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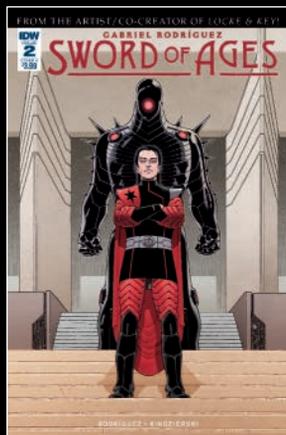
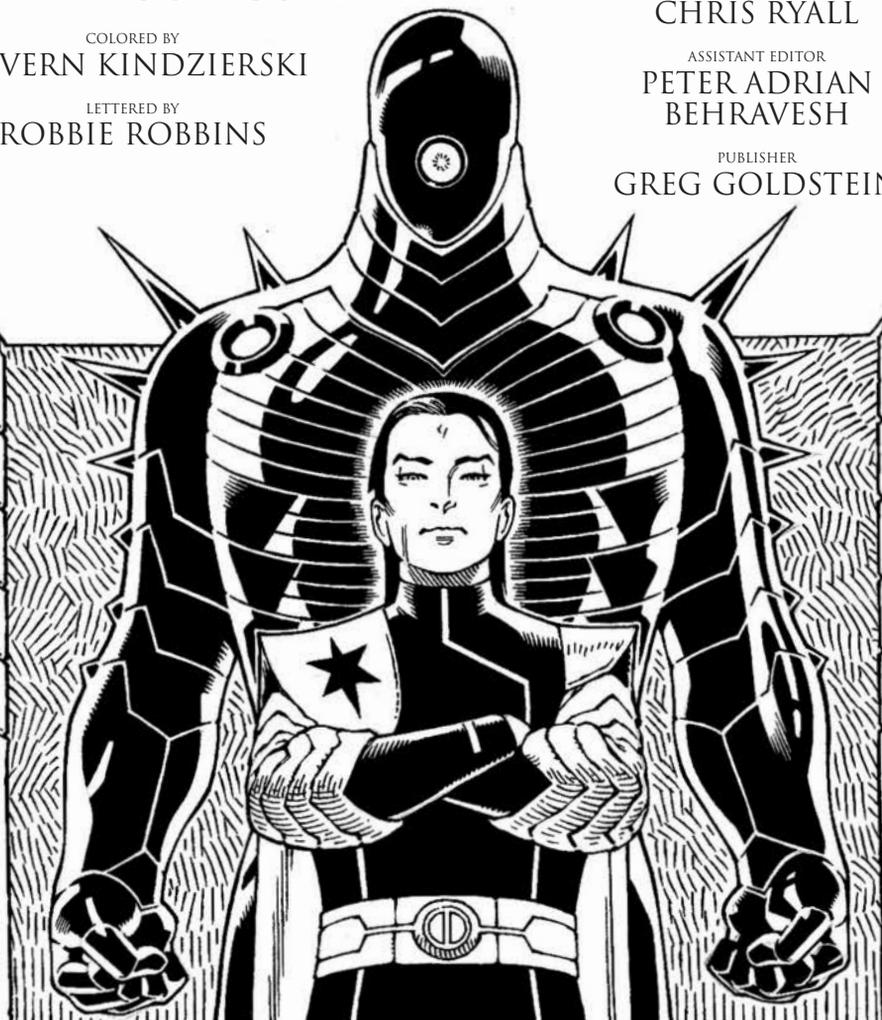
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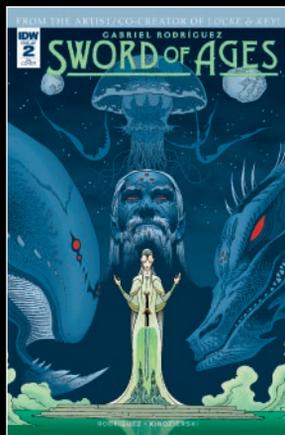
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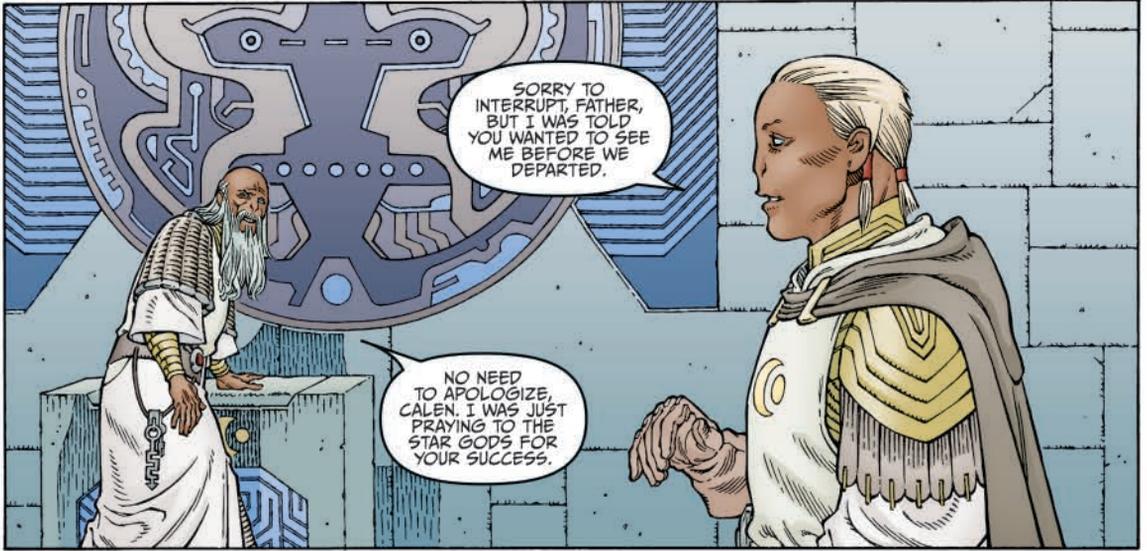


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MILORD HUSS,
LORD CALEN IS
HERE.

THANK YOU.
PLEASE LET
HIM IN.



SORRY TO
INTERRUPT, FATHER,
BUT I WAS TOLD
YOU WANTED TO SEE
ME BEFORE WE
DEPARTED.

NO NEED
TO APOLOGIZE,
CALEN. I WAS JUST
PRAYING TO THE
STAR GODS FOR
YOUR SUCCESS.

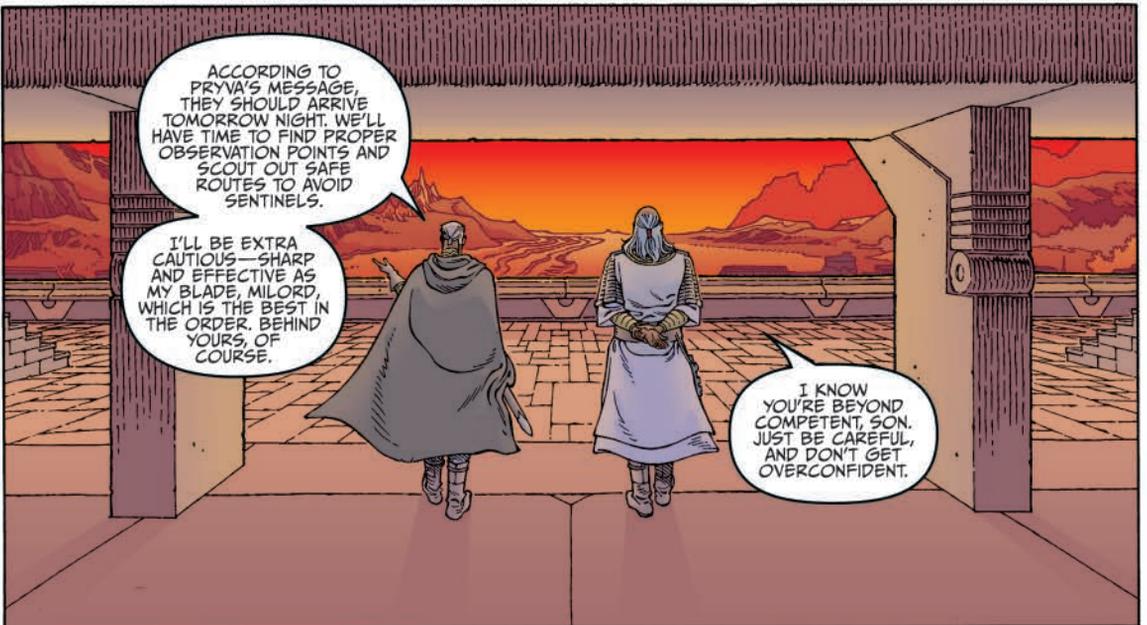
THE WHITE MONKS OF CALEDIA



I APPRECIATE
YOUR CONCERN,
BUT THIS SHOULD
BE A ROUTINE
MISSION.

SO YOU SAY,
BUT MY DREAMS HAVE
GROWN DARKER LATELY.
I FEAR THEY MAY BE
AN ILL OMEN...

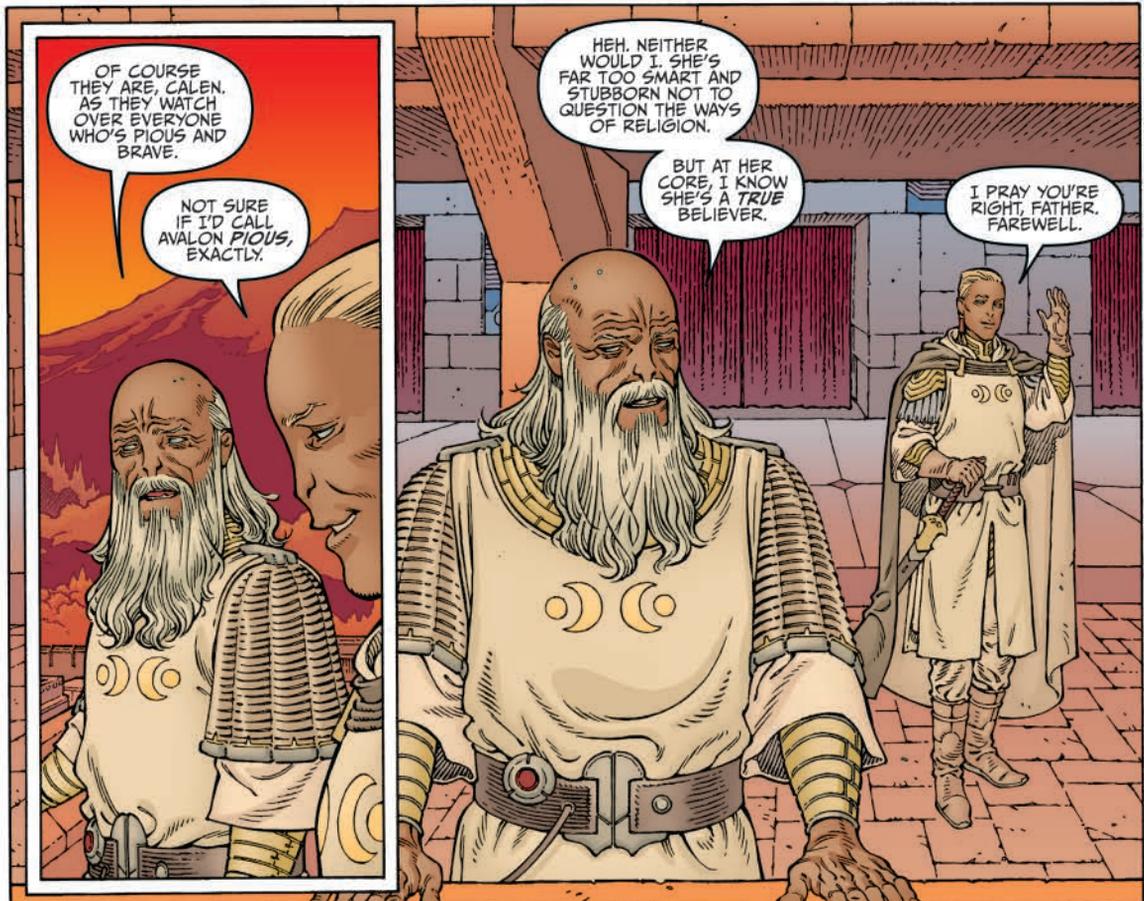
...A WARNING
ABOUT BOSS OURGON'S
MYSTERIOUS NEW ALLIES.



ACCORDING TO
PRYVA'S MESSAGE,
THEY SHOULD ARRIVE
TOMORROW NIGHT. WE'LL
HAVE TIME TO FIND PROPER
OBSERVATION POINTS AND
SCOUT OUT SAFE
ROUTES TO AVOID
SENTINELS.

I'LL BE EXTRA
CAUTIOUS—SHARP
AND EFFECTIVE AS
MY BLADE, MILORD,
WHICH IS THE BEST IN
THE ORDER, BEHIND
YOURS, OF
COURSE.

I KNOW
YOU'RE BEYOND
COMPETENT, SON.
JUST BE CAREFUL,
AND DON'T GET
OVERCONFIDENT.





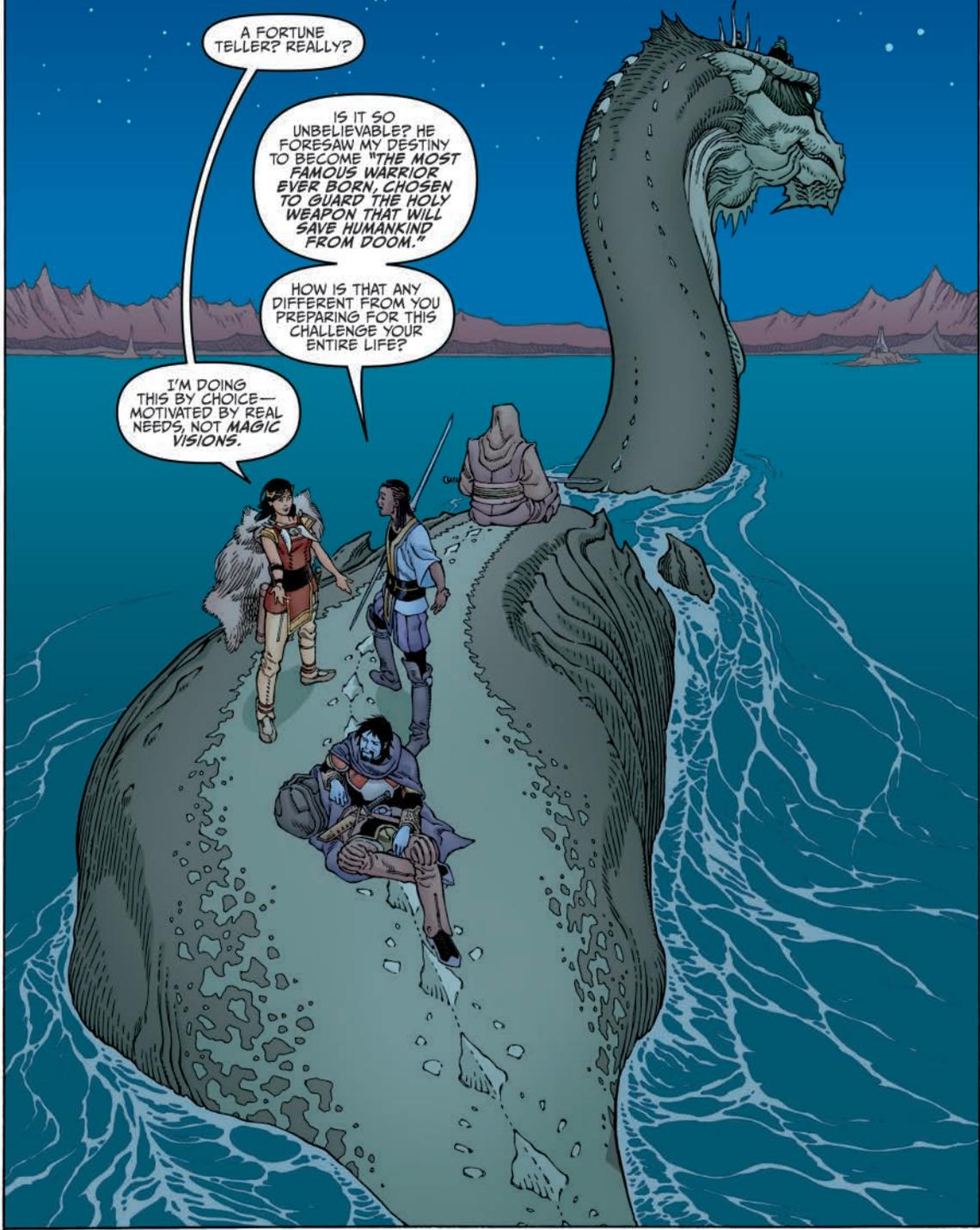
WHAT?
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.

A FORTUNE
TELLER? REALLY?

IS IT SO
UNBELIEVABLE? HE
FORESAW MY DESTINY
TO BECOME "THE MOST
FAMOUS WARRIOR
EVER BORN, CHOSEN
TO GUARD THE HOLY
WEAPON THAT WILL
SAVE HUMANKIND
FROM DOOM."

HOW IS THAT ANY
DIFFERENT FROM YOU
PREPARING FOR THIS
CHALLENGE YOUR
ENTIRE LIFE?

I'M DOING
THIS BY CHOICE—
MOTIVATED BY REAL
NEEDS, NOT MAGIC
VISIONS.





DON'T MAKE FUN OF HIM. HE TRULY BELIEVES HE'S BEEN CHOSEN.

BUT CHOOSING THIS IN THE NAME OF ALTRUISM? THAT'S MUCH HARDER TO BUY, DEAR.

I THINK WE CAN SKIP YOUR CYNICISM.



LOOK, GIRL, THE QUIET ERRAND MONK OVER THERE MIGHT BE FUCKED UP ENOUGH TO BELIEVE IN HIGHER PURPOSES, BUT YOU SEEM WAY TOO NORMAL FOR THAT.

IDEALISM IS A POOR MOTIVATION FOR REGULAR FOLKS.



AT LEAST I ADMIT I'M OUT HERE FOR PROFIT.

YOU THINK THE POINT OF THIS IS TO BE REWARDED?

I THINK WHATEVER SPECIAL THING WAITS FOR US AT THE END OF THE PIXIES' RAINBOW COULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE RIGHT BUYER.

THE SACRED CAVE



WE'LL LEAVE YOU HERE. WHENEVER YOU'RE READY FOR US TO PICK YOU UP, USE THE METAL LID OVER THERE TO DOUSE THE BEACON.

ALL RIGHT.



IS IT COLD DOWN THERE?

NOT AT ALL. YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR CAPES UP HERE AND RETRIEVE THEM WHEN YOU RETURN.

IT'S DARKER IN THE STAIRCASE, BUT THERE SHOULD BE ENOUGH LIGHT ONCE YOU REACH THE GROTTO.

NO PROBLEM. I HAVE A LIGHT.

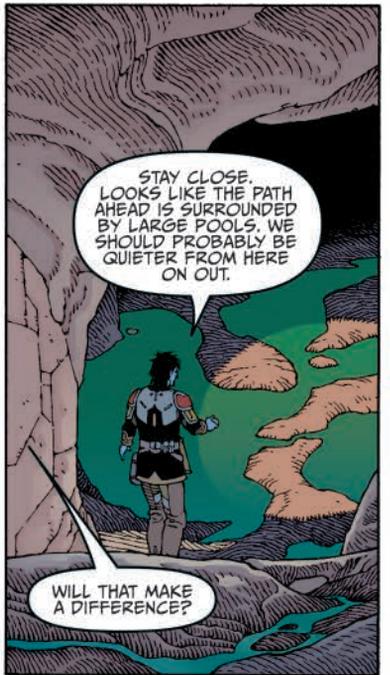


BETWEEN THE WATER AND THE WARMTH, YOU'D THINK IT WOULD BE SUFFOCATING DOWN HERE, BUT THE AIR FEELS LIGHT AND CLEAN.



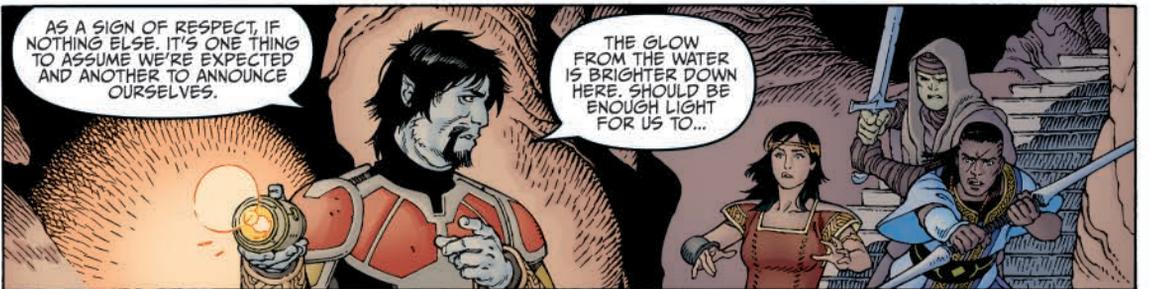
COMFORT IS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE US COMPLACENT. TO FORGET WE'RE BEING WATCHED. DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU NERVOUS?

NERVOUS? I'D SAY EXCITED. I'M READY FOR ANYTHING.



STAY CLOSE. LOOKS LIKE THE PATH AHEAD IS SURROUNDED BY LARGE POOLS. WE SHOULD PROBABLY BE QUIETER FROM HERE ON OUT.

WILL THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



AS A SIGN OF RESPECT, IF NOTHING ELSE, IT'S ONE THING TO ASSUME WE'RE EXPECTED AND ANOTHER TO ANNOUNCE OURSELVES.

THE GLOW FROM THE WATER IS BRIGHTER DOWN HERE. SHOULD BE ENOUGH LIGHT FOR US TO...



WHAT?