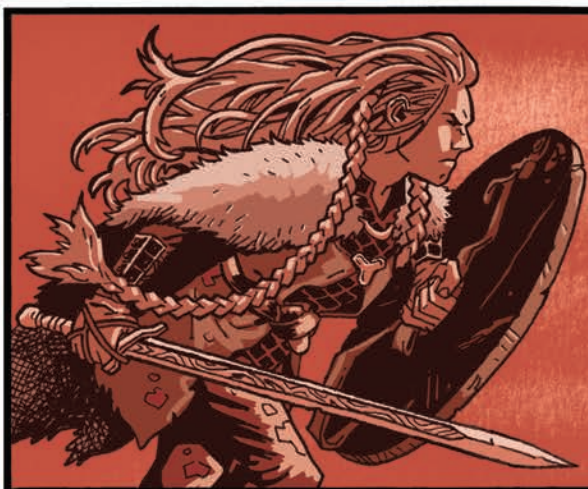
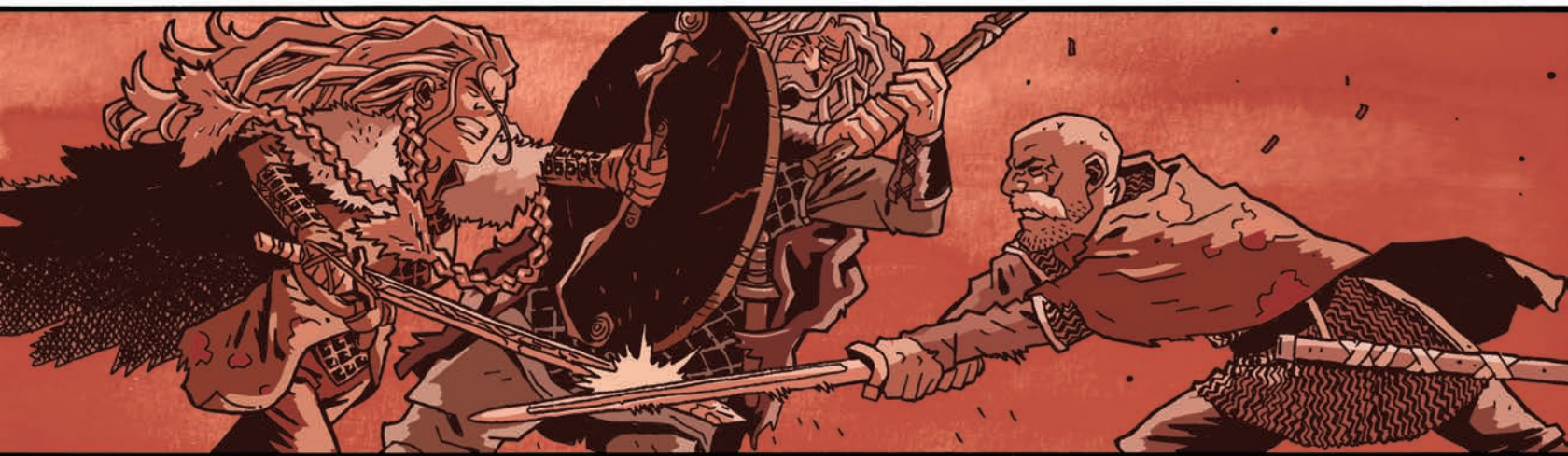


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IF HE'S DEAD, DO I
HAVE TO TAKE THE
SWORD?

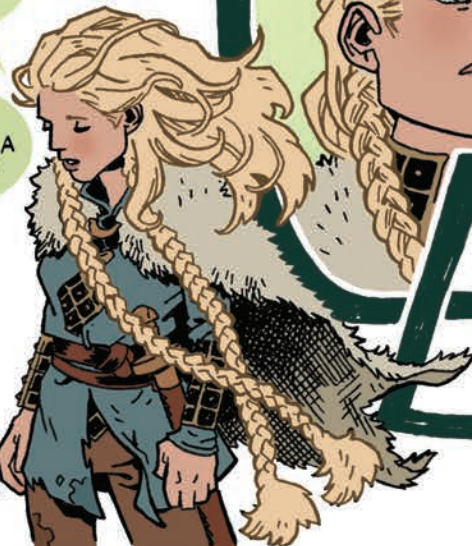
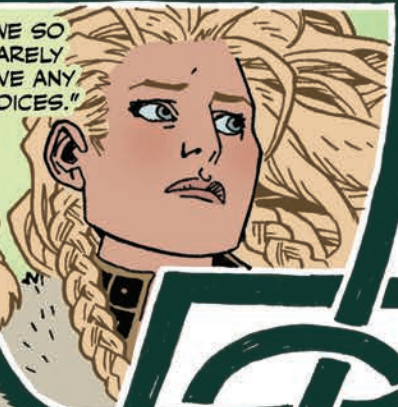


HE'S
NOT DEAD,
GRIMR.

BUT...
DO I GET A
CHOICE?

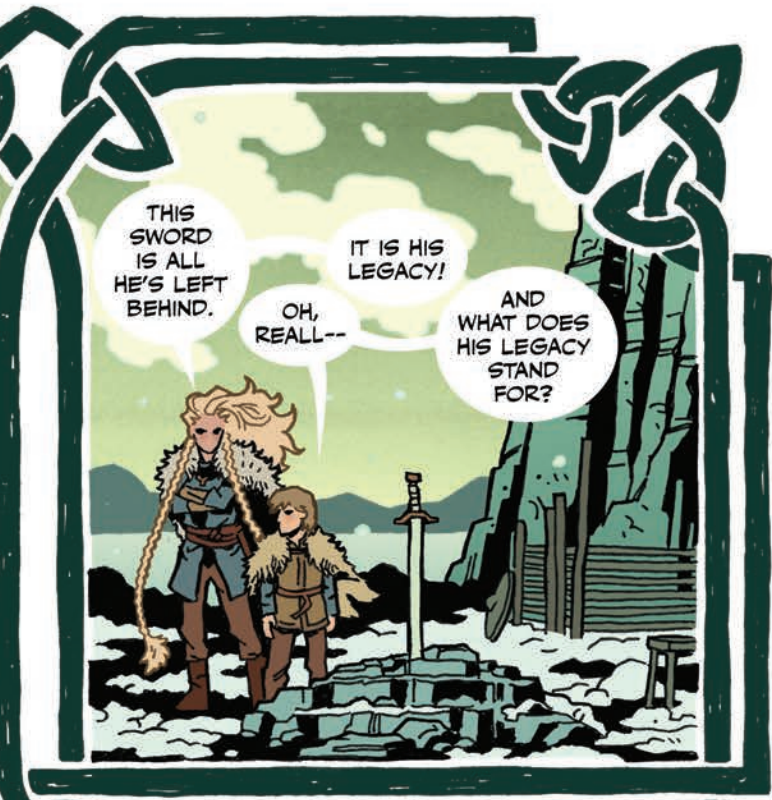


"WE SO
RARELY
HAVE ANY
CHOICES."





WHAT'S A STUPID SWORD REALLY FOR ANYWAY?



THIS SWORD IS ALL HE'S LEFT BEHIND.

IT IS HIS LEGACY!

OH, REALL--

AND WHAT DOES HIS LEGACY STAND FOR?



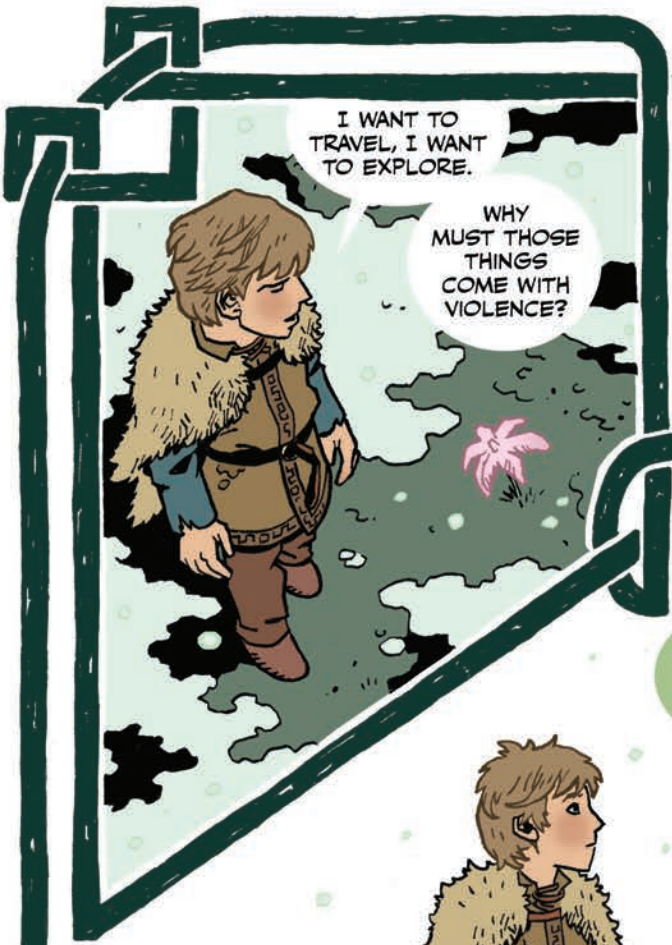
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AND WHAT OF MY LEGACY?

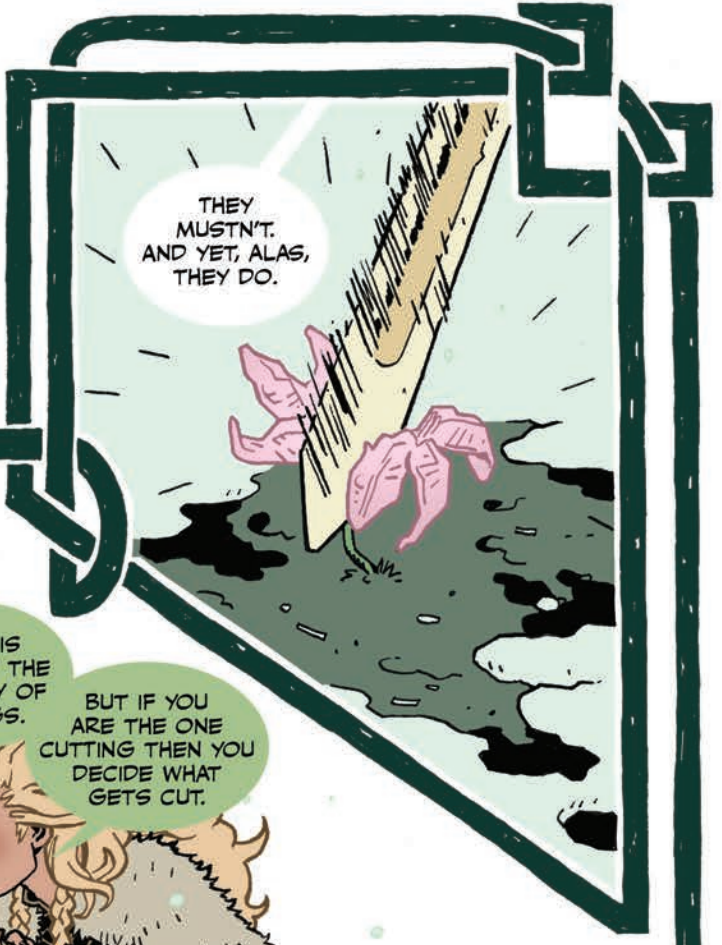


WHEN NEEDED, BOY, YOU WILL WIELD THIS SWORD.



I WANT TO TRAVEL, I WANT TO EXPLORE.

WHY MUST THOSE THINGS COME WITH VIOLENCE?

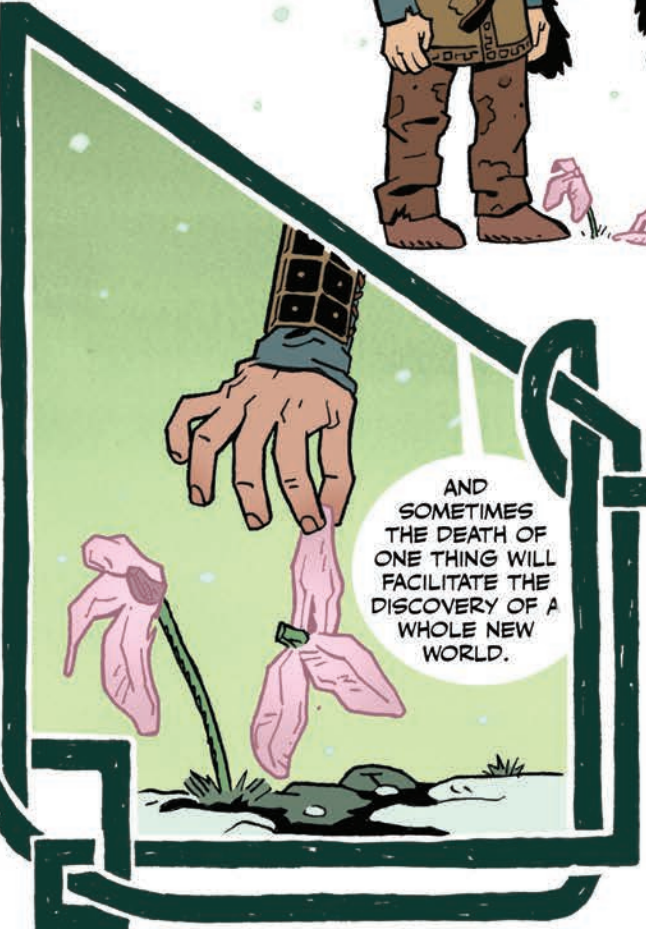


THEY MUSTN'T. AND YET, ALAS, THEY DO.

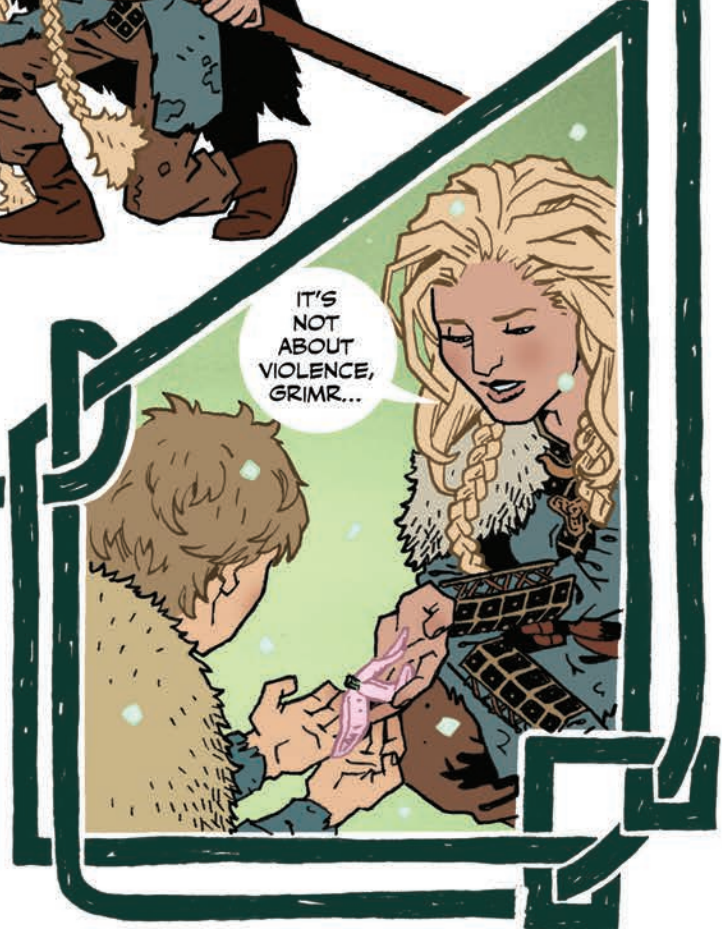


THIS IS MERELY THE REALITY OF THINGS.

BUT IF YOU ARE THE ONE CUTTING THEN YOU DECIDE WHAT GETS CUT.



AND SOMETIMES THE DEATH OF ONE THING WILL FACILITATE THE DISCOVERY OF A WHOLE NEW WORLD.



IT'S NOT ABOUT VIOLENCE, GRIMR...



"...IT'S ABOUT CONTROL."



I'M FURIOUS BJARTE ONLY SENT TWO MEN.



DID HE THINK THAT'S ALL A BUNCH OF WOMEN WOULD NEED?



YOUR MAN HAS NO FUCKING IDEA.

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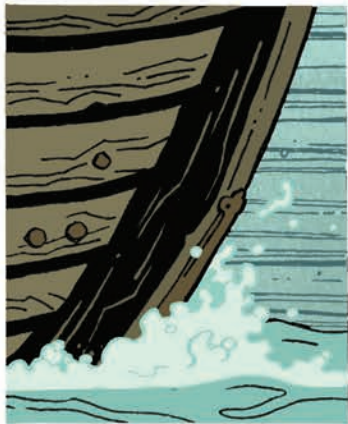
a shieldmaiden ghost story

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MAKE
LAND LIKE
LIGHTNING!



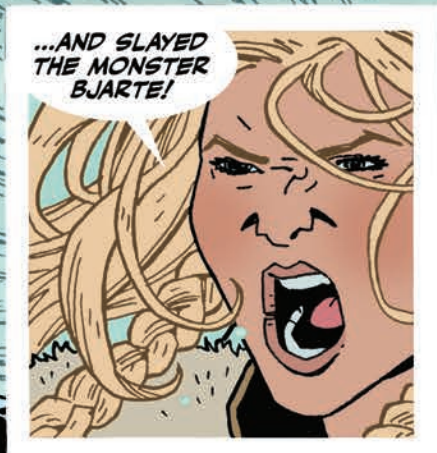
BRING
DEATH LIKE A
DEMON!



WE ARE A
SPEAR SPRUNG
TO PIERCE THE
BLACK HEART
OF THIS
BEAST!



LET US
BE THE
HEROES WHO
FREED THE
LAND...



...AND SLAYED
THE MONSTER
BJARTE!

VIF AND HER SHIELDMAIDENS OF HVALLATR WERE ALONE.



THE MEN HAD JOURNEYED AWAY. NO ONE HELD ANY DELUSIONS THEY WOULD RETURN.

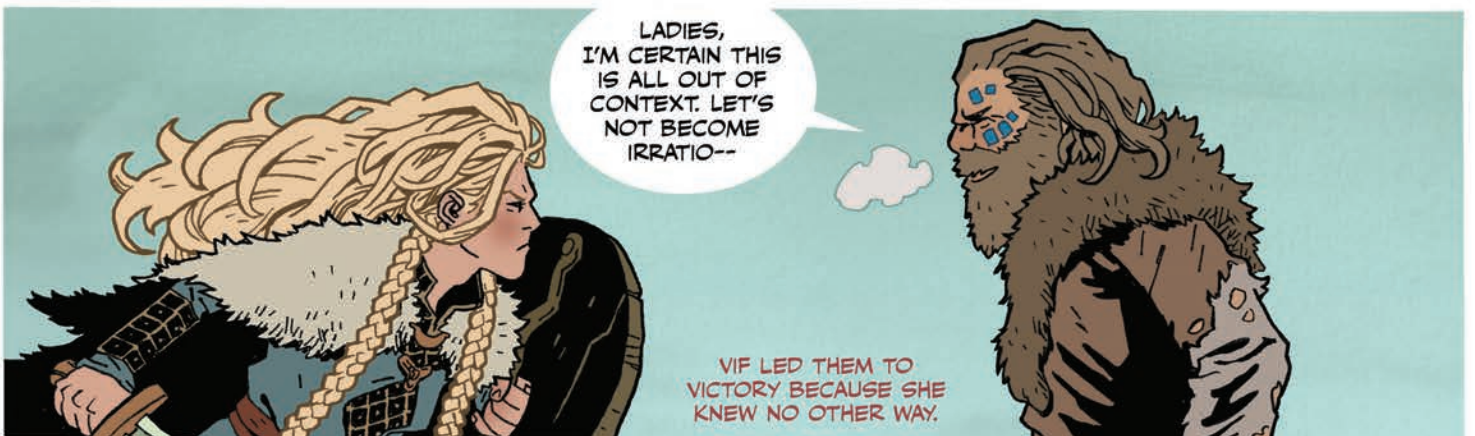


VIF RALLIED THE REMAINING MAIDENS TO SURVIVAL AND THEY SOON CAME TO HEARTILY ENJOY THE BLOODY TERRAIN OF BATTLE.

WAVES OF RAIDERS AND MARAUDERS SAW THEIR APPARENT VACANCY OF POWER AS A SOFT TARGET. THEY SAW THE FAILURE OF THE PARTY BEFORE THEM AS A CHALLENGE, AND SO THE LEGEND OF THE SHIELDMAIDENS OF HVALLATR SPREAD.



THIS ONLY MADE THEM FIGHT HARDER FOR THE LAND THEY NOW FOUND THEMSELVES DEFENDING AND OWNING.



LADIES, I'M CERTAIN THIS IS ALL OUT OF CONTEXT. LET'S NOT BECOME IRRATIO--

VIF LED THEM TO VICTORY BECAUSE SHE KNEW NO OTHER WAY.



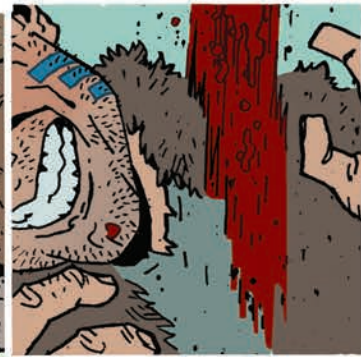
SHOW YOUR WICKED AND COWARDLY SOUL!



YOU DON'T WANT YOUR SOLDIERS TO DULL MY BLADE...

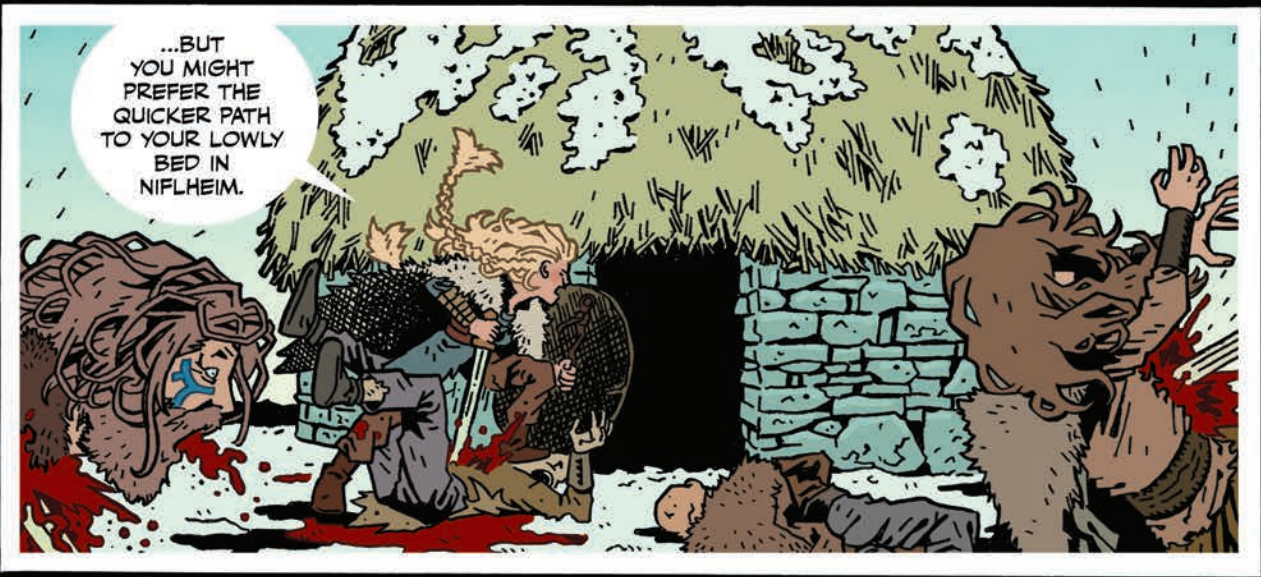


...BECAUSE THEN I WOULD NEED TO TEAR YOU APART WITH MY BARE HANDS.



EITHER WILL BE FUN FOR ME...





YOU JUST DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN POWER.

A VILLAGE OF SHIELDMAIDENS, ALL WORKING IN UNISON, YOU WERE LIKE A BEACON FOR MY DARK MAGIC.

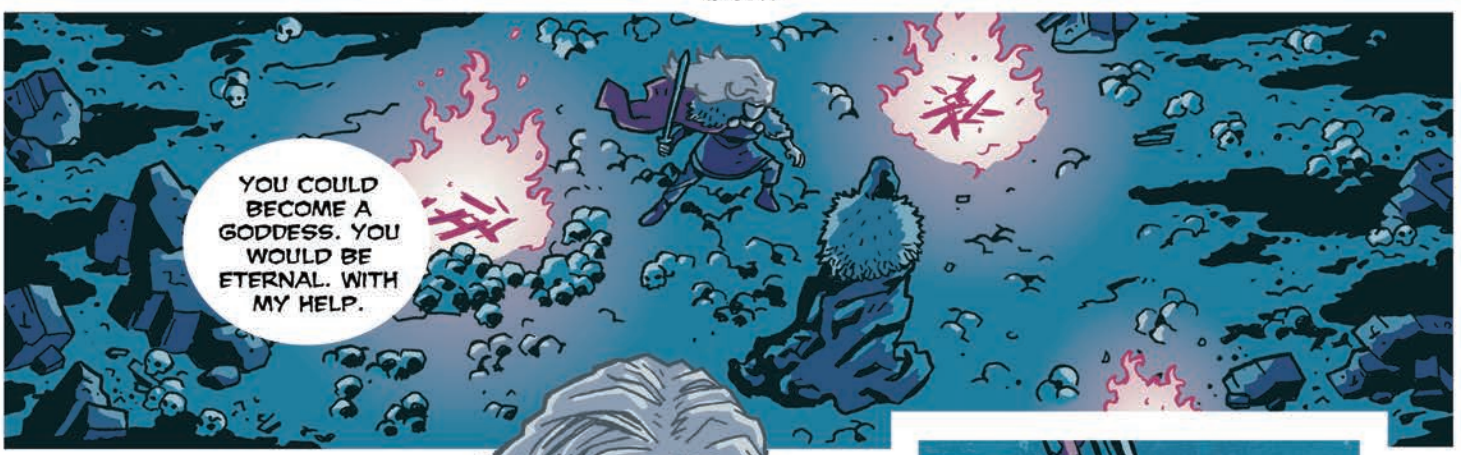
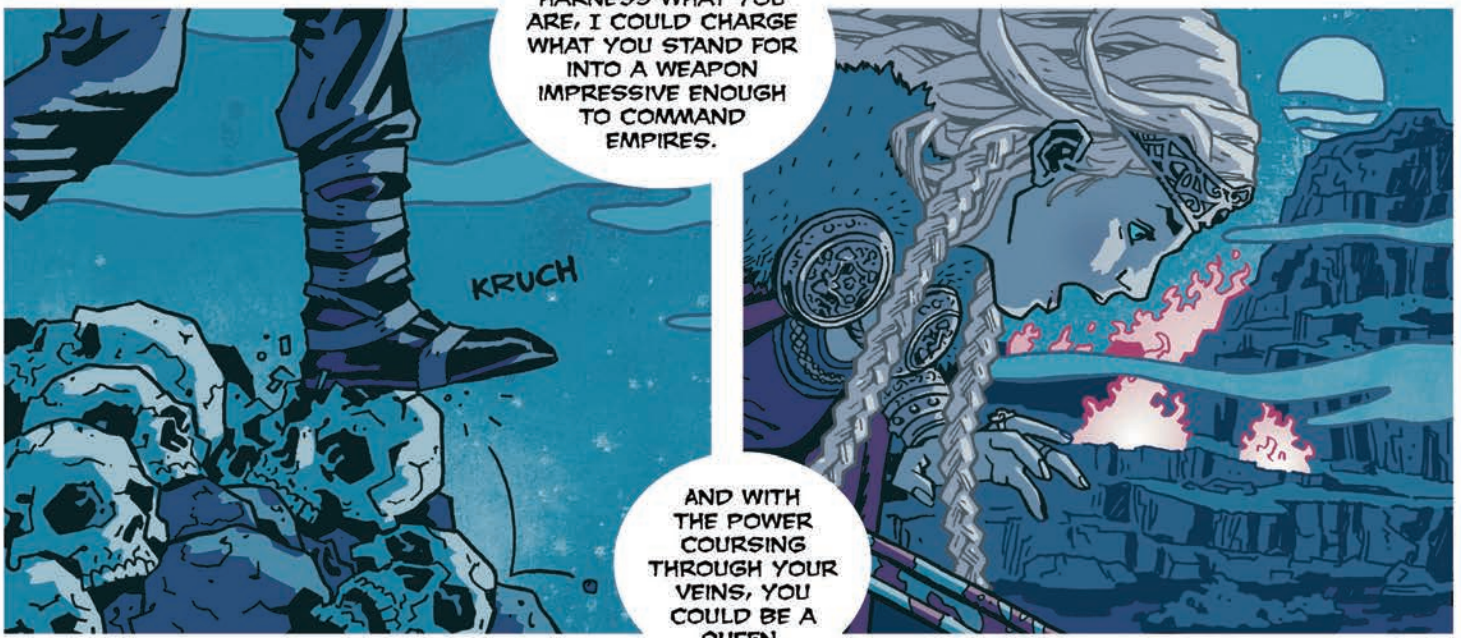
I COULD HARNESS WHAT YOU ARE, I COULD CHARGE WHAT YOU STAND FOR INTO A WEAPON IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH TO COMMAND EMPIRES.

AND WITH THE POWER COURSEING THROUGH YOUR VEINS, YOU COULD BE A QUEEN.

YOU COULD BECOME A GODDESS. YOU WOULD BE ETERNAL. WITH MY HELP.

YOU EXPECT US TO ACQUIESCE?

YOU EXPECT US TO ALLOW THIS?





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He was selected as a participant in the DC Writing Workshop group of 2016.

His other comics include: Aurealis and Ledger Award winning *NEGATIVE SPACE* with Owen Gieni through Dark Horse Comics, *GLOVES* with Tommy Lee Edwards in the Vertigo CMYK anthology, as well as *EIR* with Alfie Gallagher, *INK ISLAND* with Craig Bruyn, and *STAIN THE SEAS SCARLET* with Alex Cormack through Kickstarter for 'Four Colour Ray Gun.'

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