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GODS...



THEY... THEY'RE REALLY JUST GOING TO LEAVE ME TIED HERE? BUT I...



I CAN'T DIE HERE!

GODS, PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE HERE!

PLEASE-! LET SOMEBODY COME PAST, ANYBODY WHO WILL HELP ME!



AAA-CHOO!



HEY LITTLE BROTHER, YOU OKAY THERE? YOU DIDN'T CATCH A COLD FROM THE CANAL, DIDYA?



SNIFF N-NO, I THINK I'M FINE. MUST JUST BE DUST.

GOOD, GOOD.



WELL, WE'RE ALL RESUPPLIED, NOW! TOLD YOU THIS VILLAGE WAS CLOSE, DIDN'T I? I PASSED THROUGH HERE YEARS AGO WITH GRANDFATHER - WHICH IS LUCKY, SINCE THE VILLAGERS OWED US A FAVOUR FROM LAST TIME, HELPS WITH MAKING UP FOR THE THINGS WE LOST!



SO! YOU READY TO HEAD OFF?

LET'S GO!



OH, DID I THANK YOU YET FOR HELPING ME OUT SO MUCH, BREAK?

HAHA, ONLY ABOUT A ZILLION TIMES SO FAR!





SO WHAT TOWN IS UP NEXT?

UMM... IT'S TREES FOR AWHILE, THEN SOME FARMLAND...

WE'RE STILL WAY TOO CLOSE TO DE SATI TO SETTLE DOWN.



BUT I THINK THERE'S ANOTHER SMALL VILLAGE SOON. A REST STOP ON ONE OF THE OLD TRADE ROUTES FROM HERE TO KITS.



AH, LOOKS LIKE IT'S GETTING TOO STONY FOR MUCH TREES. FEW ABANDONED FARMS, TOO. NOT MANY PEOPLE LIVING OUT HERE. IT'S HARD LAND, YOU'D BE CRAZY TO-



TO- UH...



AM I SEEING THINGS? OR IS THERE A SCALER TIED TO A TREE IN THAT OLD FIELD?

H-HUH? THERE IS...



WHAT'S HE DOING THERE...?



IS HE... ALIVE?



H...HUH?



H-HEY!!



YOU FILTHY BIGOTS ARE BACK AGAIN?! RACK OFF OR LET ME GO! I'M-



I... OH? HMM...



YOU... YOU TWO AREN'T FROM AROUND HERE, ARE YOU?



HA... HAHA... HAHAAHAHAHA...



UM... THIS GUY IS REALLY CREEPING ME OUT.



PLEASE DON'T LEAVE  
ME HERE!

UH....

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?  
WHY ARE YOU TIED UP?

IT'S- IT'S  
NOTHING.  
ARGH! JUST  
STUPID...

THERE'S A TINY VILLAGE DOWN THE ROAD  
SOME... THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE ARE A  
PACK OF... URGH! ELEMENTALISTS! THEY TIED ME  
TO THIS TREE, THEY LEFT ME HERE TO DIE!

EESH. THAT'S NOT A  
THING I WOULD OPENLY  
ADMIT, SCALER.

YOU SEE... I'M  
A TRICKSTER.

HUH?

HEH. I NORMALLY WOULDN'T  
SAY IT... BUT GREY, YOU'RE A  
FOLLOWER OF THE GOD OF  
BALANCE, AREN'T YOU? I KNOW  
THAT GARB... YOU GUYS ALL  
WEAR THAT.

...JUST BECAUSE I FOLLOW HIM  
DOES NOT MEAN I AUTOMATICALLY  
SIDE WITH FOLLOWERS OF THE  
GOD OF LIES. WHAT DID YOU DO  
TO GET TIED TO THAT TREE?

UHHHH..... S-SORRY, I JUST- WHAT'S  
A TRICKSTER, ANY WHY WOULD BEING  
ONE GET YOU TIED TO A TREE?

WHAT? I'M A  
TRICKSTER! THAT'S WHY!  
WHAT PART OF THAT AREN'T  
YOU GETTING?!

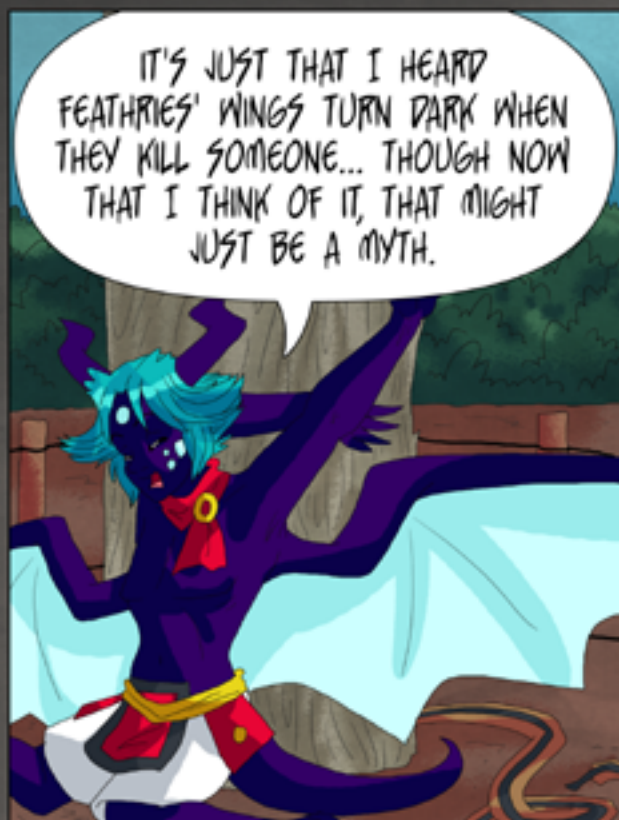
HUH?

WHAT?













MY NAME?  
HAHA.



WELL, YOU DID SAVE MY  
LIFE, SOOOO...



YOU CAN CALL ME... UM... OH! ZACK! ZACHARY DUNE!

IS THAT YOUR  
NAME?



PFT, NO.



...EXCUSE ME?



IT'S NOT MY REAL NAME, BUT IT'S  
THE FIRST FAKE NAME I EVER USED,  
SO IT'S AS CLOSE AS YOU'LL GET.



NOT THAT  
IT MATTERS,  
ANYWAY!



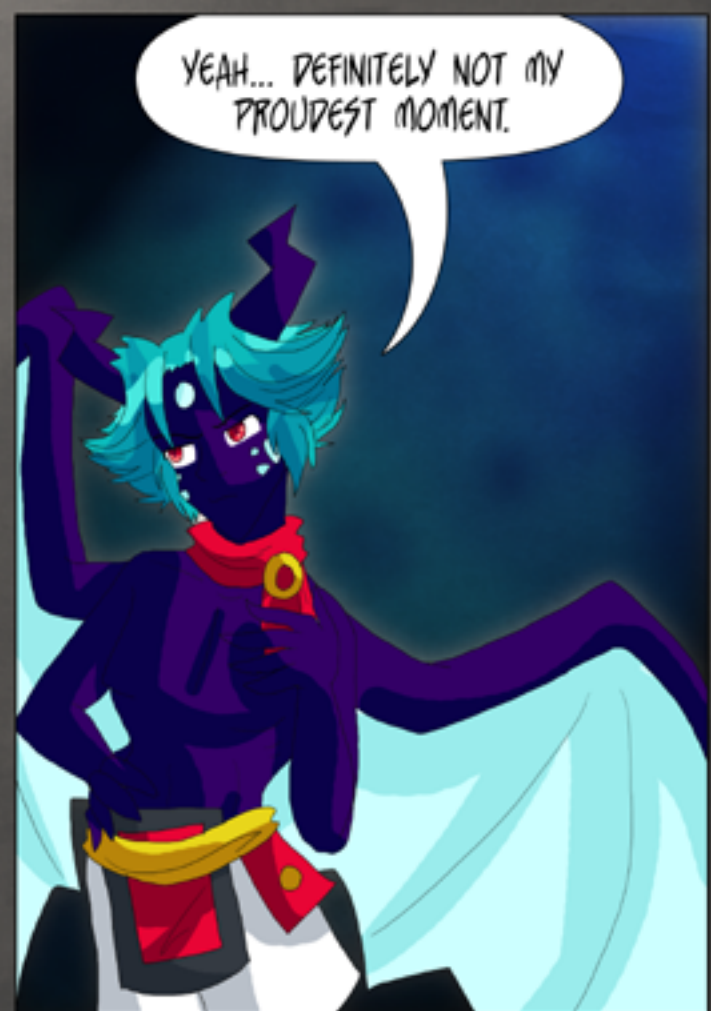
AFTER ALL,  
THIS ISN'T  
MY REAL  
FACE.



AN ILLUSION? THAT'S TRICKSTER MAGIC?

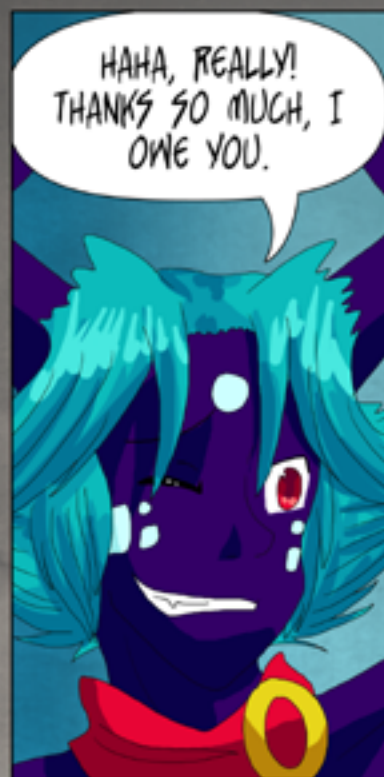
IT'S THE BEST TRICKSTER MAGIC!  
GOING AROUND IN DISGUISE IS SAFER.

...SAYS THE GUY WHO WAS  
TIED TO A TREE.



YEAH... DEFINITELY NOT MY  
PROUDEST MOMENT.













HAHAHAHA....



THE VILLAGE THAT TIED UP A TRICKSTER TO DIE DOESN'T WANT TO LET A MURDERER IN THEIR PUB? NOW THAT'S RICH!



TH-THAT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER, TRAVELLER...

OH?



I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT'S PRETTY MUCH THE SAME! I DON'T JUDGE, BUT IT'S A MATTER OF RELIGION, ISN'T IT?

WHAT DO YOU-?



CHECK HIS HAND. HE'S A DARK POWER.



OH... R-RIGHT. AH, MY APOLOGIES, DARK POWER. PLEASE, ER, SORRY.



SCALER, HOW DID YOU-?

HEH.



OF COURSE, THOSE TWO BLOKES ARE GOOD FRIENDS OF MINE. WE'VE ADVENTURED TOGETHER IN THE PAST. LET 'EM IN, WON'TCHA?



OF-OF COURSE...

COME ON AND JOIN ME, BREAK AND DARK!



UHH... THANKS? BUT... WHO ARE YOU? WE'VE NEVER-



HA... HAHA.... HAHAAHAHA...

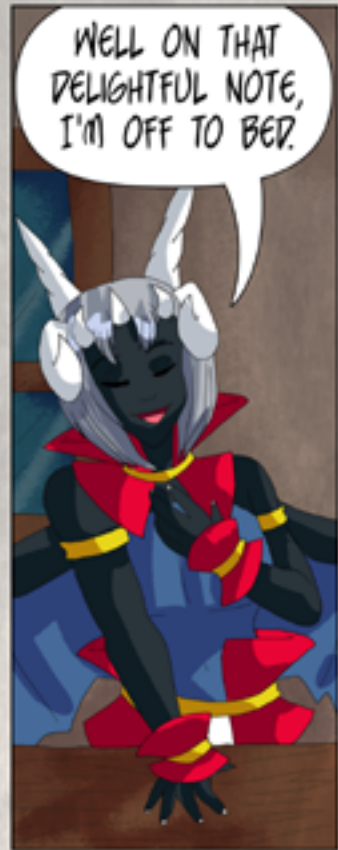


OH. IT'S YOU.









WELL ON THAT DELIGHTFUL NOTE, I'M OFF TO BED.



YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW TIRED BEING OUT FIELD FOR SIX DAYS MAKES YA, HEH.

HUH..?



ORDER WHAT YOU WANT AND BOOK A ROOM, I'LL TELL 'EM TO CHARGE ME IN THE MORNING.



GOODNIGHT, FRIENDS!

AH, GOODNIGHT!



I GUESS YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT HELPING THAT SCALER, LITTLE BROTHER.



HEH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE RIGHT THING EVEN IF HE DIDN'T HELP, BUT UH-



DID HE SAY HE WAS OUT THERE FOR SIX DAYS...? THAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT.



I GUESS HE COULD HAVE BEEN KIDDING...



HA, YEAH, HE'S DEFINITELY WEIRD ENOUGH TO JOKE ABOUT THAT, DON'T WORRY.

R-RIGHT...



RUNNING INTO SOMEBODY SO WILLING TO HELP US THIS SOON AFTER STARTING OUT, MUST BE A GOOD OMEN, RIGHT?



I HOPE SO.



