

LA MARQUE - 550 C.Y. NOW.







HE SURE IS TAKING HIS TIME SLAYING THE BEAST. SHOULD WE SAY SOMETHING?



THIS ISN'T LIKE HIM. I HAVE YET TO SEE KELTHAN STRUGGLE LIKE THIS.

I'LL TALK TO HIM.

KALEERA... CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY.



WHAT TROUBLES YOU?

THIS CREATURE IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS...

WE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY.



LISTEN UP! GATHER AS MANY ROOTS AS YOU CAN.



FINALLY, WE'RE DOING SOMETHIN--

WAIT, WHAT?!



MOMENTS LATER...



ALRIGHT, AND WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THESE?

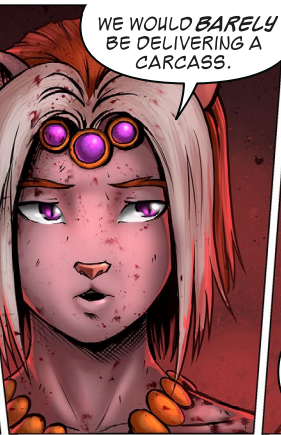
THE BEAST IS COMING BACK WITH US.



EHH... YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?



OUR ORDERS WERE TO *SLAY* THE DIRE BEAST.



WE WOULD *BARELY* BE DELIVERING A CARCASS.



WHAT ARE YOU NOT TELLING US, KELTHAN?



I NEED YOU TO *TRUST ME*. RESTRAIN THE BEAST BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.



I SIGNED UP FOR ADVENTURE, AND INSTEAD WE'RE DOING-- *THIS?*

*MEKKAR!* DO AS YOU'RE TOLD.



FINE. FINE. *BLACKSTONIANS* TIE THE BEST KNOTS ANYWAY.





...REMINDE ME AGAIN HOW WE'RE TAKING THIS CREATURE BACK TO STORMHOLT CITY?

SHADOW CAN HELP. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, VAELA?

Y-YES, KELTHAN-- BUT THE STRAIN WOULD CAUSE ME TO REST FREQUENTLY.



SERIOUSLY? IT TOOK US A WEEK TO GET HERE!

...LET'S JUST THROW THE THING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.



THIS IS TREASON. WE ARE DISOBEYING OUR KING.

KELTHAN SAID WE SHOULD TRUST HIM.

HE MUST HAVE A REASON.



IS THIS--  
=NGHHH=



REASON ENOUGH FOR YOU?



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