



nce upon a time...

COME QUICK!



OH HANS, I-I THINK IT MIGHT BE DEAD!



GLOMPSH

AARGH



IT BIT ME!

MOTHER! MOTHER!

TINK TINK



MY GODS! WHAT'S HAPPENED?

THE FAIRY DID IT! LOOK, THERE IT GOES!

TINK TINK TINK TINK

BAAH MEEAH

BAAH









DOWN!  
GET THAT  
ARM  
DOWN!

WHAT D'Y  
THINK WE'RE  
*TRYIN'*  
T' DO?

STOP  
POKING IT AN'  
HELP US WITH  
THE RUDDY  
CHAIN!







... THAT'S ALL VERY WELL, MR. HITCHIN BUT WHAT ABOUT HER *FIRST BORN*? ANSWER ME THAT!

MADAM, I C'N ONLY REFER YOU TO OUR POLICY, WHICH I ASSUME YOU READ IN FULL *BEFORE* YOU PURCHASED THE CREATURE?

WHAT IN *BLAZES*?

OOPH

WHUMP



OUTLANDER IDIOT! YOU ALMOST *KILLED* US!

WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE PLAYIN' AT, EH?

MY STOCK!

EVERY LAST ONE OF THE *BUGGERS*!



CAN YOU 'EAR ME?

ARE YOU LISTENIN'?

I SAID, I 'OPE YOU'RE RICH, MISSUS! COS YOU OWE ME MORE'N A THOUSAND CROWNS!





YOU SEE YOU PAY HIM, MIND! HE OWES ME THIRTY FOR THE VICIOUS FIEND WHAT BIT OUR GRETA!



WHA-WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?

I'M NOT PAYING ANYONE ANYTHING. I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY...



GET BACK HERE, YOU! SOMEONE FETCH THE WATCH!

...DIDN'T LAND ON THE DWARVES STALL YOU'LL NOTICE...

...DOESN'T LOOK ENTIRELY HUMAN DOES SHE? MIND YOU THESE OUTLANDERS HAVE THEIR OWN WAYS...

LOOKS LIKE A RUDDY TREE-DWELLER! WHAT'S IT DOING IN THE CITY?

MAKIN' TROUBLE! AND ON THE DAY O' THE ROYAL VISIT!



NO. THAT'S NOT... I'M NOT...

... WHY ARE THEY SAYING THAT?



WHAT...? WHAT AM I EVEN DOING HERE?





TALIA HAS OUTDONE HERSELF, MY DEAR. HER CAVALRY *GLEAMS* LIKE TREASURE.

EVEN THE KITCHEN WAGONS ARE IMMACULATE.  
THAT'S TALIA FOR YOU-- *EVERYTHING* HAS TO BE PERFECT.



I-I CAN'T SAY I RECALL ACTUALLY *MEETING* THEIR HIGHNESSES BEFORE, DEAR...

OF COURSE YOU DO, DARLING, THEY CAME TO OUR WEDDING. WE WENT TO THEIRS.

HONESTLY, YOUR MEMORY IS GETTING WORSE. HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING YOUR INFUSIONS?

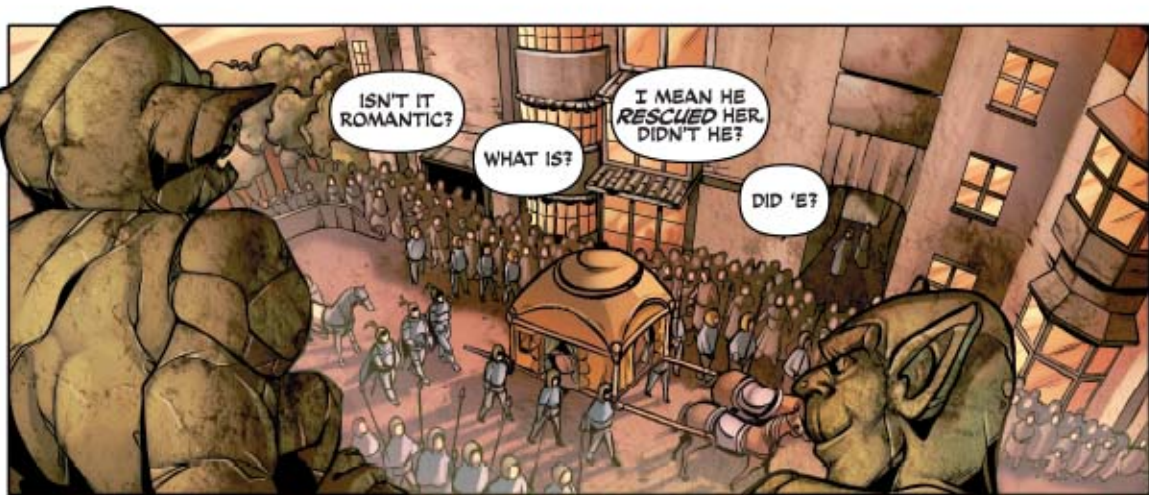


THIS COMPACT IS *INCREDIBLY* IMPORTANT, DEAR. WE NEED TO BE AT OUR VERY BEST FOR THIS VISIT!









ISN'T IT ROMANTIC?

I MEAN HE *RESCUED* HER. DIDN'T HE?

WHAT IS?

DID 'E?



YOU KNOW HE DID! RESCUED HER FROM... FROM...

'ANG ON. SHE WAS ASLEEP. WASN'T SHE?



THAT'S IT! ASLEEP!

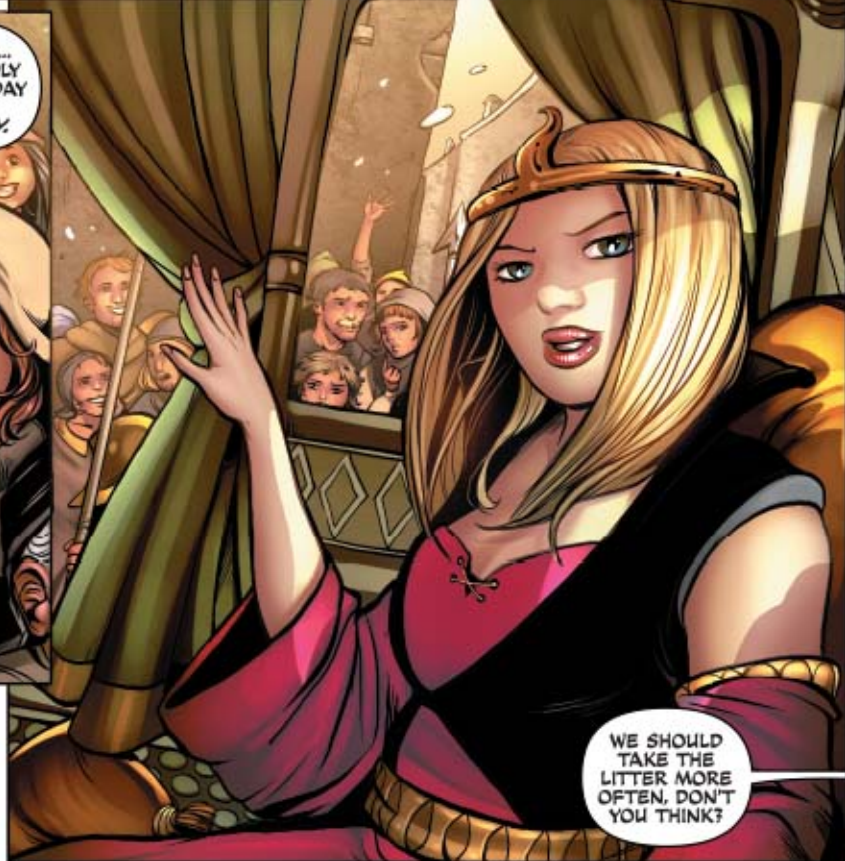
FOR... FOR... A *HUNDRED* YEARS...? WAS IT?



LOVELY COUPLE, OF COURSE. LOVELY.

PERFECT, REALLY.

YET... SHE... SHE HARDLY LOOKS A DAY OVER *TWENTY*.



WE SHOULD TAKE THE LITTER MORE OFTEN. DON'T YOU THINK?













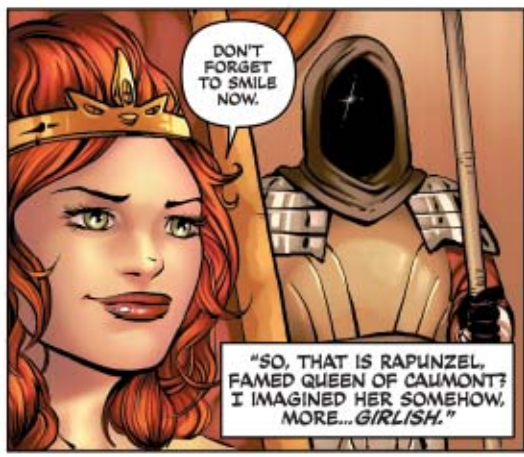
THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, QUEEN RAPUNZEL AND KING PERSINE!

LONG LIVE THE KING AND QUEEN!

IS...IS EVERYONE HERE?



YES, MY LOVE, ALL OF THEM.



DON'T FORGET TO SMILE NOW.

"SO, THAT IS RAPUNZEL, FAMED QUEEN OF CAUMONT? I IMAGINED HER SOMEHOW, MORE... GIRLISH."



OBSVIOUSLY HER MAJESTY TAKES HER POSITION VERY...SERIOUSLY, MUSTARDSEED. NOW, HOLD YOUR TONGUE.

HA! ASK THE WIND NOT TO BLOW WHY DON'T YOU!



THANK YOU, NAPAIOS, I AM QUITE AWARE OF THE FUTILITY OF MANY OF MY REQUESTS.

THE IMP IS BUT A WHELP, SIRE. HE WILL LEARN, IN TIME.

RATHER A WHELP, THAN THE PRODUCT OF SOME CAPRICIOUS GOAT HERD AND HIS PRIZE NANNY!



