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Our Tale Thus Far...

After retrieving the Seal of Iberion from the sorcerer Molock, the group returns the powerful artifact to Hulux. But their triumph is short lived as their quest is far from over.

Silvermain and Raulph are still in the plague infested Garrison Hadge, trapped by the ongoing siege of the city by Kalizarian forces. Their only hope to stop the plague and give the people of Garrison Hadge the strength to fight off their invaders is to retrieve the Tears of Talis, enchanted water with the power to heal.

Ravenwood and the group head to Azbeth, an underground city at the edge of a labyrinth, but getting to the fountain at the center will not be as easy. Not only is the maze infested with monsters, the denizens of Asbeth don't take too kindly to adventurers poking around at the dark magic that lies there.

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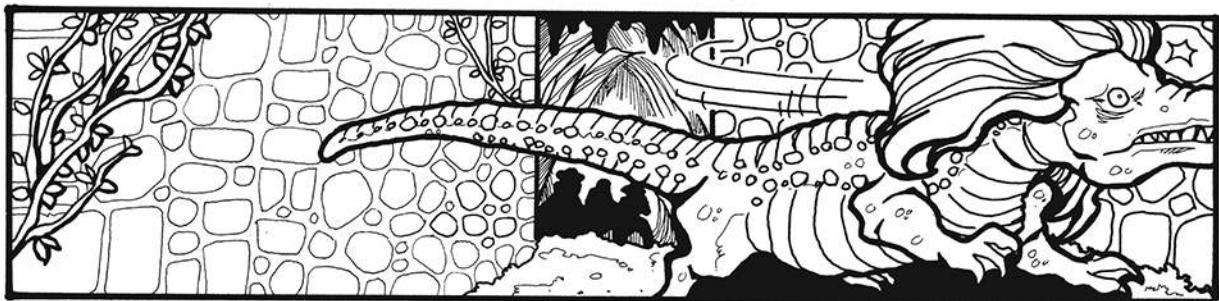


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WE'VE LOOKED AND THIS **IS** THE ONLY WAY.

THERE **MUST** BE ANOTHER WAY.

IF I HAVE TO DEFEAT EVERY MONSTER WITHIN THIS LABYRINTH I SHALL, **ALONE** IF NEED BE.



NO, RAVE, IT'S **TOO DANGEROUS**. WE HAVE TO FIND A BETTER WAY.



THERE'S NO OTHER WAY AND WE **MUST** GET THROUGH THIS MAZE AND TO THE CASTLE.

OUR FRIENDS MAY **ALREADY** BE DEAD AND ALL YOU LOT WANT TO DO IS FIND ANOTHER WAY, WHEN THE WAY IS **CLEARLY** IN FRONT OF US!

MONSTERS, TROLLS, OGRES, DRAGONS, WHAT MATTER THEY TO ME?



TO US WE'VE SEEN AND DEFEATED WORSE AND WE WILL DO SO AGAIN!

WHO IS WITH ME?



LISTEN, RAVENWOOD... I'VE BEEN IN MY FAIR SHARE OF DUNGEONS AND MAZES AND I MUST SAY THAT THIS ONE IS THE MOST **FEARSOME** I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED...

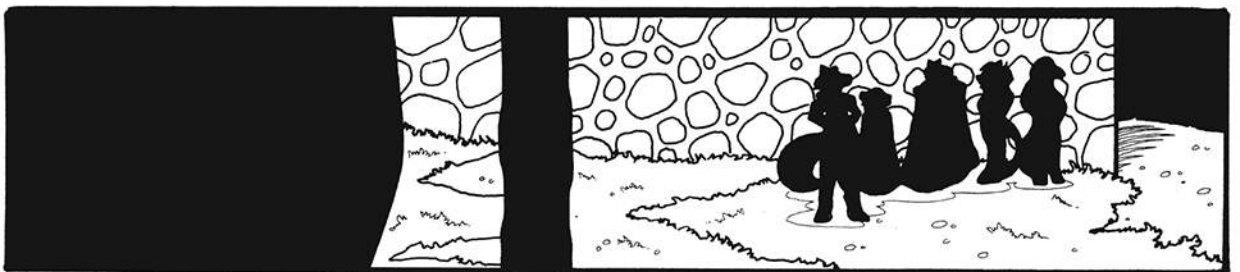
AND GOING THROUGH IT IS THE **WRONG** TACTIC, A LOSING ONE THAT WILL COST **ALL** OF US, OUR LIVES.

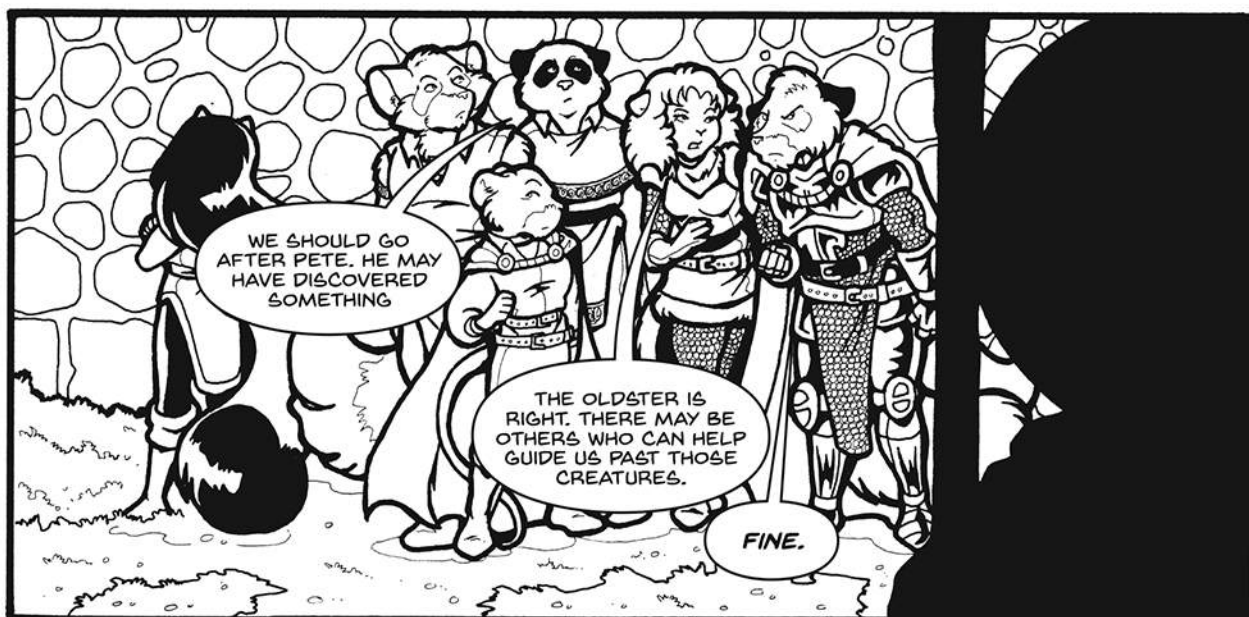


YOU'RE JUST A **THIEF** AND A **COWARD**! WHAT DO **YOU** KNOW OF BATTLE?

APPARENTLY NOT ENOUGH, BUT I DO KNOW A **FOOL** AND HIS ERRAND WHEN I SEE IT.

I SHOULD RUN YOU THROUGH...

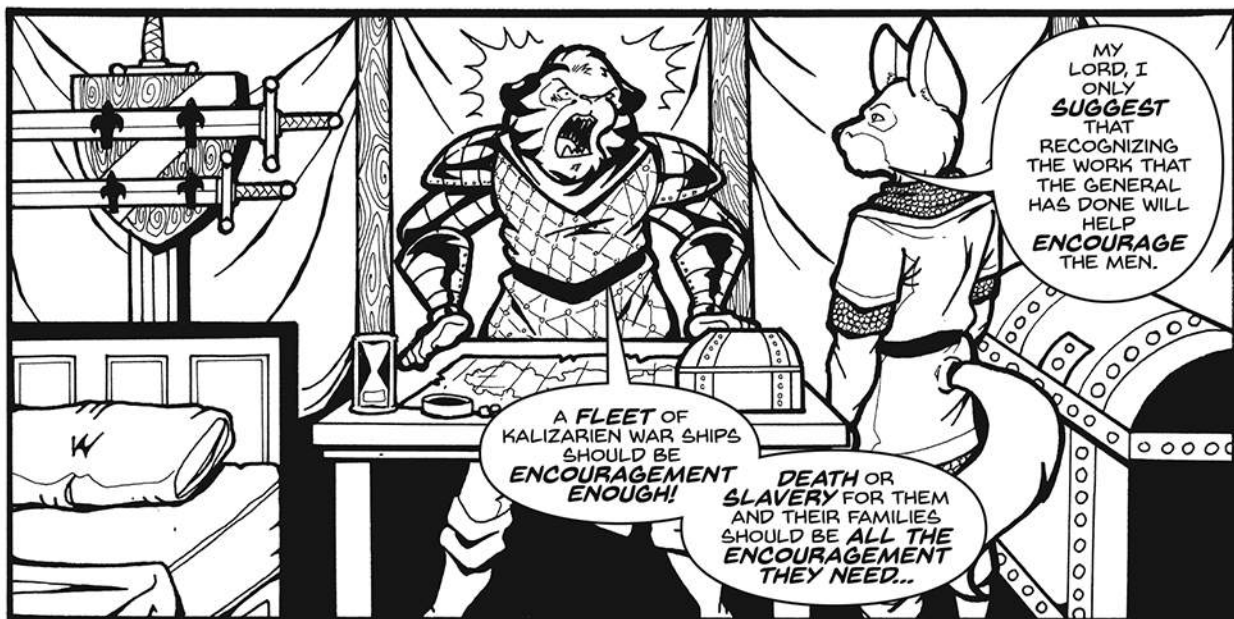




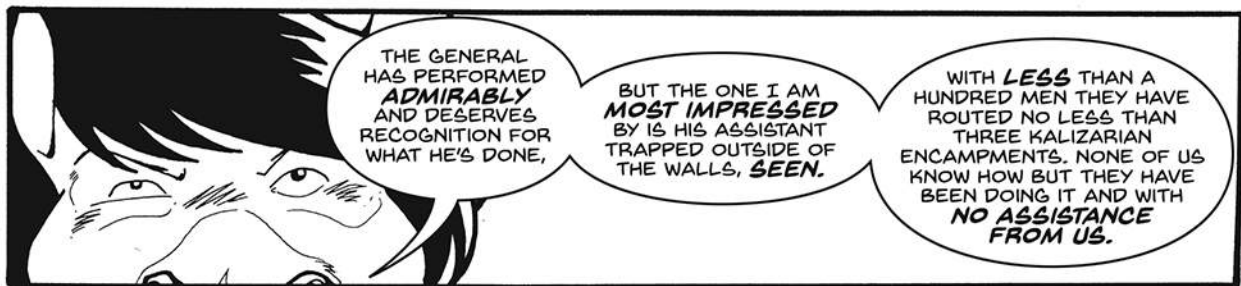
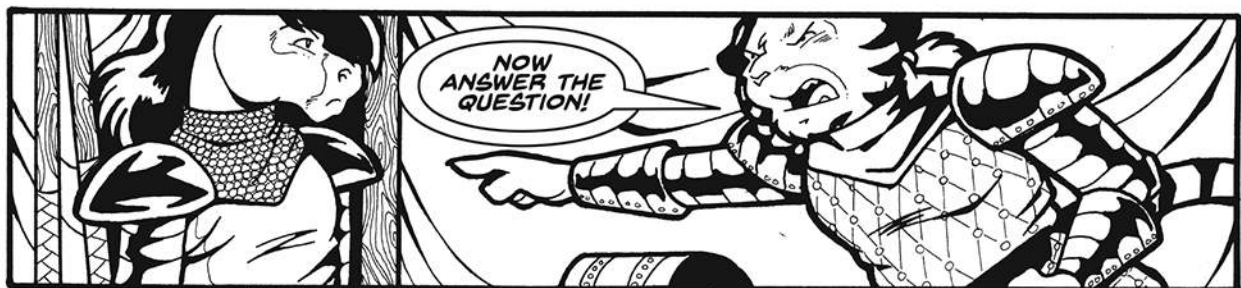


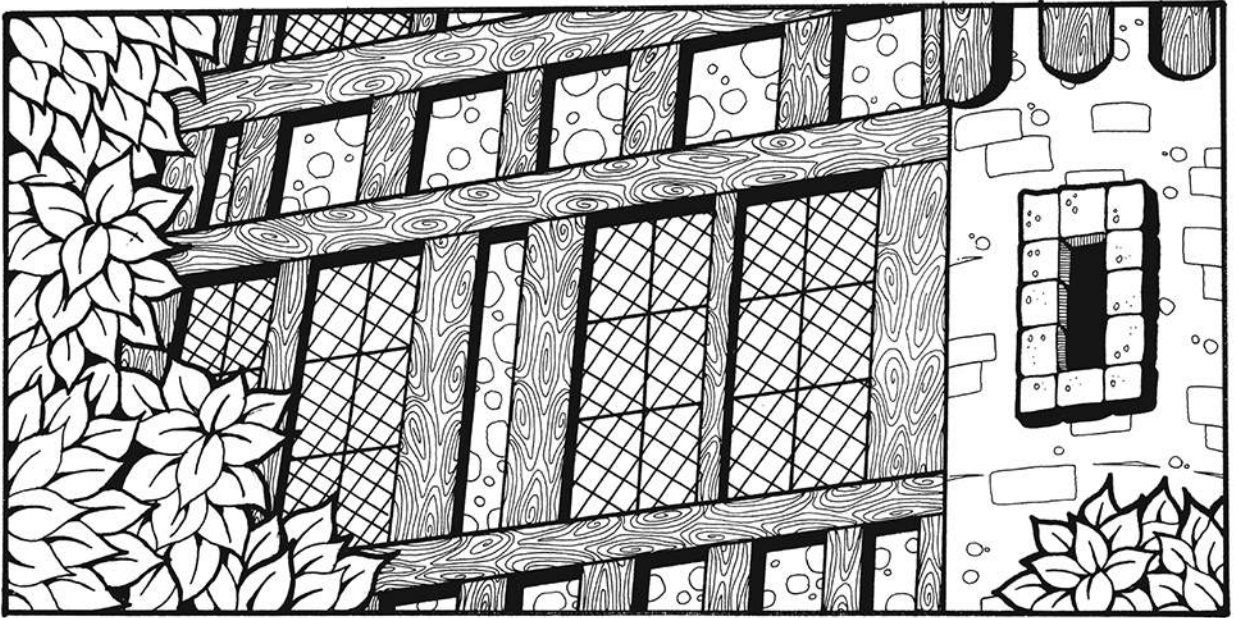








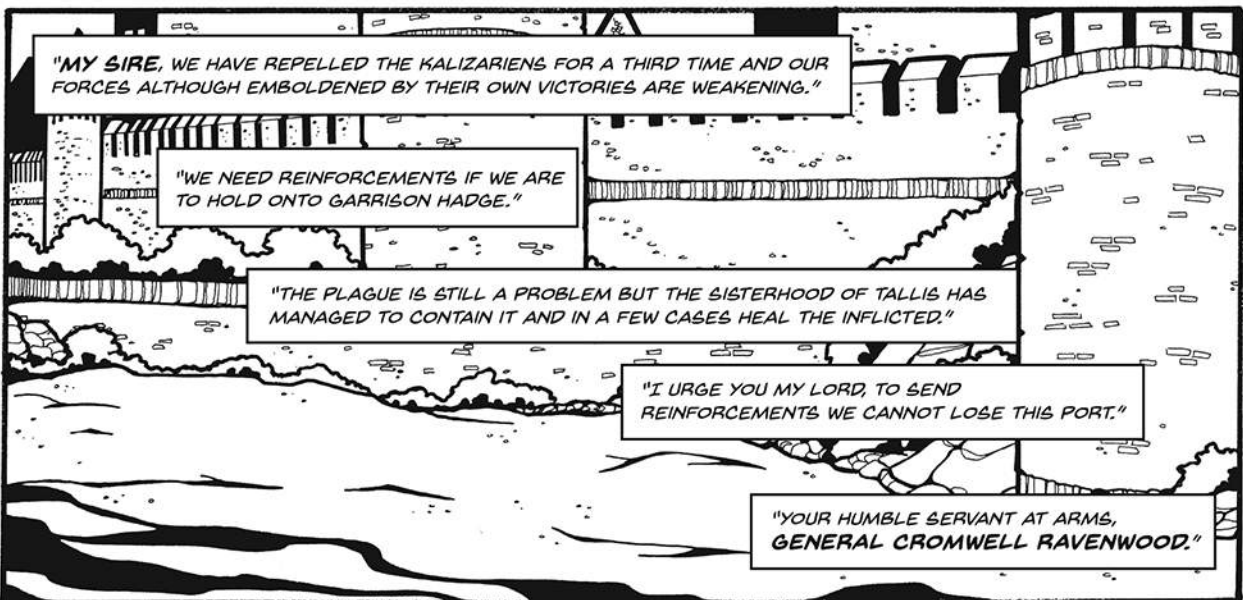












"MY SIRE, WE HAVE REPELLED THE KALIZARIENS FOR A THIRD TIME AND OUR FORCES ALTHOUGH EMBOLDENED BY THEIR OWN VICTORIES ARE WEAKENING."

"WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS IF WE ARE TO HOLD ONTO GARRISON HEDGE."

"THE PLAGUE IS STILL A PROBLEM BUT THE SISTERHOOD OF TALLIS HAS MANAGED TO CONTAIN IT AND IN A FEW CASES HEAL THE INFLECTED."

"I URGE YOU MY LORD, TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS WE CANNOT LOSE THIS PORT."

"YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT AT ARMS,
GENERAL CROMWELL RAVENWOOD."



YES, SIR.

GOOD. GET THAT TO A RIDER AND SEND FOR GORDEN. HE'S PLAYED NURSEMAID LONG ENOUGH.

I NEED HIM HERE.



I THINK THE RATS ARE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW.

MY SHIPS HAVE LANDED OVER **TWO THOUSAND** KALIZARIAN TROOPS AND YET NOT A ONE OF THEM REMAIN ON LIFDELL SOIL!

WHY?

WELL GENTLEMEN WHAT IS IT? WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY.



WE HAVE MET **HEAVY RESISTANCE**. HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS AND HORSES HAVE BEEN LOST TO THESE ATTACKS.

I THOUGHT ALL OF THEIR FORCES WERE WITHIN THE CITY.



THERE'S A SMALL FORCE ACTING INDEPENDENTLY FROM THE CITY AND ITS FORCES AND THEY'VE BEEN KEEPING A SHARP EYE ON THE SHORE.



YOU'RE TELLING ME A **SMALL FORCE** HAS BEEN HOLDING UP AN INVASION OF TENS OF THOUSANDS?

HOW IS THIS? IT'S DISGRACEFUL.



THEY ATTACK AT NIGHT. THEY SET TRAPS. THEY DESTROYED A CAMP WITH SEVEN HUNDRED MEN AND UNTIL WE CAN HUNT THOSE ANIMALS DOWN OUR INVASION IS STYMIED.



GENERAL HASTING, WE HAVE THIRTY THOUSAND MEN ON THESE SHIPS...

WELL TRAINED MEN.

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT **NONE** OF THEM CAN DEAL WITH THIS?

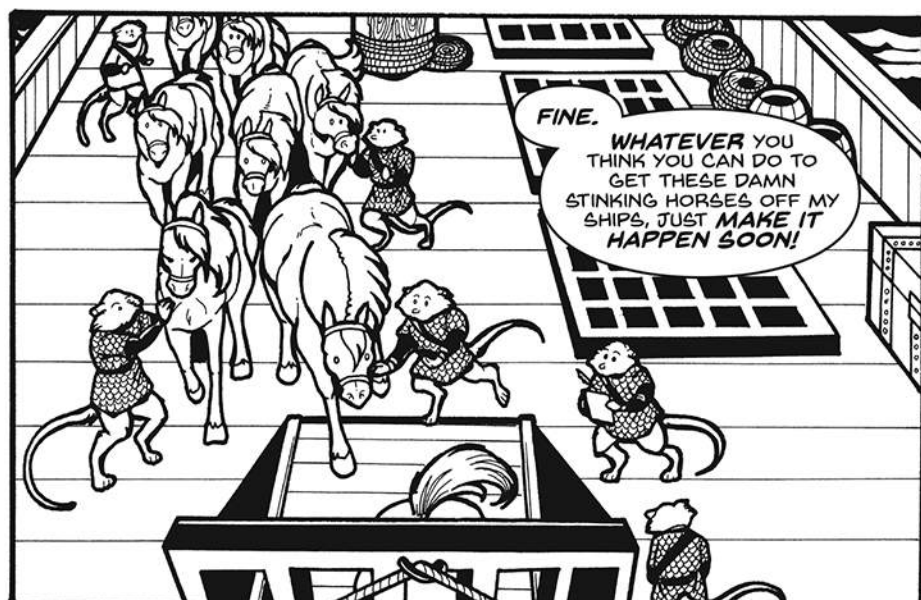
THERE MAY BE **SOMEONE** WHO CAN HELP BUT HE'S WITHIN THE CITY



NOT THE SORCERER?

HE'S HELPED **WEAKEN** THE CITY, HE MAY BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS.

HE CAN'T BE **CONTROLLED**. HAVEN'T YOU READ THE REPORTS?









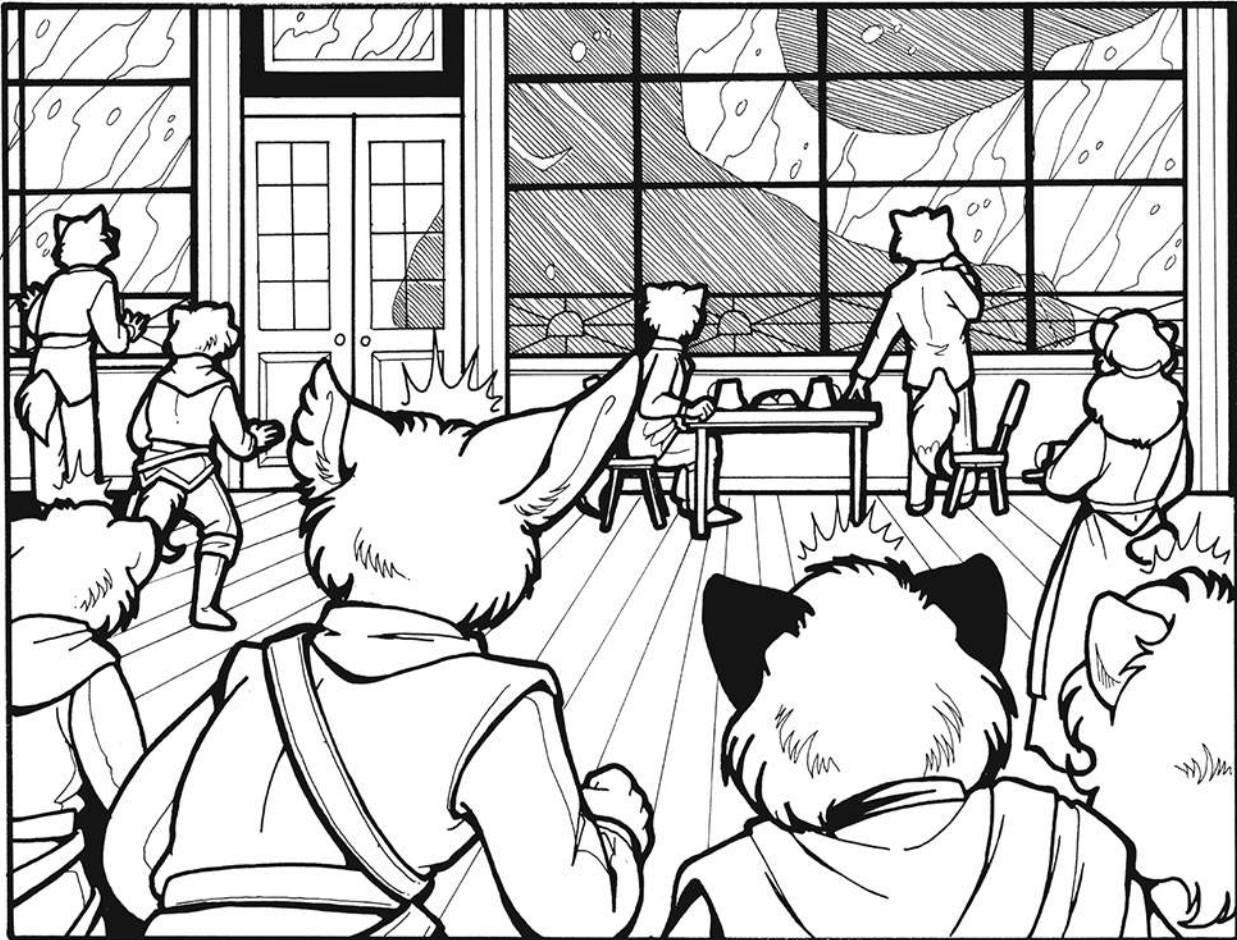








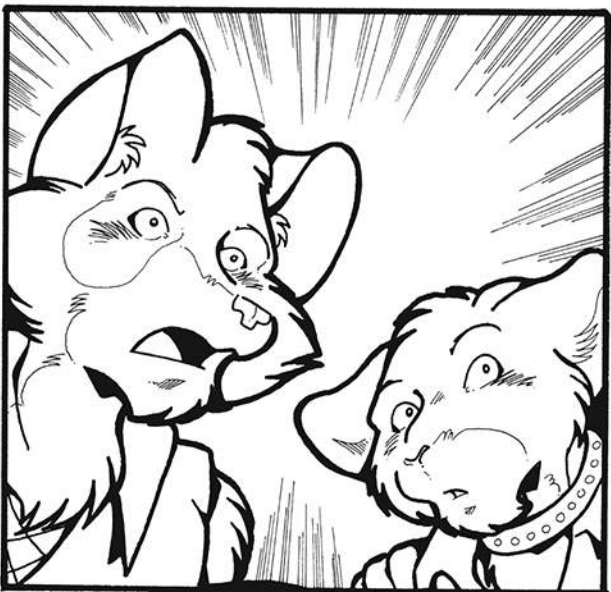














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