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A LONG TIME AGO,  
IN A DISTANT LAND.

BUT TIREK, YOU  
KNOW WHAT FATHER  
SAID ABOUT VISITING  
THE NETHER  
LANDS.

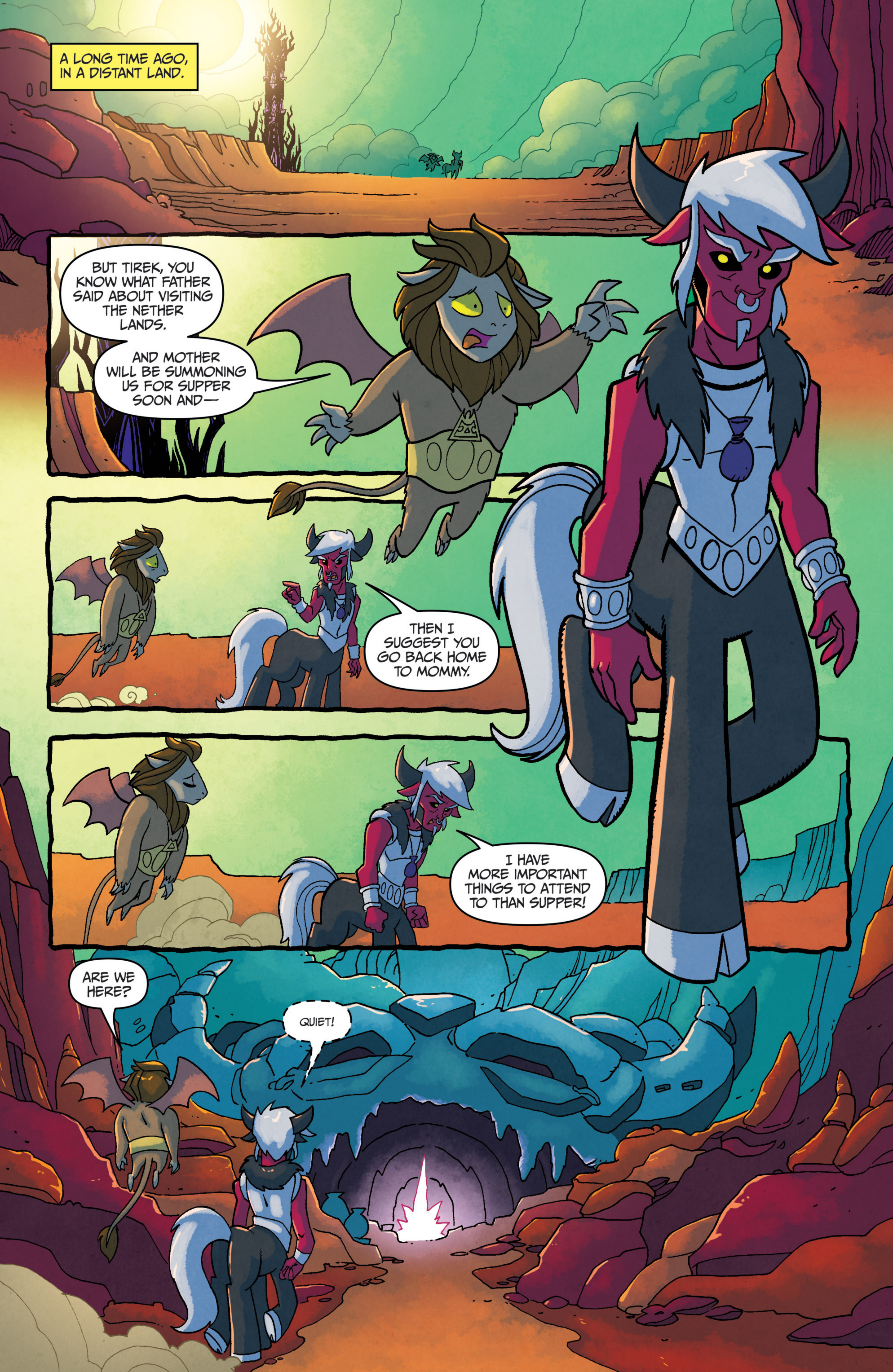
AND MOTHER  
WILL BE SUMMONING  
US FOR SUPPER  
SOON AND—

THEN I  
SUGGEST YOU  
GO BACK HOME  
TO MOMMY.

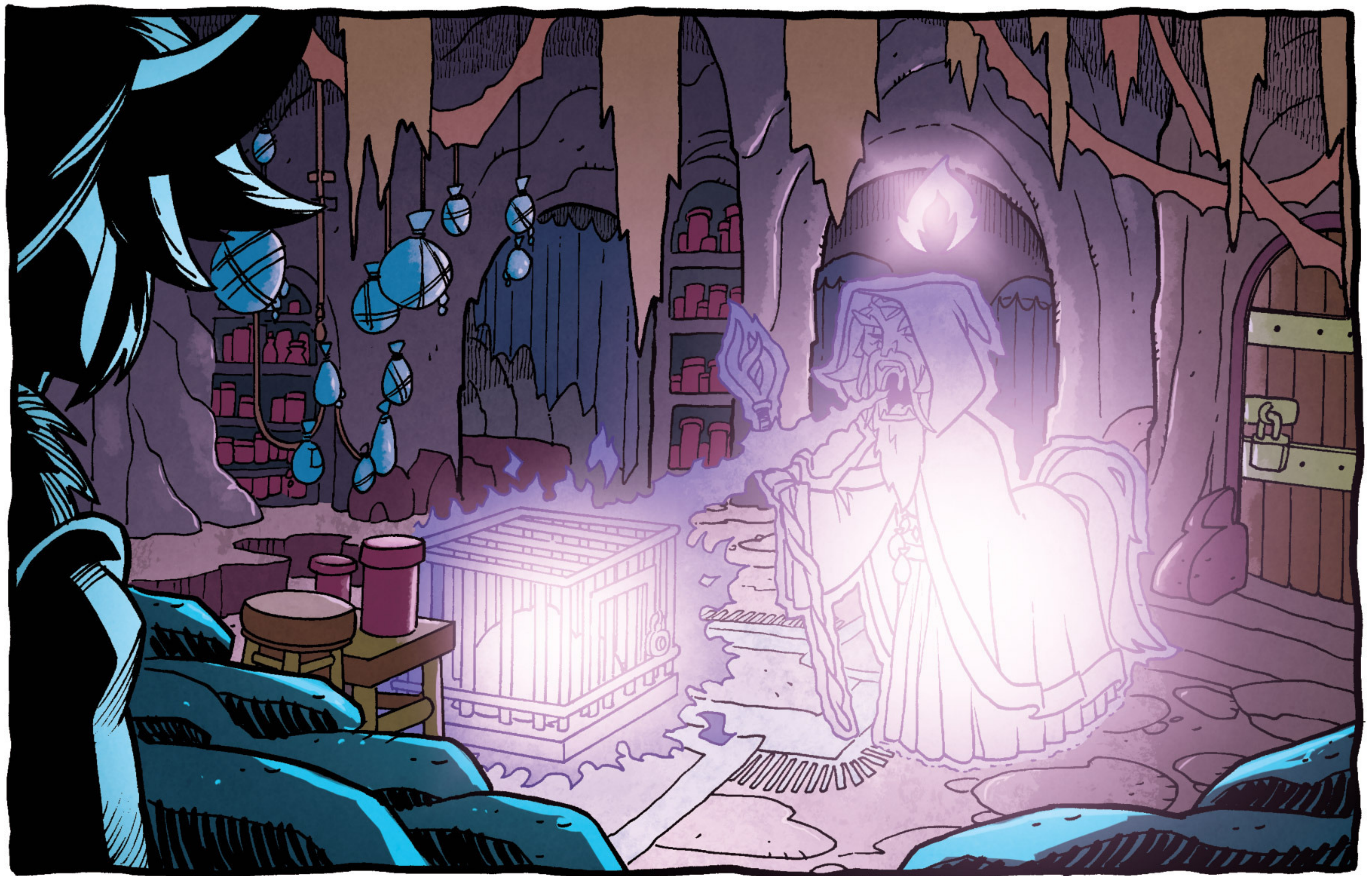
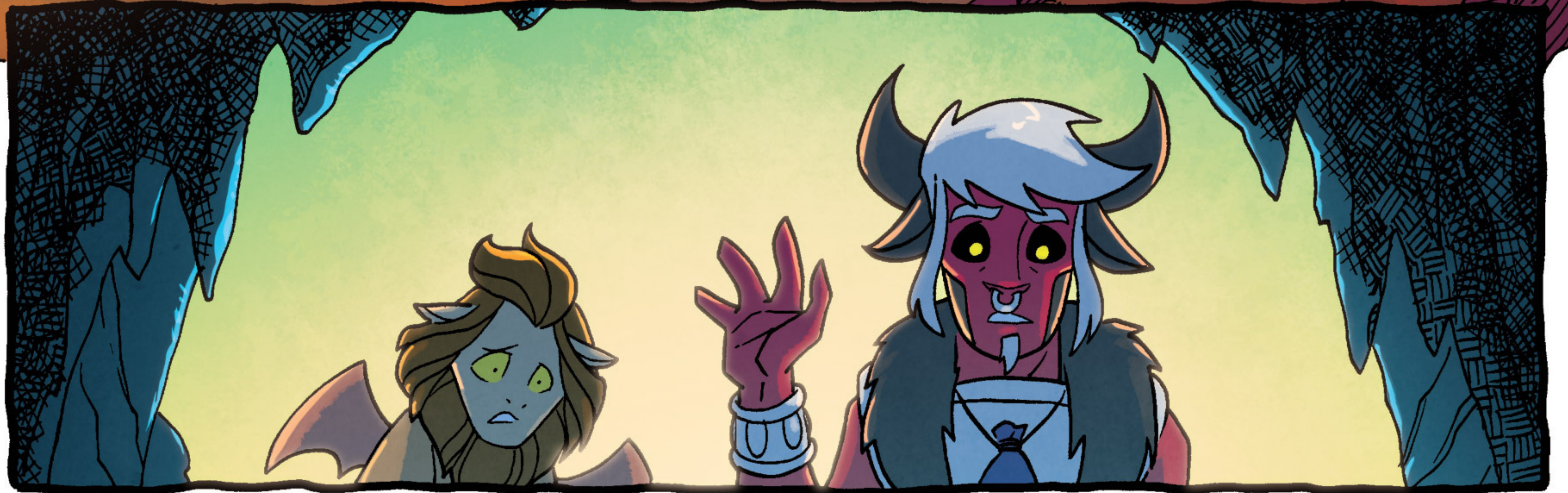
I HAVE  
MORE IMPORTANT  
THINGS TO ATTEND  
TO THAN SUPPER!

ARE WE  
HERE?

QUIET!











TIREK?  
IS THAT  
YOU.



YES,  
MASTER.



MY PRODIGY, I DID  
NOT EXPECT YOU SO  
SOON, AND I SENSE YOU  
HAVE NOT COME  
ALONE.



IT IS ONLY MY  
YOUNGER BROTHER,  
SCORPAN, WHO  
FREQUENTLY  
FOLLOWS.

A SLIGHT  
NUISANCE, NOTHING  
MORE.

HE WOULD  
NEVER BETRAY  
ME.



NEVERTHELESS, HE  
MUST WAIT OUTSIDE  
IF YOU INTEND TO  
ENTER.

AS YOU  
WISH.



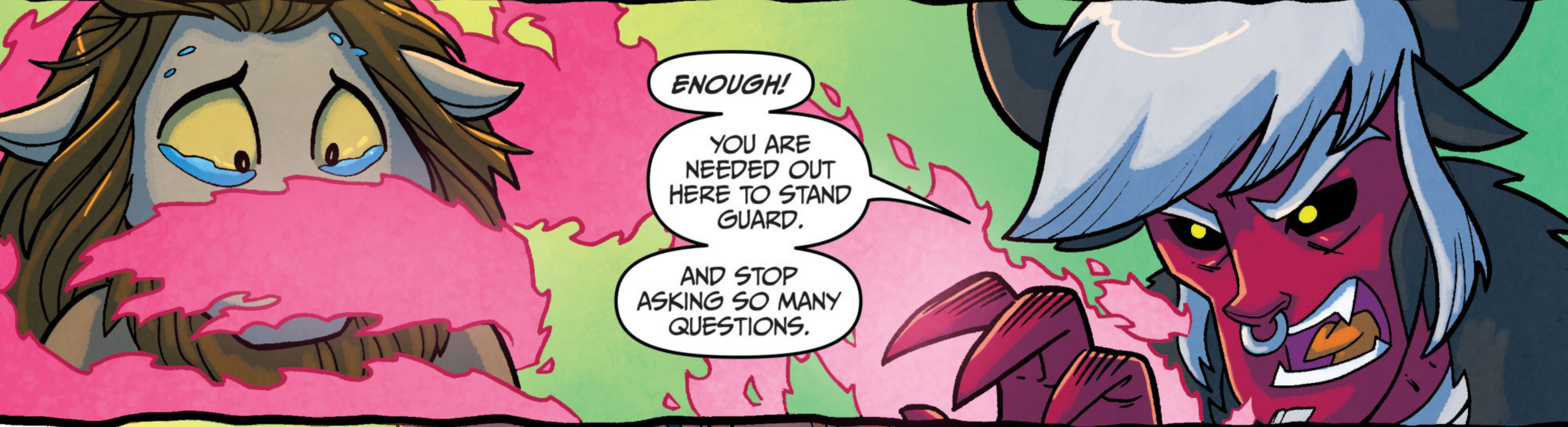


STAY HERE.

BUT WHY CAN'T I COME WITH YOU?

IT'S SENDAK THE ELDER, ISN'T IT? HE'S FINALLY RETURNED.

RUMOR HAS IT HE WAS GONE FOR SO LONG BECAUSE HE HAD JOURNEYED TO EQUESTRIA AND—



ENOUGH!

YOU ARE NEEDED OUT HERE TO STAND GUARD.

AND STOP ASKING SO MANY QUESTIONS.



YOU HAVE TAKEN CARE OF HIM?

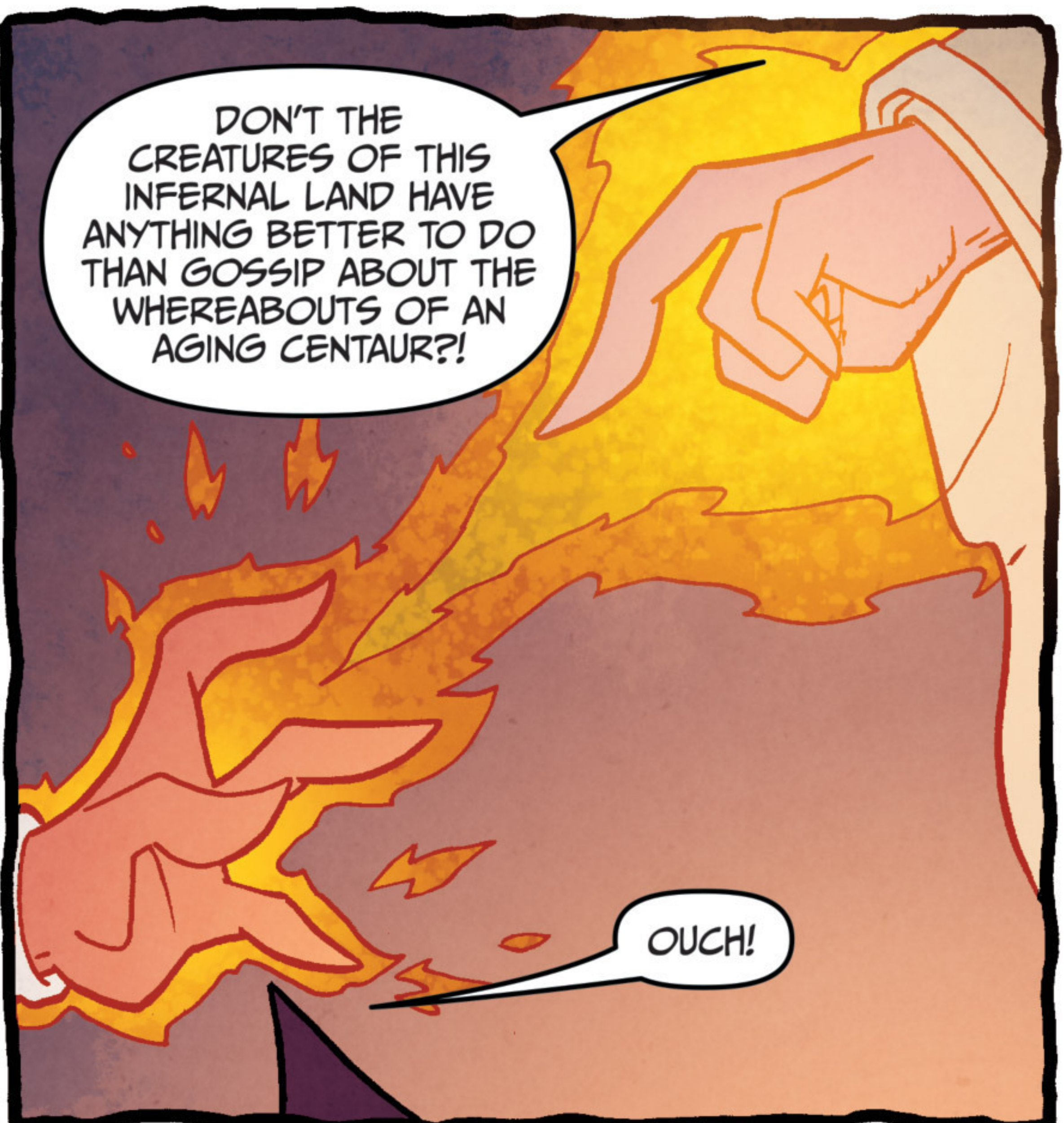
YES. HE WILL NOT DEFY ME.

HMMM, I SENSE HIS FEAR OF ... AND DEVOTION TO... YOU.



ARE THE RUMORS TRUE?

YOU JOURNEYED TO EQUESTRIA?



DON'T THE CREATURES OF THIS INFERNAL LAND HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO THAN GOSSIP ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF AN AGING CENTAUR?!

OUCH!



SIGH!

THE CLOUDS HAVE EYES IN THIS LAND, TIREK, AS DO THE ROCKS. ALWAYS BE WEARY OF THEM.

SO, THE RUMORS ARE TRUE?

YES... THEY'RE TRUE.

AND YOU'VE BROUGHT SOMETHING BACK. YOU MUST SHOW ME!

YOUNG TIREK, IT'S TRUE YOU ARE ONE OF MY LONE ALLIES IN THIS LAND.

AND THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU'VE GOT THE GIFT. THAT THE MAGIC COURSES THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

BUT I AM NOT SURE YOU ARE READY FOR THIS.

YES. I AM.

DON'T YOU DARE HOLD ME BACK!

I SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRY AND DISSUADE YOU.

IS THAT—? I'VE ONLY READ OF THESE! NEVER DREAMED I WOULD SEE ONE IN PERSON.

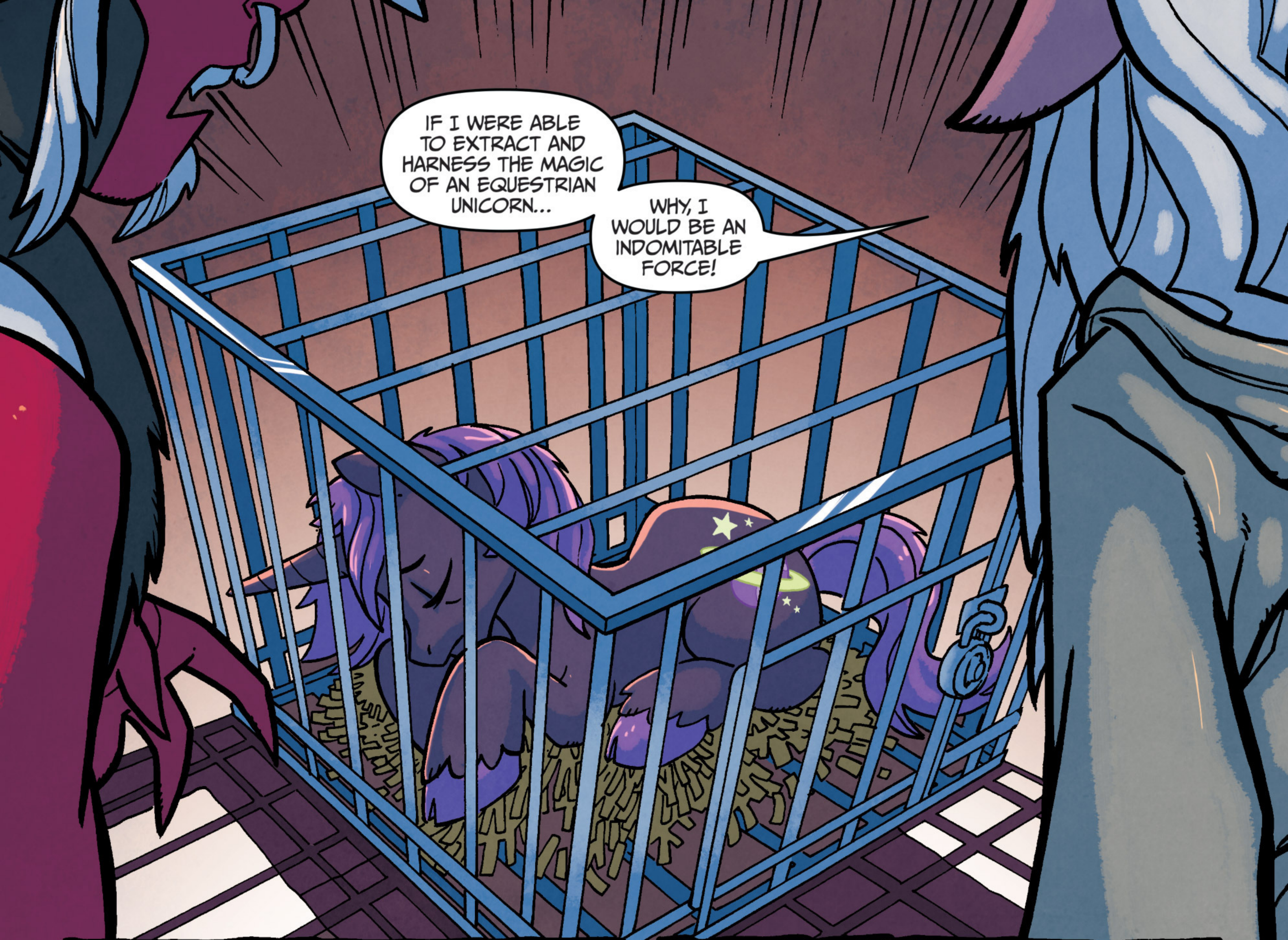
IS IT?

DEPARTED? NO. I MERELY DRUGGED IT WITH AN ELIXIR.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?

THERE IS NO MAGIC IN THIS WORLD AS POWERFUL.





IF I WERE ABLE TO EXTRACT AND HARNESS THE MAGIC OF AN EQUESTRIAN UNICORN...

WHY, I WOULD BE AN INDOMITABLE FORCE!



YOU WOULD BE.

YOUR EMOTIONS BETRAY YOU, TIREK.



HOW SO?

THAT YOU WOULD HARNESS THE MAGIC FOR YOURSELF.

BUT YOU ARE TOO YOUNG. AND NOT YET CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING UNICORN MAGIC.

IS THAT WHAT YOU TH—

**BONG BONG BONG BONG**



THE CASTLE BELLS!

SOUNDS LIKE OUR LITTLE VISIT IS OVER.

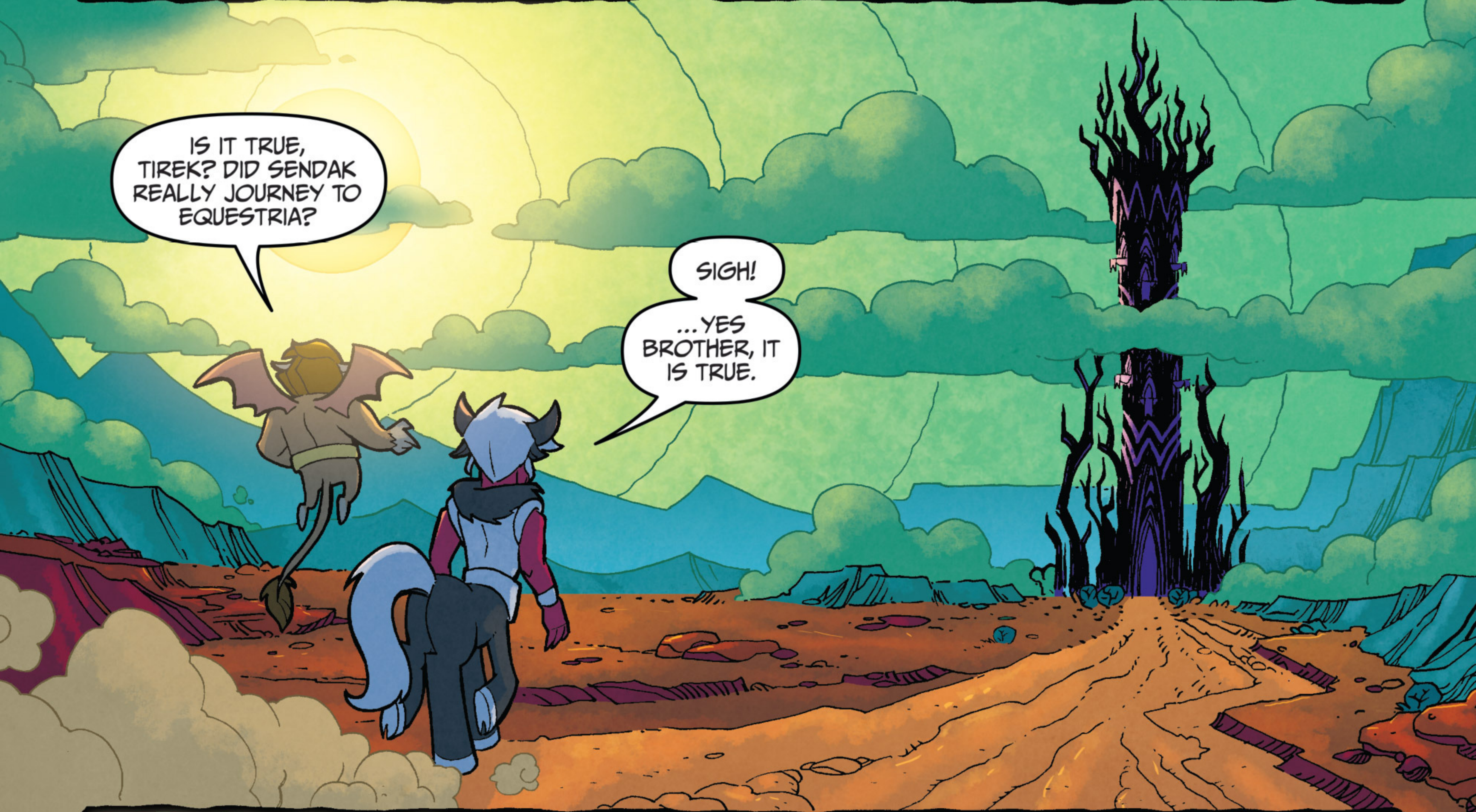
HAVE PATIENCE, MY YOUNG FRIEND. YOUR TIME WILL COME SOON ENOUGH.





WE MUST GET BACK IMMEDIATELY OR THEY'LL NOTICE WE'RE GONE.

I KNOW.



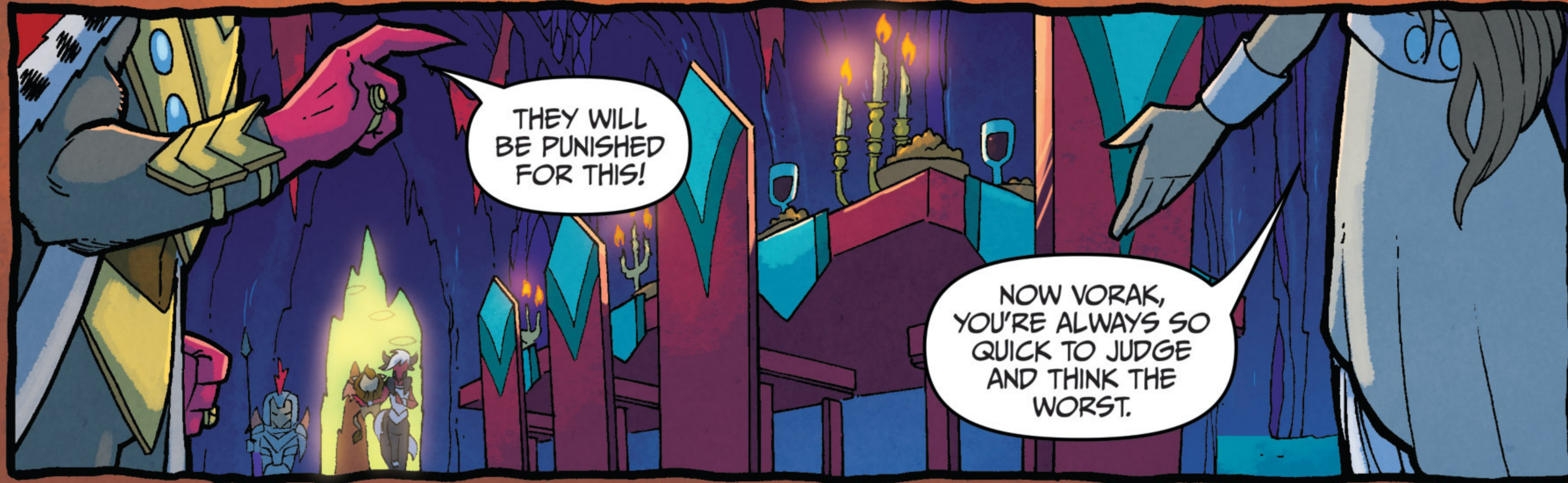
IS IT TRUE, TIREK? DID SENDAK REALLY JOURNEY TO EQUESTRIA?

SIGH!  
...YES BROTHER, IT IS TRUE.



WE'RE LATE. FATHER WILL KNOW WE WERE OUTSIDE THE CASTLE GATES.


I DON'T CARE.



THEY WILL BE PUNISHED FOR THIS!

NOW VORAK, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO QUICK TO JUDGE AND THINK THE WORST.





AND WHY NOT?  
FROM THE DAY TIREK  
WAS BORN, HE HAS NEVER  
BEHAVED LIKE A PRINCE,  
LIKE A RIGHTFUL HEIR  
TO THIS THRONE.

ALWAYS LURKING  
OUT TO THE NETHER  
LANDS. MORE INTERESTED  
IN THAT HERMIT SENDAK THAN  
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN  
HIS OWN KINGDOM.




HE IS GIFTED WITH  
MAGIC. MORE SO THAN  
ANYONE WITHIN THE  
KINGDOM WALLS.

YOU HAVE NEVER  
ENCOURAGED IT, BUT  
INSTEAD HAVE TRIED  
TO IGNORE IT.




I SENSE  
A THIRST FOR  
POWER IN  
HIM.



HE WILL ONE  
DAY USE THAT GIFT  
AGAINST ME.

I ONLY HOPE THAT  
SCORPAN'S DEVOTION  
TO TIREK WILL NOT LEAD  
HIM DOWN THE SAME  
PATH.

GOOD  
EVENING,  
MOTHER!



SO, YOU FINALLY  
DECIDED TO GRACE  
US WITH YOUR  
PRESENCE.

IT  
APPEARS  
SO.



LATER THAT EVENING.

I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU INTERRUPTED WHEN YOU DID.

I COULDN'T BEAR TO LISTEN ANY FURTHER. FATHER SPEAKING ILL OF YOU.

WE SHOULDN'T BE SNOOPING AROUND THEM, THAT'S ALL.

DEAR BROTHER, YOU ARE TOO SENSITIVE.

WITHOUT "SNOOPING," AS YOU SAY, I WOULD NEVER KNOW WHAT OUR DARLING KING REALLY THOUGHT OF ME.

SMASH!

I'M SURE MOTHER WOULD NEVER ALLOW HIM TO TELL ME.

SHE'S SO CONCERNED WITH KEEPING UP APPEARANCES. KEEPING THE FAMILY TOGETHER.

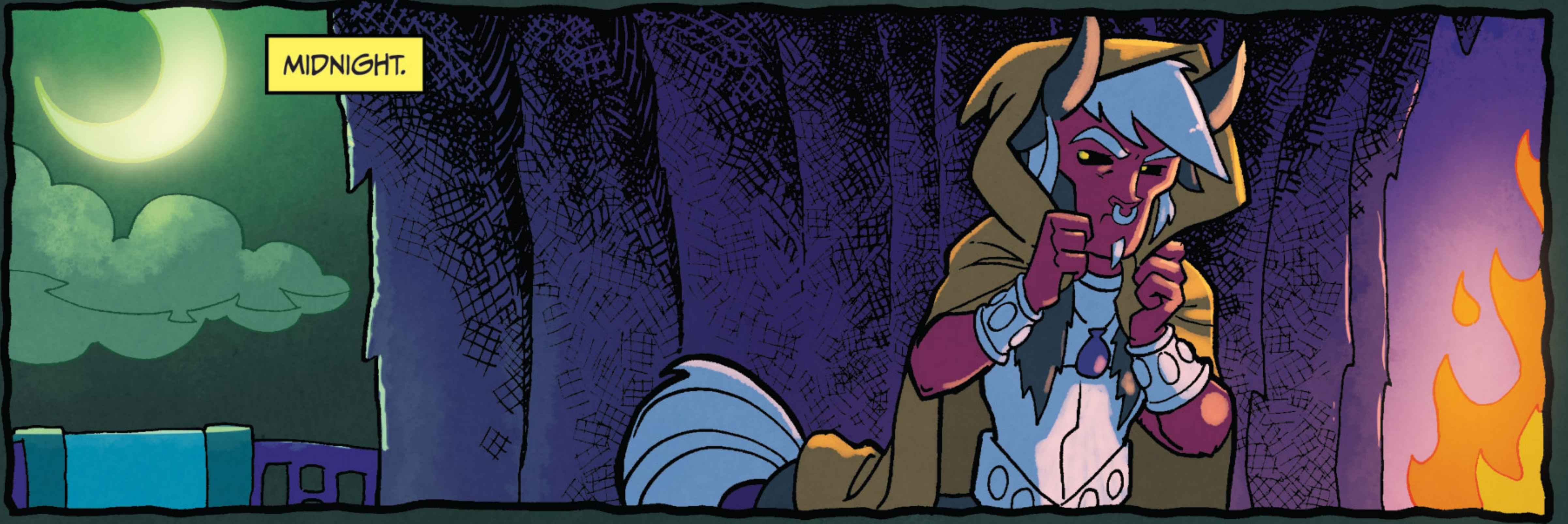
IF HE'S SO CONCERNED THAT I HAVE A "THIRST FOR POWER," THEN MAYBE IT'S TIME I SHOWED HIM JUST HOW MUCH!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

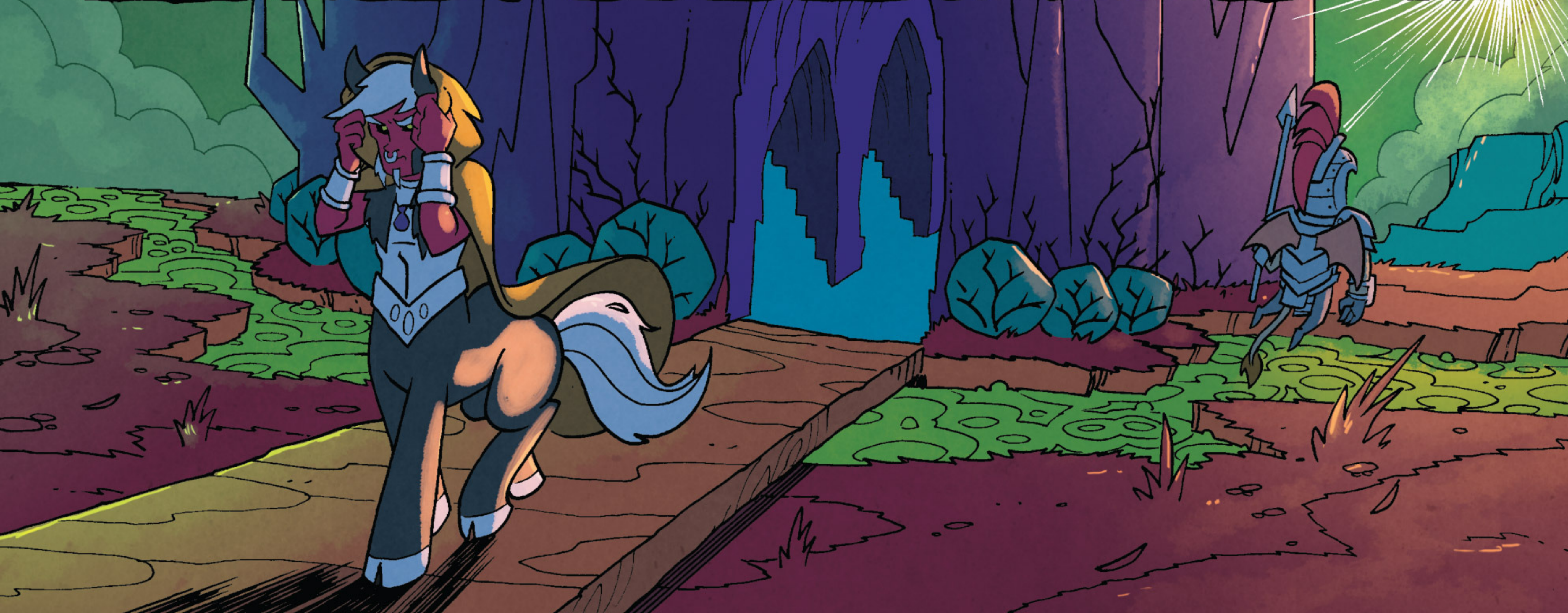
I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

GOODNIGHT.





MIDNIGHT.





THERE ARE TWO THINGS  
THAT CAN DRIVE A LIVING  
BEING TO NEAR MADNESS.



CAUSE THE MOST  
UNBRIDLED OF ACTIONS.



ONE OF THOSE  
THINGS IS LOVE.



THE OTHER...



...IS POWER.





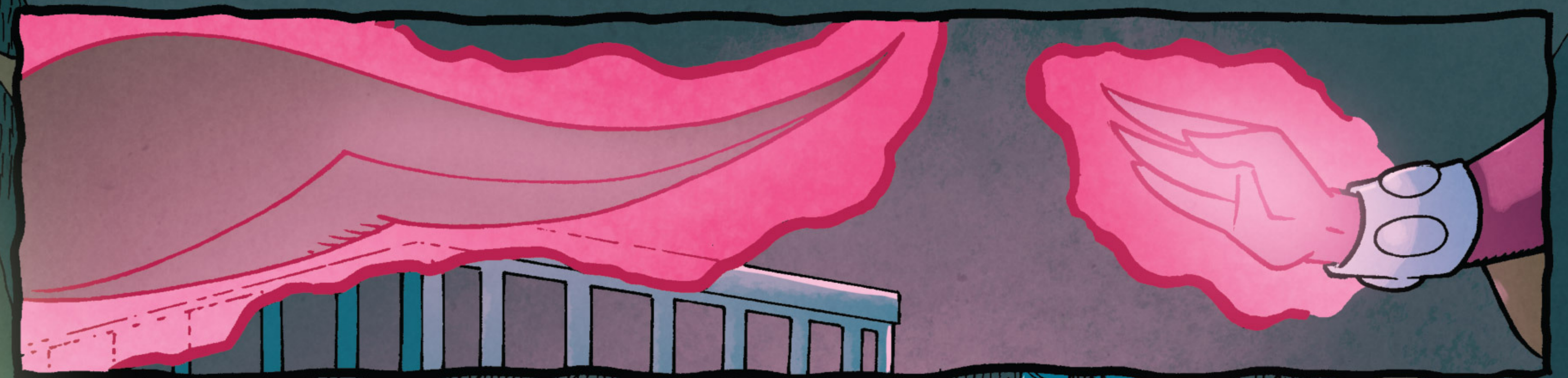
SLEEP WELL,  
SENDAK



AND STAY  
PUT.



NOW FOR  
YOU.



YOUR  
MAGIC WILL  
BE MINE!







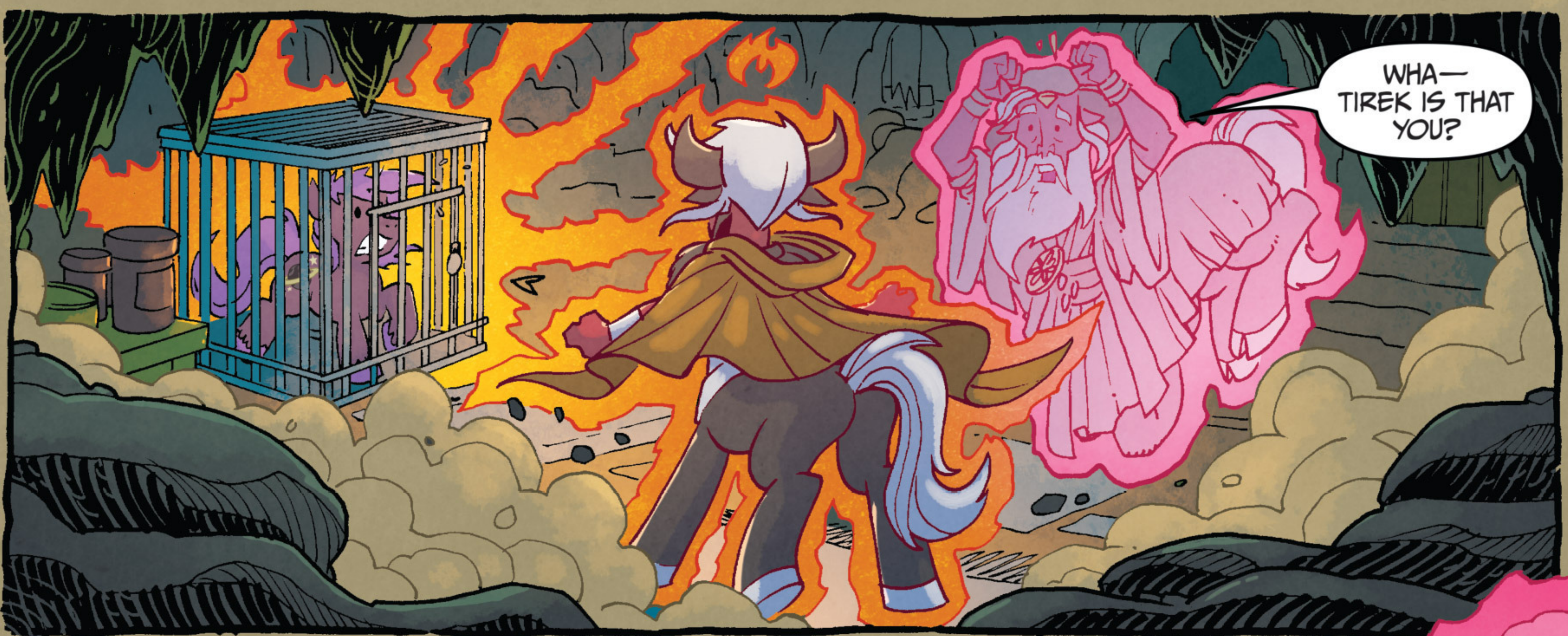
GAH!



->HUFF HUFF<-



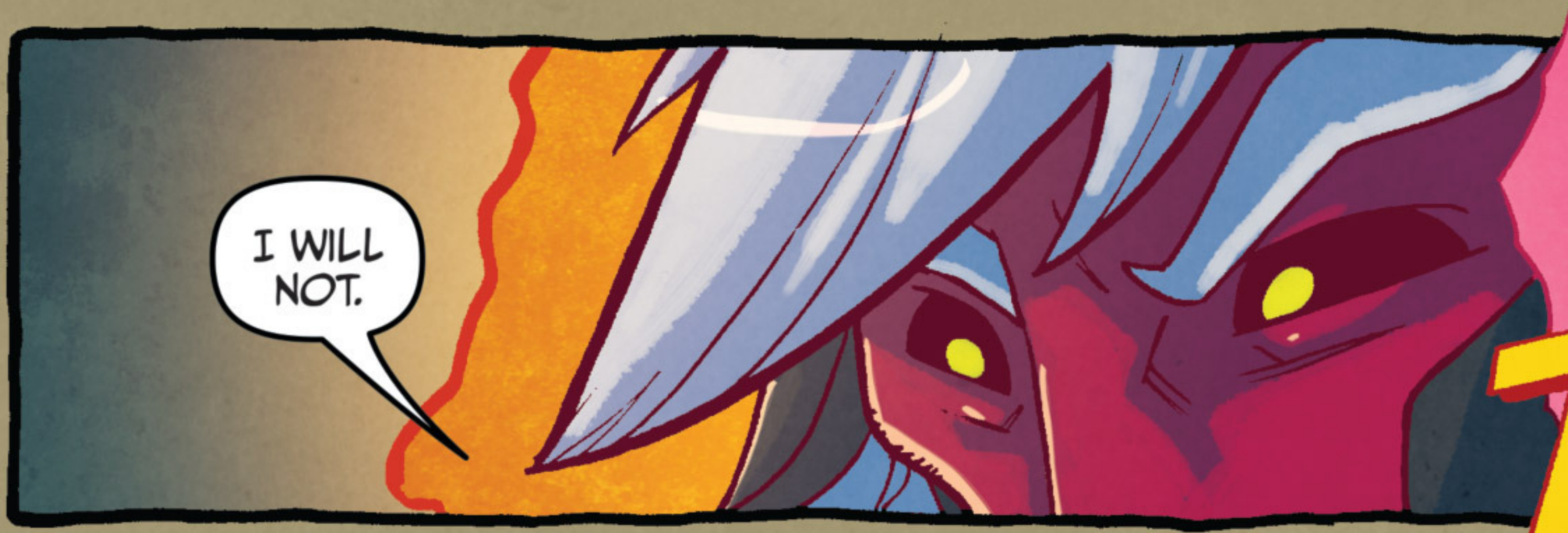
WHY ISN'T THIS WORKING?



WHA—  
TIREK IS THAT YOU?



SET ME FREE.



I WILL NOT.



**TIREK, NO!!**













WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?  
I'M TRAPPED!

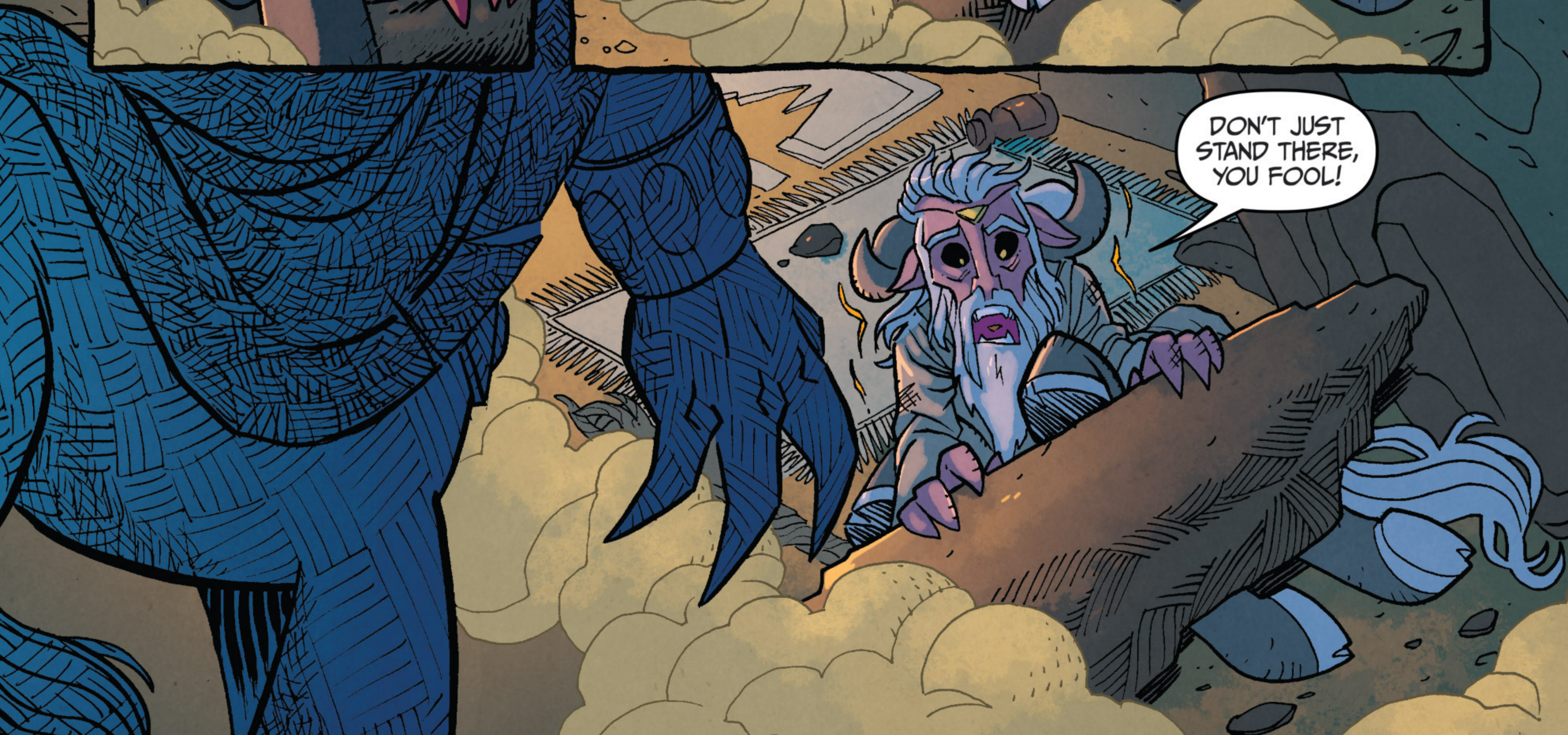
**RUMBLE RUMBLE**



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I...

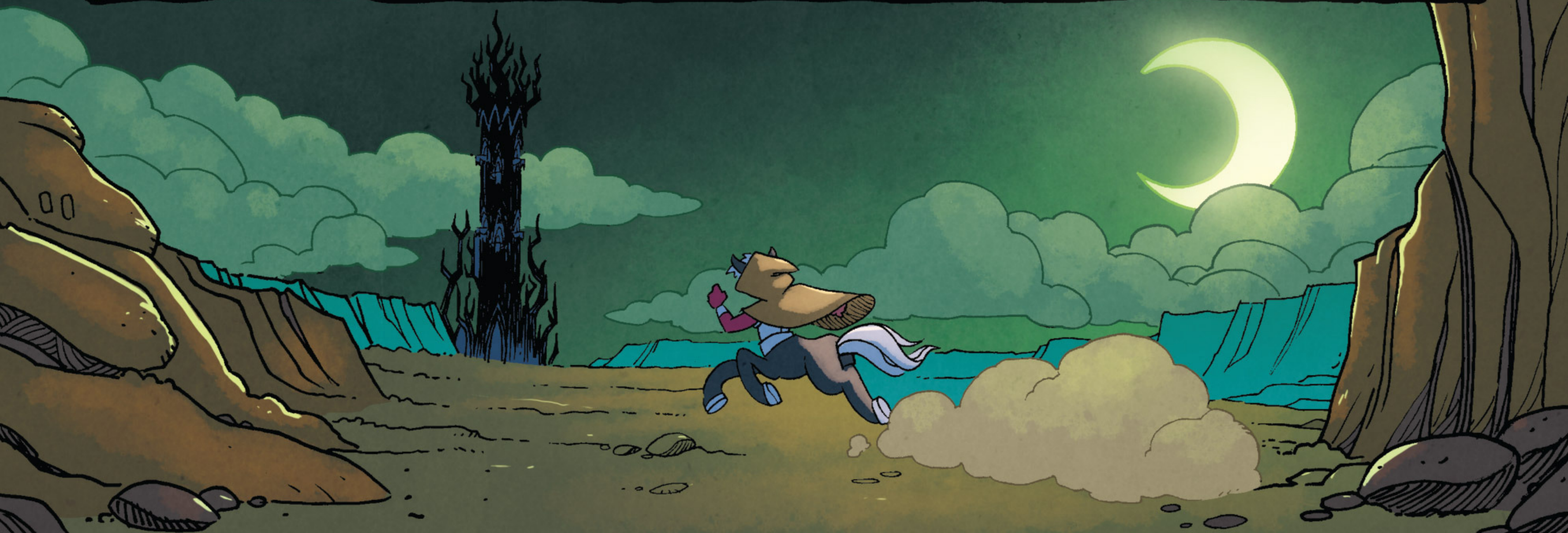


QUICK, CONTAIN THE UNICORN BEFORE HE ESCAPES!

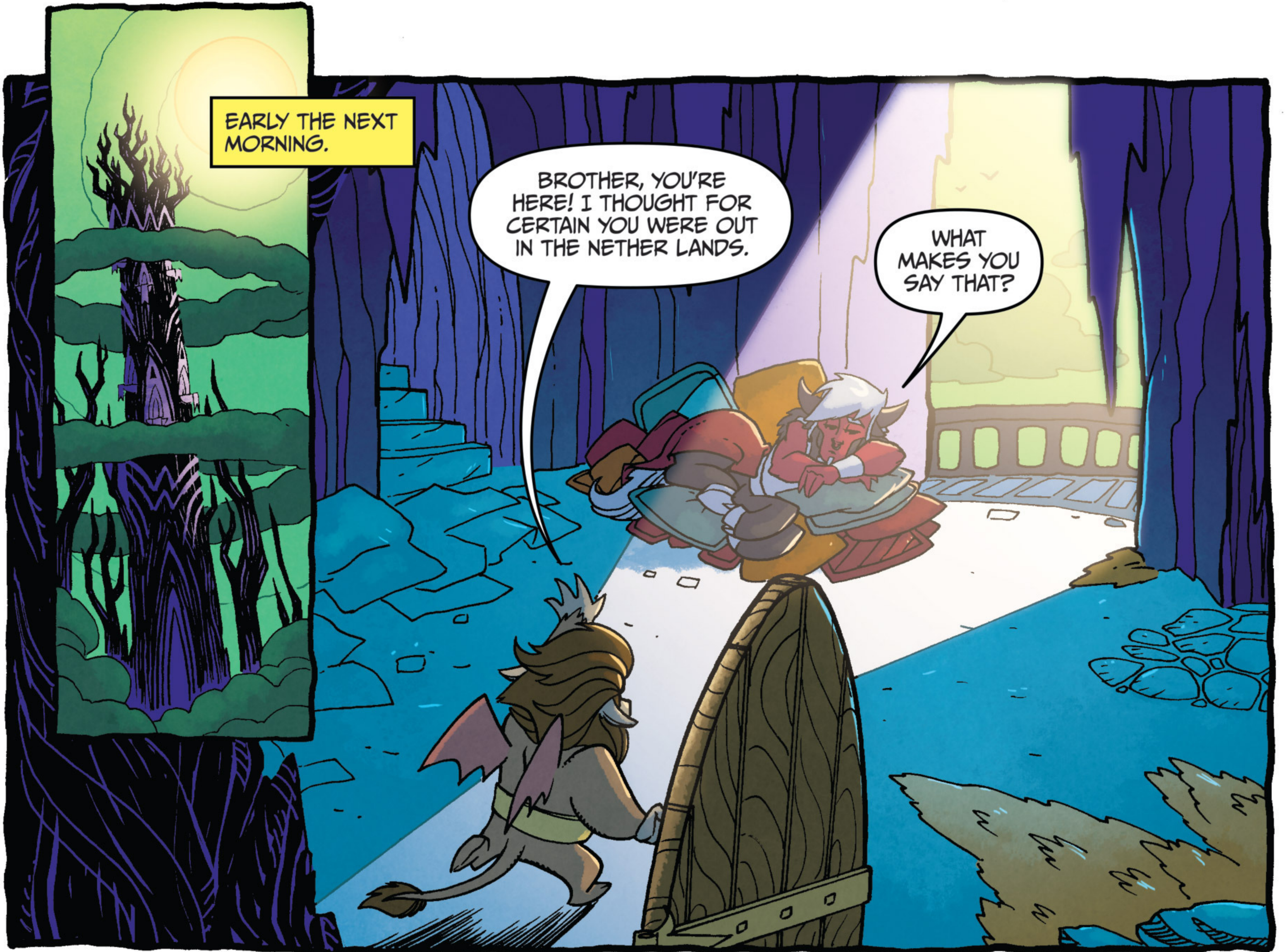


DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU FOOL!









EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

BROTHER, YOU'RE HERE! I THOUGHT FOR CERTAIN YOU WERE OUT IN THE NETHER LANDS.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?



WHY, THE EXPLOSION AND BRILLIANT FLASH OF LIGHT THAT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT.

IT CAME FROM THE DIRECTION OF SENDAK'S PLACE.



WHEN I CAME TO SEE YOU ABOUT IT, YOU WEREN'T HERE AND—

I DIDN'T LEAVE THE CASTLE LAST NIGHT.



HIS HIGHNESS, KING VORAK REQUESTS THE PRESENCE OF BOTH OF YOU, IMMEDIATELY.





FATHER MUST BE VERY UPSET TO SUMMON US THIS EARLY.



WHAT DO YOU THINK CAUSED THE EXPLOSION LAST NIGHT?

SIGH!



WHAT IF HE THINKS YOU DID IT?

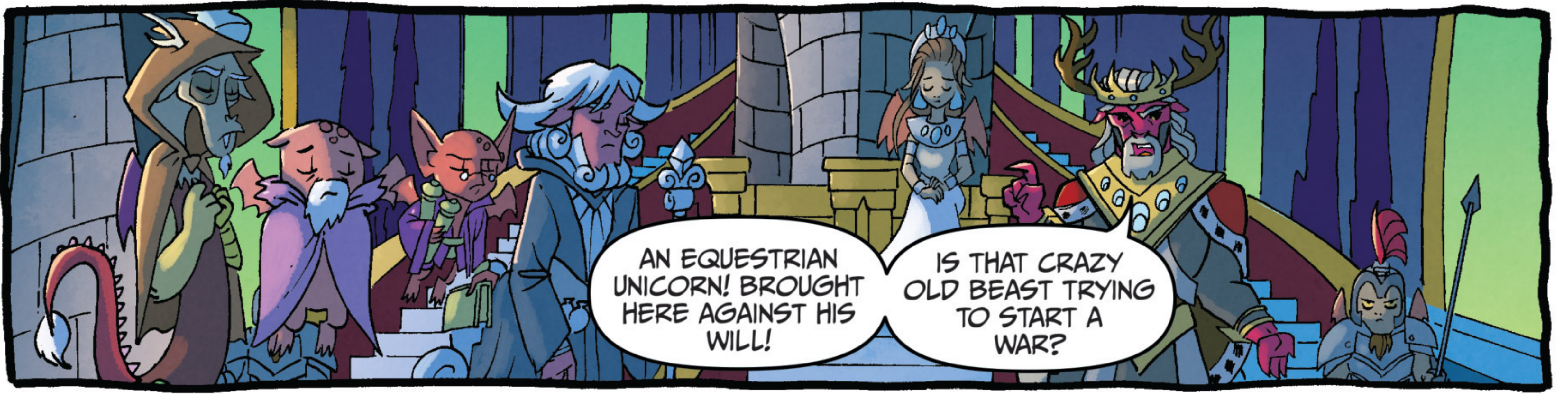
I DON'T CARE.





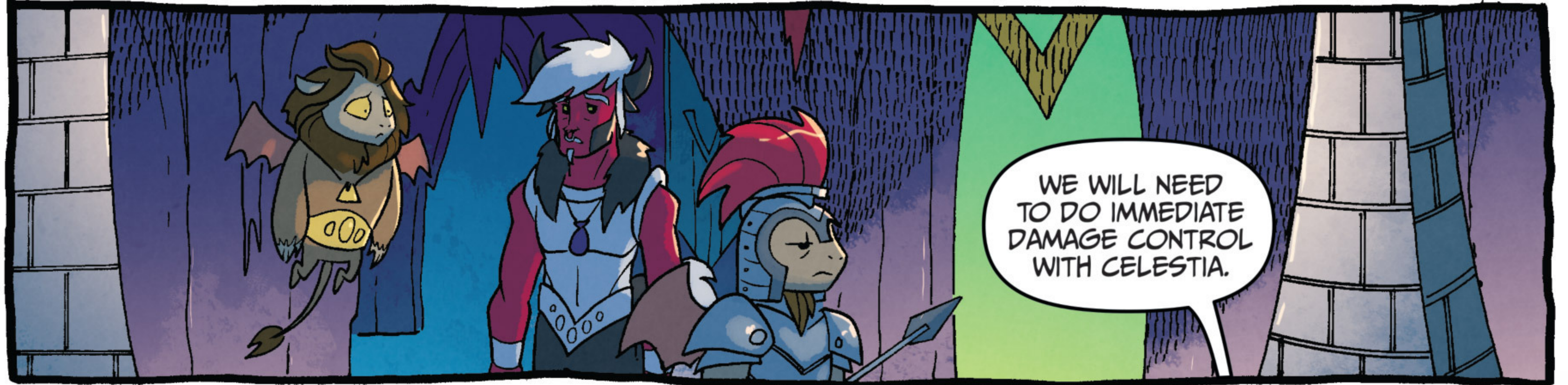
KING VORAK,  
THE PRINCES AS  
YOU REQUESTED.





AN EQUESTRIAN UNICORN! BROUGHT HERE AGAINST HIS WILL!

IS THAT CRAZY OLD BEAST TRYING TO START A WAR?



WE WILL NEED TO DO IMMEDIATE DAMAGE CONTROL WITH CELESTIA.

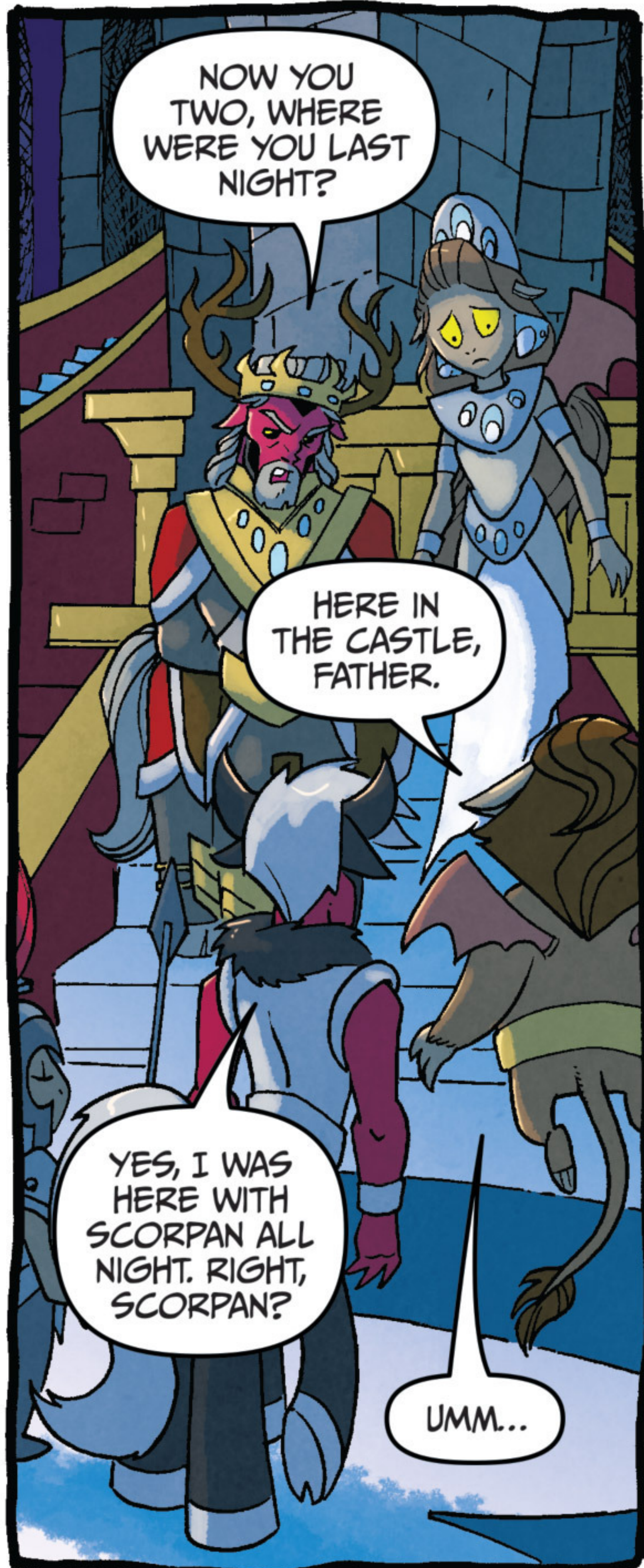


PREPARE A DELEGATION TO ESCORT THE UNICORN BACK TO EQUESTRIA.

I WILL LEAD IT PERSONALLY. QUEEN HAYDON WILL BE IN CHARGE IN MY ABSENCE.

AND MAKE SURE THAT INFERNAL SENDAK IS CONFINED TO THE MINES. HE WILL NOT SEE THE SUN AGAIN.

DISMISSED!



NOW YOU TWO, WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT?

HERE IN THE CASTLE, FATHER.

YES, I WAS HERE WITH SCORPAN ALL NIGHT. RIGHT, SCORPAN?

UMM...



I HEARD DIFFERENTLY, TIREK. THAT YOU DID INDEED PLAY A PART IN THIS.

TIREK, MY SON, PLEASE TELL ME YOU WOULD NOT BETRAY US LIKE THAT!



WELL, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

I ...DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.



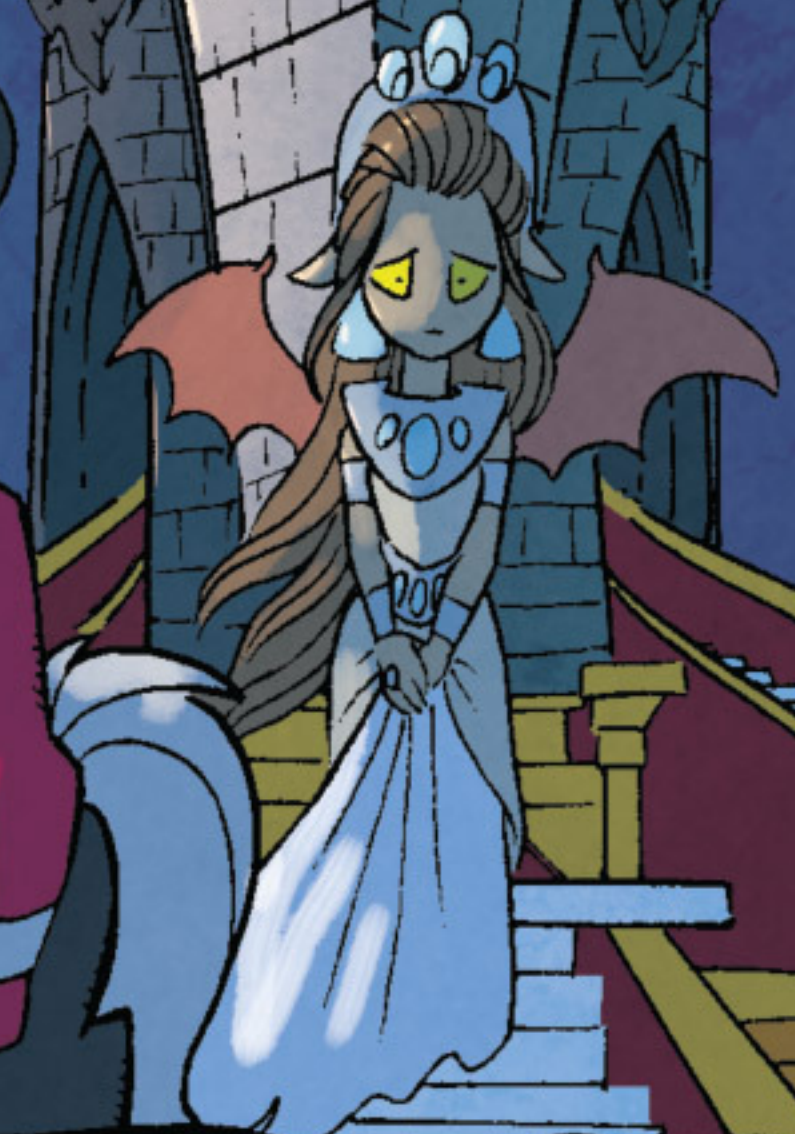


UNTIL I RETURN FROM EQUESTRIA, YOU ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE CASTLE GROUNDS.

YES, FATHER.

IN FACT, TIREK, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE YOUR CHAMBERS AND GUARDS WILL BE POSITIONED THERE AT ALL TIMES.

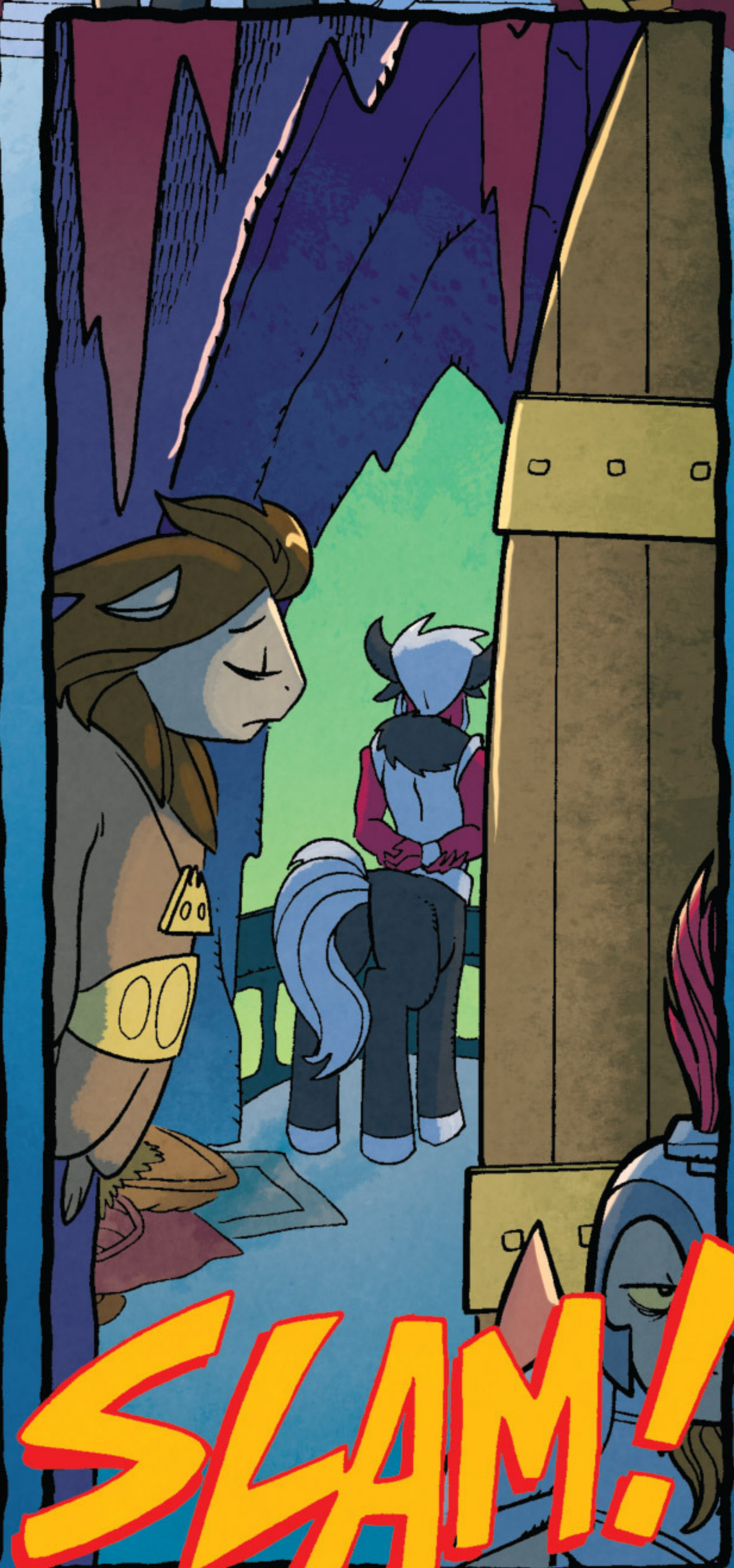
DISMISSED!



WHAT HAPPENED, BROTHER?

WHY DID YOU LIE TO THEM? LIE TO ME?

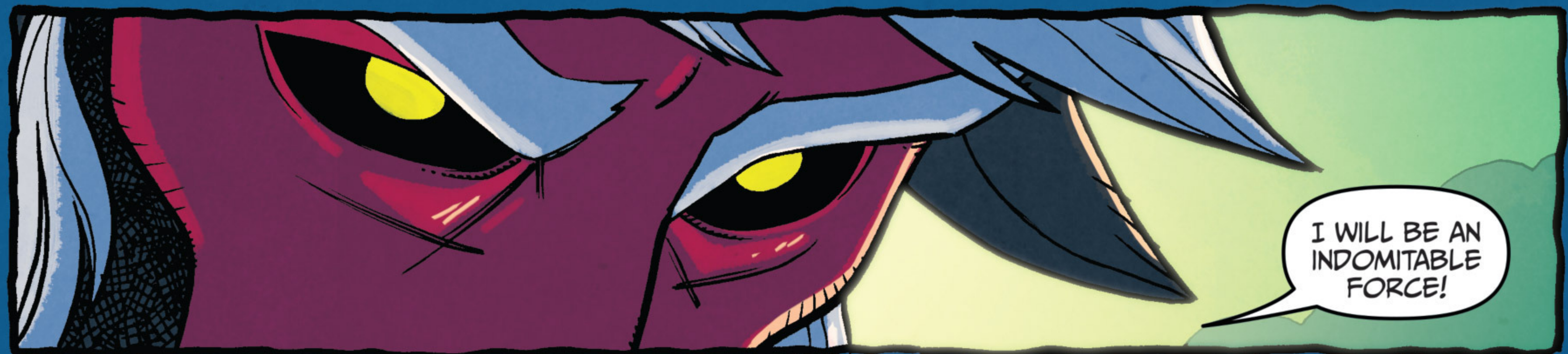
NOT NOW, SCORPAN.



YOU'RE RIGHT, DEAR FATHER. ONE DAY I WILL OVERPOWER YOU. I WILL TAKE THIS LAND FOR MYSELF.

AND ONCE THAT IS DONE, IT IS I WHO WILL JOURNEY TO EQUESTRIA AND DO WHAT THE ELDER COULD NOT.

ONE DAY...



I WILL BE AN INDOMITABLE FORCE!



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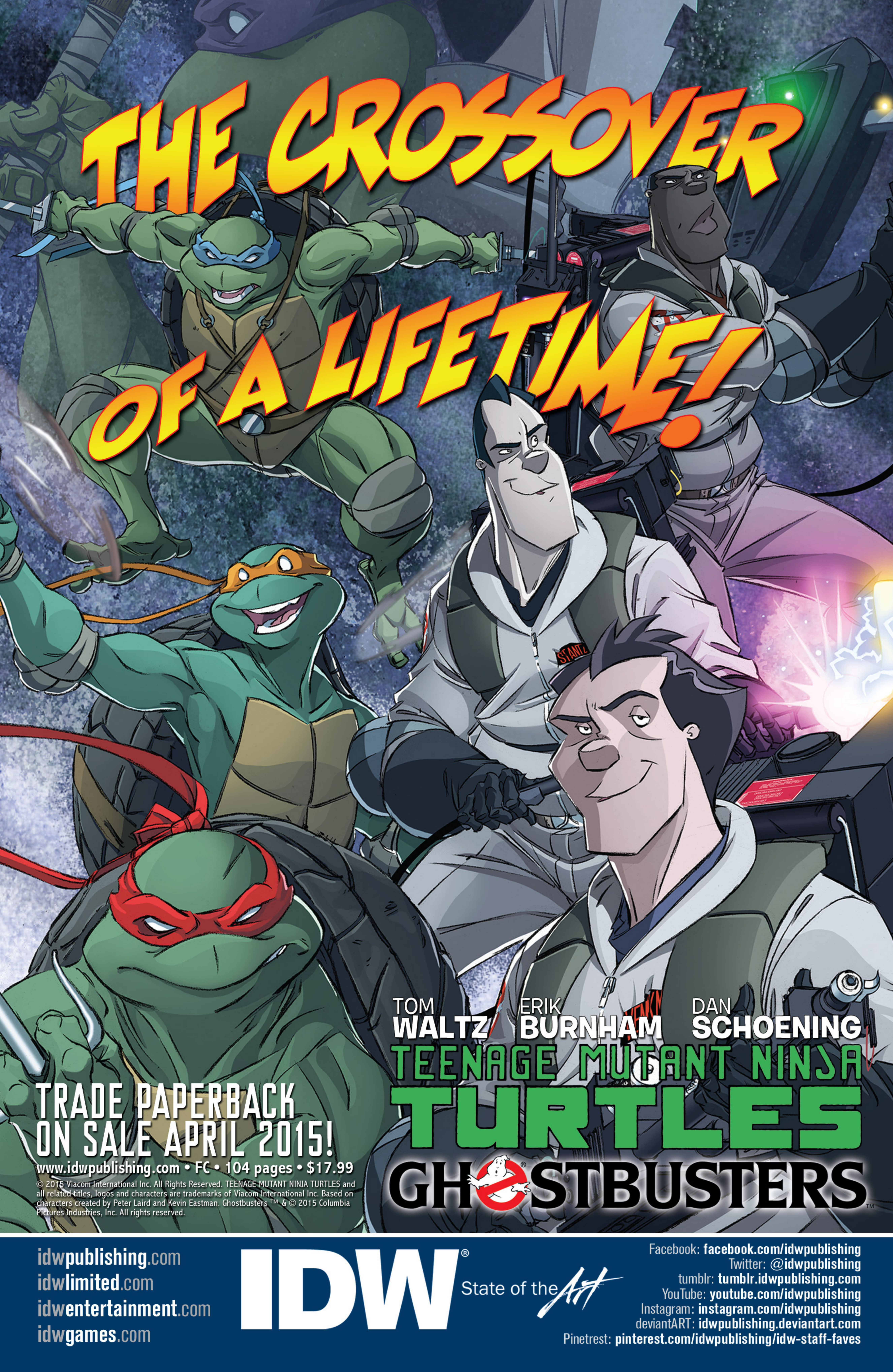


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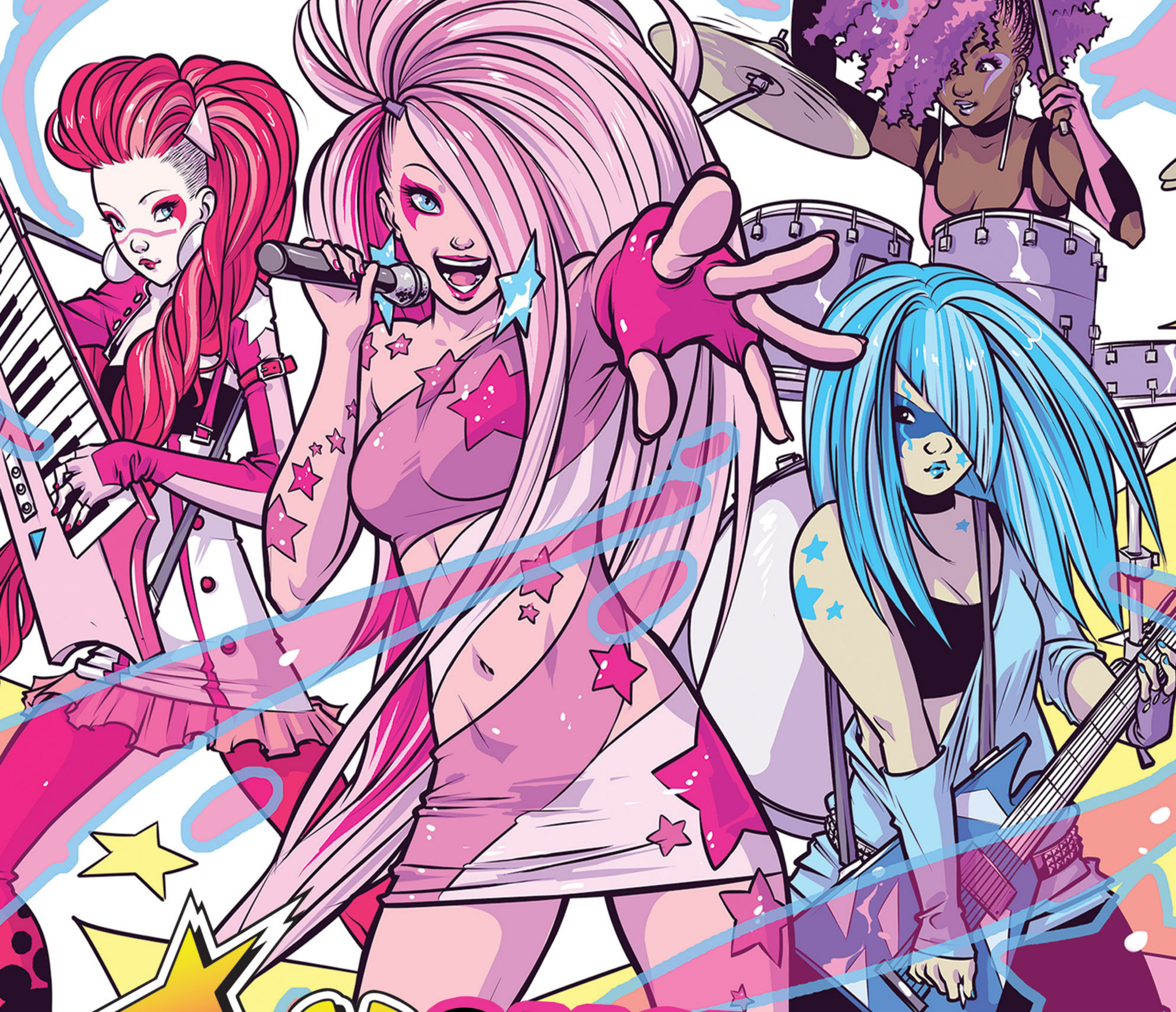


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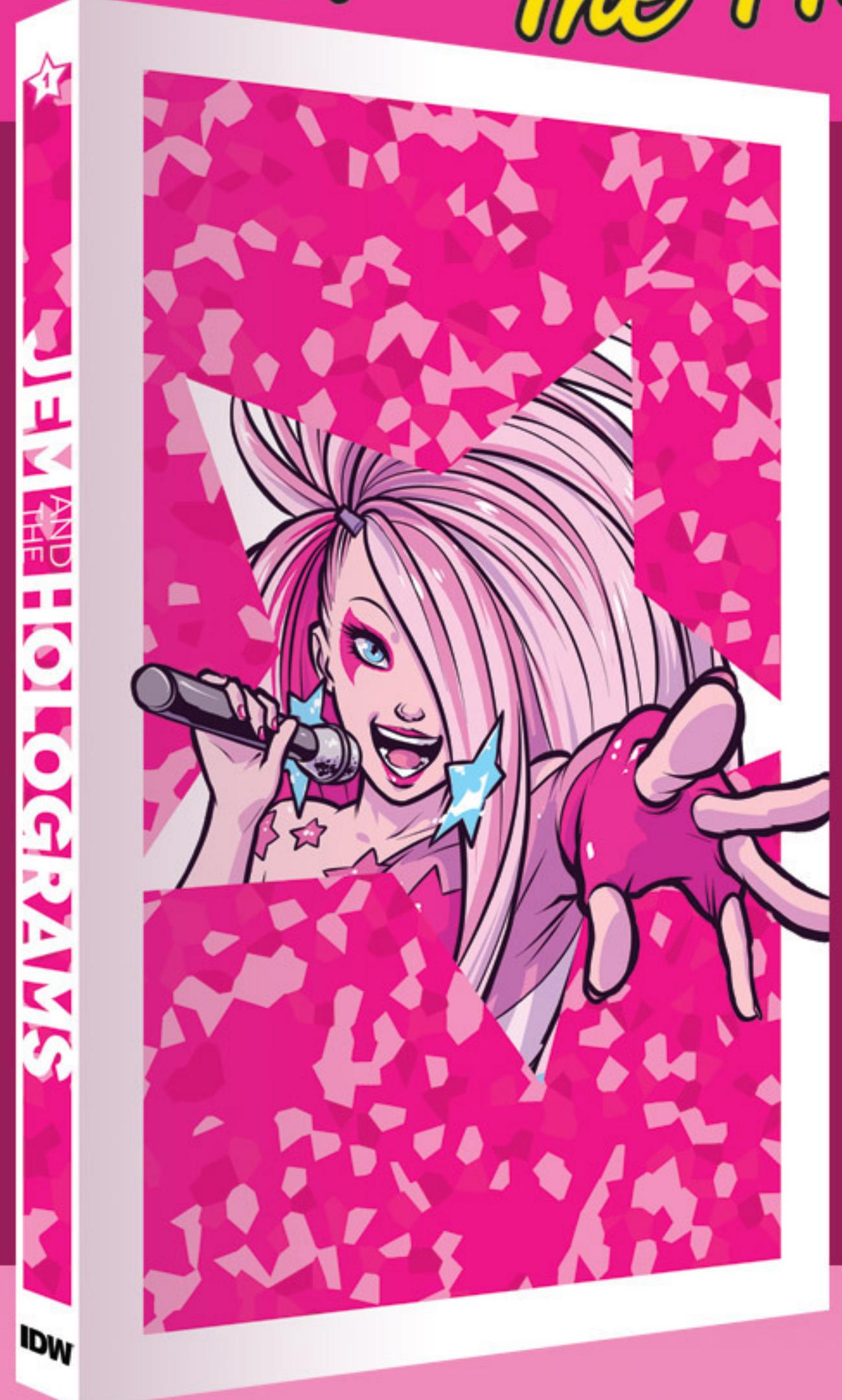
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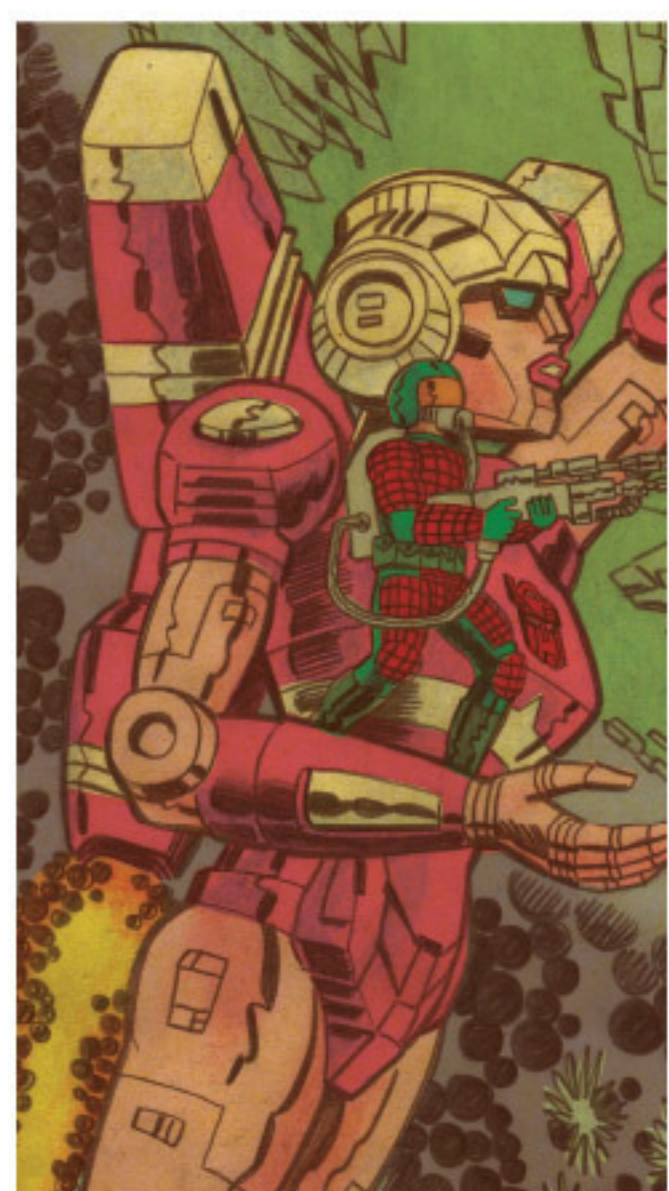
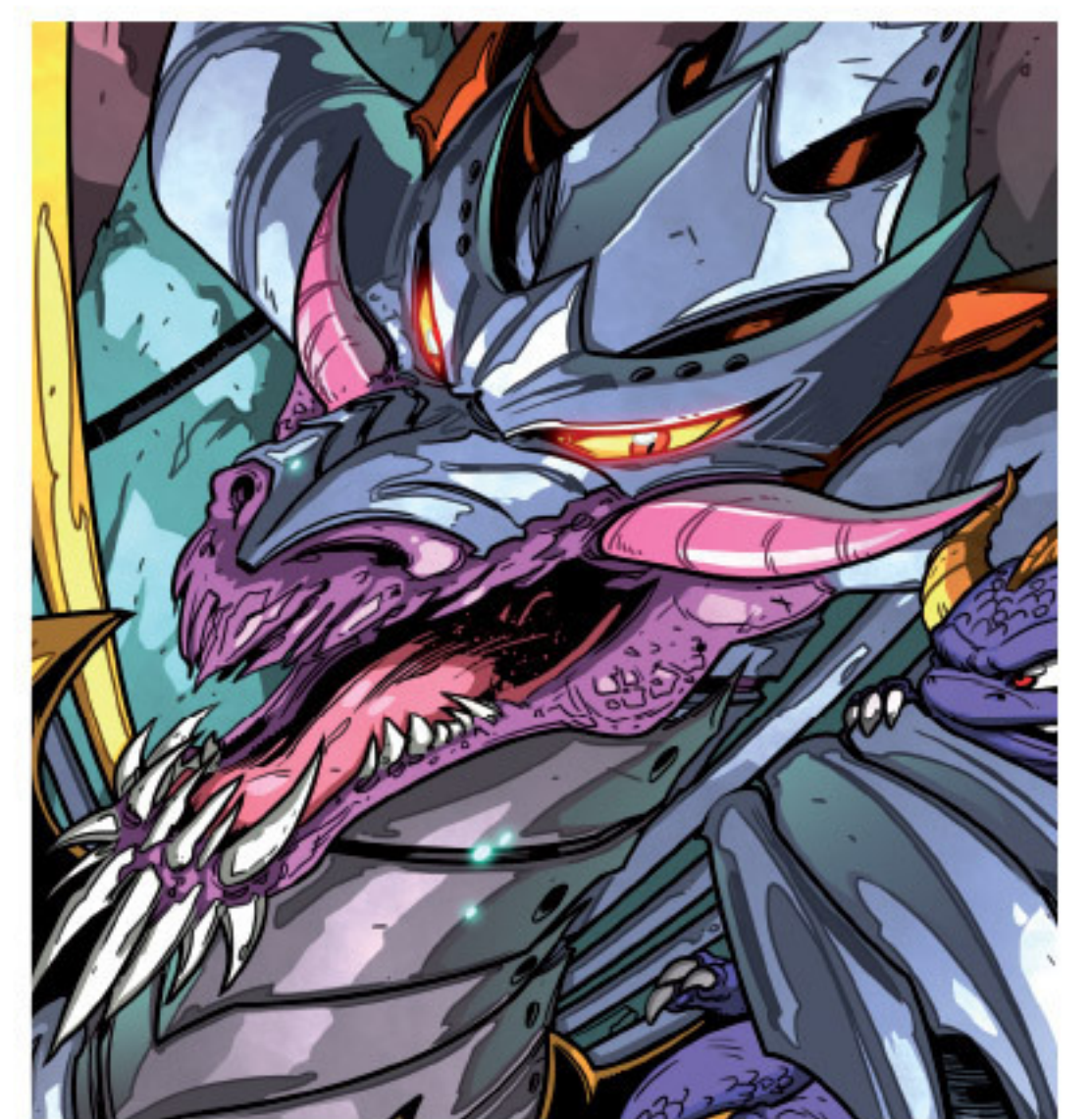
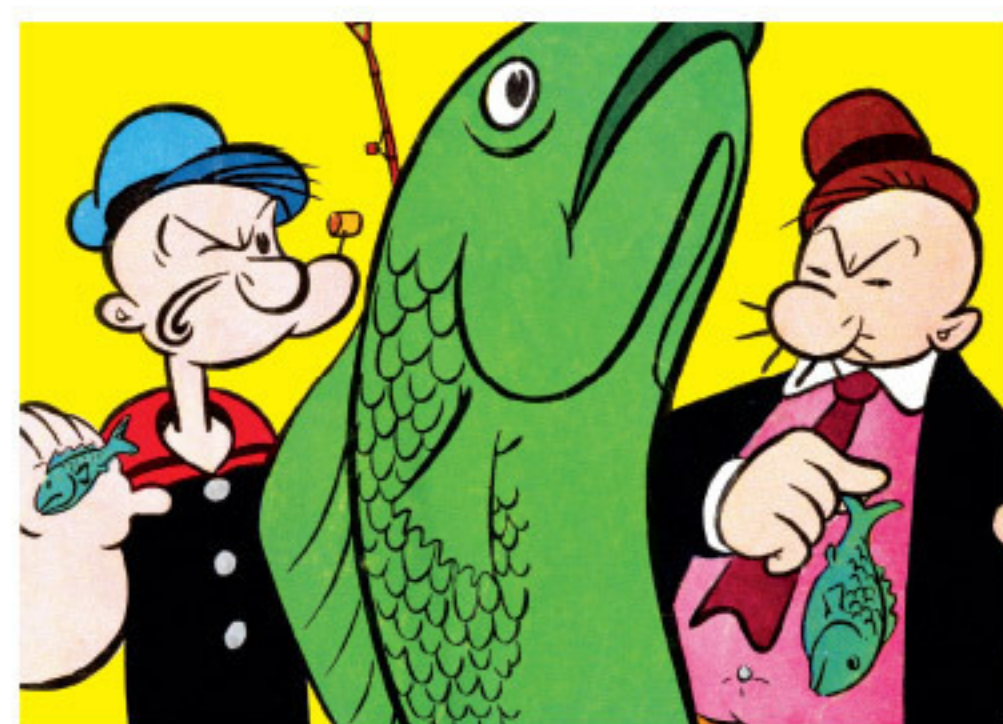
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## EMPLOYEE PICK OF THE MONTH!

### GARBAGE PAIL KIDS: FABLES, FANTASIES & FARTS



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What can I say about *Garbage Pail Kids: Fables, Fantasies and Farts* that isn't already right there in the title? Well, it boasts the talents of **Shannon Wheeler**, creator of *Too Much Coffee Man*. So you know there will be poo, too. And keep your eyes out this month for the *Garbage Pail Kids Micro Comic Fun Packs*, as well! Sold everywhere you'll find things of questionable content!

