



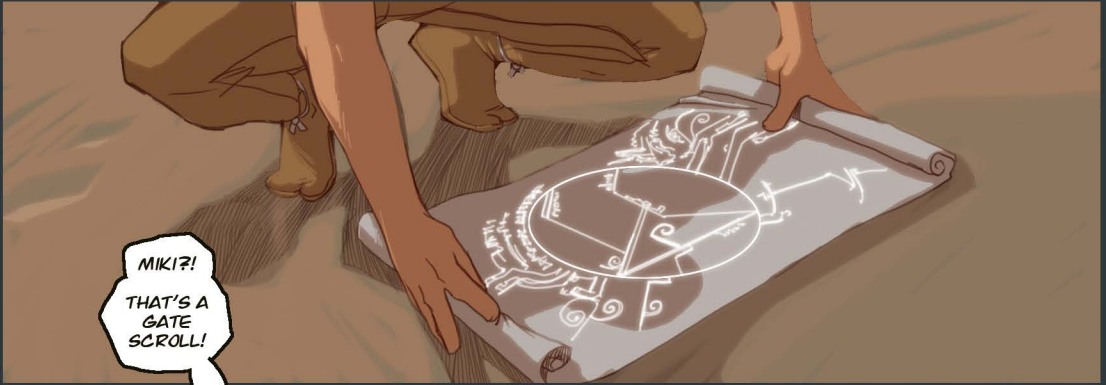
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MIKI?!
THAT'S A
GATE
SCROLL!



H-HOW'D YOU--
WE'RE STILL
TRAINEES!
WE DON'T HAVE
CLEARANCE
FOR THAT!!

I GOT IT
FROM THE
GOTHWRAIN
CASTLE
RUINS...

...LOCKED IN AN
OLD STRIKE TEAM'S
SUPPLY CHEST.

THIS IS
AWESOME!
WE'RE GONNA
BE RICH
WHEN WE
SELL THIS!

WE CAN BUY
FOOD! AND SOAP!
OH!!! LET'S BUY
SOAP THIS
TIME, MIKI!!



NOT SO FAST,
MYNNY...

GUILD
STRIKE TEAMS
GO AFTER BIG
LOOT, WITH
THESE GATE
SCROLLS!

SO THIS
IS THE
BREAK
WE'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR!

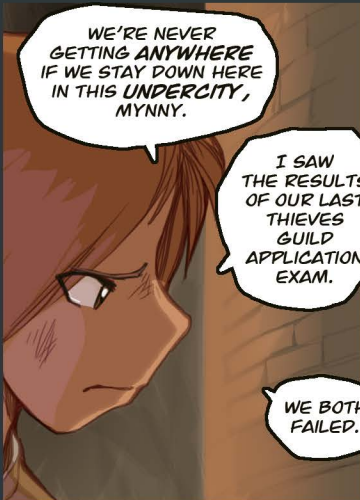
WE'RE GOING
TO USE THIS
SCROLL TO
LOOT WHOEVER'S
ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF ITS
GATE!



I--I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THIS.

SOUNDS
DANGEROUS!

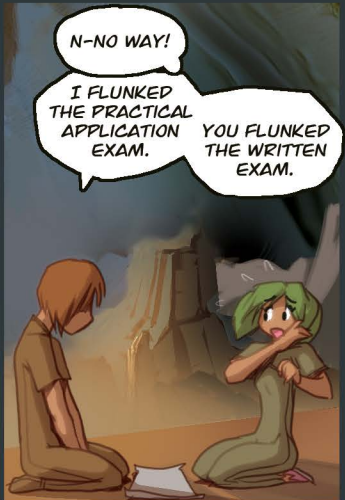
LET'S JUST
SETTLE
FOR FOOD
AND SOAP,
OKAY?



WE'RE NEVER
GETTING ANYWHERE
IF WE STAY DOWN HERE
IN THIS UNDERCITY,
MYNNY.

I SAW
THE RESULTS
OF OUR LAST
THIEVES
GUILD
APPLICATION
EXAM.

WE BOTH
FAILED.



N-NO WAY!

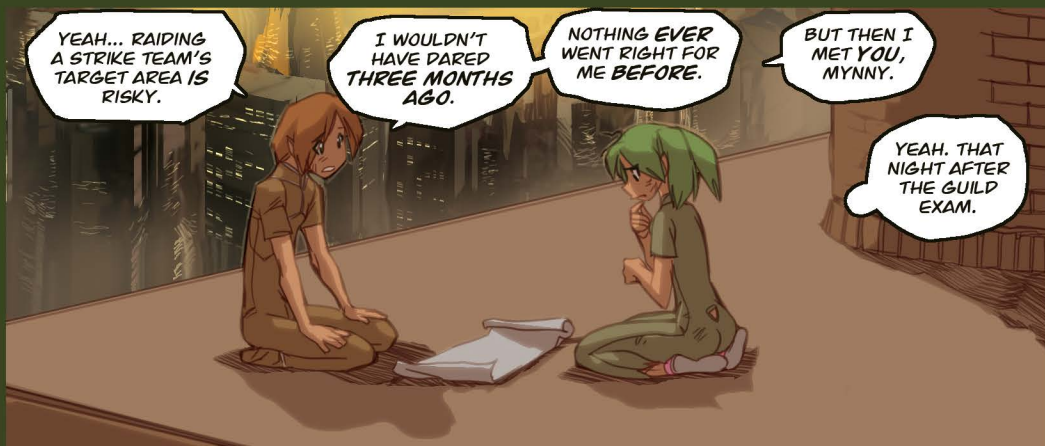
I FLUNKED
THE PRACTICAL
APPLICATION
EXAM.

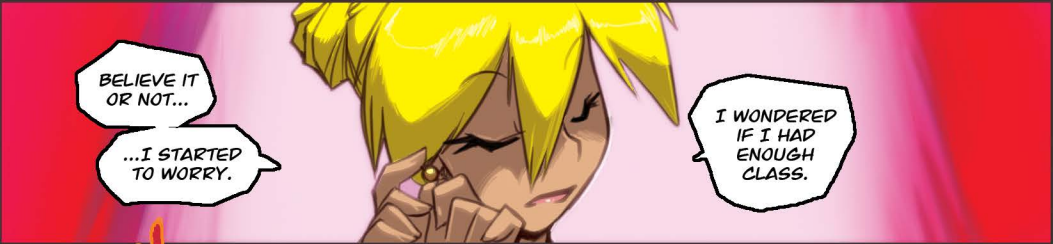
YOU FLUNKED
THE WRITTEN
EXAM.

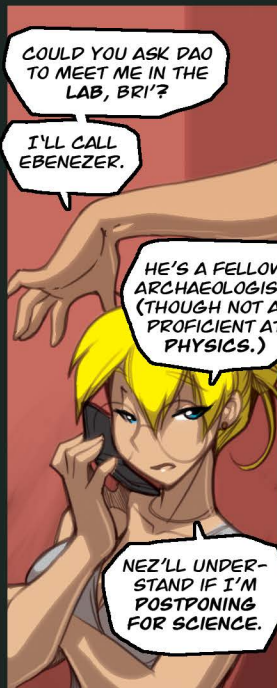


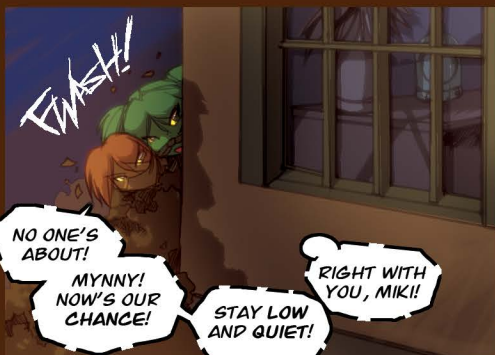
THE GUILD'S
MAKING ME A
"BEAN COUNTER"...

...AND YOU
A "TRASH
COLLECTOR".











INTRUDERS?

COMMAND COM!
INITIATE PRELIMINARY
SECURITY SCAN!

SCAN COMPLETE.
ZERO THREATS
LOCATED.



A7-65
READY.

A7-02
ON DUTY.

LEVEL ONE "HURT-BOT"
SECURITY TEAM DEPLOYED
TO SCENE OF DISTURBANCE.



IT'S A BIT LATE
FOR A FOOTBALL
OR BASEBALL
ACCIDENT.

IT COULD
BE VANDALS
OR...

...OH, MY!

LEVEL ONE SECURITY
TEAM REPORTING.

NO THREATS
FOUND.

REPORTING
DISTURBANCE
AS VANDALISM.



HUH!?

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN "NO THREATS"
FOUND!?

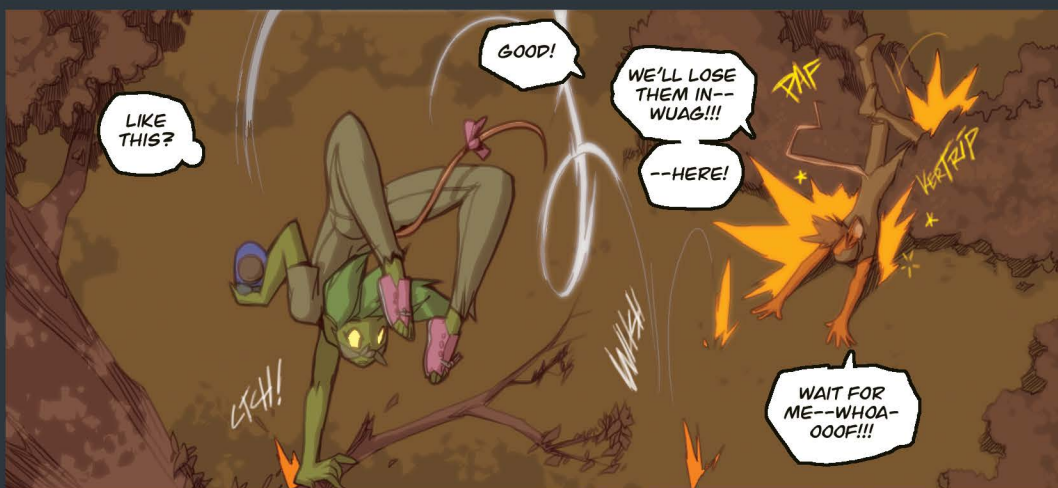
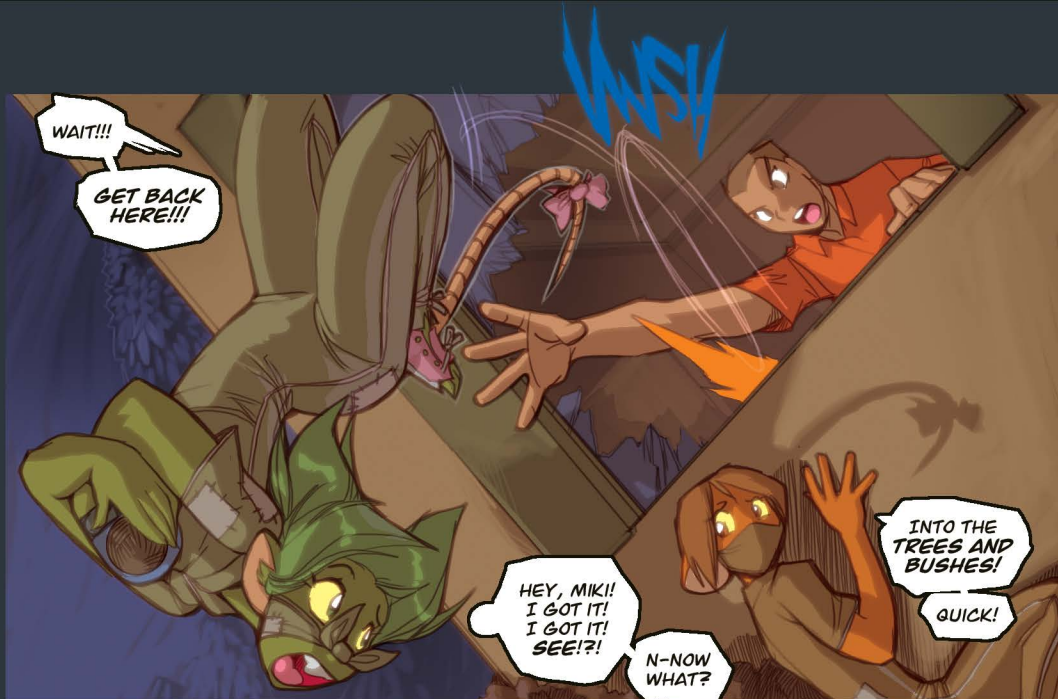
THERE'S TWO
OF 'EM RIGHT
NOW!

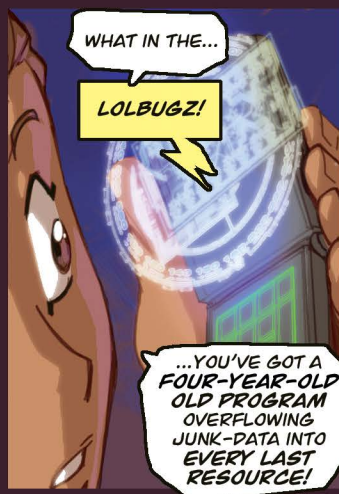


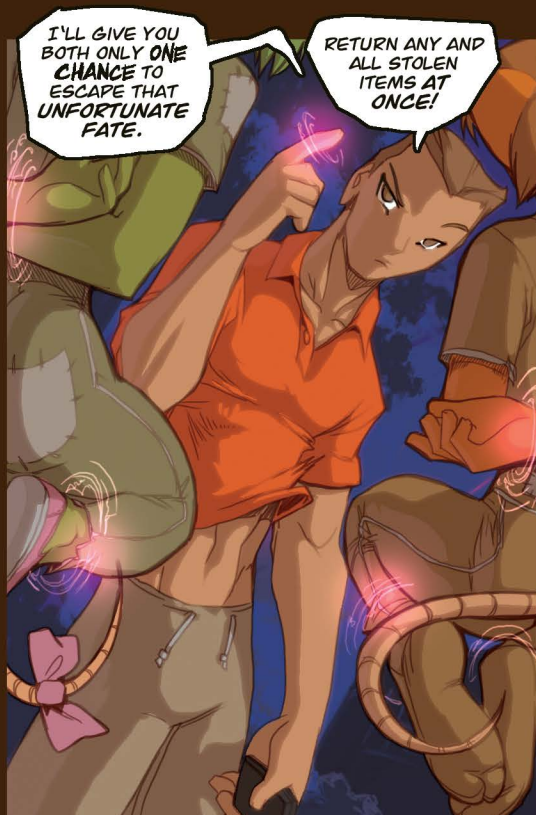
EEK!!!

HOW DID THEY
CATCH ON
SO FAST!?!?

YOU KNOW
HOW!!!







I'LL GIVE YOU BOTH ONLY ONE CHANCE TO ESCAPE THAT UNFORTUNATE FATE.

RETURN ANY AND ALL STOLEN ITEMS AT ONCE!



OH! THIS IS ALL REALLY JUST ONE B-BIG MISUNDERSTANDING!

WE'RE INNOCENT!

YGNH! WESH'RE INNOVENTH!

AS YOU CAN TELL FROM THE ORAL HYGIENE MASKS... WE JUST CAME FROM OUR-- OUR DENTIST!



MY WIFE HAS A TOOTH-ACHE.

OOWH!

AND...UM... THAT DARN OLD DENTIST USED TOO MUCH NOVOCAINE...

...SO MY D-DRUGGED-UP WIFE THOUGHT WE HAD LOCKED OURSELVES OUT OF OUR HOUSE!

Looks just like our house, right, honey?

YUHP.



NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US...

...MY WIFE STILL HAS A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH HER...

...GLOWING...

...BRIDGE WORK?



THAT'S-- ONE OF GINA'S ARTIFACTS!

THE TIBETAN DREAM COIL OF KUBLA KAHN!!!

IT STILL FUNCTIONS!?!?

SPIT IT OUT!

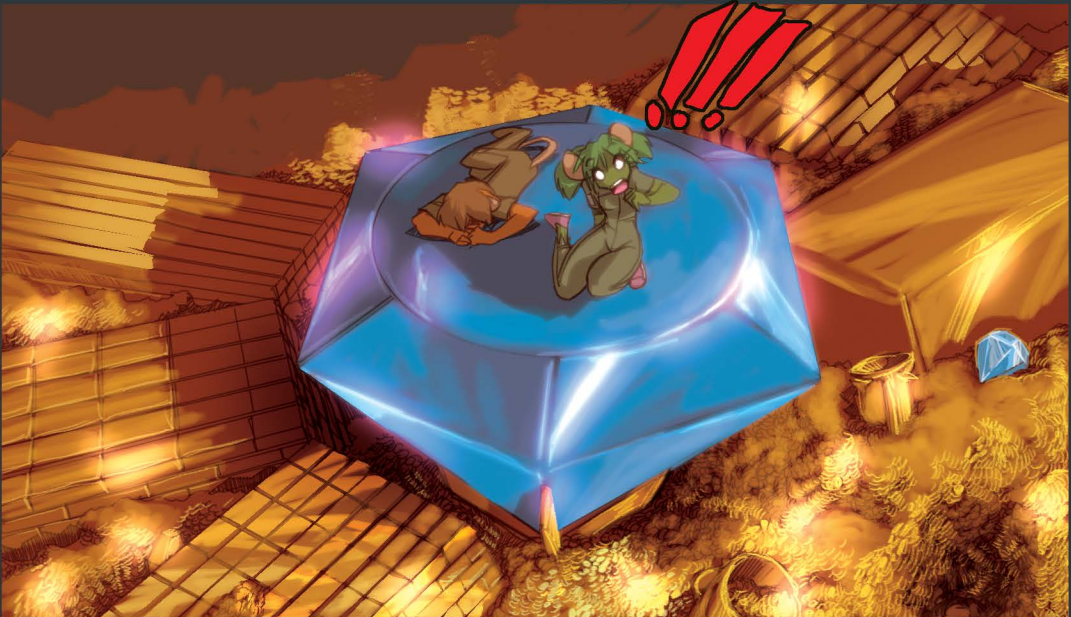
Y-YOU'VE GOT A SINGULARITY PORTAL TRIGGER IN YOUR MOUTH!!!



SPIT IT OUT BEFORE--

STOP!







MYNNY...
IS ALL THIS...
TREASURE?

YUP!
MOUNTAINS
AND MOUNTAINS
OF GOLD!

LAKE
FILLED WITH
GEMS!!!

JUST...A HAND-
FUL OF THIS...
IS A KING'S
RANSOM!

THEN START
GRABBING SOME
RANSOM,
HANDSOME!!!

WHAT...

...ARE
THOSE THINGS
OVER THERE?

RIB BONES?

OHHHH!

PLEASE DON'T
BE A DREAM!
PLEASE! PLEASE!!
PLEASE, DON'T
BE A DREEAM!!!

N-NO! THIS CAN'T
BE A DREAM!

I COULD NEVER
HAVE DREAMED OF
THIS MUCH
TREASURE!!!

START
GRABBING,
MIK!!!!

BUT...

...WHERE ARE
WE?

WHO
OWNS THIS
TREASURE?

THIS IS
IT, MIK!!

OUR DREAMS
HAVE FINALLY
COME TRUE!

WE'LL BUILD A
CASTLE JUST
FOR US AND OUR
CHILDREN IN
A MAGIC
KINGDOM...

W-WHAT
CHILDREN?

...AND LIVE
HAPPILY
EVER AFTER
AND...

Painted by Miku



"HAPPILY
EVER
AFTER".

HMMMHM.

FORGIVE
MY RUDE
CHORTLE...

...BUT HEARING
THAT FROM THE
BLISSFULLY
INCOGNIZANT
ALWAYS
TICKLES.

SUMMONER.

WE AWAIT
YOUR
COMMAND.

SUMMONER:
ONE OF THE
THREE
MAGIC
CREATION
DEVICES
OF THE
DRAGON
ELDER,
EXTHILION.

GOOD.

POSITION
SHRIKE ON
THE WEST
BALCONY.

ARM HER WITH
A **SPECTRAL
GLAIVE** FROM
MY ARMORY.

HER TARGET WILL
BE THE SHADOW ELF
NAMED **ECKO** ONCE
HE'S ISOLATED.



POSITION
RANIS, CORSICA
AND MYRIA
TO THE NORTH BY
THE VAULT
DOOR.

HAVE THEM
ALL PREPARE
FOR BATTLE IN
**MATERIAL
FORM.**

THEY WILL OCCUPY
THE HUMAN NAMED
RHOATON UNTIL
ECKO IS SLAIN.



I DOUBT THE BATTLE
WILL ESCALATE...BUT
I WANT YOU TO BE
READY IN CASE
EXTHILION JOINS.

WE... OBEY.

MIKI...WHO'S
THAT?

WHAT IS HE
DOING?





Dreadwing.



Let them go.

NOW!

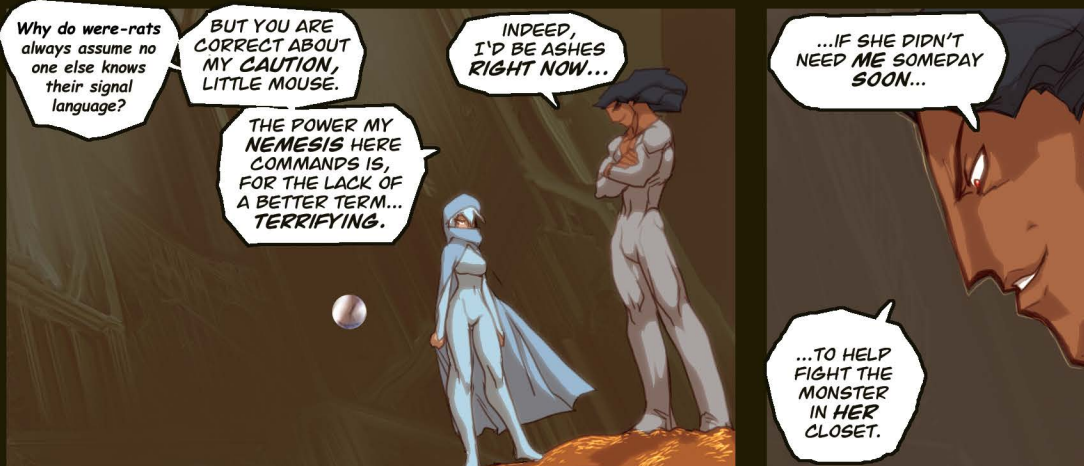
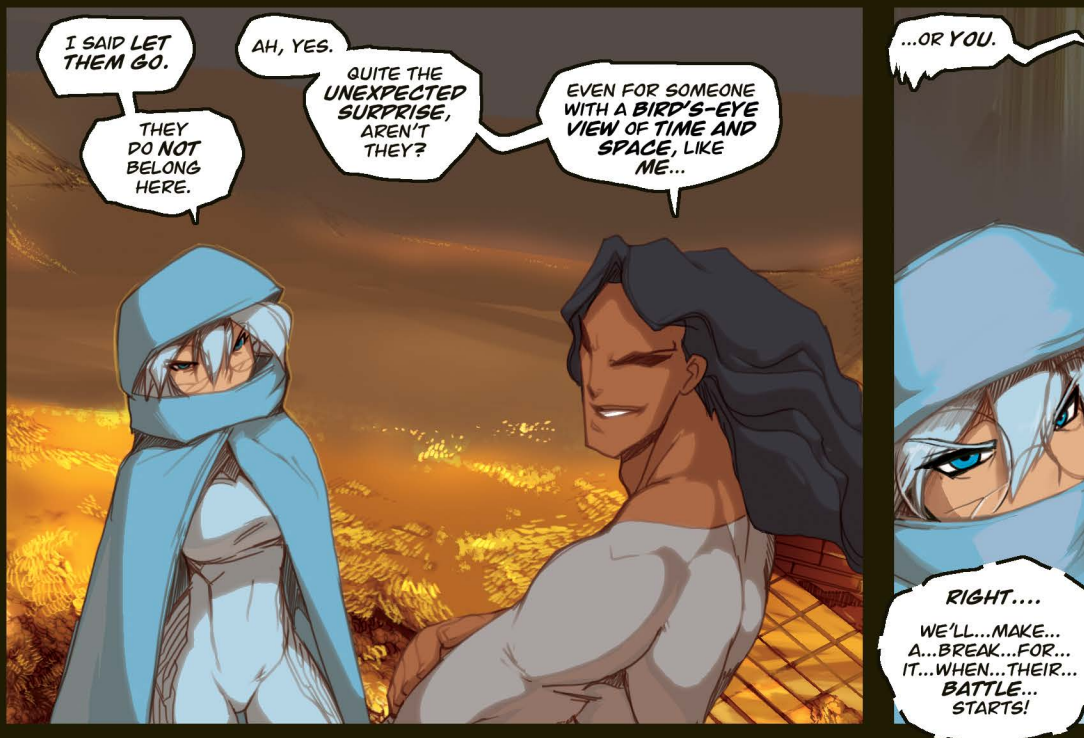


M-MIKI!!
WHO'S THAT!?



"THAT", LITTLE MOUSE...

...IS THE
MONSTER
IN MY
CLOSET.







MASTER ECKO:
THE LEGENDARY
SHADOW ELF SAGE
AND PERSONAL
ASSISTANT TO
"THE ANCIENT
ONE."

UNDERSTOOD,
MY LADY.

IT SEEMS YOU
WERE CORRECT
TO PREPARE US
FOR THIS
CONTINGENCY!

HOLD FAST
THAT PORTAL,
MASTER
ECKO.

THOSE TWO
SHOULD BE
EASY FOR ME
TO FETCH.

RHOATON:
MASTER ECKO'S
WARD AND MARTIAL
CHAMPION OF
THE SHADOW
ELVES.





NO ONE SAVE YOURSELVES COULD HAVE EXTINGUISHED YOUR CHARMED LIVES...

DREADWING!!!

DON'T!

...BUT WHEN YOU TOOK THOSE COINS...

...YOU WROTE YOUR OWN EPITAPHS!

FUSION!

FUSION: A NEGATIVE ENERGY ASSIMILATION TECHNIQUE THAT CREATES A COMPOSITE FORM OF ALL AFFECTED.

DREADWING'S POWERFUL PHYSICAL, ETHEREAL AND MENTAL ATTRIBUTES DESTROY ALMOST ALL INFLUENCE ON THIS MEDIAN...

...HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE ATTRIBUTE DREADWING LACKS...

HAHHH

It is done.

HAHHH

I've absorbed their mysterious, positive influence on probability.

THEIR "LUCK"...

...IS MINE.

"HAPPILY EVER AFTER."

HMHM.

THAT ALWAYS TICKLES.

