



Hey, Onur.

Am I a ghost now? Like the Elders?

Hm. I suppose my masters are like ghosts.

But neither my masters nor ghosts get hungry as fast as you.



Aren't you afraid of them, Onur?

No, why should I be? They were once human, too.



But over time, they changed...

Just like you changed, Ninua. But because it was so fast, it feels strange.



It does feel strange. And now I have to live here?

With... them?

If it helps, I'll stay here with you, until you feel better.



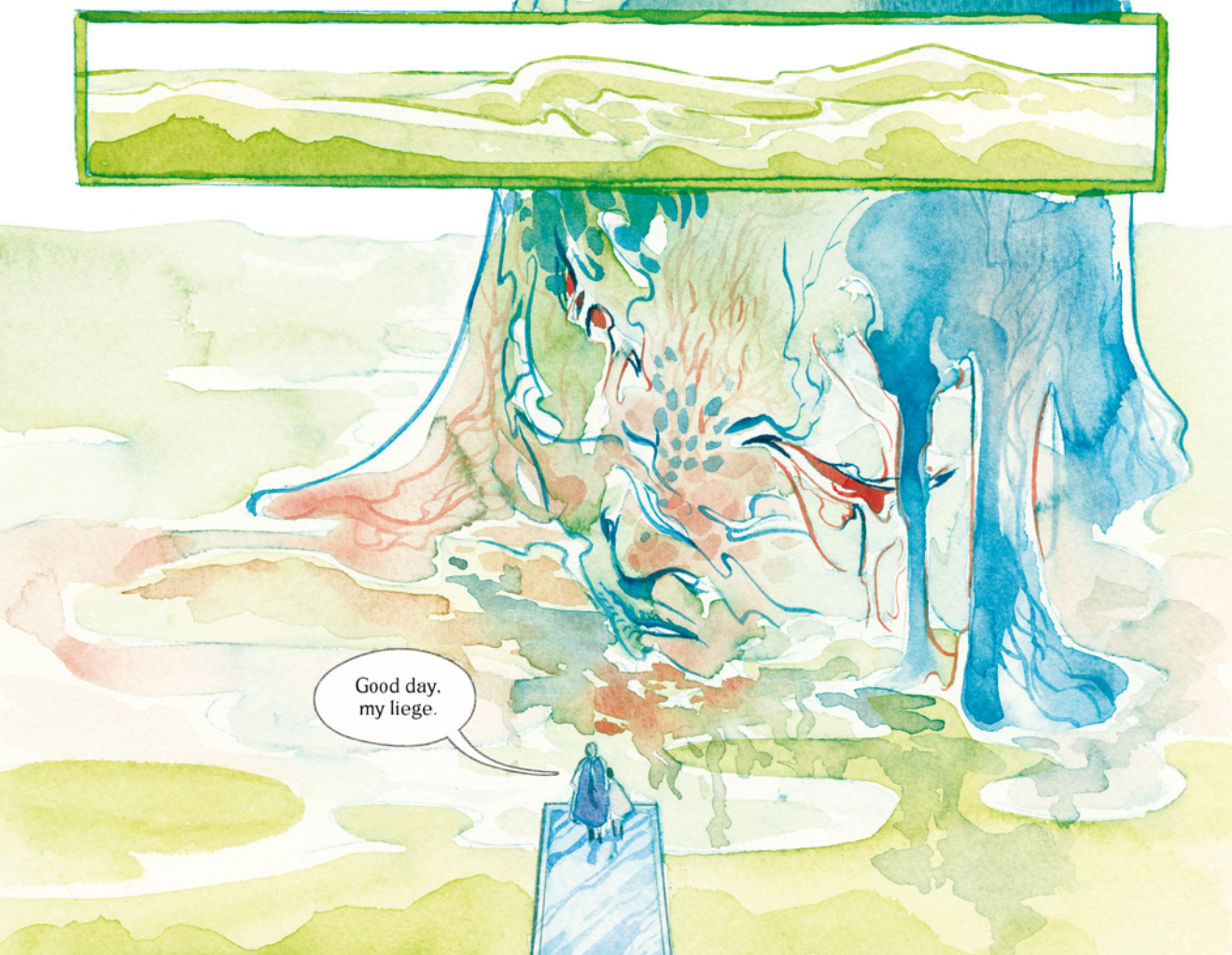
But... you'll have to keep that on all the time.




The mask? Doesn't it make me look more handsome?




Let's go.
They're waiting.



Good day,
my liege.



Ninua,
this is Elia.
She brought
you back to
life.



W-What...
What do you
want from me?



YOU CARVED SOMETHING ON THE WALLS OF THE ZIGGURAT.

I, uh, I didn't know what I was doing.

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?



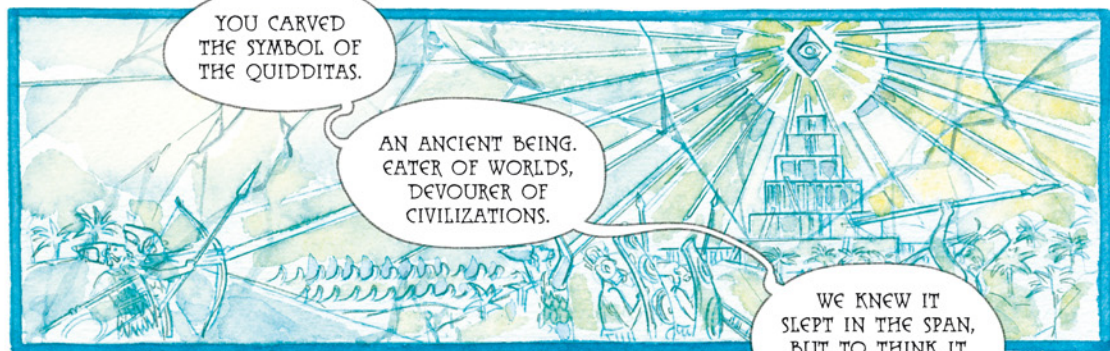
In the Ziggurat... I met something. Someone.

I don't remember after that...



What did I carve?

Am I in trouble...?



YOU CARVED THE SYMBOL OF THE QUIDDITAS.

AN ANCIENT BEING. EATER OF WORLDS, DEVOURER OF CIVILIZATIONS.

WE KNEW IT SLEPT IN THE SPAN, BUT TO THINK IT HID WITHIN THE ZIGGURAT...





Onur, what's the Quidditas?

This is the first time I've heard of it.

The span is vast and still full of mysteries, even to my masters...

If I may be so bold.

YES, SADLY, IT IS SO.

ALL WE KNOW OF THE QUIDDITAS IS HOW MUCH IT WAS FEARED...

... DEVOURING ALL LIFE IT SENSED UNTIL NO LIVING THING WAS LEFT FOR IT TO DEVOUR.

NOW IT SLEEPS IN THE SPAN, WAITING TO SENSE LIFE AGAIN.



But-- But Onur and other people enter the span all the time, don't they?

Ninua...



What did I do differently from Onur? From Zita?

What did I do wrong?



I lost my finger. I lost my mask...



Ah--



It's growing back??



A SEED?

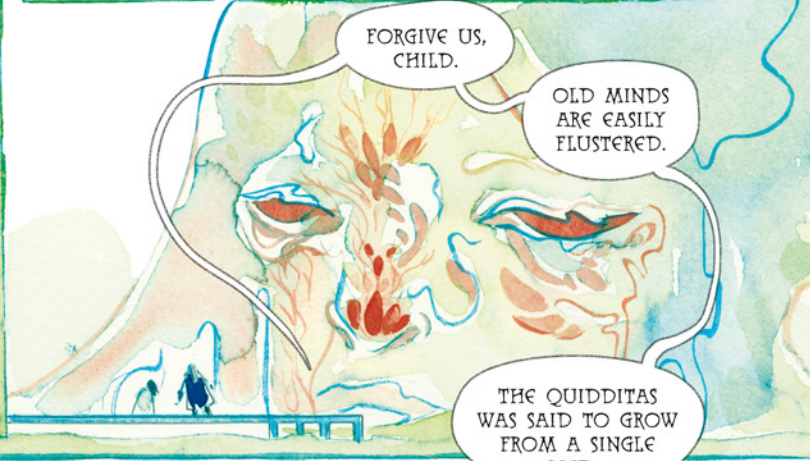
IT'S A SEED!



Cut it off!
Onur, cut it
off me!!



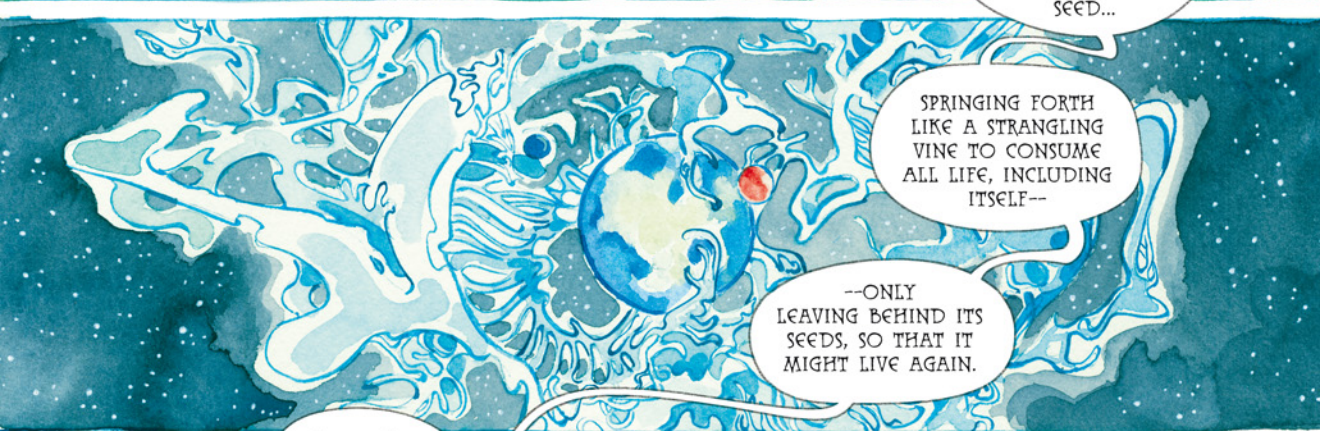
Calm down.
Ninua!



FORGIVE US,
CHILD.

OLD MINDS
ARE EASILY
FLUSTERED.

THE QUIDDITAS
WAS SAID TO GROW
FROM A SINGLE
SEED...



SPRINGING FORTH
LIKE A STRANGLING
VINE TO CONSUME
ALL LIFE, INCLUDING
ITSELF--

--ONLY
LEAVING BEHIND ITS
SEEDS, SO THAT IT
MIGHT LIVE AGAIN.



Master Elia...
How can we
remove it from
Ninua's body?

WE CANNOT RISK
WAKING IT.
SHE MUST REMAIN
IN THE SPAN.



I have to
stay here
forever??

No. of
course
not!



This creature
only wakes if
it senses life.



There are
many planets
without life...