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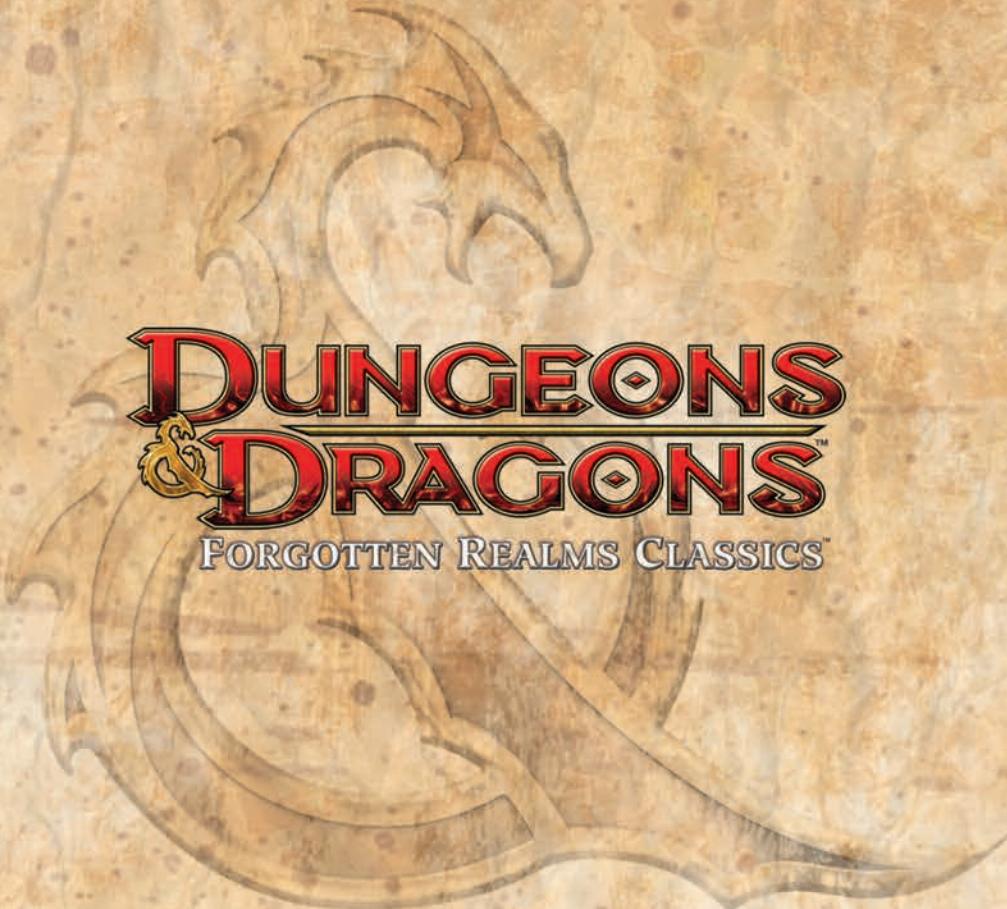
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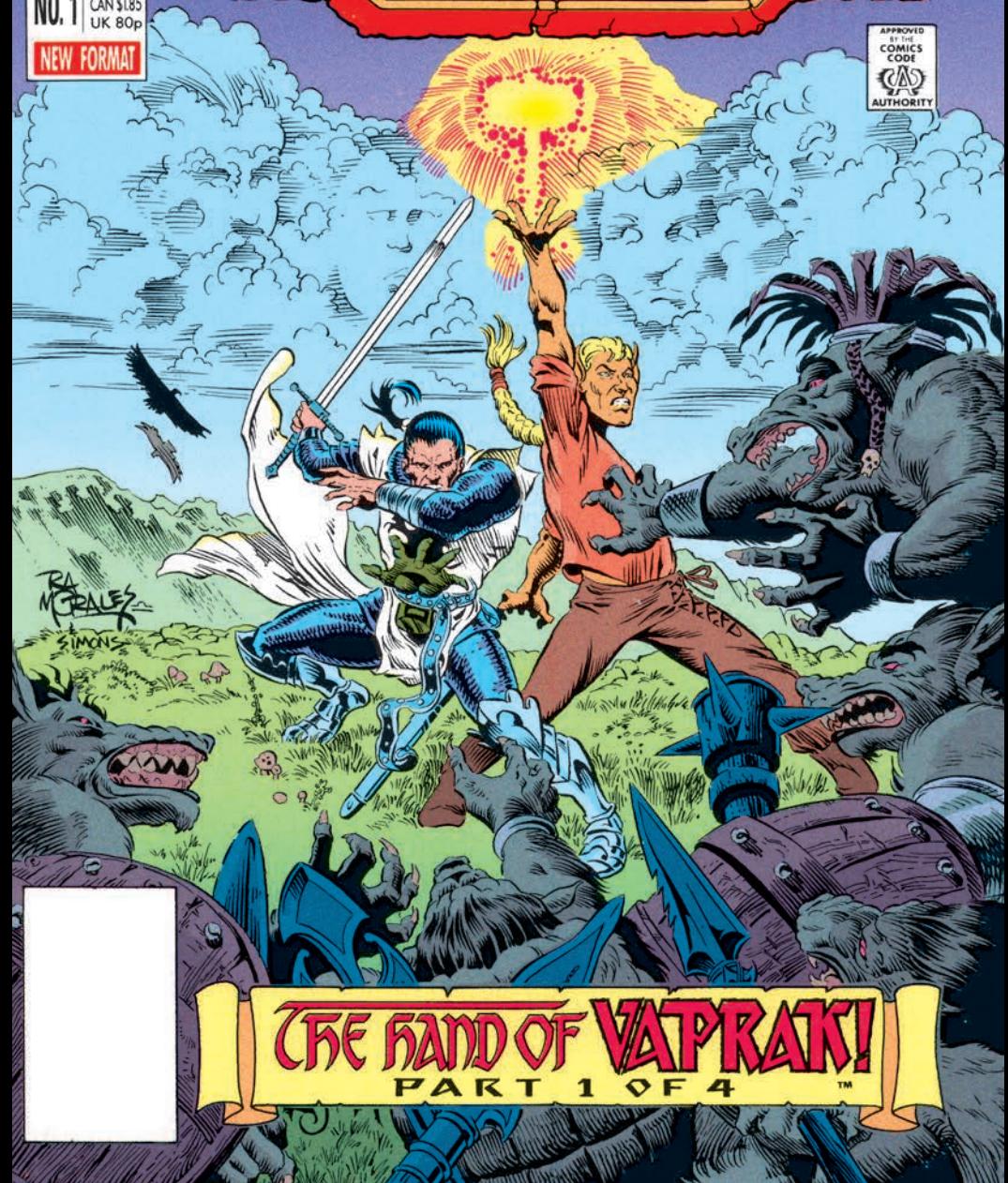
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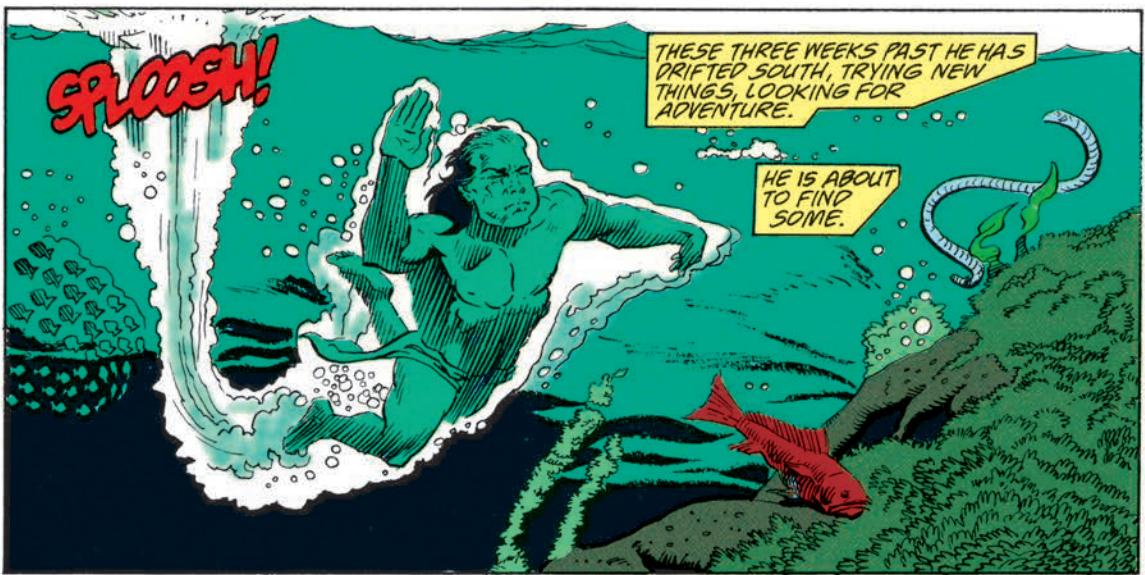
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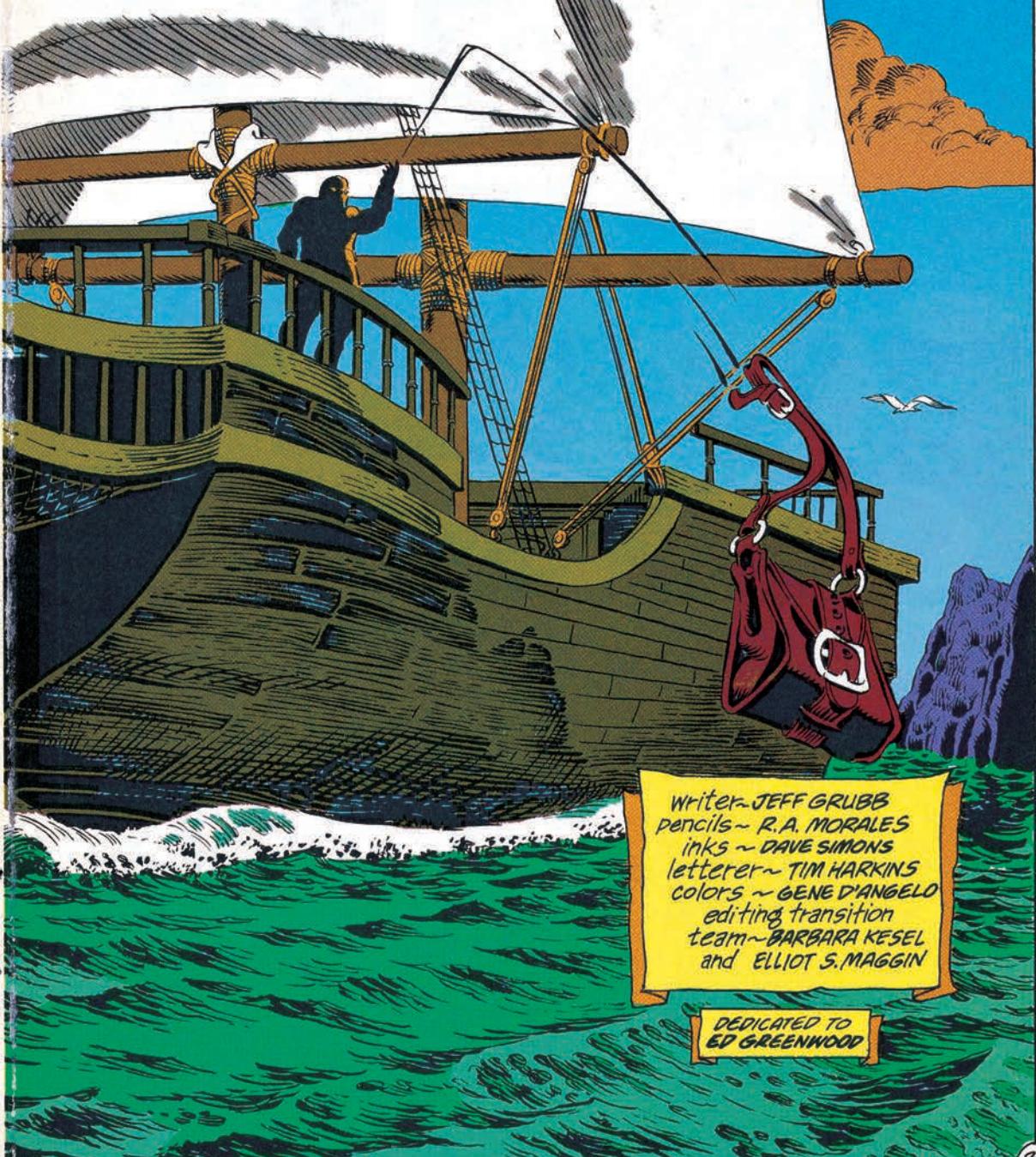
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THAT SHIP
COME FROM?



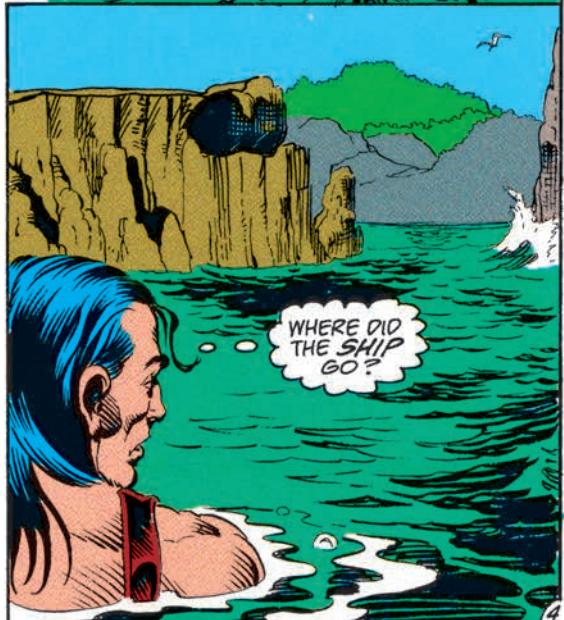
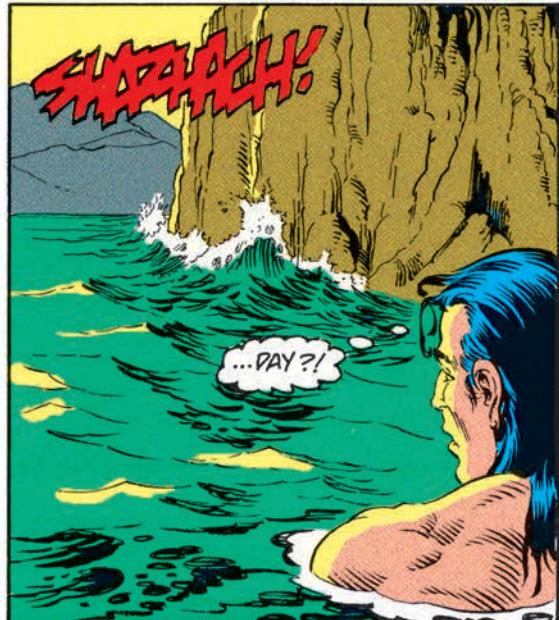
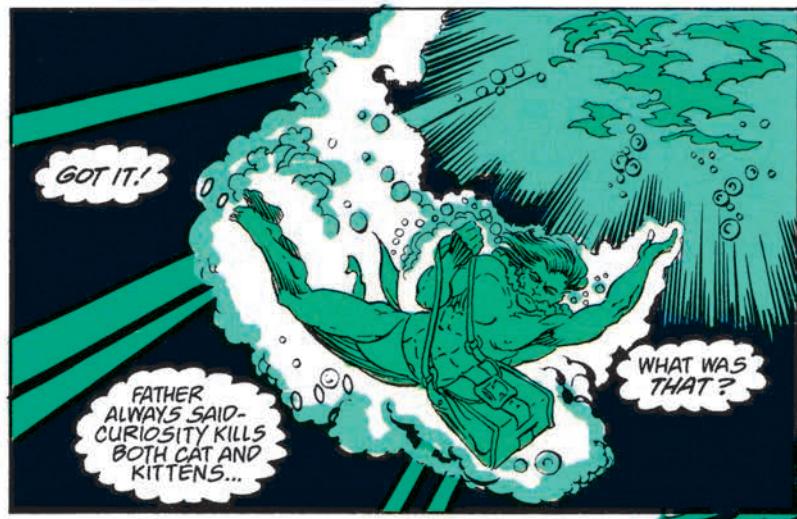
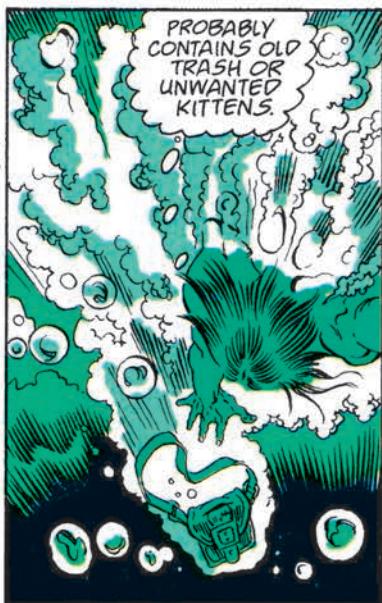
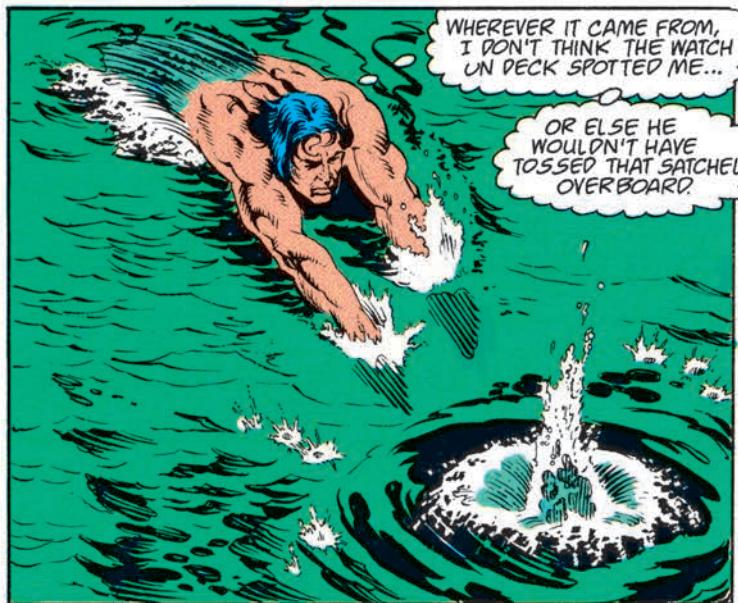
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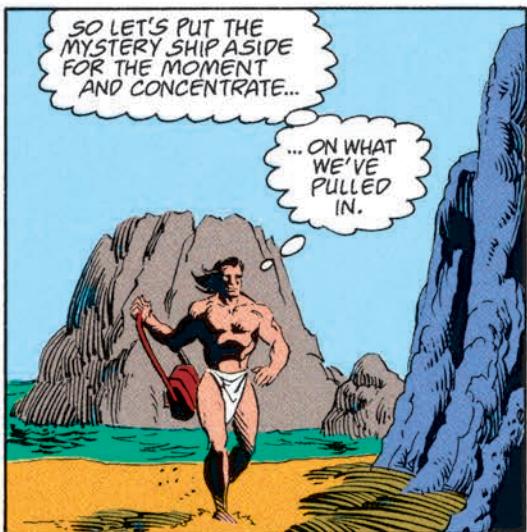
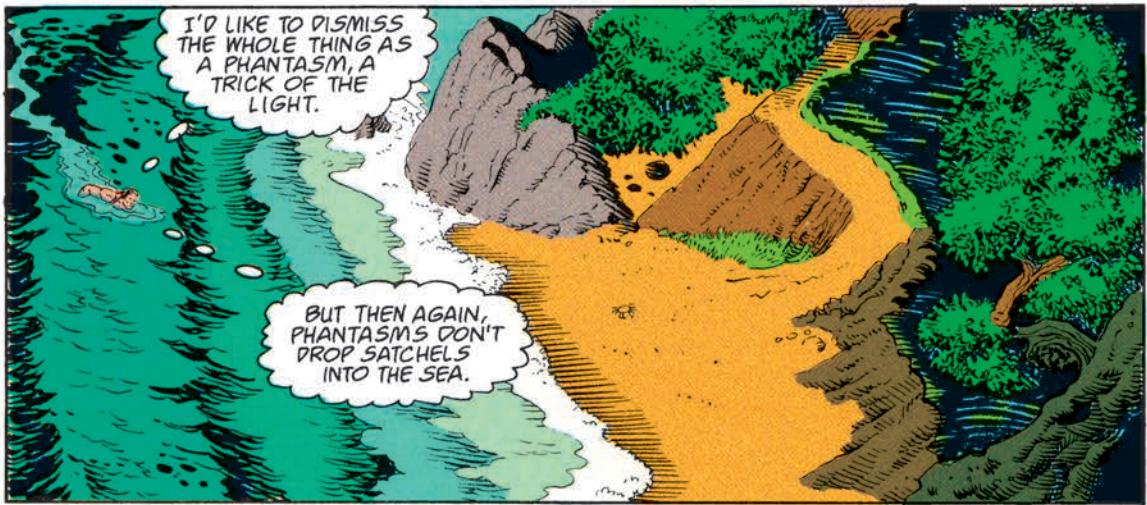
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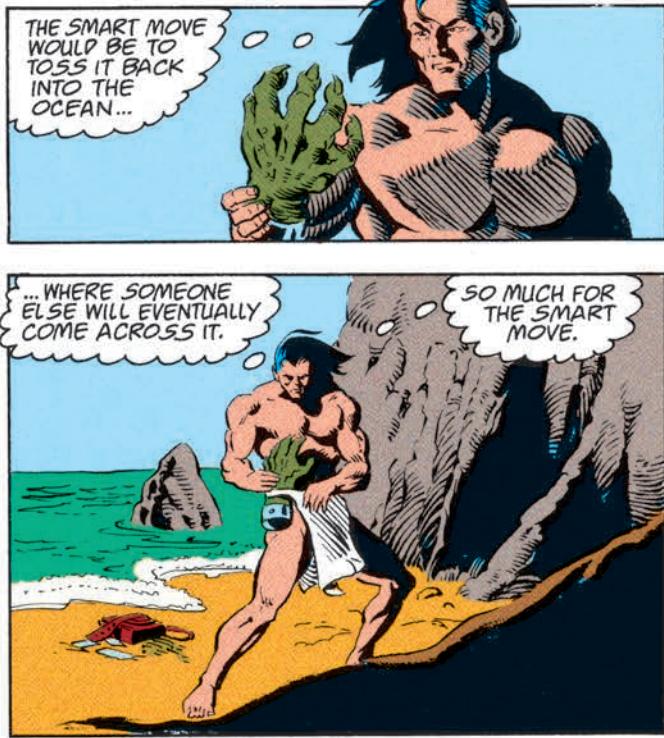
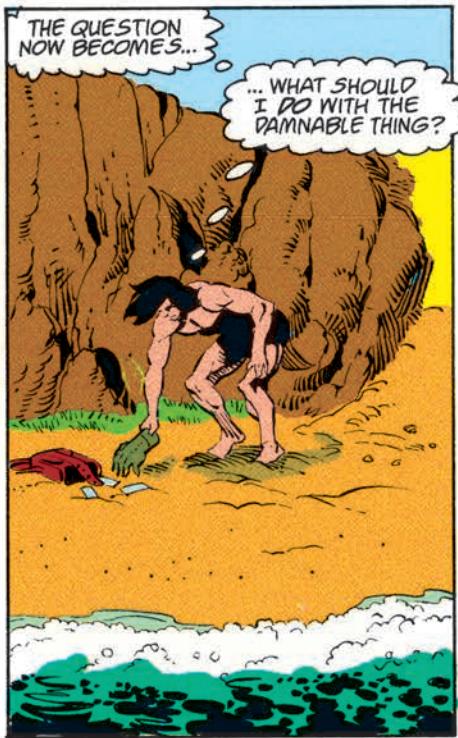
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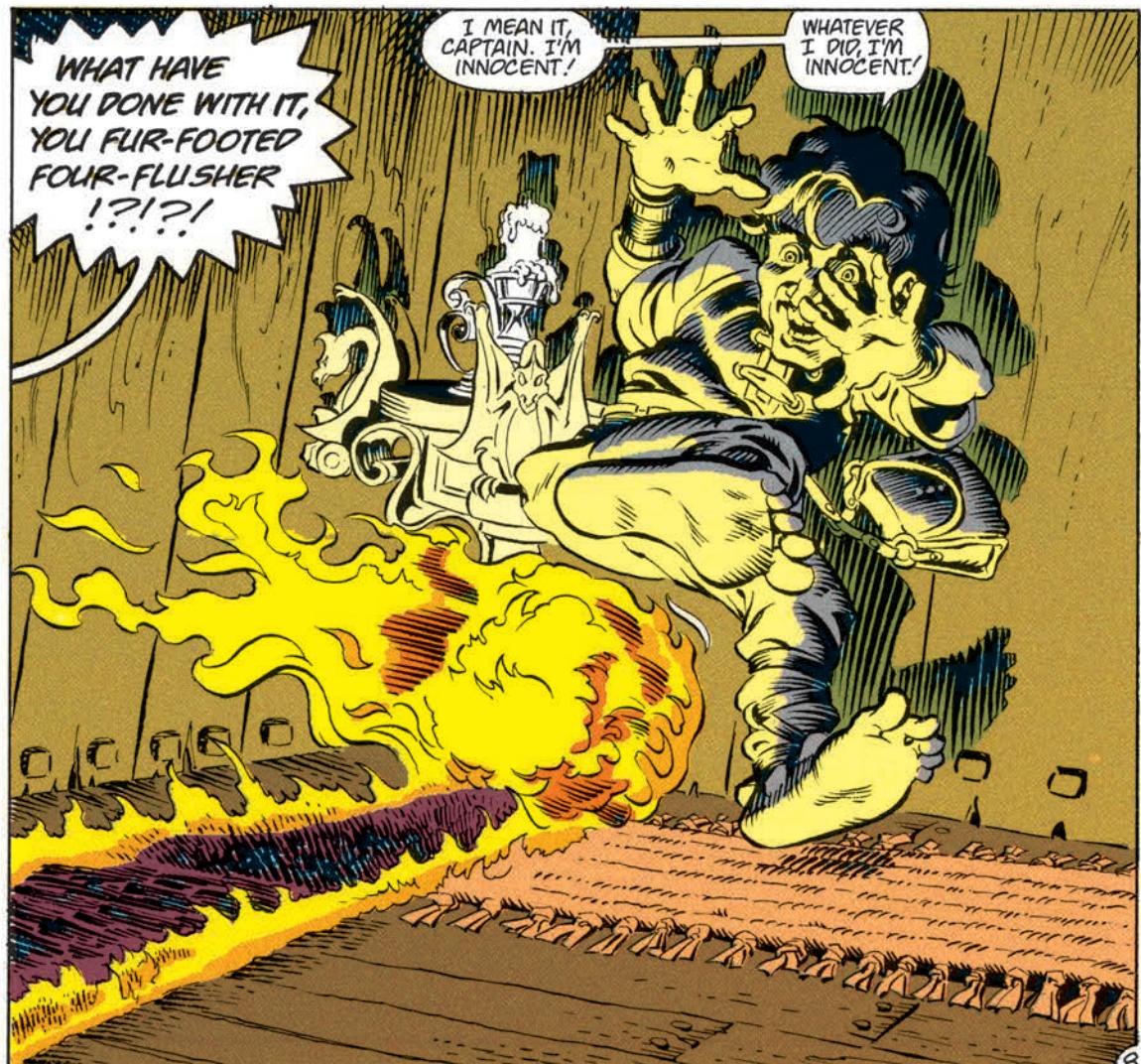
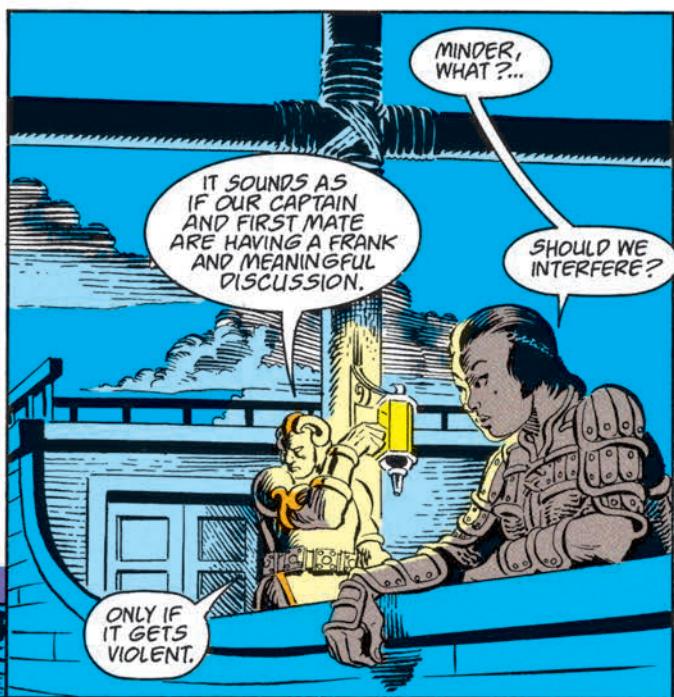
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ED GREENWOOD



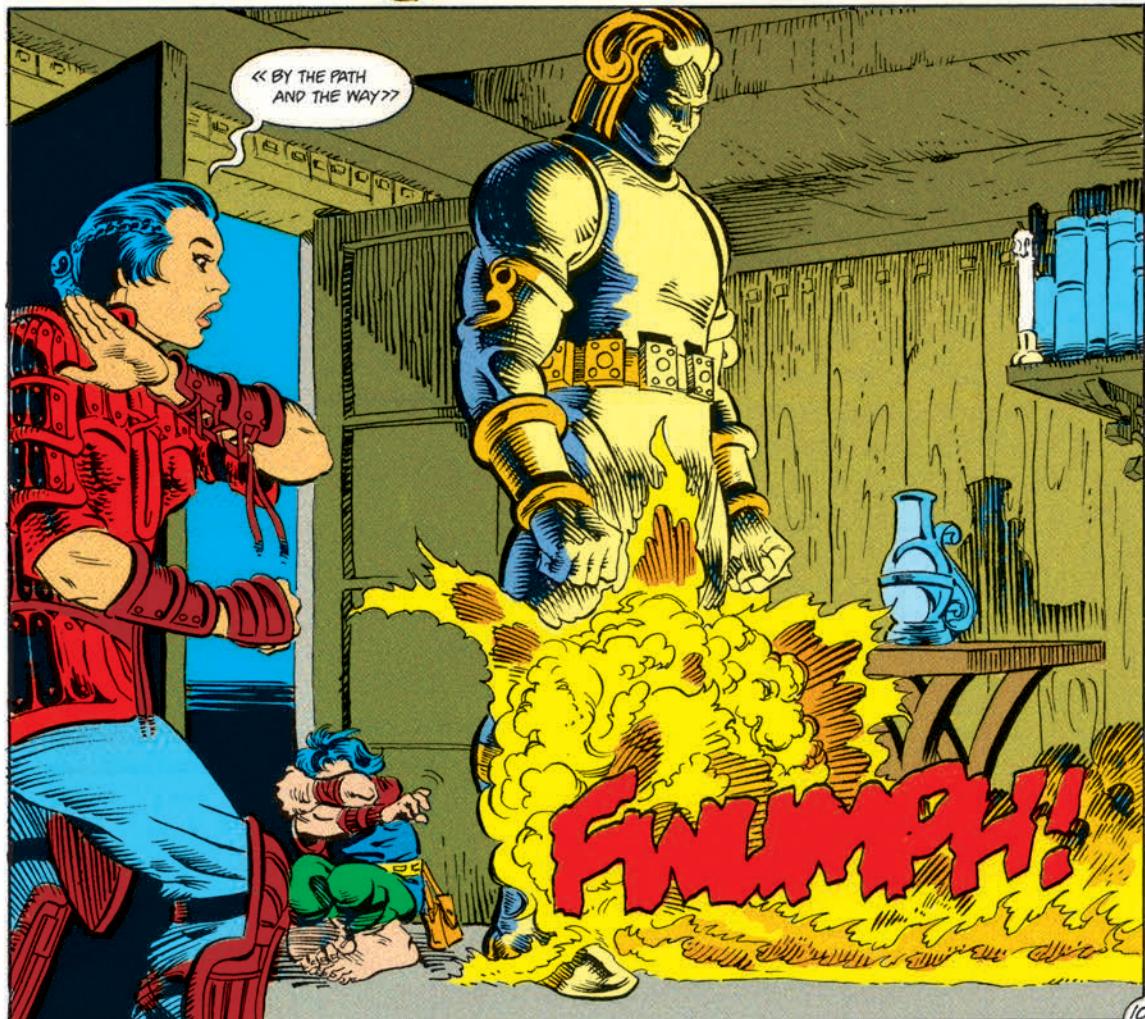
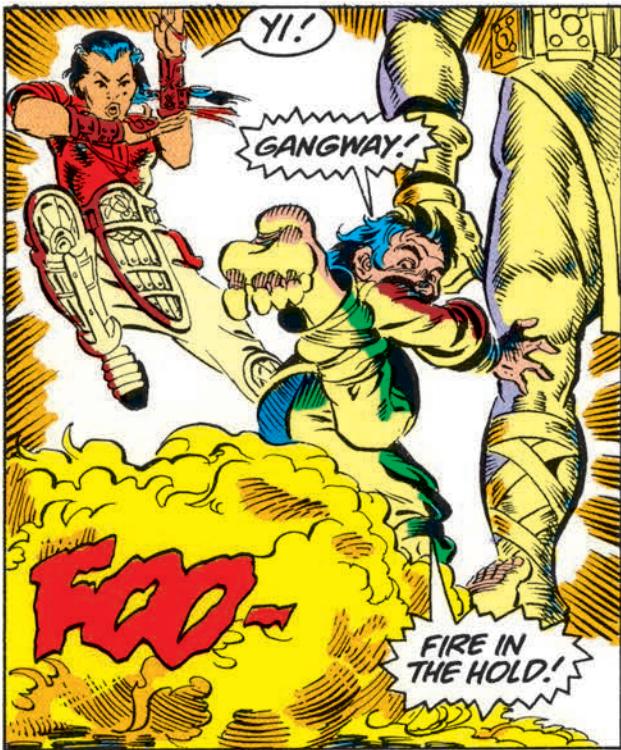


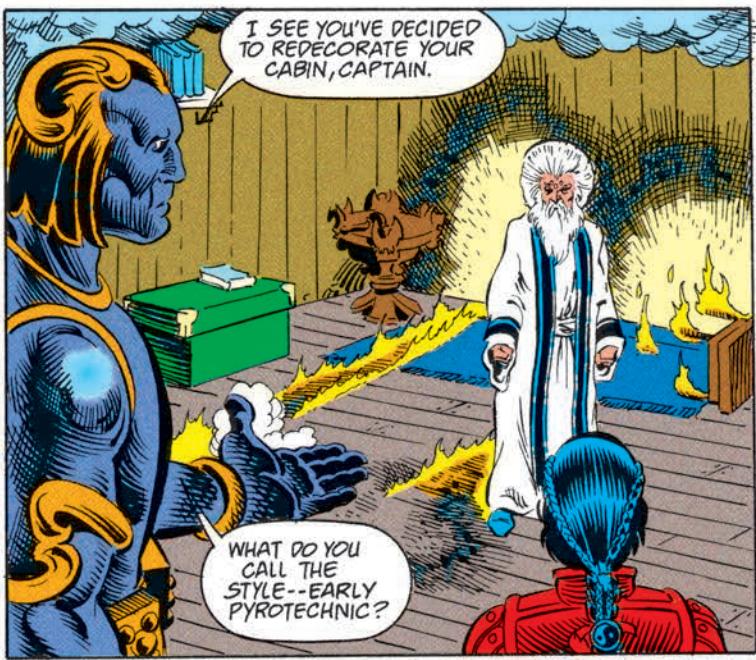




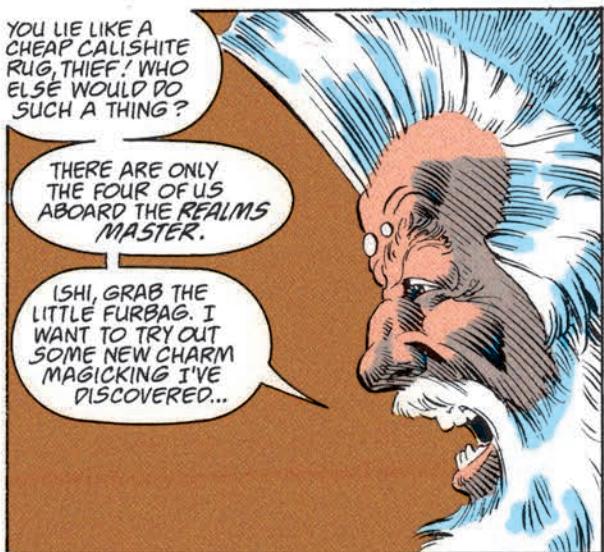


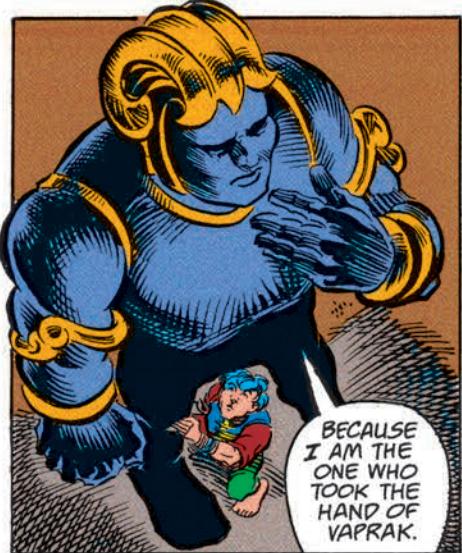






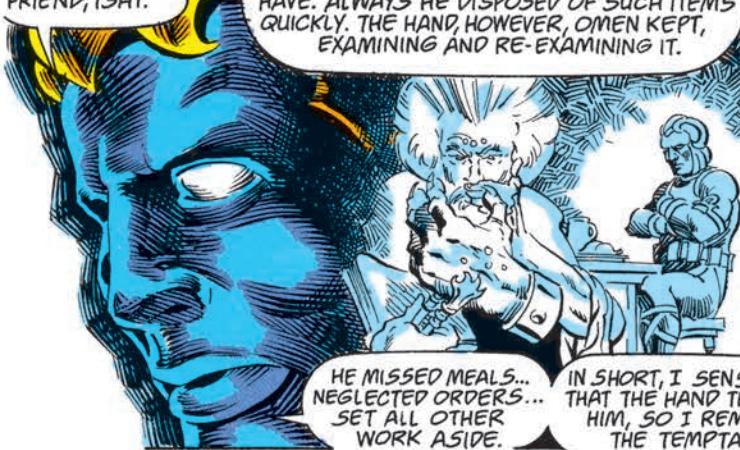
YOU MAY DO WELL TO JOKE, MINDER, WHILE A THIEF HIDES BEHIND YOU, A THIEF WHO HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF MY KIND NATURE TO STEAL THE HAND OF VAPRAK.



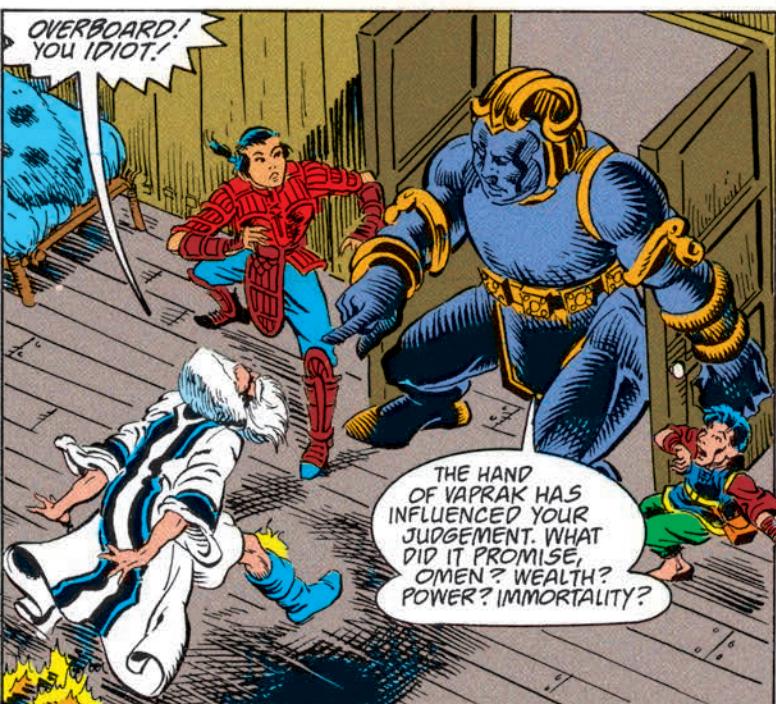
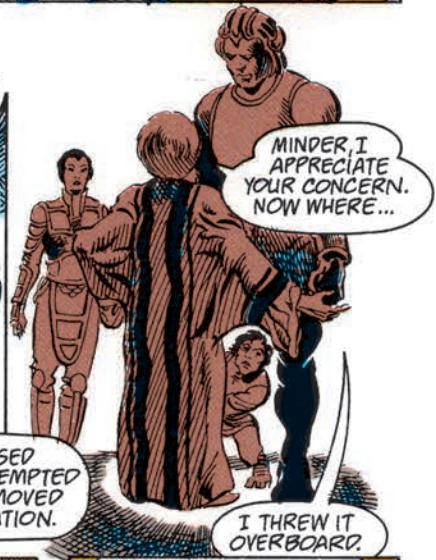


BECAUSE DWALIMOR OMEN IS MY FRIEND, ISHI.

IN HIS HUNT FOR MYSTIC ARTIFACTS I HAVE JOURNEYED WITH HIM LONGER THAN YOU HAVE. ALWAYS HE DISPOSED OF SUCH ITEMS QUICKLY. THE HAND, HOWEVER, OMEN KEPT, EXAMINING AND RE-EXAMINING IT.



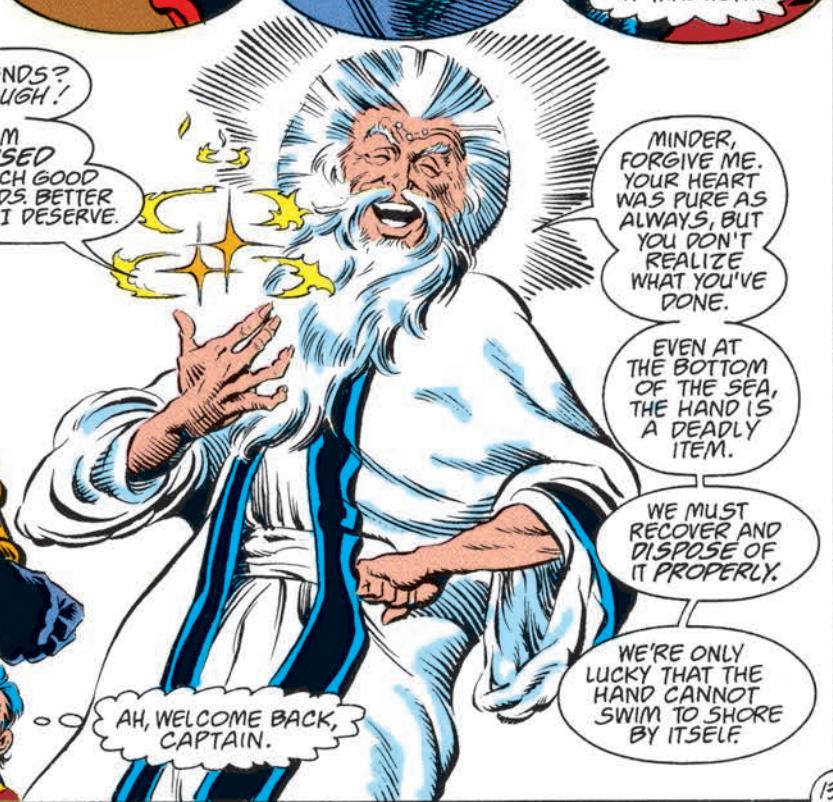
IN SHORT, I SENSED THAT THE HAND TEMPTED HIM, SO I REMOVED THE TEMPTATION.



CAPTAIN, MINDER IS CORRECT. THE HAND OF VAPRAK HAD TO HAVE HAD AN EFFECT ON YOU.

WHY ELSE WOULD YOU THREATEN YOUR OWN CREW?...

...THREATEN YOUR FRIENDS?



FRIENDS? PFAUGH!

I AM CURSED BY SUCH GOOD FRIENDS. BETTER THAN I DESERVE.

MINDER, FORGIVE ME. YOUR HEART WAS PURE AS ALWAYS, BUT YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

EVEN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, THE HAND IS A DEADLY ITEM.

WE MUST RECOVER AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY.

WE'RE ONLY LUCKY THAT THE HAND CANNOT SWIM TO SHORE BY ITSELF

AH, WELCOME BACK, CAPTAIN.





TRANSLATION FROM
ESPRUAR: MAY ENORETH
LET ME BE THERE WHEN
YOUR TIME COMES TO DIE."





AGRIVAR, OLD BOY, YOU MAY HAVE OVEREXTENDED YOURSELF...

DOWN DRAWBRIDGE!



...THIS TIME



WITH SO MANY OPPONENTS...



ARGH!

HOW NICE. ANOTHER SACRIFICE FOR YEENOGHUL.

MY HAND...

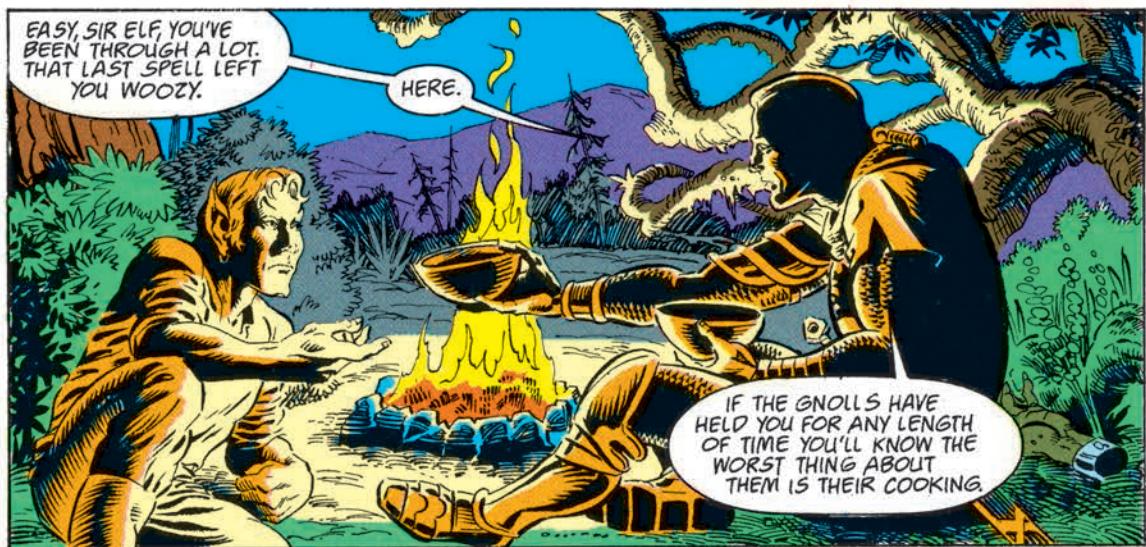
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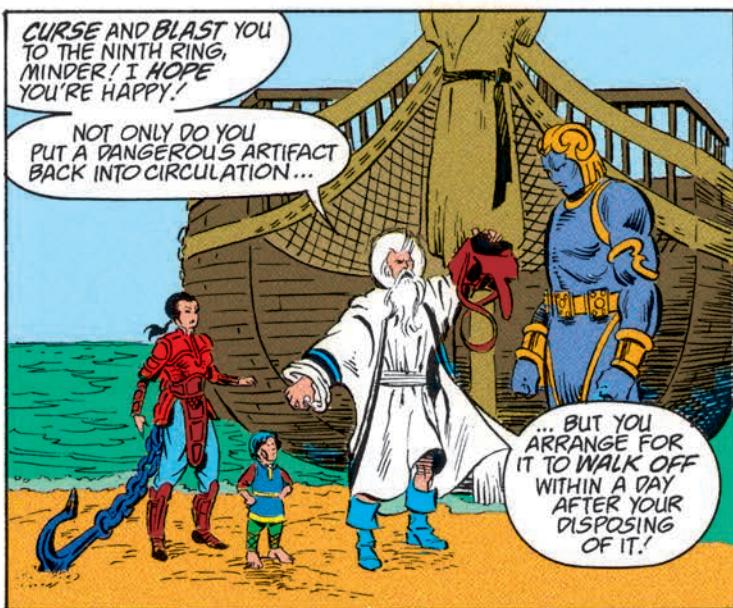


















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SEVERAL DAYS LATER AND OVER
A THOUSAND MILES AWAY, IN
THE SEAPORT OF...



Converging Lines

BALDUR'S GATE.

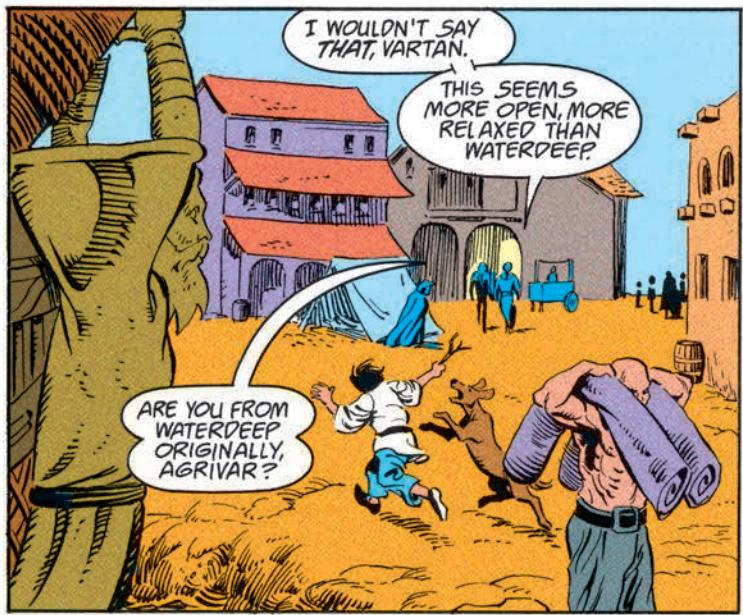
LOOKS LIKE
ANY OTHER HUMAN
WARREN THAT I'VE
SEEN FROM HERE
TO THE INNER SEA.
TOO MANY PEOPLE...

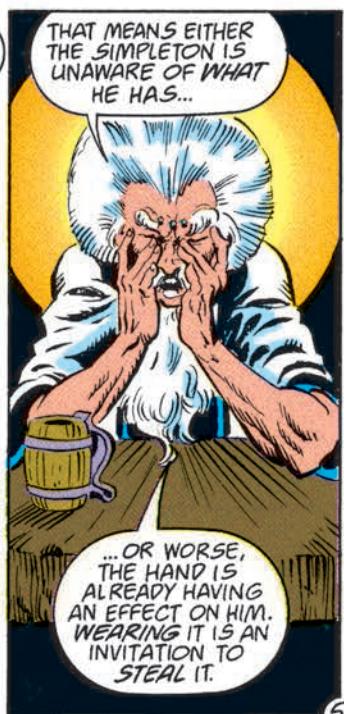
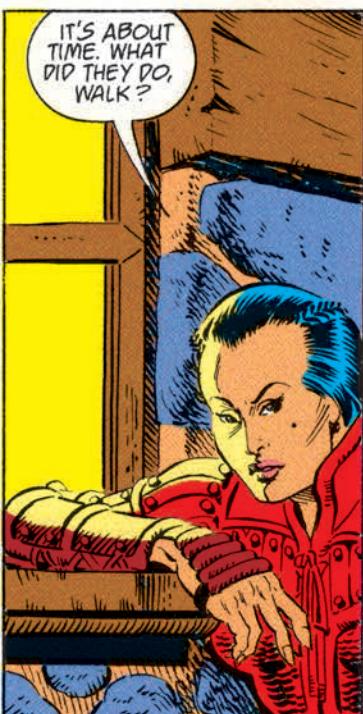
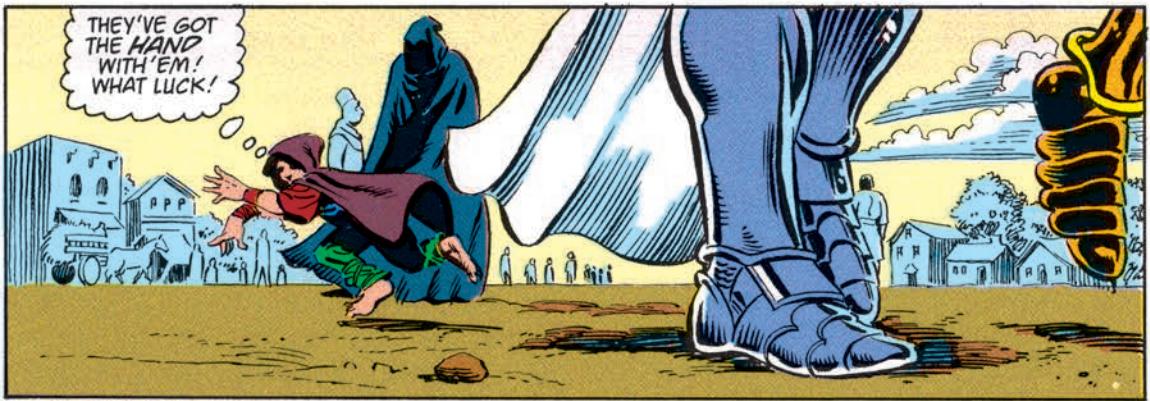
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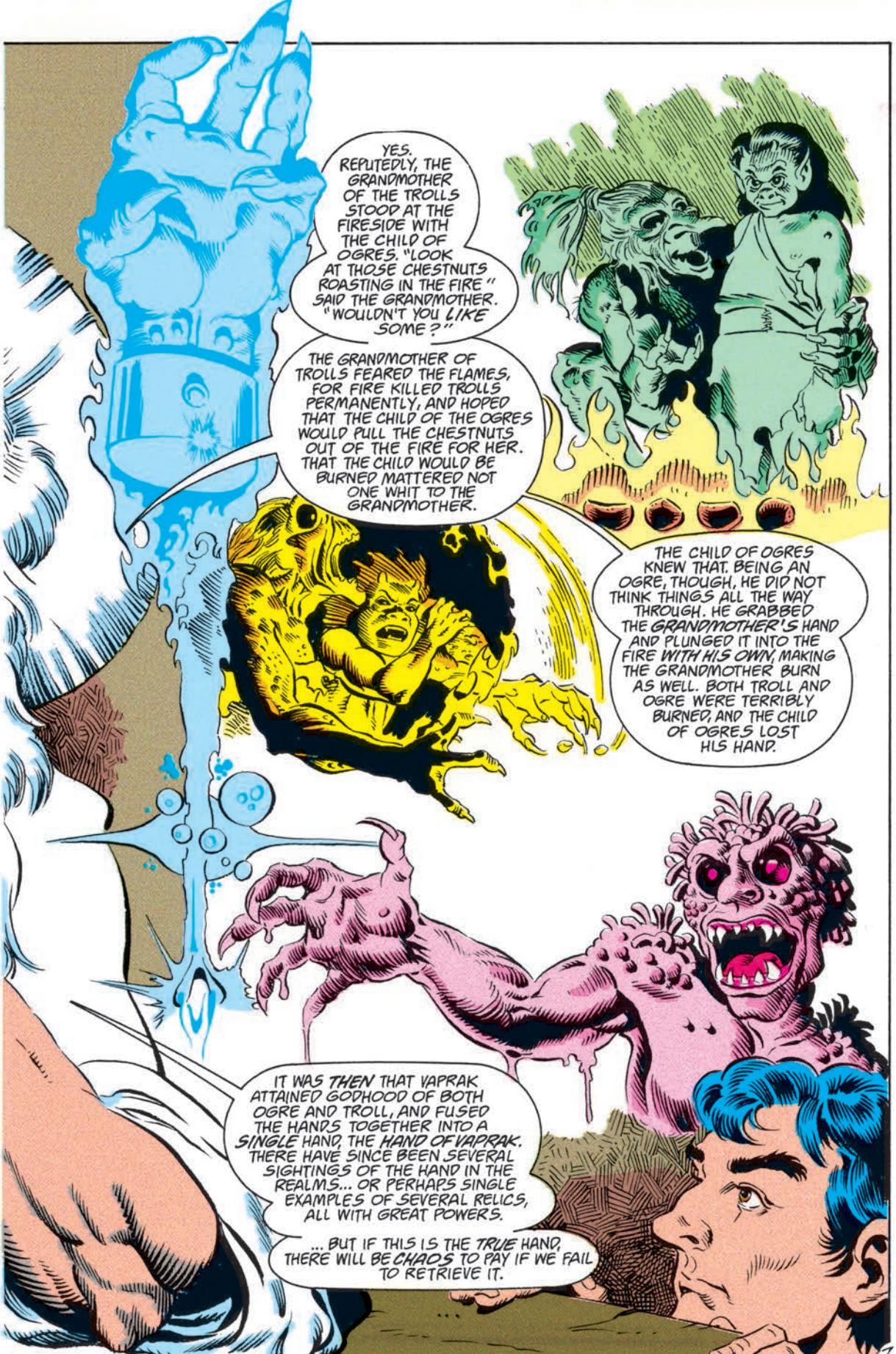
COULD THE HAND WANT
TO BE STOLEN... AND
INFLUENCE THE NORTHERNER'S
ACTIONS?

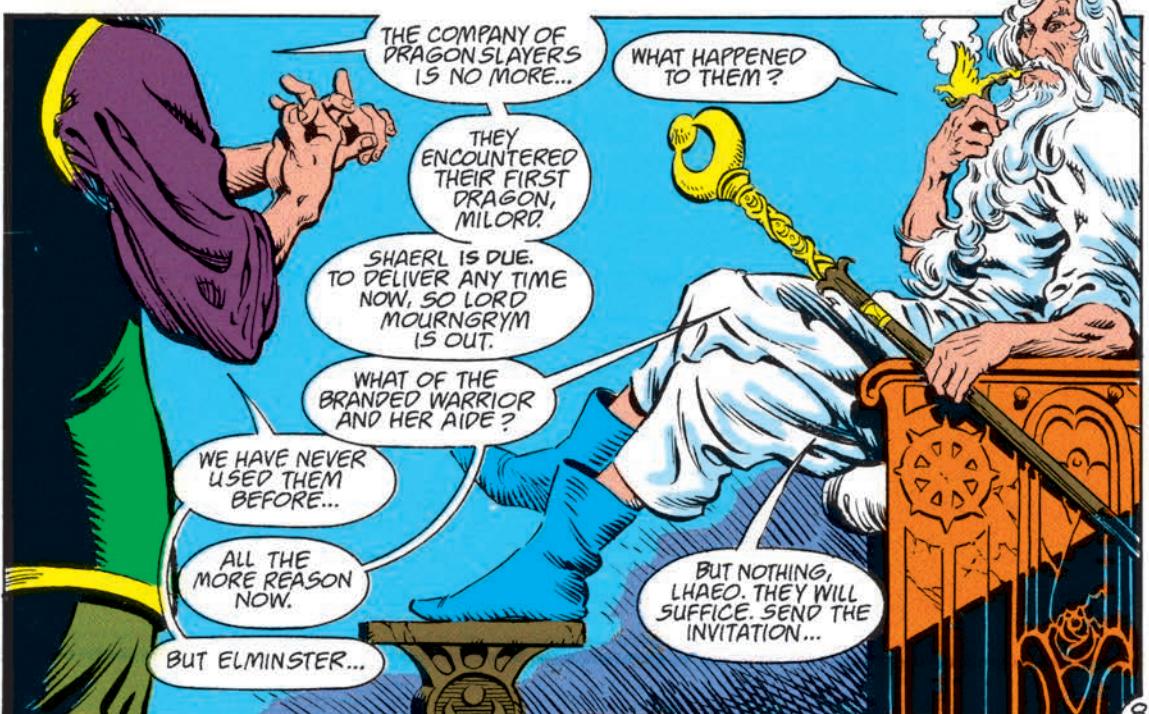
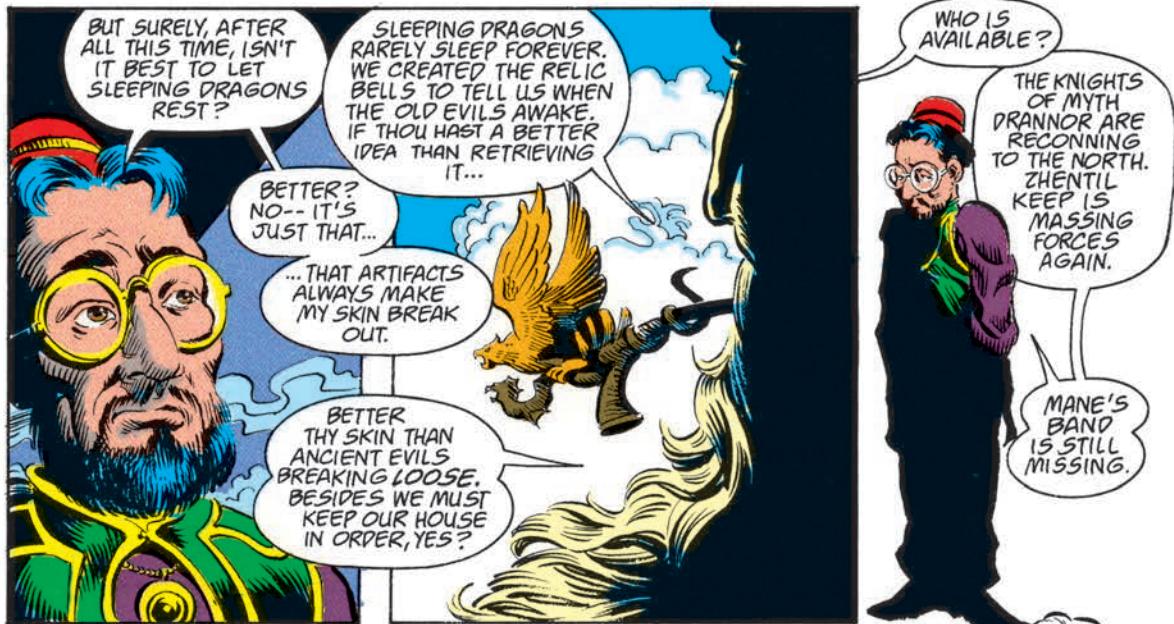
POSSIBLE. THE HAND OF VAPRAK
IS DEFINITELY MORE POWERFUL
THAN I THOUGHT. WE'D BEST
RETRIEVE AND DISPOSE OF
IT PROPERLY.

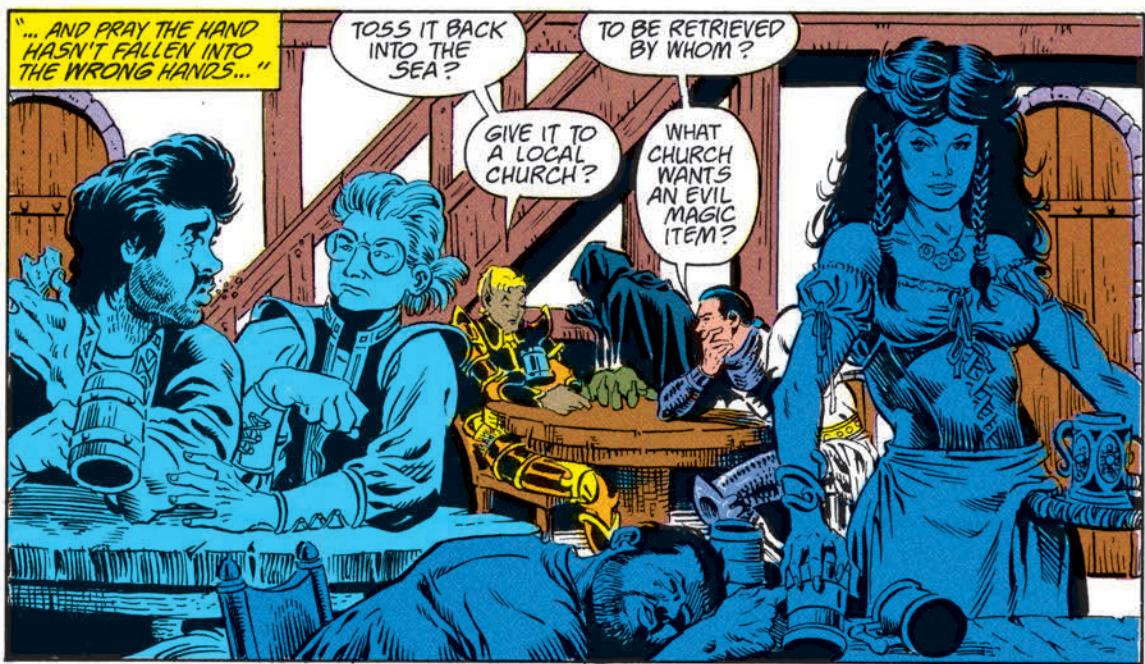
CAPTAIN, A
QUESTION. IF THIS
MAGICAL ARTIFACT
LOOKS LIKE AN
OGRE'S PAW, WHY
IS IT NAMED AFTER
THE GOD OF THE
TROLLS?

VAPRAK IS
THE GOD OF
BOTH OGRES AND
TROLLS IN THESE
LANDS, ISHI BARASUME,
AND THE LEGEND STATES
THAT AN OGRE'S PAW
WAS MADE INTO THE
ORIGINAL HAND OF
VAPRAK.

LEGEND?

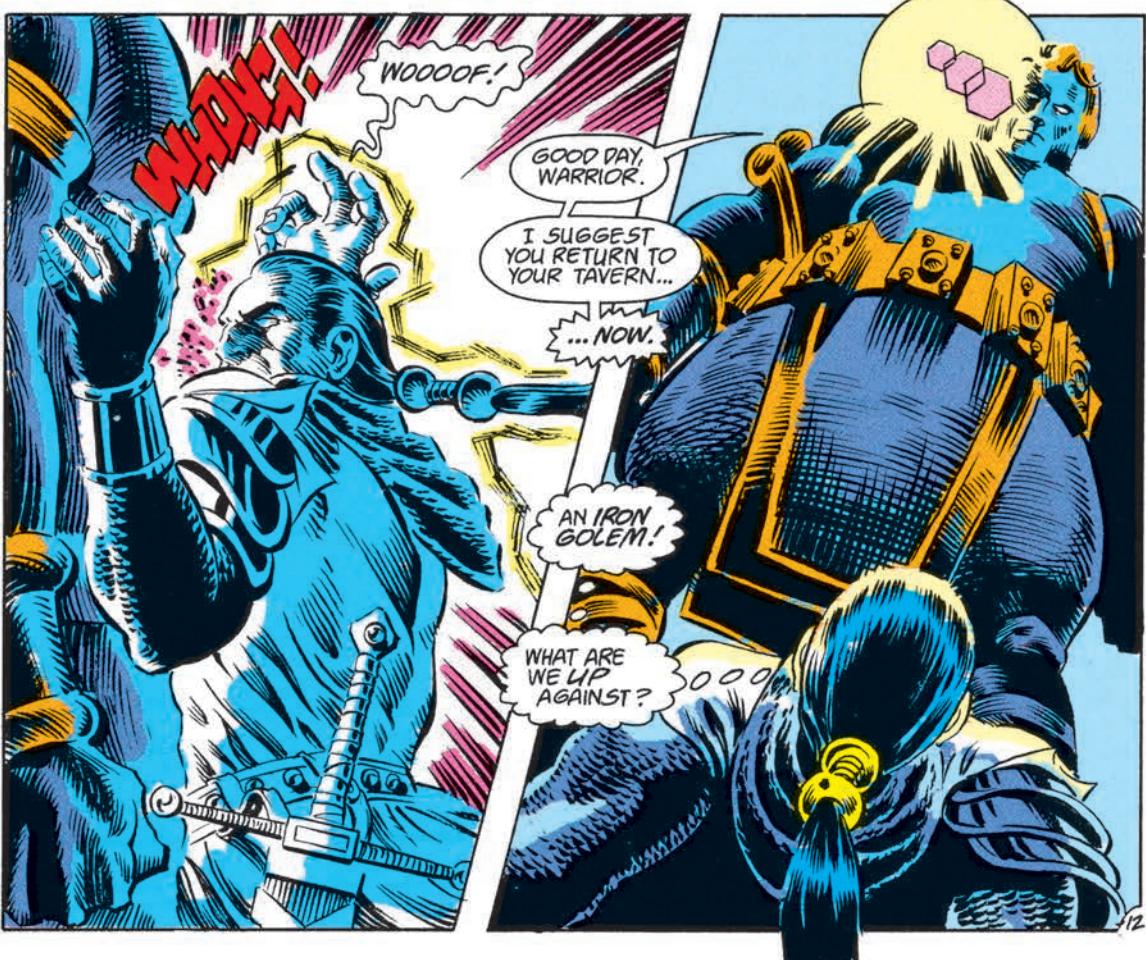
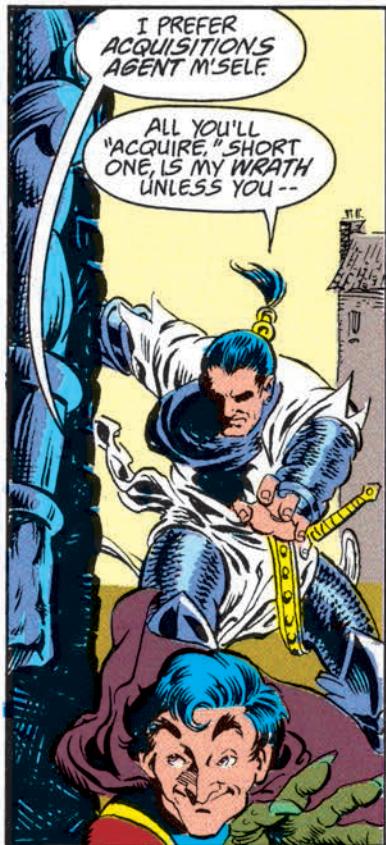
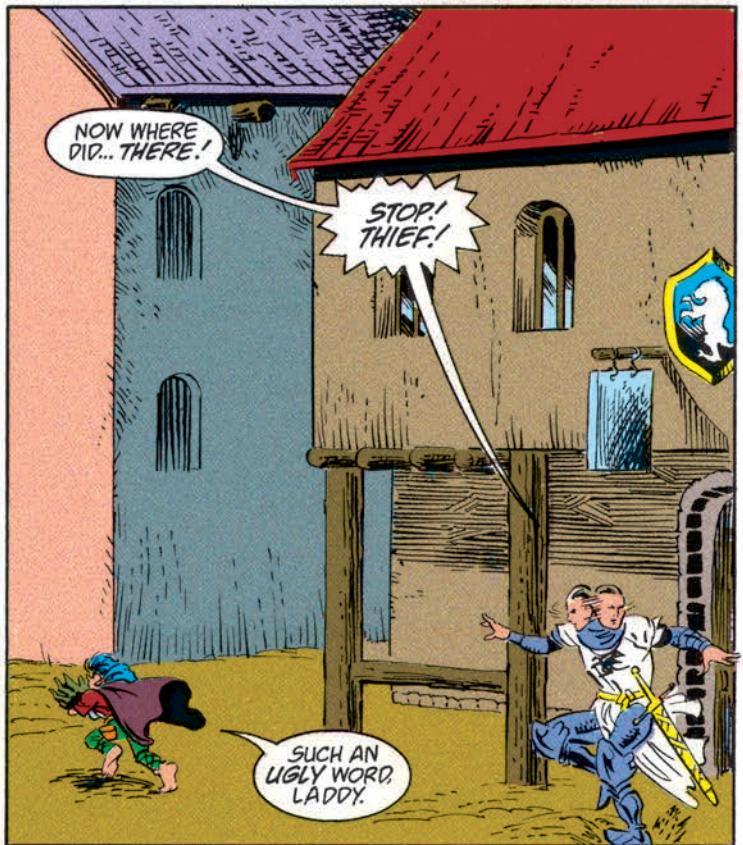


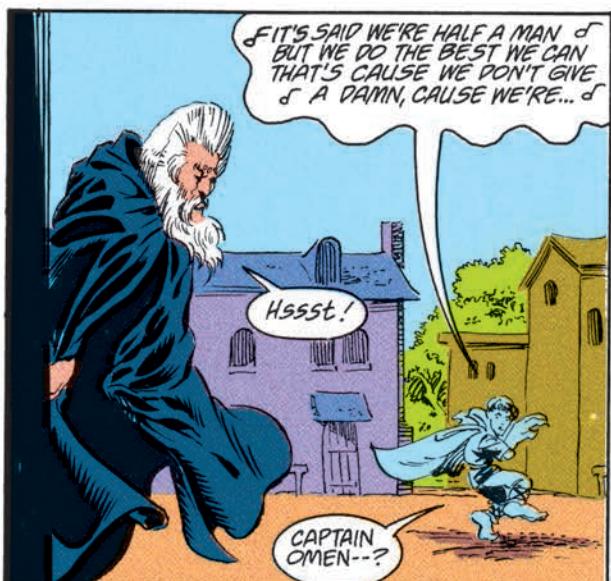


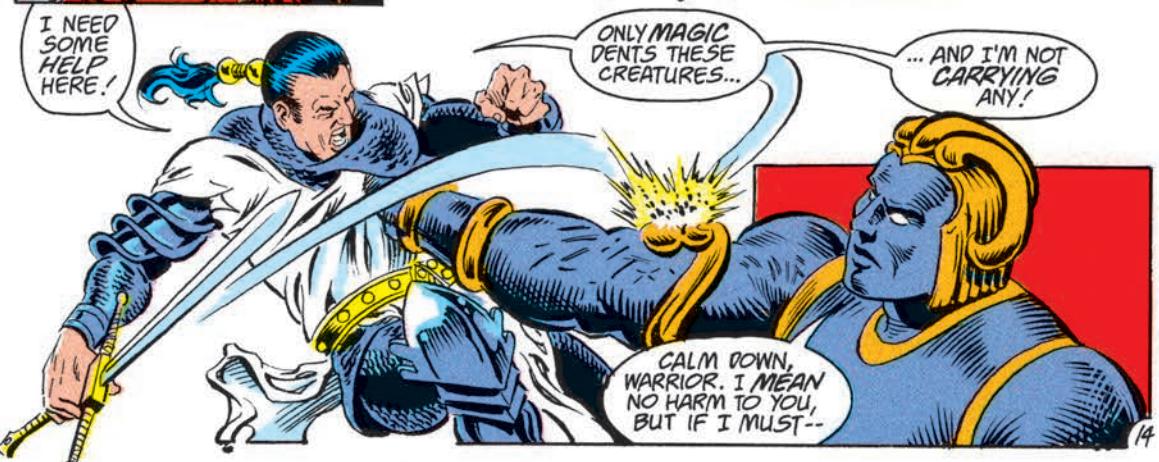
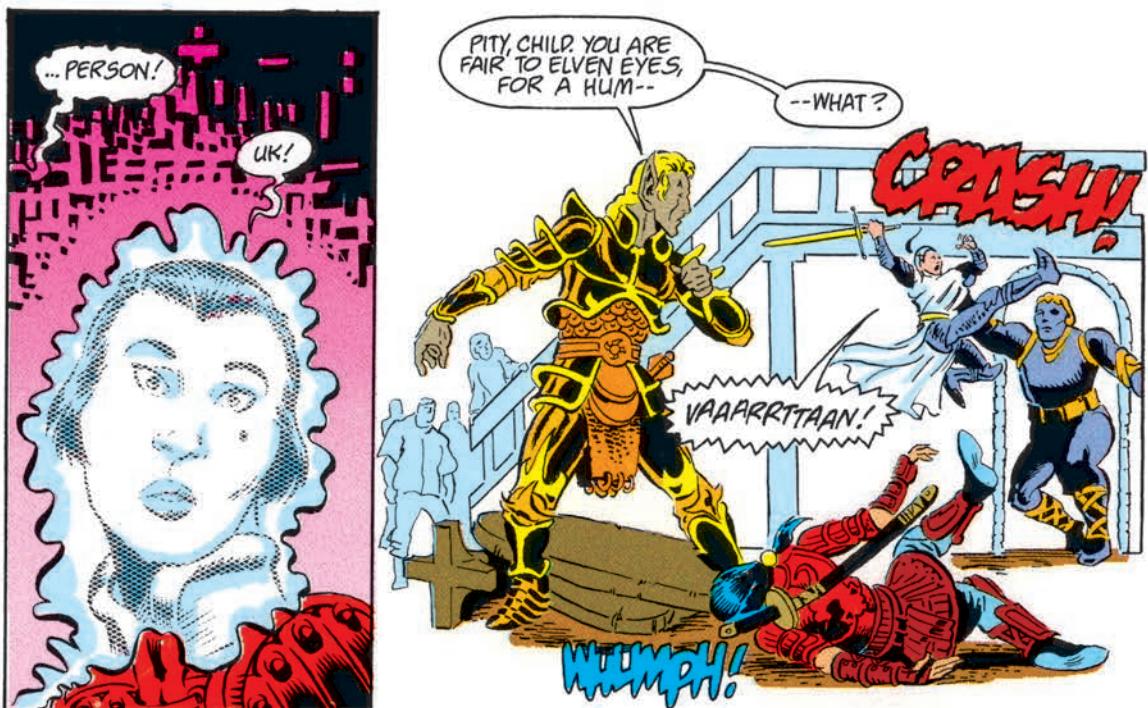
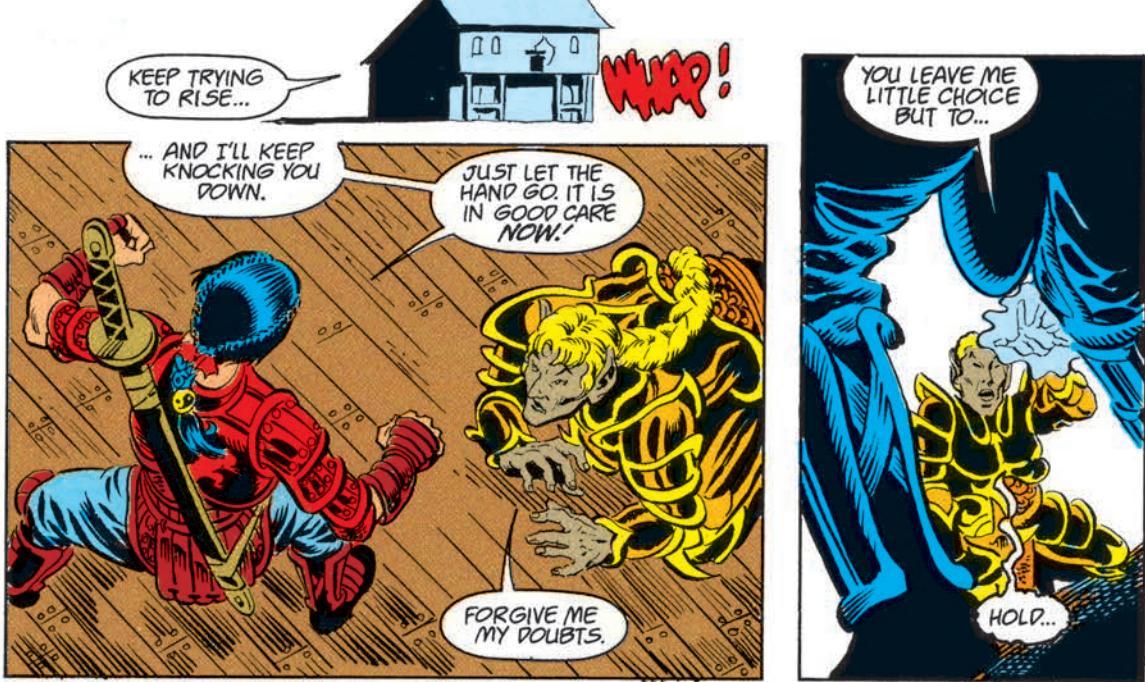


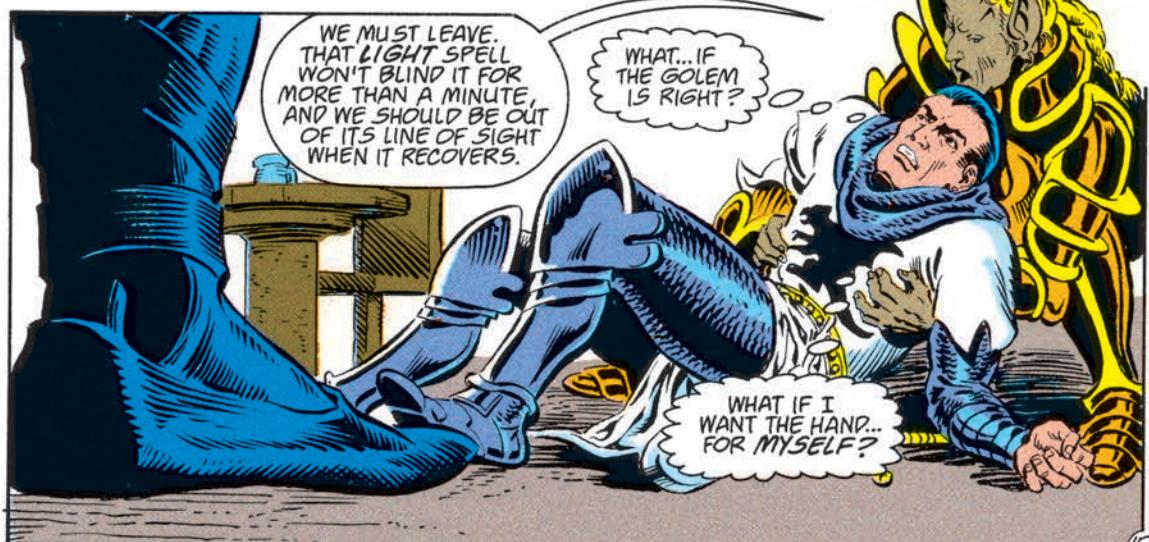


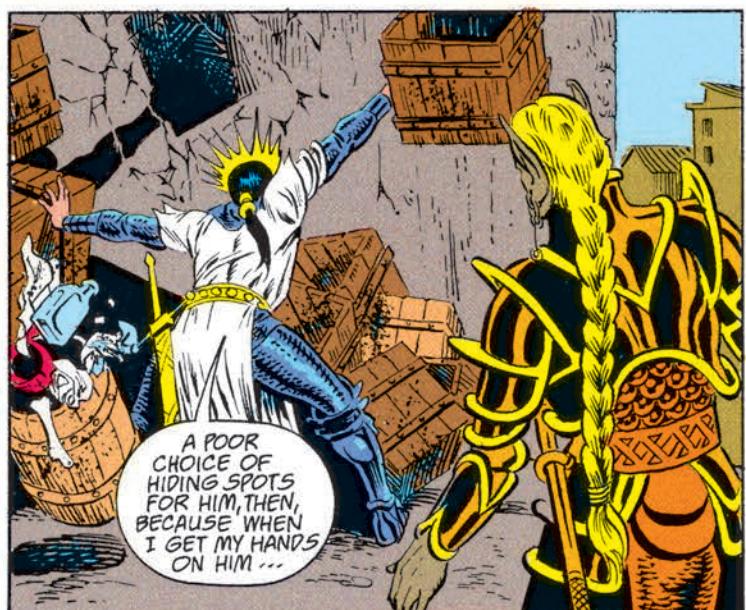




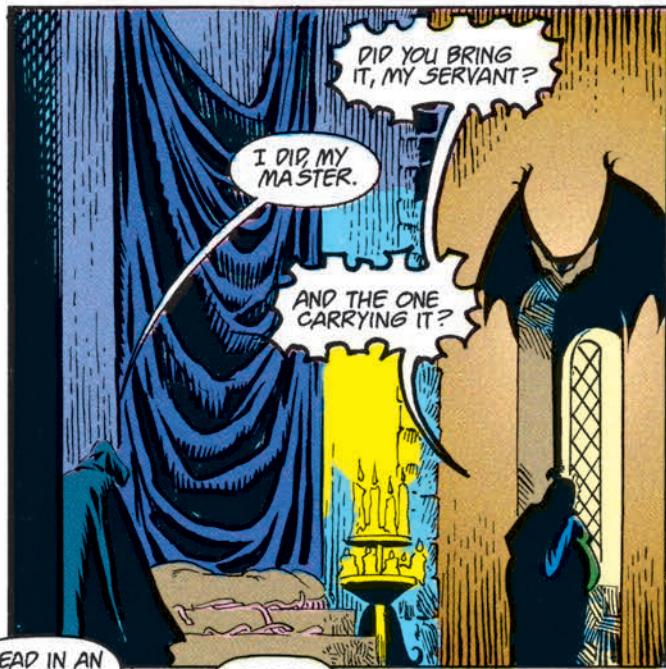


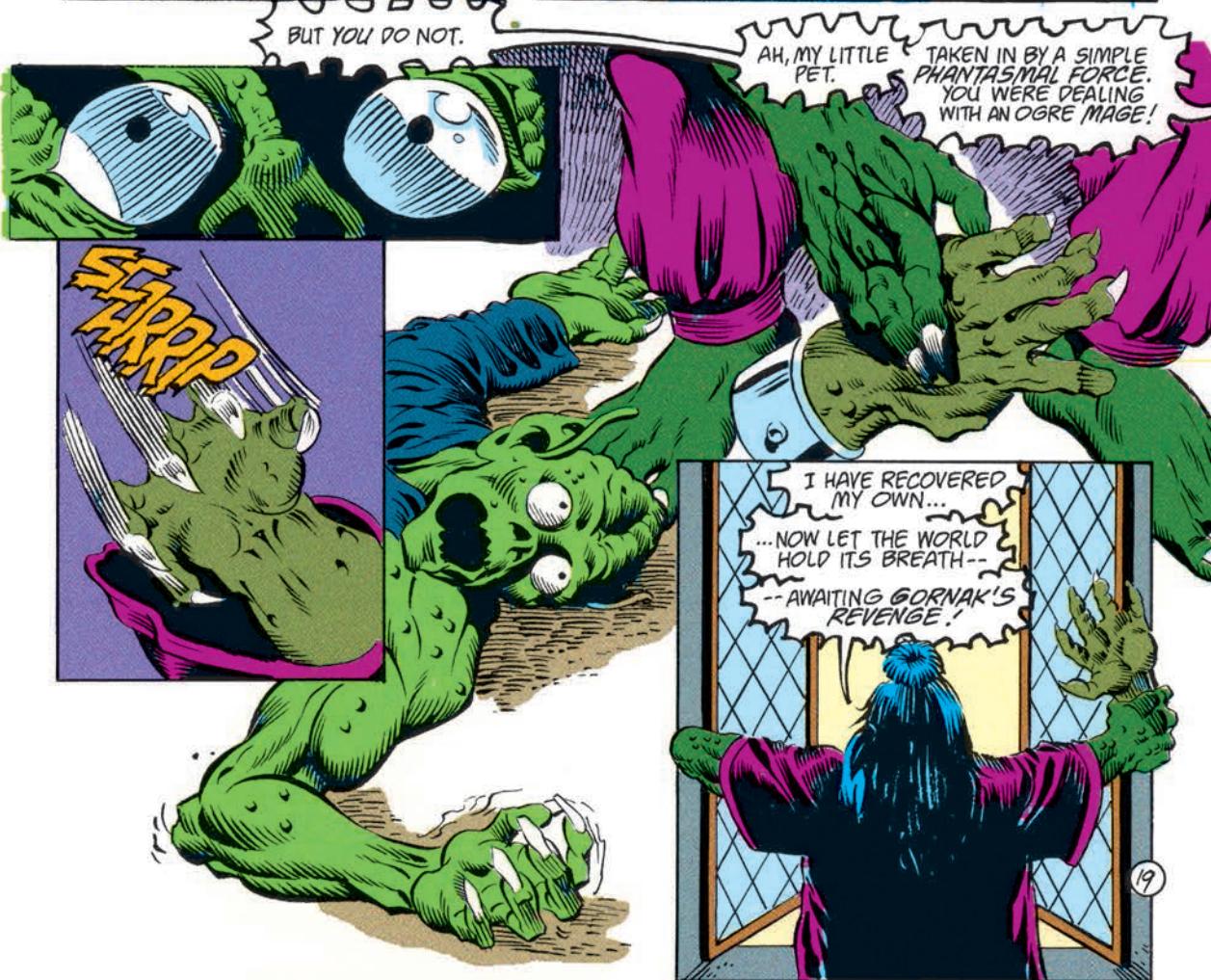


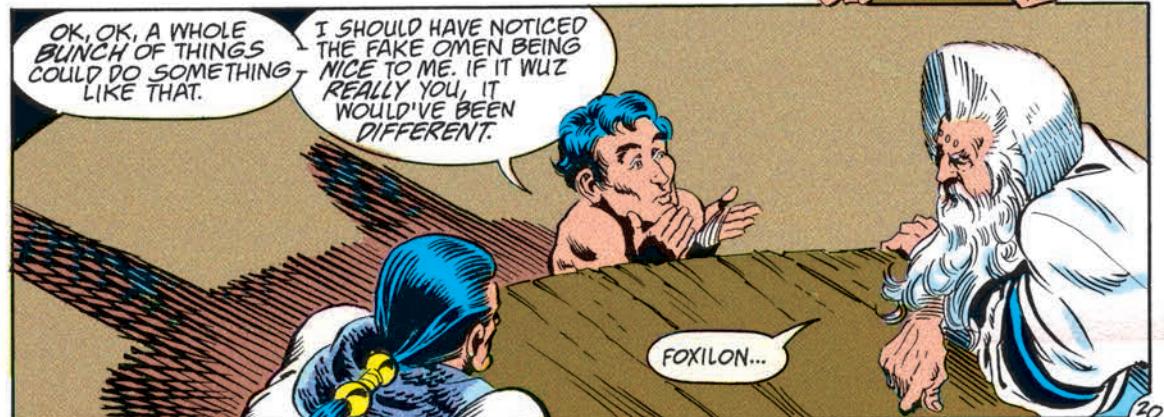
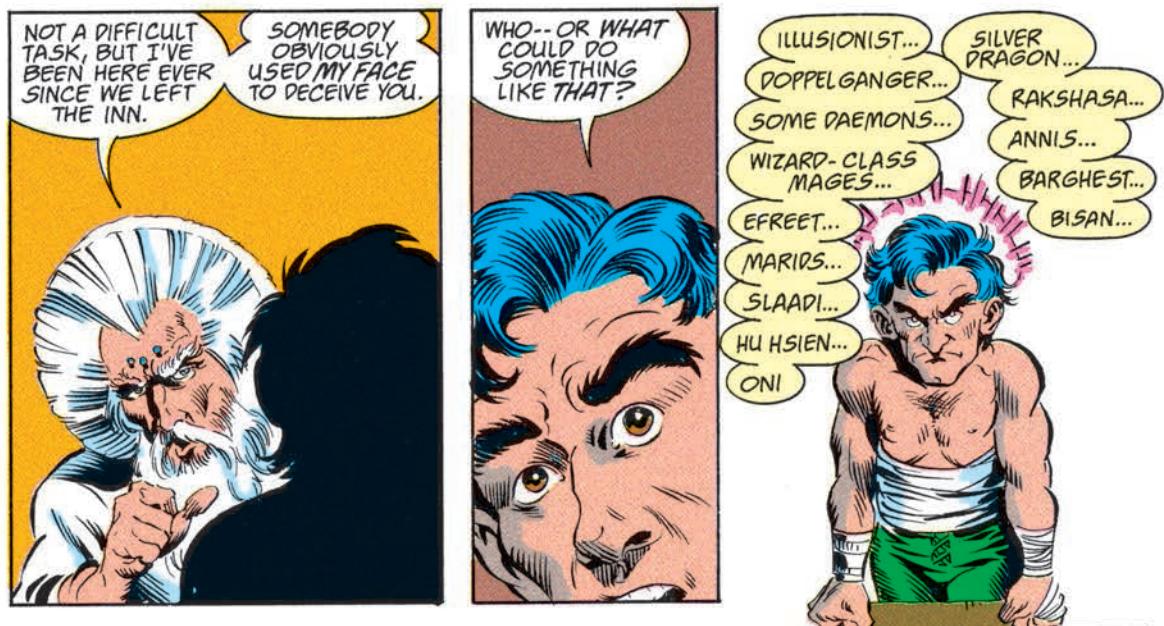
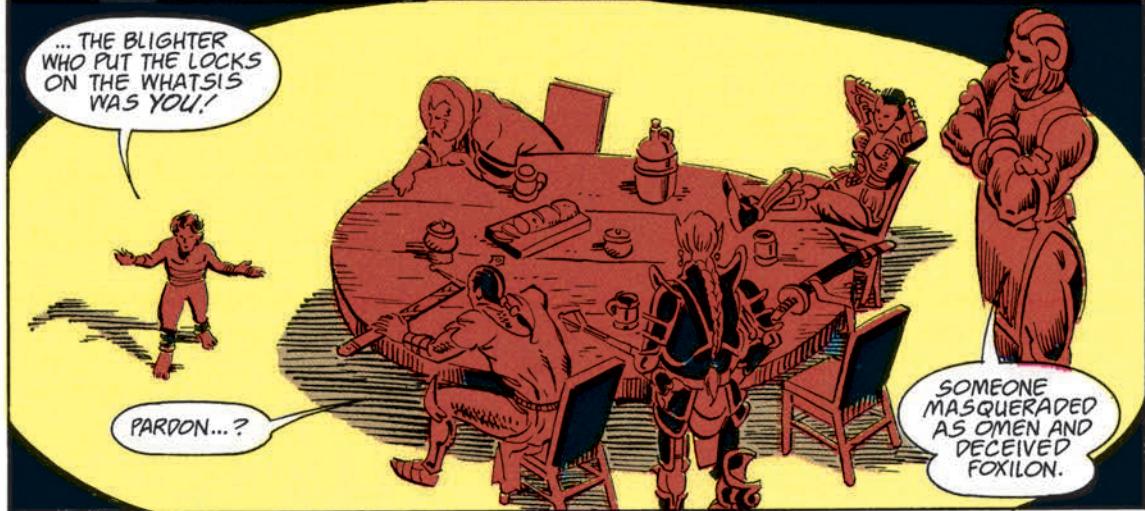


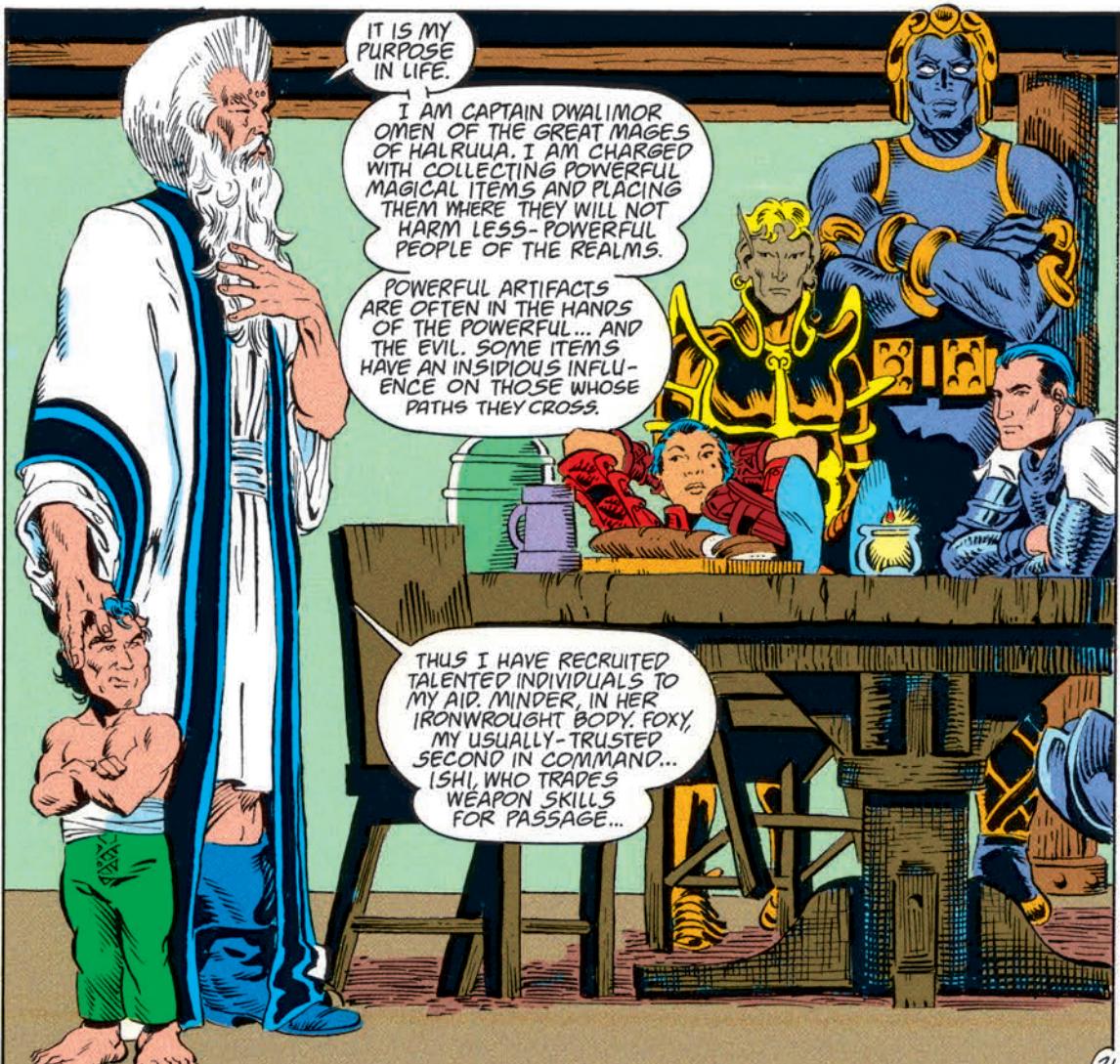
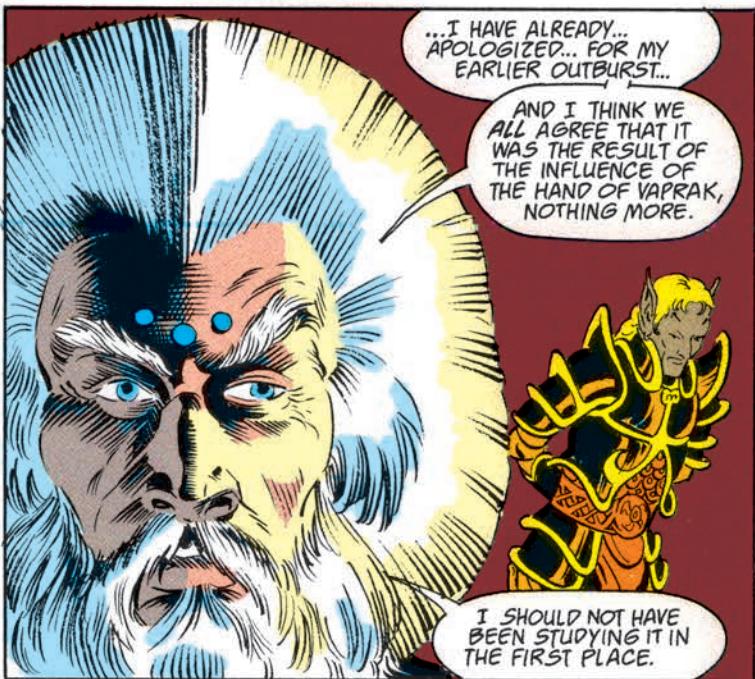




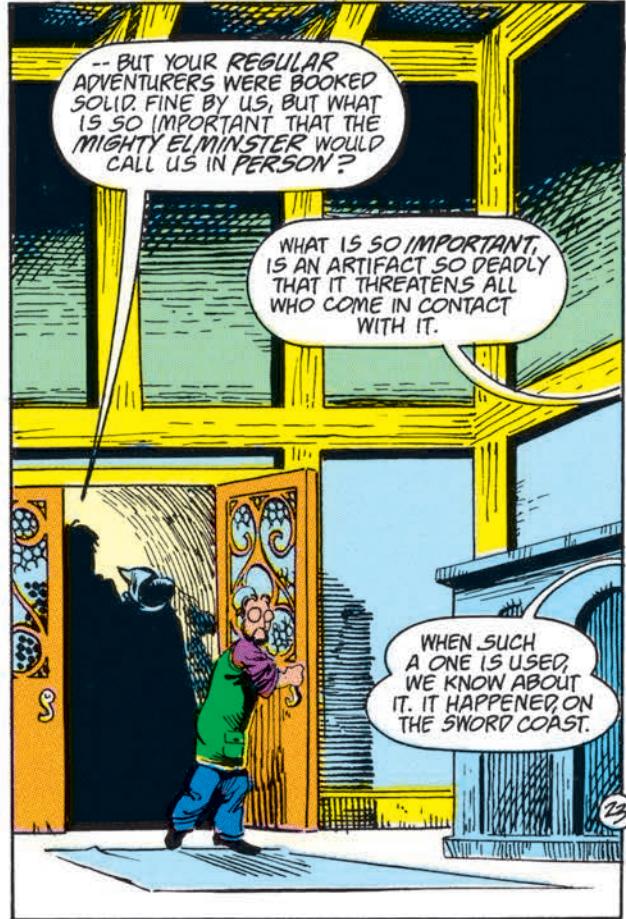












THE SWORD COAST IS OVER
A THOUSAND MILES AWAY. WHY
IS THIS YOUR WORRY?

THE WORRY IS
MINE BECAUSE THE
RESPONSIBILITY
IS MINE, ALIAS OF
THE AZURE BONDS...

FOR I
MADE THE
HAND OF
VAPRAK...

... AND IF I DO
NOT DESTROY IT,
IT WILL SURELY
DESTROY ME!

GROOOOWWF!



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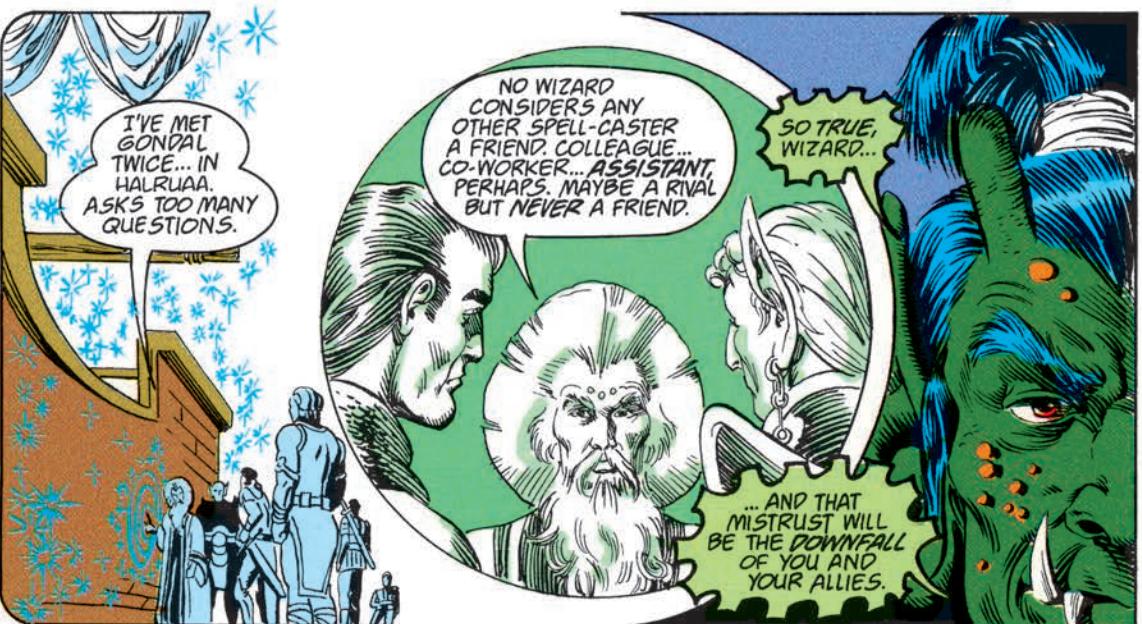
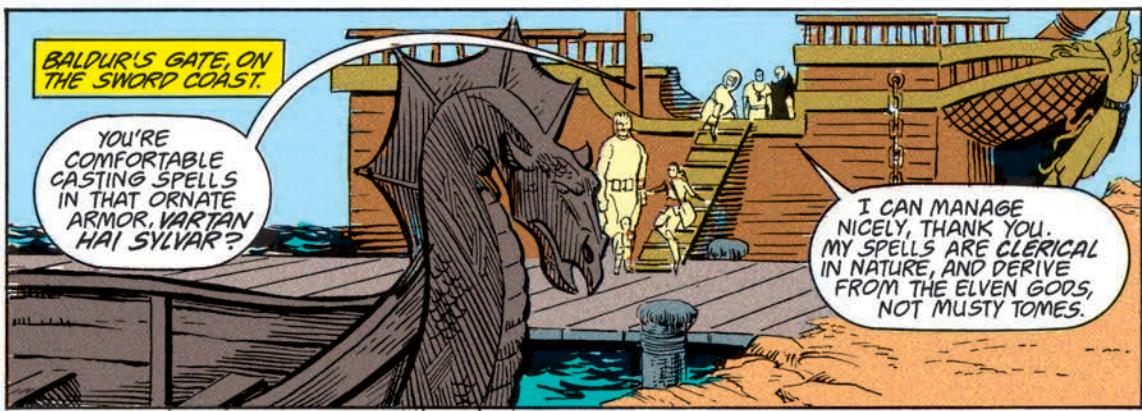
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MCRAE
DAVE
SIMONS



YOU WILL BE
THE FIRST
OF MANY.

WELL ! WE MUST
PREPARE FOR OUR
GUESTS, MUSTN'T
WE ?

IT'S NOT EVERY
DAY THAT THE LAMBS
SO WILLINGLY COME
TO THE SLAUGHTER,
UNAWARE THAT THE
ITEM THEY SEEK
IS ALREADY IN
MY HANDS...

AND THAT
I INTEND TO
KEEP IT.

THE GREAT GAME

HAND OF VAPRAK PART 3

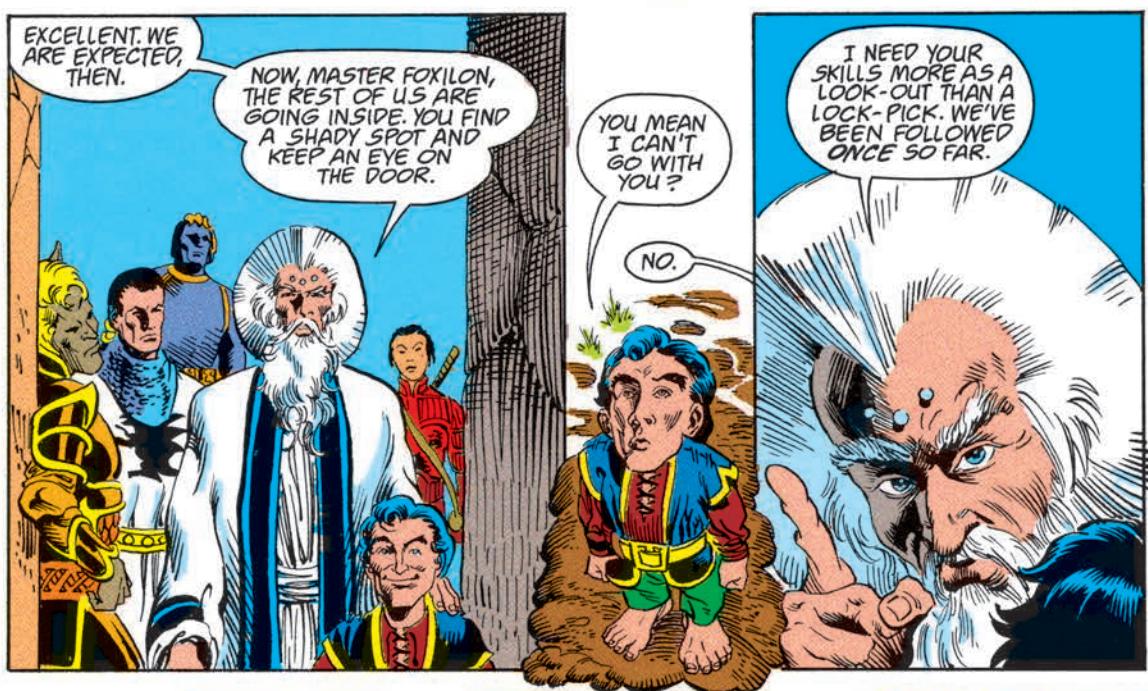
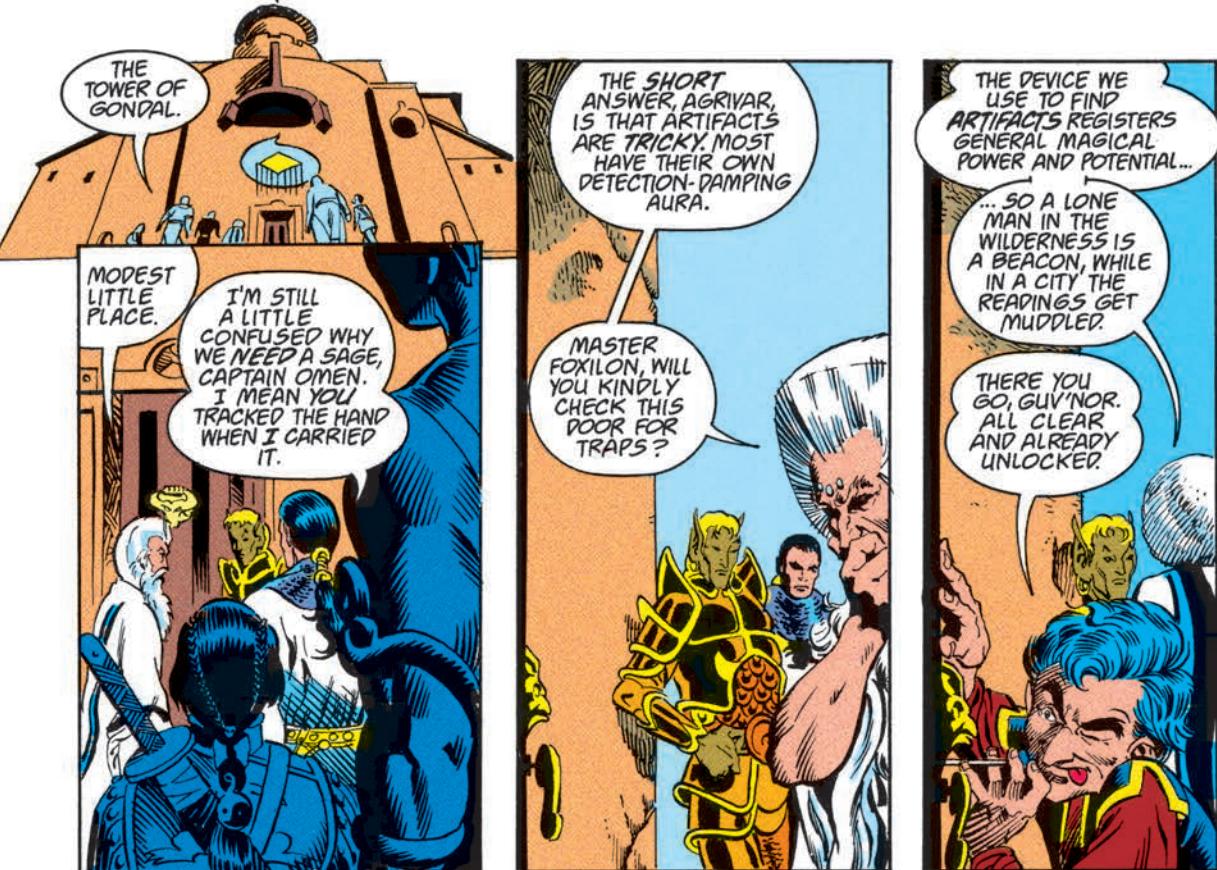


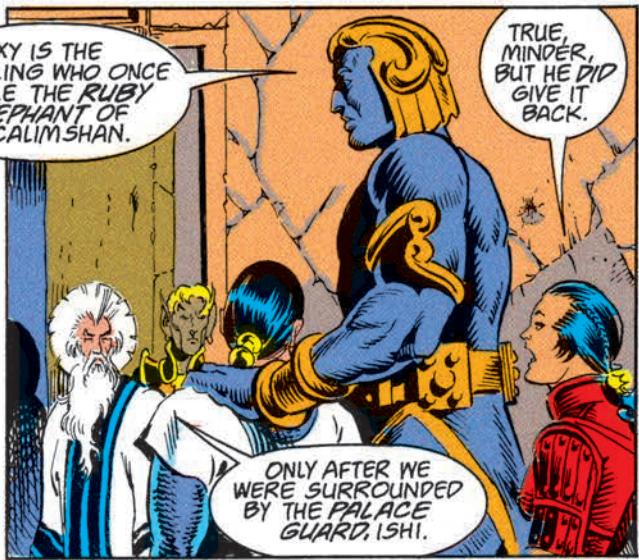
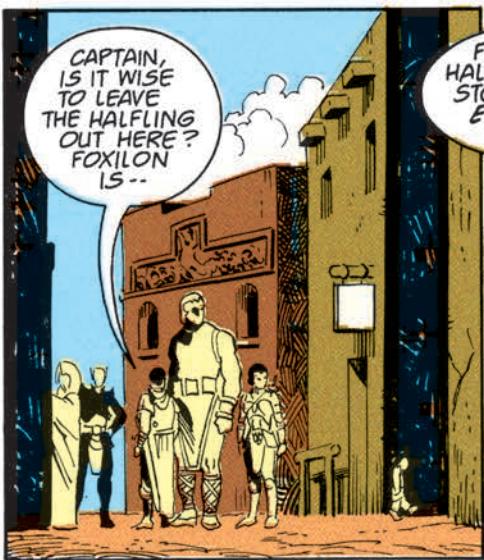
AND IT'S
GONDAL
THEY WILL
GET.

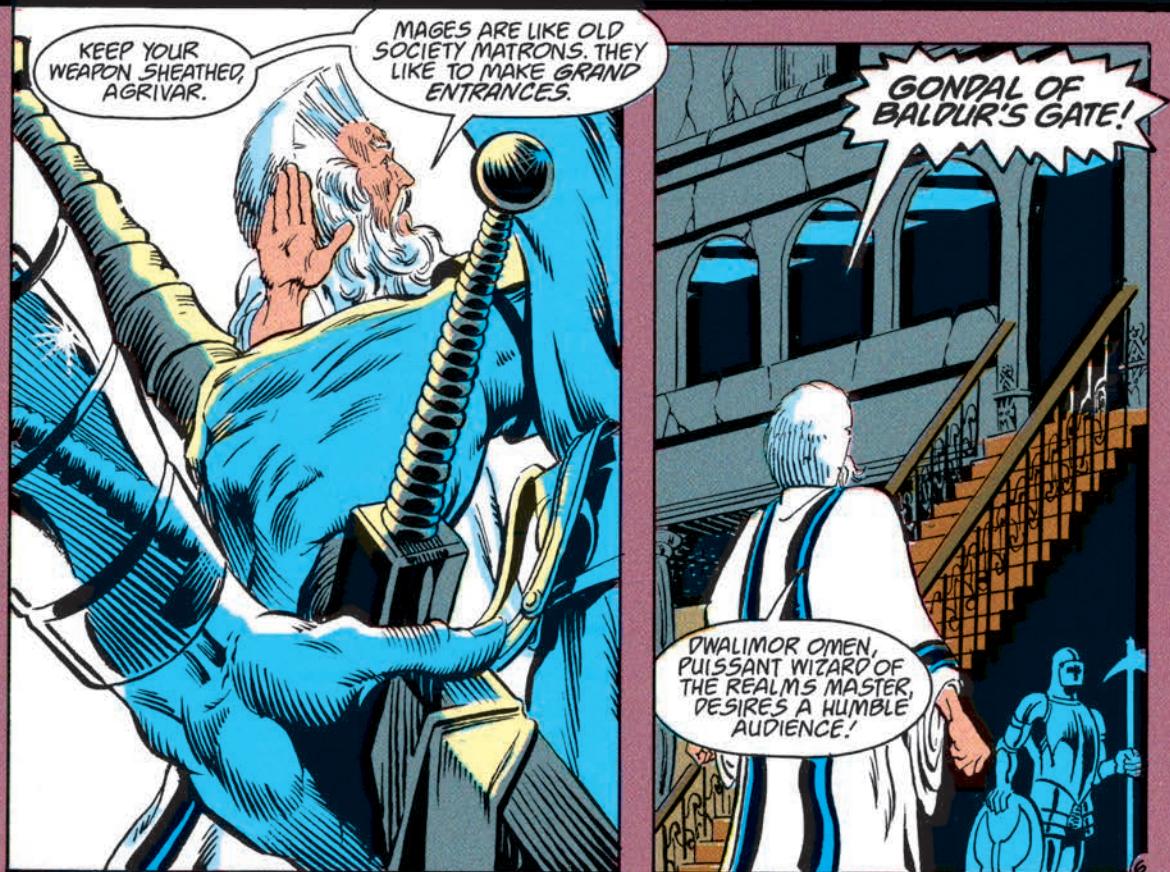
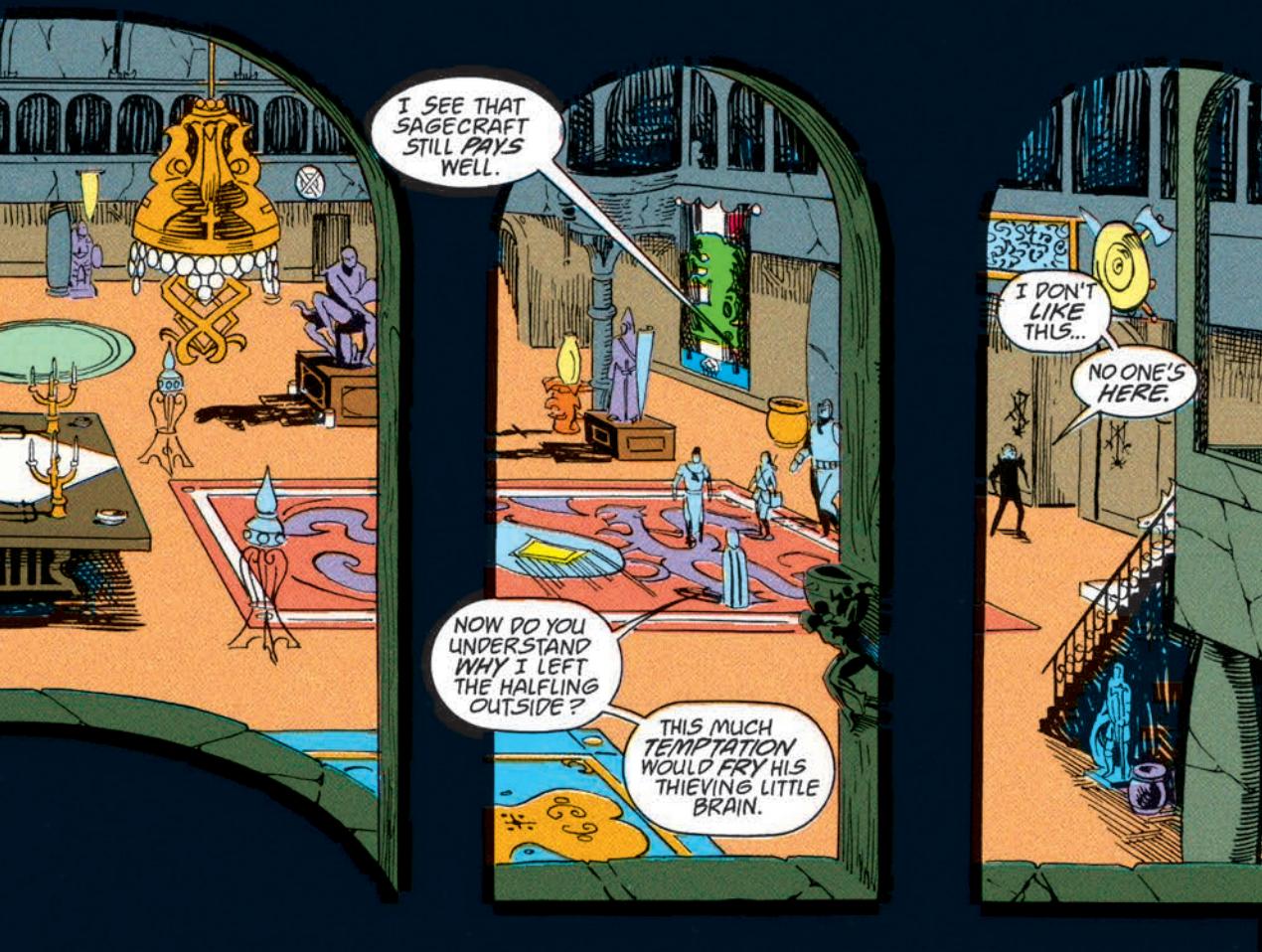
AFTER ALL,
GONDAL, I CAN
SEE YOU'RE IN
NO SHAPE TO
RECEIVE GUESTS.
HAHAH!

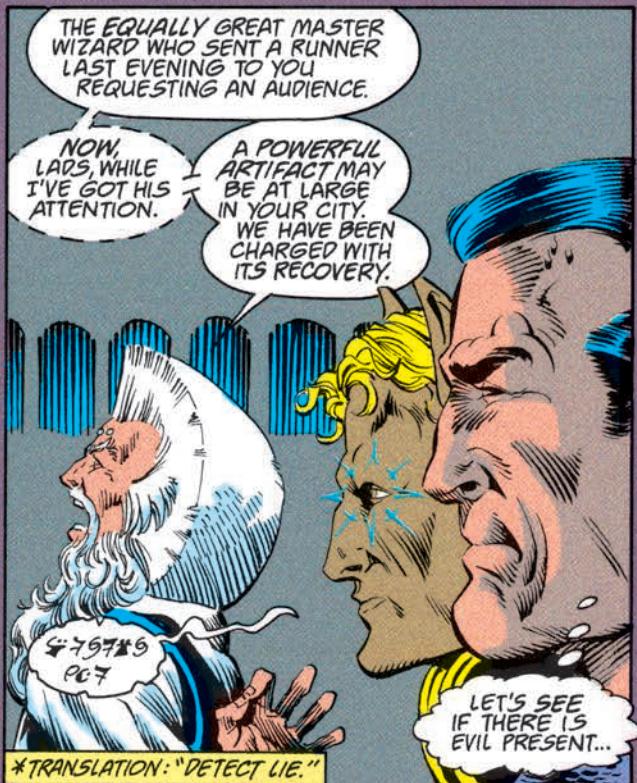
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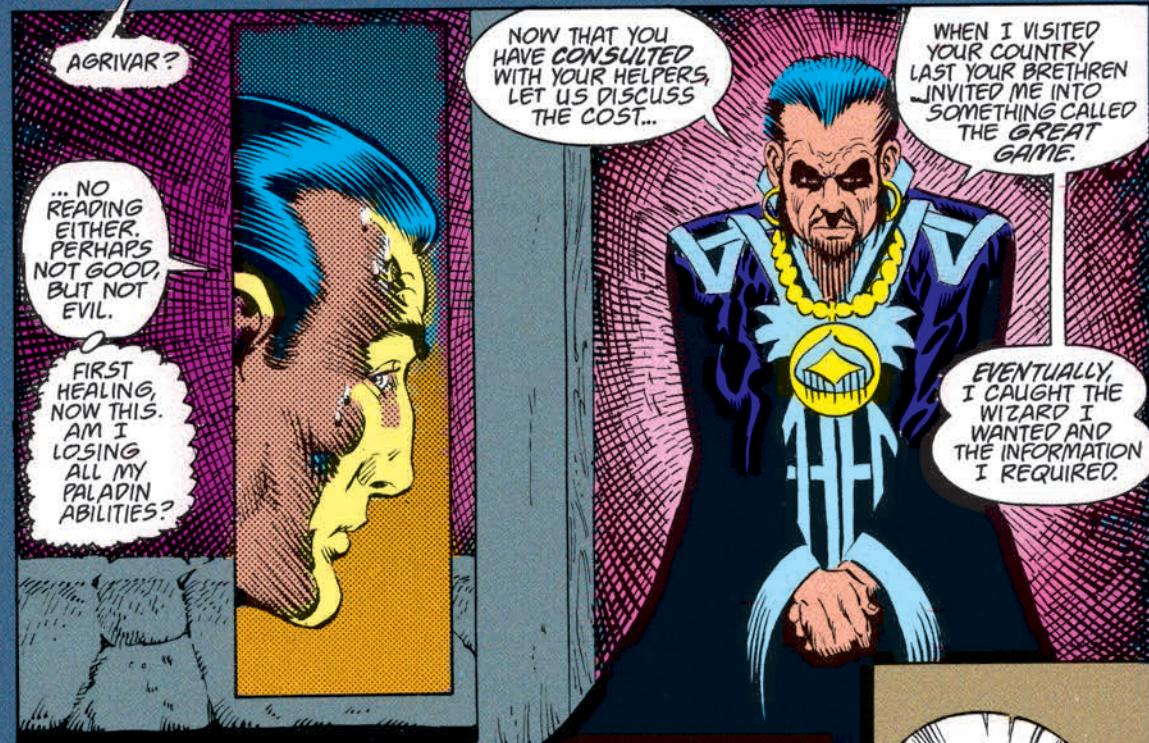
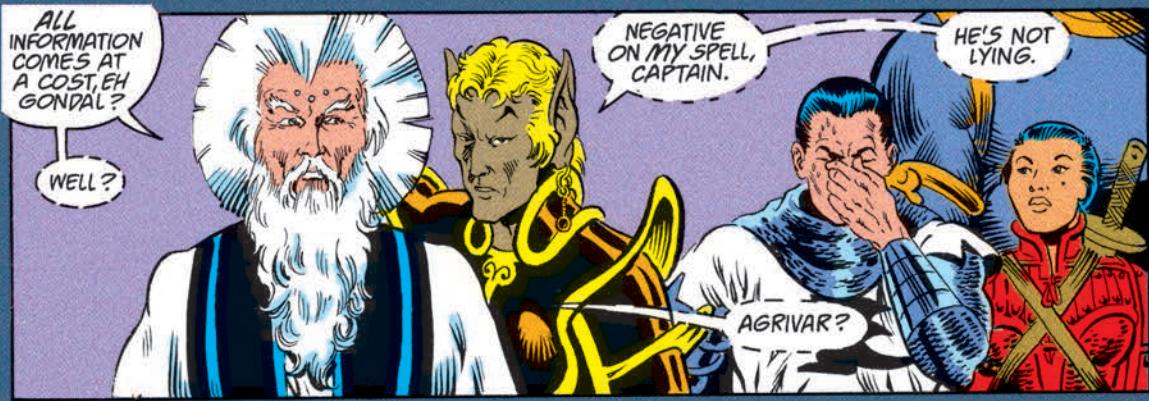
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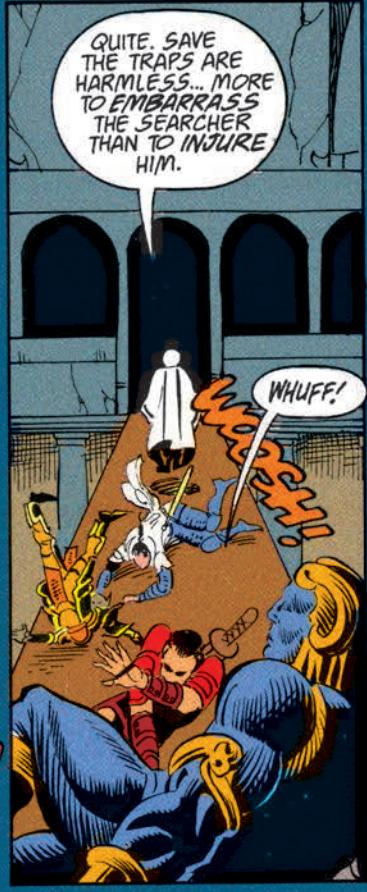


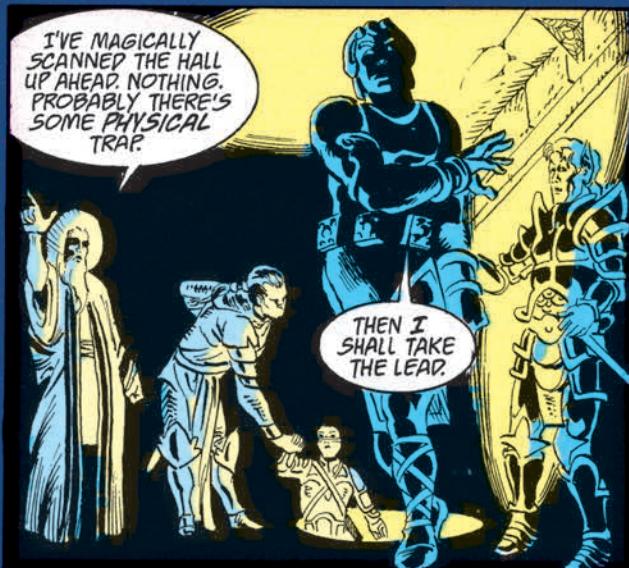


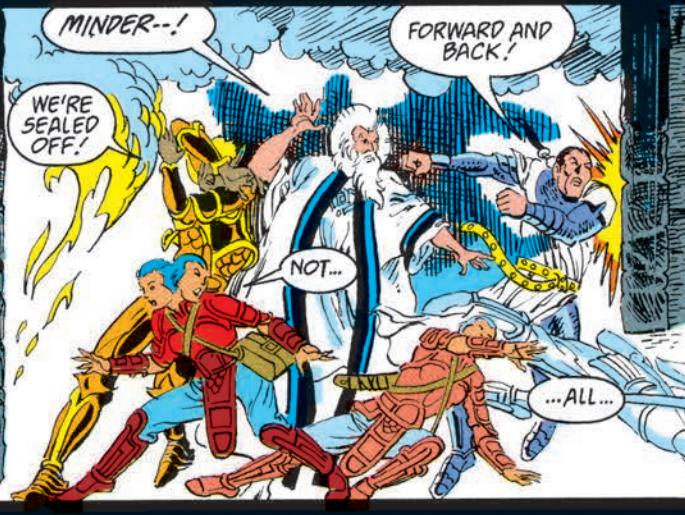
















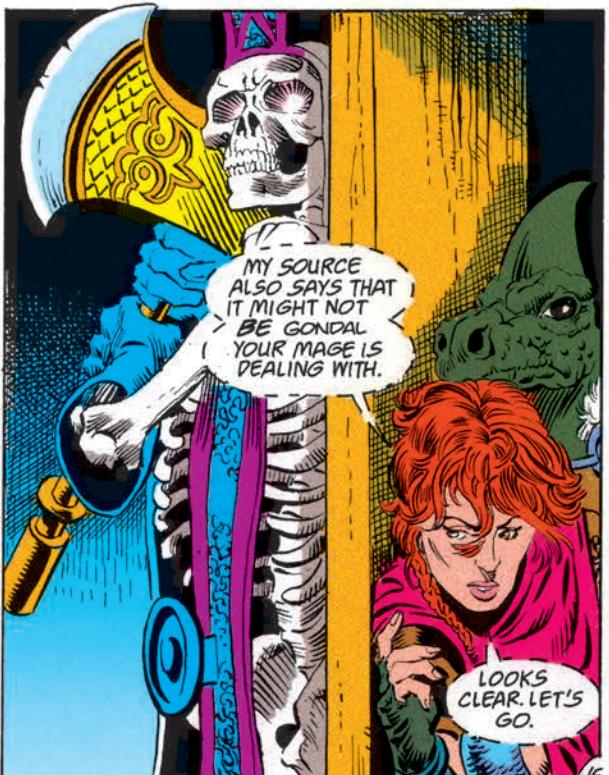
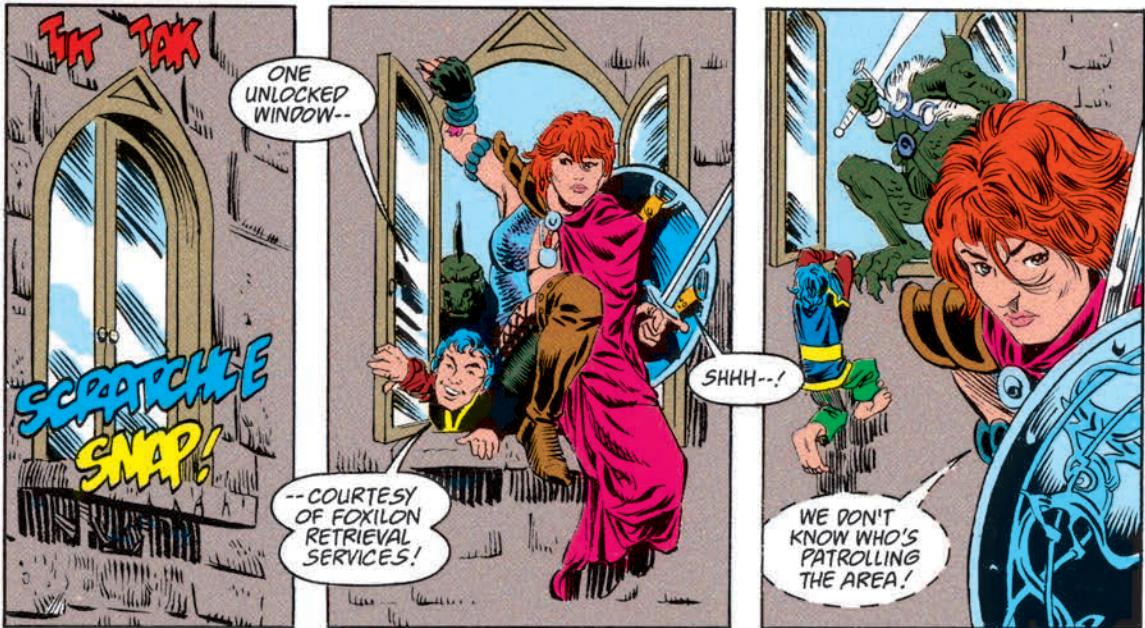
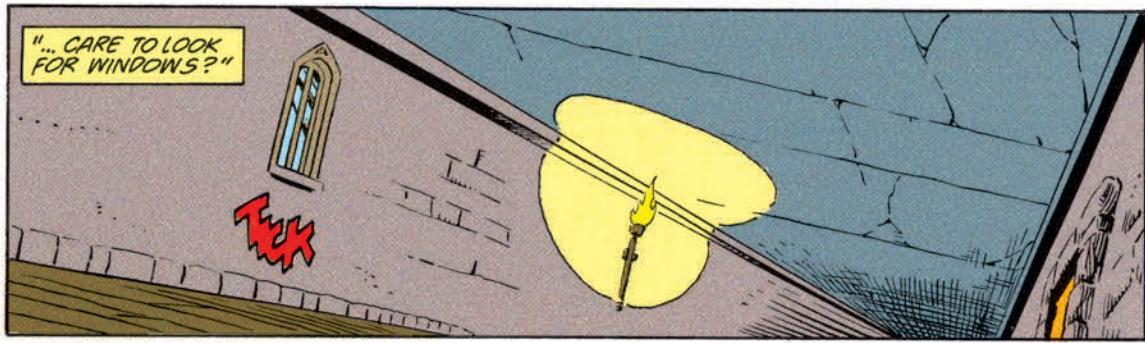
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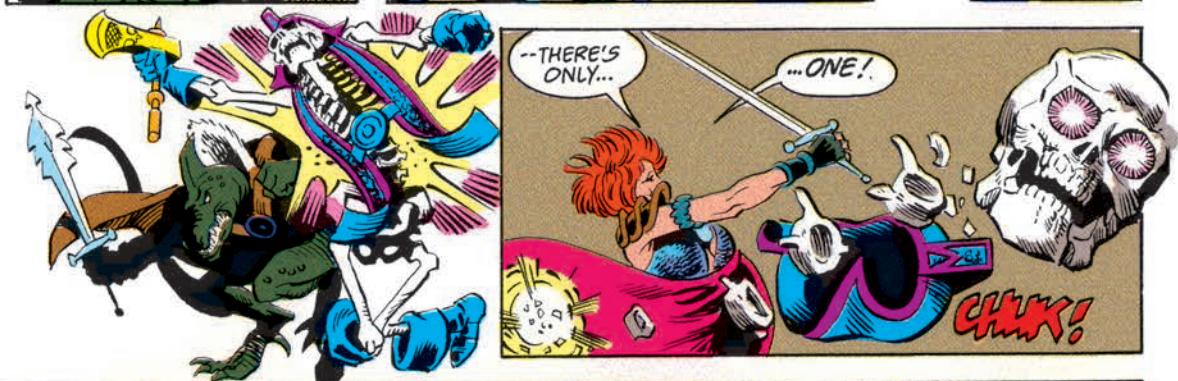
AND MINDER'S
BEEN PITCHED
INTO THE FIRE!

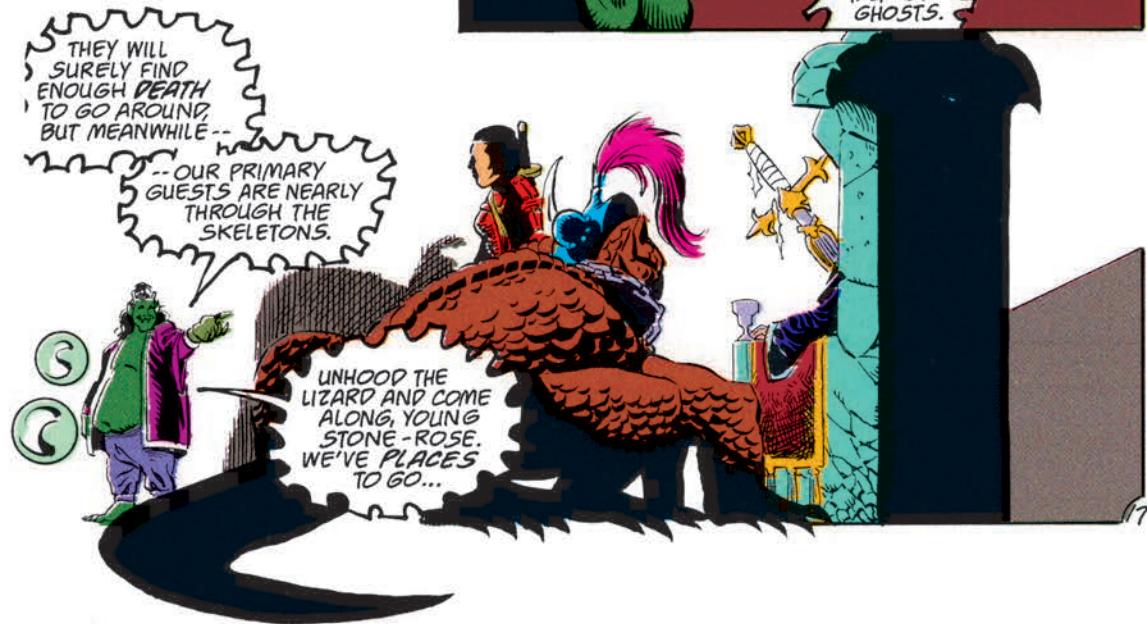
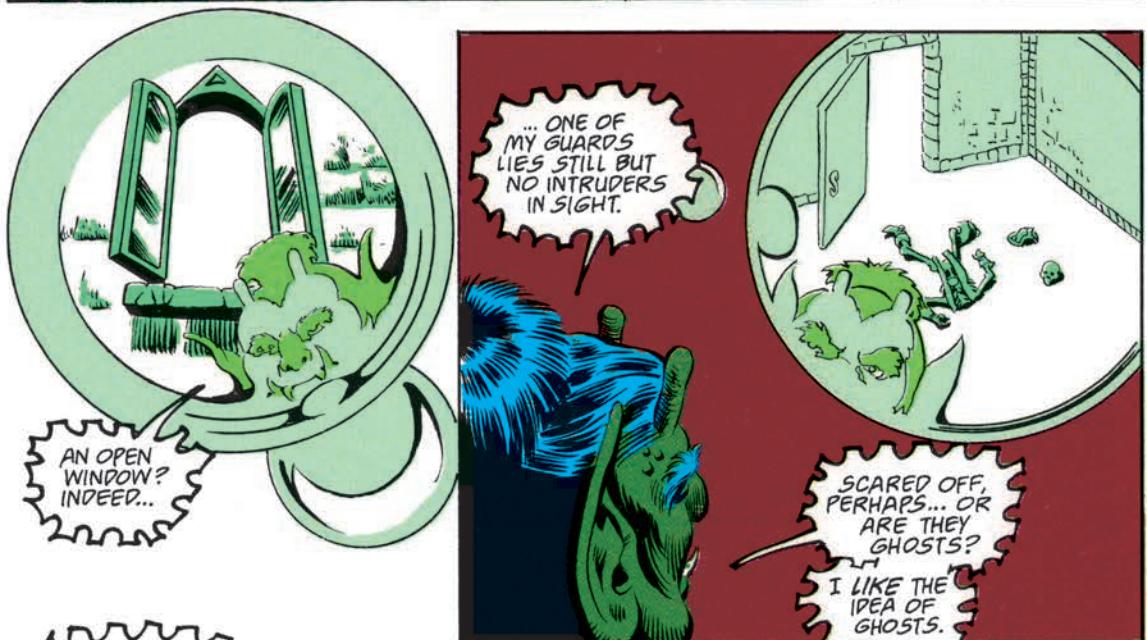
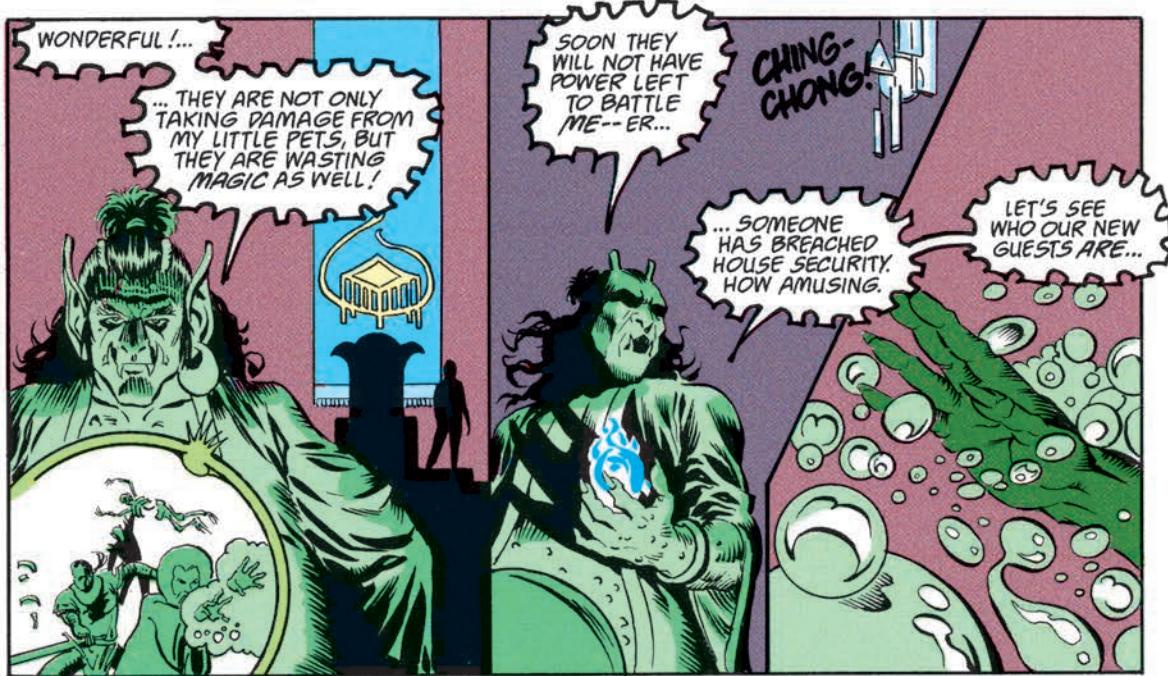
NO GAP FOR EVEN A
SWORD BLADE TO
PRY IT UP.

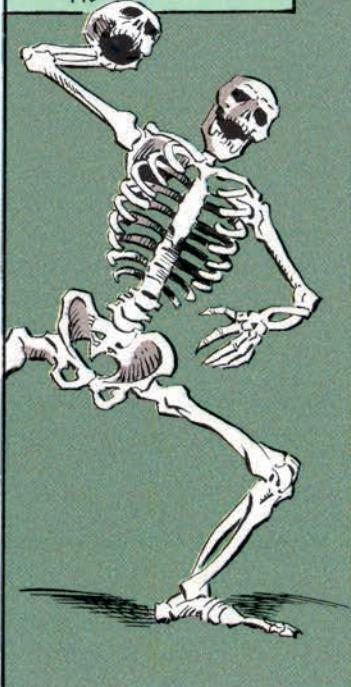
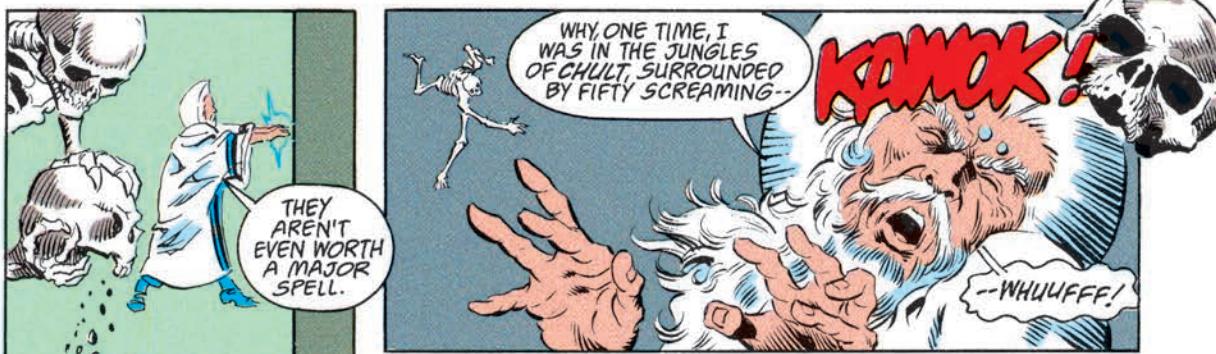
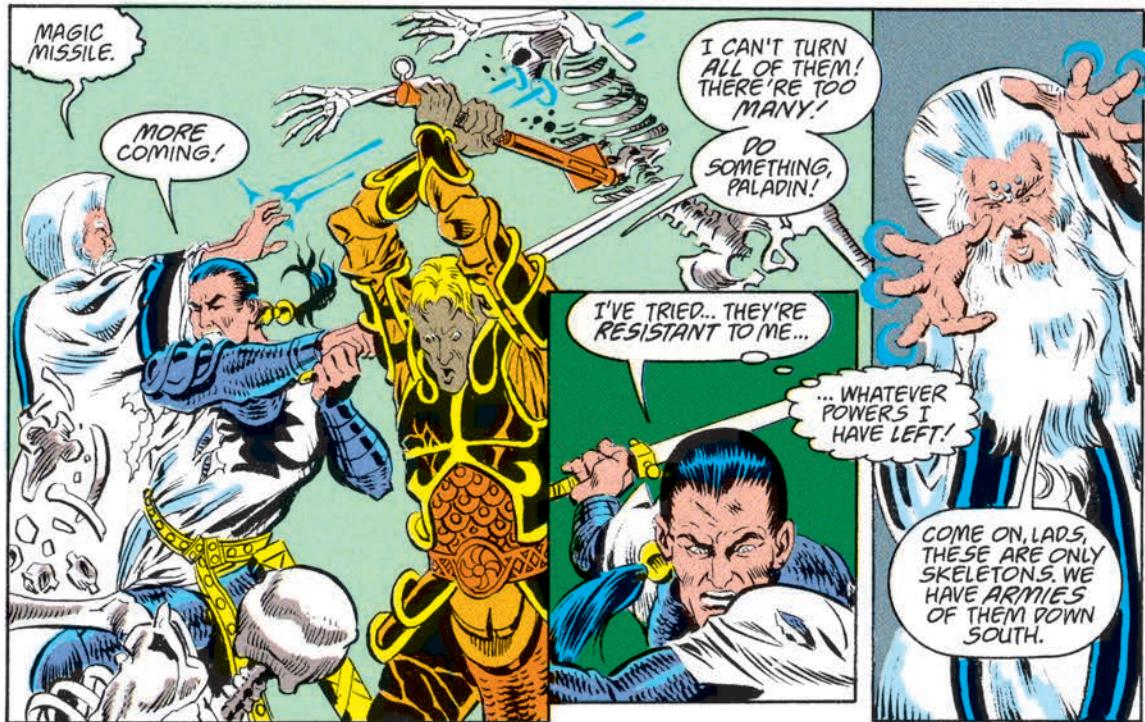
THE
STRONGEST
IS MELTED...
THE MOST
VALIANT IS
CHARMED...
--SO NOW
THERE ARE
THREE.

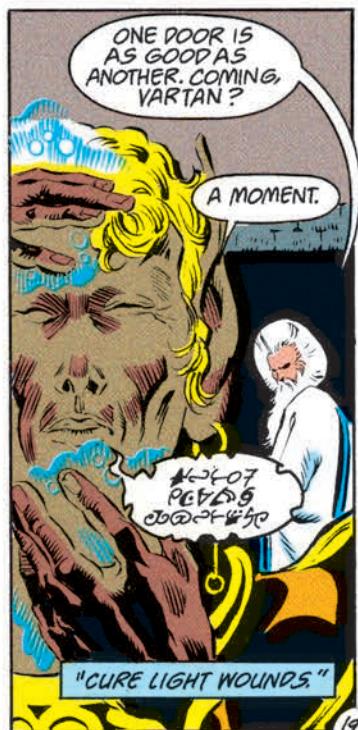
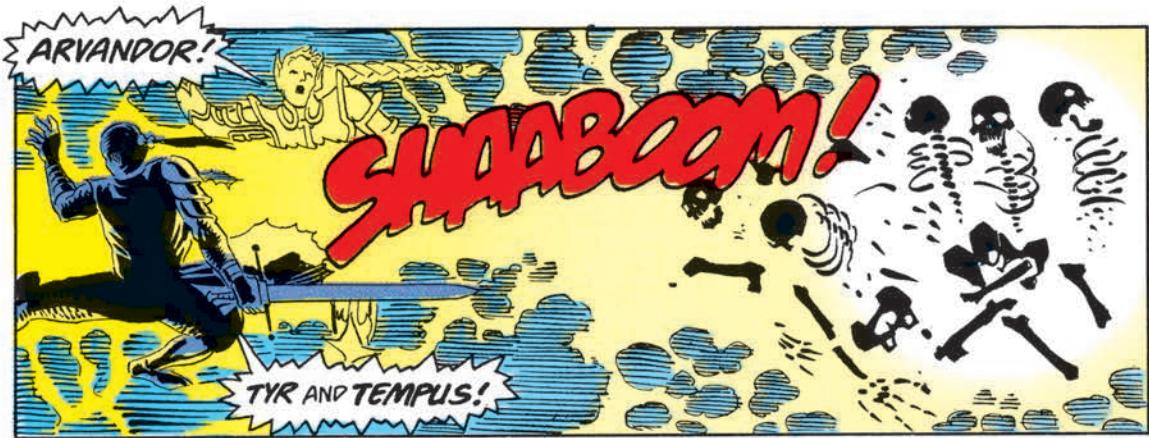




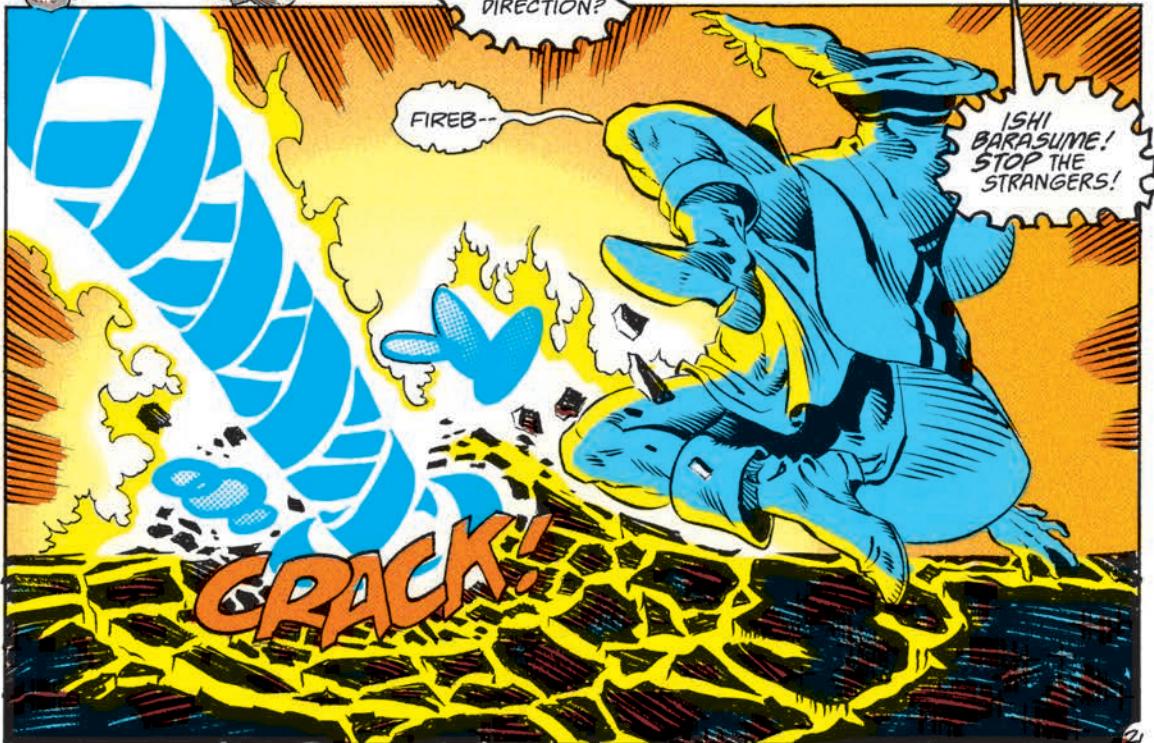
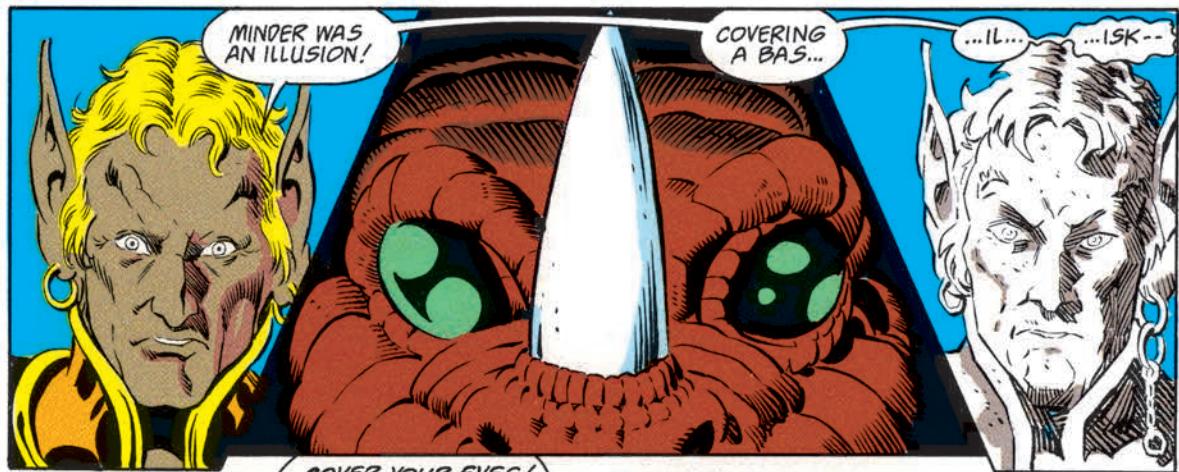


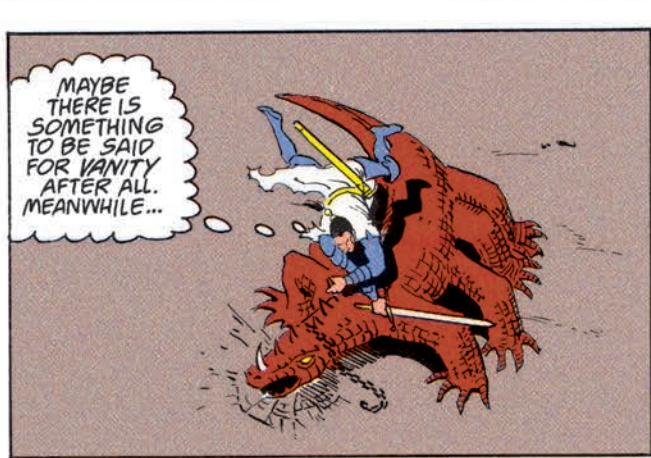


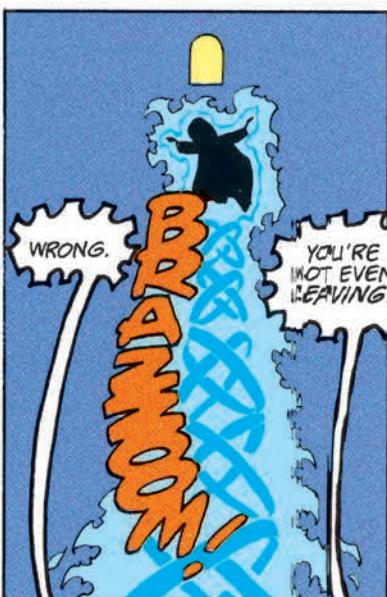
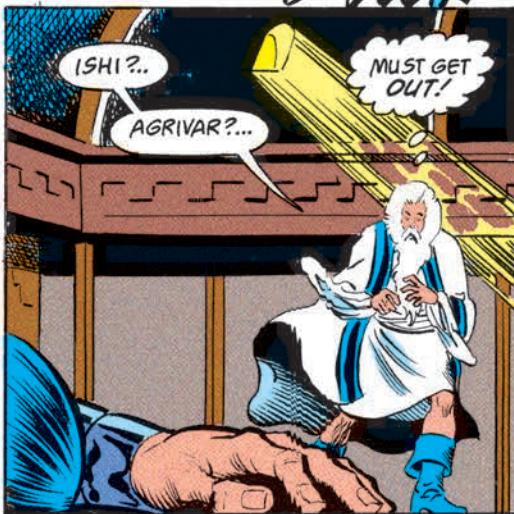
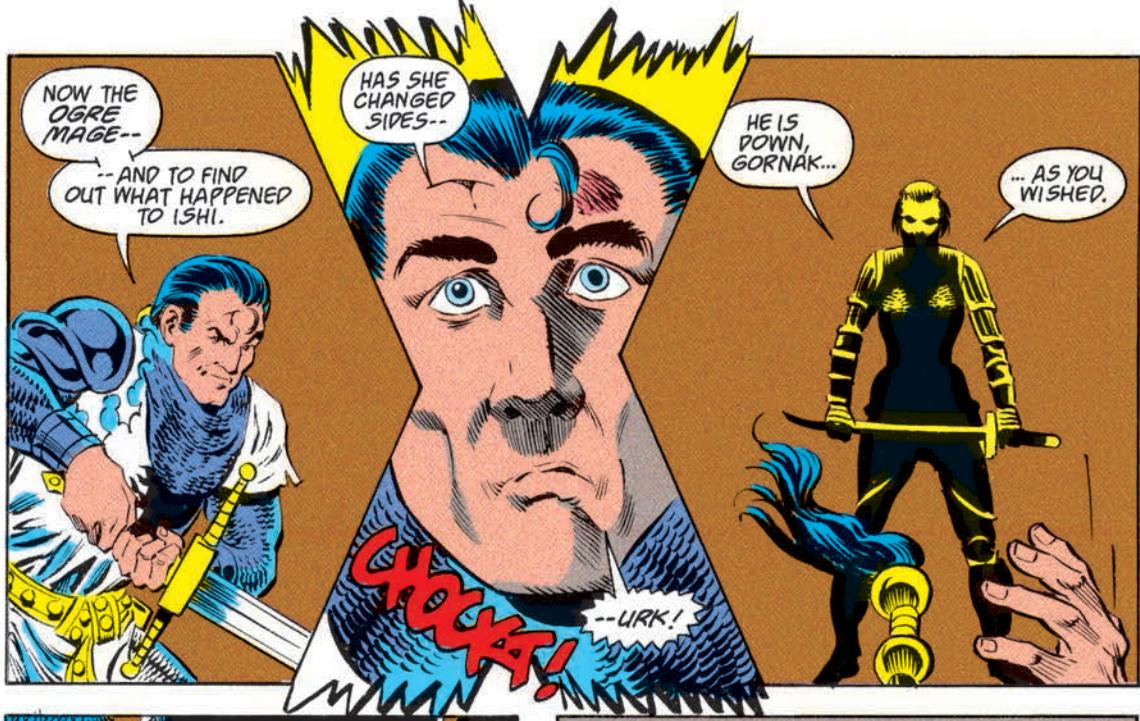












THEY
CAME THIS
WAY.

YOU'RE
SURE,
NOW.

DRAGONBAIT
IS RARELY
WRONG.

HOLD IT, UP
AHEAD.

READY
WEAPONS!
COULD BE
ANOTHER...

NO! IT'S A
FRIEND!
MINDER, YOU'RE--

DON'T...

...TOUCH
ME!

STILL... ON
FIRE!

NEARLY
MELTED!

GONDAL'S
GAME... NO
GAME!

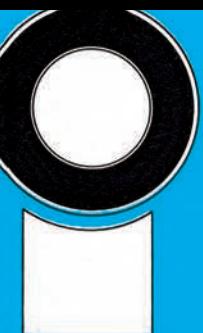
OTHERS...
IN DANGER!

HANG ON,
MATES...

--'CAUSE HERE
COMES THE
CAVALRY!--

-- IN TWO WEEKS!





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NEW FORMAT



MY NAME IS PRIAM AGRIVAR AND I AM DYING.

THAT MEANS THAT MY TOUCH SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAL WOUNDS...

... INCLUDING MY OWN.

I'M A PALADIN.

BUT I CAN'T. CAN'T FOCUS. CAN'T CALL THE MAGIC.

THREE DAYS AGO I FOUND A MAGICAL CHARM. TURNED OUT TO BE AN ARTIFACT, THE HAND OF VAPRAK. TOOK IT WITH ME. MY MISTAKE.

MY MISTAKE.

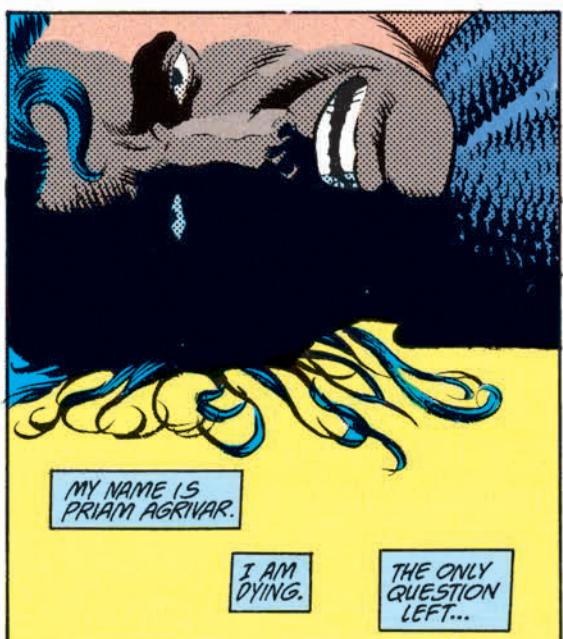
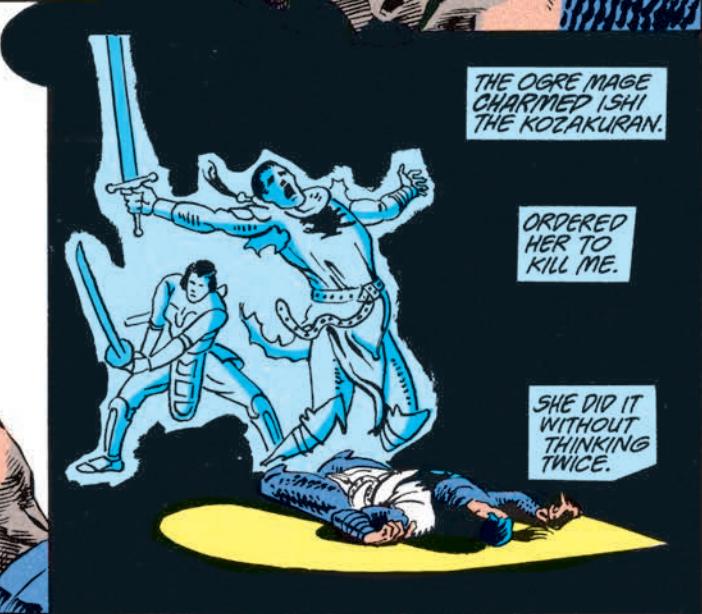
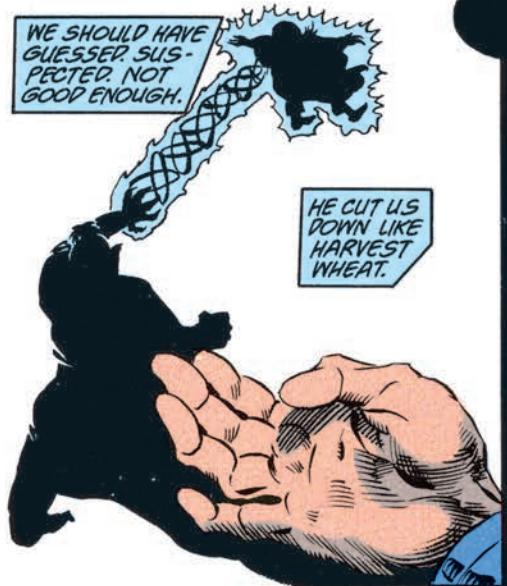
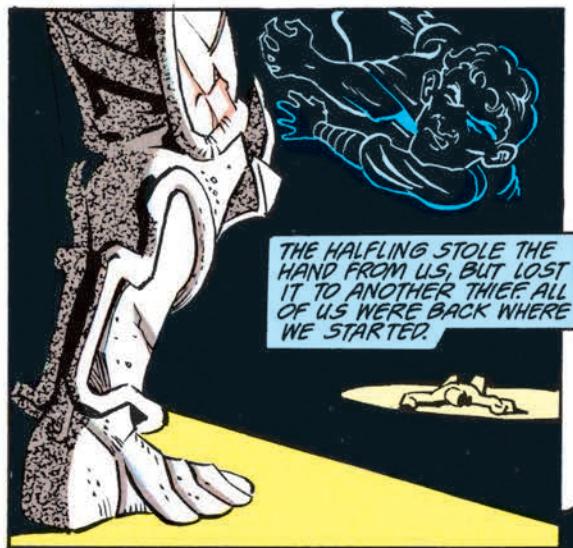
VARTAN, HERE, IS PAYING FOR IT.

FLESH TRANSFORMED TO STONE.

VARTAN AND I BROUGHT THE HAND TO BALDUR'S GATE.

IS HIS SPIRIT SCREAMING, OR IS THAT JUST A TRICK OF A DYING MIND?

LOST IT TO ANOTHER GROUP-- THE WIZARD OMEN AND HIS CREW--A KOZAKURAN WOMAN, A HALFLING, AND A GOLEM.



MAYBE BOTH...?

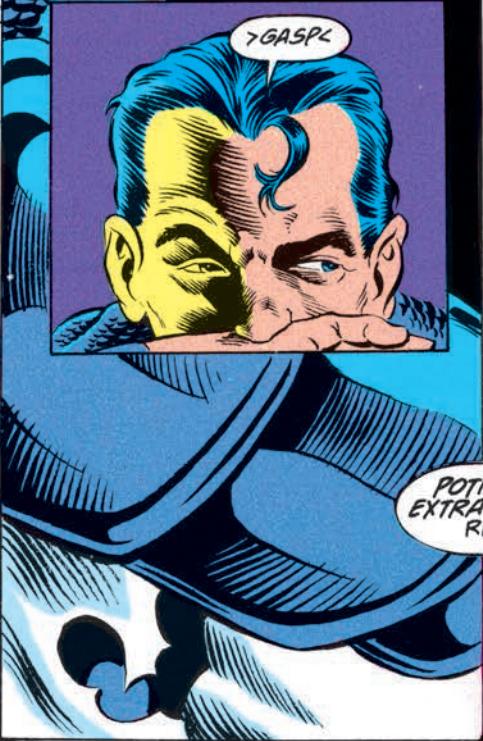
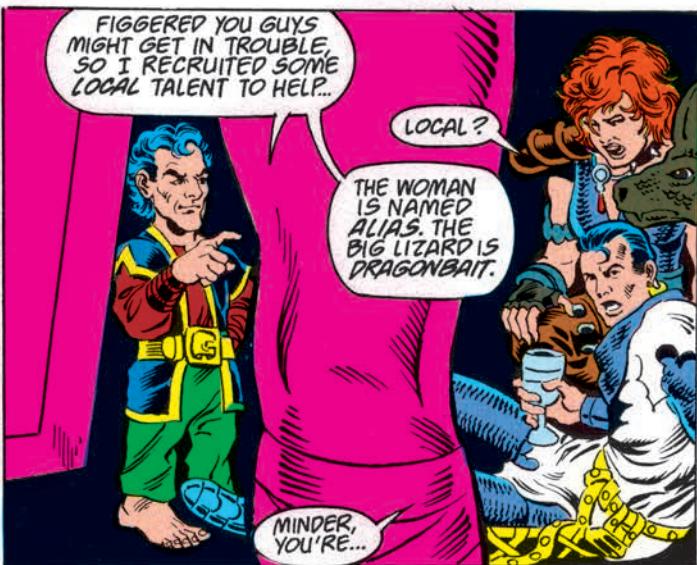
DEAD?

ALMOST.

DRAGONBAIT,
WE NEED A
HEAL HERE.

Faith Rush In

JEFF GRUBB RAGS MORALES DAVE SIMONS TIM HARKINS GENE D'ANGELO ELLIOT S. MAGGIN
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HEAR ME WELL,
PALADIN. I'LL
MAKE THIS BRIEF.

ALWAYS THERE
HAVE BEEN HEROES
TO FIGHT EVIL MON-
STERS OF THE
REALMS.

THESE HEROES
WERE NOT THE
PERFECT OR ALL-
WISE BEINGS OF
WHOM THEY HAVE
OFTEN PAID OFF
THE BARD'S TO
SING.

ONE BAND OF SUCH HEROES,
LED BY A YOUNG WIZARD, FOUGHT
AGAINST A POWERFUL ONI WHO
HIMSELF HAD MAGICAL ABILITY.



"YOU KNOW THE
ONI AS GORNAK
THE OGRE MAGE.

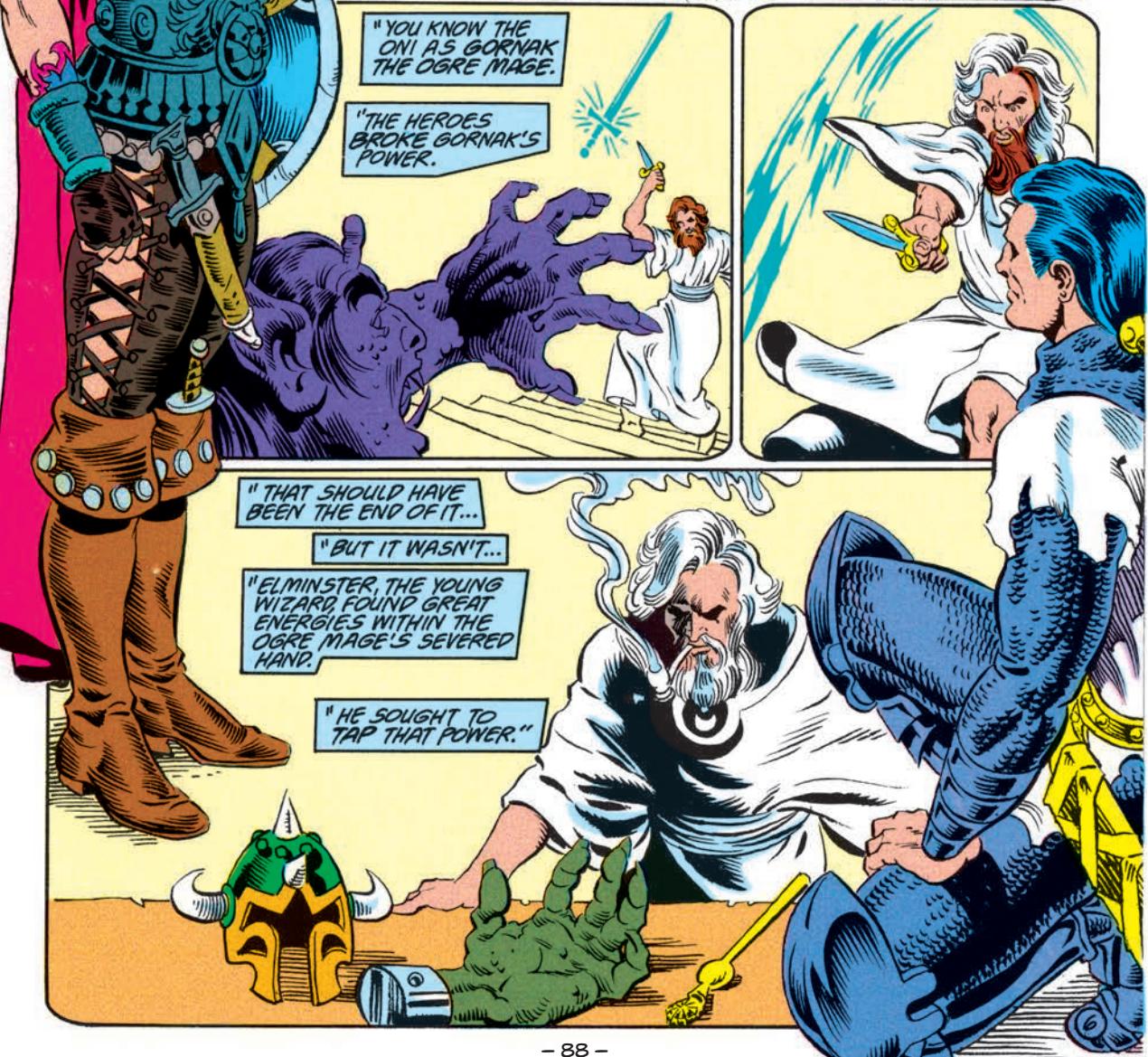
"THE HEROES
BROKE GORNAK'S
POWER."

"THAT SHOULD HAVE
BEEN THE END OF IT..."

"BUT IT WASN'T..."

"ELMINSTER, THE YOUNG
WIZARD, FOUND GREAT
ENERGIES WITHIN THE
OGRE MAGE'S SEVERED
HAND."

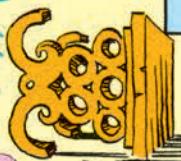
"HE SOUGHT TO
TAP THAT POWER."



"THE ONI HAD GAINED HIS MAGIC THROUGH A DEAL WITH VAPRAK THE TROLL-GOD. THE ONI'S OWN HAND WAS TO BECOME THE LEGENDARY OGRE'S PAW."



"ELMINSTER'S PRYING ACTIVATED THE HAND'S TRUE POWER."



"ELMINSTER NEARLY PAID FOR THAT MISTAKE WITH HIS LIFE."



"THOUGH HE CONTAINED THE HAND, HE WAS NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DESTROY IT..."

"...SO HE HID IT WHERE FEW WOULD FIND IT. AND AS HE GREW IN WISDOM, HE PLACED WARNING SPELLS UPON IT TO CALL HIM IF THE HAND EVER CAME INTO USE."



"THE CALL FINALLY CAME. ELMINSTER SENT ME AND MY COMPANION EITHER TO RETRIEVE THE HAND..."

"...OR TO REMOVE IT FOREVER FROM THE HUMAN SPHERES."

"THIS OGRE'S PAW HAS LURED MEN MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU TO DEADLY MISTAKES."

"THERE IS NO SIN IN FALLING UNDER ITS SUBTLE INFLUENCE."

"NO, NO SIN..."



"--THE ONLY SIN IS IN LETTING THAT FALL REMOVE FURTHER HOPE."

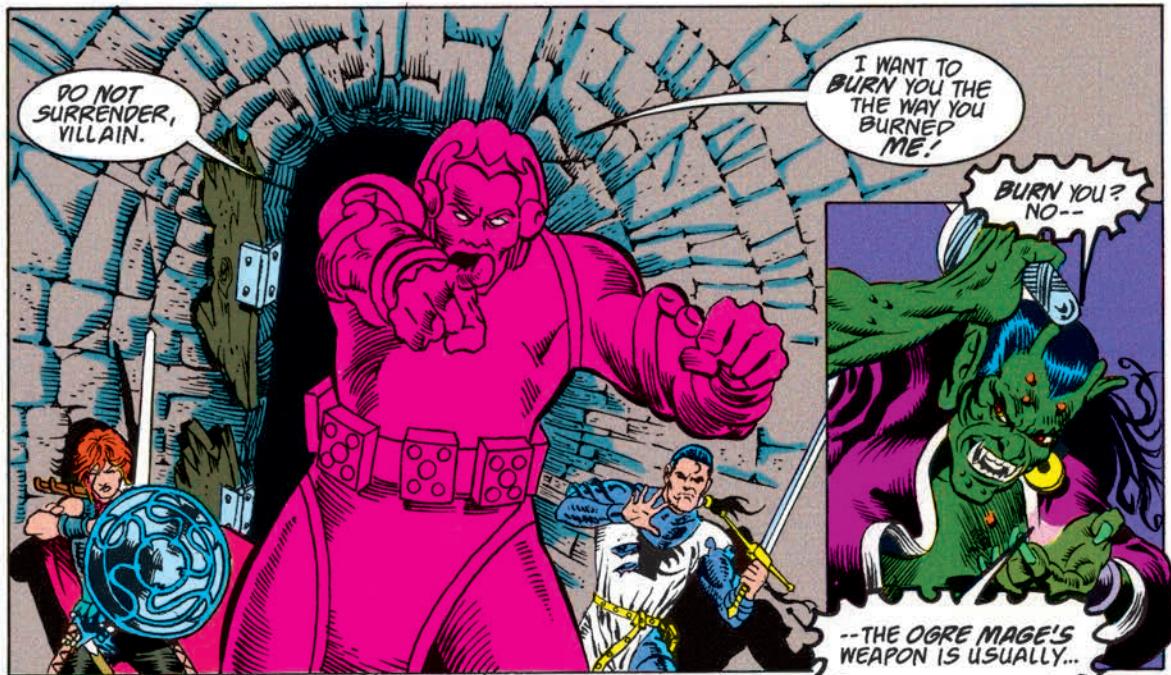
"YOU'RE RIGHT, WE WILL RECOVER THE HAND TOGETHER. MY OWN HOPE..."



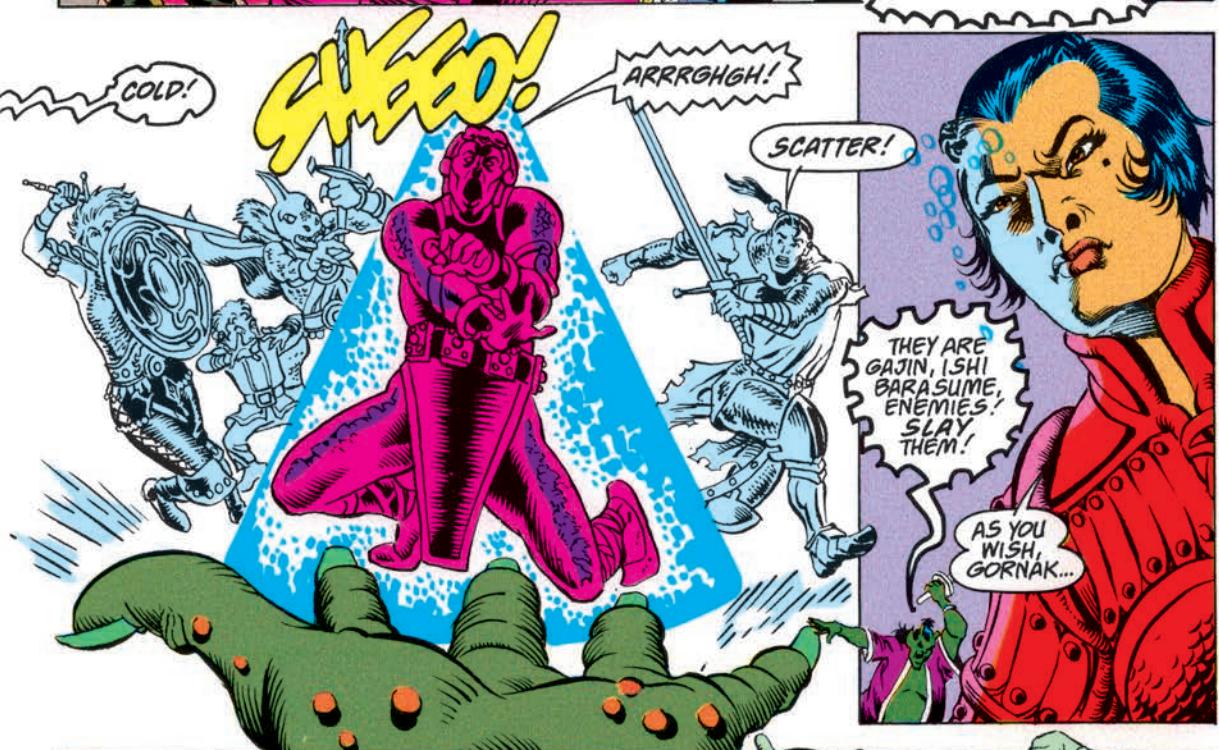




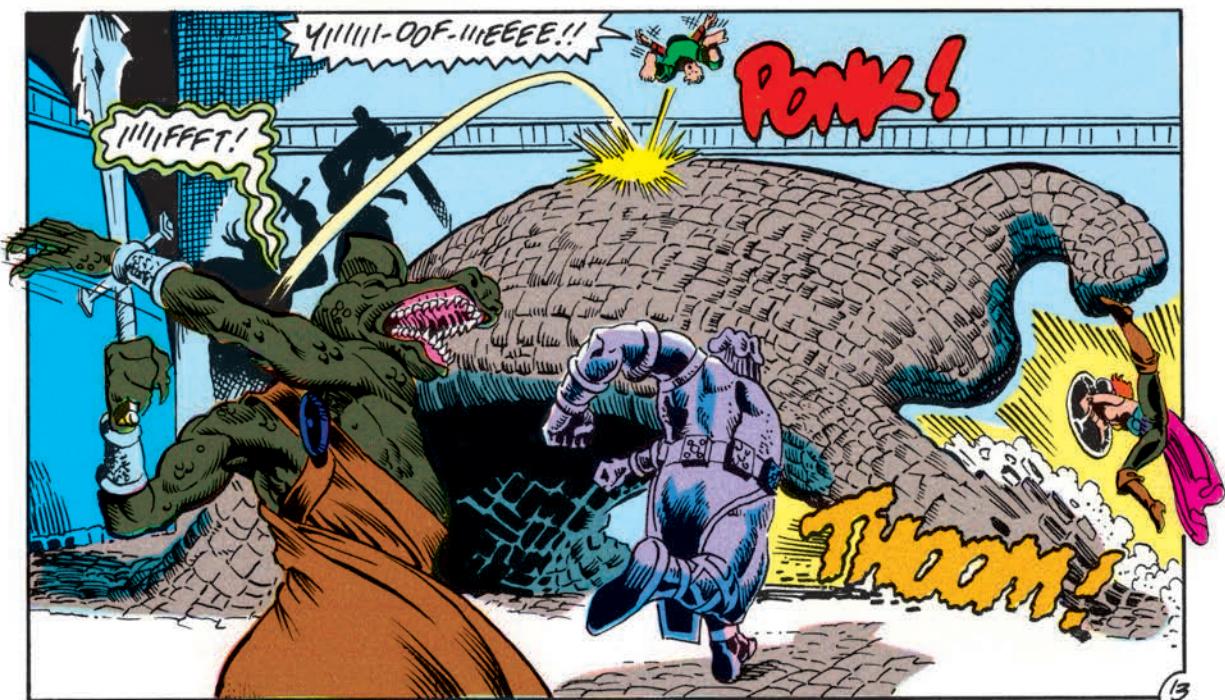




--THE OGRE MAGE'S WEAPON IS USUALLY...

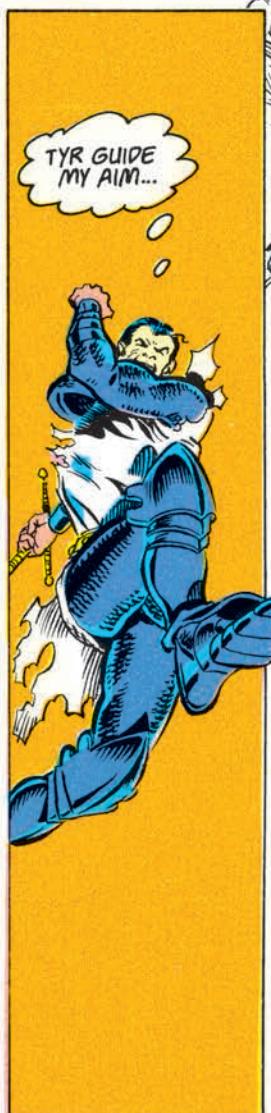
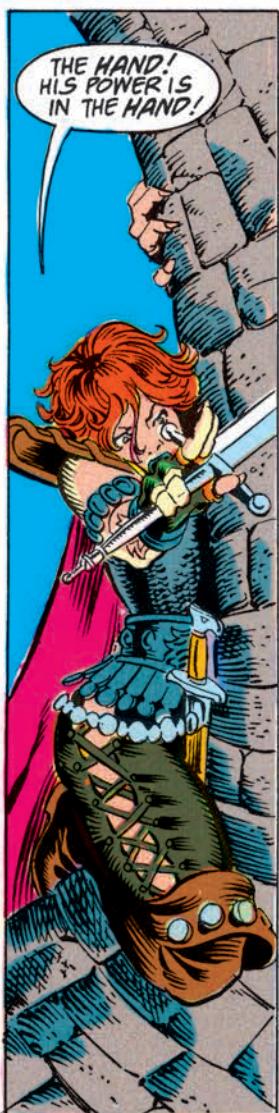




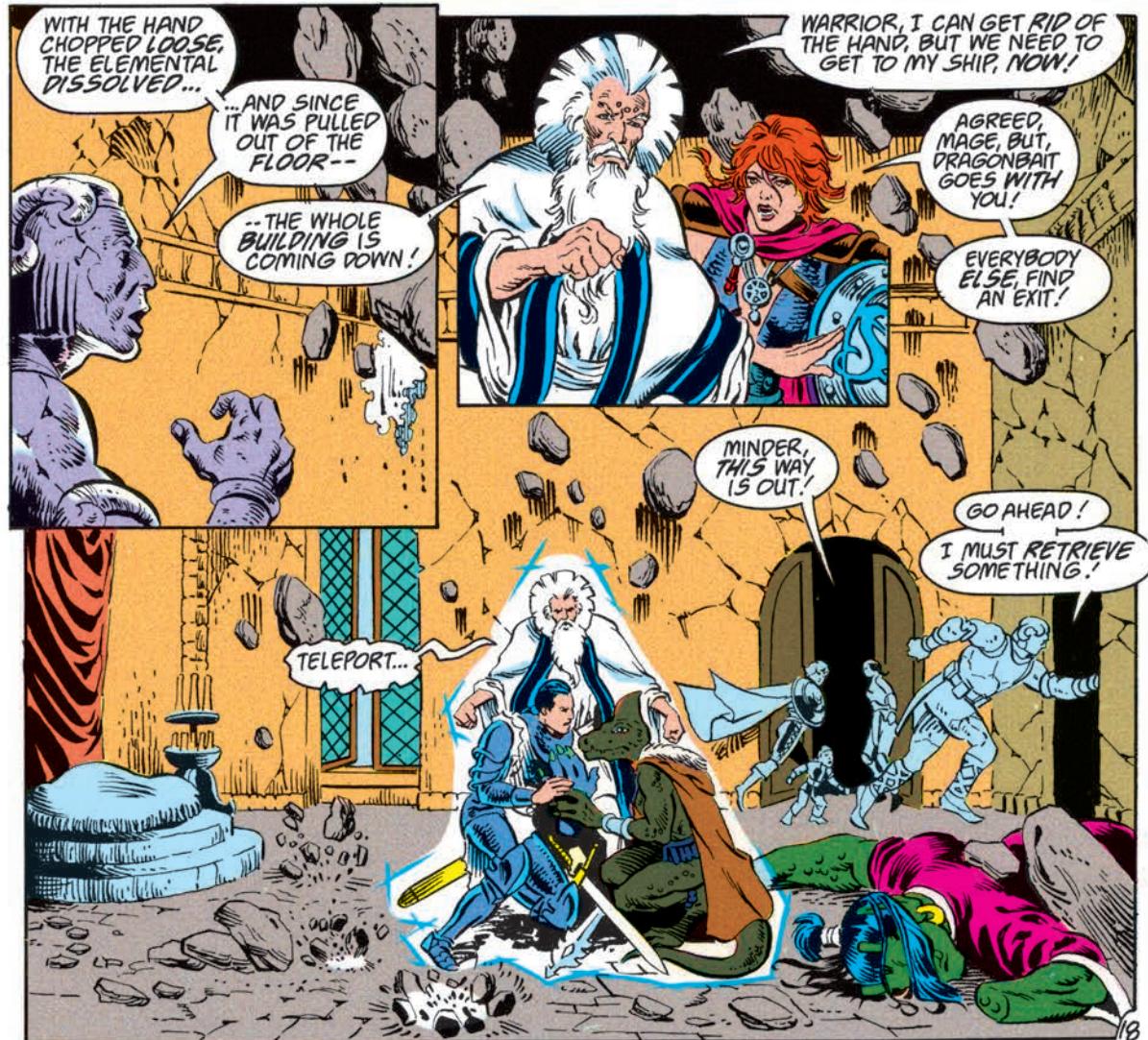


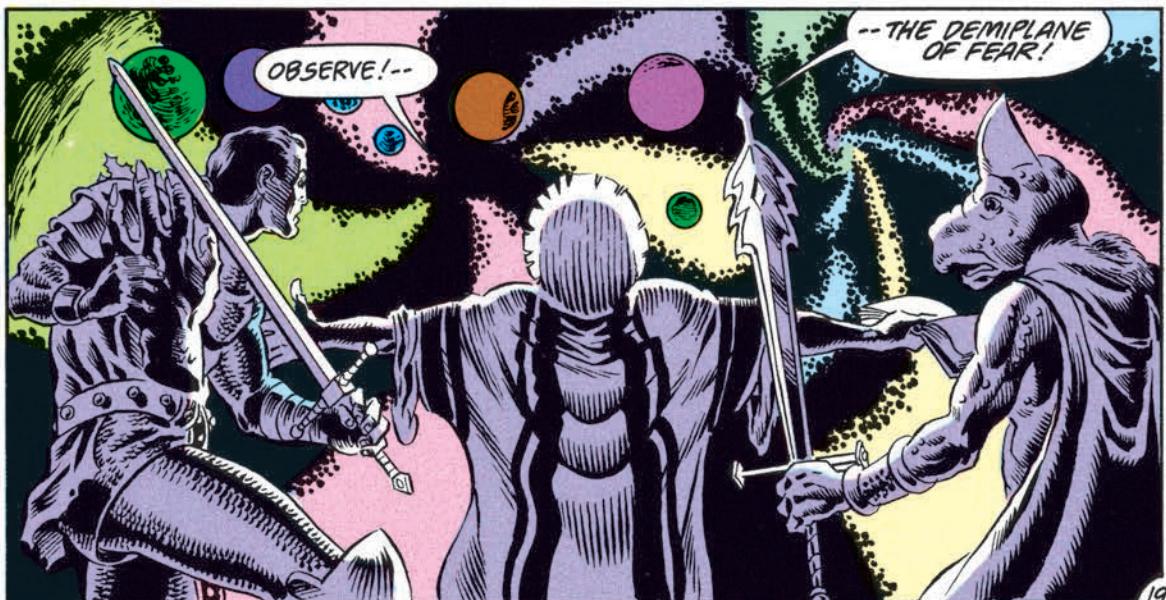












MURPH!

ALL THE GODS
COMBINED--!



IT IS A POCKET
DIMENSION, USED
BY MY PEOPLE TO
DISPOSE OF
UNWANTED...

...AND
DANGEROUS
ITEMS!

NOW, PRIAM
AGRIVAR!



I...

THROW
IT, BEFORE
IT CAN...

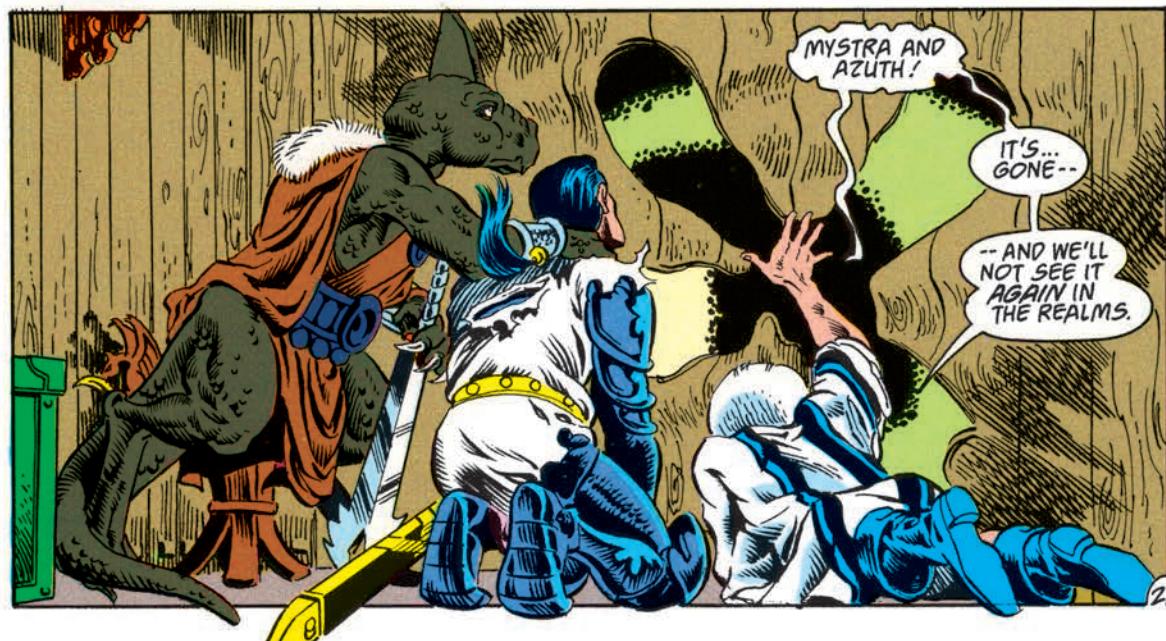
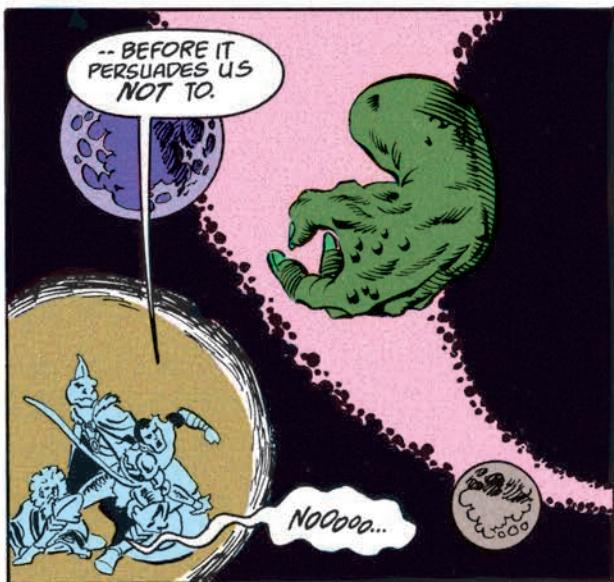
YES,
DESTROY
IT...

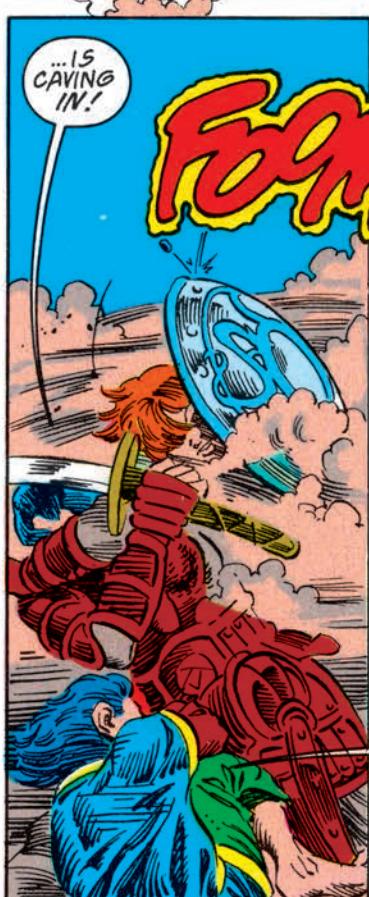
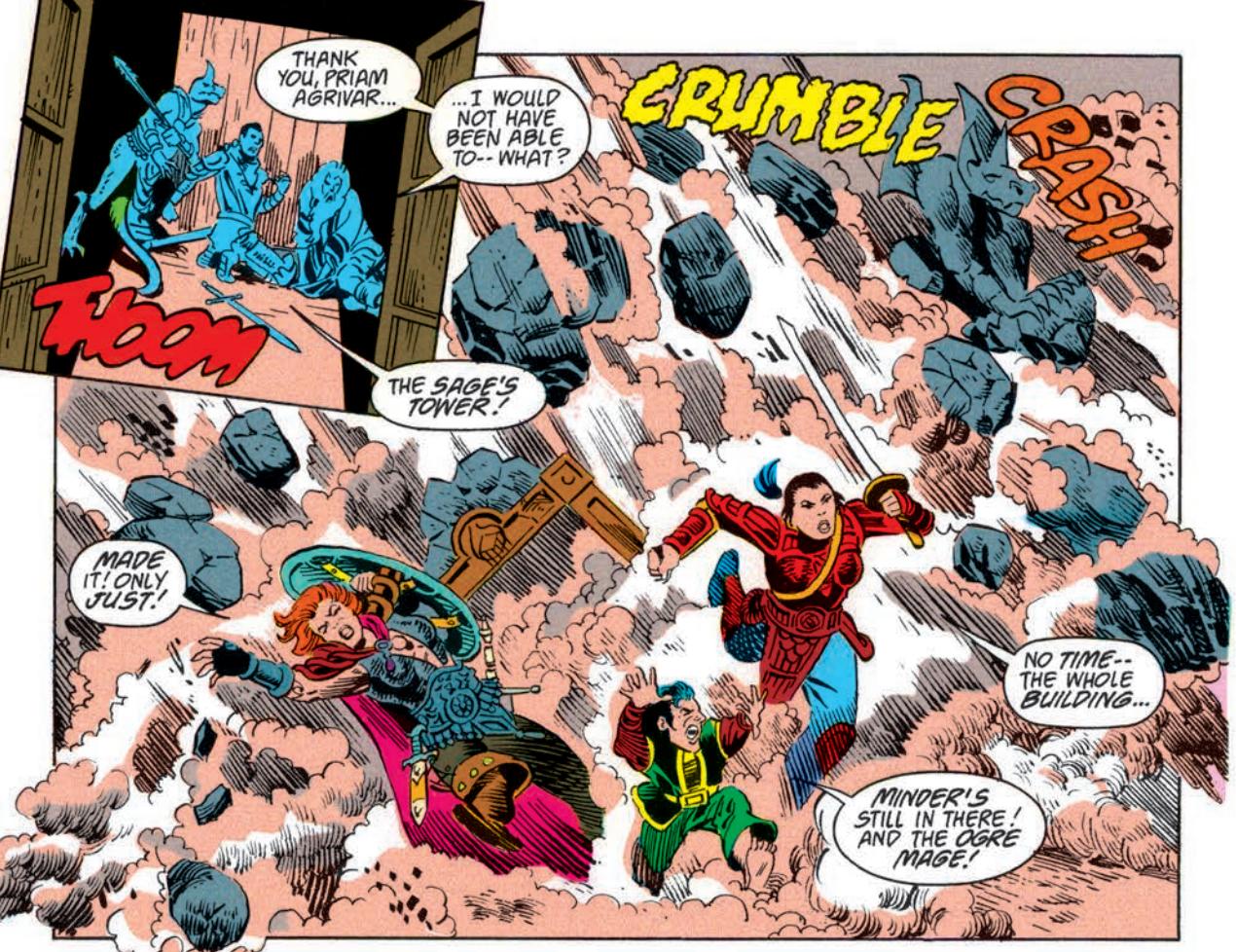
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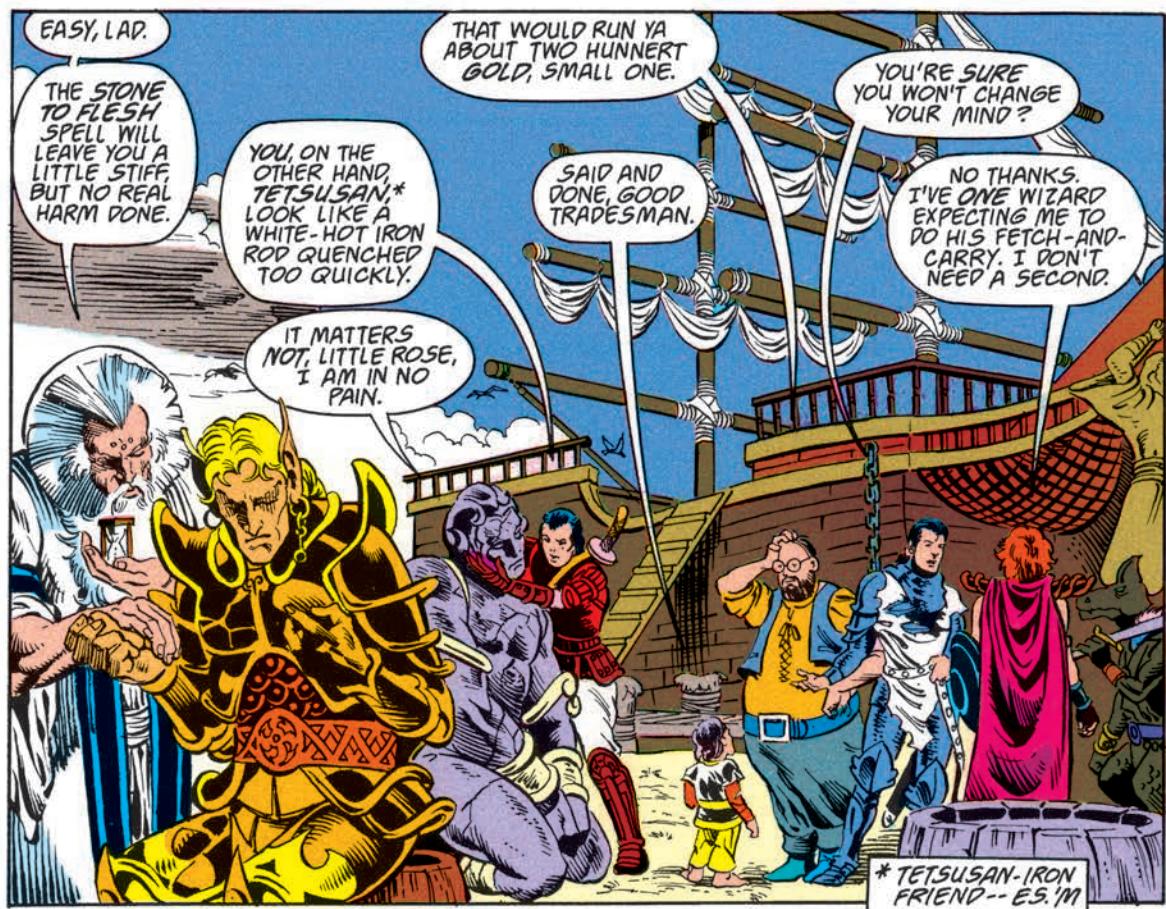
...WAIT!--WE
CAN'T JUST
GET RID
OF IT!

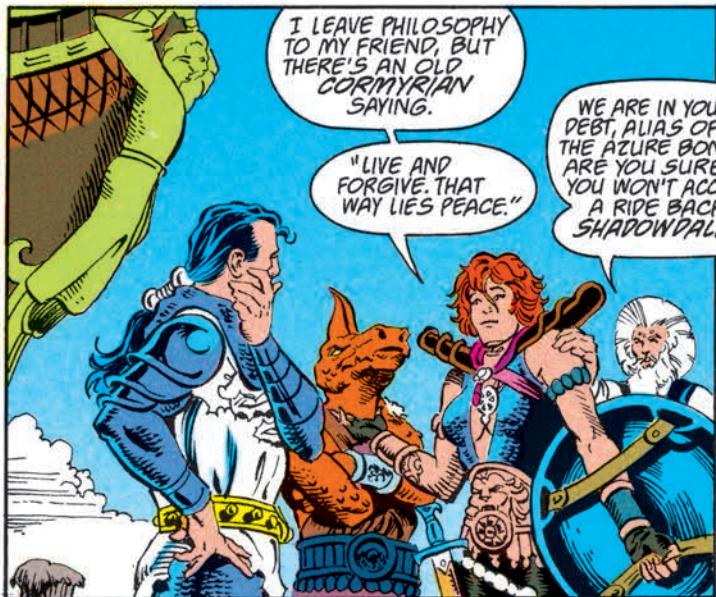
I THINK...I CAN
CONTROL IT.
I CAN STILL UNLOCK
ITS SECRETS!













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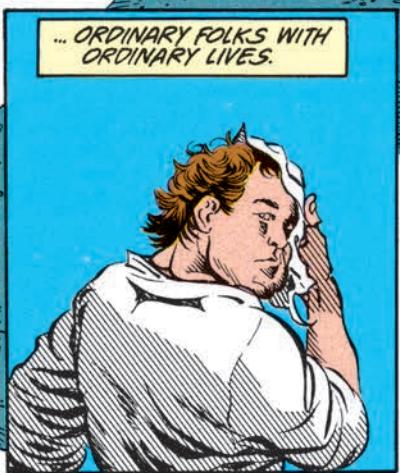
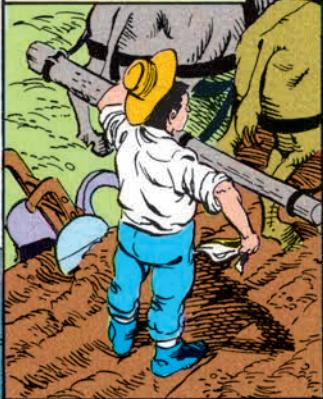
MOST OF THE FOLKS OF THE
REALMS ARE NOT HEROES.



THEY ARE FARMERS,
MERCHANTS AND
TOWNSMEN...

...ORDINARY FOLKS WITH
ORDINARY LIVES.

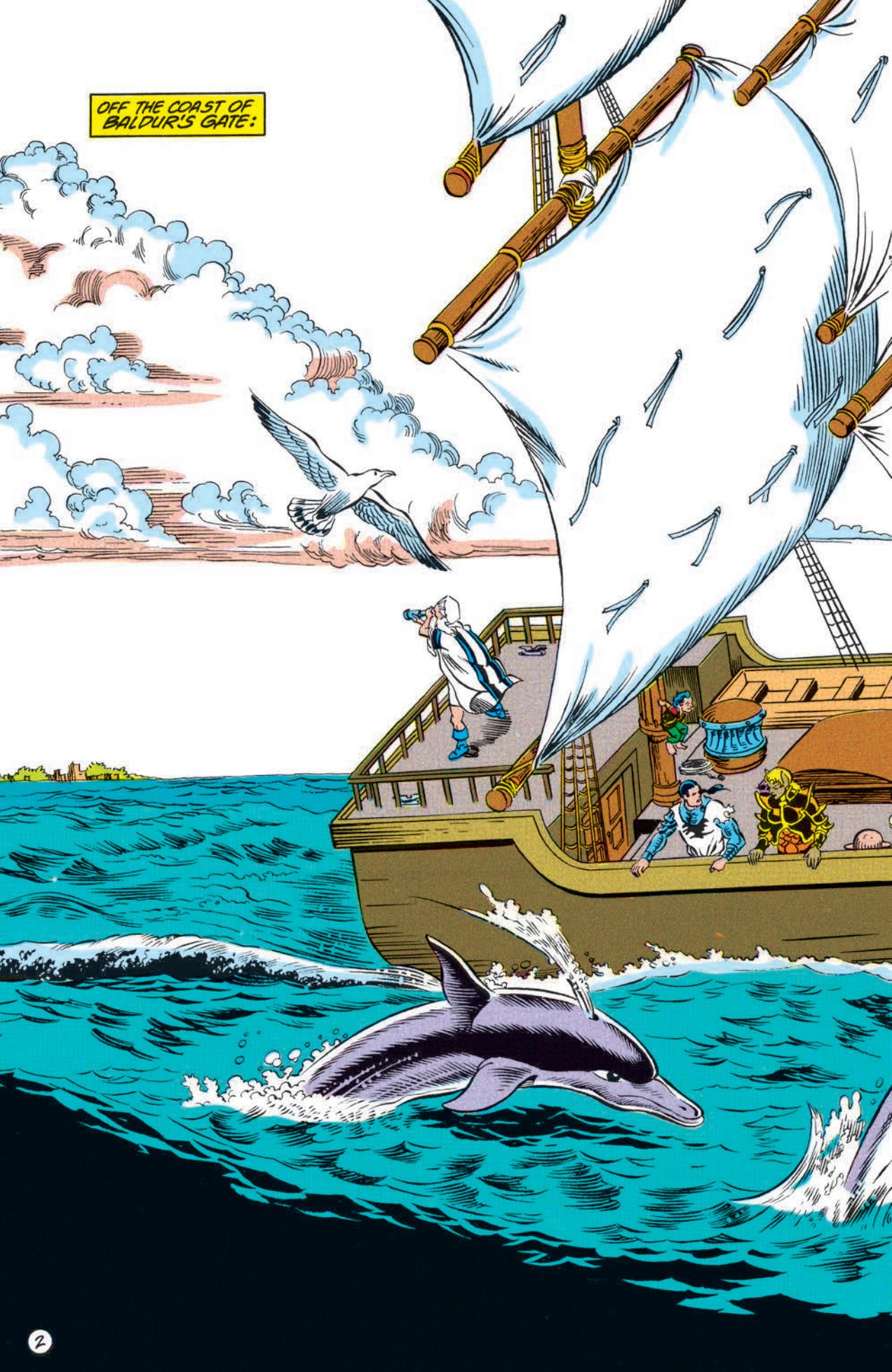
UNFORTUNATELY, THEY LIVE IN AN
EXTRAORDINARY WORLD--

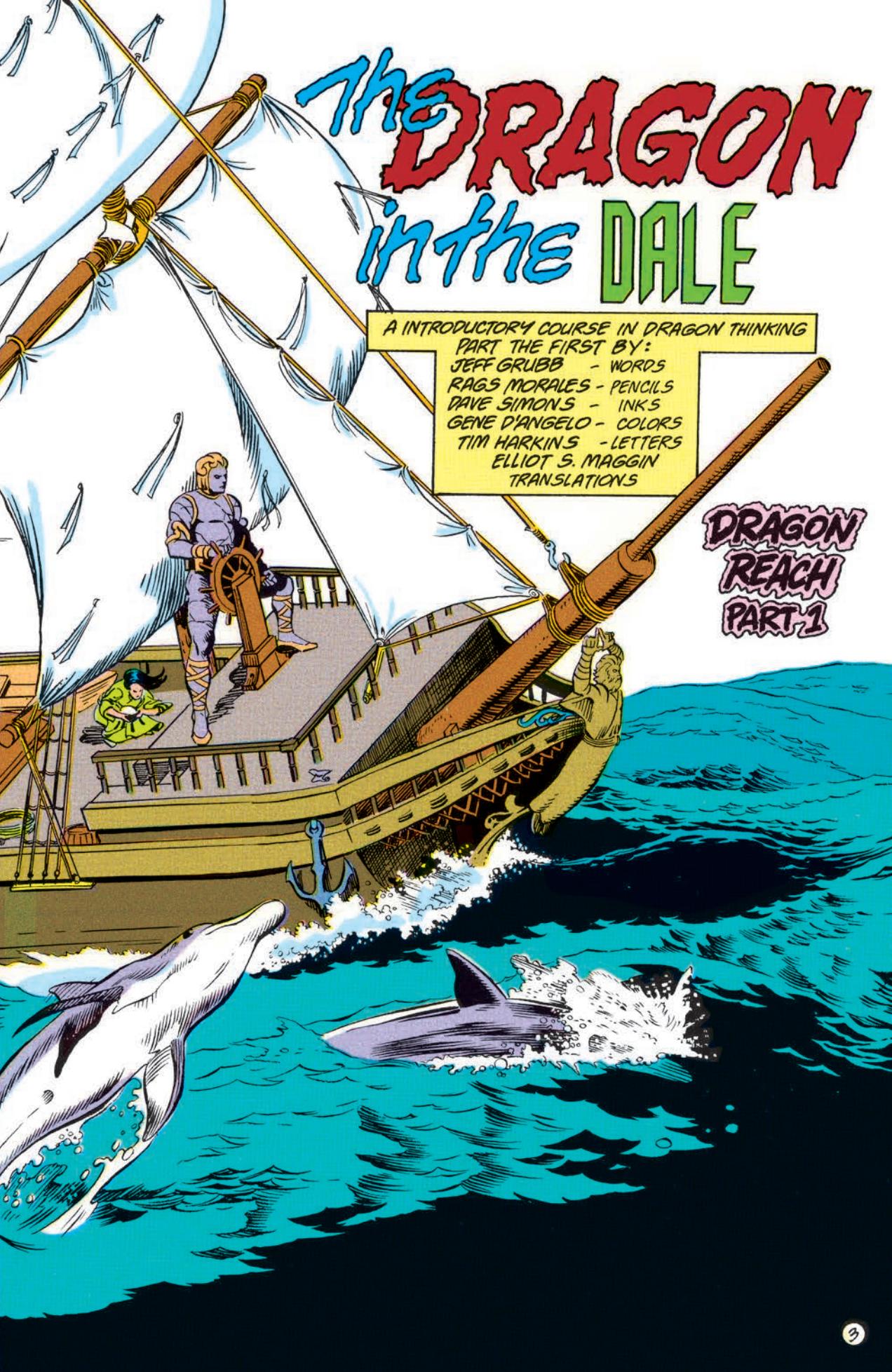


--AND WHEN
THAT WORLD
INTERFERES
WITH THEIR
LIVES...

...THEN THEY
NEED HEROES.

OFF THE COAST OF
BALDUR'S GATE:

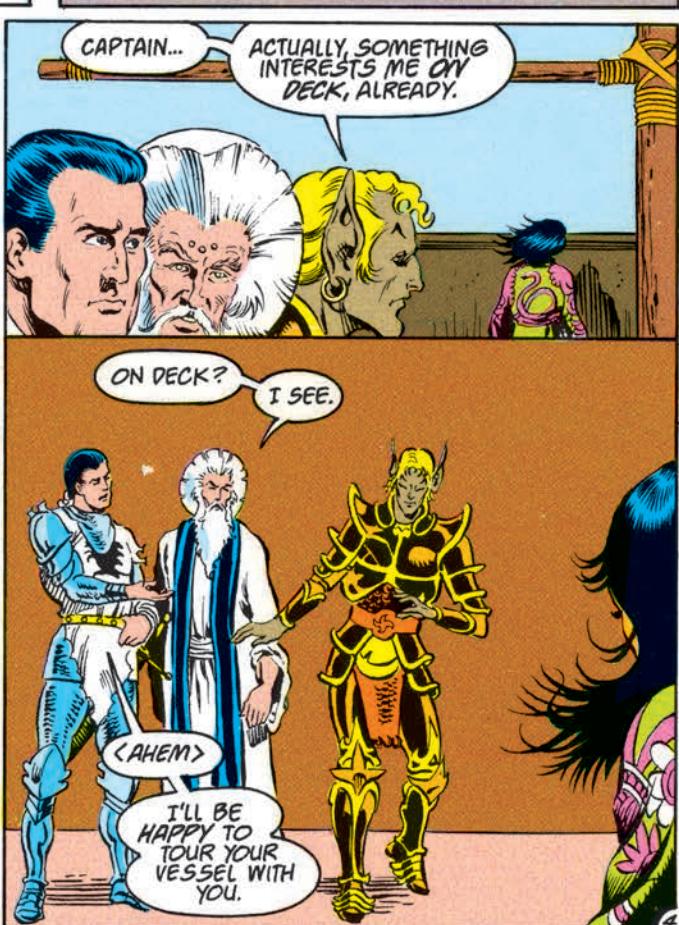


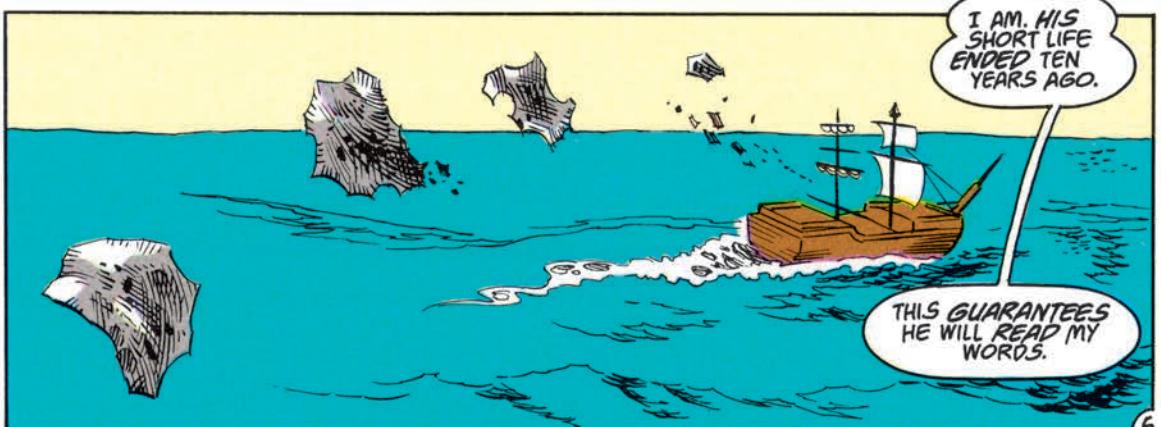


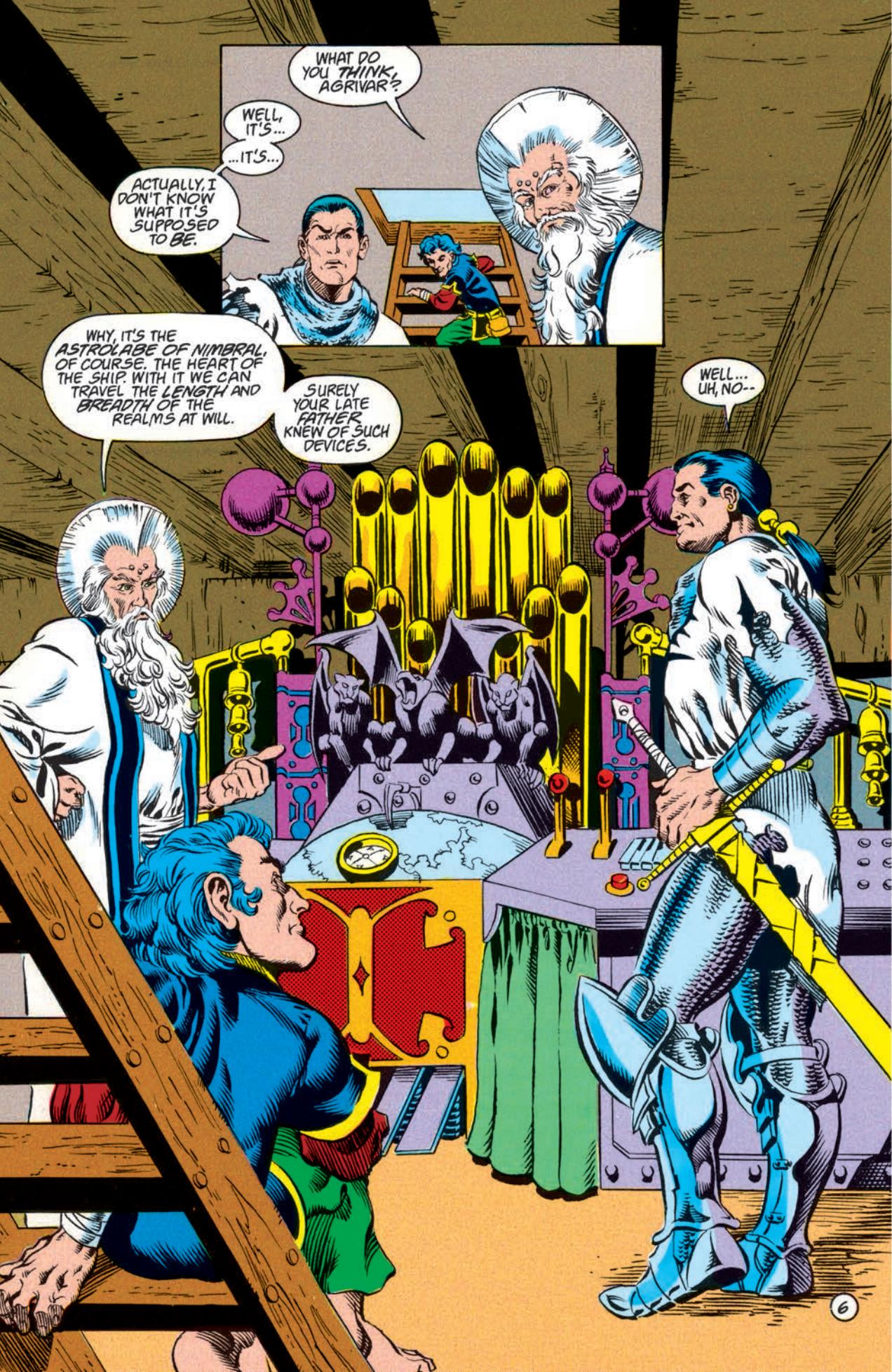
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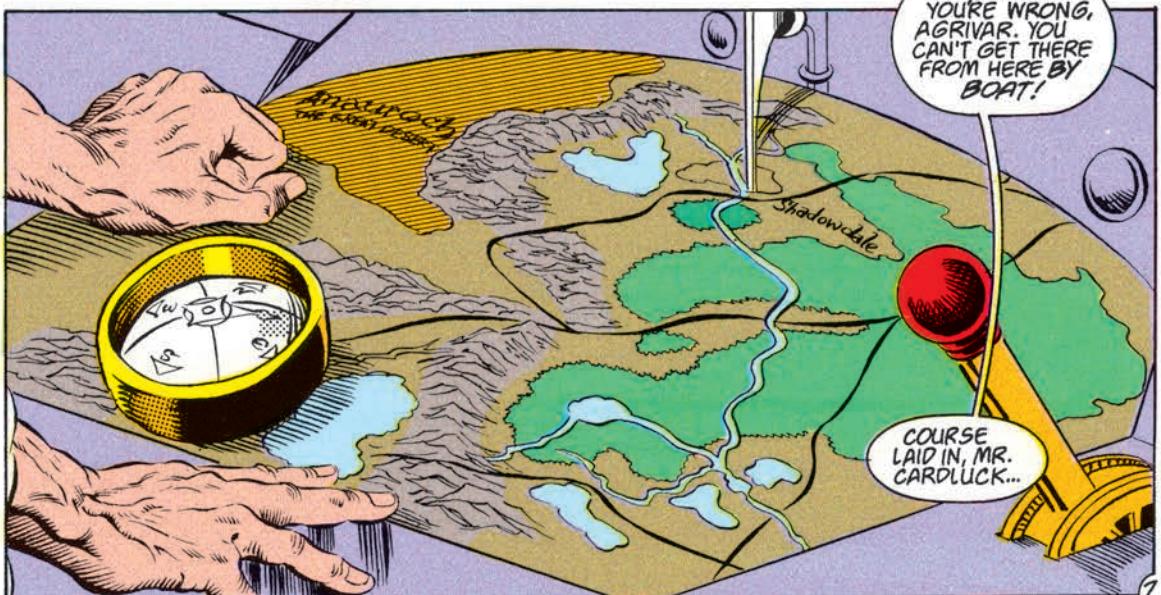
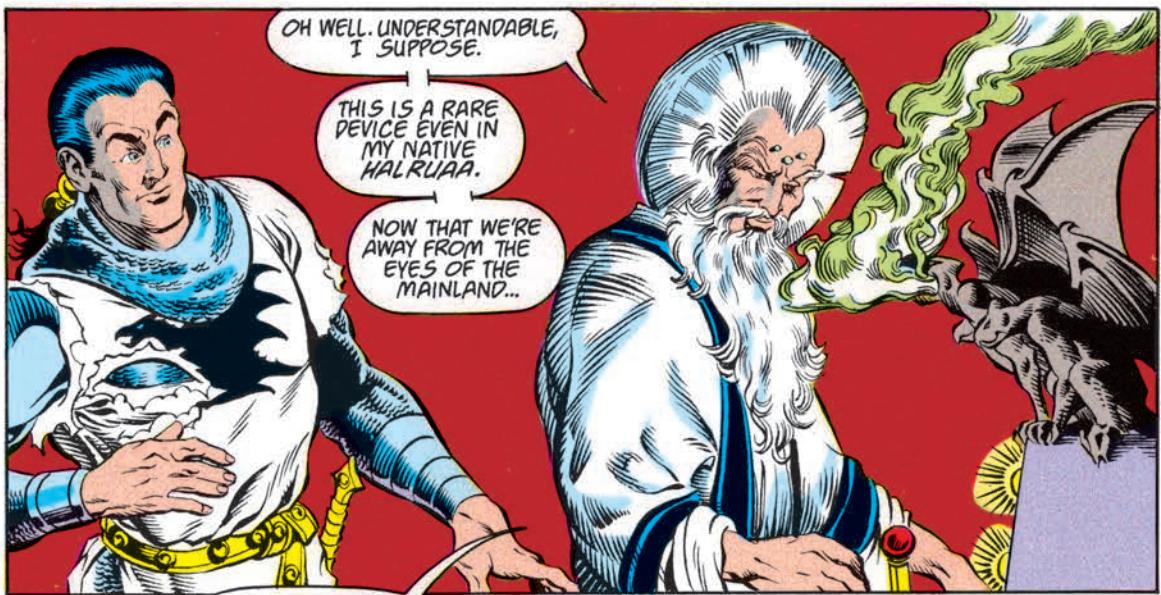
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PART THE FIRST BY:
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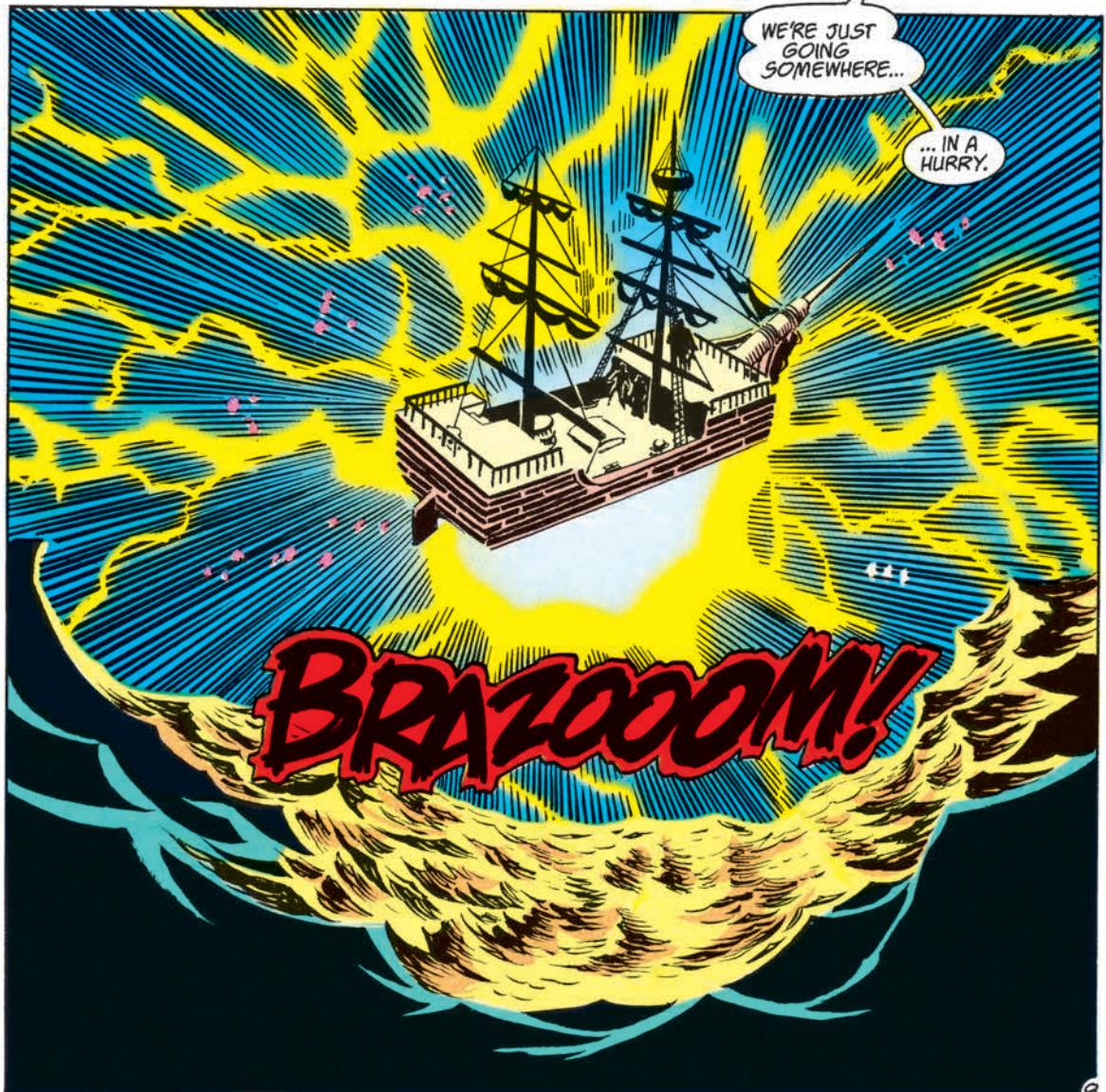
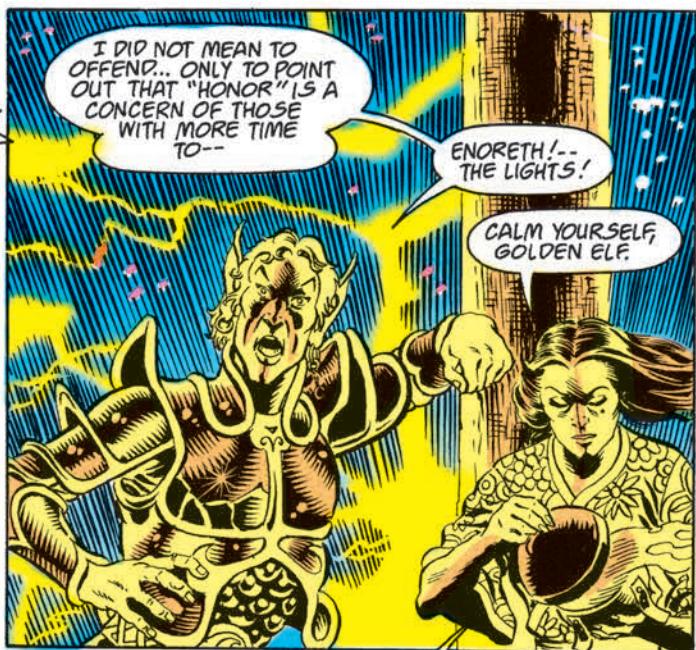
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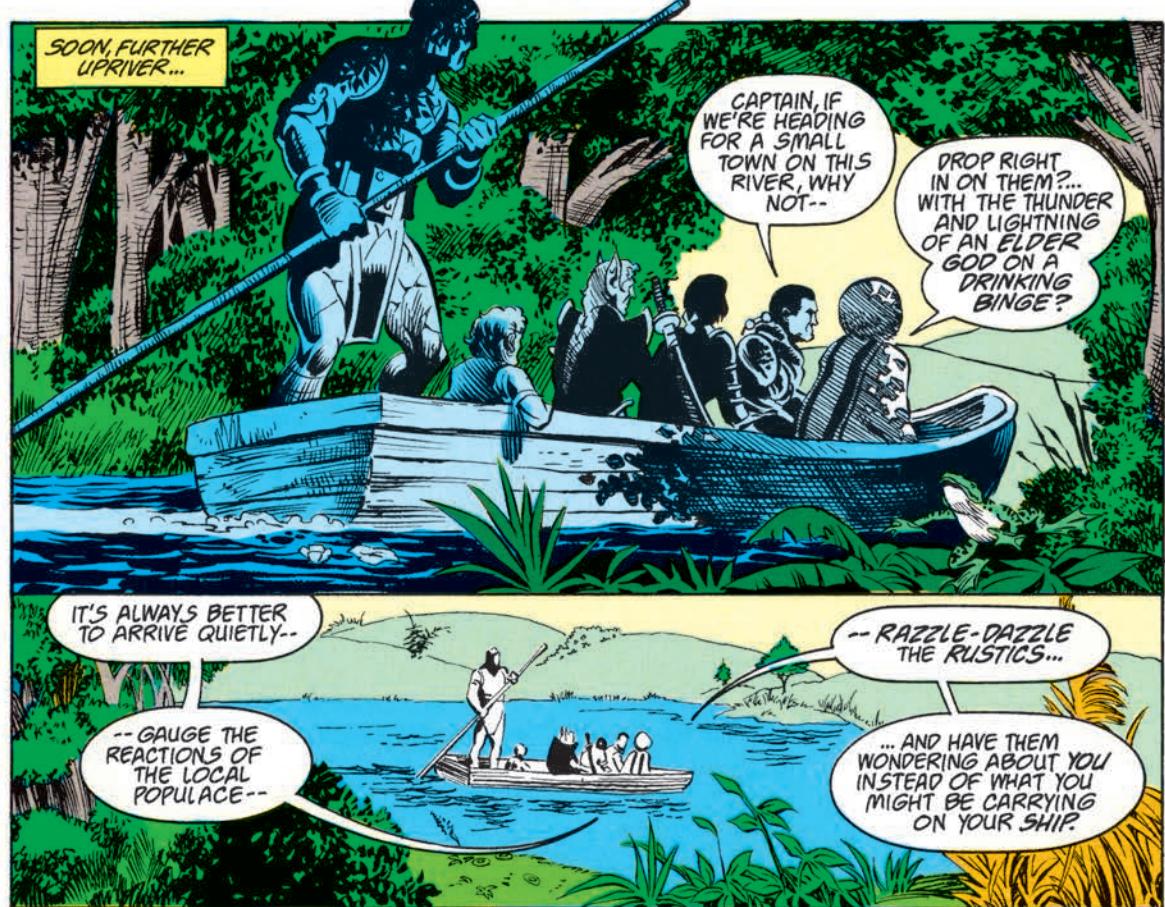


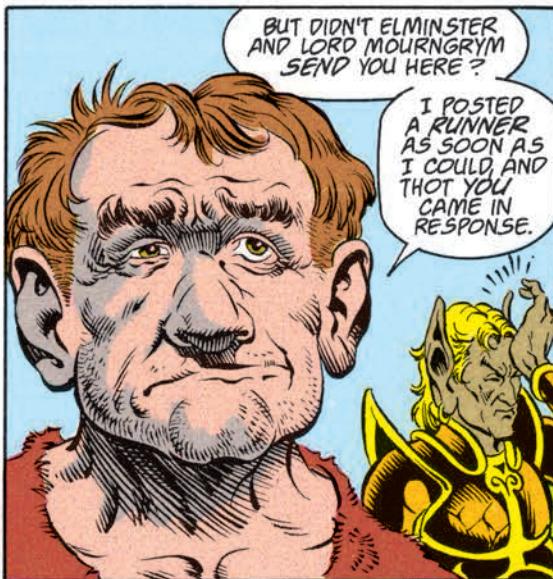


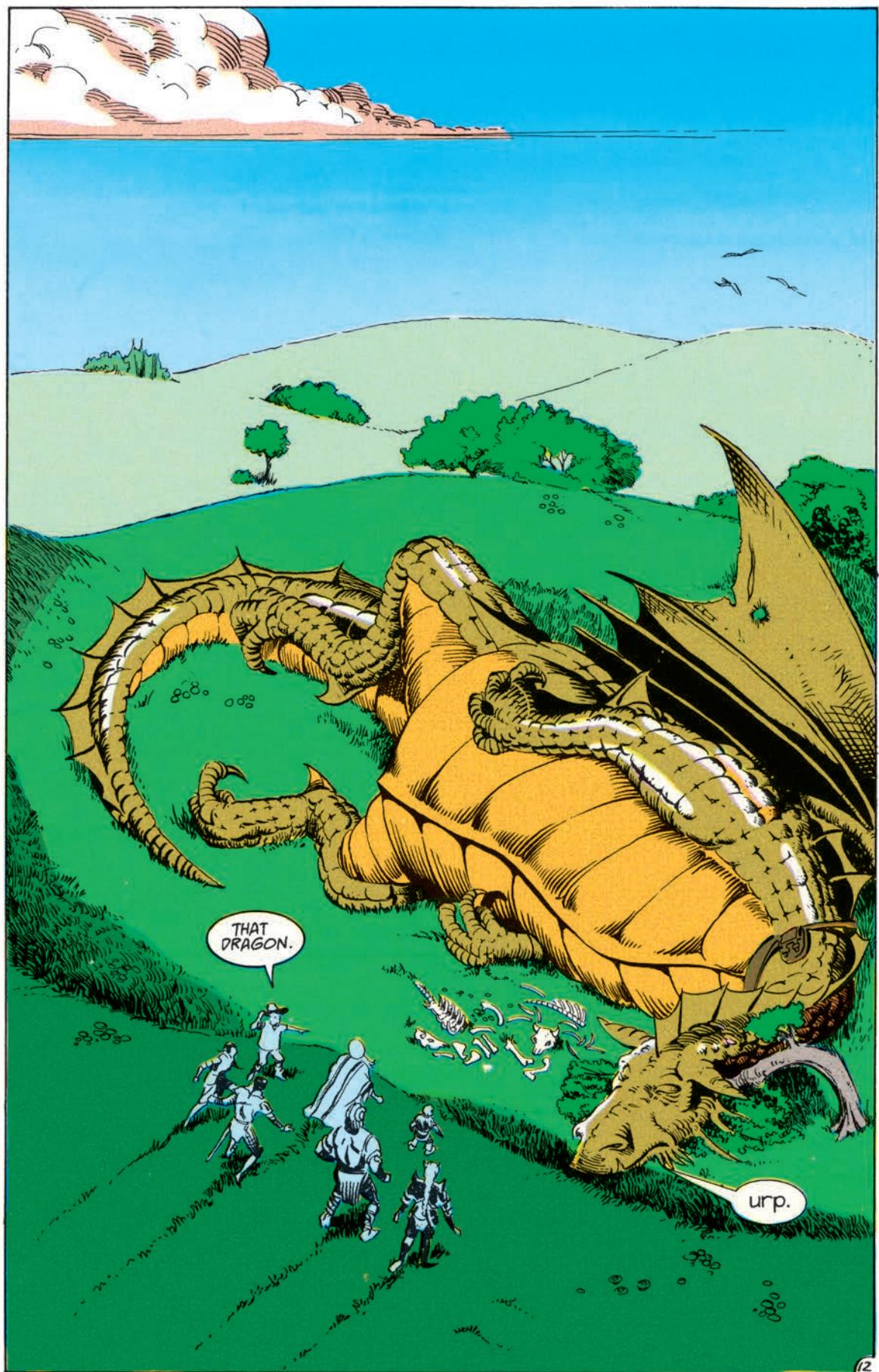


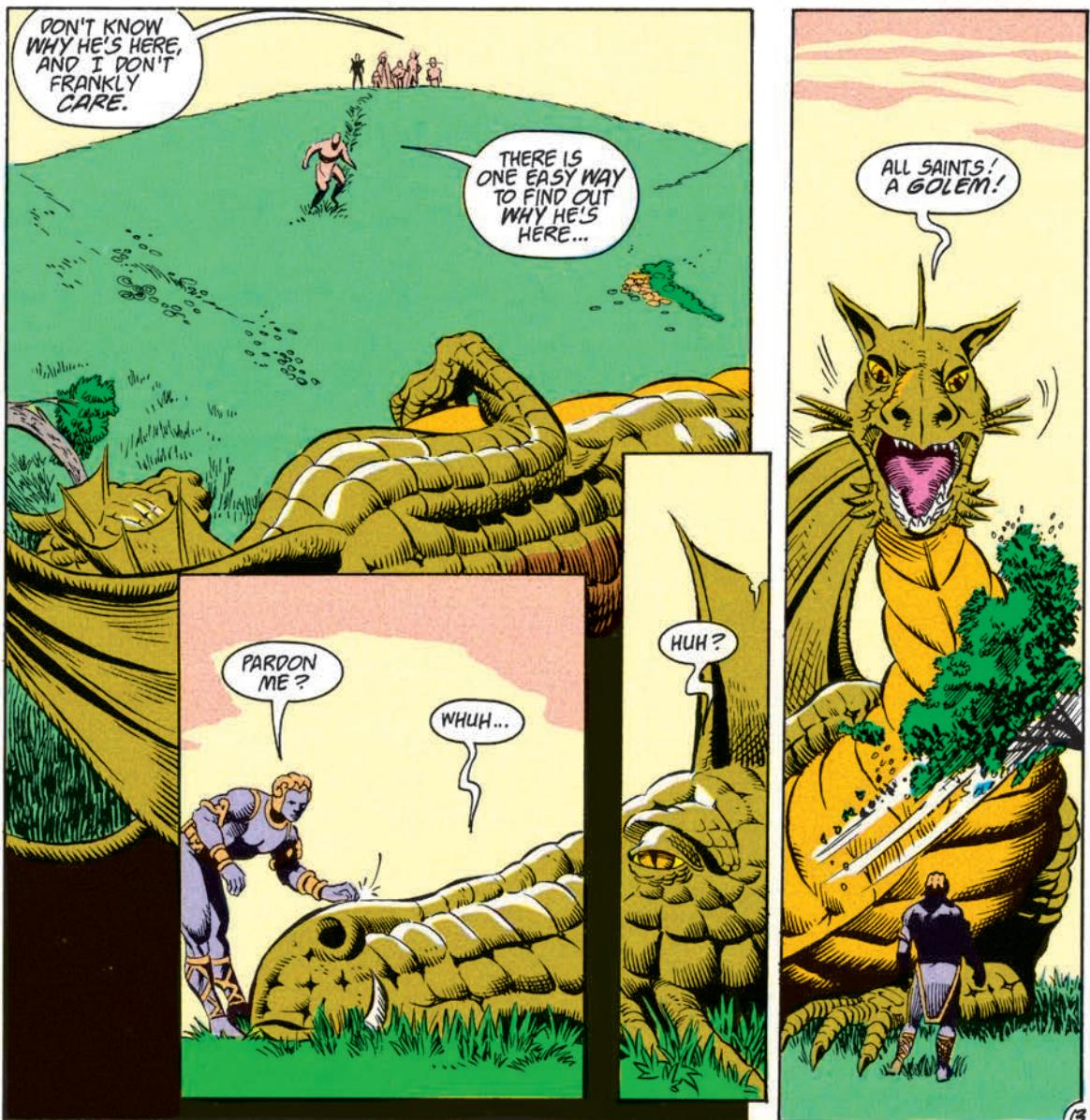
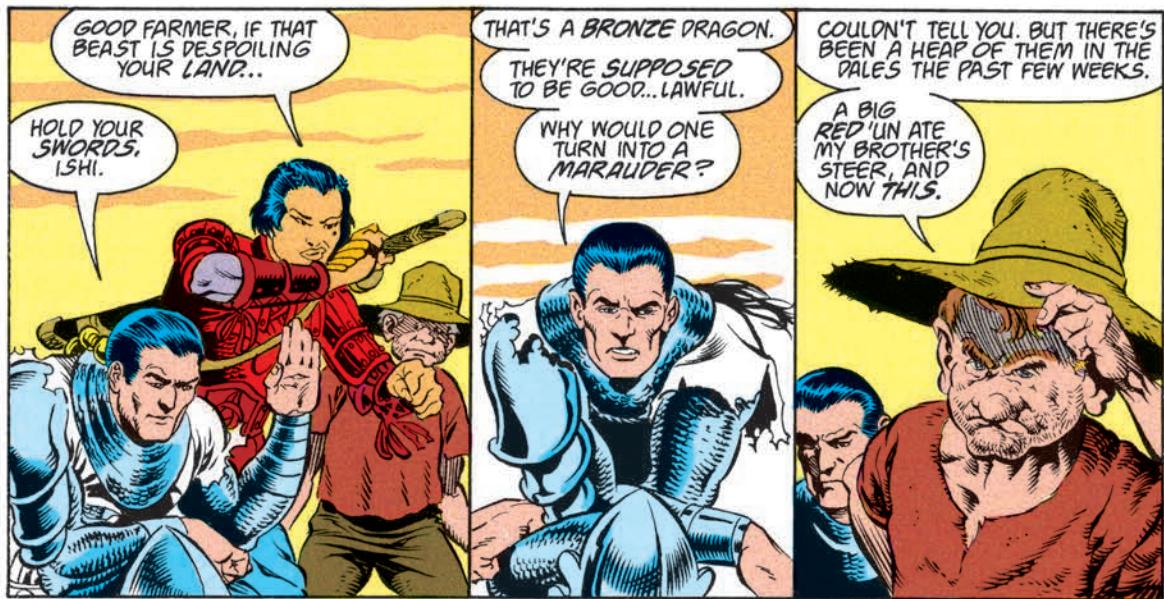


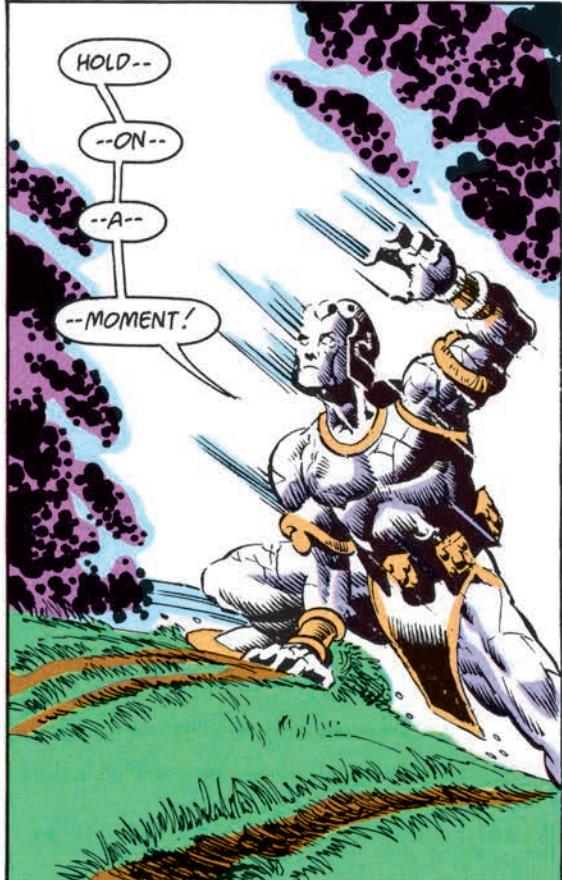
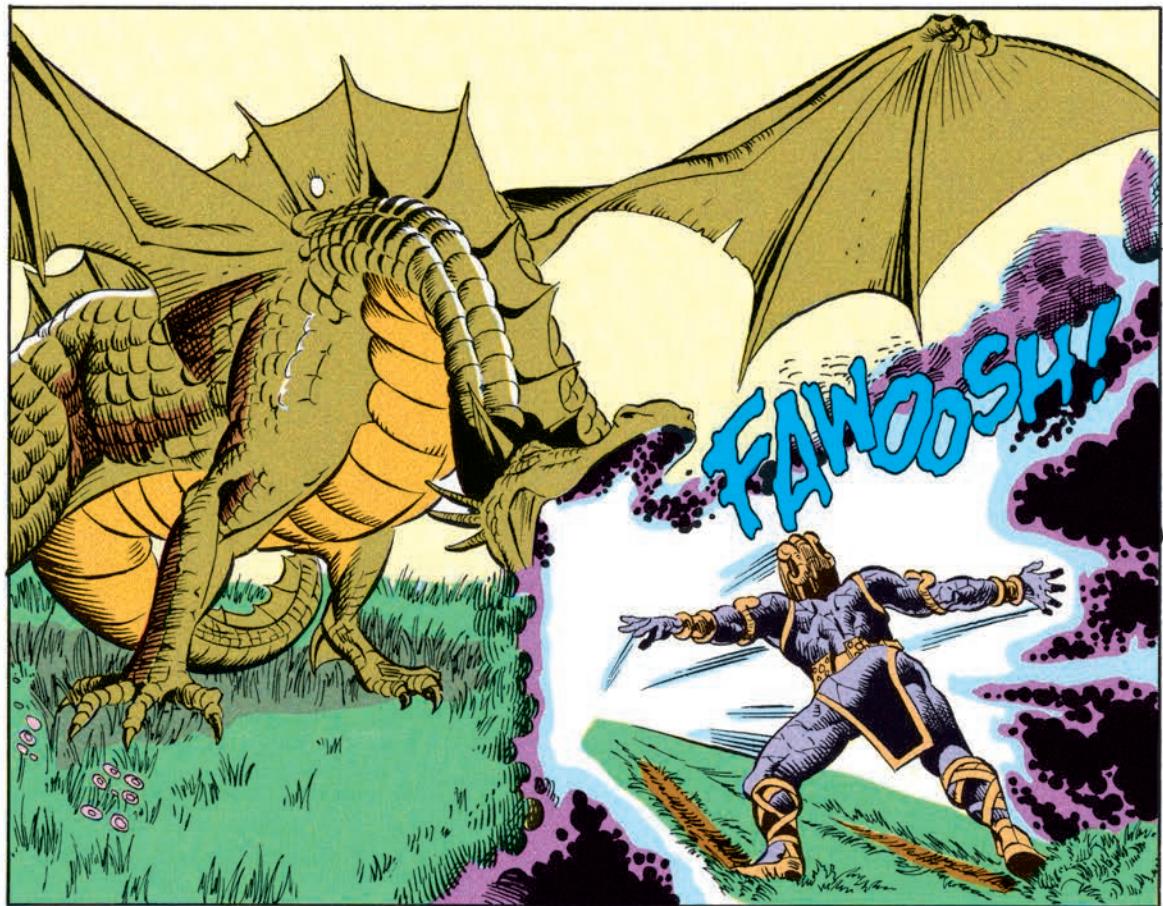




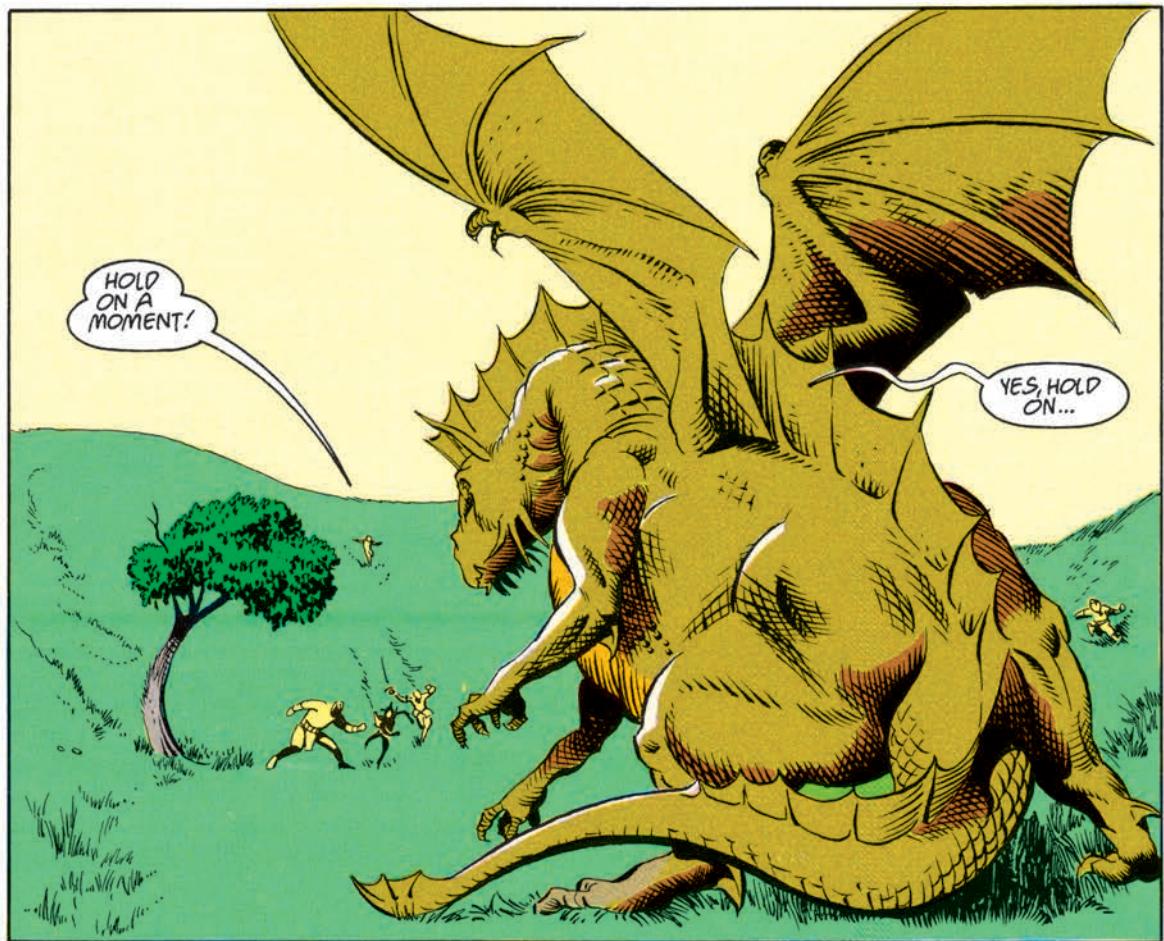


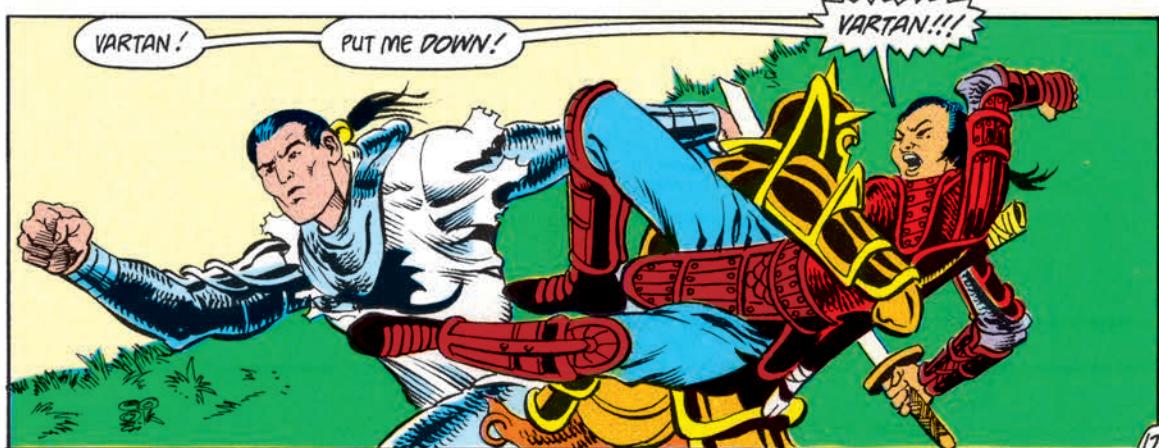
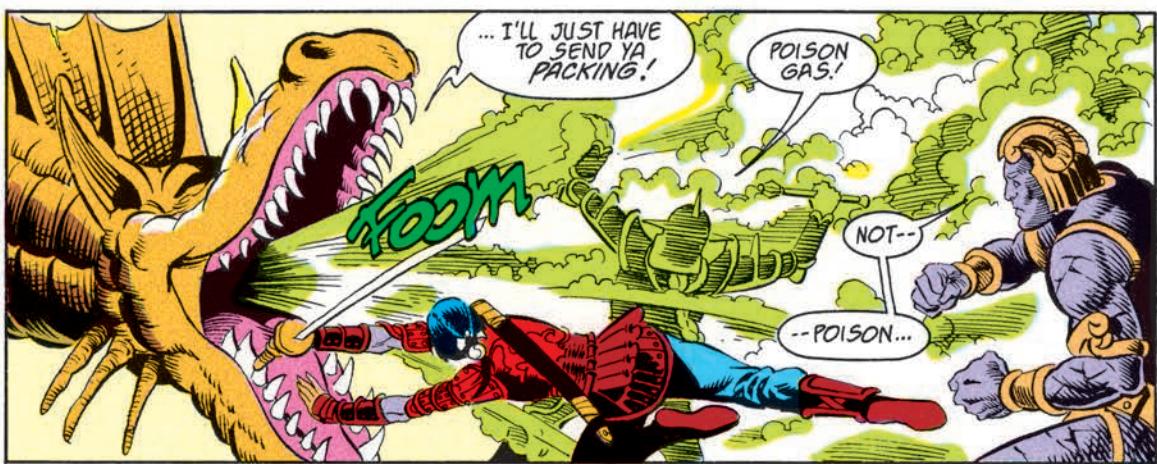


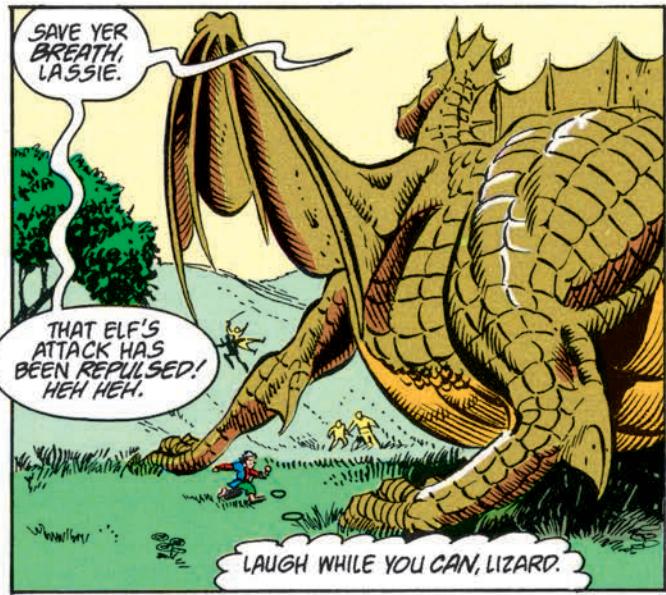


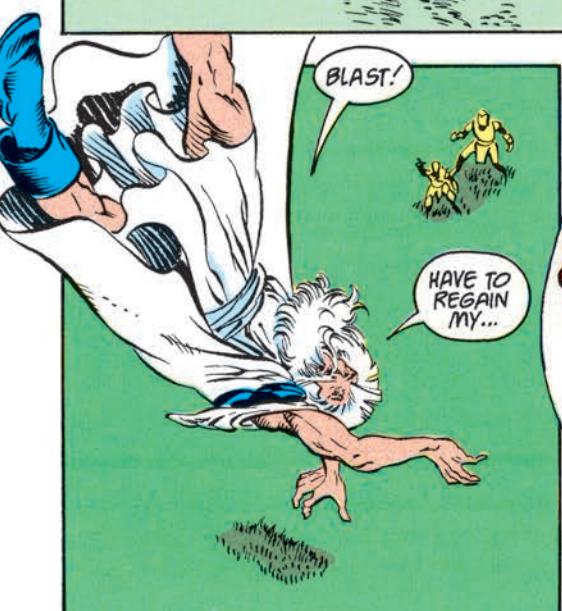
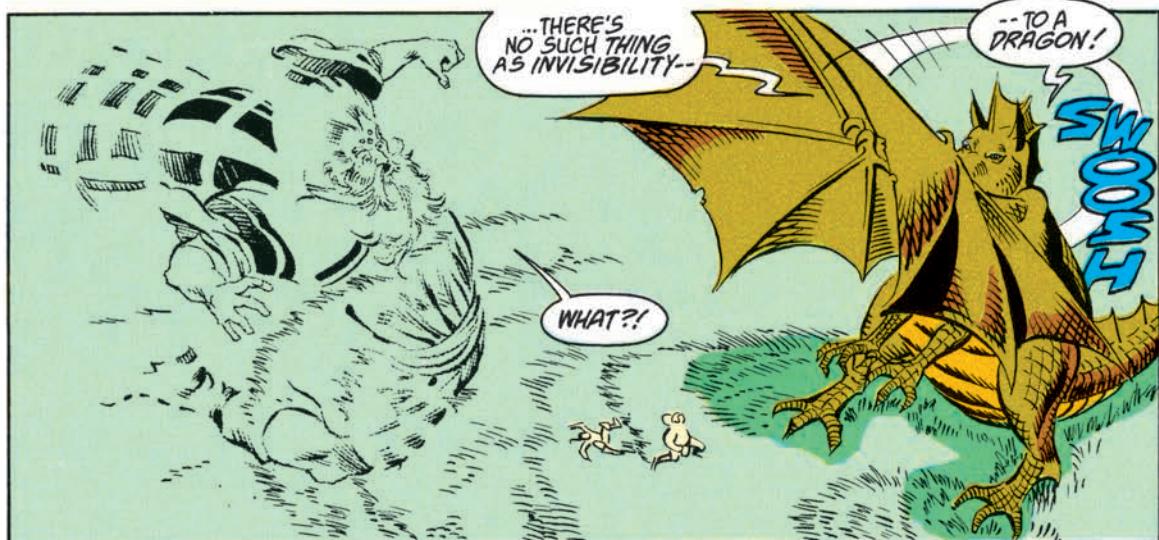


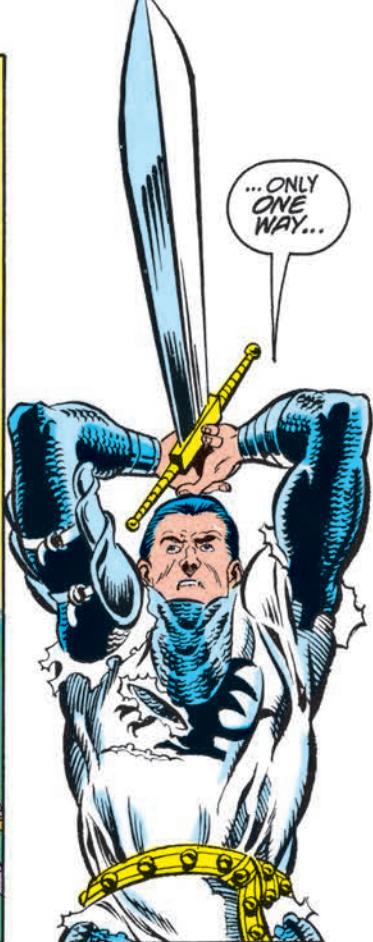


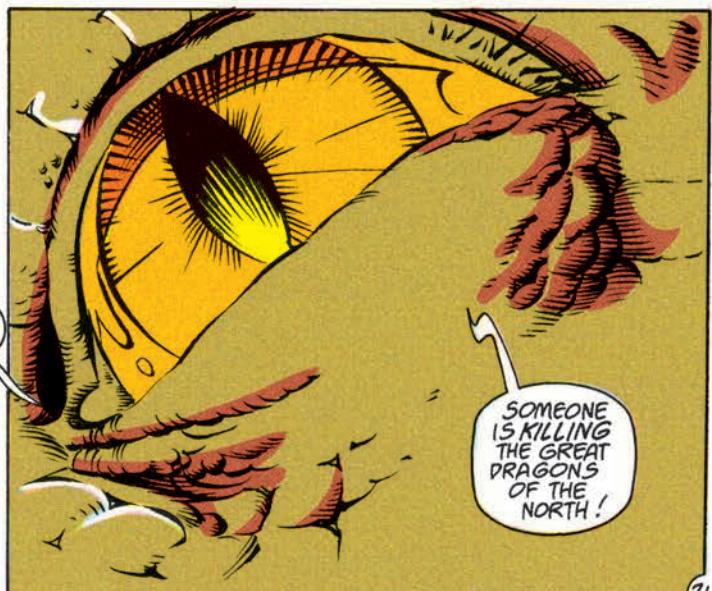
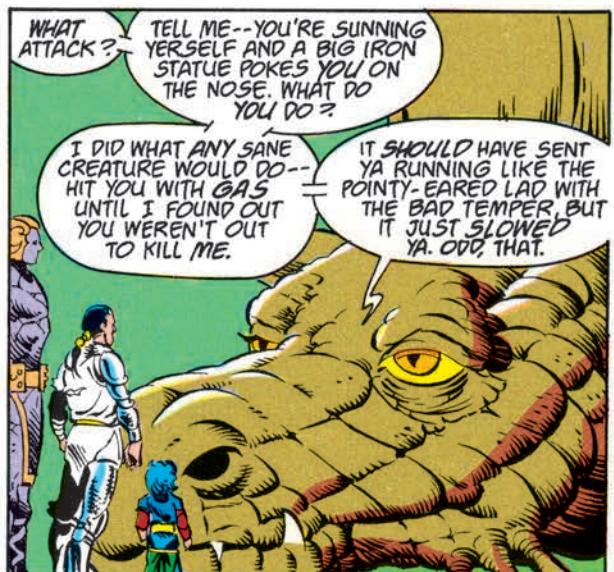


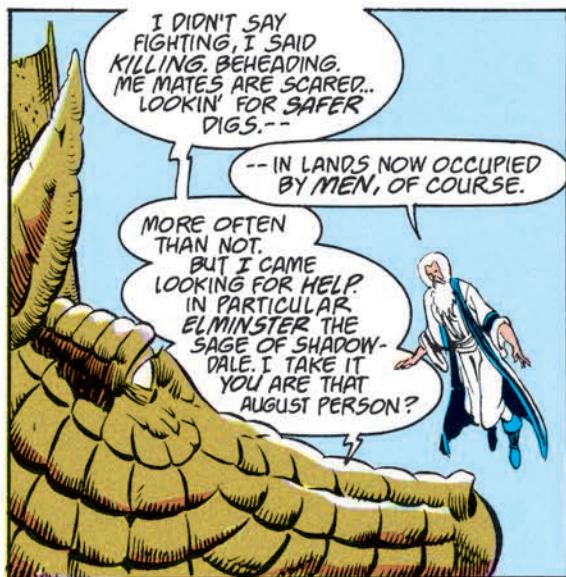


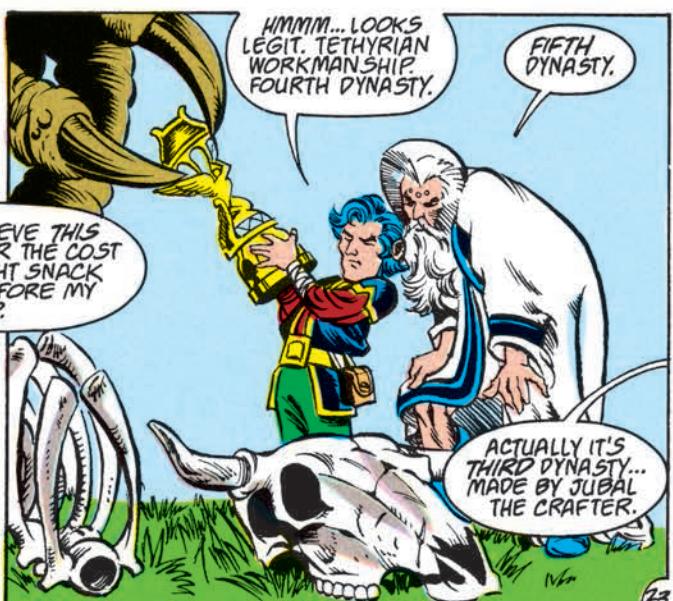
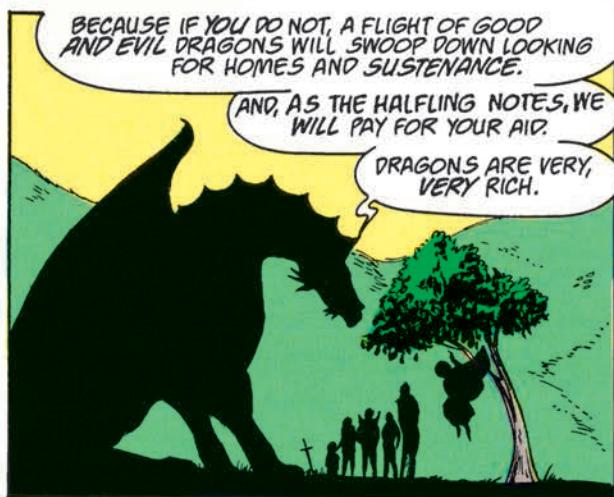
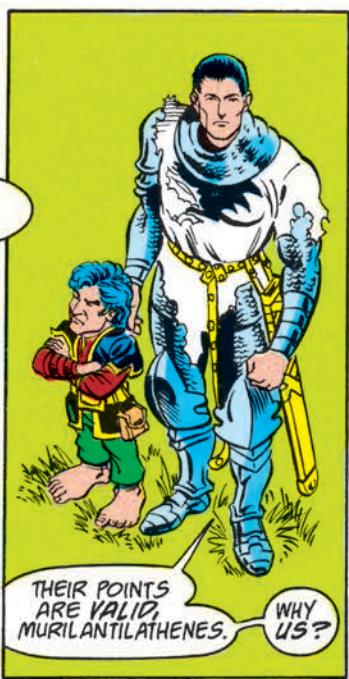






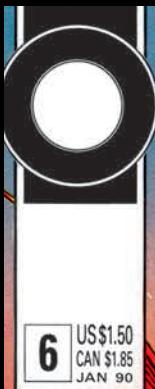










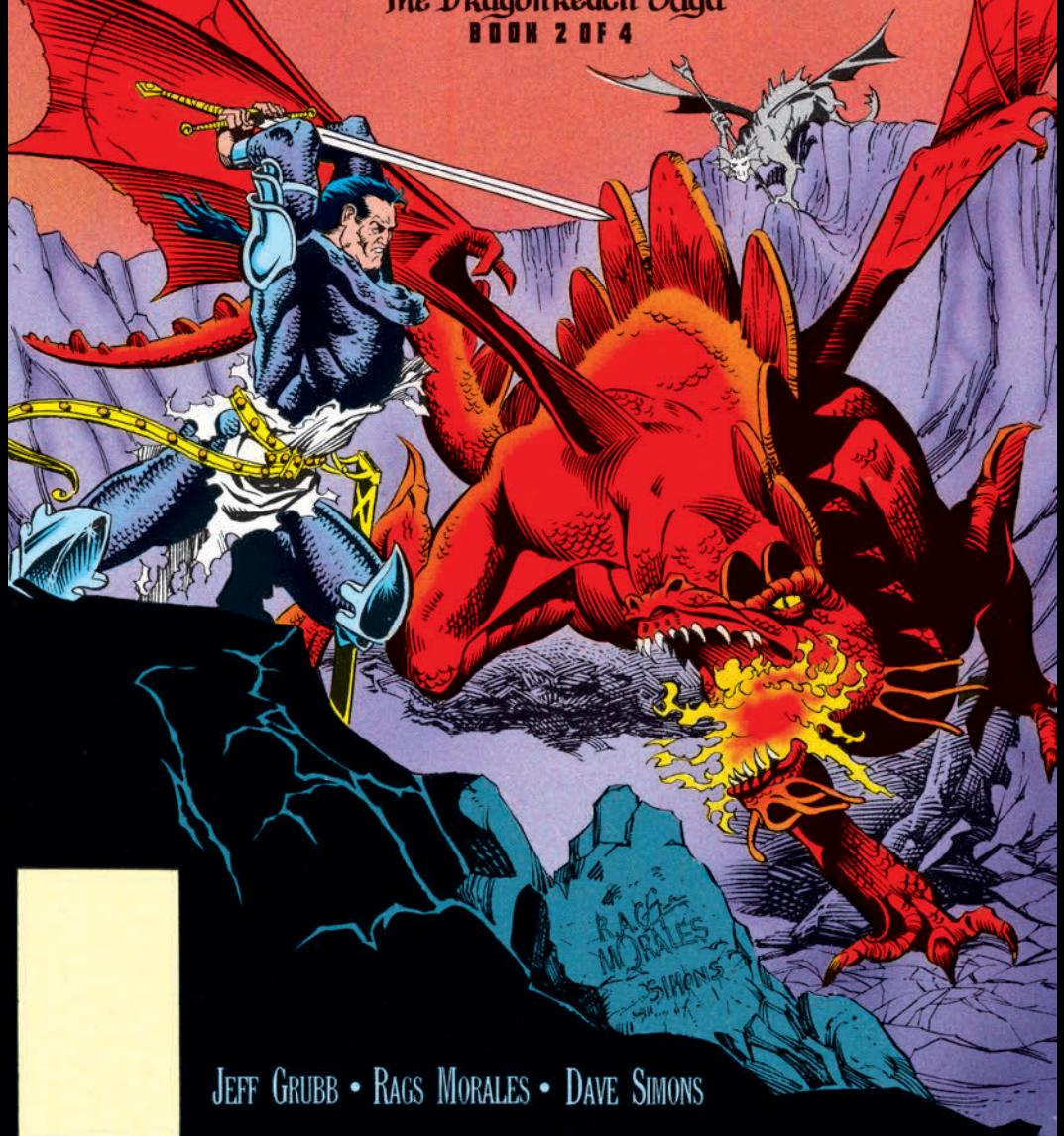


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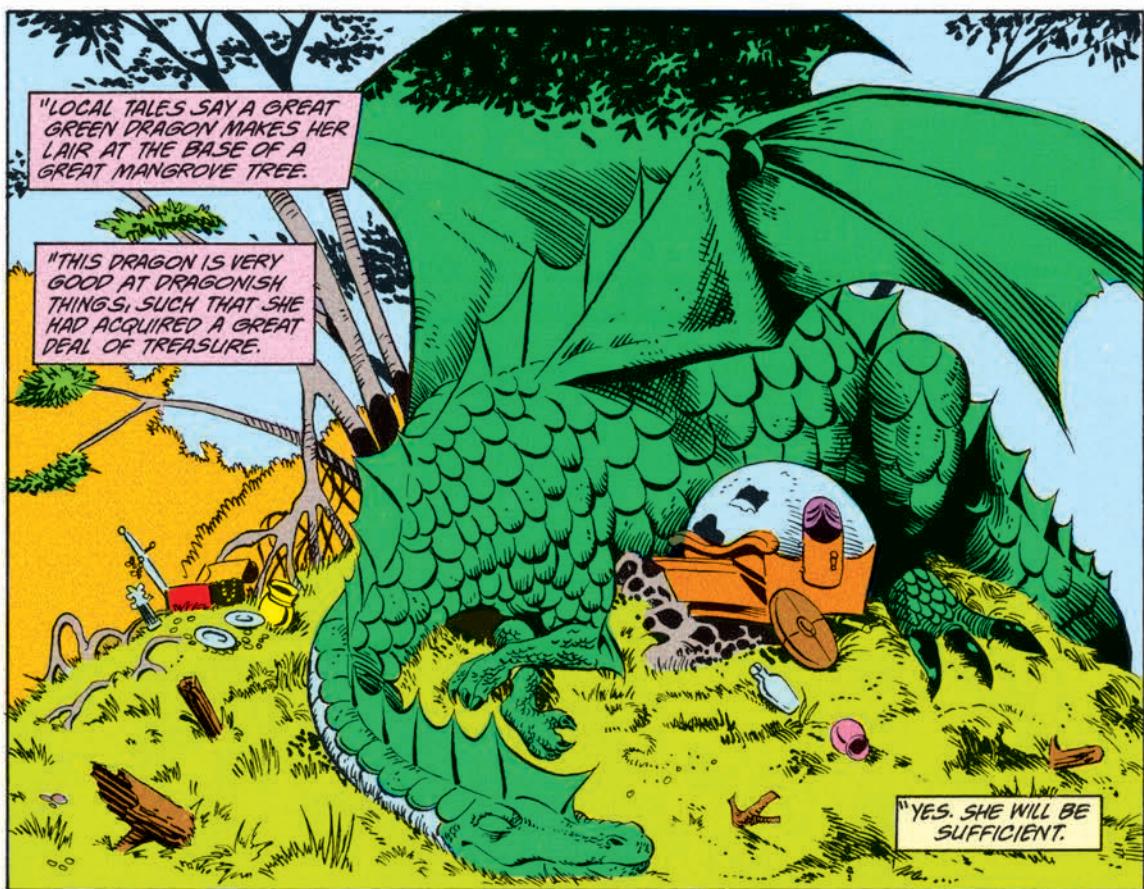
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...TO MEET HER FINAL CHALLENGE...

--AND HER FINAL JUDGE!

"ONE MORE HARVEST..."

"... ONE MORE STEP TOWARD THE DAWN OF THE BEAST."

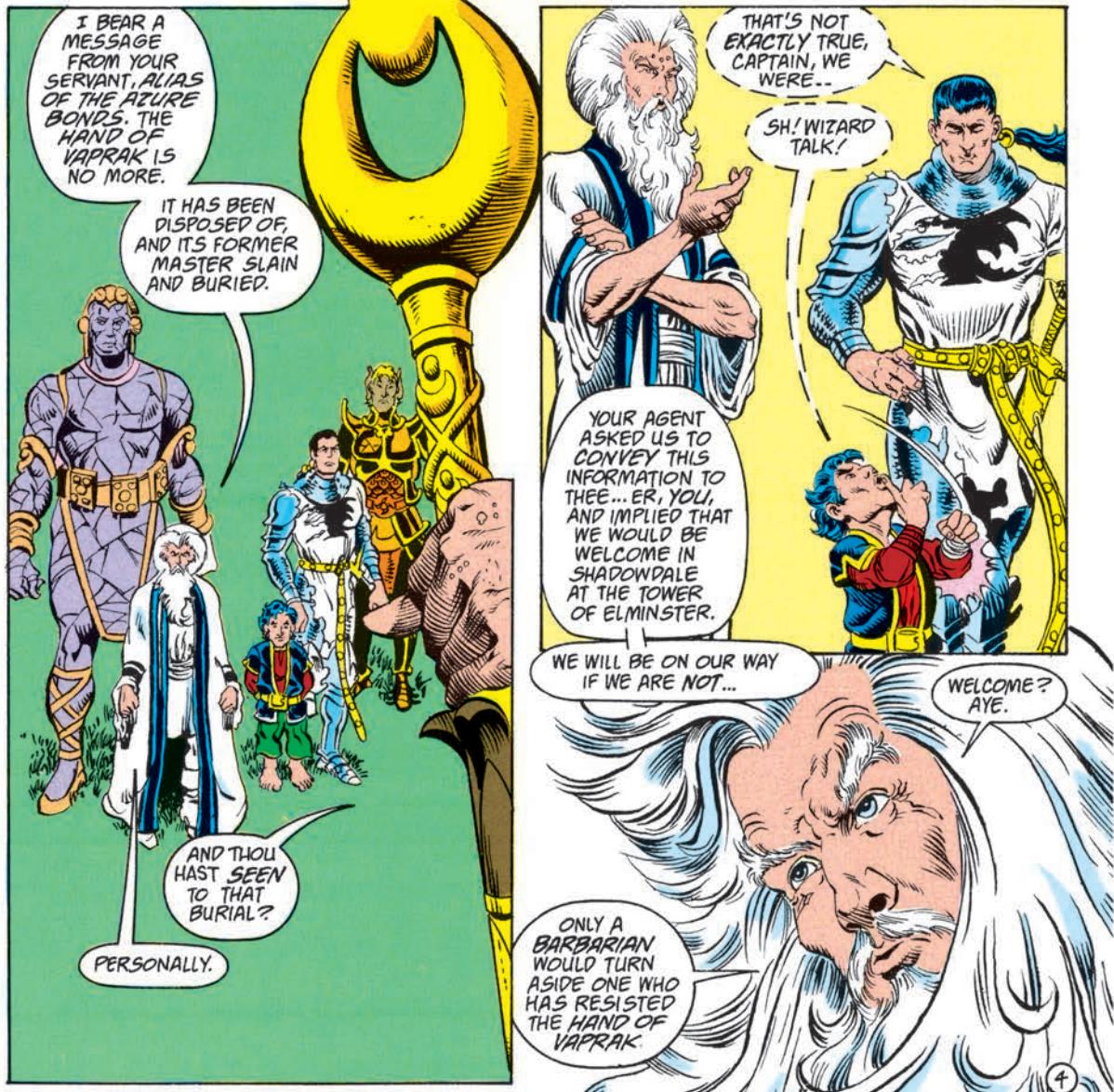
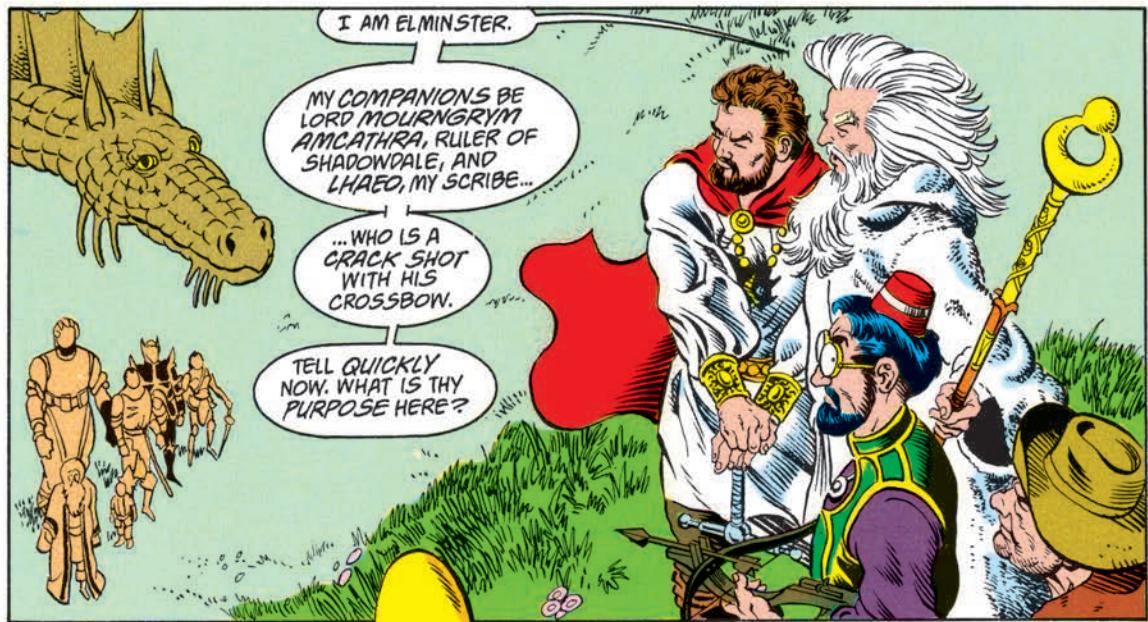
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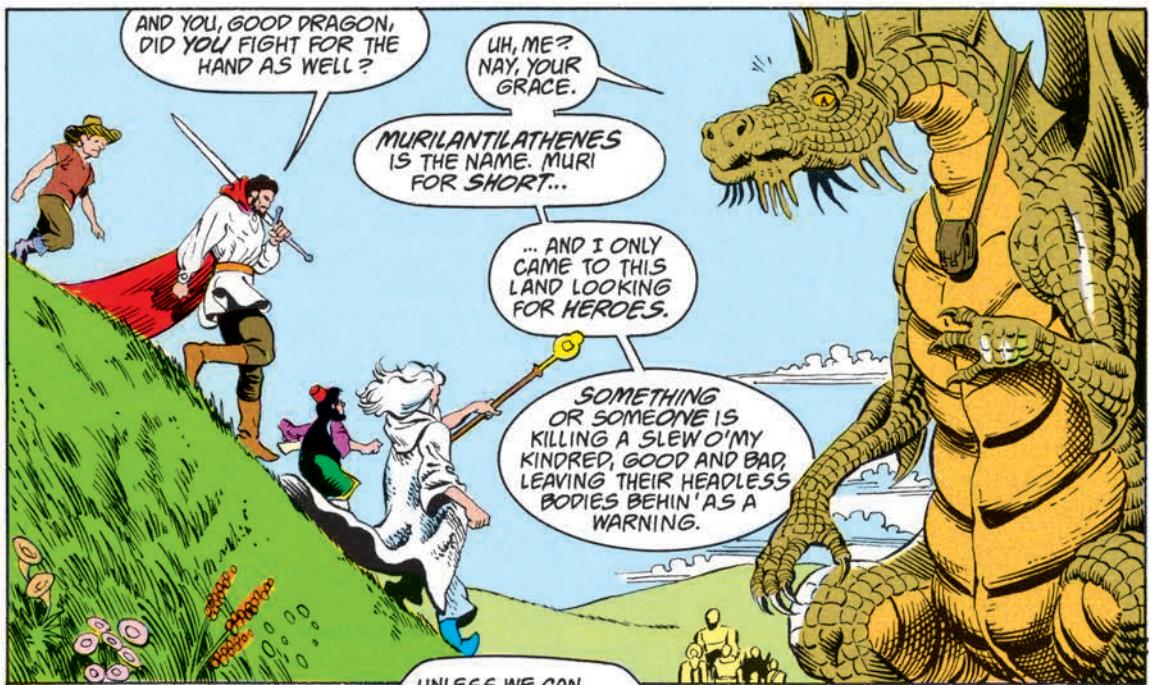
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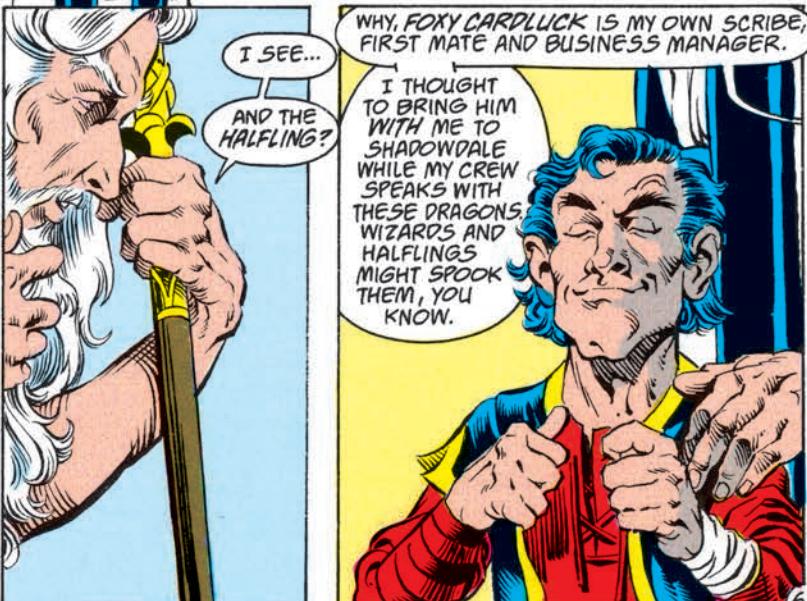
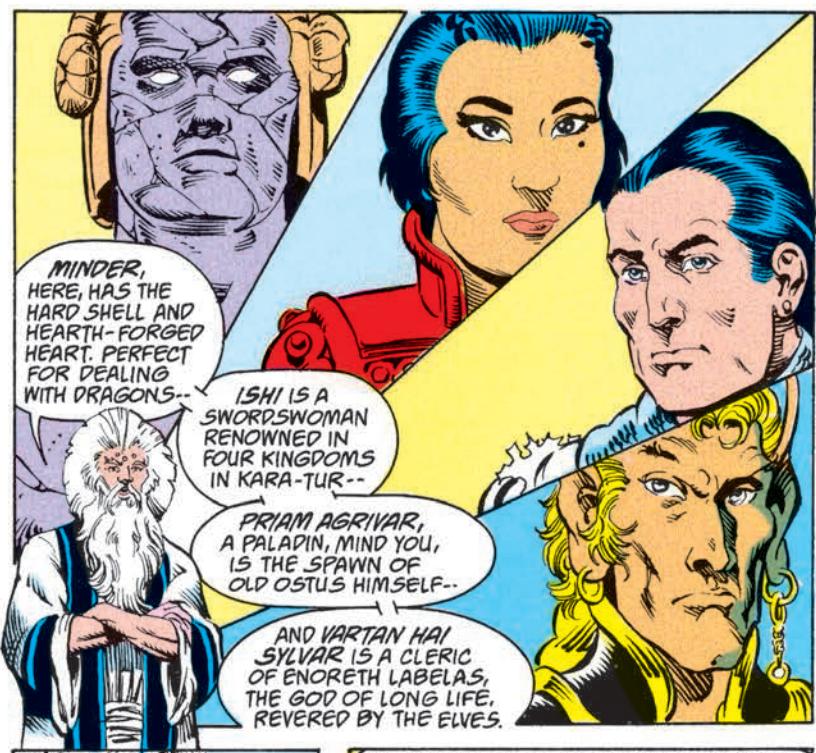
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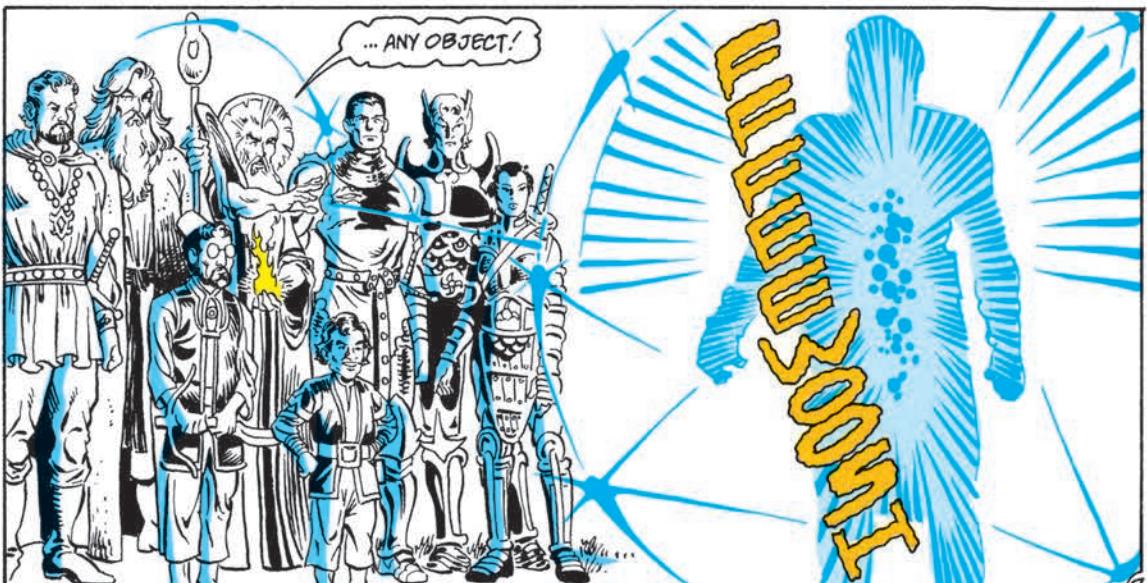
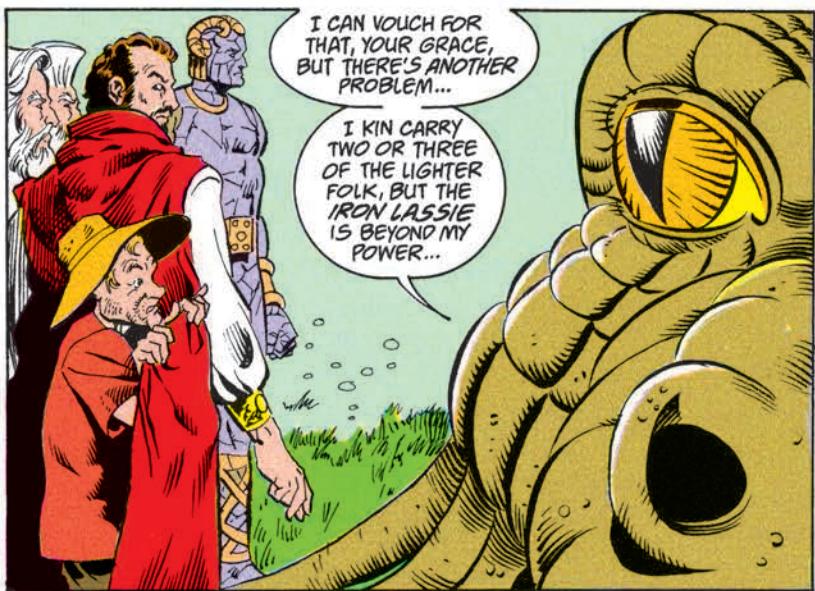
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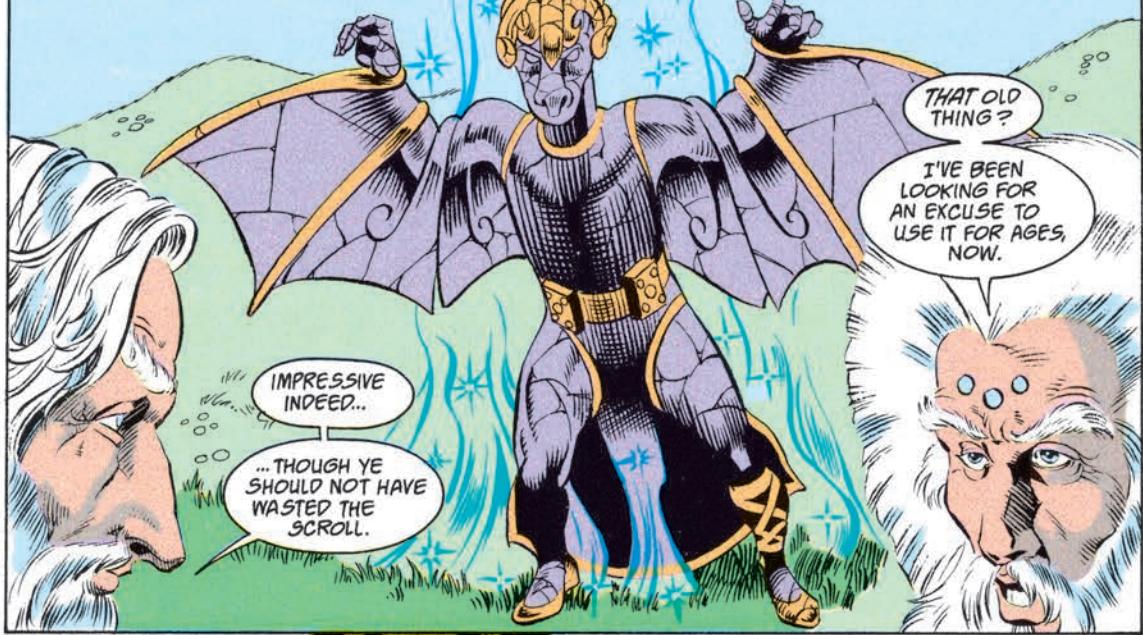


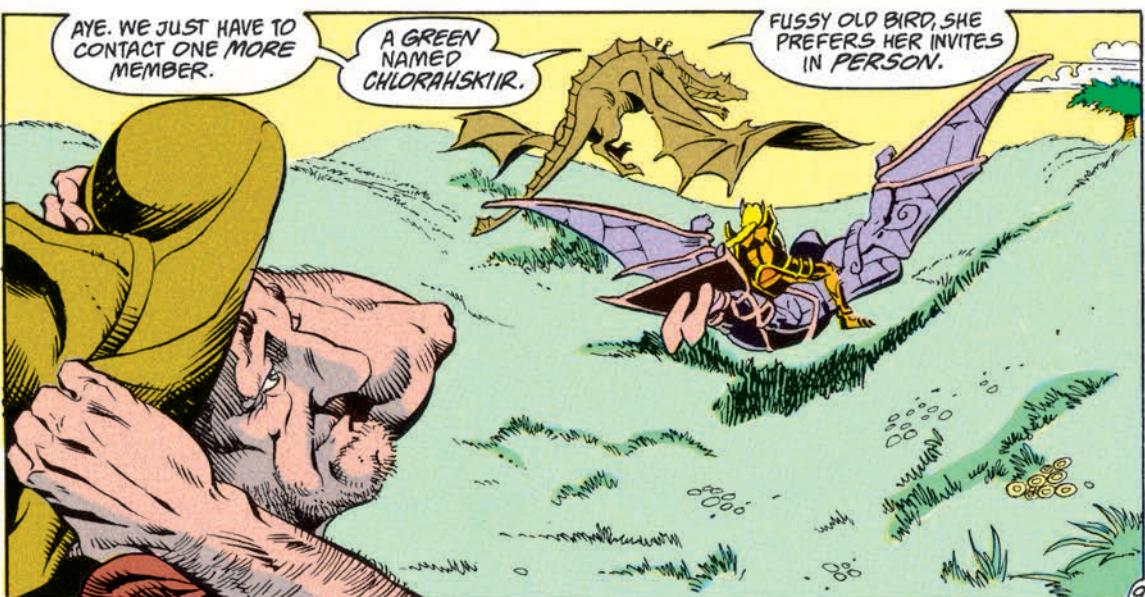
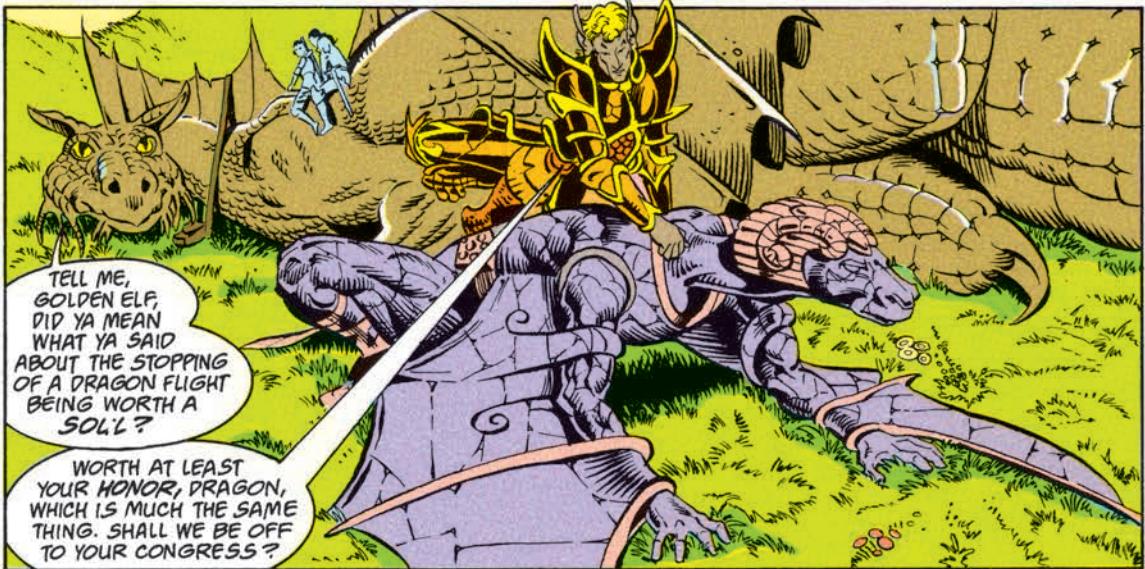
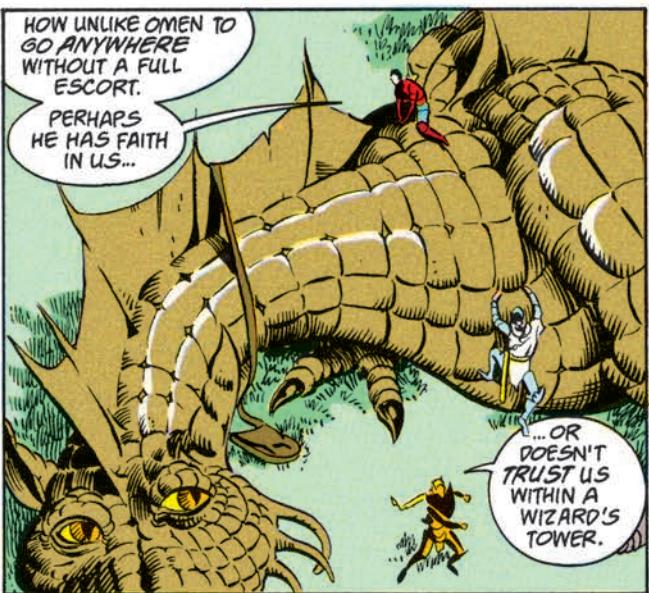












SHORTLY...

MURI, THOSE BIRDS...

CARRION FEEDERS!
THAT MEANS...

NO!

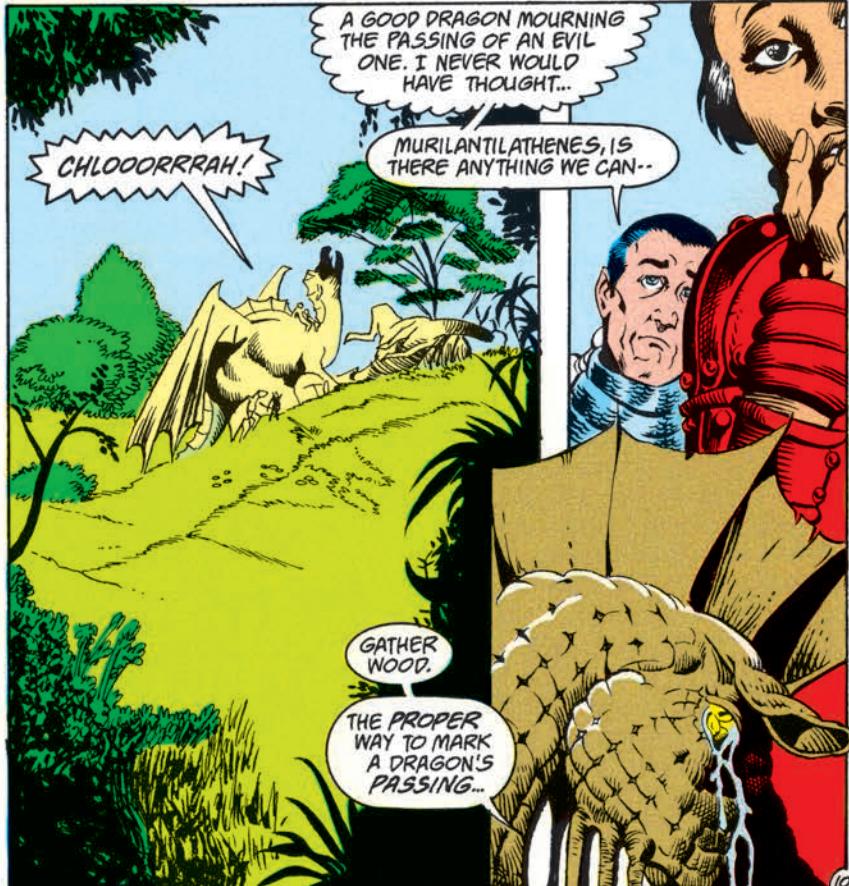


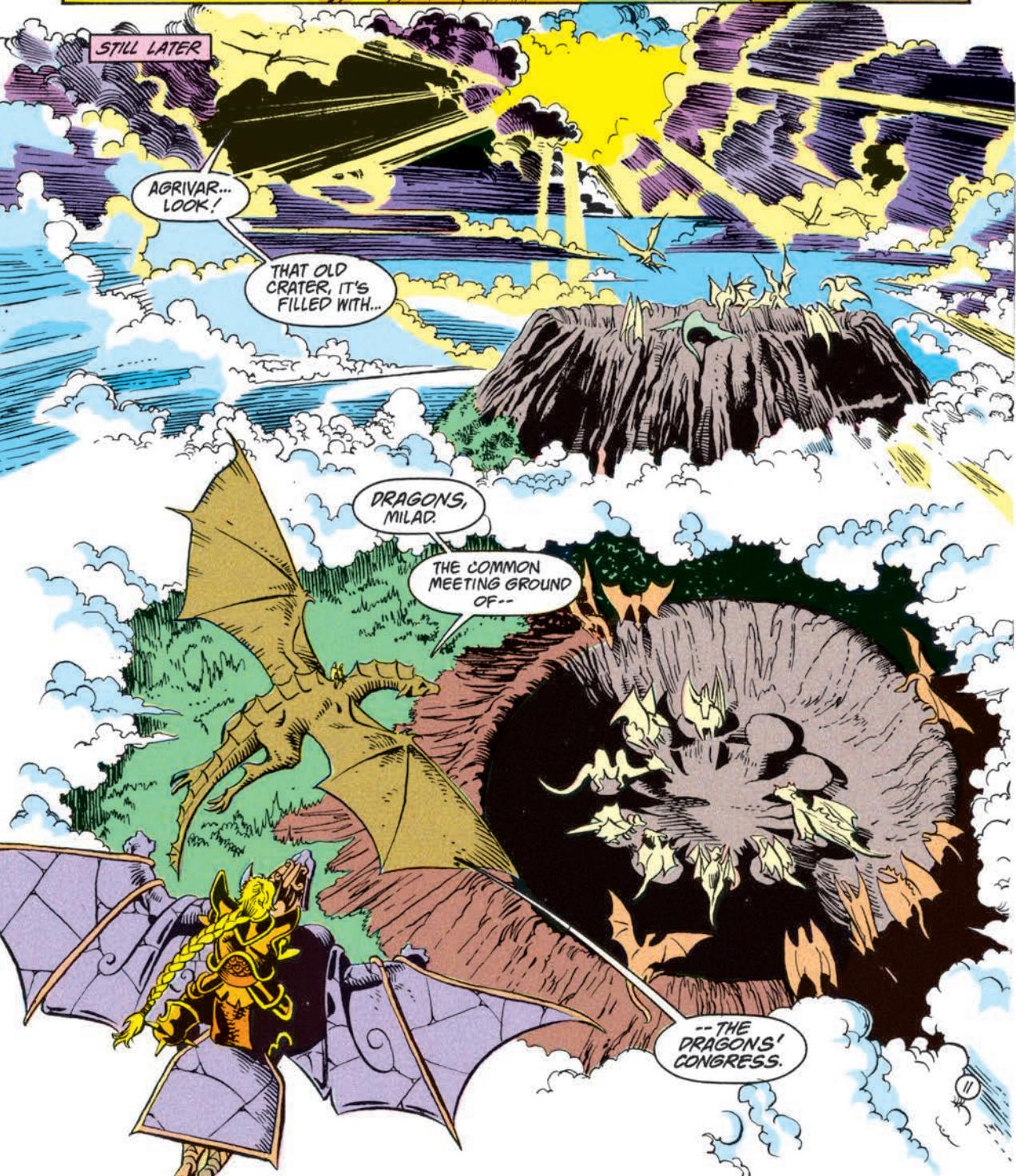
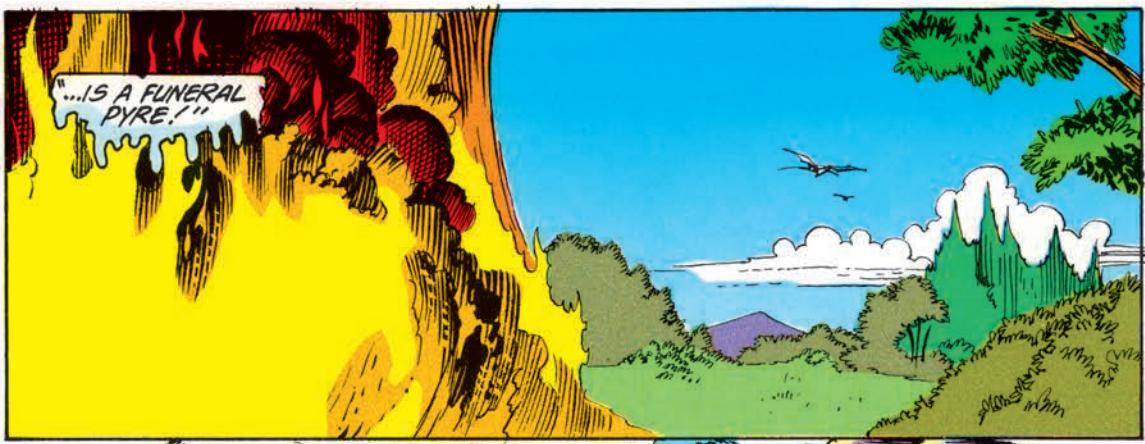
A GOOD DRAGON MOURNING
THE PASSING OF AN EVIL
ONE. I NEVER WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT...

MURILANTILATHENES, IS
THERE ANYTHING WE CAN--

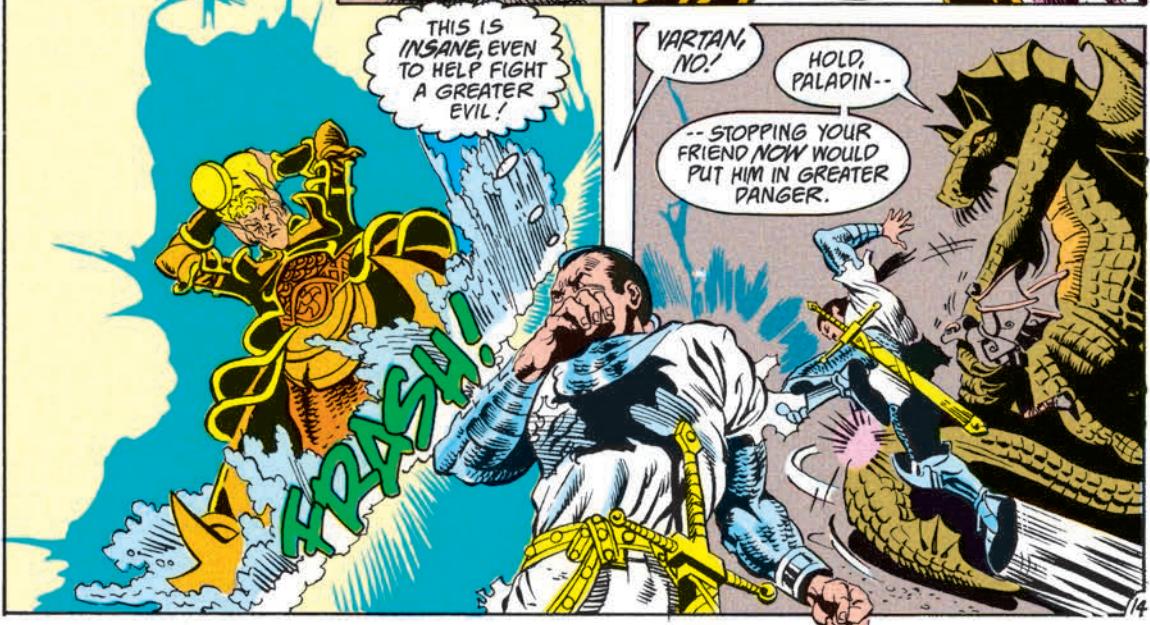
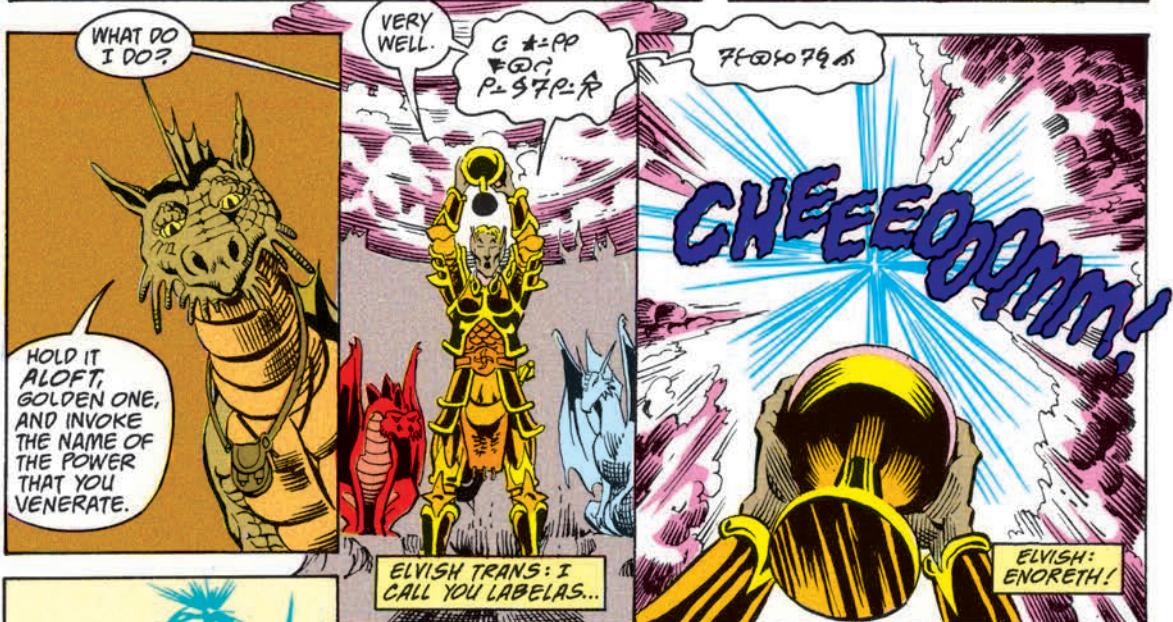
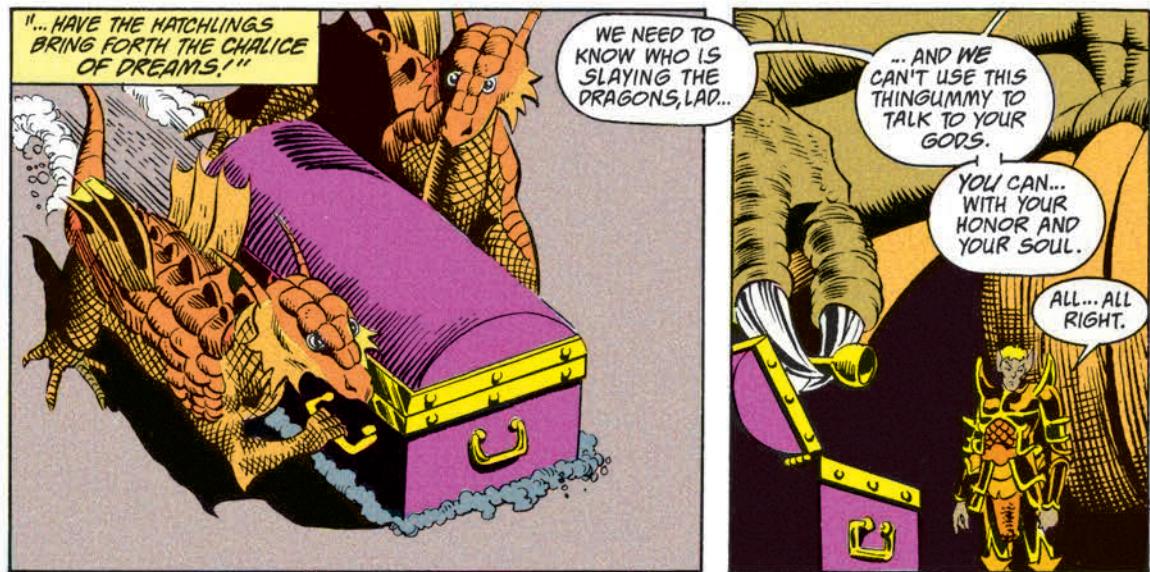
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WOOD.

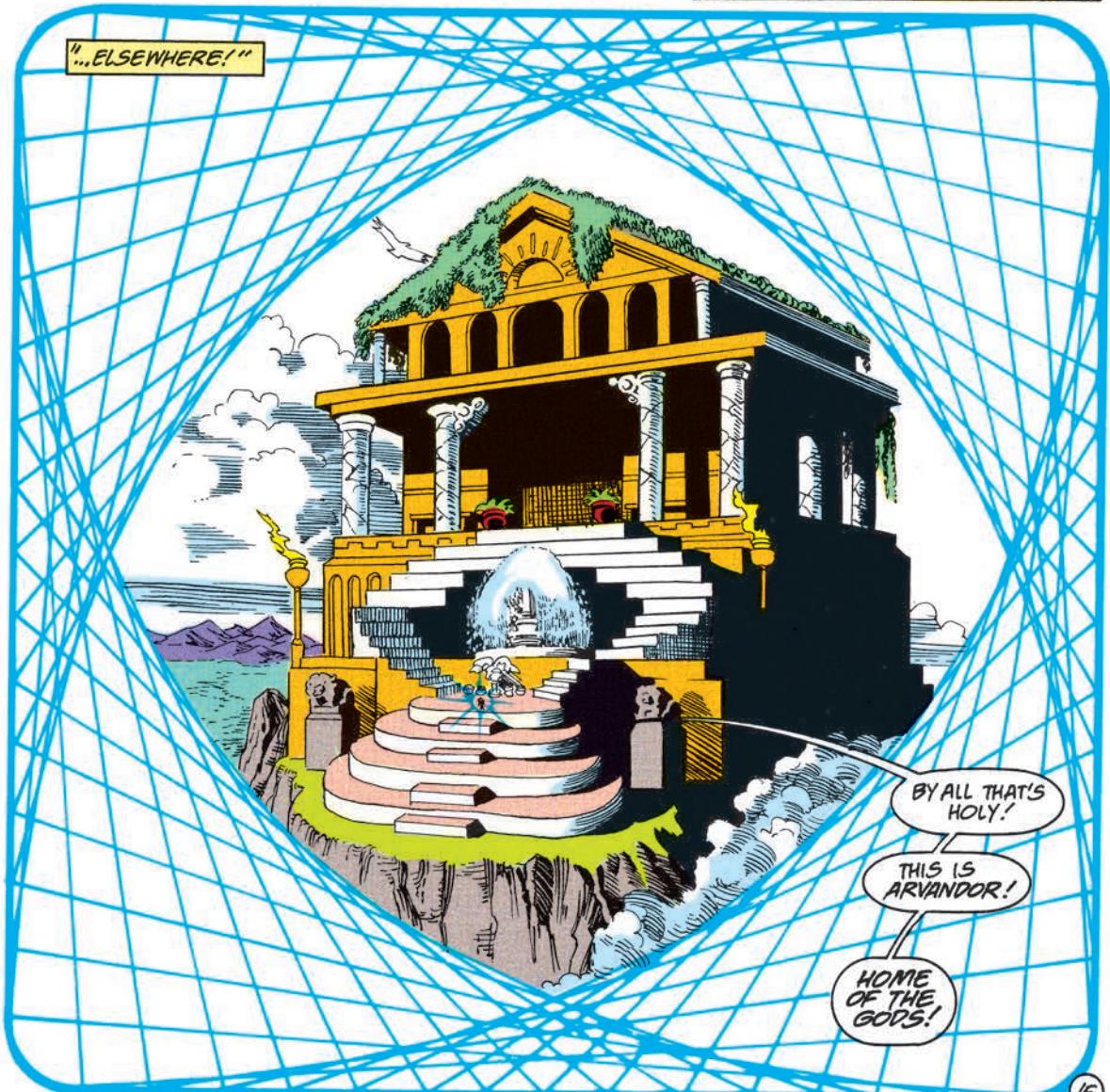
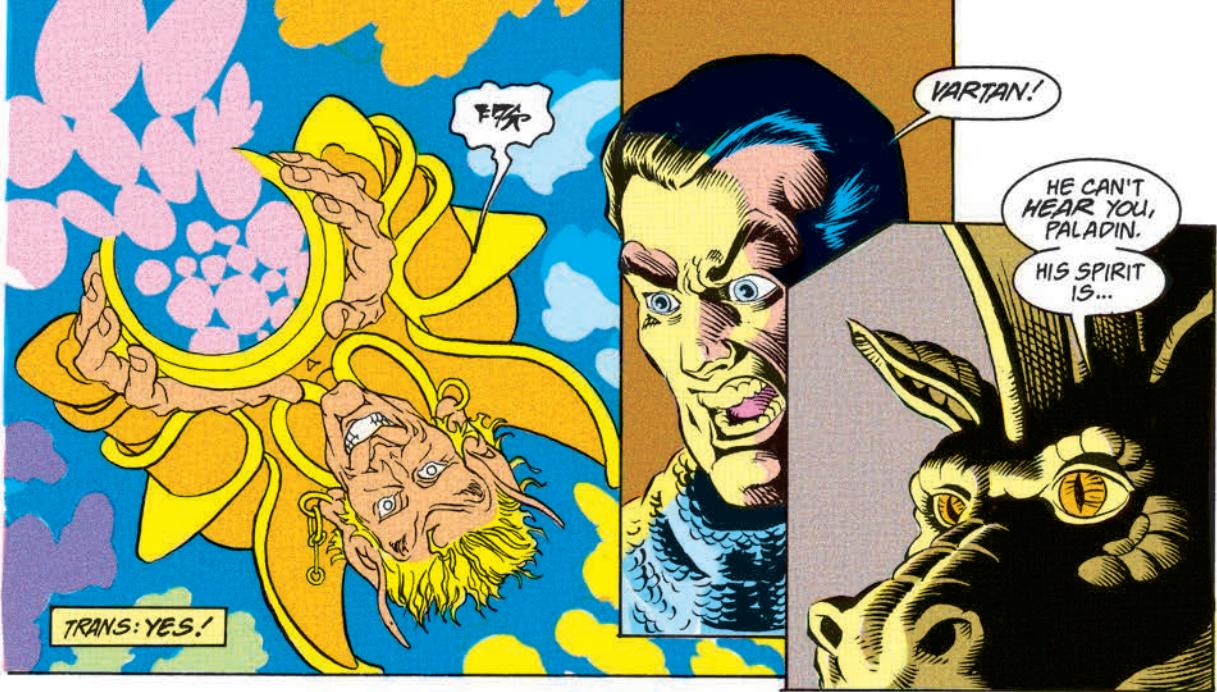
THE PROPER
WAY TO MARK
A DRAGON'S
PASSING...

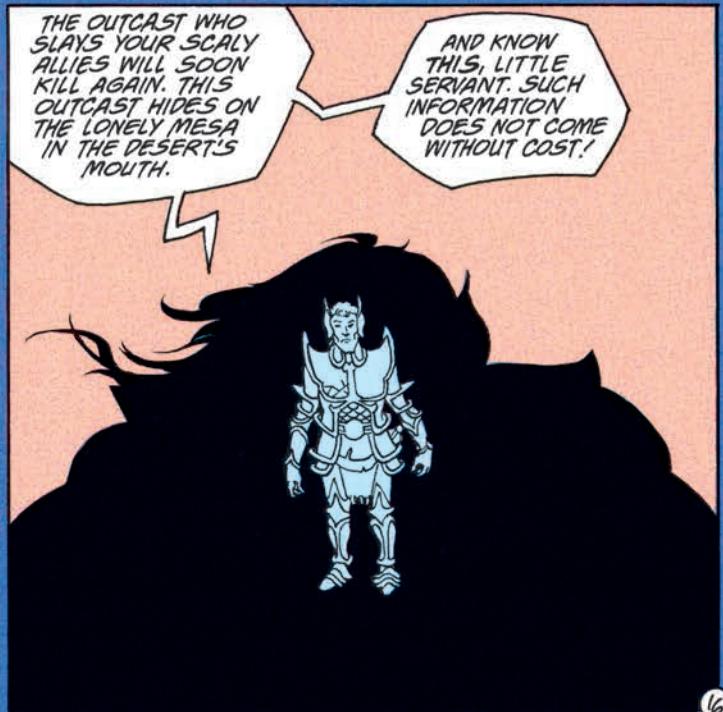


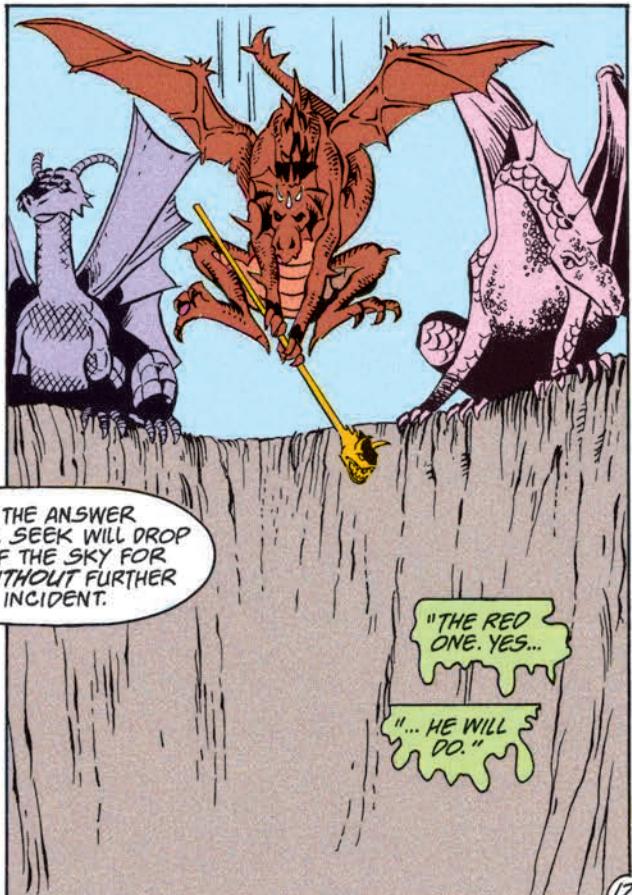
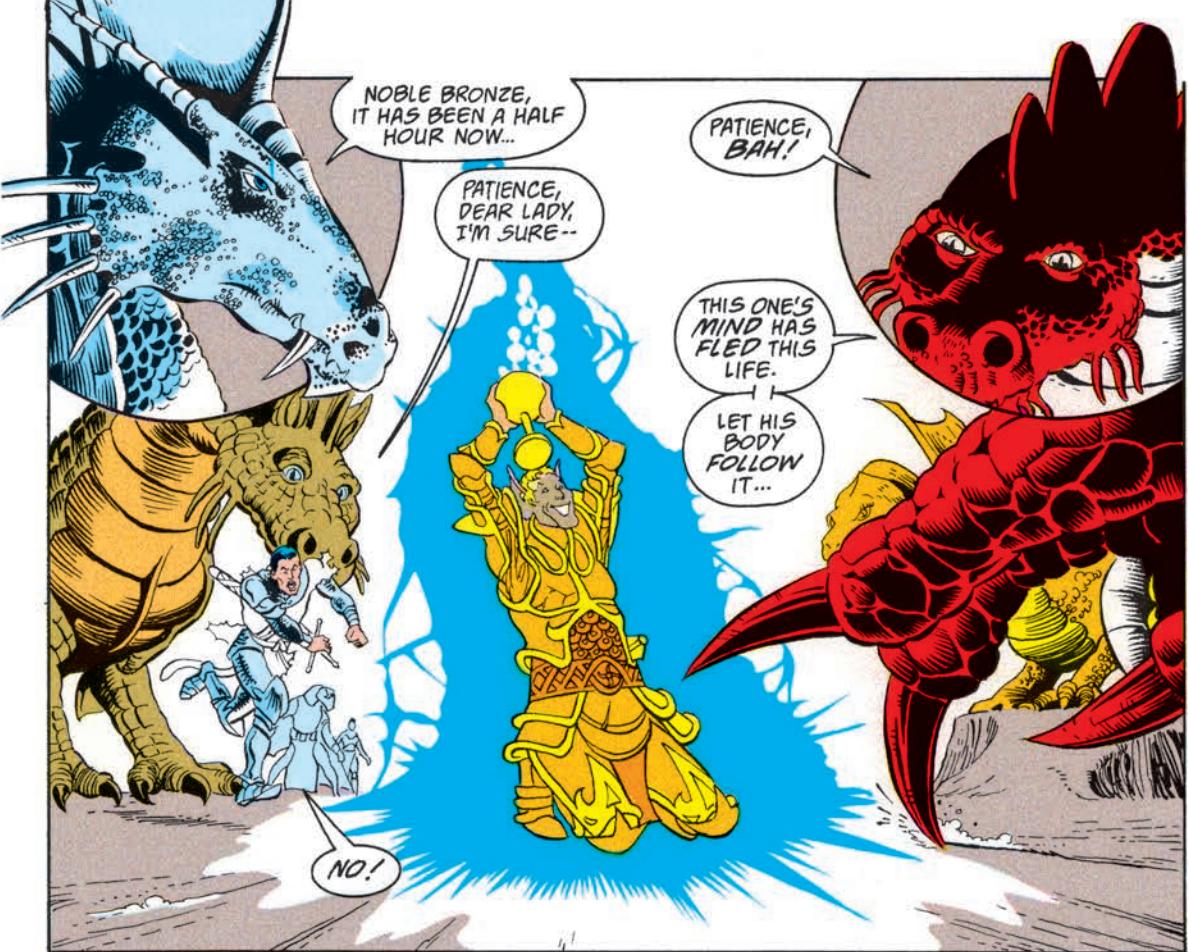


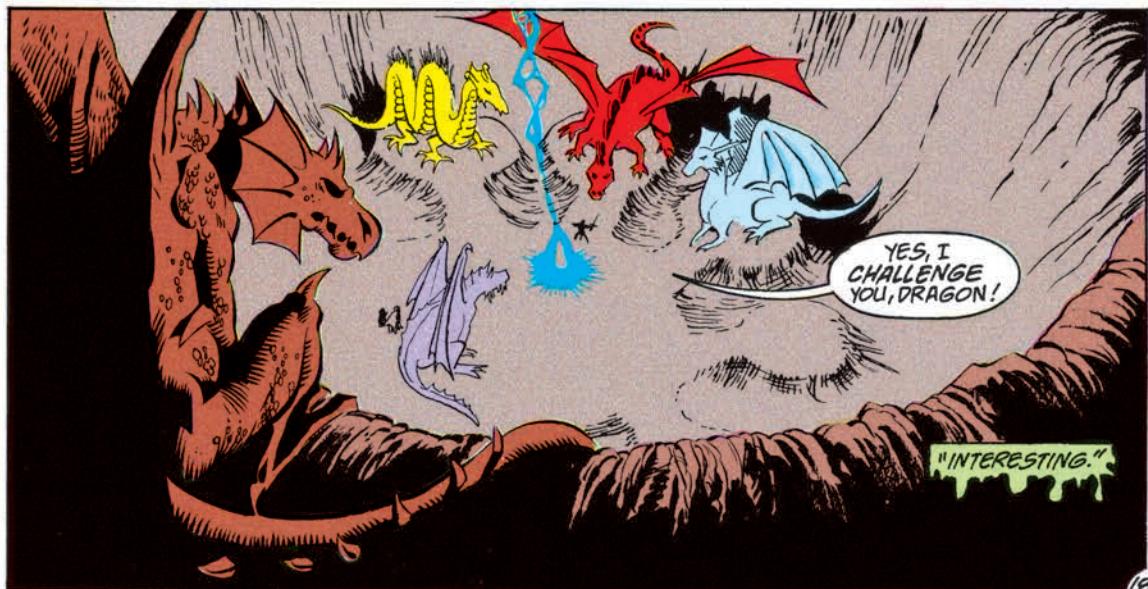
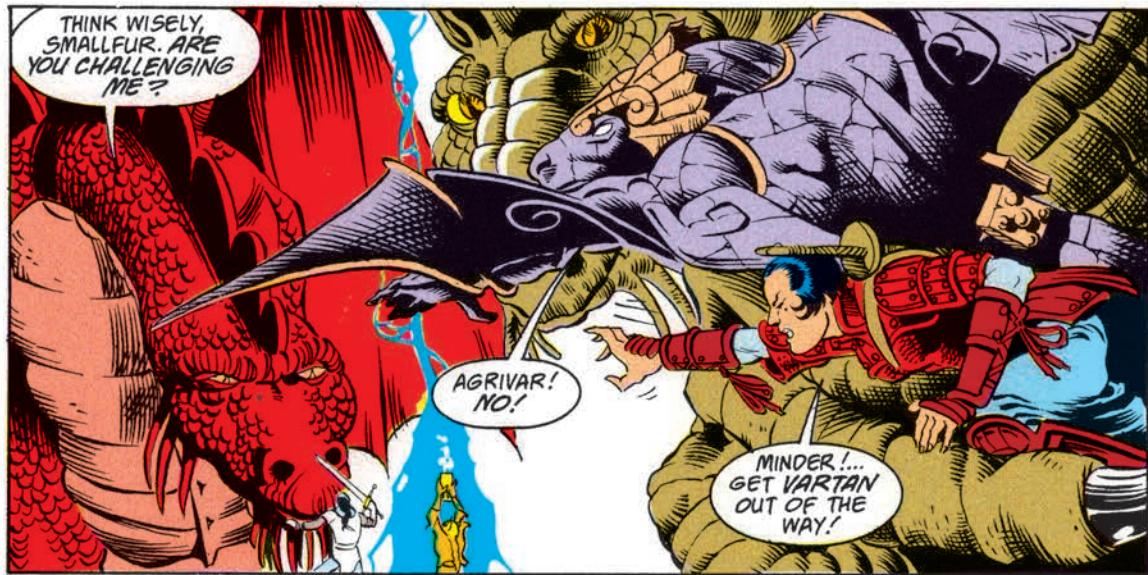
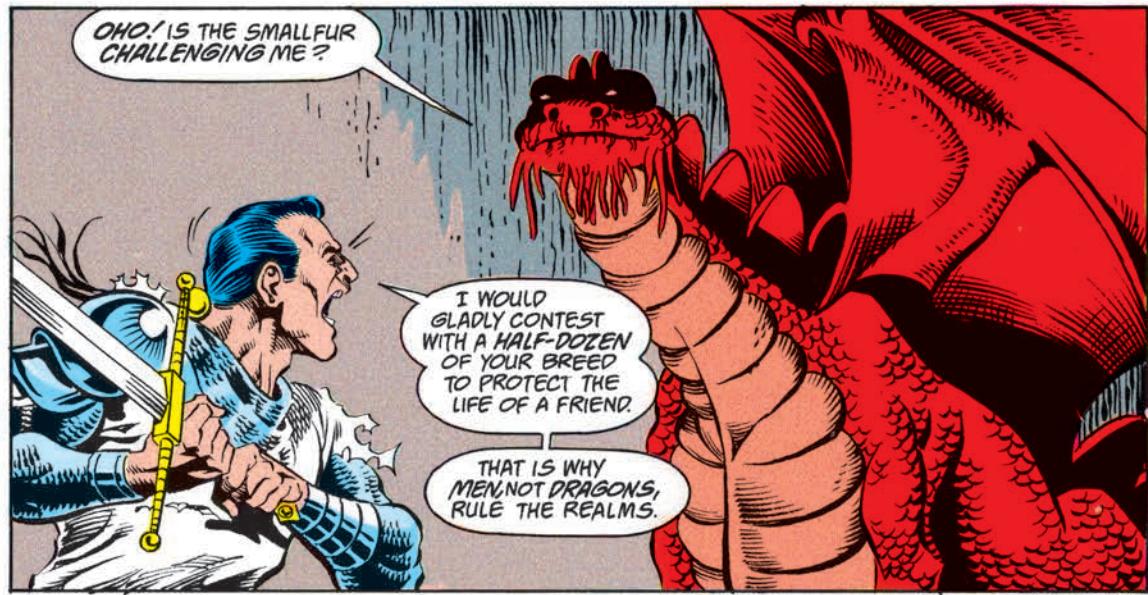


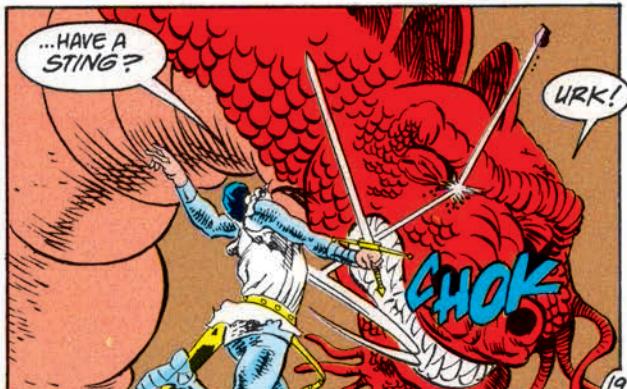
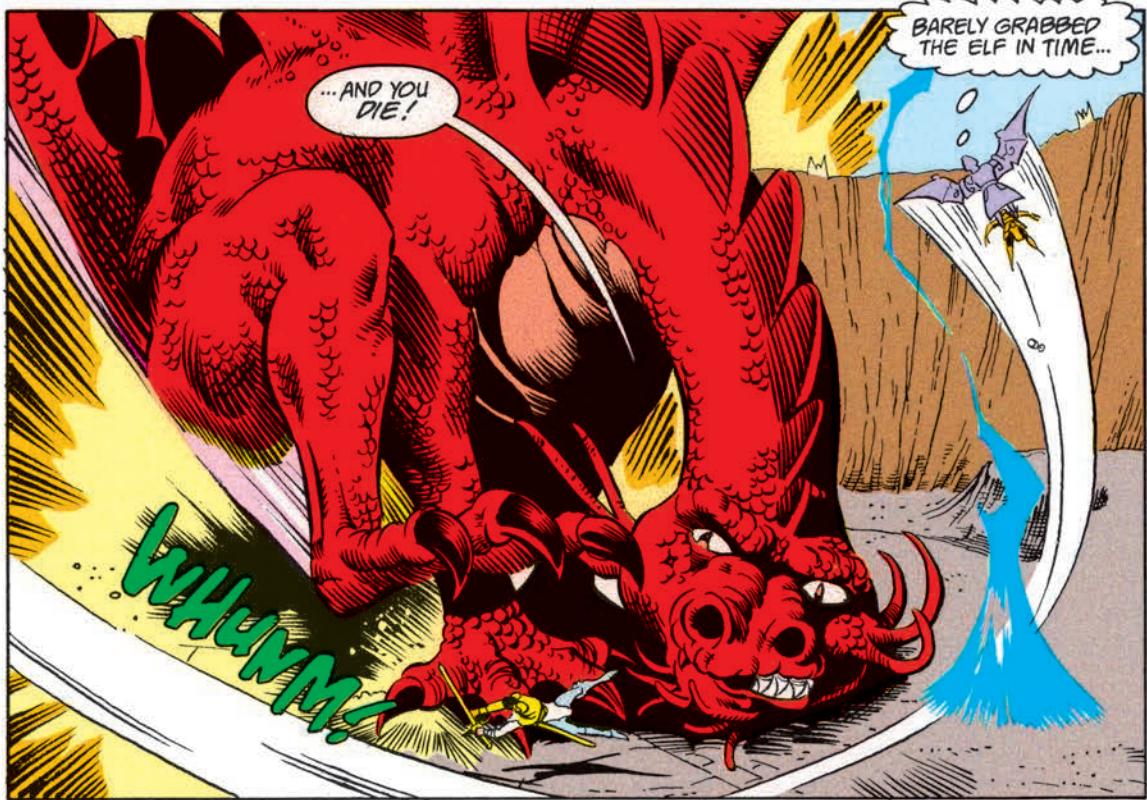


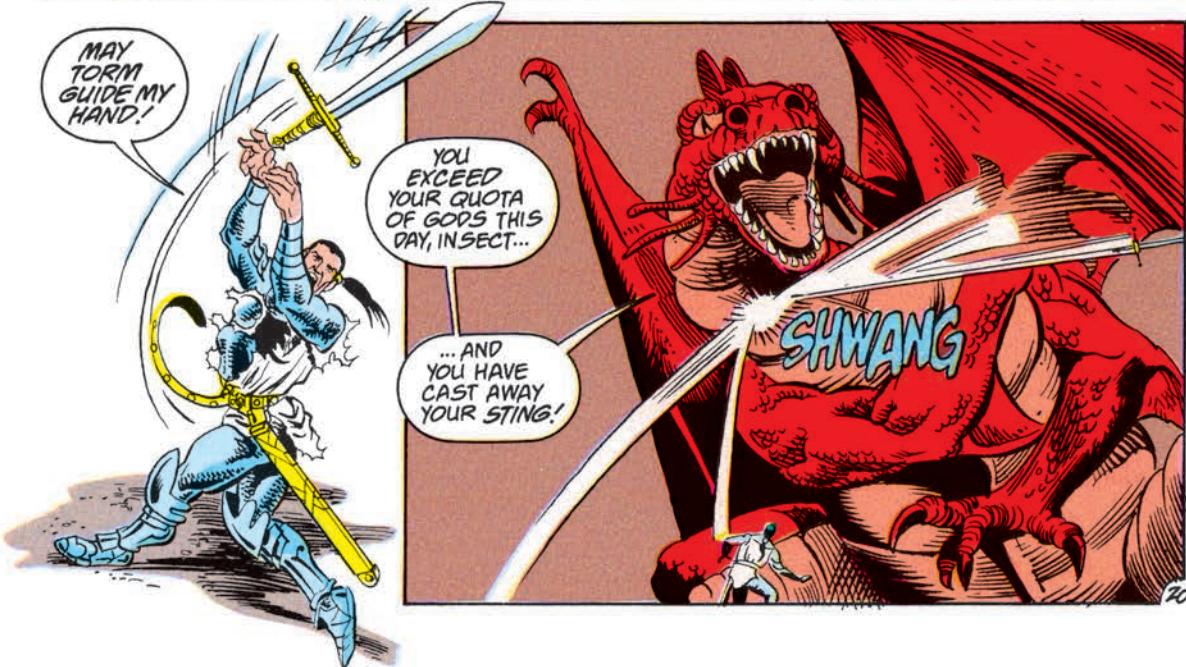
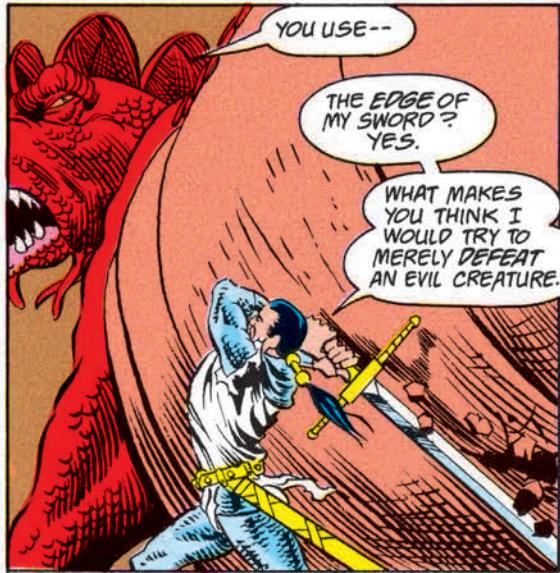
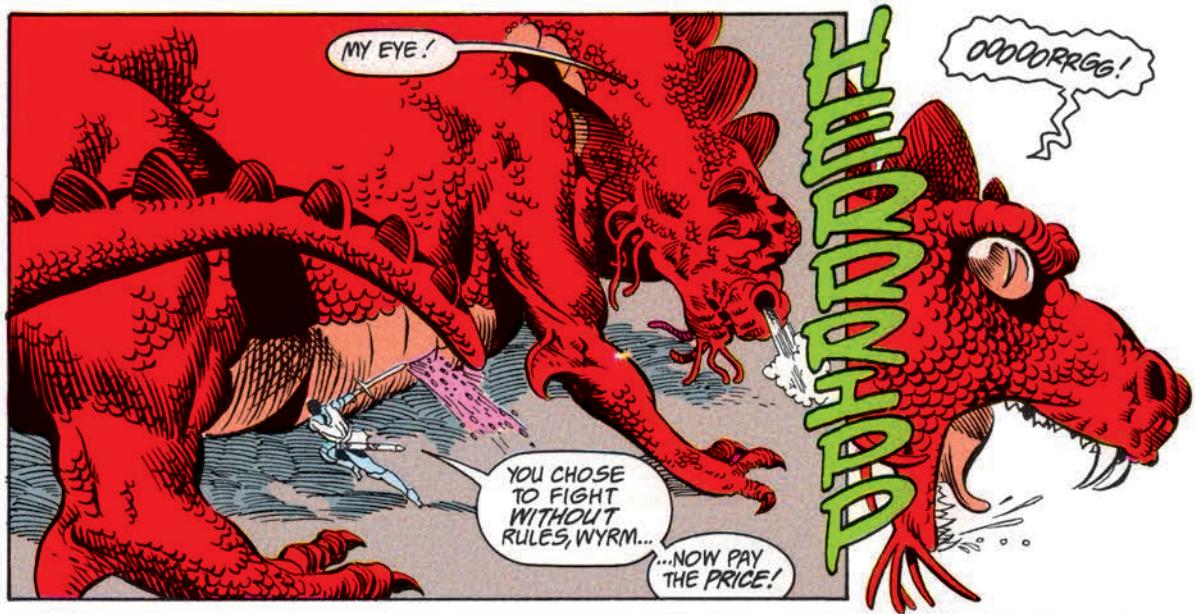


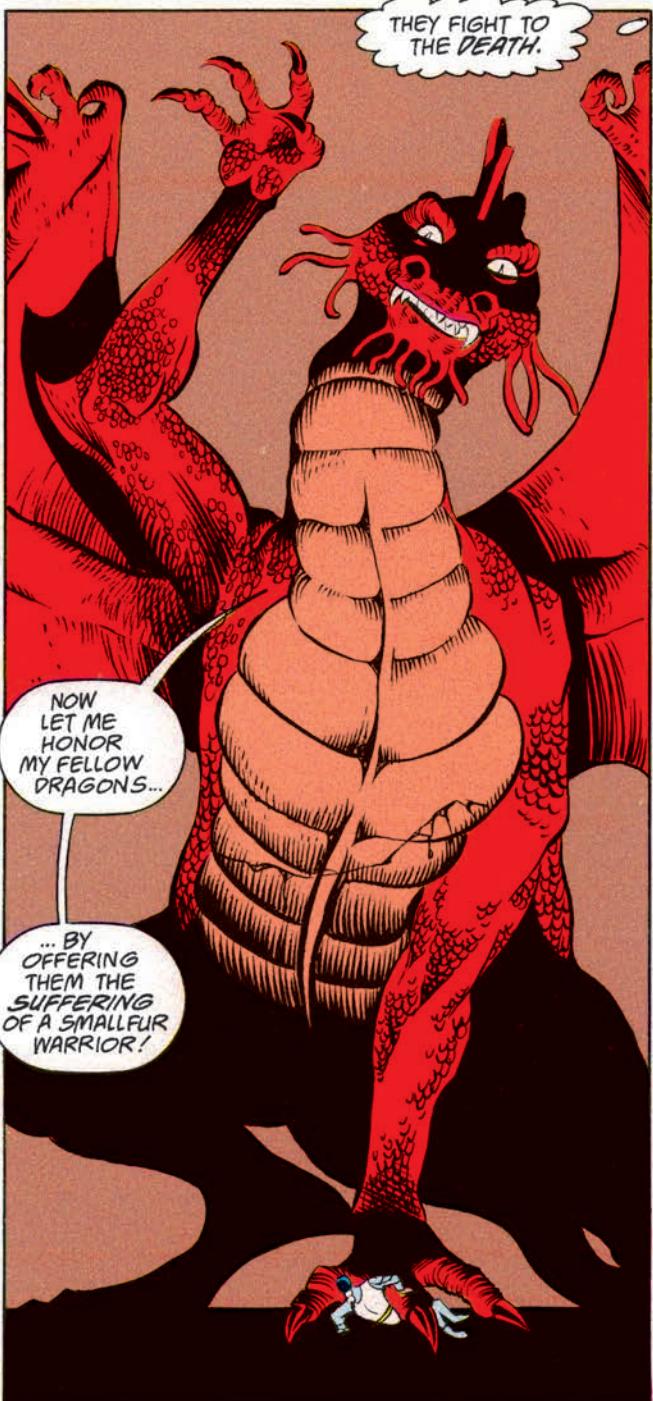


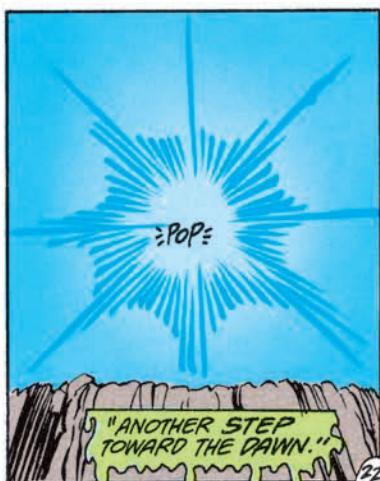
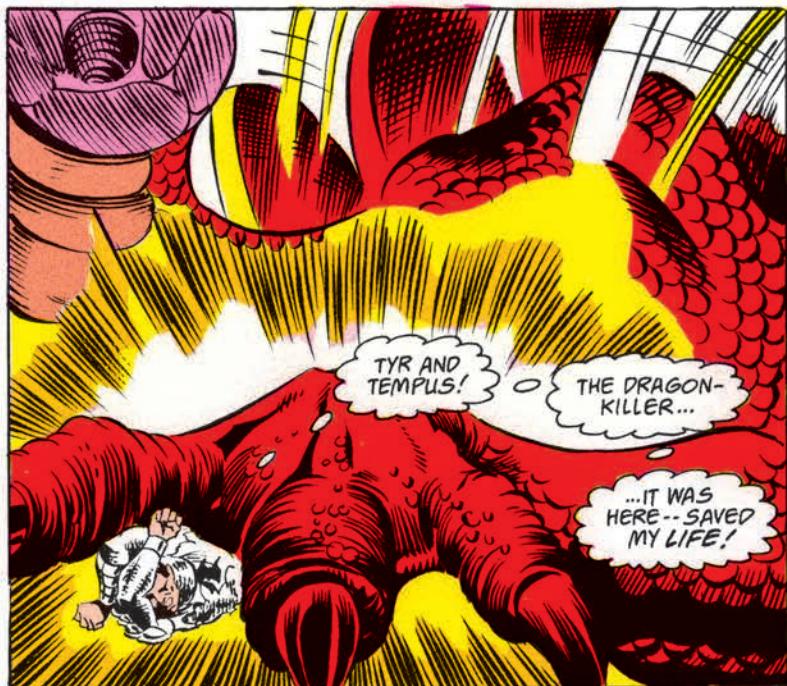
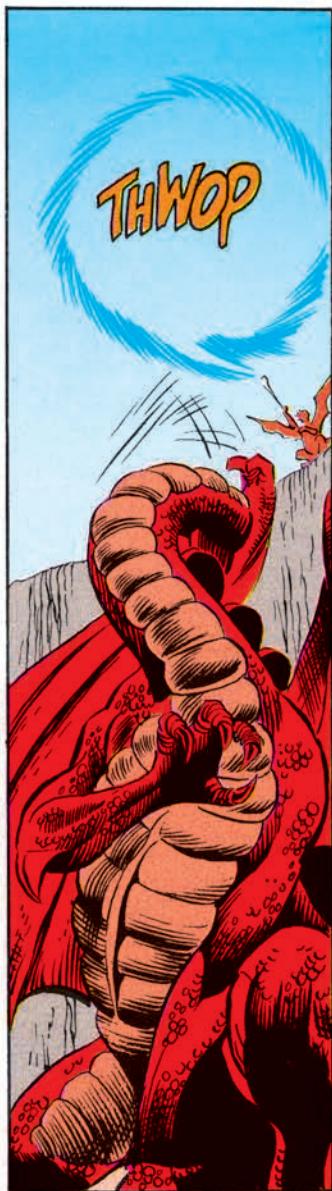


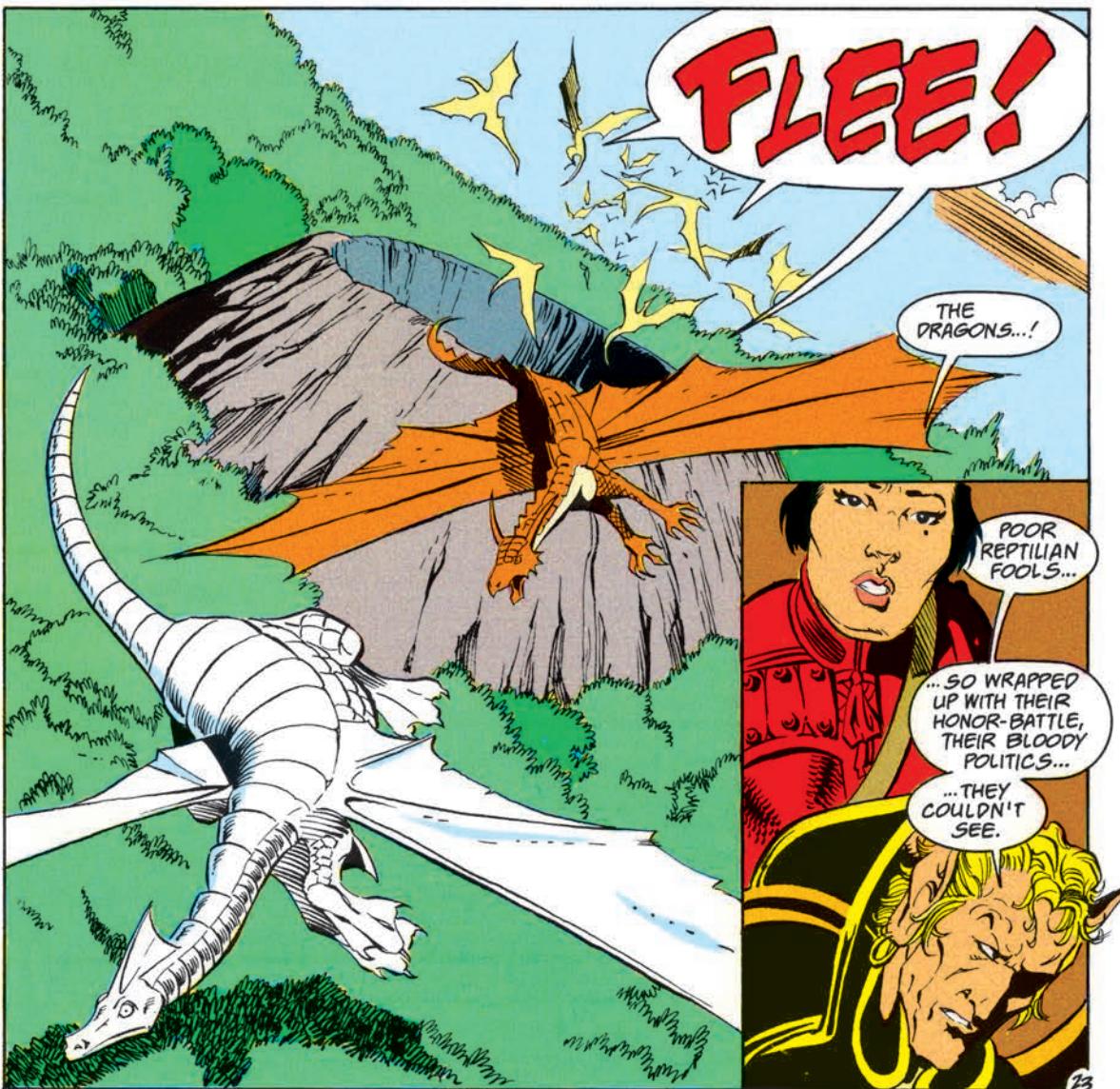












LADY ARGENT,
I... AM...

SORRY? SO AM I.
NOW NONE WILL
CONSIDER SUCH
A MEETING SAFE. I
FEAR MANY WILL
HEAD SOUTH WITHIN
THE WEEK.

AGRIVAR-ME-
LAD, I HOPE YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT. I COULDN'T
INTERFERE--IT WAS
AN AFFAIR O'HONOR-

HONOR?

GOOD DRAGONS
HOBNOBBING WITH THE
EVIL? TRICKING A CLERIC
INTO BEING A GODLY
CATSPAW? SACRIFICING
MY LIFE TO SOME EVIL
CREATURE WHO WOULD
HAVE SLAIN ME AND MY
FRIENDS WHILE YOU STOOD
TO ONE SIDE, RESTRAINED
BY THIS HONOR?

I WOULD HAVE DIED IF
NOT FOR YOUR DRAGONKILLER.
AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED
HE CAN KILL OFF THE LOT
OF YOU!

AGRIVAR?

THIS WILL CONTINUE.





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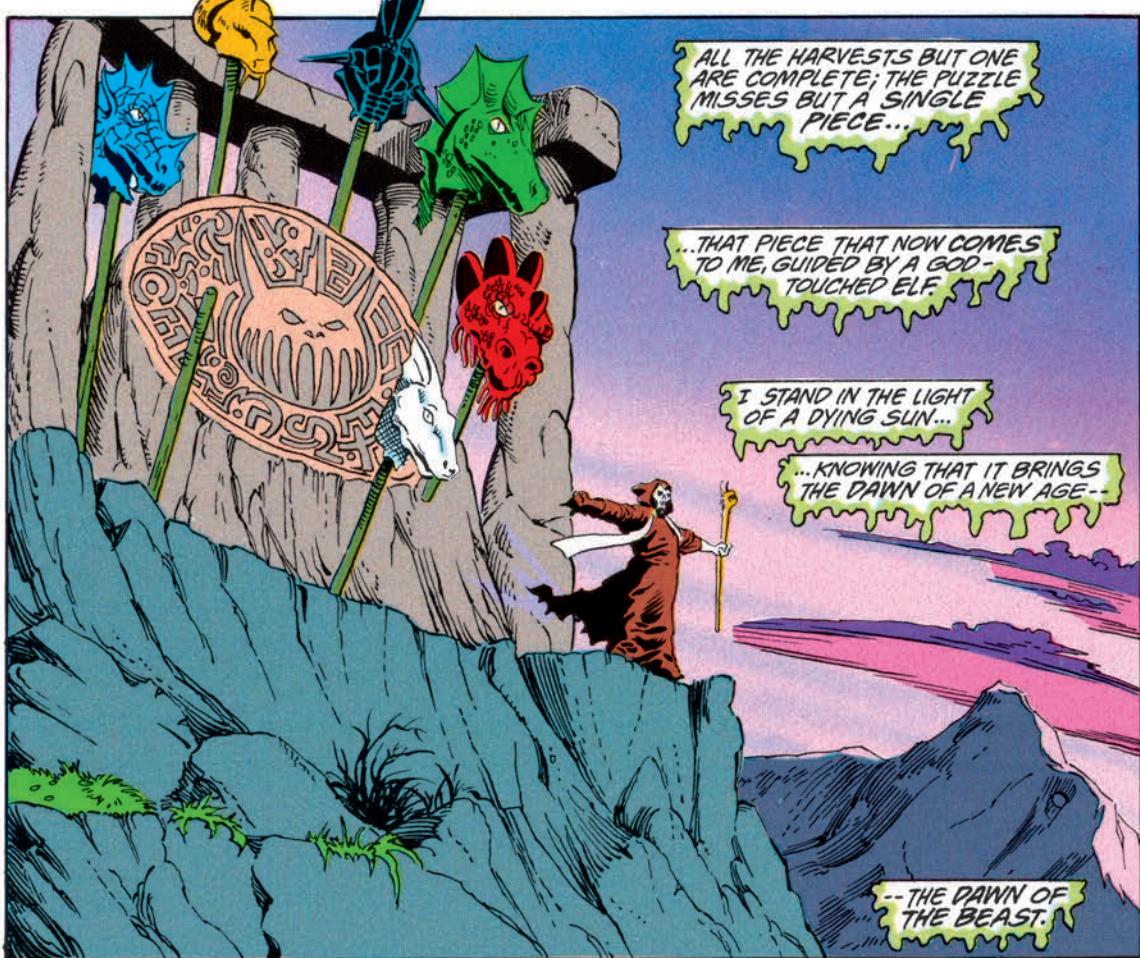
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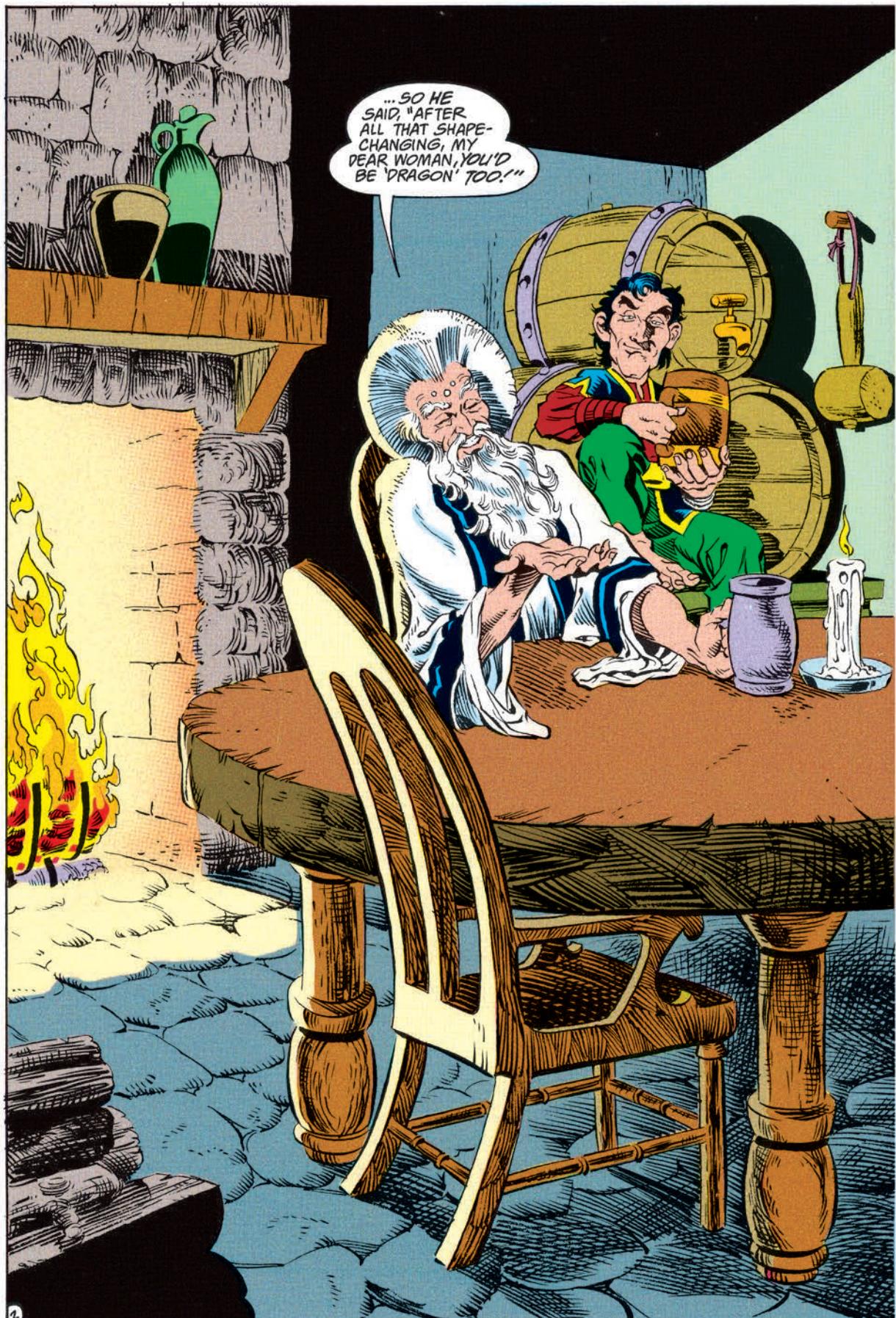
RAGG

SIMONS





...SO HE
SAID, "AFTER
ALL THAT SHAPE-
CHANGING, MY
DEAR WOMAN, YOU'D
BE 'DRAGON' TOO!"



HAHAHAHAH

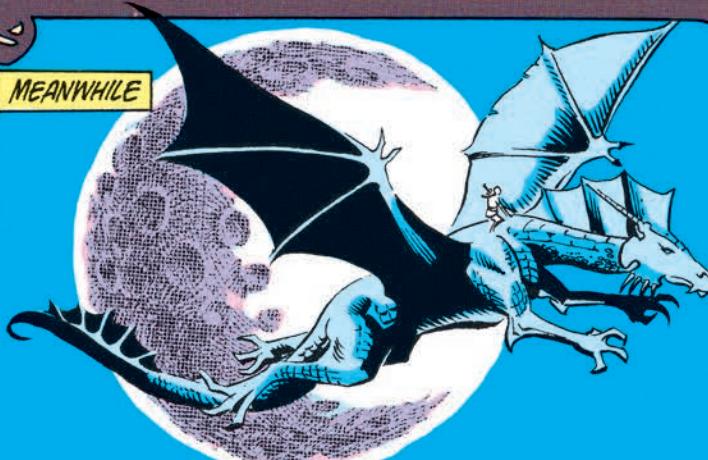
SPEAKING OF
DRAGONS, MY
DEAR CAPTAIN
OMEN...

...I WONDER HOW
THY ASSOCIATES
FARE.

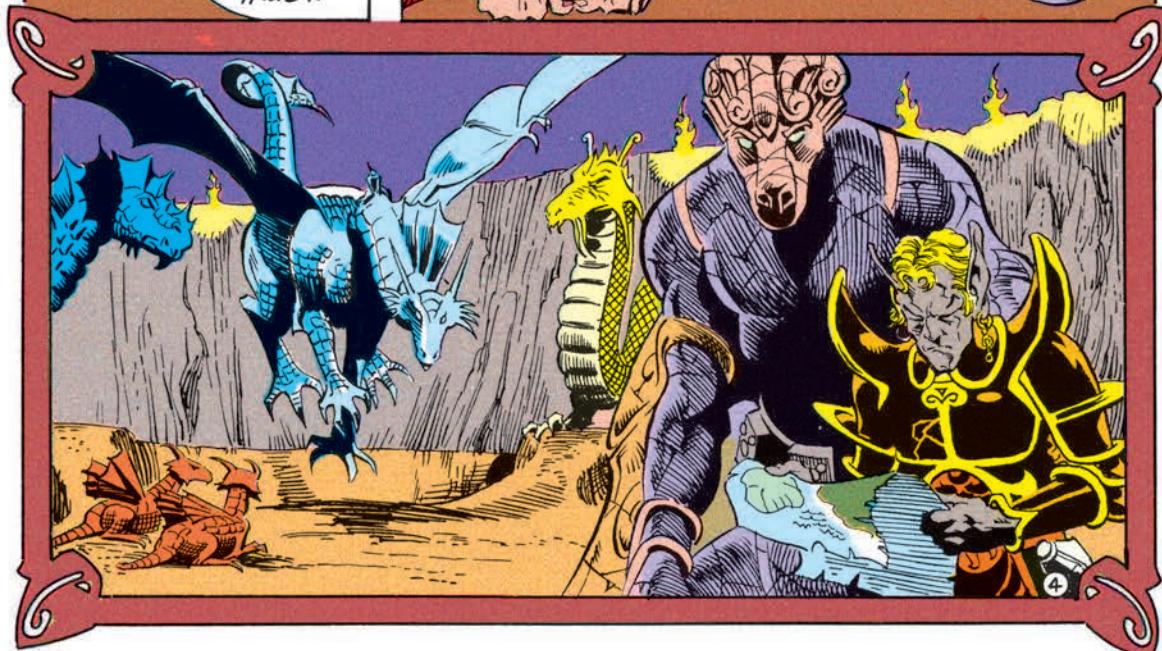
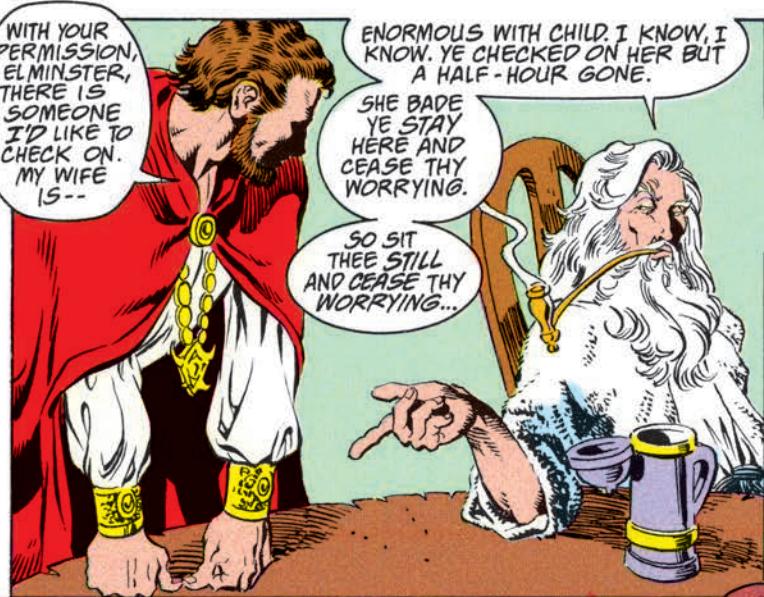


DRAGONS MOKE R

MEANWHILE



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BIG WORDS
RAGS MORALES
BIG PICTURES
DAVE SIMONS
BIG INKS
GENE D'ANGELO
BIG COLORS
TIM HARKINS
BIG LETTERS
ELLIOT S. MAGGIN
BIG THANKS



LORD MOURNGRYM, IT IS
TOUCHING TO SEE HOW
MUCH YOU CARE FOR YOUR
WIFE'S WELL-BEING IN
HER TIME OF NEED.

YOU SHOULD
GO TO HER.

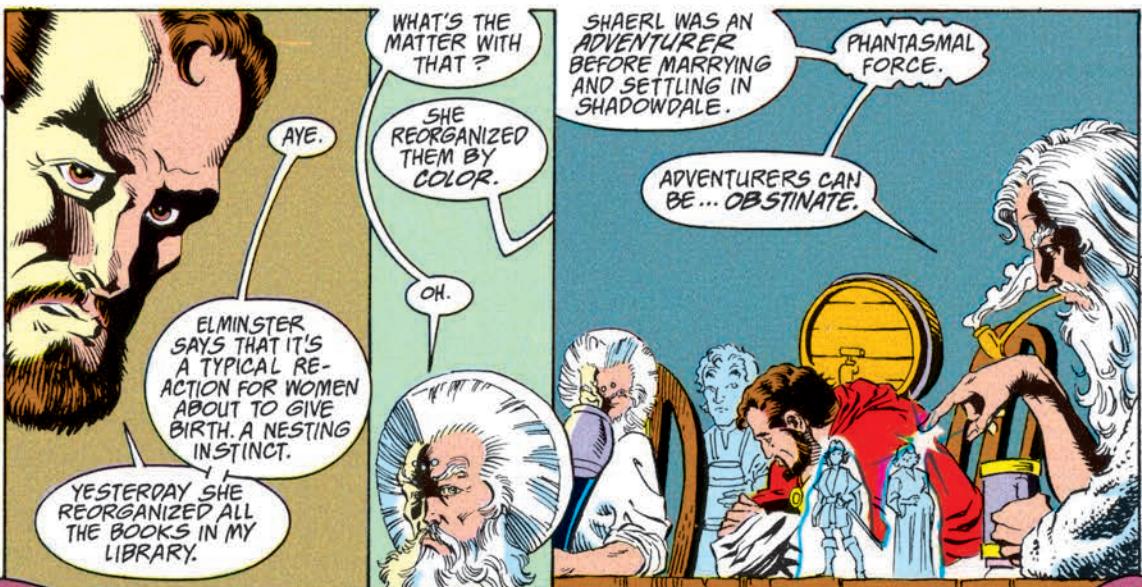
WELL,
ACTUALLY...

...ELMINSTER SPEAKS
THE TRUTH.

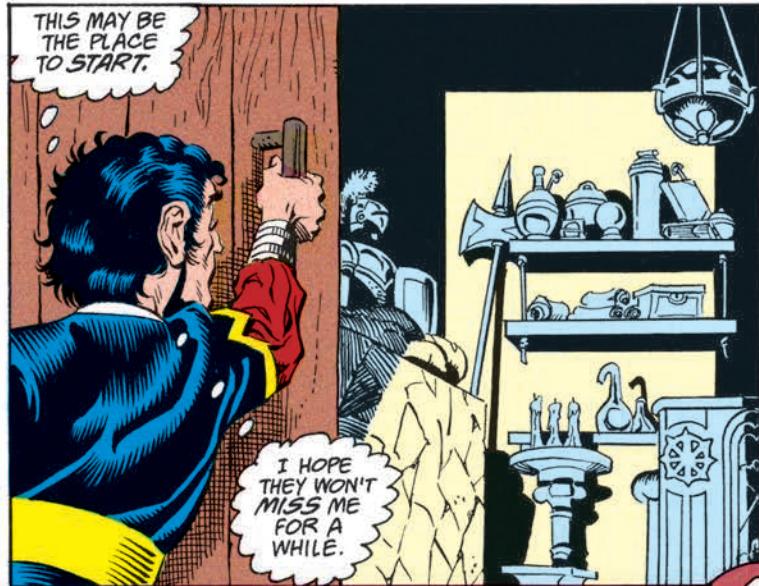
THE LAST TIME I
CHECKED, SHE YELLED AT
ME FOR BEING UNDERFOOT.
SHE WAS SO BUSY
CLEANING.

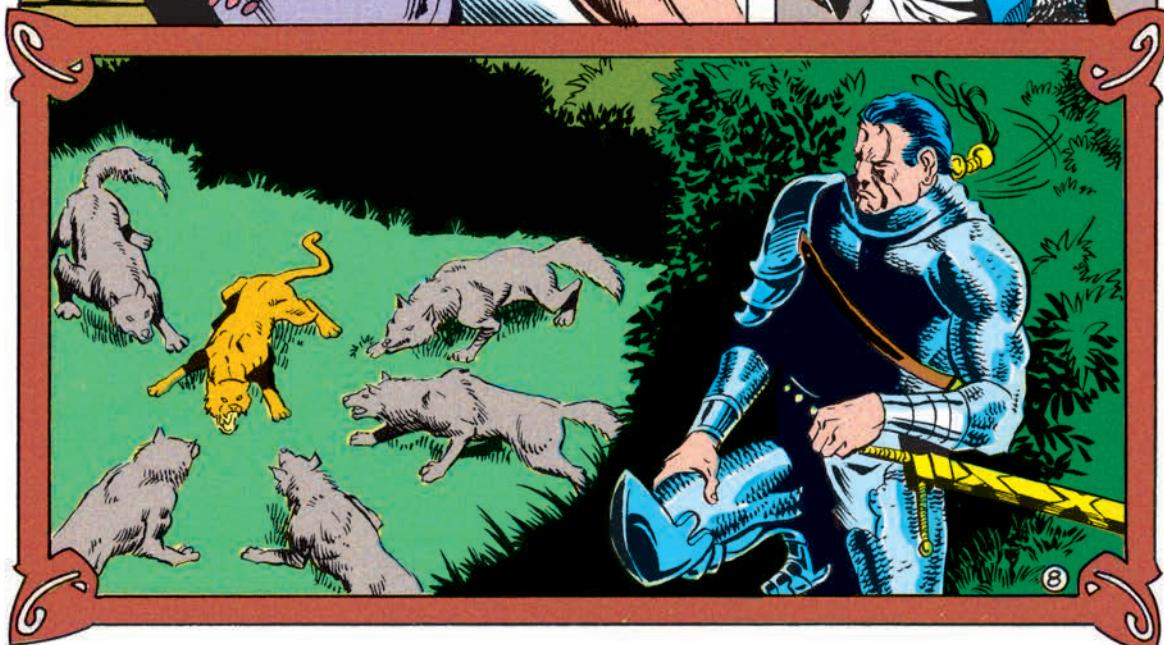
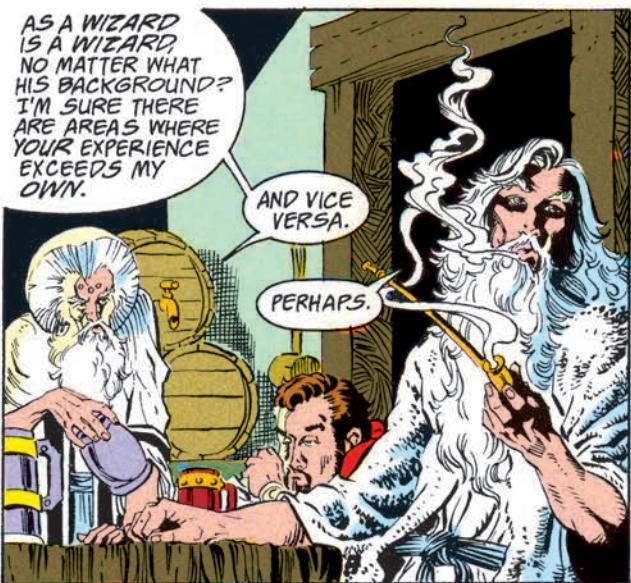
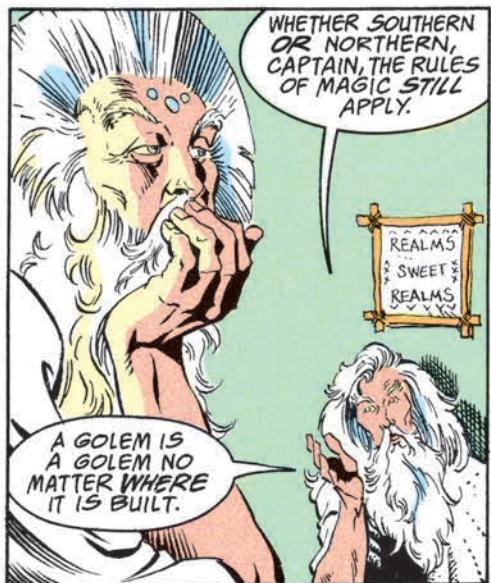
CLEANING?

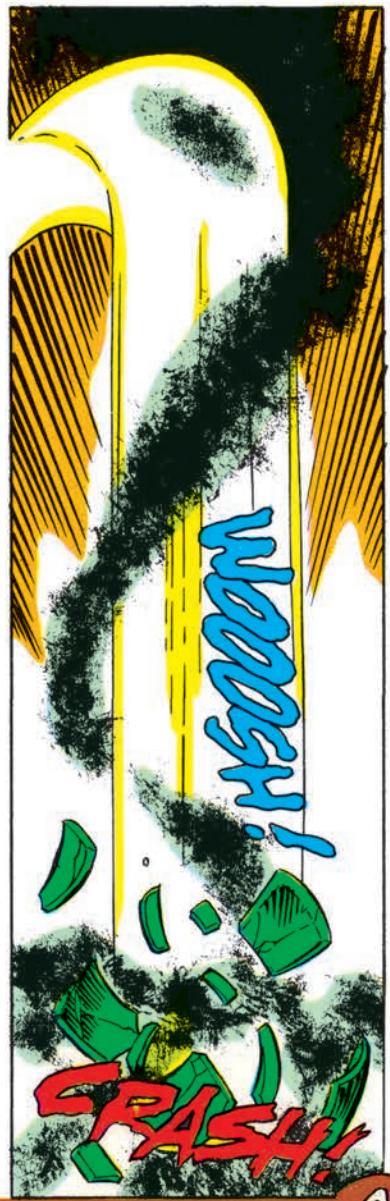
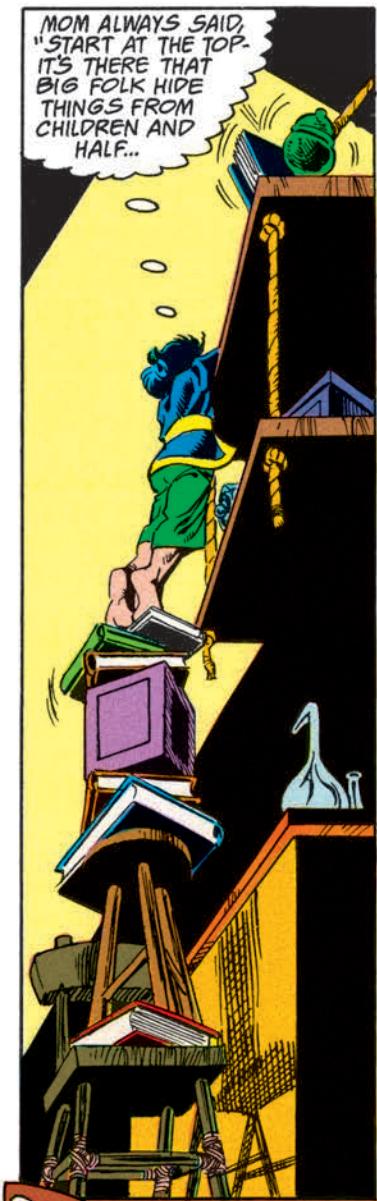
BUT IT'S AFTER
SUNSET...







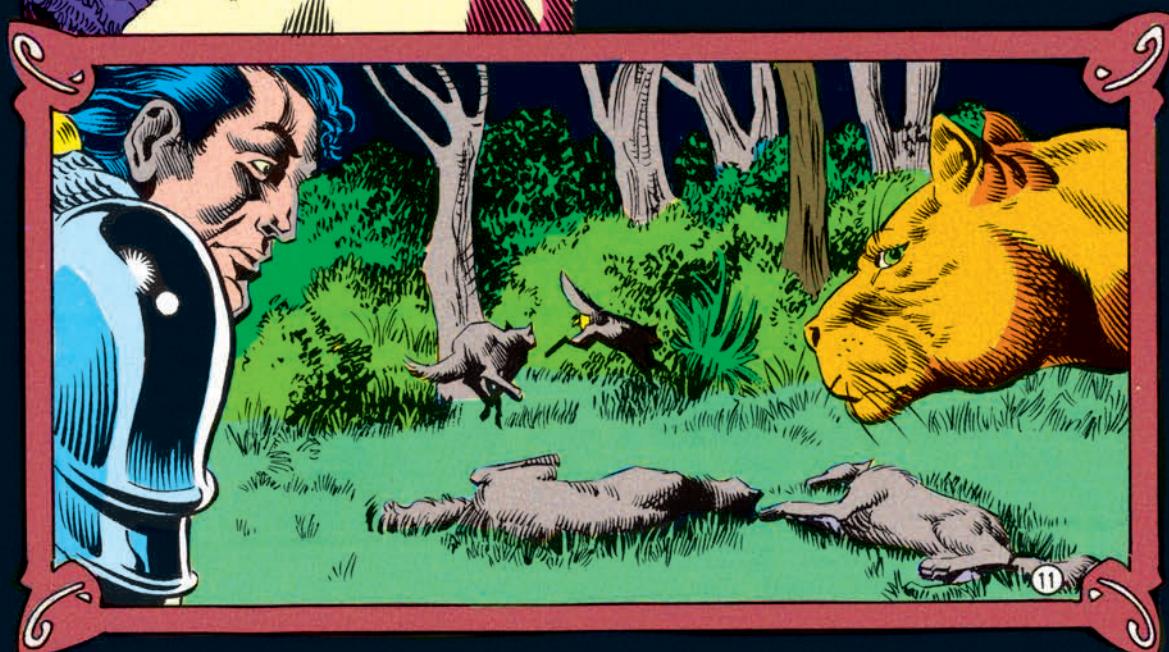


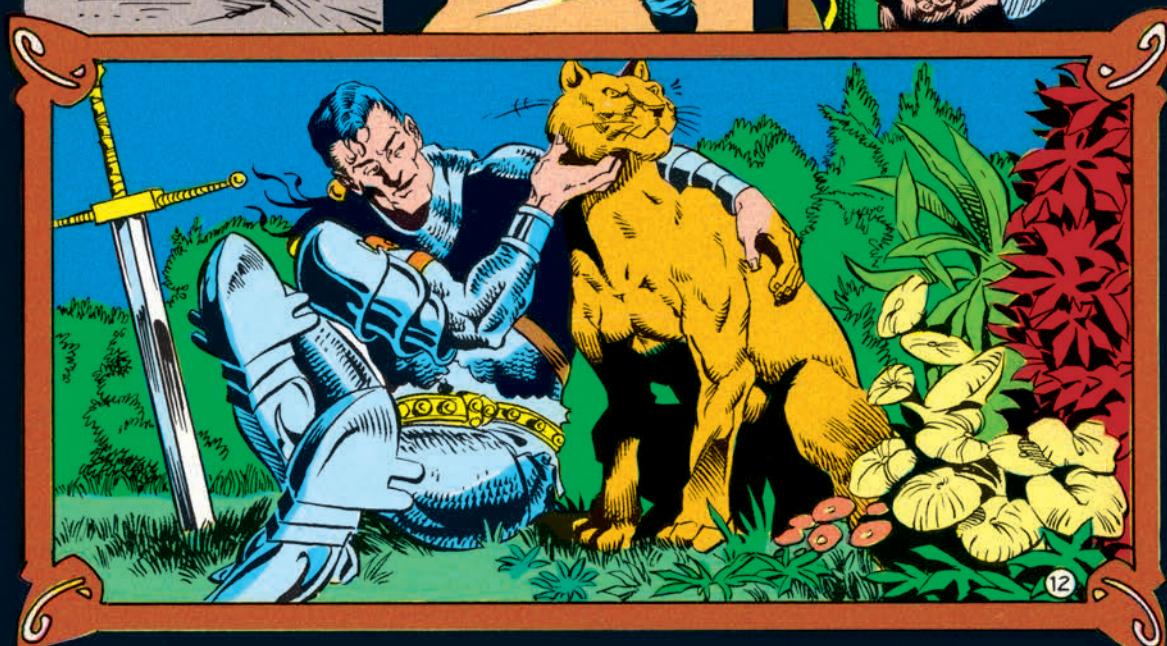


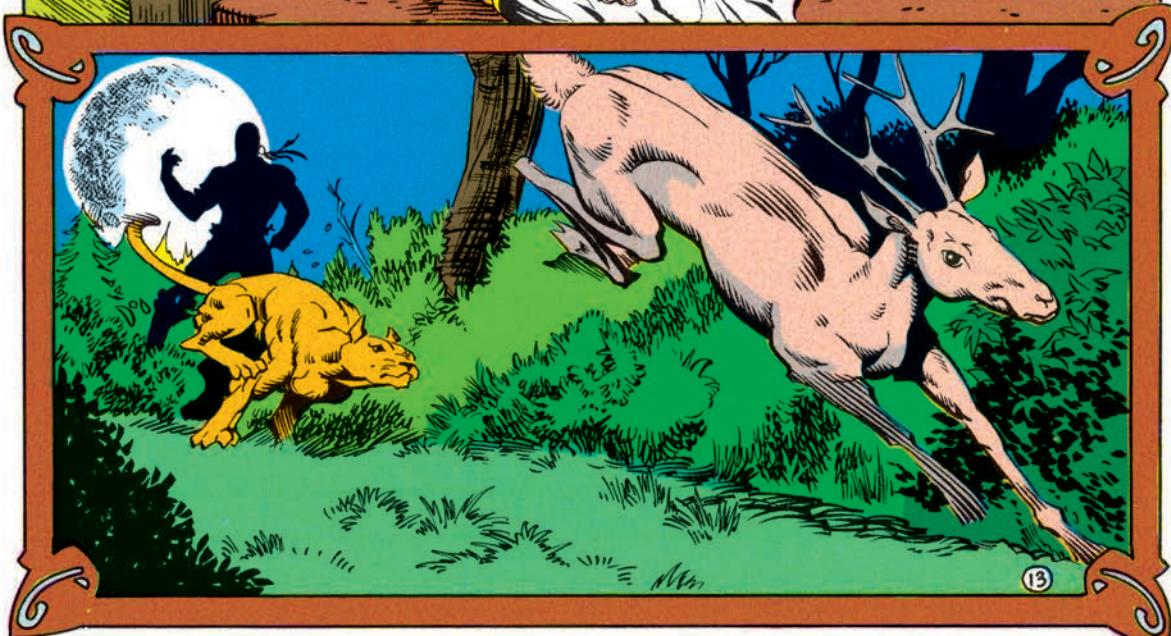
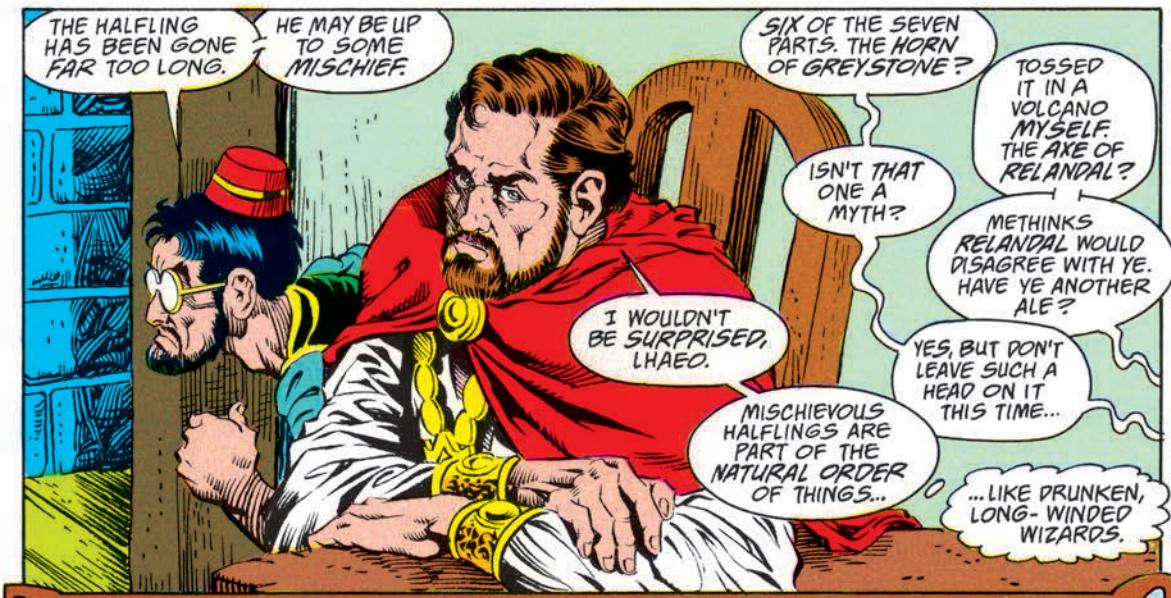


UH, THE LAST
HEIR OF WHAT?

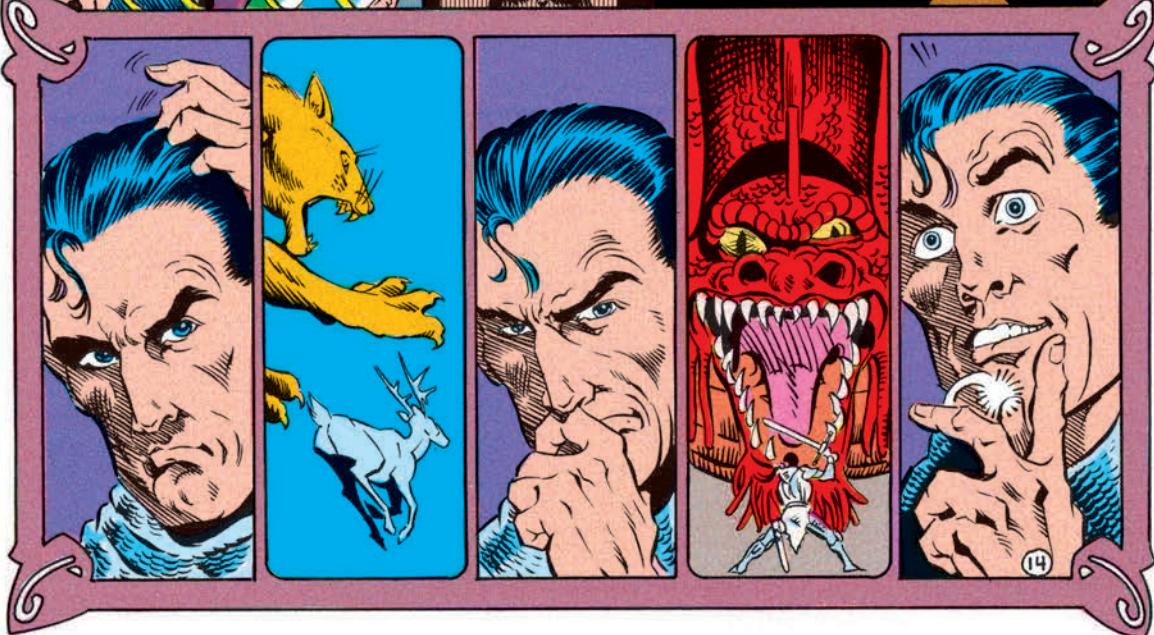
AH, MY SMALL
RESCUER, LET ME
REWARD THEE
FOR THINE
ACTIONS...

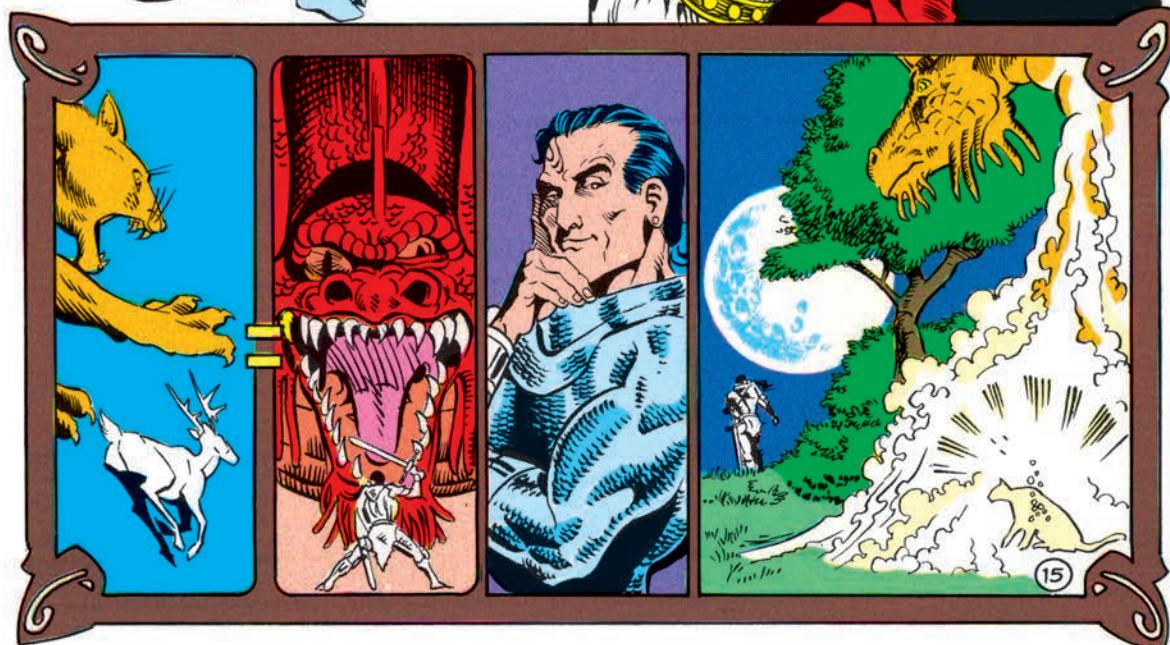




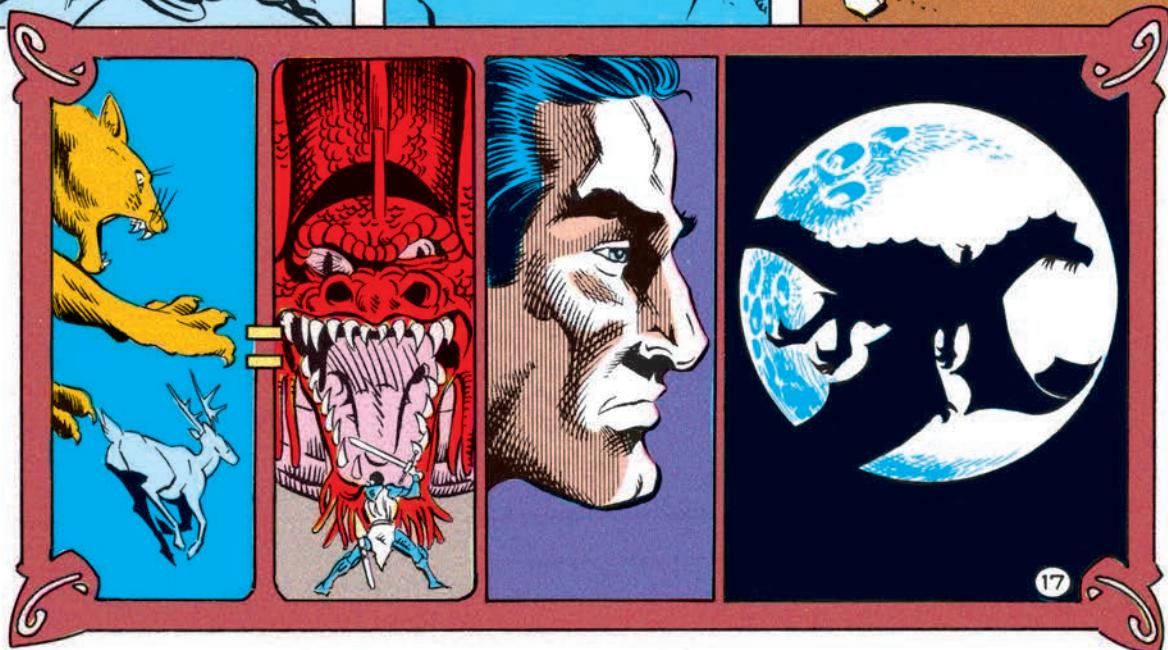


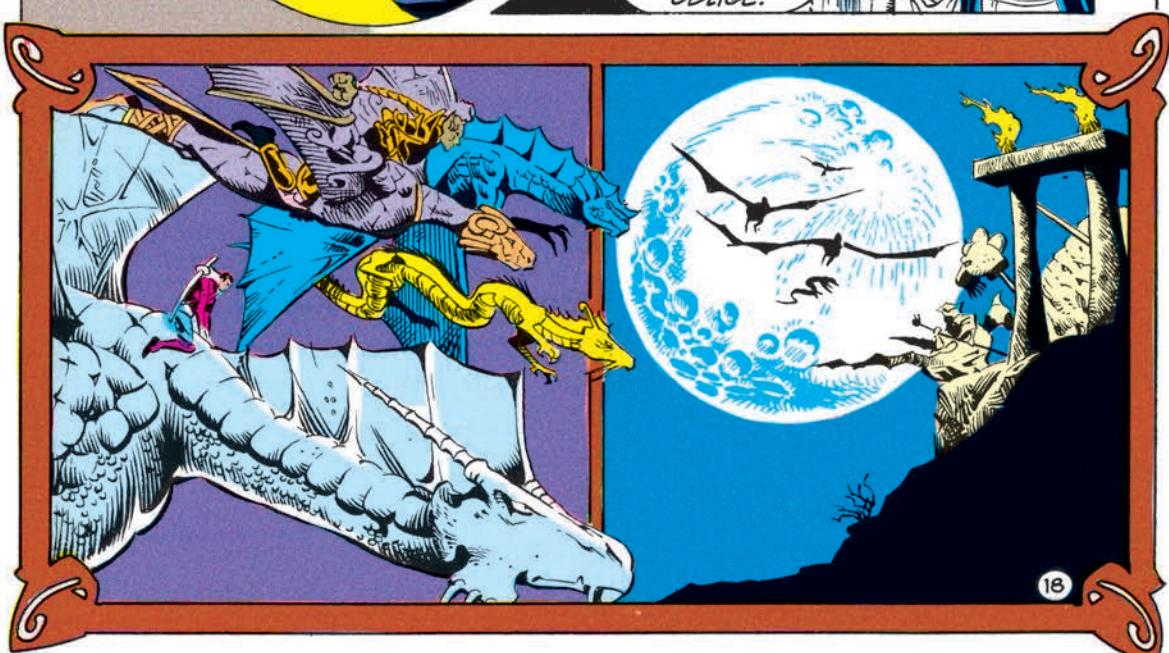
DRINKING WITH
ANOTHER WIZARD
MAY BE WELL AND
GOOD, BUT A HALFLING
IN THE HOUSE IS
ASKING FOR
TROUBLE...

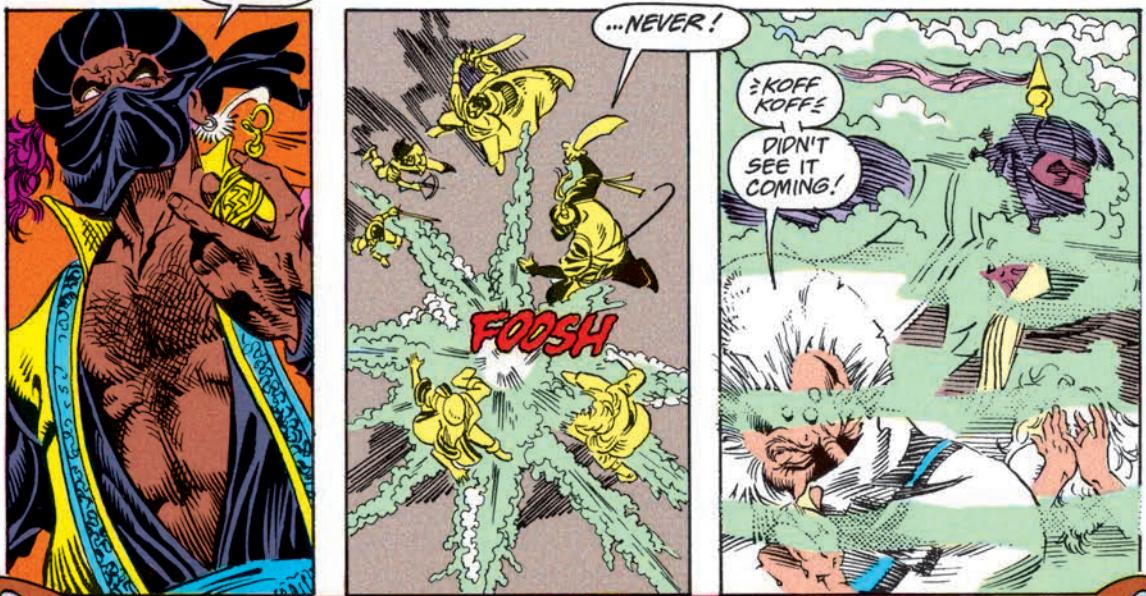


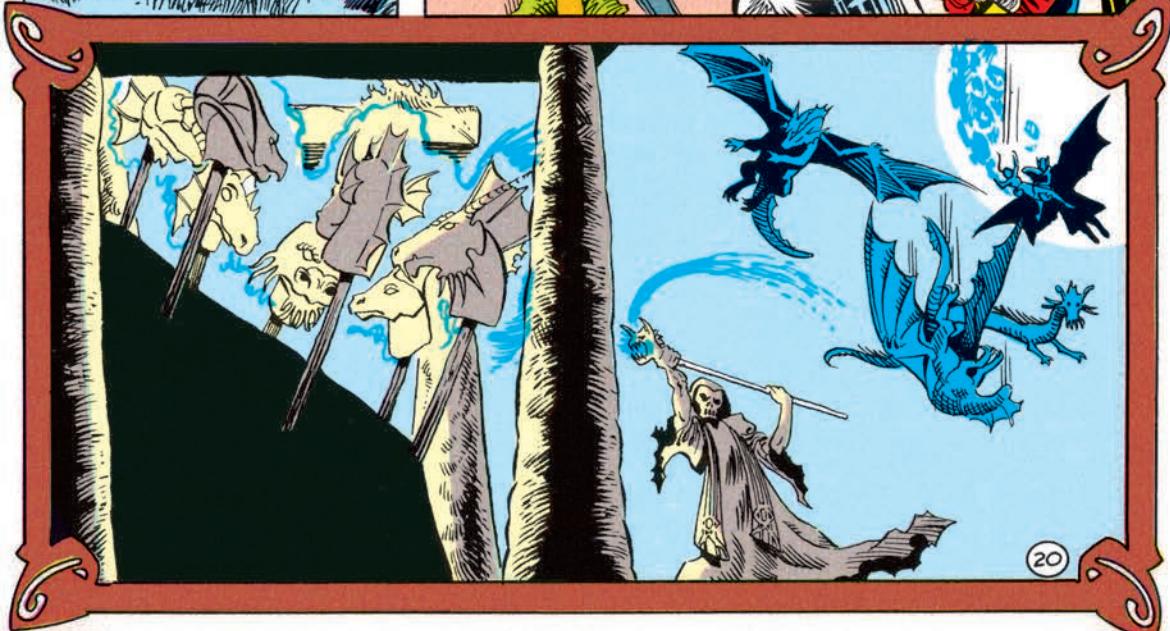
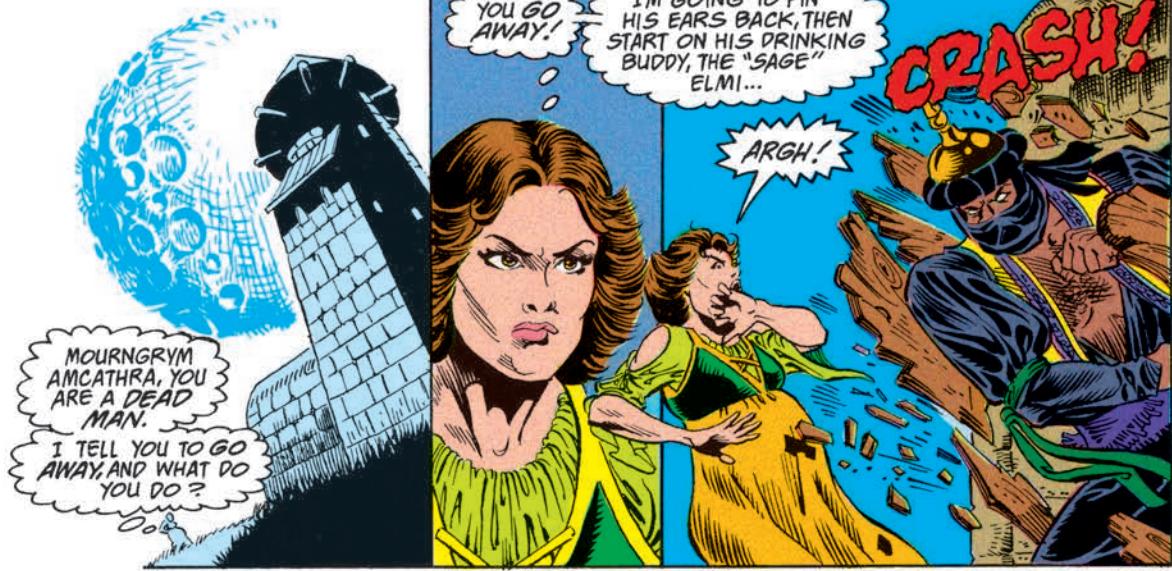


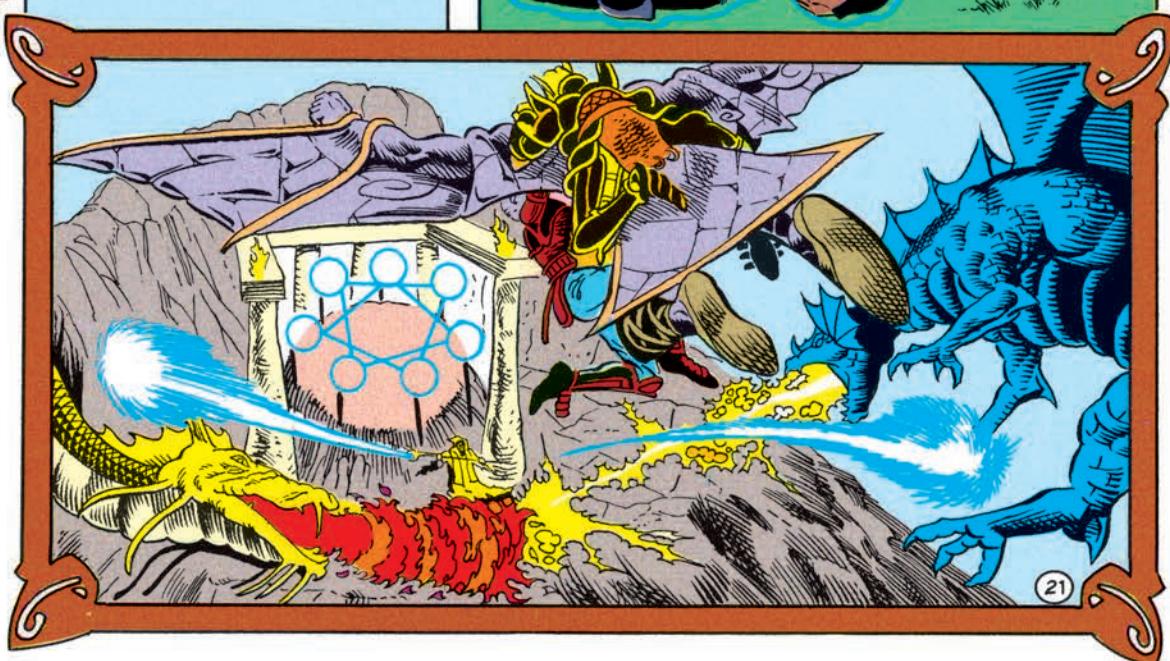


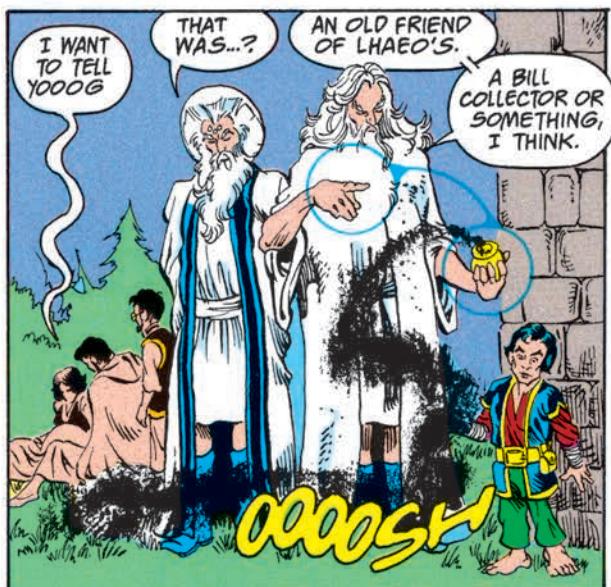














IT'S ALWAYS
A LONG
NIGHT...

... WHEN A
NEW LIFE COMES
INTO THE
REALMS!

TO BE CONTINUED!

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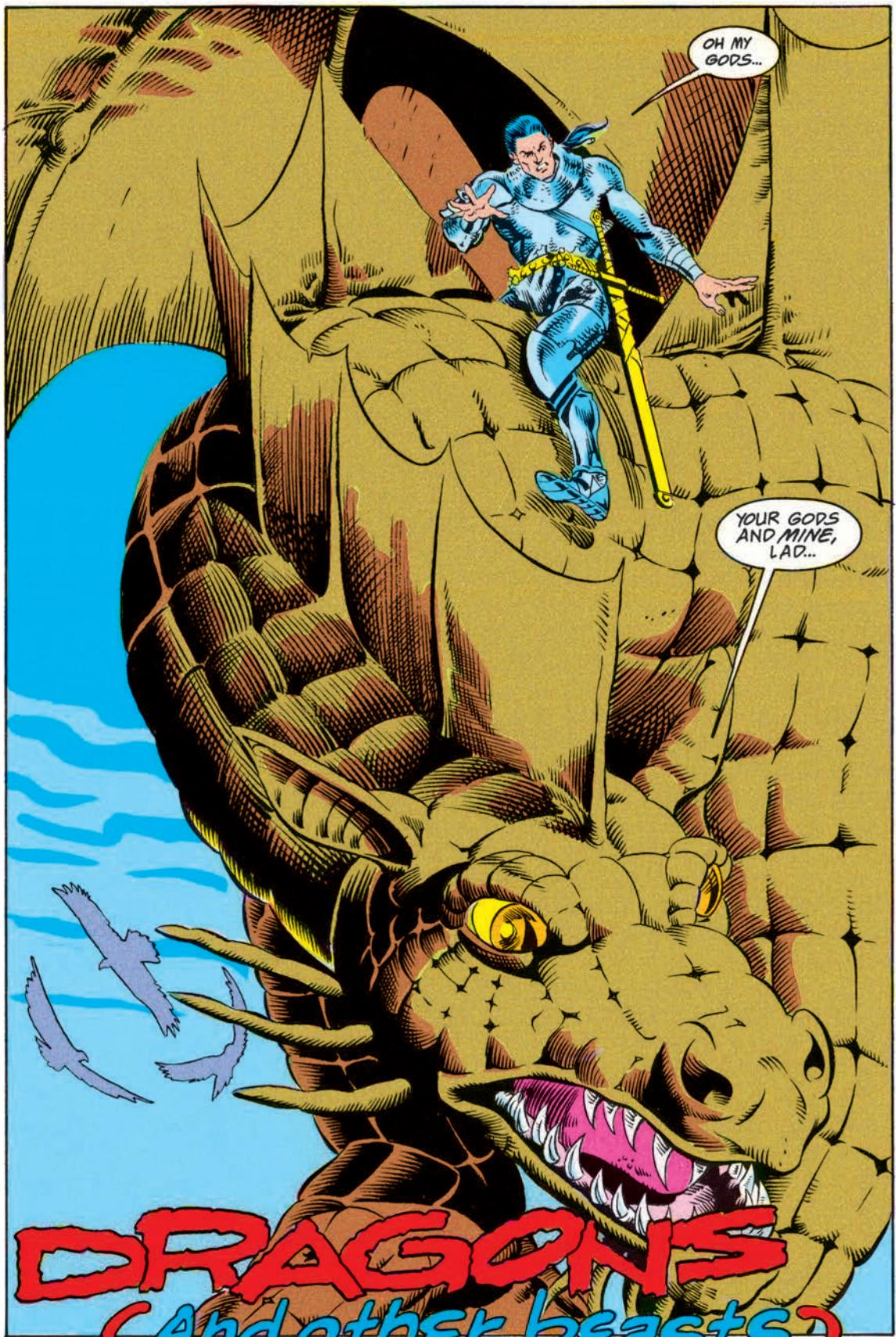
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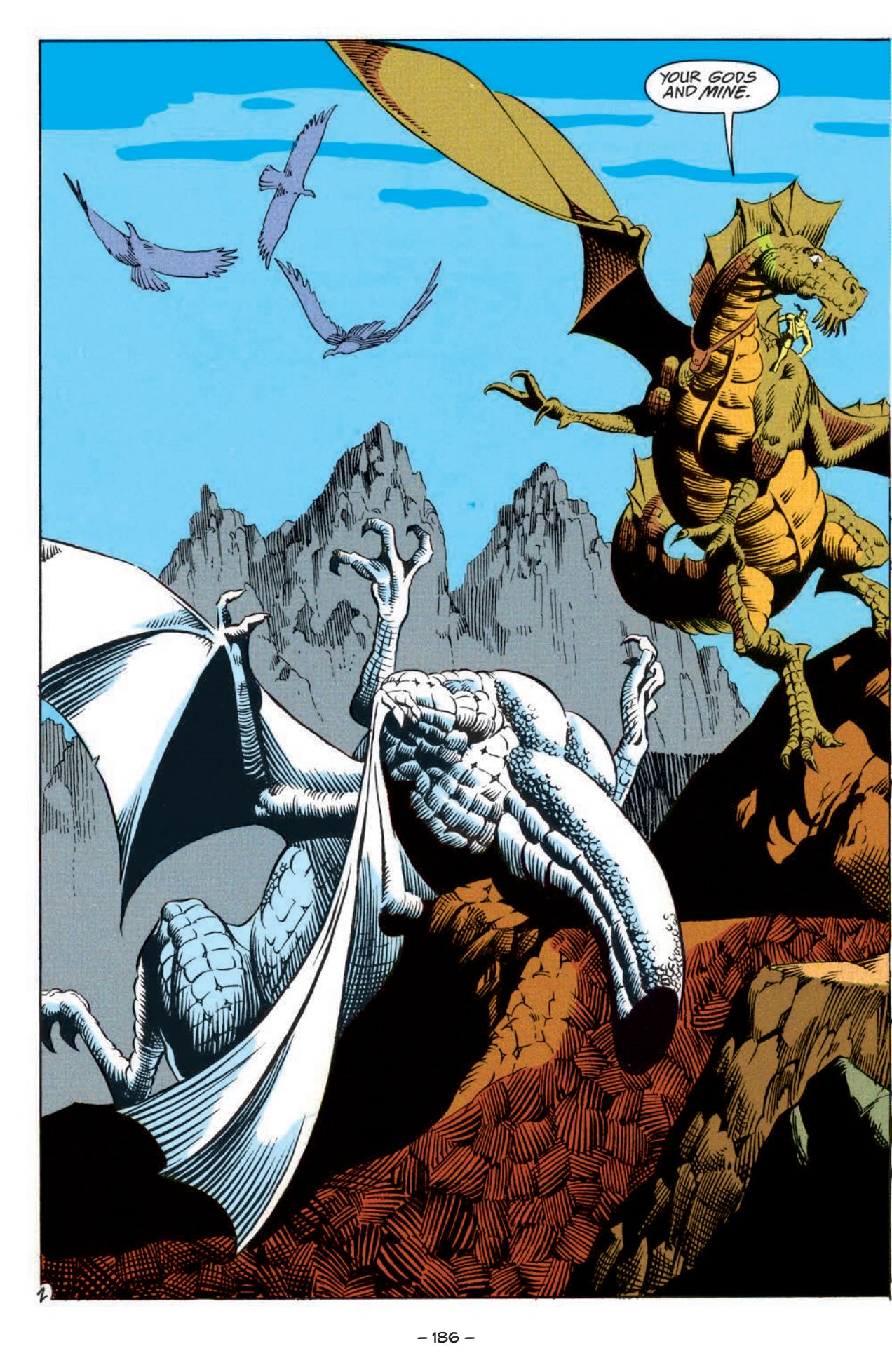
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DRAGONS (And other beasts)

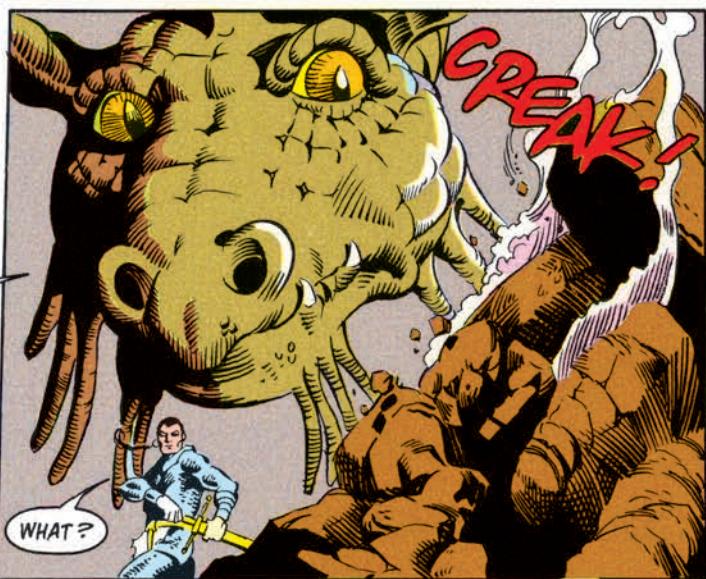
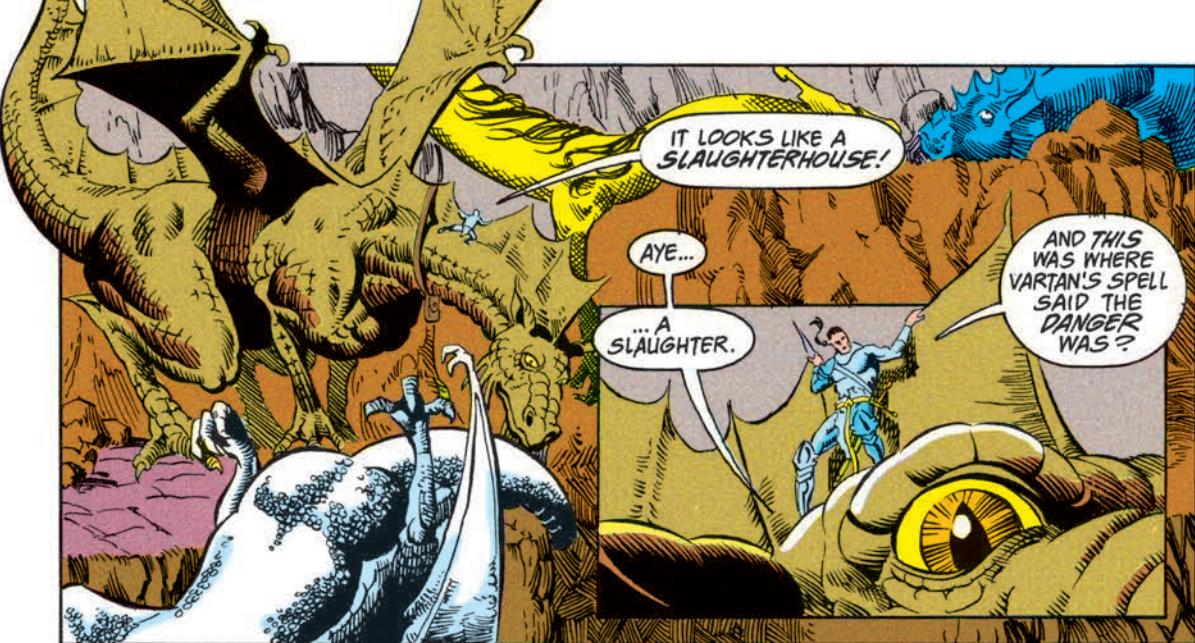


YOUR GODS
AND MINE.



CONCLUSION TO THE
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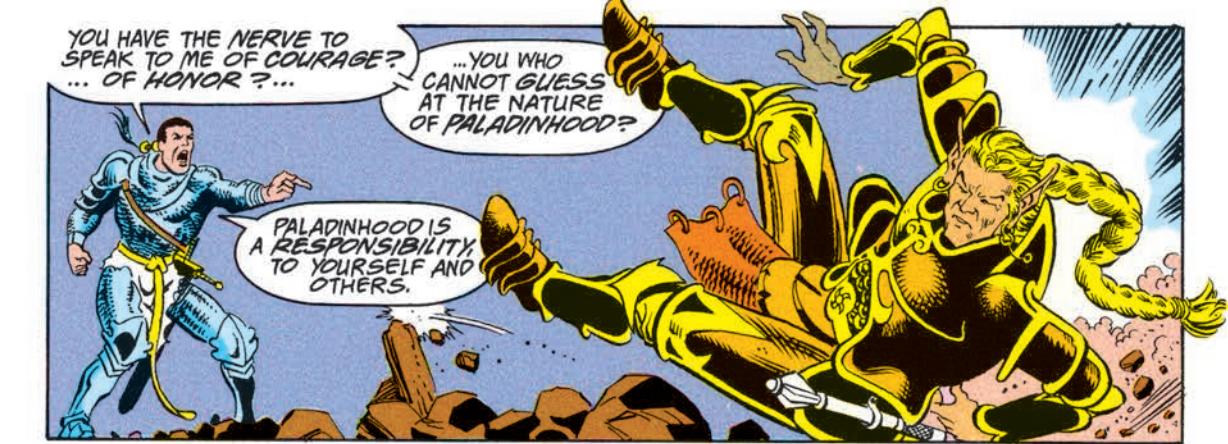




YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO
SPEAK TO ME OF COURAGE?
... OF HONOR? ...

...YOU WHO
CANNOT GUESS
AT THE NATURE
OF PALADINHOOD?

PALADINHOOD IS
A RESPONSIBILITY
TO YOURSELF AND
OTHERS.



EVERY BREATH,
EVERY ACTION
DETERMINES YOUR
WORTHINESS.

ONCE, I
FAILED TO BE
WORTHY.

AND YES, I
HAVE FAILED
HERE FOR
DIFFERENT
REASONS.

I FAILED TO SEE A
LARGER WHOLE. SERVED
THE LETTER OF THE
LAW AND FAILED
ITS SPIRIT.

HERE THE
SIMPLE BLACK
AND WHITE OF
GOOD AND EVIL
DON'T WORK. DO
YOU AID EVIL TO
DEFEAT GREATER
EVIL? AND ARE
YOU RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE LESSER
EVIL?

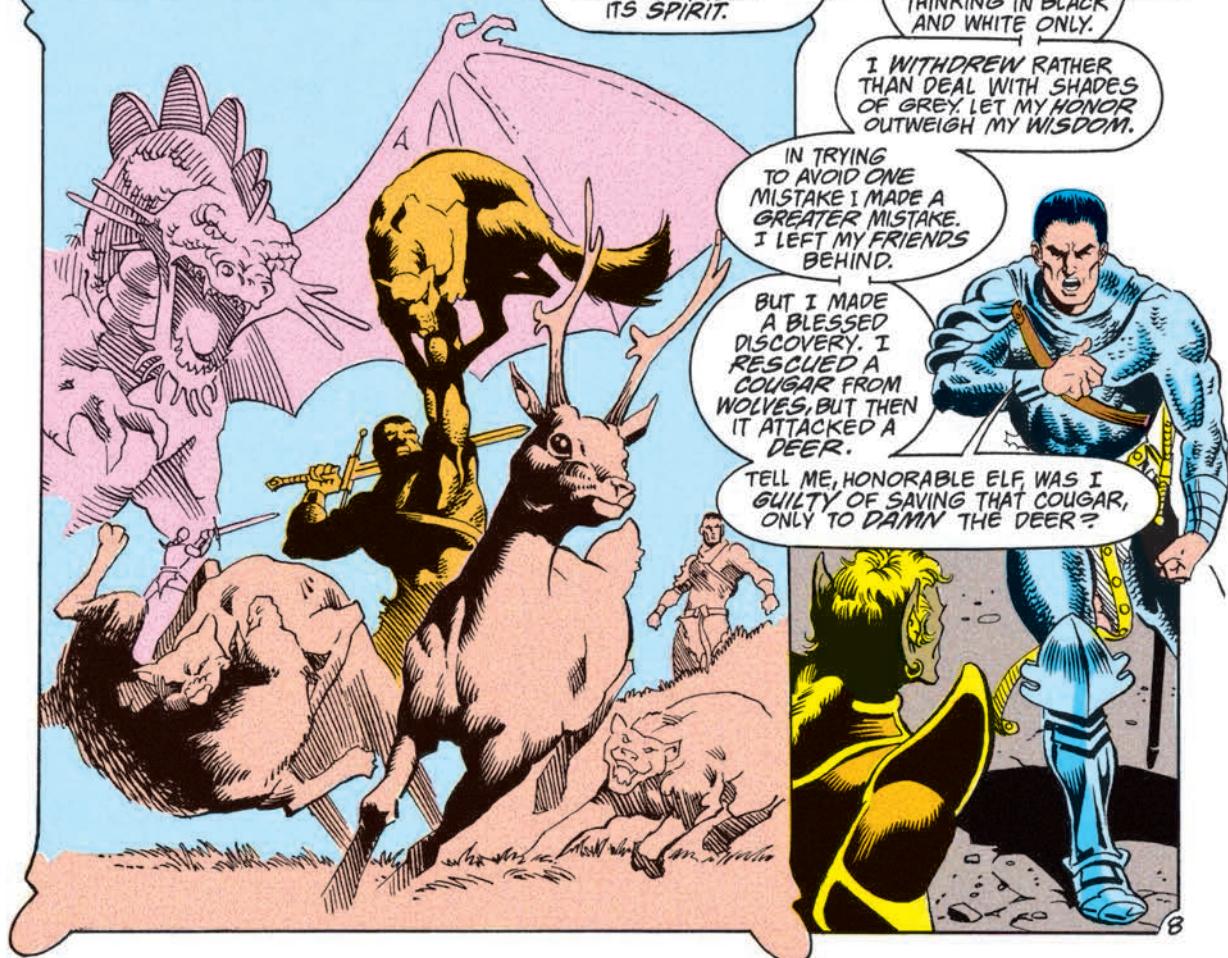
I WAS AS
FOOLISH AS
THAT GREAT RED
DRAGON THAT
ATTACKED ME AT
THE CONGRESS--
THINKING IN BLACK
AND WHITE ONLY.

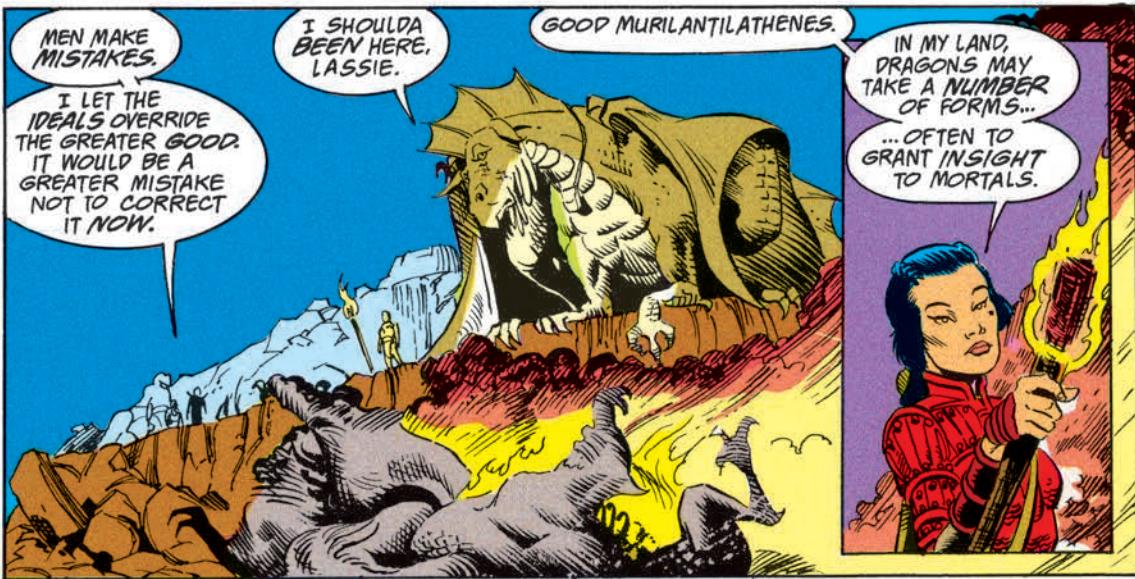
I WITHDREW RATHER
THAN DEAL WITH SHADES
OF GREY. LET MY HONOR
OUTWEIGH MY WISDOM.

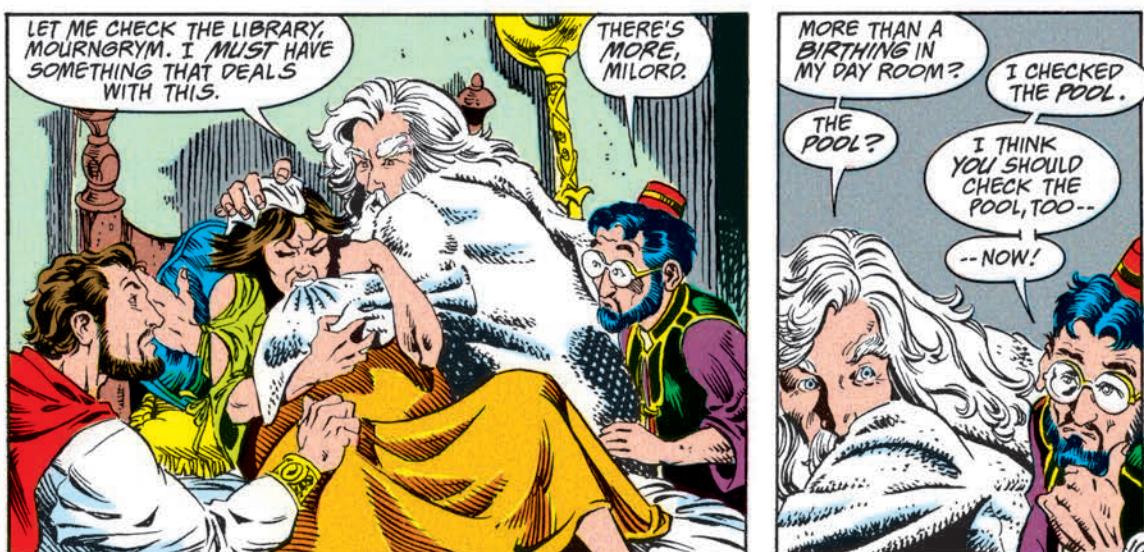
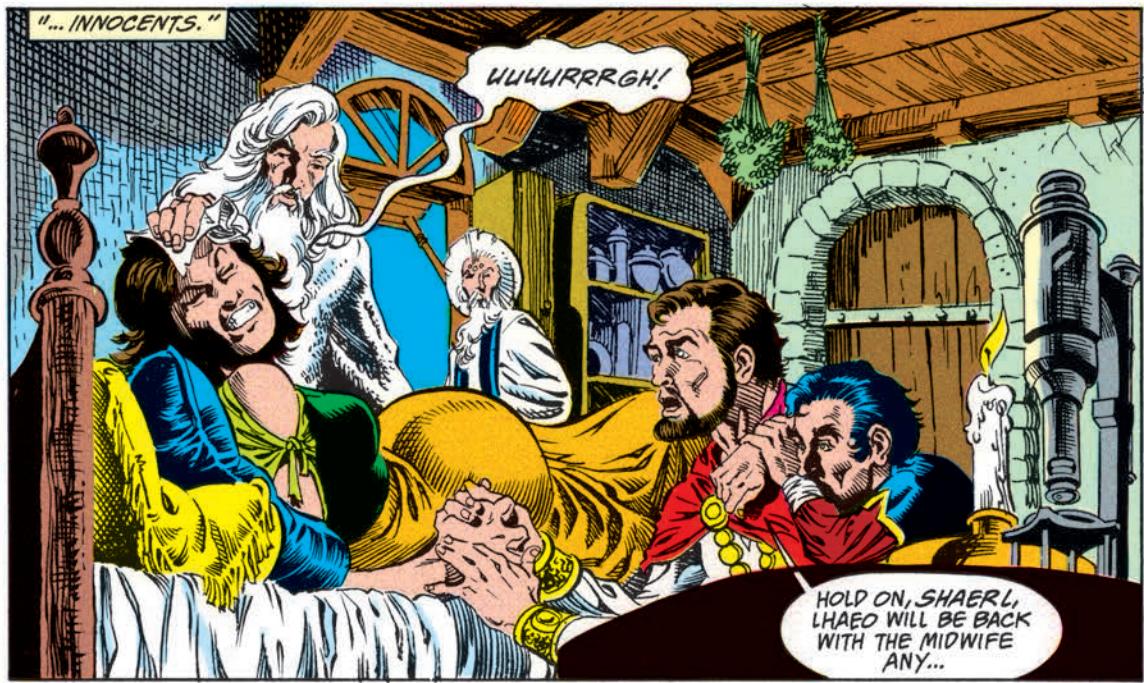
IN TRYING
TO AVOID ONE
MISTAKE I MADE A
GREATER MISTAKE.
I LEFT MY FRIENDS
BEHIND.

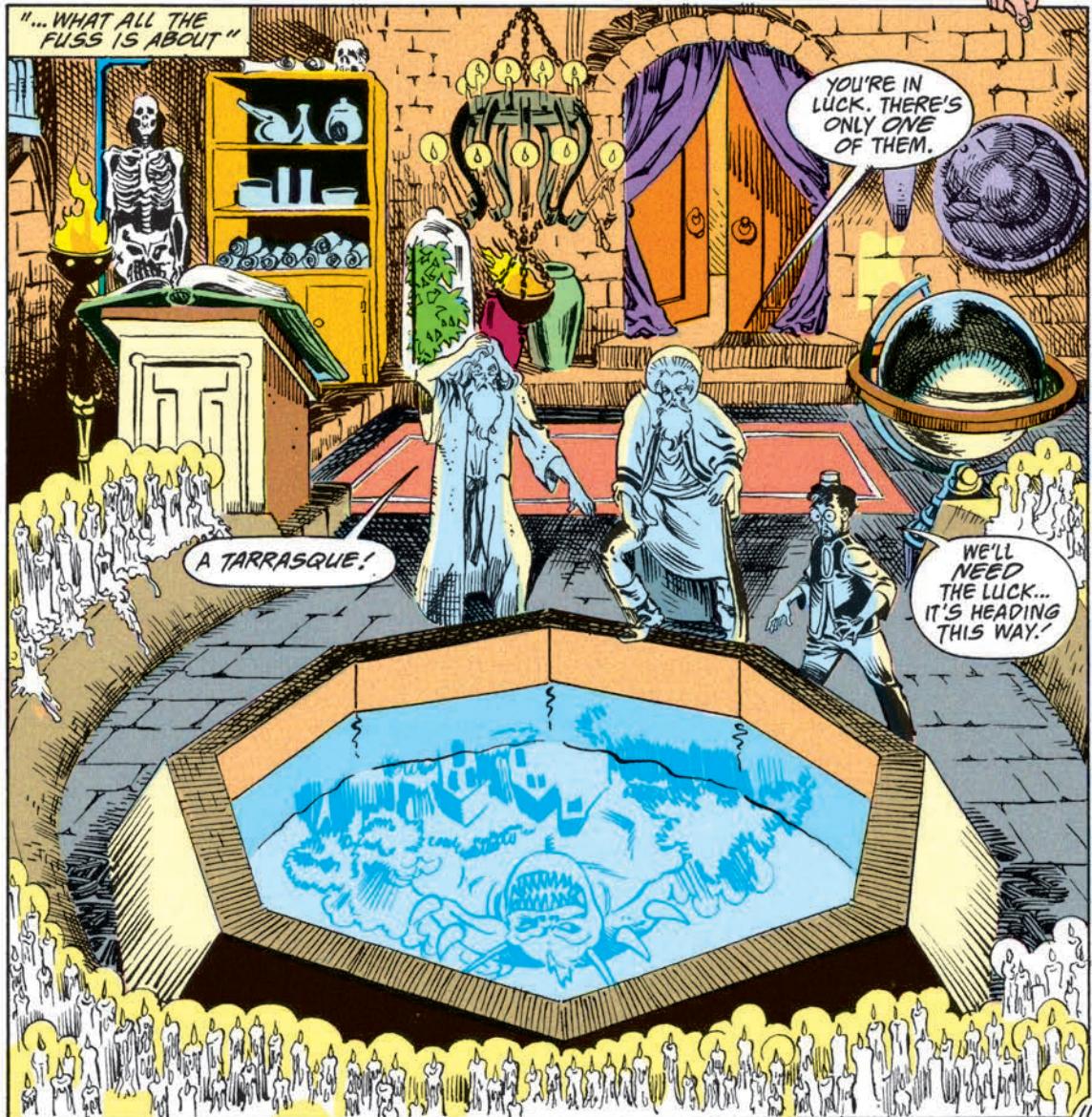
BUT I MADE
A BLESSED
DISCOVERY. I
RESCUED A
COUGAR FROM
WOLVES, BUT THEN
IT ATTACKED A
DEER.

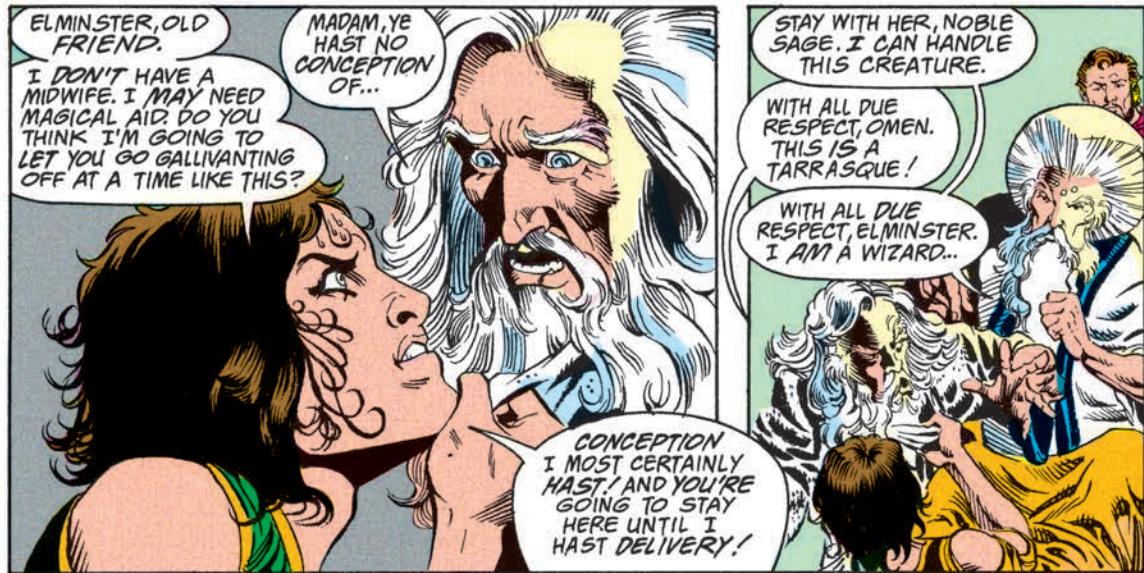
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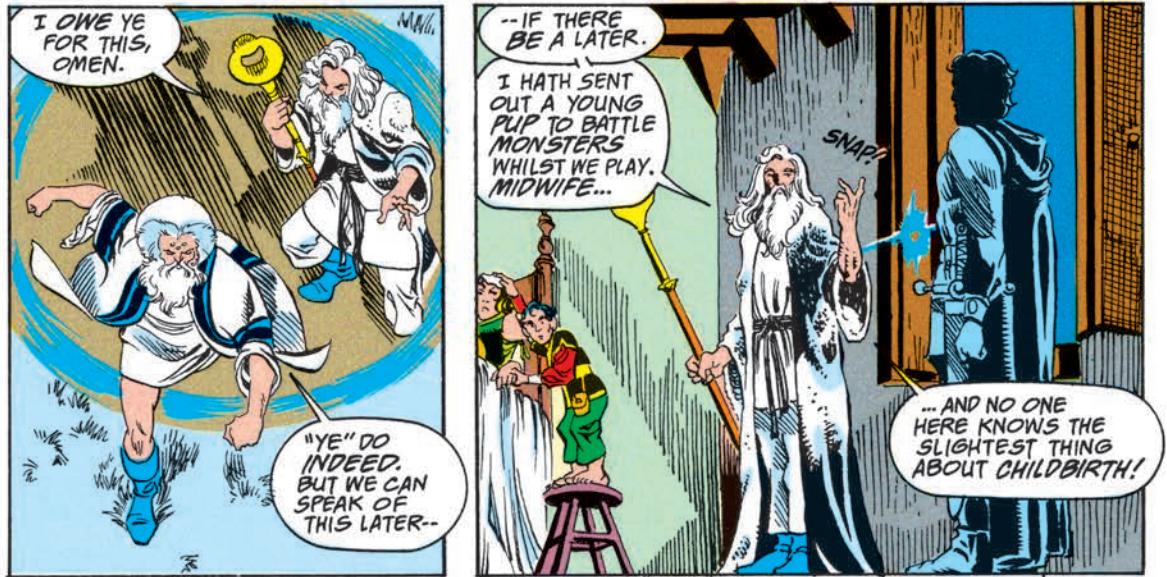


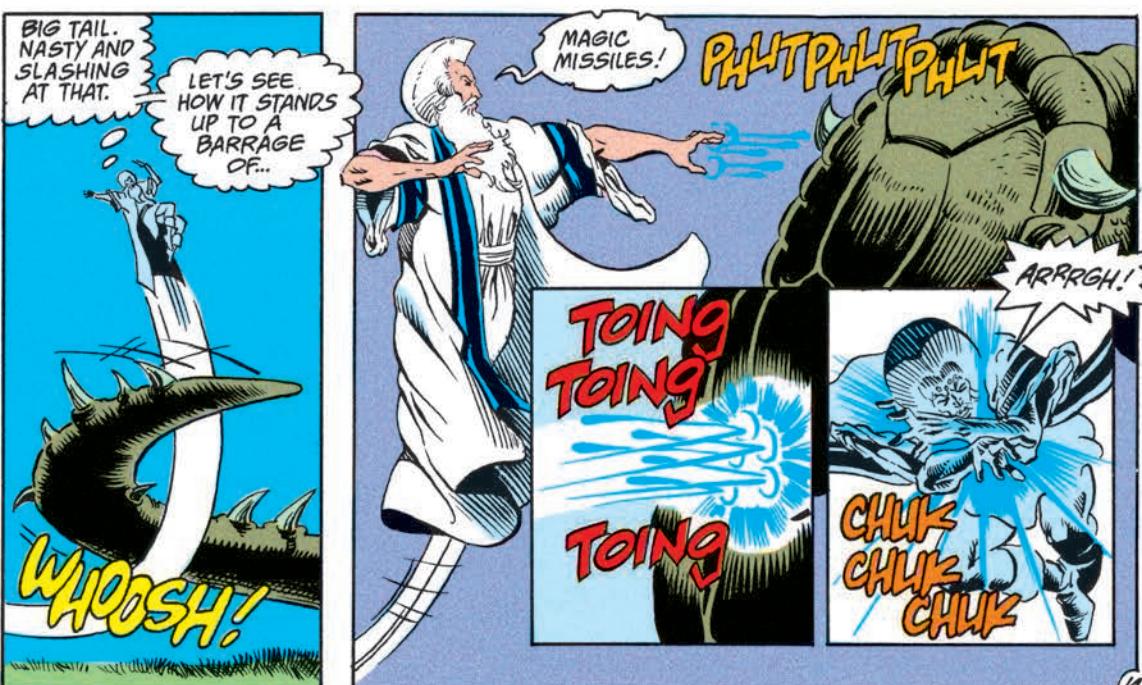
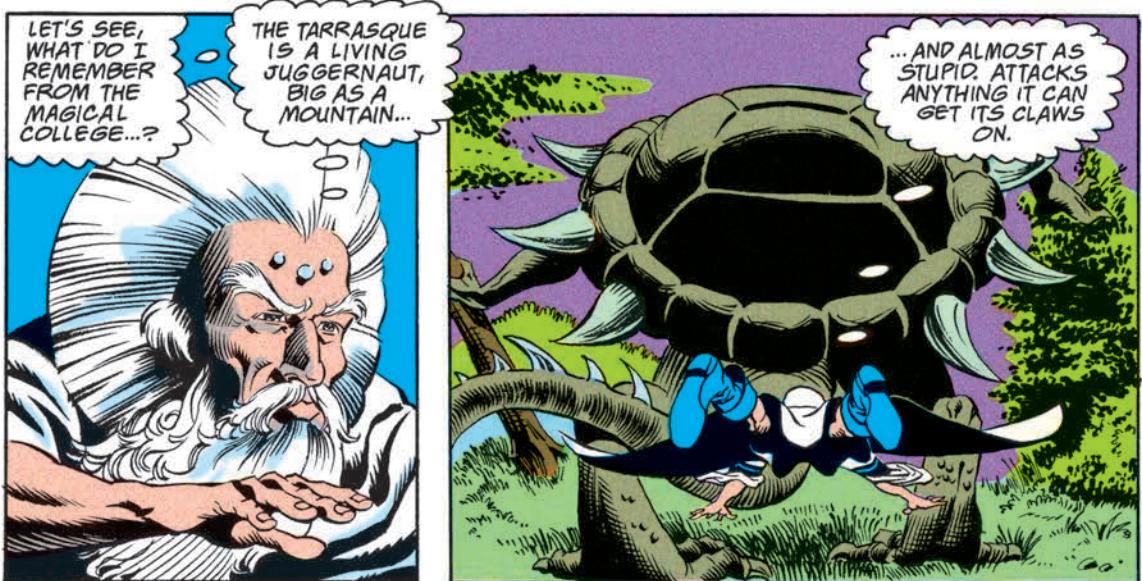
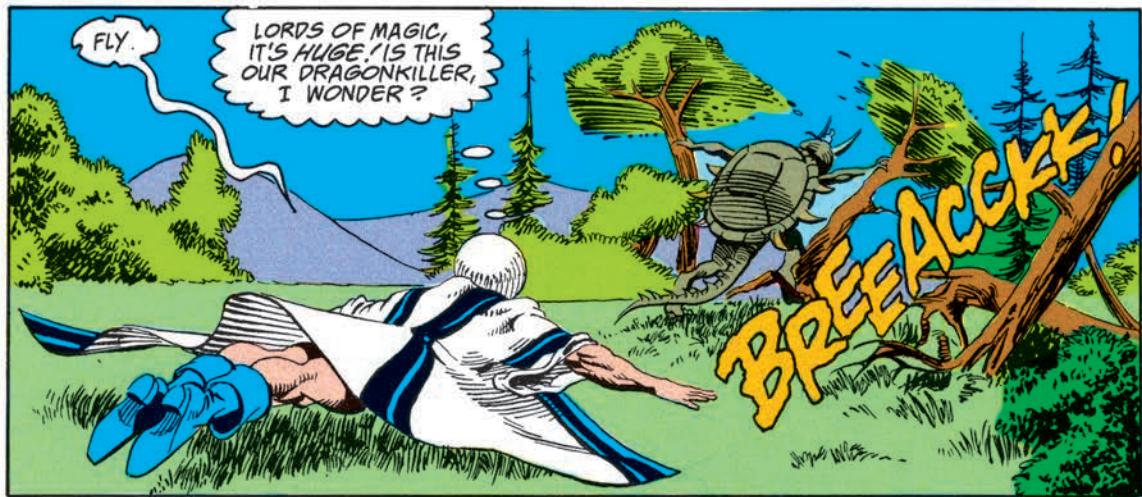


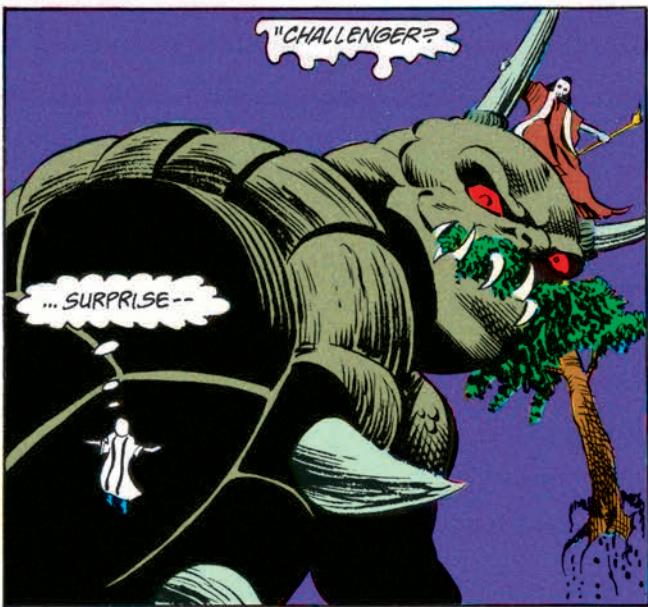




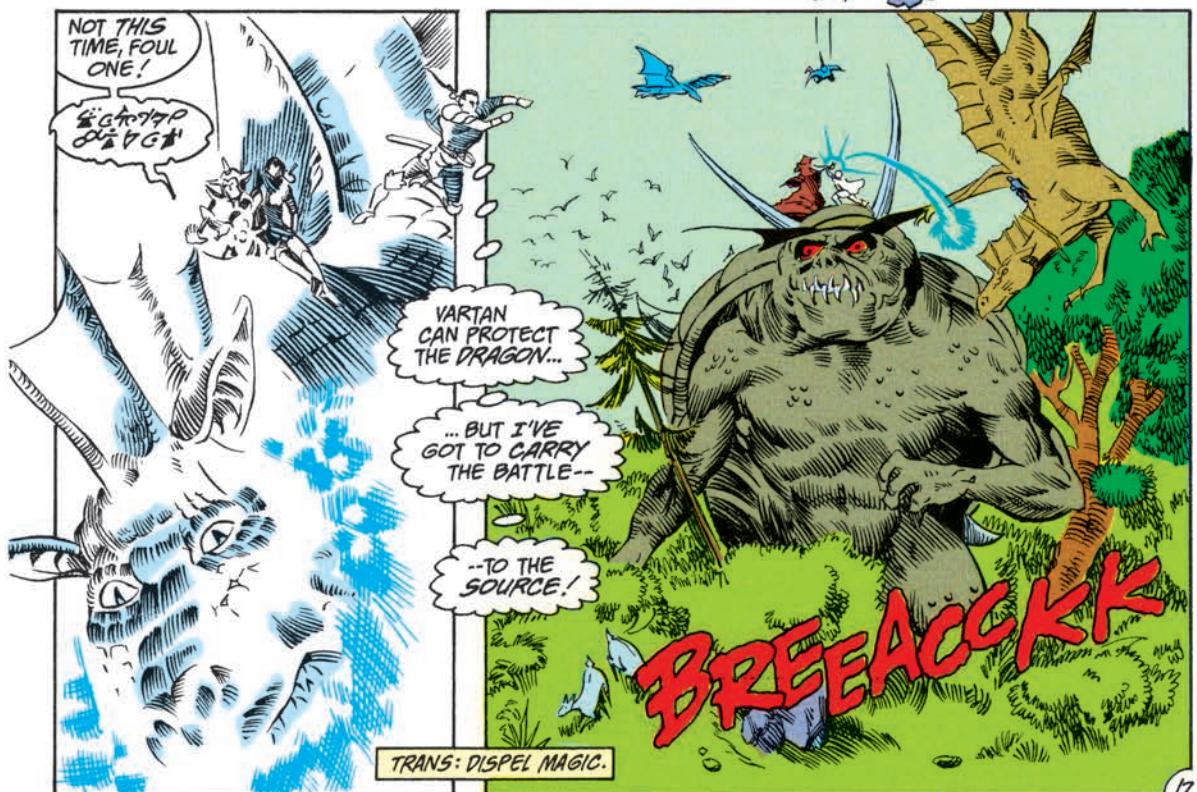
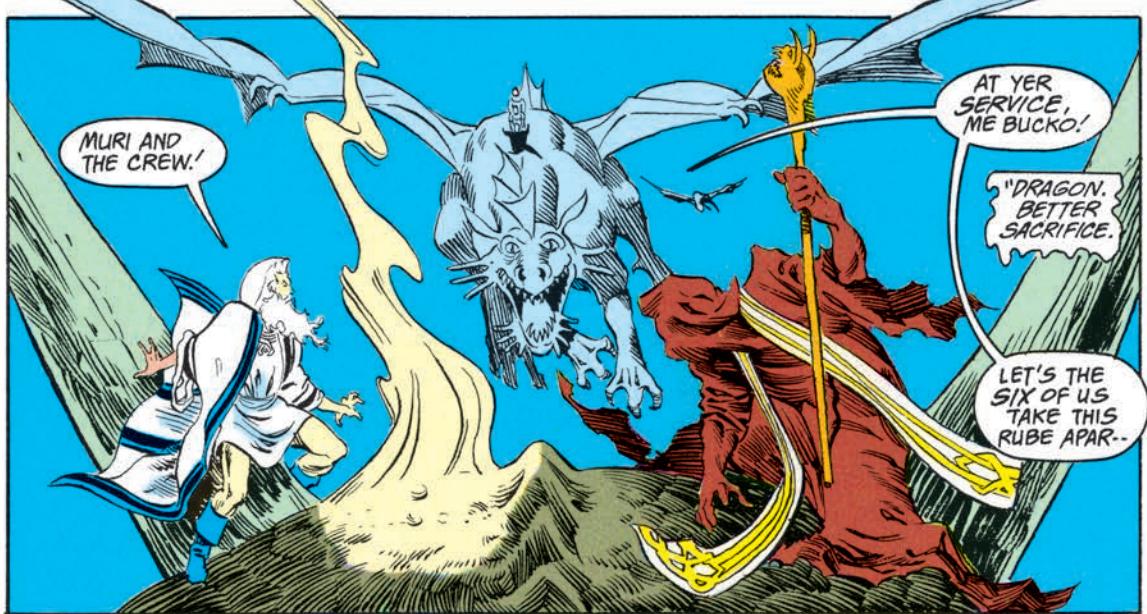


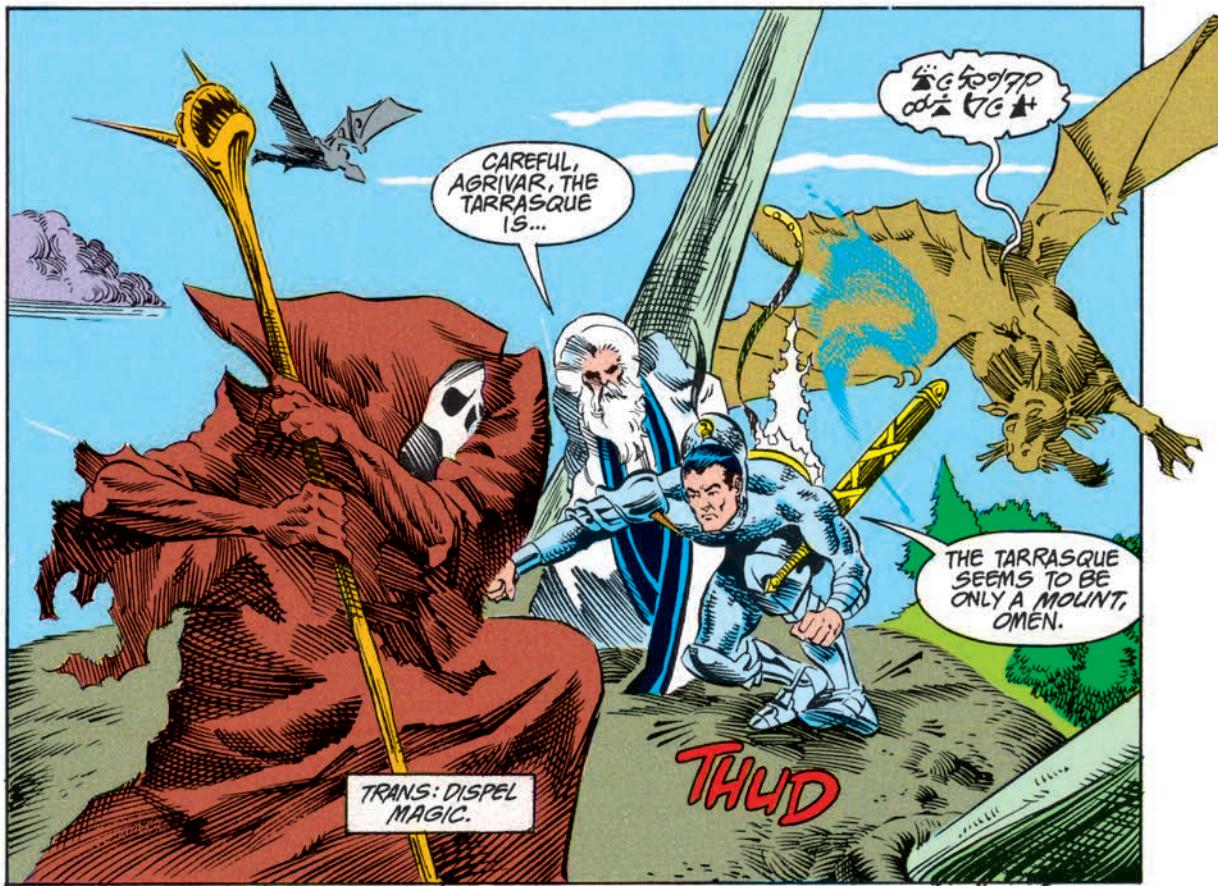


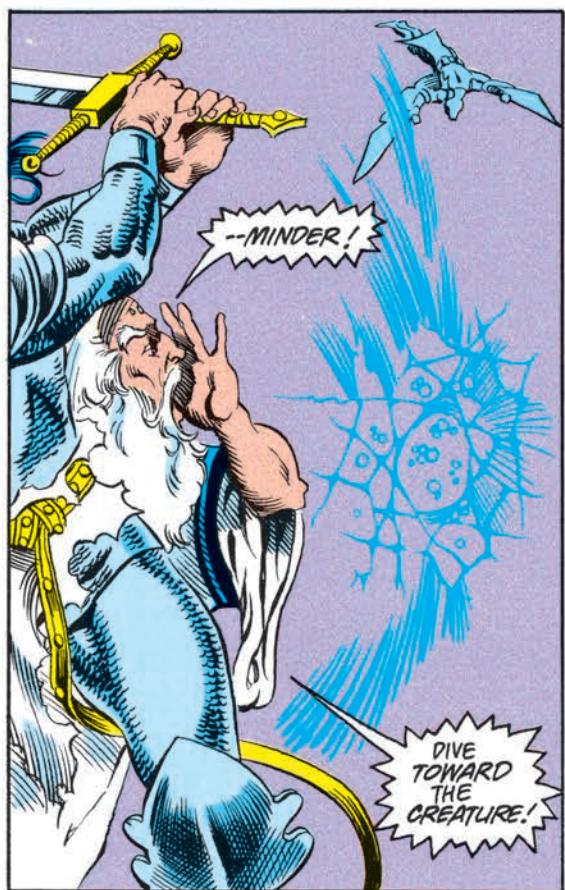


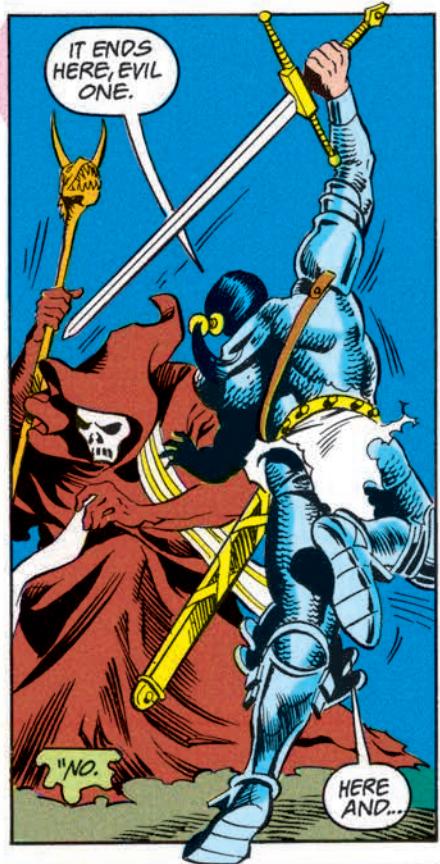


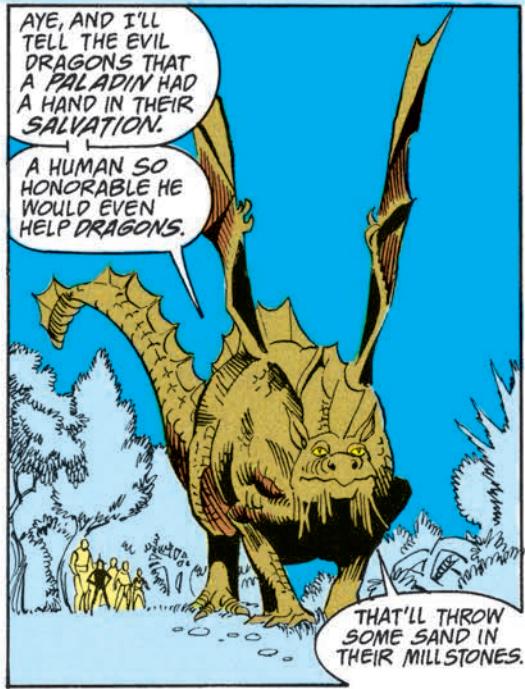
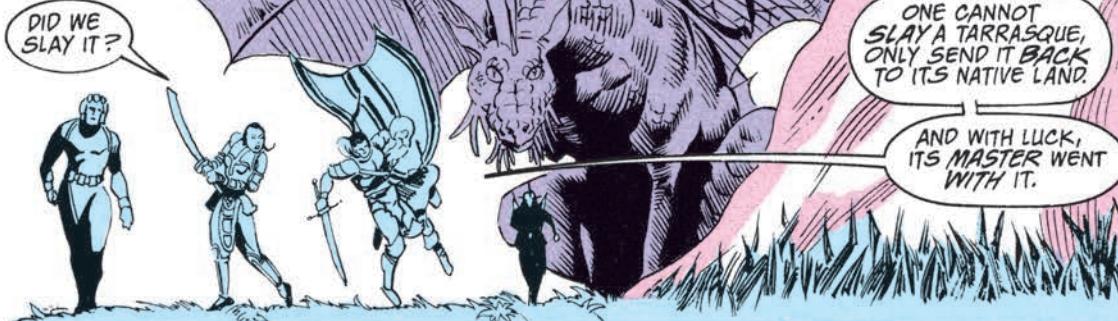


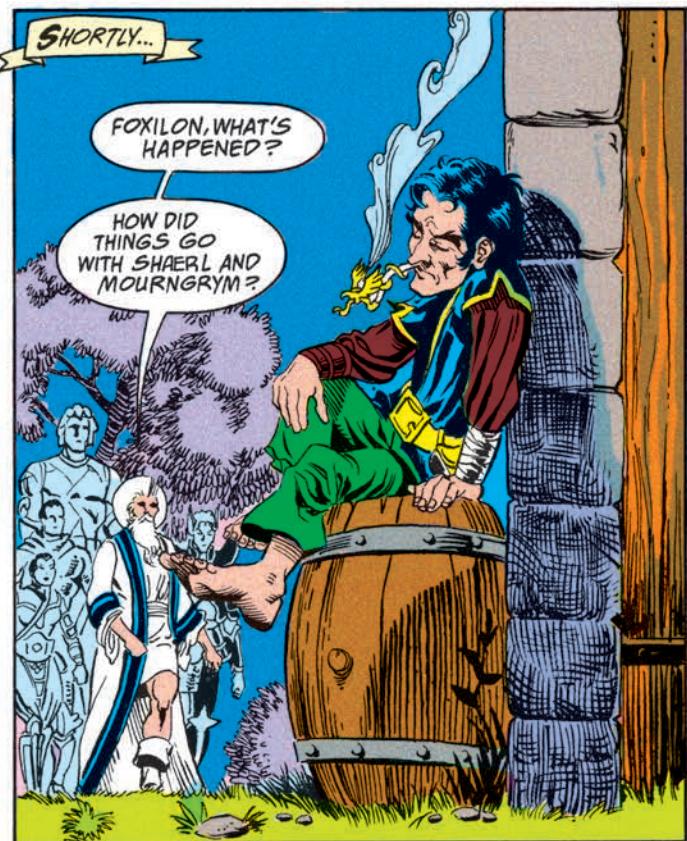


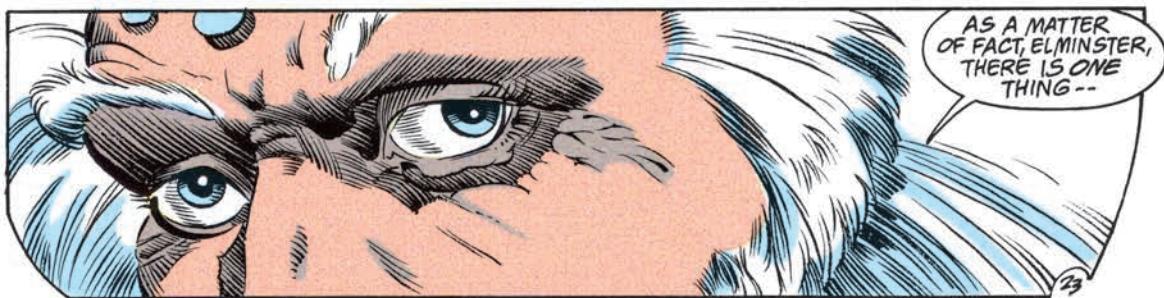


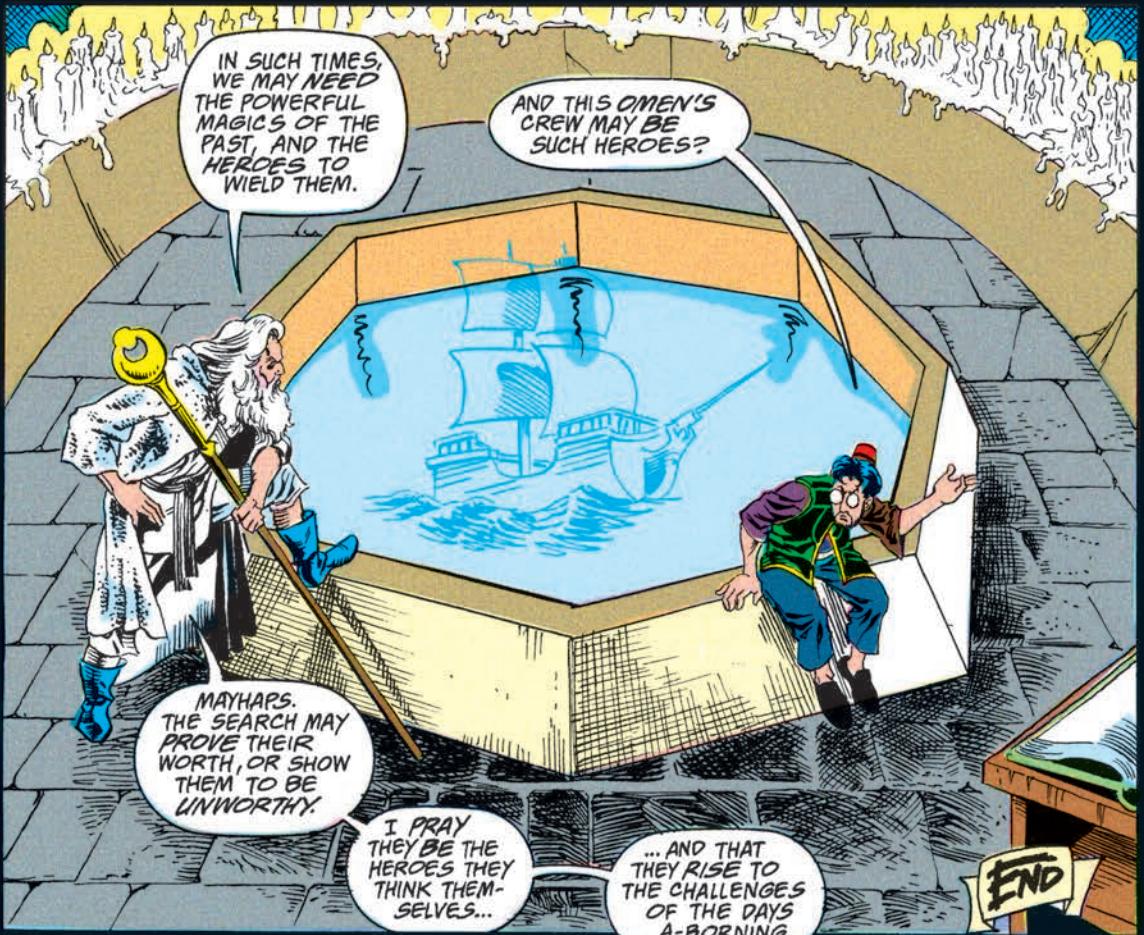














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