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Story So Far...

For centuries, it was assumed that fairy tales and fables were fictional stories passed down from generation to generation, however, that is not entirely true. Beings from four different realms linked to Earth do in fact exist. These realms are known as Myst, Neverland, Wonderland and Oz.

Those born of these powerful realms are known as "Highborns" and those with both human and highborn blood are known as "Falsebloods." Each of these beings has some form of supernatural ability that sets them far apart from mortal men. And while many of these beings are good, there are many others who carry evil inside of them.

Following the events of Grimm Fairy Tales #50, Bolder and Blake must travel the four realms in an effort to reform the Council of the Realms. The Council is a collection of Highborns and Falsebloods sworn to protect Earth at all costs.

The two must find enchanted items inside an ancient chapel to help locate the chosen successors. However, the evil and powerful Highborn, Orcus, is also intent on finding and using these items for his own intentions.



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Myst - the land where fairytales are much more than bedtime stories. A Realm of magic and adventure; danger and darkness. Fairies have long since been extinct here...

...but their influence remains.

YES, WE WORSHIPPED THE FAIR ONES. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU SEEK FROM US?

A SOFT BED, A WARM MEAL, MEAD IF YE GOT--

EXCUSE MY COMPANION. WE ARE FRIENDS OF NISSA.

WE HAVE HEARD TELL OF CERTAIN... ARTIFACTS SCATTERED THROUGH MYST THAT MAY RETAIN SOME FAIRY MAGIC.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY SUCH ITEMS?

PERHAPS. I CONFESS WE ARE **WARY** OF GIVING MUCH INFORMATION. WARRIORS SUCH AS YOURSELVES ARE NOTORIOUS FOR ATTEMPTING TO **HARNESS** THE MAGIC OF THE FAIR ONES FOR **SELFISH** USES.

WHAT IS YOUR QUEST?

I AM **BLAKE**, REALM KNIGHT OF WONDERLAND. THIS IS **BOLDER**... DWARF.

DWARF KNIGHT OF MYST, THAT IS.

WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR JOURNEY TO **REFORM** THE COUNCIL OF THE REALMS, AND WE MUST **HARNESS** FAIRY MAGIC TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE REALMS OF POWER.

WE MEAN TO BUILD A NEWER, **STRONGER** RESISTANCE AGAINST THE DARK ONE, ORCUS, AND THE OTHER THREATS TO THE REALM. WE--

WE MEAN TO **AVENGE** NISSA, AND ALL OTHER FAIRIES AND CREATURES THAT HAVE **SUFFERED** AT THE HANDS OF THE DARK ONE.



THEN IT
WOULD BE OUR
PLEASURE TO
HELP YOU.



"IN THE HEART OF MYST, YOU WILL FIND OUR
OLD CHAPEL WHERE FAIRIES WOULD OFTEN
GRACE US WITH THEIR PRESENCE. AS THANKS
FOR OUR WORSHIP, THEY WOULD BLESS
OUR BELONGINGS.

"TO KEEP DARK FORCES FROM PERSECUTING
US, WE HAVE ABANDONED ALL OF THOSE
ITEMS IN THE CHAPEL. THEY HAVE BEEN LEFT
TO COLLECT DUST LIKE CHILDHOOD TOYS
THAT HAVE BEEN OUTGROWN."



MY FRIEND,
I THINK WE HAVE
FOUND WHAT
WE'RE LOOKING
FOR.

AYE.

"BEWARE, THOUGH.
SUCH ITEMS DRAW
OTHERS.



"YOUR TRIP MIGHT NOT BE
ALTOGETHER SAFE."



THOK

WHAT IN
THE--



YOU'D DO WELL TO DROP THOSE ITEMS; MY NEXT STRIKE WILL NOT BE A WARNING.



YE MAY WANT TO WATCH WHERE YOU'RE **POINTING** THOSE, LASS! DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?

I ASSUME, LIKE MANY MEN IN THIS LAND, YOU ARE **MERCENARIES**. ORCUS'S INFLUENCE REACHES FAR AND WIDE.

ON THE CONTRARY, FAIR PRINCESS. I AM CORRECT, NO? YOU ARE PRINCESS AISLING OF VALLONE. I ONCE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE YOUR FATHER. HE IS A GREAT MAN, AND A **BRAVE WARRIOR**. YOU SHARE HIS EYES.



MY FATHER IS DEAD. DO NOT SPEAK OF HIM AGAIN.



HAS ORCUS FORCED YOU INTO HIDING, PRINCESS? IS THAT WHY YOU DWELL IN THIS BROKEN, OLD CHAPEL?



...I OWE YOU NO EXPLANATION. YOU ARE THE ONES SCAVENGING MY DWELLING PLACE. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

LIKELY THE SAME THING YOU DO.

TO SLAY ORCUS AND TO RESTORE PEACE TO THIS REALM -- TO ALL REALMS. TO DO SO, WE MUST TAKE THESE ITEMS. WE--

D'YOU HEAR THAT, FAIR SKIN?

WOULD YE STOP TALKING FOR A SECOND AND LISTEN--

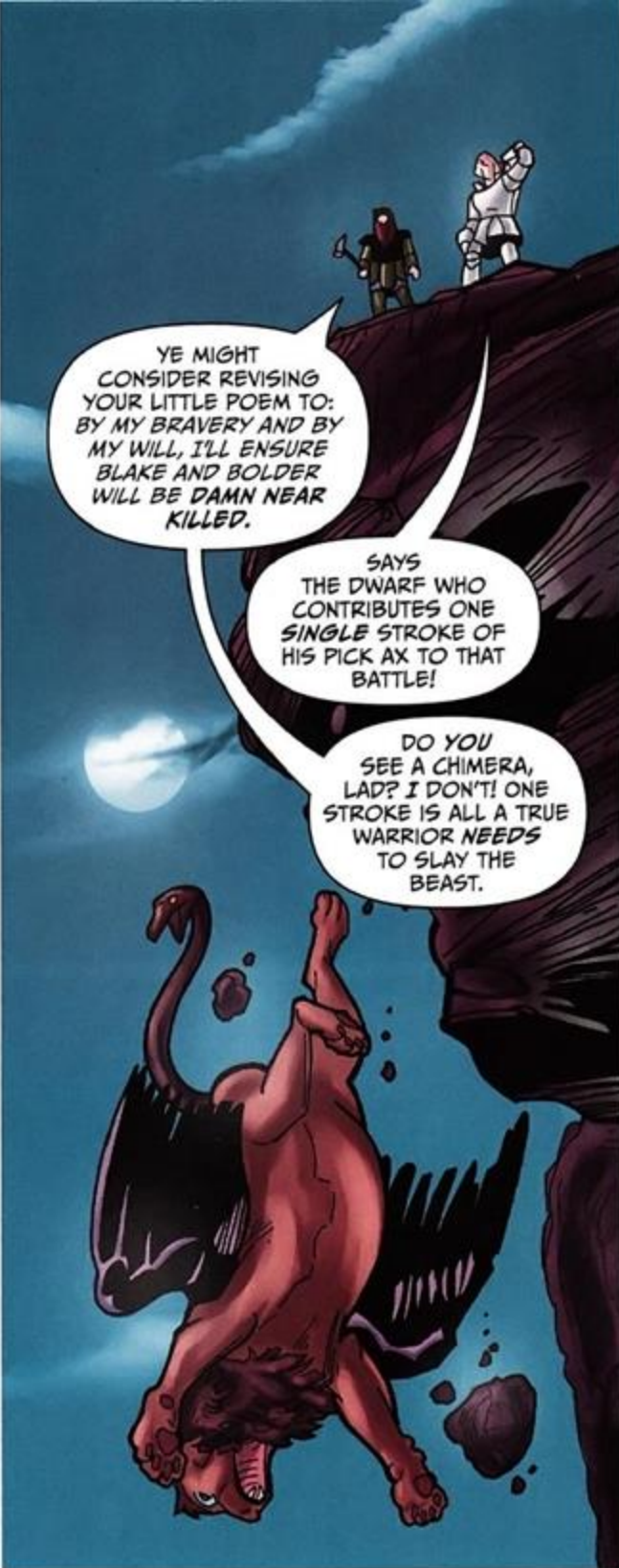
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'cause I think I heard something.







YE MIGHT
CONSIDER REVISING
YOUR LITTLE POEM TO:
BY MY BRAVERY AND BY
MY WILL, I'LL ENSURE
BLAKE AND BOLDER
WILL BE DAMN NEAR
KILLED.

SAYS
THE DWARF WHO
CONTRIBUTES ONE
SINGLE STROKE OF
HIS PICK AX TO THAT
BATTLE!

DO YOU
SEE A CHIMERA,
LAD? I DON'T! ONE
STROKE IS ALL A TRUE
WARRIOR NEEDS
TO SLAY THE
BEAST.



IT'S AN
HONOR TO
FIGHT ALONGSIDE
YOU AGAIN, MY
FRIEND.

THE HONOR
IS ALL YOURS,
SILK SKIN.



YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH,
AREN'T YOU? YOU ARE A
REALM KNIGHT... AND YOU
AND YOUR COMPANION
MEAN TO OPPOSE
ORCUS?

OH, I'M
MORE THAN A MERE
COMPANION, LOVE!
DIDN'T YE SEE HOW I
SINGLE-HANDEDLY SENT
THAT CHIMERA TO HIS
ROCKY DOOM?



BOLDER LIKES TO *BOAST*.
HE'LL LIKELY *GROW* ON YOU
AFTER MANY MONTHS OF
TOLERATING HIM.

GET YER
MITTS OFF
OF ME, YE
FOOL!

WE ARE
INDEED ON A
MISSION, PRINCESS.
WE DID NOT MEAN TO
INTRUDE ON YOUR...
YOUR HIDING
PLACE--

I WASN'T
HIDING!



I WAS...
BIDING MY
TIME.



WITH A
CHIMERA! YE
HAVE ROTTEN TASTE
IN COMPANIONS,
LASS.

I HAVE
BEEN IN THAT
CHAPEL FOR DAYS
WITHOUT INCIDENT! I
THOUGHT I WAS
ALONE!

IT WAS
YOU LOUD
FOOLS WHO
WOKE THE
BEAST.



I APOLOGIZE FOR BOLDER, MY
BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS. HE CAN BE
LOUD AND BOORISH AND, BETWEEN
THE TWO OF US, SLIGHTLY
MALODOROUS.

YE
ROTTEN--

ALLOW ME
MY PRINCESS,
TO TELL YOU
OUR STORY.



YOU MAY TELL
ME YOUR
STORY...

...ONCE
YOU STOP
REFERRING TO
ME AS YOUR
PRINCESS.

NICE TRY,
LAD.

OH,
SHUT
UP.



A tale later...

A NOBLE JOURNEY, INDEED. I CONFESS, YOU TWO FOUND ME IN A... IN AN UNCOMMONLY VULNERABLE STATE.

YOU WERE CORRECT, BLAKE. ORCUS BURNED ALL OF VALLONE TO THE GROUND. I FOUGHT MY WAY THROUGH HIS GUARD AND ESCAPED. I CONFESS, I THOUGHT HE HAD RAVAGED ALL OF MYST.

IT GIVES ME NEW HOPE TO SEE I WAS WRONG.

I KNOW NOT MUCH OF FAIRY MAGIC, BUT I HAVE WORN BOTH THE NECKLACE AND THE TIARA IN MY TIME SPENT IN THE CHAPEL. THE TIARA... IT SEEMS TO SHOW THE WEARER THEIR HEART'S DESIRE.

PERHAPS THIS WILL HELP YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY. I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE NECKLACE WILL DO.

THE FAIRY MAGIC WITH WHICH THIS IS IMBUED SHOULD ALLOW US TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE REALMS OF POWER.

AND IF YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT TIARA, LASS, IT MAY JUST LEAD US TO PLACES WHERE WE COULD OPEN THE PORTALS.

AND, PERHAPS, TO THOSE WE WOULD ASK TO JOIN THE COUNCIL.



WHEN I WORE THE TIARA, I SAW MYSELF EXACTING VENGEANCE ON ORCUS FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE TO MY PEOPLE. FOR WHAT HE HAS REDUCED ME TO.

I SHALL JOIN YOU ON THIS HONORABLE QUEST.

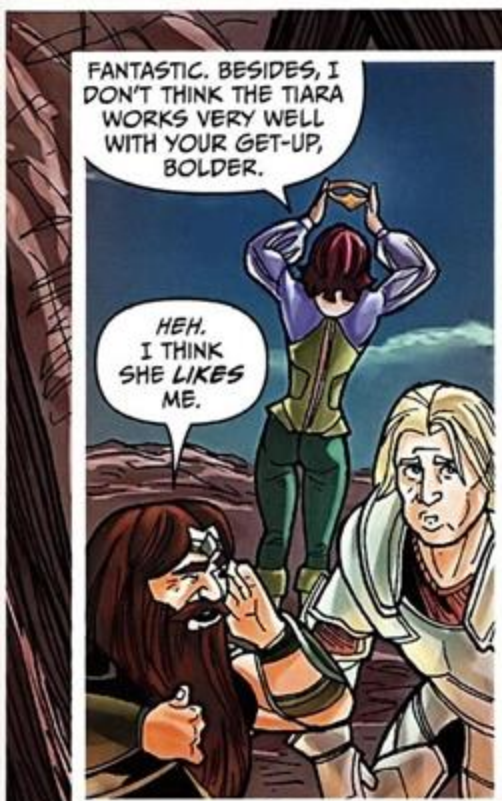


WE'D BE FOOLS TO DENY YOUR COMPANIONSHIP MY LADY, BUT I FEAR FOR YOUR SAFETY--

DON'T. I'M GOOD IN A FIGHT.

IT SHALL BE AN HONOR FOR A DWARF SUCH AS MYSELF TO TRAVEL WITH A PRINCESS WHOSE BEAUTY AND HONOR SHALL SURELY BECOME LEGEND WITH MY PEOPLE.

Seriously?



FANTASTIC. BESIDES, I DON'T THINK THE TIARA WORKS VERY WELL WITH YOUR GET-UP, BOLDER.

HEH. I THINK SHE LIKES ME.



THE TIARA IS SENDING A... A FEELING THROUGH ME. I BELIEVE IT WANTS US TO TRAVEL WEST.

PERHAPS IT IS SHOWING US TO THE IDEAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OF MYST.



WISH IT WOULD POINT US TO THE IDEAL TAVERN FIRST.

"NOTHING SHORT OF DEATH SHALL STOP ME-- THIS IS MY DESTINY."



YOUR WORDS ARE HEAVY, ORCUS, BUT CAN YOU BEAR THEIR WEIGHT?

YOUR ARMY WAS SLAUGHTERED IN YOUR ASSAULT AGAINST TALLUS... YET YOU SURVIVE. WHY SHALL WE FOLLOW YOU IF SIMILAR FATES AWAIT US?



KNOW THIS. IN THE PAST, I WOULD HAVE GUTTED ANYONE WHO QUESTIONED ME. I HAVE SINCE LEARNED FROM MY MISTAKES AND WILL NOT WASTE A RESOURCE.

YOU SEE, THE GUARDIAN OF THE NEXUS AND THAT ACCURSED REALM KNIGHT SAW TO MY DEFEAT IN TALLUS BECAUSE I WAS SHORTSIGHTED. DRIVEN BY REVENGE.



NO LONGER.



MY NEW GOAL IS A LOFTY ONE -- COMPLETE CONTROL OF ALL OF MYST. WITH YOUR HELP, MY FRIENDS, WE WILL STRETCH MY INFLUENCE, AND UNITE THIS REALM IN THE NAME OF THE DARK ONE.

WHEN HE RETURNS, HE SHALL LOOK UPON US...

...AND HE SHALL BE PLEASED.



COME FORWARD, KRONIKA.

MOVING WORDS, MY LORD. I DO BELIEVE YOU'VE QUIETED THEIR DOUBTS.

GOOD. WHAT HAVE YOU TO REPORT ON THE MATTER OF OUR ENEMIES?



NO UPDATE ON SELA OR DRUANNA, MY LORD. THEY HAVE BEEN OFF THE GRID FOR SOME TIME. BLAKE AND BOLDER, HOWEVER...

THE HARPIES HAVE SIGHTED THEM TRAVELLING THE LAND, SEEMINGLY IN SEARCH OF--



IN SEARCH OF WHAT?

I--I DON'T KNOW. THEY'VE CHANGED DIRECTIONS MULTIPLE TIMES. IT'S BEEN NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP TRACK...



THAT DAMN REALM KNIGHT AND DWARF HAVE BEEN GNATS ON MY SKIN FOR FAR TOO LONG.



"FIND OUT WHAT THEY HELL THEY'RE DOING -- NOW."

WHAT THE HELL ARE WE DOING HERE?

I'D ASK THE SAME, PRINCESS.



SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY HE'S POINTING THAT SWORD AT OUR NECKS TELLS ME HE ISN'T FRIENDLY.

HOLD YOUR TONGUE, BOLDER. THIS IS JACK THE GIANT KILLER.



AH. KILL GIANTS, DO YE? I SHOULD BE SAFE THEN, YEAH?

YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS IN LIMBO. LEAVE THIS PLACE, WARRIORS, BEFORE DEPARTURE IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.



AFRAID THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, JACK.

WELL, THEN.



THOK
THOK
THOK

SO, WE'RE
IN. WHAT'S THE
PLAN NOW?

RECONNAISSANCE?

...

EXCUSE ME,
ALICIA. IT APPEARS
WE HAVE SOME
UNWELCOME
GUESTS.

REALLY?
YOUR FIRED HELP
JUST WALKS IN
UNANNOUNCED?

AGREED.
CONSIDER A **DO NOT
DISTURB** SIGN -- WE'RE
BUSY HERE, TREE
TRUNK ARMS.

PAY NO
ATTENTION
TO THEM,
JACK.

AS FOR THE
PRINCESS, THE
REALM KNIGHT, AND
HIS LITTLE... GNOME
THING... THROW THEM
IN A CELL TO ROT
UNTIL I'M BORED
ENOUGH TO DEAL
WITH THEM.

GNOME THING? GNOME
THING!? I'M A PROUD DWARF,
YE PASTY WENCH! WAIT 'TIL I
GET MY PICK AXE, YOU'LL
BE SORRY YE
EVER--

THOK













THE HARPIES
SWEAR IT, MY LORD.
THE REALM KNIGHT, THE
DWARF, AND AN UNKNOWN
THIRD COMPANION ALLOWED
THE GIANT KILLER TO TAKE
THEM THROUGH THE
GATEWAY, AND THEN FLED
WITH *DRUANNA* IN
TOW SHORTLY
AFTER!

MOST
INTERESTING,
THOUGH... THEY WERE
SPOTTED WITH TWO
ITEMS THAT **REEKED**
OF FAIRY
MAGIC.

WHAT!?

FAIRY
MAGIC, MY
LORD.



THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.
I'VE SCoured THIS
LAND FOR FAIRY
ARTIFACTS -- **NOTHING**
REMAINS.

YOU'RE
TELLING ME THAT
THE SAME TWO FOOLS
WHO BROUGHT MY
ARMY DOWN NOW LAY
CLAIM TO THESE
ITEMS?

THE HARPIES
HAVE REPORTED
THIS, YES.



IF YOU
DON'T MIND ME
ASKING, MY LORD...
WHAT DO YOU
WANT WITH THESE
TRINKETS?

THE RULES
THAT APPLIED TO ALL
OTHER CREATURES
DIDN'T APPLY TO
FAIRIES. I...



...I HAVE
BEEN WAITING A
LONG TIME TO
TEST THEIR
LIMITS.




A LONG
TIME
INDEED.



IF THE TIARA
BROUGHT YOU TO ME,
THEN IT IS *MEANT* TO BE. I
SHALL GLADLY REPRESENT
MYST IN THE HIGH
COUNCIL.

YOU STILL
HAVE A *LONG* JOURNEY
AHEAD OF YOU IF YOU WISH
TO VENTURE INTO THE REALMS
OF POWER. I, MYSELF, HAVE
MUCH TO TAKE CARE OF IN
TALLUS BEFORE I CAN GIVE
THE COUNCIL MY *FULL*
ATTENTION.



IT WAS
WONDERFUL
MEETING YOU, PRINCESS.
CAST YOUR GUILT *ASIDE*;
YOU ARE DESTINED FOR
THINGS *GREATER* THAN
YOU CAN IMAGINE.



FAREWELL,
BRAVE
BOLDER.

AYE...



AND YOU
AS WELL,
FEARLESS
BLAKE.

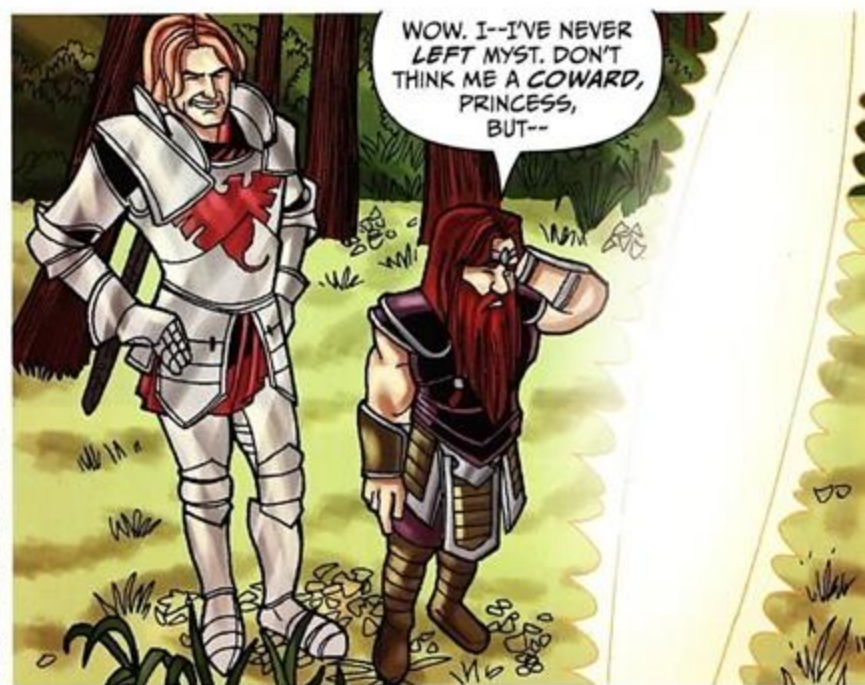
AFTER ALL
THIS IS DONE, IF THAT
INVITATION TO *JOIN* YOU
IN THE *POND* STILL
STANDS--

COME ON,
SILK SKIN. LEAVE
THE LADY TO HER
THOUGHTS.



TIME SPENT
WITH DRUANNA
NEVER GETS
OLD, EH?

NEVER, MY
FRIEND.





MIGHT WANT TO MIND THE WARRIOR PRINCESS.

HOW DID YOU GET HERE? I KNOW FAIRY MAGIC WHEN I SEE IT, AND I'M NOT QUITE FOND OF MEN WHO TEND TO HARNESS IT.



WELL, I AM NOT A MAN, AND I GIVE YOU MY WORD THAT MY COMPANIONS ARE NOBLE... IF A BIT GRATING.

BLAKE, THE TIARA. IT'S SCREAMING OUT TO HER, AND...

...AND ALSO THE FAIRY BEHIND YOU.



NICE NECKLACE.



TALK.

Another tale later...

AND YOU THINK US WORTHY OF THIS COUNCIL? A DISGRACED FAIRY AND A PRINCESS...

...WITH NO KINGDOM?



AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL, YOU ARE MORE THAN WORTHY. TIGER LILY, YOU SHALL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE SHAMAN OF NEVERLAND. YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

AND BELLE, YOUR HISTORY... IT DOESN'T MATTER IN THE FACE OF YOUR CHOICES. TALES OF THE STRENGTH YOU TOOK TO OVERCOME PAN'S INFLUENCE HAVE SPREAD THROUGH THE REALMS.

YOU, THE LAST SURVIVING FAIRY, WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF NISSA, WHO PROTECTED THE COUNCIL AND WAS IN TURN PROTECTED BY IT.

IT IS A WORTHY CAUSE, BELLE. THE SHAMAN IS REVERED AS A LEGEND AMONG MY PEOPLE, AND--

PAN SHALL REIGN AGAIN!



YOU SHALL DIE FOR YOUR BETRAYAL, TREACHEROUS FAIRY!







HEY! I HAD THEM!



PAN'S GONE. HE'S NOT COMING BACK.

SOMETHING YOU NOW HAVE IN COMMON.



THAT WAS AMAZING! YE WERE AMAZING! YE ALL WERE AMAZING!

YOU DISPATCHED THOSE FOOLHARDY SOLDIERS BEFORE I COULD EVEN SWING MY BLADE.



YOU WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO THE COUNCIL.



AISLING SPEAKS TRUE -- YOUR CAUSE IS NOBLE. ONE MY PEOPLE WOULD ADMIRE. IT IS ALSO ONE THAT NEITHER BELLE NOR I CAN CURRENTLY ASSIST.

NEVERLAND IS IN A... TRANSITIONAL STATE, WARRIOR. AND IT FALLS ON US TO DEFEND IT... AND ENSURE IT DOESN'T SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS WONDERLAND.



Oh...
yes, of course.



GOOD LUCK
ON YOUR QUEST. I'M...
I'M **HONORED** TO HAVE
BEEN CHOSEN BY
YOU.

I HOPE
THAT, ONE DAY,
THIS LAND IS SAFE
ENOUGH FOR US
TO **RECONSIDER**
YOUR OFFER.

UNTIL
THEN...



SHE DIDN'T MEAN
ANYTHING BY
IT, LAD.

SHE COULDN'T
HAVE **KNOWN** THAT
WONDERLAND IS
WHERE YOU HAIL
FROM.



WONDERLAND...
IT IS WHERE WE
SHALL JOURNEY
NEXT.

BUT YOU
REPRESENT
WONDERLAND.
YOU CAN--

NO. WE NEED
SOMEONE WHO HAS
CONTINUALLY FOUGHT FOR
WONDERLAND. SOMEONE
WHO IS **PART** OF THAT
REALM. I HAVEN'T BEEN
THERE SINCE I **FAILED** TO
DEFEND IT FROM THE
JABBERWOCKY.



I NO LONGER FEEL
CONNECTED TO THAT
REALM. TO MY
HOME.







WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?! TORTURE
THE OTHERS UNTIL WE
GET AN ANSWER.

GO!
NOW!



OF
COURSE.



THIS PORTAL
TO WONDERLAND
IS MUCH LIKE A
MIRROR.



WAIT!

JUST
WANTED TO TELL
YE... YOU'RE A
BLAZIN' IDIOT,
FAIR SKIN.

EXCUSE
ME?

THINK YOU'RE
ALONE, DO YE? I MAY
NOT BE THE BEST COMPANY, BUT
KNOW THIS. I AM **BOLDER** THE
BRAVE, AND I ONLY JOURNEY
WITH WARRIORS I BELIEVE IN.
AND YE'VE GOT A PRINCESS
HERE WITH YE!

A BEAUTIFUL,
POWERFUL, BEAUTIFUL,
SEXY PRINCESS WHOSE
BEAUTY IS UNRIVALED
IN--

WE GET IT,
BOLDER.



POINT IS,
YOU WANNA
PROVE
YOURSELF?

SO DO
I. SO LET'S
DO THIS,
LAD.

Wonderland - the land where up is down and down is up and sometimes up too! where the mind bends to the whim of the realm. Would you like to join us? We're waiting for you. It would be so nice if you could join us.

OOP!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

I WARNED YOU, BOLDER. WONDERLAND IS A REALM OF INSANITY.

I HEAR A LITTLE VOICE... VOICES. WHERE AM I GOING? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

FOCUS, ASKING BOLDER, GIVE HER THE TIARA.

MY HEAD IS HURTING, BLAKE.

WE'RE INSIDE THE TIARA, LAD...

JUST KEEP WALKING, BOLDER. PLEASE. I VOW THAT THIS SIGHT IS HARDER ON ME THAN ANYONE.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?

LOOK AT THE TIARA. CONCENTRATE. WILL YOUR MIND TO SHAPE IT BACK TO ITS TRUE FORM.

DEADLY GENESIS
BLAKE IS BOLDER-NEER
YOU WILL FAIL
REC

BEING A BROTHER
BURNING BROTHER
SOMEONE
SAYS BLUE
IMPROVISED

PRINCE'S WITH NO KINGDOM
PRODIGAL SON OF WONDERLAND

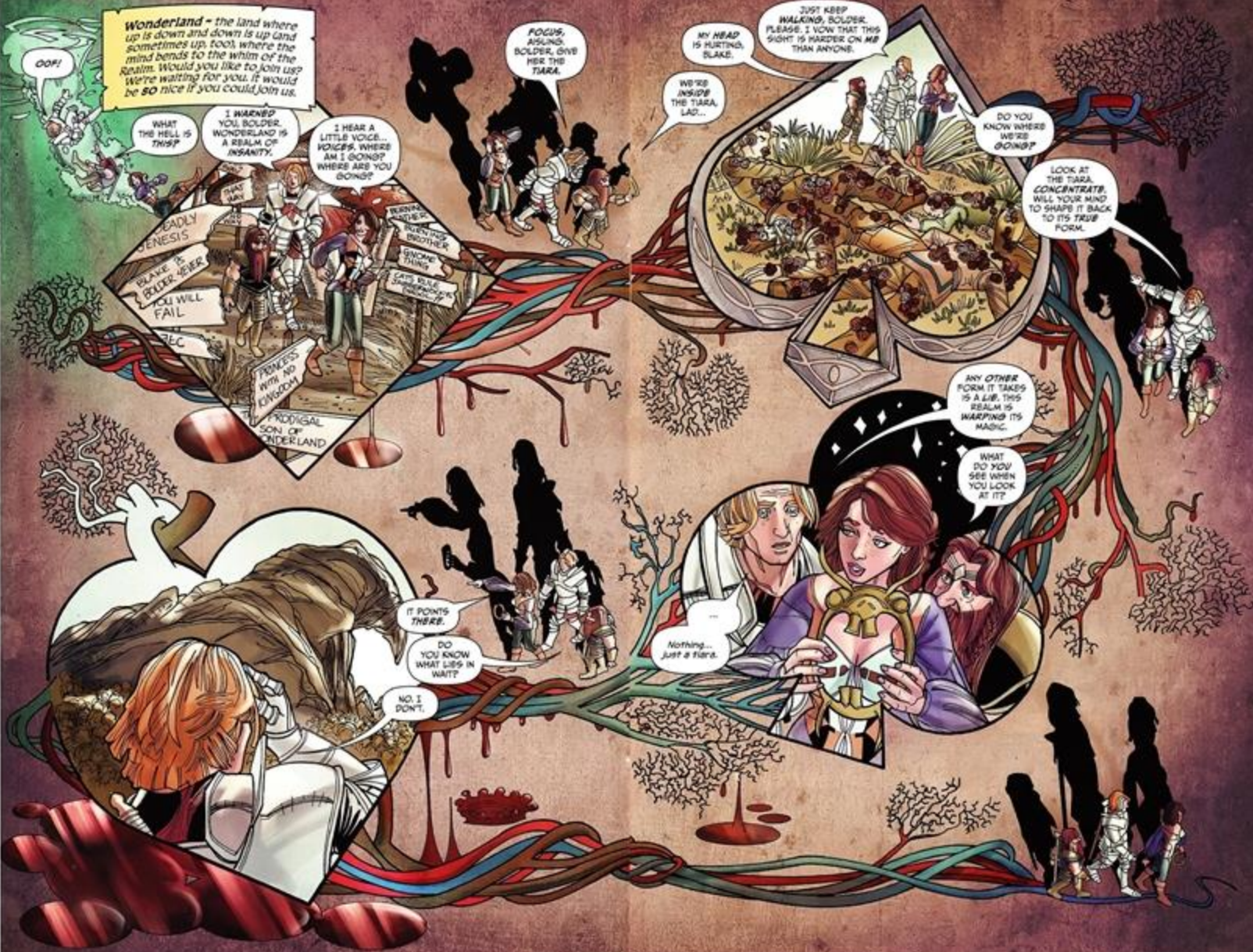
ANY OTHER FORM IT TAKES IS A LIE. THIS REALM IS WARPING ITS MAGIC.

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT?

Nothing... just a fiend.

IT POINTS THERE.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LIES IN WAIT?

NO, I DON'T.



THIS REALM HAS CHANGED MUCH. I FEAR THAT **HEROISM** HAS LONG SINCE LEFT THIS WORLD TO ITS MANIACAL DEVICES.

THIS TIARA IS **PURE**. IT WILL LEAD US TO A WORTHY--

DIE!

YOU SHALL BE MADE AN **EXAMPLE** FOR ALL OF WONDERLAND TO SEE -- THE **RED QUEEN** IS TO BE LEFT ALONE!

KSHANNING

IF YE WOULD JUST **LISTEN** FOR A MOMENT, LASS!

UH!

WE COME TO YOU WITH AN **OFFER**, A **PEACEFUL**--

I HAVE BEEN **TORTURED** AND **IMPRISONED** BY THOSE WITH **GRAND PLANS**. HOLD YOUR TONGUE, FOR YOUR WORDS WOULD **EVAPORATE** BEFORE REACHING MY EARS.

No.





WE TRULY
MEAN NO HARM. WE
HAVE COME IN HOPES
TO REFORM THE HIGH
COUNCIL, A GROUP OF
INDIVIDUALS THAT PROTECT
THE REALMS OF POWER
AND THE EARTH FROM
EVIL FORCES.

AND OUR
TIARA SEEMS TO
THINK THAT YOU ARE
MEANT TO JOIN
US.

"The tiara
thinks." Great
way to instill
confidence,
lad.



I'M NOT
LEAVING.



I THINK
WE COULD'VE
CONVINCED HER
IF WE--

NO. I, TOO,
HAD A CHILD IN
MY CARE. MY LITTLE
BROTHER... IF I
COULD HAVE
DEFENDED
HIM, I...

NO.

"LET US GO.

"THERE IS NOTHING
LEFT FOR US HERE."





ONE MORE
PORTAL TO
GO.

HAVE WE
TRULY BEEN ANY
HELP? WE HAVE GATHERED
ONE SOLE MEMBER TO THIS
NEW COUNCIL, AND SHE
WAS *ALREADY* OUR
FRIEND!

I FEAR THAT
WE ARE *FAILING*.
THAT I AM AS FAR
FROM CLEARING
MY FAMILY'S NAME
AS I HAVE *EVER*
BEEN.

WHAT
HAPPENED TO THE
CONFIDENT DWARF WHO
ASKED BLAKE TO *PROVE*
HIMSELF BY JUMPING
THROUGH THE PORTAL OF
WONDERLAND? WHO KEEPS
EMBARRASSING HIMSELF
TO IMPRESS
ME?

HE GROWS
WEARY, LASS.
HE GROWS
WEARY.



AM I GOING
TO HAVE TO *PUSH*
YOU THROUGH
AGAIN, MY
FRIEND?

I'M GOIN',
I'M GOIN'.



Oz ~ the realm of
virtue and hope.

OH, NO...



LAD...
LAD, THE
TIARA.



IT'S PULLING
ME FORWARD.
WHAT SHOULD
WE...?



FOLLOW THE
YELLOW BRICK
ROAD.







THE TIARA IS **WRONG**. WE HAVE TO KILL HIM. **WHOEVER** THAT IS, WE CANNOT LET HIS EVIL GO **UNPUNISHED**.

NO... WE HAVE TO GO, **BLAKE**.



"**BLAKE**"? NOT "**LAD**" OR "**SILK SKIN**" OR "**HORSE'S ASS**"?

THE TIARA... IT'S SENDIN' A FEELING THROUGH MY **BONES**. HIS POWER-- IT'S **NOTHING** LIKE WE'VE FACED BEFORE.

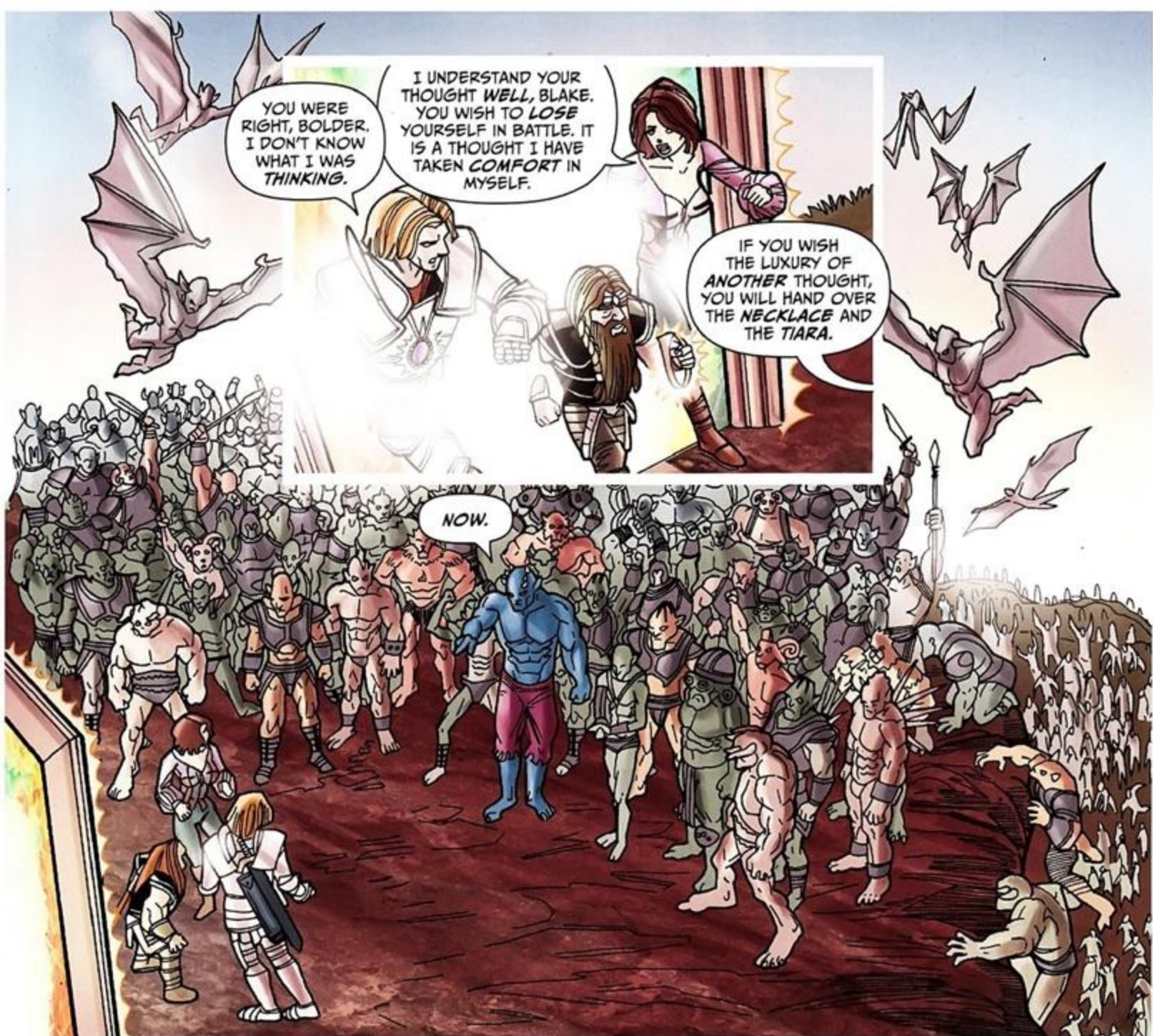
NONSENSE! TOGETHER WE HAVE SLAIN A **SHADOW DRAGON**! AND A **CHIMERA**!



THIS IS **DIFFERENT**. **WHOEVER...** **WHATEVER** THAT IS, IT'D BE **OUR DEATH...** AND **YOU KNOW IT, TOO**, DON'T YE?



I'LL BE **DAMNED** IF I LET YE GET ME, YOU, OR OUR **PRINCESS** KILLED. I GOT A LIFETIME OF **INSULTS** TO THROW YOUR WAY, YE **SILK-SKINNED HORSE'S ASS**.





BOLDER!



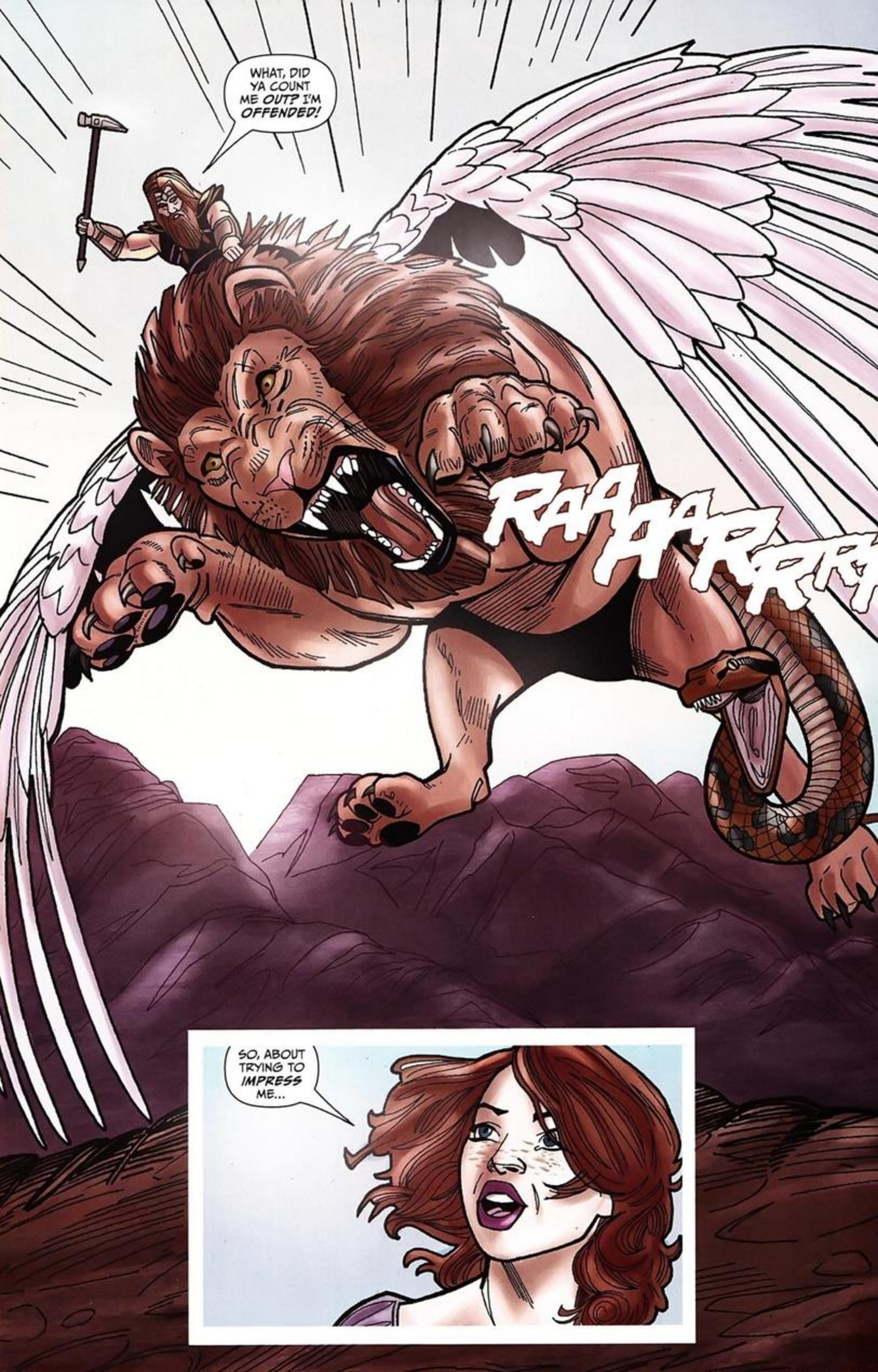
YOU IDIOT!
HE HAD THE
TIARA!

WHAT DO
YOU WISH TO DO
WITH THESE ARTIFACTS, MY
LORD? UNITE THE REALMS
UNDER YOUR RULE AND
GIVE US THE FAVOR OF
THE DARK ONE, AS
PROMISED...

...OR TO
BRING BACK
YOUR DEAD
WIFE?







WHAT, DID
YA COUNT
ME OUT? I'M
OFFENDED!

RAAARRRR



SO, ABOUT
TRYING TO
IMPRESS
ME...





I TAKE IT THAT'S A BAD THING?

VERY.

"NEVERLAND IS IN A... TRANSITIONAL STATE, WARRIOR. AND IT FALLS ON US TO DEFEND IT... AND ENSURE IT DOESN'T SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS WONDERLAND."

"THESE ARE THE WARRIORS THAT TOOK DOWN ORCUS'S ARMY? COLOR ME DISAPPOINTED."

FAILURE.

FAILURE.



By my bravery and by my will...



"I AM BOLDER THE BRAVE, AND I ONLY JOURNEY WITH WARRIORS I BELIEVE IN."

"THE MOST VALIANT KNIGHT I'VE EVER KNOWN."

FIND THE KEY, AND MAKE IT STILL!







THAT'S THE
THING, MY LADY--
WE DON'T
KNOW.

THE TIARA
HAS STOPPED
GLOWING, AND WE NO
LONGER HAVE A MEANS
TO TRAVEL *BETWEEN*
REALMS. IT SEEMS WE
HAVE REACHED A
BLOCK.



AFTER ALL OF THIS, WE'RE
NEARLY BACK AT THE *START*.
I'M BEGINNING TO BELIEVE
I'LL ALWAYS LIVE IN THE
SHADOW OF MY RAT
BROTHER.

HOW CAN
I CLEAR THE
FAMILY NAME IF
THERE'S NOTHING
I CAN DO?



NONSENSE, MY FRIEND. THERE'S
ALWAYS *SOMETHING* WE CAN DO.
AND KNOWING YOU, YOU WILL
ALWAYS *FIND* IT... AND I WILL BE
BY YOUR *SIDE* IN EVERY
JOURNEY.

SEE,
BLAKE? THE
LASS SAID
MY SIDE.

SHUT
UP.

AYE.



YOU SPEAK, BOLDER, AS IF YOU
HAVE DONE SO *LITTLE*, AND YET
YOU'VE TRAVELED WORLDS,
SPREAD *WORD* OF THE
COUNCIL, AND SHOWN THE
REALMS THAT THERE
IS STILL *HOPE*.

YOU, MY
WONDERFUL
WARRIORS,
HAVE MOVED
MOUNTAINS.

I AGREE,
GAIA.



OH, MY
GODDESS...

WHO ARE
YOU?

I AM ONE OF
THE POWERS THAT
FORMED THE HIGH
COUNCIL MANY AGES
AGO. THE VERY HIGH
COUNCIL THAT YOU
ARE NOW TRYING
TO REFORM.



YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME,
BUT I DON'T TAKE KINDLY
TO PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER
THEMSELVES POWERS
ATTEMPTING TO SHAPE
OUR FATE.

NOT
SHAPING, MY
FALLEN PRINCESS.
PROLONGING --
SOMETHING THAT
I NEED YOU TO
DO.



ME?



AND YOU, BRAVE BLAKE AND BOLDER.
YOU HAVE PUT INTO MOTION A GREAT
CHANGE IN THE REALMS. NOT EVERYONE
IS IMMEDIATELY **RECEPTIVE** TO CHANGE.
OF COURSE -- BUT WE **NEED** THE
COUNCIL **NOW**.

DARKNESS
IS COMING AND YOU,
MUCH LIKE THOSE YOU
CALLED UPON TODAY, ARE
IN TURN BEING CALLED
UPON TO **DEFEND** THIS
REALM AND ALL
OTHERS.

BOLDER,
AND AISLING... YOU SHALL
TAKE SEATS UPON THE COUNCIL
WITH GAIA, WHO CALLS HERSELF
DRUANNA, UNTIL THOSE YOU HAVE
CALLED ARE PREPARED TO **ANSWER**.



BUT I AM
LOOKED DOWN
UPON IN THIS
REALM.

I HAVE
FAILED THE
COUNCIL ONCE
BEFORE.

I HAD GIVEN
UP ON ALL OF
MYST.

THE PAST.
ALL THE PAST. THIS
IS NOW. THIS IS THE
BEGINNING OF A
NEW STORY.

"NOW, YOU MUST
SIMPLY TAKE THE
NEXT STEP."

"LET GO OF YOUR
BURDENS..."

"AND FIND NEW
REASONS TO
FIGHT."

"STOP WISHING FOR
OLD TIMES, BECAUSE
THOSE ARE GONE."

"IT IS TIME TO
MOVE ON."



"TIME TO DEFINE
YOURSELVES."

"TIME TO BE
REBORN."



NOT THE END

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