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FOR FIVE YEARS, THE PLANET GREMON WAS PLAGUED WITH CATASTROPHES. NOTHING GREW. NOTHING FLOURISHED.

UNTIL A YOUNG DOLA, REGN, CAME FROM FAR AWAY TO WAKE THE PLANET'S CONSCIOUSNESS.

REUNITING WITH HER BROTHER, PICAR, REGN HEALED THE PLANET BY BATHING IT IN A BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.

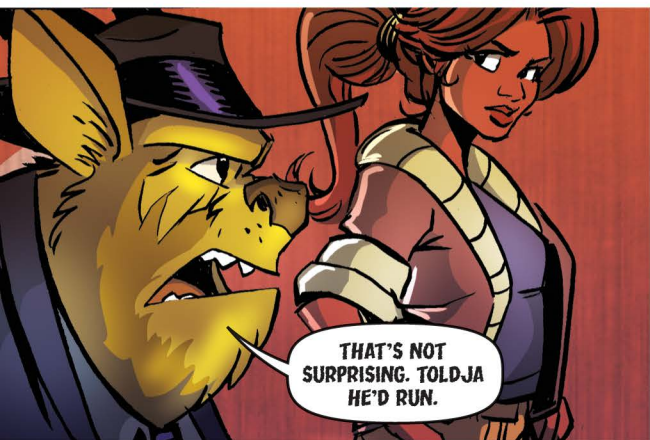








BARON, WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE. THE OFF-WORLDER HAS DISAPPEARED.



THAT'S NOT SURPRISING. TOLD-JA HE'D RUN.



I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU! YOU PROMISED ME THE POWER TO CONTROL THE PLANET. SO FAR, YOU'VE GIVEN ME NOTHING!



I KEPT MY END OF THE DEAL.


YOUR GUARDSMEN LET HIM SLIP THROUGH THEIR FURRY FINGERS.



GRRR...



I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME SOMEONE EXPLAINED TO ME JUST EXACTLY WHO THIS OFF-WORLDER IS.



HIS NAME IS PICAR. ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO HE APPEARED IN A NORTHERN TOWN. JUST AROUND THE TIME OF THE POLAR QUAKES.

HE HAS SOME LIGHT-BASED POWER. BUT IT IS **POWER** HE HESITATES TO USE.

HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK HE IS AS POWERFUL AS GURK HAS LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE.



LOOK AROUND MY KINGDOM. EVERYTHING IS GROWING AGAIN. THE RIVERS ARE FLOWING. THE SUN IS SHINING.

SO APPARENTLY THIS OFF-WORLDER IS VERY POWERFUL.

UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION.





STEP QUICKLY, YOU MONGRELS! WE LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!



YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME CHASING HIM.

REALLY?

YES. WE HAVE HIS FRIEND, CHAY. PICAR WILL COME BACK FOR HIM.

I THINK YOU OVERESTIMATE HIS CAPACITY FOR LOYALTY.

TRUST ME, PICAR HAS NO QUALMS ABOUT LEAVING SOMEONE BEHIND.



HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT HIM?

...I HAVE MY SOURCES.

I THOUGHT I WAS YOUR SOURCE.

YOU WERE MY CONFIRMATION.



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THAT'S MY GEN. ALWAYS FOCUSED ON THE IMPORTANT THINGS.



I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE LEAVING NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN PAID.

I THINK I'LL STICK AROUND FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

SEE HOW THIS WHOLE THING PANS OUT.