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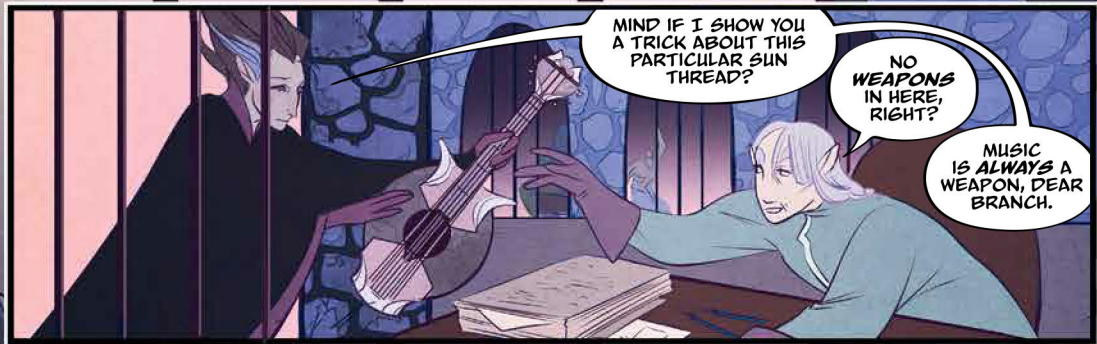
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HAVEN'T SEEN  
ANYTHING LIKE THIS SINCE  
I WAS A  
TWIG.

I COULDN'T  
TELL, YOU REALLY  
MAKE IT SING.

YOU'RE  
BEING KIND, OR  
MOCKING. HARD  
TO TELL WITH  
YOU SONG  
TELLERS.



MIND IF I SHOW YOU  
A TRICK ABOUT THIS  
PARTICULAR SUN  
THREAD?

NO  
WEAPONS  
IN HERE,  
RIGHT?

MUSIC  
IS ALWAYS A  
WEAPON, DEAR  
BRANCH.

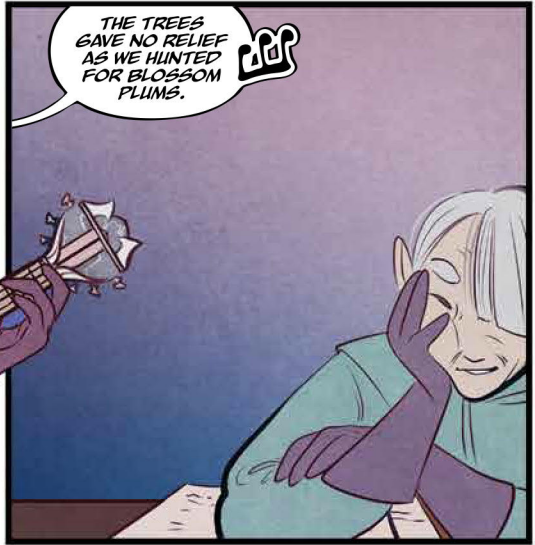


AAHHH...HMMMM...  
DUMMMM...OKAY THEN,  
THIS IS ONE MY MOTHER  
SANG TO ME WHEN I  
WAS YOUNG.





THE GROUND WAS WET BENEATH MY FEET AS I RAN UNDER THE HEAT OF THREE SUNS.



THE TREES GAVE NO RELIEF AS WE HUNTED FOR BLOSSOM PLUMS.



WE WANTED TO FEEL ITS PULP UPON OUR TONGUES...



MY FATHER USED TO SING THIS... KEEP GOING...



OF COURSE... AS WE SEARCHED--



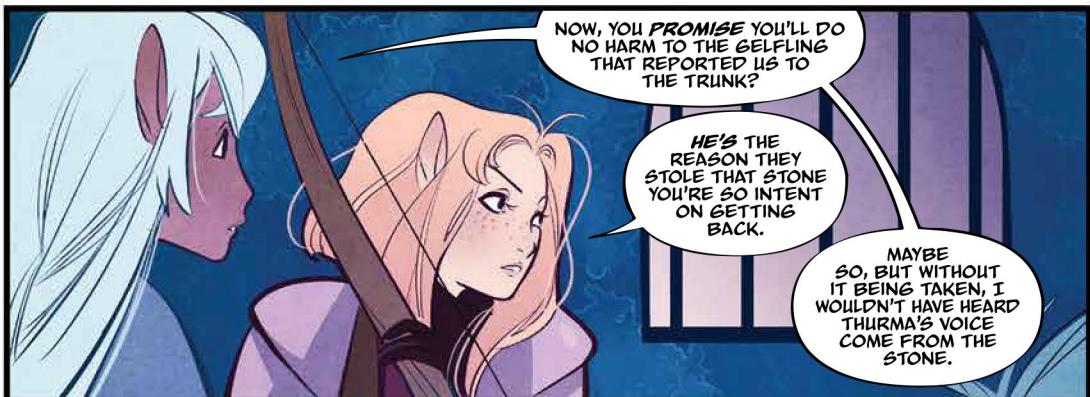
"--FOR BLOSSOM PLUMS."



NOW, YOU *PROMISE* YOU'LL DO NO HARM TO THE GELFLING THAT REPORTED US TO THE TRUNK?

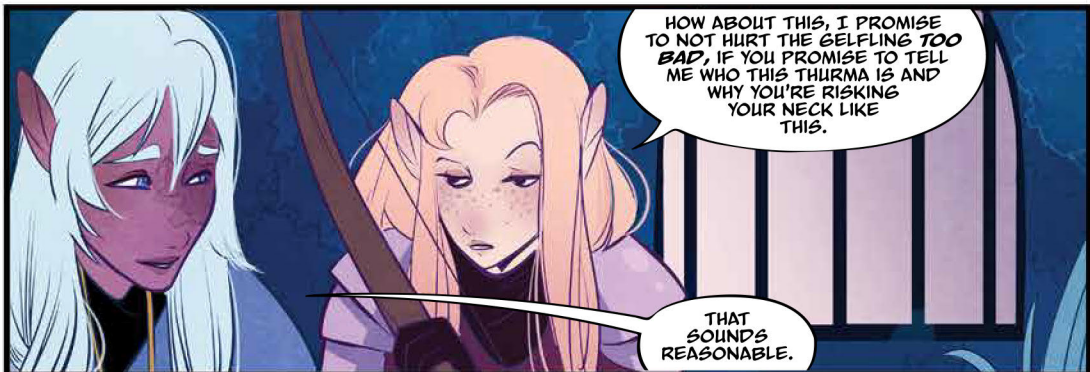
*HE'S* THE REASON THEY STOLE THAT STONE YOU'RE SO INTENT ON GETTING BACK.

MAYBE SO, BUT WITHOUT IT BEING TAKEN, I WOULDN'T HAVE HEARD THURMA'S VOICE COME FROM THE STONE.



HOW ABOUT THIS, I PROMISE TO NOT HURT THE GELFLING *TOO BAD*, IF YOU PROMISE TO TELL ME WHO THIS THURMA IS AND WHY YOU'RE RISKING YOUR NECK LIKE THIS.

THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE.



ALRIGHT THEN, WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

GET INSIDE THE PRISON.





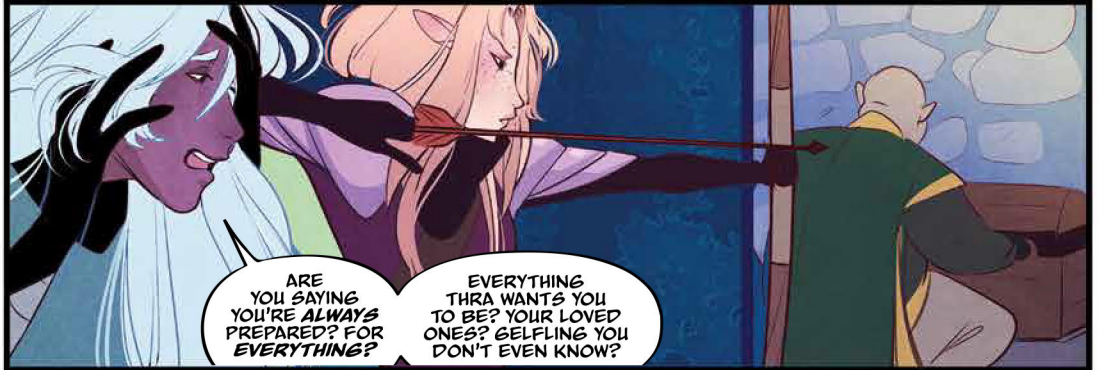


AND THEN?  
THAT'S AS FAR AS I GOT BEFORE YOU SHOWED UP.

OF COURSE IT IS.

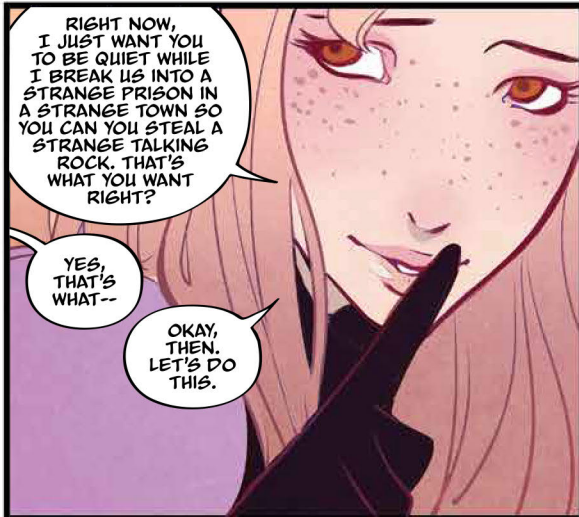


THIS WHOLE "NEVER HAVING A PLAN" THING IS PRETTY EXHAUSTING, KENSHO.



ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE ALWAYS PREPARED? FOR EVERYTHING?

EVERYTHING THRA WANTS YOU TO BE? YOUR LOVED ONES? GELFLING YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW?



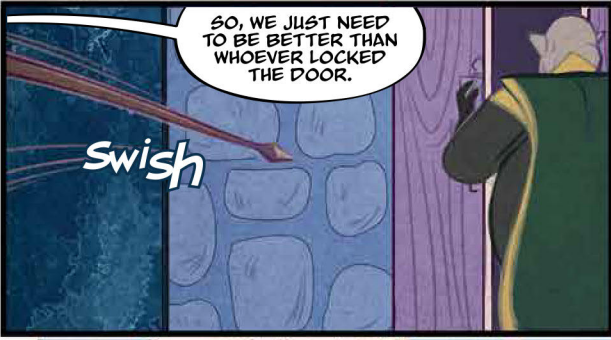
RIGHT NOW, I JUST WANT YOU TO BE QUIET WHILE I BREAK US INTO A STRANGE PRISON IN A STRANGE TOWN SO YOU CAN STEAL A STRANGE TALKING ROCK. THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT RIGHT?

YES, THAT'S WHAT--

OKAY, THEN. LET'S DO THIS.







SO, WE JUST NEED TO BE BETTER THAN WHOEVER LOCKED THE DOOR.

Swish



THUNK



WHICH IS NORMALLY THE TWINS' JOB... BUT LUCKILY FOR YOU...



I MAY BE THE **BEST** ARCHER IN THE CRYSTAL CASTLE BY THE TIME WE GET BACK.



WHEN WE GET IN THERE, FOLLOW MY LEAD, BE SAFE...



AND ABOVE ALL ELSE...