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THE LOWER CITY IS A GREAT CRESCENT OF STEEP SLOPES DESCENDING TO THE DOCKS OF BALDUR'S GATE. ITS NARROW ALLEYS ACCESS INTERIOR COURTYARDS AND OTHER STREETS. STONE BUTTRESSES OFTEN SPAN ITS ROADWAYS, LITERALLY HOLDING APART THE UPPER FLOORS OF STRUCTURES THAT FACE EACH OTHER. EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THESE NARROW SUPPORTS ACT AS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, MOST ARE USED BY PIGEONS, GULLS, RATS, AND CATS.

LOWER CITY CITIZENS ARE ACCUSTOMED TO THEIR NOISY, CRAMPED EXISTENCE. AS THE SAGE ASTURGEL OF THE GATE ONCE WROTE, "IN THE LOWER CITY, WE LIVE AND WORK ATOP EACH OTHER UNTIDILY."

I WILL SAVOR  
EATING YOU!

NO, YOU WON'T,  
UGLY-FACE!

I TASTE QUITE  
TERRIBLE!

# EVIL AT BALDUR'S GATE

Part One: Minsc The Mighty





STRIKE NOW,  
MY HAMSTER!



WELL DONE,  
BOO!

NOW I'LL  
JUST DISARM  
HIM AND—



I DON'T NEED  
A WEAPON TO  
KILL YOU!



YOU SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE COME  
BACK TO BALDUR'S  
GATE!

BELIEVE ME,  
THIS... *ISN'T* THE  
HOMECOMING... I  
HAD IN MIND...





THREE HOURS EARLIER...

SQUEE!

I AGREE, BOO. IT IS A SHAMEFUL WAY TO TRAVEL.



FIVE "GUESTS," 10 SILVER APIECE... SO THAT'S 50.

FINE...



WE ARE DRAGON SLAYERS AND GIANT KILLERS!

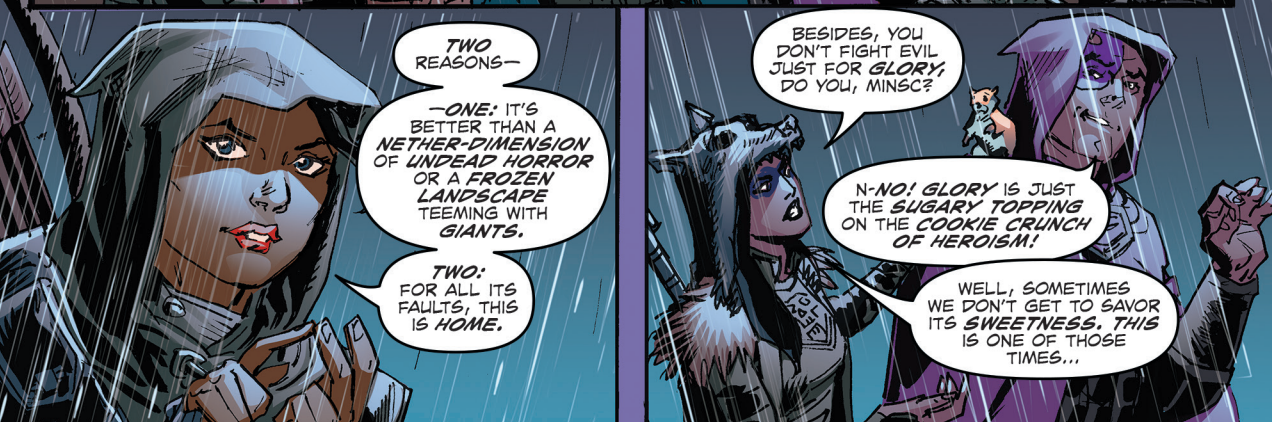
EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND RODENT SHOULD KNOW OF OUR HEROIC DEEDS!

SURE, BUT THAT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW, MINSC.



WHATEVER GREAT THINGS WE'VE DONE ABROAD, WE'RE STILL CONSIDERED OUTLAWS HERE IN BALDUR'S GATE. IT'S EASIER TO SNEAK IN AND KEEP OUR HEADS DOWN THAN CAUSE A RUCKUS.

IF THESE CLOSE-MINDED BALDURANS CANNOT RECOGNIZE OUR SHINING GOODNESS, THEN WHY RETURN AT ALL?



TWO REASONS—

—ONE: IT'S BETTER THAN A NETHER-DIMENSION OF UNDEAD HORROR OR A FROZEN LANDSCAPE TEEMING WITH GIANTS.

TWO: FOR ALL ITS FAULTS, THIS IS HOME.

BESIDES, YOU DON'T FIGHT EVIL JUST FOR GLORY, DO YOU, MINSC?

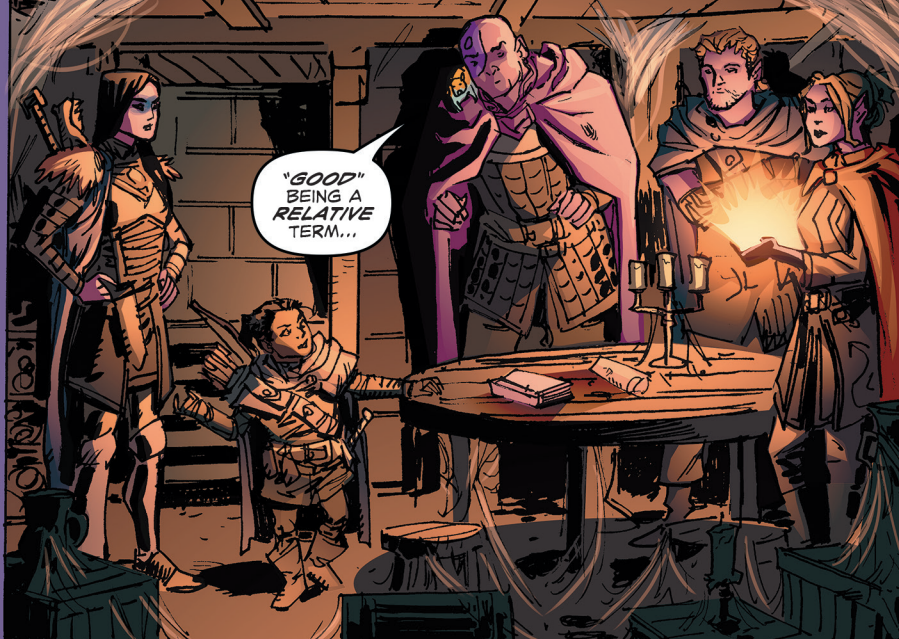
N-NO! GLORY IS JUST THE SUGARY TOPPING ON THE COOKIE CRUNCH OF HEROISM!

WELL, SOMETIMES WE DON'T GET TO SAVOR ITS SWEETNESS. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES...





LOOKS  
LIKE OUR OLD  
HIDEOUT IS  
STILL IN *GOOD*  
SHAPE.



"*GOOD*"  
BEING A  
RELATIVE  
TERM...



WELL, AT LEAST  
NOW I KNOW WHERE  
TO FIND YOU.

YOU'RE NOT  
LEAVING OUR *PARTY OF*  
*GRAND ADVENTURE*,  
ARE YOU?

NO, BUT I MUST PRAY AT  
THE *CHURCH OF KELEMVOR*  
AND LET *FATHER ALBY* KNOW  
WE HAVE FINALLY RETURNED.



I NEED TO  
CHECK IN WITH MY  
*UNDERWORLD*  
*CONTACTS* AND GET  
THE LAY OF THE  
LAND HERE IN  
THE CITY.

HOLD ON,  
KRYDLE! I'M  
COMIN' WITH  
YOU!

HM?



*FEAR NOT*, NEERA! I  
SHALL *PROTECT* YOU FROM  
THESE *COBWEBS* AND  
TINY SPIDER-FIENDS!

I APPRECIATE THE  
THOUGHT, MINGC, BUT I  
HAVE *OTHER BUSINESS*  
TO ATTEND TO AS  
WELL.

I'M GOING  
TO THE *LIBRARY*  
TO DO SOME  
*IMPORTANT*  
*RESEARCH*.

THANKS,  
BUT I'M  
*GOOD*...

ALLOW ME TO  
*JOIN YOU*! BOO IS  
A *PRODIGIOUS*  
READER AND—



HMMM...





SOMETIMES,  
A WARRIOR CAN  
ONLY TRUST HIS  
HAMSTER.

SQUEE!

EXACTLY!

OUR FRIENDS  
ARE DISTRACTED  
BY THEIR *BUSY-WORK*  
AND *TALKY-TALK*, BUT  
WE SHALL *NOT* LOSE  
SIGHT OF THE  
PRIZE...

KICKING *EVIL*  
IN ITS *BULGING*  
BEHIND WITH OUR  
SWIFT BOOTS OF  
JUSTICE!



BUT *FIRST*,  
WE MUST FIND AN  
APPROPRIATE DEN  
OF *UNSAVORY*  
CRIMINALITY.



THE  
HAPPY  
JOUST

TOO  
JOVIAL...



THE  
DRUNKEN  
LOUT

TOO  
INEBRIATED...



THE  
GIBBERING  
GIZZARD

THIS  
ONE SMELLS  
AWFUL...

I  
APPROVE!





BOO, STAY  
ON YOUR  
GUARD.

ONCE EVIL  
GETS A WHIFF OF  
OUR FORTHRIGHT  
FRAGRANCE, IT  
WILL TRY TO  
RUN.



EXCUSE ME,  
MIGHTY MAIDEN, BUT  
WOULD YOU HAPPEN  
TO KNOW OF ANY *EVIL*  
AROUND HERE WORTH  
VANQUISHING?

YOU'RE  
KIDDIN',  
RIGHT?



—BUT  
THOSE THIEVES  
DIDN'T STAND A  
CHANCE!

NOT  
AGAINST  
ME!

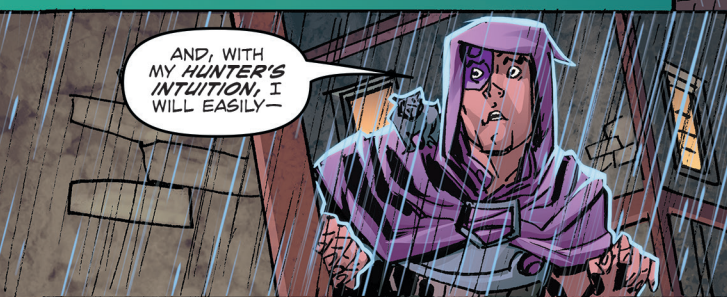
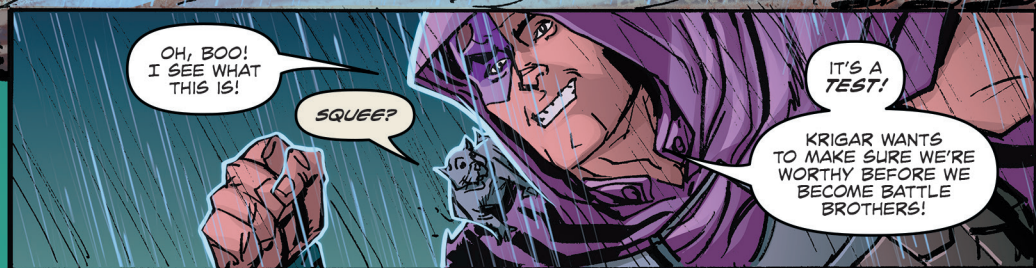
















WITH A HIGHER  
**VANTAGE POINT**, WE'LL  
FIND THOSE BRIGANDS  
AND KRIGAR AS  
WELL!



**SQUEE!**

**AGREED.**  
MY BOTTOM IS  
**ALSO** GETTING  
WET AND  
SQUISHY.



**AHHH!**

**OH?**

**GET HIM!**

**KLANG**  
**KLANG**



YOU SHOULD  
HAVE STAYED AWAY  
FROM **BALDUR'S**  
GATE.

TAKE ME TO  
**BURGUST** AND  
I MAY EVEN LET  
YOU **LIVE**.

**BOLD**  
**WORDS,**  
**FOOL...**

LET'S  
SEE YOU  
BACK THEM  
UP!













... LOOKS  
LIKE *HUMAN* IS  
ON THE MENU  
TONIGHT!

BY THE  
GODS...



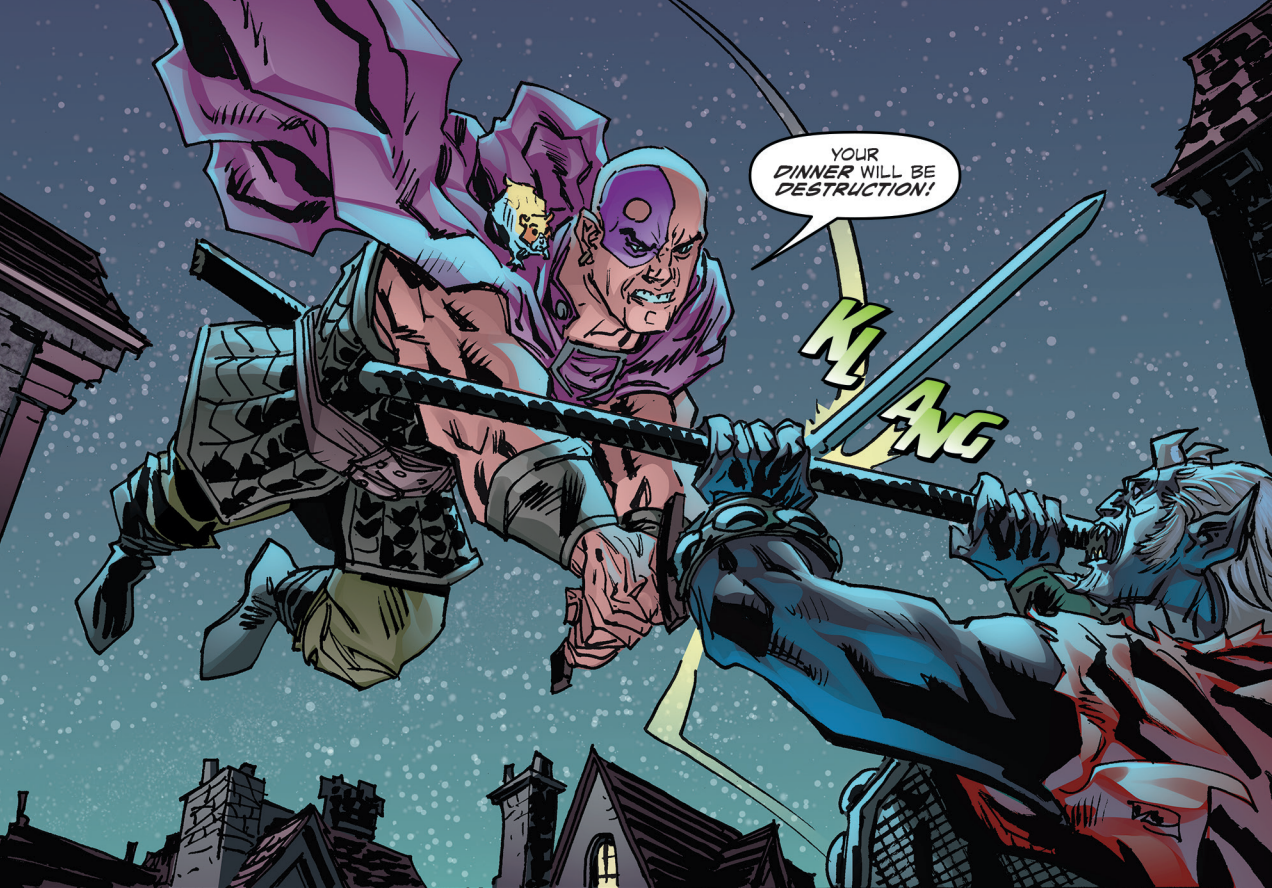
PRAY IF  
YOU WISH, AS I  
FEAST UPON YOUR  
*FLESH* AND *SUCK*  
THE MARROW  
FROM YOUR  
*BONES*...



NO TREATS FOR YOU,  
MONSTER-PANTS!

EH?





YOUR  
DINNER WILL BE  
DESTRUCTION!

K  
A  
C



YOU!

YES, ME!

NO ONE  
ELSE IS THIS  
HEROIC, SO IT  
MUST BE ME.



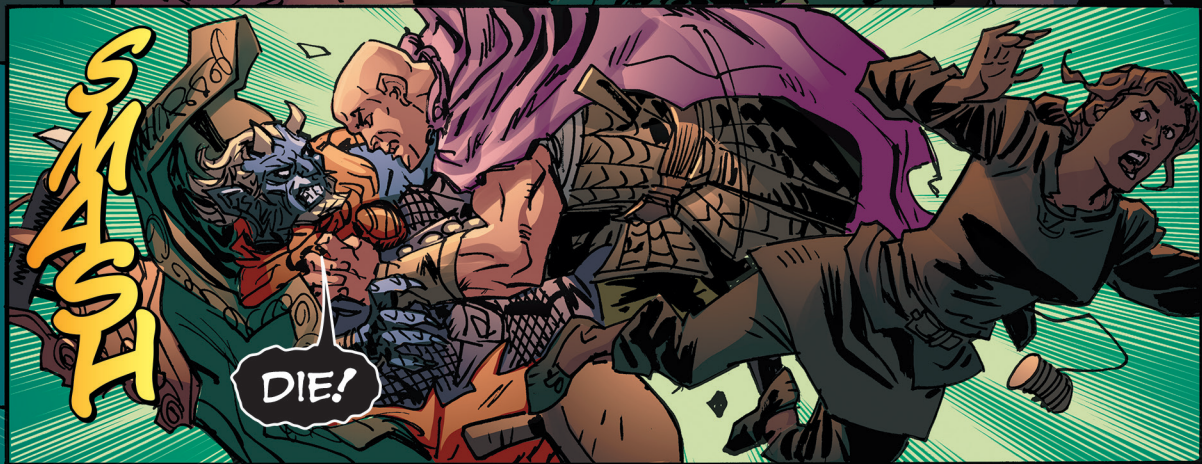
THAT  
CUTTHROAT  
IS GETTING  
AWAY!

I'LL CATCH HIM  
LATER, ONCE I BRING  
YOUR BAD-DENTAL-FACE  
TO JUSTICE!

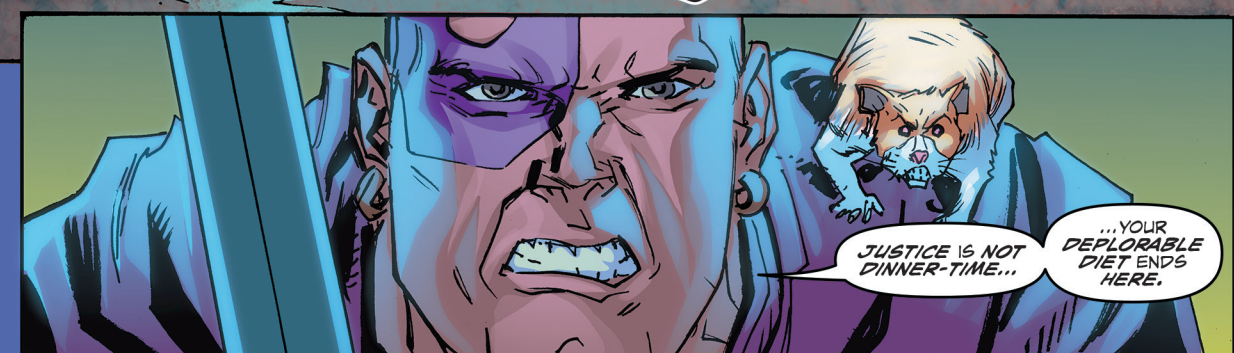


I WILL SAVOR  
EATING YOU!













**FREEZE!**



**FREEZE  
AND DIE!**



THE **ONI** HAVE LIVED  
FOR **MILLENNIA**. OUR  
MAGIC AND STRENGTH  
ARE **LEGENDARY**.

YOU  
SHOULD  
**NOT** HAVE  
CROSSED  
ME...











YOU  
CANNOT  
KILL ME...

...NOT  
LIKE *THIS*.

COWARD-MAGIC  
IS COWARDLY...



ALL YOU  
HAVE DONE  
IS **ANGERED**  
ME...

GOOD.

I LIKE  
MAKING UGLY  
PEOPLE MAKE  
UGLY ANGRY  
FACES.



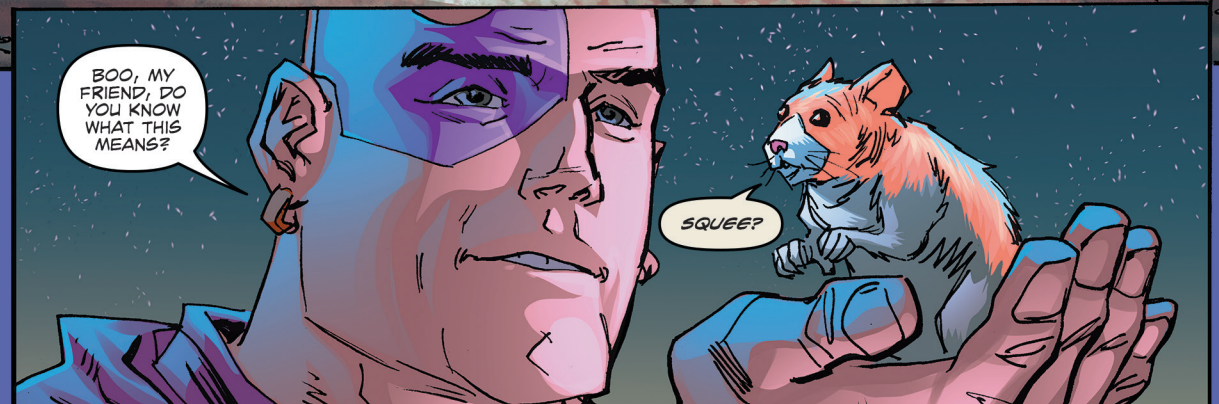
I WILL HAVE  
MY REVENGE...

WE ARE  
**MINSC** AND  
**BOO...**

...BELOVED  
**RANGER** AND  
MINIATURE-GIANT  
SPACE **HAMSTER**.

SQUEE!

REMEMBER THAT  
FOR **NEXT TIME** SO  
YOU MAY **WAIT** OUR  
NAMES AS YOU  
**SURRENDER**.



BOO, MY  
FRIEND, DO  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
MEANS?

SQUEE?





WE HAVE A NEW  
ARCH-ENEMY!

WE CAN  
ADD HIM TO  
THE LIST!

SQUEE!

I KNOW! WITH  
EVERY BATTLE, OUR  
STORY GROWS EVER  
STRONGER!

WE'RE  
GOING TO NEED  
A BARD TO KEEP  
TRACK OF IT  
ALL!

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THE SPINE OF THE WORLD IS A MOUNTAIN RANGE STRETCHING FROM THE WESTERN EDGE OF FAERUN TO THE EASTERN TIP OF COLD WOOD. JOINING UP WITH THE ICE MOUNTAINS, IT STRETCHES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE GREAT SAND SEA DESERT. LOCALS CALL IT 'THE WALL' BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE AN ENDLESS, NEARLY IMPASSABLE RANGE OF JAGGED ICE-COVERED PEAKS WITH NO START AND NO END.

BARBARIAN RAIDERS, OGRES, GIANTS, AND EVEN DRAGONS—THE LANDS THAT CALL THE WALL HOME ARE FILLED WITH DANGER AND DESOLATION, A GRIM PLACE WHERE HEROES DIE UNDER THE IRON-GRAY OF A SUNLESS WINTER SKY.

# FROST GIANT'S FURY

Part One: The Frozen Frontier.





N-NO IDEA  
WHERE WE  
ARE...

N-NO SIGN OF  
CIVILIZATION...

N-NO WINTER  
GEAR...



CAN I JUST  
SAY THAT WE'RE  
OFFICIALLY  
**BONED?**

THANKS FOR  
THAT INCREDIBLE  
OBSERVATION,  
SHANDIE.

W-W-WARMS  
MY HEART.



OKAY MINSC,  
N-N-NOW'S THE  
**PERFECT** TIME FOR  
YOU TO BELT OUT ONE OF  
YOUR RASHEMEN **TRAIL**  
**SONGS** TO LIFT OUR  
SP-SPIRITS.



**NO.**





A STORM'S COMING.  
W-WE HAVE TO FIND SHELTER.



I DON'T SEE ANYWHERE WE CAN HI—



IIIIIEEEE!

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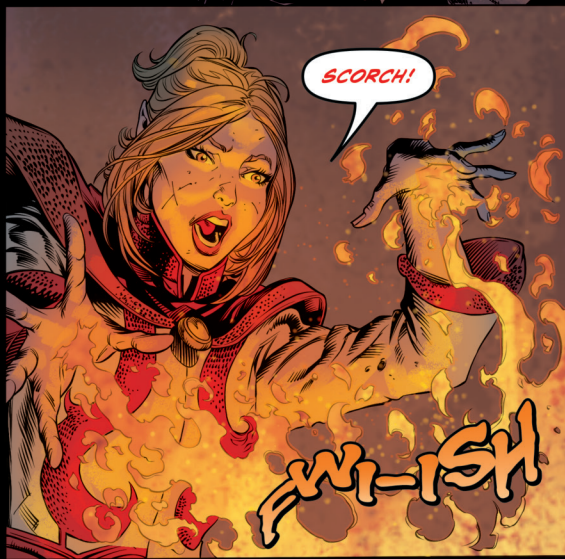
DELINA!

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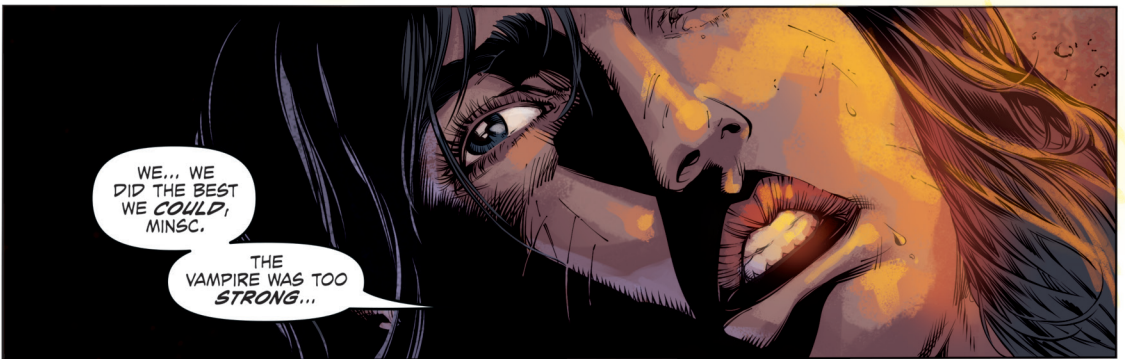


YEAH...  
...ALSO, I THINK I FOUND A SPOT.











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