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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, discovers that letters from his beloved Danni are forgeries. Khal brings the others to his Dwarven Stead to investigate, but the group is confronted by an infestation of swarming insect-like Kruthiks. Entering the mines below, the group finds Danni—alive—but realizes that she's been tricked into believing Khal and his friends are illusions trying to kill her. As the battle rages, Tisha the tiefling is separated from the group while Adric is confronted by a monstrous creature...

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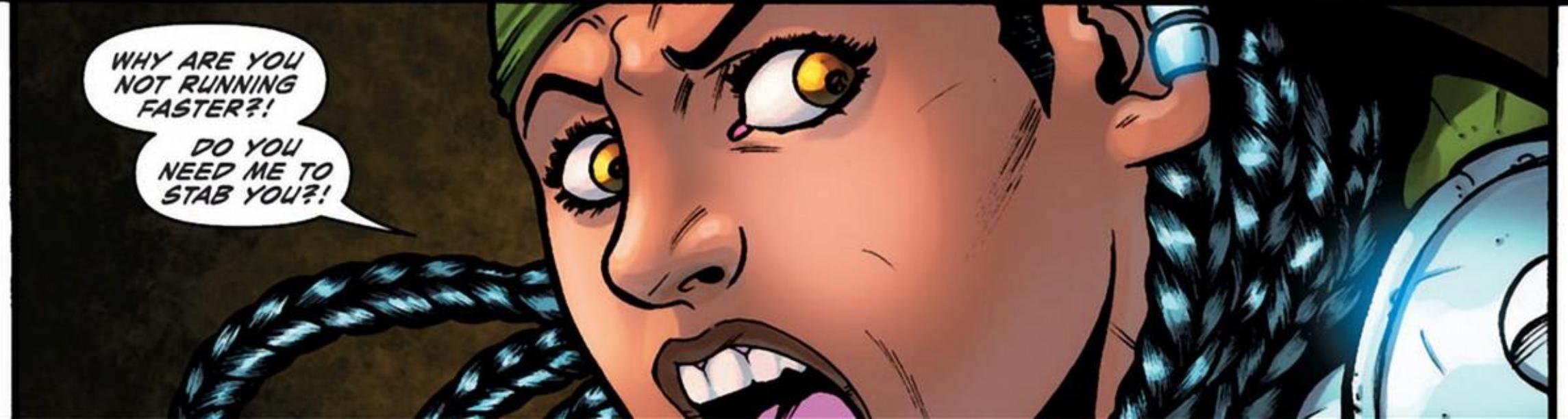
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THEY'RE CALLED  
"BEHOLDERS."  
NOT SURE WHY.

AH-HA-  
HAAAAAA

K  
Z  
A  
P

I ASSUME  
"PANTS-SOILERS"  
WAS ALREADY TAKEN.







"ANOTHER GUEST  
IS COMING TO  
THE PARTY!"

\*UNNGH\*

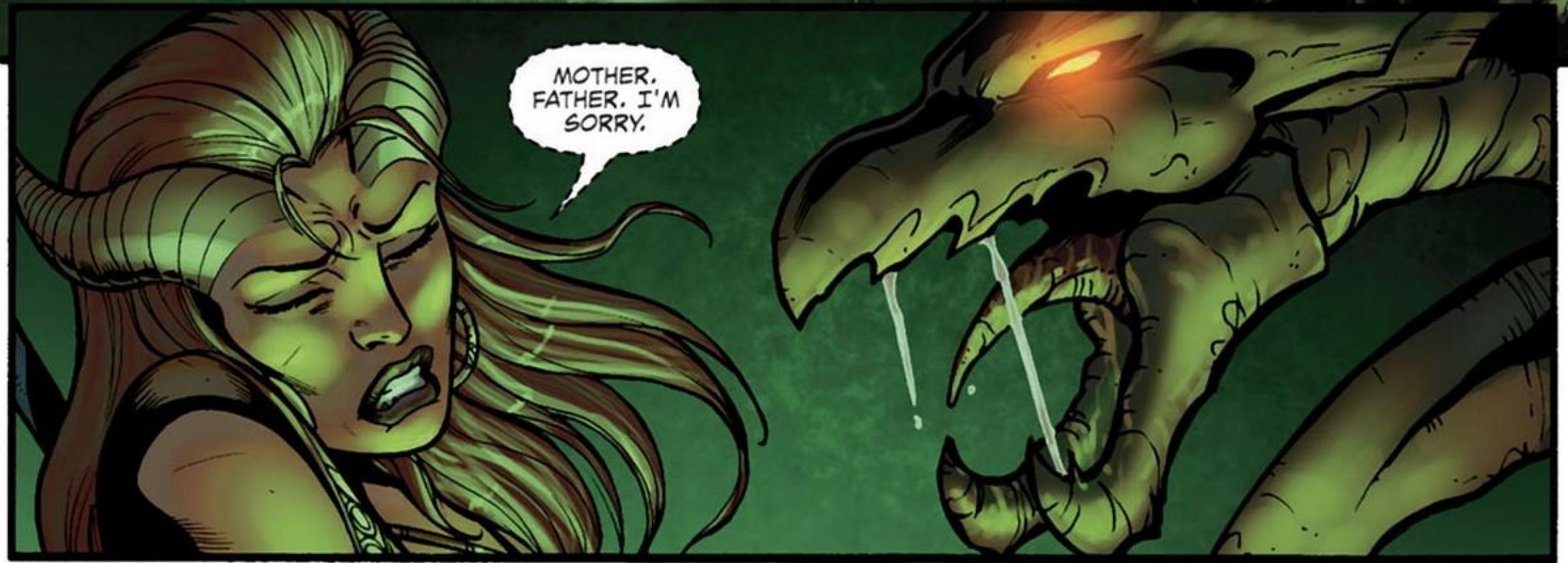
BONG BONG  
BONG

...ONE  
OF THESE  
DAYS...  
...GOING TO  
LAND ON MY  
HEAD.

\*SIGH\*  
TELEPORT.  
FLY. ALL THINGS  
ON MY "MAGIC TO  
LEARN" LIST.

NATURAL TUNNELS  
UNDER THE TEMPLE.  
MAYBE I CAN FIND MY  
WAY UP THROUGH THE  
FOUNDATION...

HELLO, THIS  
IS PROMISING.  
BIGGER ROOM.  
COME ON,  
BE A WINE  
CELLAR...



...I DID NOT THINK IT COULD  
GET STRANGER THAN THE  
HOMUNCULUS DWARVES.

DANNI!  
DANNI! LISTEN  
TO ME!

I DID NOT  
THINK IT COULD  
STRANGER THAN  
THE HOMUNCULUS  
DWARVES...



YOUR MIND  
BE FOGGED  
BY YOUR TIME  
DOWN HERE.  
BY THE  
DEATHS OF  
YOUR GOOD  
FRIENDS!

THE DEATHS THAT  
YOU CAUSED! YOU AND  
YOUR KRUTHIK  
MONSTERS!



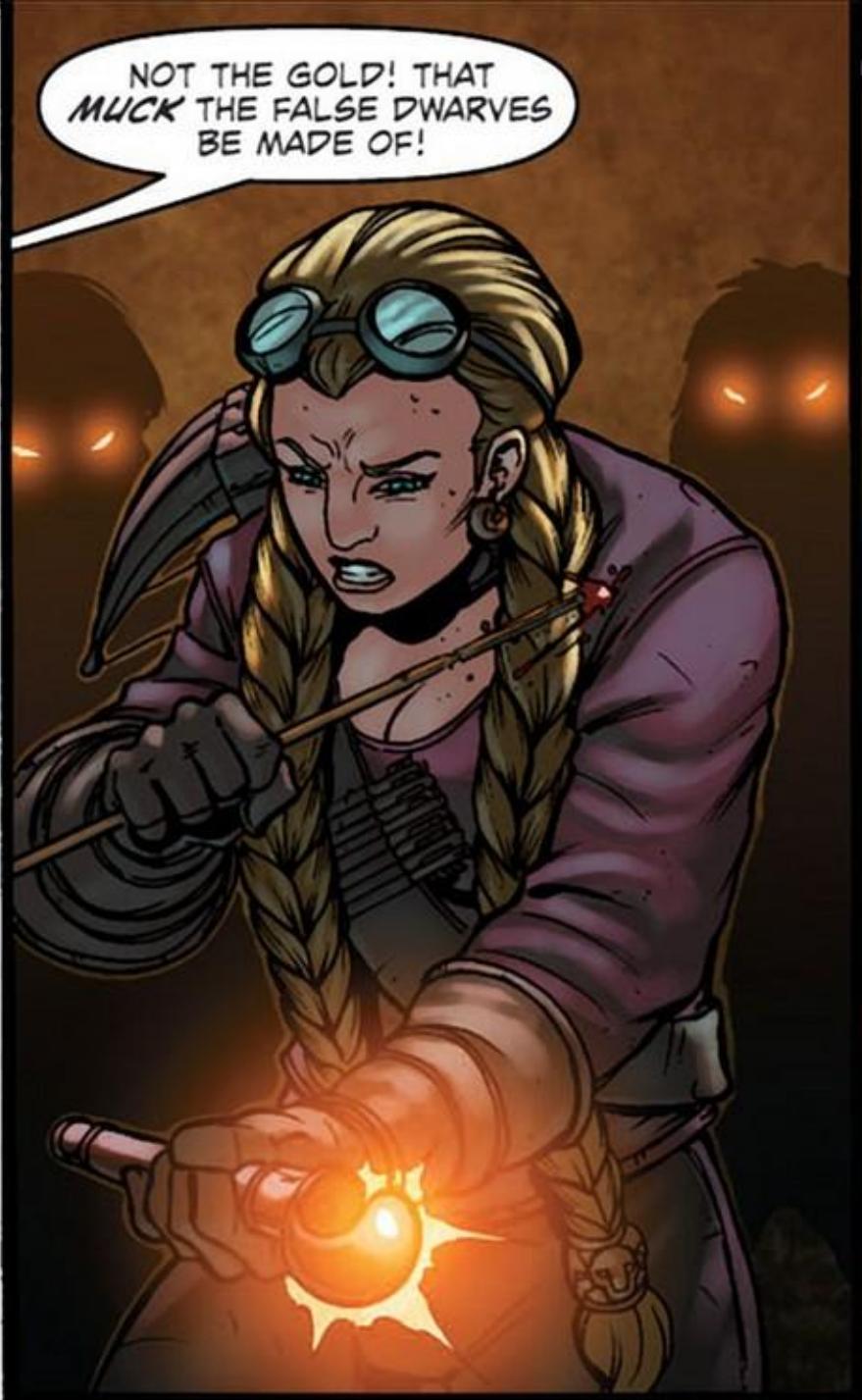
TO BE FAIR, I THINK THE  
KRUTHIKS ARE WORKING  
ON THEIR OWN.

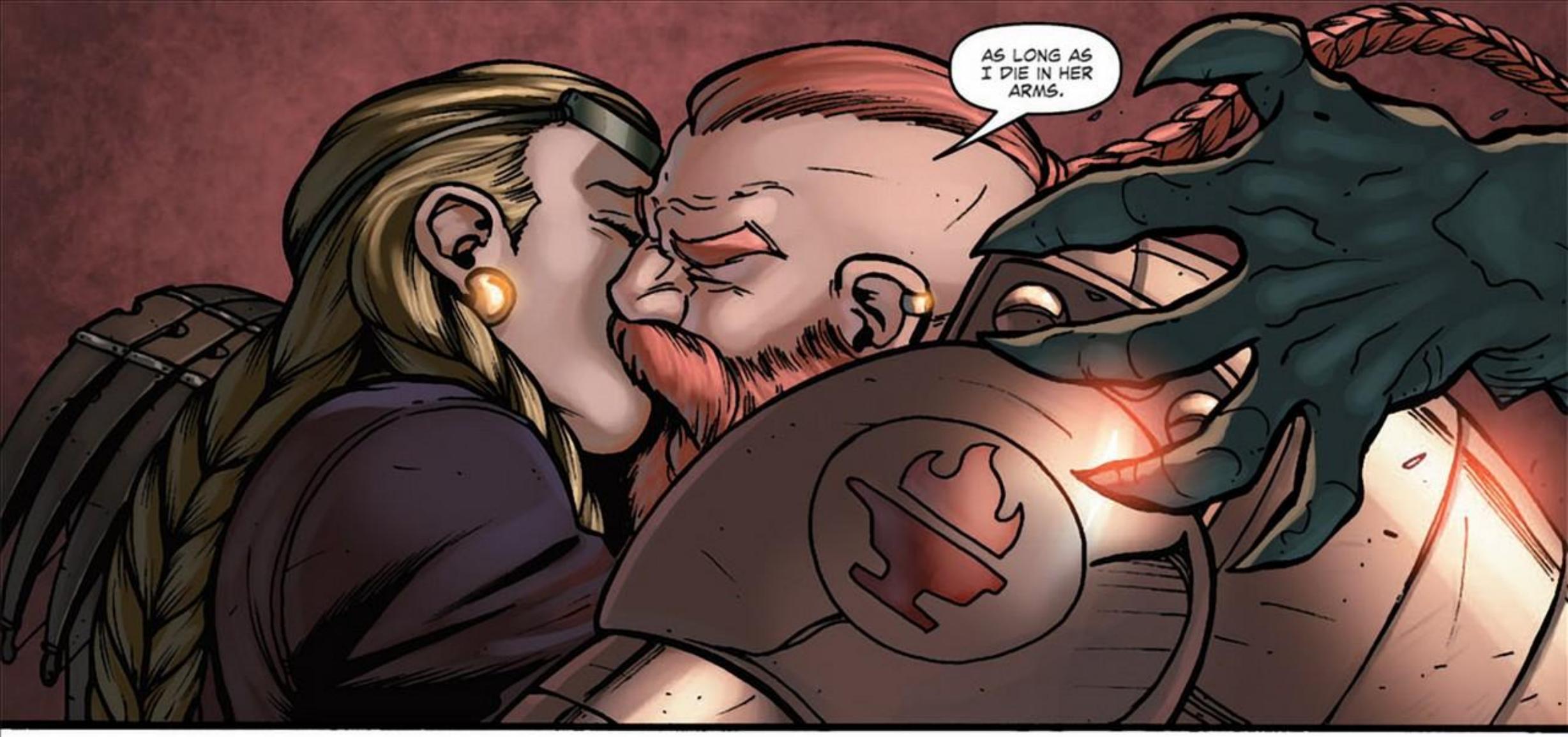
VERY HELPFUL,  
PINE-SUCKER. GOT  
ANY IDEAS?

A VERY  
BAD ONE.











THE TIME IS  
UPON ME,  
MAKER.

I MUST PASS ON  
MY MEMORIES AND  
ESSENCE TO MY  
DAUGHTER.

THAT'S...  
THAT'S WHY THE  
KRUTHIKS WON'T  
LEAVE.

EVEN WHEN THE  
BEHOLDER LAID  
WASTE TO THEM,  
THEY'RE DRAWN  
TO YOU.

ALL THAT  
I AM, A MOTHER  
OF MY PEOPLE.

ALL THAT  
I WILL BE, A  
MOTHER OF MY  
PEOPLE.

AH. THIS  
IS... AH.

I'M  
HONORED.  
I THINK.

DID YOU NOT  
KNOW, MAKER, THIS  
IS HOW YOUR PEOPLE  
FORGED ME.

EACH MOTHER,  
IMMORTAL,  
REGENERATING.

*SCREECH*











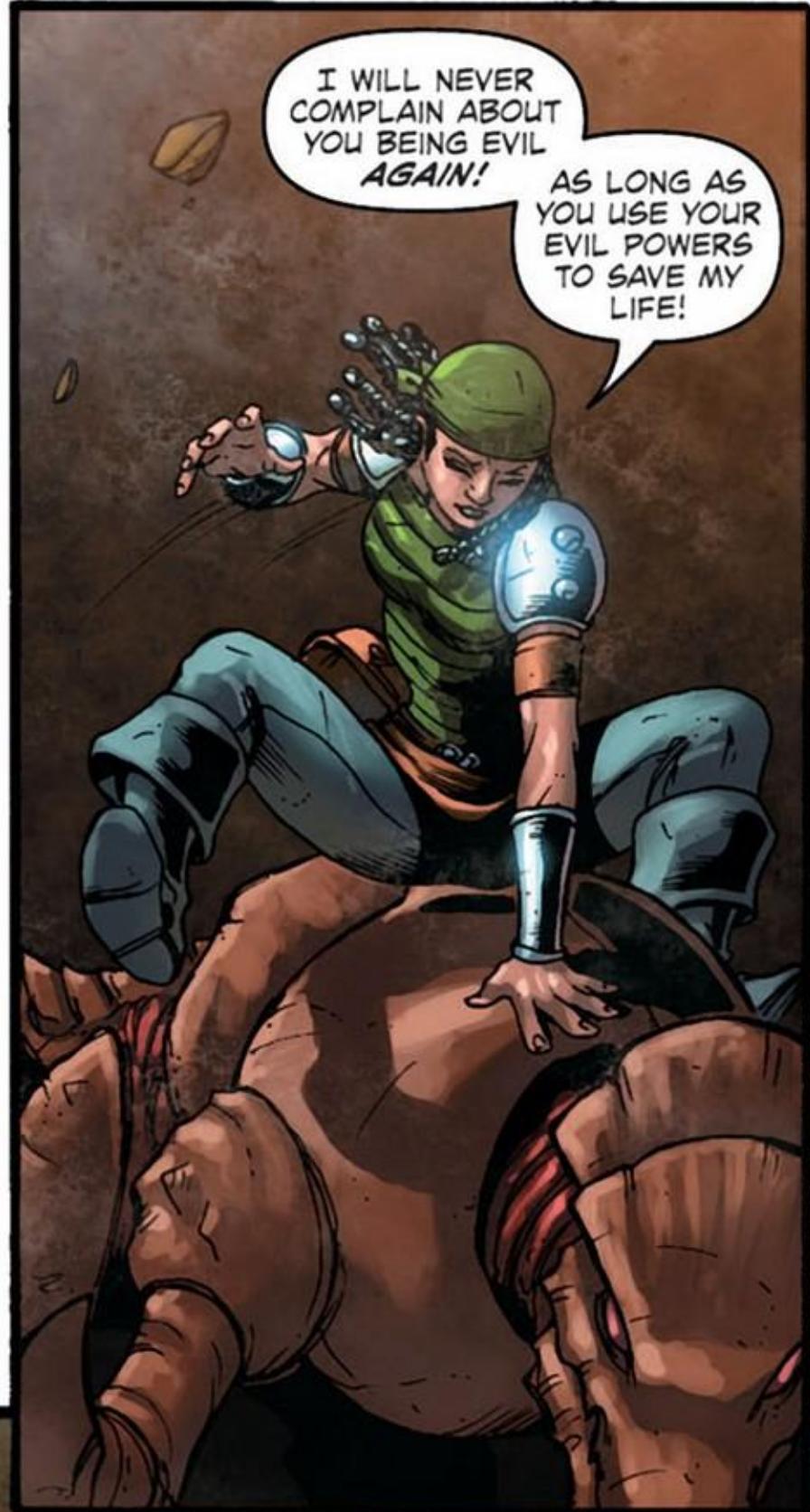
THERE, WE SPOTTED THAT EARLIER. I CAN RIG A LINE—

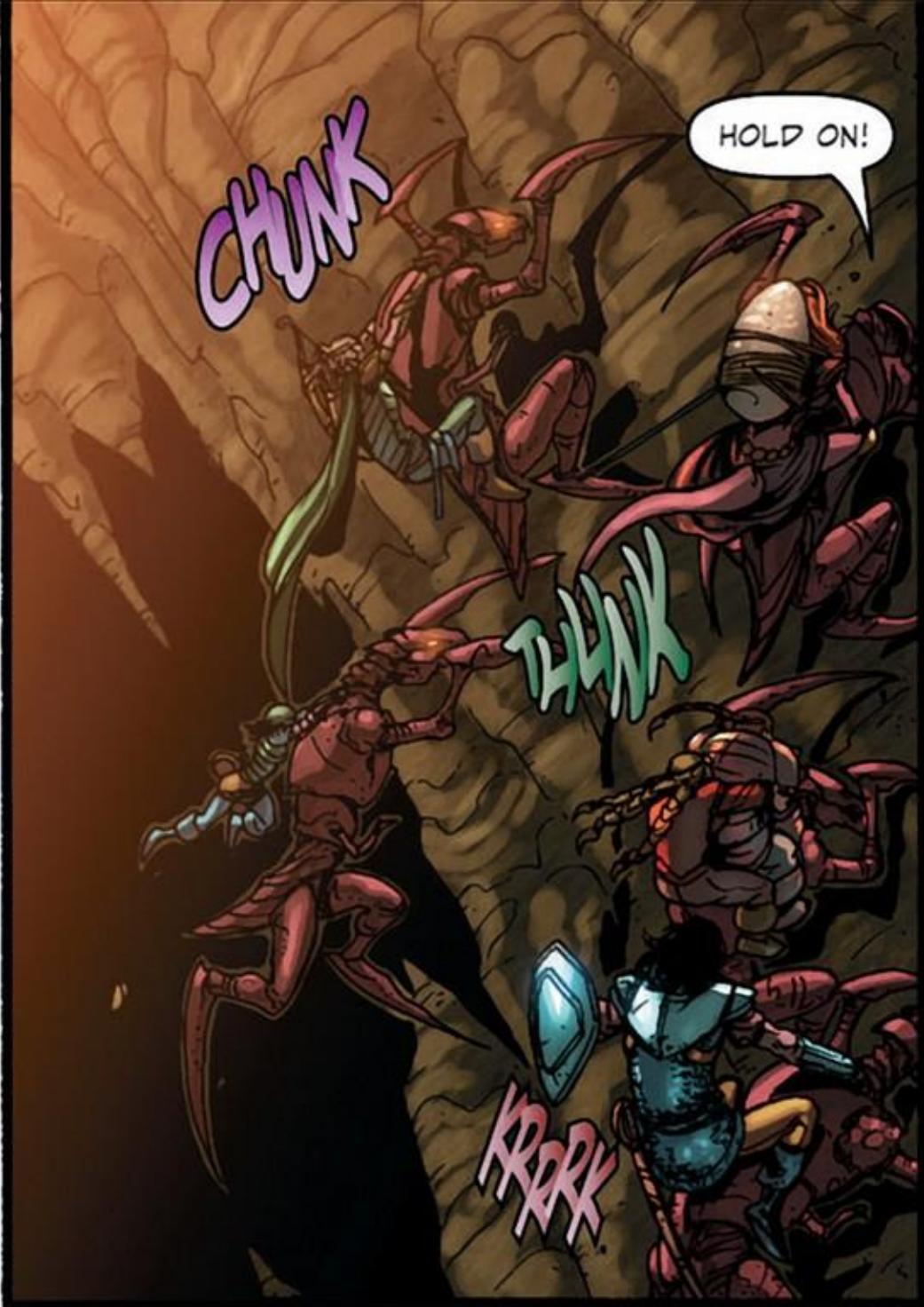


TOO LATE! WE NEED ANOTHER WAY UP—



HOW ABOUT A RIDE?









THE CHANCE TO  
LIVE AS I LIVE WITH  
YOU IDIOTS, TRUTH  
BE TOLD.

AH, YOU LOVE  
IT, YOU BEARDED  
GIT. DON'T PLAY  
TOUGH.

WHAT'S A WEEK  
WITHOUT ODDS OF  
TREASURE AND TWICE  
THE ODDS FOR  
DYING?

...THE THINGS WE DO  
FOR LOVE, INDEED.

NEXT TIME—SHIPS AND SEA MONSTERS  
AND WORSE! JOIN US FOR ADRIC'S  
RETURN TO THE PIRATE LIFE!  
COMING SOON!

## Happy New Year!

2012? Are you kidding me? Man, if I wasn't commuting to work every day in my flying car, I never would have believed it. But yes, the future is here, in the brand new year 2012.



*than Meets the Eye!* Two ongoing series that together form the new direction of the TRANSFORMERS Universe, both launching in January!

What would you say if someone asked you "What's the sexiest spy comic in history?" There really is only one answer, right? "Dirk Wood: Spy Guy."

Okay, probably not. It has to be J. Scott Campbell and Andy Hartnell's *Danger Girl*, doesn't it? Well, *Danger Girl* is back!



There you go, a new year, with new beginnings. I believe I will begin this year by going to get some Chinese food, and sitting down to read some comics!

—Dirk



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- Cold War #4
- Danger Girl: Revolver #1
- Danger Girl: The Danger-Sized Treasury Edition
- Dead Rising: Road to Fortune #4
- Doctor Who #13
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- Dungeons & Dragons 100-Page Spectacular
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- G.I. Joe: A Real American Hero #174
- G.I. Joe #9
- Godzilla: Kingdom of Monsters #11
- Godzilla Legends #3
- Hawken #3
- H.P. Lovecraft: The Dunwich Horror #4
- Infestation 2 #1
- Jurassic Park: Dangerous Games #5
- Locke & Key: Clockworks #5
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- Memorial #2
- Snake Eyes #9
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- Star Trek #5
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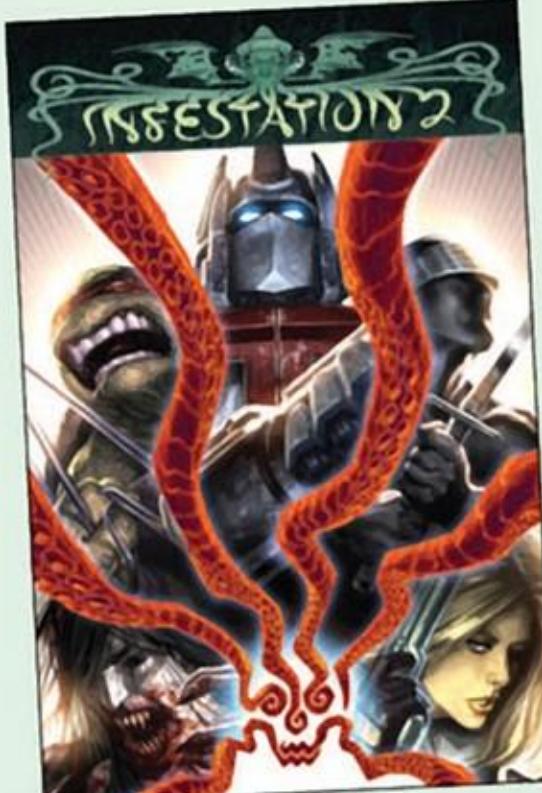
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EMPLOYEE  
PICK OF  
THE  
MONTH!



CHRIS RYALL, CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER,  
TOURING GUITARIST FOR KROKUS &  
DOKKEN COVER BAND, "KROKKEN"

## "Infestation 2 #1"



If you thought last year's *Infestation* event was fun, wait until you get a load of this year's. Tentacled, Lovecraftian "Old Ones" are breaking into the IDW Universe, affecting both time and space! Not only do we see how the TRANSFORMERS and G.I. JOE handle the threat, but the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, *Danger Girl*, 30 Days of Night and a brand-new Dungeons & Dragons campaign are caught up in the action! If you're a comics fan that loves action, this is the event of the year! (Or, do you like the idea of Bat Boy from the Weekly World News and Groom Lake's grey alien Archibald sitting in a bar having a couple of pints and talking about tentacled monsters? This is STILL the event for you!)

**WATCH THIS SPACE  
NEXT MONTH FOR A NEW  
FEATURE YOU WON'T  
BELIEVE!**

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