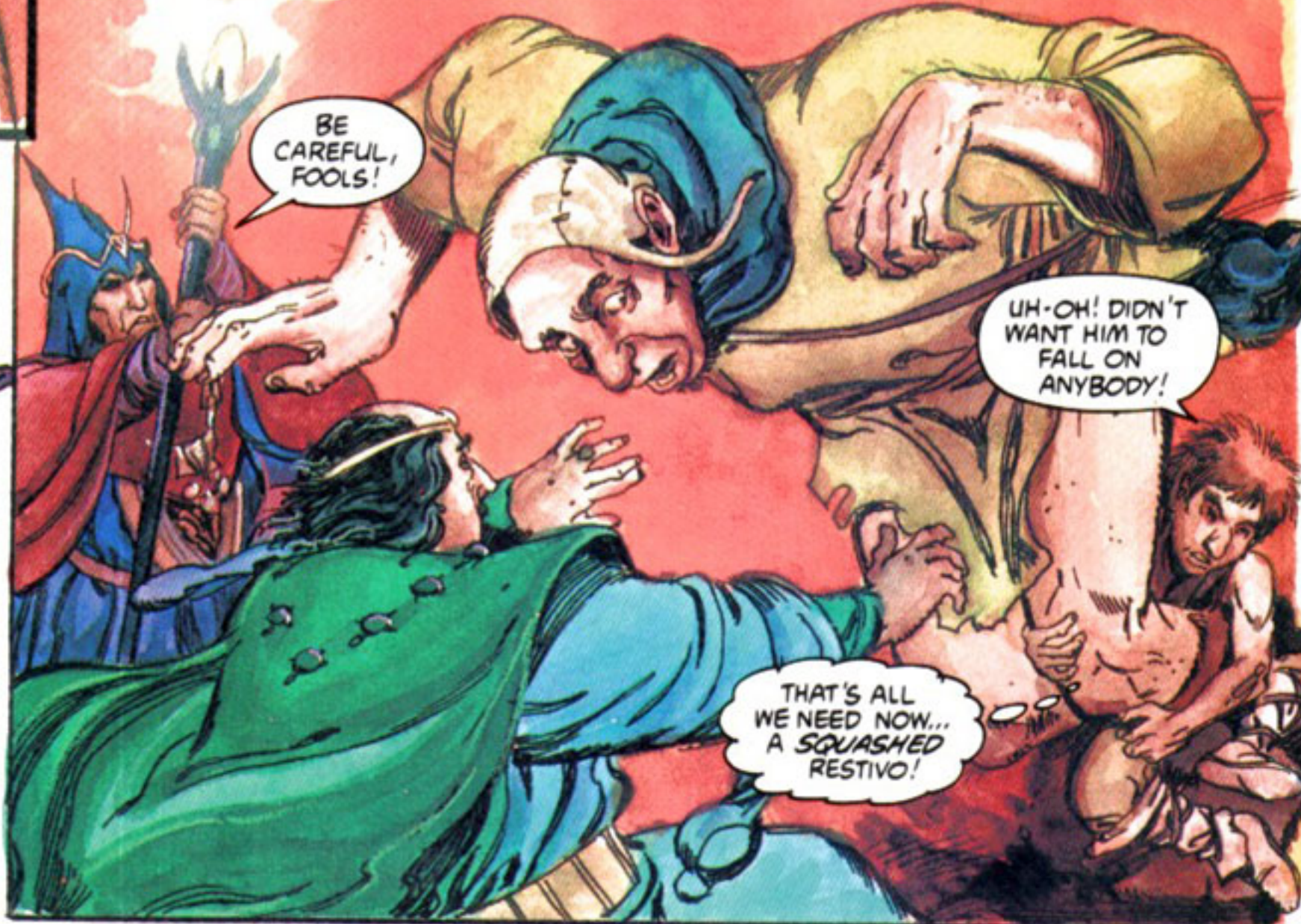
HOW DARE YOU AFFRONT ME SO! YOU WERE DISMISSED!

NEVER AGAIN WILL I TEAM WITH ANYONE SO STUPID!



SORRY ABOUT THIS, BERT... BUT IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

--LNFFF!



BE CAREFUL, FOOLS!

UH-OH! DIDN'T WANT HIM TO FALL ON ANYBODY!

THAT'S ALL WE NEED NOW... A SQUASHED RESTIVO!









YOU SHALL  
ALL FEEL MY  
WRATH!--  
LET THIS BE  
YOUR DUE!

WHEW!-- IF I COULD  
ONLY FIND A WAY TO  
BOTTLE THAT STUFF,  
I COULD MAKE A  
FORTUNE!

OH, MY SWEET  
LORD! WHAT HAS  
THAT TROLL GOTTEN  
ME INTO THIS  
TIME?





NO!-- WAIT!-- IT WAS YOU, TROLL!-- YOU ARE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THAT THING TO ME!

BELIEVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY, YOUR HIGHNESS, YOUR GRACE--



YOU ALONE WILL PAY!

I WASN'T TRYING TO TRICK YOU!

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO THINK IT WAS YOUR BROTHER!



I, UH, BROUGHT IT HERE SIMPLY AS AN EXAMPLE OF HIS WORK!



HE HAS BUILT AN ARMY OF THESE MECHANICAL BEINGS...  
...AND PLANS TO STORM YOUR CASTLE!



YES, RESTIVO WOULD ATTEMPT SUCH A JUVENILE SCHEME!

YOU HAVE JUST SAVED YOUR OWN MISERABLE LIFE, TROLL!

UHHH... HE BOUGHT IT!



S-STILL, I DO WISH TO MAKE AMENDS...

... FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE I HAVE CAUSED YOU!



HOW, TROLL?

EH, PLEASE, TAKE MY SERVANT, BERTRAM!-- HE IS A BIT SLOW, BUT A HARD WORKER. HE WILL SERVE YOU WELL!

EH, I ONLY WISH TO REGAIN THE PURSE HE HAS BEEN HOLDING FOR ME...



HEY, YOU CAN'T--

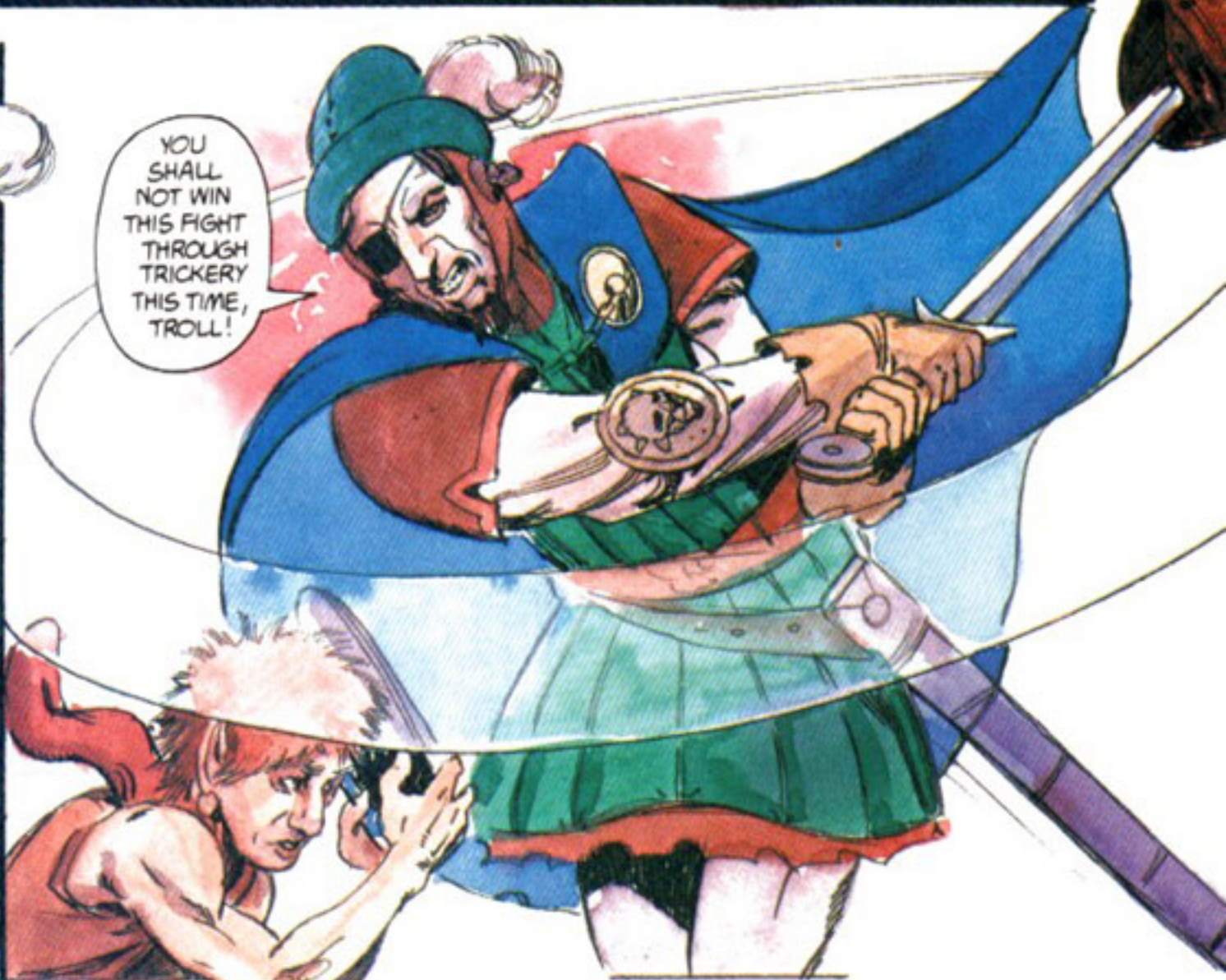
SILENCE, OAF-- AND AS FOR YOU, TROLL, I WISH NEVER AGAIN TO SET EYES UPON YOUR UGLY FACE!

AS YOU WISH, MAJESTY!

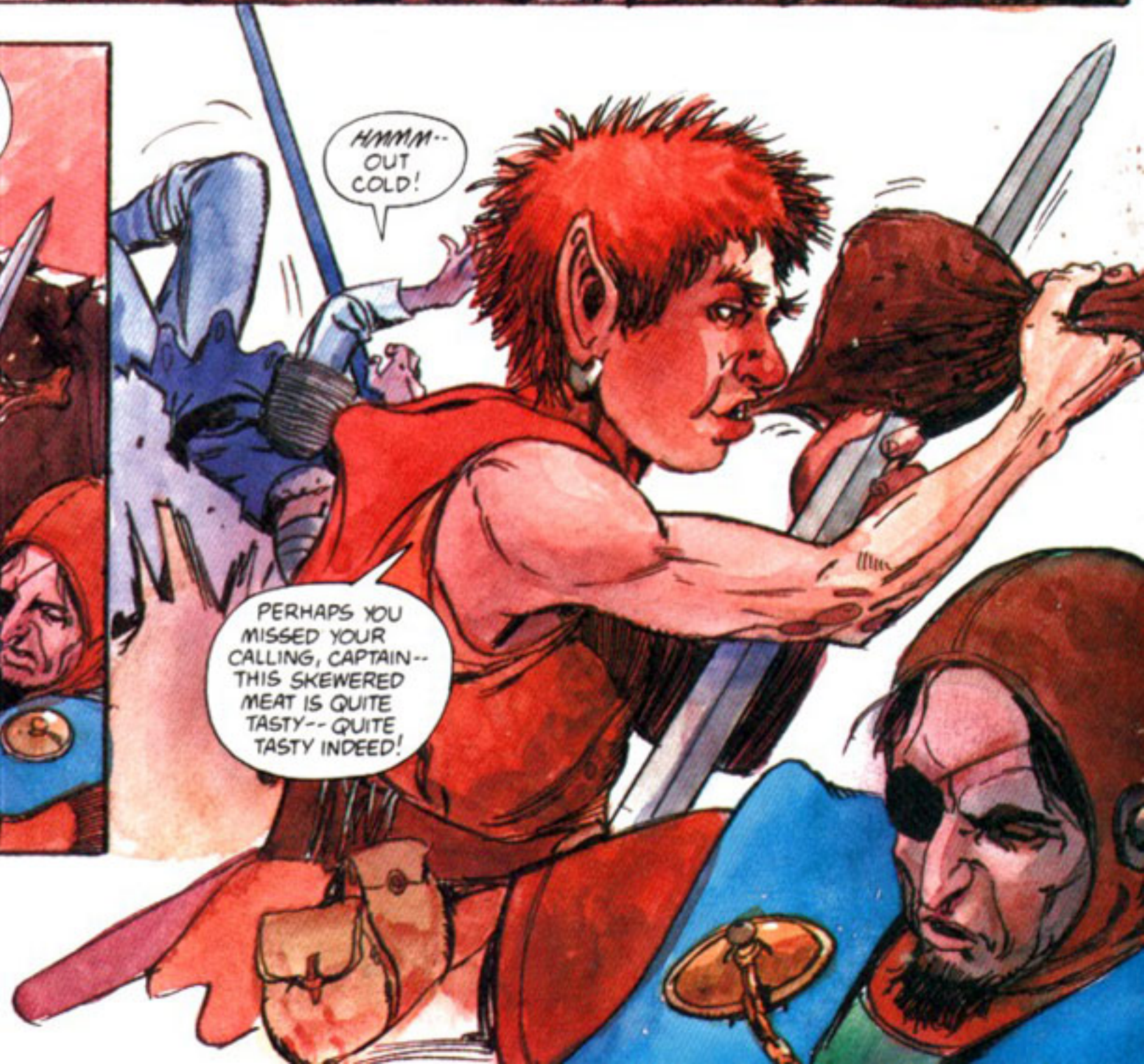
















STOP THIS FIGHTING, ALL OF YOU!

MANY TIMES IN THE PAST HAS THIS TAVERN BEEN DESTROYED BY YOUR ILK! I SHALL NOT LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!



IT IS I WHO MUST CLEAN UP YOUR MESS! DID ANY OF YOU CONSIDER THAT?

NAY! YOU SOLDIERS ARE ALL ALIKE! RUFFIANS WHO CAN THINK OF NAUGHT BUT BATTLE!

AMMM-- A BIT HEAD-STRONG, BUT QUITE NICE INDEED!

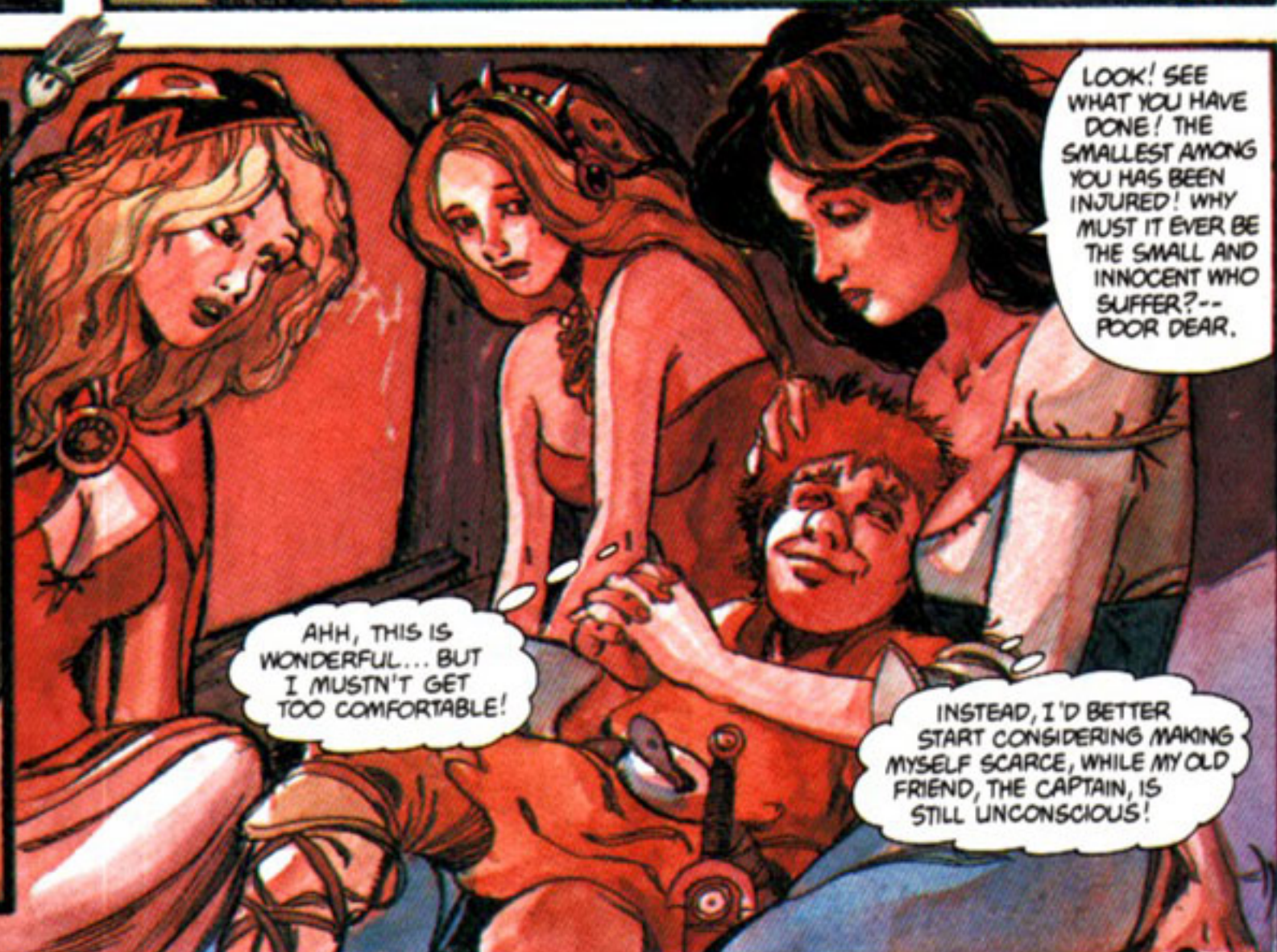
AND I SHALL NOT HAVE IT PERSIST! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



OOOO...

WH-WHERE AM I? MY HEAD-- THE PAIN-- IT'S--

I--



LOOK! SEE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE! THE SMALLEST AMONG YOU HAS BEEN INJURED! WHY MUST IT EVER BE THE SMALL AND INNOCENT WHO SUFFER?-- POOR DEAR.

AHH, THIS IS WONDERFUL... BUT I MUSTN'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE!

INSTEAD, I'D BETTER START CONSIDERING MAKING MYSELF SCARCE, WHILE MY OLD FRIEND, THE CAPTAIN, IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS!



WHA-?

HOWEVER, IT IS NOT TROUBLE FROM THE CAPTAIN THAT DWYANE MUST CONSIDER... BUT THE HORRIBLY DIFFERENT KIND OF MENACE WHICH IS AT HAND...

GOD SAVE US!





... THE  
ENVOYS OF  
KING  
DOMINIC!

BE NOT  
AFRAID, SIMPLE  
FOLK--WE COME  
NOT TO HARM  
YOU...

...BUT TO  
SAVE YOU  
FROM YOUR-  
SELVES AND  
YOUR  
WICKEDNESS!



YES...

...OF  
COURSE...

...TO  
SAVE  
US...

...FROM  
OURSELVES...



BOARD THIS COACH  
NOW... IT IS ONLY  
THUS THAT YOU  
SHALL ULTIMATELY  
RECEIVE YOUR  
SALVATION!

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT'S HAPPENED  
TO YOUR FRIENDS  
HERE, BUT DON'T  
WORRY, MAIDEN--

IT'S NO GOOD!  
SHE ISN'T  
LISTENING!  
SHE'S JUST  
LIKE THE OTHERS!  
IN SOME SORT  
OF TRANCE!  
I...



YOU TOO,  
LITTLE ONE!  
DO NOT LAG  
BEHIND!

I DON'T LIKE IT,  
BUT I GUESS I'D BETTER  
PLAY ALONG!

APPARENTLY,  
EVERYONE  
IS UNDER THESE  
KNIGHTS' SPELL  
BUT ME... AND I  
DON'T THINK  
THESE EMISSARIES  
WOULD TAKE TOO  
KINDLY TO ANY OF  
MY TRICKS!

ONWARD, FOR THE LOVE  
OF DOMINIC!







AND, AS OUR DIMINUTIVE HERO DEPARTS FOR CLIMES UNKNOWN... WITHIN RESTIVO'S KINGDOM WE FIND --

THE TIME HAS COME, MY FAITHFUL KNIGHTS! WITH MY NEW CHAMPION TO LEAD US, WE SHALL EASILY DEFEAT MY BROTHER MARCUS'S MYSTIC FORCES...



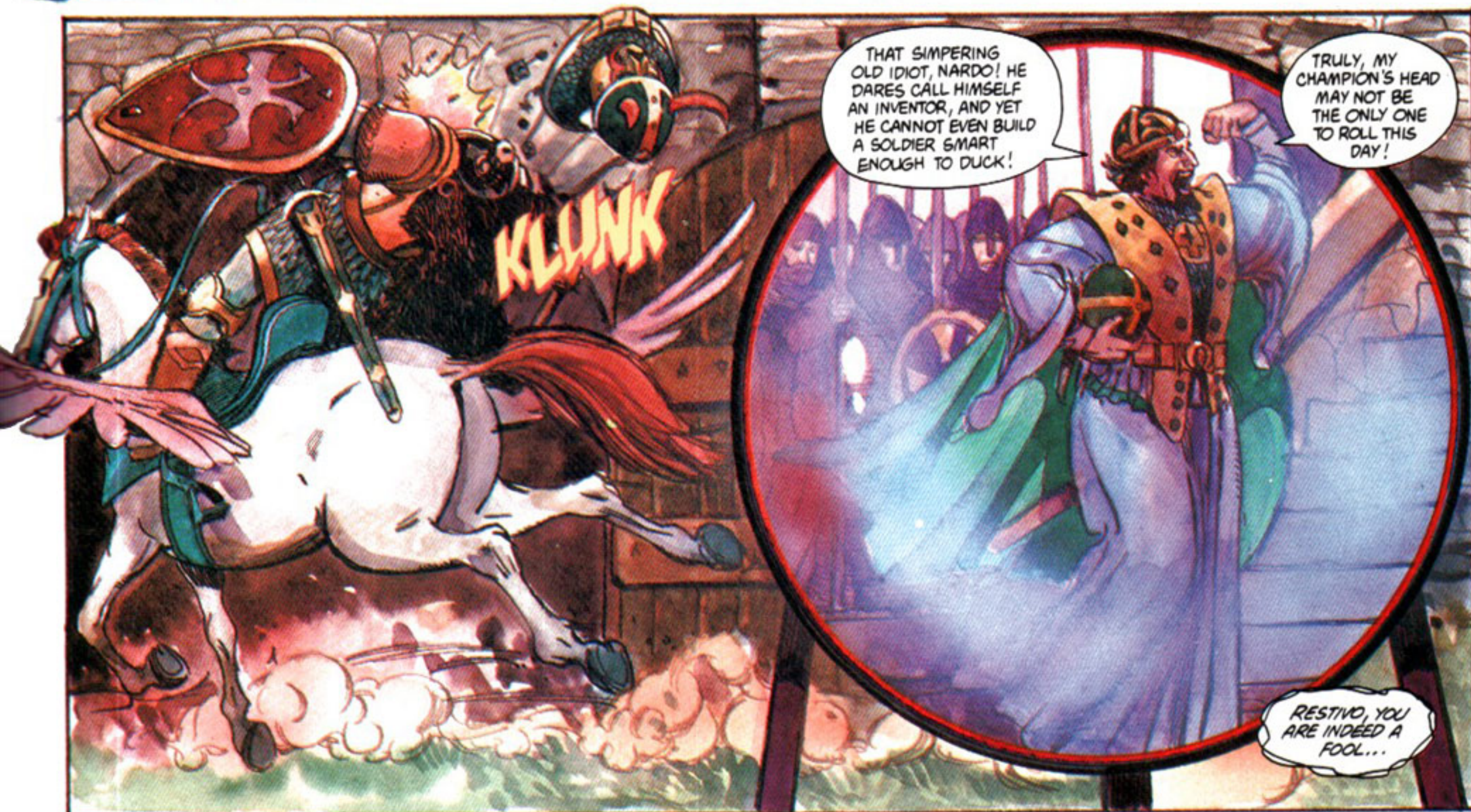
...LEAD ON, THEN, MY CHAMPION! WE HAVE MANY MILES TO RIDE BEFORE BATTLE!

HA! SURELY MARCUS DOES NOT EVEN SUSPECT MY STRATEGY! WE SHALL TAKE HIM COMPLETELY BY SUR--

THWAK



NO! WAIT! THE ARCHWAY! YOU WILL BE--

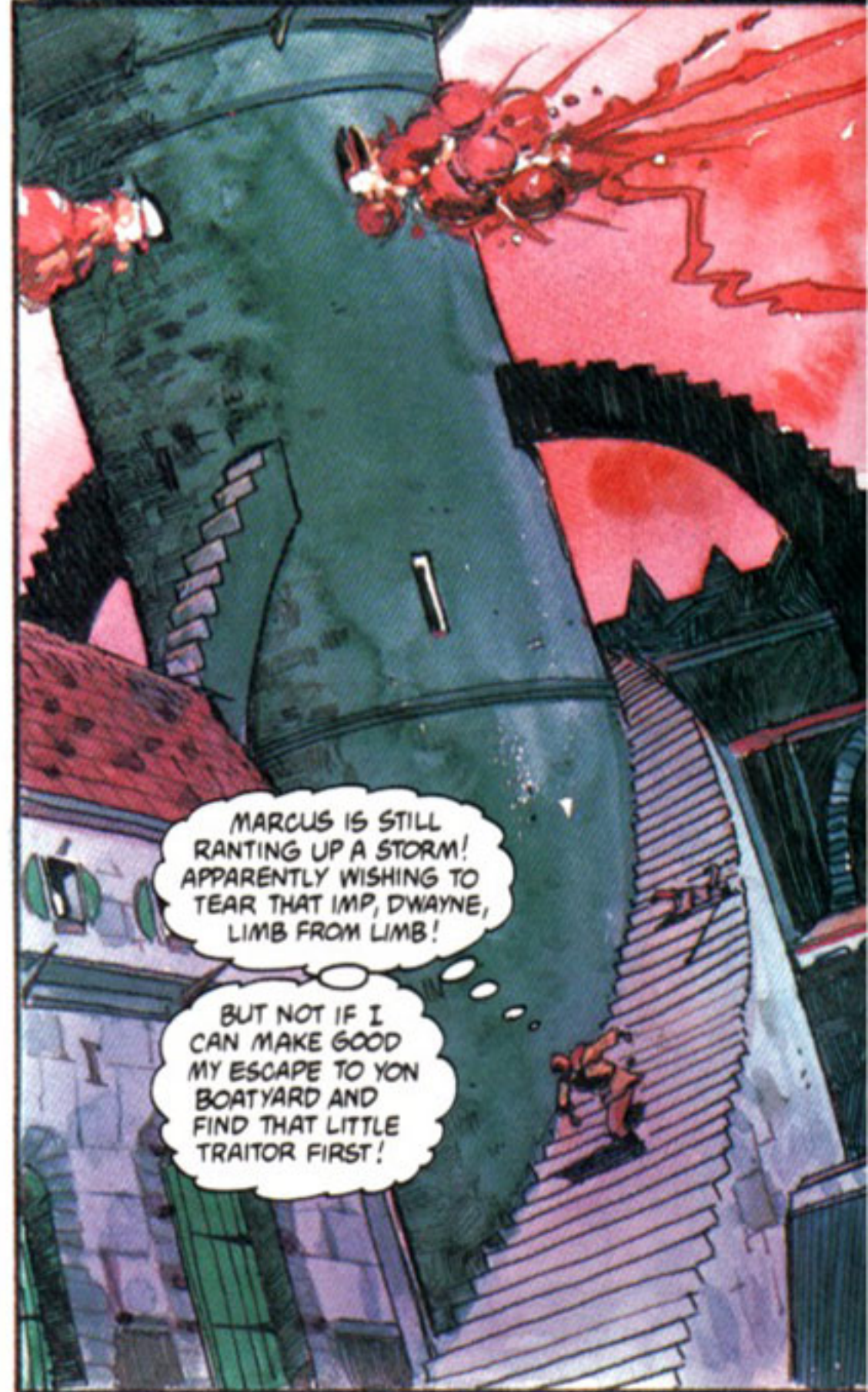
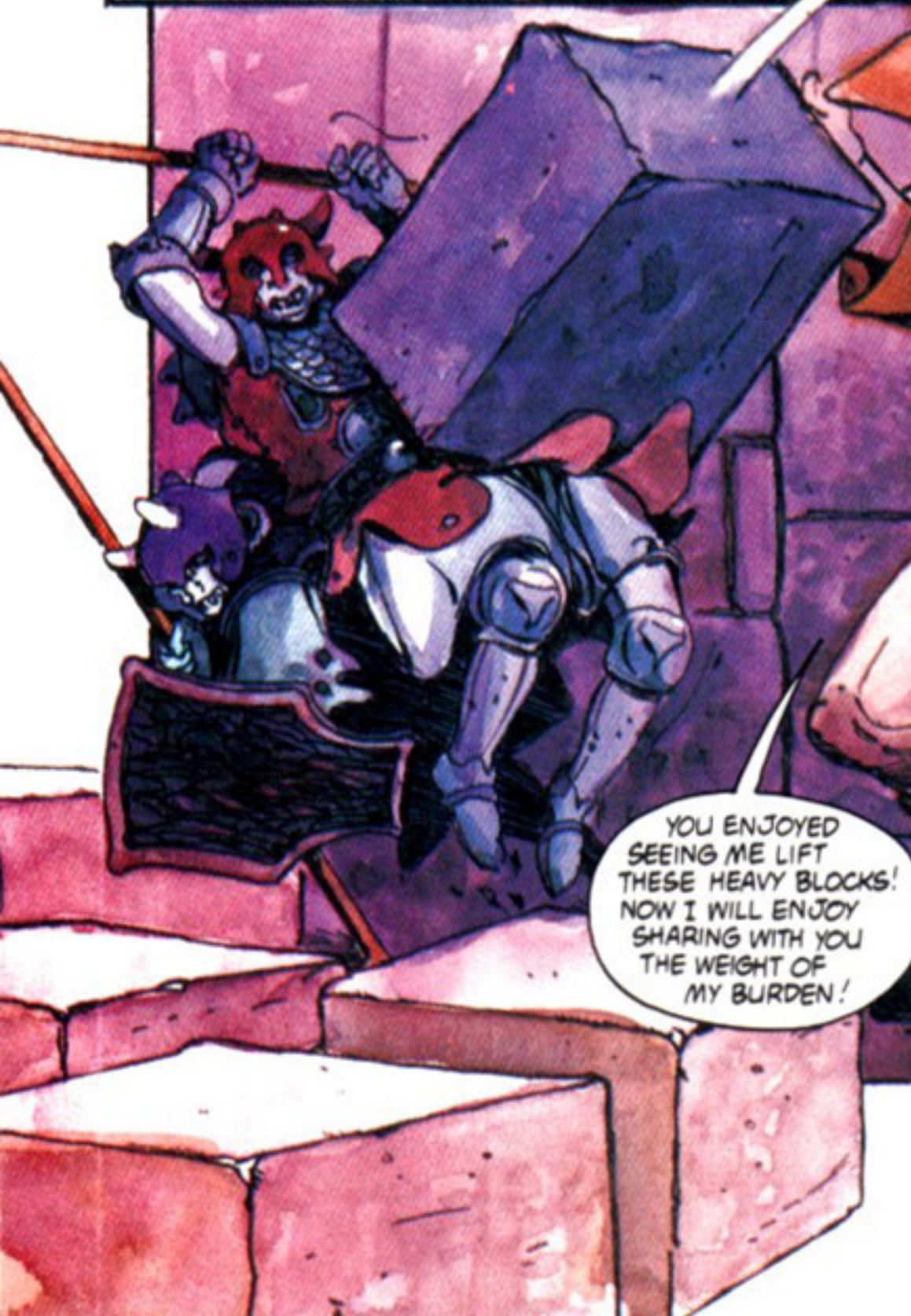


THAT SIMPERING OLD IDIOT, NARDO! HE DARES CALL HIMSELF AN INVENTOR, AND YET HE CANNOT EVEN BUILD A SOLDIER SMART ENOUGH TO DUCK!

TRULY, MY CHAMPION'S HEAD MAY NOT BE THE ONLY ONE TO ROLL THIS DAY!

RESTIVO, YOU ARE INDEED A FOOL...



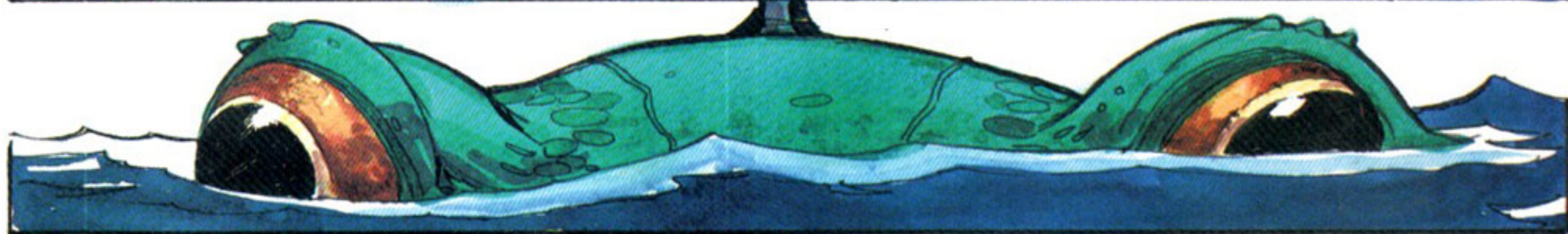




SOON, WITHIN A SMALL STOLEN CRAFT, A FLEEING GIANT OF A MAN ATTEMPTS TO CROSS THE SEA OF THE CHILDREN OF KRIMISH...

IT ALMOST BEMUSES ME THAT, THAT SMALL CONNIVER WHO MADE PROFIT BY MY IMPRISONMENT WAS ALSO MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR MY CRAFTY ESCAPE!

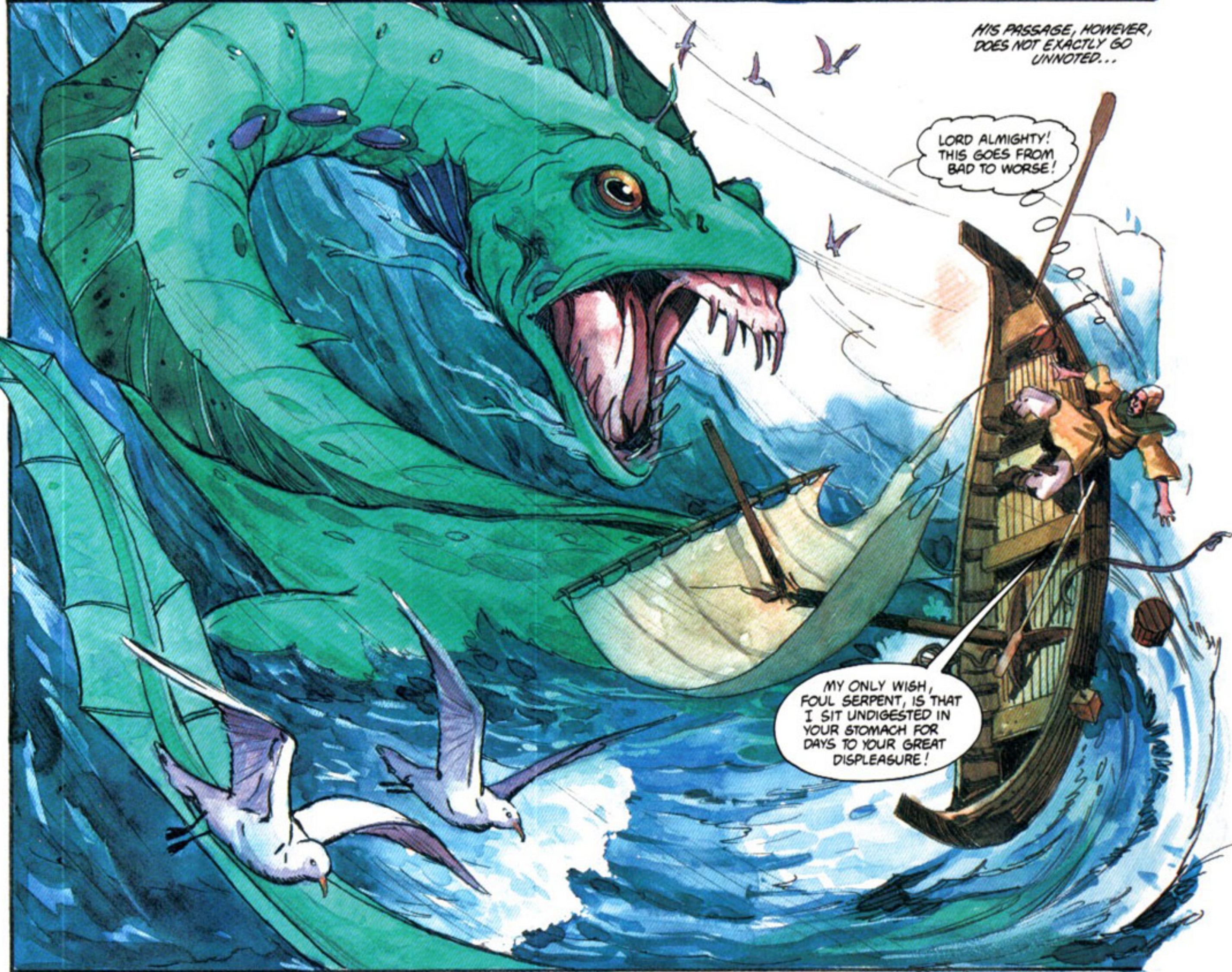
NONETHELESS... I AM FREE!



HIS PASSAGE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT EXACTLY GO UNNOTED...

LORD ALMIGHTY! THIS GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE!

MY ONLY WISH, FOUL SERPENT, IS THAT I SIT UNDIGESTED IN YOUR STOMACH FOR DAYS TO YOUR GREAT DISPLEASURE!



THEN, WITHIN BUT A MATTER OF MOMENTS, THIS ONCE TURBULENT SEA IS SUDDENLY STRANGELY CALM...



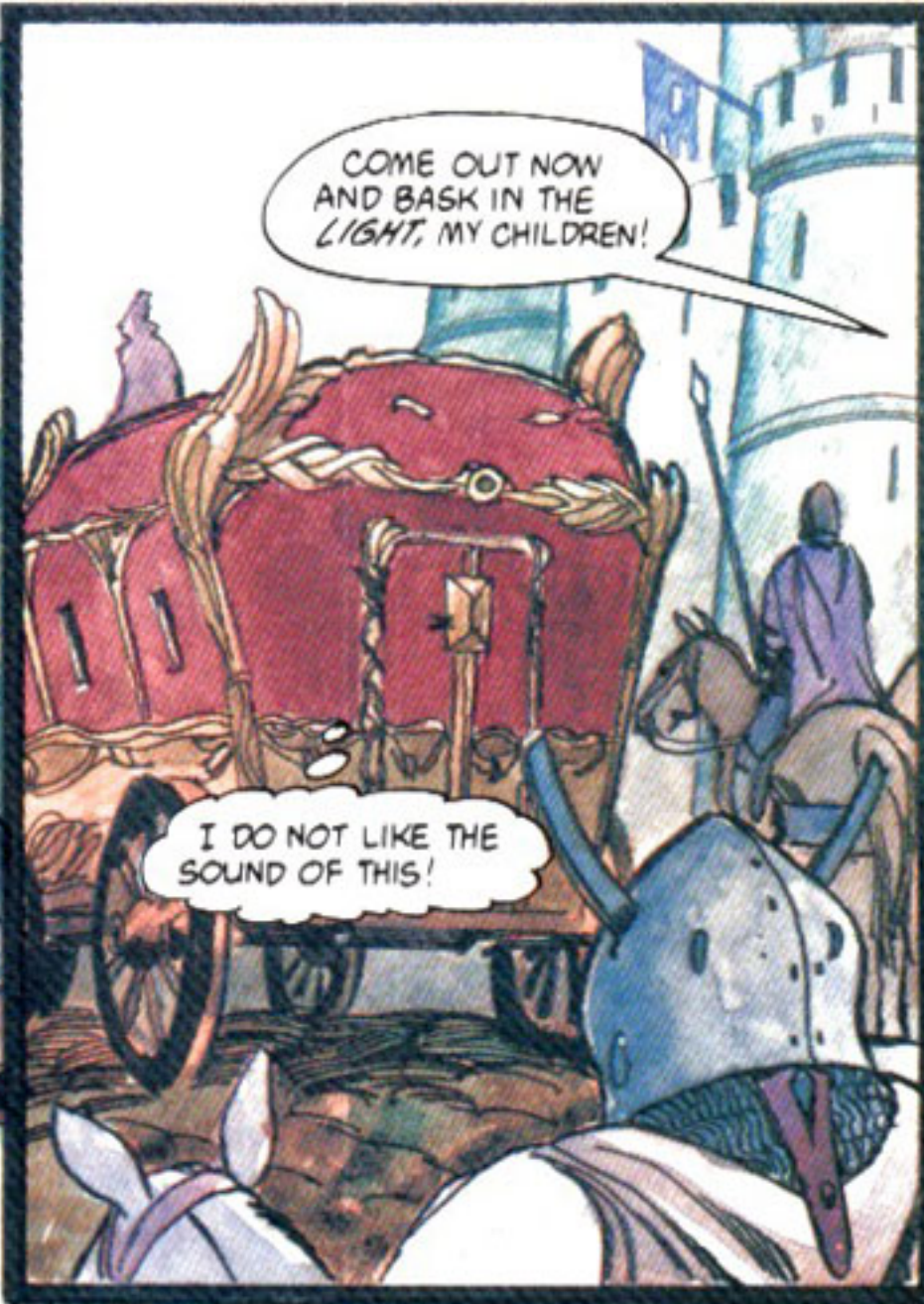








HMMPH! JUST MY LUCK! NOW THAT I'M FINALLY COMFORTABLE, WE'RE SLOWING DOWN...



COME OUT NOW AND BASK IN THE LIGHT, MY CHILDREN!

I DO NOT LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS!

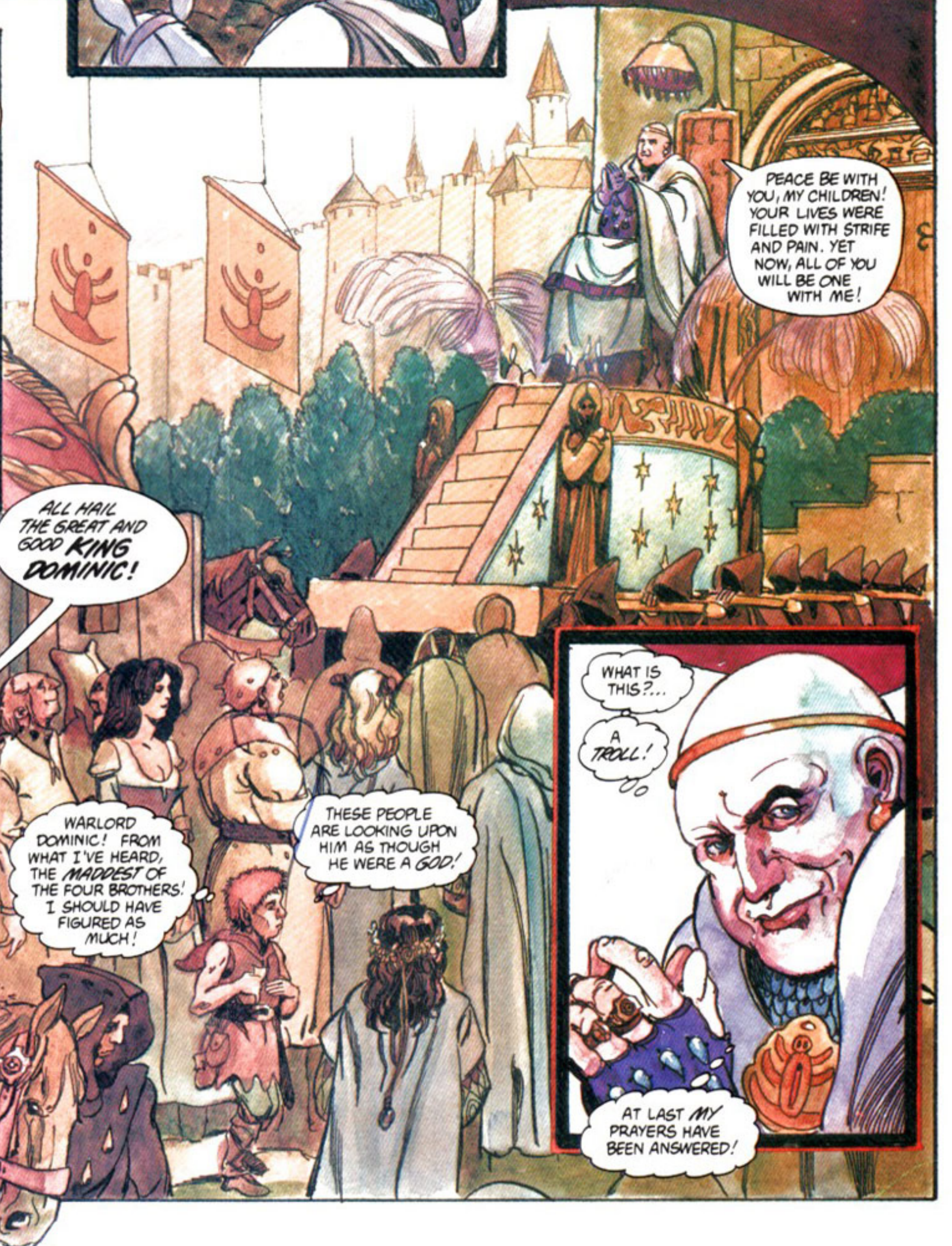


OR THE... LOOK! OF WHAT LITTLE I CAN SEE IN THIS BLINDING LIGHT!



SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED! THE IMAGE... GONE!

BUT IT WAS THE TROLL, OF THAT I AM CERTAIN!



PEACE BE WITH YOU, MY CHILDREN! YOUR LIVES WERE FILLED WITH STRIFE AND PAIN. YET NOW, ALL OF YOU WILL BE ONE WITH ME!

ALL HAIL THE GREAT AND GOOD KING DOMINIC!

WARLORD DOMINIC! FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THE MADDEST OF THE FOUR BROTHERS! I SHOULD HAVE FIGURED AS MUCH!

THESE PEOPLE ARE LOOKING UPON HIM AS THOUGH HE WERE A GOD!

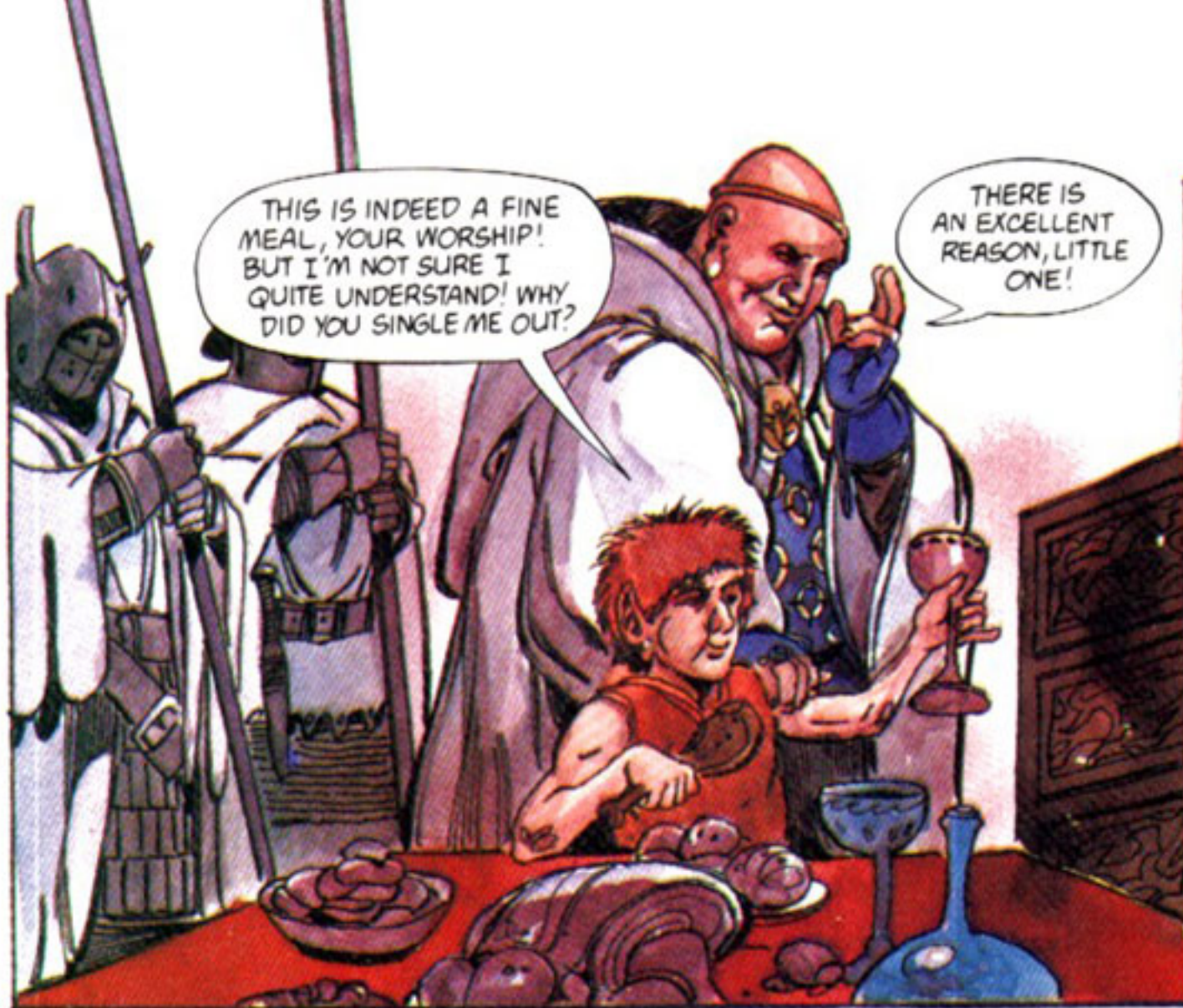


WHAT IS THIS?...

A TROLL!

AT LAST MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!





THIS IS INDEED A FINE MEAL, YOUR WORSHIP! BUT I'M NOT SURE I QUITE UNDERSTAND! WHY DID YOU SINGLE ME OUT?

THERE IS AN EXCELLENT REASON, LITTLE ONE!



THE OTHERS WHO ARRIVED WITH YOU SHALL SERVE ME IN THEIR OWN TIME AND IN THEIR OWN FASHION...

...BUT I HAVE A CERTAIN TASK WHICH IMMEDIATELY I WISH TO ENTRUST TO YOU, MY SON.

THIS LEG OF FOWL IS GETTING LESS AND LESS APPETIZING BY THE SECOND!



LOOK OUT UPON MY PEOPLE! THEY ARE HAPPY, AT PEACE WITH THEMSELVES AND AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD...

...FOR THAT IS WHAT I BRING THEM! UNLIKE MY BROTHERS, I AM A MAN OF PEACE!



THAT IS WHY, FOR SOME TIME, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DELIVER THIS PLEDGE OF PEACE TO MY BROTHER PHILIPPE, WHO INDEED IS THE MOST NOBLE OF MY KIN! IF ANY OF THEM WILL GIVE UP THE WAYS OF WAR, IT IS HE!

YET, TO GET TO THE LAND OF MY BROTHER, ONE MUST PASS THROUGH THE TROLL LANDS... YOUR LANDS.

I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED, BUT NONE OF MY MEN WHO HAVE VENTURED THERE HAVE RETURNED! BUT I THOUGHT THAT YOU, BEING A TROLL YOURSELF...

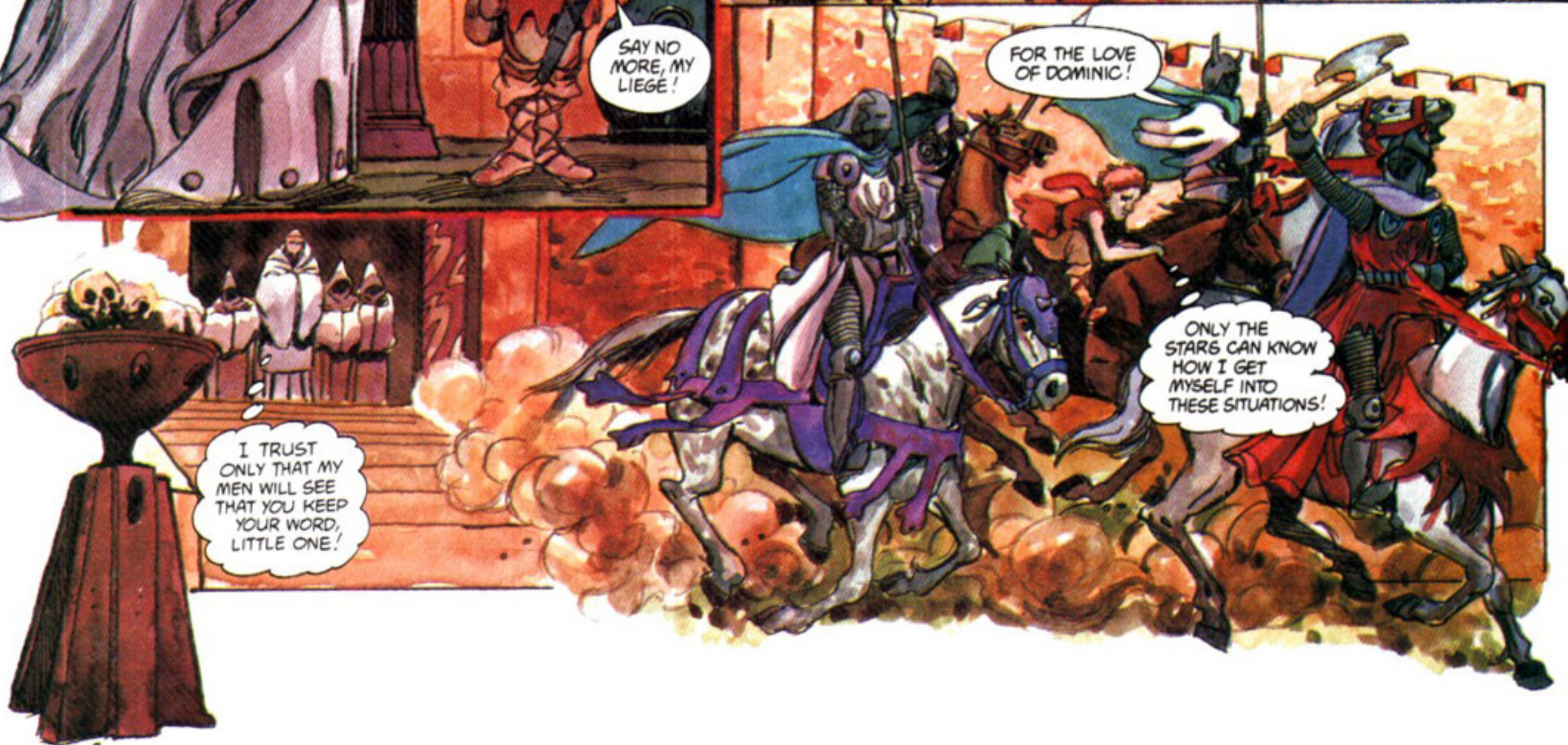
SAY NO MORE, MY LIEGE!



LEND ME YOUR SWIFTEST STEED AND THIS SCROLL IS AS GOOD AS DELIVERED...

...TO THE NEAREST DITCH! AND I'M AWAY FROM THIS MADHOUSE WITH A FINE MOUNT!

TRUST ME, SIRE!

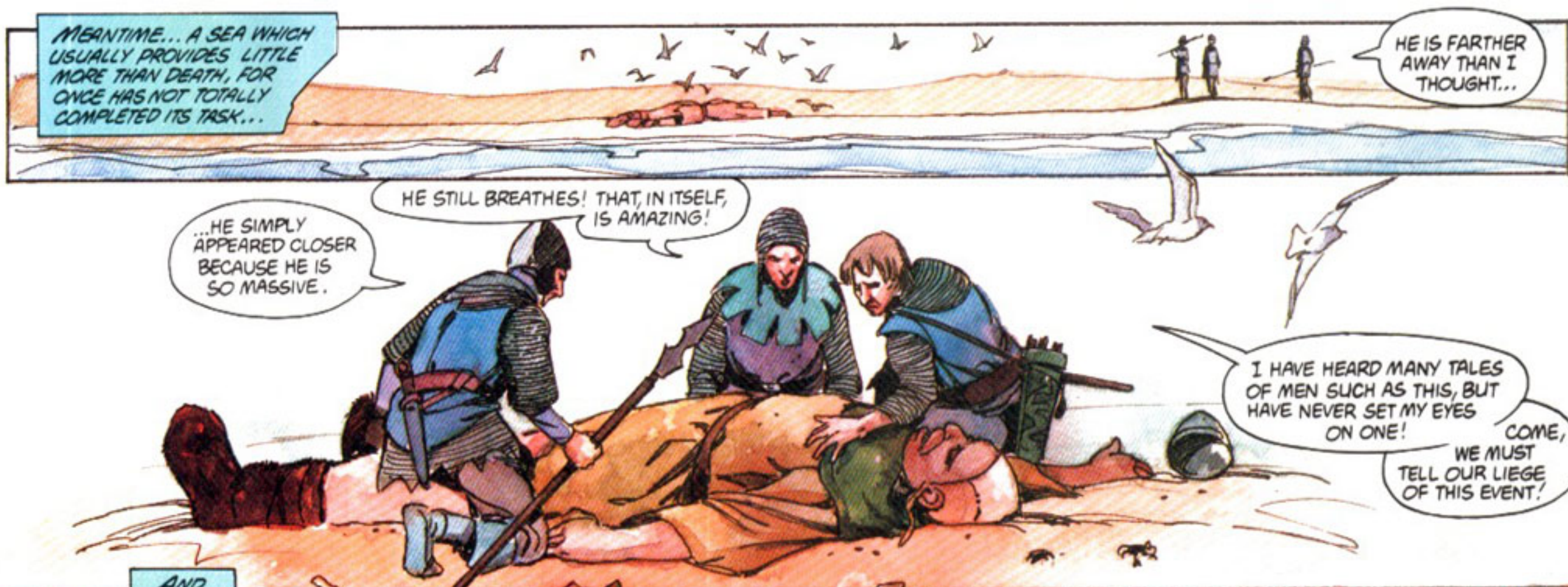


FOR THE LOVE OF DOMINIC!

ONLY THE STARS CAN KNOW HOW I GET MYSELF INTO THESE SITUATIONS!

I TRUST ONLY THAT MY MEN WILL SEE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORD, LITTLE ONE!





MEANTIME... A SEA WHICH USUALLY PROVIDES LITTLE MORE THAN DEATH, FOR ONCE HAS NOT TOTALLY COMPLETED ITS TASK...

HE IS FARTHER AWAY THAN I THOUGHT...

...HE SIMPLY APPEARED CLOSER BECAUSE HE IS SO MASSIVE.

HE STILL BREATHES! THAT, IN ITSELF, IS AMAZING!

I HAVE HEARD MANY TALES OF MEN SUCH AS THIS, BUT HAVE NEVER SET MY EYES ON ONE!

COME, WE MUST TELL OUR LIEGE OF THIS EVENT!

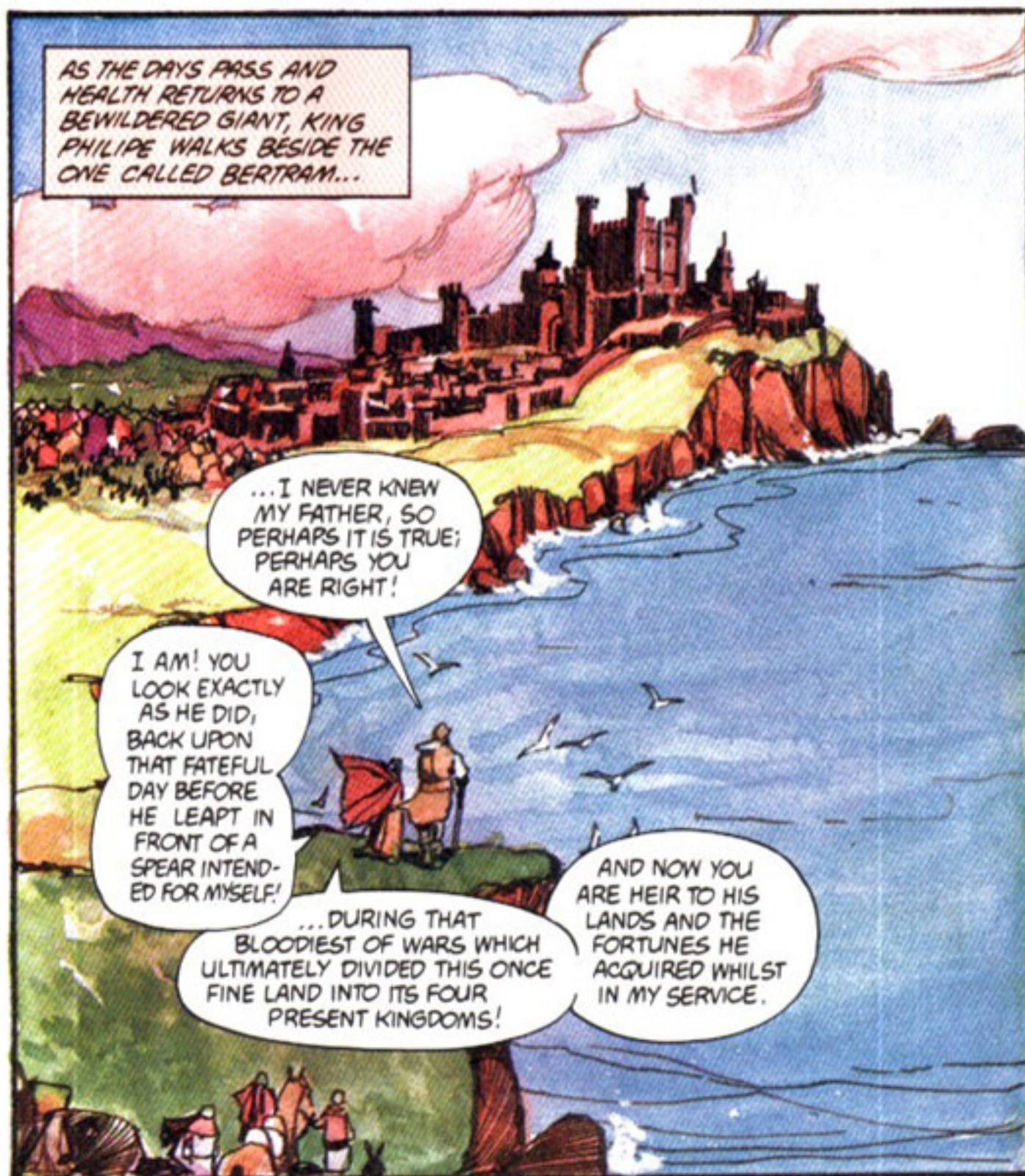
AND SOON...



... HE WHO WAS MY FRIEND!

FEAR NOT, GOOD SUBJECTS... TRULY, THE FATES HAVE SMILED UPON US. FOR THIS GIANT OF A MAN HAS THE SAME COUNTENANCE OF HIM WHO PASSED ON MANY YEARS AGO...

ooo...



AS THE DAYS PASS AND HEALTH RETURNS TO A BEWILDERED GIANT, KING PHILIPPE WALKS BESIDE THE ONE CALLED BERTRAM...

...I NEVER KNEW MY FATHER, SO PERHAPS IT IS TRUE; PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT!

I AM! YOU LOOK EXACTLY AS HE DID, BACK UPON THAT FATEFUL DAY BEFORE HE LEAPT IN FRONT OF A SPEAR INTENDED FOR MYSELF!

...DURING THAT BLOODIEST OF WARS WHICH ULTIMATELY DIVIDED THIS ONCE FINE LAND INTO ITS FOUR PRESENT KINGDOMS!

AND NOW YOU ARE HEIR TO HIS LANDS AND THE FORTUNES HE ACQUIRED WHILST IN MY SERVICE.



THEN, AS HE WAS ONCE YOUR CHAMPION, SO, NOW, I SHALL BE!

AND WE MUST REUNITE THE PEOPLE OF THESE LANDS... SO THAT FINALLY WE MAY ONCE AGAIN LIVE IN PEACE!



AND SO IT COMES TO PASS UPON THE FOLLOWING DAY THAT THE FORCES OF PHILIPPE ARE READY TO RIDE INTO BATTLE, READY TO FIGHT FOR THE NOBLEST CAUSE IN LIFE...



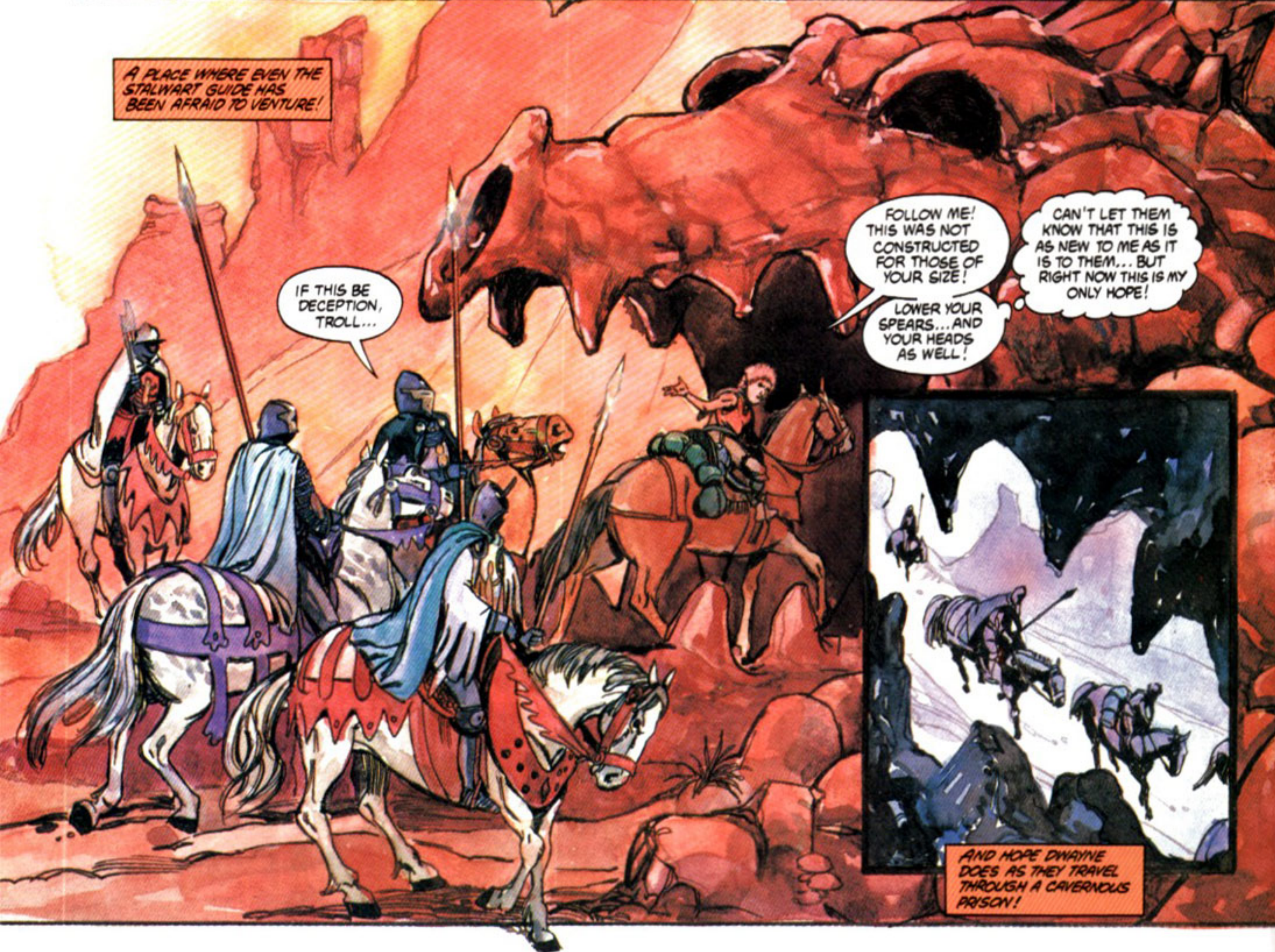
...WHILE ELSEWHERE...



WHAT IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT IS UNHOLY?

FEAR NOT! THIS BE BUT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LAND OF THE TROLLS!

A PLACE WHERE EVEN THE STALWART GUIDE HAS BEEN AFRAID TO VENTURE!



IF THIS BE DECEPTION, TROLL...

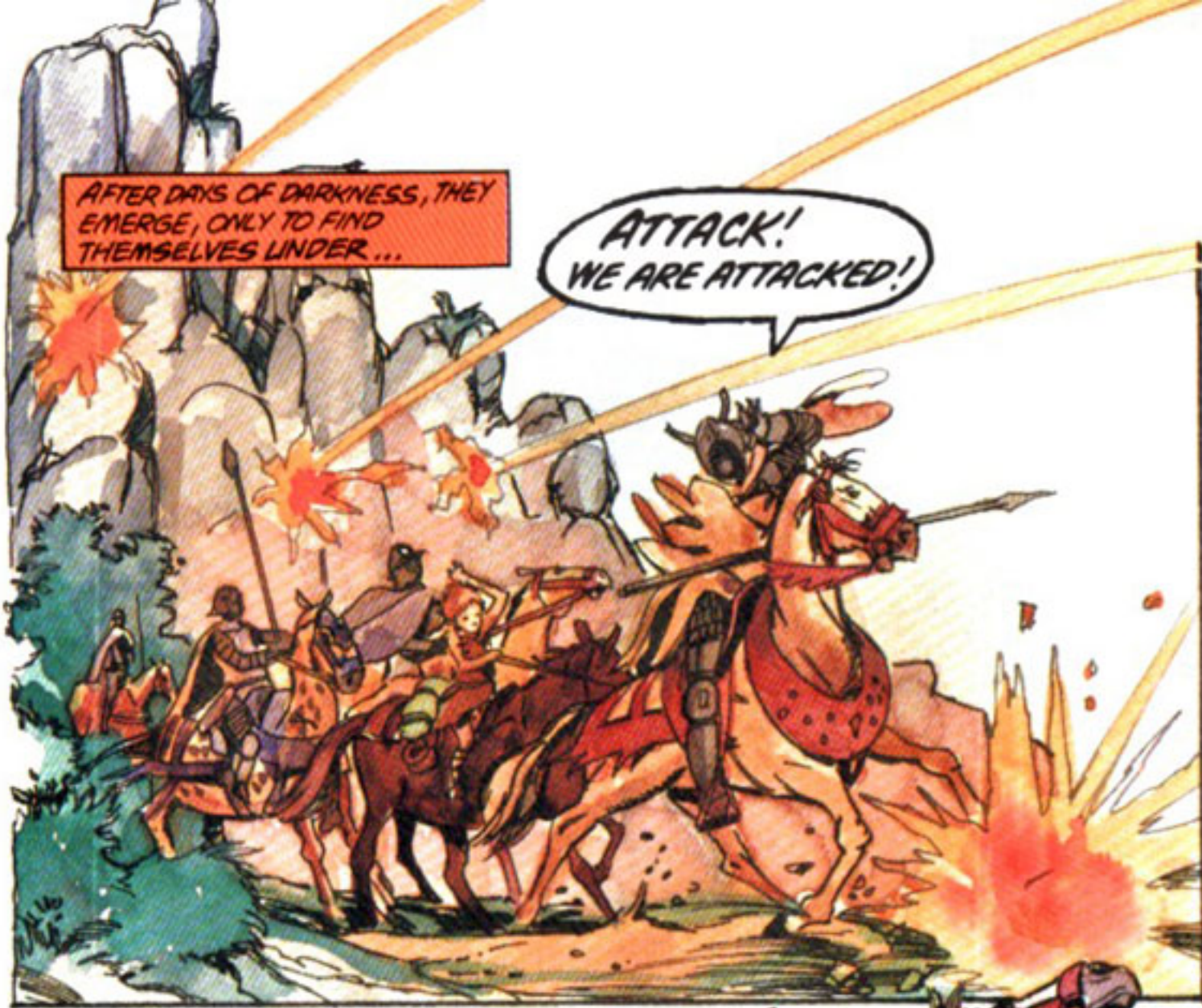
FOLLOW ME! THIS WAS NOT CONSTRUCTED FOR THOSE OF YOUR SIZE!  
LOWER YOUR SPEARS... AND YOUR HEADS AS WELL!

CAN'T LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS IS AS NEW TO ME AS IT IS TO THEM... BUT RIGHT NOW THIS IS MY ONLY HOPE!



AND HOPE DWAYNE DOES AS THEY TRAVEL THROUGH A CAVERNOUS PRISON!





AFTER DAYS OF DARKNESS, THEY EMERGE, ONLY TO FIND THEMSELVES UNDER...

ATTACK!  
WE ARE ATTACKED!



YOU WILL PAY WITH YOUR LIFE, TROLL!

ONLY IF YOU WAIT YOUR TURN, SIR KNIGHT...

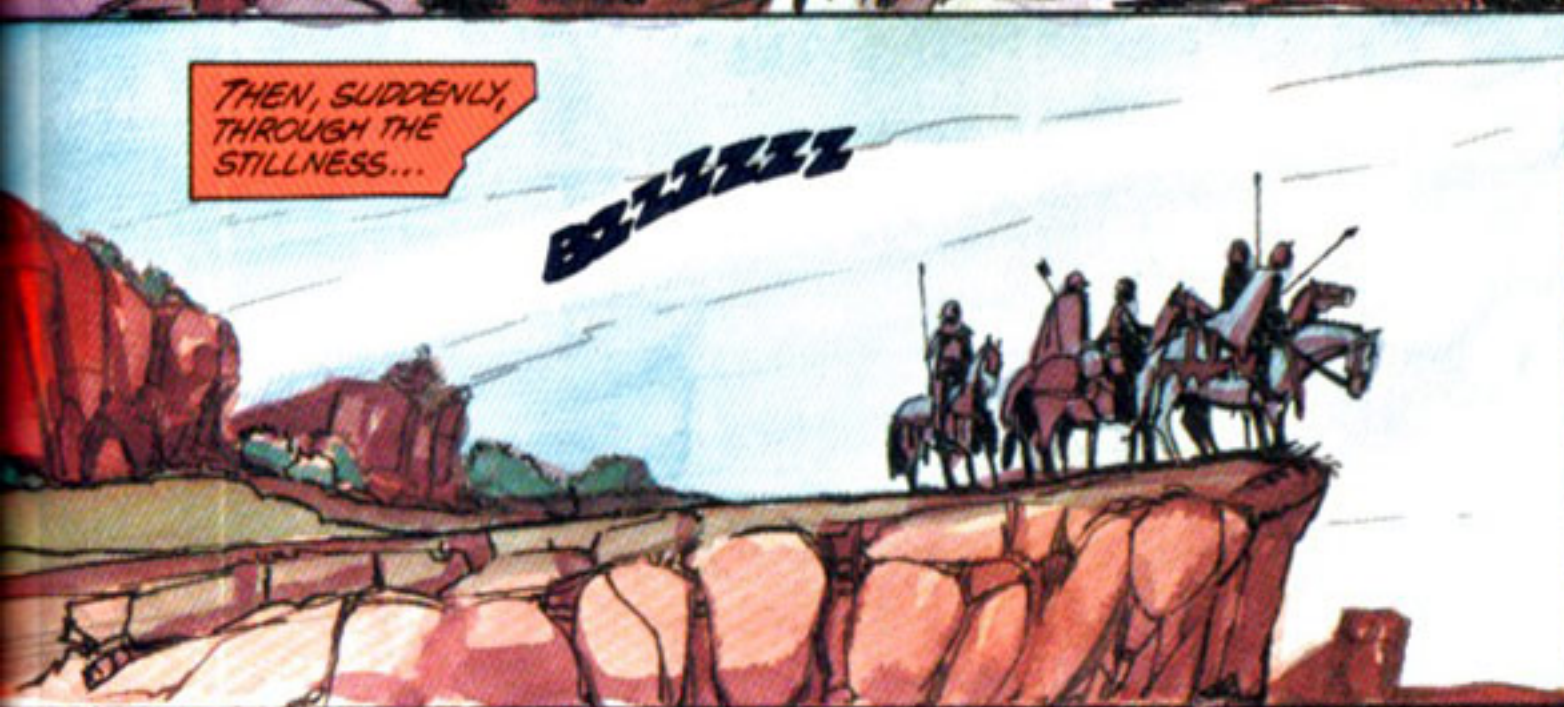


HOLD!  
A CLIFF...  
PULL UP,  
PULL UP!



AND NEARBY...

THOK



THEN, SUDDENLY, THROUGH THE STILLNESS...

BZZZZZ



THAT SOUND...  
WHAT IS...

LOOK!



QUICKLY!  
OVER THE  
SIDE!



AND THERE IS NOT EVEN A BREATH'S TIME FOR HESITATION...









WHA-?

INDEED, TROLL,  
AND IT SHALL BE  
MY GREATEST  
HONOR TO  
ASSIST YOU!



OF ALL  
THE FOUL,  
PLAGUED...

...WAIT!

THE AMULET!  
IT HELPED ME  
BEFORE! AND ALL  
I NEEDED TO DO WAS  
READ ITS INSCRIPTION  
ALoud!

I ONLY HOPE THAT  
I CAN TALK  
FASTER THAN I  
CAN FALL!



KUB-C9-JUM!



IT'S  
WORKING...

...THANK  
SPA FOR!

APPARENTLY  
WARLORD  
DOMINIC HAS A  
VERY PECULIAR  
WAY OF REPAYING  
GOOD TURNS!



ALL I KNOW  
IS THAT I DO NOT  
LIKE BEING USED  
AND SPAT UPON!



GOOD HEAVEN!  
DOMINIC'S KNIGHTS  
ARE CUTTING  
THROUGH THOSE  
MEN AS EASILY AS  
A BLADE PARTS  
LARD!

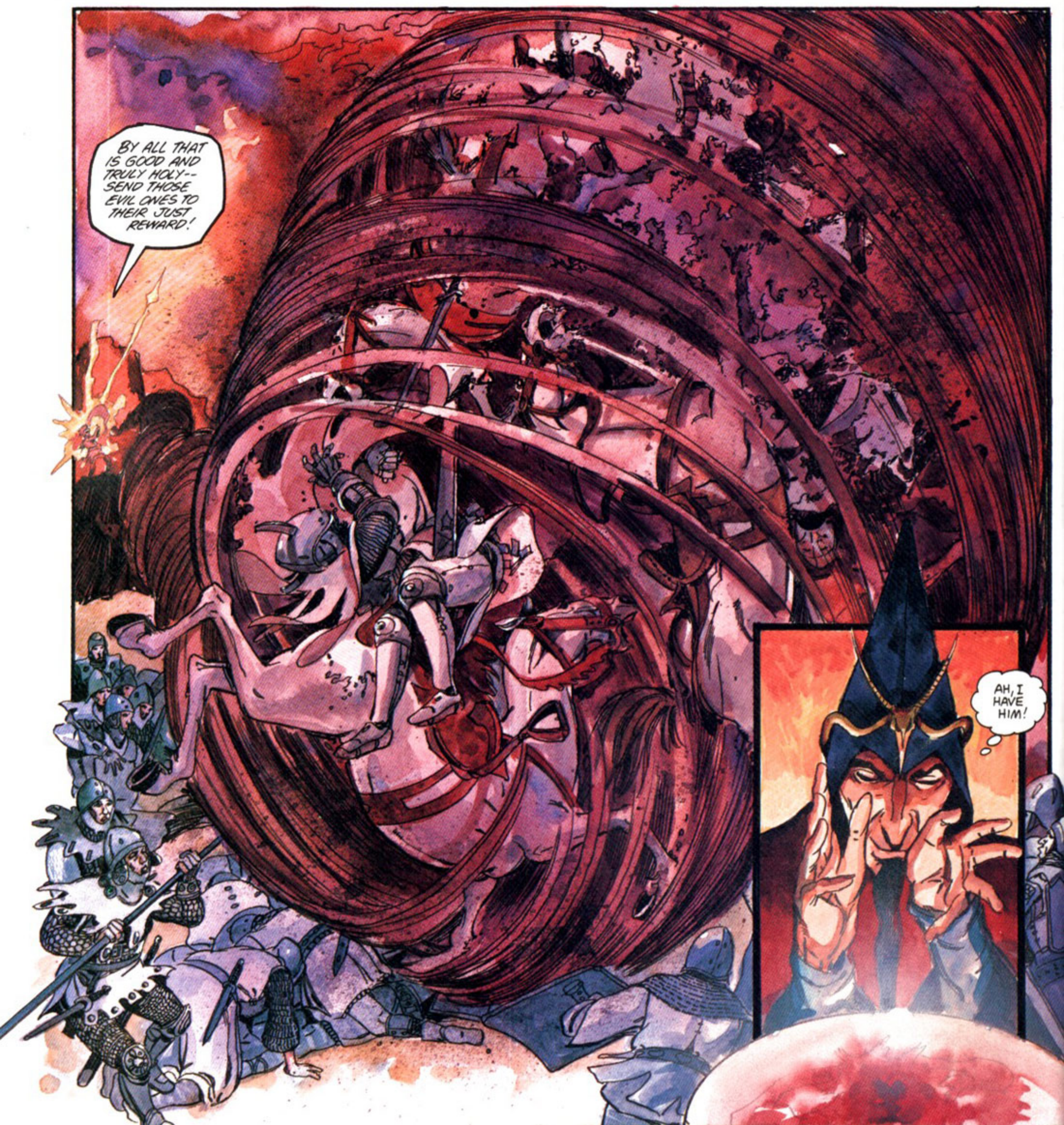
SO MUCH FOR  
THEIR MISSION OF  
PEACE.



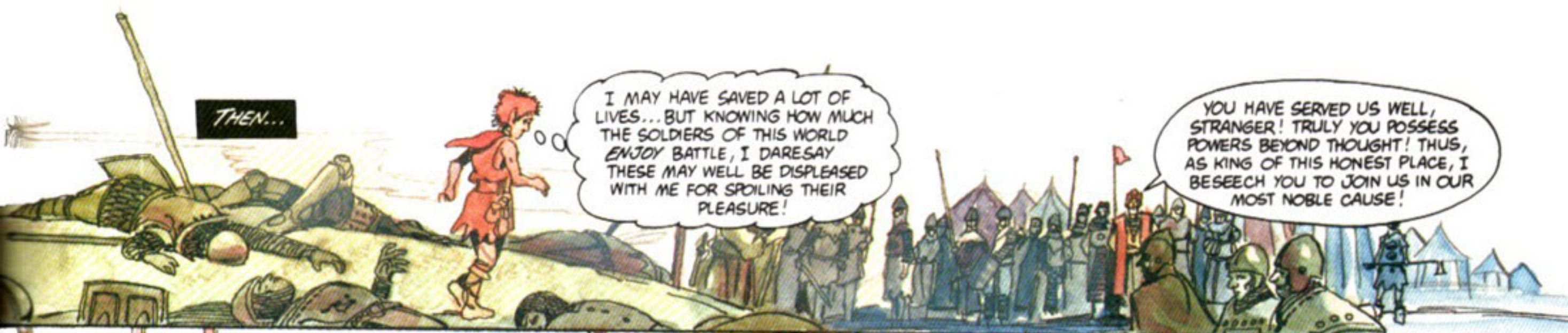
AMULET--  
IF YOU ARE  
WORTH ANY  
DEED AT  
ALL, RELEASE  
YOUR POWER--  
NOW!

LET THEM DO  
WHAT THEY WILL,  
BUT I HAVE MY  
OWN LITTLE SCORE  
TO SETTLE WITH  
THEM!









THEN...

I MAY HAVE SAVED A LOT OF LIVES... BUT KNOWING HOW MUCH THE SOLDIERS OF THIS WORLD ENJOY BATTLE, I DARESAY THESE MAY WELL BE DISPLEASED WITH ME FOR SPOILING THEIR PLEASURE!

YOU HAVE SERVED US WELL, STRANGER! TRULY YOU POSSESS POWERS BEYOND THOUGHT! THUS, AS KING OF THIS HONEST PLACE, I BESEECH YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR MOST NOBLE CAUSE!



BUT, YOUR MAJESTY, IT IS NOT MY DESIRE TO--

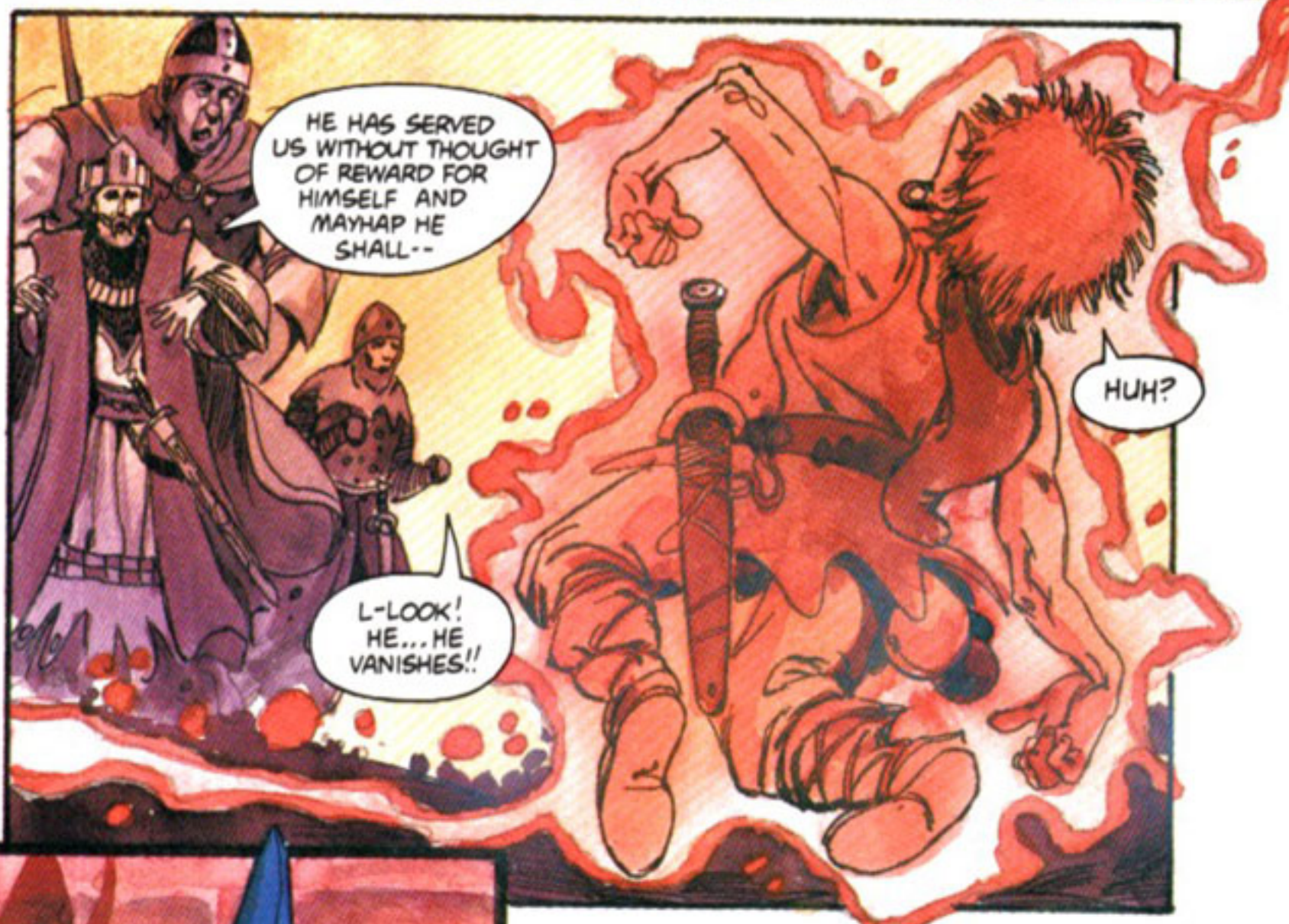
GADS! BEHIND THE KING! IT'S--

AHA! THE CAUSE OF MY GREATEST PAIN --



--I SWORE, DWAYNE, THAT I WOULD ONE DAY REMOVE THAT UGLY HEAD FROM YOUR PUNY BODY! AND NOW--

NO, BERTRAM! DO NOT ACT RASHLY! DID YOU NOT SEE WHAT HE DID?



HE HAS SERVED US WITHOUT THOUGHT OF REWARD FOR HIMSELF AND MAYHAP HE SHALL--

L-LOOK! HE... HE VANISHES!!

HUH?



MY GODS! WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME HAS TRANSPIRED THIS TIME?

ALL THOSE SOLDIERS --GONE! NOTHING HERE LOOKS REAL! IT'S SOME SORT OF A DREAMWORLD, AND I CAN'T...



COME TO ME, TROLL... COME!

COME SO THAT YOU MAY AT LAST FEEL MY WRATH!

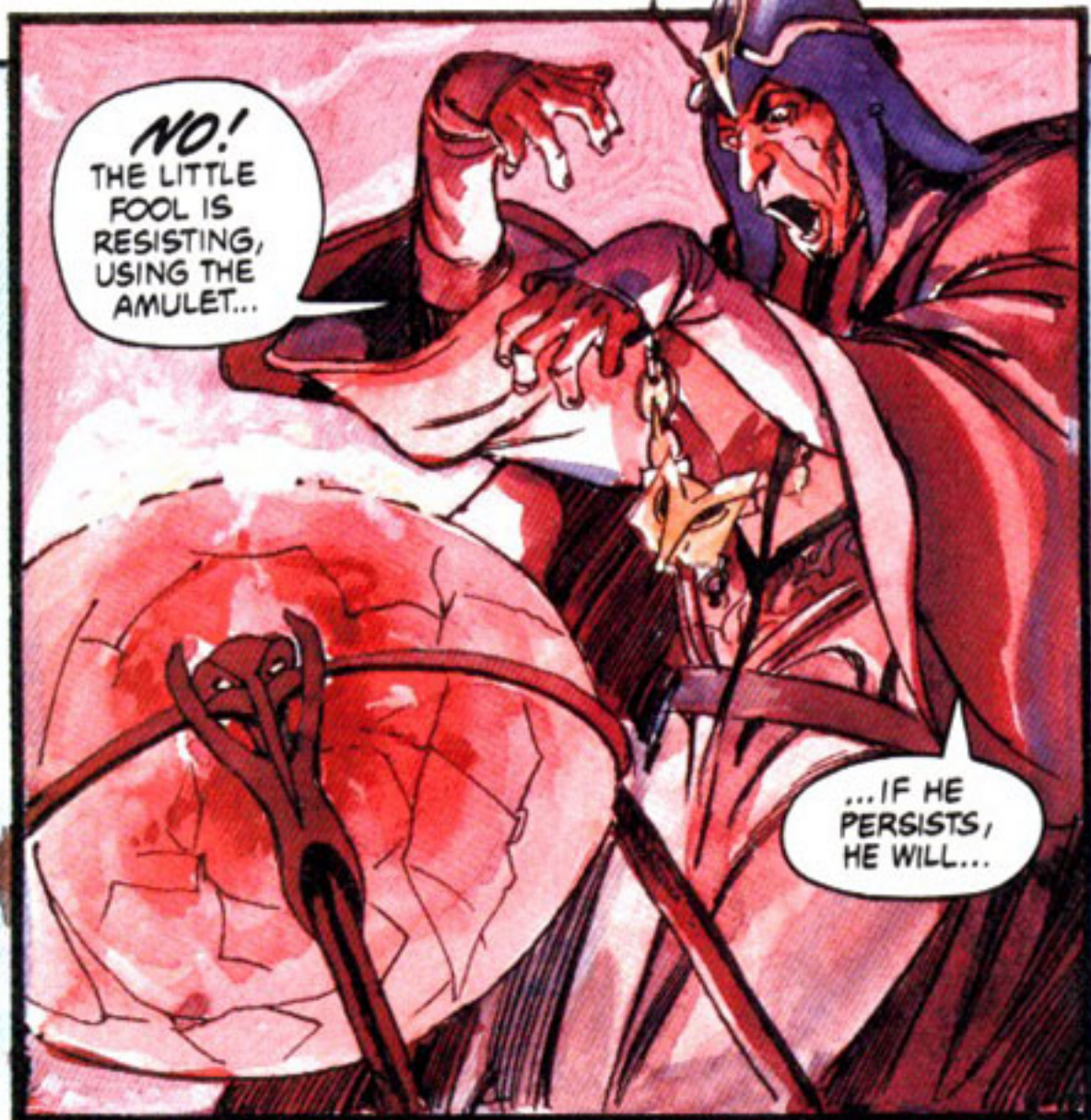


FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'M REALLY SCARED!

AMULET... IF YOU ARE TRULY WHAT YOU SEEM... PLEASE RELIEVE ME OF THIS DILEMMA!

KUB-C9-JUM!









THIS PLACE SEEMS STRANGELY FAMILIAR! THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT ALL OF THIS, SOMETHING WHICH JOGS CERTAIN MEMORIES--MEMORIES OF LONG AGO!

IT MUST BE, THEN, THAT I AM BACK IN THE TROLL LANDS!

YES! THESE ARE THE SURROUNDINGS I KNEW AS A YOUTH!



AND STILL, I LIKE THIS EVEN LESS THAN EVERYTHING ELSE I'VE SEEN THIS DAY!

MY PARENTS TOOK ME FROM THIS PLACE WHEN I WAS ALMOST TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER. THEY TOLD ME HORRIBLE TALES OF THIS LAND! NEVER TO RETURN HERE!

YET NOW...



WAIT! I'M NOT ALONE HERE!

SOMETHING MOVES IN YON BUSHES... WATCHING ME!



NO MATTER WHAT  
SORT OF HIDEOUS  
CREATURE THIS MAY  
BE, IT SHALL NOT  
BEST ME!

HUH?

TRULY, I  
DO NOT REMEMBER  
ANY LIVING  
THING AS GRATIFYING  
AS THIS!

HEY!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?  
PUT ME DOWN!  
C'MON! THAT  
TICKLES!

HAHAHA,  
PLEASE,  
NYMPHS,  
STOP--HEED  
THE BUSHES  
... I--

BEGONE,  
FAIRIES! THIS  
IS NO TIME  
FOR PLAY!

UH-OH!







THOSE WHO ENTER THIS  
FORBIDDEN PLACE... STARE  
UPON OUR SACRED TOTEM  
... MUST DIE!

WAIT--  
I...

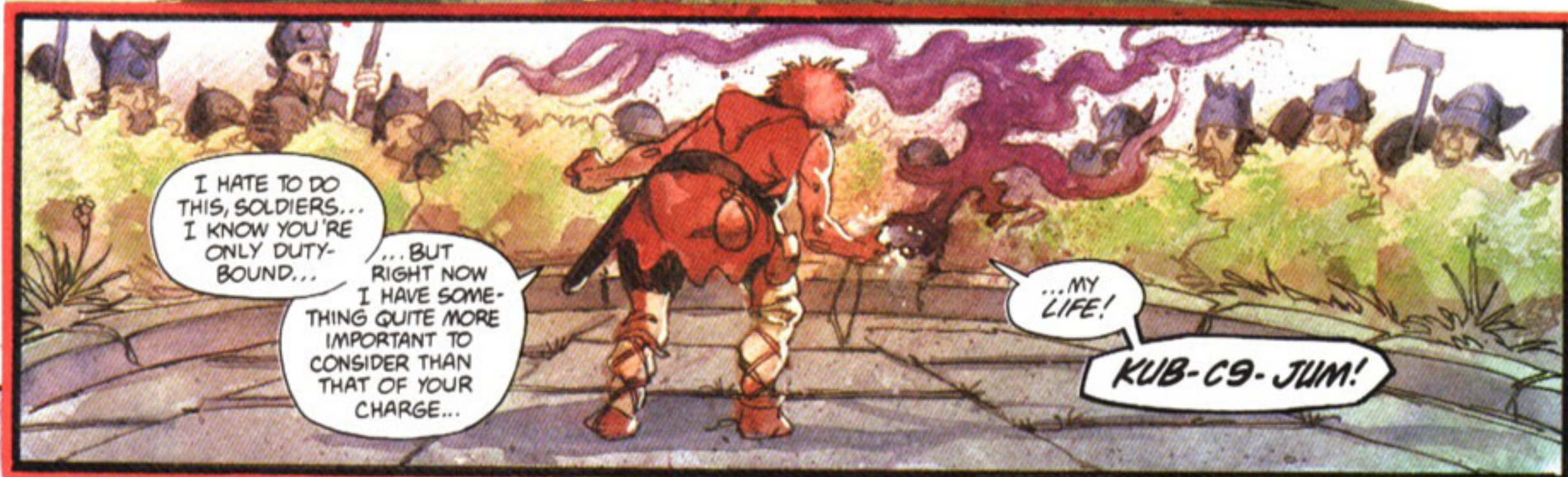


...I-I AM A  
TROLL, NOT UNLIKE  
YOURSELVES!  
YOU CAN'T--

HOLD  
HIM!



I-I CANNOT!--  
HE SQUIRTS FROM  
MY GRASP-- INTO  
THE SACRED  
PLACE!



I HATE TO DO  
THIS, SOLDIERS...  
I KNOW YOU'RE  
ONLY DUTY-  
BOUND...


...BUT  
RIGHT NOW  
I HAVE SOME-  
THING QUITE MORE  
IMPORTANT TO  
CONSIDER THAN  
THAT OF YOUR  
CHARGE...

...MY  
LIFE!

KUB-C9-JUM!







CEASE THIS  
FOOLISHNESS! WE,  
THE TRUE INHERITORS  
OF THIS WORLD,  
SHALL NOT FIGHT  
AMONGST OUR-  
SELVES!

YOU VIOLATE THE  
PLACE MOST HOLY TO  
OUR KIND-- YOUR KIND--  
YET, YOUR DIVINE  
APPEARANCE SURELY  
IS THAT DECREED BY  
THE GREAT ONE...

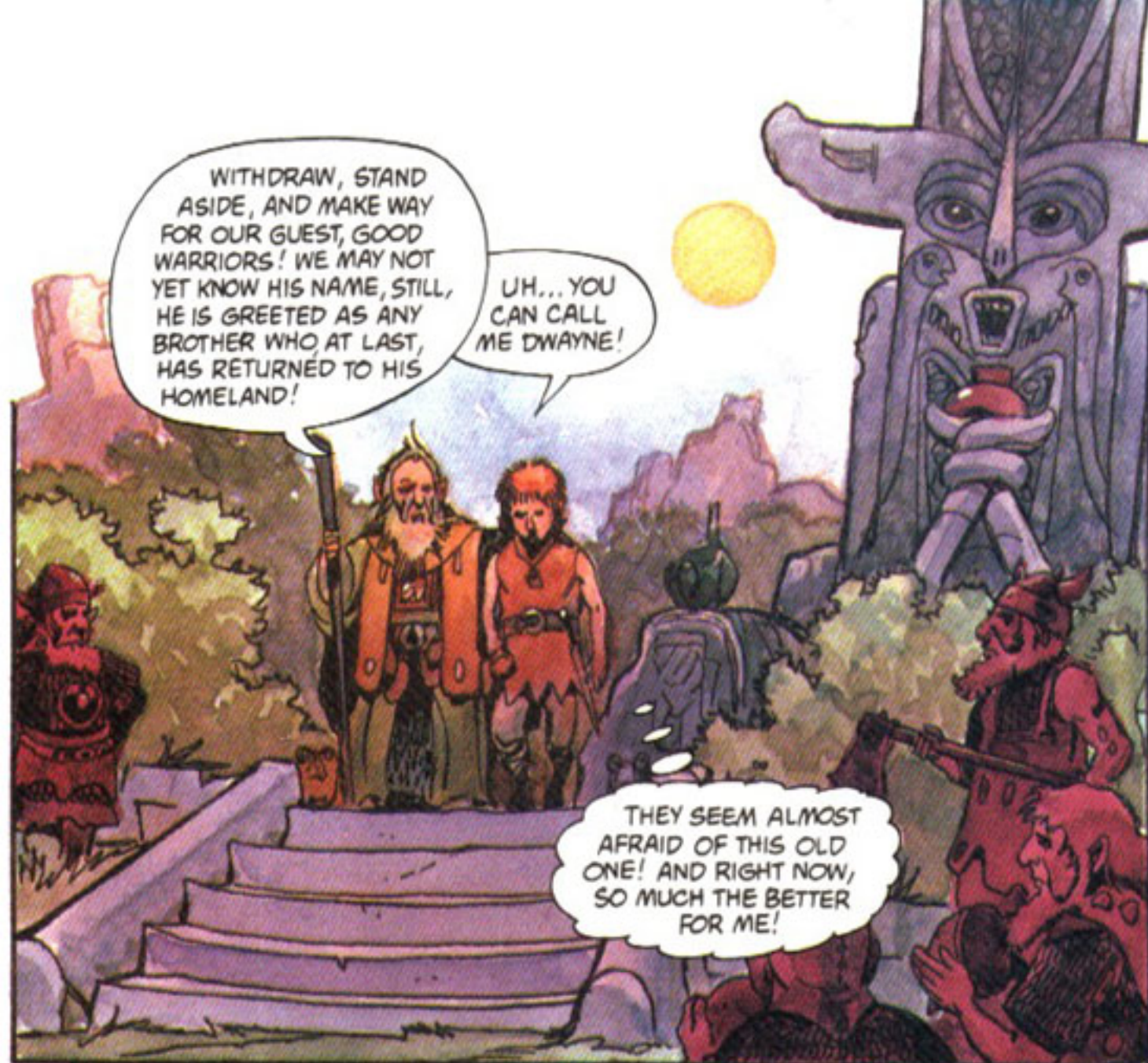
...WE MUST  
EXCHANGE  
COUNSEL!

LET NO HARM  
COME TO THE VISITOR  
...HE SHALL BE ONE  
WITH OUR LAND...  
ONE WITH ME!

THIS I  
DECREE!







WITHDRAW, STAND ASIDE, AND MAKE WAY FOR OUR GUEST, GOOD WARRIORS! WE MAY NOT YET KNOW HIS NAME, STILL, HE IS GREETED AS ANY BROTHER WHO, AT LAST, HAS RETURNED TO HIS HOMELAND!

UH... YOU CAN CALL ME DWAYNE!

THEY SEEM ALMOST AFRAID OF THIS OLD ONE! AND RIGHT NOW, SO MUCH THE BETTER FOR ME!



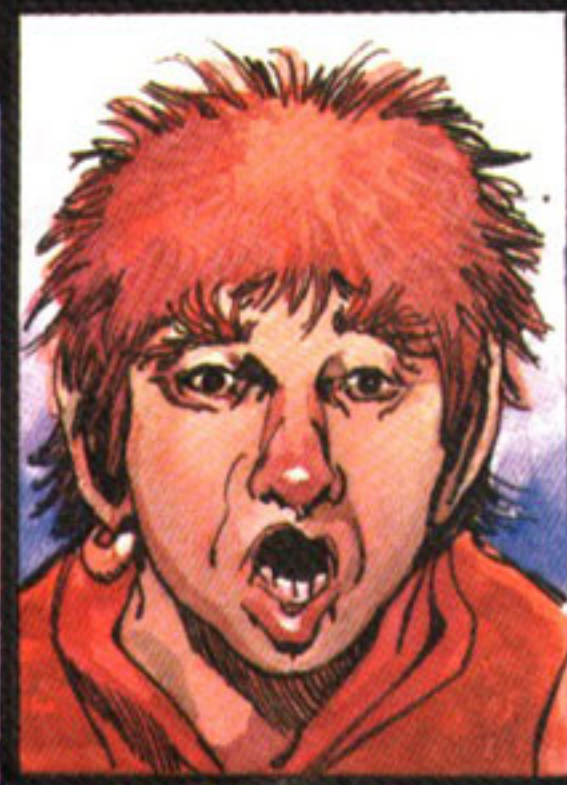
YET, I HAVE NO DESIRE WHATSOEVER TO RETURN TO MY SO-CALLED HOMELAND!

COME, THEN, YOUNG DWAYNE-- WE HAVE MANY PACES TO TRAVEL!



AFTER DAYS OF HARD TRAVEL...

THERE -- THERE IS OUR KINGDOM!



SPEECHLESS, EH, MY SON? CAN IT BE YOU HAD ALL BUT FORGOTTEN THE TRUE BEAUTY AND MAJESTY OF OUR HUMBLE CITIES? OR IS THIS, PERCHANCE, THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE LOOKED UPON ONE?

IT'S DIFFERENT THAN ANYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN!

AND TRULY BRIGHTER AND LESS FOREBODING THAN I MIGHT HAVE IMAGINED!

YET, I DO REMEMBER MY PARENTS' DIRE WARNINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE!







AND, IF BUT ONE OF THOSE TALES MY PARENTS TOLD IS TRUE--

COME! I KNOW YOU MUST BE EAGER TO MINGLE WITH OTHERS OF YOUR KIND!

AND PLEASE BE AT EASE... IT IS ALL TOO OBVIOUS THAT YOU STILL QUESTION MY SINCERITY!



STRANGE... THESE TOWNFOLK ARE NOTHING LIKE THOSE OVER-BEARING WARRIORS! THEY ACTUALLY SEEM HAPPY, PLEASANT, EVEN FRIENDLY...

YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM OUR LONG TREK...



...AND, AS IS OUR CUSTOM WITH STRANGERS OF OUR KIND, YOU SHALL BE GIVEN LODGINGS HERE, WITHIN MY ROYAL PALACE!

UH-OH! I HAVE A DISTINCT FEELING THIS IS WHERE THIS IDYLIC SETTING IS GOING TO FALL APART! IT MAY SEEM PLEASANT OUT HERE, BUT IF THIS TROLL KING BE ANYTHING LIKE THE OTHER KINGS OF THIS WORLD--



THIS IS UNLIKE ANY CASTLE I'VE EVER BEFORE SEEN! THERE SEEMS TO BE NO ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE THE COMMONER...

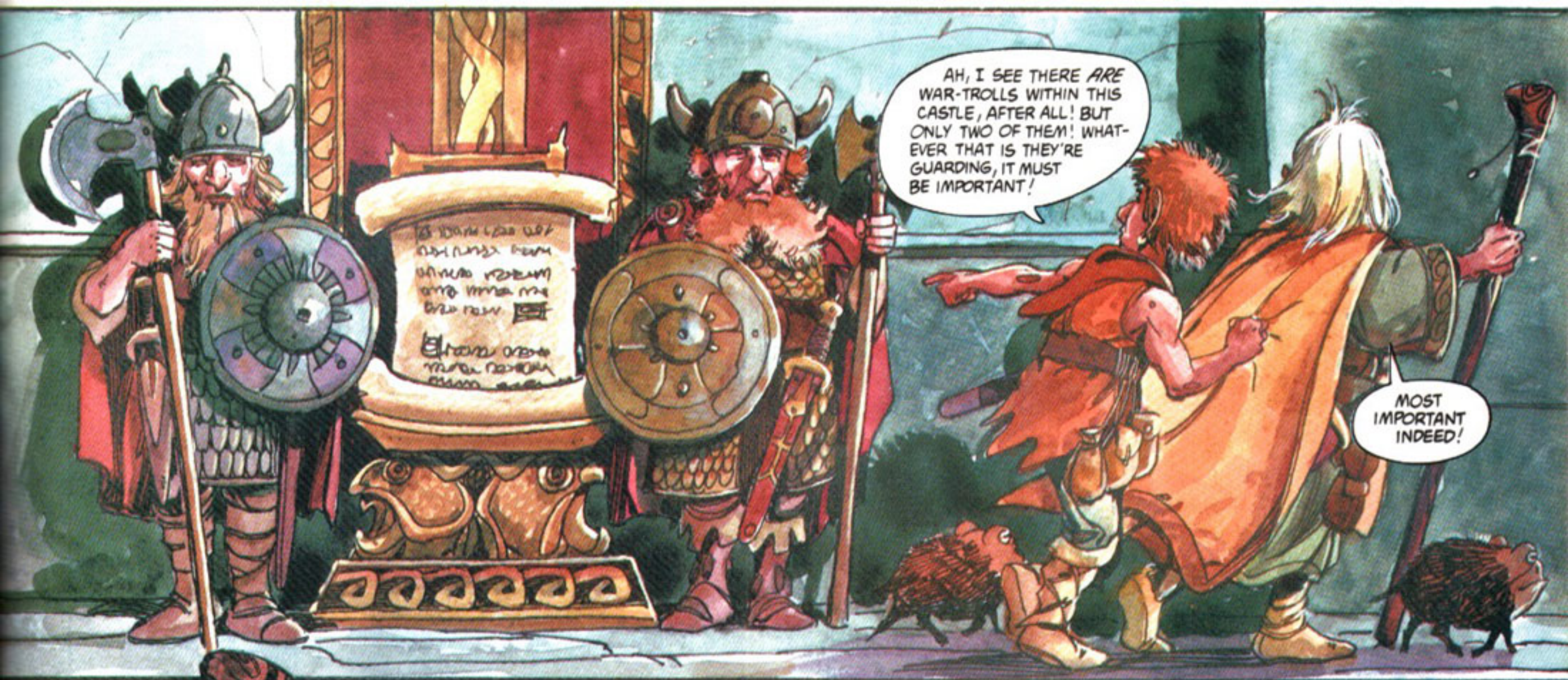


YOU MUST TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS PLACE! IT ALL SEEMS SO STRANGE TO ME!

YOU SHALL HEAR IT! BUT ALL IN GOOD TIME!

NOW I WISH YOU TO TELL ME HOW YOU CAME TO BE IN OUR SACRED PLACE, AS WELL AS ALL ABOUT THE MIRACULOUS POWERS YOU SEEM TO POSSESS!





AH, I SEE THERE ARE WAR-TROLLS WITHIN THIS CASTLE, AFTER ALL! BUT ONLY TWO OF THEM! WHATEVER THAT IS THEY'RE GUARDING, IT MUST BE IMPORTANT!

MOST IMPORTANT INDEED!



BUT IT SHOULD NOT CONCERN YOU. RIGHT NOW, YOU MUST BE HUNGRY...

NO, IT IS NOT MY STOMACH WHICH AFFECTS MY MOOD; IT IS THE WEARINESS OF THE REST OF MY BODY!

SLEEP IS WHAT I AM MOST...IN NEED OF...

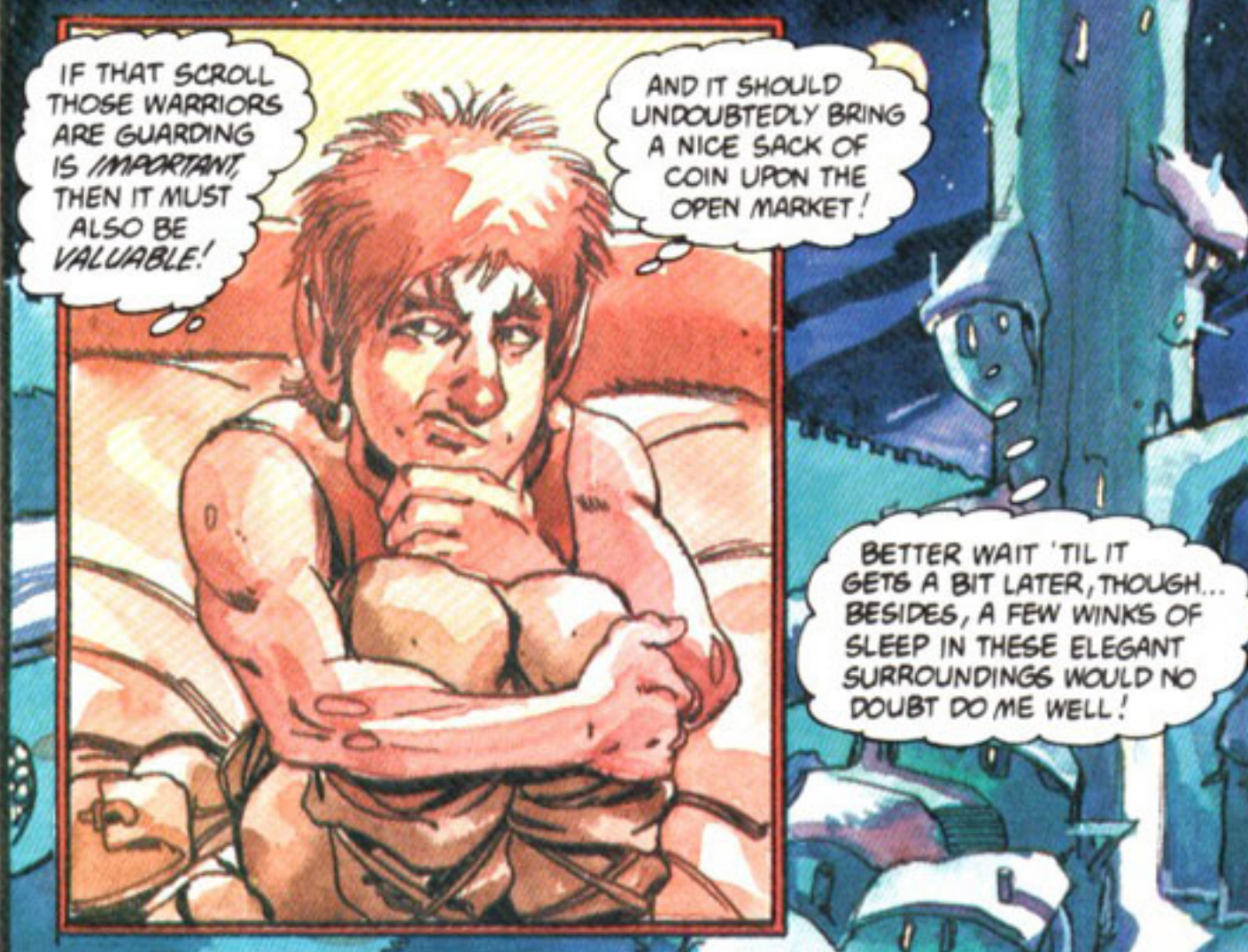
VERY WELL, WE WILL SPEAK AGAIN ON THE MORN!



PRESENTLY...

THESE TROLLS ARE CERTAINLY TREATING ME LIKE A KING! IF I WERE A LAZIER TYPE, I WOULDN'T MIND SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE HERE...

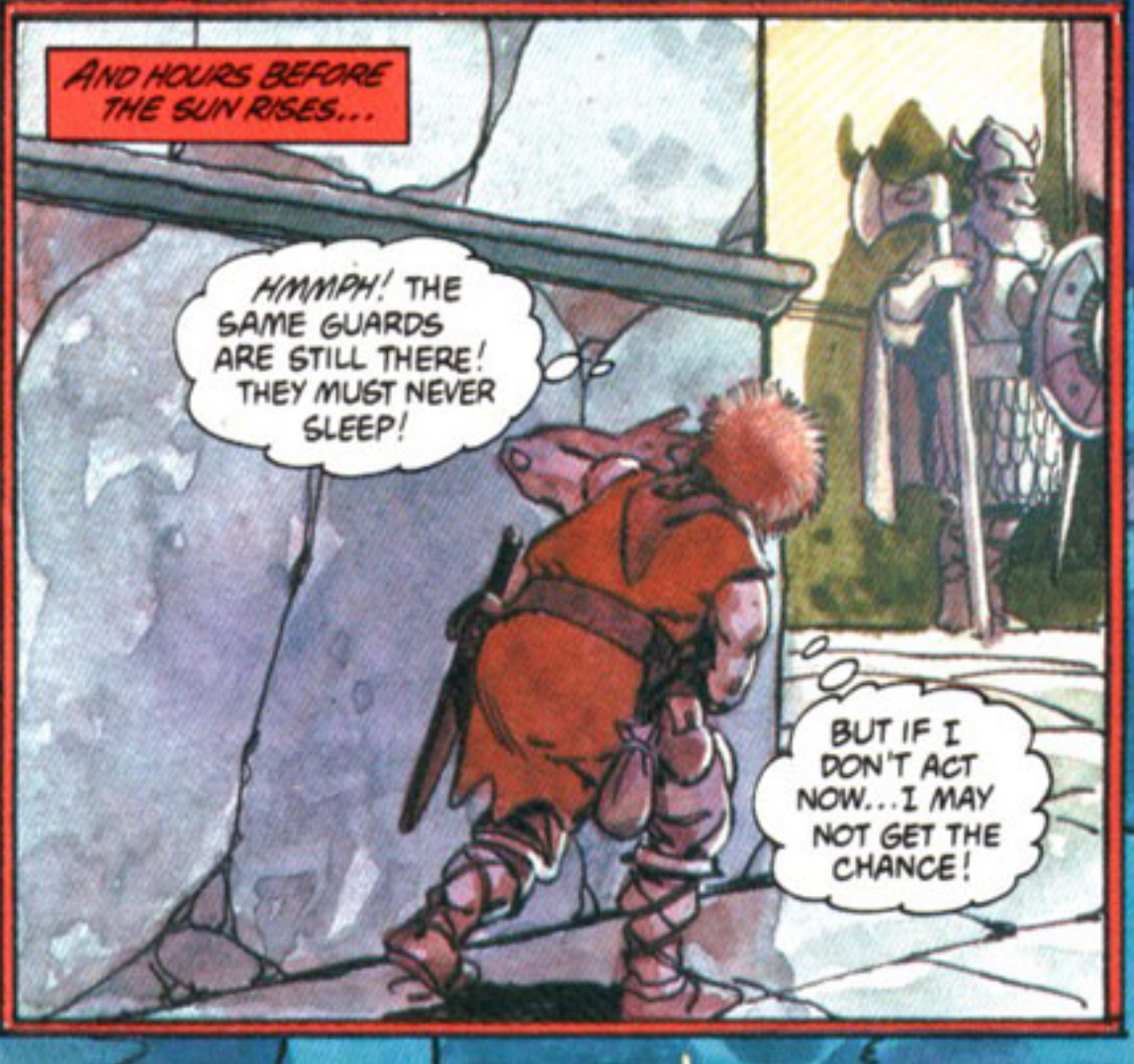
...BUT NO! I THINK MY PRESENCE HERE MAY BE MUCH MORE FORTUNATE TO ME THAN I MIGHT FIRST HAVE IMAGINED!



IF THAT SCROLL THOSE WARRIORS ARE GUARDING IS IMPORTANT, THEN IT MUST ALSO BE VALUABLE!

AND IT SHOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BRING A NICE SACK OF COIN UPON THE OPEN MARKET!

BETTER WAIT 'TIL IT GETS A BIT LATER, THOUGH... BESIDES, A FEW WINKS OF SLEEP IN THESE ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS WOULD NO DOUBT DO ME WELL!

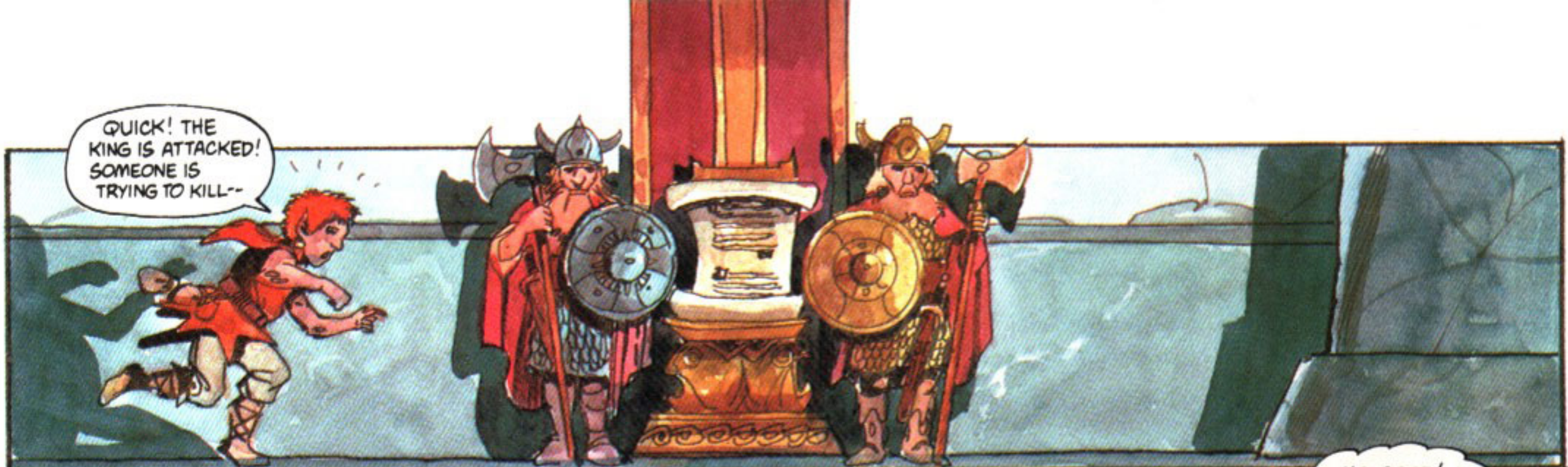


AND HOURS BEFORE THE SUN RISES...

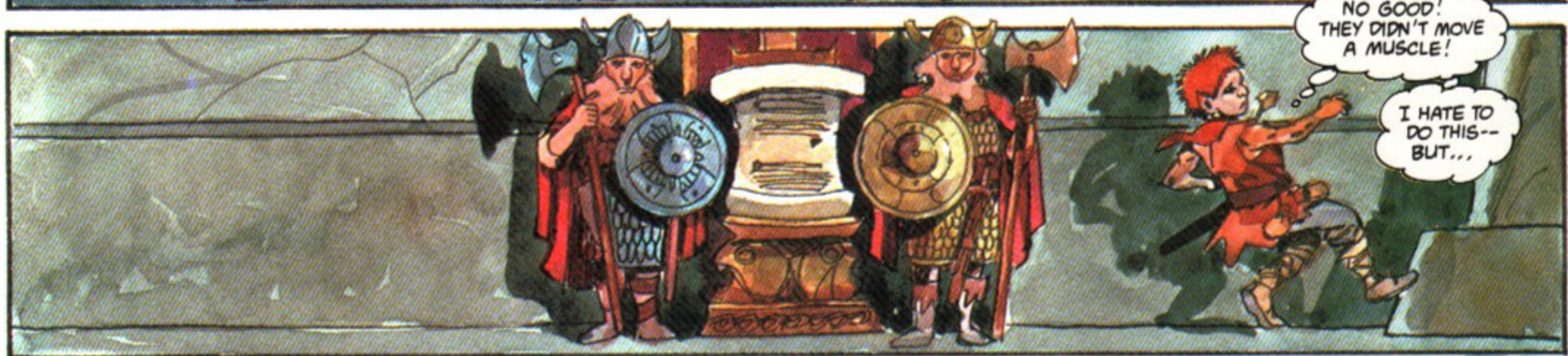
HMMPH! THE SAME GUARDS ARE STILL THERE! THEY MUST NEVER SLEEP!

BUT IF I DON'T ACT NOW...I MAY NOT GET THE CHANCE!



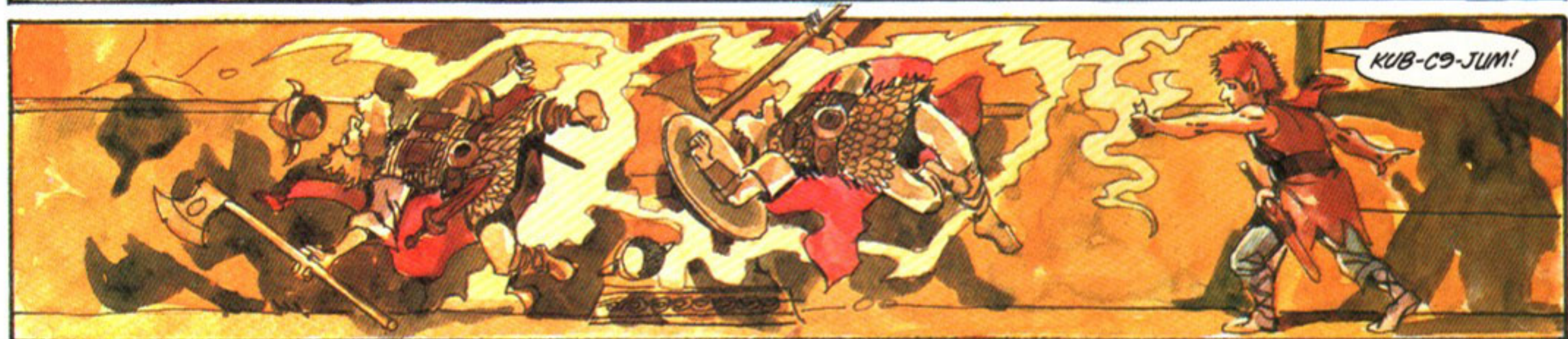


QUICK! THE KING IS ATTACKED! SOMEONE IS TRYING TO KILL--

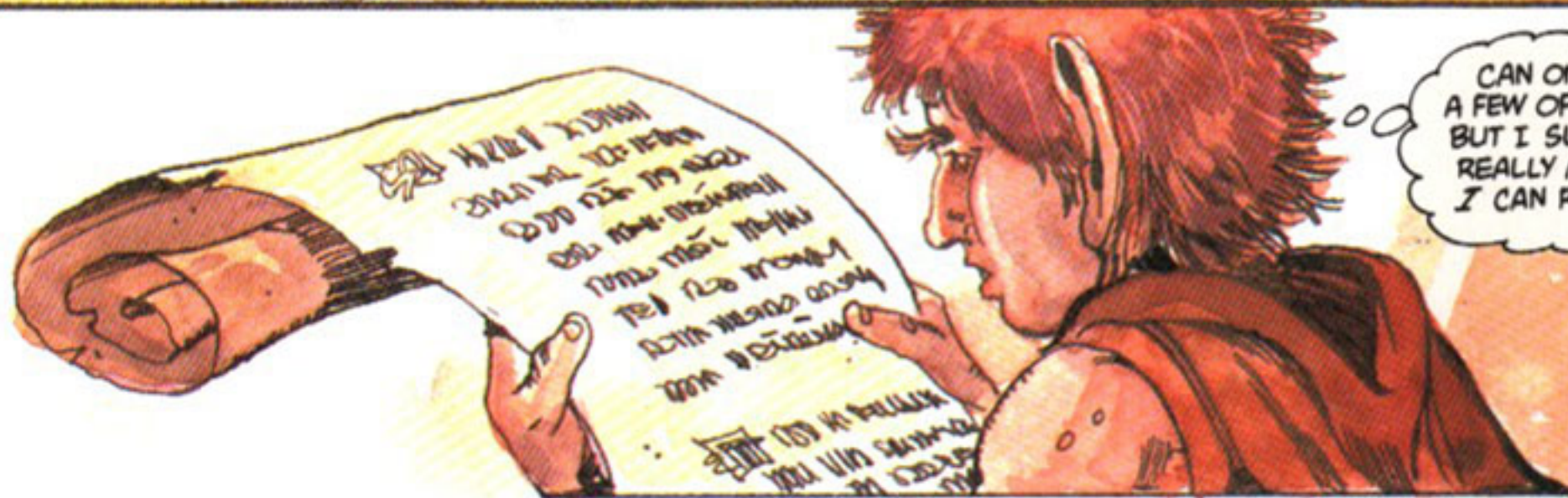


NO GOOD! THEY DIDN'T MOVE A MUSCLE!

I HATE TO DO THIS-- BUT...



KUB-C9-JUM!



CAN ONLY MAKE OUT A FEW OF THESE WORDS! BUT I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHETHER I CAN READ IT OR NOT!

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT I GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SOMEONE NOTICES THEIR PRECIOUS DOCUMENT IS MISSING!



THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, MISERABLE TRAITOR TO YOUR RACE!

OOP!

I FELT YOU WERE A BIT TOO EAGER TO BED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT! YOU ARE LIKE ALL OTHER OUTSIDERS! YOU MAY BE A TROLL, BUT YOU ARE TAINTED BY THE GREED OF HUMANS!

I SHOULD HAVE LET OUR WARRIORS KILL YOU WHEN FIRST YOU APPEARED!

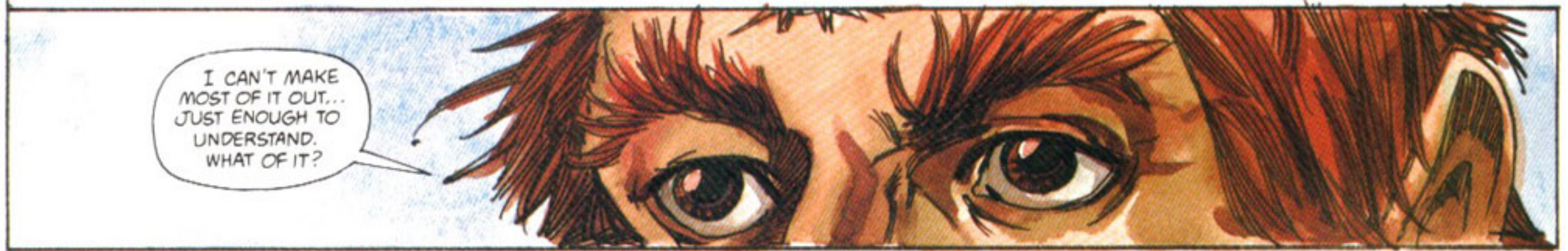


DO NOT EXCITE YOURSELF, OLD ONE! I ADMIT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS "SCRIPTURE" IS NOT VAST... BUT OF WHAT IMPORT CAN A TALE OF OUR ALMOST FORGOTTEN PAST BE TO...





YOU...YOU CAN READ IT??--  
UNTIL THIS DAY, I WAS THE  
ONLY ONE WHO COULD  
READ THE SACRED...



I CAN'T MAKE  
MOST OF IT OUT...  
JUST ENOUGH TO  
UNDERSTAND.  
WHAT OF IT?



THE AMOUNT YOU  
CAN READ DOES NOT,  
IN TRUTH, MATTER!  
WHAT IS OF TRUE  
IMPORT IS THAT YOU  
HAVE COME, THAT  
FINALLY YOU ARE  
HERE!

LISTEN,  
OLD MAN--  
I AM NOT  
YOUR OR  
ANYONE ELSE'S  
LIEGE! I'M  
JUST PLAIN  
DWAYNE!

PLEASE--YOU  
MUST EXCUSE MY  
FORMER HEATED  
WORDS, MY LIEGE!  
I DID NOT KNOW...

NOW, IF YOU  
WANT TO STAY ON  
YOUR KNEES, IT...  
JUST MAKES IT  
EASIER FOR ME  
TO ESCAPE WITH  
TH--



THE OLD TROLL'S GRIP  
IS NOT UNLIKE THAT  
OF A VISE...

NO, PLEASE,  
MY LORD-- YOU  
MUST HEAR  
ME!



...AND IT IS NOT LONG  
BEFORE OUR HERO FINDS  
HIMSELF WITHIN THE  
STRANGE, PRIVATE CHAMBER  
OF THIS ANCIENT GNOME...

IF YOU COULD BUT  
HAVE READ THE ENTIRE  
DOCUMENT, YOU WOULD  
HAVE REALIZED IT WAS  
MORE THAN HISTORY;  
IT IS PROPHECY AS WELL...

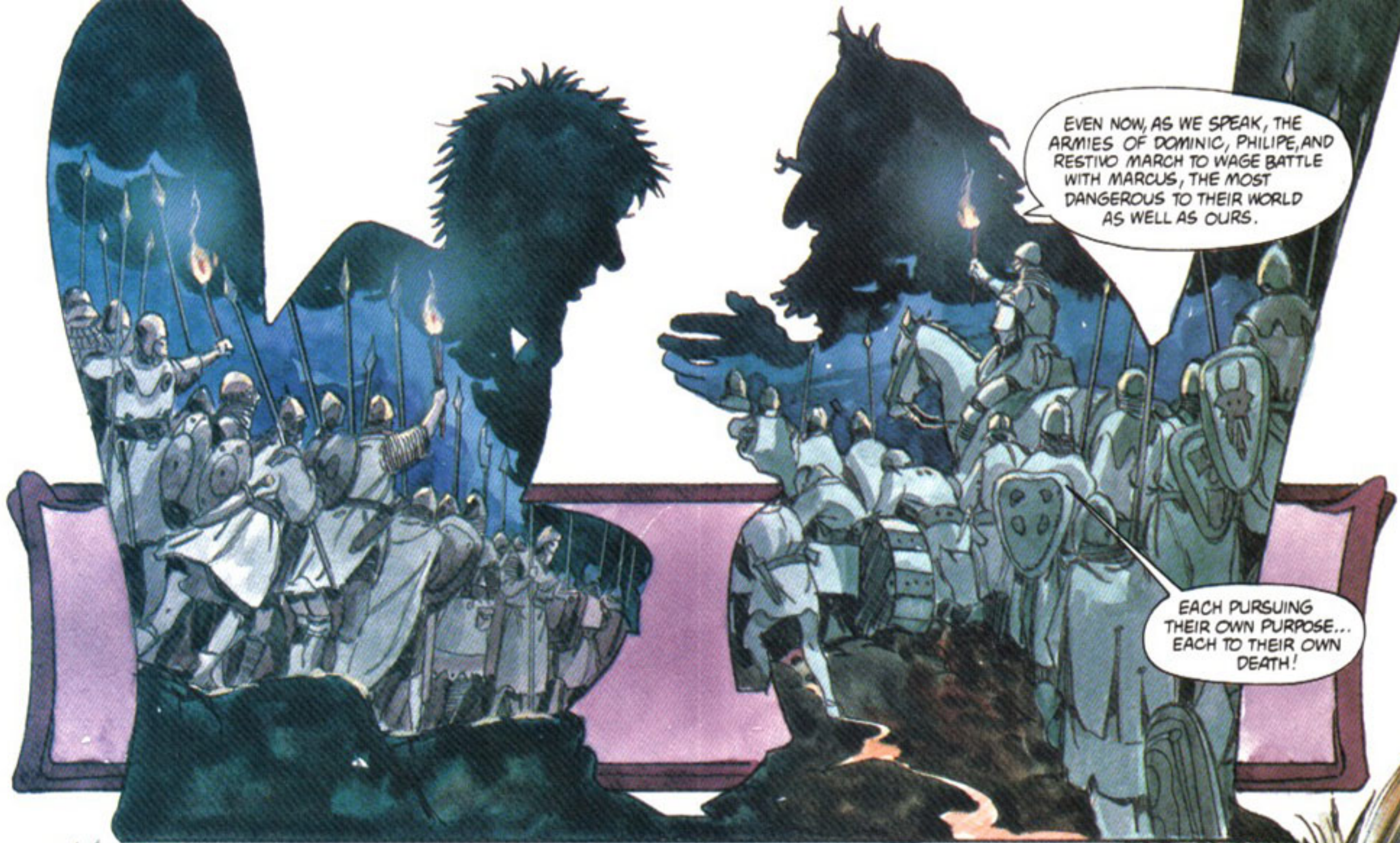
...AND IT IS  
WITHIN THOSE  
PROPHECIES THAT  
YOU PLAY A MOST  
IMPORTANT ROLE...

M-ME?

YES... YOUR PARENTS,  
KNOWING OF YOUR DESTINY,  
WERE WISE IN STEALING  
YOU AWAY TO THE FOREIGN  
LANDS...

... BUT UNWISE IN  
BELIEVING THAT THE INFANT  
BORN LIT BY THE STAR  
AKAM WOULD FOLLOW A  
PATH OTHER THAN IS  
WRITTEN!





EVEN NOW, AS WE SPEAK, THE ARMIES OF DOMINIC, PHILIPPE, AND RESTIVO MARCH TO WAGE BATTLE WITH MARCUS, THE MOST DANGEROUS TO THEIR WORLD AS WELL AS OURS.

EACH PURSUING THEIR OWN PURPOSE... EACH TO THEIR OWN DEATH!



THIS TALISMAN YOU WEAR. IT WAS PART OF A GIFT WE, THE RULERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, BESTOWED UPON GOOD KING ALEXOR.

YET THIS BE BUT ONE QUARTER OF THE WHOLE. ITS POWER ALONE IS VIRTUALLY NAUGHT WHEN COMPARED TO THAT WHICH THE ENTIRE RELIC CAN ACCOMPLISH!



"WE PRESENTED THIS GIFT OF ALLIANCE UNTO THE WORTHY RULER OF THE OUTERLANDS, THE FATHER OF THE FOUR PRESENT WARLORDS. AS LONG AS HE LIVED, THERE WAS HARMONY BETWIXT OUR TWO RACES!"





BEFORE  
ALEXOR DIED  
AND SAILED TO  
THE NETHER  
WORLD...

...HE DIVIDED THE  
GIFT WE HAD GIVEN  
INTO FOUR, GIVING  
ONE PIECE TO EACH  
OF HIS SONS...

...NEVER IMAGINING  
THAT PHILPE, HIS  
YOUNGEST, WOULD  
BE THE ONLY ONE WITH  
HONOUR AMONG  
THEM!

WE TROLLS  
COULD ONLY WAIT...  
FOR THE PROPE-  
SIED SAVIOUR  
OF OUR PEOPLE  
TO APPEAR!

AND THAT  
DAY IS  
**NOW!**

THIS AMULET,  
WHICH WAS GIVEN  
TO PHILPE, AND  
STOLEN BY MARCUS,  
IS THE KEY...

...TO FUL-  
FILLMENT OF  
YOUR FATE,  
MY SON.

I HAVE  
WAITED MANY  
YEARS FOR  
THIS MOMENT!

WAIT,  
I--

EVEN NOW  
MARCUS SEEKS  
HIS LOST  
PRIZE...

...TO DESTROY  
ITS HOLDER!

NO!  
I...

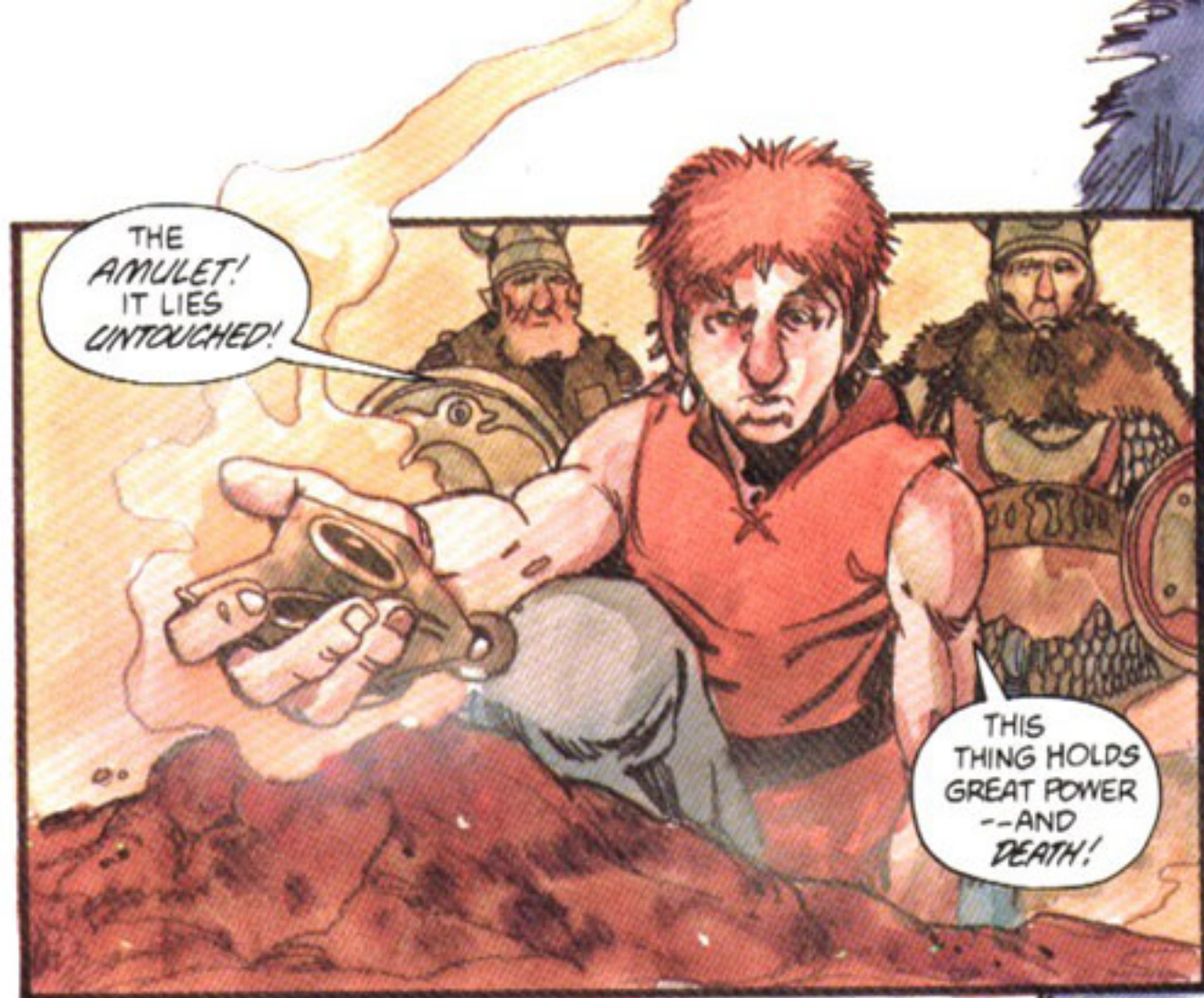
PEACE WILL RETURN TO  
THESE LANDS ONLY  
WHEN THESE AMULETS...

...ARE POSSESSED  
-- BY NONE!

FOLLOW THE LITTLE  
ONE, MY WARRIORS! I--  
**EEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!**

...NEVER  
WISHED THIS  
TO HAPPEN.





THE  
AMULET!  
IT LIES  
UNTOUCHED!

THIS  
THING HOLDS  
GREAT POWER  
--AND  
DEATH!



AAAAHH!!!  
HE SHOULD NOT  
HAVE DIED!

I DO NOT WISH  
THE RESPONSIBILITY  
WHICH HAS BEEN  
THRUST UPON ME!

THE BLAME FOR  
THIS ABOMINATION LIES  
WITH THOSE THREE  
BROTHERS WHO SEEK  
POWER BY THE DEATH OF  
THOSE AROUND THEM!  
WHY CANNOT THEY STRIVE  
FOR PEACE AS THEIR  
GOOD BROTHER PHILIPPE?--  
THOSE INSANE BASTARDS...  
THOSE...



...EH-- WHAT IS THIS?...  
WHY DO YOU KNEEL  
TO ME, TROLLS?

WE WOULD SERVE YOU  
NOW, MY LIEGE...

...EVEN AS WE  
SERVED THE  
ANCIENT ONE!



THEN  
SERVE ME  
YOU WILL!

I VOW  
THIS... THAT  
HIS DEATH  
SHALL NOT  
HAVE BEEN  
IN VAIN!



IF ALL THEY UNDERSTAND  
IS BLOOD... THEN WE SHALL  
ADDRESS THEM SO... WITH  
BLADE AND LANCE AND A  
FURY THEY HAVE NOT  
WITNESSED IN THEIR  
LIFETIMES!



TO THE  
CASTLE OF  
WARLORD  
MARCUS!

TO DECIDE  
THE FATE  
OF THIS  
WORLD!



EVEN AS THE TROLLS  
RIDE TO DO COMBAT,  
WE FIND THE WARLORD  
MARCUS ON A HIGH  
RAMPART WITH BOTH  
OF HIS HANDS QUITE  
FULL!

THE POWER  
I MUST EXERT  
WITHOUT THE  
AMULET OF WILL  
DRAINS ME!

I MUST PERCEIVE  
LESS DIFFICULT  
MEANS TO COUNTER  
THE ATTACKS OF...



"RESTIVO AND HIS  
WAR MACHINES  
FROM THE EAST..."



"DOMINIC, WHO FOLLOWS  
HIS 'HOLY KNIGHTS'  
THROUGH THE CASTLE'S  
SOUTH WALL EVEN NOW..."



"WAIT, I KNOW WHERE  
I MUST GO... WHAT I  
MUST DO!"

"AND PHILIPPE, WHO, IN HIS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, MAY PROVE  
MY MOST DANGEROUS FOE  
TODAY!"









...WHILE  
AT THE  
SAME  
MOMENT!

PHILIPPE! STAND  
ASIDE THAT MY  
ARMY GAIN  
ENTRY!

HOLD THY REINS, TROLL...  
WE HAVE TRAVELED FAR  
AND EACH BREATH I TAKE  
GROWS HOTTER TO BE  
THE FIRST TO CHALLENGE  
MARCUS!

COME KNAVE, YOU  
FALL TOO EASILY...  
HOW SHOULD I REST  
TONIGHT IF I HAVE  
NOT EVEN BROKEN  
SWEAT IN THIS  
SKIRMISH?



THEN LET  
US JOIN  
FORCES FOR  
THE PRESENT...

...BUT I HAVE  
LEARNED OF THINGS  
IN THESE PAST DAYS  
THAT MAKE THE  
DEFEAT OF MARCUS  
IMPERATIVE... THINGS  
THAT YOU COULD  
NOT KNOW!

I KNOW THAT HE IS  
MY BROTHER AND THAT  
I MUST ENCOUNTER HIM...  
OR ALL THAT I AND MY  
FATHER HAVE LIVED FOR  
SHALL BE FOR NAUGHT!



WE WILL GUARD YOUR  
REAR UNTIL YOU ARE OUT  
OF MY SIGHT'S VIEW...  
THEN I MUST FOLLOW...

...AND THEN  
IF YOU HAVE NOT  
DONE THE DEED--  
MY AX WILL GO  
FOR HIS BLOOD!

I CONSIDER IT  
FAIR, TROLL... GOD  
BE WITH YOU!







MEANTIME...

I CAN  
WAIT NO LONGER...  
GUARD ME--  
I'M GOING IN!

HMMMPH... SEEMS  
MY EARS ARE THE ONLY  
MAP I NEED TO FIND  
YON FRAY...

... AND I  
HOPE AT LEAST  
ONE OF THOSE SCREAMS  
COMES FROM THE LUNGS  
OF THAT STINKHOG,  
MARCUS!

NONETHELESS, I WILL  
BE MAJORLY DISAPPOINTED  
IF I DO NOT GET MY  
CHANCE TO PLUNGE MY  
BLADE INTO...

SAVE ME,  
SAVE ME,  
PLEASE!

UNNNNH...

...THAT NO-  
GOOD, EVIL...

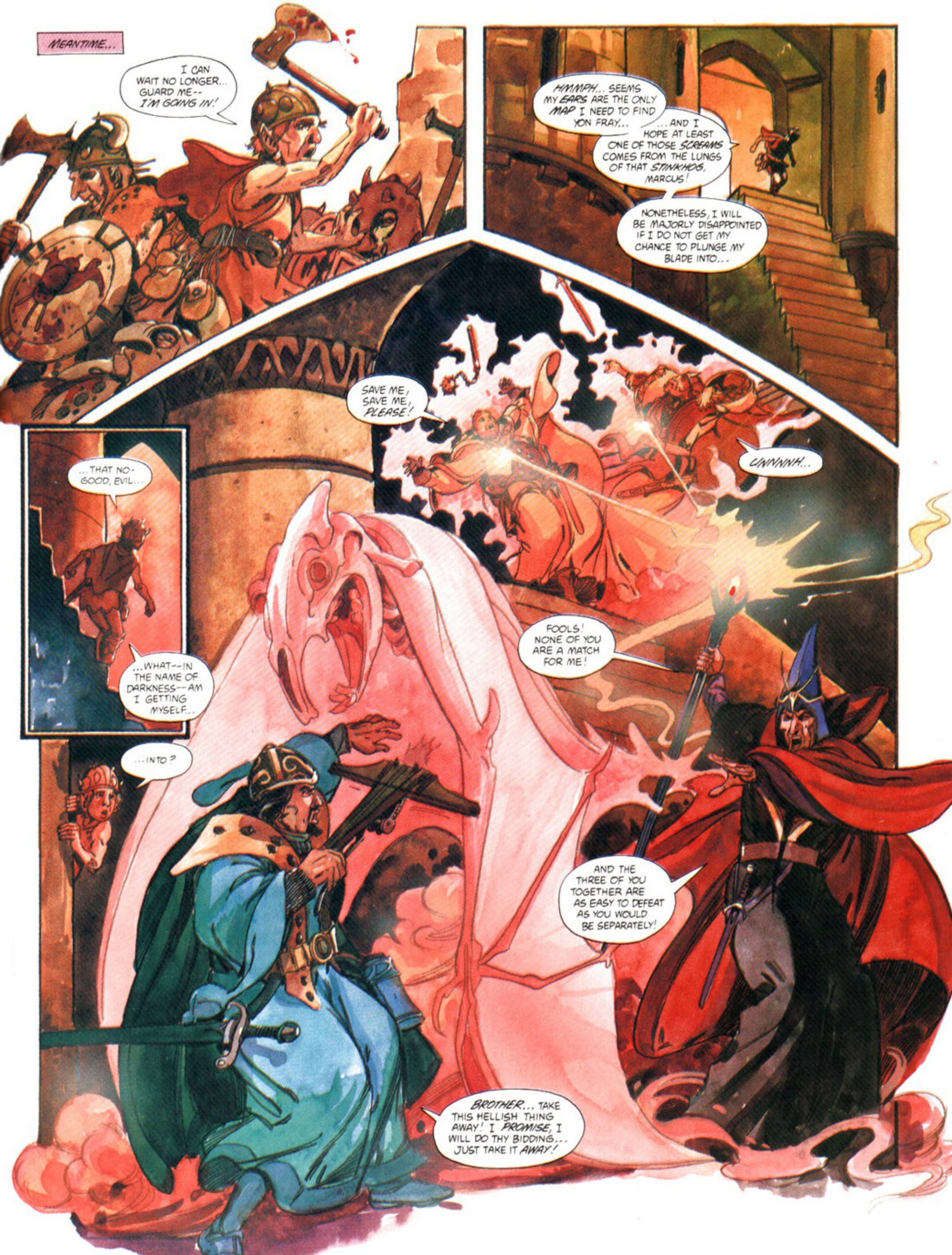
...WHAT--IN  
THE NAME OF  
DARKNESS--AM  
I GETTING  
MYSELF...

...INTO ?

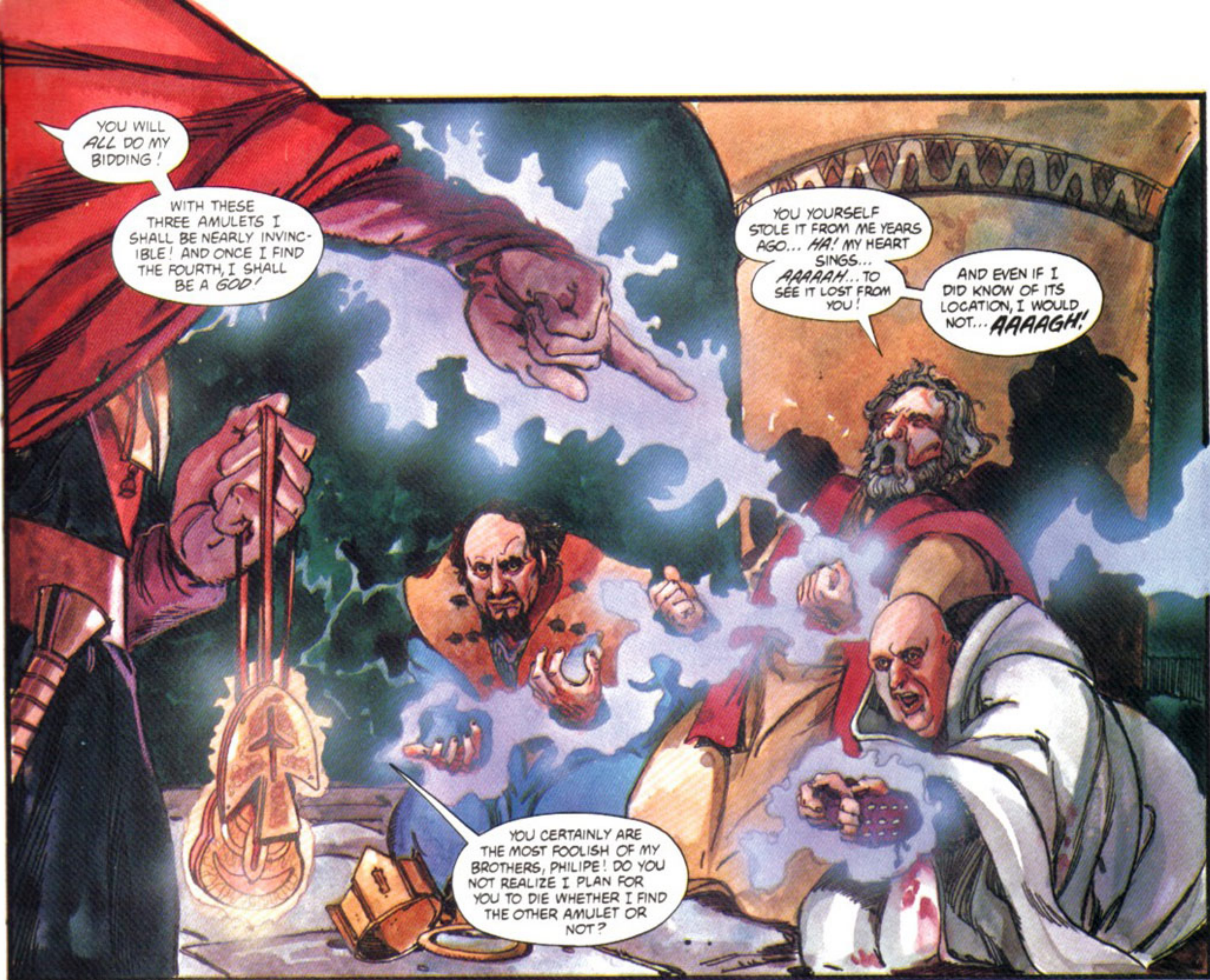
FOOLS!  
NONE OF YOU  
ARE A MATCH  
FOR ME!

AND THE  
THREE OF YOU  
TOGETHER ARE  
AS EASY TO DEFEAT  
AS YOU WOULD  
BE SEPARATELY!

BROTHER... TAKE  
THIS HELLISH THING  
AWAY! I PROMISE, I  
WILL DO THY BIDDING...  
JUST TAKE IT AWAY!







YOU WILL  
ALL DO MY  
BIDDING!

WITH THESE  
THREE AMULETS I  
SHALL BE NEARLY INVINC-  
IBLE! AND ONCE I FIND  
THE FOURTH, I SHALL  
BE A GOD!

YOU YOURSELF  
STOLE IT FROM ME YEARS  
AGO... HA! MY HEART  
SINGS...  
AAAAAH... TO  
SEE IT LOST FROM  
YOU!

AND EVEN IF I  
DID KNOW OF ITS  
LOCATION, I WOULD  
NOT... AAAAGH!

YOU CERTAINLY ARE  
THE MOST FOOLISH OF MY  
BROTHERS, PHILIPPE! DO YOU  
NOT REALIZE I PLAN FOR  
YOU TO DIE WHETHER I FIND  
THE OTHER AMULET OR  
NOT?



MARCUS!

EH?

I BELIEVE  
THIS IS WHAT  
YOU SEEK!

BUT BEFORE  
THIS MOMENT IS  
PAST, YOU WILL  
NEITHER SEEK NOR  
NEED MORE FROM  
THIS LIFE!



THE  
AMULET...  
AND THE  
TROLL!

I AM  
PLEASED...  
GIVE IT TO  
M-

KUB-C9-JUM!



AS LONG AS I HOLD THE LAST AMULET, YOU ARE POWERLESS AGAINST ME...

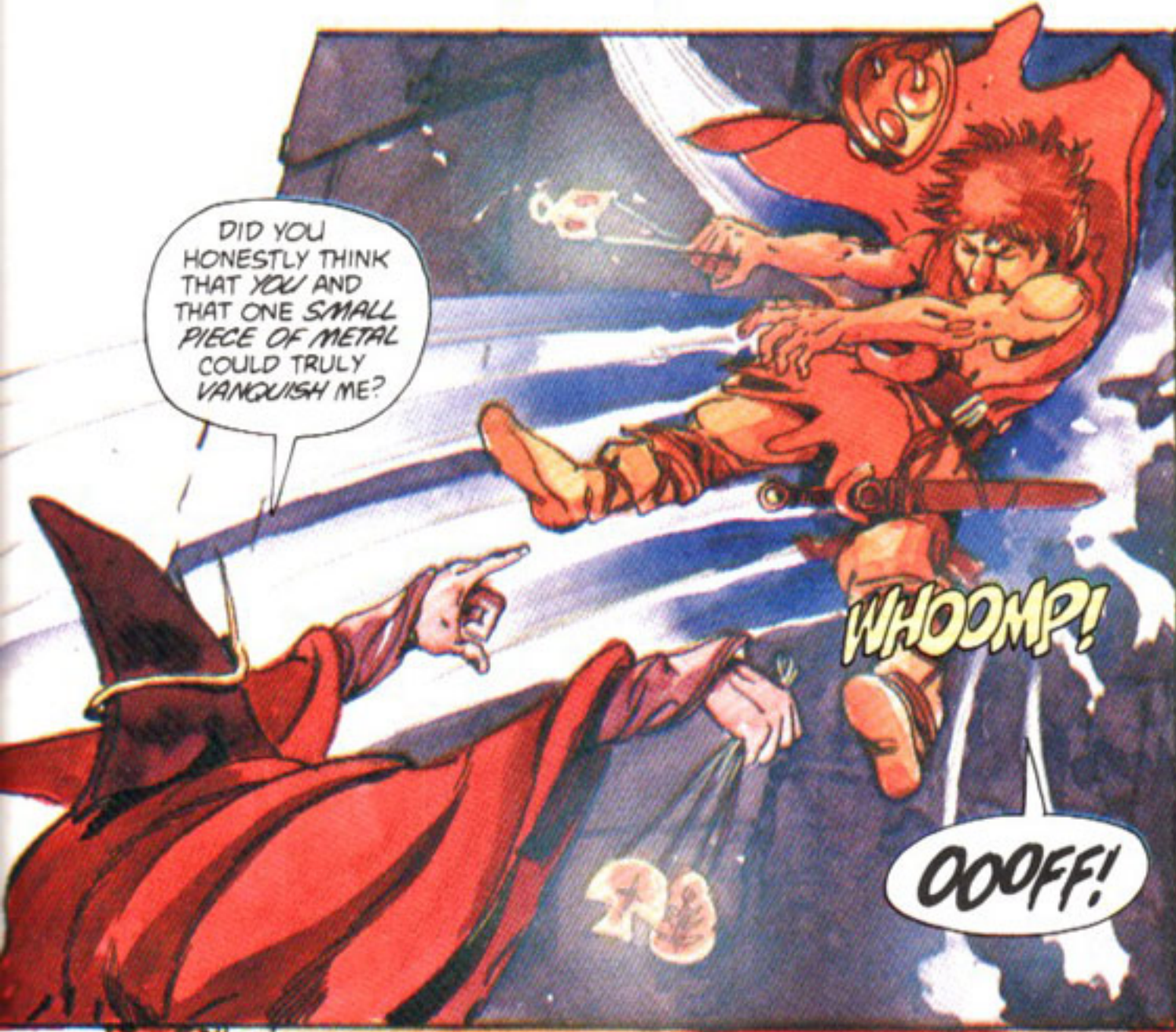
...AND I COMMAND THIS ANCIENT THING TO SEND YOU TO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF HELL!



HA HA HA HA HA!

YOU FOOLISH LITTLE MAN!

DID YOU HONESTLY THINK THAT YOU AND THAT ONE SMALL PIECE OF METAL COULD TRULY VANQUISH ME?



WHOOOMP!

OOOFF!

HE HAS ME... BUT I SHALL DIE BEFORE I RELEASE THE CHARM!



I, WHO TAKE LEAGUE WITH FORCES DARKER THAN YOUR COMPREHENSION?... RELEASE THE AMULET!

C-CANNOT... LET... GO! AS LONG AS I HOLD IT, I MUST HAVE SOME CHANCE!



THINK, DWAYNE... THINK!

AHH, ITS LIFE STREAMS INTO MY VERY BEING... GIVES ME STRENGTH... REBIRTHS ME!



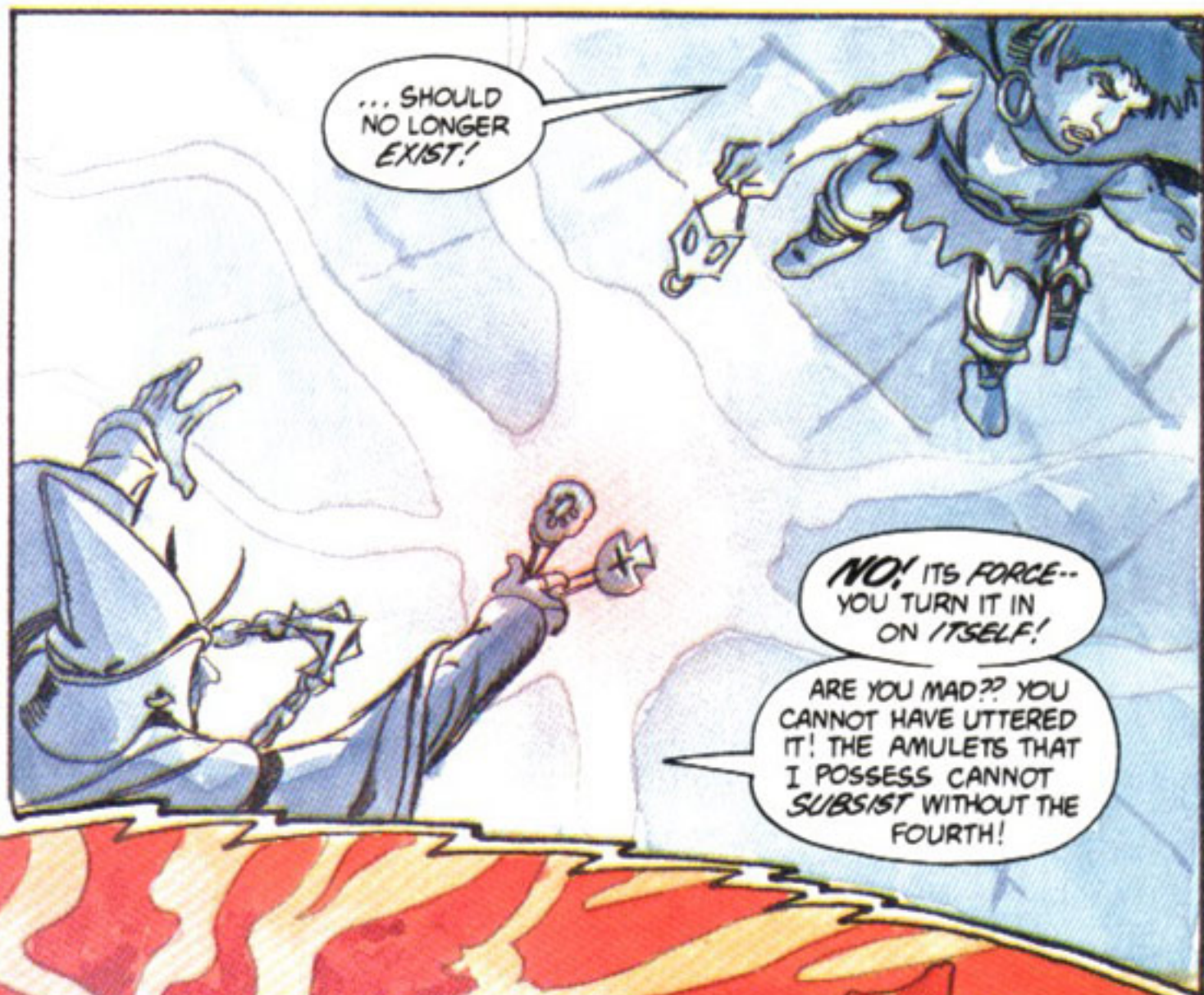
I BECOME LORD OF ALL!





I GROW WEAKER...  
I... CANNOT...  
HOLD IT...

...AHH... THE...  
PAIN! I... WISH...  
I... WISH... THAT...  
THIS AMULET...



... SHOULD  
NO LONGER  
EXIST!

NO! ITS FORCE--  
YOU TURN IT IN  
ON ITSELF!

ARE YOU MAD?? YOU  
CANNOT HAVE UTTERED  
IT! THE AMULETS THAT  
I POSSESS CANNOT  
SUBSIST WITHOUT THE  
FOURTH!



FWOOOM

YOU FOOL!  
YOU GODFORSAKEN  
LITTLE FOOL!

AAAGGHH!



THE  
AMULETS!

THEY'RE  
BURNING  
UP!

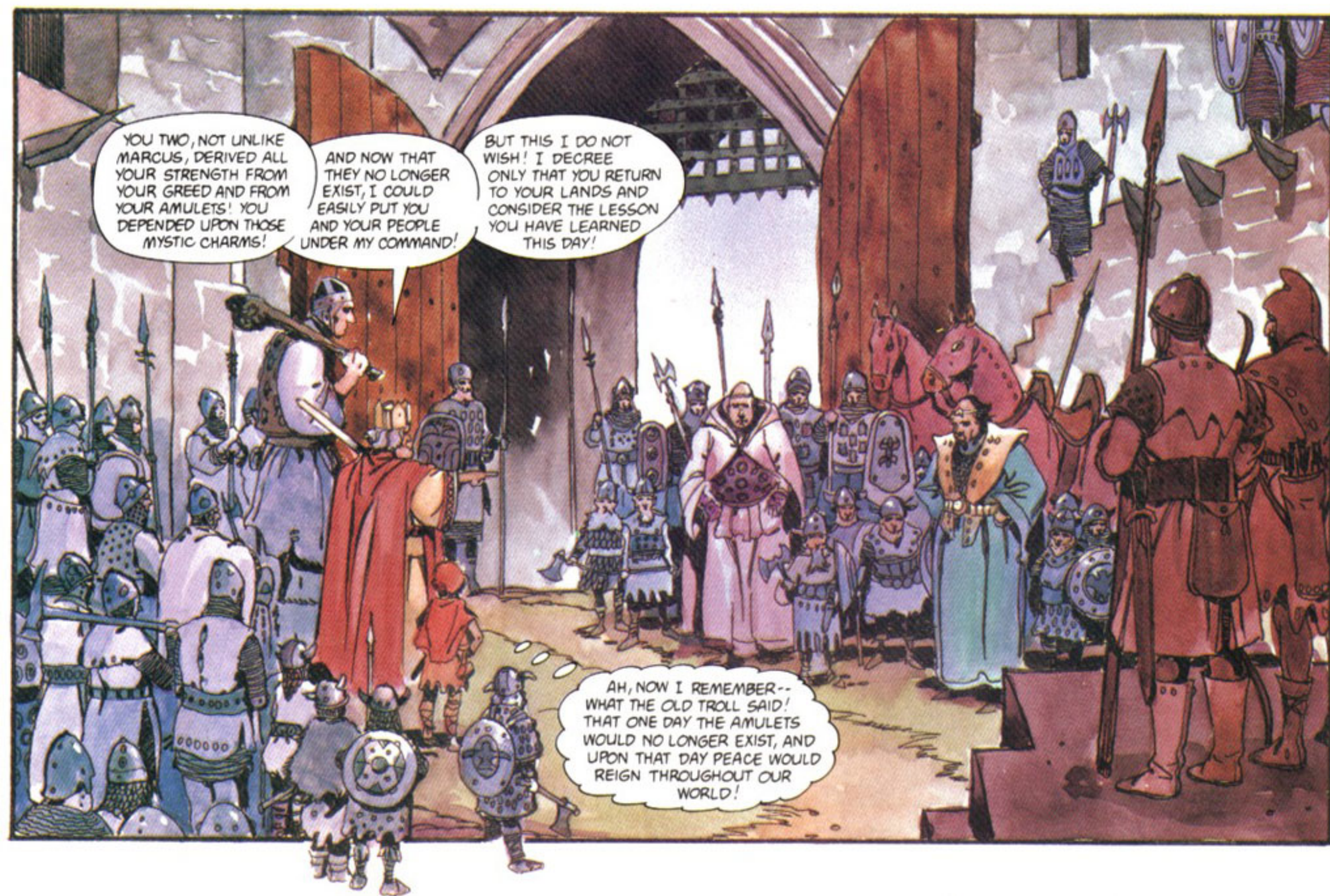


MARCUS... DROP THEM!  
THEY LIVE NOW ONLY TO  
THEIR OWN END! DROP  
THEM...

...THEY'RE  
CONSUMING  
YOU!

NEVER... I  
AM ONE WITH  
THEM... I...  
AAAAHHH...











AND AS ALL TALES SHOULD CONCLUDE,  
THERE NOW IS PEACE AND CONTENTMENT  
BETWEEN ALL THE FOLK IN ALL THE LANDS  
OF THIS WORLD!

IF ONLY THESE KINDLY  
TROLLS KNEW WHAT  
IMPISH MENACE THEY  
CALL UPON THEMSELVES!

FAREWELL!

FUNNY...EVEN  
MARCUS'S CASTLE  
HAS LOST THE LOOK  
OF ITS FORMER  
EVIL TRAPPINGS!

IF ONLY I COULD  
BE CERTAIN OF  
SATISFACTION IN MY  
NEW POSITION IN THE  
TROLL LANDS!

I WILL BE AS  
UNACCUSTOMED TO MY  
STRANGE NEW HOME AS  
ANY OUTWORLDER...  
THE ODD LANDSCAPES...  
THE PECULIAR BUILDINGS  
...THE...

WAIT A MINUTE...  
THAT IS IT! THE  
TROLL LANDS!

I WONDER JUST  
HOW MUCH THESE  
OUTWORLDERS  
WOULD PAY TO  
SEE THEM?

GUIDED  
TOURS,  
MAYBE...

YEEP!



KENZEL





KING  
PHILLIPE  
LORD OF  
THE NORTHERN  
REACHES

LAKE  
JANUS

FOREST  
BLACKMOOR

FOREST  
PASSAGE

ELUNDEN  
MTS.

LAND  
OF  
PERPETUAL  
MISTS

WHIRLPOOL

EAST  
LAND  
(UNEXPLORED)

SEA  
CHILDREN  
OF  
KEMISH

CRAGGY  
PASS

MOON  
LAKE

THRONE  
OF  
VULCAN

LAND  
of the  
TROLLS  
(MOSTLY UNKNOWN)

ANGER  
MT.

REALM of  
WIZARD  
KING  
MARCUS

LAND  
OF  
BEAST PEOPLE

DOOMOR  
BOG

DEATH  
HEAD  
PASS

INLAND  
SEA  
OF  
KRILL

SOUTH  
PASSAGE

MOLD  
FOREST

GREAT  
WALL

DISSENT  
SWAMP

PRINCE  
OF WONDERS  
KING  
RESTIVO

KINGDOM of  
DOM  
THE PIOUS

WILD  
LANDS

BRAKEN  
WOOD

VALE  
OF THE DEAD

BLACK

GIANT  
CLIFFS

FALLS  
OF  
GORGON

DWARFISH  
LANDS

SOUTH  
KING  
(UNKNOWN)

