

10 YEARS AGO.

I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, FELIX, BUT I WON'T WARN YOU AGAIN!

THERE'S A WAR GOING ON OUT THERE AND YOUR PEOPLE NEED YOU. NOW LEAVE, BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING WE'LL BOTH REGRET!

THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, THORNE!

I SAID...  
**LEAVE!**

**NO!!**

DRUCILLA AND HER FORCES ARE SLAUGHTERING US AND THERE ISN'T A DAMNED THING I CAN DO TO STOP IT.

YOU ARE THE LAST OF THE KHATZ.

I REFUSE TO LET YOU HIDE YOURSELF AWAY.





FELIX, STOP!  
I'M A KHAT WITHOUT  
A GUARDIAN. I CAN'T  
ACCESS THE POWER  
OF THE LAND TO  
HELP YOU.



AND DRUCILLA'S CALL  
TO ME GROWS STRONGER  
WITH EACH DAY. IF SHE BONDS  
WITH ME--USES MY POWER--  
THE POWER OF A KHAT--SHE  
WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE!



BETTER CHAINS OF  
MY OWN CHOOSING,  
THAN THE ONES SHE  
WOULD PUT ON ME.


YOU CAN'T  
GIVE UP THIS  
EASILY. I WON'T  
LET YOU!

YOU CAN RESIST  
HER. WE'LL FIND YOUR  
DAMNED GUARDIAN.  
NO MATTER HOW LONG  
IT TAKES...




YOUR KINGDOM  
IS BURNING, FELIX. OUR  
TIME...MY TIME IS UP.





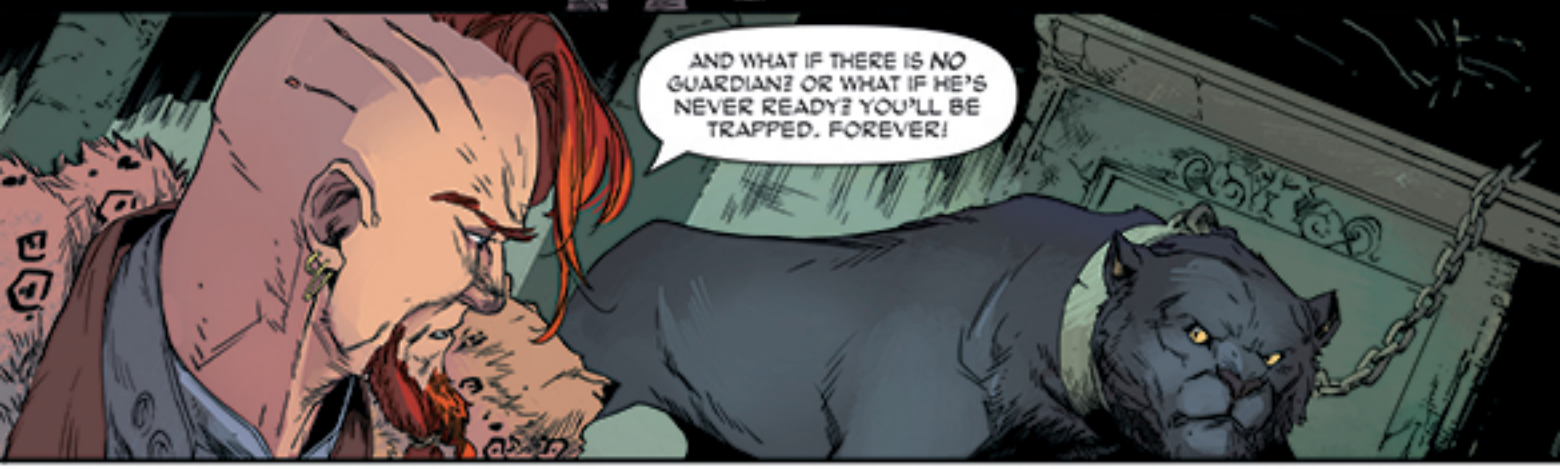
AND WHAT HAPPENS TO US... TO YOUR GUARDIAN, IF YOU DO THIS?




LEGENDS SAY THAT THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, WHEN PEACE RULED THE LAND, KHATZ BECAME LIVING STATUES UNTIL THEY WERE NEEDED ONCE AGAIN.

I HOPE THAT WHEN MY GUARDIAN IS READY...I WILL BE AWAKENED BY HIS POWER.

BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN. THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.




AND WHAT IF THERE IS NO GUARDIAN? OR WHAT IF HE'S NEVER READY? YOU'LL BE TRAPPED. FOREVER!



THAT IS A CHANCE I AM WILLING TO TAKE. BETTER THAT THAN BE USED AGAINST THE PEOPLE I LOVE.

DIDN'T YOU ONCE TELL ME THAT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE A BATTLE TO WIN THE WAR?

DON'T THROW MY WORDS BACK AT ME, THORNE. NOT NOW.



IS THERE NOTHING I CAN SAY TO TALK YOU OUT OF THIS?

I'M SORRY.

SO AM I, OLD FRIEND. SO AM I.