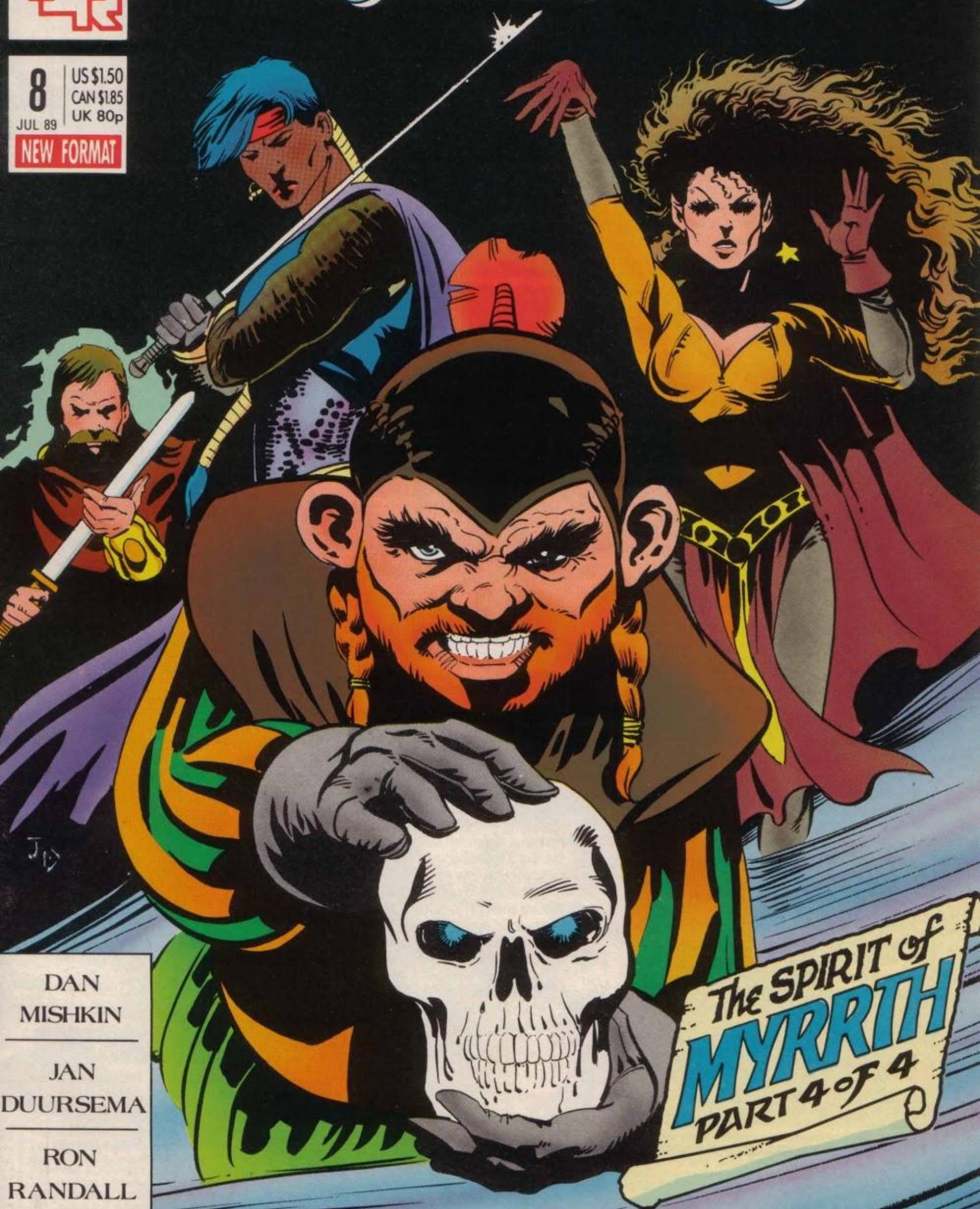


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The SPIRIT OF
MYRRTH
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SAILORS CALL THE
CRESCENT MOON
SELLINE'S SMILE--

--A NAME THAT'S
GIVEN ALSO TO A
SMALL INN IN
WATERDEEP.

BUT THE GODDESS OF
THE MOON SMILES
DOWN ON MYRIAD
EMOTIONS--FROM
RAUCOUS
LAUGHTER...

...TO BITTER
TEARS.



"IT WAS SOME
FINISH ALL
RIGHT."

DIE LAUGHING

HUH?



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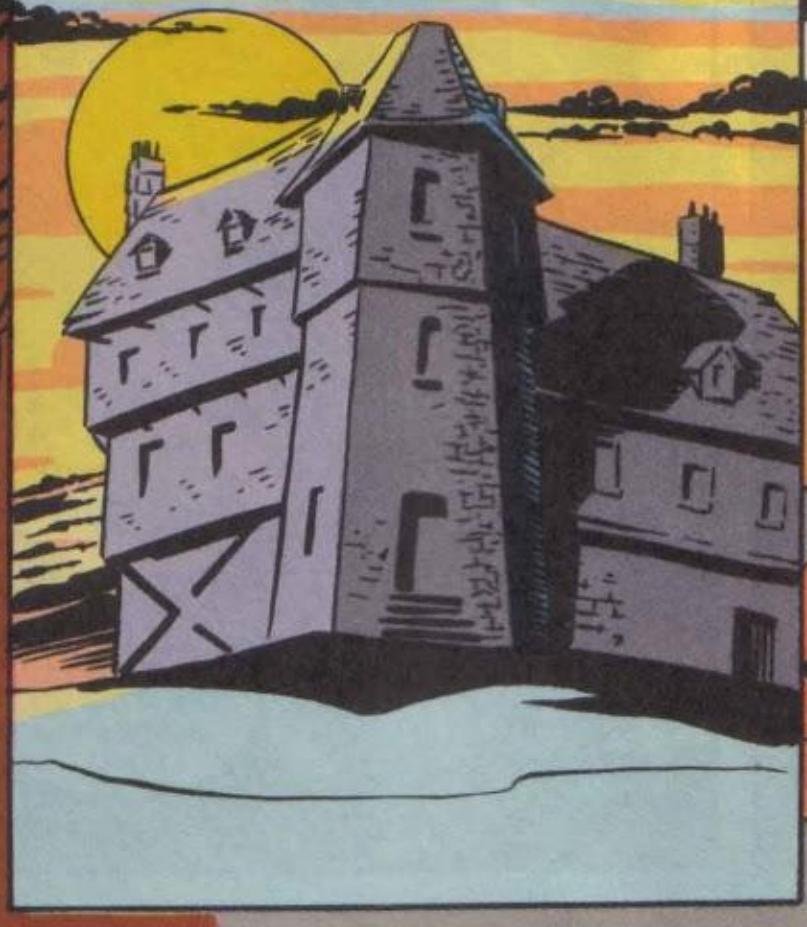


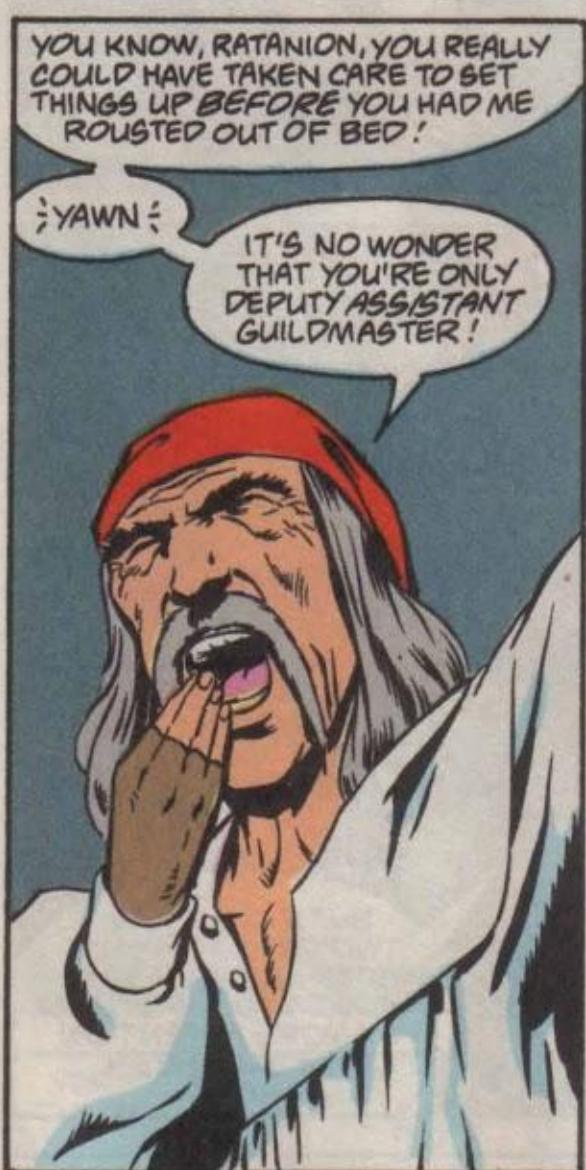


DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT PLAYS UPON THE SLEEPING CITY LIKE A LILTING MELODY, AWAKENING THE SOULS OF ALL WHO DWELL THERE --

-- TO ITS GLORIOUS HARMONY...

WHERE IS THAT BLASTED CLERIC!?!?







EXCUSE ME, MY GOOD MAN,
BUT WOULD YOU BY CHANCE
BE A MUSICIAN?

THAT'S RIGHT.
WHAT OF IT?

I WONDERED IF
YOU COULD SETTLE
A BET: MY FRIEND
SAYS THE LEAD IN
LAST YEAR'S
"FORGOTTEN
REVUE" WAS A
MEOZO, BUT I'M
SURE SHE WAS A
COLORATURA!

THEN YOU BETTER
PAY UP, PAL,
'CAUSE--

WHAT A LOVELY
MOAN--A NATURAL
TENOR.

MY MOTHER ALWAYS
WANTED ME TO SING
TENOR: TENOR FIFTEEN
MILES AWAY!

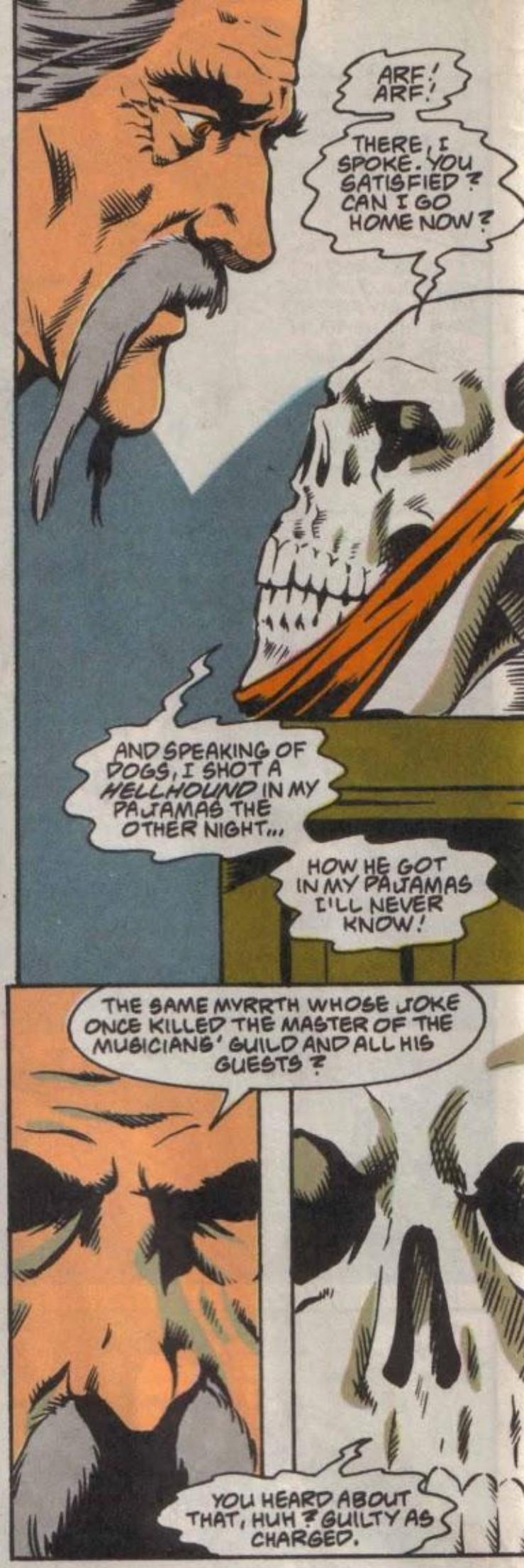
VERY
FUNNY.

BUT I WOULD
MOVE FARTHER
BACK IF I WERE YOU,
MYRRTH.

WE'RE GOING TO
HAVE US A LITTLE
SINGALONG...

...AND WE ALL KNOW
HOW DANGEROUS THAT
CAN BE!







HAH!

DISARMED YOU WITH
A SINGLE STROKE! YOU
PROBABLY BOUGHT THAT
SPEAR FROM A DISCOUNT
WEAPONER ON IRONPOST
STREET!

GIVE IT UP,
MUSICIAN--

--OR I'LL
MAKE SURE
YOU NEVER
PLAY THE
VIOLIN
AGAIN!

THAT'S ALL
RIGHT... I NEVER
COULD BEFORE.

THE FIGHT'S
KNOCKED OUT OF
THESE THREE, CONNER!
BUT THERE'RE MORE
COMING OUT THE MAIN--

WHEEET

HEY! BACK
AROUND HERE,
GUYS!

I JUST
REMEMBERED
ANOTHER
WAY IN...







SPIRIT,
PLEASE....!

CAN WE JUST
GET ON WITH IT?
WE'RE RUNNING
OUT OF TIME!

BOYOBODY!
EVERYBODY'S IN
SUCH A RUSH
NOWADAYS!
WHAT CENTURY
DID YOU SAY
IT WAS?

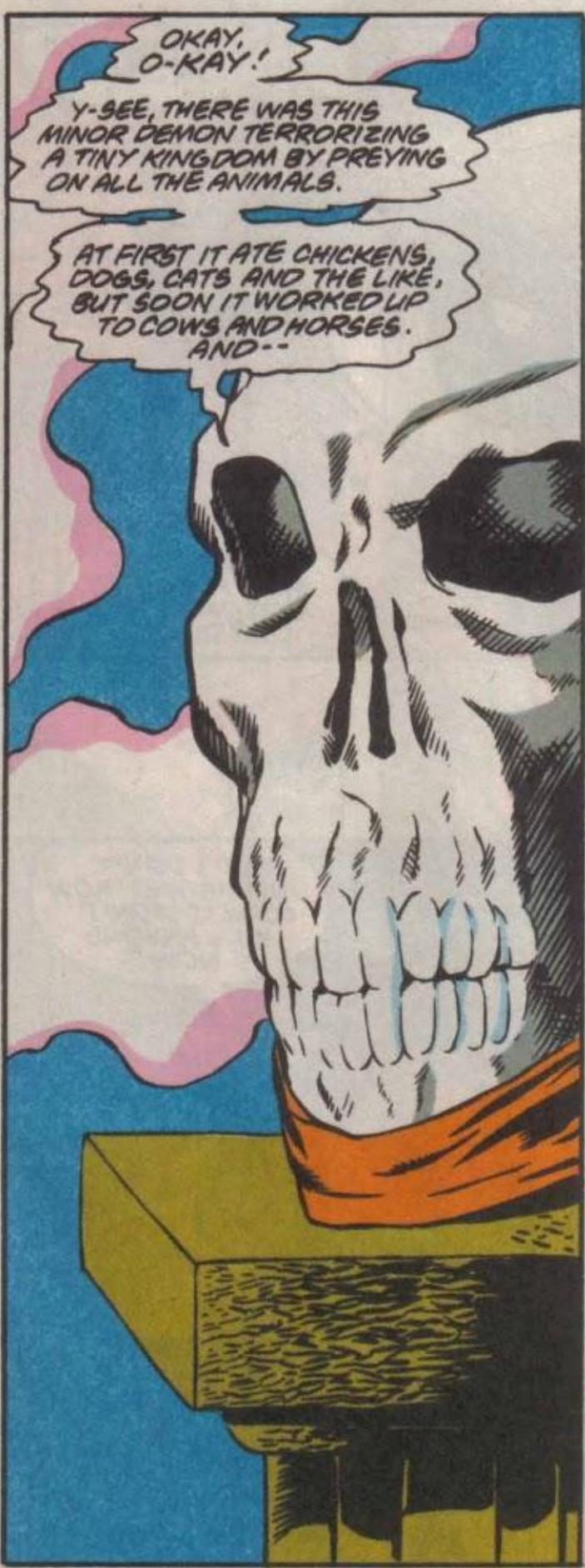
THE JOKE!
YOU WERE
GOING TO
TELL THE
JOKE!

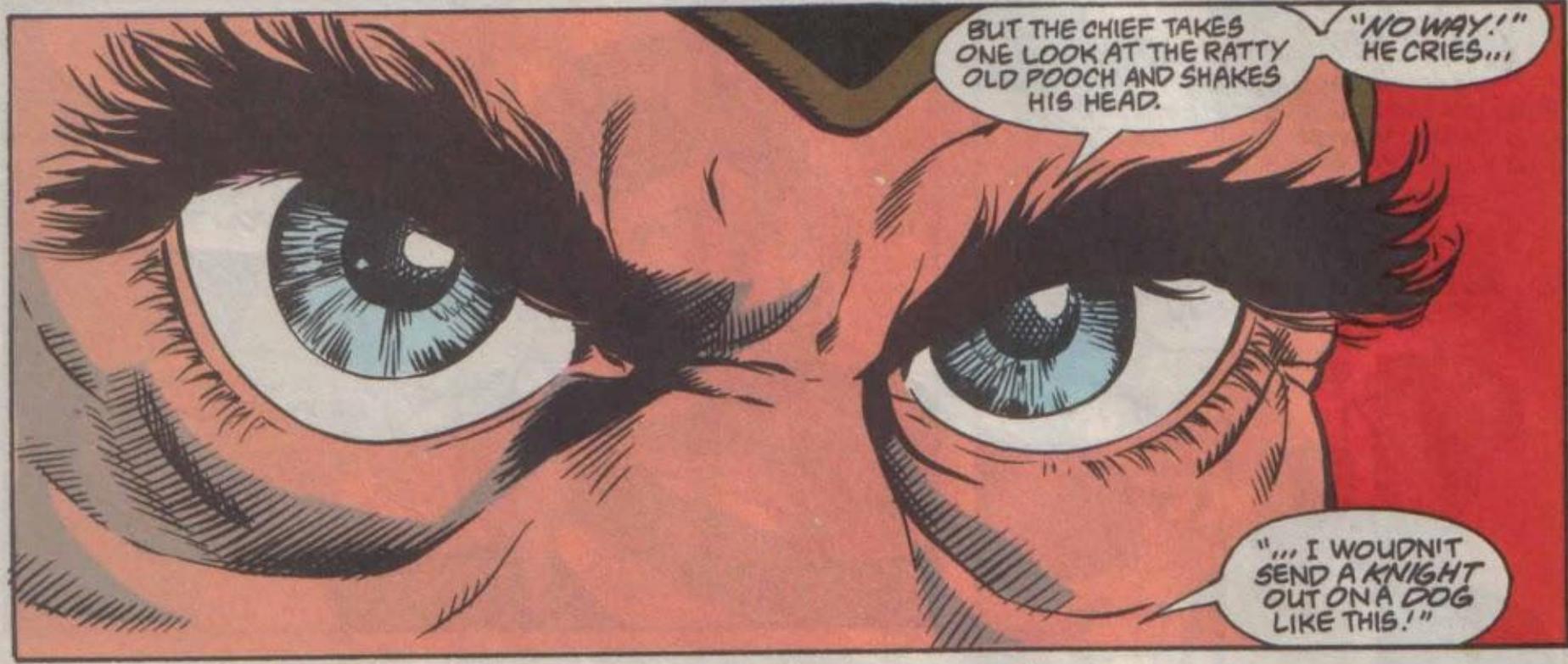
ARE YOU SURE
YOU DON'T WANT
TO HEAR THE ONE
ABOUT THE FARMER'S
DAUGHTER AND
THE TRAVELING
DRAGONSLAYER?

YES--!
NO...

I MEAN YES,
I'M SURE--AND
NO, I DON'T
WANT TO HEAR
IT.







BECUSE, YOU FOOL,
IT'S NOT A JOKE AT
ALL, BUT--



A SPELL!

THAT'S
GOT TO
BE IT!



PRECISELY!

SO THAT'S WHY THE KID WHO WROTE
THE JOKE INSISTED I CARRY HIS
LUCKY CHARM, HIS--



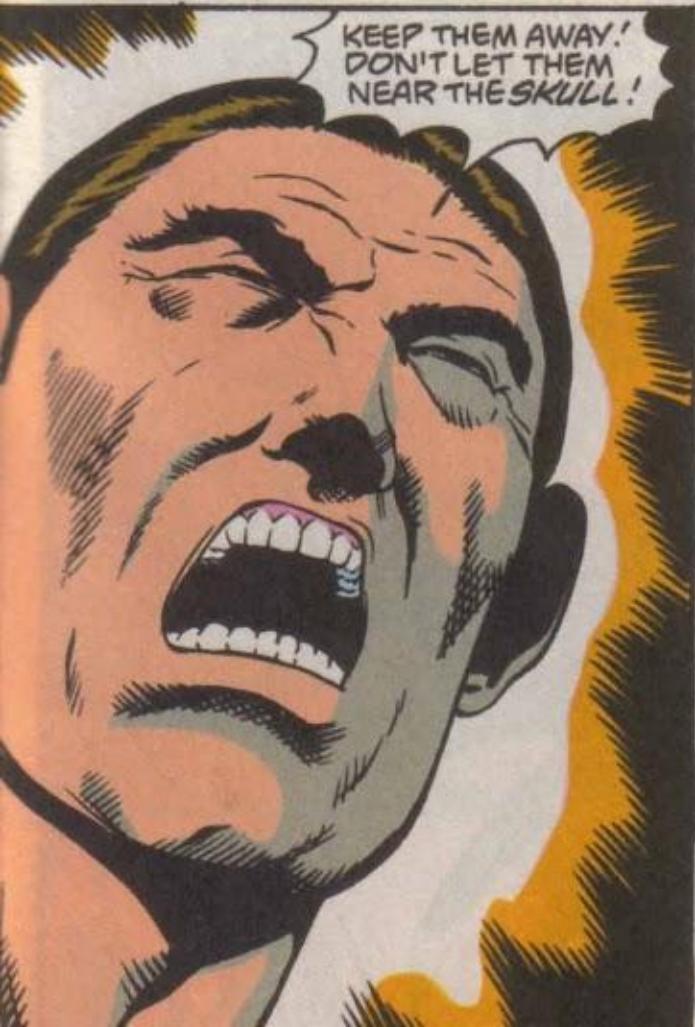
NO, DON'T
SAY IT, MYRRTH!
IT WAS THE
PHYSICAL
COMPONENT
OF THE
SPELL--



--AND THE MUSICIANS
STILL DON'T KNOW
WHAT THAT WAS!

TELL ME,
SPIRIT!
NAME
THE--















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