

WICKED GARDEN

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THEY HAVE CALLED
ME MANY THINGS.

I
LOVE
IT!

I'M GLAD...
ONLY A *WOMAN*
CAN MAKE A
KILT.

IT TAKES
A *DELICATE*
TOUCH.

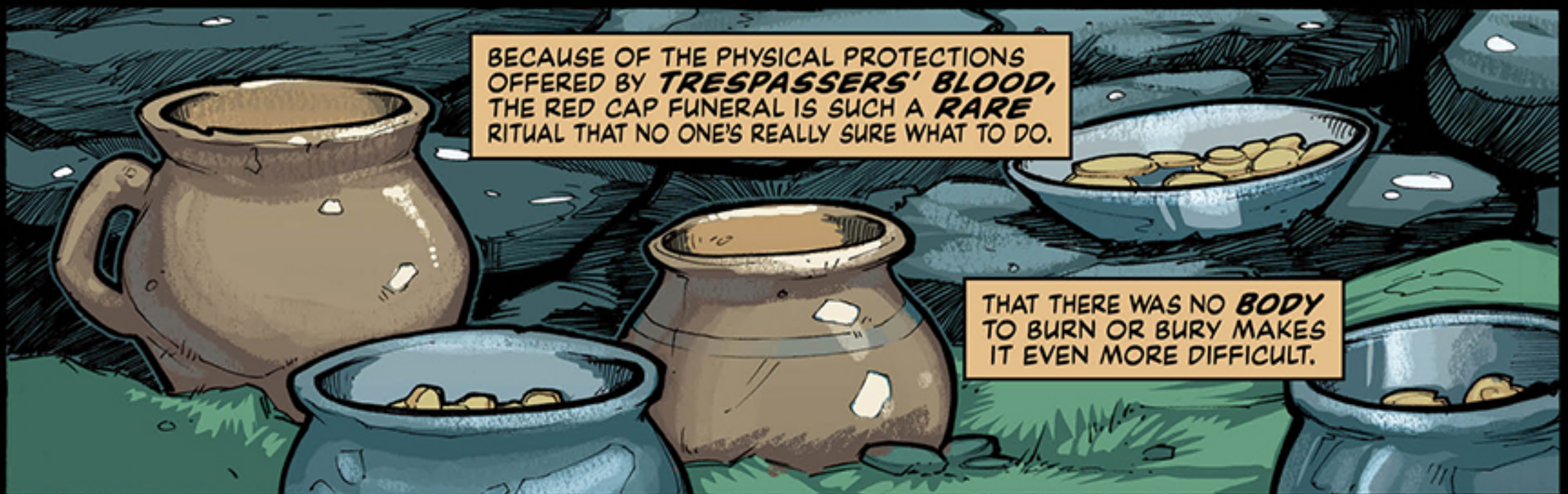
I WONDER... DOES
ANYONE EVEN KNOW
MY TRUE NAME?





THE LAST RED CAP TO DIE WAS **STANASH**...

...AND THAT WAS FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.



BECAUSE OF THE PHYSICAL PROTECTIONS OFFERED BY **TRESPASSERS' BLOOD**, THE RED CAP FUNERAL IS SUCH A **RARE** RITUAL THAT NO ONE'S REALLY SURE WHAT TO DO.

THAT THERE WAS NO **BODY** TO BURN OR BURY MAKES IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.



MAYBE THAT'S WHY THERE ARE SO **FEW** IN ATTENDANCE TODAY.



I THOUGHT FRANINT HAD A SISTER?

AYE, BUT NAEBOODY'S SEEN HER FOR ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS.



GUARDS...

...WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES AGAIN?

I'M DEMORNAN. HE IS HUME.



FIND ME TWENTY STRONG AND CLEVER RED CAPS WITH **BELIEVABLE** HUMAN FORMS.

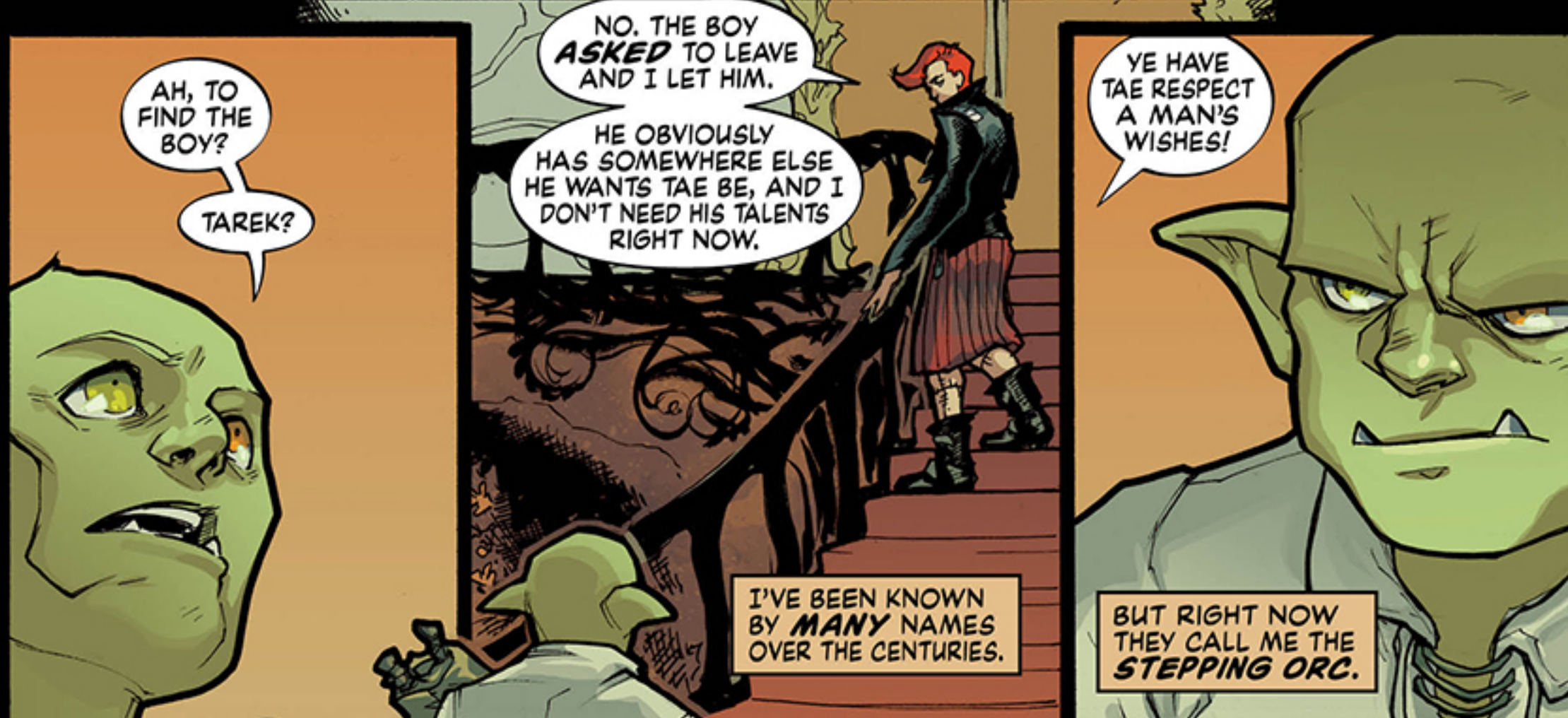
I NEED SPIES ON THE STREETS OF GLASGOW. THE UPSTART GODS HAVE MULTIPLIED-- AND **THEY'RE** HOW WE'RE GOING TAE FIND WHERE CADROS IS HIDING.



AND YOU, STEPPING ORC...

YES, LORD THORN?

I NEED ONE OF YOUR SPELLS. A **LOCATOR**.



AH, TO FIND THE BOY?

TAREK?

NO. THE BOY **ASKED** TO LEAVE AND I LET HIM.

HE OBVIOUSLY HAS SOMEWHERE ELSE HE WANTS TAE BE, AND I DON'T NEED HIS TALENTS RIGHT NOW.

I'VE BEEN KNOWN BY **MANY** NAMES OVER THE CENTURIES.

YE HAVE TAE RESPECT A MAN'S WISHES!

BUT RIGHT NOW THEY CALL ME THE **STEPPING ORC**.



I HATE THIS BIT.



LORD THORN'S GAMBLE PAID OFF AND **FORCED** CADROS TO OPEN A RIP TO THE OTHERWORLD.

THEN THORN **DRUMMED** TO THE BEAT OF THE EARTH--KEEPING IT OPEN.



THE CREATURES AND BEASTS OF SCOTLAND HAVE **LONGED** FOR SUCH A PASSAGE TO THE OTHERWORLD.

ONLY PROBLEM IS--**NO ONE** KNOWS WHERE CADROS' LAIR IS.



WE'VE ALL FELT IT THESE LAST FEW DAYS.

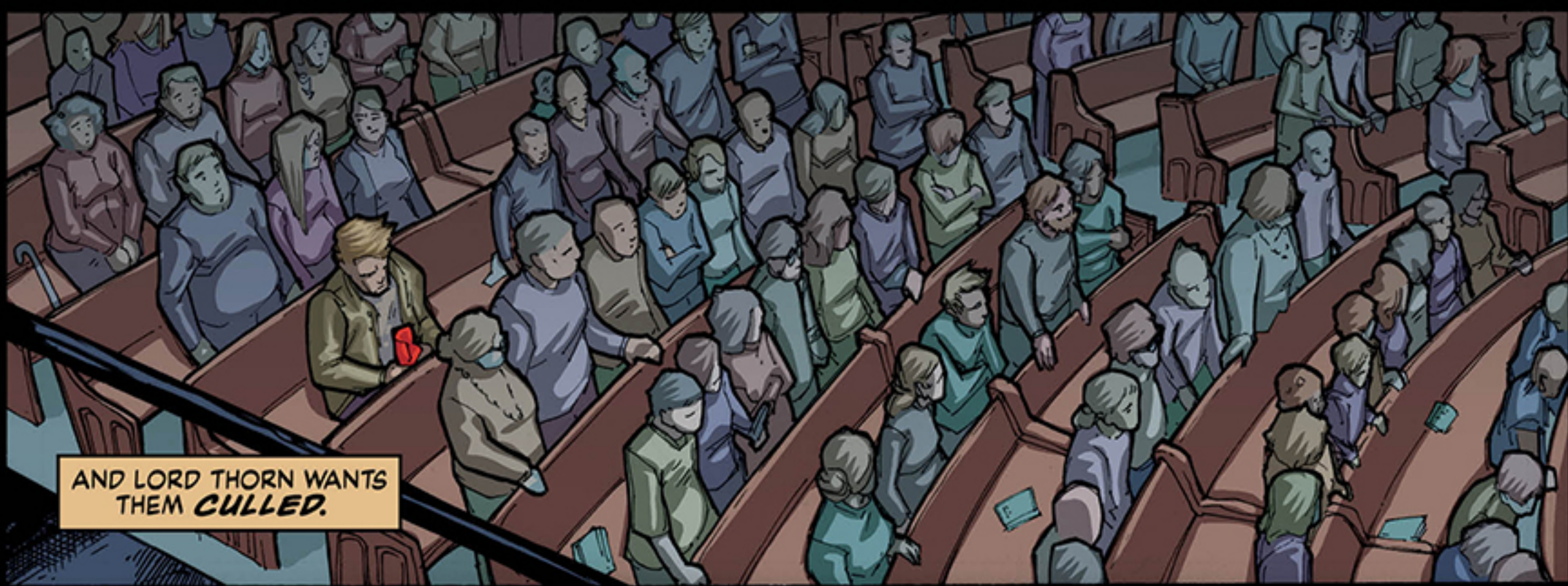
ANY SUBTLETY HE *WAS* EMPLOYING HAS BEEN ABANDONED.



THERE IS A NEW *URGENCY* TO WHATEVER BELATUCADROS IS DOING.



SUDDENLY HIS UPSTART GODS ARE EVERYWHERE.



AND LORD THORN WANTS THEM *CULLED*.