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PREVIOUSLY...

A meteor shower brought a fleet of alien spacecraft crashing down into northern Europe in the middle ages. Hrolf and the Laxdales came across a crashed ship and looted it, claiming a huge cache of alien weapons. As they prepared to leave the site, they were attacked and easily defeated by two creatures. But at the last moment the clan was unexpectedly rescued by a mysterious hooded warrior, who killed the monsters and demanded Hrolf hand over his sword.

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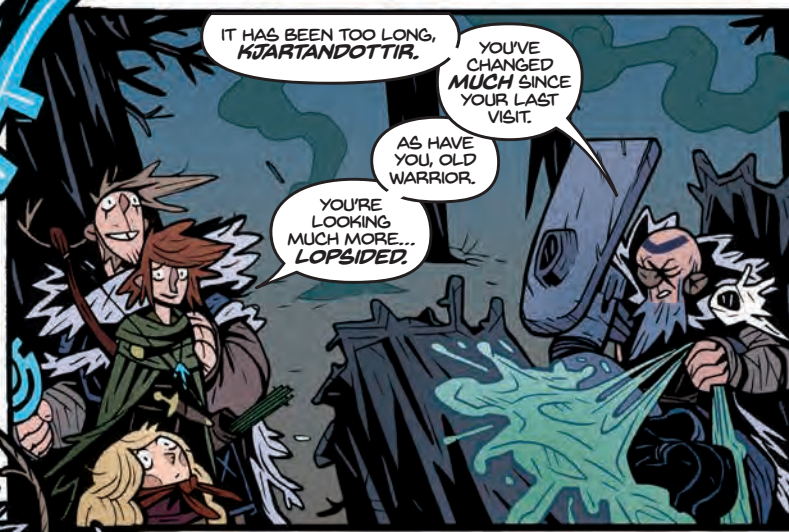


MHORD!
LOOK WHO
IT IS!



CRACK

NYAAARRGH!

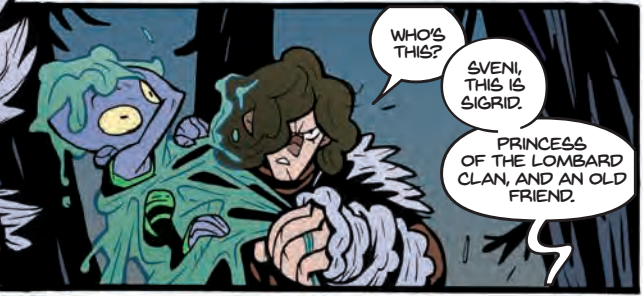


IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG,
KJARTANDOTTIR.

YOU'VE
CHANGED
MUCH
SINCE
YOUR LAST
VISIT.

AS HAVE
YOU, OLD
WARRIOR.

YOU'RE
LOOKING
MUCH MORE...
LOPSIDED.



WHO'S
THIS?

SVENI,
THIS IS
SIGRID.

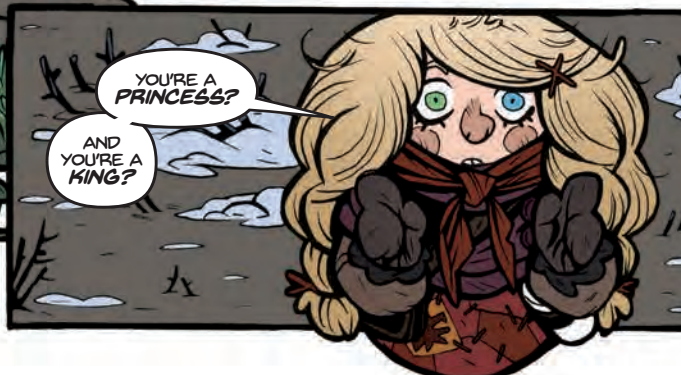
PRINCESS
OF THE LOMBARD
CLAN, AND AN OLD
FRIEND.



THE LAXDALES AND THE
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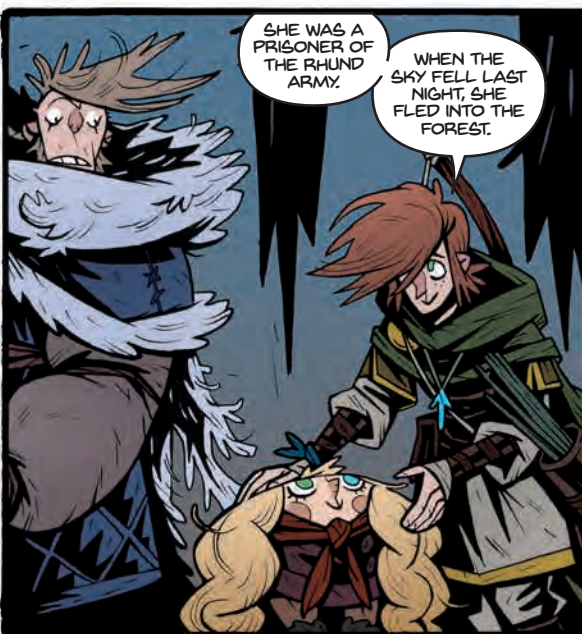
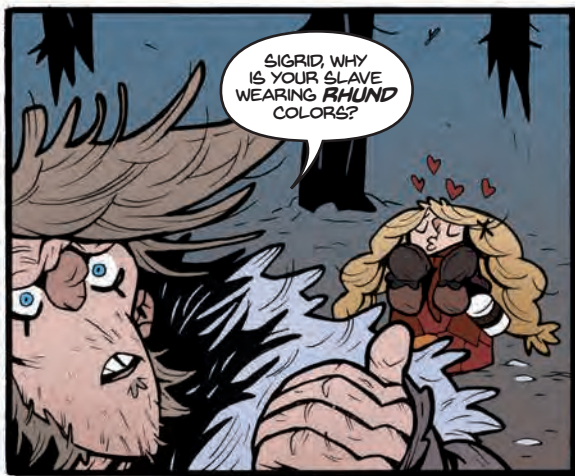
WE SPENT
THE SUMMERS OF
OUR YOUTH TOGETHER,
WHILE OUR FATHERS
WERE OFF MAKING
WAR.

HOLD
ON!



YOU'RE A
PRINCESS?

AND
YOU'RE A
KING?





YOU SAY THAT AS IF WE HAVEN'T SPENT THE LAST DECADE TRYING TO END HIS LIFE.

I MEAN NO DISRESPECT, OLD WARRIOR.

BUT YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO DEFEAT HIM IN COMBAT.

I'M GOING TO SLIT HIS THROAT WHILE HE SLEEPS.



MUCH HAS CHANGED IF KJARTAN HAS SENT YOU TO COMMIT SUCH AN ACT.

MY FATHER IS **INCAPABLE** OF CHANGE.

I AM HERE WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION.



INSTEAD, YOU CARRY THE CONSENT OF ASGARD.

THE GODS HAVE NO INFLUENCE OVER ME, HROLF.



ARE YOU SURE?

YOUR QUIVER **GLOWS** WITH ENCHANTMENT.

OH.

THESE ARROWS?

I FOUND THEM IN THE WOODS.



JUST LIKE I FOUND THIS SWORD.

THE HEAVENS HAVE DECREED THAT AAREK MUST DIE, AND THEY'VE SENT US BOTH **MYSTICAL ARMS** TO ENSURE THAT HE DOES.

