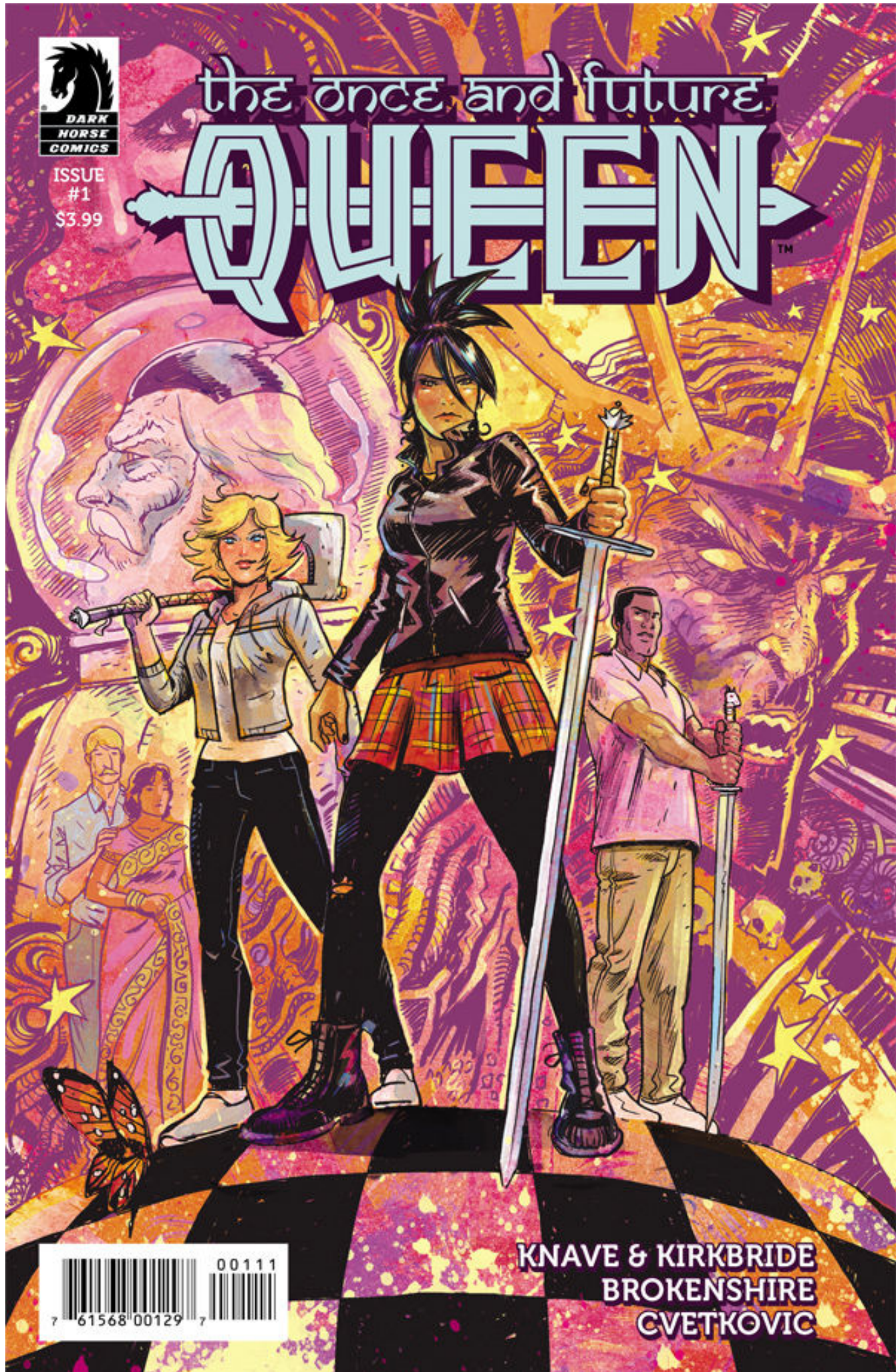




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CHESS TOURNAMENT



"REMINDS ME OF A CERTAIN AMERICAN I MARRIED."

DAD WASN'T WRONG--THIS PLACE IS BEAUTIFUL. FEELS LIKE HOME INSTANTLY.

♪ They're piling in the back seat! They're generating steam heat! ♪

THAT GIRL. I MEAN, YEAH, SHE WAS PRETTY--BUT I'D SWEAR I'VE SEEN HER BEFORE. WITH...LONGER HAIR, MAYBE A DRESS? OH, WHO CARES, ARTURUS?

NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE, WON'T AGAIN. NEED TO STOP BLAMING HER FOR BLOWING IT.



I LET MYSELF GET DISTRACTED.

IT WAS MY FAULT.



MAYBE I JUST HIT THE WALL. MAYBE CHESS ISN'T EVERYTHING.

SHIT, IF THAT'S TRUE, WHAT ELSE DO I HAVE?



AM I EVEN QUALIFIED FOR ANYTHING ELSE? NOT THAT CHESS IS A JOB, BUT...



...WITHOUT CHESS, I DON'T EVEN KNOW.



WHAT THE--?!



KERFLOP



THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT FOR TODAY. OW.



AT LEAST NO ONE SAW THAT.

UGH.

GETTING BACK UP THIS HILL IS GONNA SUUUUUUCK.



MAYBE WHOEVER'S IN THERE CAN HELP?

STRANGER IN A STRANGE CAVE IN A STRANGE LAND. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



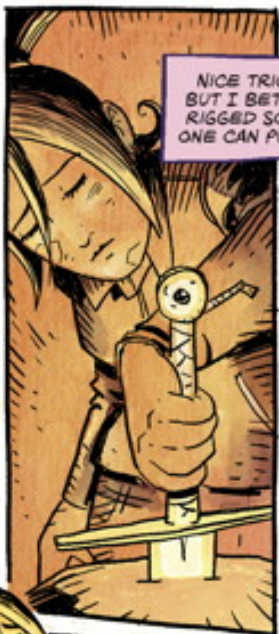
HELLO? SORRY TO DISTURB YOUR, UH, SPELUNKING OR WHATEVER...



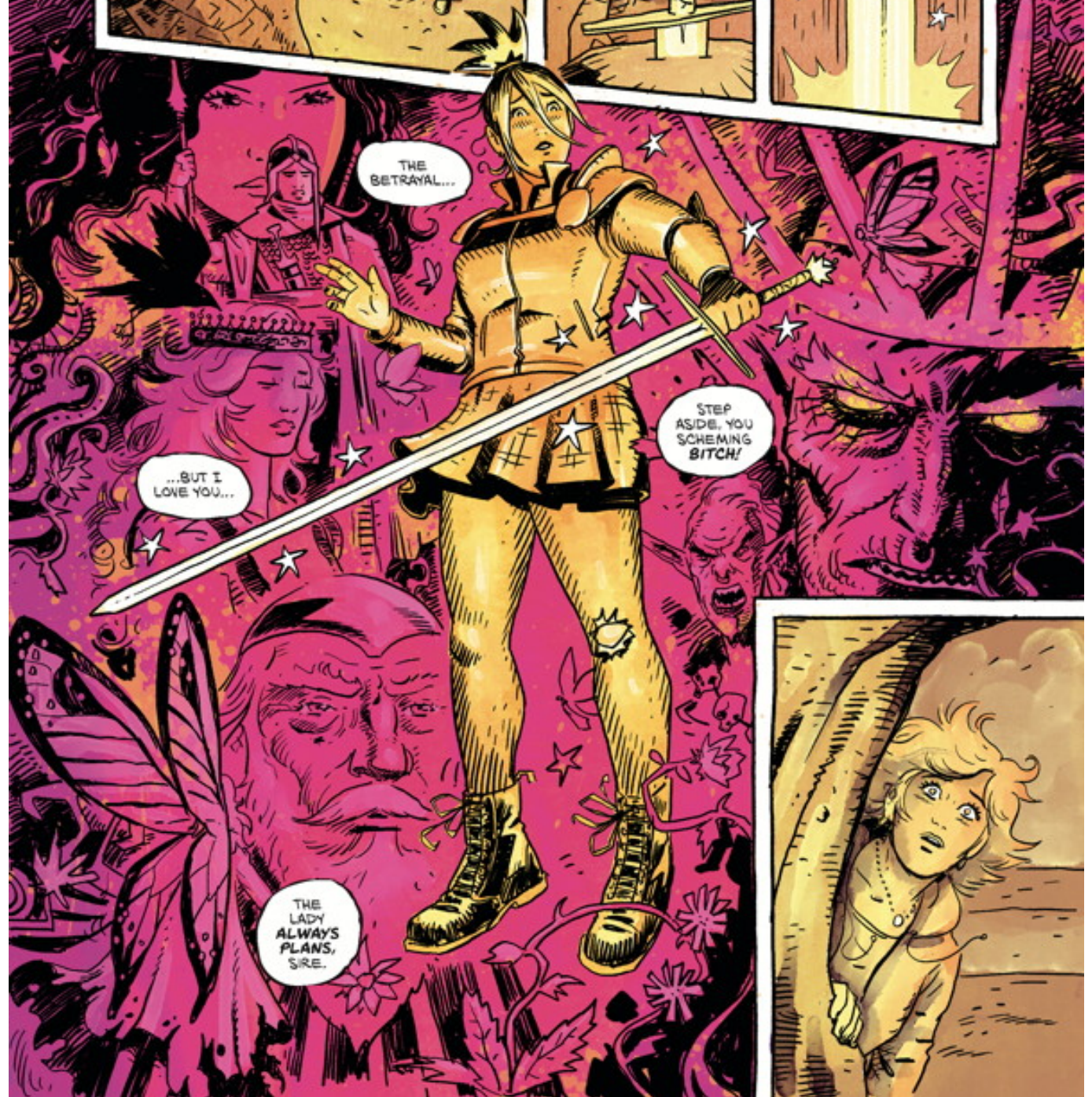
WHAT'S IN HERE? I NEED TO KNOW...



SWORD STONE.
REALLY? MUST BE
A TOURIST TRAP.



NICE TRICK,
BUT I BET IT'S
RIGGED SO NO
ONE CAN PULL—



THE
BETRAYAL...

...BUT I
LOVE YOU...

STEP
ASIDE, YOU
SCHEMING
BITCH!

THE
LADY
ALWAYS
PLANS,
SIRE.

