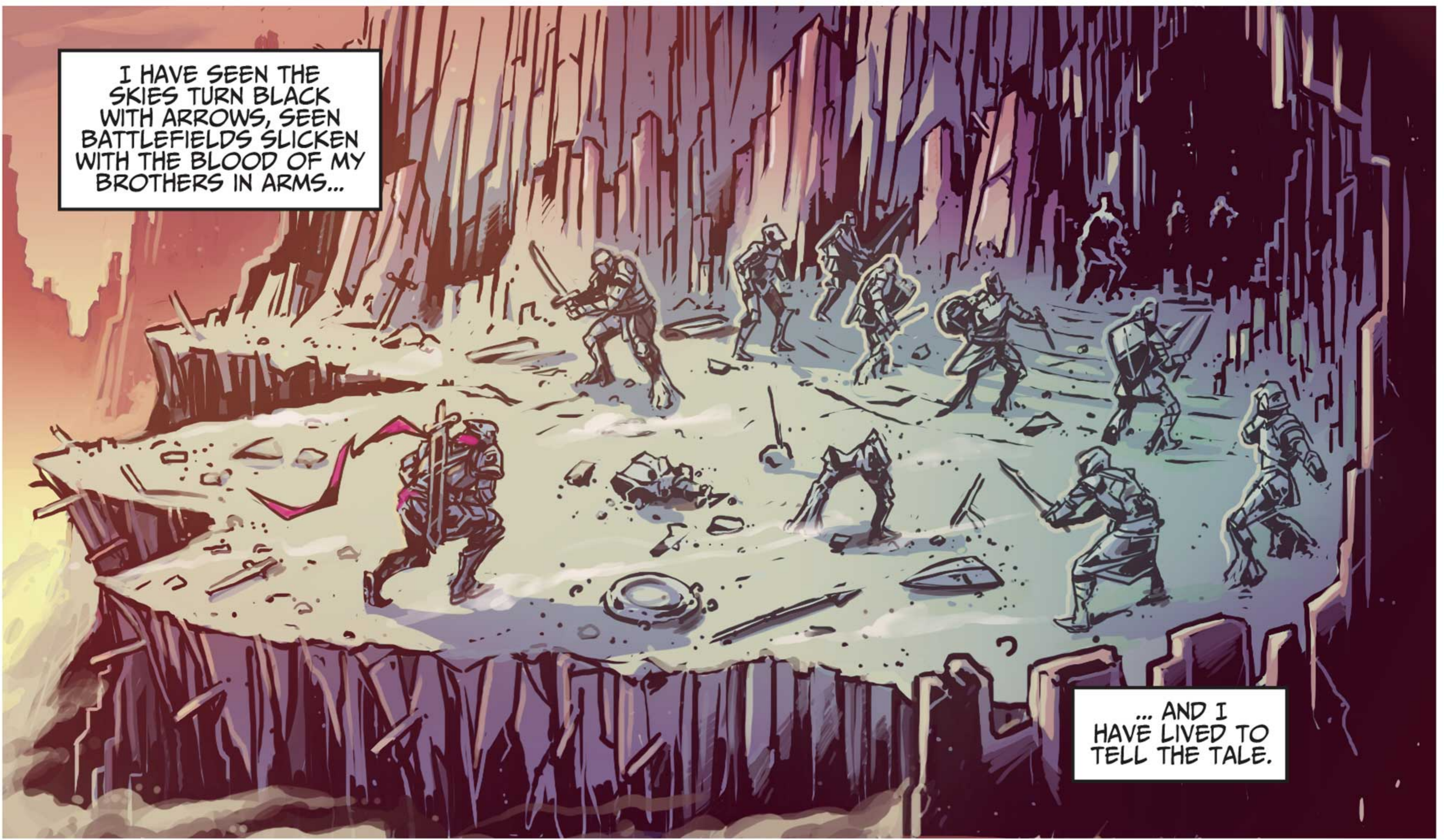


I HAVE WANDERED FORLORN LANDS, ASCENDED CRIMSON TOWERS TO BATTLE DREAD BEASTS IN THE NAME OF DUTY...

... TO KEEP THIS KINGDOM SAFE.



I HAVE SEEN THE SKIES TURN BLACK WITH ARROWS, SEEN BATTLEFIELDS SLICKEN WITH THE BLOOD OF MY BROTHERS IN ARMS...

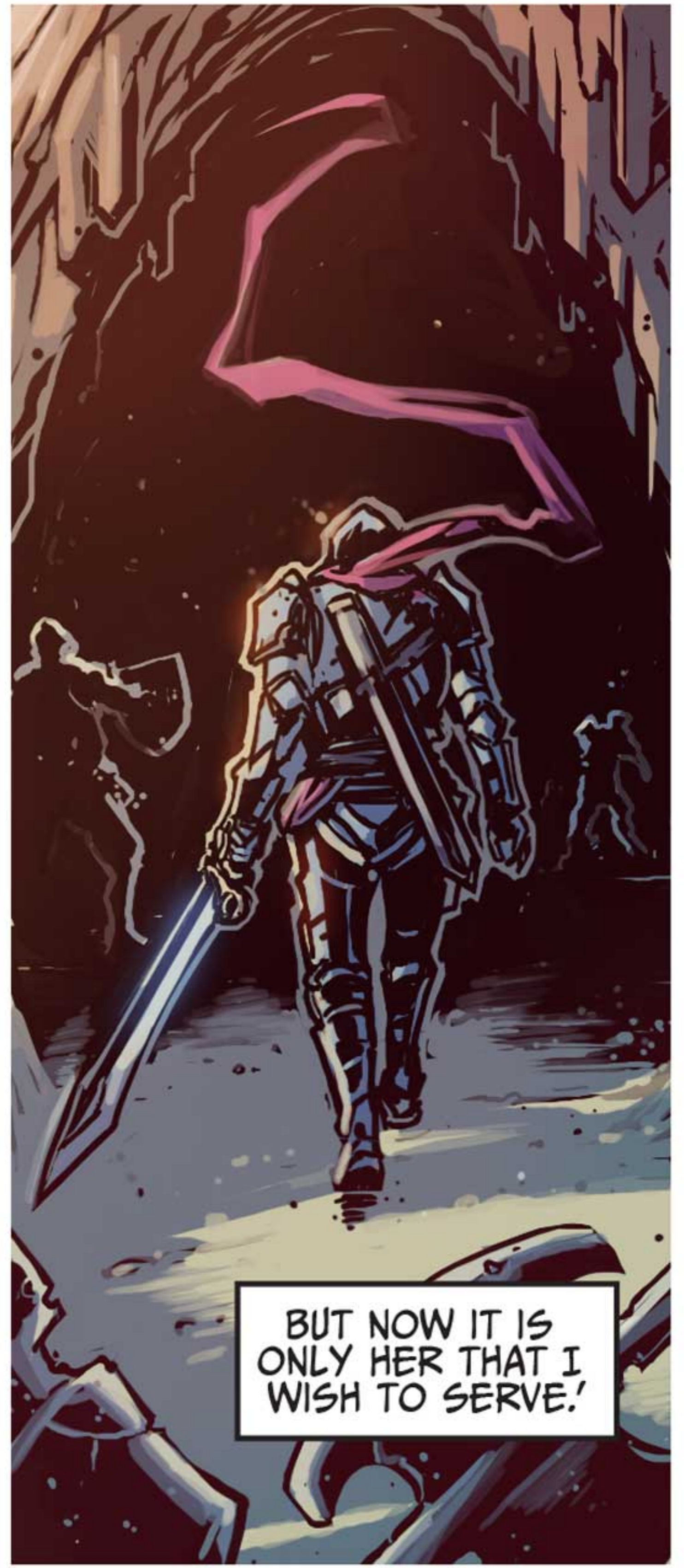
... AND I HAVE LIVED TO TELL THE TALE.



AND YET FROM MY BELOVED I HAVE GAINED NAUGHT THAN A SINGLE GIFT. A TOKEN, GIVEN TO ME BEGRUDGNGLY WITH A LOOK OF PIQUE.



I WAS ALWAYS A LOYAL SOLDIER, A WARRIOR WHO WOULD IN A HEARTBEAT GIVE HIS LIFE IN SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE...

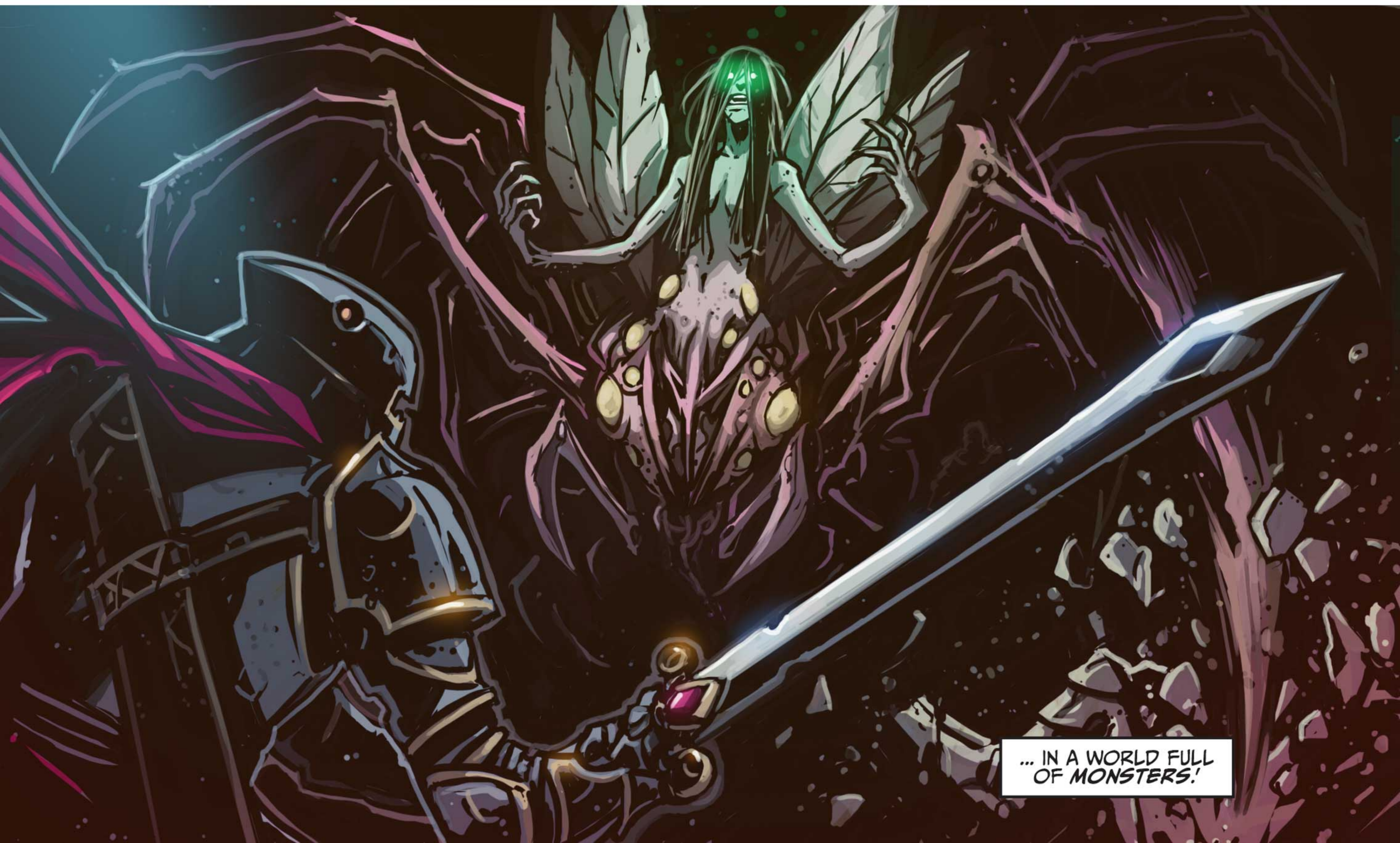
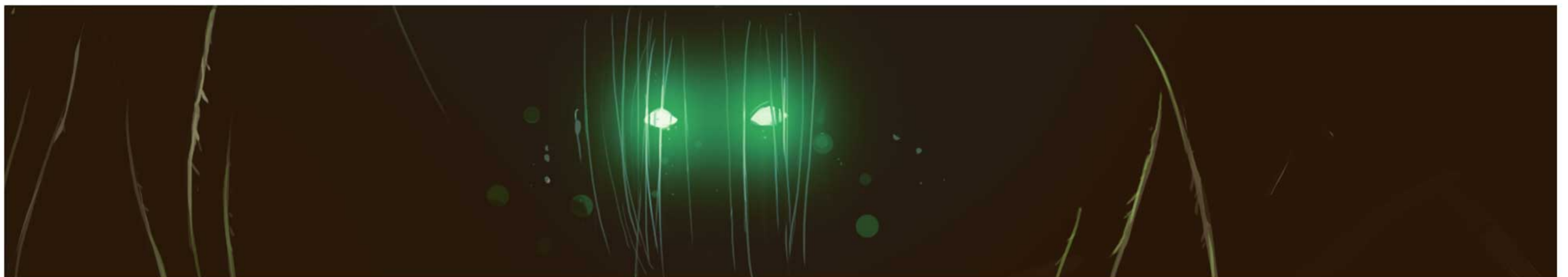


BUT NOW IT IS ONLY HER THAT I WISH TO SERVE!

I OFTEN WONDER
IF OTHERS HAVE GROWN
TO LOVE HER THE WAY
THAT I DO.



HOW COULD THEY NOT?
FOR SHE IS A CREATURE
OF BEAUTY AND GRACE...



... IN A WORLD FULL
OF MONSTERS!

THE WISE KNOW
ITS SECRETS.



THEY KNOW THE FLAME
IS NOT INVOLATE, THAT IT CAN BE
TORN FROM THE TREMBLING
CAGE OF THE HEART.



OR SHACKLED TO A
PURPOSE GREATER THAN
ANY ONE SOUL.



DEVoured.





"IT IS TIME TO FIGHT
FOR WHAT REMAINS OF THY
PALTRY EXISTENCE."

"I HEAR THEM JEERING,
CALLING FOR MY DEATH."

"I HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING
OF HOW I CAME TO BE IN THIS
HELLISH PLACE, BUT I SEE NOW
THAT I HAVE LITTLE CHOICE."

"THERE WILL BE TIME FOR
QUESTIONS LATER. TO SURVIVE,
I MUST *FIGHT*."