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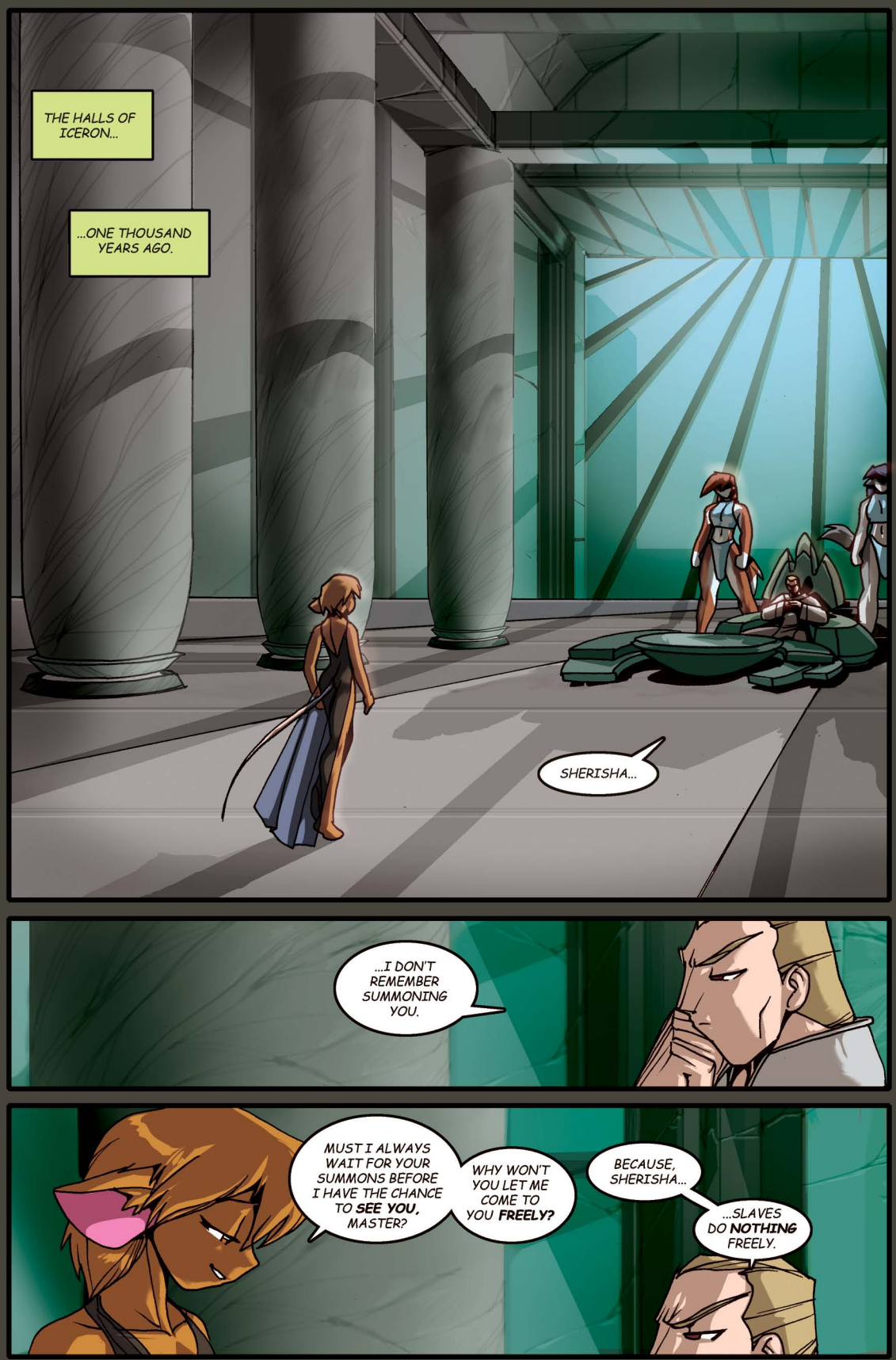
THE HALLS OF ICERON...
...ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO.
SHERISHA...
...I DON'T REMEMBER SUMMONING YOU.
MUST I ALWAYS WAIT FOR YOUR SUMMONS BEFORE I HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE YOU, MASTER?
WHY WON'T YOU LET ME COME TO YOU FREELY?
BECAUSE, SHERISHA...
...SLAVES DO NOTHING FREELY.

MASTER...
Y...YOU DO NOT NEED TO KEEP US BOUND TO YOU AS SLAVES...
...YOU ALREADY HAVE OUR LOYALTY!
ENOUGH.
YOUR SPELLS HAVE MADE US WHO WE ARE TODAY... ELEVATED US...
...FROM HOMELESS BEGGARS AND DESTITUTE PAUPERS TO BEINGS OF MATCHLESS MAGICAL POWER.
ENOUGH.
YOU GAVE US A KINGDOM. YOUR RULE IS WISE, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL...
...BUT WE ARE NOT FREE.
WE WANT YOU AS OUR LEADER... NOT AS OUR MAST--
ENOUGH!
YOU ARE MY SLAVES.
PERIOD.
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, SHERISHA.
OF ALL MY LYCANTHROPES... ALL MY SLAVES... YOU ARE UNIQUE.
UNIQUE IN YOUR CUNNING AND INTELLECT.
YOU UNDER-STAND MY METHODS.
DO NOT FORCE ME TO RECONSIDER MY FAITH IN YOU.
YOU ARE MY CONFIDANT.
YOU ARE... favored...
...BUT YOU TEST MY PATIENCE.
i...
I WILL ASK YOU ONCE MORE...
DON'T ANGER ME, SHERISHA...
We WILL be free, master.
FREE TO LEAD OUR OWN LIVES... t-To love whomever we choose to love...
You can't stop us...
YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT.
YOU KNOW WE SHOULD BE FREE.
SHERISHA.
REPORT TO THE GUARD CAPTAIN.
TELL HER YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR THAT TRANSGRESSION IS FIFTY LASHES.
DISMISSED.
....
yes, master.
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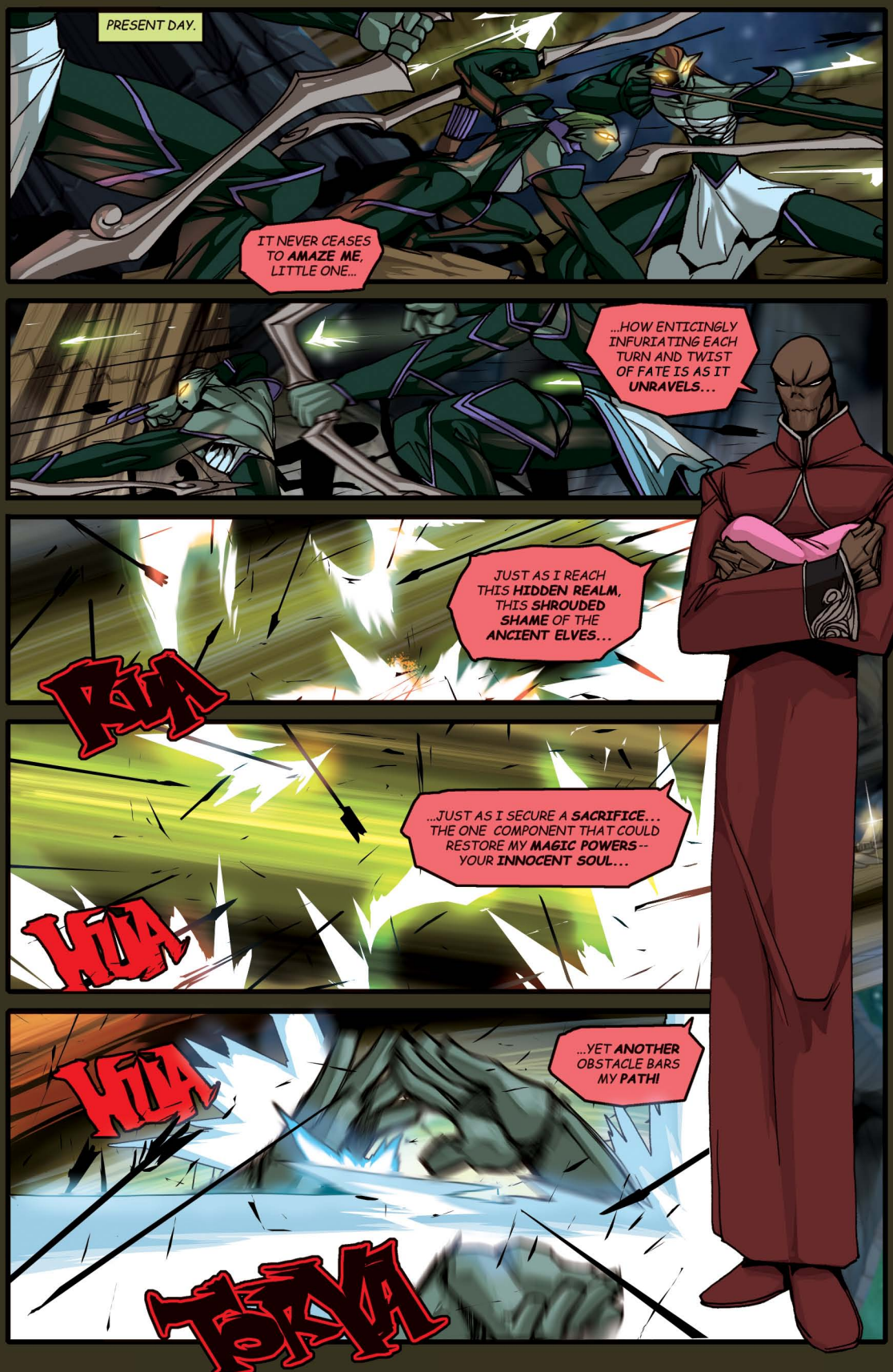
THE VEILED REALM...

...THE SECRET PLANE OF SHADOWS...

..."OBLIVION."


PRESENT DAY.
IT NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME, LITTLE ONE...
...HOW ENTICINGLY INFURIATING EACH TURN AND TWIST OF FATE IS AS IT UNRAVELS...
JUST AS I REACH THIS HIDDEN REALM, THIS SHROUDED SHAME OF THE ANCIENT ELVES...
KIJA
...JUST AS I SECURE A SACRIFICE... THE ONE COMPONENT THAT COULD RESTORE MY MAGIC POWERS-- YOUR INNOCENT SOUL...
KIJA
...YET ANOTHER OBSTACLE BARS MY PATH!
KIJA
TSKYA

RIVA

BRITANNY'S UNEXPECTED, **UNEXPLAINED** ARRIVAL...

...WAS **NOTHING** I COULDN'T **PERSONALLY HANDLE...**

BUT THIS NEWCOMER... THIS **"JADE SENTINEL"...**

...COULD BECOME A **PROBLEM.**

THE GAOBLIN'S **"FELL ARCHERY"...** SURPASSING EVEN THE VAUNTED WOOD ELF **"SPIRIT ARCHERY"...**

...IS NEXT TO **USELESS** AGAINST IT.

GNIESS...

...MY **OLD FRIEND.**

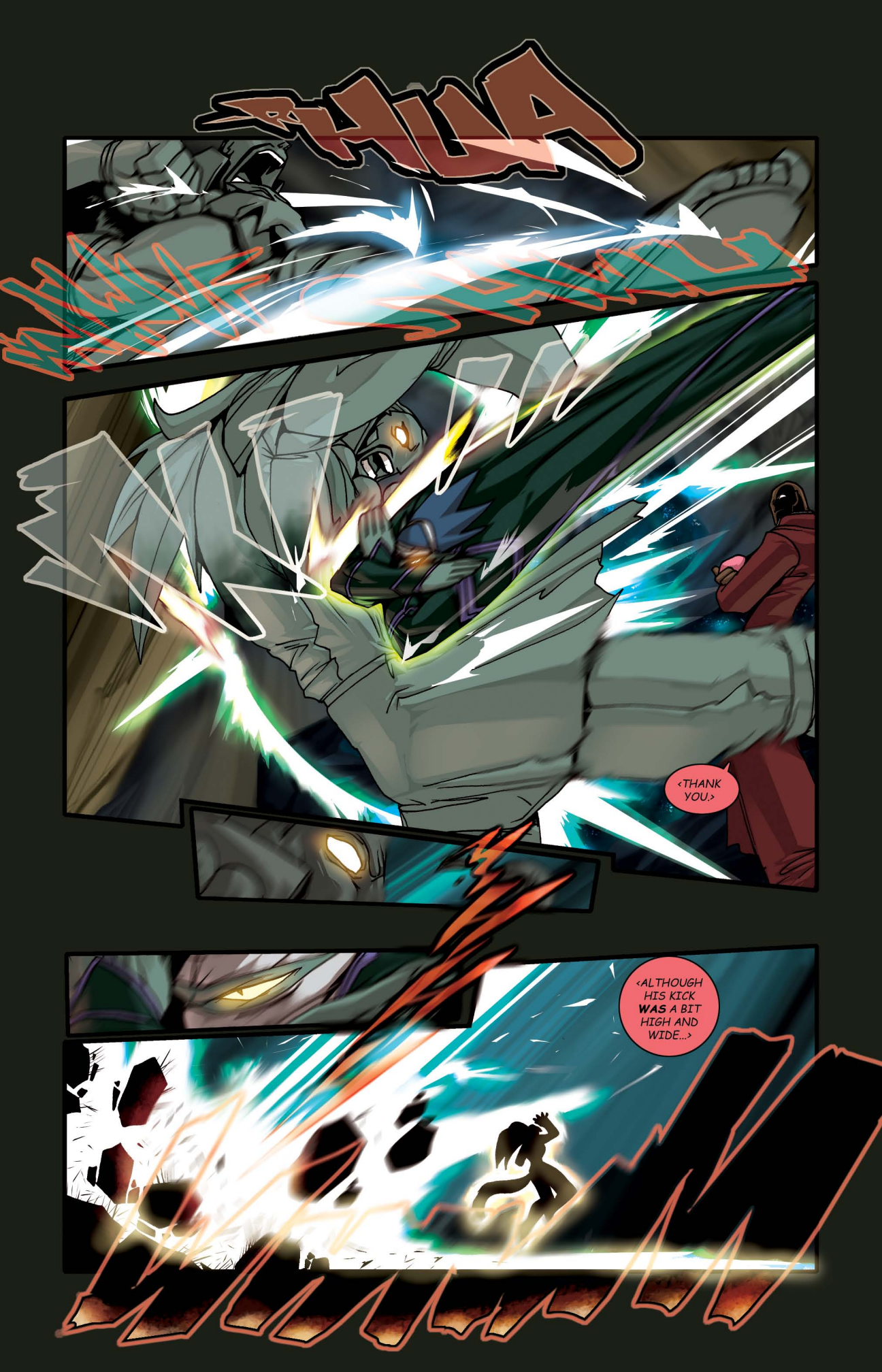
IT **MUST** HAVE BEEN **HIM!**

ONLY **HE** COULD HAVE CREATED IT.

BUT WHY SET IT TO **GUARD BRITANNY?**

DID HE **ANTICIPATE THIS MOMENT?**

* TRANSLATED FROM ANCIENT ELVEN...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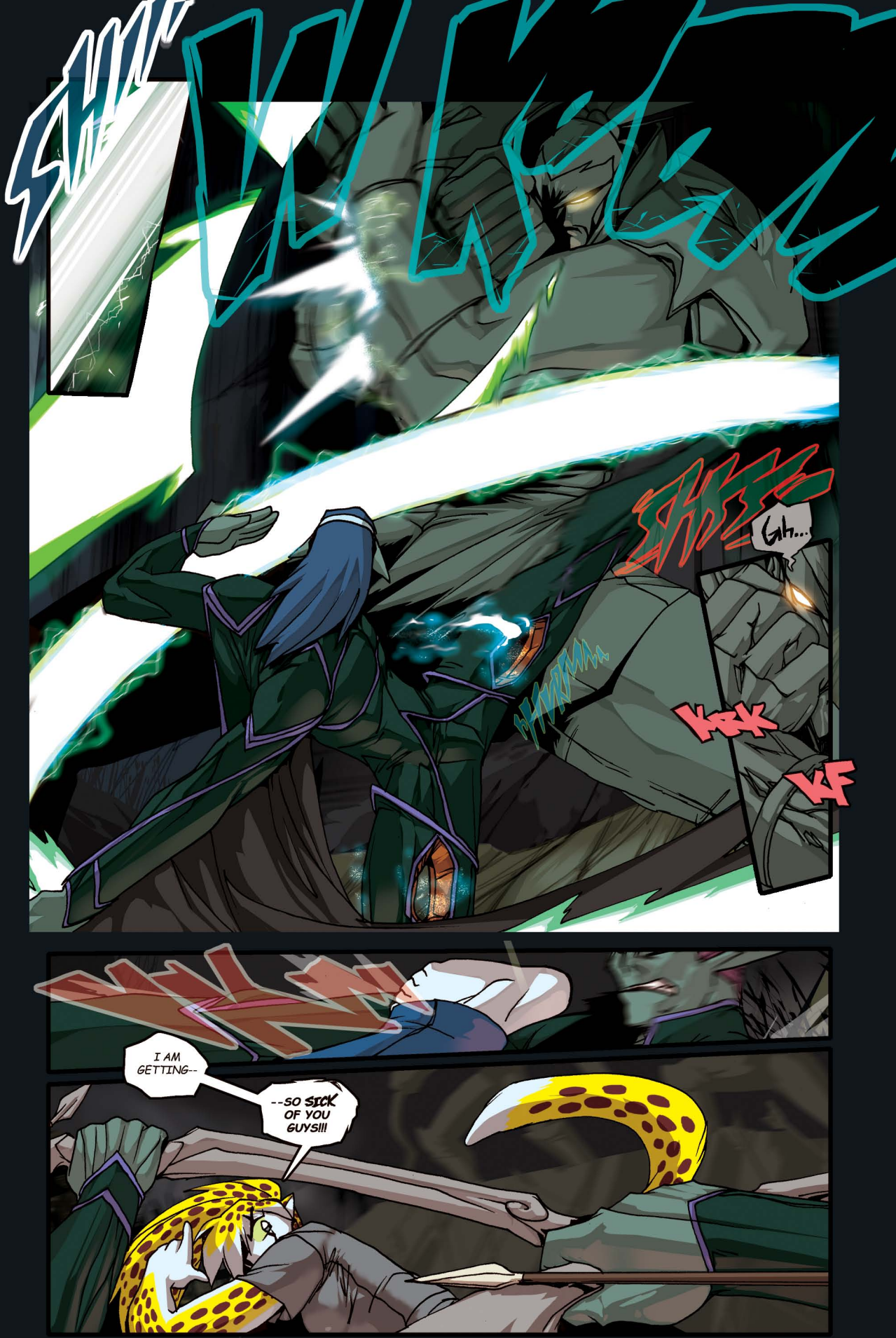
<THANK YOU.>
<ALTHOUGH HIS KICK **WAS** A BIT HIGH AND WIDE...>

IT WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY MISSED ME ANYW--
--WHAAAT??
KSH
KRS
UGH!
TIFANNY! HOLD ON! I'LL BE RIGHT--
--OH, &%$#!
HF!
UNH!
WATCH!

HF!
oh, %$#@ AGAIN!
RHU!
TORYA!
HKSSSS!


SHHH
Gh...
KRK
KF
I AM GETTING--
--SO SICK OF YOU GUYS!!!

GET OFF MY CASE...
...GET OUT OF MY WAY...
...AND GIMME BACK MY BABY!!!
‹...PRIESTESS...›
‹...ARE THESE BUFFOONS...›
‹...THE "INVINCIBLE DEVOTEES" YOU PLEDGED TO ME?›
‹THINE ENEMIES ARE POWERFUL, DIVINE ONE.›
‹THEY ARE NOTHING...›
‹...BUT YOUR SERVANTS HAVE ALLOWED THEM TO INSULT ME BY DAMAGING ONE OF MY "SACRED WRITS"!›
‹HOW MUCH MORE MUST I ENDURE?›
‹PRIESTESS.›
‹PURGE THEM.›

<HOLINESS?>
<P-PURGE?>
YOU WANT SOME MORE? HUH??
NNN!
DAMMIT!
AAG!
KA!
GH!

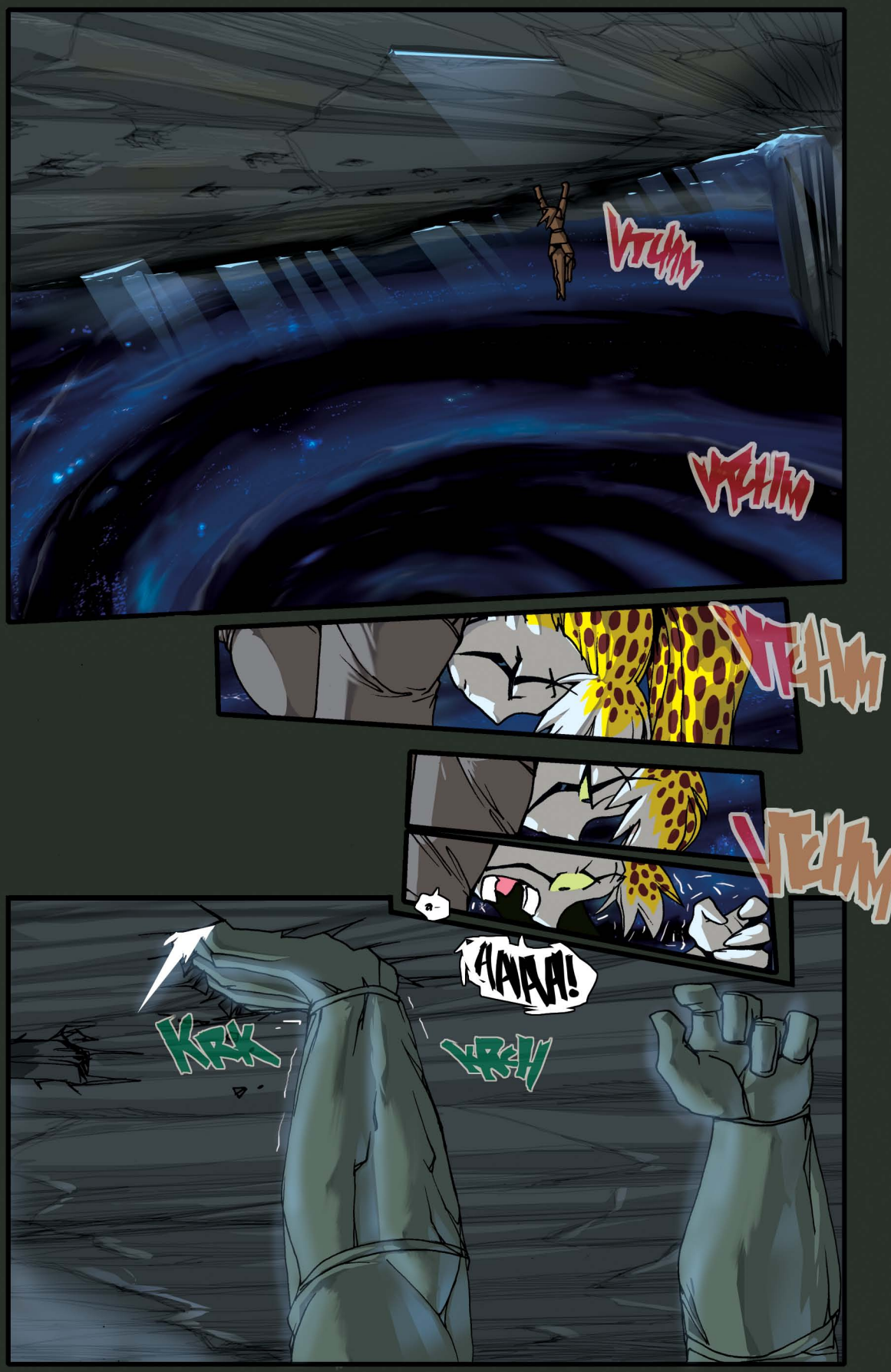
FUA!
MN!
...?
...!
‹HOLINESS...›
‹...FROM THE MOMENT WE FIRST ARRIVED, THROUGH THE ETERNITY THAT HAS PASSED US BY, WE HAVE PRAYED.›
‹FOR EON UPON EON... A THOUSAND, THOUSAND YEARS... WE HAVE PRAYED...›
‹...PRAYED FOR THE RETURN OF THE CYCLE WHICH IS NOW A LONG-FORGOTTEN MEMORY.›
‹THE CYCLE OF LIFE.›
Oh, my God...

‹ FOR A THOUSAND, THOUSAND YEARS WE'VE EXISTED... ALIVE AND YET **NUMB** FROM THE **ENDLESS STAGNATION**...›
‹...HOLINESS, ANSWER OUR **PRAYERS**...›
‹...RESTART THE **CYCLE**!›
‹GIVE US **BIRTH**...›
‹...GIVE US **DEATH**!›

NG?!
WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!?
HMMF!

‹POSITIVE ENERGY?›
‹LIFE ENERGY?!!›
‹YES, HOLINESS.›
‹THE LIFE ENERGY OF EVERYONE MY SPELL **DESTROYED**.›
‹IN TIME, THAT ETHER WILL COALESCE INTO **MASS**, REFORMING **BODIES**, RESTORING **SOULS**.›
‹HERE, IT IS **IMPOSSIBLE** TO **DIE**.›
‹THERE IS NO **GROWTH**. THERE IS NO **DECAY**.›
‹THERE IS ONLY THE **ETERNAL PAUSE**.›
‹THE GREAT ENGINE... **"OBLIVION"**... WILL **NOT** ALLOW THE CYCLE OF LIFE .›
‹IT HAS KEPT EVERYTHING **EXACTLY THE SAME** AS WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED AN **ETERNITY** AGO.›
‹FOR A TIME, WE BELIEVED THE VORTEX COULD BE OUR **SALVATION**, BUT "OBLIVION" CONTROLS **THAT** AS WELL›
‹EVEN THE **TINIEST FRAGMENT** SENT INTO IT WILL EVENTUALLY **REFORM**.›
‹SO WE PRAYED TO THE **GODDESS OF DEATH** FOR **RELEASE**...›
‹...AND SHE SENT **YOU**...THE EMBODIMENT OF **DEATH**... IN YOUR ARMS, THE EMBODIMENT OF **BIRTH**!›
...

‹THIS PROVES EVERYTHING!›
‹THIS PROVES WE WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG!›
‹THAT OUR FAITH WAS THE CORRECT PATH!›
‹WHEN THE RIVAL TRIBES... "THE ARCHI-TECHS"... "THE ATONERS" RECEIVE WORD OF YOUR ARRIVAL..›
‹...THEY WILL FALL TO THEIR KNEES AND BEG US FOR FORGIVENESS!›
‹THEY WILL, AT LAST, SEE OUR TRUTH!›
...
‹LIFE IS ONLY FOR A WORTHY DEATH...›
IT SEEMS FATE...
‹LET DEATH BRING THE GODDESS GLORY...›
...ISN'T THROUGH SCREWING AROUND WITH ME, LITTLE ONE...
WITH BRITANNY INCORPOREAL, I COULD'VE FINALLY TENDED TO YOU WITHOUT INTERFERENCE.
AS SOON AS MY SCROLL'S ENERGIES WERE COMPLETELY RE-CHARGED, I COULD'VE PROPERLY EXCORIATED YOUR SOUL'S AURA...
...TO SEAL IT TO THIS UNDEAD HUSK AND WEAR IT AS MY OWN FOREVER, RESTORING MY POWER.
BUT HOW DO I SACRIFICE A SOUL...
...THAT CANNOT DIE?
VICTIMNA
VICTIM


VTCHN
VRCHM
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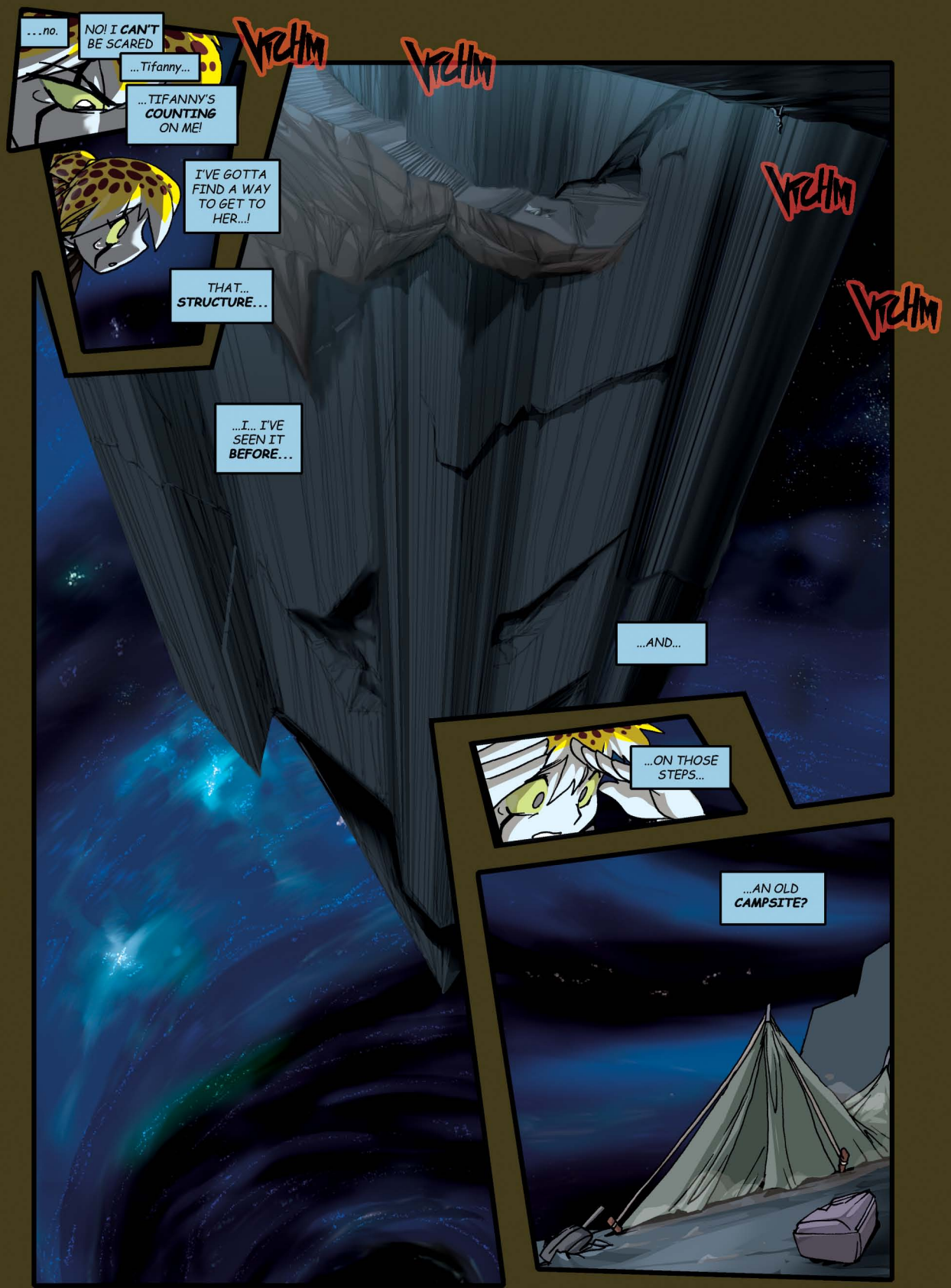
AAAAA!
KRK
KRCH

KRNNK~
...!
...
sorry...
Oh man... oh man... oh maaan...
TP

y-You know...
...I can't tell which is worse!
The **Black-** friggin' - **Hole...**
...Or the **Galactic Wedgie** keeping me from **fallin' in!**
OH COME ON!!! THIS IS BULLZ$#@#!!!

KTMCKTMKTCMK
TORAAA
g-GINA...
...SO THIS IS HOW IT FEELS...
...TO BE IN DANGER AND THERE'S NOTHIN' YOU CAN DO TO SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE...
...TO HAVE TO DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE.
IN ALL OF THE ADVENTURES WE'VE HAD TOGETHER.... ALL OF THE TIMES I'VE SAVED YOUR LIFE... I NEVER HAD TIME TO... Be scared...
...Gina...
...i-I NEVER KNEW HOW BRAVE YOU WERE...


...no.
NO! I CAN'T BE SCARED
...Tifanny...
...TIFANNY'S COUNTING ON ME!
I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO GET TO HER...!
THAT... STRUCTURE...
...I... I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE...
VrcHm
VrcHm
VrcHm
VrcHm
...AND...
...ON THOSE STEPS...
...AN OLD CAMPSITE?

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