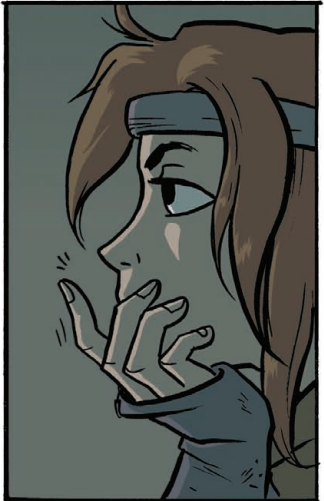
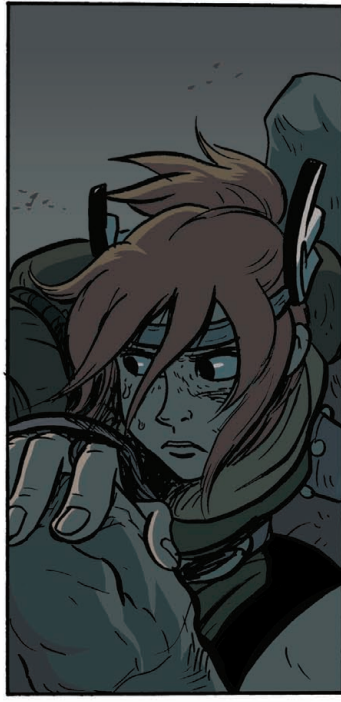


AND SO,  
I HAVE CLIMBED  
PERYTON  
PEAK...





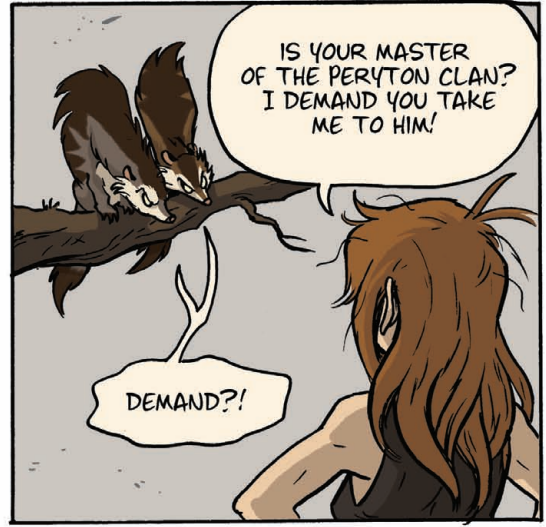
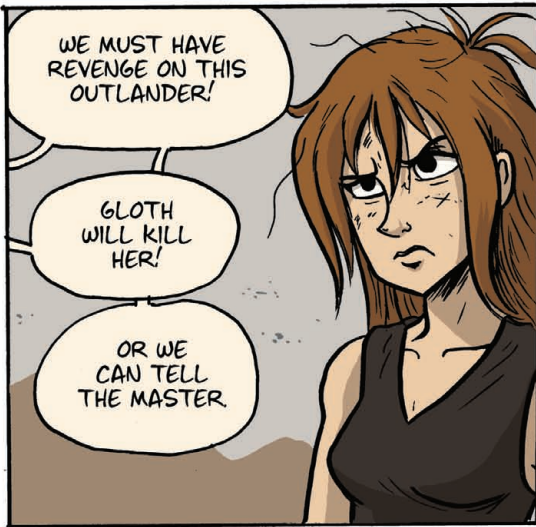


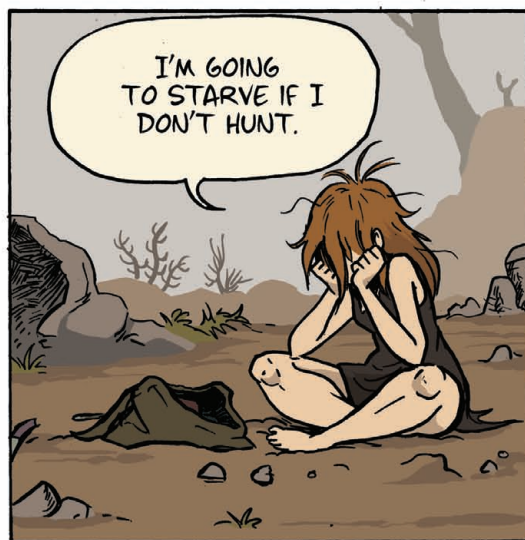




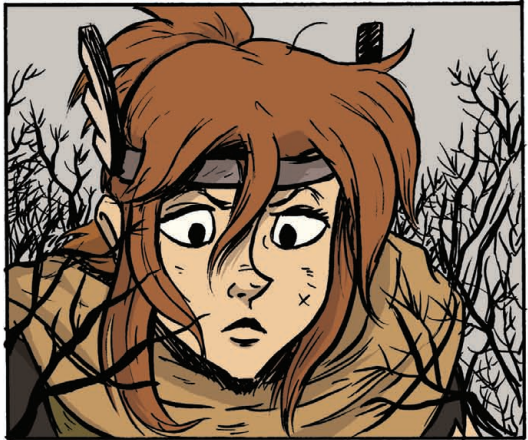




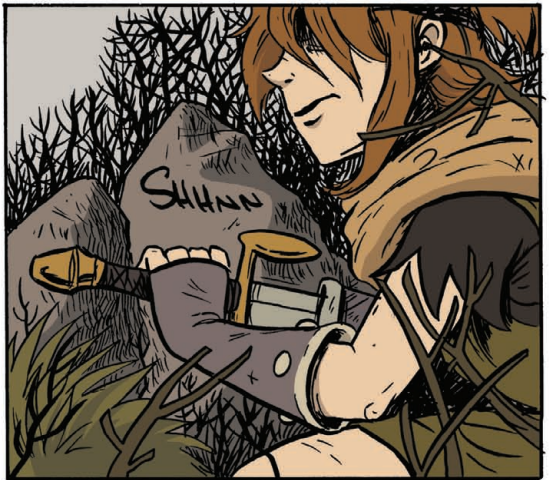










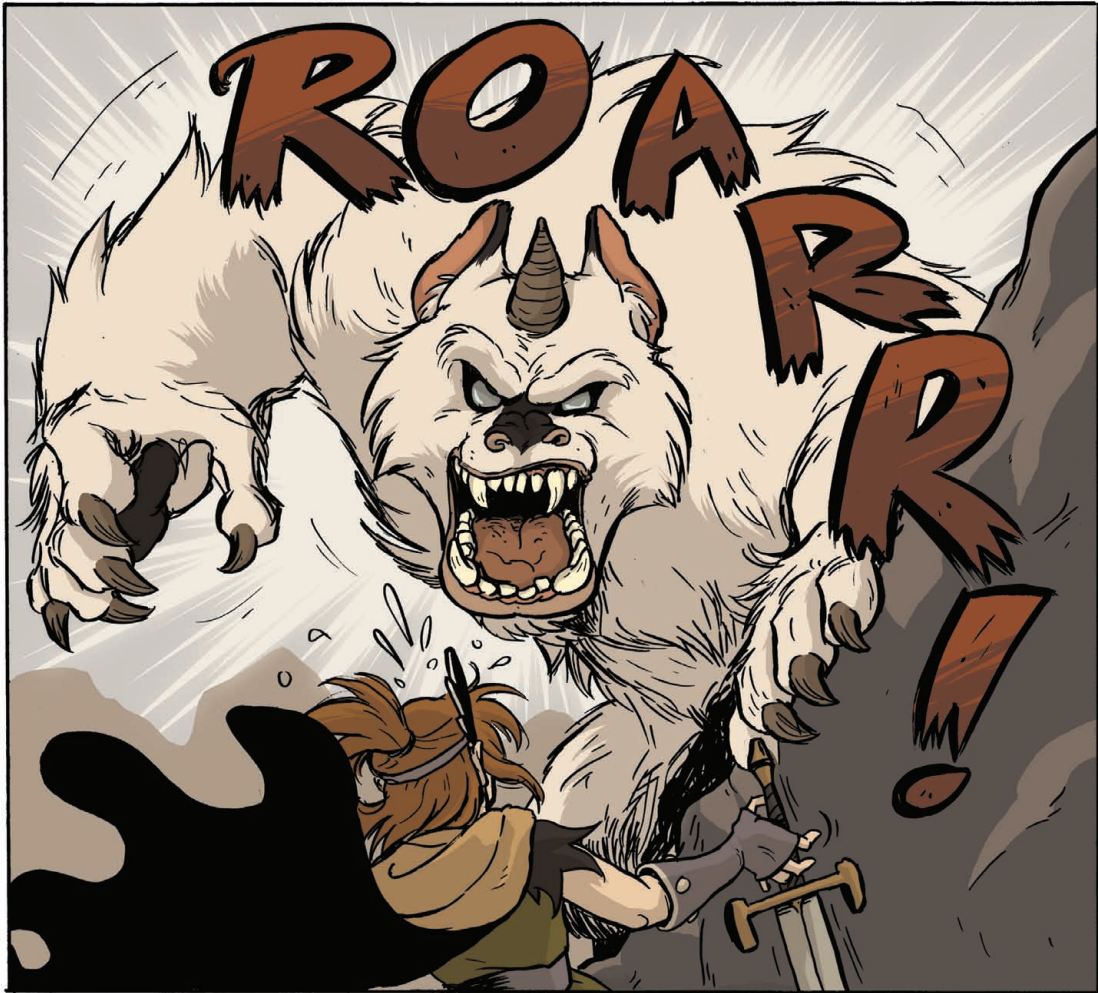


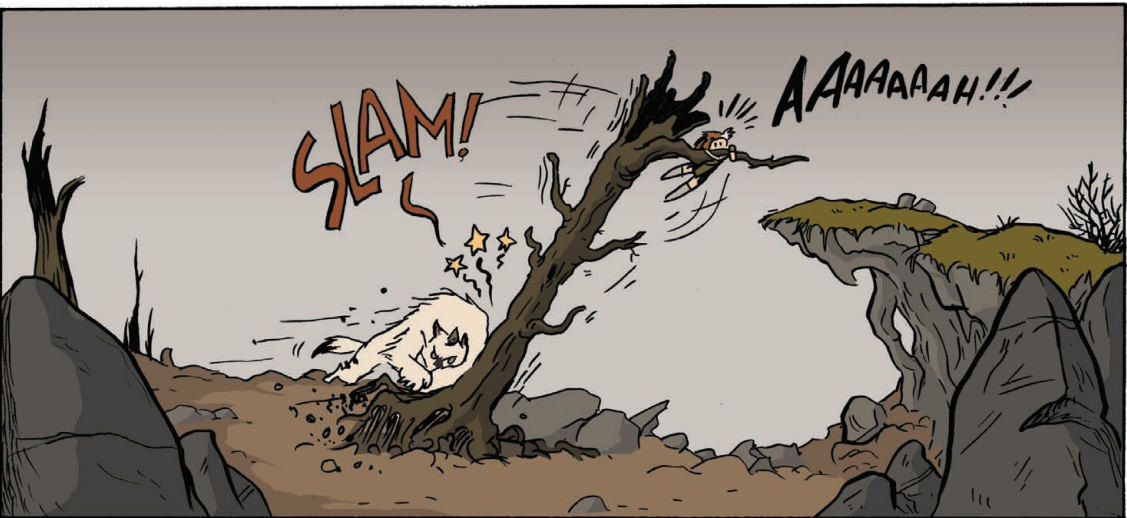




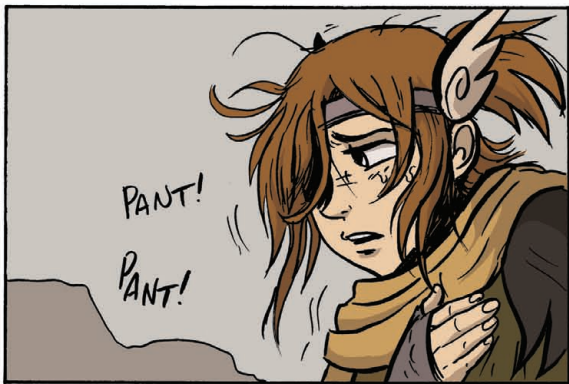




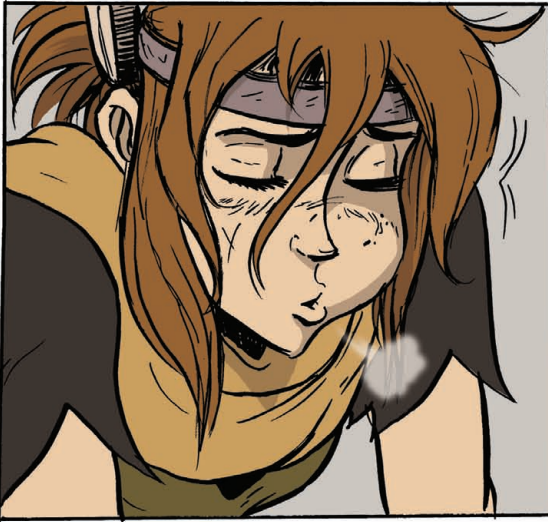






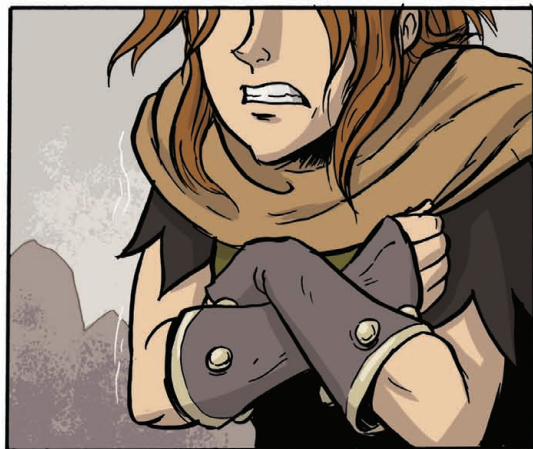


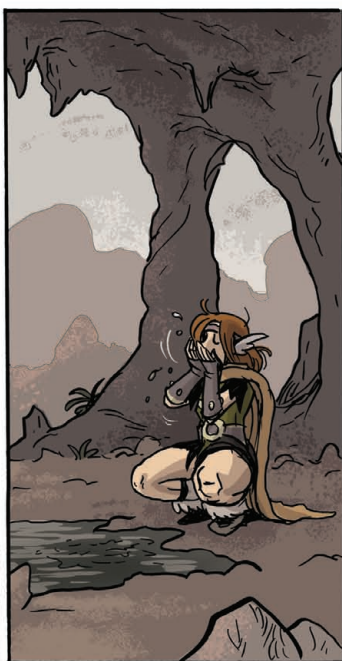








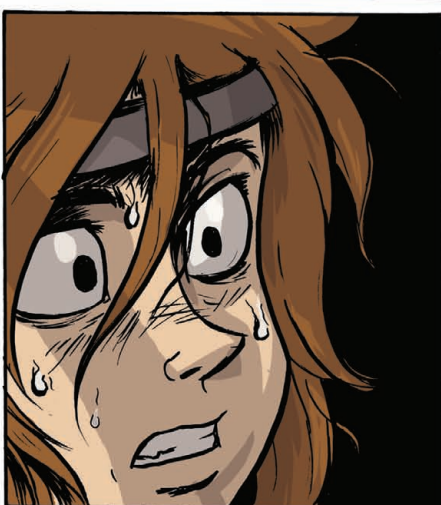
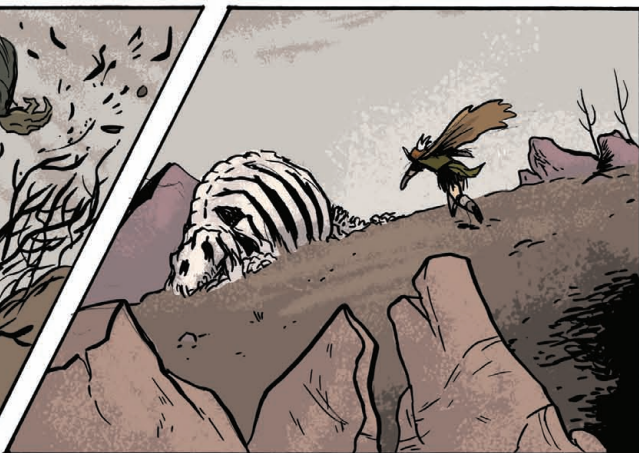










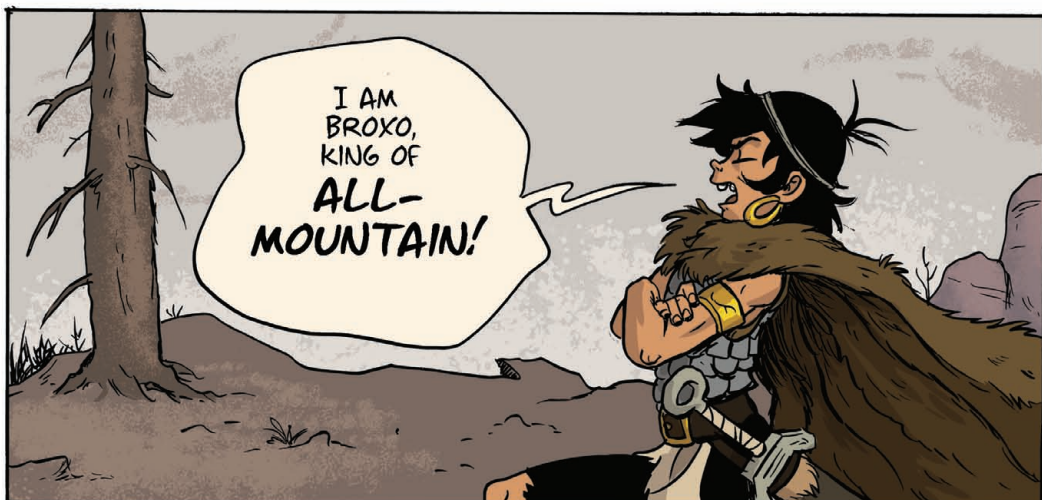
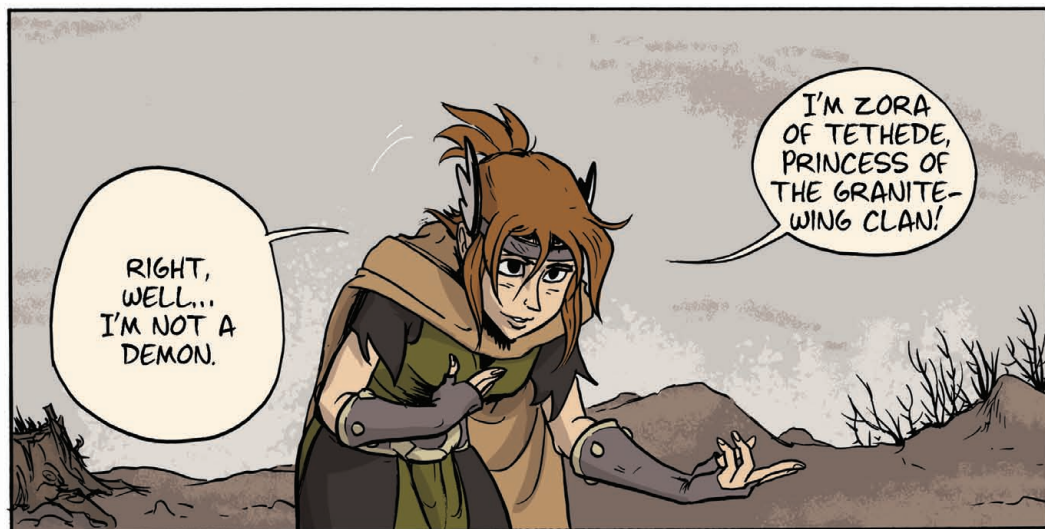


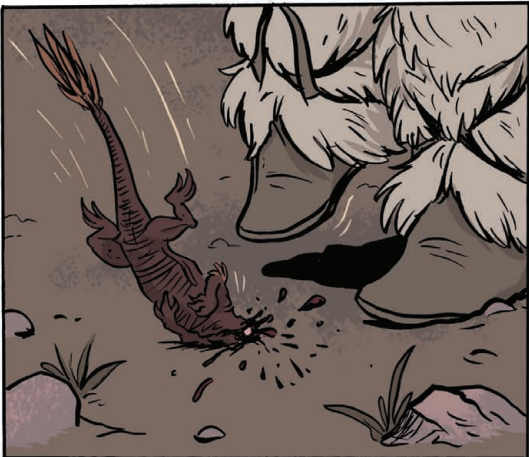


















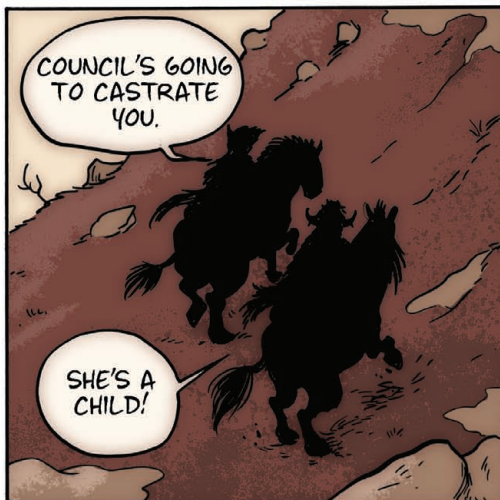
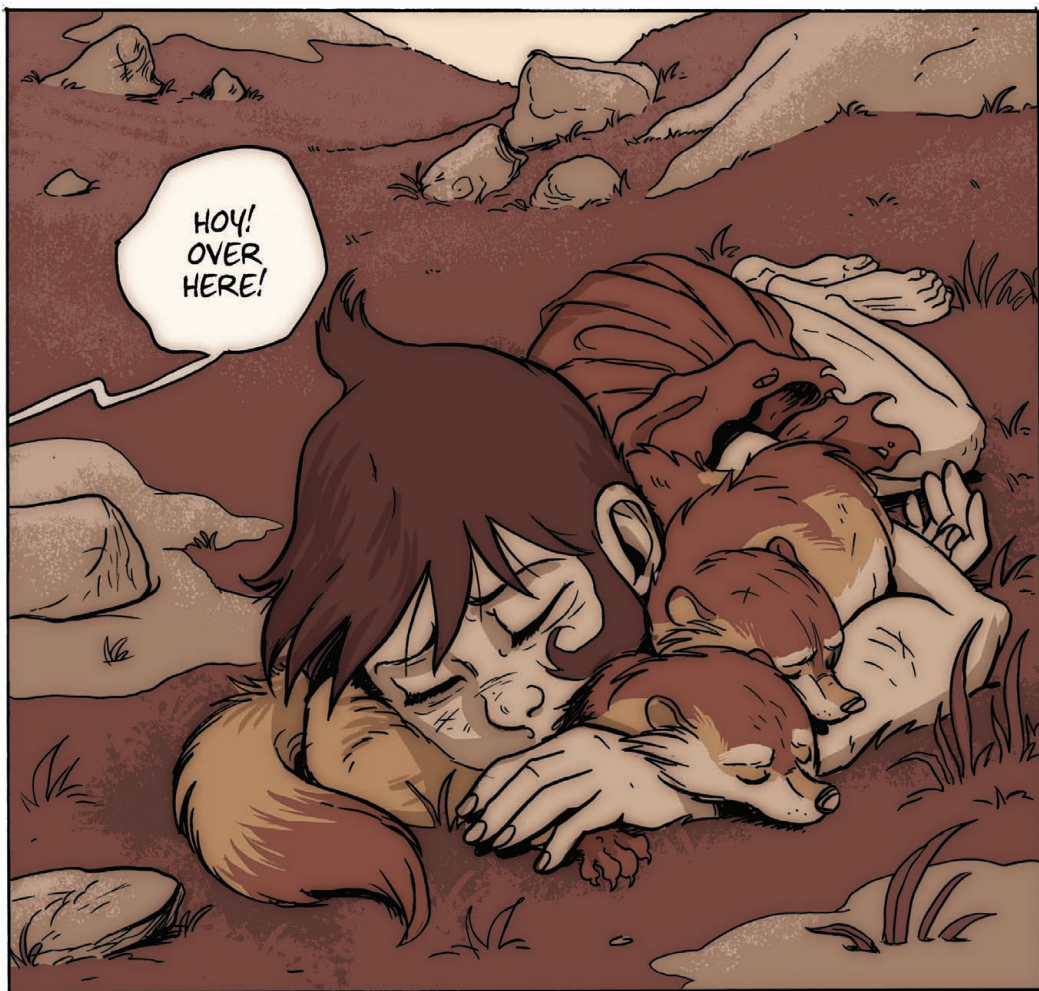


















IF I WAS  
TRAPPED IN THE  
SNOW AND RESCUED,  
I WOULDN'T WANT  
TO BE KICKED OUT  
AGAIN.



THEN IT'S  
SETTLED.

SHE STAYS, AT LEAST  
THROUGH THE WINTER.  
I WILL CONSULT THE  
ANCESTORS ON THIS.  
AND FOR NOW, SHE WILL  
NOT TAKE PART IN THE  
LAKE CEREMONIES.  
AGREED?

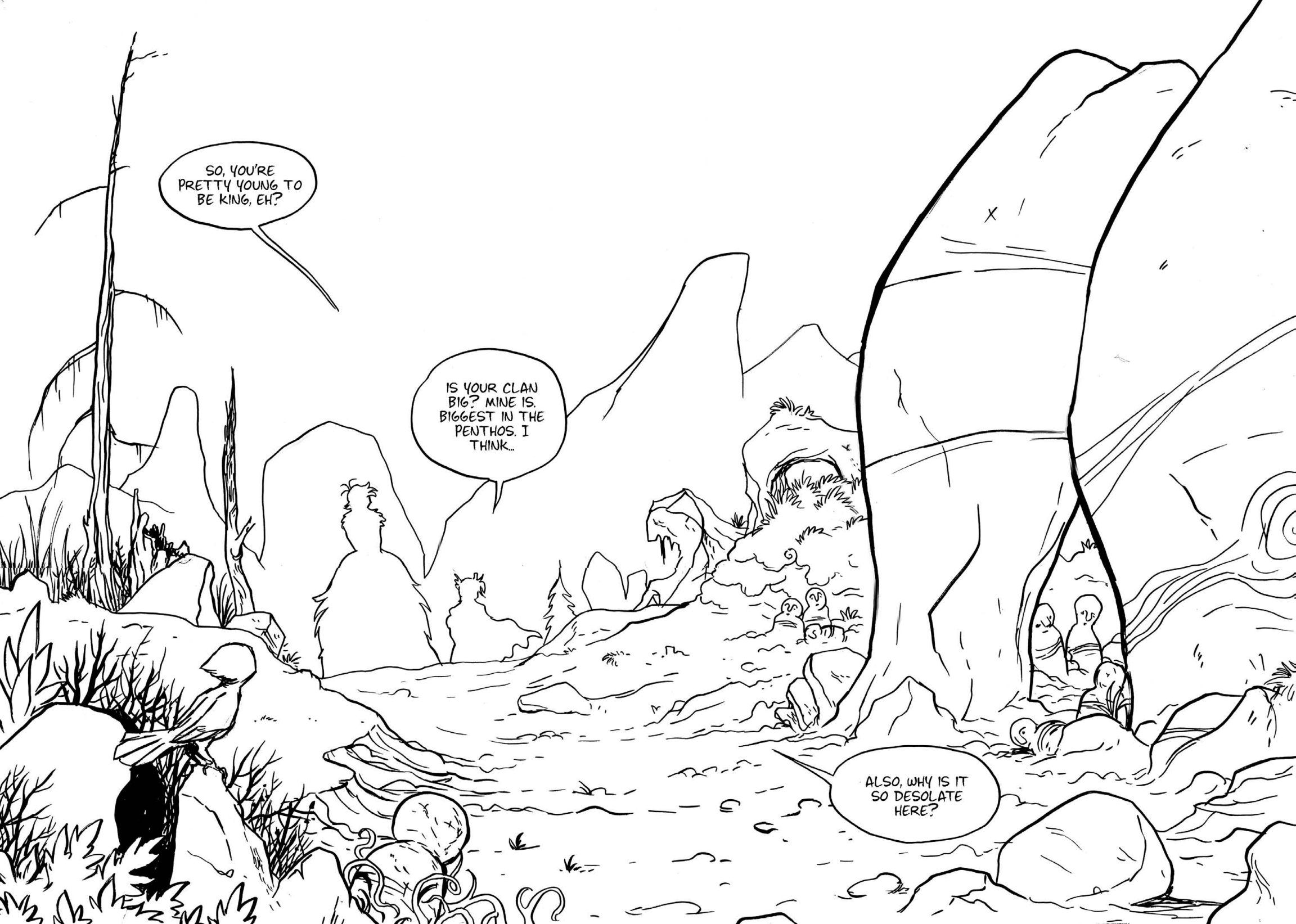
AYE.

Tok!



ULITH!  
YOU MAY  
ENTER.

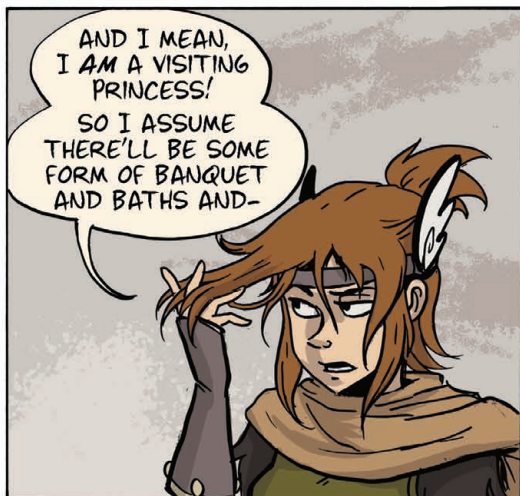




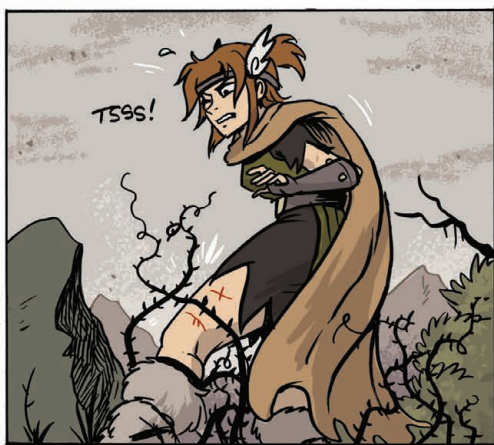
SO, YOU'RE  
PRETTY YOUNG TO  
BE KING, EH?

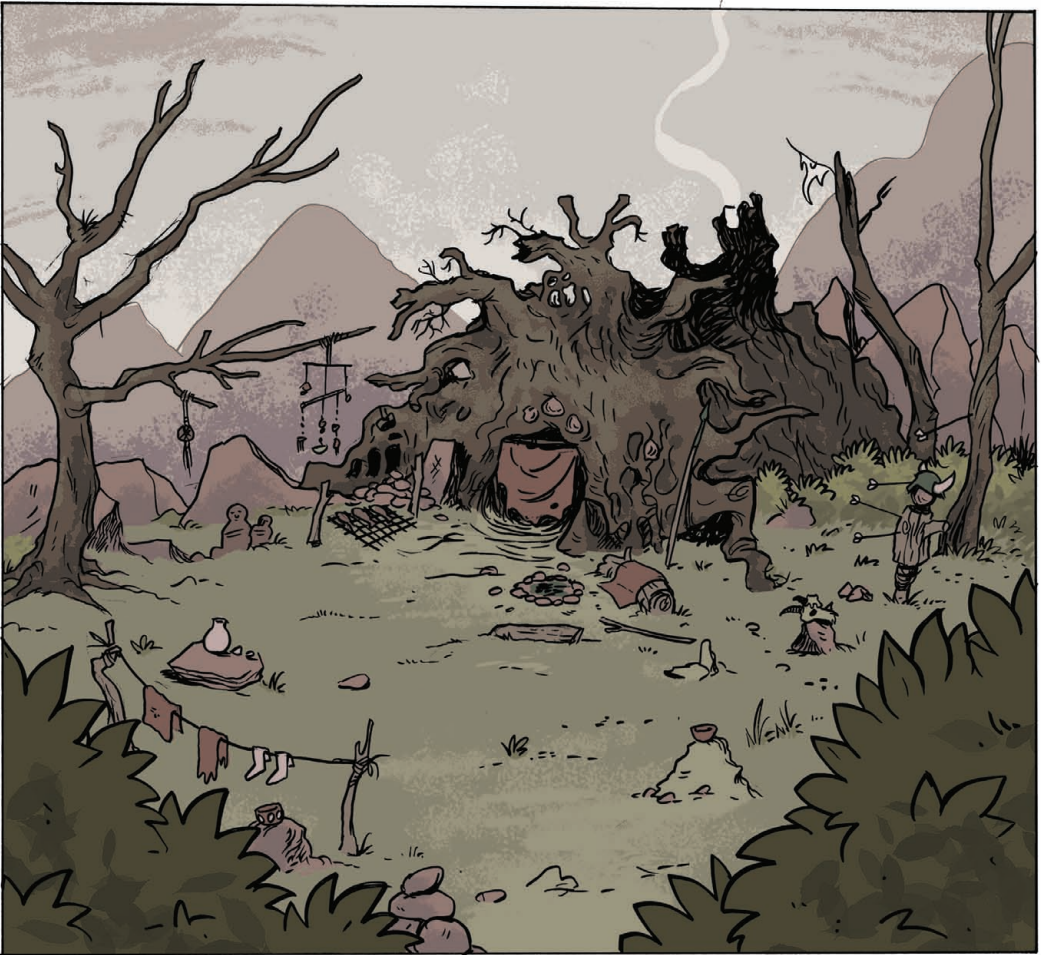
IS YOUR CLAN  
BIG? MINE IS.  
BIGGEST IN THE  
PENTHOS. I  
THINK...

ALSO, WHY IS IT  
SO DESOLATE  
HERE?

























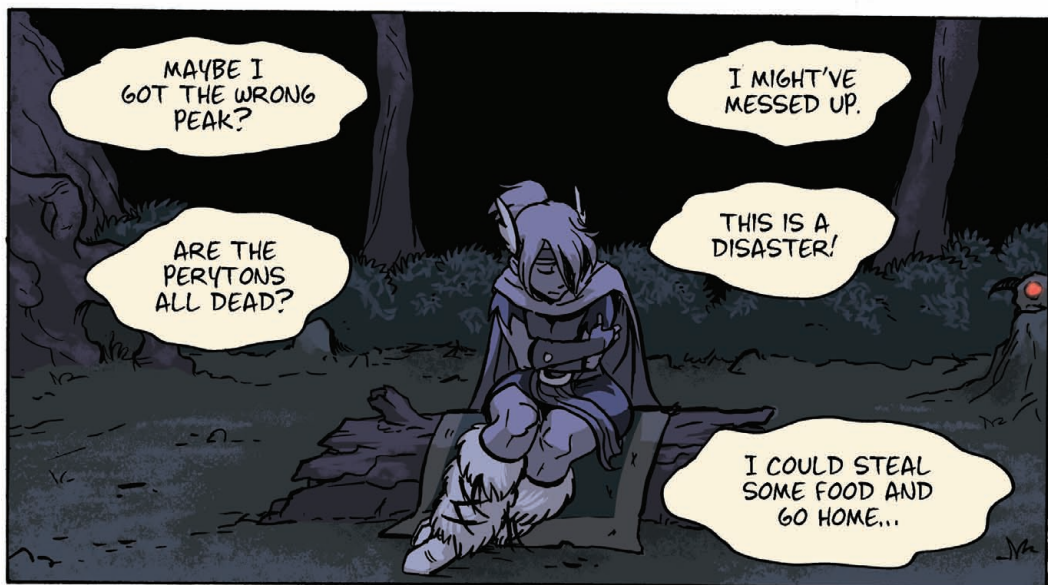


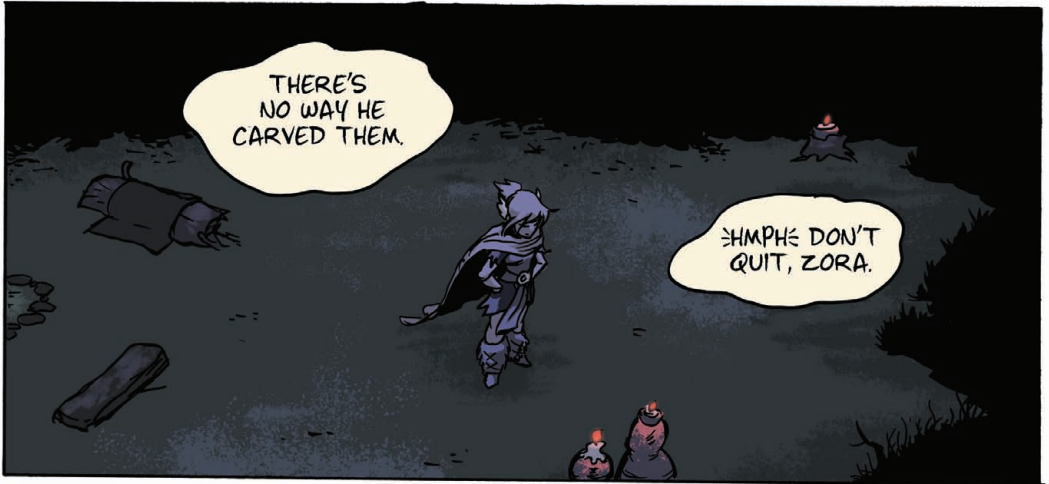
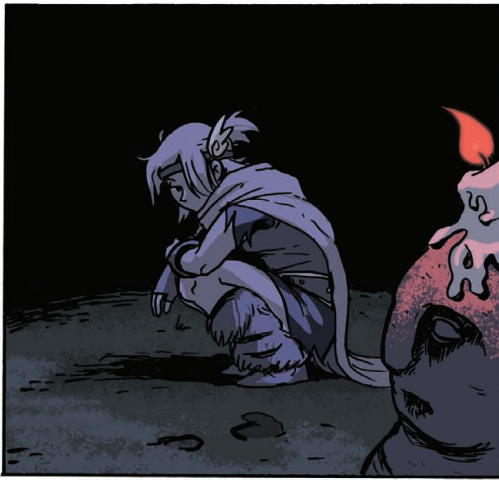
















DID YOU  
PEE?



IS THAT  
ANY OF YOUR  
CONCERN?



HERE?



SO,  
UH...

WHERE  
SHOULD I  
SLEEP?







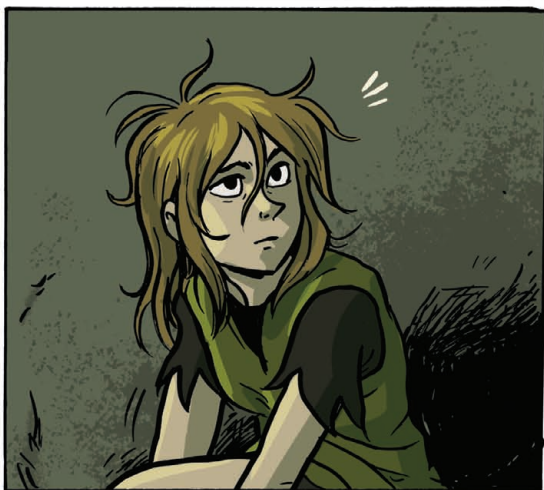
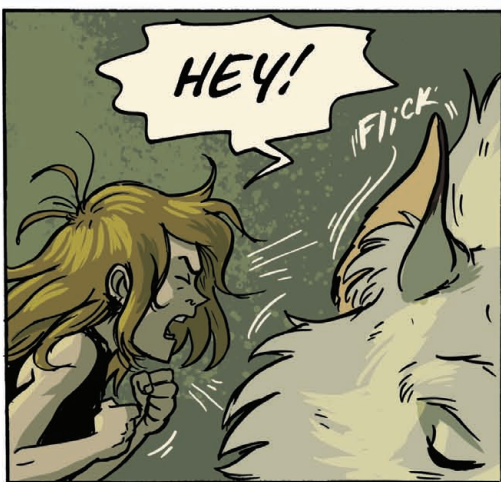




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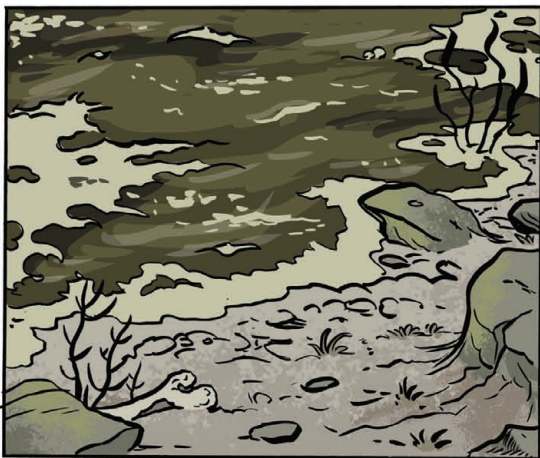
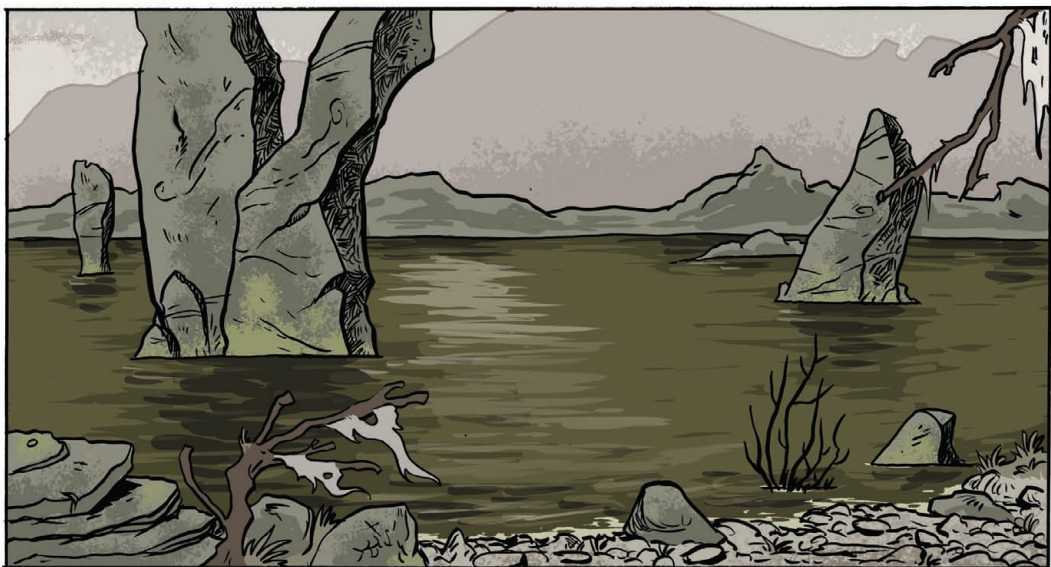
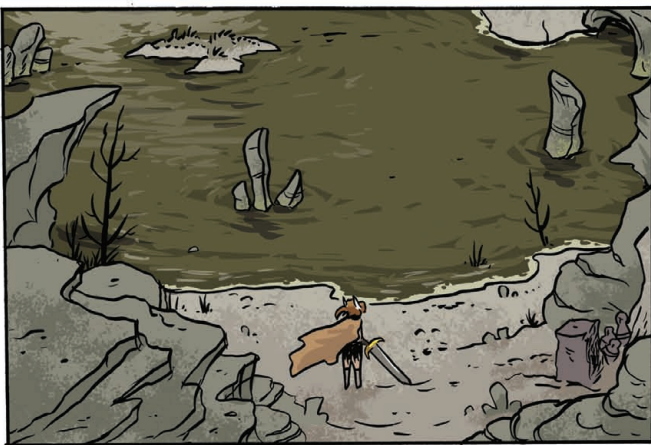












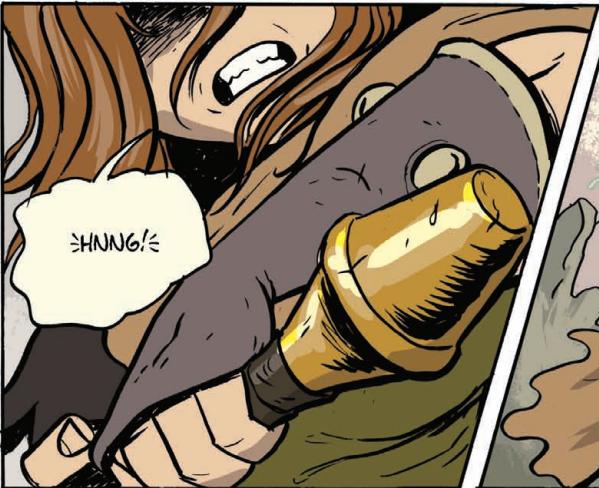


















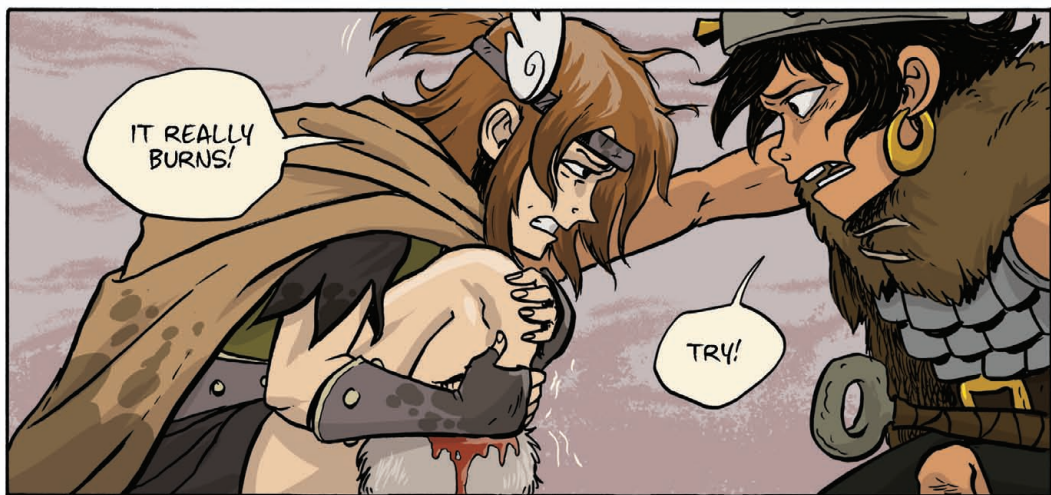












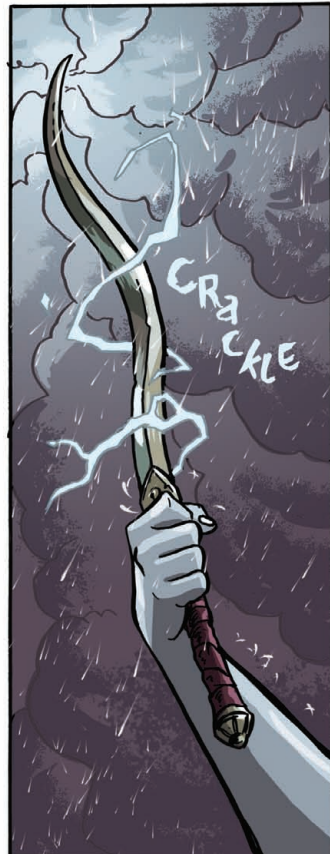




















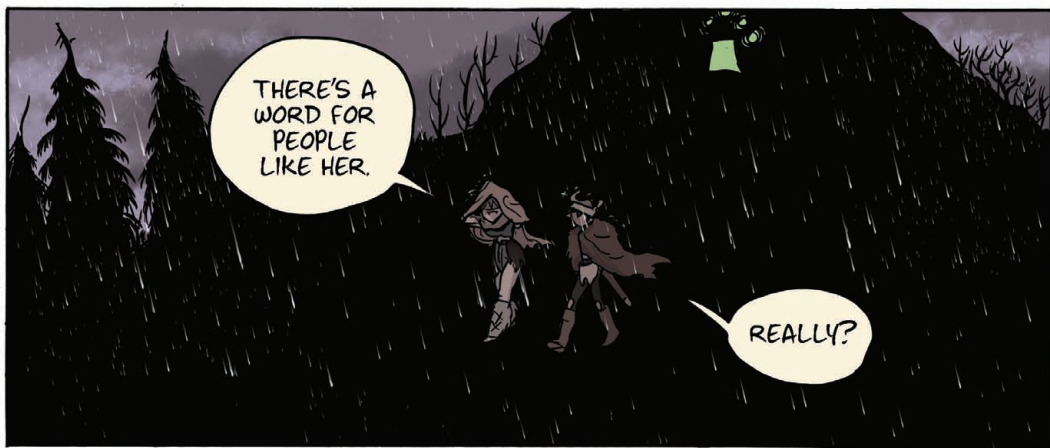















HEY, ZORA. WAS  
THE SWORD YOU  
LOST THE ONE  
FROM MY WALL?

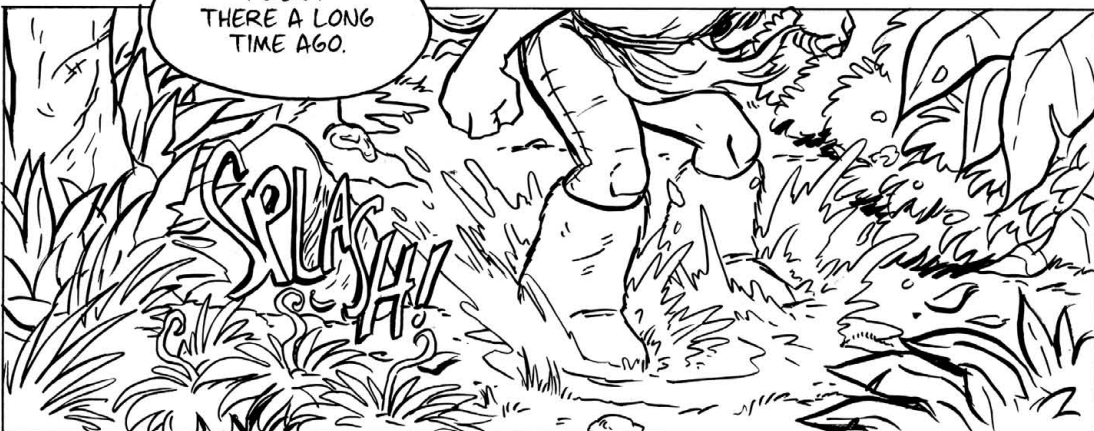
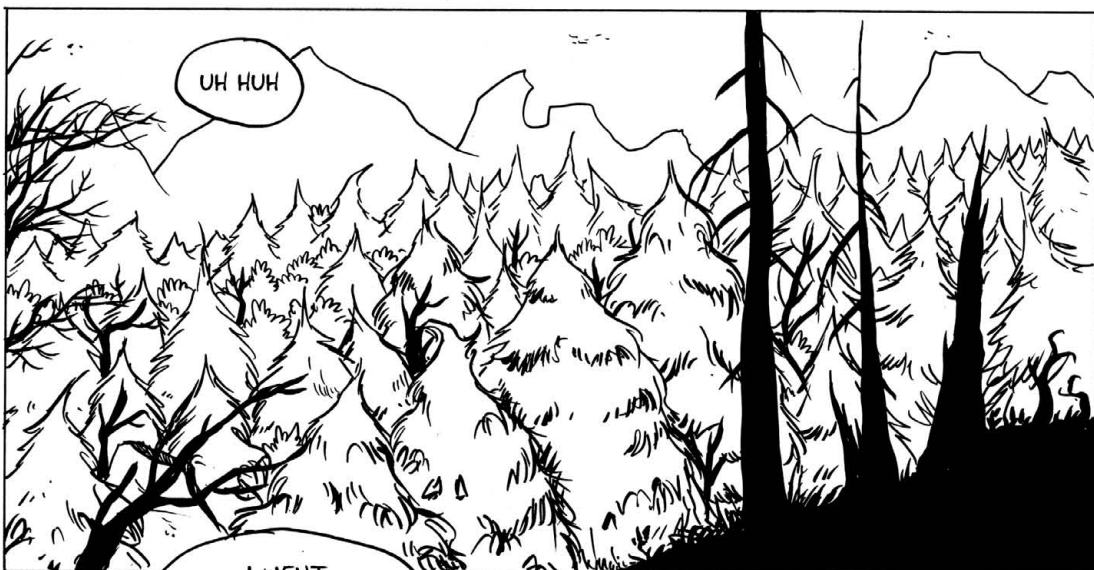
UH, YEAH.  
I'M SORRY!

OH. IT WAS MY  
GRAMMA'S SWORD.

≡GROAN≡





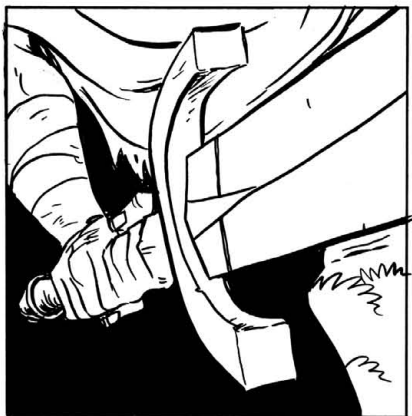
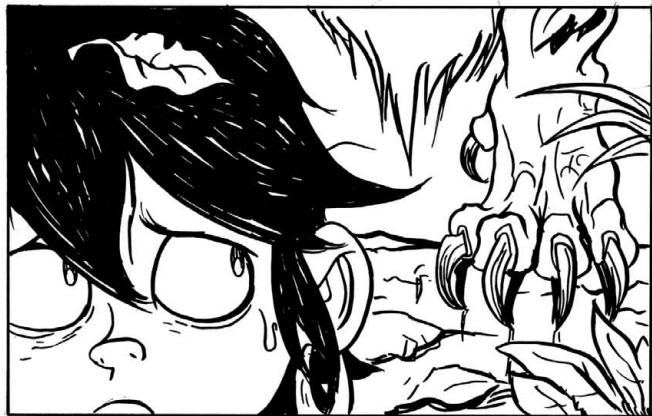


















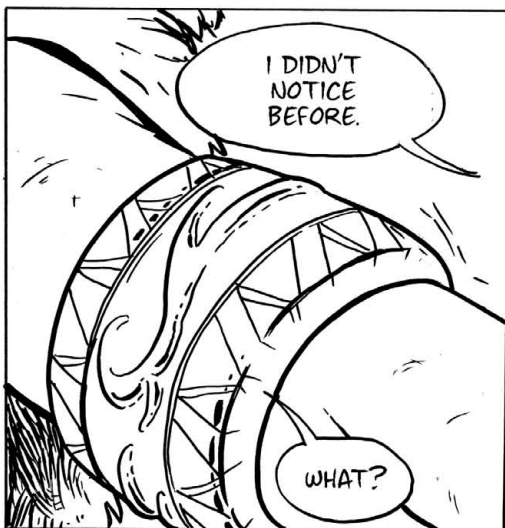






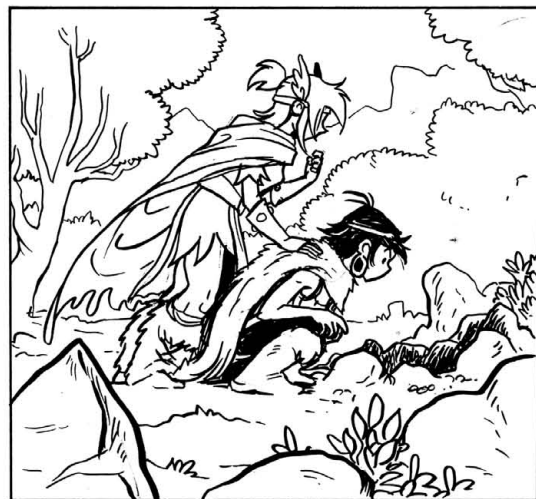
























BERK! NOTHING  
SMELLS THAT BAD  
BACK IN TETHEDE!

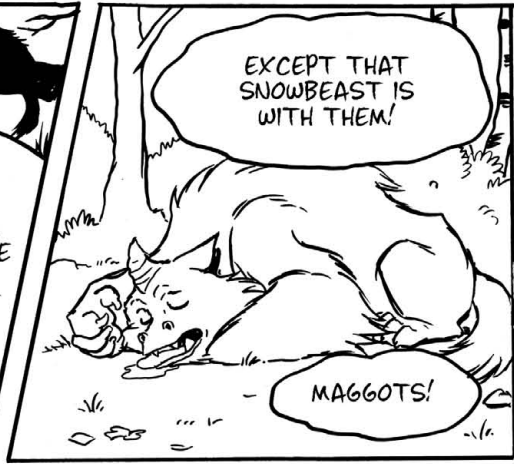
IT'S WORSE THAN  
ROTTING FISH ON  
THE HOT DOCKS!



WE TOLD  
YOU THEY'D  
BE HERE.

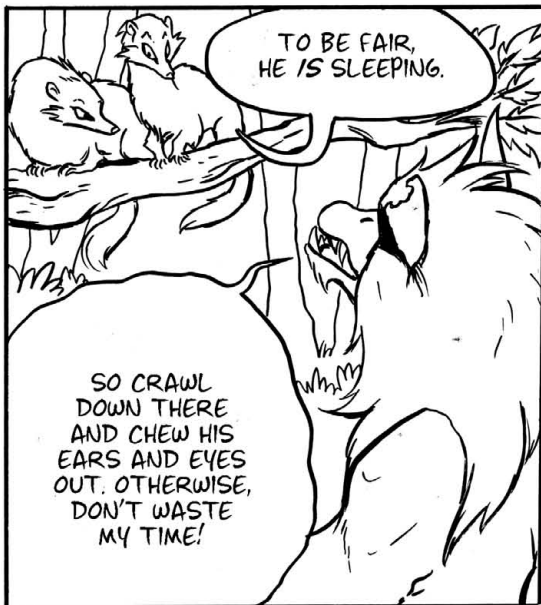
YOU COULD  
TEAR THEM  
DOWN BEFORE  
THEY DREW  
THEIR NEXT  
BREATH!

I COULD...



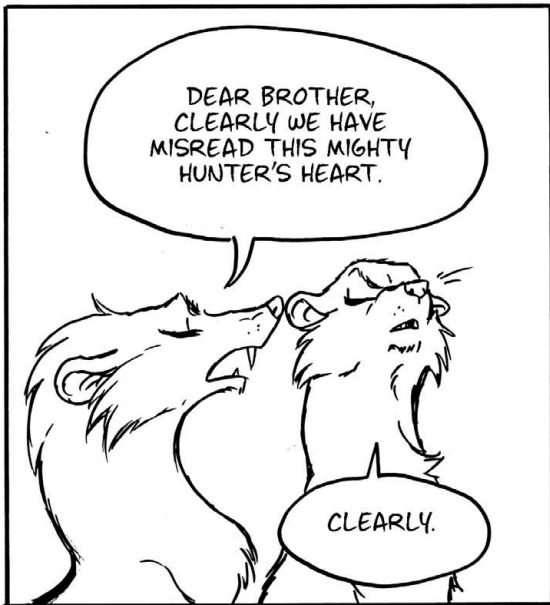
EXCEPT THAT  
SNOWBEAST IS  
WITH THEM!

MAGGOTS!



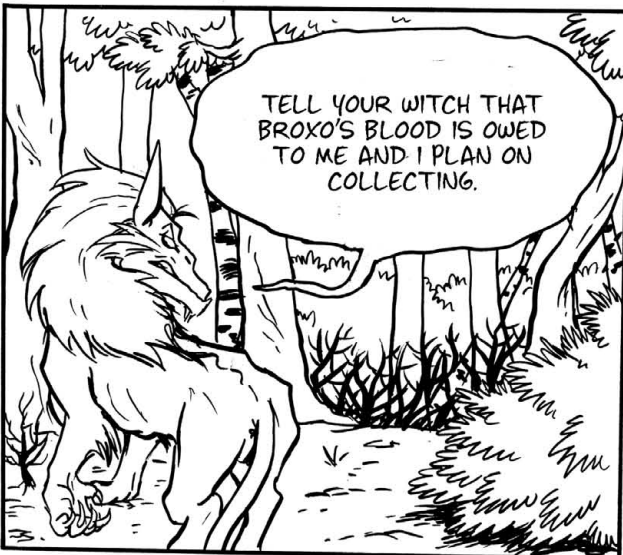
TO BE FAIR,  
HE IS SLEEPING.

SO CRAWL  
DOWN THERE  
AND CHEW HIS  
EARS AND EYES  
OUT. OTHERWISE,  
DON'T WASTE  
MY TIME!

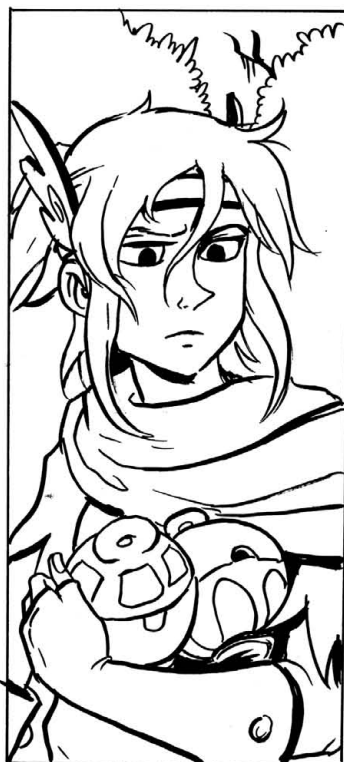


DEAR BROTHER,  
CLEARLY WE HAVE  
MISREAD THIS MIGHTY  
HUNTER'S HEART.

CLEARLY.

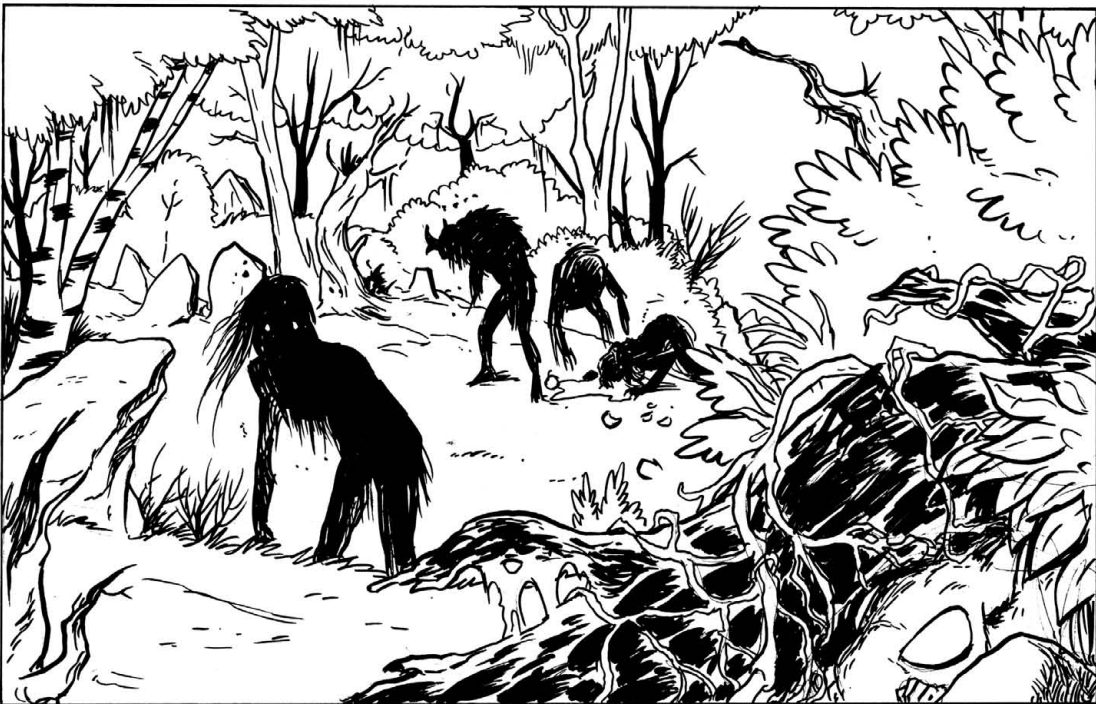
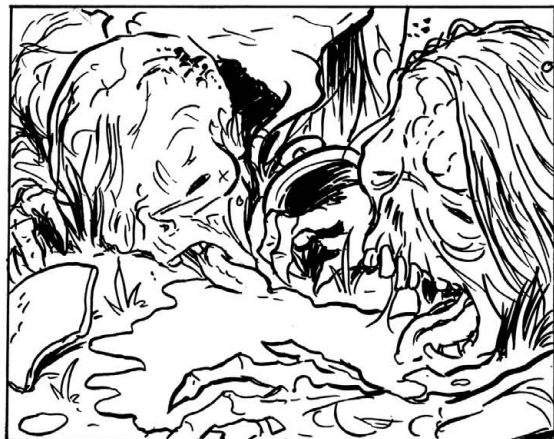






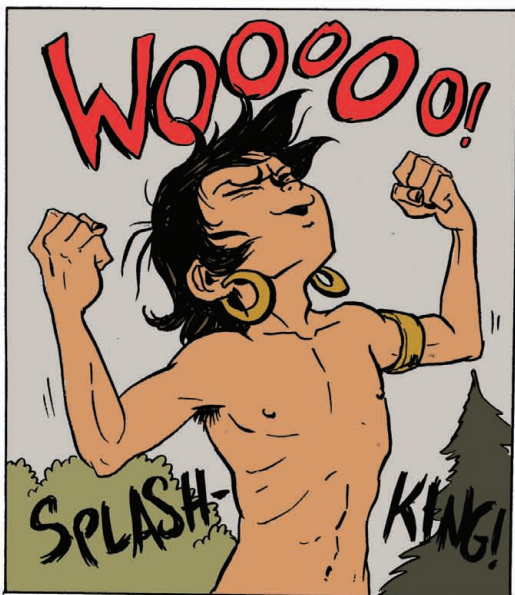
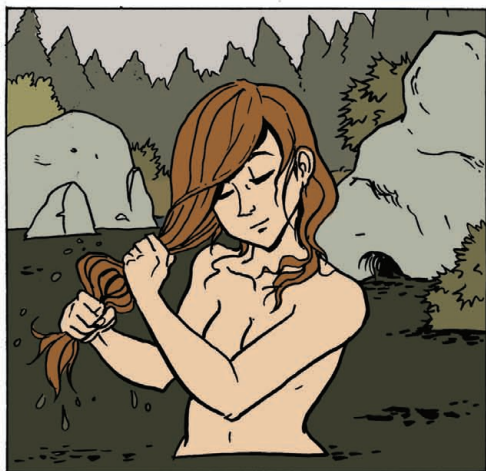


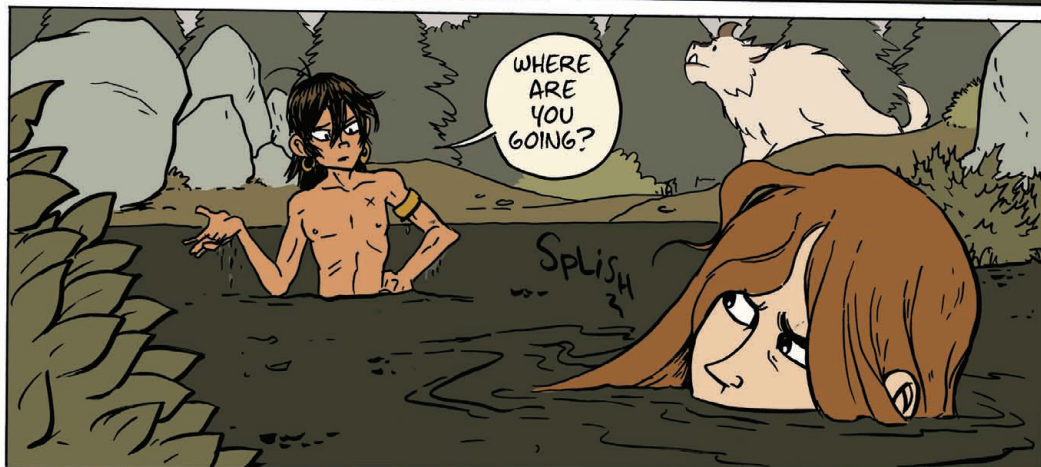
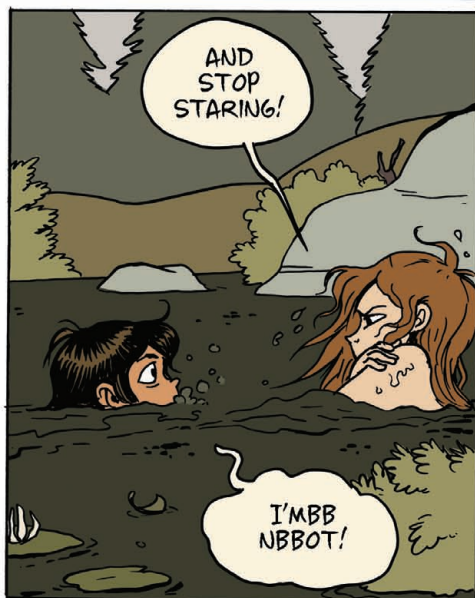
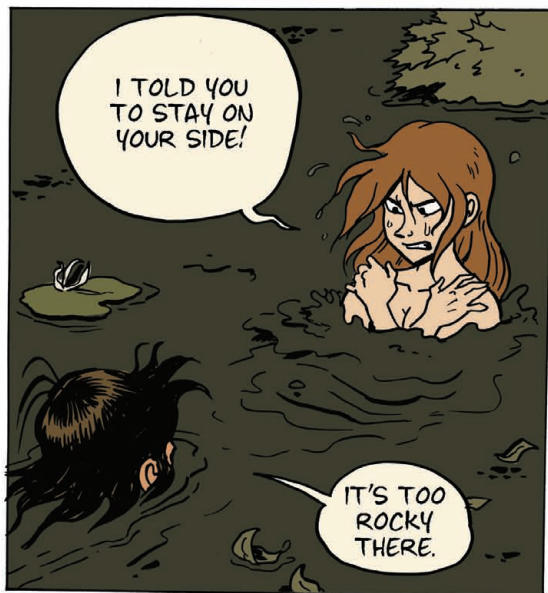




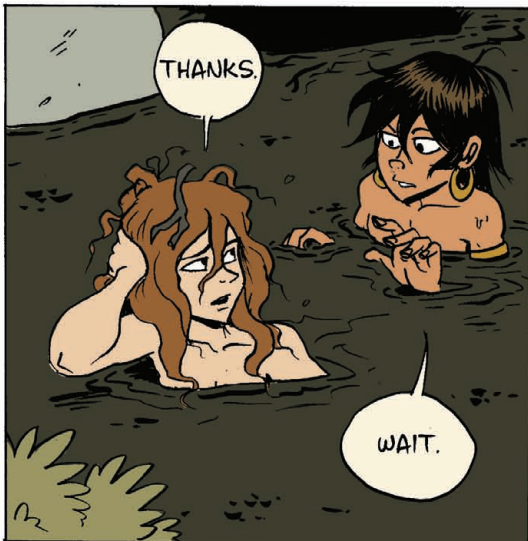
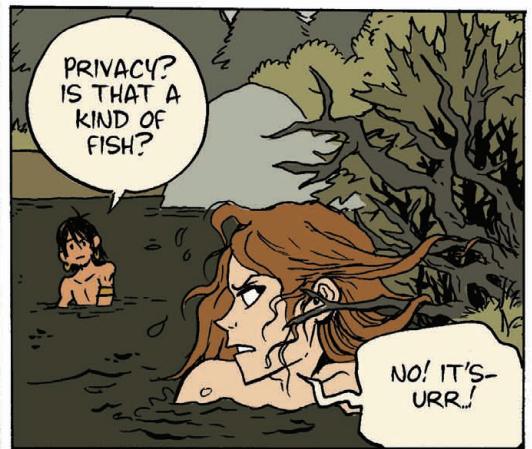


















SO WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO DO  
ABOUT THE  
HONEY?



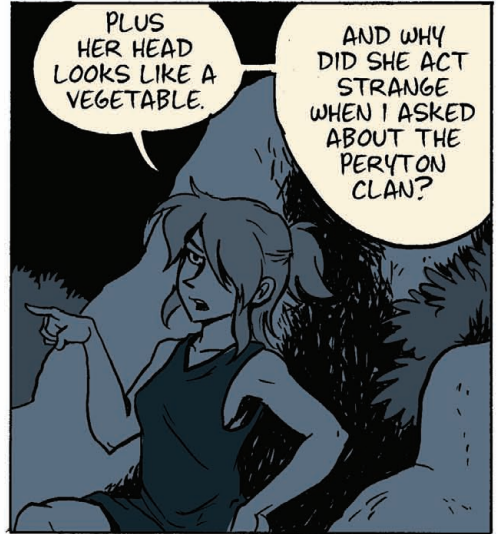
DUNNO. NEVER SAW  
CREEPERS THERE  
BEFORE.



MAYBE WE  
CAN JUST  
FORGET IT.

YEAH.

WE DON'T  
OWE THAT  
WITCH  
ANYTHING.



PLUS  
HER HEAD  
LOOKS LIKE A  
VEGETABLE.

AND WHY  
DID SHE ACT  
STRANGE  
WHEN I ASKED  
ABOUT THE  
PERYTON  
CLAN?



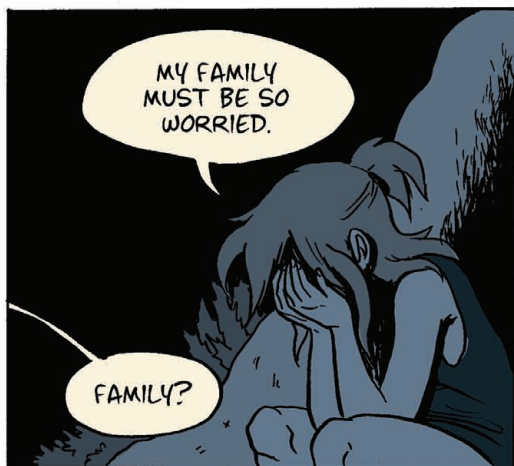
I THINK  
SOMETHING  
REAL FOUL  
HAPPENED UP  
HERE THAT  
SHE KNOWS  
ABOUT. I THINK  
THE CREEPERS  
ARE THE  
PERYTONS!

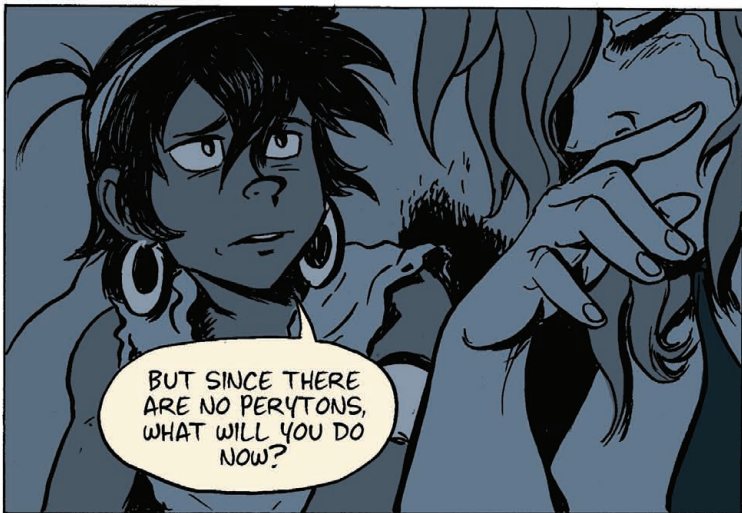


STOP.







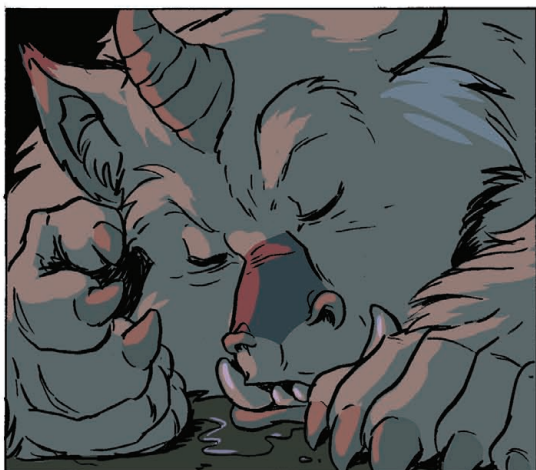
























































STAG  
SAVE US!

WHERE  
IS THE  
BOY?!




HELP!

SHHH...

NO TIME  
FOR TEARS,  
LITTLE  
KING.

LISTEN.






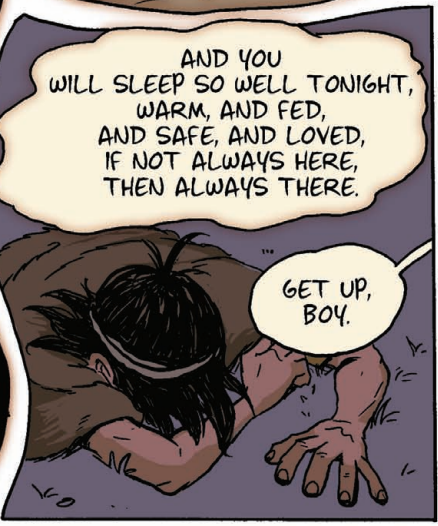
YOUR BROTHERS  
ARE SLEEPING WELL TONIGHT  
THEIR SHOULDERS HUNG  
WITH FUR AND HIDE,  
IF NOT ALWAYS HERE,  
THEN ALWAYS THERE.

YOUR SISTERS  
ARE SLEEPING WELL TONIGHT  
THEIR BELLIES FILLED  
WITH APPLES AND CAKE  
IF NOT ALWAYS HERE,  
THEN ALWAYS THERE.

OUR FOES  
ARE SLEEPING WELL TONIGHT,  
AS FAR FROM US  
AS WE ARE FROM THEM,  
IF NOT ALWAYS HERE,  
THEN ALWAYS THERE.



THE STAG  
IS SLEEPING WELL TONIGHT  
DREAMING OF US,  
BY EACH OTHERS' SIDES  
IF NOT ALWAYS HERE,  
THEN ALWAYS THERE.



AND YOU  
WILL SLEEP SO WELL TONIGHT,  
WARM, AND FED,  
AND SAFE, AND LOVED,  
IF NOT ALWAYS HERE,  
THEN ALWAYS THERE.

GET UP,  
BOY.



WHO'S  
THERE?

SO BIG  
NOW!



SKINNIER THAN  
YOUR FATHER,  
THOUGH.

ULITH?



ULITH? HOW DO YOU  
KNOW HER? YOU'RE  
NOT CAROUSING WITH  
HER, ARE YOU?


SHINK

SHOW  
YOURSELF!



YOU BRAT,  
HOW DARE  
YOU?





PULLING A SWORD ON  
YOUR POOR, DEAD  
GRANDMOTHER!

IF I HAD A BODY, I'D  
KNOCK YOURS CLEAR  
ACROSS THE PENTHOS  
FOR THAT!

G-  
GRAMMA..?



IT TOOK ME SO LONG  
TO GET BACK. HOW  
LONG HAS IT BEEN?



YOU'RE SKIN AND  
BONES! DOESN'T  
MIGO KEEP YOU FED?

AND WHAT'S  
THIS ABOUT  
ULITH?



DOES SHE STILL EXIST?  
YOU'VE MET HER, I TAKE IT?  
AND WHY ARE YOU STILL  
HERE ON THE PEAK?

GRAMMA!


EH?



WHY DID  
YOU LEAVE ME?!







AH, BOY. YOU'VE FORGOTTEN MUCH. BUT MUCH YOU NEVER KNEW.

LISTEN TO GRAMMA...



DO YOU REMEMBER THE STORY OF PERYVALN?

YES.


REALLY?

NO.




PERYVALN WAS THE OM OF OUR CLAN, AN IMMORTAL THAT LEAD OUR PEOPLE AFTER THE PENTHOS WAS MADE.

BEFORE HE LEFT, HE TAUGHT US THAT HIS GREAT STAG, THE PERYTON, WOULD WATCH OVER US...



EVERY HUNDRED YEARS, THE STAG WOULD LEAD OUR SPIRITS TO THE UNDERWORLD.



FOR SEASONS IMMEASURABLE, WE GAVE OUR SPIRITS TO THE LAKE AND SUMMONED THE STAG WITH THE WYLERN.

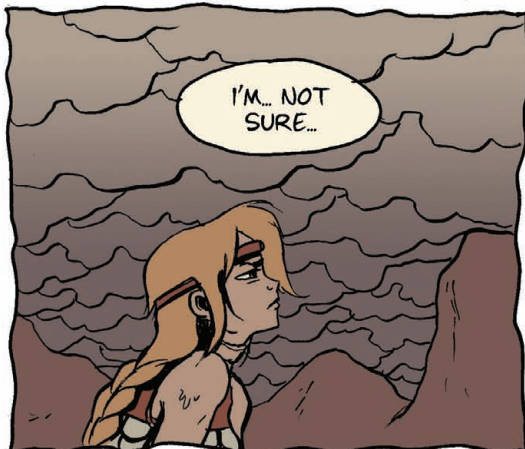




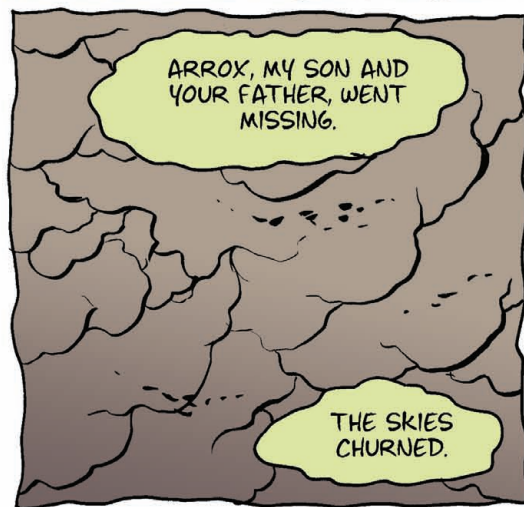
IT IS VERY SPECIAL TO  
SEE HIM. MOST OF US WILL  
ONLY EVER SEE HIM IN  
DEATH.



BUT BROXO- CAN YOU  
REMEMBER THE NIGHT  
OUR PEOPLE DIED?



I'M... NOT  
SURE...



ARROX, MY SON AND  
YOUR FATHER, WENT  
MISSING.

THE SKIES  
CHURNED.



AND WE WEREN'T  
READY...















YOU WERE SICK FOR ALMOST  
A YEAR AFTERWARDS. I WAS  
AFRAID I'D LOSE YOU, TOO.  
WE LOOKED FOR OTHER SURVI-  
VORS, BUT THE ANCESTORS  
STILL MADE GOING TO THE  
VILLAGE TOO DANGEROUS

YOU HAD NIGHT  
TERRORS EVERY  
NIGHT.



I COULD NEVER SORT TOGETHER  
WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND I DIDN'T  
UNDERSTAND WHY WE WERE THE  
ONLY ONES REMAINING.

IF NOT FOR YOU,  
I MIGHT'VE LOST  
MYSELF.



WHEN YOU FINALLY  
BECAME WELL ENOUGH  
TO TRAVEL, I DECIDED  
WE WOULD LEAVE PERY-  
TON PEAK AND THROW  
OURSELVES UPON THE  
MERCY OF ANOTHER  
PENTHOS CLAN.



ALONE, I DECIDED TO VISIT THE  
LAKE AND PAY MY RESPECTS.

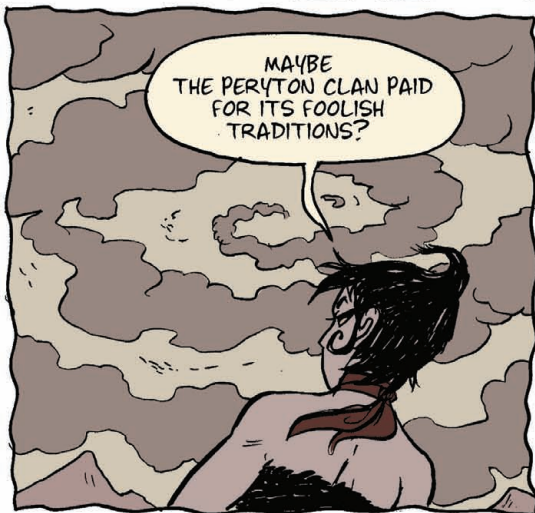
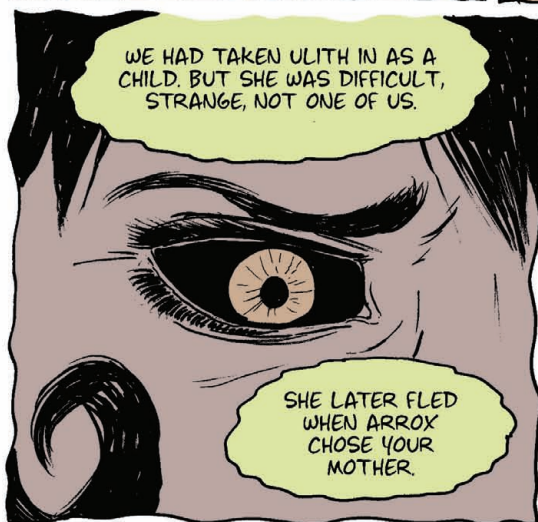
ARROX..?

I WAS FILLED WITH  
GRIEF ALL OVER AGAIN  
WHEN I FOUND YOUR  
FATHER'S REMAINS...



...AND MORE  
CONFUSION.

YOU!









IT TOOK ME THIS LONG TO  
GET BACK. THERE SPIRITS IN  
THAT FARAWAY REALM DID  
NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED  
AND I WAS TEMPTED TO STAY  
WITH THEM IN SLEEP.



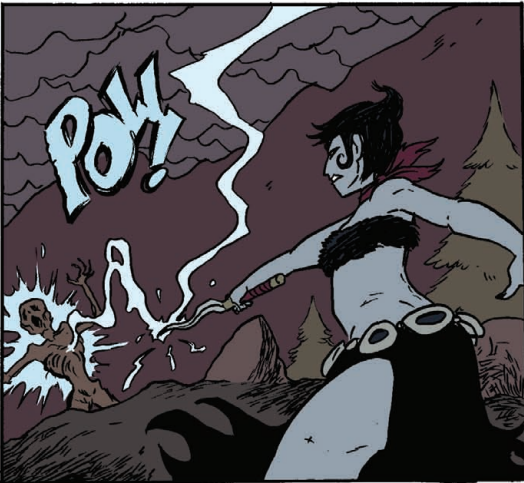
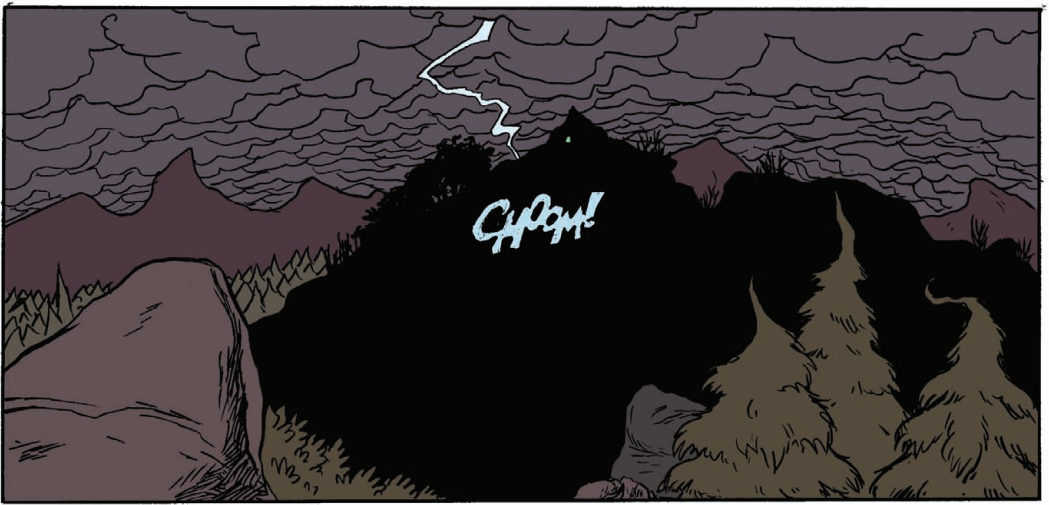
BUT THEY WERE CONFUSED,  
ANGRY, LOST. AND I KNEW I  
HAD TO FIND YOU, BOY.

IT IS UNFAIR TO ASK SO  
MUCH OF YOU. BUT YOU  
MUST DO WHAT NO ONE  
ELSE CAN.



SUMMON THE STAG  
TO LEAD OUR PEOPLE  
TO PEACEFUL REST!























THE ONLY WAY THERE  
IS THROUGH A GAP IN  
THE RIDGE. MIGO'S  
TOO BIG TO FIT.

BUT THE  
ANCESTORS ARE  
ALL OVER IT.

SKRETCH

SKRETCH

OTHERWISE, WE  
GO AROUND THE  
REGULAR WAY.

BERK.



WELL, IT'S SIMPLE. I  
HEARD ULITH SAY THAT  
GLOTH THING HUNTS AT  
DAWN. ALL WE DO IS-

NO, GRANITEWING.



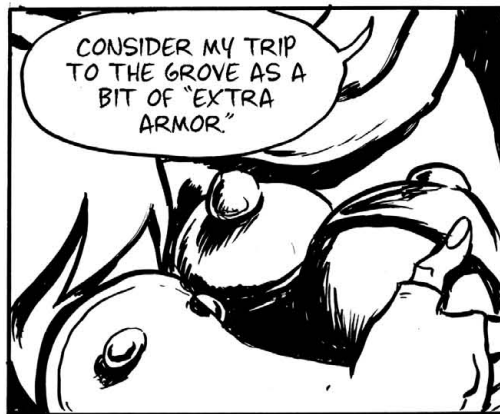
BROXO MUST RETRIEVE  
THE WYLERN ALONE.  
YOU'RE NOT PERYTON  
BLOOD. YOU WOULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND.



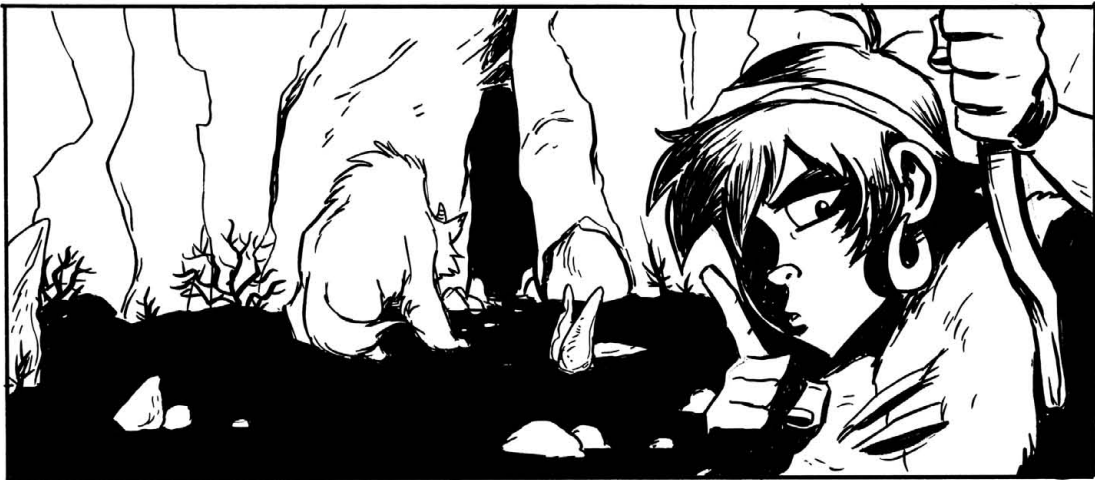
THERE ARE  
NO CLANS ON  
PERYTON PEAK  
ANYMORE.



HA! YOU'RE GUTSY,  
GIRL! THAT I'LL GIVE  
YOU! WHAT'S YOUR GREAT  
PLAN, THEN?









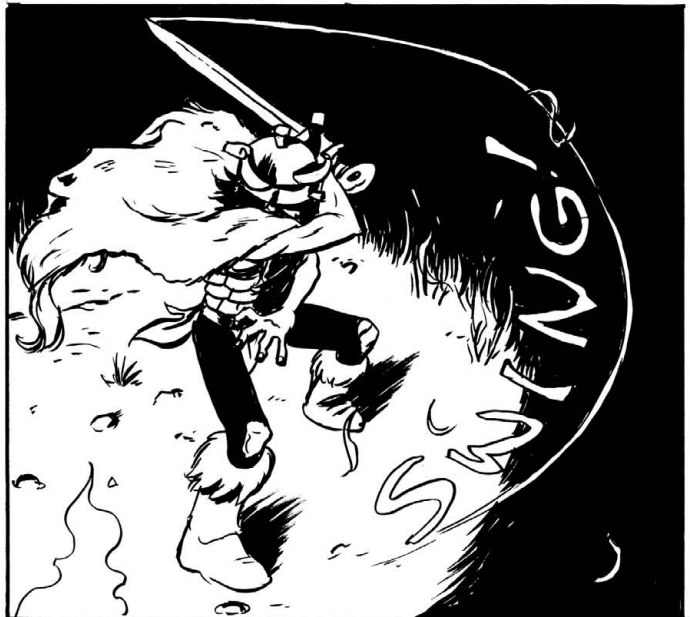














HA HA HA

HOW DID YOU SURVIVE  
FOR SO LONG MAKING  
WILD ATTACKS AT THE  
DARK?!



I WORRIED THAT ULITH'S  
WALKING DEAD WOULD  
GET YOU BEFORE I COULD.  
BUT MOTHER WAS RIGHT -  
A PATIENT HUNTER GETS  
THE JUICIEST KILL!



ULITH'S WALKING  
DEAD? WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?

YOU DON'T KNOW? ULITH'S  
RATS TOLD ME EVERYTHING!  
HOW THAT WITCH TURNED  
YOUR PACK INTO THOSE LIVING  
CORPSES!



YOU'RE A  
LIAR!



IT BARELY  
MATTERS, NOW.

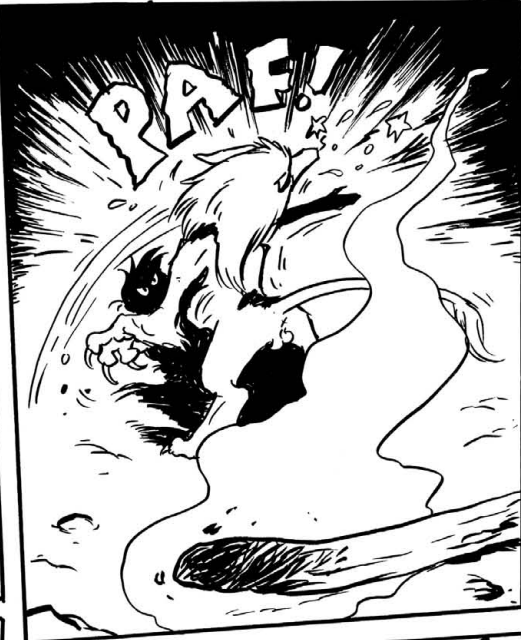
HEY, REMEMBER WHEN  
THAT OLD LEATHER  
WOMAN SAVED YOU AND  
KILLED MY MOTHER?



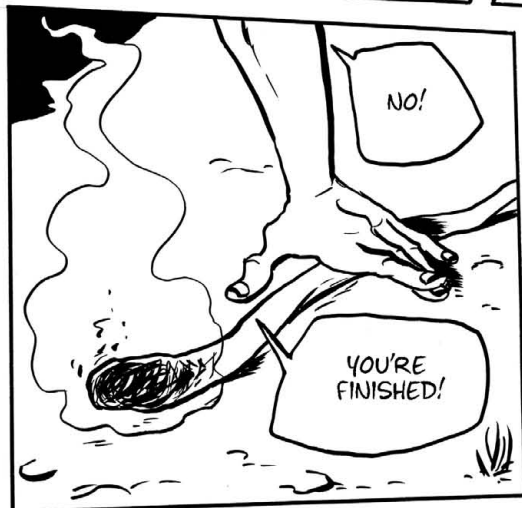
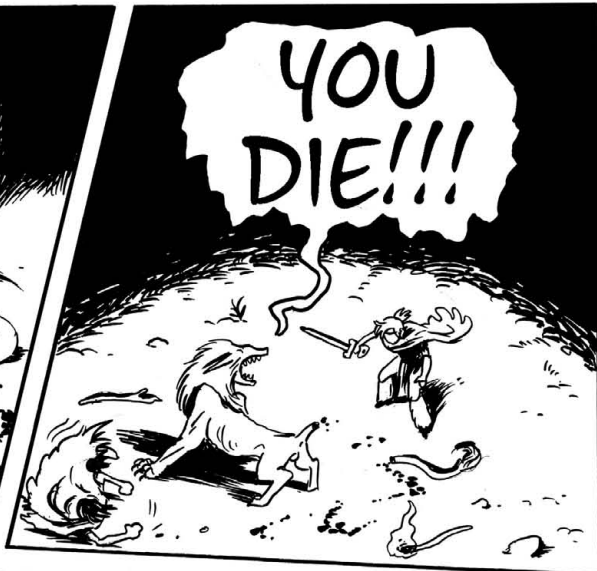






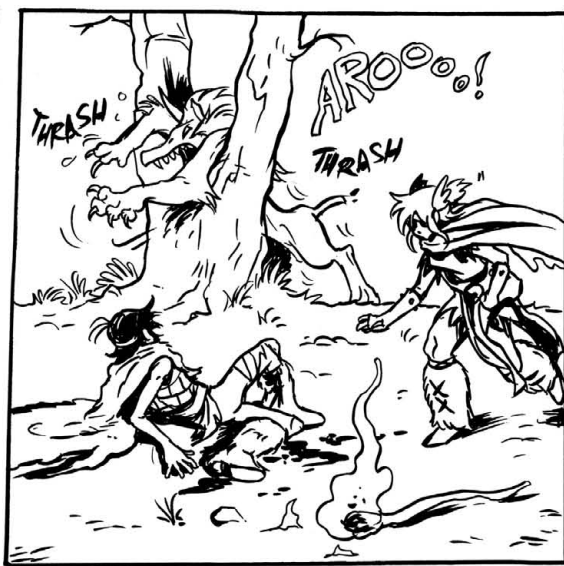












I'LL HUNT YOU  
FOREVER!



THRASH!

WHEN I DESTROY YOU,  
THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH  
OF YOUR BODY IN MY DUNG  
TO COME BACK TO LIFE!

SHUT UP, SPIT-  
FOR-BRAINS!



FWOOSH



ROWR!

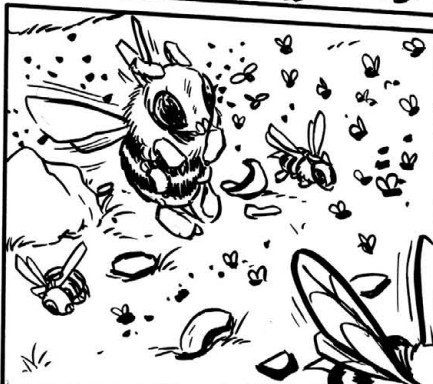
HURK!

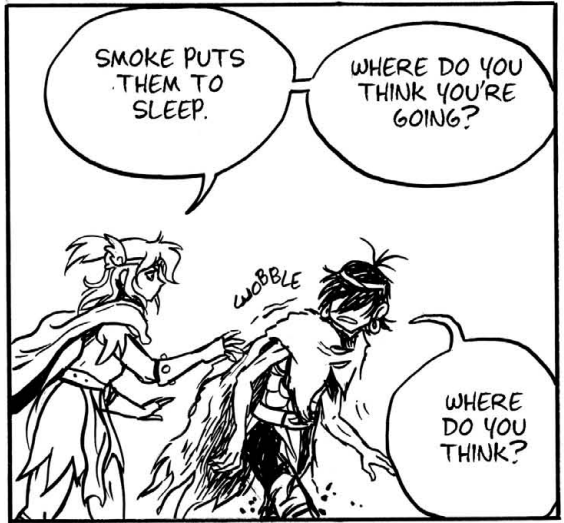


YOU'RE ALL  
DEAD!













I FELT  
SOMETHING  
WRONG.

AS DID I.  
STILL DO.



YOUR KIND DON'T  
COME BACK FROM  
THE DEAD!

MMH.

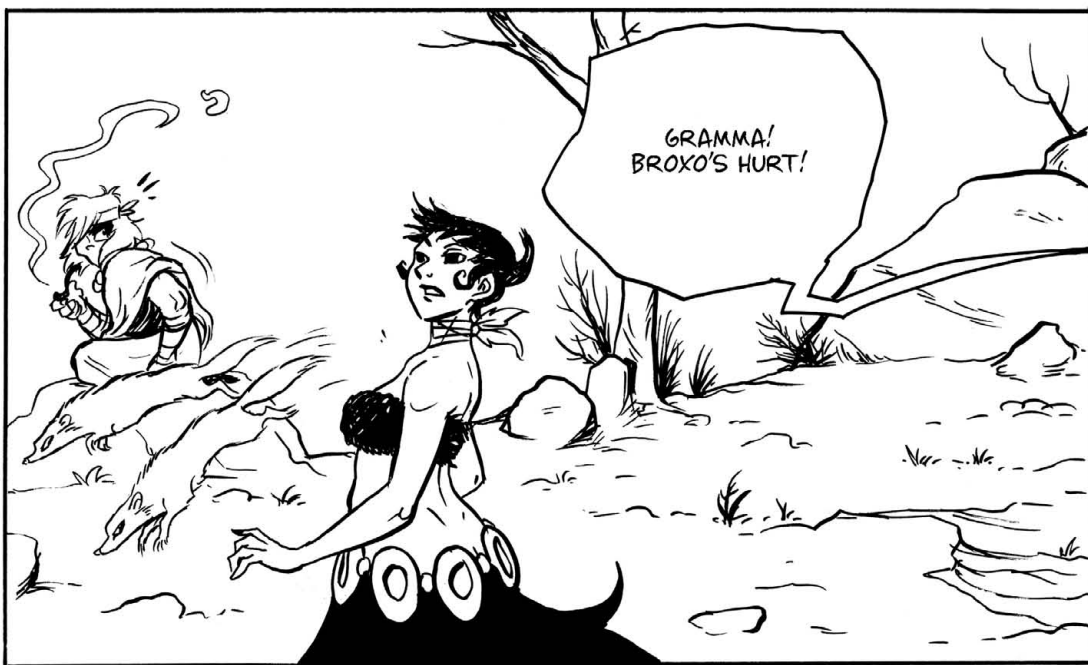
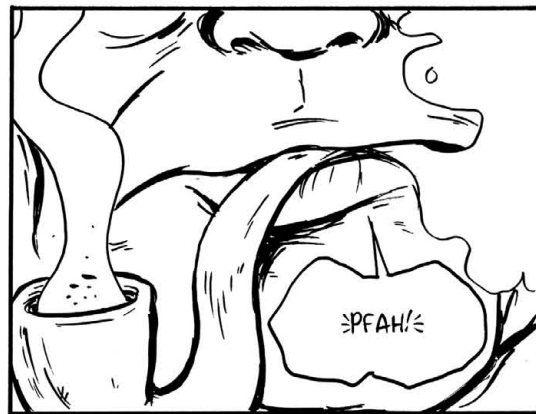
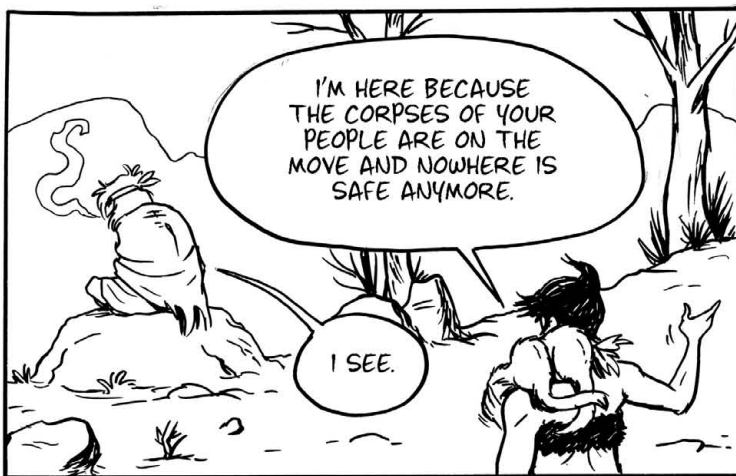


I'VE FORGIVEN YOU  
FOR MY DEATH.

BUT MY SON IS  
A DIFFERENT  
MATTER

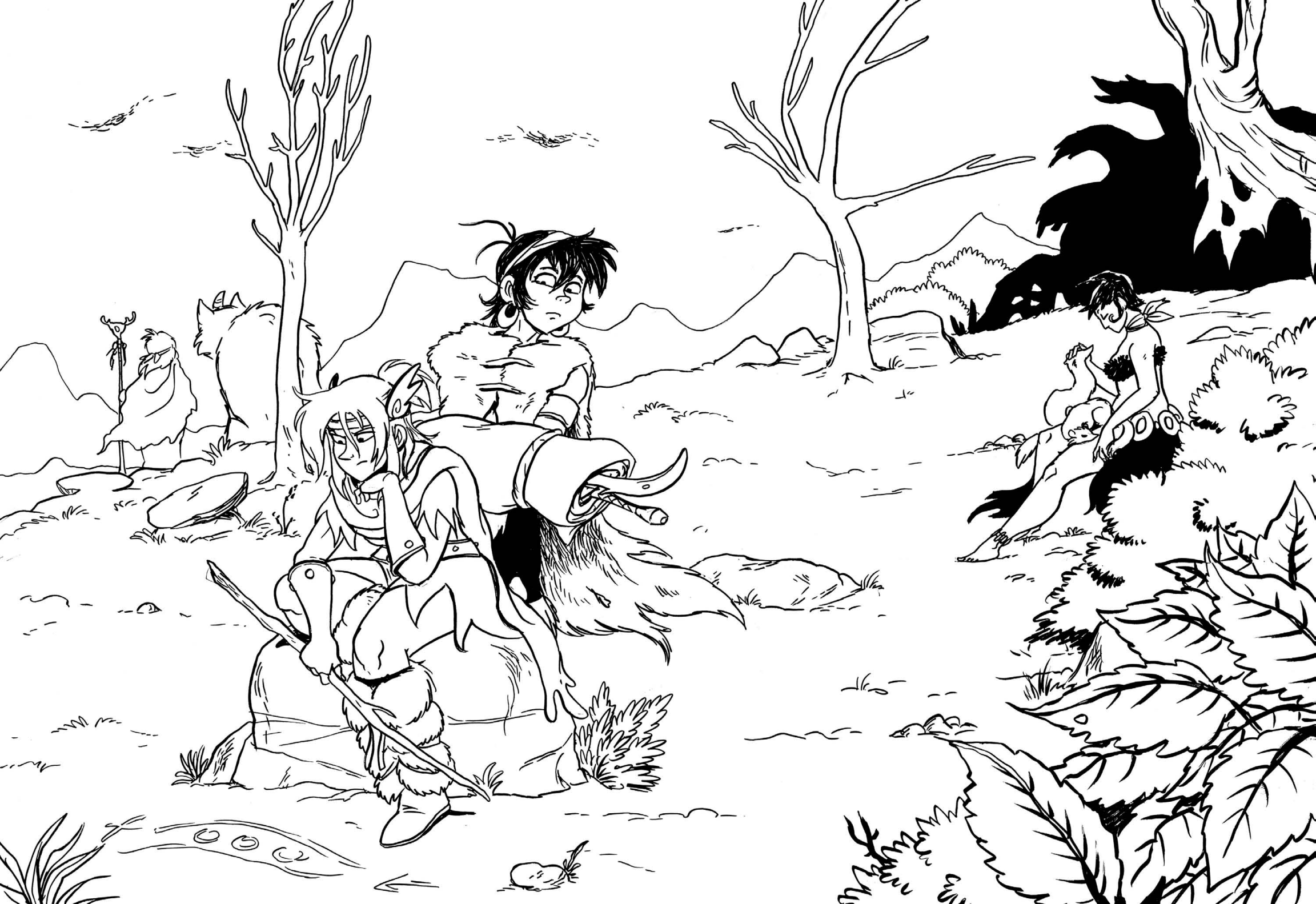


ARE YOU  
HERE TO  
REPENT?

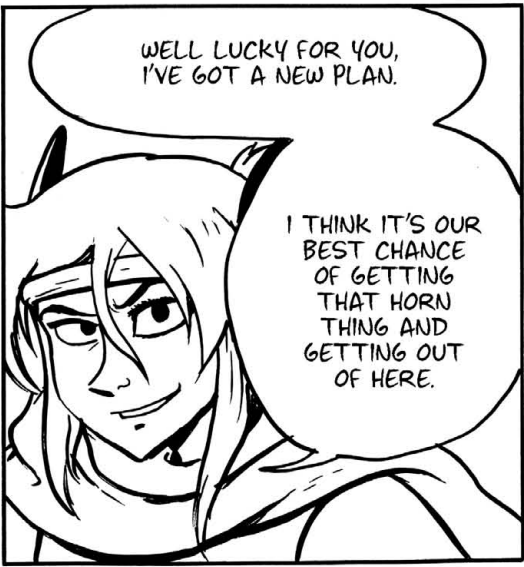
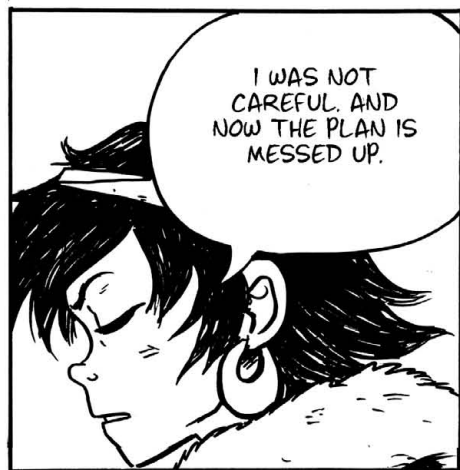


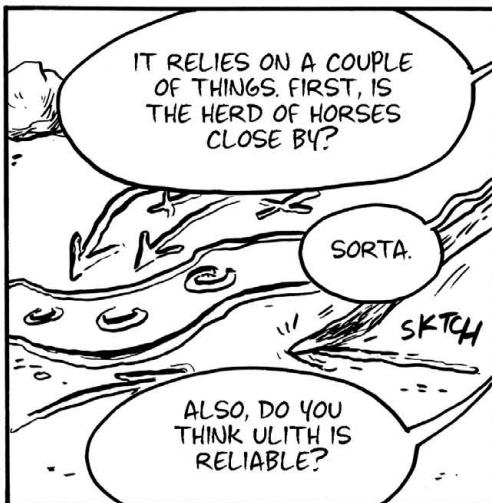
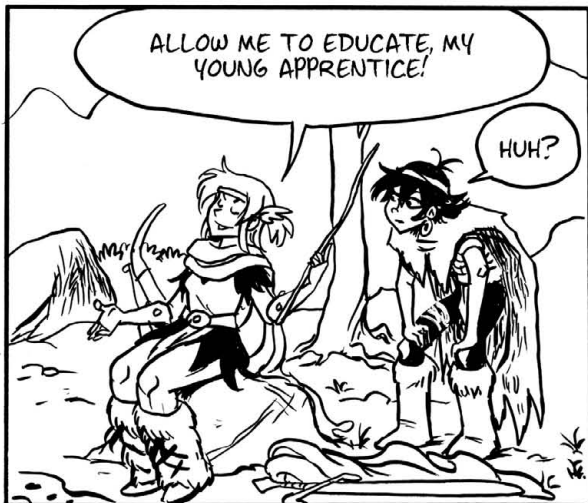






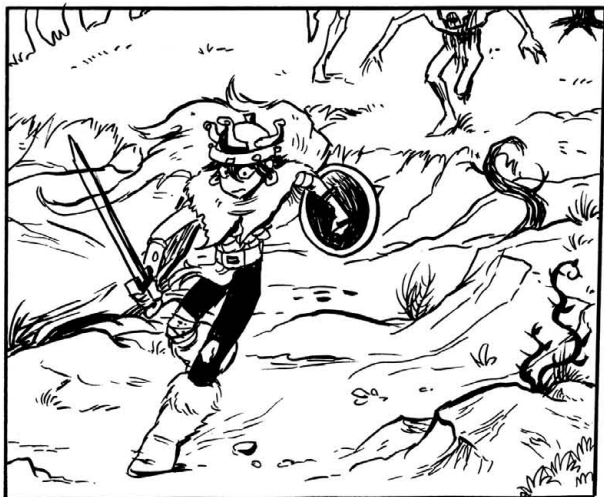
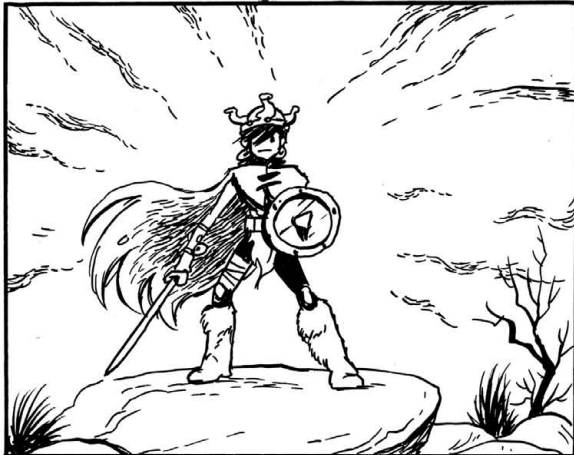




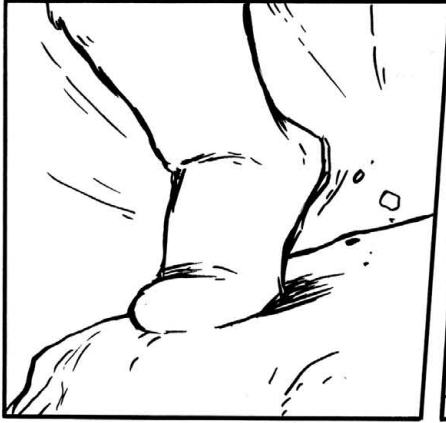


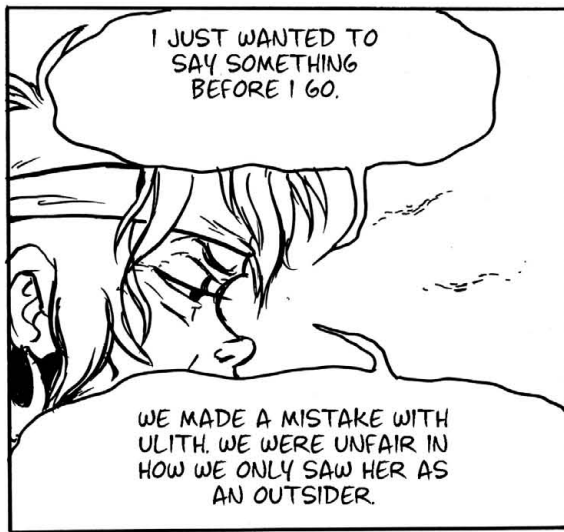
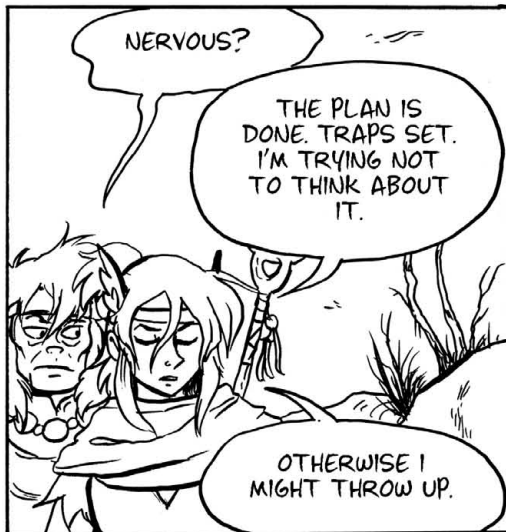




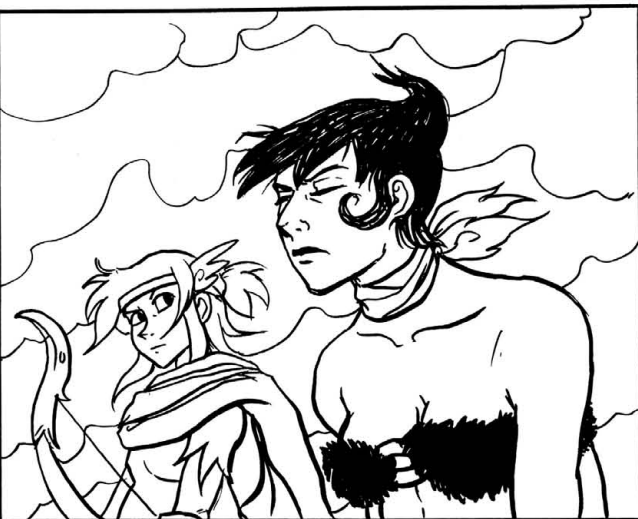



















OH, YES! YOU  
WANTED BAD  
TROUBLE, YOU  
GOT IT!



CUT THOSE  
SLINGS WHEN  
THEY HIT THE  
GRASS LINE.



WE CAN'T LET  
THEM IN THE  
GORGE TOO  
EARLY.



IF THAT HAPPENS,  
WE'RE SUNK.



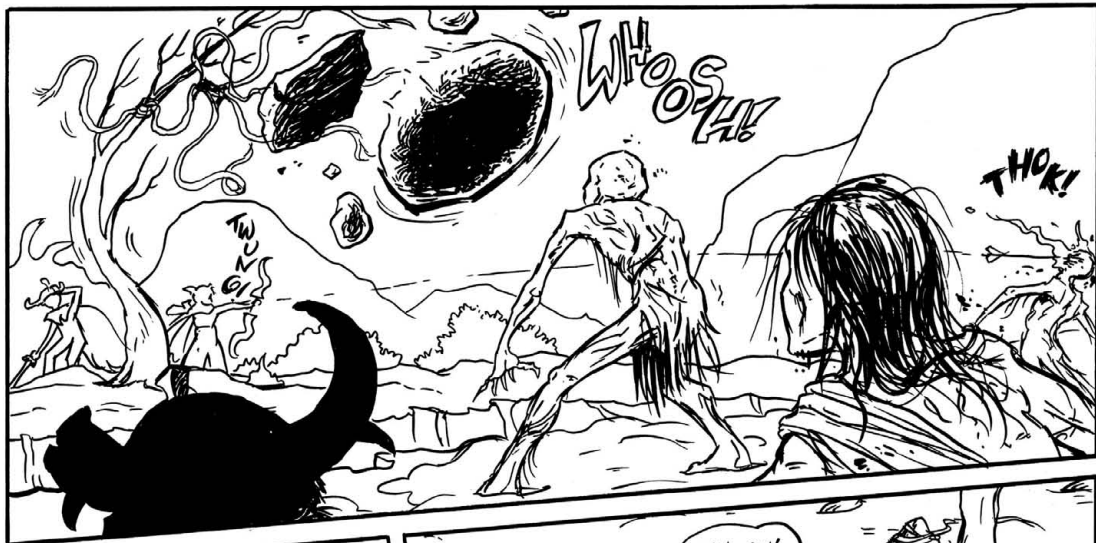




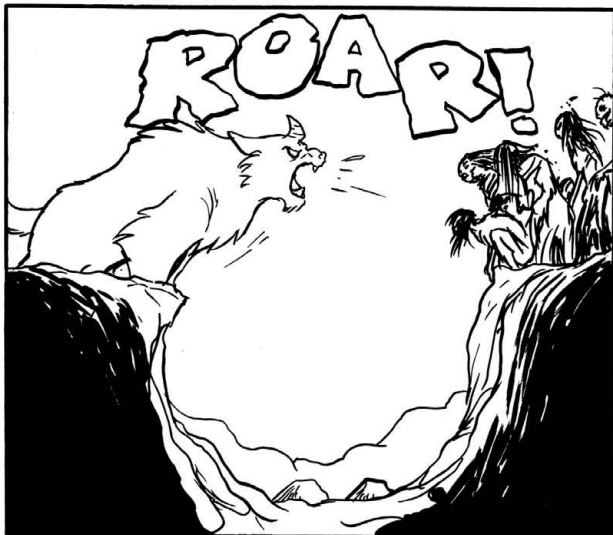
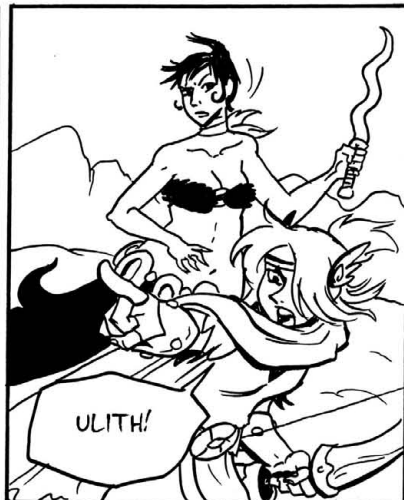
NOW!



CHOP!

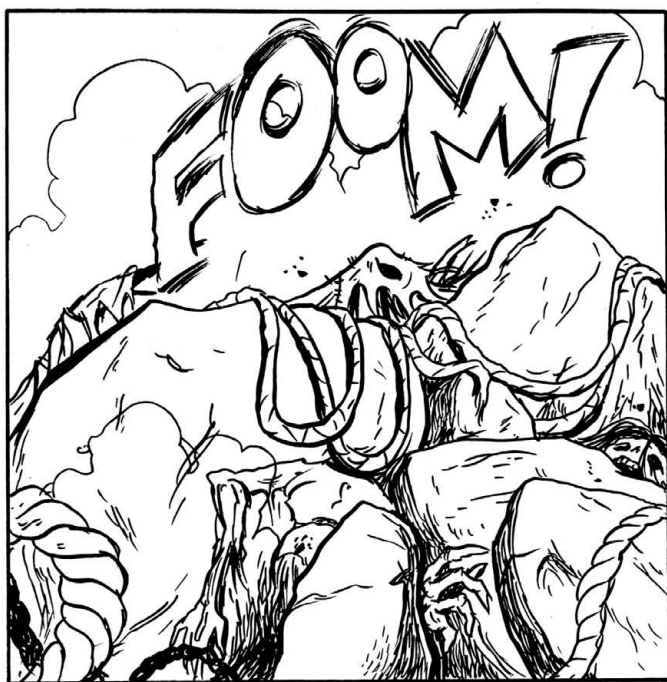
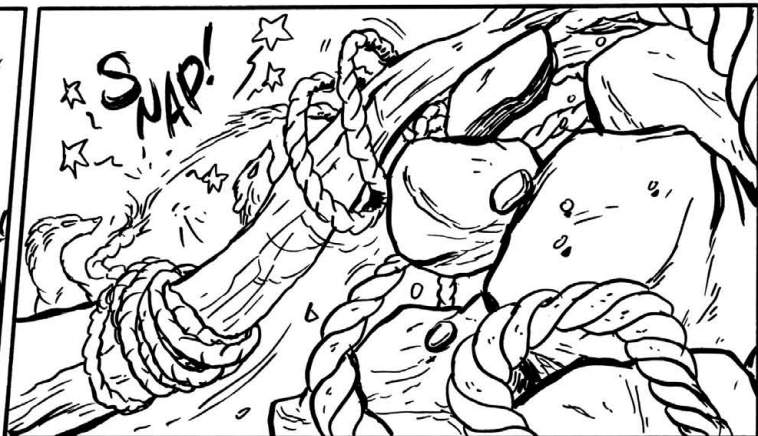
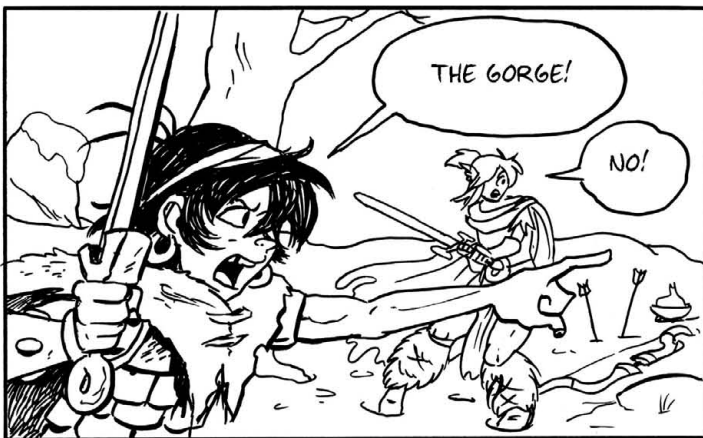


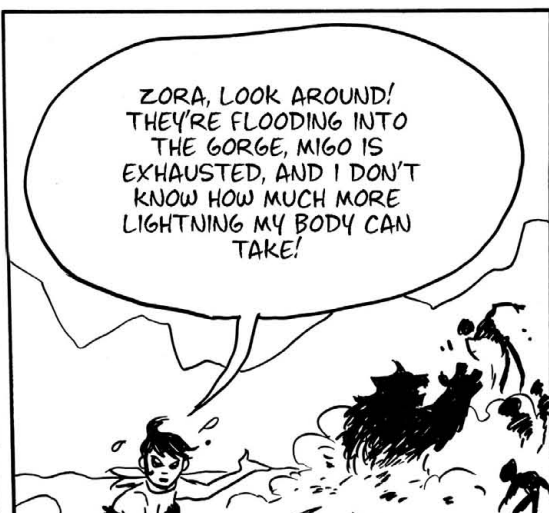






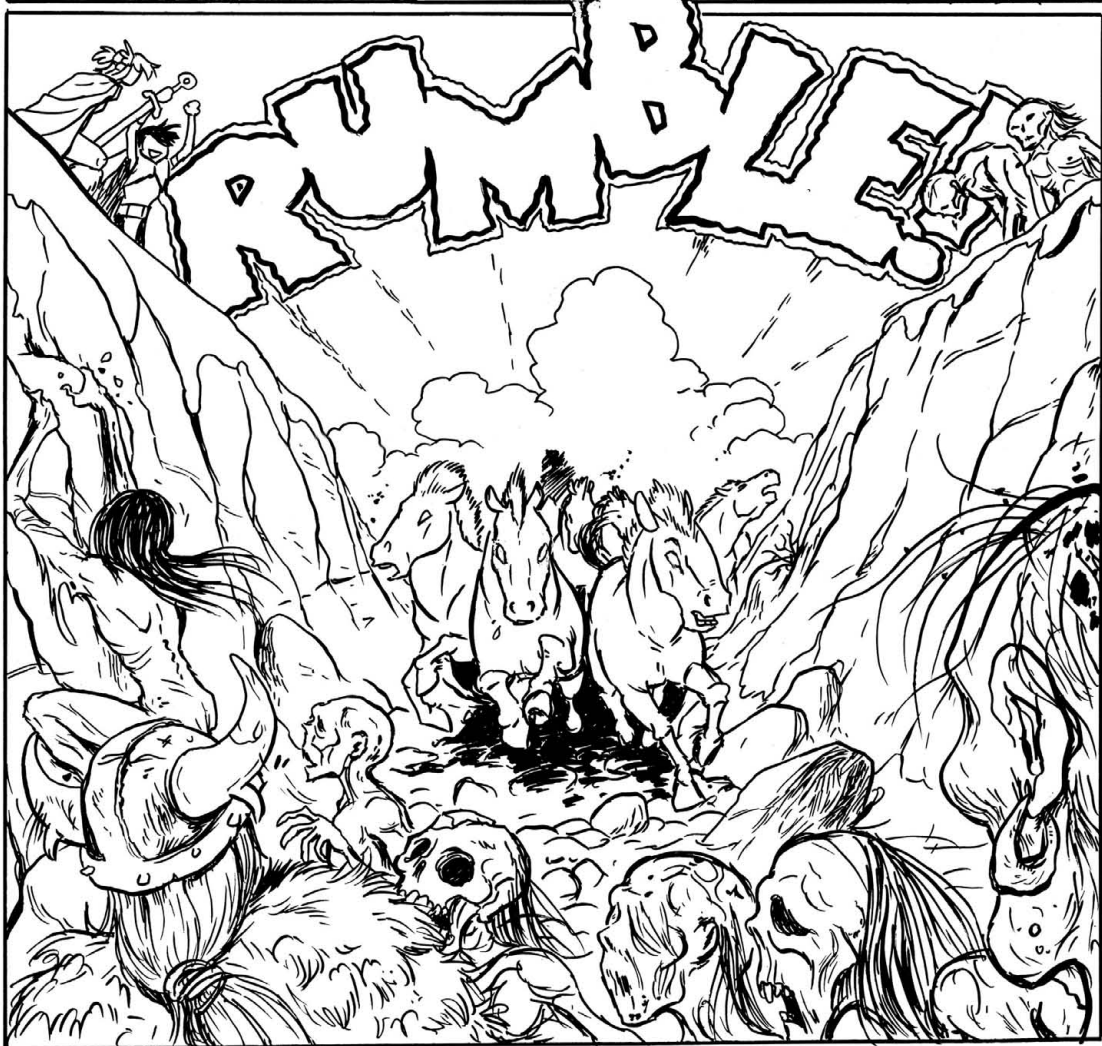
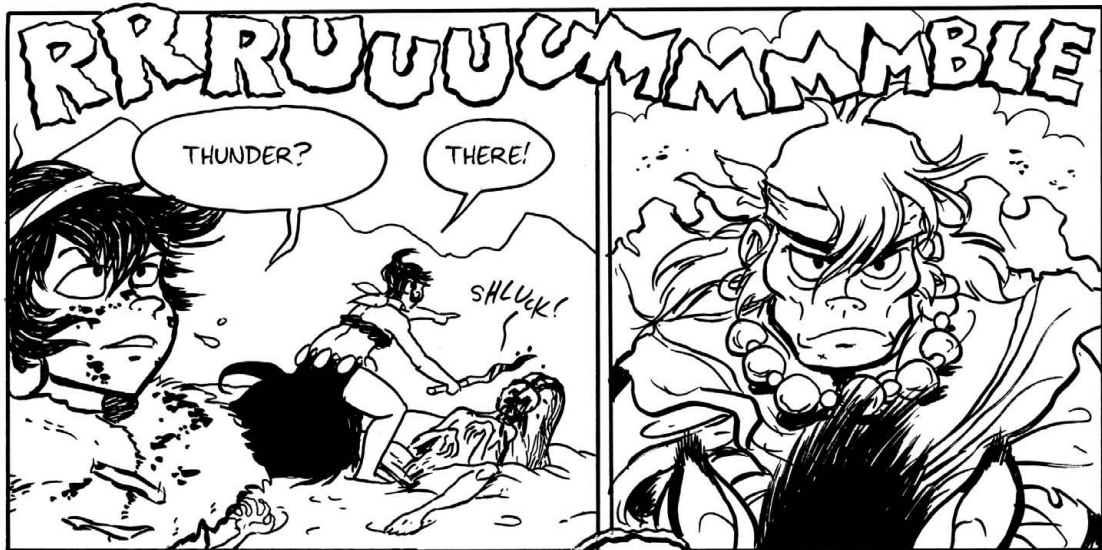


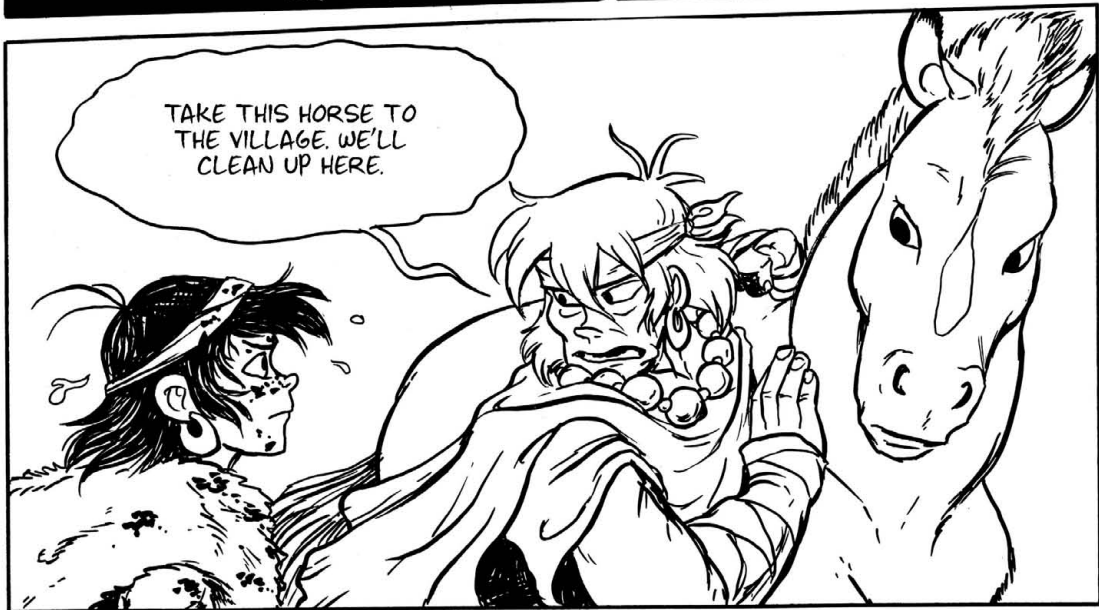


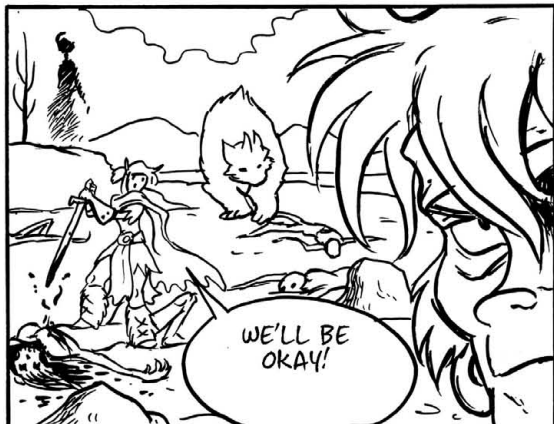




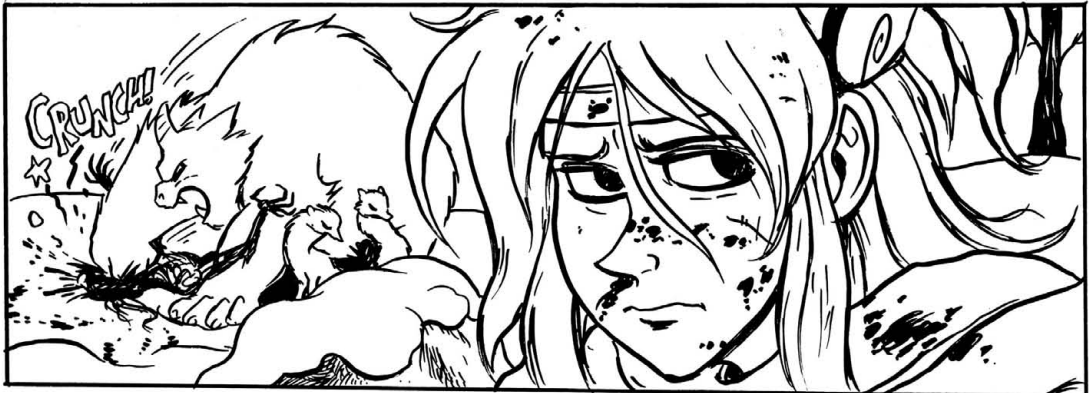




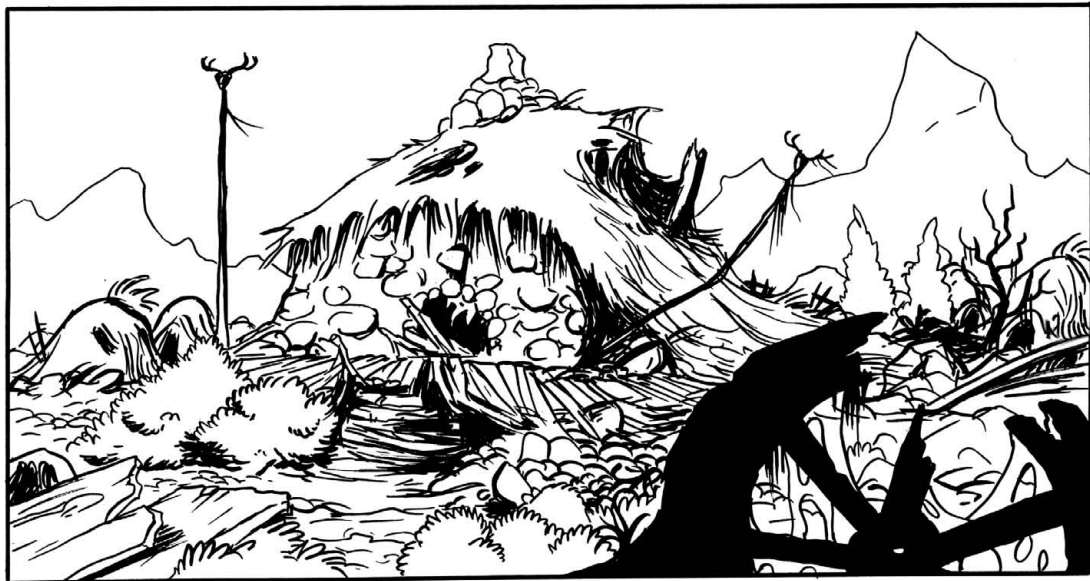
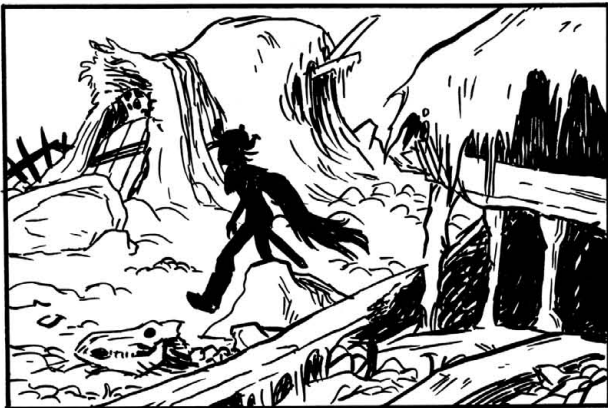




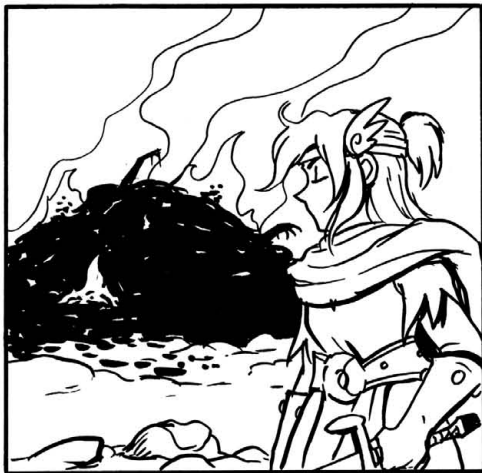












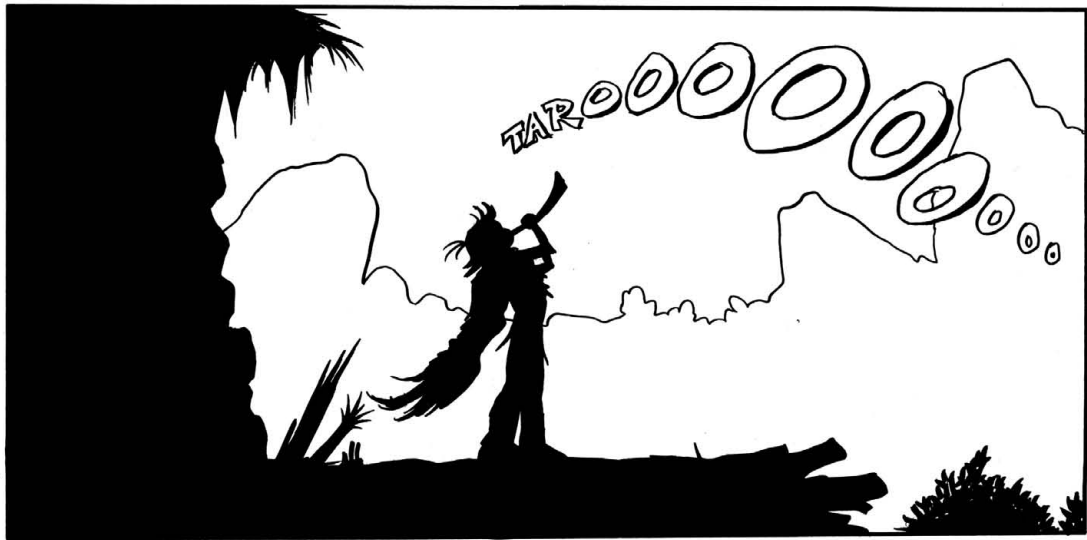






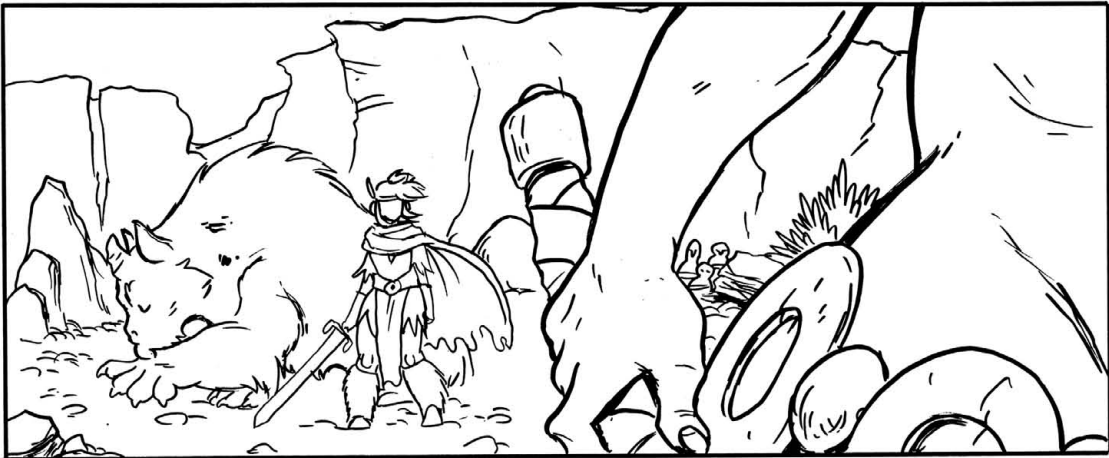
IF I WERE LIKE THE  
ANCESTORS, MY  
FAMILY WOULD HELP  
ME.



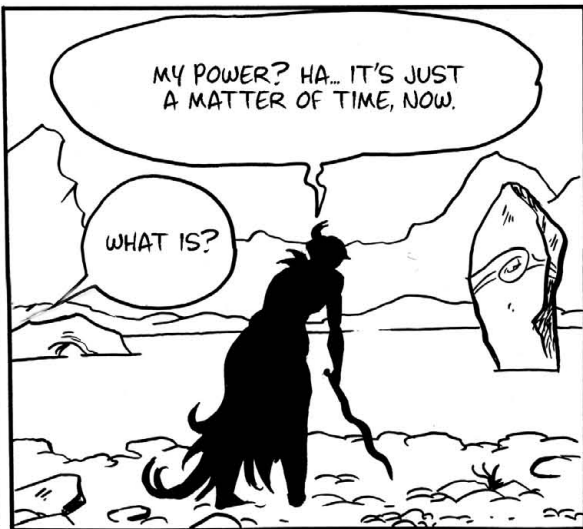








UH, ULITH? THANK...  
THANK YOU. WE ALL  
MADE IT BECAUSE OF  
YOUR POWER.



MY POWER? HA... IT'S JUST  
A MATTER OF TIME, NOW.

WHAT IS?



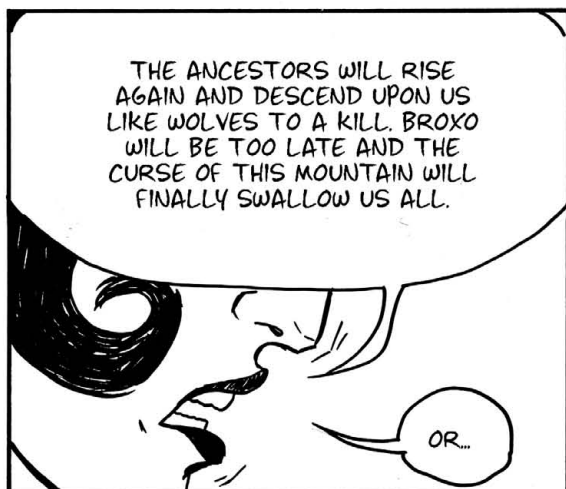
NOTHING! SILENCE! I'M  
FINE. I'M FINE!

I'M  
FINE...



IT'S ALRIGHT,  
MASTER.

BREATHE!



I WAS CRAZY! AND  
STUPID! I WAS NEVER  
ACCEPTED! ARROX  
LOVED ME, BUT EVEN  
HE CHOSE THE HORSE  
GIRL IN THE END!



IT WAS ME, LITTLE  
GRANITEWING. I  
KILLED THEM ALL!



HOW..?

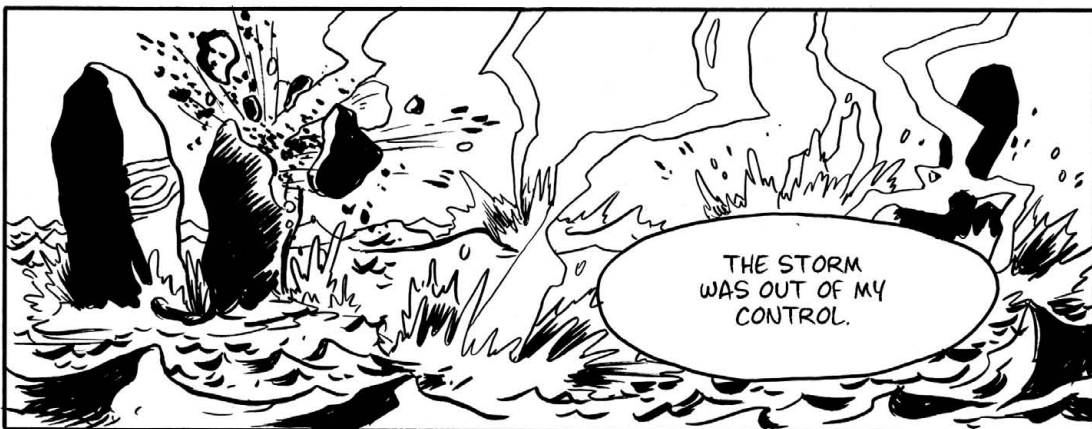
MY POWERS! MY OWN FAMILY  
BANISHED ME FROM SKAAR  
HEPP! THE PERYTONS LET  
ME SURVIVE, BUT THAT'S  
ALL!

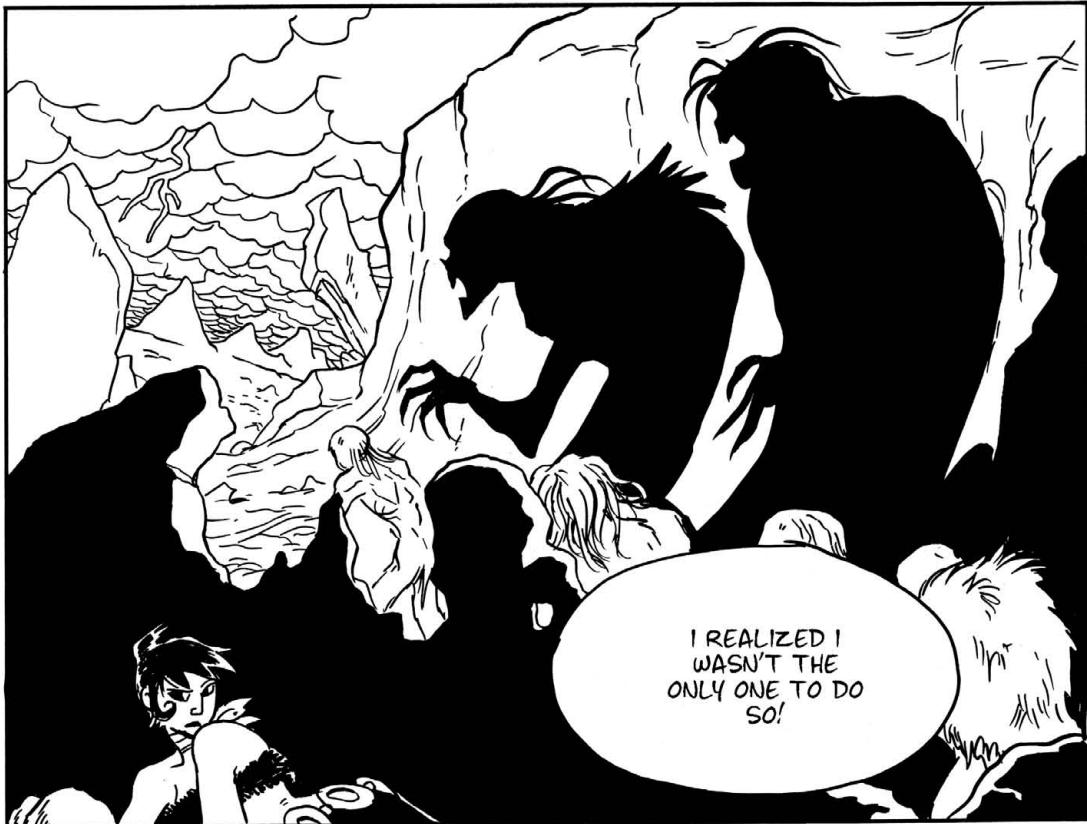


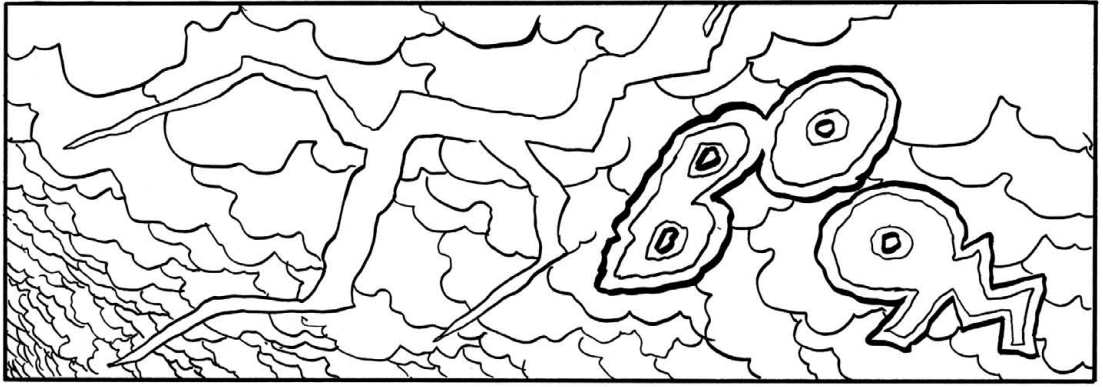
ARROX SAID MY POWERS WERE A  
GIFT THAT COULD HELP THE CLAN.  
MAYBE THE WHOLE PENTHOS!



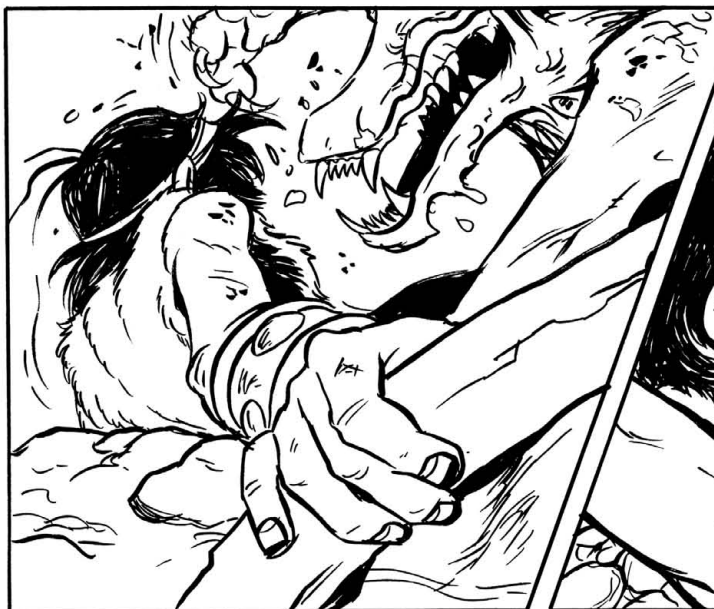


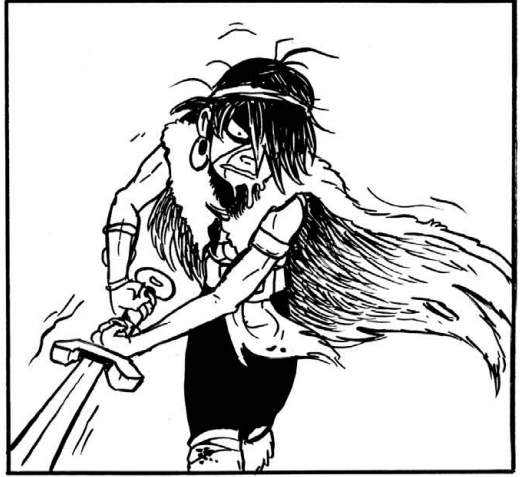
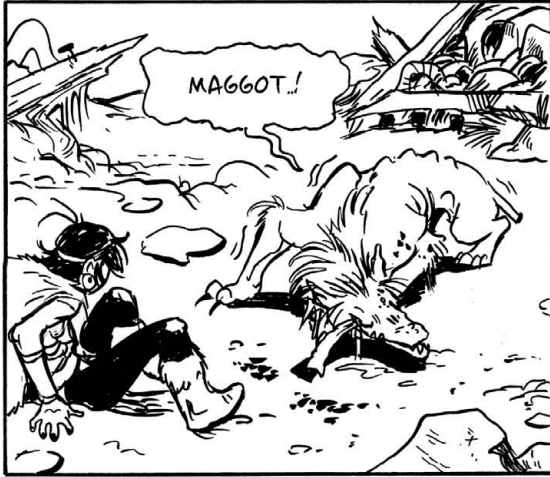
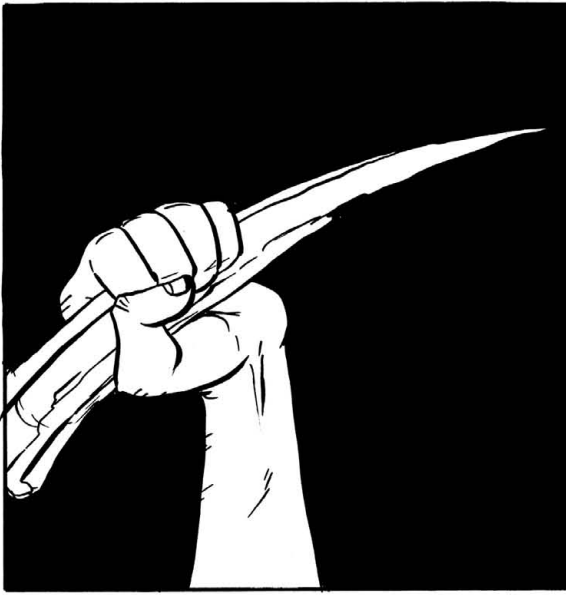


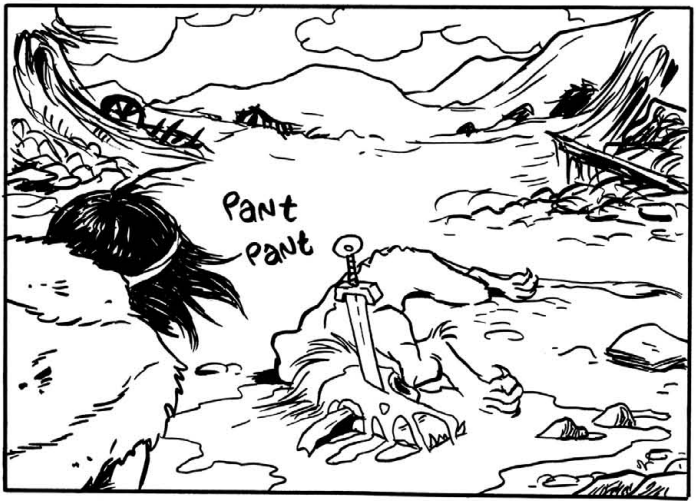




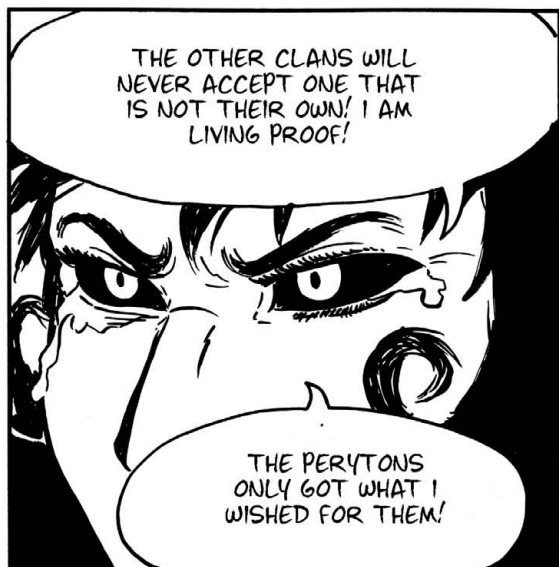
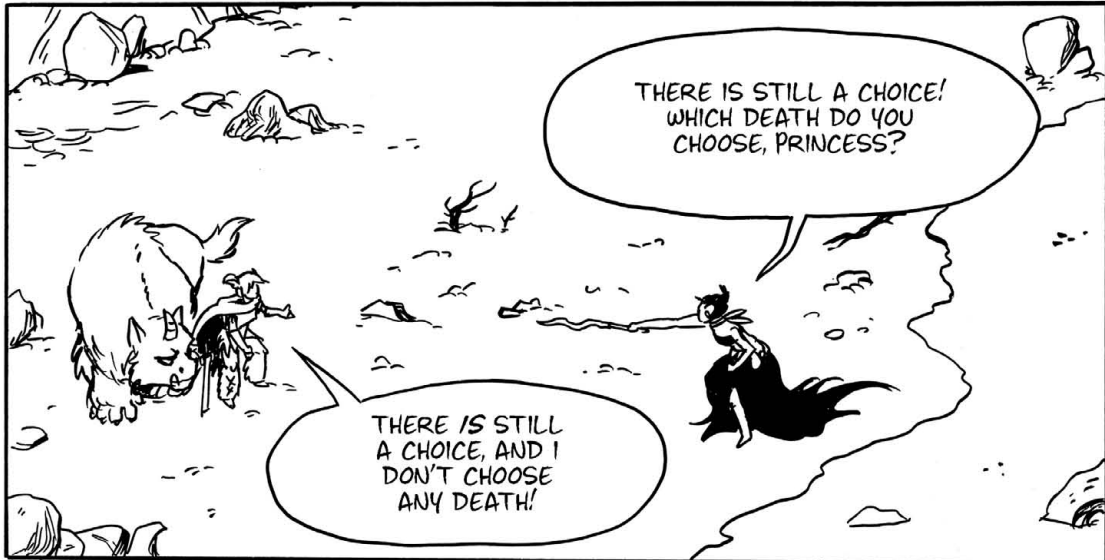




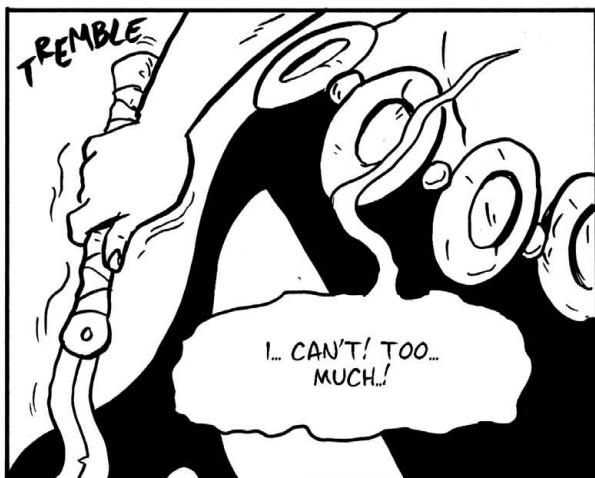






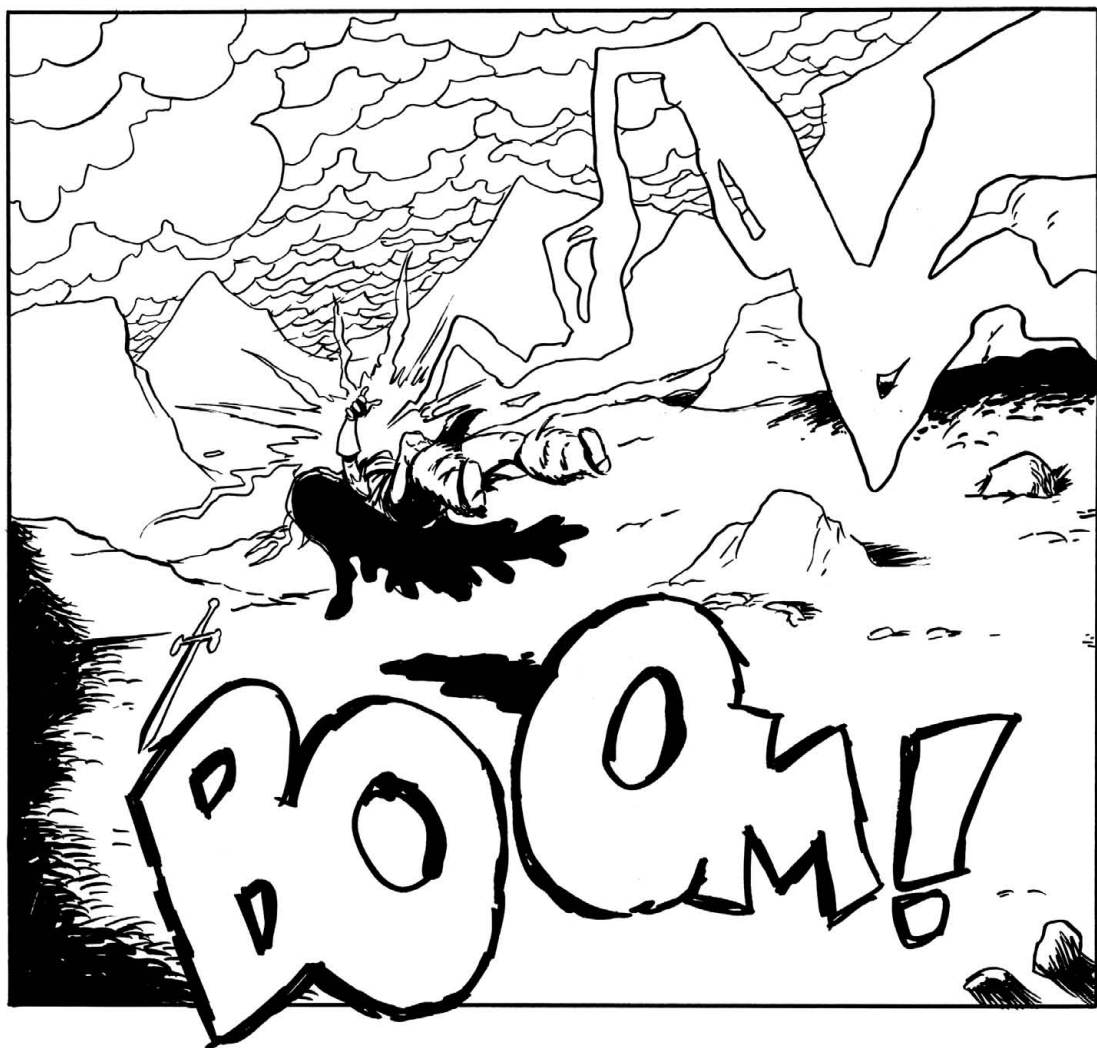
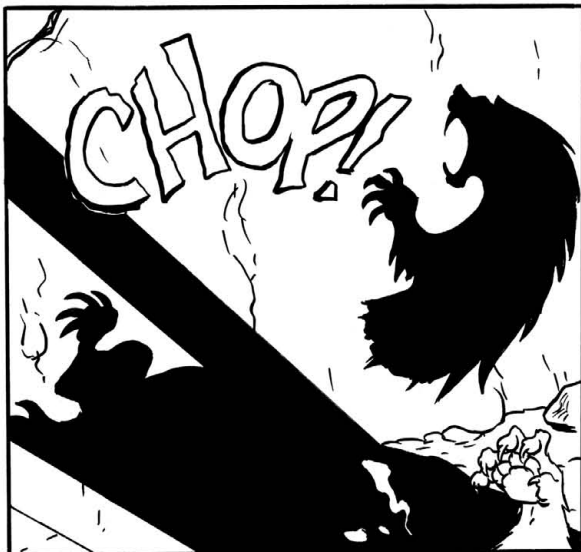


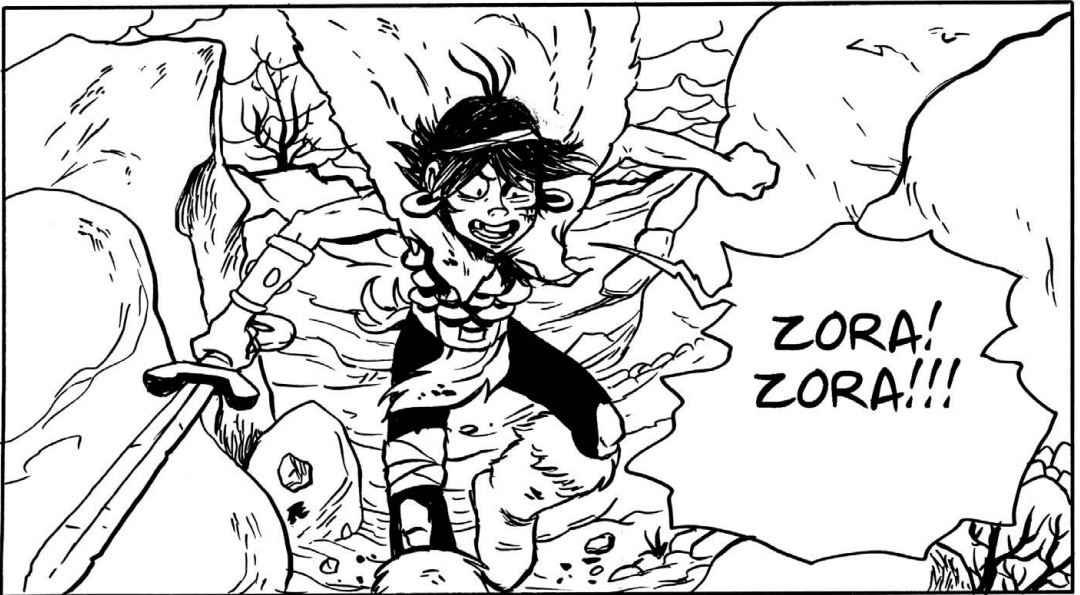
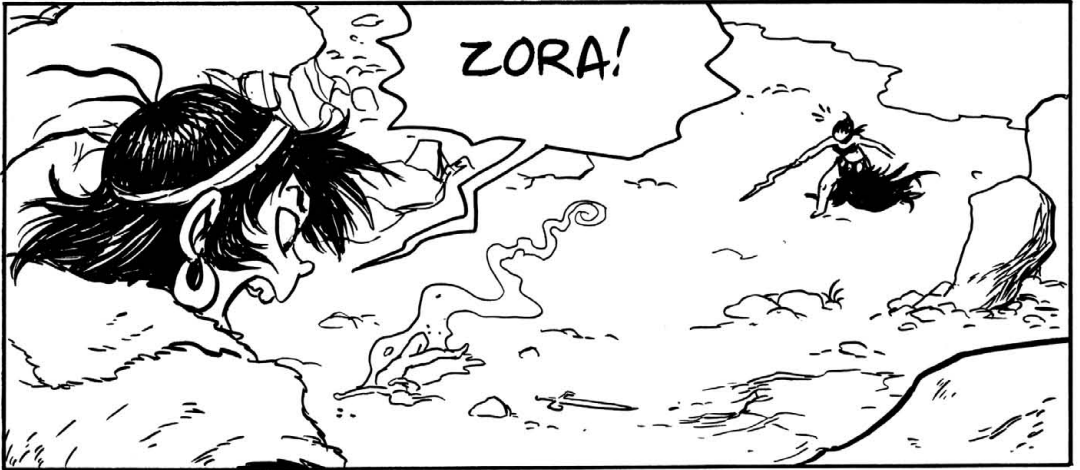




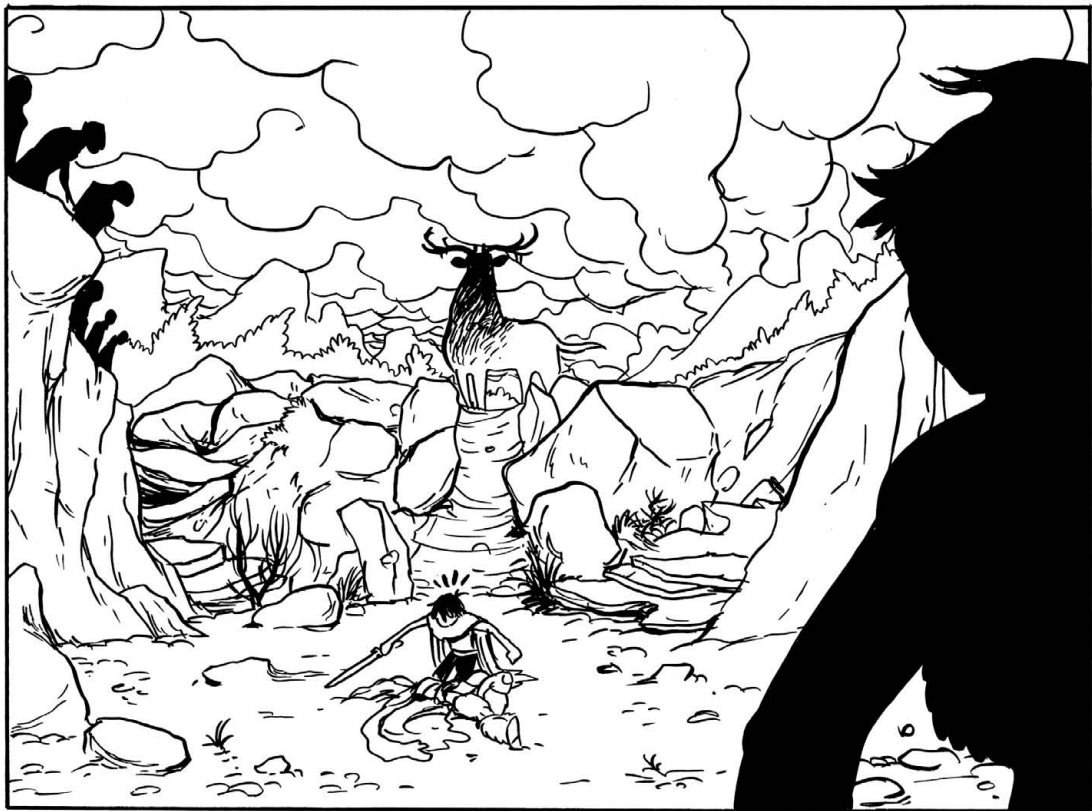


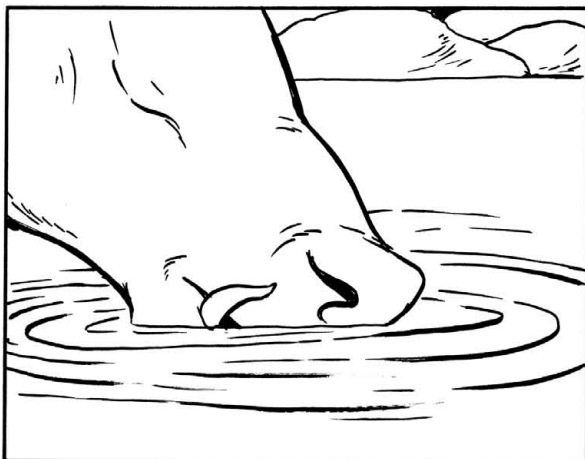
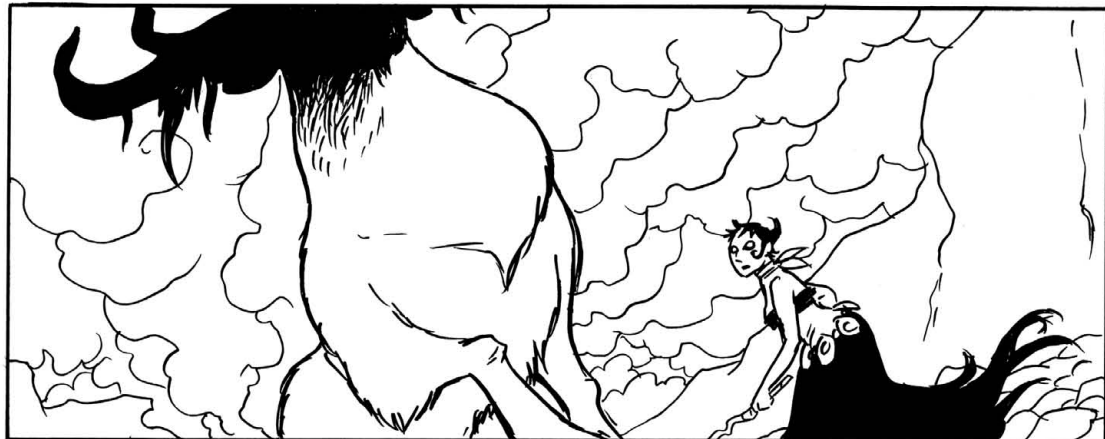


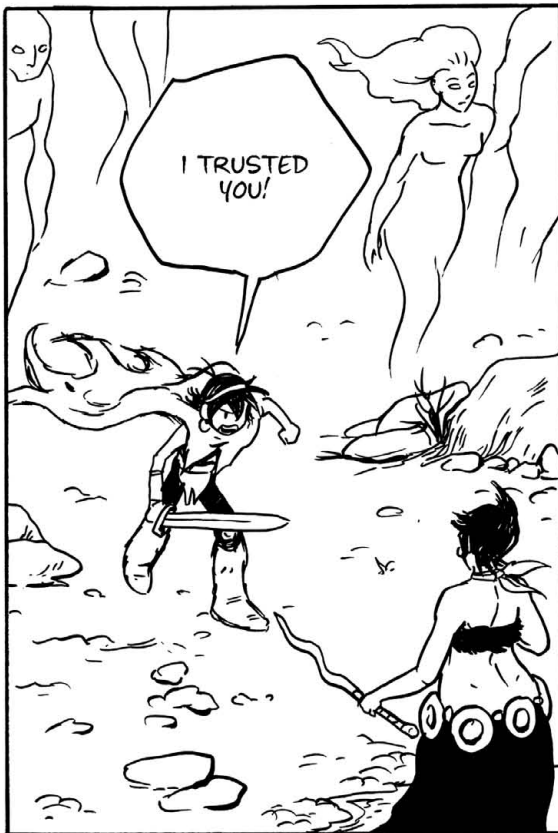




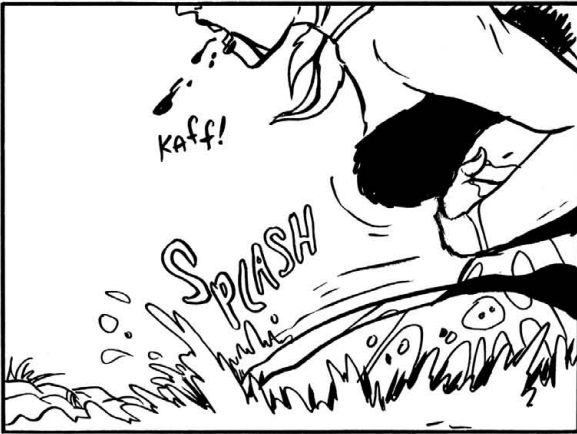


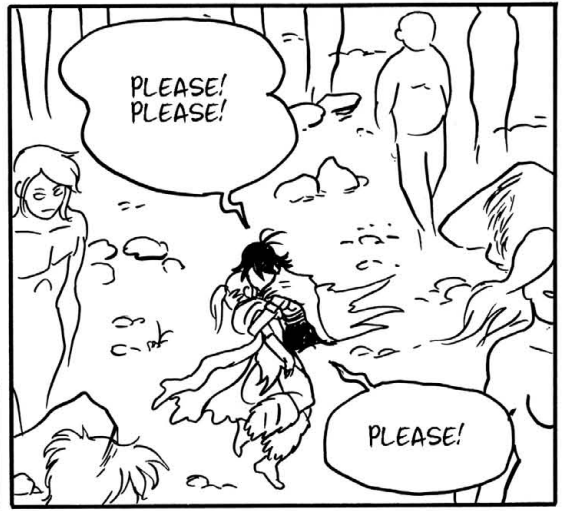


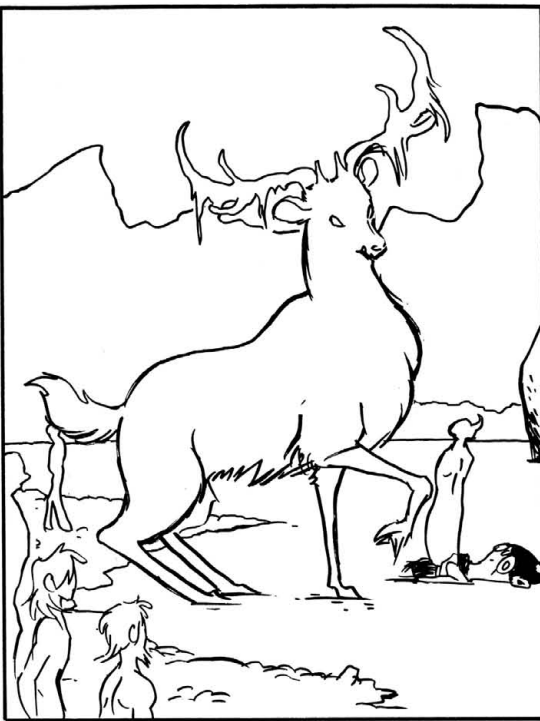
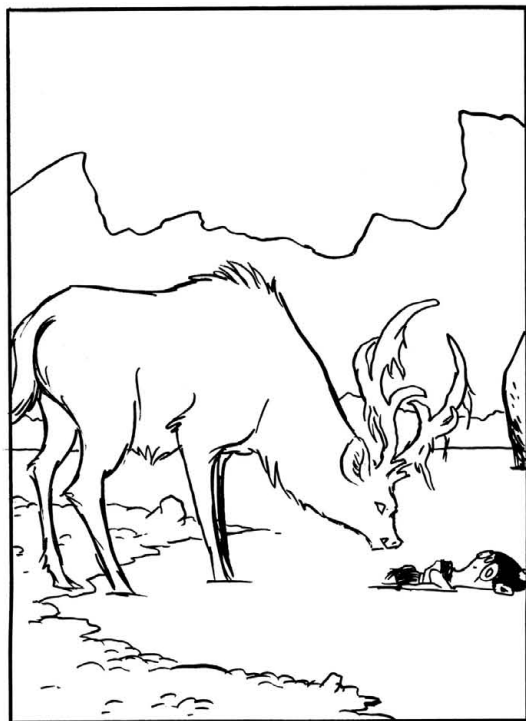




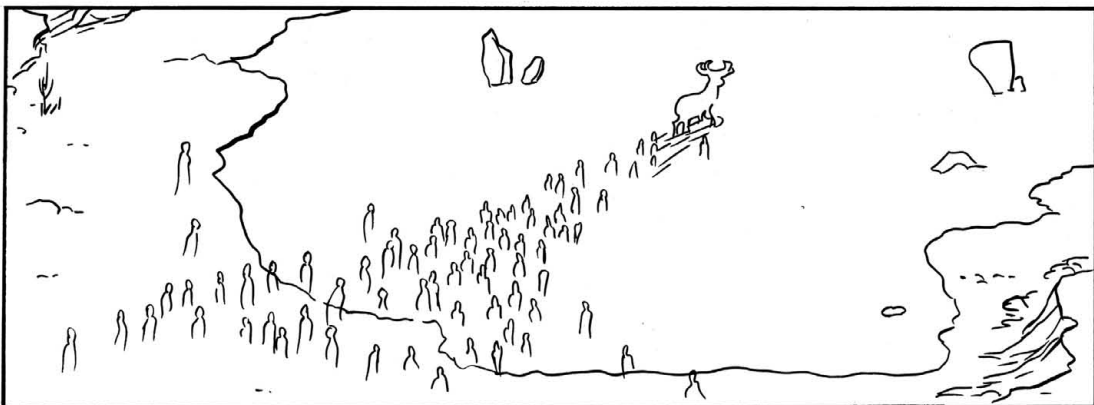












WE ONLY EVER  
LOVED YOU.



