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GET IN, SHELLBACK. TIME IS MONEY.

BUT MR. LAKEITH, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PAY YOU-



PAYMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED. TAKE CARE OF THIS YOUNG SHELLBACK. THERE IS ONE MORE CREDITSLIP IN THERE FOR ONE MORE SERVICE.



I WONDER WHAT THIS OTHER CREDITSLIP MUST BE FOR-



PROTECTION MORE LIKE IT.

P-P-PROTECTION?

FROM THOSE WHO WISH TO HARM YOU.



NOW COME, YOUNG SHELLBACK. LET US MAKE HASTE.



W-WH-WHO
WOULD WANT TO
HARM ME?

OR ANYONE
FOR THAT
MATTER?!

PEOPLE WILL
BETRAY YOU IT IS
LIKE *BREATHING*
FOR MOST.



YOUR
GRANDMOTHER
FAILED TO FULLY
TEACH YOU ABOUT
THE WORLD OUTSIDE
AMBERSGARDE.

THE WORLD
IS NOT A KIND
PLACE.

AND
I WOULD
KNOW.

WHAT HAPPENED TO
MRS. DHARMTA?



WHAT ARE
YAPPING
ABOUT?

YOU CANT
KILL ME COS
MR. RINO PAID
YOU TO NOT
KILL ME!

KILL?
YOU? PFFT.
PLEASE.

YOU'RE GOING
TO KILL ME JUST LIKE YOU
DID TO MRS. DHARMTA?
AREN'T YOU?!

WAIT,
WHAT?!



Y-YOU KILLED
HER, RIGHT?



HIYAH
SAM.

FRED.



SOMEONE FALSELY
ACCUSED YOU OF KILLING
MRS. DHARMTA. BUT YOU
DIDN'T! YOU DIDN'T
HARM ANYBODY.

YOU AND YOUR
ILK OF AMBERSGARDE
ALWAYS SO QUICK TO SPREAD
HORRIBLE LIES ABOUT PEOPLE
OR THINGS THAT YOU
DO NOT UNDERSTAND
OR CARE TO.

THEN AGAIN
SO DOES THE
WORLD, THESE
DAYS.



TANGELA WAS
A DEAR FRIEND OF
MINE. MY ONLY
FRIEND.

OUTSIDE OF YOUR
GRANDPARENTS.

OH.

I DIDN'T
KNOW THAT.



TANGIE WAS
A PROUD WOMAN.
DIDN'T TELL ME, DIDN'T
TELL ANYONE THAT
SHE HADN'T PAID RENT
IN SOME TIME.

BUT...
ALL HER STUFF
NOW BELONGS TO
RIND. IT WAS THE ONLY
WAY SHE COULD PAY
HER OUTSTANDING
DEBT.

I OFFERED
TO TAKE HER FOR
FREE BUT...TANGIE
FOUND A WAY TO
GET RIND TO PAY ME
TO TAKE HER TO
HER KIN IN OTH
GR'SGRUXX.





AND NOW HERE
I AM, HIRED INTO TAKING
YOU TO OTH GR'SGRUXX.
SENT BY RINO,
NO LESS.

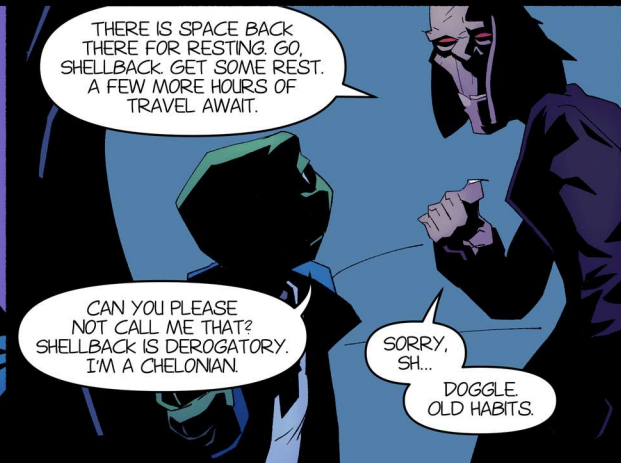
BUT MR. RINO
SEEMED NICE.

RINO OWNS MORE
THAN HALF OF AMBERSGARDE.
RAISING RENT. FORCING PEOPLE
LIKE TANGIE OUT OF HOMES.
CON MAN, AND A CHEAT.



I'VE NEVER
SEEN THIS SIDE OF
HIM THOUGH.

LET US
HOPE YOU NEVER
WILL.



THERE IS SPACE BACK
THERE FOR RESTING. GO,
SHELLBACK. GET SOME REST.
A FEW MORE HOURS OF
TRAVEL AWAIT.

CAN YOU PLEASE
NOT CALL ME THAT?
SHELLBACK IS DEROGATORY.
I'M A CHELONIAN.

SORRY,
SH...

DOGGLE
OLD HABITS.

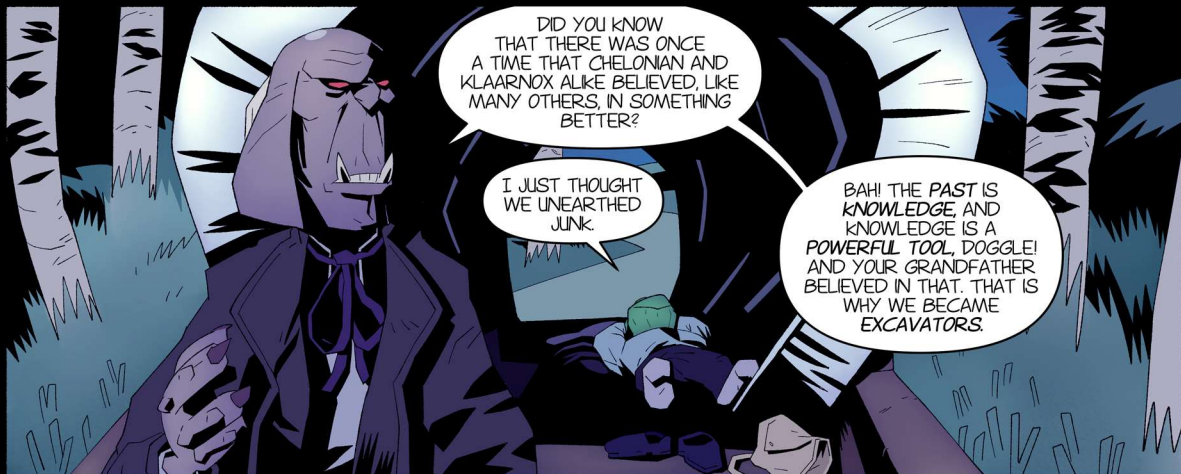


M-MR.
LAKEITH?



HRM?

HOW DID YOU
KNOW GRANDPA? WAS IT
JUST BECAUSE HE LIVED
IN TOWN OR--









ALL THAT NOISE? THE CITY IS LOUD!

NOT A FAN OF IT MYSELF.



MY PART TO PLAY IS DONE FR NOW. NOT YOUR GUIDE.

YOU'LL MEET WHOEVER IT IS INSIDE YONDER. I'M HEADIN' HOME.



BE SAFE, MR. LAKEITH TELL MY GRANDMA I WON'T LET WHAT HAPPENED TO MRS. DHARMTA HAPPEN TO HER.



WAIT.

WH-WHAT IS THAT?

CONSIDER IT A PARTING GIFT.



OLD ARTIFACT I FOUND. HELPS BLOCK OUT THE STUPID NOISE.

I DON'T... KNOW WHAT TO SAY.



YOU START WITH A THANK YOU.

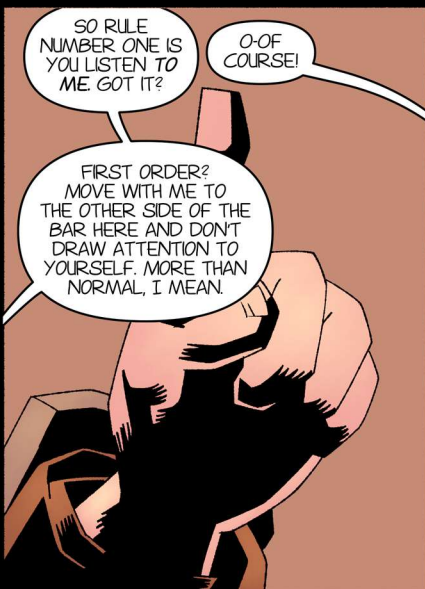
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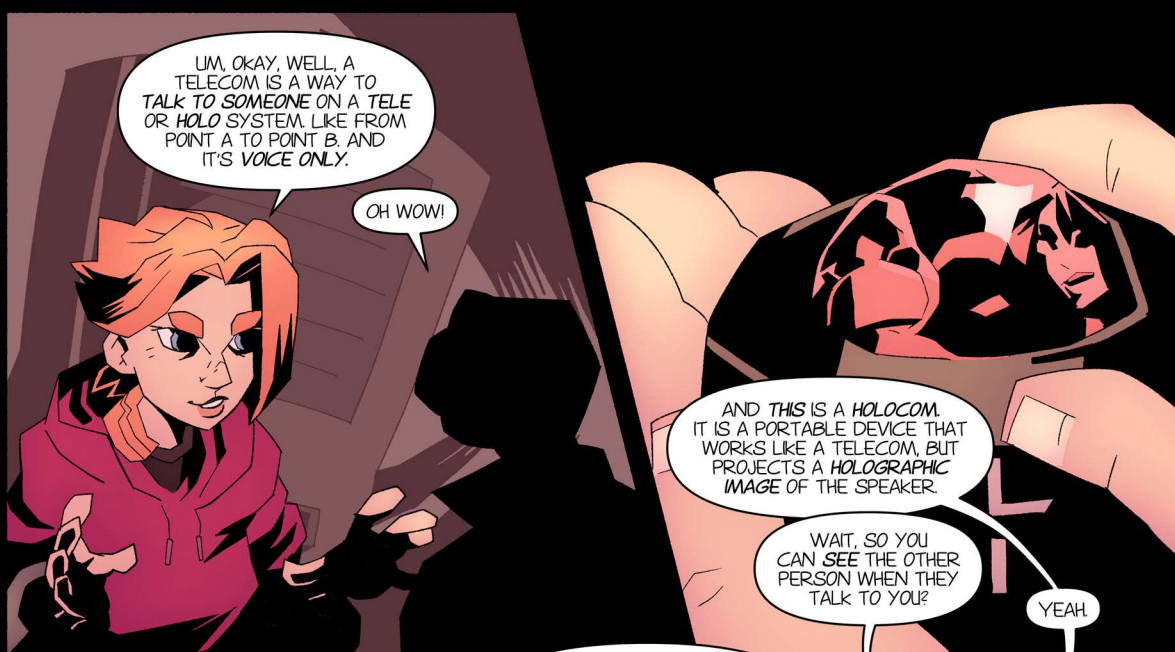
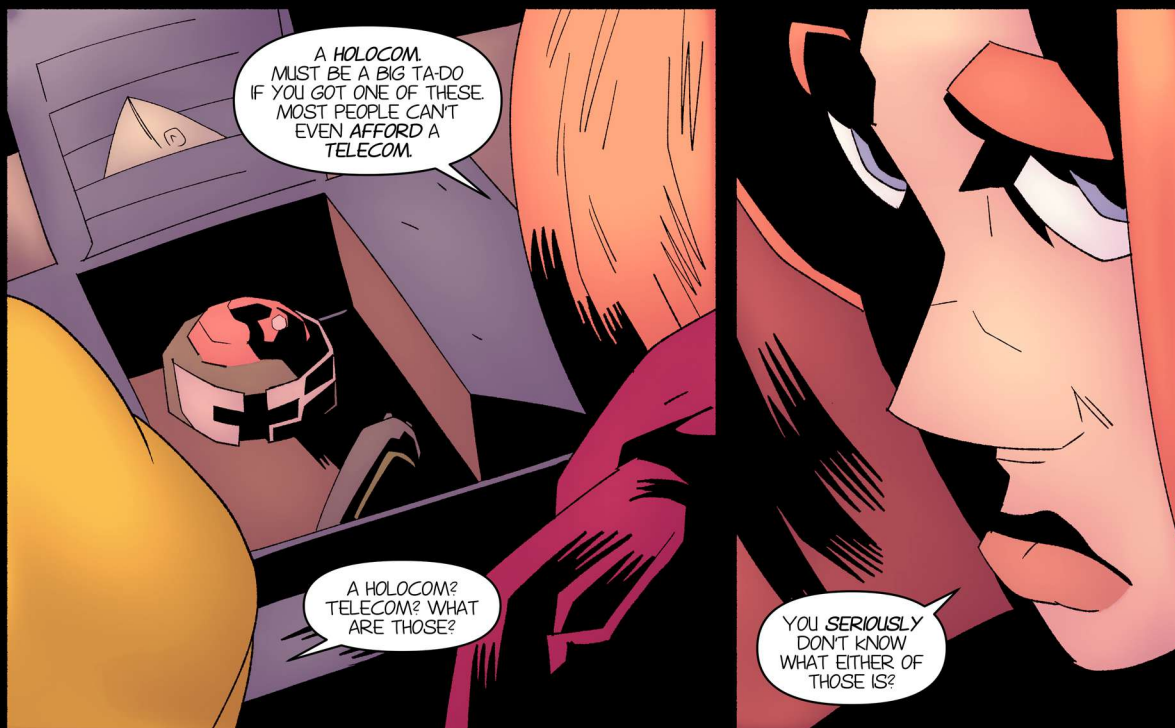








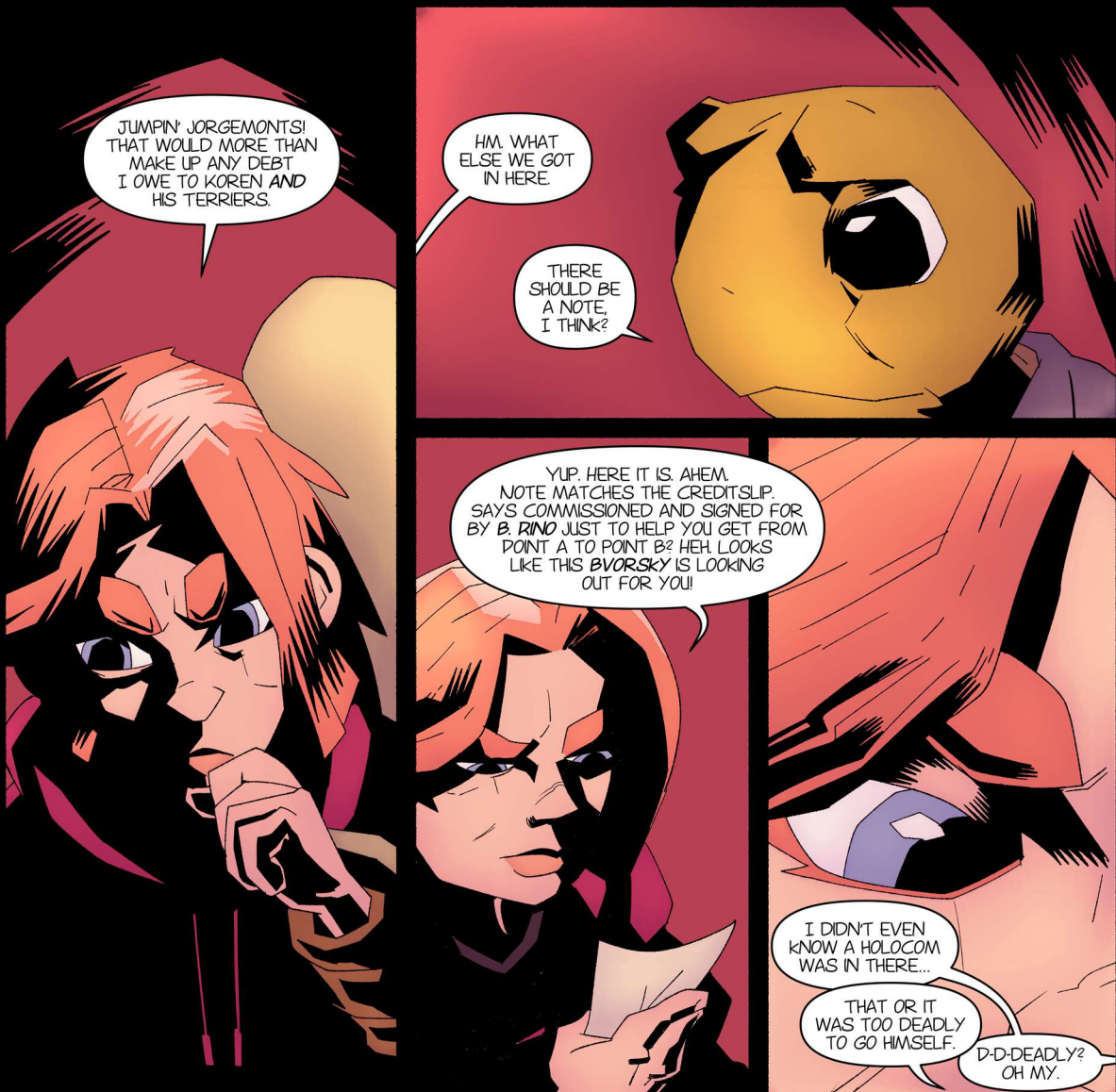






WHAT ELSE
YOU GOT HERE.
AH. A CREDITSLIP
FOR--

GEEZ-A-LOUI!



JUMPIN' JORGEMONTS!
THAT WOULD MORE THAN
MAKE UP ANY DEBT
I OWE TO KOREN AND
HIS TERRIERS.

HM. WHAT
ELSE WE GOT
IN HERE.

THERE
SHOULD BE
A NOTE,
I THINK?

YUP. HERE IT IS. AHEM.
NOTE MATCHES THE CREDITSLIP.
SAYS COMMISSIONED AND SIGNED FOR
BY B. RIND JUST TO HELP YOU GET FROM
POINT A TO POINT B? HEH. LOOKS
LIKE THIS BVORSKY IS LOOKING
OUT FOR YOU!

I DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW A HOLOCOM
WAS IN THERE...

THAT OR IT
WAS TOO DEADLY
TO GO HIMSELF.

D-D-DEADLY?
OH MY.





BVORSKY RINO...
BVORSKY RINO...
HEY KNOTTEN!!

WHAT NOW, CLARKE

A DRINK HERE FOR MY COMPADRE AND ME. ALSO, I HAVE A QUESTION. YOU KNOW STUFF ABOUT THINGS.

OH YEAH ALL THE STUFF.



CAN I USE THE BATHROOM?

WHAT? OH, YEAH, SURE, KID.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, CLARKE?!



THE NAME BVORSKY RINO SOUND FAMILIAR TO YOU? HE MAY BE INVOLVED IN A THING I'M DOIN'.

YEAH, NOT HEARD THAT NAME IN A WHILE. I KNOW HIM PERSONALLY.



OL' BVORSKY AND ME GO WAY BACK. FOUGHT IN THE MILITIA TOGETHER BEFORE THE SOVEREIGN DISCHARGED THE LOT OF US. ALWAYS SAID HE WOULD MOVE UP IN THE WORLD.





EXCUSE ME...



I UNDERSTAND
YOU KNOW WHERE
A SHELLBACK IS.

SHELLBACKS
NEVER COME
THIS WAY.



AND
YET, "THEY"
SAID ONE
WAS WITH
YOU.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKIN' ABOUT
SO BUG OFF.



I THINK YOU
BEST WATCH IT,
FELINE.



JIWON,
WHAT THE HECK
ARE YOU-

WHERE IS THE
SHELLBACK? WHERE
IS THE ONE KNOWN
AS DOGGLE?



POOOMB!

BOTH OF YOU CUT THAT OUT!

IT IS YOU!

YOU ARE THE ONE WITH THE SHELLBACK!

POOOMB!

POOOMB!



PHOM-B!

KNOTTEN?

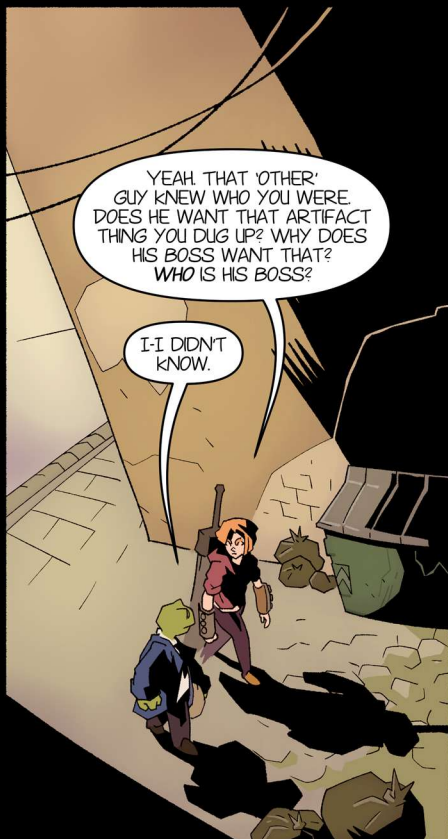
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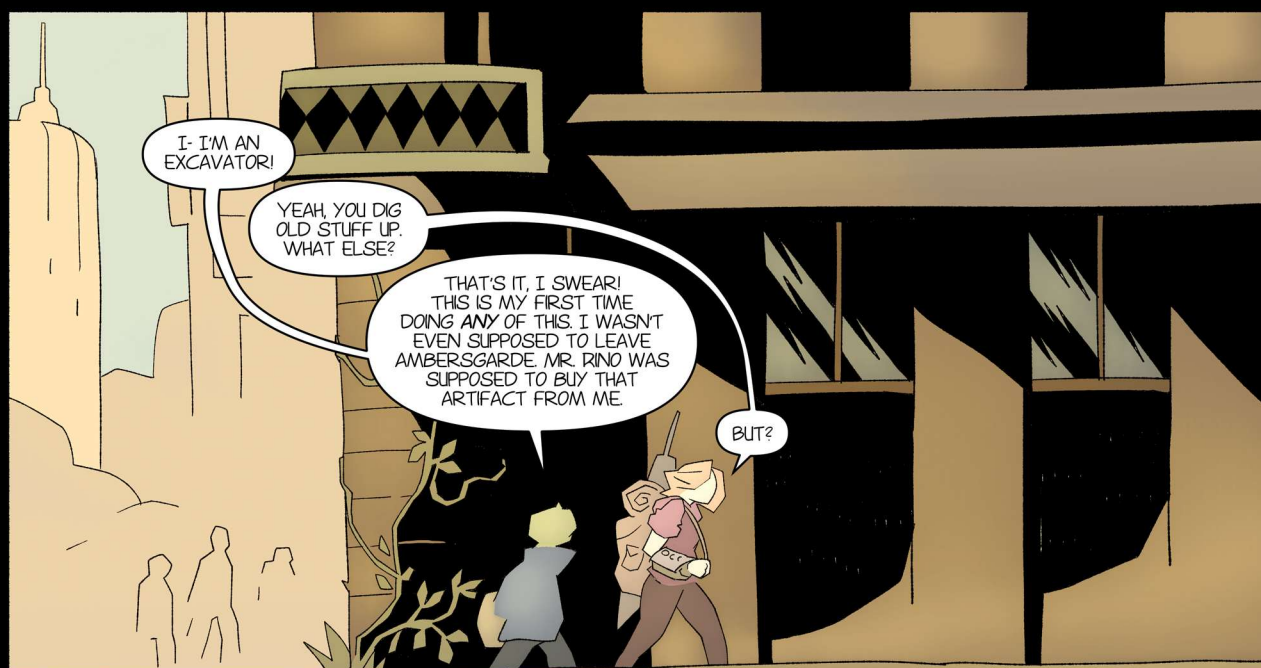
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M PROTECTING YOU. REMEMBER?

BLASTED SAPIEN.







I- I'M AN EXCAVATOR!

YEAH, YOU DIG OLD STUFF UP. WHAT ELSE?

THAT'S IT, I SWEAR! THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING ANY OF THIS. I WASN'T EVEN SUPPOSED TO LEAVE AMBERSGARDE MR. RINO WAS SUPPOSED TO BUY THAT ARTIFACT FROM ME.

BUT?

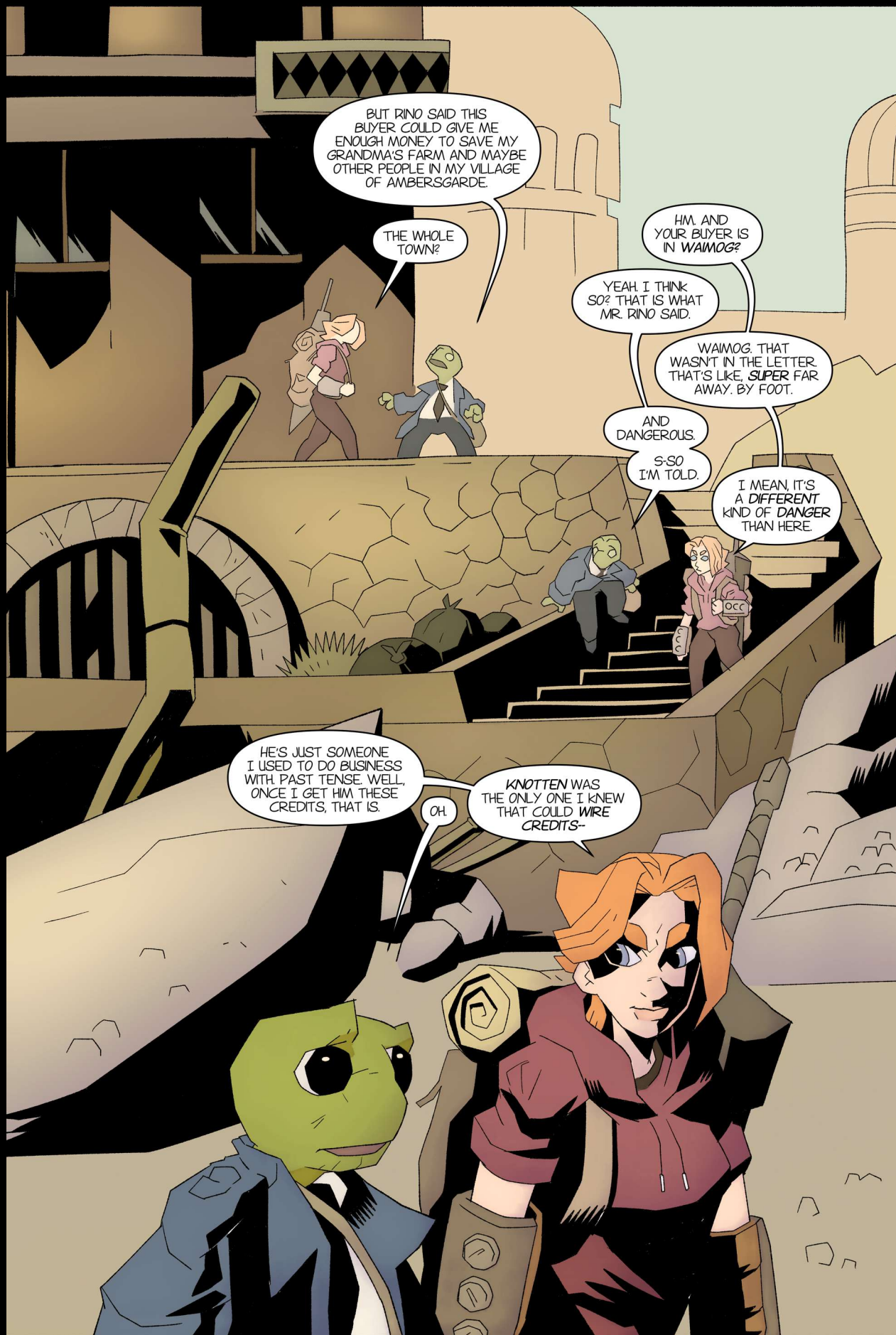


NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

WE FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THIS CREDITSLIP OVER TO KOREN.

WHAT'S A KOREN?

NOT WHAT, BUT WHO. HOPEFULLY YOU'LL NEVER FIND OUT.



BUT RINO SAID THIS BUYER COULD GIVE ME ENOUGH MONEY TO SAVE MY GRANDMA'S FARM AND MAYBE OTHER PEOPLE IN MY VILLAGE OF AMBERSGARDE.

THE WHOLE TOWN?

HM. AND YOUR BUYER IS IN WAIMOG?

YEAH I THINK SO? THAT IS WHAT MR. RINO SAID.

WAIMOG. THAT WASN'T IN THE LETTER. THAT'S LIKE, *SUPER* FAR AWAY. BY FOOT.

AND DANGEROUS. S-SO I'M TOLD.

I MEAN, IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF DANGER THAN HERE.

HE'S JUST SOMEONE I USED TO DO BUSINESS WITH. PAST TENSE. WELL, ONCE I GET HIM THESE CREDITS, THAT IS.

OH.

KNOTTEN WAS THE ONLY ONE I KNEW THAT COULD WIRE CREDITS--

















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