



REABAUULT

topaz

ISSUE 3: UNDRESSED IN DISTRESS





A-HEM!

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WHAT'S UP?



WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN?

PLACES.



PLACES?
DOING WHAT?

STUFF.



THE PAIR OF YOU HAVE DUTIES HERE THAT YOU WERE CALLED FOR!

ARE YOU BOTH AWARE THAT THE TOPAZ STONE WAS FOUND?

WE KNOW THAT. WE WERE THE ONES DOING THE CALLING, DUMMY.



WELL,
YOU DIDN'T
CALL ME.

WHERE WERE YOU
WHILST YOU
SHOULD HAVE BEEN
AT THE MEETING?

WE WERE AT THE
MEETING ACTUALLY.

YOU JUST
WEREN'T PAYING
ATTENTION.



AS USUAL!

WHO CARES IF THE STONE
CAME BACK? IT'S NOT OUR TOPAZ!
IT'S YOUR FAULT SHE LEFT!
YOU HURT HER FEELINGS!



SHE WAS UPSET
AND YOU STOPPED BEING
HER FRIEND!

YOU NEVER PAID
ATTENTION TO HER WHEN SHE
NEEDED YOU TO LISTEN!

BECAUSE YOU
ARE A BAD LEADER!



WE WON'T
ABANDON HER. WE'LL
FIND HER WITHOUT
YOUR HELP.

YOU GO HAVE
ANOTHER MEETING AND DO
NOTHING AGAIN, LEADER.

THAT'S...!



THAT'S
NOT TRUE...!

LATER THAT VERY EVENING.

CHRP

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SO... MY LITTLE
SOJOURN INTO THE CITY
HAS BEEN CUT SHORT
ALREADY.

NO MATTER... I'M
SURE I CAN CONVINCE
ONE LITTLE ELF TO
KEEP THINGS QUIET.

I'VE SWUM AND
CLIMBED AND CRAWLED MY
WAY FROM FAR OUT.

AFTER ALL THAT
TREKKING I'M HUNGRY AS
COULD BE... I'VE WORKED
QUITE HARD TO CHASE
THAT LITTLE THING
DOWN.

YOU WOULDN'T
DENY ME MY MEAL NOW
WOULD YOU?

WH-WHO
ARE YOU!?

THIS PLACE IS OFF-LIMITS
TO OUTSIDERS AND YOU DEFINITELY
DIDN'T GET PERMISSION OR THE
COUNCIL WOULD HAVE WARNED ME!



THIS PLACE AND
EVERYONE IN IT IS
UNDER M-MY PROTECTION
SO YOU BETTER **'GULP'**
BE GONE AT ONCE!

YOUR PROTECTION?
AND WHO ARE YOU THAT
IS SO MIGHTY AS TO
BE A PROTECTOR,
EXACTLY?



M-M-MY NAME IS
SUNSPOT AND I'M HERE
TRAINING TO BECOME THE
TOPAZ GUARDIAN WHICH IS
AN IMPORTANT POSITION
IN SOCIETY.

THAT MEANS YOU
SHOULD... UHM, YOU
WOULD DO WELL TO
LET ME BE!



IS THAT SO?
WHO'S SOCIETY? WHAT
POWER DO YOU THINK THAT
HAS OVER ME?

W-WELL...



WHAT POWER DO
YOU THINK YOU HAVE
OVER ME?

UHM...!



THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT
RIGHT NOW! WHAT MATTERS IS THAT
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE AND YOU'LL
BE IN **BIG TROUBLE** IF YOU DON'T
GO BACK THE WAY YOU CAME!

AND IF I DON'T?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
DON'T BE SHY.

TELL ME.



WELL,
I'D HAVE TO
THINK ABOUT IT...
BUT WHATEVER I
COME UP WITH
...



YOU WON'T
LIKE IT!



GO AHEAD!
DON'T HOLD BACK!
I'M NOT GOING
ANYWHERE!

FST



...



!?

YOU CAN
EAT THIS!



DASH



GO, GO, GO!

SWIM AWAY,
LIL' NEWT!



SWIM, SWIM, SWIM!
I'LL HANDLE THIS...
SOMEHOW...



YOU'LL
HAVE TO DO BETTER
THAN THAT!

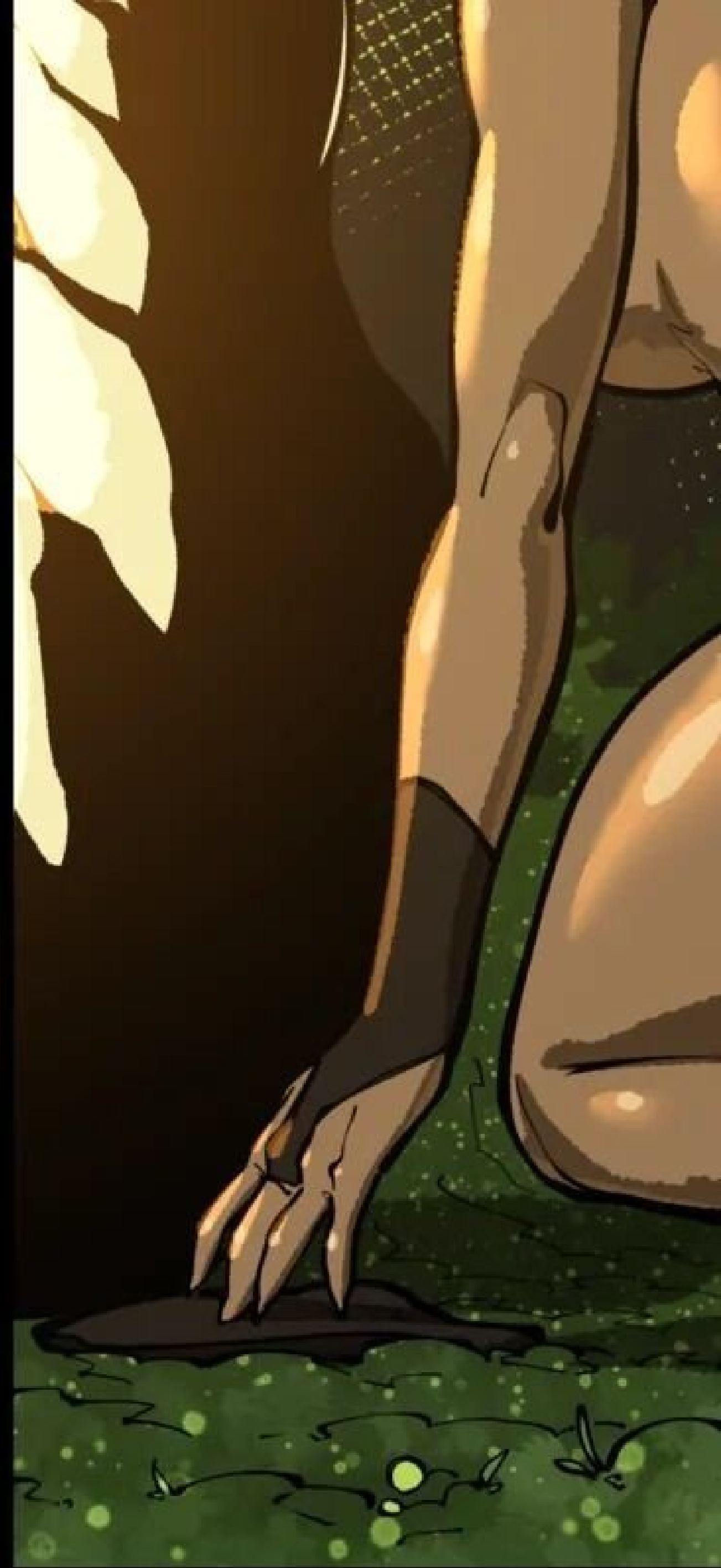


AH!?



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YOU
ARE AN
EXCITING
LITTLE
THING!

THANK YOU, SIR!
I'M DOING MY BEST!



ENOUGH
TALKING!

I'M NOT USED
TO YOUR LOT STANDING
UP TO ME... BUT I THINK
I CAN LIVE WITH IT.





HAH
...!?

FLESHY
AND SOFT...
YOU DO LOOK
DELICIOUS!

TWO HOLES?
YOU ELVES ARE TERRIBLY
CONVENIENT.

YAH

ELVES

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY
MADE TO BE FUCKED BY
SNAKES!

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LET'S SEE
IF YOU CAN
HANDLE ME,
LITTLE ELF!

I'LL
TEAR YOU
APART!!



NICE AS THEY
LOOK, THESE THINGS
ARE IN MY WAY!

PUT THEM
BOTH IN THE BACK!
THEY'LL FIT!
I'M SURE!!



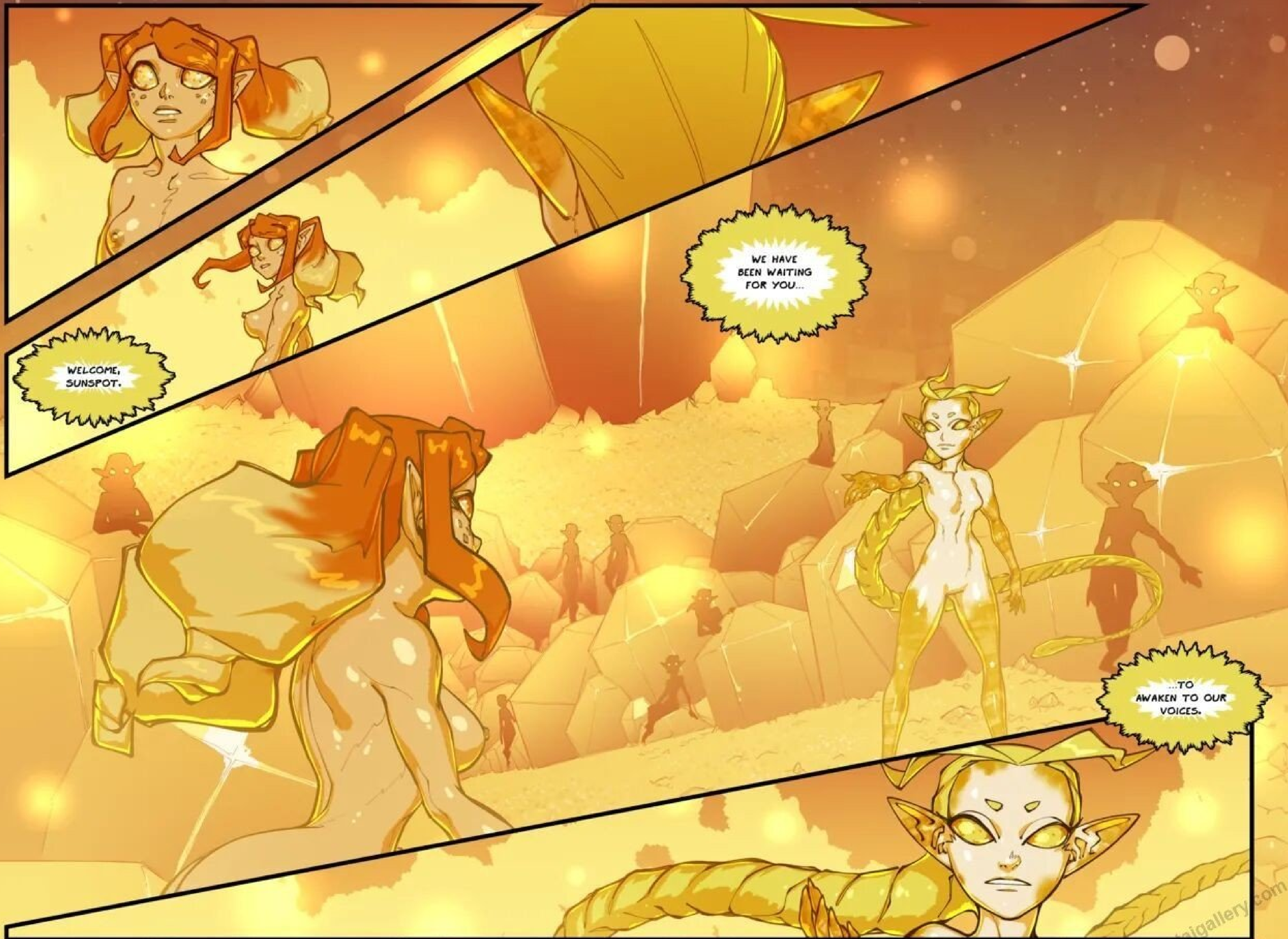
LITTLE ELF...
I'M STARTING TO
LIKE YOU.



I LIKE YOU
TOO! I LIKE
YOU TOO!!

EH?





WELCOME,
SUNSPOT.

WE HAVE
BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU...

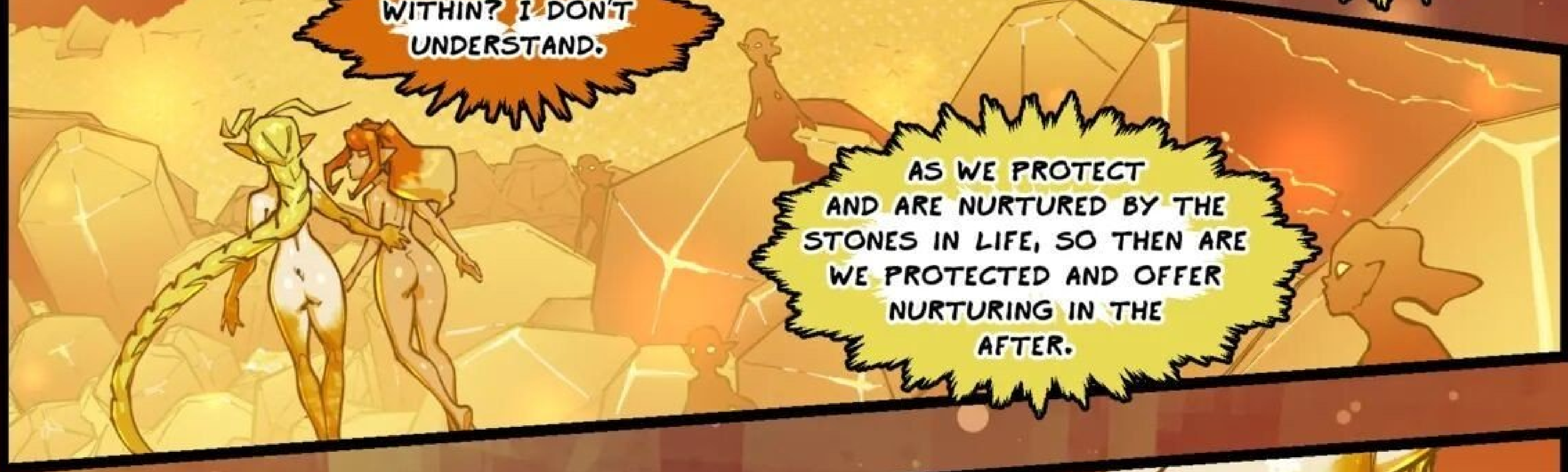
...TO
AWAKEN TO OUR
VOICES.

WHO ARE YOU?



I AM TOPAZ. ONE OF MANY. YOU ARE WITHIN THE REALM OF THE STONE.

WITHIN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



AS WE PROTECT AND ARE NURTURED BY THE STONES IN LIFE, SO THEN ARE WE PROTECTED AND OFFER NURTURING IN THE AFTER.

AFTER...?

TOPAZ...



YOU... YOU DON'T LOOK HOW I REMEMBER.



WE HAVE NEVER MET, YOUNG SUNSPOT.



MANY ARE THE
TOPAZ HERE, WE HAVE
FORGOTTEN THEIR NAMES
BUT THE TOPAZ YOU
KNEW IS NOT WITH
US YET.

SO SHE ISN'T
GONE! SHE'S STILL ALIVE
OUT THERE!

IT MAY BE SO.
WE CANNOT SAY FOR CERTAIN
BUT INDEED, WHEN WE WERE
SEPARATED FROM HER, THAT BEARER,
WHO WE CAN STILL RECALL WAS
NAMED KITRINE, WAS
LIVING.



WHAT
HAPPENED TO
HER?

SHE CAME INTO
CONTACT WITH AND
FOUGHT AGAINST A
TERRIBLE AND EVIL
POWER. A CORRUPTION
THAT THREATENS US
AND ALL WE HAVE
DONE.



YOU MUST GO NOW AND
BRING THIS WARNING TO THE OTHER
BEARERS OF OUR SISTERS. A DARKNESS
APPROACHES AND ALL OUR POWER MUST
GO FORTH TO MEET IT. PLACE NOT YOUR
FAITH IN THOSE TWO OF WHITE HAIR
WHO DID BETRAY US AND THEIR DUTY
FOR LOVE OF EACH OTHER.



WE WILL LEND
YOU OUR STRENGTH
WHEN YOU HAVE
NEED OF IT.

GO NOW WITH
COURAGE, BEARER.
BRING HOME OUR LOST
SISTER. WE ARE YOURS
AND YOU ARE
OURS.



WE'RE
NOT DONE,
SNAKE!

DO AS
YOU SAID!

TEAR ME
APART.

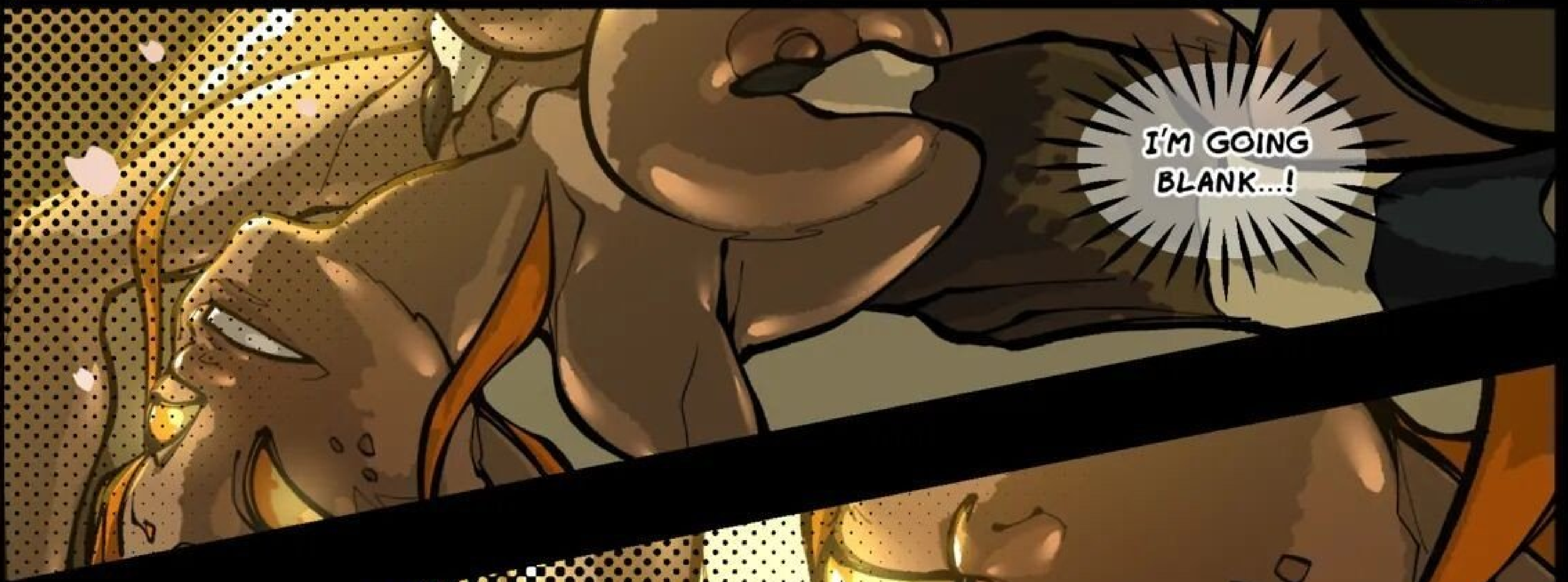
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YOU
MONSTER!

HOW DARE
YOU ENTER THIS
SACRED PLACE!

YOU'LL REGRET EVERY
BREATH YOU'VE EVER TAKEN!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO
THIS ELF!?

I TOLD YOU
ALREADY YOU BLUE,
BUG-EYED BITCH!

SHE FOLDED OVER
BY HERSELF!



SAY
GOODBYE
TO THESE
DISGUSTING
WORMS!

THEY'RE NOT
DISGUSTING!



WAIT!
I'M HERE!

I'M OKAY!
DON'T HURT
HIS WORMS!!



SEE? I'M FINE,
PLEASE LET HIM GO!
I JUST-



KAH!



WHY'D
I GET HIT?



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW...? I THOUGHT SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAD HAPPENED TO YOU! AND YOU WERE JUST... WHAT WERE YOU DOING!?



I'M SORRY... I JUST FAINTED A LITTLE...



THANK YOU FOR BEING WORRIED ABOUT ME, THOUGH.



WELL... EXPLAIN YOURSELF AT ONCE.

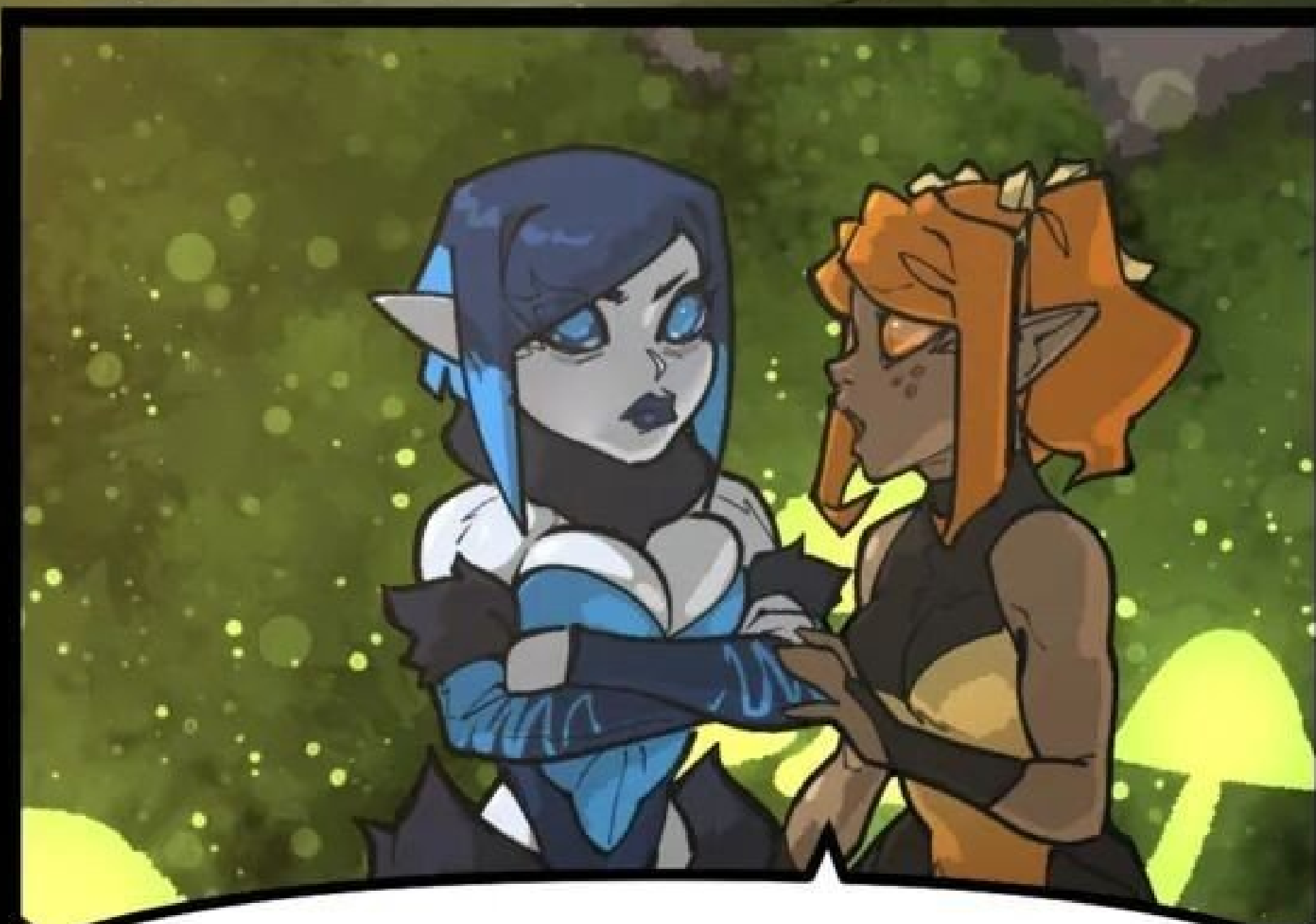
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF ANY OF THAT. I SHOULDN'T ADMIT IT BUT I'M JUST NOT FAMILIAR WITH ANYTHING OF THE SORT, WE SHOULD BRING IT TO THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR ADVICE.

THERE... YOU'RE WEARING YOUR HAIR LIKE TOPAZ DOES. YOU ADMIRE HER A LOT, DON'T YOU?



YES... MISS SAPPHIRE, I KNOW IT'S NOT MY PLACE BUT WHAT IF THE COUNCIL...? TOPAZ HAS ALREADY BEEN MISSING SO LONG, EVERY SECOND COULD BE PRECIOUS!

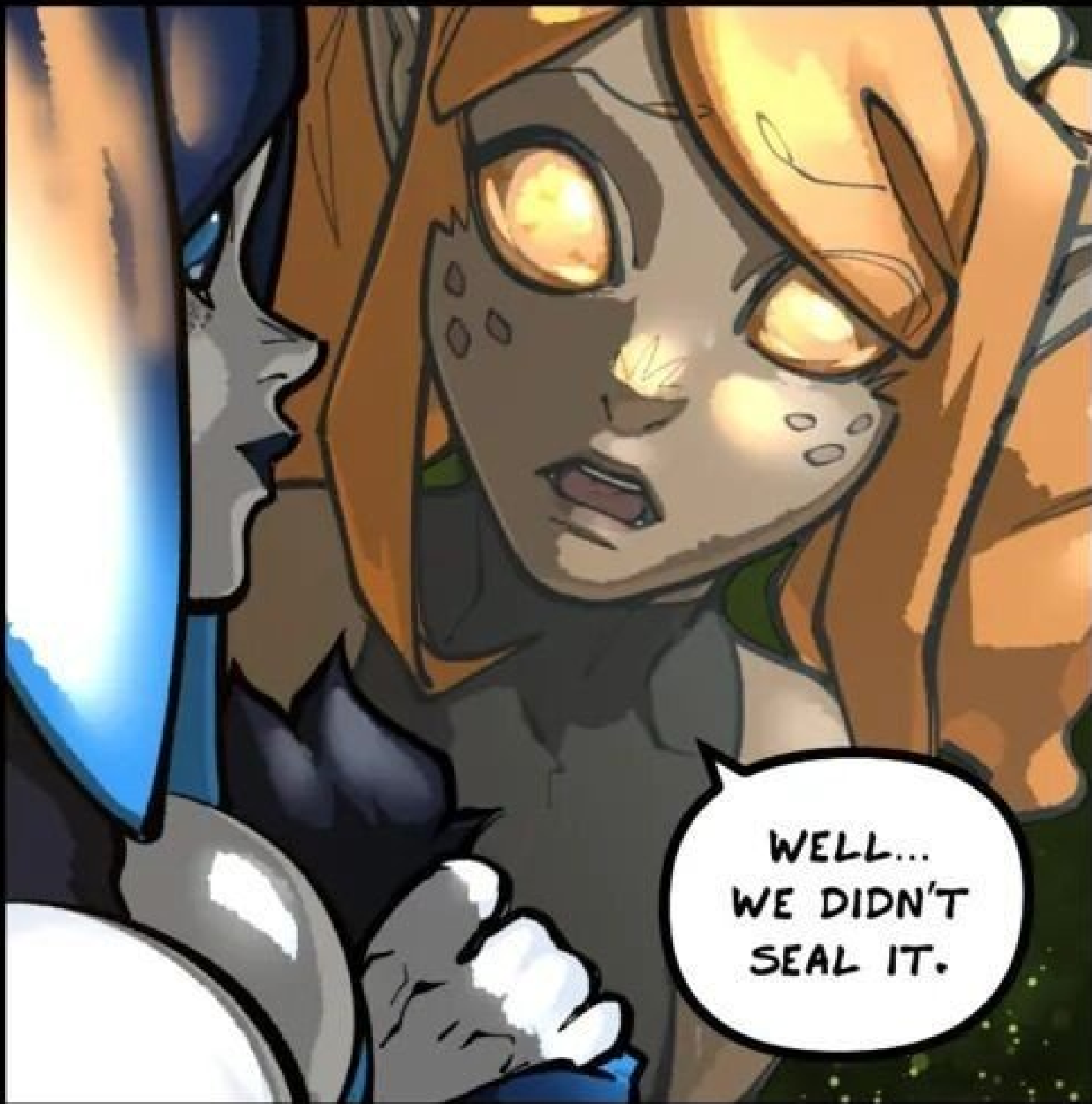
I TRUST THE COUNCIL'S JUDGEMENT... WE MUST WAIT UNTIL WE CAN ORGANISE ALL THE GUARDIANS AND COME TO A DECISION.



SURELY YOU COULD MAKE THAT DECISION! YOU'RE THE LEADER OF THE GUARDIANS! THE GUARDIANS LOOK TO THEIR LEADER FOR GUIDANCE! THE COUNCIL ARE SORT OF JUST ADMINISTRATIVE, RIGHT?

NOW, DON'T THINK THAT ME BEING CORDIAL WITH YOU MEANS YOU CAN BE DISRESPECTFUL! THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL'S ADVICE IS MOST IMPORTANT AND DON'T FORGET YOU MADE A PROMISE TO REEDFALL! YOU SAID SO YOURSELF!





WELL...
WE DIDN'T
SEAL IT.



WHAT?

WE DIDN'T SEAL
THE PROMISE WITH A
KISS. EVERY TRUE
PROMISE NEEDS A KISS
OTHERWISE...



I KNOW IT'S NOT
GOOD TO GO BEHIND SOMEONE'S
BACK BUT... I REALLY THINK THAT
MAYBE IT'S VERY URGENT...!



SO! I WAS HOPING
YOU COULD HELP! IF YOU
KNOW WHERE HARPIES USUALLY...
NEST? DO THEY NEST?

IF IT'S THE HARPY
I THINK IT IS, SHE LIVES ON
THE LAKE AND I'M NOT
GOING NEAR HER.

THAT BITCH IS NUTS.



YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP
ME...? AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH? I SHOULD HAVE
LET MISS SAPPHIRE SMACK
YOU!

DON'T MAKE A
SCENE IN FRONT OF
THE GUEST.



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ALL RIGHT,
THEN!







