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KELEMVOR IS GOD OF THE DEAD. UNLIKE PAST DEITIES, WHOSE RULE OF THE DEAD MADE THE AFTERLIFE AN UNCERTAIN AND FEARFUL THING, HE URGES UNDERSTANDING THAT DEATH IS A NATURAL PART OF LIFE.

FOLLOWERS OF KELEMVOR, KNOWN AS THE "DEATH CLERGY," TEND TO THE LAST WISHES OF THE DYING AND PROVIDE BURIAL SERVICES TO THOSE WHO PERISH ALONE. THEY SET OUT TO CURE DISEASES AND DEFEND PEOPLE FROM PASSING ON BEFORE THEIR TIME. WITH A DEEP RESPECT FOR PROPER LIFE AND DEATH, THEY ARE SWORN ENEMIES OF THE UNDEAD.

THE LOWER CITY—
THE TEMPLE OF KELEMVOR

CRASH

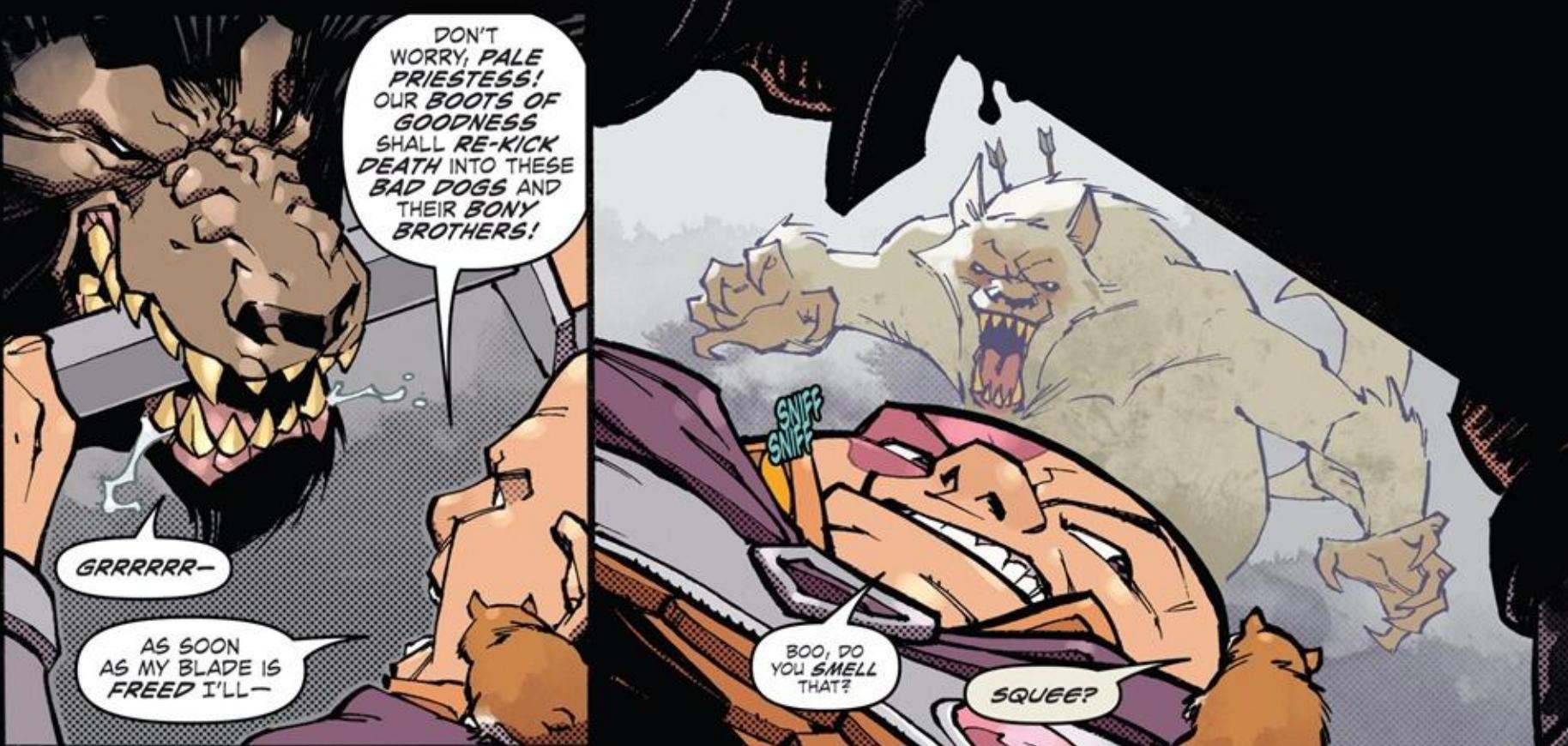
G'RAAAH!

FURRY
INVADERS, YOU
SHALL NOT
PREVAIL!

SQUEE—!

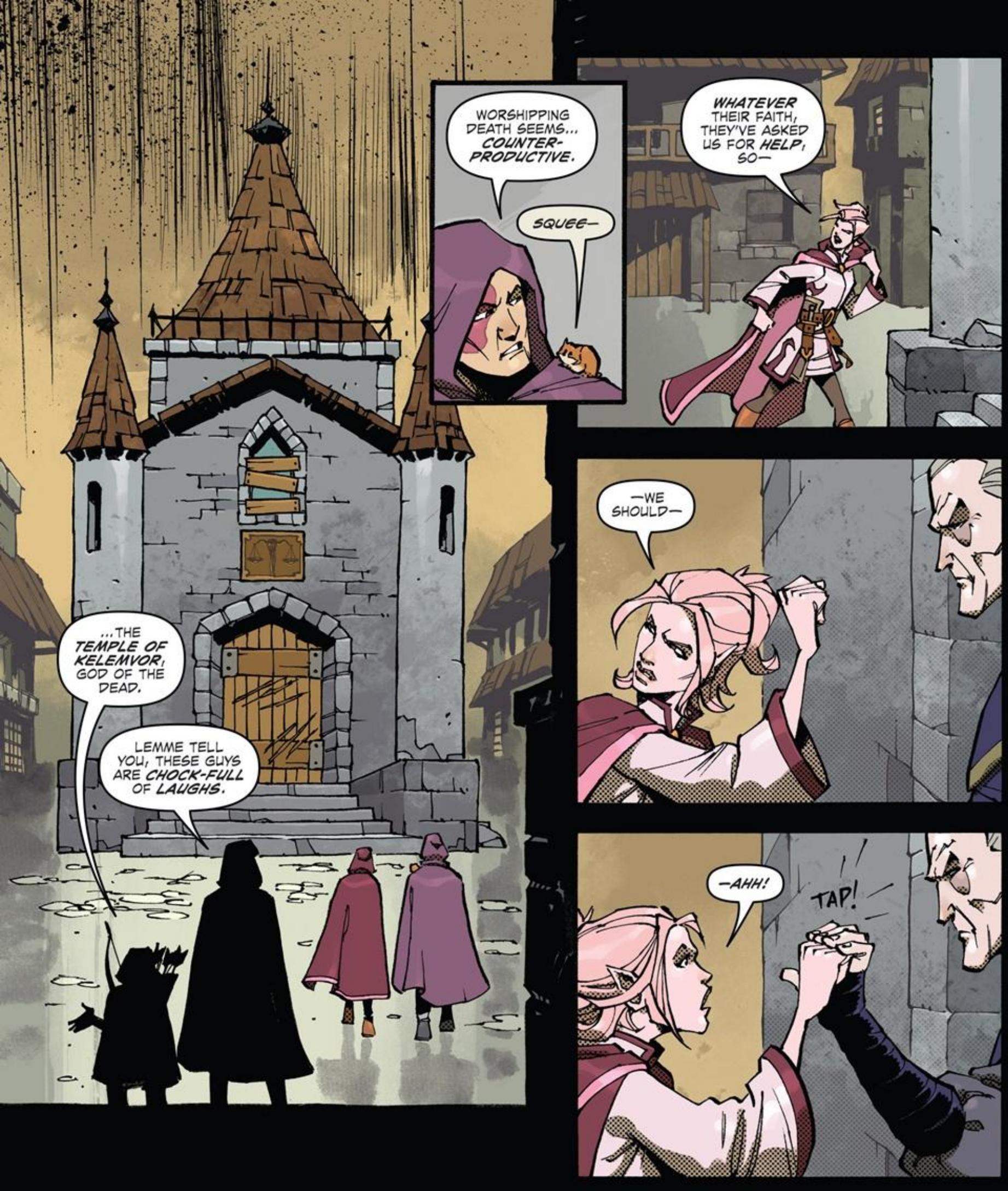
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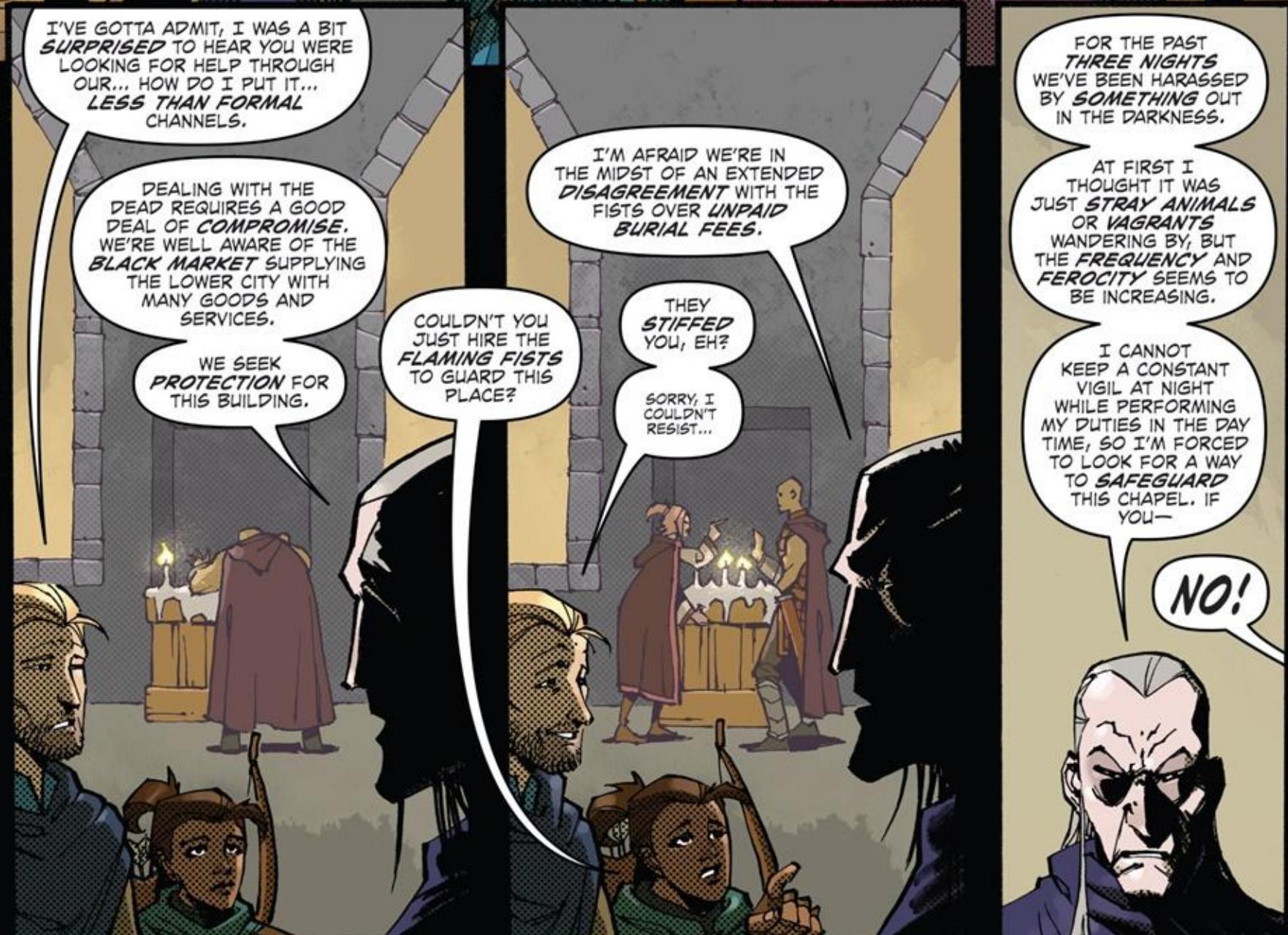
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12 HOURS EARLIER...







FATHER ALBY,
WHY WOULD YOU CALL
UPON THESE FAITHLESS
SELL-SWORDS?!

I TOLD YOU I
COULD DEFEND THIS
BUILDING FROM
INTRUDERS!

NERYS, YOUR FAITH IS
COMMENDABLE AND YOU
ARE BATTLE WORTHY, BUT
I CANNOT LET YOU GUARD
THE CHAPEL ALONE.

HEY NOW,
WE'RE ALL
HERE TRYING TO
DO THE RIGHT
THING...

THIS IS AN
INSULT!

THIS TEMPLE
CONTAINS DOZENS
OF PRICELESS
RELICS OF OUR
FAITH...

...THEY MUST
BE PROPERLY
PROTECTED BY
THOSE WHO
RESPECT OUR
TRADITIONS.

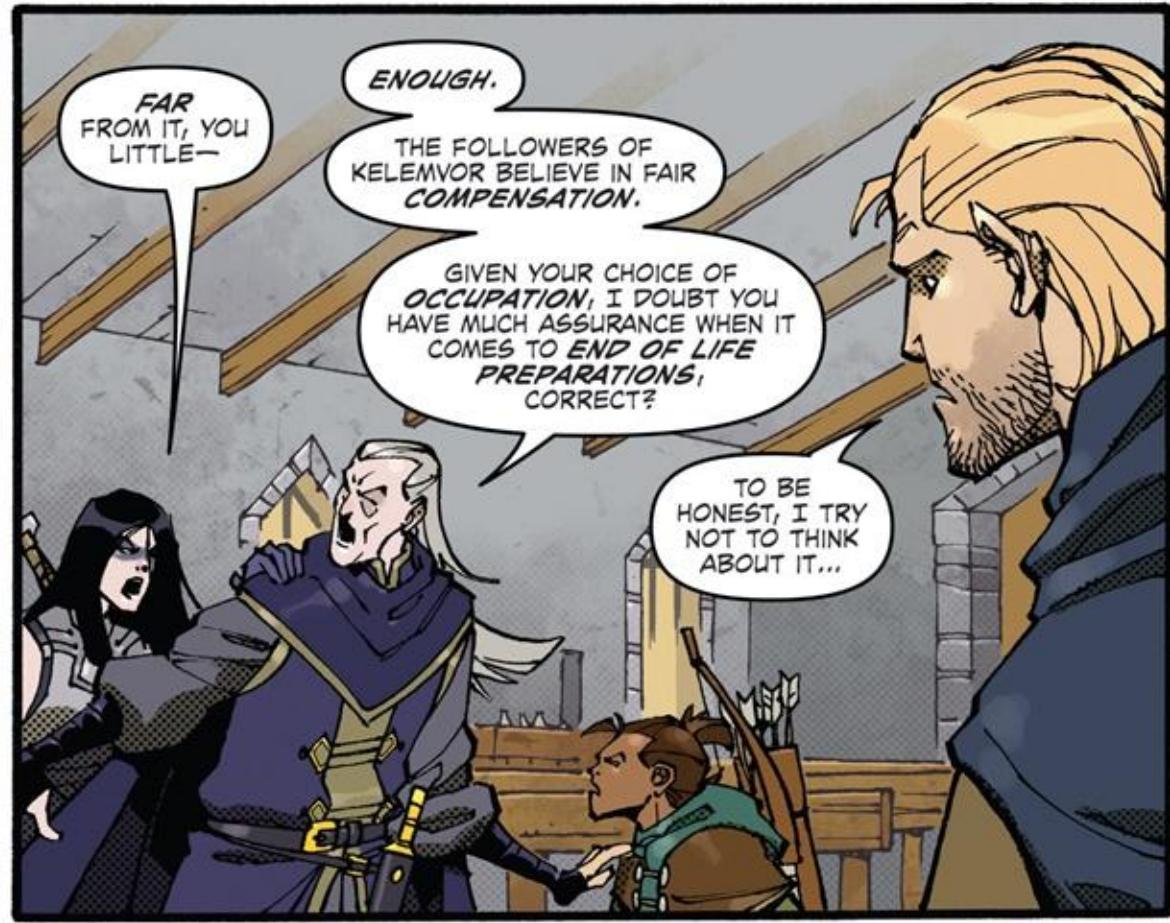
THIS MAN'S
TEETH ARE CROOKED
LIKE A VICES
ALLIGATOR...

MINSC,
PLEASE PUT
IT DOWN.

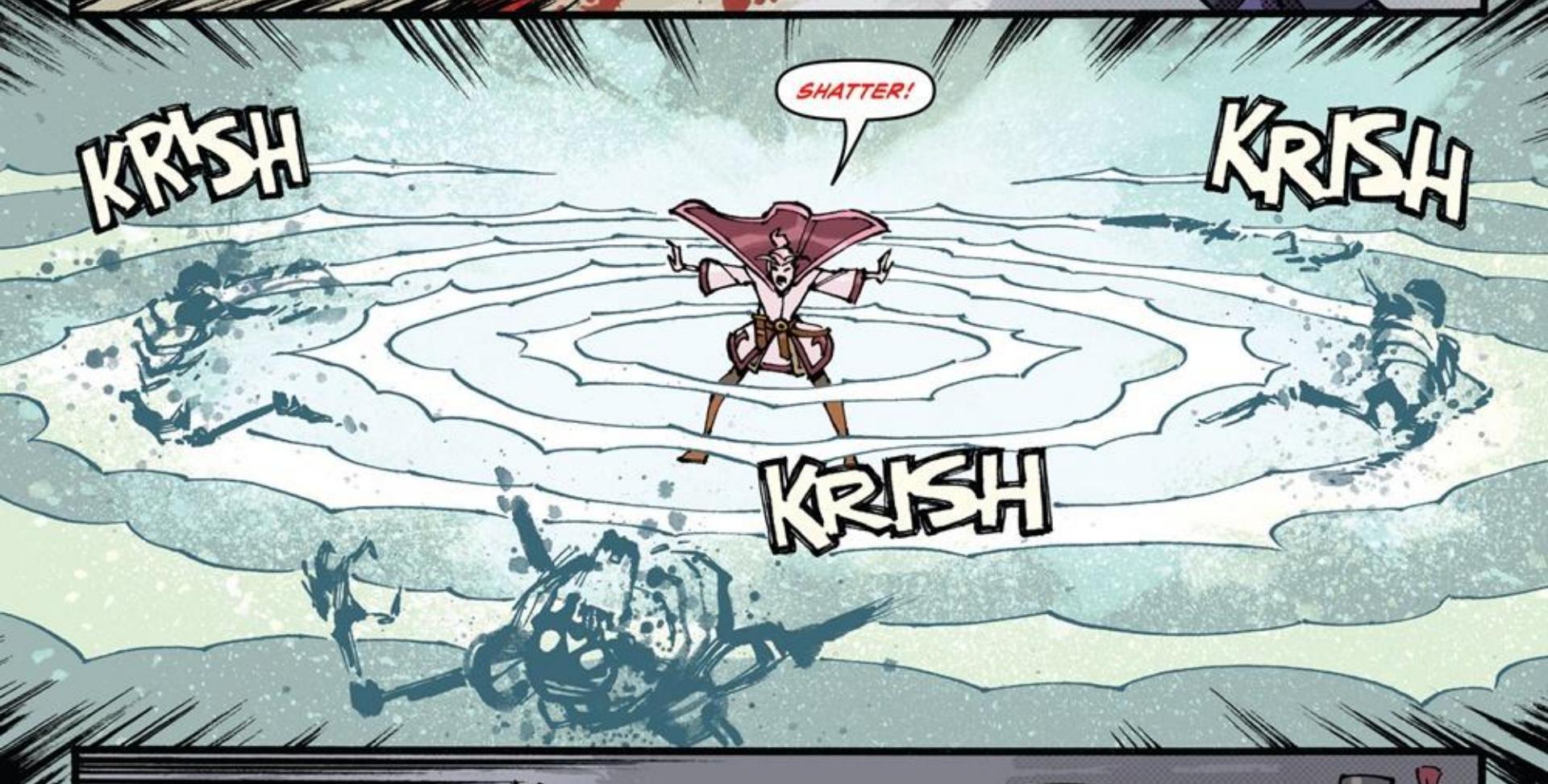
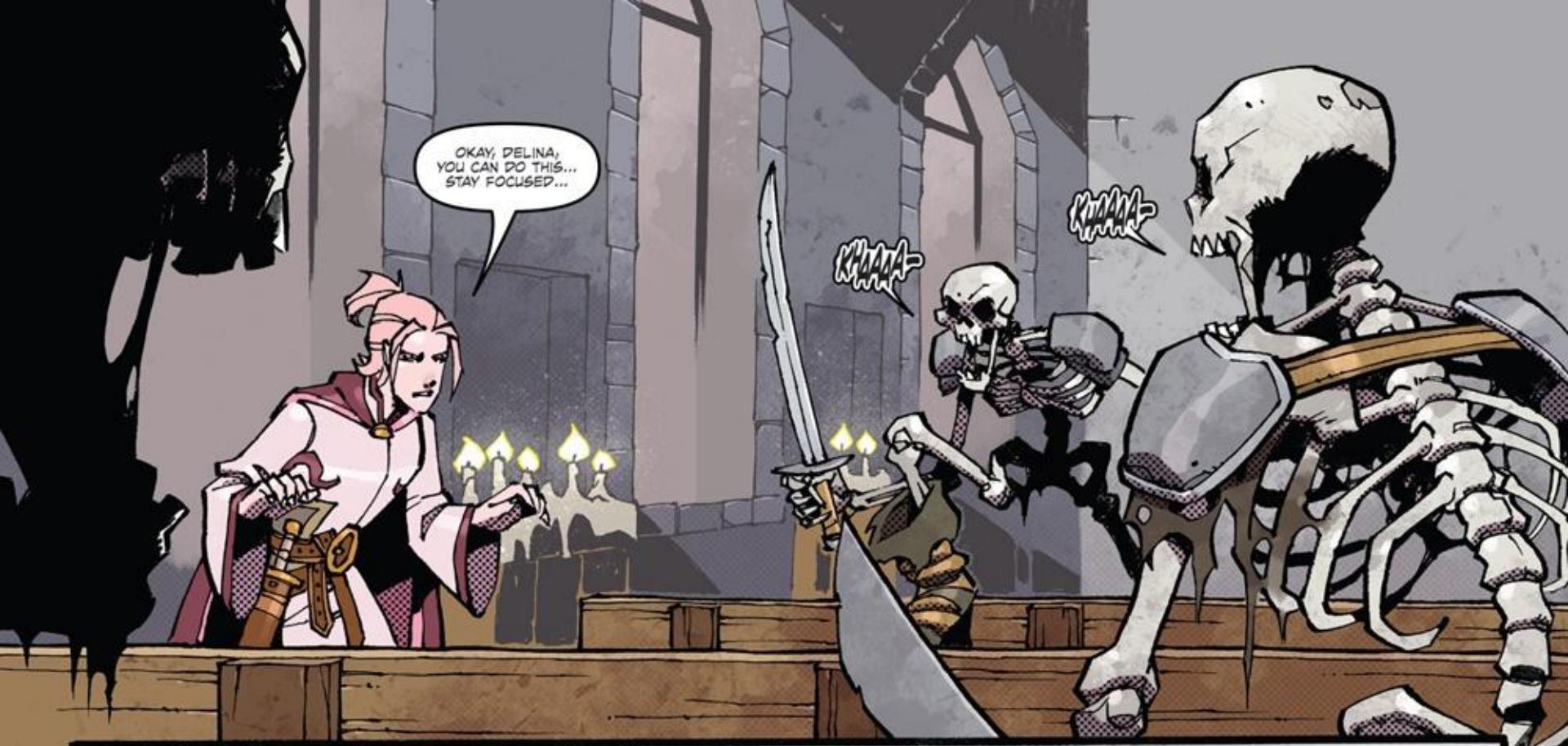
RESPECT.
PROTECT.

WE CAN DO
THAT. IT'S WHAT
WE'RE ALL
ABOUT.

LET'S TALK
PAYMENT.













THERE
WASN'T TIME
TO CHECK!

SO YOU
TOSSED THEM ALL
IN A SACK? IF YOU
DAMAGED IT, ALL
THIS WILL HAVE BEEN
FOR NOTHING!

I THOUGHT
MAGIC ITEMS WERE
UNBREAKABLE!
WHO CARES ABOUT
THE REST!



GREETINGS,
YOUNG CLERIC...

MY NAME IS SANGIN.
MY LYCANTHROPIC COMPATRIOTS
ARE DRON AND UTNA.

WE HAVE
NEED OF YOUR
EXPERTISE.

YOU ARE A
BLASPHEMER
AND A FOOL...
AND YOU WILL DIE
A FOOL'S
DEATH.

AS I WAS
SAYING, WE HAVE
NEED OF YOUR
EXPERTISE AND DO
NOT HAVE TIME
TO WASTE.

DO YOU
HONESTLY THINK
YOU CAN THREATEN
A SERVANT OF
KELEMVOR WITH
DEATH?

CHARMING...

A
DIFFERENT
TACK, THEN.

YOU WILL
HELP US FIND
A PARTICULAR
TREASURE AMONGST
THIS JUNK, OR
ELSE...



THE REST OF
YOUR CEREMONIAL
GARBAGE WILL BE
LEFT UNHARMED IF
YOU HELP US FIND
THE ONE WE
NEED.

UNDERSTOOD?

YES.





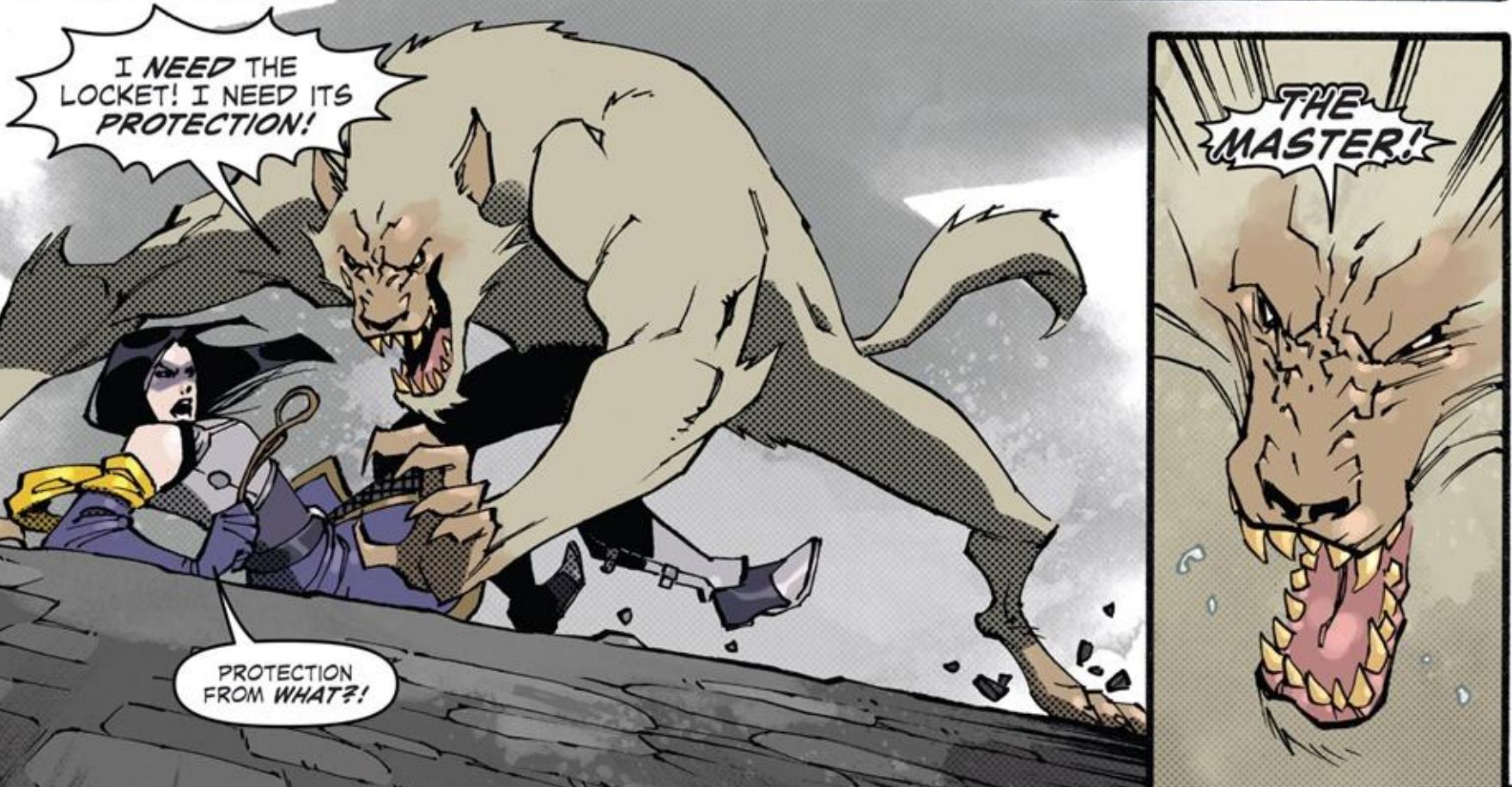


JUSTICE
KNOCKS AND WE
HAVE ANSWERED IT,
STINKY DOGS!









TOO LATE!
HE'S FOUND
US!

WHATEVER
THIS IS, YOU'RE
NOT GETTING
IT!

NOOOOO-!

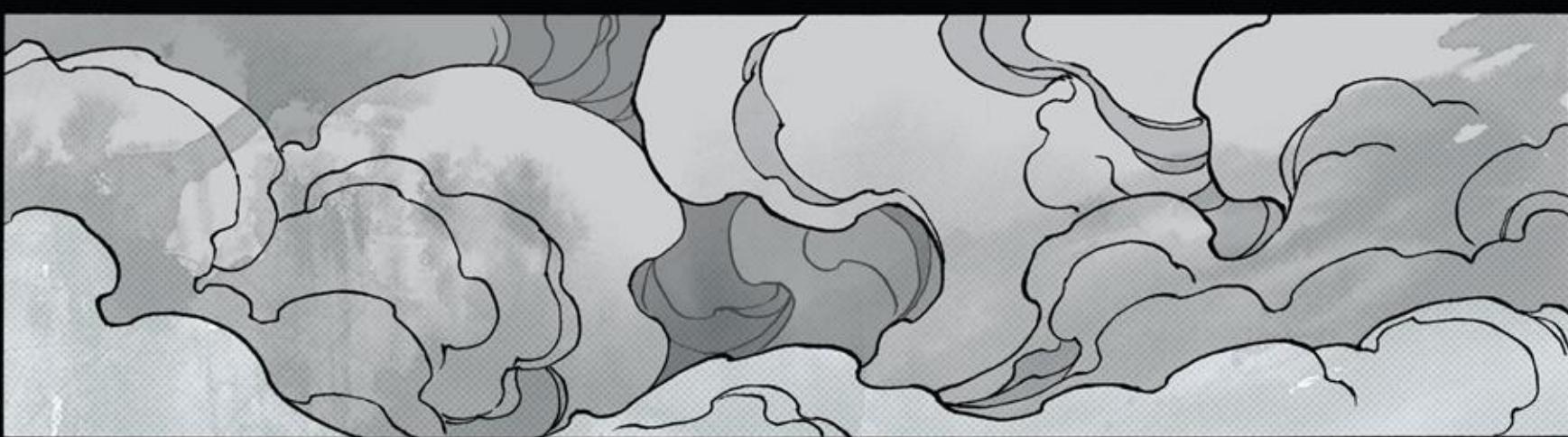
Toss

ALL THIS FOR
A NECKLACE?

CATCH!

YOU...
...YOU'VE
DAMNED
US ALL...

I'M A BIT
CONFUSED...
...DOES THIS
MEAN YOU
SURRENDER TO
OUR SUPERIOR
GOODNESS?





...COUNT
STRAHD VON
ZAROVICH,
THE LORD OF
RAVENLOFT!

TO BE CONTINUED...