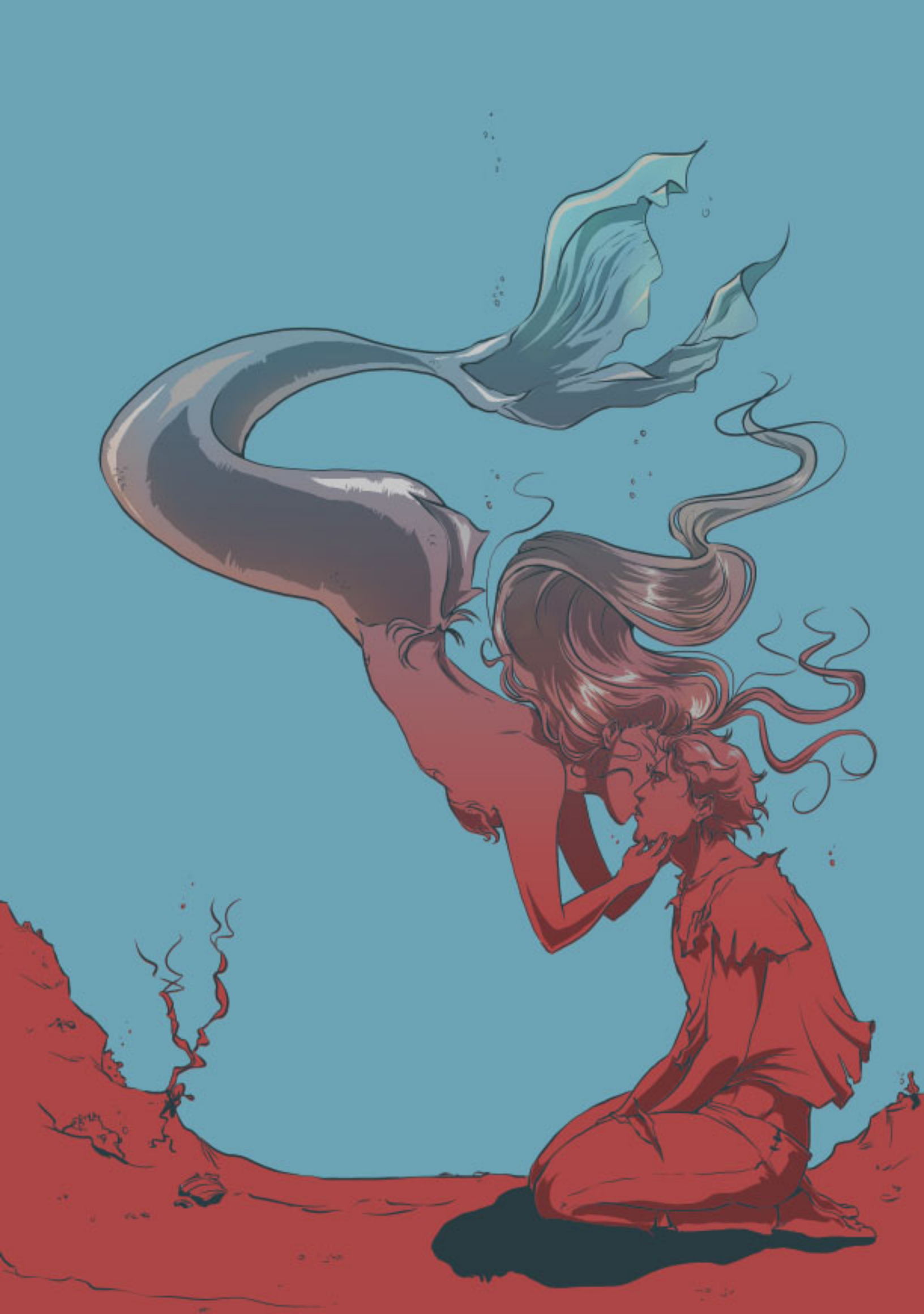
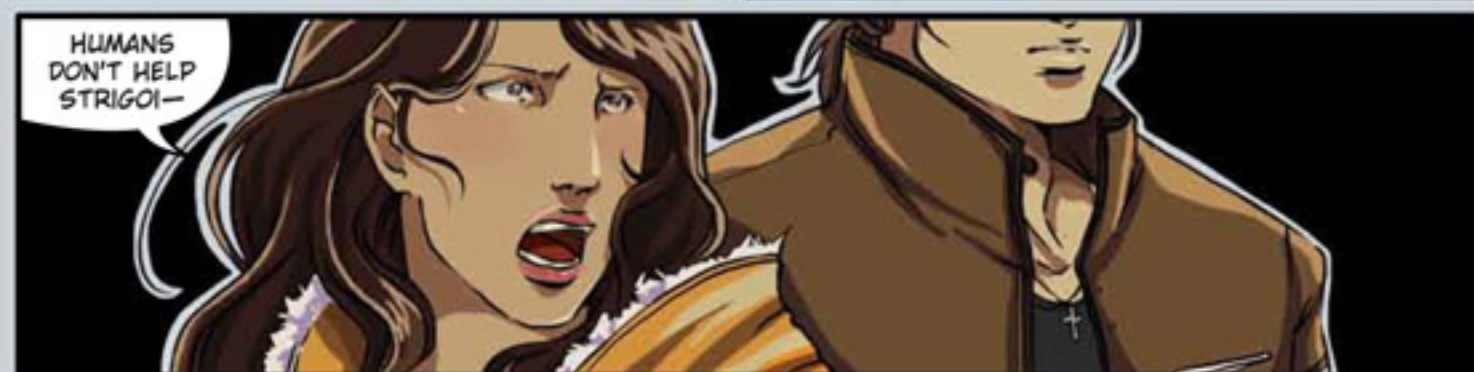


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WELL, I KNEW I WAS GOING TO GET TESTED TODAY...





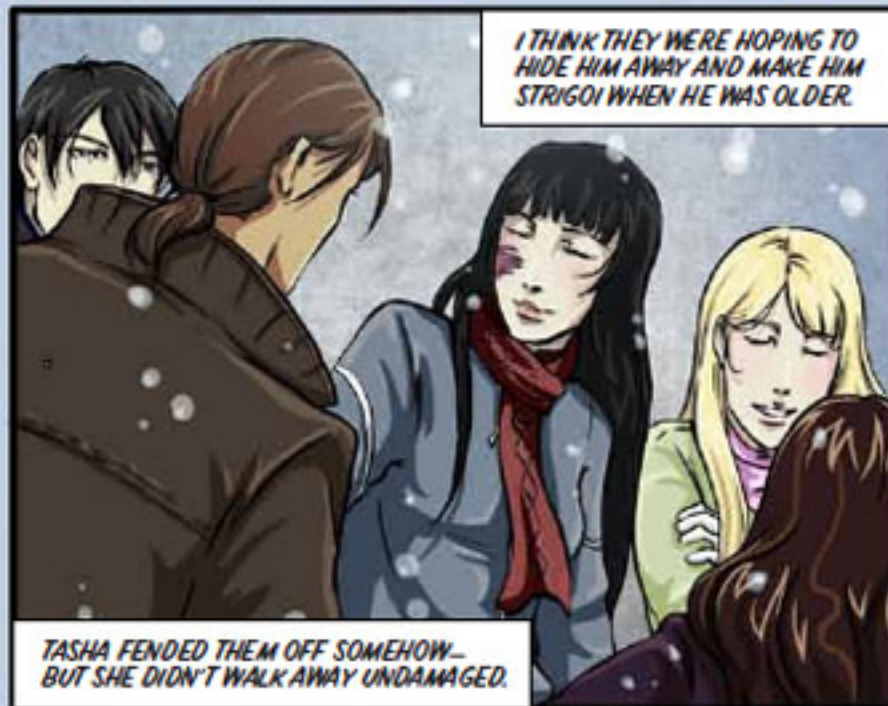
THAT MUST BE TASHA OZERA, CHRISTIAN'S AUNT.



WHEN CHRISTIAN WAS LITTLE AND HIS PARENTS TURNED STRIGOI, THEY CAME BACK FOR HIM.



ROSE!



I THINK THEY WERE HOPING TO HIDE HIM AWAY AND MAKE HIM STRIGOI WHEN HE WAS OLDER.

TASHA FENDED THEM OFF SOMEHOW... BUT SHE DIDN'T WALK AWAY UNDAUNED.



SO, TASHA, ARE YOU COMING ON THE SKI TRIP?

YES. I'VE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GO SKING IN AGES. I'VE SAVED ALL MY VACATION TIME.



VACATION? DO YOU HAVE... A JOB?

SADLY, YES. I TEACH MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES.



MOIRA AND LUCAS—CHRISTIAN'S PARENTS—CUT DOWN OUR TWO GUARDIANS BEFORE WE'D REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

I STALLED THEM LONG ENOUGH FOR OTHER GUARDIANS TO ARRIVE. IT WAS A CLOSE CALL, THOUGH.



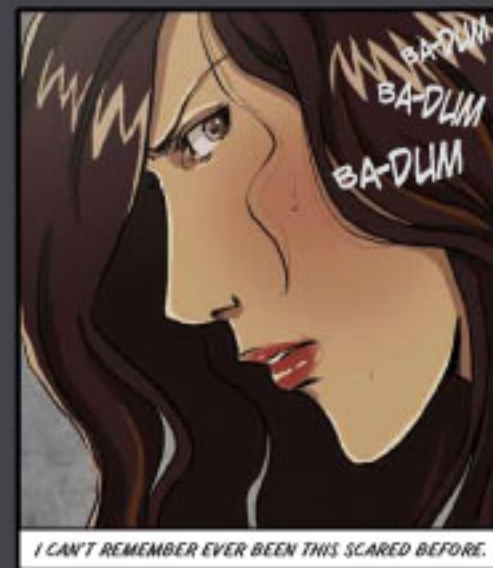
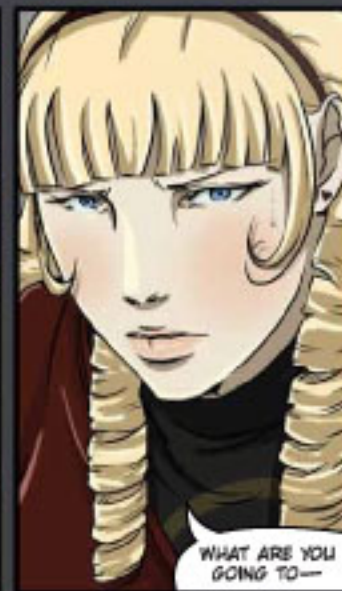
I DECIDED I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE THAT WAY. NOT WITHOUT PUTTING UP A REAL FIGHT. SO I LEARNED ALL SORTS OF SELF-DEFENSE.



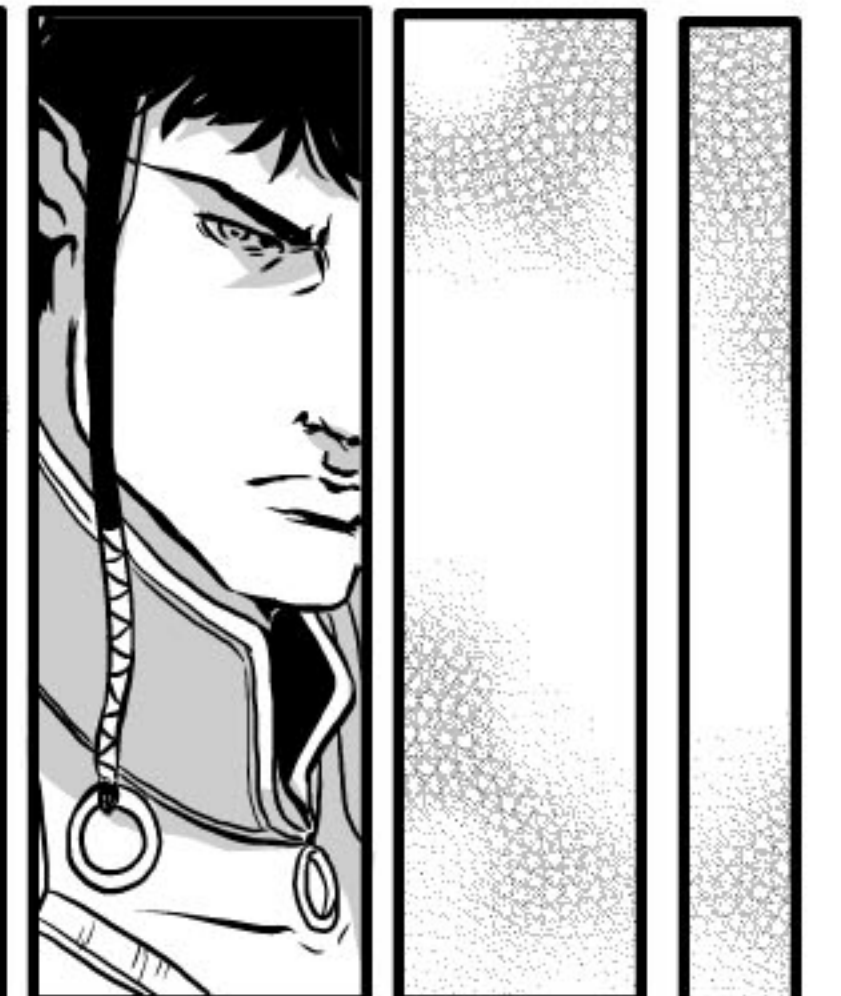
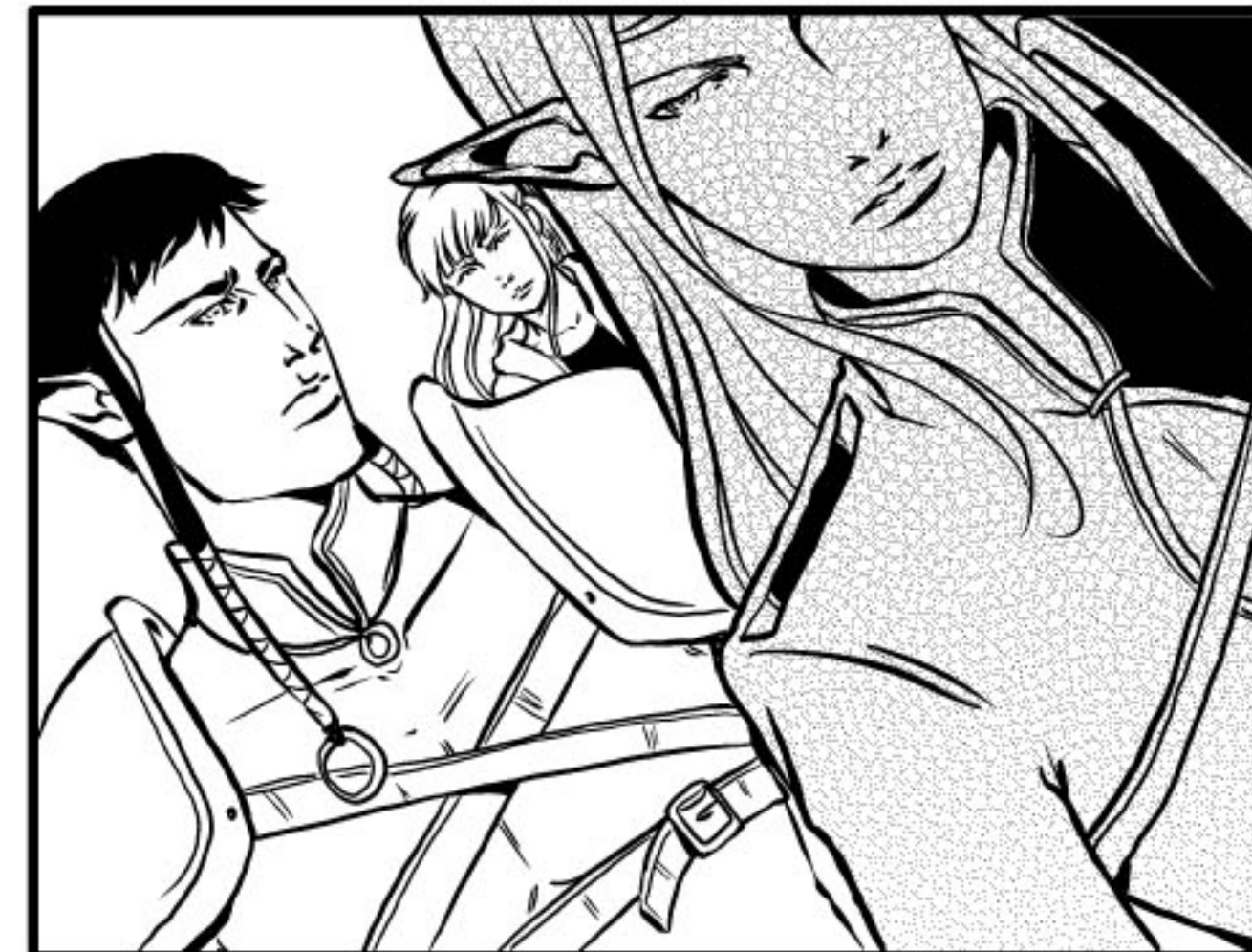
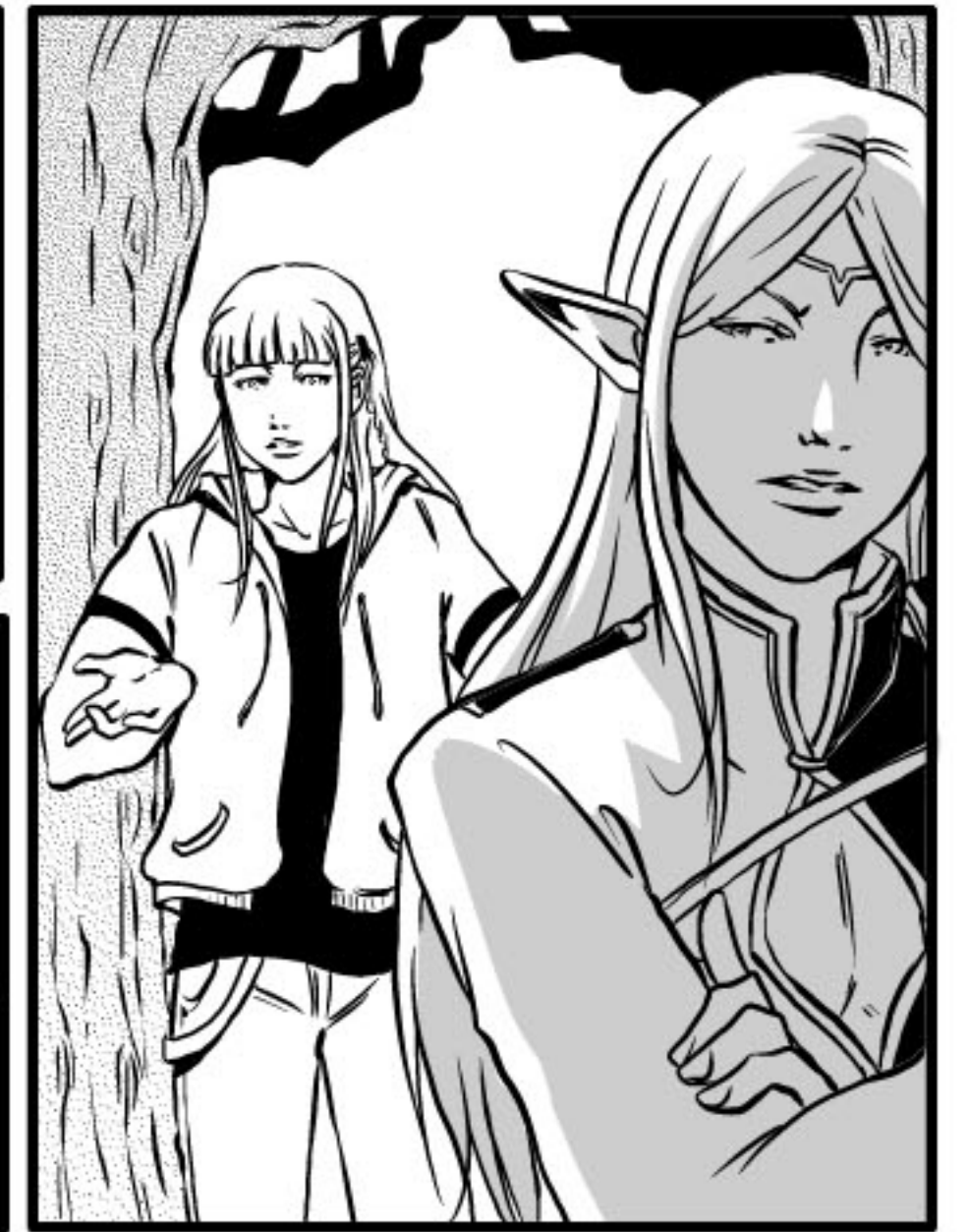
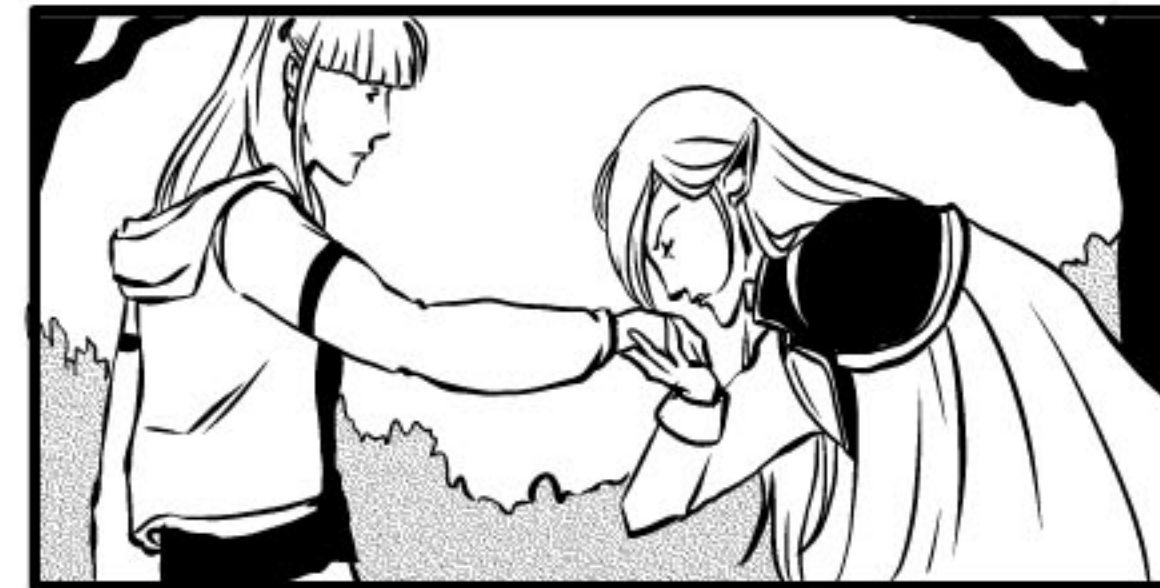
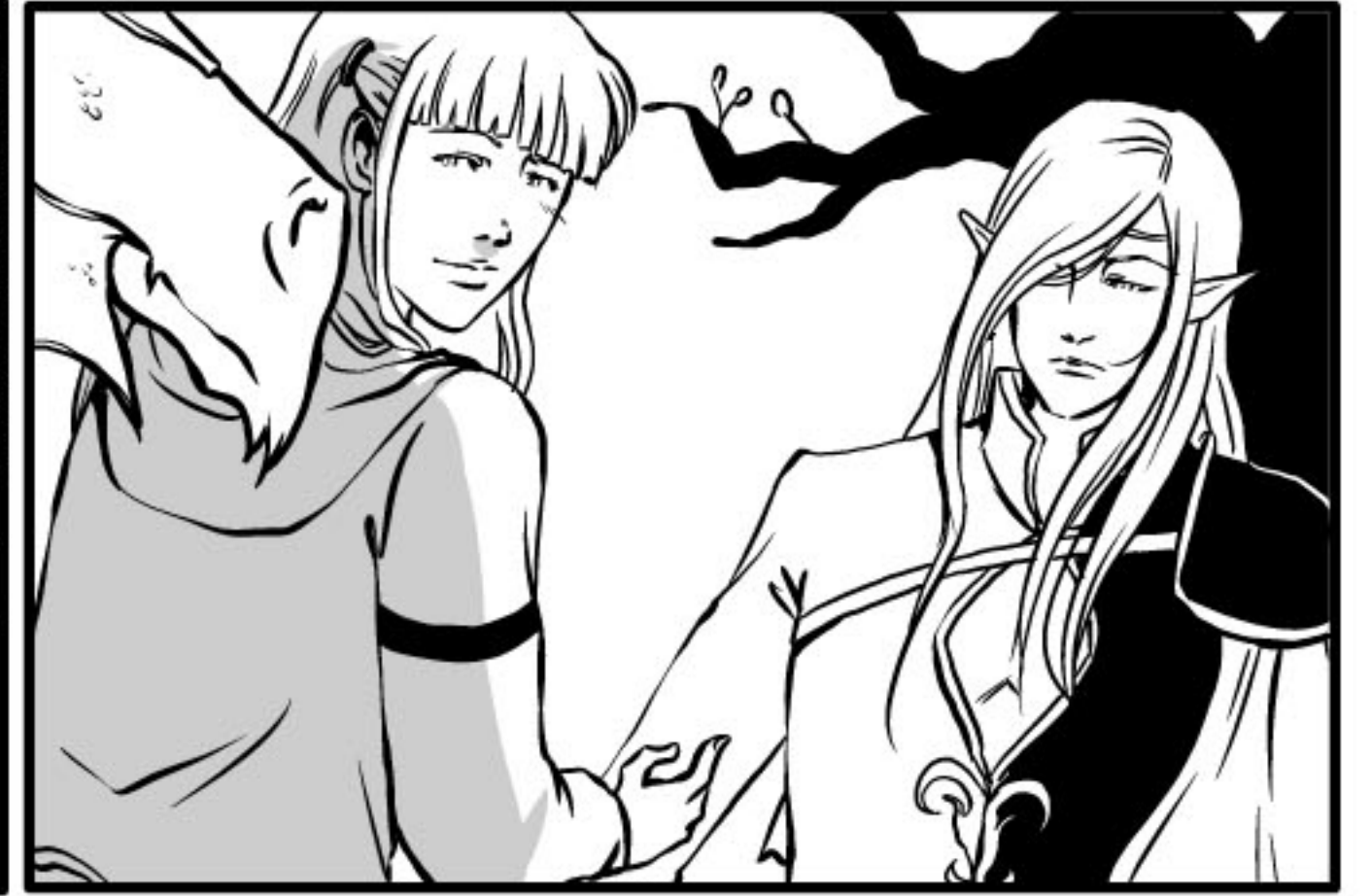
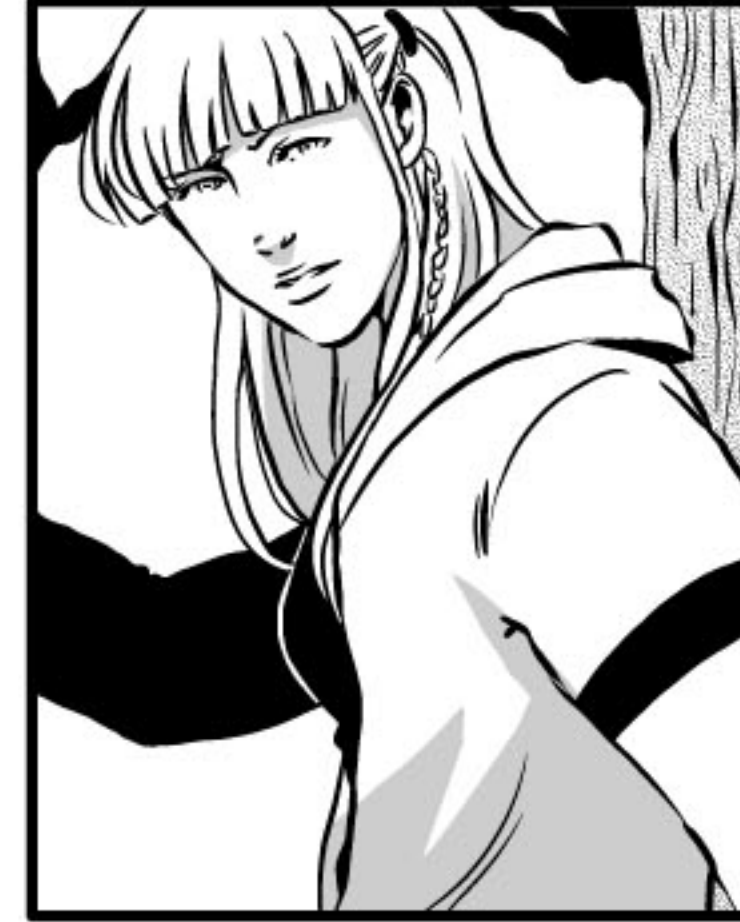
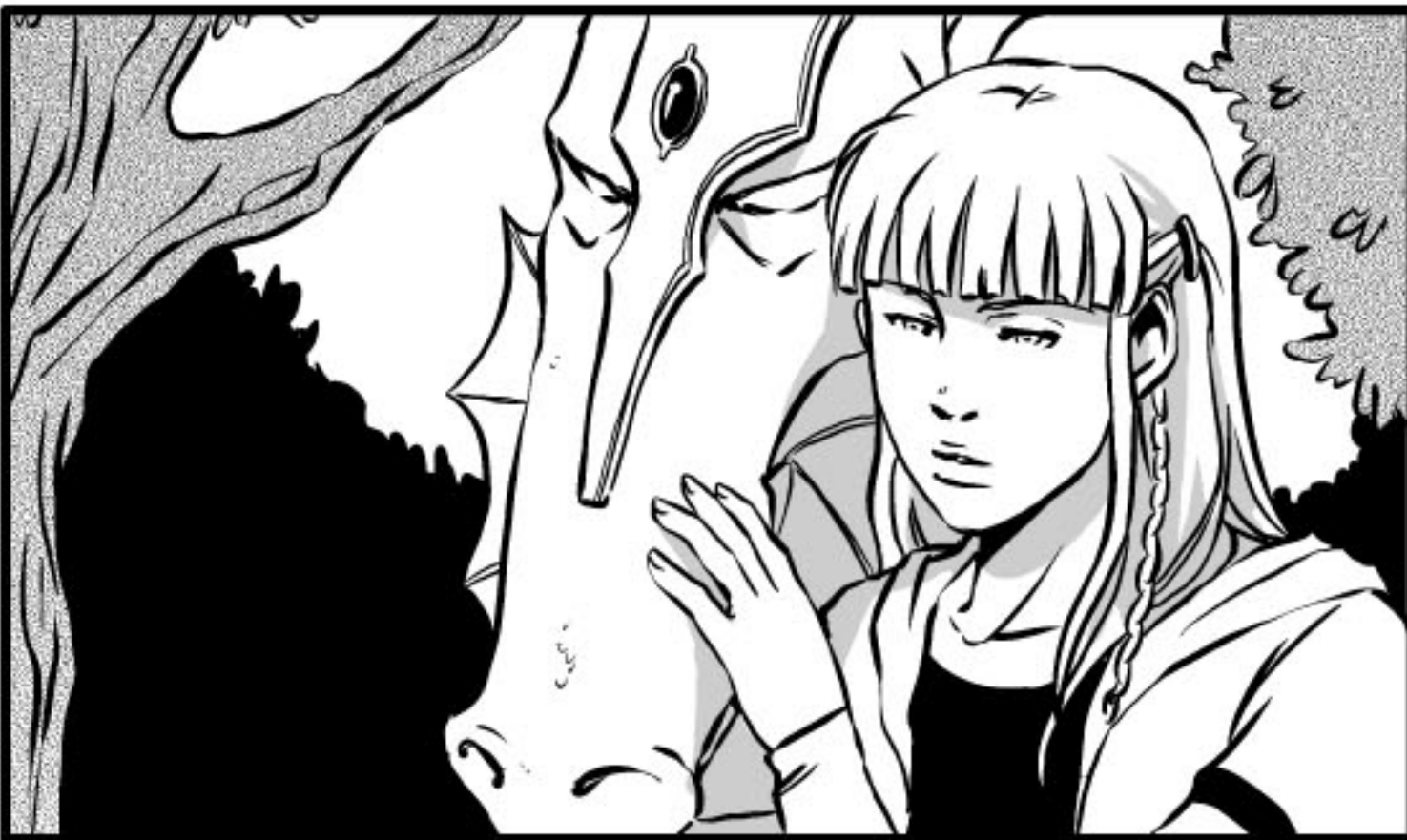
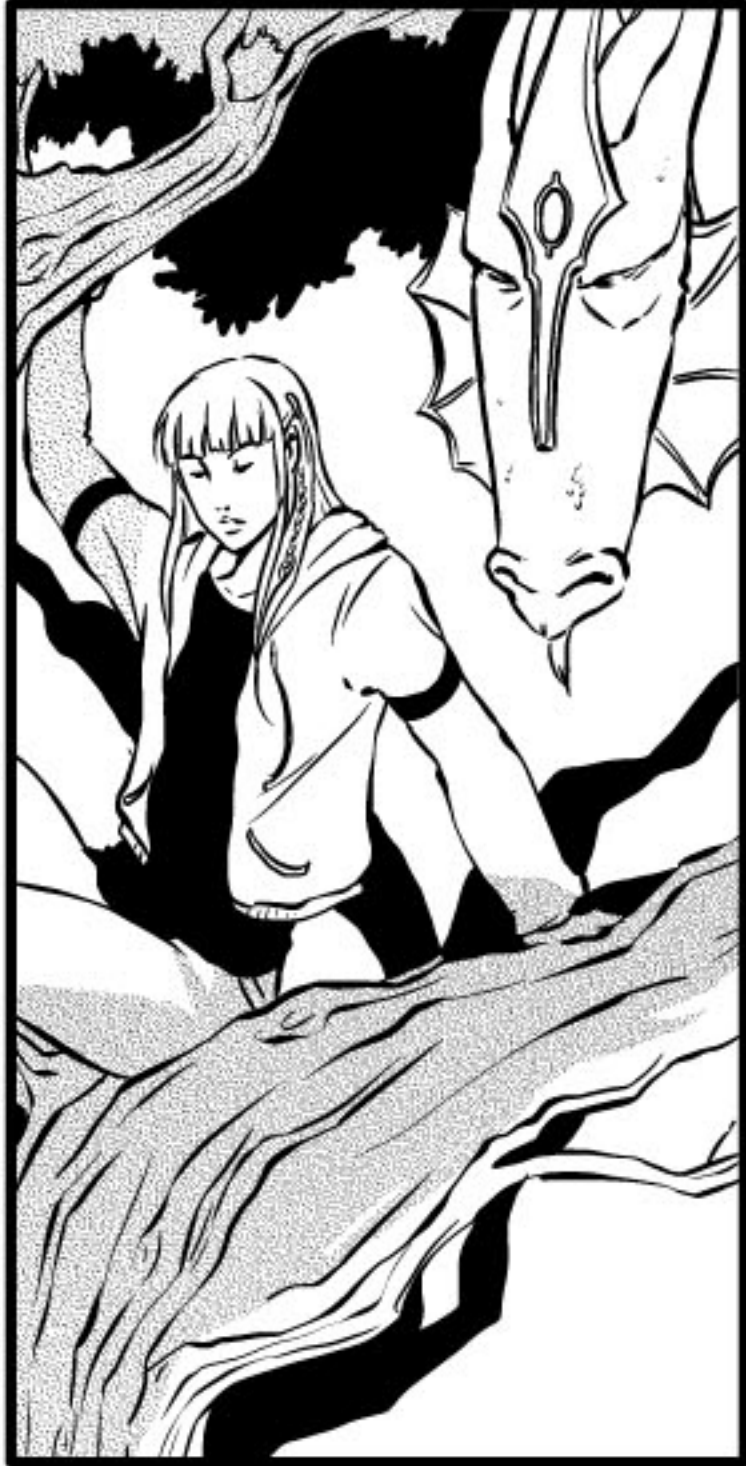
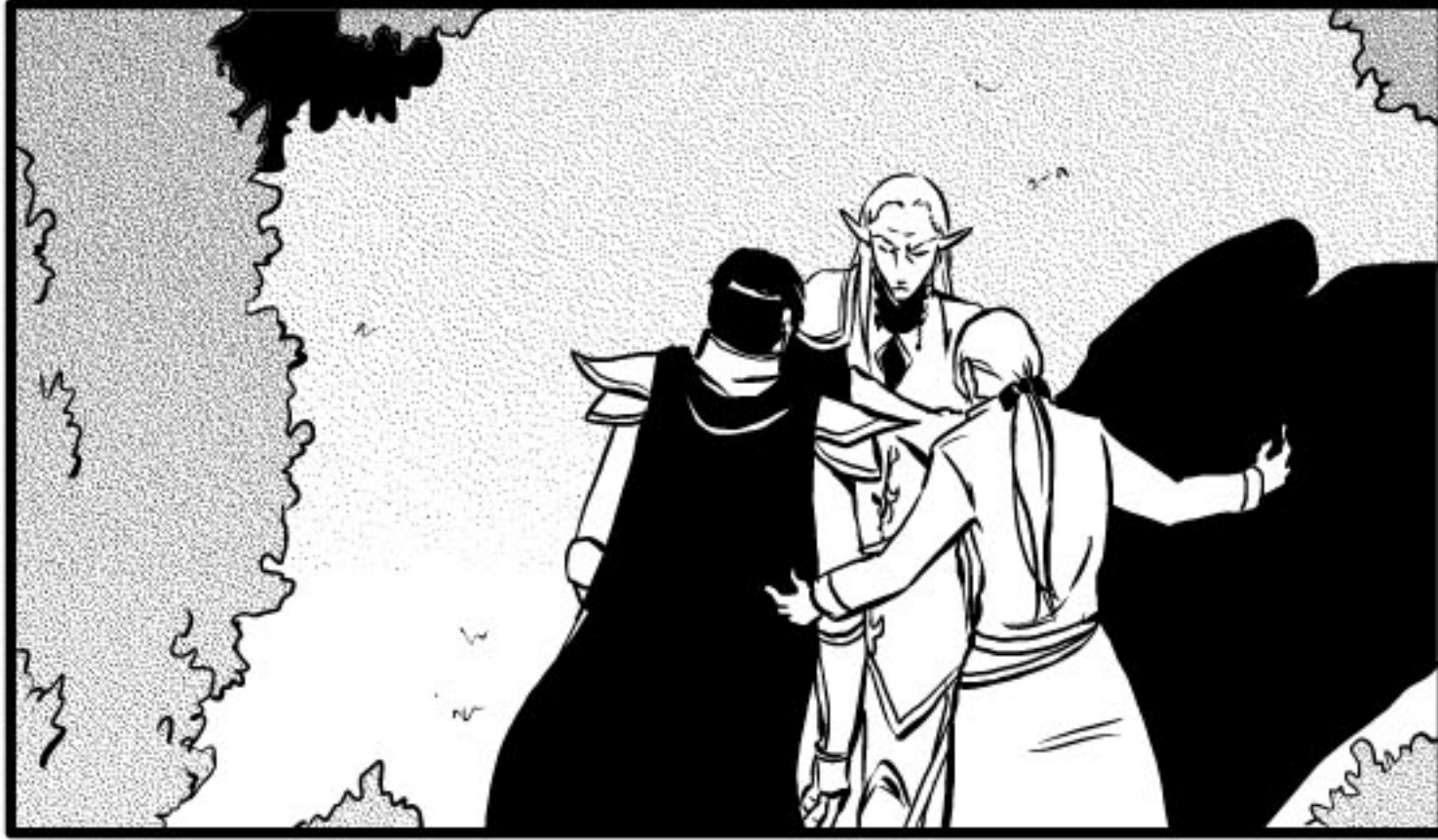
ALL SORTS OF SELF-DEFENSE, HUH? MAYBE CHRISTIAN'S NOT THE ONLY ONE IN HIS FAMILY WHO DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM USING MAGIC OFFENSIVELY.

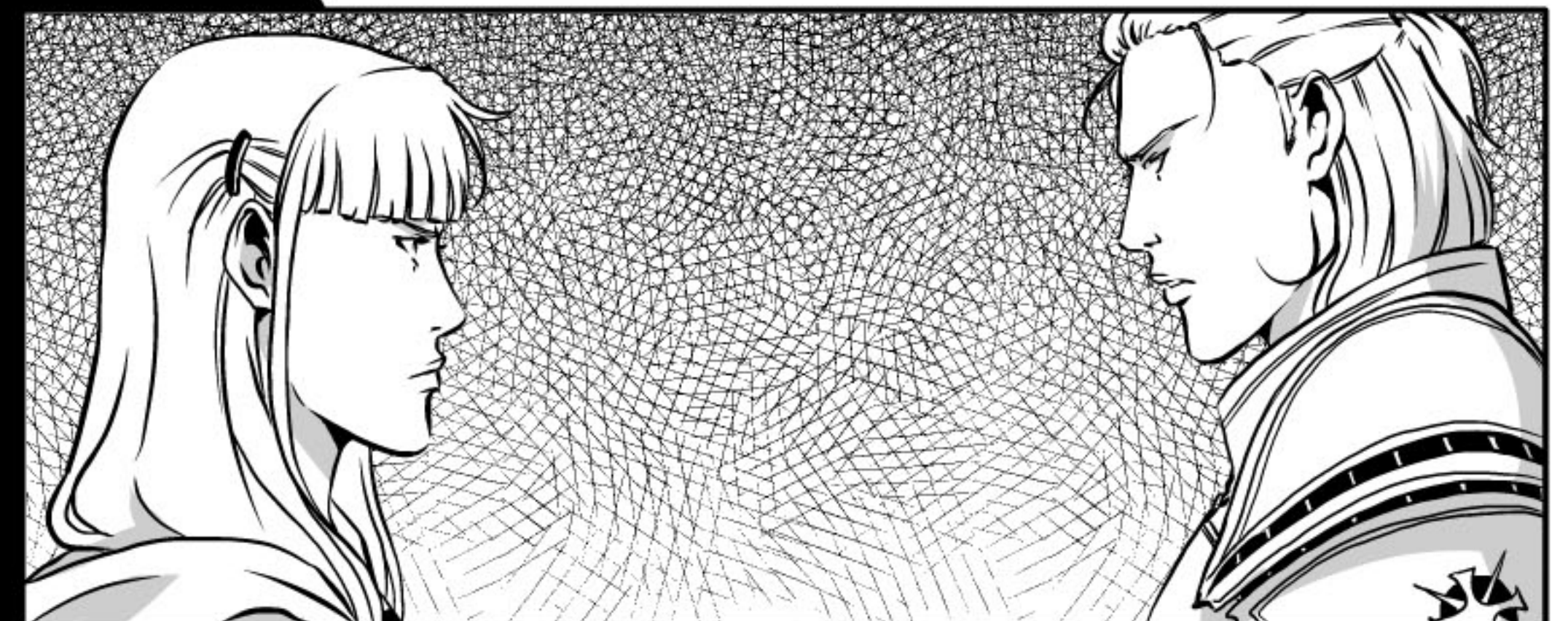
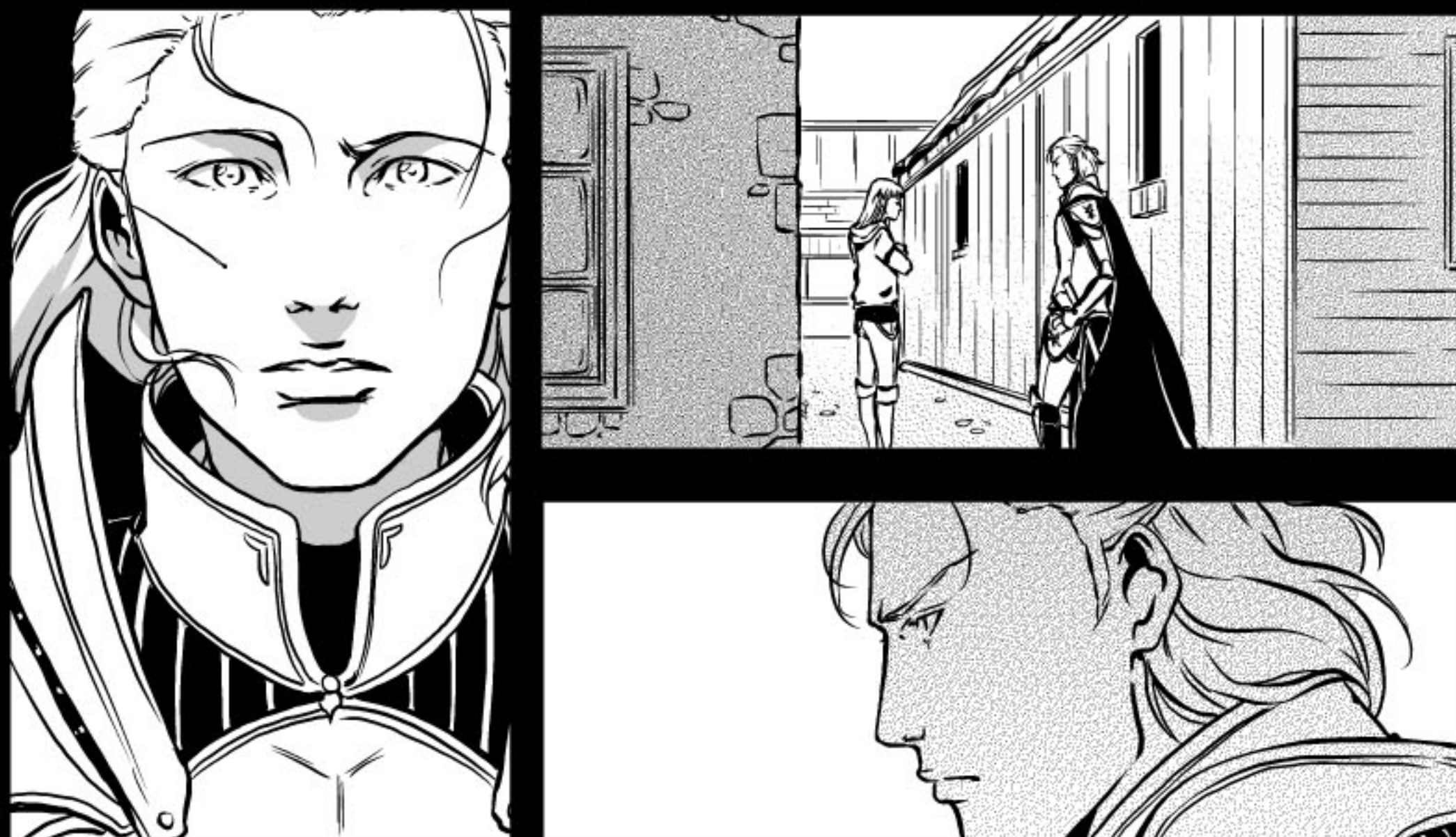
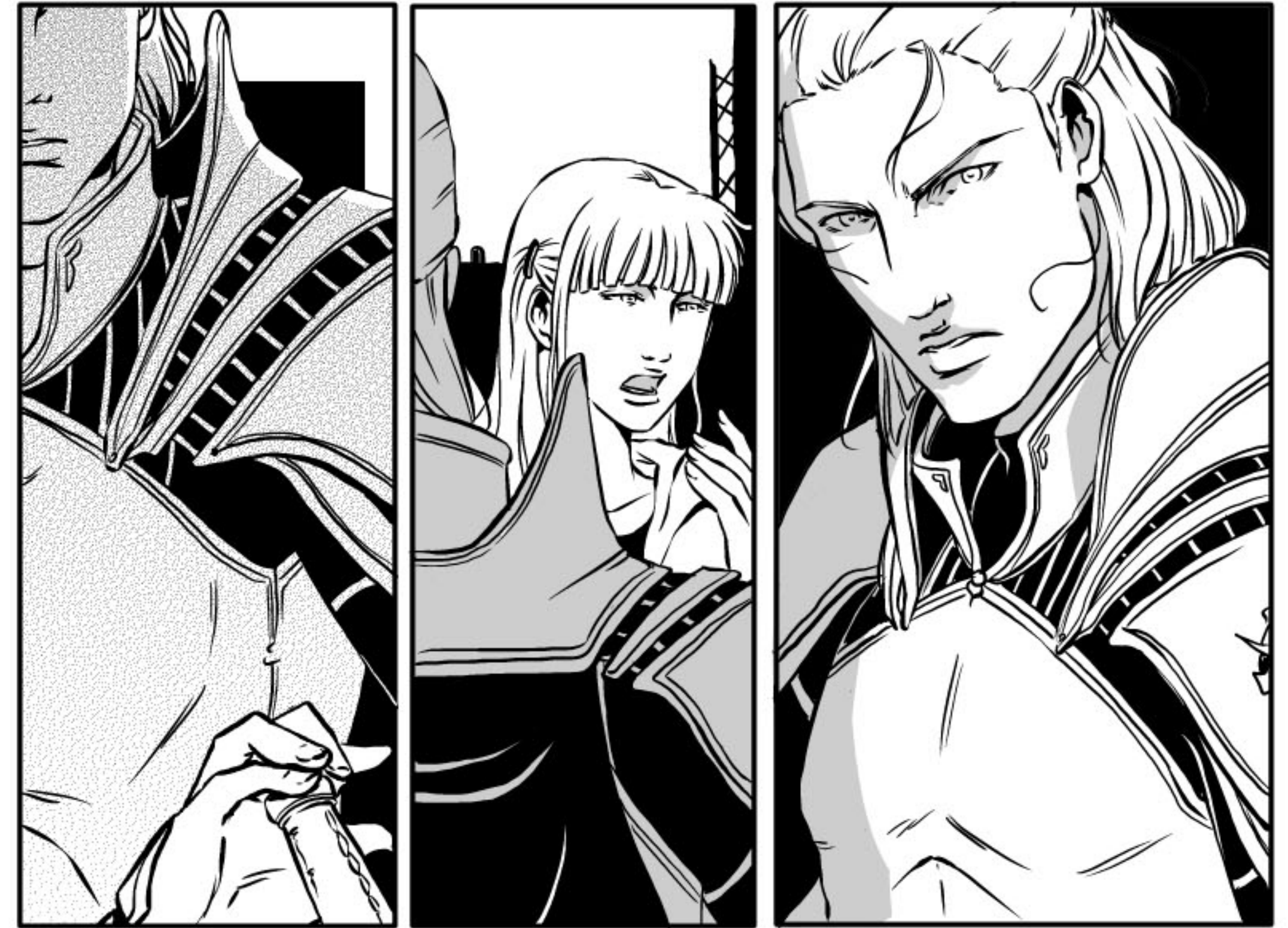
NOW I TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. I DON'T HAVE A GUARDIAN.

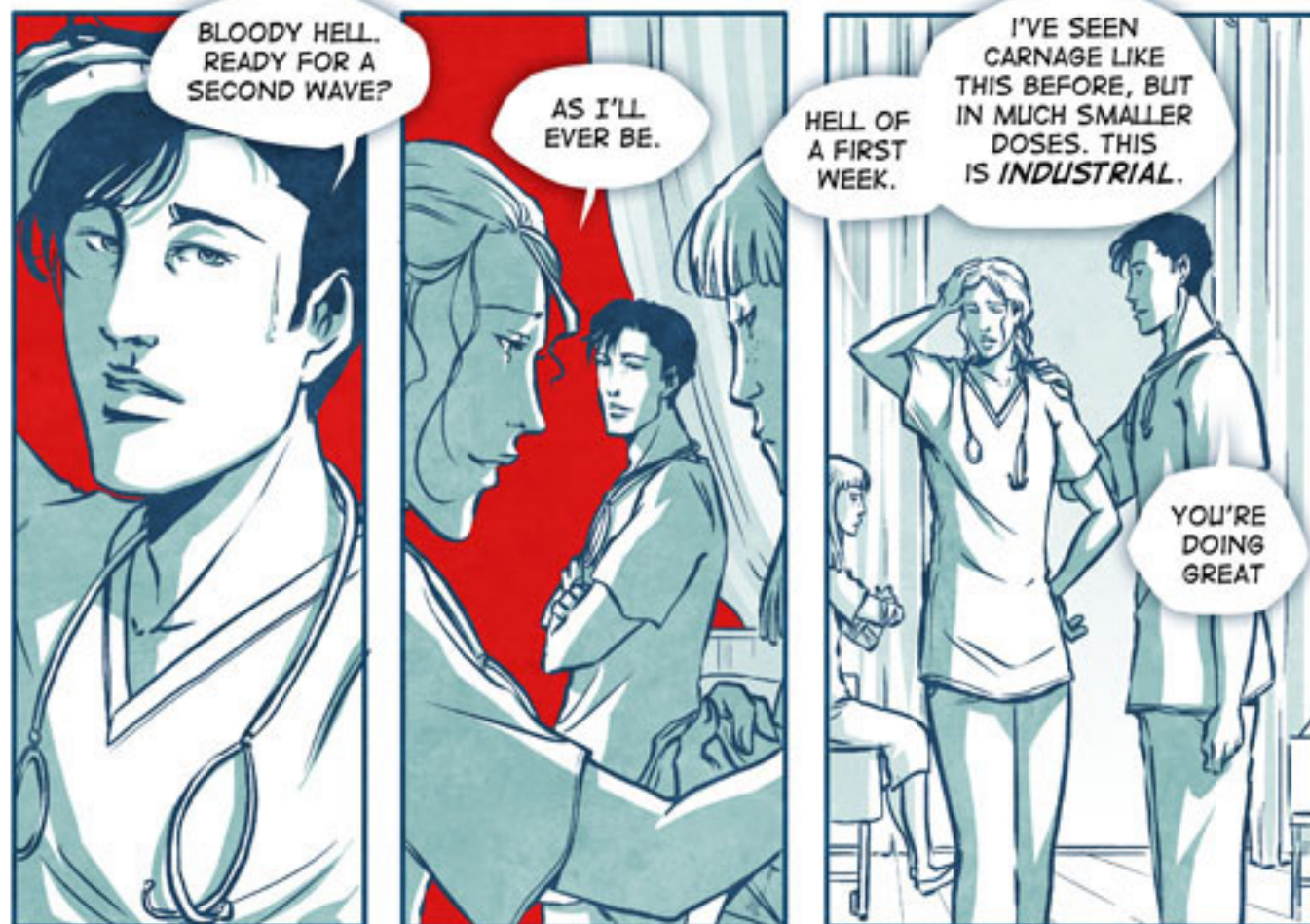












BLOODY HELL.
READY FOR A
SECOND WAVE?

AS I'LL
EVER BE.

HELL OF
A FIRST
WEEK.

I'VE SEEN
CARNAGE LIKE
THIS BEFORE, BUT
IN MUCH SMALLER
DOSES. THIS
IS *INDUSTRIAL*.

YOU'RE
DOING
GREAT

IN A WAY I
WISH THERE WERE
MORE PEOPLE
COMING OUR
WAY.

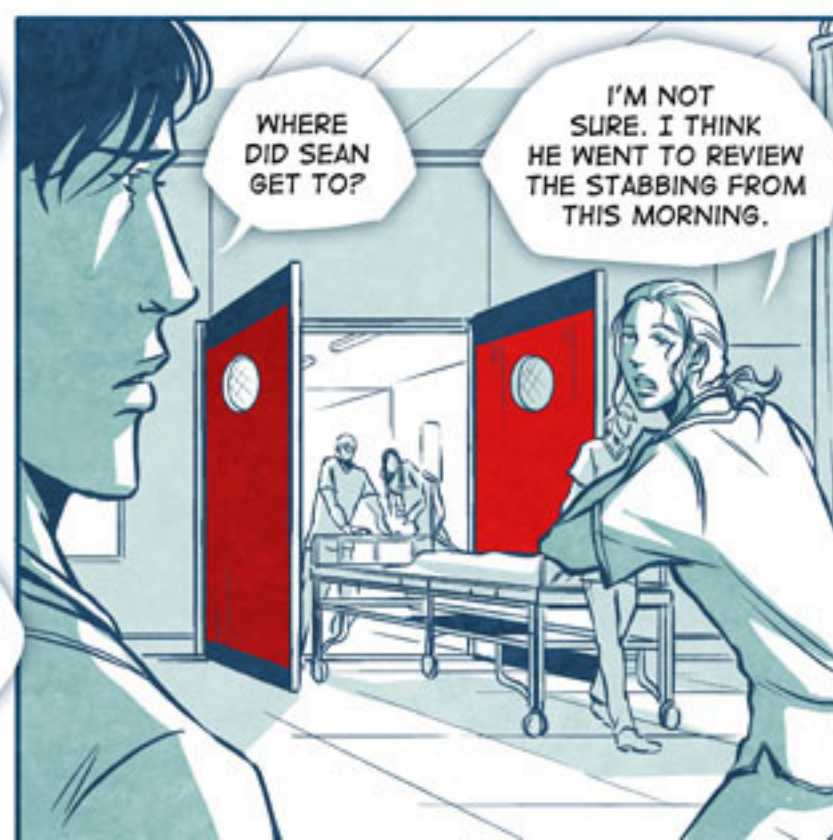
WHAT WORRIES
ME IS HOW MANY
OF THE VICTIMS
WILL HAVE GONE
STRAIGHT TO THE
MORGUE.

I KNOW.
AND THAT SECOND
BLAST WILL HAVE
SENT THE CASE
FATALITY RATE
SKY HIGH...



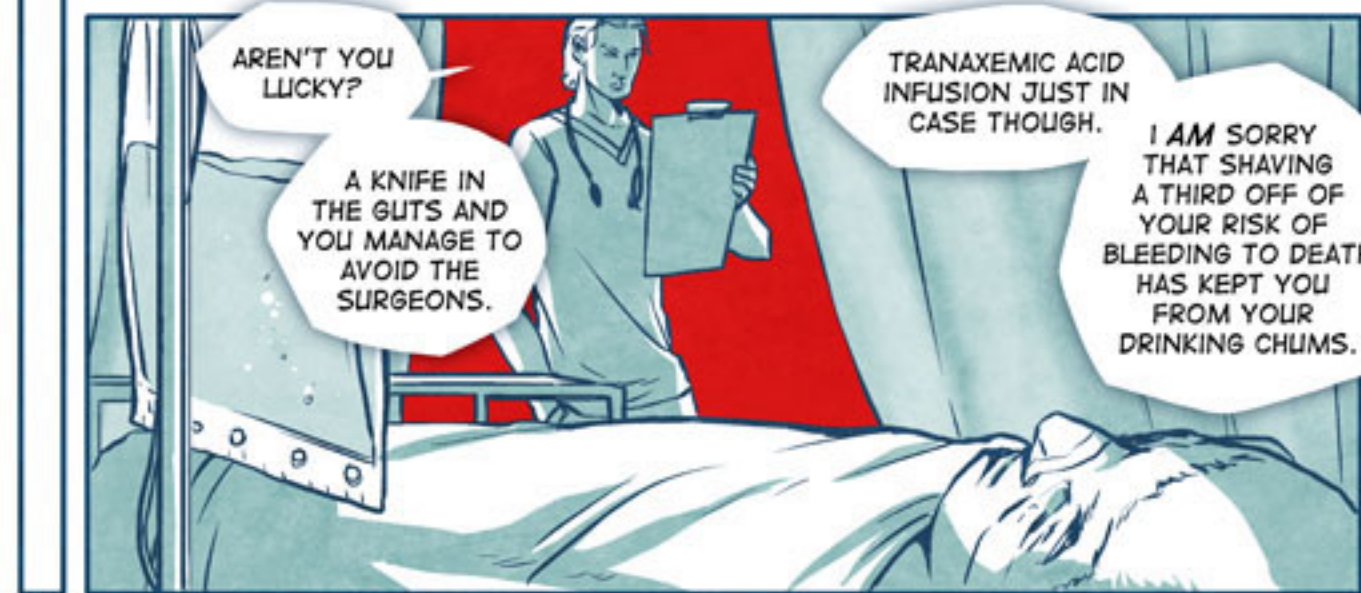
WELL, OUR JOB
IS TO SAVE AS MANY
OF THOSE WHO MAKE
IT THROUGH THESE
DOORS AS WE CAN.

OUT THERE
THEY MAY BE
VICTIMS, BUT IN
HERE, THEY'RE
PATIENTS.



WHERE
DID SEAN
GET TO?

I'M NOT
SURE. I THINK
HE WENT TO REVIEW
THE STABBING FROM
THIS MORNING.

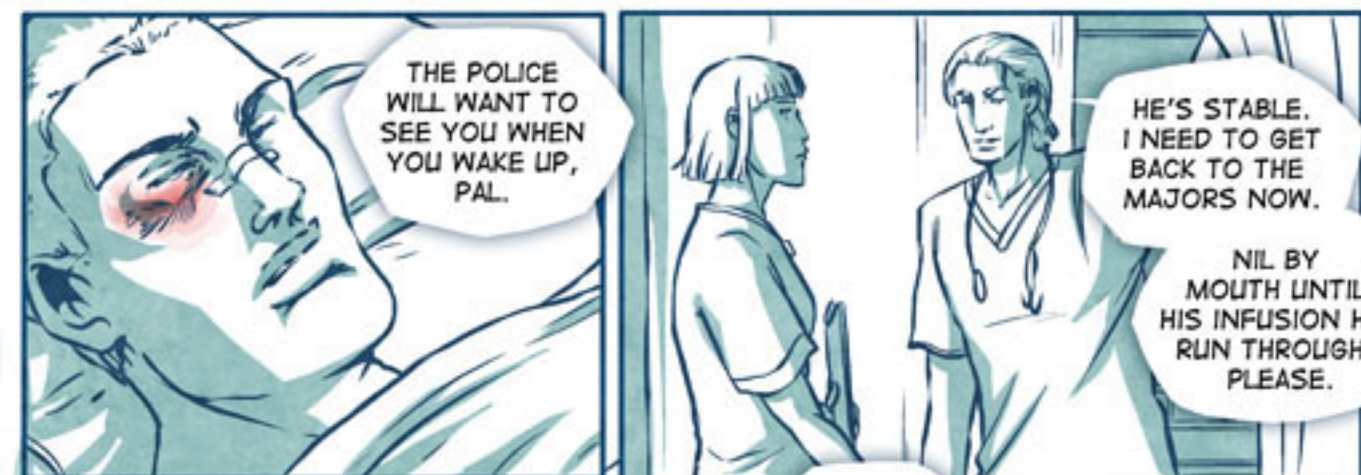


AREN'T YOU
LUCKY?

A KNIFE IN
THE GUTS AND
YOU MANAGE TO
AVOID THE
SURGEONS.

TRANAXEMIC ACID
INFUSION JUST IN
CASE THOUGH.

I *AM* SORRY
THAT SHAVING
A THIRD OFF OF
YOUR RISK OF
BLEEDING TO DEATH
HAS KEPT YOU
FROM YOUR
DRINKING CHUMS.



THE POLICE
WILL WANT TO
SEE YOU WHEN
YOU WAKE UP,
PAL.

HE'S STABLE.
I NEED TO GET
BACK TO THE
MAJORS NOW.

NIL BY
MOUTH UNTIL
HIS INFUSION HAS
RUN THROUGH,
PLEASE.



SEAN.
THERE YOU
ARE. WE
HAD A...

I KNOW.



LOOK, I KNOW
THE STABBING
WASN'T HIGH RISK, BUT
THE NEW TRANAXEMIC
ACID PROTOCOL IS A
NUMBERS GAME.

BY TREATING
THE MUCH LARGER
NUMBER OF PATIENTS
AT LOW AND MEDIUM
RISK, WE'LL SAVE FAR
MORE LIVES THAN BY
ONLY TREATING PATIENTS
WITH MASSIVE
BLEEDING..

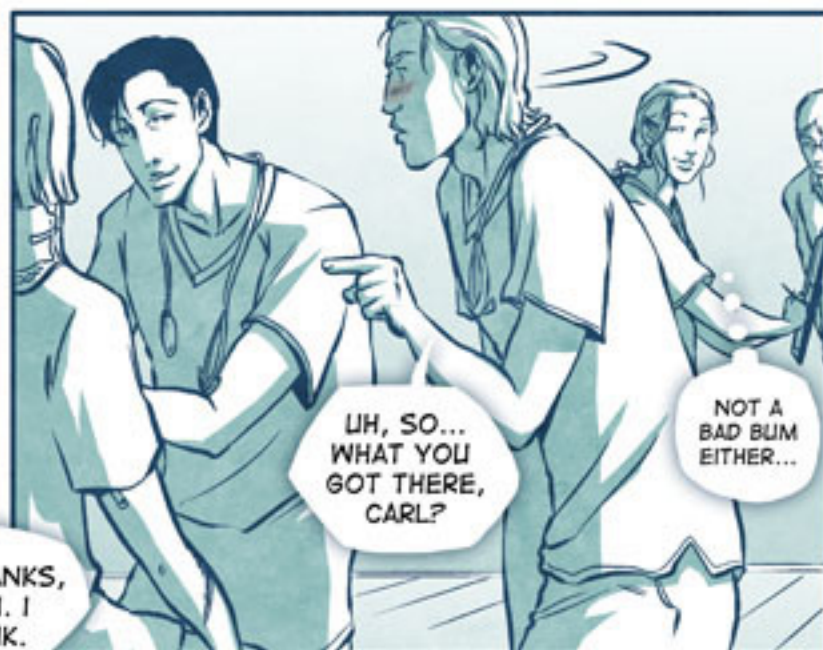
IT'S NOT AS
THOUGH IT'S A
DANGEROUS DRUG.
THE JAPANESE
TAKE IT FOR A
HEADACHE!

WELL THAT EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE COURSE CERTAINLY MADE AN IMPRESSION ON YOU.



I HAVE TO ADMIT, I LIKE A MAN WHO CAN THINK THINGS THROUGH.

TH-THANKS, TONI. I THINK.



UH, SO... WHAT YOU GOT THERE, CARL?

NOT A BAD BUM EITHER...

OKAY, PEOPLE. GET BUSY!



WE'LL NEED TO OPERATE. SHE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD AND MIGHT STILL BE BLEEDING.

SHE'LL NEED TRANEXAMIC ACID AND THEN BLOOD. LOTS OF IT.

CARL, LOOK AT THE TIME!



THE FIRST BLAST WAS NEARLY FOUR HOURS AGO. IF SHE DIDN'T GET TXA ON THE WAY IN, IT'S UNLIKELY TO HELP HER NOW.

HUH? OH YEAH, OF COURSE.

I *MUST* BE TIRED.



CARL, YOU'VE BEEN ON THE SHOP FLOOR FOR OVER TWELVE HOURS.

GO GET A COFFEE OR SOMETHING.



I...YEAH. THANKS.



TONI? SECOND WAVE, SEVENTY THREE YEAR OLD MALE PAST HISTORY OF ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE. CARL HAS WRITTEN HIM UP FOR TRANEXAMIC ACID. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU?



IT'S FINE.

THE LAST THING AN ISCHAEMIC HEART NEEDS IS THE EXTRA STRESS OF A HAEMORRHAGE.

AND, FOR THE RECORD, IN THE CRASH-2 TRIAL THERE WAS A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE RISK OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION WITH TRANEXAMIC ACID.











ING OF ENGLAND, RICHARD III, IS DEFEATED AND KILLED AT THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH FIELD BY THE USURPER HENRY TUDOR.



OLLOWING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MONASTERIES, THE CHURCH OF THE GREY FRIARS IS LOST TO HISTORY.

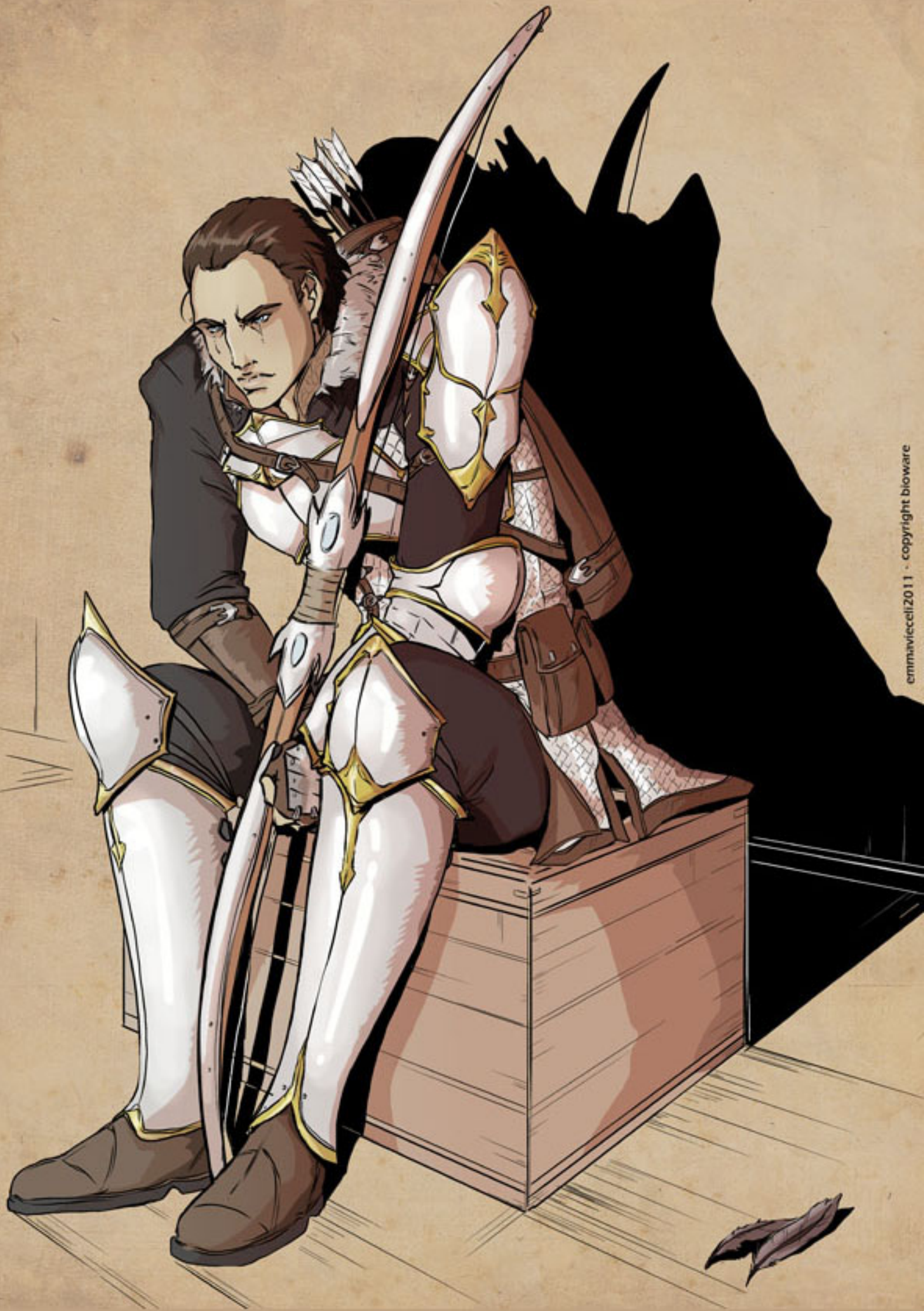


*Forgiving
me means
nothing.*

*You have
to end this
now before
there's nothing
of me left
to kill.*



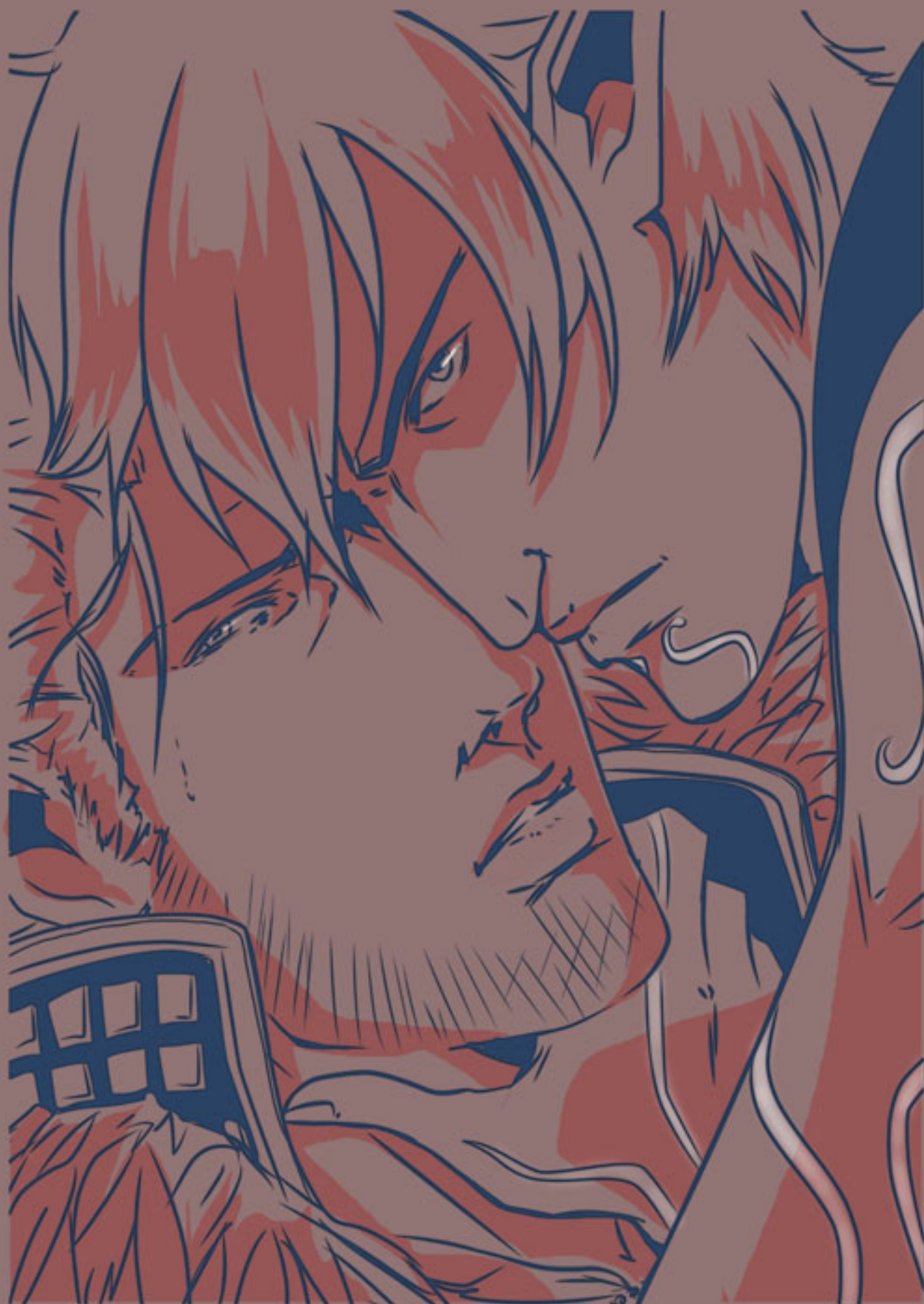






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