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THAT'S
THE ONE!

IT'S LIKE
THIS: US PILLARS
O' GOLD, WE'RE
TREASURES
AWRIGHT, BUT
NOT THE USUAL
KIND.



DUMATHOIN'S
THE PROTECTOR OF
UNDERGROUND DWARVES
--SO HE TOOK SIX O' THE
BEST O' DWARFKIND AN'
PUT 'EM UNDERGROUNID
T'KEEP 'EM SAFE!

HAH!
AN' YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
ONE OF THE
BEST?

ALL'S I KNOW
IS THE RACE O'
DWARVES WON'T
NEVER DIE OUT
AS LONG AS THE
PILLARS IS TAKEN
CARE OF...

...BUT IF THE
PILLARS O' GOLD
GET HURT, IT'S GONNA
MEAN A TIME O'
TROUBLE-- AN' THE
END OF DWARVES
F'REVER!









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HELLLP



THE UMBER HULK!
IT'S GOT HOLD OF
GRANDPAPPY--AN' IT'S
TAKING HIM DOWN THE
TUNNEL IT MADE!



WE'VE
GOTTA TRY
TO SAVE
HIM!

RIGHT.
WHO KNOWS--IF
HE IS A PILLAR O'
GOLD, MAYBE THERE'S
SOME KINDA
REWARD! LET'S--



RRUMMBBLE



DUNNO...

BUT WHATEVER
IT WAS GAVE THE
MONSTER TIME
T'GET AWAY WITH
YER GRAN'PAP.

THEY'RE
GONE!





NOW, THE WAY I SEES IT, DUMATHOIN WANTS US TO RESCUE OLD PAP AWRIGHT... JEST NOT RIGHT AWAY.

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

DON'TCHA SEE, SONNY? TH'LUMBER HULK DIDN'T KILL YER GRAN'PAP WHEN HE HAD A CHANCE... IT JEST CARRIED 'IM AWAY.

I GET IT! MAYBE DUMATHOIN WANTS US TO SEE WHERE THE MONSTER'S GOING BEFORE WE RESCUE GRAND-PAPPY--

--'CAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM!

NOW YA READ ME, BOY! SO LET'S HUSTLE UP AN'--

UH OH.



WHERE ARE YA
TAKIN' ME, YA
OVERGROWN DUNG
BEETLE?

WHAT'RE
WE DOIN'
HERE?!



HEY!



YOU'RE
HERE TO
DIE!

OH, YEAH?
AN' WHO ARE YOU
S'POSETA BE?



...YA WENT
AN' TURNED 'EM
INTA REAL
GOLD!

AND YOU
ARE THE *LAST*,
YOU PATHETIC
OLD FOOL!

YES,
PATHETIC...
AS OUR ENTIRE
RACE HAS
BECOME!

WE ARE
SLOWLY DYING OUT
WHILE ELVES STILL
THRIVE... AND WHILE
HUMANS EXPLODE
IN POPULATION
THROUGHOUT THE
REALMS!

AND WHY, I ASK
YOU! BECAUSE THEY
WIELD MAGIC... AND
WE CANNOT!

BUT THAT'S THE
WAY IT'S BEEN
FER CENTURIES,
YA IDJIT!

FER
MILLENNIA
EVEN!

BUT IT
DOESN'T
HAVE
TO BE!

I HAVE
HEARD LEGENDS
...LEGENDS THAT
TELL HOW THE
LAST SURVIVING
DWARF--

--WILL
REGAIN THE
MAGIC LOST SO
LONG AGO!

SRRAK

SRRAAK

YA BETTER
BE RIGHT
ABOUT THIS,
PAPPY!

'COURSE I'M RIGHT.
THAT GLOWIN' LINE
O' ROCK CAN ONLY
MEAN ONE THING...

...A SIGN FROM
DUMATHOIN T'SHOW
WHICH TUNNEL WE'RE
S'POSETA TAKE.

THE MAGIC WILL
BE MINE, I TELL YOU!
THE POWER WILL BE
MINE! AND NO DWARF
OR GOD OF DWARVES
WILL STOP ME!

LISSEN UP!
Y'HEAR THAT?

YEAH,
I HEAR IT.
SAME SONG
I KEEP
HEARIN'...

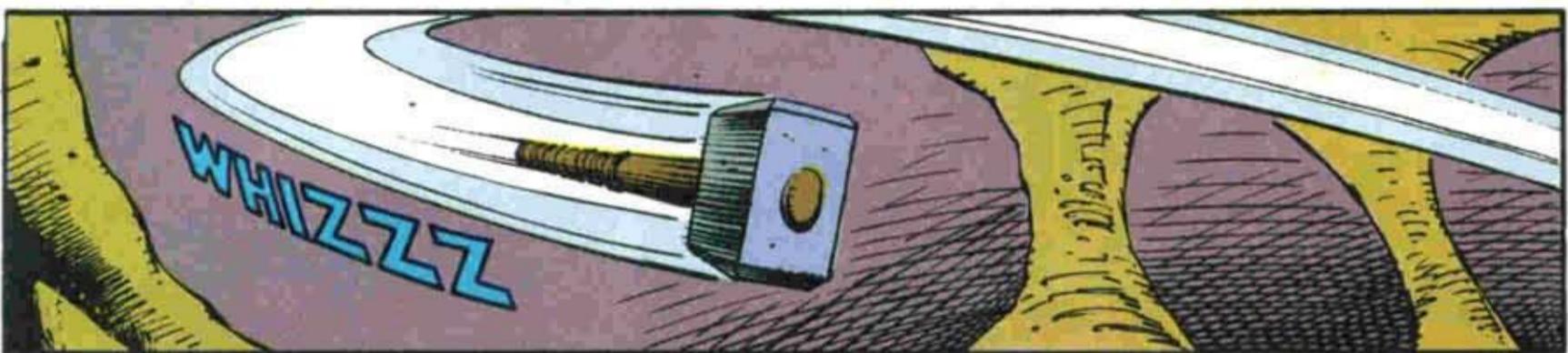
...ANOTHER
ONE O' THESE
CRAZY GOONS WHO
WANTS A RULE THE
CITY OR TAKE
OVER THE REALMS
OR TURN HISSELF
INTO A GOD!

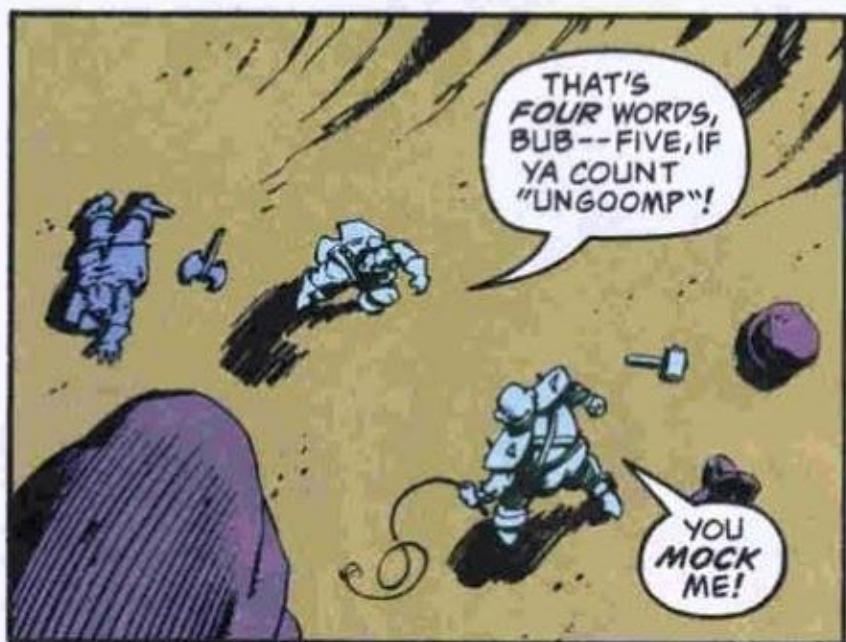
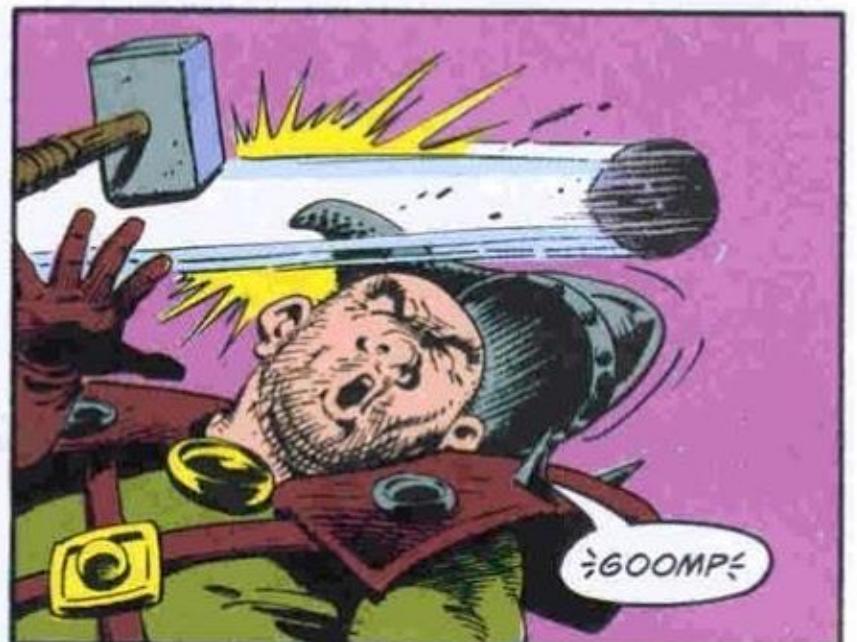
ME,
I'M GETTIN'
AWFULLY
TIRED OF
'EM!

FRRASK









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BUT YOU
JUST REACHED
THE END OF
YER ROPE!

AND YET,
WHAT'S ON THE
OTHER END?

GOLD!

THAT'S RIGHT:
ONCE I MELT DOWN
THE PILLARS SO THEY
CAN NEVER RETURN
TO LIFE, YOU CAN KEEP
THE GOLD REMAINS!

NO SALE!

BUT--BUT
YOU'RE A DWARF!
YOU MUST CRAVE
RICHES!

THINK OF
ALL THAT
GOLD...!

A LOTTA
GOOD A PILE
O' GOLD'LL DO ME IF
I'M GONNA DIE WITH
ALL THE OTHER
DWARVES!

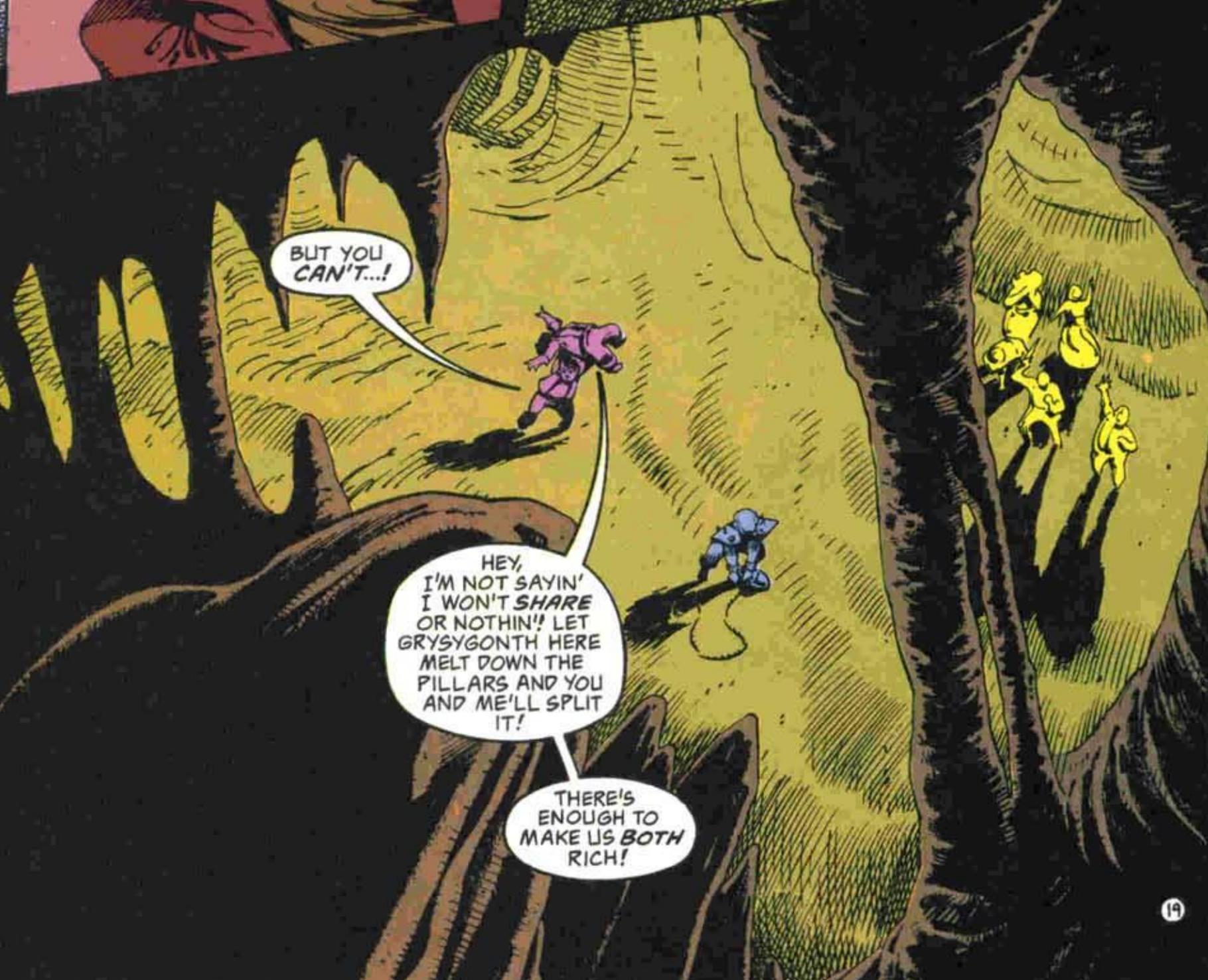
NO...
THAT WILL
TAKE TIME---!
YOU--
OHHF-!

I SAID,
"NO SALE!"

NOW...

SINCE
YA ALREADY SAID
THE PILLARS CAN BE
TURNED BACK TO
PEOPLE, YER GONNA
TELL ME HOW.

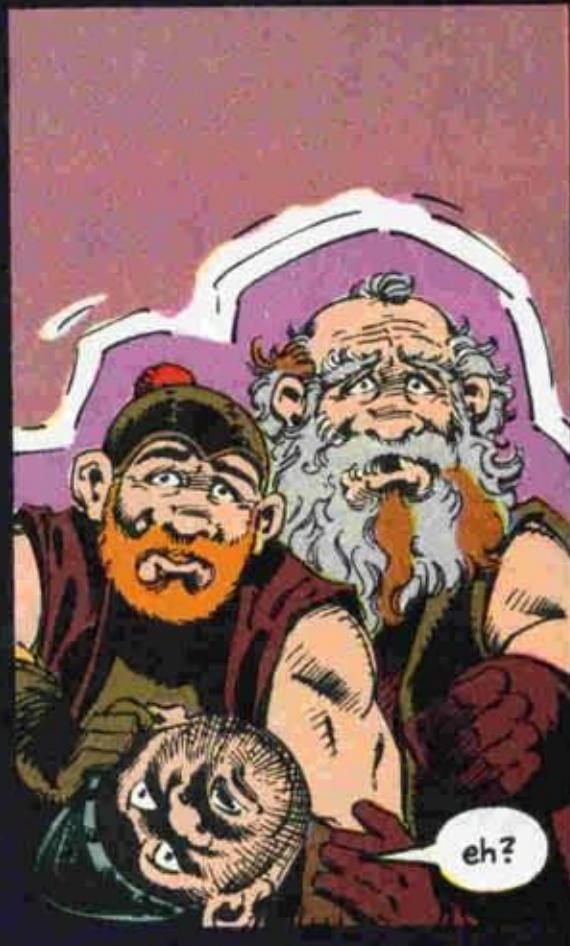
AND IF
YA STILL NEED
YER TONGUE
LOOSENERED UP,
I CAN--







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"...BECAUSE THE PILLARS OF GOLD
WILL NEVER BE RETURNED TO WHAT
THEY ONCE WERE!"

WAITASECOND! LOOK!
HIS FINGER--IT'S
BURNING SOMETHIN'
INTO THE ROCK!

LOOKS
LIKE A RUNE
T'ME.

AND YOU TOLD
ME YOU CAN READ
RUNES! THAT'S HOW
YOU FOLLOWED THE
MAP TO GRANDPAPPY!

GLAD T'SEE
YOU WUZ PAYIN'
ATTENTION.

HMM... IT'S
A TRICKY ONE.
BUT I THINK
THAT MAYBE,
JEST MAYBE...

NO!!

OFFEE T:



GRRUMBBLIE



THERE'S NOTHIN'
--NO SIGN OF 'EM.
NOTHIN' BUT ROCK.

AWW, NOW DON'T BE TOO
DOWNHEARTED, SONNYBOY.
AT LEAST YA GOT ME!

YEAH.
WUNNERFUL.

BUT IF
YA WANNA
KNOW THE
TRUTH...

HURNGH?

...I'D
RATHER
HAVE THE
GOLD!

MRMF.

THE
END.

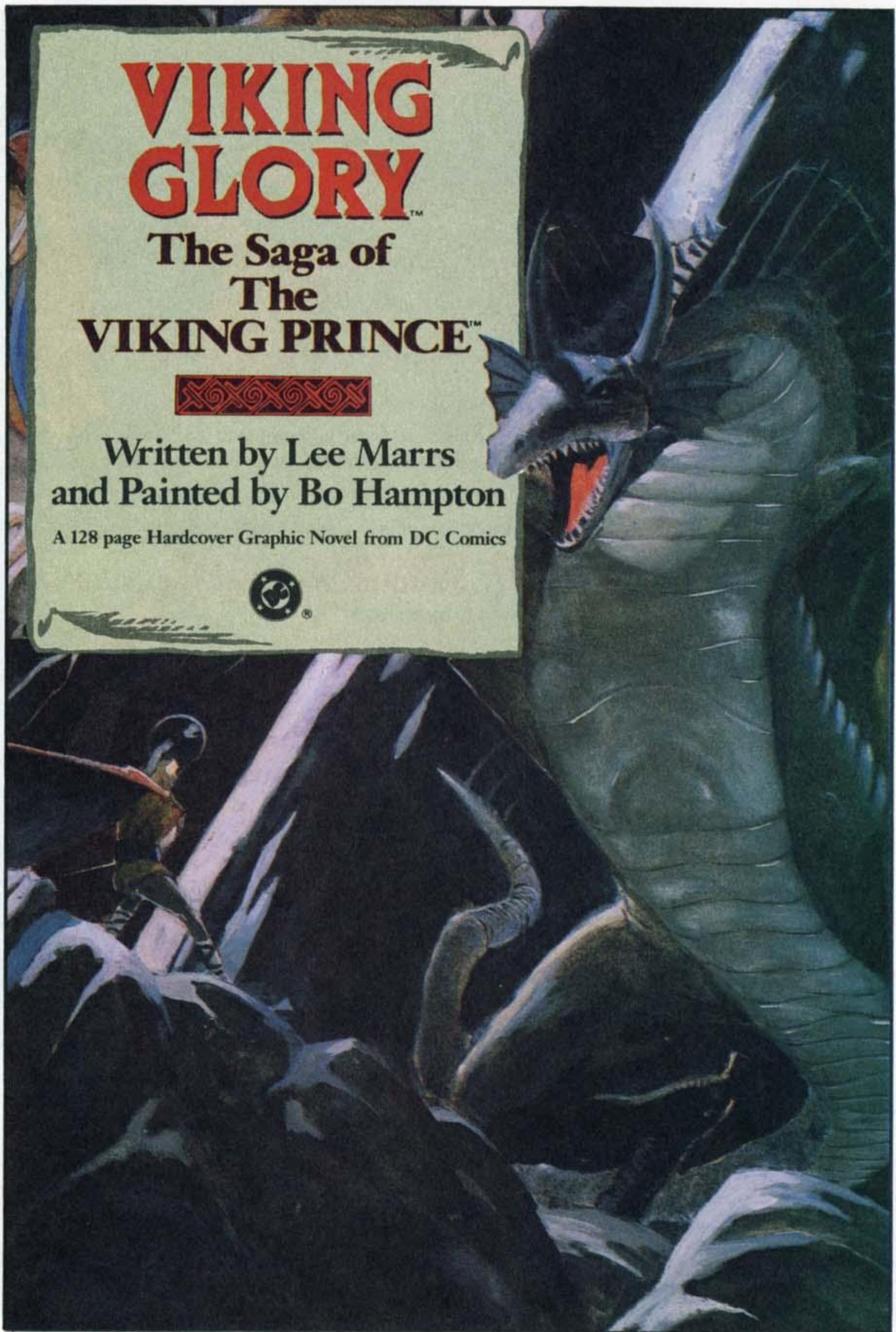
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