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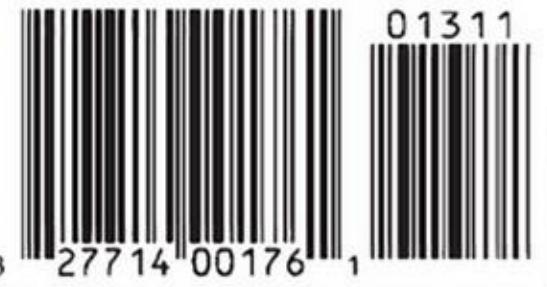
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It is a time of magic and monsters, a time when the civilized world has been reduced to a few scattered points of light glowing with stubborn determination amid a rising tide of shadows. It is a time when only the bravest dare tread the wilds of the unknown.

A small town built upon the ruins of a larger city, Fallcrest lies at the crossroads of the Nentir Vale, a great wilderness dotted with a handful of inhabited villages and towns where bandits and monsters roam freely, threatening all who venture far from settlements.

This is a place in need of a few heroes.

OUR TALE THUS FAR...

The town of Fallcrest is home to many adventurers, and Adric Fell leads one such group.

One of Fell's Five, the dwarf Khal, suspects that letters from his beloved Danni are forgeries. Khal brings the others to his Dwarven Stead to investigate, but the group is confronted by Khal's prospective mother-in-law. It seems Khal had entered into an agreement: he would stay away until his deeds as a paladin convinced Danni's mother to allow him into their family. Enraged at Khal's insolence, Danni's mother orders the group killed—but when a throng of insect-like Kruthic attack, Fell and the others manage to escape to the mines below. But Danni's mother and her troops follow...

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SO, KHAL SUSPECTED SOMETHING
WAS AMISS WITH HIS BELOVED,
AND RETURNED TO HIS STEAD.

YOU'RE LYING!
I'LL TEAR THAT LYING TONGUE OUT—

WE FOUND HIS FAIR DANNI MISSING,
PRESUMED DEAD, AND POSSIBLY
TO BLAME FOR THE HELLSPAWN
SWARMING HIS HOMELAND.



AND LIKE MOST DWARVEN
WORKMANSHIP...

THIS IS A
VERY BAD
SAFETY
SYSTEM!

...BEING ON THE RECEIVING
END IS USUALLY FATAL.

I. AM.
SICK. OF.
FALLING!

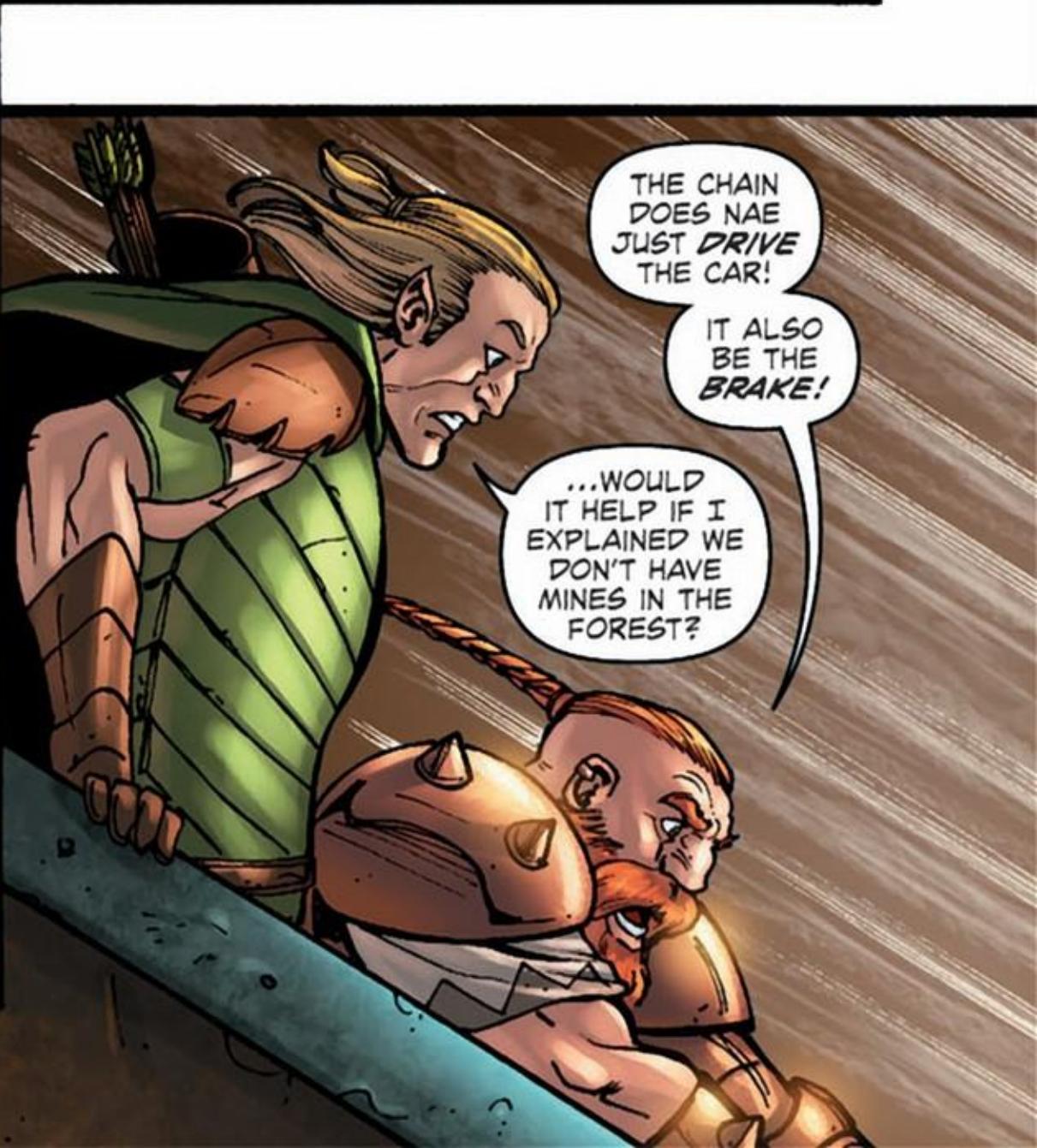
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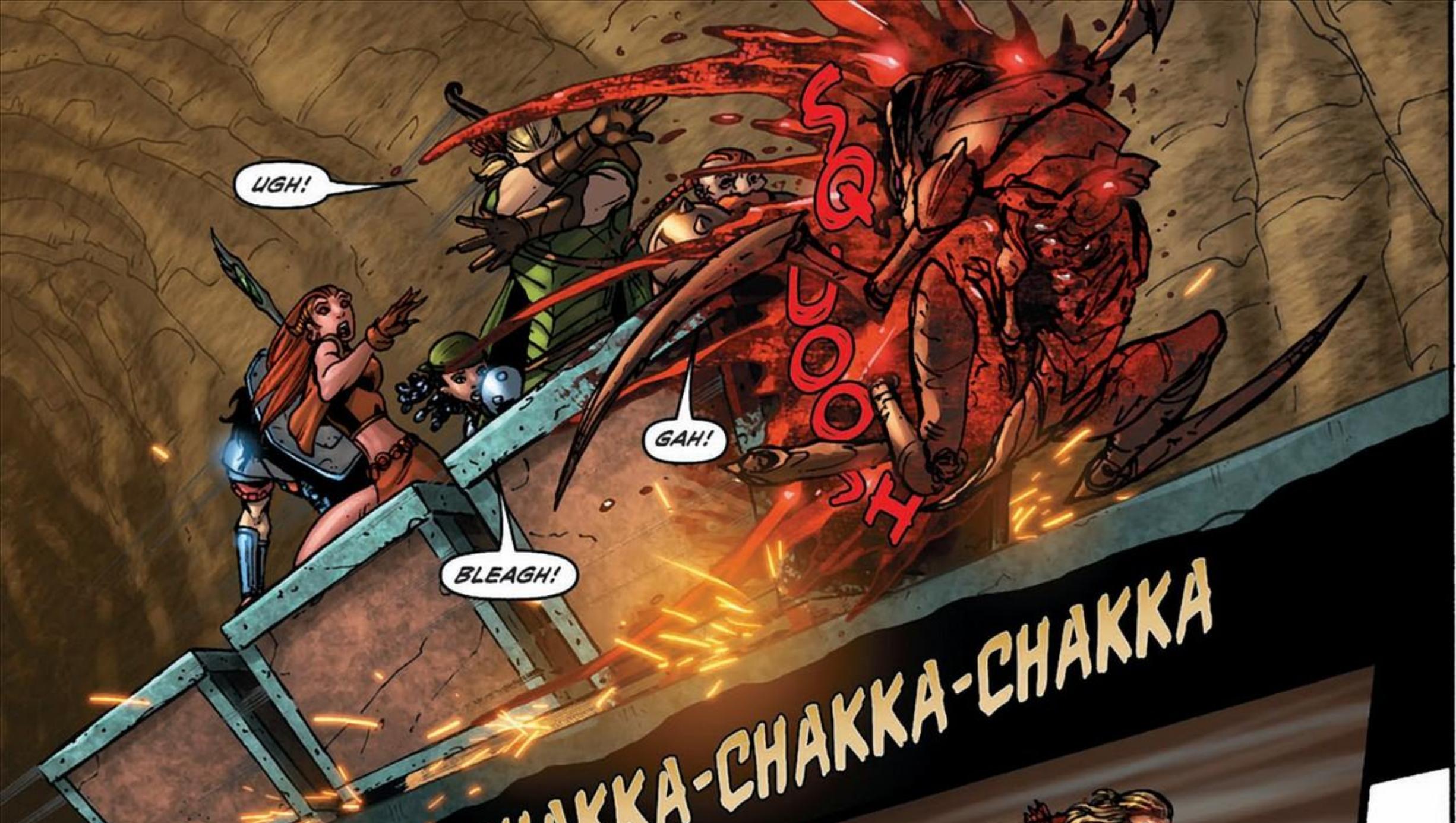
FEEDER
TUNNEL! THIS
WAY!

SKREE!

KRUNCH!







CHAKKA-CHAKKA-CHAKKA-CHAKKA



GOOD NEWS! WE'VE RUN OUT OF KRUTHIK!

I THINK THAT'S BECAUSE—

CHAKKA
CHAKKA
CHAKKA



OH—
—YOU
HAVE GOT
TO BE—
—KIDDING
MEEE—

SPOOSH! SPLASH! SPLASH!
SPLASH!

SPFFT!

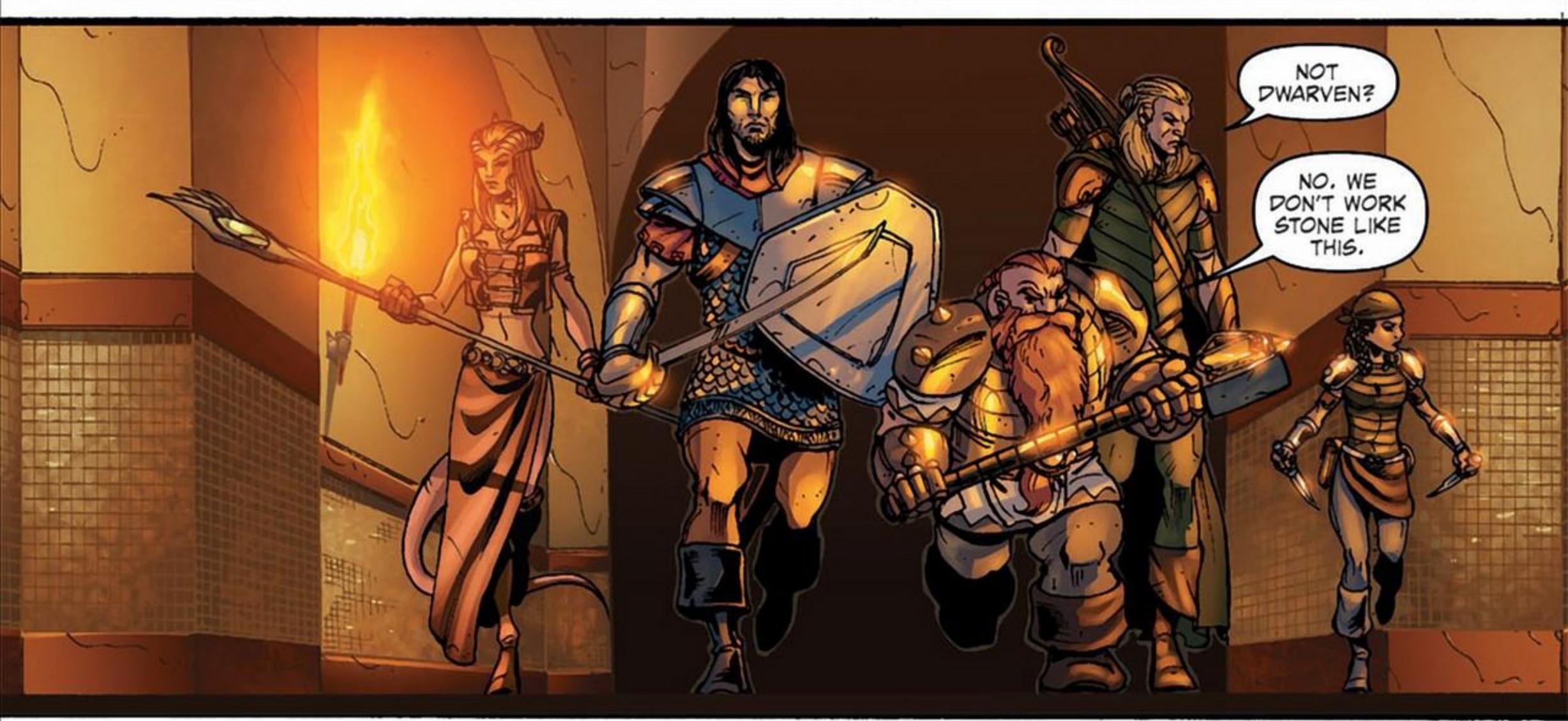
WOW. THAT
LADY DOES NOT
LIKE POETRY.

SHUT
YER GOB,
BREE.



















WHOMEVER IT
IS HASN'T ATTACKED
YET, SO THEY'RE
PROBABLY MORE AFRAID
OF US THAN WE ARE
OF THEM.

ANNNND—
DON'T
MOVE!

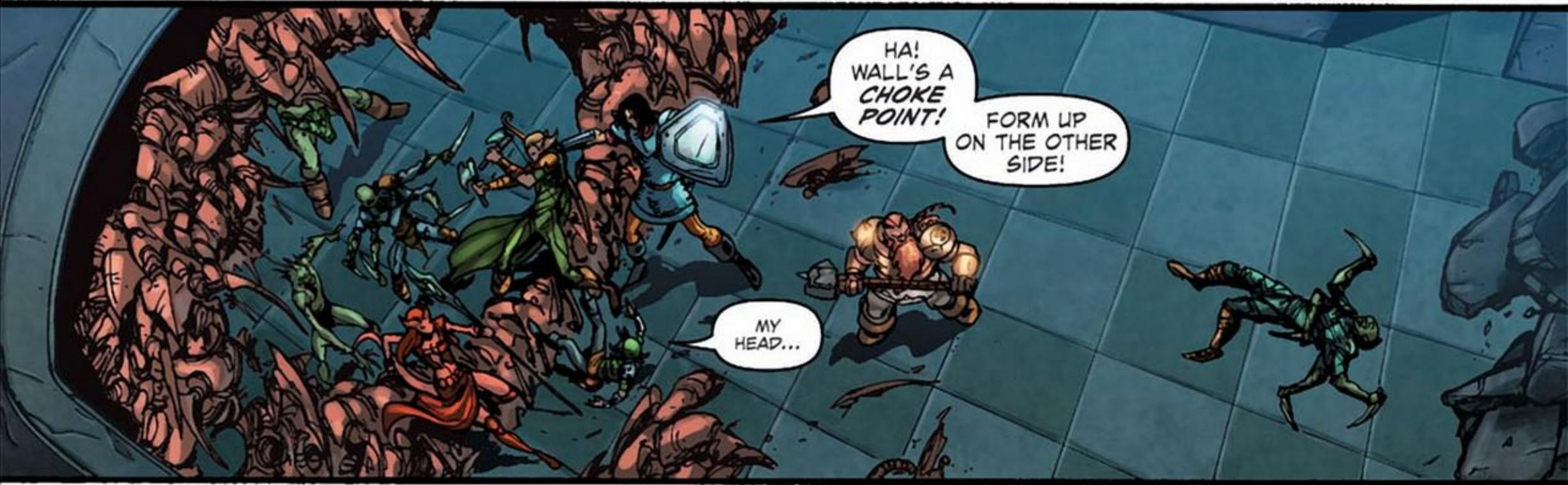
HELLO.
I WANT
TO LICK THE
INSIDE OF
YOUR RIB
CAGE.

HEE.









WELL, THERE'S ONE MYSTERY SOLVED.

KHAL?

OH GODS, NO—
KHAL!



AIN'T SHE
A CLEVER
GIRL?



UNFORTUNATELY.
CONTINUED NEXT
MONTH!



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