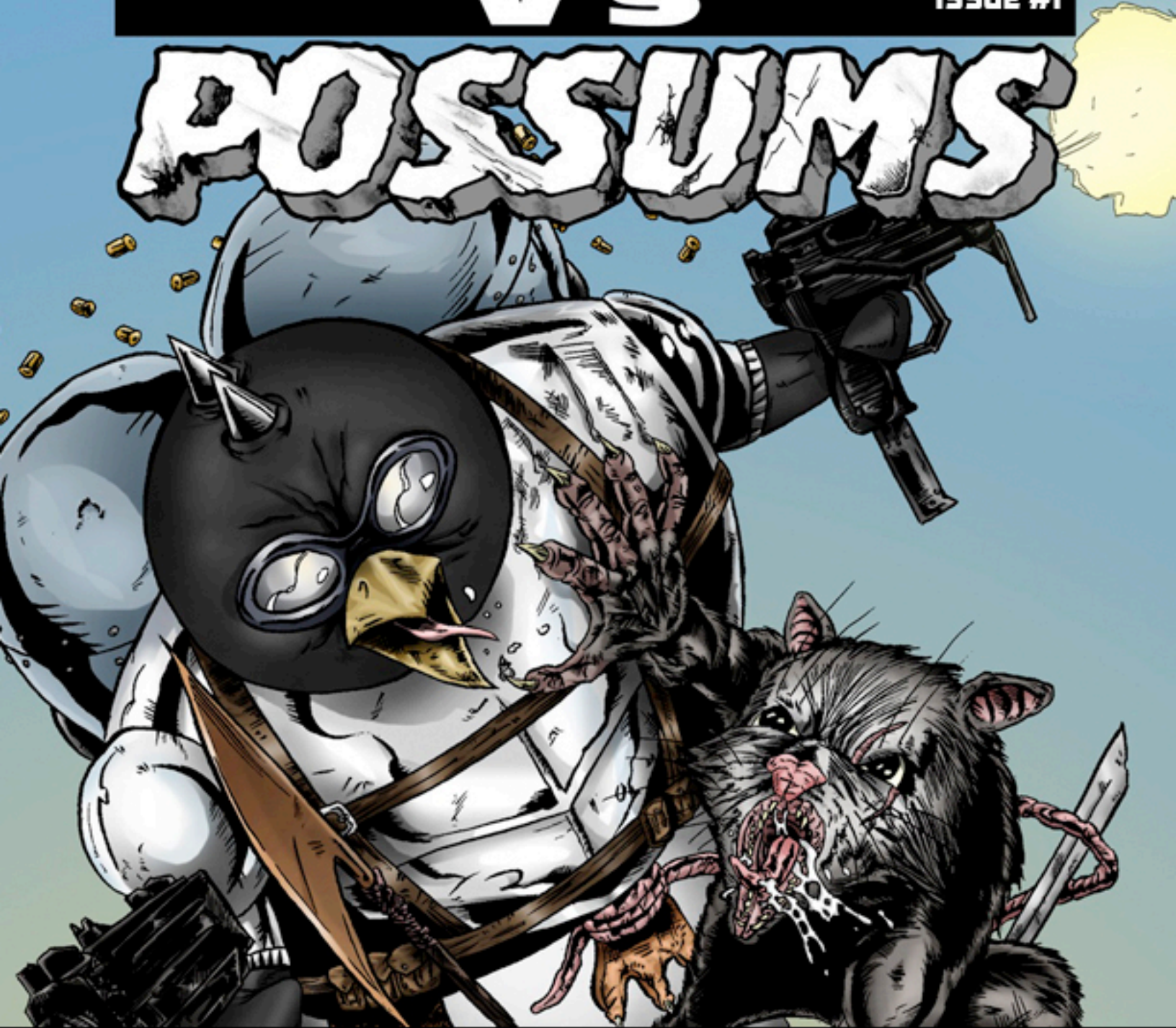


# PENGUINS

VS

ISSUE #1

# POSSUIMS



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FORGET ALL YOU  
THINK YOU KNOW.

SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME, A WAR  
HAS BEEN FOUGHT IN SECRET:  
THE INTERSPECIES ARMAGEDDON  
BETWEEN PENGUINS AND POSSUMS.

A CONFLICT THIS MONUMENTAL  
COULD ONLY STAY IN THE SHADOWS  
FOR SO LONG. SOON EVERY HUMAN  
ON THE PLANET WILL BE FORCED TO  
CHOOSE A SIDE.

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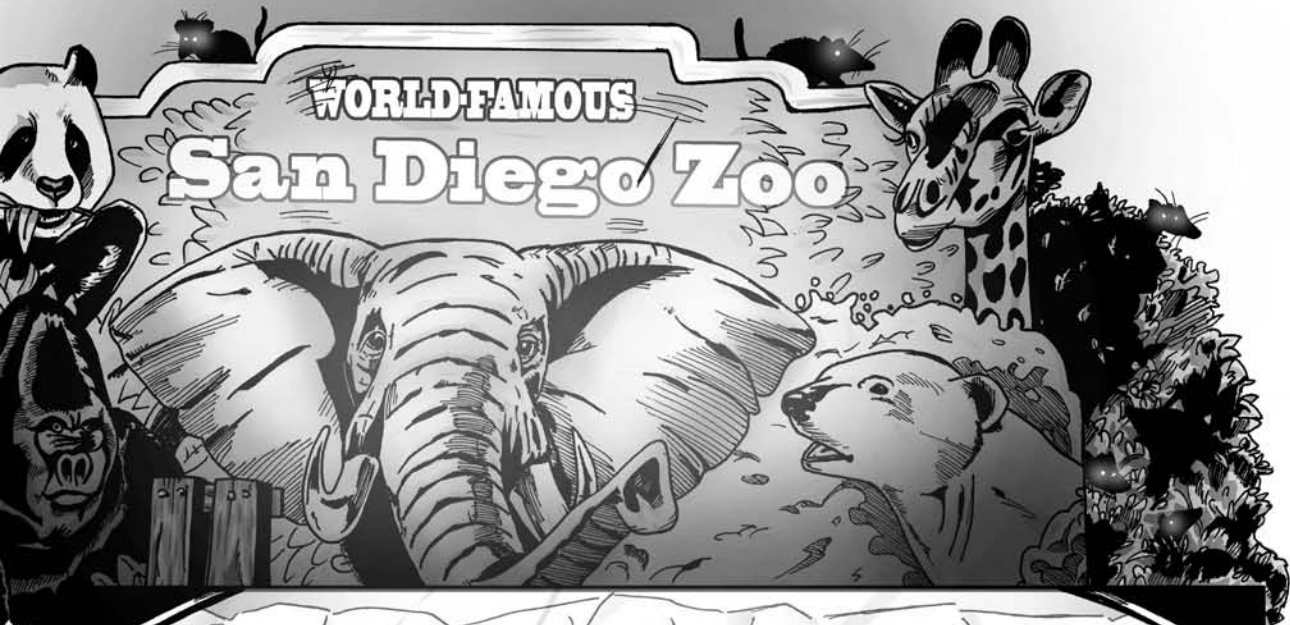
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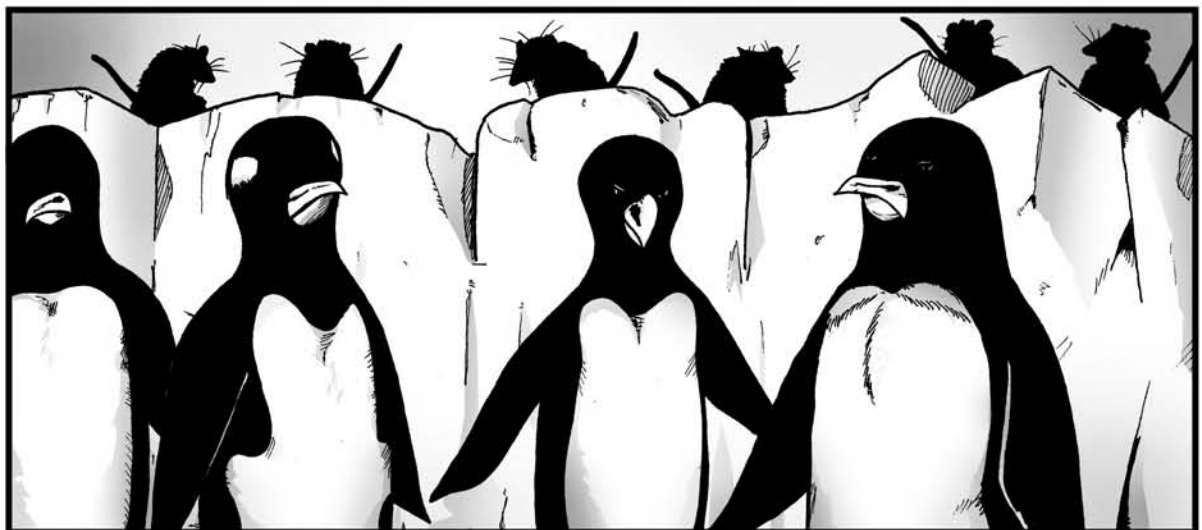
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HISSESSSSSSSSSS

SQUAWK!!

BUDDA

BUDDA

BUDDA

BUDDA

SHUNK!

CHAPTER ONE:

"THE PROPHECY"



**EXTERMINATE!!!**

SQUAWK!

SWAP!

THONK

THONK

BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM

ARGH!

BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM

**FORGET THE REST!  
KILL THE EMPEROR!**

**SHUNK!**

NICE TRY,  
OPOSSUM.

THONK

THONK

THONK

THONK

THONK

...AND IN  
HERE, WE HAVE THE PENGUIN  
SANCTUARY. DID ANY OF YOU  
SEE THE MOVIE WITH THE  
PENGUINS? WHERE THEY  
MARCHED?

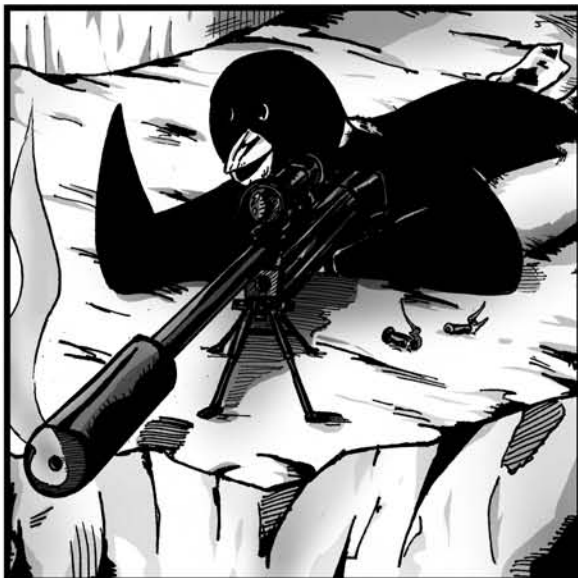
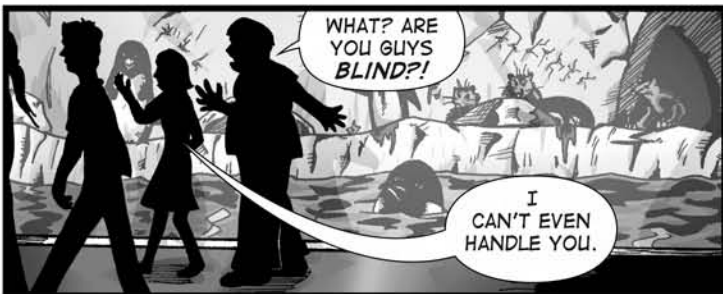
MOVING STUFF.  
COMPELLING.  
NOBODY?  
GREAT.

SAYS  
HERE THEY MOSTLY LIVE IN  
ANTARCTICA. AND THEY SPEND HALF  
THEIR LIVES IN THE OCEAN.

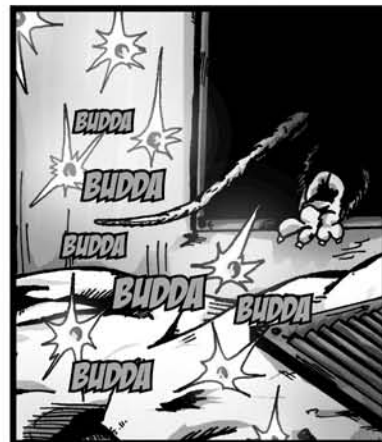
THAT ONE  
LOOKS DEAD.

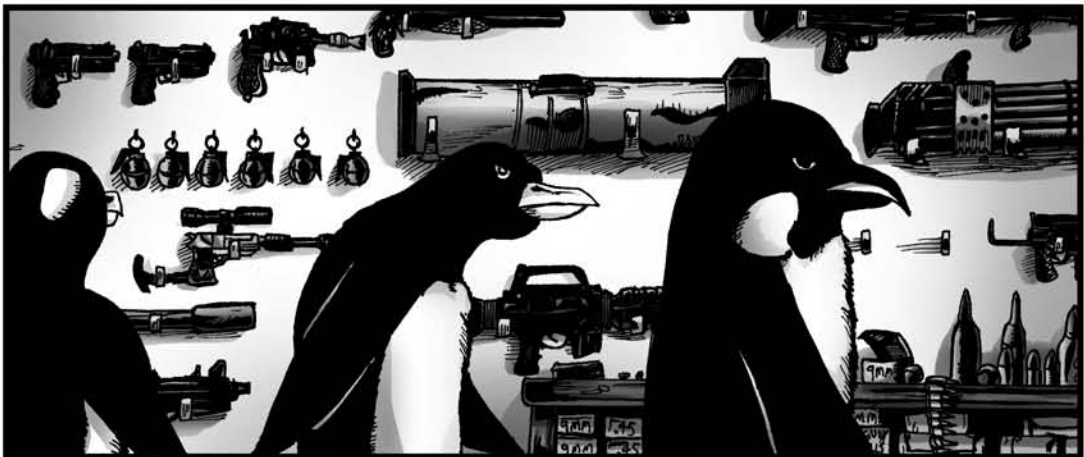
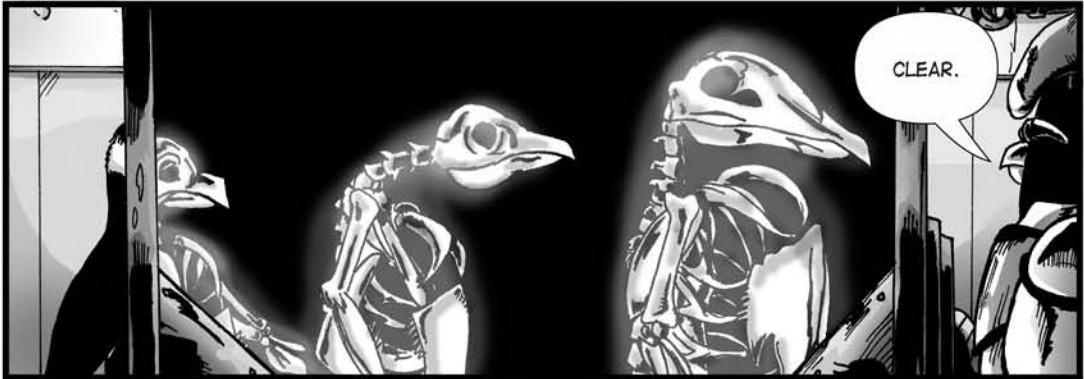
SHUT UP,  
STUPID  
HEFFER...

HEH  
HEH... STUPID  
HEFFER.











ALL HAIL THE EMPEROR!

ALL HAIL!

AS YOU WERE.



XIAO, MY SON. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR THIS UNIFORM.

I AM A SOLDIER, FATHER. I WEAR IT PROUDLY.

HAVE YOU BEEN TRACKING THE POSSUM WHO ESCAPED?



AFFIRMATIVE. TARGET IS ON A COURSE SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST. SLOWING BY THE MINUTE.

WE HAVE TRACKED OTHER POSSUMS TO A LOCATION NEAR HERE. MY THEORY IS THAT-



I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR THEORY.

THIS THOUGHTLESS POSSUM IS LEADING US DIRECTLY TO THEIR HOME.

IF ONE CAN CALL A CAVE A HOME.

GATHER THE TROOPS. PREPARE MY ARMOR. I WILL LEAD THIS OPERATION PERSONALLY.



THE TIME HAS COME. WAR IS UPON US.



MY FELLOW PENGUINS...



ON THIS NIGHT, WE END THE OPOSSUM **MENACE** FOREVER!

ON THIS NIGHT, WE BATTLE AS ONE! YEARS FROM NOW, WE WILL STILL REVEL IN OUR **TRIUMPH!**

ALL HAIL THE EMPEROR!

ALL HAIL THE EMPEROR!

BUT FIRST, WE FIGHT! TONIGHT... **WE MARCH!**

ALL HAIL!



SEVERAL MILES AWAY.

SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST.



DOC, HOW MUCH LONGER DO WE HAVE TO WAIT?

MEDICINE ISN'T A **SCIENCE**, MY BOY!

ACTUALLY...

SHH! I THINK HE'S WAKING UP!



DARLING, YOU'RE AWAKE!

WELCOME BACK TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING.



I SEE I MADE IT HOME. BY NOW YOU MUST KNOW I'M A FAILURE...

ALL THAT MATTERS NOW IS THAT YOU'RE OKAY.

OUR FEARLESS WARRIOR RETURNS AT LAST!



DO NOT DISGRACE THE OTHERS BY NAMING ME A WARRIOR.



ZOLIN...HE IS A GREAT WARRIOR.



ALL I WANT IS TO PROVIDE FOR ERENDIRA AND OUR YOUNGLING ON THE WAY...



BESIDES, I TRUST ZOLIN TO KEEP US SAFE FROM THE PENGUINS.

AND I TRUST YOU TO KEEP ME FED WITH YOUR DELICIOUS GARDEN.

NOW, THE POSSUM HIGH COUNCIL HAS SUMMONED US. FOLLOW ME.



I'M NERVOUS ABOUT MEETING THE COUNCIL... WEREN'T YOU?

ARE YOU KIDDING? TO MEET THE COUNCIL IS QUITE AN HONOR!

YARETZI! YOUR YOUNG ARE GROWING SO FAST!

AREN'T THEY? GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE RETURNED!



AS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE...

PREPARATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN...

GRAH!

SHAKK

BAM

HIYA!

...FOR OUR NEXT STRIKE AGAINST THE PENGUINS!



THIS IS FAR BEYOND WHERE MOST POSSUMS GO IN THEIR ENTIRE LIVES.

NO LIGHT IS ALLOWED INSIDE, SO TO HIDE THE COUNCIL.

EVEN IF PENGUINS WERE TO GET PAST OUR MAIN DEFENSES, THEY WOULD NEVER MAKE IT THROUGH HERE.

ISN'T IT THRILLING?



NOT MUCH FARTHER NOW.



IS THE COUNCIL READY TO SEE US?

YESSIR, CAPTAIN. THEY'RE RIGHT INSIDE.



WELCOME.

WE  
HAVE BEEN  
EAGERLY AWAITING  
YOUR ARRIVAL.

IT'S  
AN HONOR  
TO BE IN YOUR  
PRESENCE.

UH...SAME  
HERE...YOUR  
...HONORS?



THERE SEEMS  
TO BE SOME  
CONFUSION.

WE  
SUMMONED  
ONLY ONE POSSUM.  
YET BEFORE US  
THERE STAND TWO.

CAPTAIN ZOLIN,  
YOU WERE ASKED  
ONLY TO ESCORT  
YOUR FRIEND TO  
US.



NOW,  
YOU MUST  
LEAVE. THIS MATTER  
DOES NOT  
INVOLVE YOU.



**THIS IS  
OUTRAGEOUS!**

I AM  
CAPTAIN OF THE  
GUARD!  
EVERYTHING  
INVOLVES ME!!



IF YOU CARE TO *STAY* IN YOUR POSITION, IT WOULD BE WISE TO *NEVER* ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN THAT TONE AGAIN.

THIS MATTER IS FOR OUR EARS ALONE. *BE GONE*, AND SAY NOTHING OF THIS.



YOUR WILL BE DONE, COUNCIL.



I'M SORRY. I HAD HOPED WE COULD DO THIS TOGETHER.



SEE YOU BACK AT THE CAVES?

ENJOY YOUR *SECRETS* WITH THE COUNCIL.



WELL, NOW THAT YOU'VE FINISHED HUMILIATING MY BEST FRIEND...

I'D LIKE TO GET ON WITH THIS. I HAVE A PREGNANT MATE I MUST ATTEND TO.



ENOUGH!

ON TO THE STATUS OF YOUR MISSION.



UNSUCCESSFUL. ALL DEAD BUT ME.

IT WAS AN *UNPRECEDENTED* FAILURE.



I DO NOT SEE IT THAT WAY.

COME. THERE IS MUCH TO SHOW YOU.





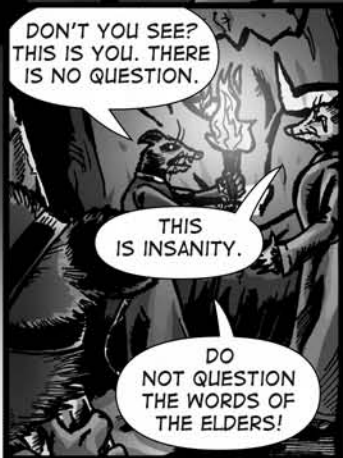


...THIS.

A PROPHECY LONG KEPT QUIET. WE HAD ALL BUT LOST HOPE. YET HERE YOU STAND BEFORE ME. YOU, WHO WILL DELIVER US. YOU, WHO WILL CONQUER THE PENGUINS.



ME? IS THIS...SOME SORT OF JOKE?



DON'T YOU SEE? THIS IS YOU. THERE IS NO QUESTION.

THIS IS INSANITY.

DO NOT QUESTION THE WORDS OF THE ELDERS!



SO, I'M SOME GREAT...WHAT? CONQUEROR?

BECAUSE OF THIS? A SCAR??



IF ANYTHING, IT SHOULD PROVE I'M NOT THE WARRIOR YOU'RE HOPING FOR.

THE ELDERS MADE NO MISTAKES. THE PROPHECY IS NOT UP FOR DEBATE.



I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T BUY THIS. I'M JUST A FARMER.

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT INTO BATTLE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND YOUR CONQUEROR SOMEWHERE ELSE.



IS THAT HIM?

CONQUEROR.

LOOK.

THE FARMER?

HIM? REALLY?

IT'S HIM!

INCREDIBLE.

THE SCAR!

PROPHECY...



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

UGH.

I HEARD HE KILLED SIXTEEN PENGUINS ON THE LAST MISSION...

I HEARD IT WAS SIXTY!



DARLING, YOU'RE HOME! I HEAR YOU'RE BIG NEWS NOW!

MY BROTHER TOLD THE WHOLE VILLAGE.

WELL, THAT EXPLAINS THAT...



LOOK, THIS DOESN'T MEAN A THING. FORGET WHAT YOU HEARD. IT ISN'T TRUE. I CAN'T BELIEVE ZOLIN.

I'M NOT EVEN SURE HOW HE KNOWS. I NEED TO GET AWAY FROM HERE.



I'M GOING TO THE GARDEN.

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE. JUST TALK TO ME.



I NEED TO BE ALONE.



I KNEW I'D FIND YOU HERE.



I ASK YOU TO LOOK OVER MY GARDEN FOR THE TWO WEEKS I WAS GONE.

AND NOW LOOK AT IT. OVERRUN.

LOOK...I'M SORRY. I FELT BETRAYED BY THE COUNCIL. BETRAYED BY YOU.

WHAT THEY WERE TELLING YOU, I'VE WANTED TO HEAR MY WHOLE LIFE.



TO BE A LEADER, A LIBERATOR. THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM...



NOT MINE. I NEVER WANTED TO FIGHT. IT WAS THE COUNCIL WHO SENT ME ON THAT MISSION.

I COULD'VE DIED LIKE THE REST, AND NEVER SEEN MY YOUNGLING BORN.

NEVER KISSED ERENDIRA GOODBYE.

I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THAT POSITION AGAIN.



AND YOU WON'T BE. THE PROPHECY? JUST SILLY RAMBLINGS OF AN ELDER.

I WAS WRONG TO TELL THE VILLAGE. I'M POSSUM ENOUGH TO ADMIT IT.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. AT LEAST NOW I LOOK KINDA TOUGH.

HA HA. KINDA. I COULDN'T IMAGINE A BETTER MATE FOR MY SISTER.

# KRAKOOOM



AGH!

WHAT THE HELL?





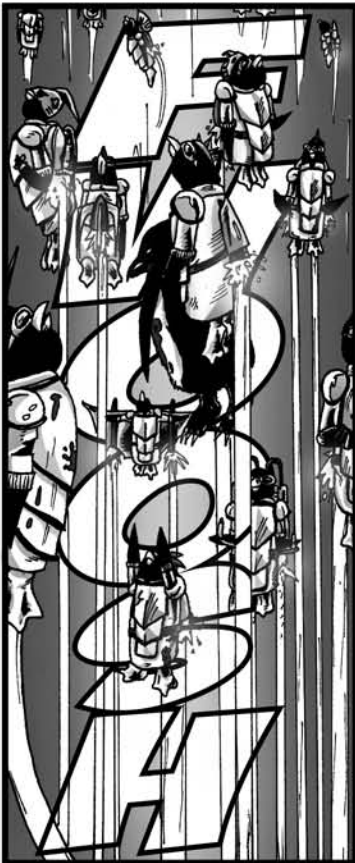














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