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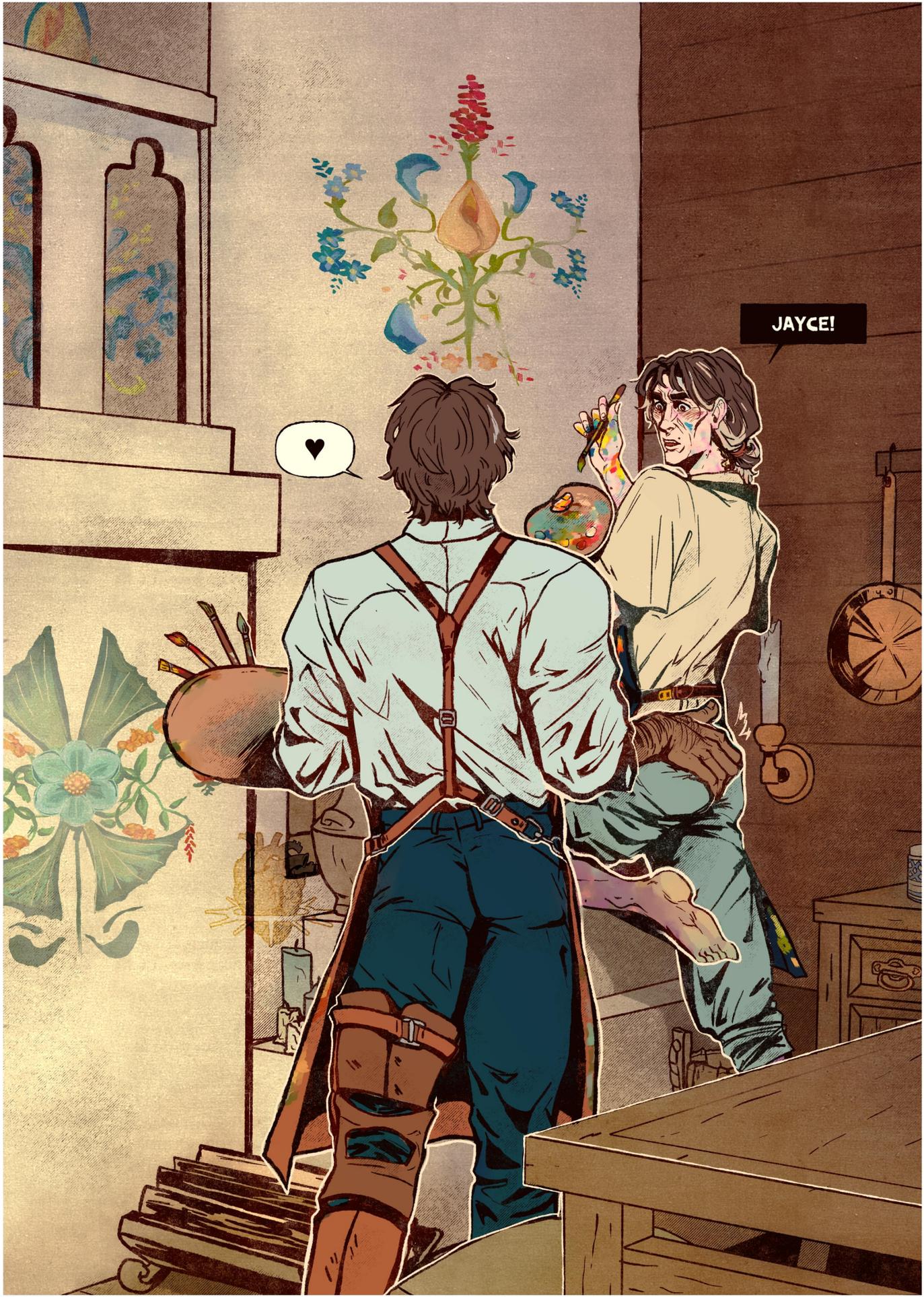
- From the Spanish verb 'querer'; to want, to desire, and to love. (...) The place where people feel most secure, gain the strength of their character and feel at home.



- **RATED T**
- **40 PAGES (+ EXTRAS)**
- **POST-CANON, ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS, DOMESTIC FLUFF.**

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JAYCE!



IT WAS A SURPRISE TO BOTH OF US
THAT WE HAD SURVIVED.



WE EACH HAD OUR THEORIES:



I BELIEVED THAT WE
WERE SCATTERED WITHIN
THE ARCANÉ ITSELF,

ADRIFT IN ITS CURRENT
LIKE LEAVES DOWN A RIVER.

OUR PHYSICAL FORMS WERE
PERHAPS MERE ILLUSIONS
HELD TOGETHER BY MEMORY.

BOTH HIS
RECOLLECTION,

AND MINE.



JAYCE BELIEVED THAT WE WERE RECONSTRUCTED AS BEST AS THE HEXCORE UNDERSTOOD HOW,

BUT WITH SO MANY DISPARATE PARTS NEEDED TO FIX OUR MANGLED BODIES,

WE HAD BECOME ENTWINED WITH MANY DIFFERENT UNIVERSES.

OUR WORKING HYPOTHESIS MET SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE.

REGARDLESS OF THE SPECIFICS,

WE WASTED NO TIME EXPLORING THE NATURE OF MY CONNECTION TO THE ARCANE.



**WE HAVE TRAVELLED
THROUGHOUT DOZENS,**



AND DOZENS,



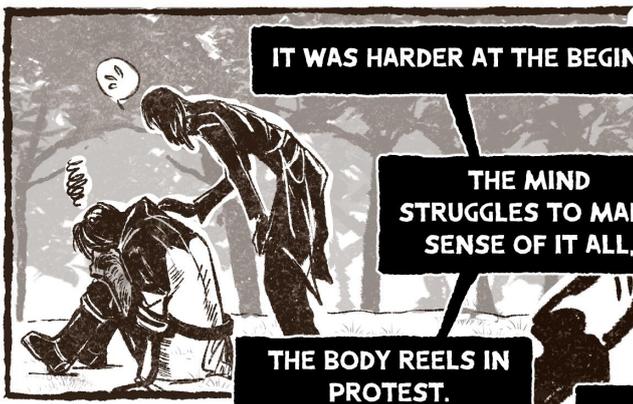
OF UNIVERSES.



SOME FAMILIAR...



**... OTHERS, ENTIRELY
FOREIGN TO US**



IT WAS HARDER AT THE BEGINNING.

**THE MIND
STRUGGLES TO MAKE
SENSE OF IT ALL,**

**THE BODY REELS IN
PROTEST.**

**BUT NOW, IT TAKES ONLY A
FEW DAYS TO RECOVER.**



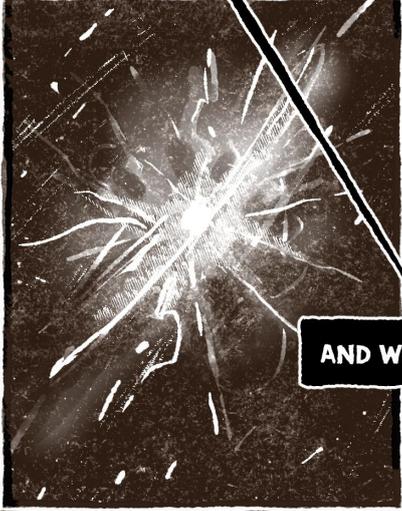
**IN EVERY TIMELINE,
IN ALL POSSIBILITIES,
WE SEARCH FOR ANSWERS.**

RUNES AND TECHNOLOGY,

RESEARCH RELATED TO THE ARCAINE,

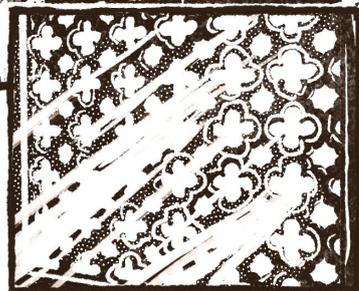
SIGNS OF DIVINITY...

**WHATEVER WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND
WHAT HAPPENED TO US,**



AND WHAT WE HAVE BECOME.

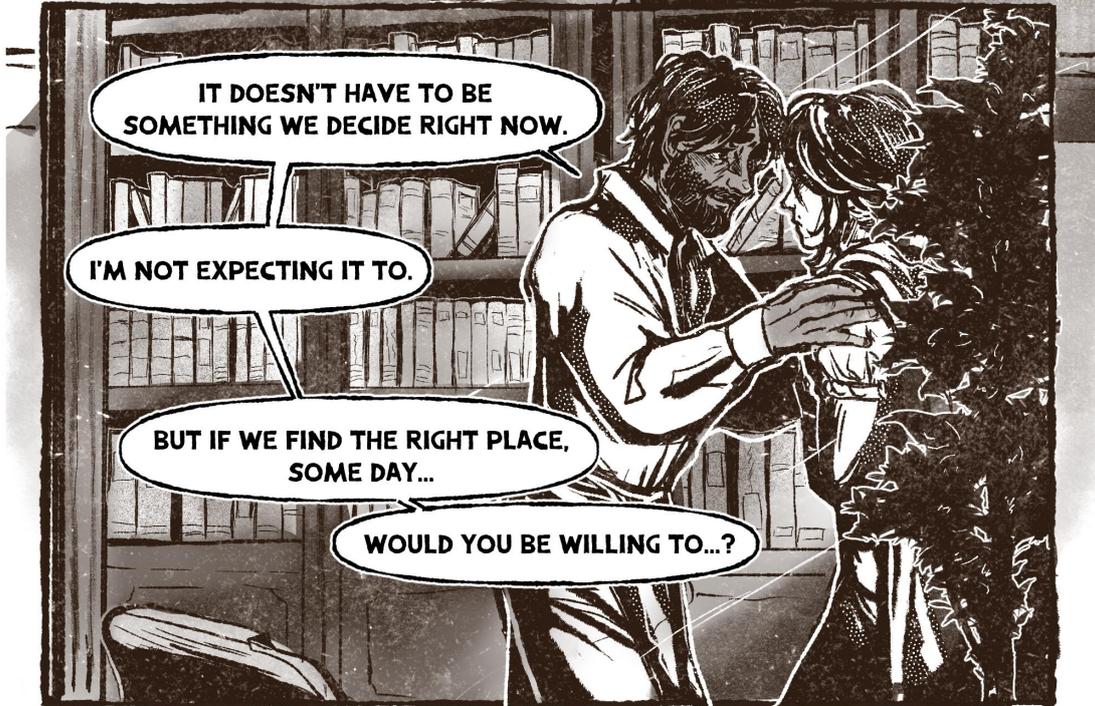






ALL THE MULTIVERSE AT
YOUR FINGERTIPS...

... AND YOU WANT TO CHOOSE
JUST ONE WORLD?



IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE
SOMETHING WE DECIDE RIGHT NOW.

I'M NOT EXPECTING IT TO.

BUT IF WE FIND THE RIGHT PLACE,
SOME DAY...

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO...?





**WE CANNOT CONTROL
WHERE WE END UP.**

**EVERY JUMP TAKES US
SOMEWHERE NEW.**



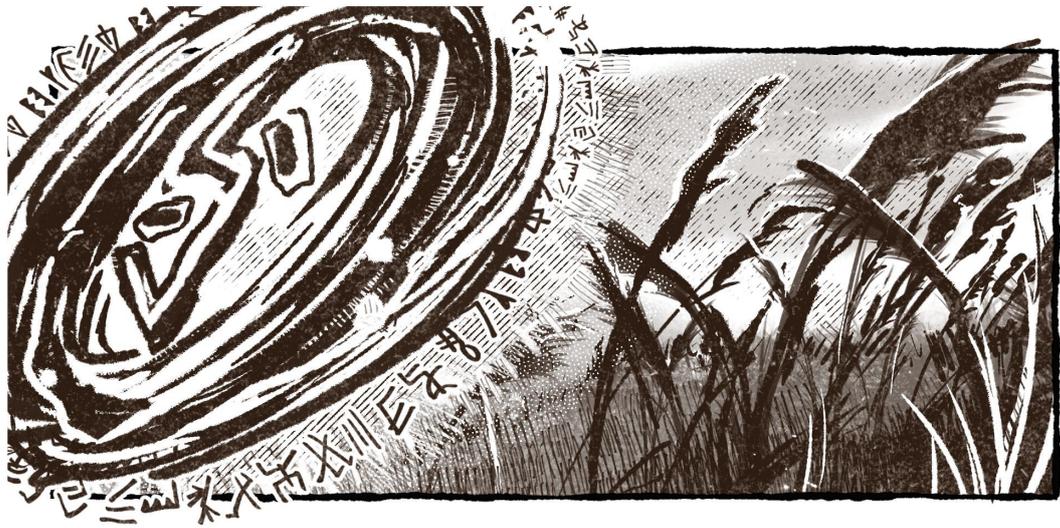
**AND WE HAVE NEVER
DOUBLED BACK ON A UNIVERSE,
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.**

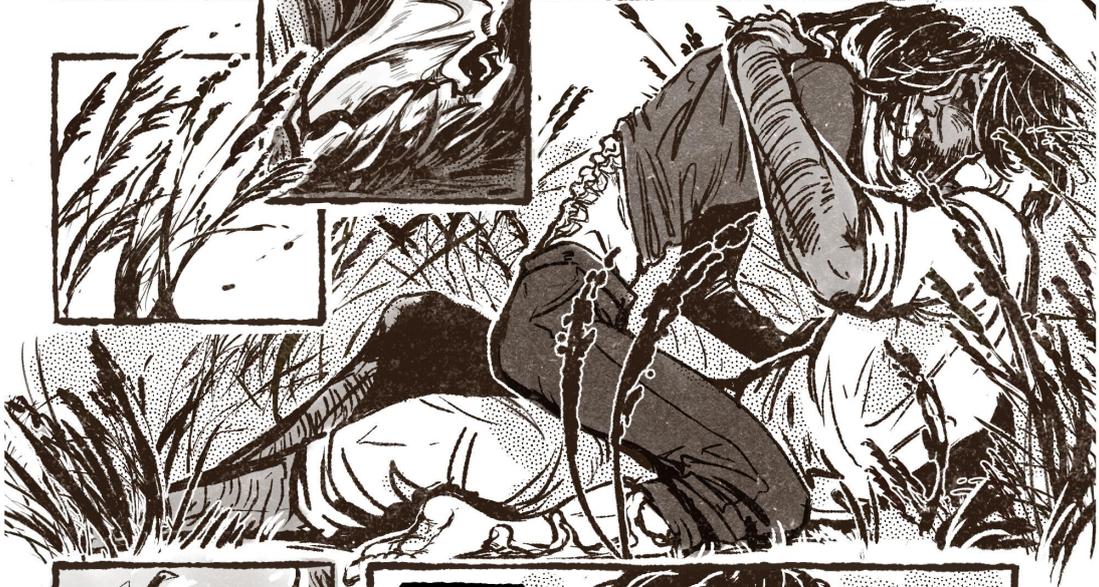


OUR OWN IS LIKELY FOREVER LOST TO US.



... I STILL CANNOT DECIDE IF THAT IS A POSITIVE THING OR NOT.







I WANT YOU.



WHA-REALLY?

HERE?



YES.

BUT-

NOW.

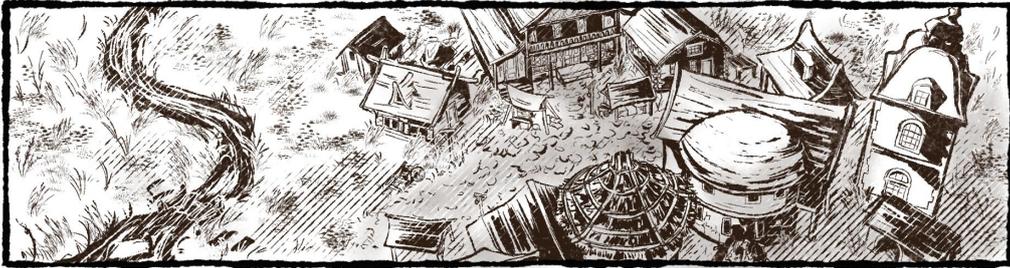


Ahh-

hmm

ha-

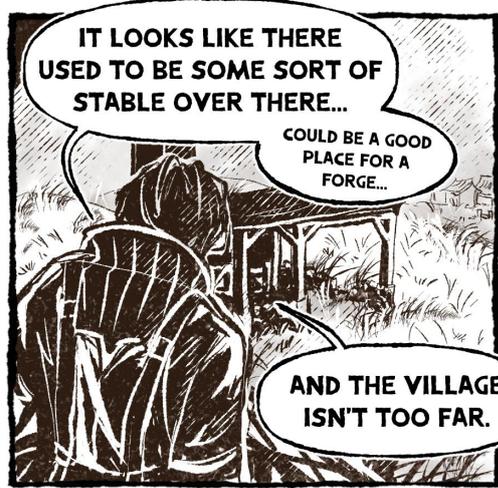
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WE COULD MAKE THIS WORK.

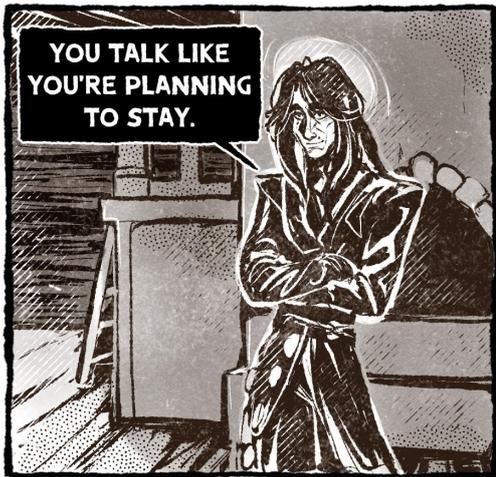
THE FOUNDATIONS SEEM PRETTY SOLID.



IT LOOKS LIKE THERE USED TO BE SOME SORT OF STABLE OVER THERE...

COULD BE A GOOD PLACE FOR A FORGE...

AND THE VILLAGE ISN'T TOO FAR.

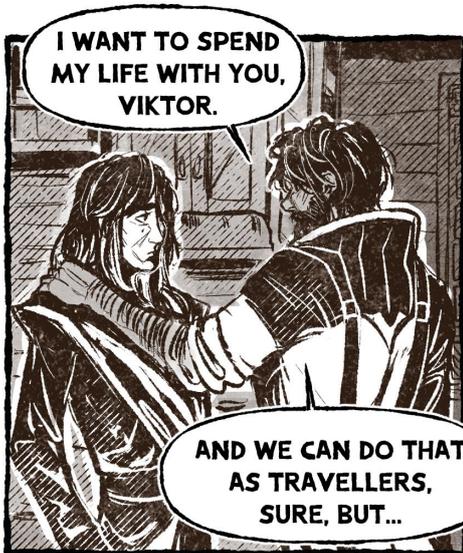


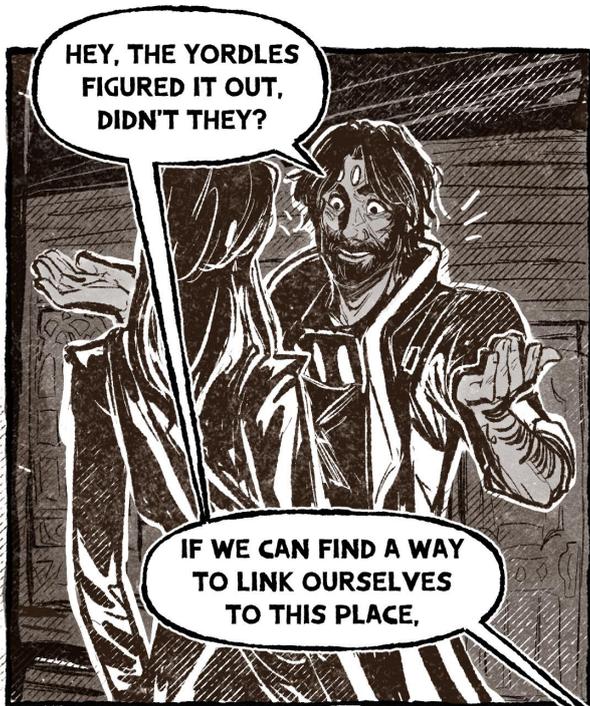
YOU TALK LIKE YOU'RE PLANNING TO STAY.



WOULD THAT BE SO BAD?

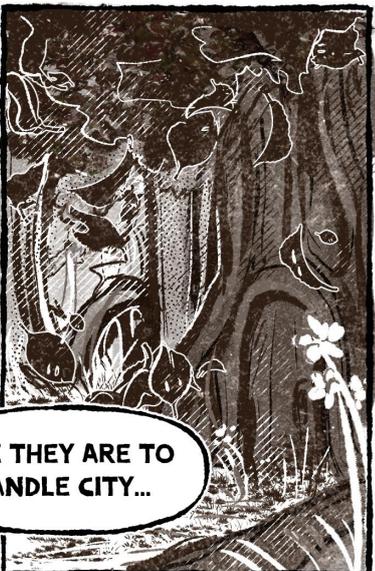






HEY, THE YORDLES FIGURED IT OUT, DIDN'T THEY?

IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO LINK OURSELVES TO THIS PLACE,



LIKE THEY ARE TO BANDLE CITY...

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE...

SOME STABILITY..



IF YOU'RE STILL NOT READY, THAT'S OKAY.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE HERE.



WHAT IF I'M NEVER READY?

OR WHAT IF I WANT TO LEAVE?



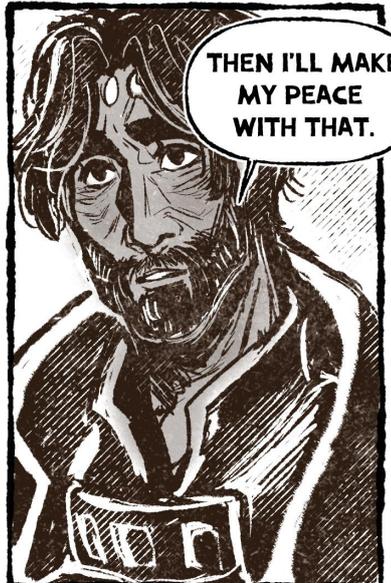
OR IF WE HAVE TO LEAVE,



AND LET GO OF WHATEVER'S HERE...



...



THEN I'LL MAKE MY PEACE WITH THAT.



YOU'RE MY
WORLD, V.

IF YOU WANT
US TO LEAVE
IN A MONTH,

A YEAR,

TEN YEARS...



THAT'S FINE.
WE'LL ADAPT.

I'M WITH
YOU, NO
MATTER
WHAT.



WE DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT
THIS PLACE, JAYCE.

HEY,
NOWHERE IS
PERFECT!

BUT WE CAN LEARN.

WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK.



GIVE ME SOME TIME
TO THINK ABOUT IT.



A TRIAL RUN, IF YOU WILL.



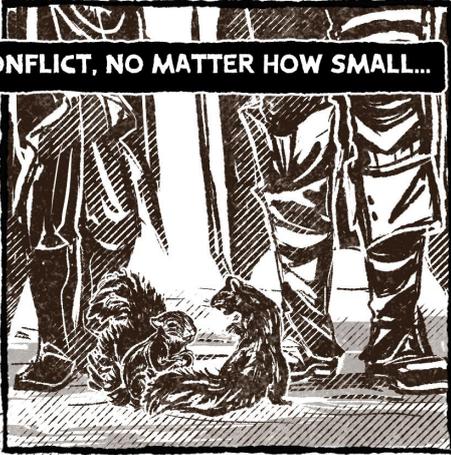
OF COURSE.

ANYTHING.

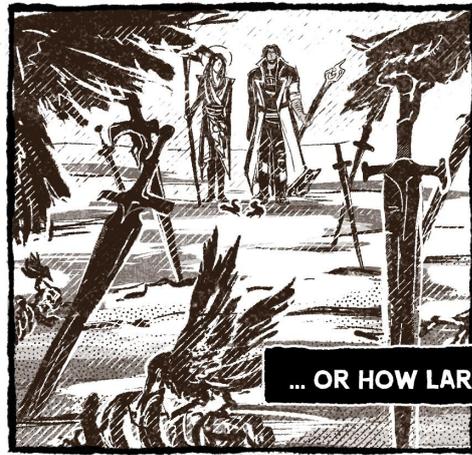


THERE ARE CONSTANTS WITHIN EVERY UNIVERSE.

CONFLICT, NO MATTER HOW SMALL...



... OR HOW LARGE.



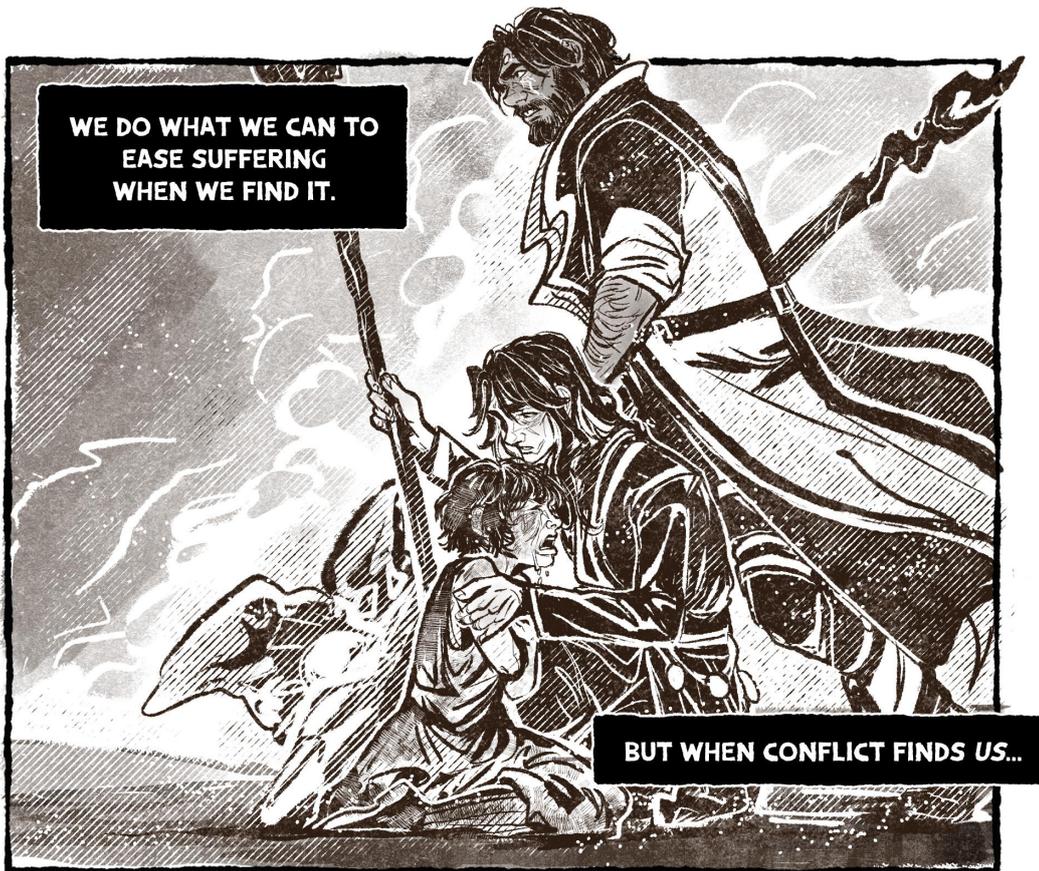
**IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE
TO GET INVOLVED IN EVERYTHING.**

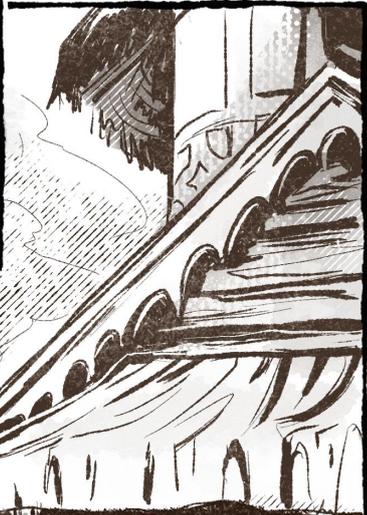
**ESPECIALLY AS
MERE VISITORS
TO THESE TIMELINES.**

**OUR PRESENCE ALONE
COULD CAUSE IRREPARABLE HARM.**

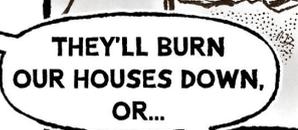
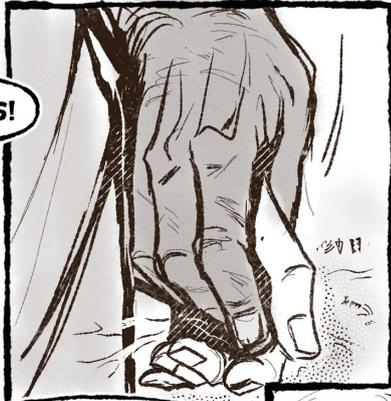
... TO SAY NOTHING OF MY OTHER APPEARANCE.













WHAT, THEN WE'D HAVE TO LEAVE?



AND THIS LITTLE DOMESTIC FANTASY OF YOURS WOULD HAVE TO-



I... I'M SORRY, JAYCE.

I DIDN'T MEAN THAT.



I KNOW.

IT'S OKAY...

YOU'RE JUST FRUSTRATED, AND I UNDERSTAND



LOOK... YOU ARE RIGHT.

WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING.

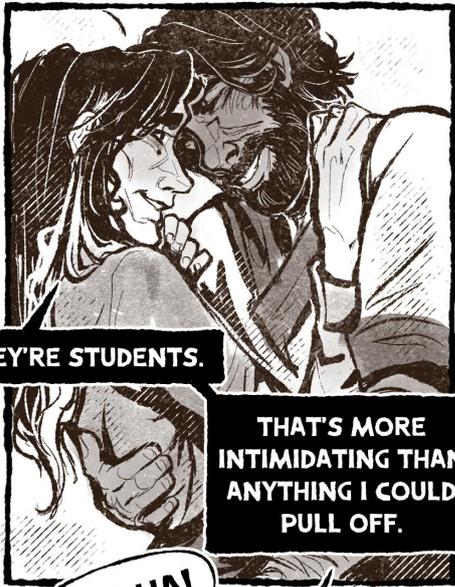
I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO BE IN THE LINE OF FIRE, HERE.



THEN STAND WITH ME.

**WE ARE BOTH MAGES,
ARE WE NOT?**

... I CAN'T EXACTLY
DO MUCH BESIDES
READ SOME SCARY
MATHS TO THEM.



THEY'RE STUDENTS.

**THAT'S MORE
INTIMIDATING THAN
ANYTHING I COULD
PULL OFF.**

AHAHA!
TRUE, TRUE...





HALT.



WHO'S THIS OLD MAN?



...

HEY, STOP PLAYING AROUND WITH US.

MOVE, OLD GUY.

WHO EVEN ARE YOU?



THIS VILLAGE IS UNDER
THE COMMAND OF THE
HEXLORD*.

YOU WILL LEAVE
AT ONCE.

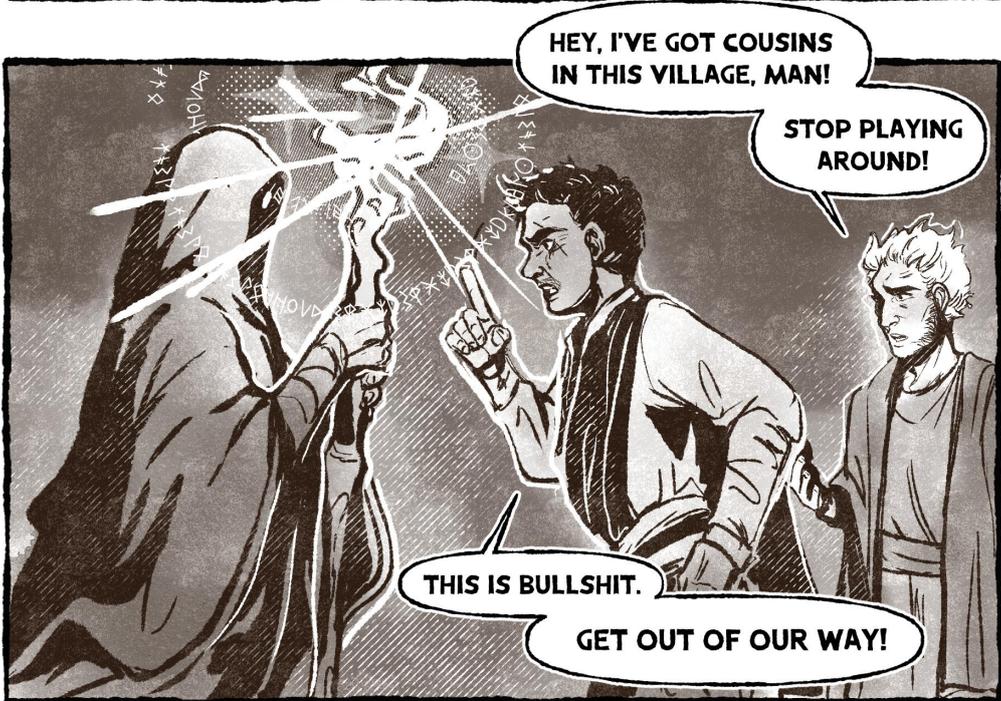
* NEITHER ONE OF THEM COULD THINK OF A BETTER NAME.





YOU MAY NOT ENTER.

THIS TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE ARE UNDER MY CONTROL.



HEY, I'VE GOT COUSINS IN THIS VILLAGE, MAN!

STOP PLAYING AROUND!

THIS IS BULLSHIT.

GET OUT OF OUR WAY!



I SUMMON THEE, DEMON!



TELL THE OTHERS,
THIS VILLAGE IS
OFF-LIMITS!

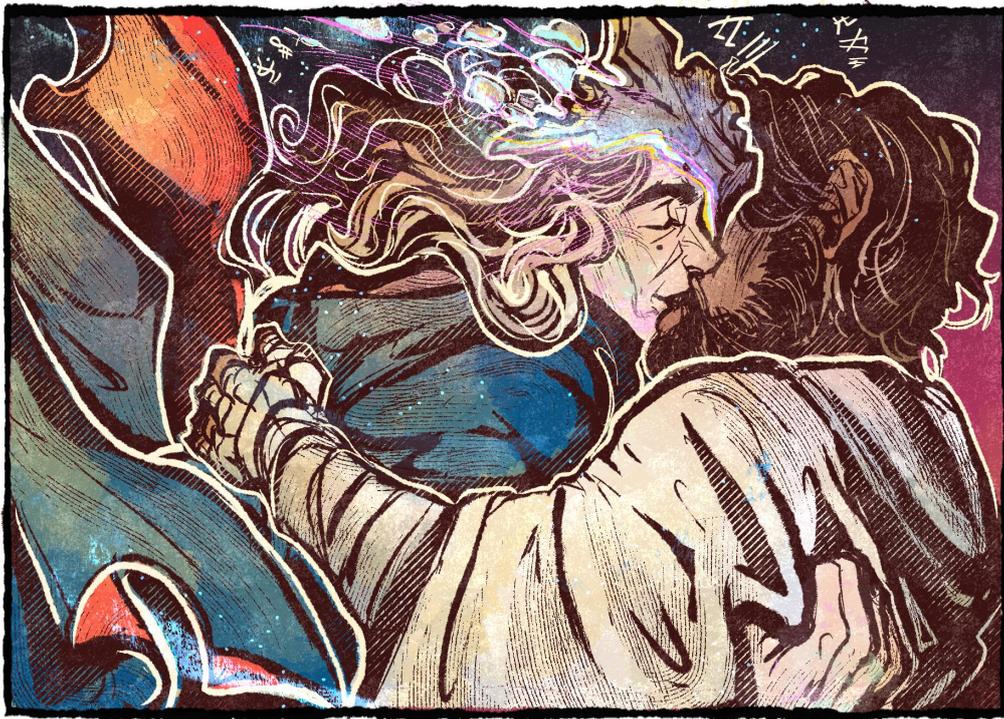
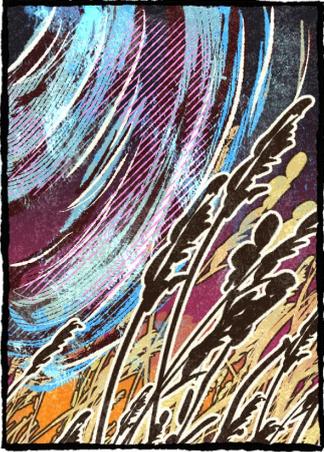
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IS THAT REAL?

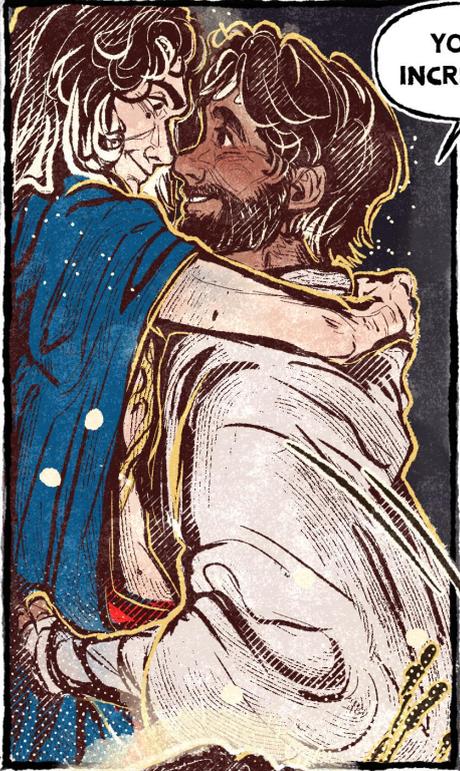
WHAT THE FUCK-

WHO CARES IF
IT IS, JUST RUN!









YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!

MM...
THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL OF THAT.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO.



PLEASE, I'VE BEEN WAITING MY WHOLE LIFE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.



THAT WORKED SURPRISINGLY WELL FOR A FIRST TRIAL.

HOW DID YOU GET US SO CLOSE TO THE HOUSE?



I... SUPPOSE I HAVE COME
TO THINK OF THIS PLACE
AS HOME.

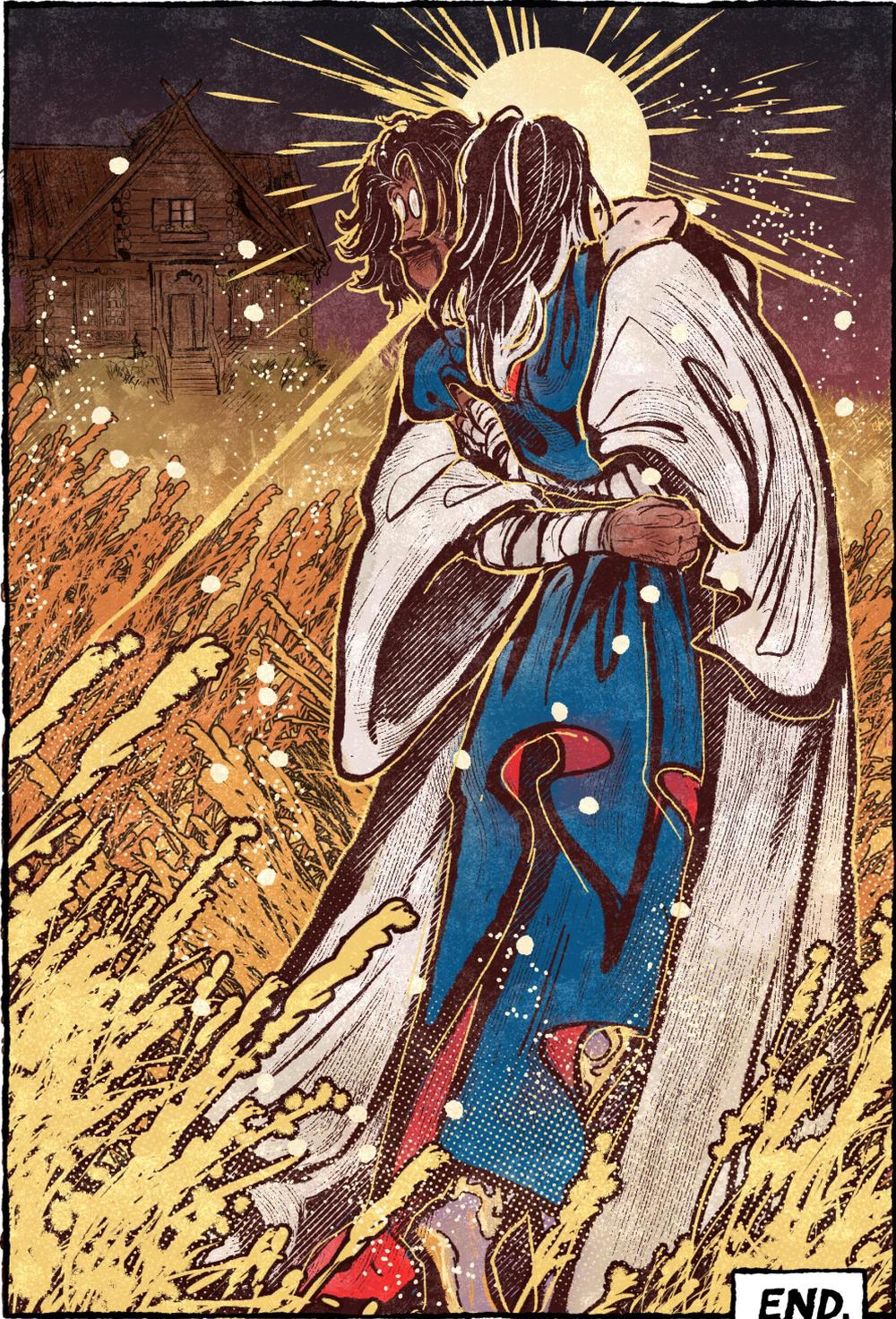
IF I HAD TO CHOOSE
ANY PHYSICAL LOCATION...

I THINK THAT HELPED
STRENGTHEN THE
TETHER WE SET.



SO DOES
THAT MEAN...?

YES,
I'M IN NO HURRY TO LEAVE.



THANK YOU FOR READING

I STARTED THIS COMIC AROUND 5, 6 MONTHS FROM THE TIME OF WRITING THIS, MOSTLY AS A WAY TO DISTRACT MYSELF FROM THE LAST FEW SEMESTERS OF MY BACHLOR'S DEGREE. NOW I'M FOCUSING ON APPLYING TO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AND WRAPPING UP MY TIME IN THIS CITY, EAGER TO MOVE ONTO BETTER THINGS!

THROUGHOUT MY TIME IN THE JV FANDOM, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN NOTHING BUT KIND AND SUPPORTIVE. YOUR CONTINUED ENCOURAGEMENT, COMMENTARY, AND INSPIRATION THROUGH THE WORKS OF FELLOW ARTISTS HAVE MADE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE. I FEEL TRULY BLESSED TO SHARE A SPACE WITH SO MANY TALLENTED INDIVIDUALS, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING FUTURE WORKS WITH YOU ALL.



EXTRAS

**MONOCHROME SPREADS &
TEXTLESS PAGES**









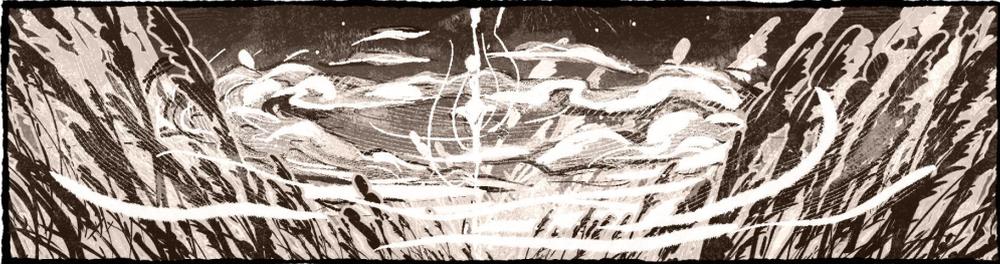
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END.



