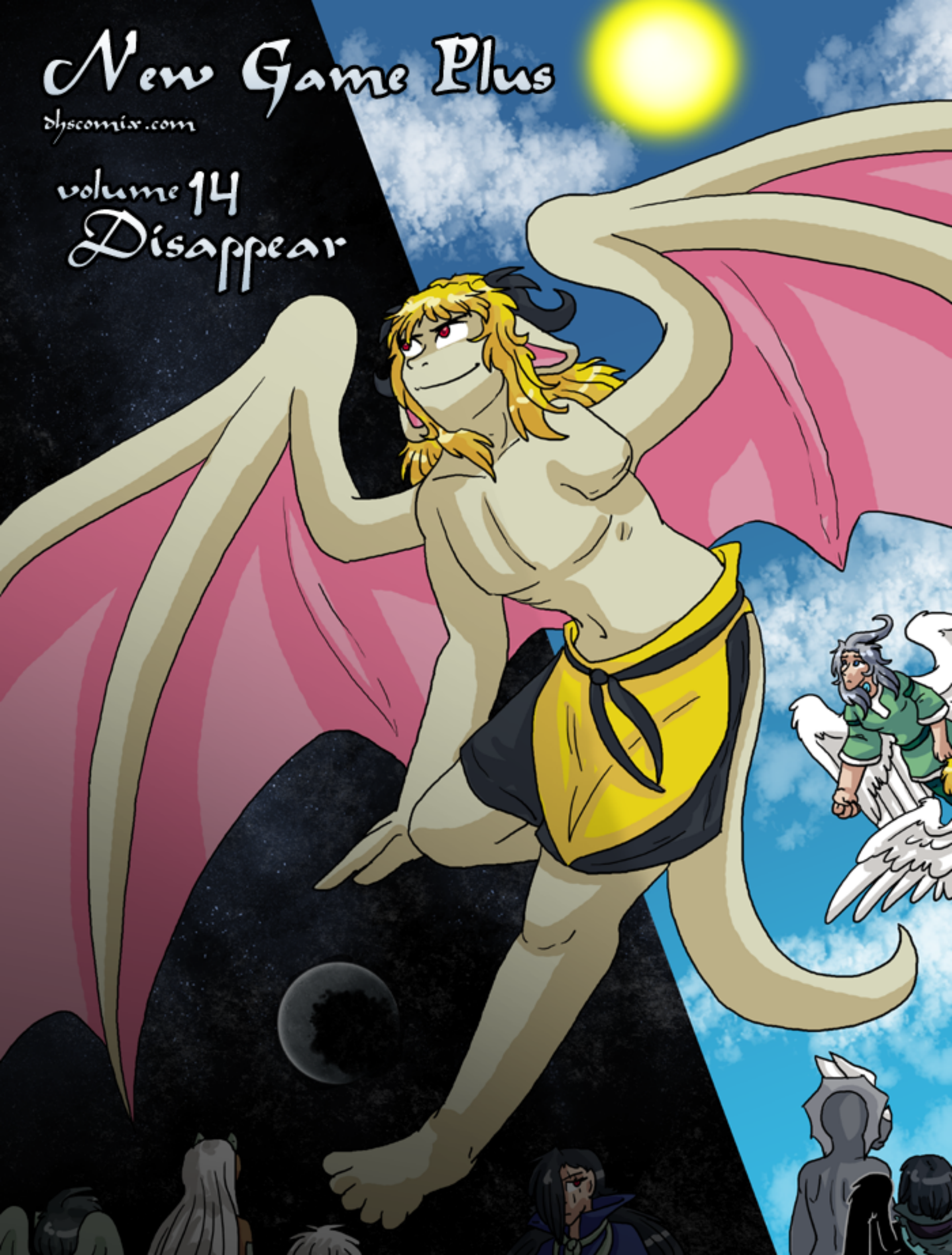


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UM, IT'S GETTING A BIT EARLY. THINK WE'D BETTER CALL IT A NIGHT?



ER.... DAY?



HAHA, EITHER WORKS.



LACHLAN'S RIGHT, THE SUN'S RISING SOON AND I'M EXHAUSTED. BESIDES, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SENSE DARKLING FOR THE PAST HOUR. HE MIGHT BE BAD AT SENSING OTHER DARK POWERS, AND HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST HIS WILL, BUT WHATEVER THE CASE I DON'T WANT TO ALERT HIM TO OUR PRESENCE.



VERY WELL. WE WILL CATCH THEM TONIGHT, WHEN WE'RE RESTED.



GREAT!









OKAY... THEY'LL ALL BE ASLEEP BY NOW.



I'VE GOTTA GO WARN  
DARK AND ART.



LACHLAN.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Ummmmmm



ER- NILS, RIGHT?  
I'M JUST GOING FOR A  
QUICK FLIGHT BEFORE I  
TURN IN FOR THE DAY.



HURK-!



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.





UH... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT I'M GOING TO DO? I'VE BEEN TRAVELLING ALL NIGHT TOO. I'M JUST AS TIRED AS YOU ARE.



I JUST WANT TO STRETCH MY WINGS BEFORE I SLEEP, SINCE I'VE BEEN WALKING SO MUCH.



I DON'T TRUST YOU.



YOU'LL CAMP NOW, WITHOUT FLYING ABOUT.



OKAY! OKAY!



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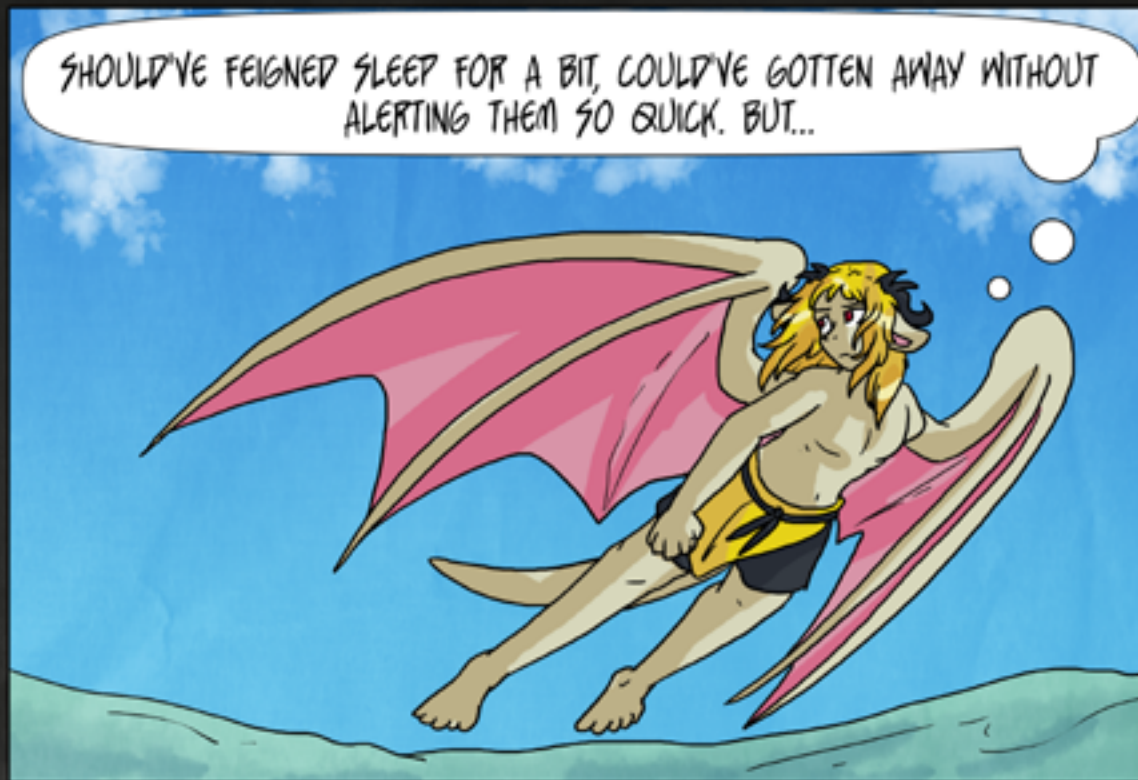


AGH-!!





STUPID...



SHOULD'VE FEIGNED SLEEP FOR A BIT, COULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITHOUT ALERTING THEM SO QUICK. BUT...



THAT 'TAUR WAS PRETTY ALERT ANYWAY, MAYBE I WOULD'VE WOKEN HIM UP REGARDLESS.

EH. NOT LIKE THEY CAN DO MUCH IN THE DAYTIME.



UGH, BUT THEY DO HAVE A WINGED FELLA. I'D BETTER FLY CLOSER TO THE GROUND FOR NOW.



HOPE I'M AS CLOSE TO THE OTHERS AS ADA THOUGHT. I WANT TO CATCH UP QUICK, I'LL FEEL MUCH SAFER WHEN I'VE GOT BACKUP.









ZACK, YOU CAME BACK!!

MOSTLY! HI!



I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!!

AW, YOU TOO!



CUTE ILLUSION.



THANKS, I KNOW.

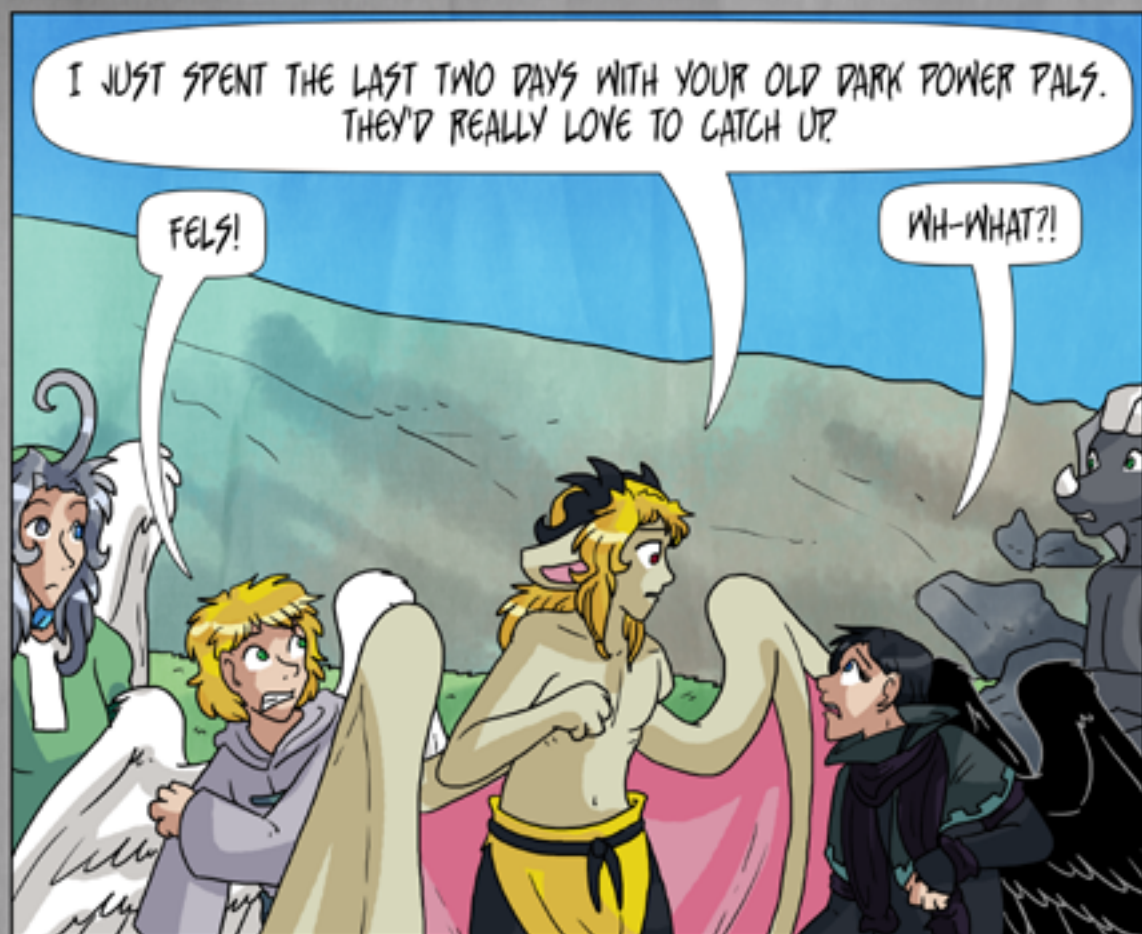


I WASN' TOTALLY SURE WE'D SEE Y' BACK.

ME NEITHER. ALSO, BACK OFF.



BUT THERE'S AN IMPORTANT REASON I DID COME BACK, WE NEED TO MOVE, **QUICKLY.**



I JUST SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS WITH YOUR OLD DARK POWER PALS. THEY'D REALLY LOVE TO CATCH UP.

FELS!

WH-WHAT?!



THAT BLOODY TRICKSTER-!! I KNEW HE WAS UP TO SOMETHING! ...I'VE GOT TO LET ADA KNOW. SHE'LL BE LIVID.



...SHE ALSO GETS MAD WHEN HER SLEEP IS DISTURBED.



THIS IS QUITE A CONUNDRUM.







YOU... YOU WERE WITH THEM THIS MORNING-?

YEAH.



BUT IT'S MID-AFTERNOON! THAT MEANS THEY'RE-

CLOSE, YEAH.



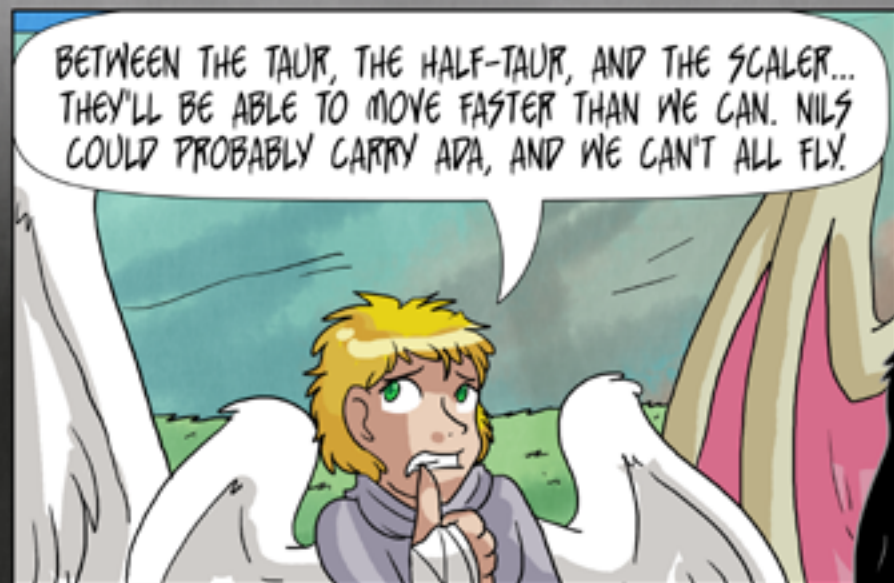
AND THEY KNOW YOU'RE WITH DARK, SO WE NEED TO MOVE AS FAST AS WE CAN.



ALL OF THE OTHER DARK POWERS ARE THERE-?

YEAH - FOUR OF THEM, RIGHT?

YEAH... THAT'S NOT GOOD...



BETWEEN THE TAUR, THE HALF-TAUR, AND THE SCALER... THEY'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE FASTER THAN WE CAN. NILS COULD PROBABLY CARRY ADA, AND WE CAN'T ALL FLY.



SURE, BUT WE CAN'T STAY HERE. IF WE DON'T MOVE THEY'LL DEFINITELY BE UPON US. RUNNING, THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE WE ESCAPE.



WE CAN TRY TO FIGHT.

NO.

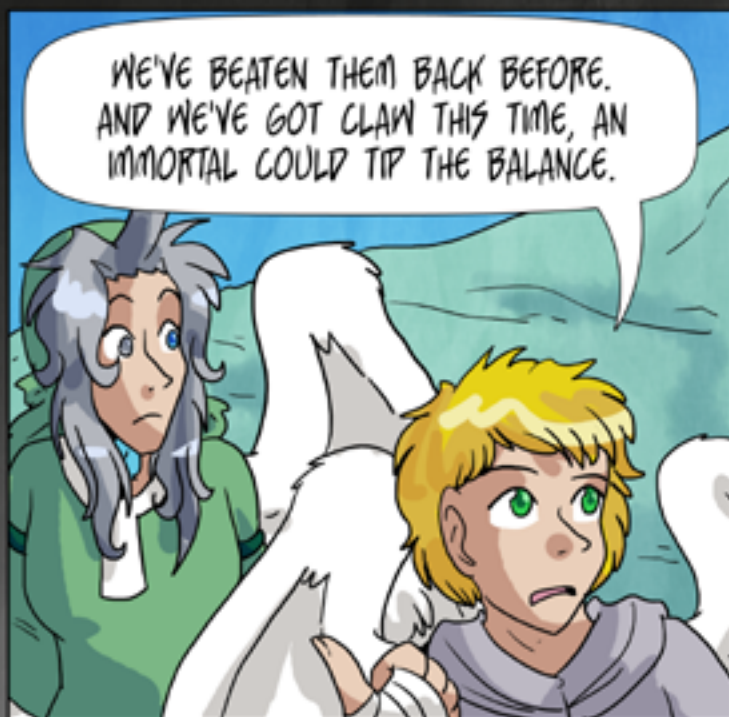




I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT...



EVEN IF YOU DID IT'D BE A STUPID IDEA. THAT LOT CAN TRACK US THROUGH DARK MAGIC WITH YOU HERE, AND THEY'RE GOING TO GO US AT NIGHT, WHEN THEY'LL HAVE THE UPPER HAND.



WE'VE BEATEN THEM BACK BEFORE. AND WE'VE GOT CLAW THIS TIME, AN IMMORTAL COULD TIP THE BALANCE.



THEY'RE NOT GOING TO COME AT US DURING THE DAY, SO YOU'LL BE USELESS. OTHER TIMES WE DIDN'T STAND AND FIGHT, WE RAN.



THOUGH IT WAS AT DAWN, WHEN WE COULD RUN WITHOUT THEM FOLLOWING...  
HAHA, OH-!



WHAT?



THEY'LL HIT VERY HARD, AS HARD AS THEY CAN... BUT THEY WILL DEFINITELY AVOID US DURING THE DAY, AT ALL COSTS. THEY DON'T KNOW WE'RE WITH CERAPH CLAW. THEY THINK OUR GREY-HAIRED FEATHRY IS ALASTAIR.



WHA?!





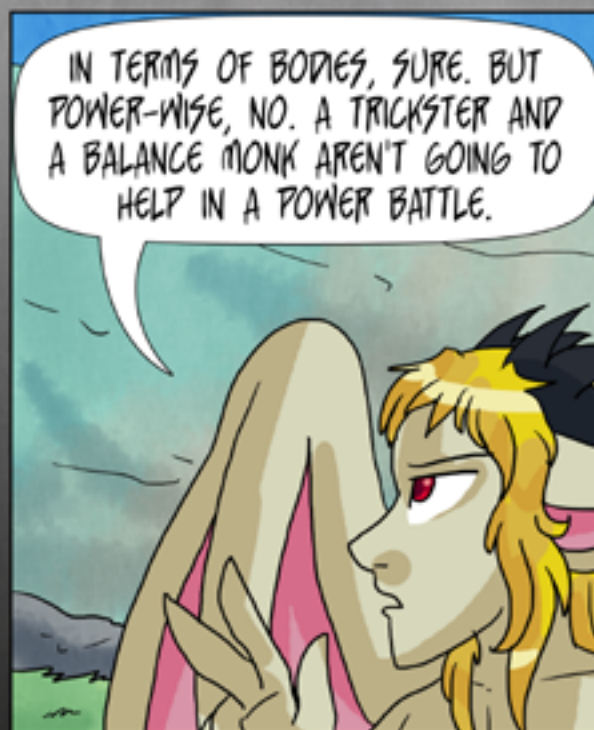
I SAY WE TIME IT NEAR DAWN, AND FIGHT THEM. THEY WON'T EXPECT US TO STAY AND FIGHT.



THEY KNOW I CAME HERE TO MEET YOU, AND ALASTAIR LOVES BEING AN IDIOT APPARENTLY, THEY **WILL** EXPECT THAT.



IT MIGHT BE OUR BEST CHANCE TO GET RID OF THEM THOUGH. WE DO OUTNUMBER THEM.



IN TERMS OF BODIES, SURE. BUT POWER-WISE, NO. A TRICKSTER AND A BALANCE MONK AREN'T GOING TO HELP IN A POWER BATTLE.



AN' I DON' THINK GOD WOULD APPROVE'A ME FIGHTIN'.



WELL... HEY, WAIT! DARKLING? WHERE ARE YOU GOING? HEY!

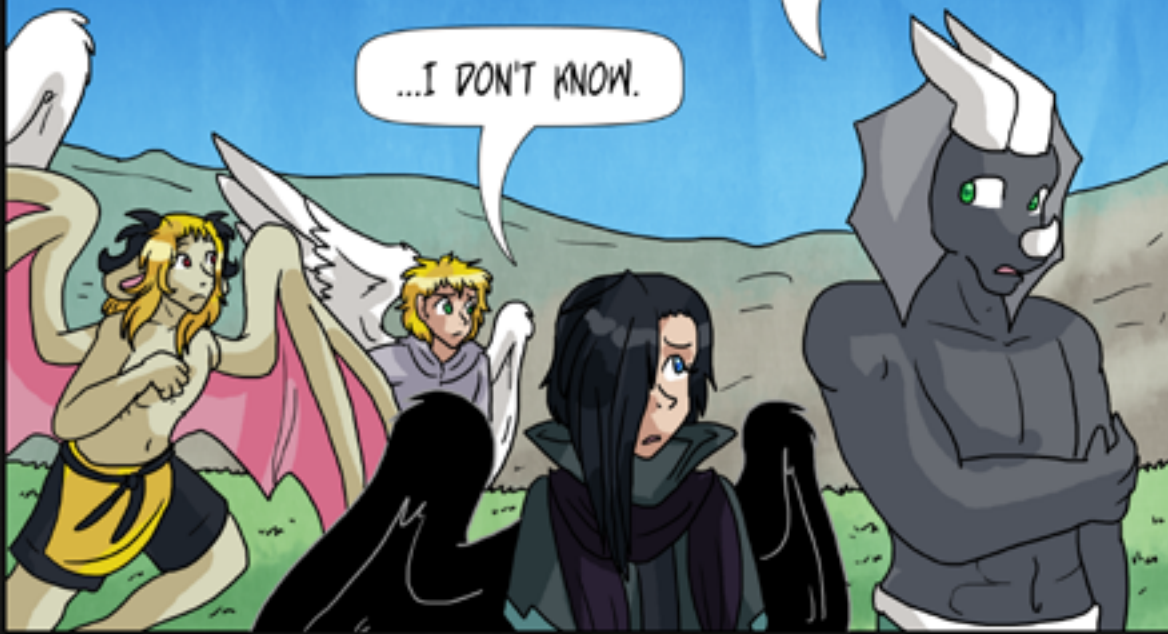


COME ON. I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT. LIKE ZACK SAID, WE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY.



HEY LITTLE BRO, DO YOU RECKON WE CAN OUTRUN THEM?

...I DON'T KNOW.



WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO MY HOMETOWN, THEY CAN'T FOLLOW US IN THERE.

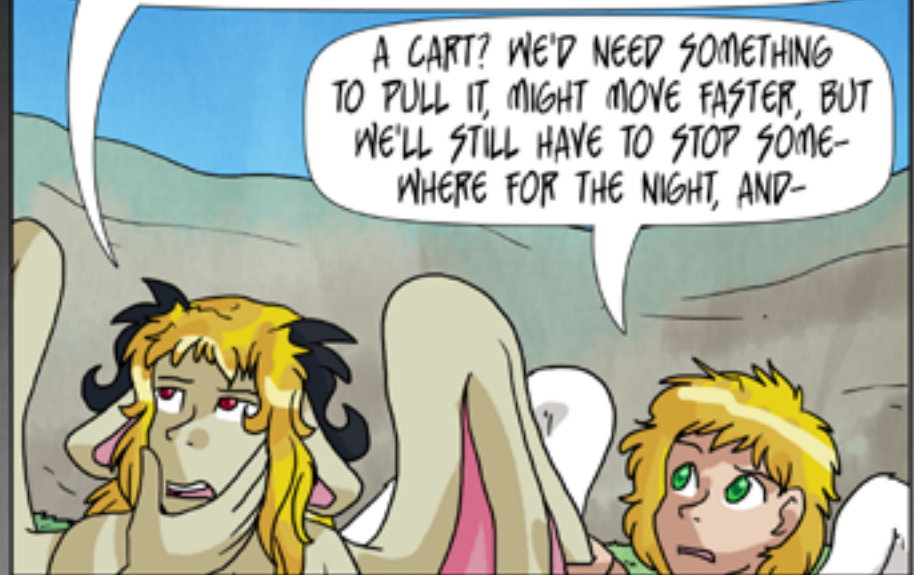


...BUT IT'S STILL A WHILE OFF. HMMM. LET ME THINK.



THERE SHOULD BE A FEW SMALL HOMESTEADS IN THE AREA. MAYBE WE CAN BUY A CART FROM ONE OF THEM.

A CART? WE'D NEED SOMETHING TO PULL IT, MIGHT MOVE FASTER, BUT WE'LL STILL HAVE TO STOP SOMEWHERE FOR THE NIGHT, AND-



WON'T NEED ANYTHING TO PULL IT. THREE FEATHRIES? YOU FOLKS WEIGH PRACTICALLY NOTHING, AND I'M SURE I CAN HANDLE BREAK.

WHAT?



I NEITHER SLEEP NOR TIRE. I CAN PULL YOU ALL IN A CART THROUGH THE NIGHT. IT MIGHT NOT BE PARTICULARLY SPEEDY, BUT IT COULD BE ENOUGH TO KEEP US AHEAD FOR NOW.

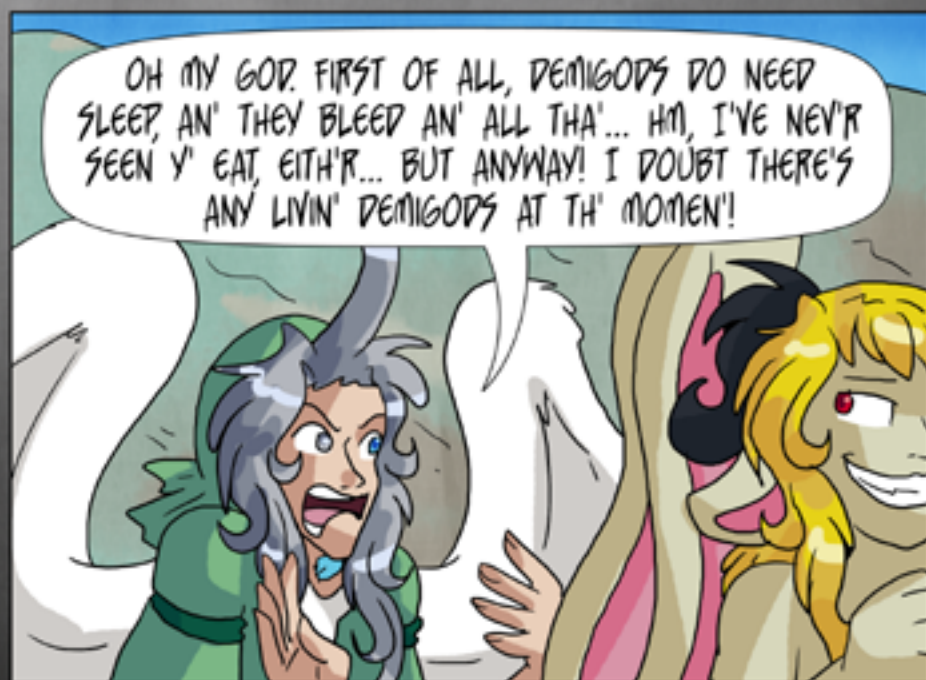
H-HUH?













THAT KIND OF EXPLAINS WHEN WE FIRST MET YOU, THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO SPEND SO LONG TIED TO A TREE.

HAA YEAH, THOSE IDIOTS PICKED THE LEAST EFFECTIVE WAY TO KILL ME.

ONLY... COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU LOOKED PRETTY TIRED WHEN WE MET.

TIRED? MORE LIKE BORED OUT OF MY MIND!

ANYWAY, I'LL FLY AND FIND US A WAGON. I'LL MEET BACK UP WITH YOU FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD.

AN' HOW Y' GONNA PAY F'R TH' WAGON, HUH?

OH UH... I'M NOT GOING TO TELL A FREAKIN' CERAPH CLANNER I'M USING FORBIDDEN MAGIC. BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, SO YOU FIGURE IT OUT. ...DON'T FOLLOW ME.

I'LL DO IT. SHOULDN' BE HARD T' SPOT A FARMSTEAD WITH A SPARE WAGON FR'M TH' SKY. I'LL SEE Y' FURTH'R DOWN TH' ROAD, GOT IT?

UM, O-O-KAY...





I DON'T TRUST HER.



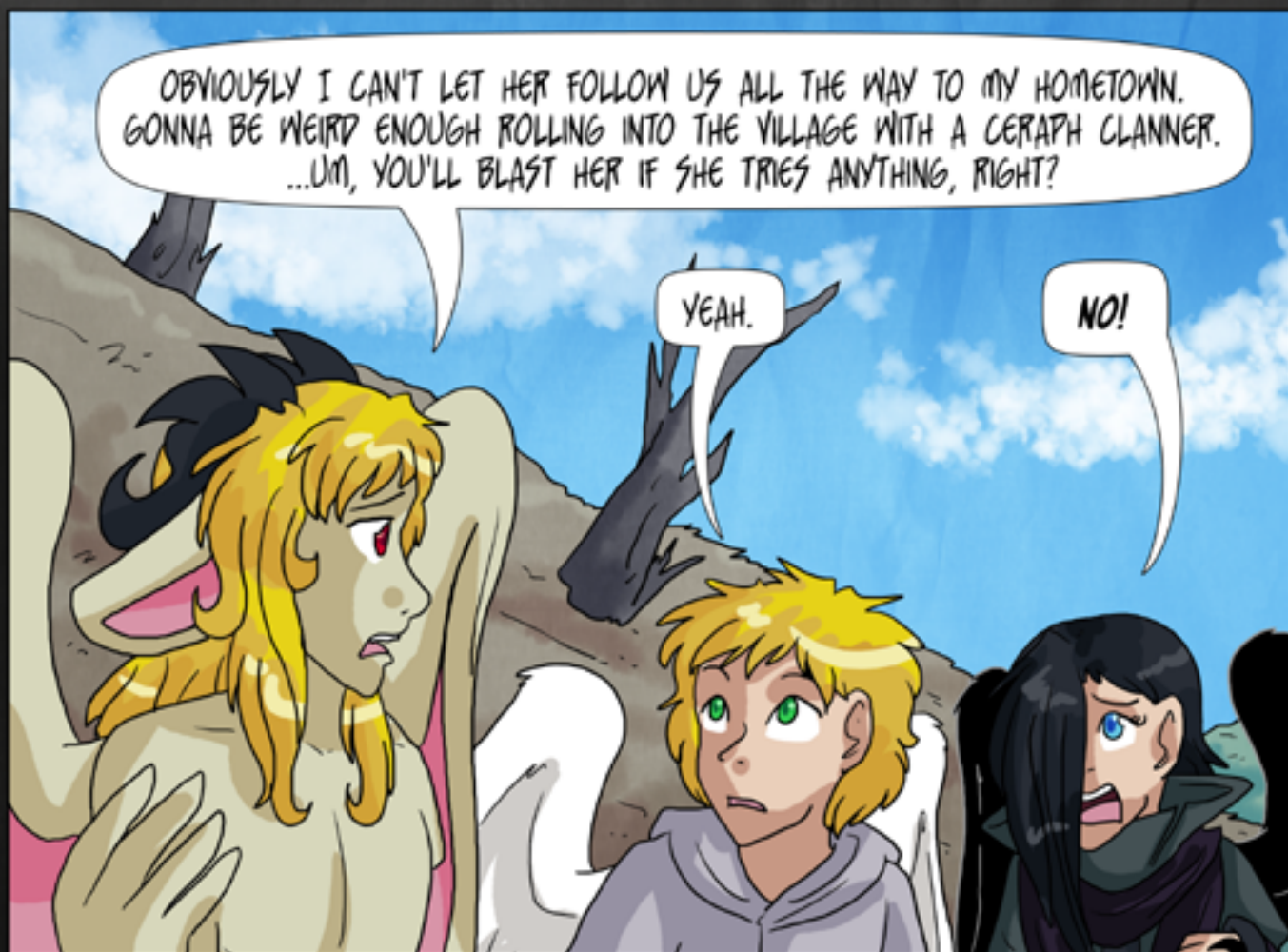
OF COURSE YOU DON'T, YOU'RE A TRICKSTER AND SHE'S AN ELEMENTAL CLANNER. YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH POLAR OPPOSITES.



Y-YEAH, BUT... I THINK YOU CAN LEARN TO TRUST YOUR OPPOSITE... SOMETIMES...



YEAH, WELL...



OBVIOUSLY I CAN'T LET HER FOLLOW US ALL THE WAY TO MY HOMETOWN. GONNA BE WEIRD ENOUGH ROLLING INTO THE VILLAGE WITH A CERAPH CLANNER. ...UM, YOU'LL BLAST HER IF SHE TRIES ANYTHING, RIGHT?


YEAH.

NO!







TCH, I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TRUST A TRICKSTER.




YOU CAN TRUST THEM WHILE YOU'VE GOT THEM COMPLETELY UNDER YOUR THUMB, BUT THEY ARE TRICKY, EVEN SO...



I WONDER HOW MUCH OF WHAT HE SAID WAS LIES, WHAT WAYS HE'S MISLED US. I WONDER... IF THE DARK POWER WE'VE BEEN TRACKING IS EVEN DARKLING, OR WHETHER HE TRICKED US INTO FOLLOWING SOMEONE ELSE.



...THERE'S A THOUGHT.



WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.