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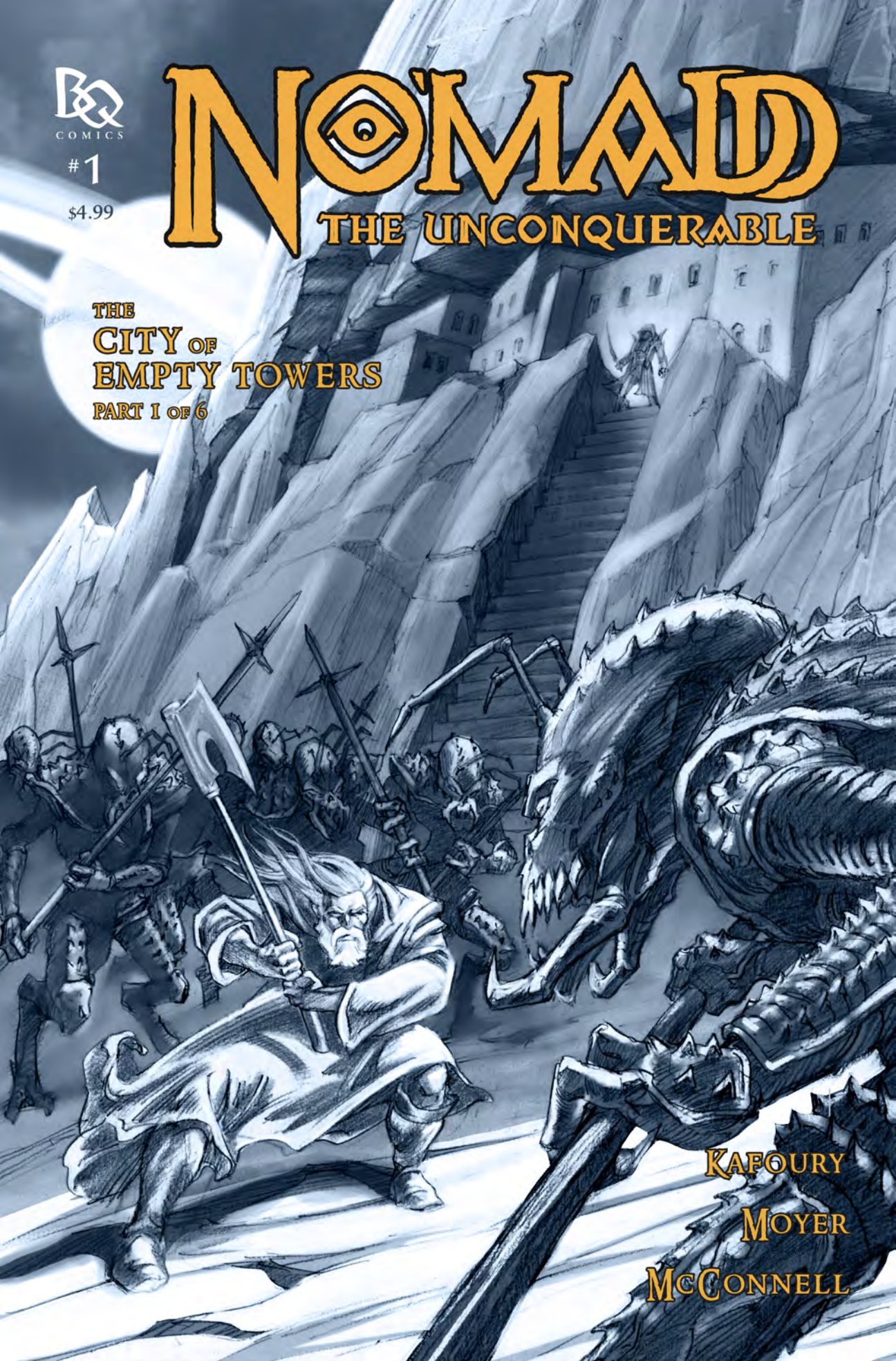
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NO'MADD

The Goddess Tyon
gleams above me -
ever out of reach

The desert that my
people call "The Pit"
stretches endlessly
before me.

I press on.

No sign do I see of
the veiled intruders
that threaten our world.

There is no sound.

I press on.

I have only thoughts
to keep me company . . .

Thoughts of home.

I press on.

BATTLE QUEST COMICS

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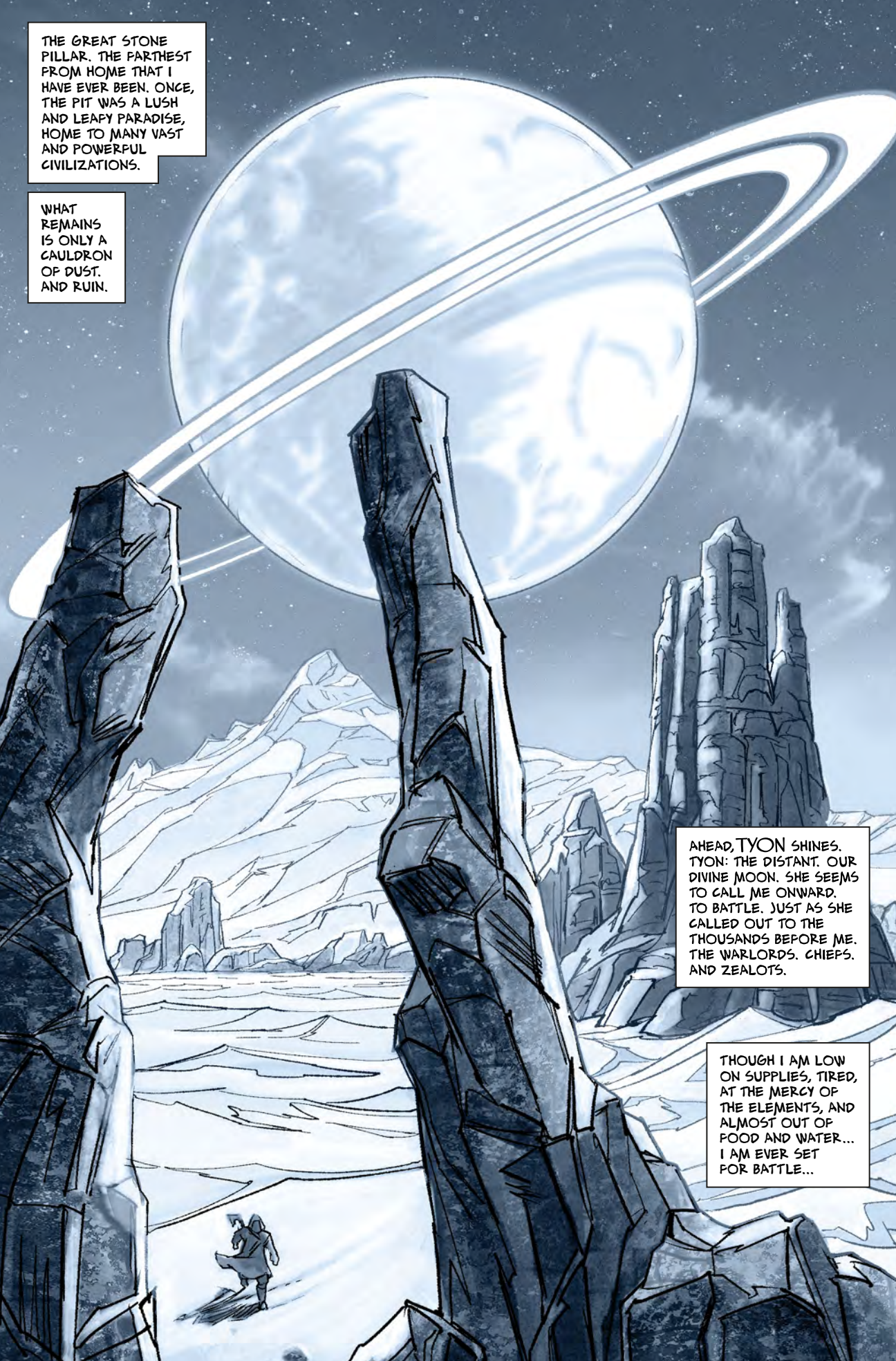
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THE GREAT STONE
PILLAR. THE FARTHEST
FROM HOME THAT I
HAVE EVER BEEN. ONCE,
THE PIT WAS A LUSH
AND LEAPY PARADISE,
HOME TO MANY VAST
AND POWERFUL
CIVILIZATIONS.

WHAT
REMAINS
IS ONLY A
CAULDRON
OF DUST,
AND RUIN.

AHEAD, TYON SHINES.
TYON: THE DISTANT. OUR
DIVINE MOON. SHE SEEMS
TO CALL ME ONWARD.
TO BATTLE. JUST AS SHE
CALLED OUT TO THE
THOUSANDS BEFORE ME.
THE WARLORDS. CHIEFS.
AND ZEALOTS.

THOUGH I AM LOW
ON SUPPLIES, TIRED,
AT THE MERCY OF
THE ELEMENTS, AND
ALMOST OUT OF
FOOD AND WATER...
I AM EVER SET
FOR BATTLE...

TO EARN THE LOVE OF
TYON.



AFTER SO MANY
NIGHTS ALONE
IN THE SANDS.

I PRESS ON.

FOR AS MANY NIGHTS AS NEEDS BE.

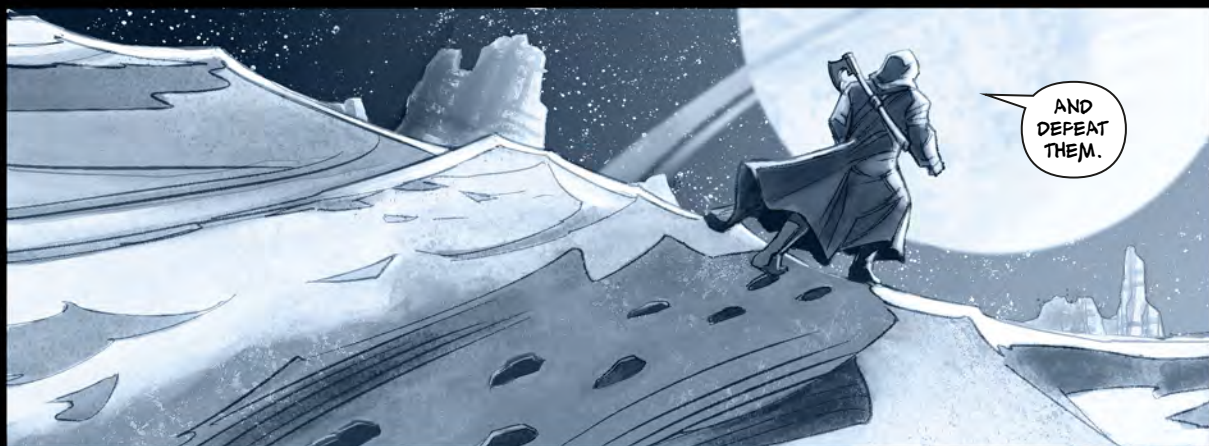


I WILL FOLLOW
THE LEGEND.

FIND THE
INTRUDERS
THAT
THREATEN
ITH.



AND
DEFEAT
THEM.



THIS NIGHT, LIKE ALL NIGHTS ON MY PATH, IN DREAMS I SEE...



B'LINN! MY BELOVED HOME.

I WAS BORN HERE, BELOW THE HILLS OF STONE.

MY FATHER WAS CHIEF, THEN.

BUT NOW IT IS MY TIME TO LEAD THE KA'II.

NO/MADD!

TARON SAYS HE WANTS TO HELP!



KA'SELL. MY WIFE.

TARON.
MY SON.



BLAST.

I AWAKE AHEAD OF TARON'S EMBRACE. AND AS I LOOK UPON TYON I AM COLD AND ALONE.

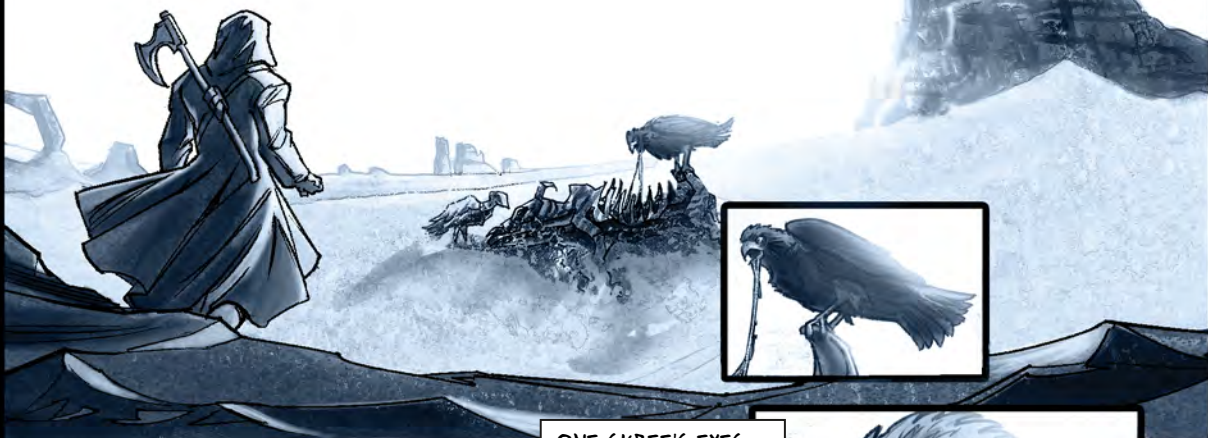
AND I CRY TO DREAM AGAIN.



DAYS PASS.

A CARCASS.

THE WINGED SCAVENGERS
ARE SKREE HATCHLINGS.



ONE SKREE'S EYES
MEET MINE, AS IF TO
WARN: "YOU'RE NEXT."



THE HATCHLINGS ARE NO THREAT TO ME.

BUT THEY ARE NEVER
FAR FROM THEIR NESTS.





I DUCK FOR COVER.

!



MOTHER!

BUILT LIKE A
FORTRESS.

ONE OF HER
WINGS IS TWICE
MY OWN HEIGHT.



SHE SWOOPS
DOWN TO SNATCH
UP HER PRIZE.

THEN--AS FAST AS
SHE APPEARED--
SHE HEADS BACK
TO HER NEST WITH
HER FAMILY.

FAMILY.

MY WIFE. MY SON. MY HOME.

I LEFT THEM TO FIND THE
MYSTERIOUS INVADERS.

AND TO EARN THE
LOVE OF TYON.

MY PEOPLE SAY ONLY A SHOW OF
MIGHT WILL EARN HER LOVE...

AND GAIN:

The Gleam of Distance.

FOR WHOEVER WIELDS THE
GLEAM--TYON'S DIVINE AMULET--
WILL RISE AS THE UNCONQUERABLE
CHAMPION OF ITH.

TO BECOME CHAMPION
IS THE GOAL OF ALL
K'II WARRIORS.



DAYS LATER, I REACH MY
DESTINATION.

THE STEEP.

LONG AGO, MIGHTY KA'II
WARLORDS LIVED HERE.
UNTIL THE AGE OF BLOOD.
WHEN WARS RAGED TO
WIN TYON'S LOVE.

THOUSANDS
PERISHED. IN
THE END--
STILL TYON
WAS UNMOVED.

THE WARLORDS DIED.
UNLOVED AND FILLED
WITH DESPAIR.

THE STEEP IS HAUNTED.

BUT THE LEGEND
LED ME HERE.

A Q'NAT?

IS THIS A
WARNING?

IS THERE A
HIVE IN THE
CATACOMBS?





YES...



...A WARNING. STILL, YOU DO NOT TURN BACK...

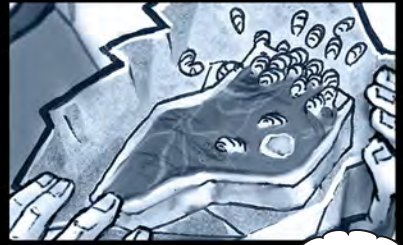
GOOD.



THE LAST OF MY FOOD.

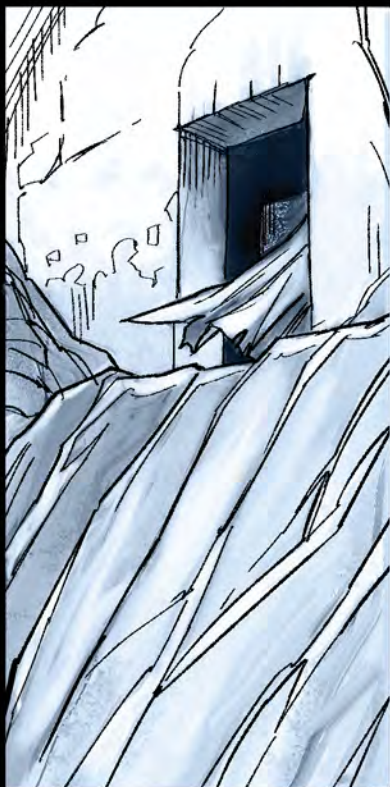


FILLED WITH MAGGOTS.



NO MATTER.

MUNCH MUNCH



THE WATER IS RANCID TOO. AND NEARLY GONE.



THE WARLORDS' FORTRESS MUST GRANT ME THE ANSWERS I SEEK.

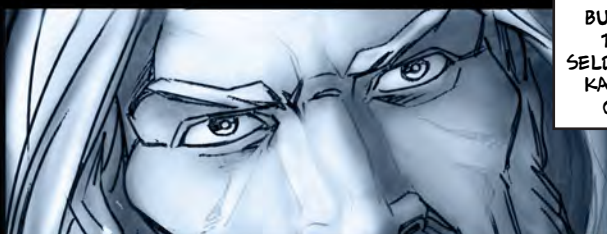




I KNOW...
LITTLE OF
THIS BRUTAL
BREED.



BUT IT IS SAID
THE Q'NATZ
SELDOM CONSIDER
KA'II AS FOOD...
OR THREAT.



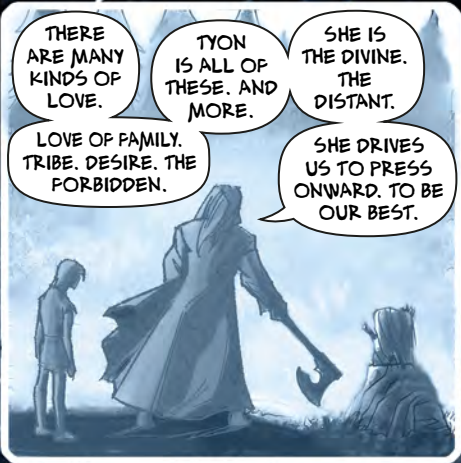
THEY WALK BY ME,
HEEDLESSLY.

AS THE Q'NATZ DEPART, I KNOW I MUST REST OR I'LL DIE IN COMBAT. I BEGIN TO DREAM. SOON--I AM HOME:



THAT IS NO WAY TO IMPRESS TYON.

WHY MUST I EARN THE LOVE OF A DISTANT GODDESS?



THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF LOVE.

TYON IS ALL OF THESE. AND MORE.

SHE IS THE DIVINE. THE DISTANT.

LOVE OF FAMILY. TRIBE. DESIRE. THE FORBIDDEN.

SHE DRIVES US TO PRESS ONWARD. TO BE OUR BEST.

TARON WANTED TO MAKE ME PROUD!

...TO MAKE ME BELIEVE ONE DAY HE WOULD BE THE CHIEF OF B'LINN.

I WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT I AM PROUD. THAT ONE DAY HE WILL BE CHIEF.



INSTEAD, I SAY...

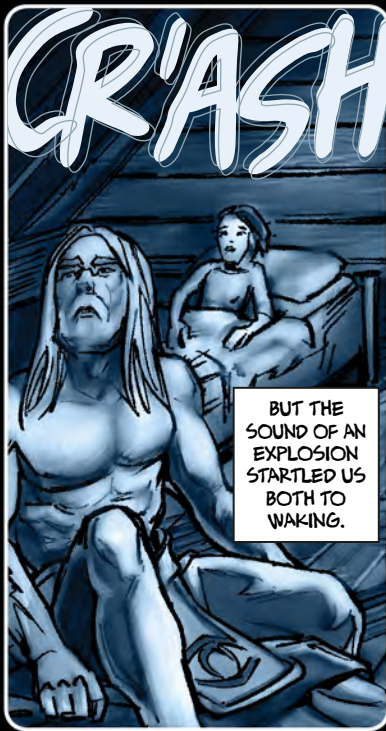
STEP FORWARD FIRST...

...THEN THROW.





THAT NIGHT, TARON AND I SLEPT WHILE KASELL HUNTED.



CRASH

BUT THE SOUND OF AN EXPLOSION STARTLED US BOTH TO WAKING.



HUSBAND, I WATCHED AS THE SKY WAS BROKEN OPEN!



"TREES WERE FELLED AND MONSTERS ROSE IN THE FLAMES."



I WILL KEEP TARON SAFE. BE STRONG, MY LOVE.

I GRABBED MY ROBE AND MY AXE.

IF IT BE TYON'S WILL.



HEAR ME!
MONSTERS
NOW ROAM
OUR
LANDS!

TYON
TRUSTS IN US
TO PROTECT
HER
PEOPLE!

ONWARD!

FOR
TYON!

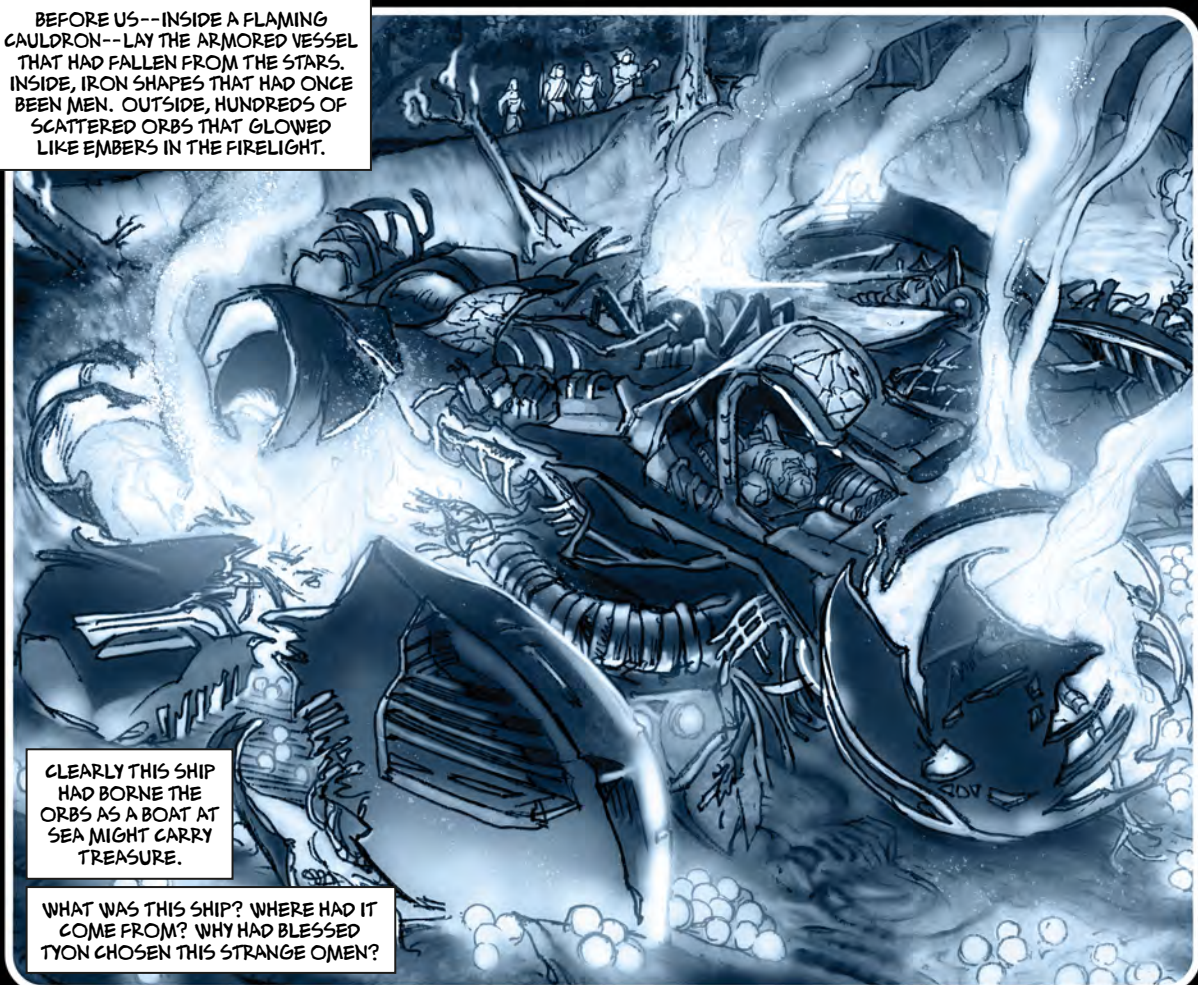
FOR
TYON!

FOR
TYON WE
WILL
FIGHT!



ONWARD!

BEFORE US--INSIDE A FLAMING
CAULDRON--LAY THE ARMORED VESSEL
THAT HAD FALLEN FROM THE STARS.
INSIDE, IRON SHAPES THAT HAD ONCE
BEEN MEN. OUTSIDE, HUNDREDS OF
SCATTERED ORBS THAT GLOWED
LIKE EMBERS IN THE FIRELIGHT.



CLEARLY THIS SHIP
HAD BORNE THE
ORBS AS A BOAT AT
SEA MIGHT CARRY
TREASURE.

WHAT WAS THIS SHIP? WHERE HAD IT
COME FROM? WHY HAD BLESSED
TYON CHOSEN THIS STRANGE OMEN?

AS WE APPROACHED,
SOMETHING DARK
BEGAN TO MOVE INSIDE
THE TWISTED METAL.

BY THE
SPIRITS--?

WHAT
IS IT?

CHUNK!

CHUNK!

SSSSSS

A BEAST OF STEEL. I COULD
TELL IT WAS NOT ALIVE. NOT AS
WE LIVE. BUT--IT LOOKED UPON
US. WITH ITS SINGLE EYE.

SSSSSS



SSSSSS

CHUNK!

CHUNK!

CAREFUL!

OUR
WEAPONS ARE
NO MATCH
AGAINST THIS
FOE!

YET THAT
TREE-- HALF
BURNED BY
THE FIRE...?

YES!



LATER, WE EXPLORE WITH CAUTION. WE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH A SHIP. TO WHOM DID THIS SHIP BELONG? WHAT WERE THOSE--ORBS?

AND WHAT WAS THAT-- BEAST?

WE WERE FORTUNATE THE CRASH DESTROYED THE REST.

HAD THERE BEEN MORE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SLAIN OURSELVES.

WE SHALL TAKE THESE ORBS TO OUR VILLAGE.

THEY GLOW--LIKE TYON HERSELF.

...WHISPERS! HERMIT OF THE STONES.

LONG AGO, WHISPERS GAVE HIS EYE TO TYON. TYON GRANTED HIM THE GIFT OF PROPHECY.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS! THE VAST WAKES!

YOUR JOURNEY HAS BEGUN, OLD PUPIL!

CALM DOWN, OLD FRIEND. EXPLAIN.

WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, I TOLD YOU THAT YOUR FATE WAS TO BATTLE A DISTANT ENEMY! NOW... THE TIME HAS COME!

THIS VESSEL BELONGS TO VEILED INTRUDERS THAT THREATEN THE LANDS OF ITH!

TO THWART THIS THREAT, YOU ALONE MUST FACE THEM!

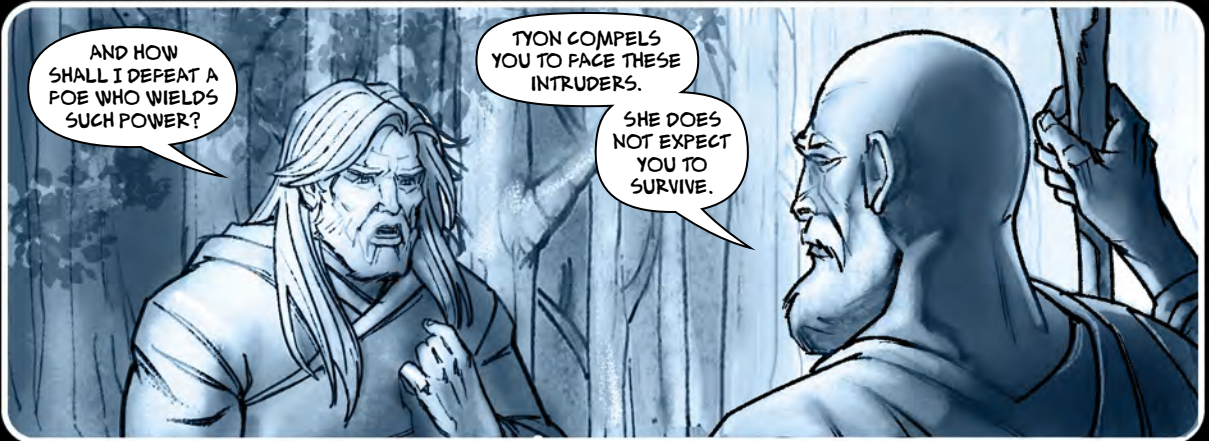
WHERE DID THIS SHIP COME FROM? HOW DID IT CRASH?

IT COMES FROM THE STARS!

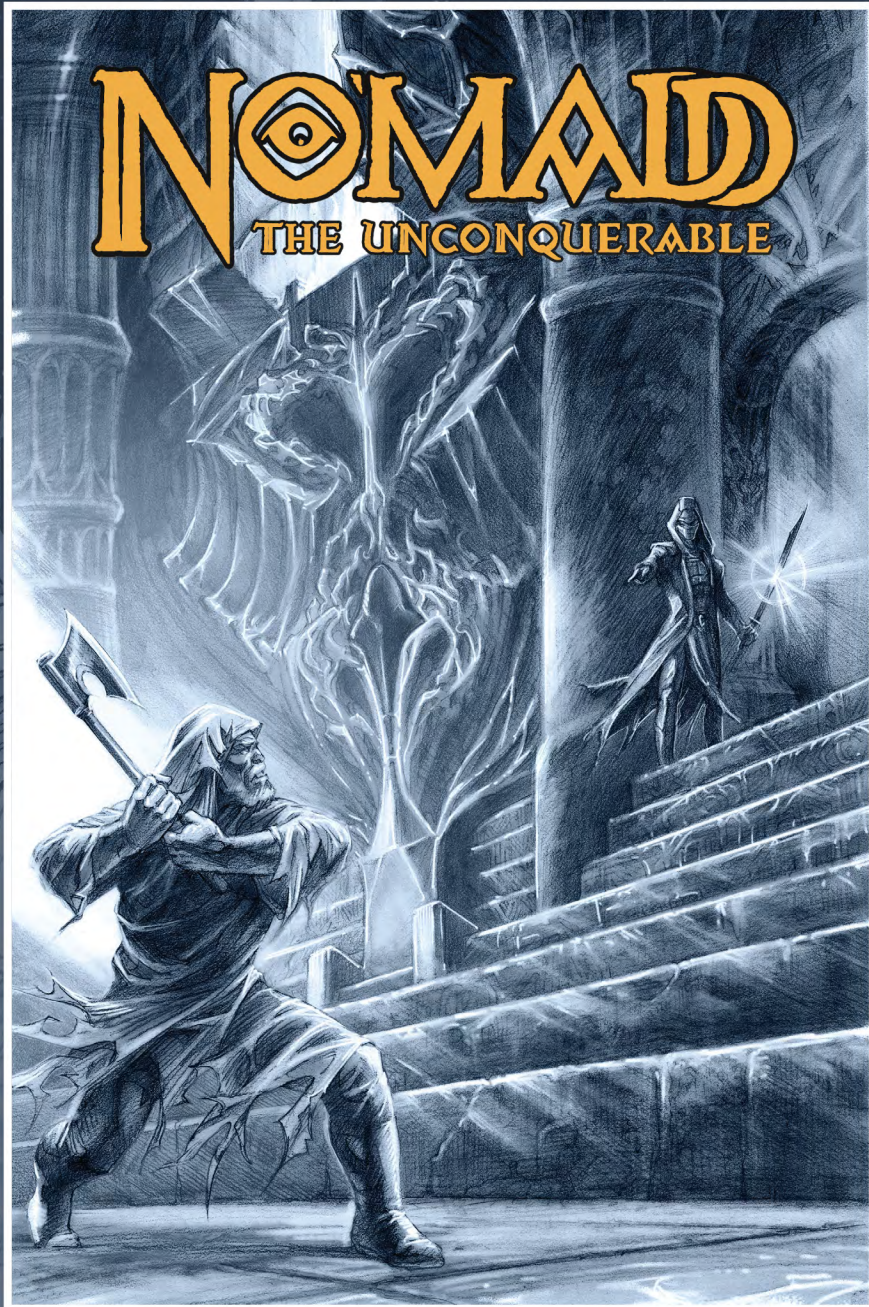
BROUGHT DOWN BY TYON!

TO SUMMON YOU! INTO BATTLE!

TO SMITE A GREAT AND TERRIBLE ENEMY THAT LURKS FAR FROM YOUR HOME-- FARTHER THAN ANY KA'II HAS EVER TRAVELED!



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NO'MADD, LOST IN SHADOWS

ALONE IN THE LANDS OF ITH

JOURNEYER, CHIEF, FIGHTER, HUSBAND, AND FATHER.



KA'SELL, THE WARRIOR MOON

TRAINED IN THE HALLS OF THE WIND

TRAPPER, HUNTER, WARRIOR, WIFE, AND MOTHER









PLATU

AH'KEE CITY

SWOTHWATER

THE CHAIN OF WRATH

THE STONES

B'LINN

THE STILL

HALLS OF WIND

THE LUSH

THE DUNES

THE PIT

The STEEP

THE LANDS OF ITH



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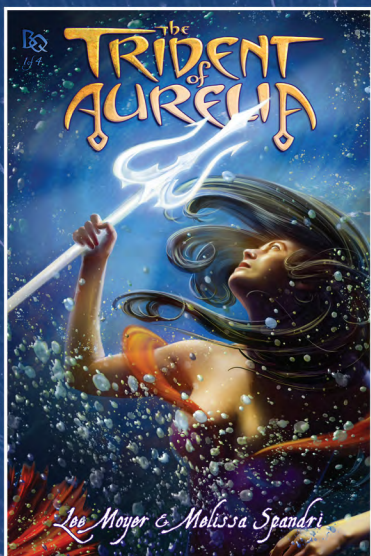
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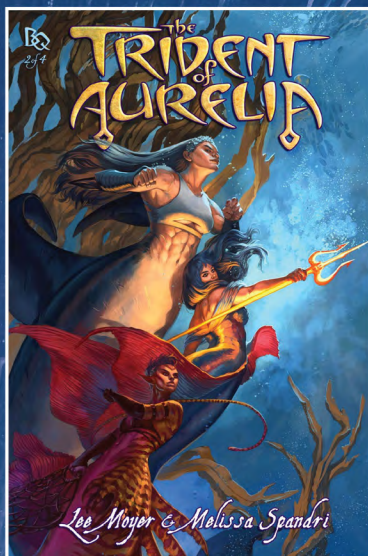
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A sacrifice to the Islander's Red God, Orianna's descent into the depths reveals details of her past and even more startling future - she is the Queen of Mermaids!



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Orianna's leads her cadre against the spined monsters that have overrun the Labyrinth, little imagining the horror that awaits them at its center.



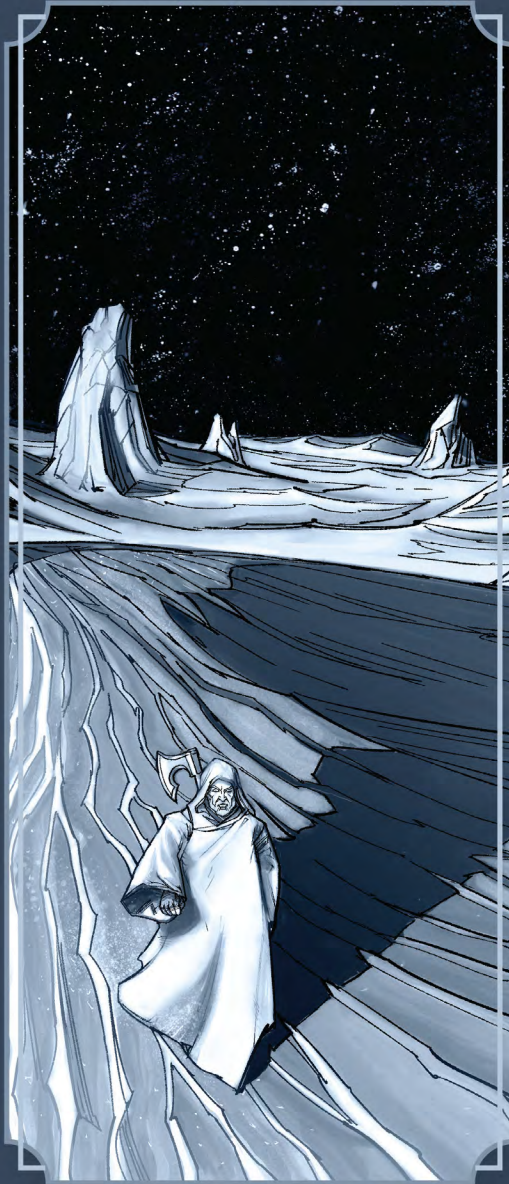
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