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WHERE GOOD AND EVIL IS BLACK AND WHITE.

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**HE WAS THE GREATEST  
HERO EVER BORN!**

...IT'S LEAKING  
AGAIN...

**-BUT SINCE  
HE WASN'T  
AVAILABLE**

BUB---  
THIS AIN'T  
GONNA WORK...  
YER ON YOUR  
OWN!

CREATED BY  
JAIMIE  
BUCKLEY

**...HIS BEST FRIEND WENDELL HAD TO FILL IN.**



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MENTION SOME KEY PEOPLE IN MY LIFE THAT MADE THIS COMIC BOOK POSSIBLE. PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME THROUGH ALL THE TRIALS, STRUGGLES WITH MY HEALTH, INJURIES TO MY HANDS AND FINANCIAL DESPERATION.

***THIS COMIC BOOK SERIES IS DEDICATED TO THESE PEOPLE:***

TO MY DEEPEST LOVE, BEST FRIEND AND SWEETHEART, ***KATHILYNN***. A GREATER LOVE A MAN COULD NEVER HAVE. YOU ARE INDEED PERFECT. MARRYING YOU IS PROOF OF MY GOOD TASTE AND INTELLIGENCE.

TO MY BEST BUDS AND TOUGHEST CRITICS, MY CHILDREN: ***CESILEA, EVAN, LEILANI, JESSICA, NATHAN, ASIA, JAMI TAYLOR AND ETHANY***. THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME EVERY DAY THAT I HAVE THE COOLEST JOB IN THE WORLD.

TO ***MY FATHER, DANIEL***. HE IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN, MY HERO.

TO ***MY MOTHER, ROSINA LEE***. YOU ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO DO WHAT OTHERS SAID I NEVER COULD, TO KEEP GOING AND TO WAIT ON GOD FOR A DOOR TO OPEN WHEN I COULDN'T FIND ONE MYSELF. I WISH YOU COULD BE HERE FOR THIS AND ALL THAT WAS TO COME, BUT I DID IT MOM. I DID IT.

***(KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT APRIL 25TH, 2004).***

***TO ONDI.***

HE HATES THE ATTENTION. HE HATES THAT I EVEN MENTION HIS NAME, AND YET HE IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL FORCES OF ENCOURAGEMENT IN MY LIFE.

ONDI IS PROOF THAT THERE ARE HERO'S STILL ALIVE AND WELL IN THE WORLD, THOUGH HE WOULD DENY HE IS AMONG THEM (*I NEVER SAID HE WAS BRIGHT*). A MAN WHO'S ACTIONS SHOW THERE ARE NO EXCUSES WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING YOUR FELLOW MEN, ONLY PERSONAL SACRIFICE.

***THIS COMIC BOOK IS FOR YOU, MY FRIEND.***

DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO CALL ME TO CHEW ME OUT, I DISCONNECTED THE PHONE AND LET OUT THE DOG, JUST IN CASE YOU STOPPED BY. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT, FOR TELLING ME THERE WAS HOPE AND FOR ***FIRING ME*** WHEN I COMPLAINED THAT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO FINISH.

IF YOU, THE READER, ENJOY THIS COMIC BOOK, IT'S ONDI'S FAULT.

IF YOU DON'T, WELL...IT'S ONDI'S FAULT.

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IT'S QUITE FUNNY WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT REALLY...

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS  
WE '**KNEW**' AS MORTALS...

WE '**KNEW**' WE WERE THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE.  
WE '**KNEW**' THE PLANET WAS FLAT.  
WE '**KNEW**' NOTHING EXISTED SMALLER THAN THE NAKED EYE COULD SEE.  
WE '**KNEW**' ONLY BIRDS AND BUGS COULD RIDE UPON THE WIND.

WE '**KNEW**' SO MANY THINGS...EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY FOR A MOMENT.

THE BATTLES WE WAGE AGAINST EACH OTHER ARE NO LESS ASTOUNDING.  
*INTELLECTUAL VERSUS SPIRITUAL--SCIENCE AGAINST FAITH, MATHEMATICS  
AGAINST MIRACLES.*  
DO WE COME FROM A **DIVINE SPECIES** OR ARE WE SIMPLY AN '**ACCIDENT**'?

NOT A *SINGLE UNIFIED BELIEF* AMONG ALL LIFE.

WHAT A SHAME.

IT MAKES *THEIR* JOB SO MUCH EASIER THAT WAY...

***\*SIGH...\****



WHAT IF **BOTH** SCIENCE AND RELIGION WERE RIGHT?  
...AND YET BOTH **WRONG**?

WHAT IF THEOLOGY WAS *MATHEMATICAL PERFECTION* AND SCIENCE  
WAS NOTHING SHORT OF THE *PERFECT RELIGION*?



WHAT IF ALL THE TALK OF THESE BATTLES BETWEEN 'GOOD' AND 'EVIL'  
WERE TRUE...*GOD* AND THE *DEVIL*, *WORLDS WITHOUT END* AND THE  
*VASTNESS OF THE ETERNITIES*?

I GUESS THAT 'LITTLE WHITE LIE' WOULDN'T SEEM SO  
'LITTLE' NOW WOULD IT?

WHAT *IF*, MY YOUNG FRIEND, I WERE TO TELL YOU THAT *ALL YOU KNOW*,  
*ALL YOU SEE*, *ALL YOU COMPREHEND* OF 'SPACE', 'TIME', 'LIFE'...  
*EVERYTHING*--WAS BALANCED UPON A SINGLE, SIMPLE *MISTAKE*?



...*MY* MISTAKE.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME?

OF COURSE NOT.

YOU ALREADY '*KNOW*' THE TRUTH...DON'T YOU?





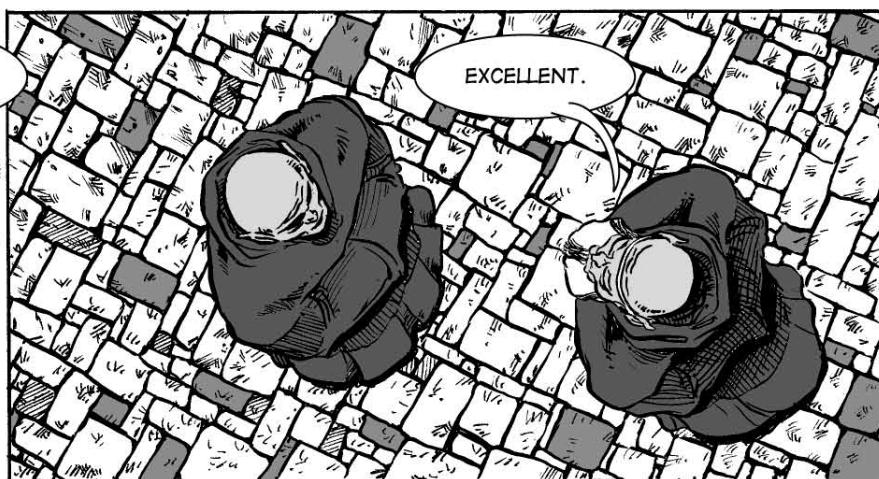




YOU HAVE ALSO DONE AS YOU WERE INSTRUCTED?

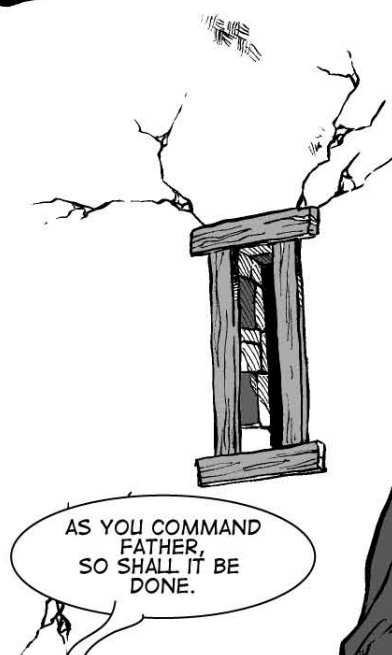
YES FATHER. HE HAS FAR MORE POTENTIAL THAN WE HAD HOPED.

STRENGTH, COURAGE, LOYALTY AND DETERMINATION UNMATCHED BY ANY PREVIOUS HERO!



EXCELLENT.

GO AND MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE. THE **DARK LORD\*** MUST REMAIN DISTRACTED WHILE OUR HERO IS BEING RETRIEVED.



AS YOU COMMAND FATHER, SO SHALL IT BE DONE.

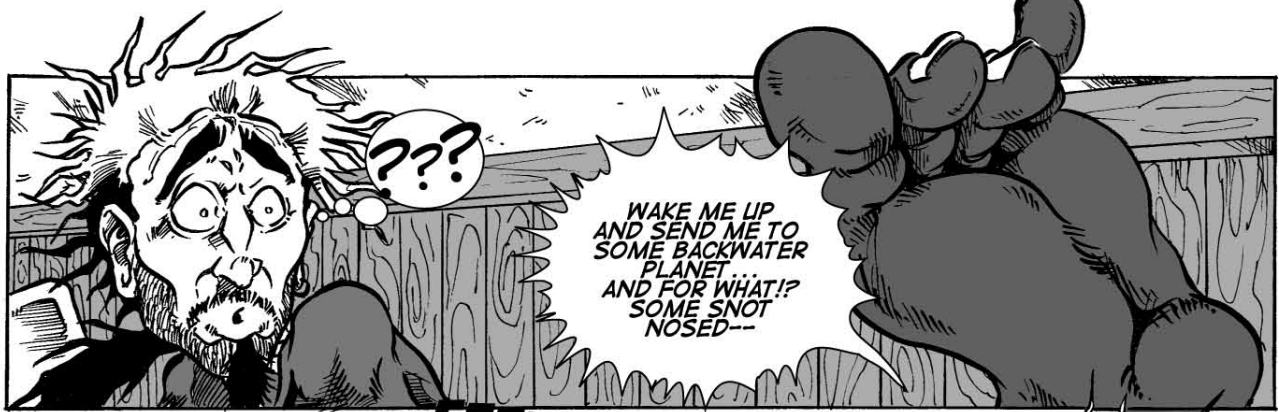


WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. PEACE BE UNTO YOUR SOUL, FOR ALL IS AS I HAVE FORSEEN IT.

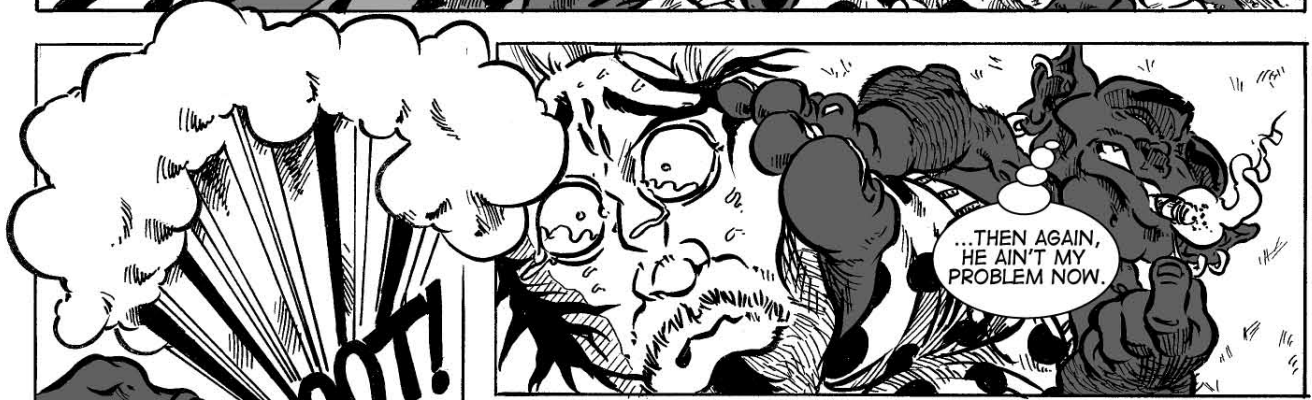
















DEAR BOY,  
WHAT EVER ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?

NO ONE  
IS HERE TO  
HIT YOU...



LET ALONE  
**EAT**  
YOU!

I'M HERE  
TO HELP YOU!



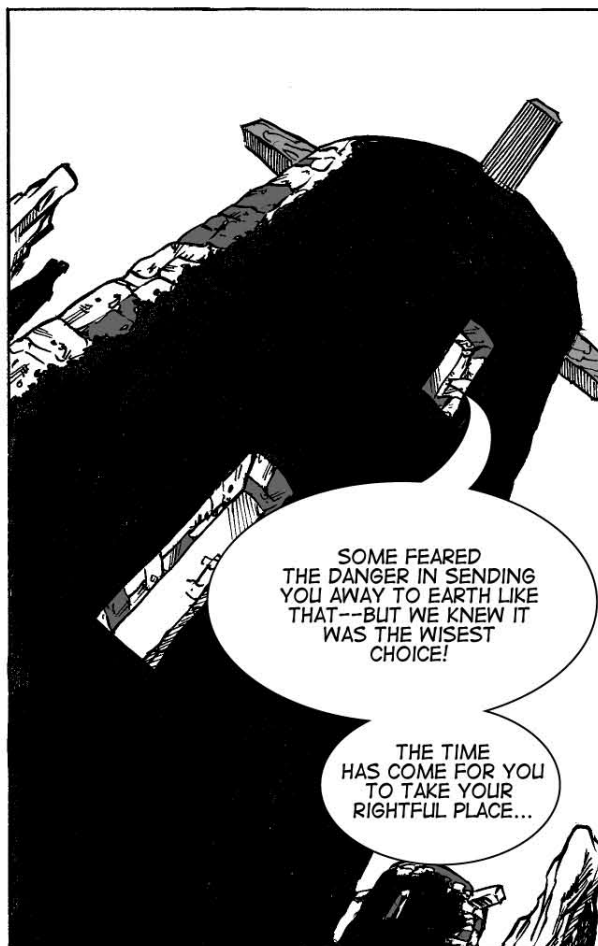
NOW, I KNOW YOU  
MAY FEEL A BIT CONFUSED AT  
THE MOMENT, BUT LET ME TELL  
YOU, THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME  
COMING. ALL OF IT WILL COME  
BACK TO YOU SOON ENOUGH!

WE HAVE MUCH TO  
DO AND ONLY MOMENTS  
TO SPARE...QUICKLY,  
FOLLOW ME.



**HOME AT  
LAST!**  
THE LOST CHILD  
IS NOW FOUND!

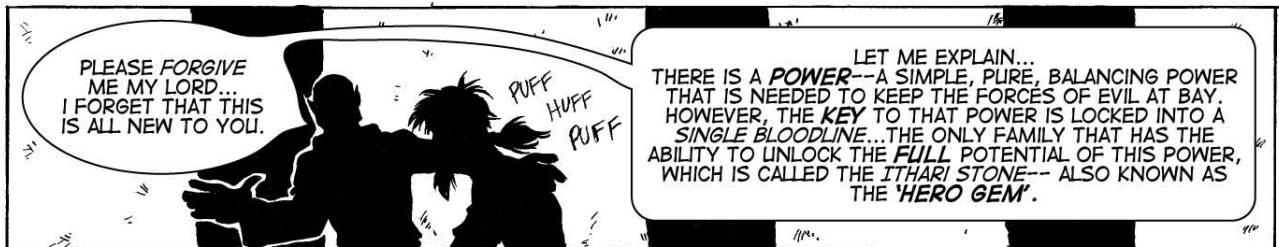
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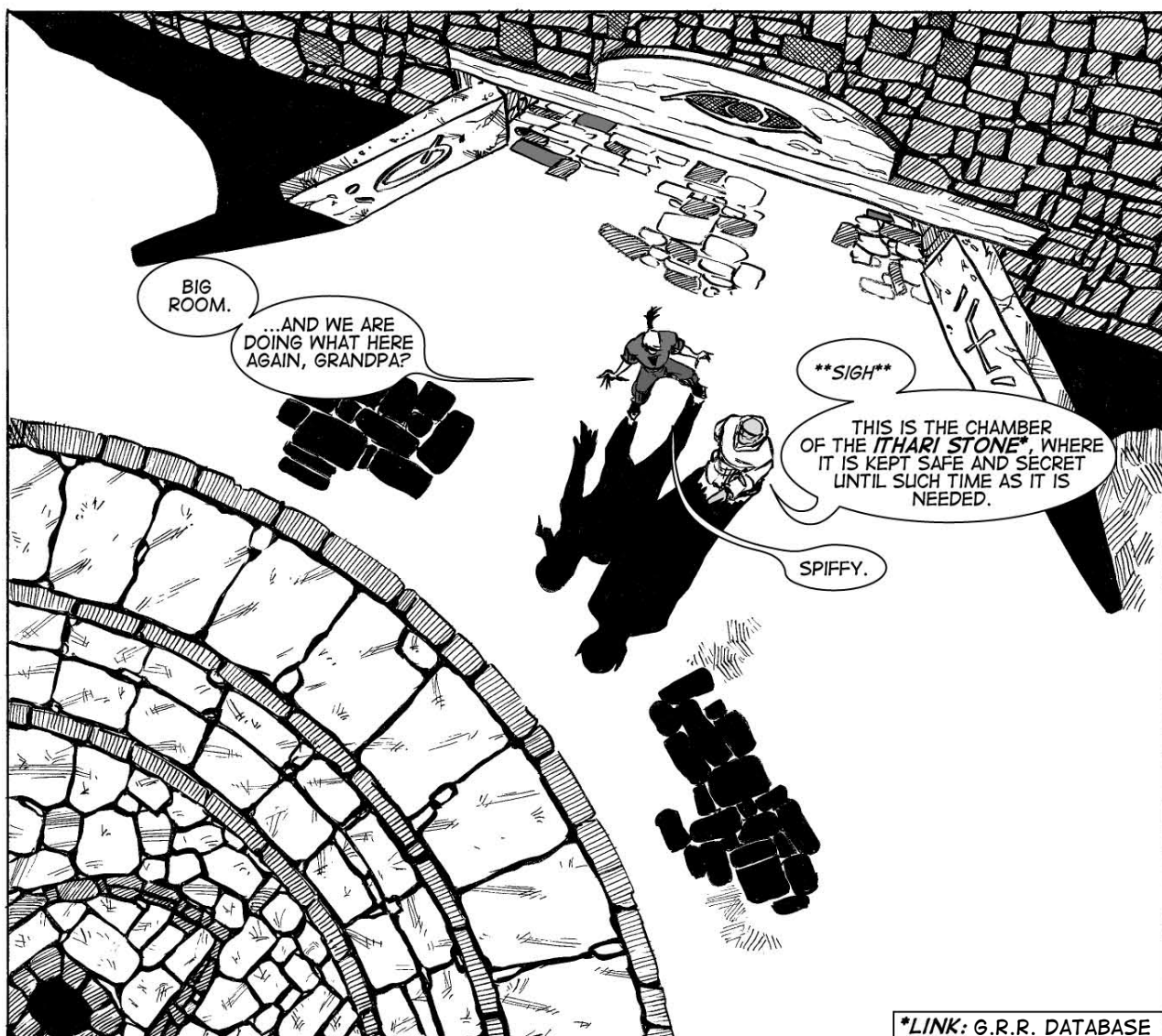
SOME FEARED  
THE DANGER IN SENDING  
YOU AWAY TO EARTH LIKE  
THAT--BUT WE KNEW IT  
WAS THE WISEST  
CHOICE!

THE TIME  
HAS COME FOR YOU  
TO TAKE YOUR  
RIGHTFUL PLACE...



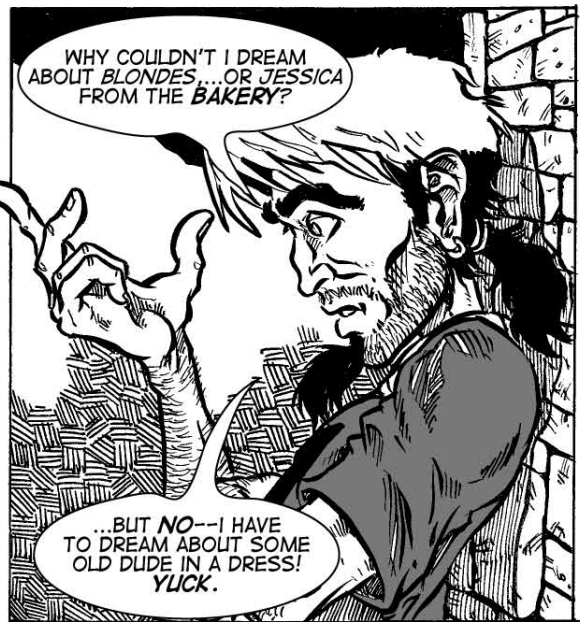
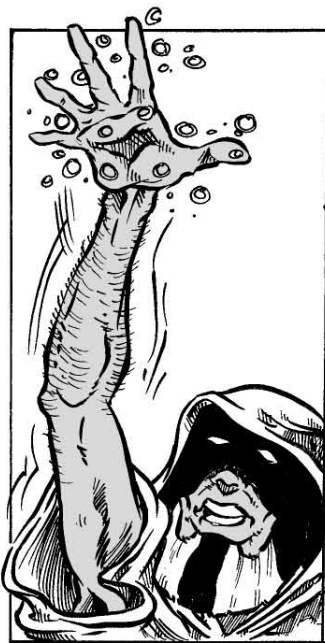








SOON ALL WILL BE REVEALED--YOU HAVE ONLY TO **ACCEPT** THE 'GIFT'.



WHY COULDN'T I DREAM ABOUT *BLONDES*...OR *JESSICA* FROM THE *BAKERY*?

...BUT **NO**--I HAVE TO DREAM ABOUT SOME OLD DUDE IN A DRESS! **YUCK.**

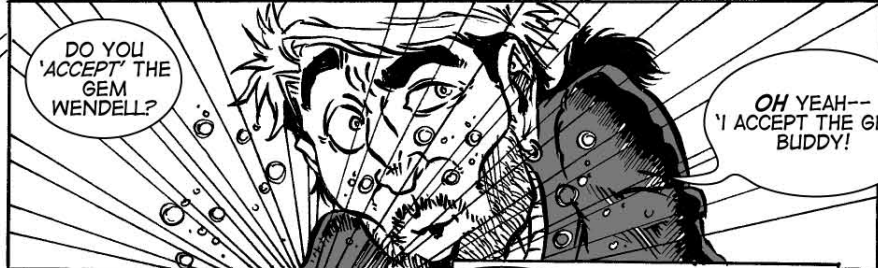
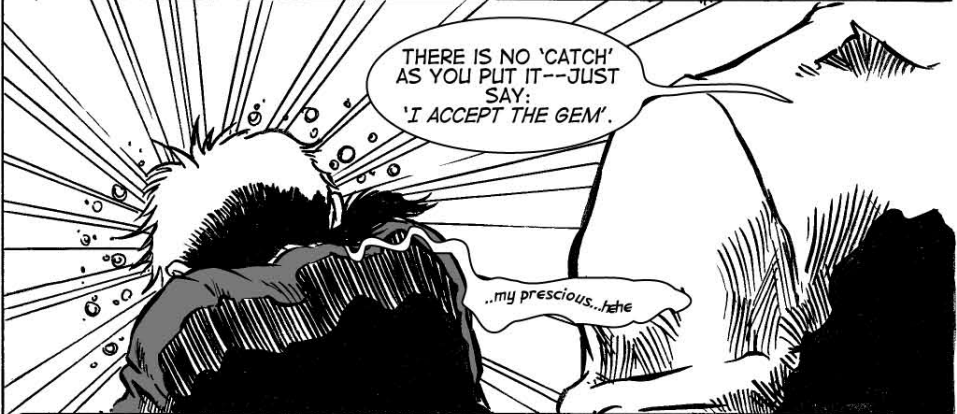


AHEM.  
"ROBE"  
THANK YOU.

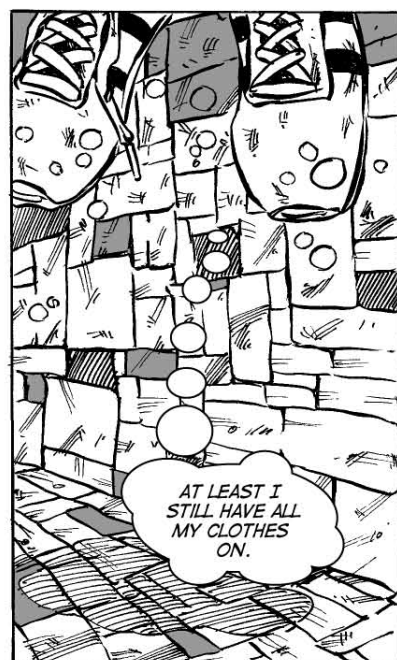
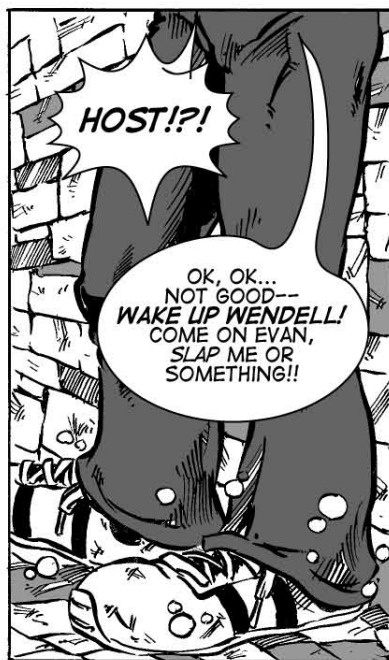
AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, YOU ARE **NOT** DREAMING YOUNG LORD. IN FACT, YOU ARE FURTHER FROM IT THAN YOU COULD *IMAGINE*!

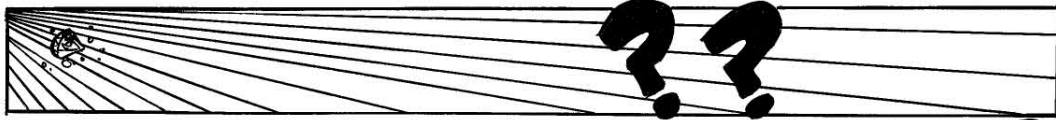
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BEHOLD YOUNG LORD  
--YOUR 'GIFT'.









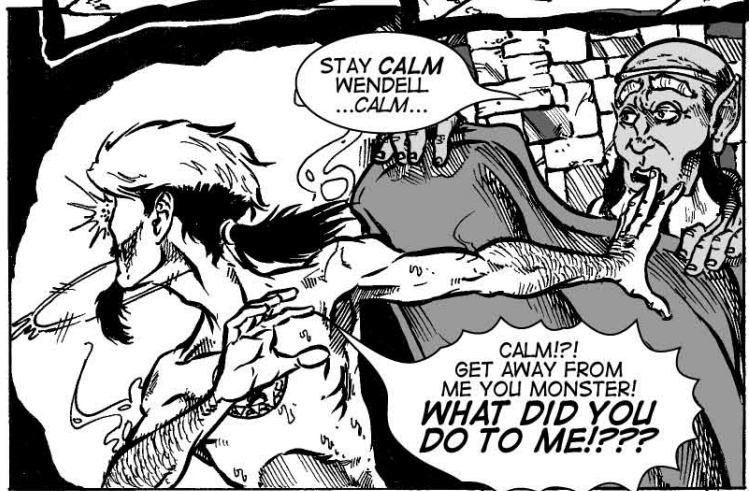


LINH...

HURTS...SO...BAD



WHAT  
HAVE YOU *DONE* TO  
ME OLD MAN!?



STAY CALM  
WENDELL  
...CALM...

CALM!?!  
GET AWAY FROM  
ME YOU MONSTER!  
**WHAT DID YOU  
DO TO ME!???**



THE POWERS OF THE  
GEM HAVE BEEN  
TRANSFERRED TO YOU  
LORD WENDELL.





THE PAIN WILL PASS  
SHORTLY MY LORD.  
YOU MUST GET  
WARM...

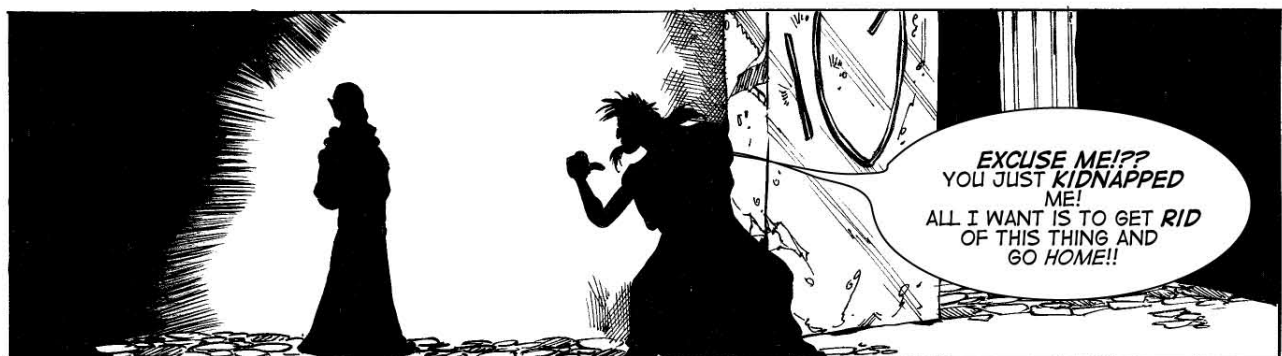
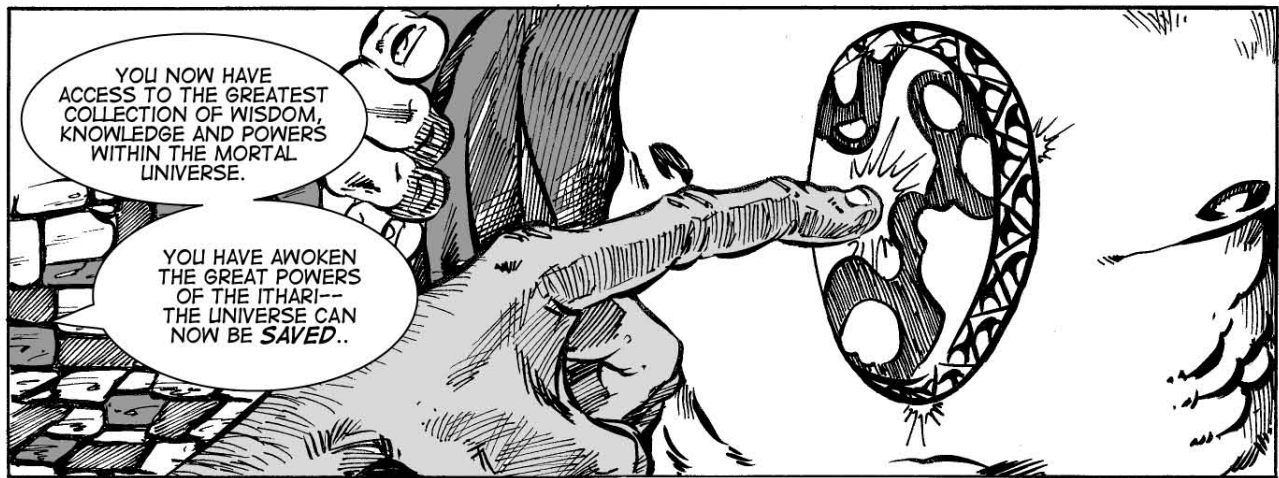
YOU HAVE MORE POWER  
THAN ANY MORTAL COULD  
IMAGINE...THE GEM HAS  
ACCEPTED YOU AS IT'S  
'PARTNER'...

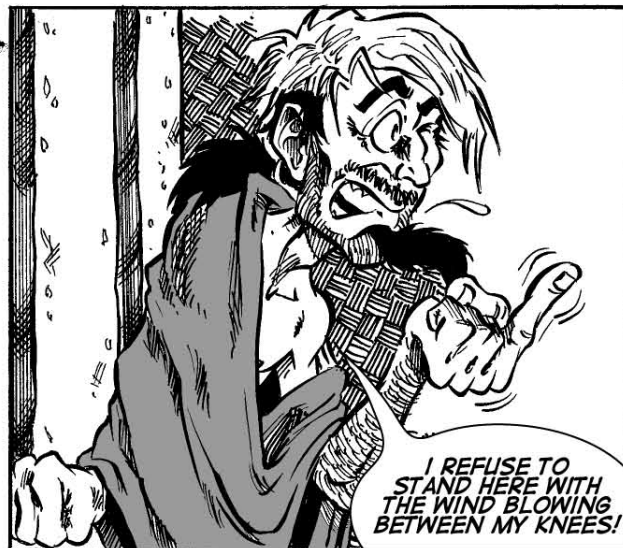
IT WAS TALKING!  
YOU SAY 'PARTNER'...BUT  
I HEARD IT SAY "HOST"!

LOWER THE CLOTH  
MY LORD--AND BEHOLD  
THE 'GIFT' OF THE ITHARI  
STONE!

IT--IT'S  
STUCK IN MY  
FLIPPIN CHEST!

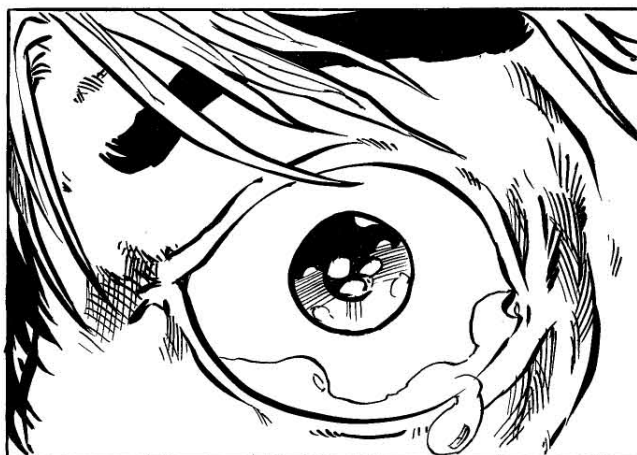
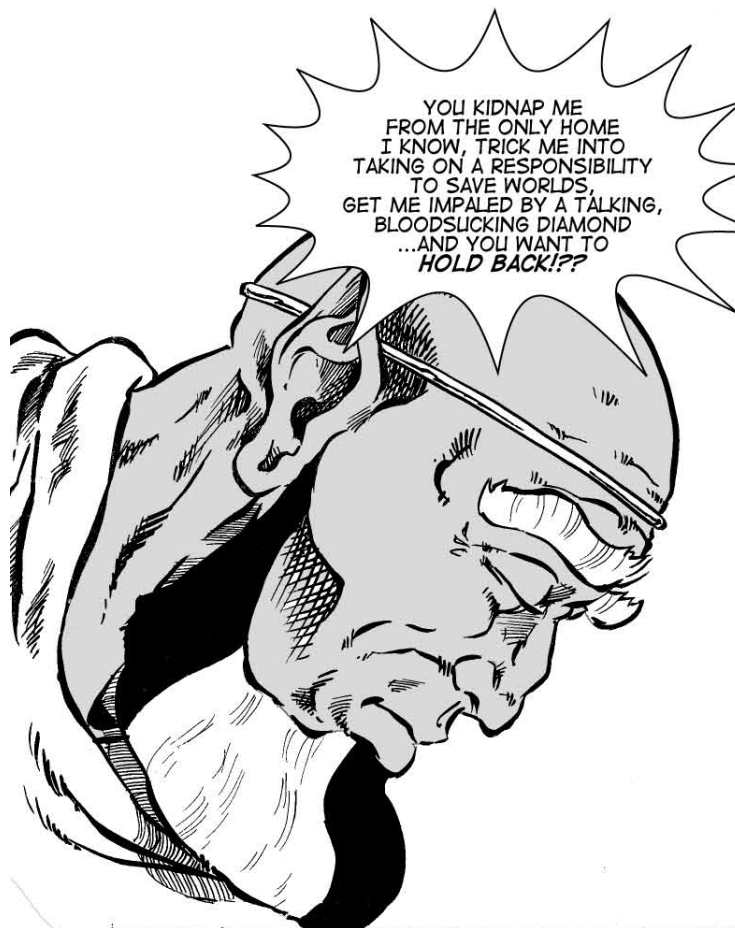
AND THERE IT WILL  
REMAIN, UNTIL IT HAS  
ACCOMPLISHED ALL IT  
MUST, TO RESTORE THE  
BALANCE...





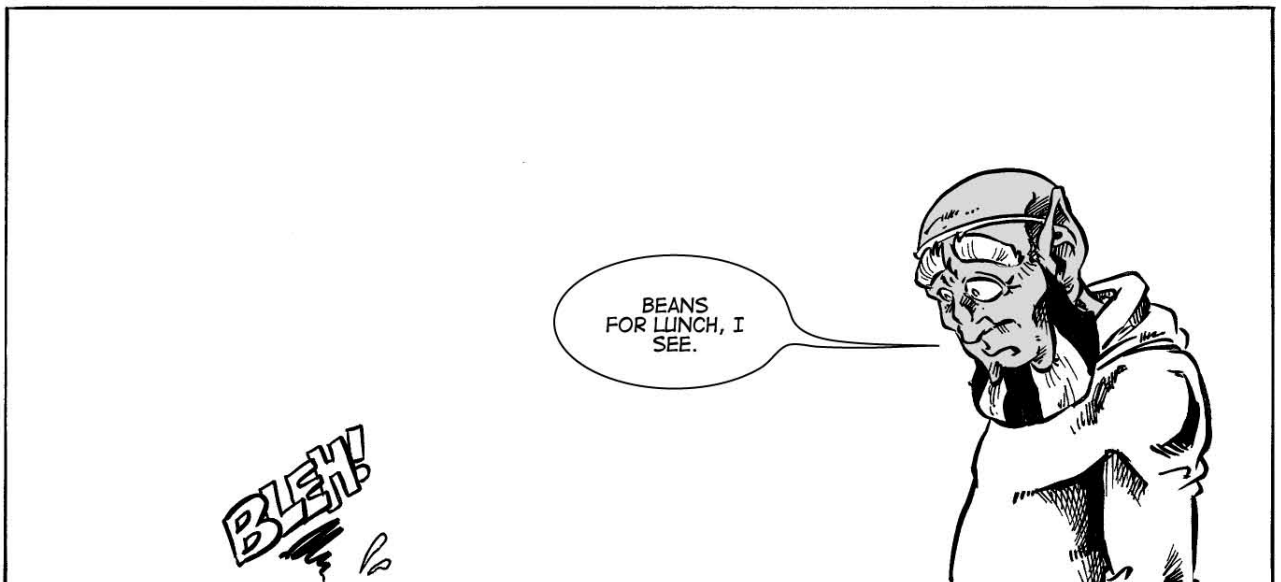
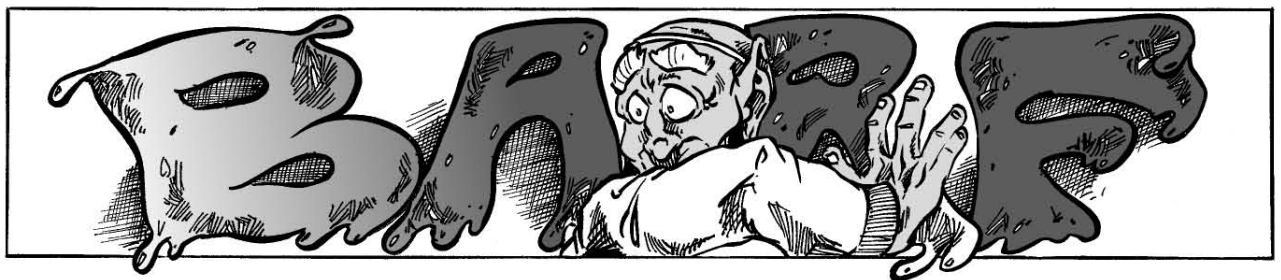








**BARF**







I DON'T KNOW  
HOW LONG THIS WILL  
LAST--BUT I'LL GIVE  
THIS DREAM A SHOT  
AND ROLL WITH IT!

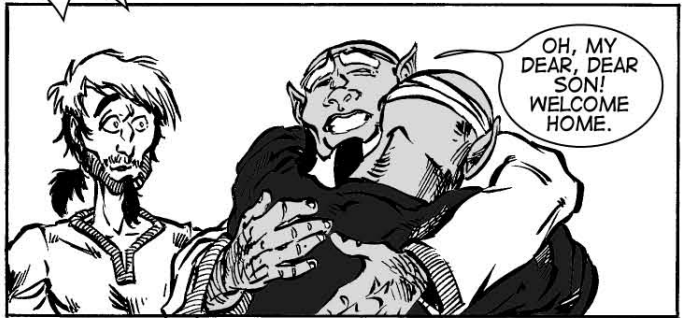
**FATHER!**  
THE LANTHYA STONE HAS  
NOT BEEN DISCOVERED!



THOUGH I MUST  
SAY THAT THE COST  
HAS BEEN VERY DEAR.



OH, MY  
DEAR, DEAR  
SON!  
WELCOME  
HOME.



MY HEART IS GLAD AT  
YOUR SAFE RETURN.



I MUST RETURN  
FATHER. THE DARK FORCES  
HAVE OPENED A GATE TO  
**ABIR\*** AND EVEN NOW,  
PUSH THROUGH.



\*LINK: G.R.R. DATABASE

THEN TAKE  
OUR HERO  
WITH YOU!

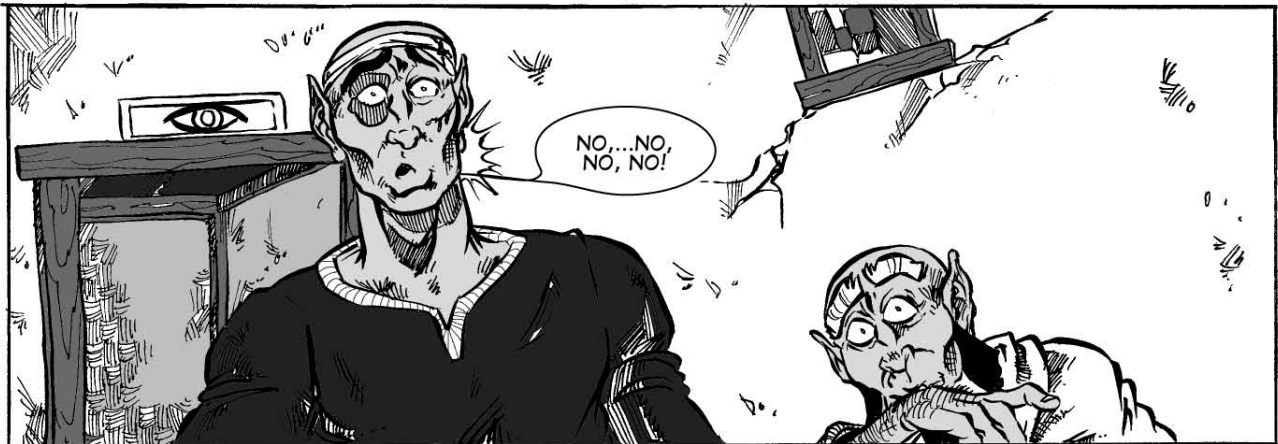
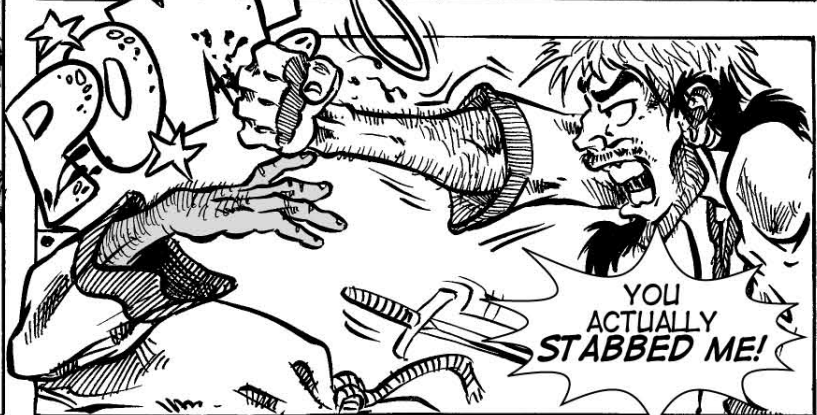


HE IS **HERE?!  
GLORY TO THE  
GODS!!**











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