

PRIMORTALS OF E'TRAH



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BARE WITNESS TO THE BIRTH OF THE COMICSPIRATION UNIVERSE
IN THIS GRAND TALE OF MYSTERY AND ADVENTURE. PRIMORTALS OF ETRAH
INTRODUCES THE VERY GODS THAT CREATED THE UNIVERSE, THE
CREATURES THEY FORGED TO PROTECT IT AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO DESTROY IT.
EXPERIENCE THE CURIOUS JOURNEY OF AN OLD LADY AND A YOUNG
BOY CALLED JAKOB AS THEY EXPLORE THE VAST AND ENDLESS WONDERS
OF PLANET ETRAH, THE STARTING POINT OF THIS IMMENSE ESCAPE!

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"IN THE BEGINNING,
THERE WAS THE ENDLESS
VEIL OF INFINITY,"


"IT HAD NO BOUNDS,
NO LIMITS, IT WAS ALL OF
EXISTENCE, ALL OF TIME,
IN ONE PLACE AND NO
PLACE TOGETHER."

"A PERFECTLY
BALANCED
EQUATION."

"NONE OF THE
CHAOS OF LIFE OR THE
CONSTRAINTS OF TIME,"

"TIME ITSELF DID
NOT EVEN EXIST
BACK THEN."

"THIS WAS
KNOWN AS THE
WHITE EXPANSE."



"AND THEN,
SOMETHING
ALTOGETHER
UNEXPECTED
HAPPENED."

"FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN INTERGALACTIC
HISTORY, TWO COSMIC
ELEMENTS - *OMONI* AND
MODAKA, CAME TOGETHER
IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS
THE GREAT COLLISION."

"THIS MOMENT
WAS LIKE AN ASTEROID
HITTING THE LAKE OF LIFE,
THE COLLISION CREATED AN
ENDLESS COSMIC RIPPLE"



"THE COSMIC
RIPPLES CREATED
A DARKNESS THAT
CONSUMED THE
WHITE EXPANSE"

"THIS
WAS THE
BIRTH OF THE
UNIVERSE."



"THE INFANT
UNIVERSE FILLED
WITH STAR DUST,
MOLECULES, AND
ATOMS-"



"-THAT
SPREAD ACROSS
THE DARKNESS."



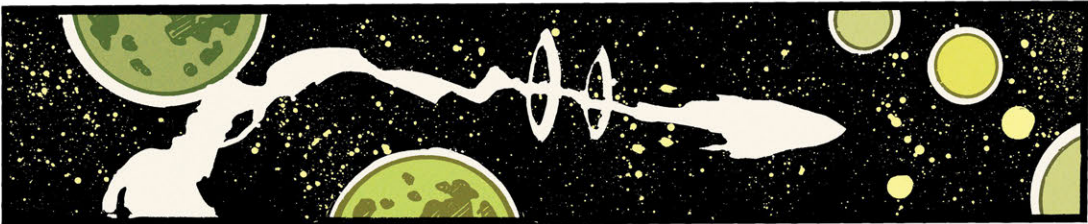
"MOLECULES
BECAME CELLS-"



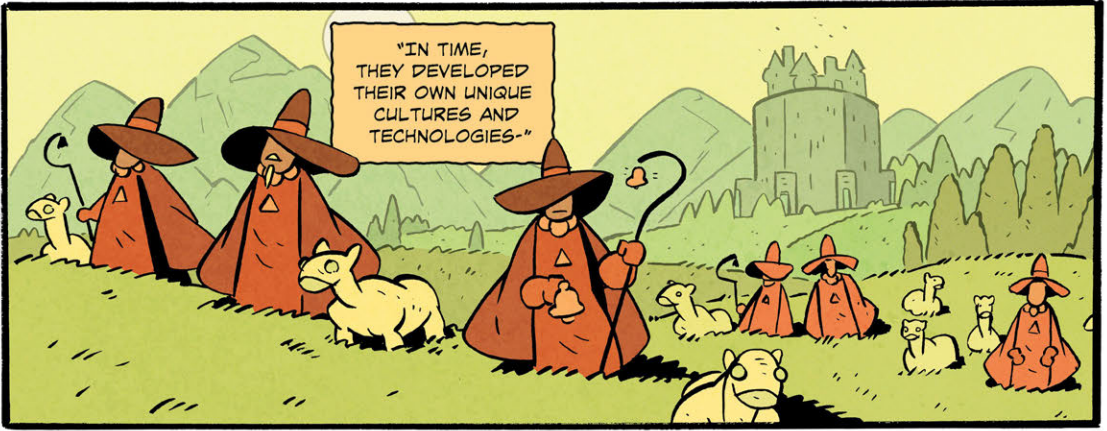
"-AND OVER
THE COURSE OF
MILLENNIA-"



"-EVOLVED INTO
CREATURES."





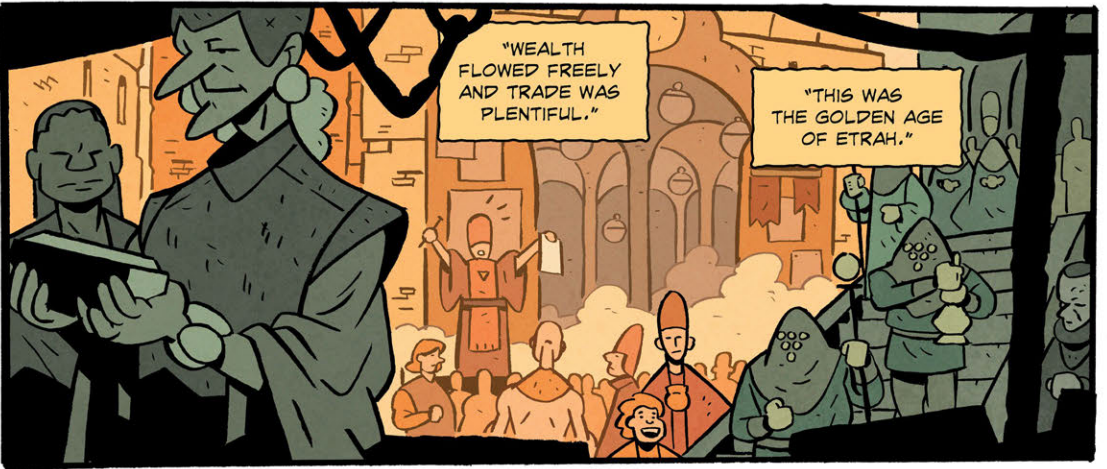


"IN TIME,
THEY DEVELOPED
THEIR OWN UNIQUE
CULTURES AND
TECHNOLOGIES."



"-AND
THEY SPREAD
ACROSS THE
WORLD-"

"-RAISING
THE BANNERS
OF THEIR GREAT
KINGDOMS."



"WEALTH
FLOWED FREELY
AND TRADE WAS
PLENTIFUL."

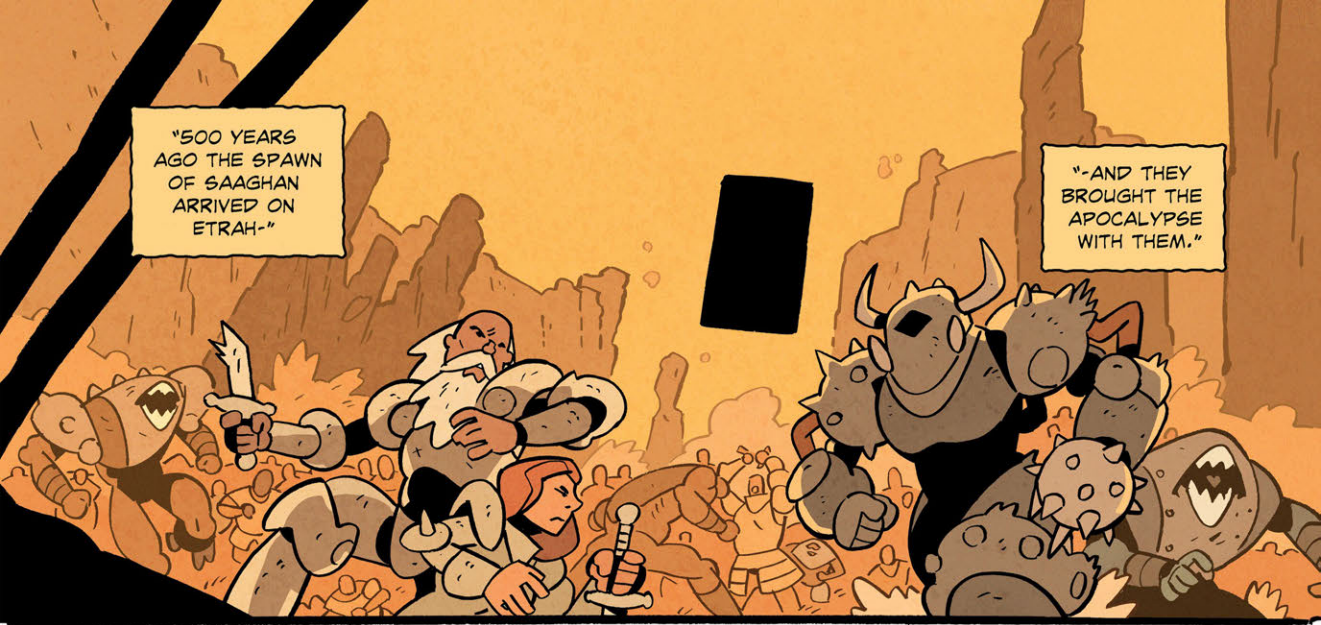
"THIS WAS
THE GOLDEN AGE
OF ETRAH."



"BUT
PEACE WAS
NOT TO
LAST."

"500 YEARS
AGO THE SPAWN
OF SAAGHAN
ARRIVED ON
ETRAH."

"-AND THEY
BROUGHT THE
APOCALYPSE
WITH THEM."



DIE
ETRIAN!

"BUT ETRAH
WAS NOT
DEFENSELESS."

KA KOOM



"FOR THEY
HAD THE
PRIMORTALS."

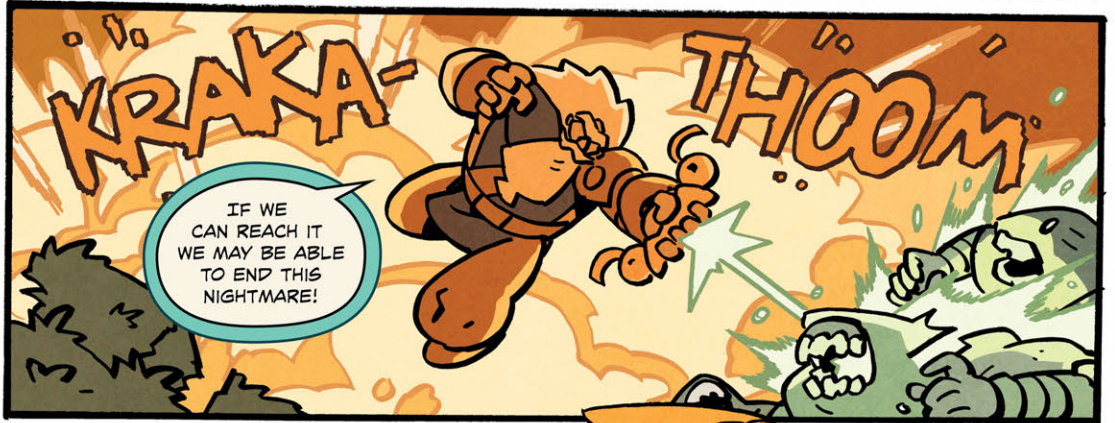
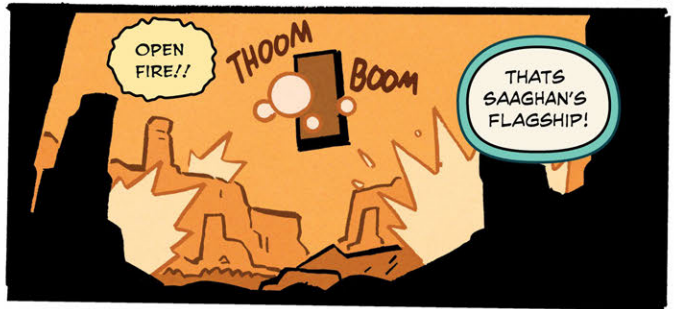
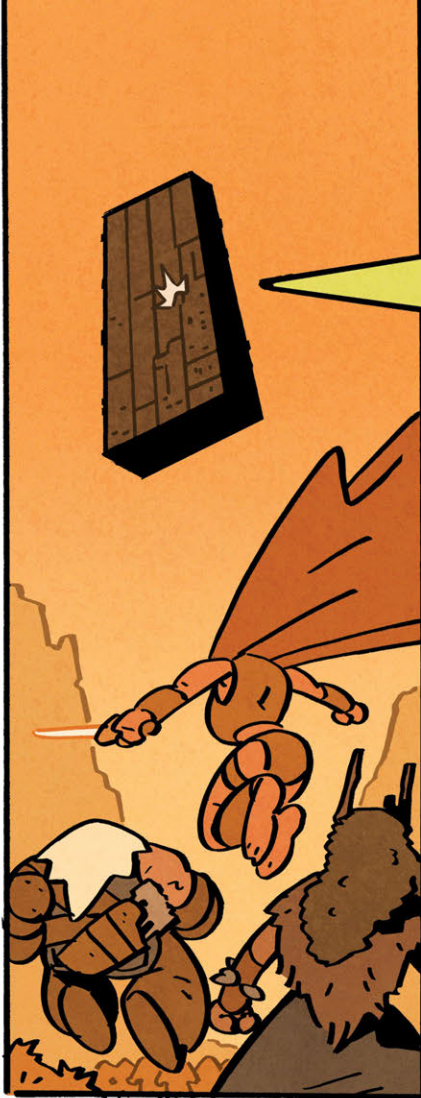
A
FINE SHOT
PONDUS.

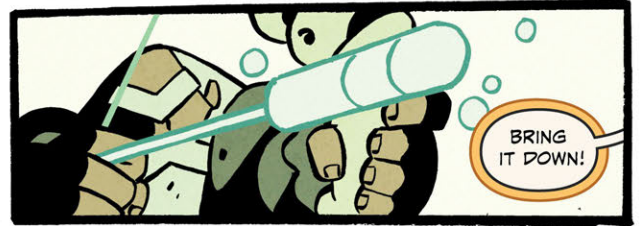
CAPTAIN!
RALLY THE
SURVIVORS AND
RETREAT.

AYE,
WE WILL
COVER YOUR
ESCAPE.

BY YOUR
COMMAND, LADY
SOLIS.









THIS WORLD IS SUMMONED TO THE ORDER OF SAAGHAN, JOIN ME... OR DIE!

ETRAH WILL BEND TO MY POWER OR BREAK BENEATH MY HEEL!

YOUR RESISTANCE IS AT ITS END!



SURRENDER NOW AND YOU WILL BE SPARED.



SOLIS?

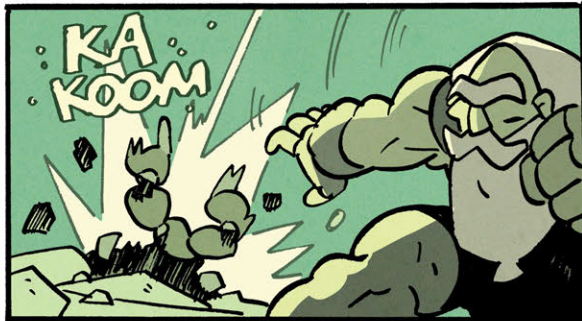
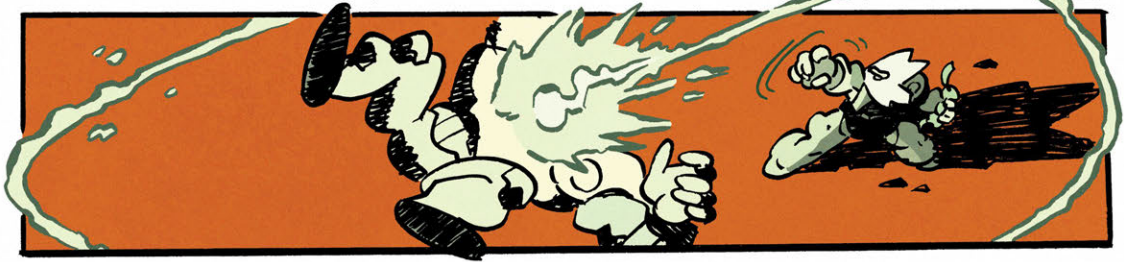
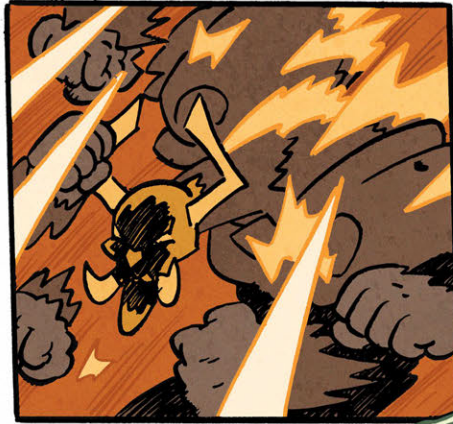
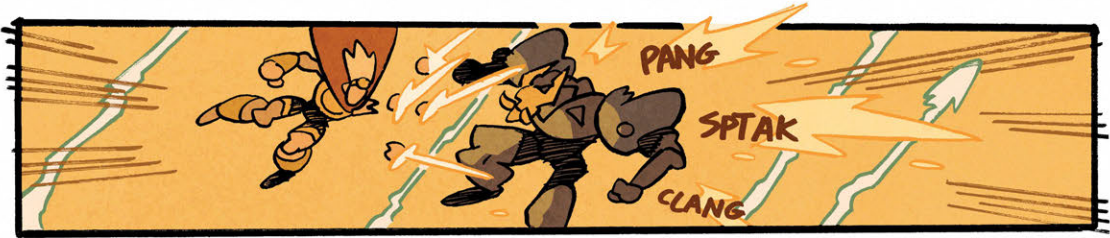


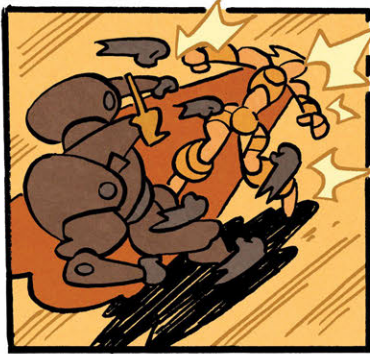
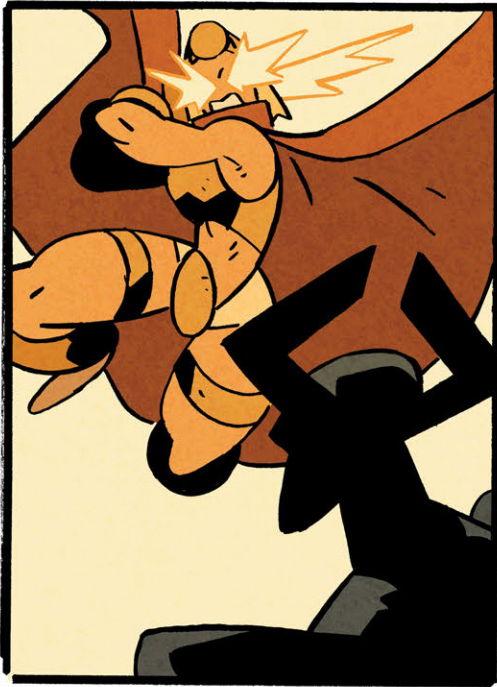
YOUR WORDS ARE TAINTED AND HOLLOW.

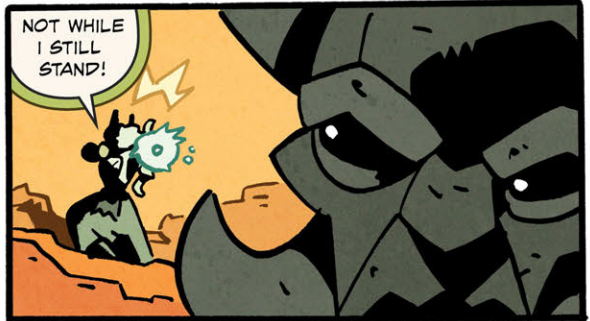
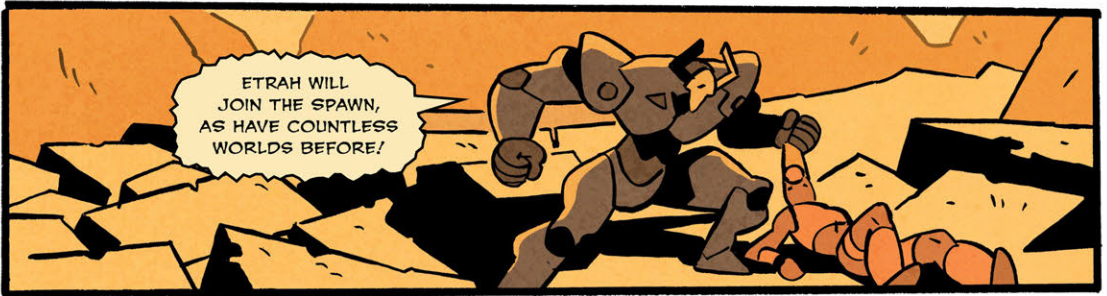
AND WE WILL NEVER YIELD!



AS YOU WISH. DEATH AWAITS YOU.









500 YEARS LATER

PLEASE TRY TO STAY FOCUSED JAKOB!

CRACK SPLAT



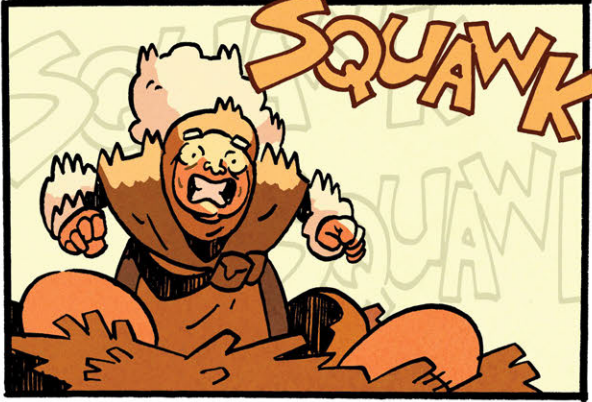
I TOLD YOU, I'M GOING TO NUDGE THESE EGGS OUT OF THE NEST-



-AND YOUR JOB, IS TO CATCH THEM...

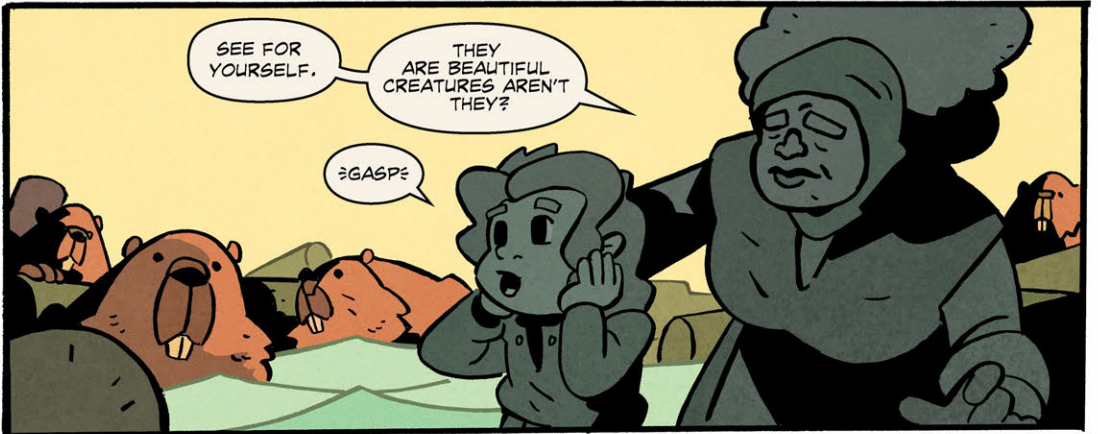


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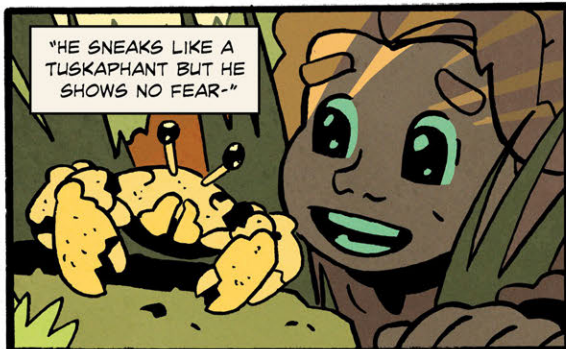




"I'M TOO OLD FOR THIS, BUT JUST LOOK AT HIS FACE, WHO COULD RESIST SUCH INNOCENCE."







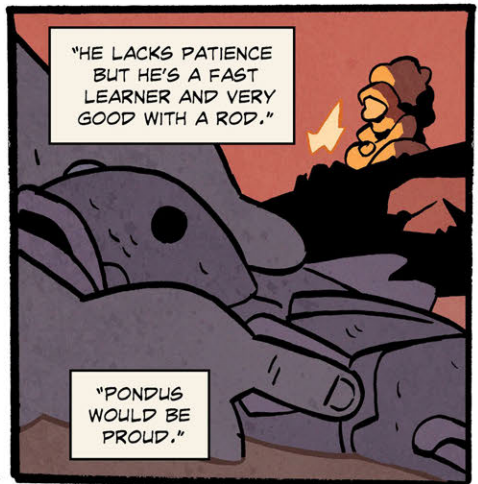




TIME TO SET UP CAMP FOR THE EVENING, WE WILL FIND SOMEWHERE JUST OVER THE WATERS EDGE.

JAKOB, PLEASE GIVE THE FISH A GOOD WASH WHILE I MAKE US A FIRE.

"HE DID WELL TODAY."



"HE LACKS PATIENCE BUT HE'S A FAST LEARNER AND VERY GOOD WITH A ROD."

"PONDUS WOULD BE PROUD."



"I HAVE LIVED ON THIS PLANET FOR A LONG, LONG TIME--"

"--AND I'VE NEVER SEEN A SALMON THAT LARGE."

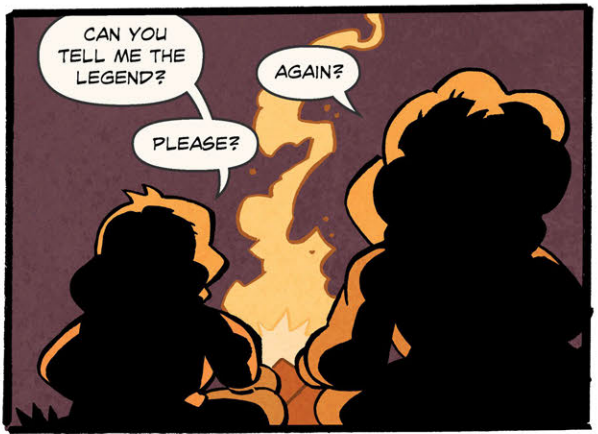
"NOR THE MOUNTAINS LOOK SO..."

"GLORIOUS."



HOW DID I DO?

JUST WONDERFUL MY BOY, YOU GAVE THESE FISH A FINE WASH INDEED.



CAN YOU TELL ME THE LEGEND?

AGAIN?

PLEASE?



OH VERY WELL.

THIS IS THE LEGEND OF THE PRIMORTALS OF ETRAH.

"OVER MILLENNIA,
THE CIVILIZATIONS OF
ETRAH HAVE GROWN
AND EVOLVED-"

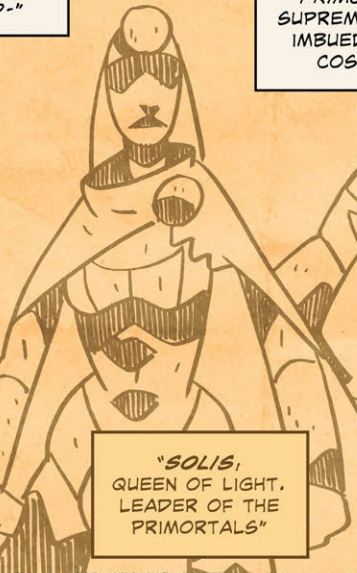
"-SUPPORTED AND
DEFENDED BY THE
PRIMORTALS, THREE
SUPREME HEROIC BEINGS
IMBUED WITH ANCIENT,
COSMIC POWERS-"

"-BLESSSED BY *OMONI*
AT THE VERY DAWN OF
EXISTENCE. THEY LIVED
AMONGST THE FIRST
INHABITANTS OF ETRAH"

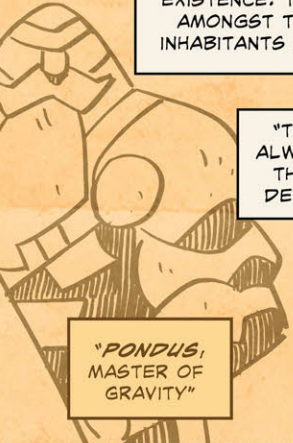
"THEY HAD
ALWAYS BEEN
THERE. TO
DEFEND US."



"TERRA,
SORCERER
OF NATURE"



"SOLIS,
QUEEN OF LIGHT,
LEADER OF THE
PRIMORTALS"



"PONDUS,
MASTER OF
GRAVITY"



"FROM THE
GIANT SEA BEASTS
AT THE PORTS OF
JUNG-GAN,"



"TO THE SLEEPLESS
VOLCANOES AT THE
GATES OF HELL IN
DESERT DE HOLLO,"

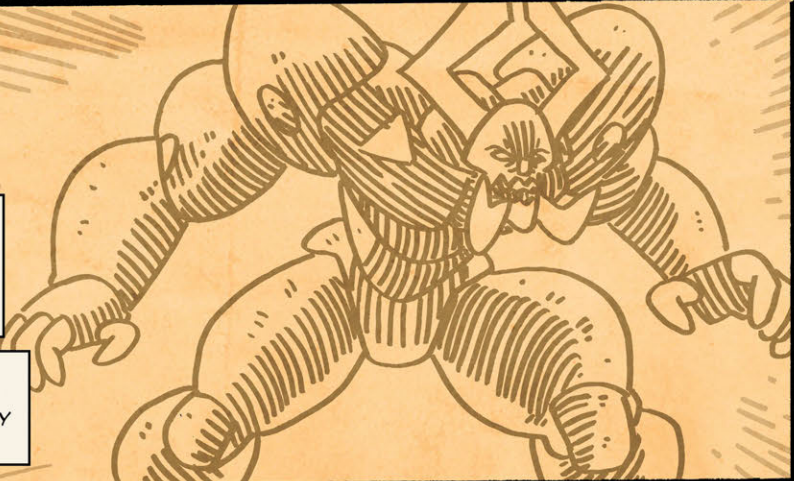


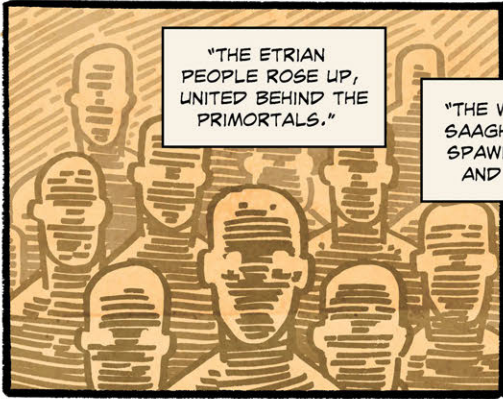
"EVEN ON THE NIGHT
OF THE BURNING
STARS."

"ONE TERRIBLE
DAY, OVER HALF
A MILLENNIA AGO, A
BEAST DESCENDED
FROM THE DARKNESS
OF SPACE."

"SAAGHAN,
AN EVIL TYRANT
WHO SOUGHT TO
BEND ETRAH TO
HIS VILE WILL."

"BUT ETRAH
WOULD NOT
BE SO EASILY
TAKEN."





"THE ETRIAN PEOPLE ROSE UP, UNITED BEHIND THE PRIMORTALS."



"THE WAR AGAINST SAAGHAN AND THE SPAWN WAS LONG AND TERRIBLE,"

"MANY WARRIORS FELL."

"EVENTUALLY, ETRAH'S HEROES DREW SAAGHAN INTO THE FRAY AND WERE ABLE TO END THE WAR."



"BUT VICTORY CAME AT GREAT COST. BROKEN BY THE FINAL BATTLE, THE PRIMORTALS FELL INTO AN *ELEMENTAL SLUMBER* AND WERE LOST TO THE WORLD."

"THE SURVIVORS OF THE WAR LAID THEIR HEROES TO REST, IN THE HOPE THAT ONE DAY-"



"- WHEN THEIR NEED WAS GREATEST THE DEFENDERS OF ETRAH MAY RETURN TO THEM."

"SO MANY LIFETIMES HAVE PASSED SINCE THE PRIMORTALS BEGAN THEIR ENDLESS SLEEP-"

"- THAT THEY ARE NOW ONLY REMEMBERED AS MYTH, AND LEGEND."

AND THAT JAKOB, IS THE TALE OF THE PRIMORTALS. NOW FINISH YOUR SUPPER BEFORE WE SETTLE IN.

WERE THE PRIMORTALS AND SAAGHAN REAL?

HA! OH I CERTAINLY HOPE NOT, NOW TUCK IN.

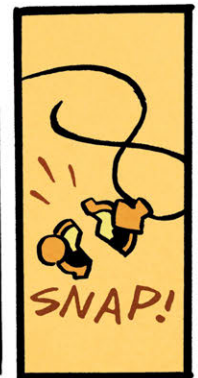
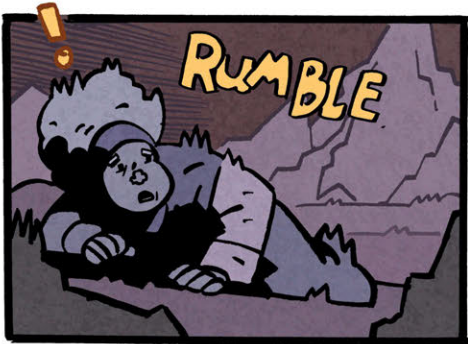


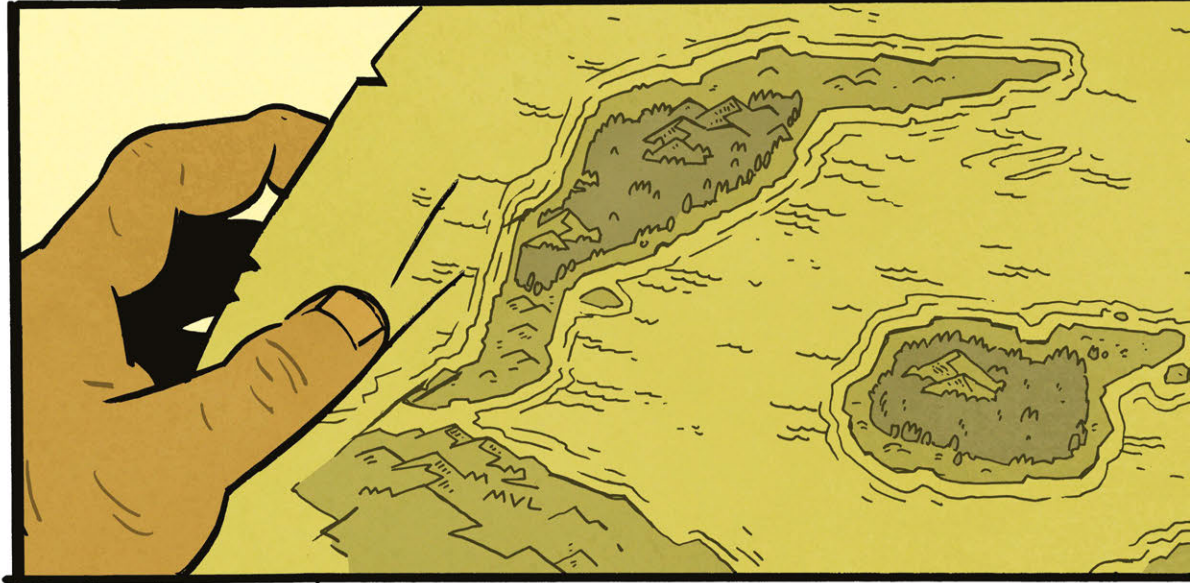
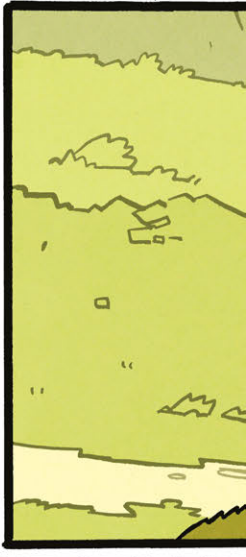
WE HAVE ANOTHER BUSY DAY AHEAD OF US.

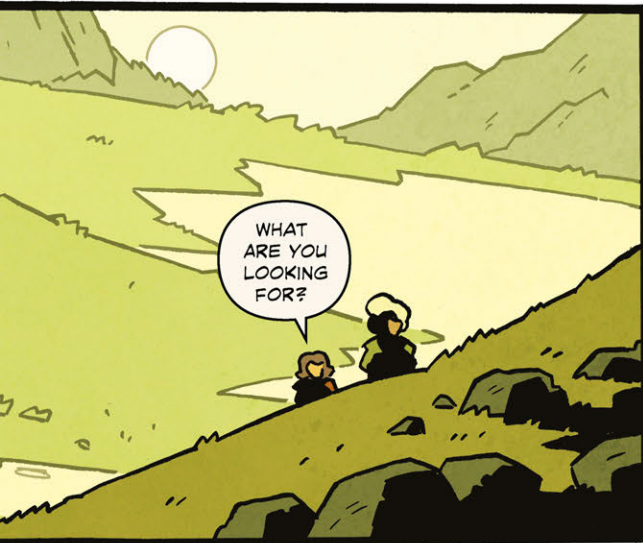
TOMORROW I'LL TEACH YOU TO RIDE A TUSKAPHANT.



GOODNIGHT LITTLE ONE.



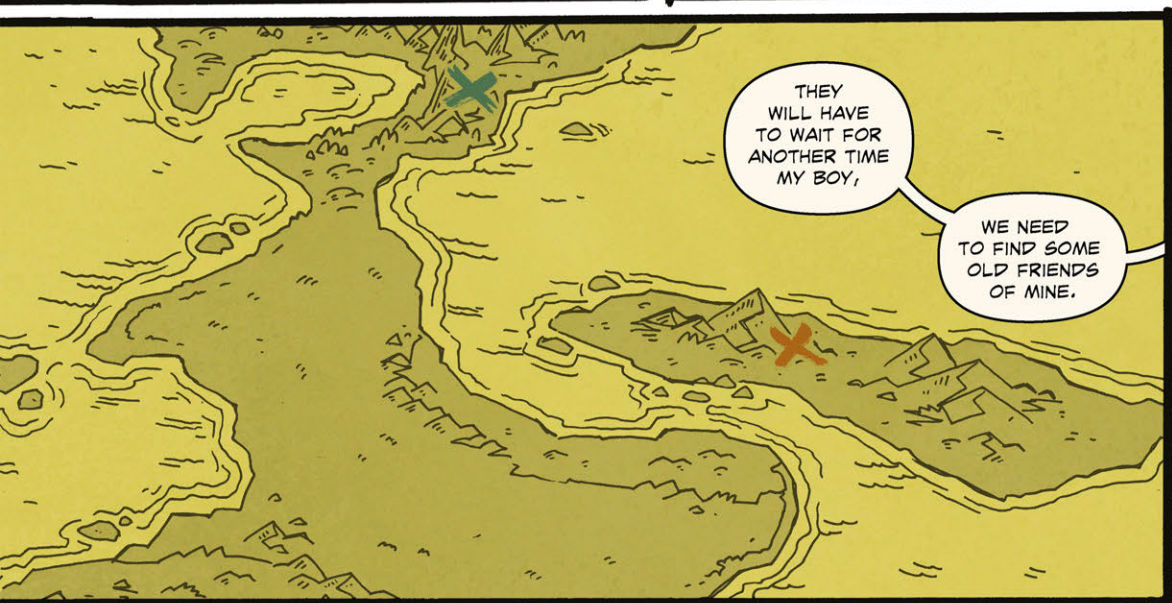




WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?



IS IT THE TUSKAPHANTS?



THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER TIME MY BOY,

WE NEED TO FIND SOME OLD FRIENDS OF MINE.



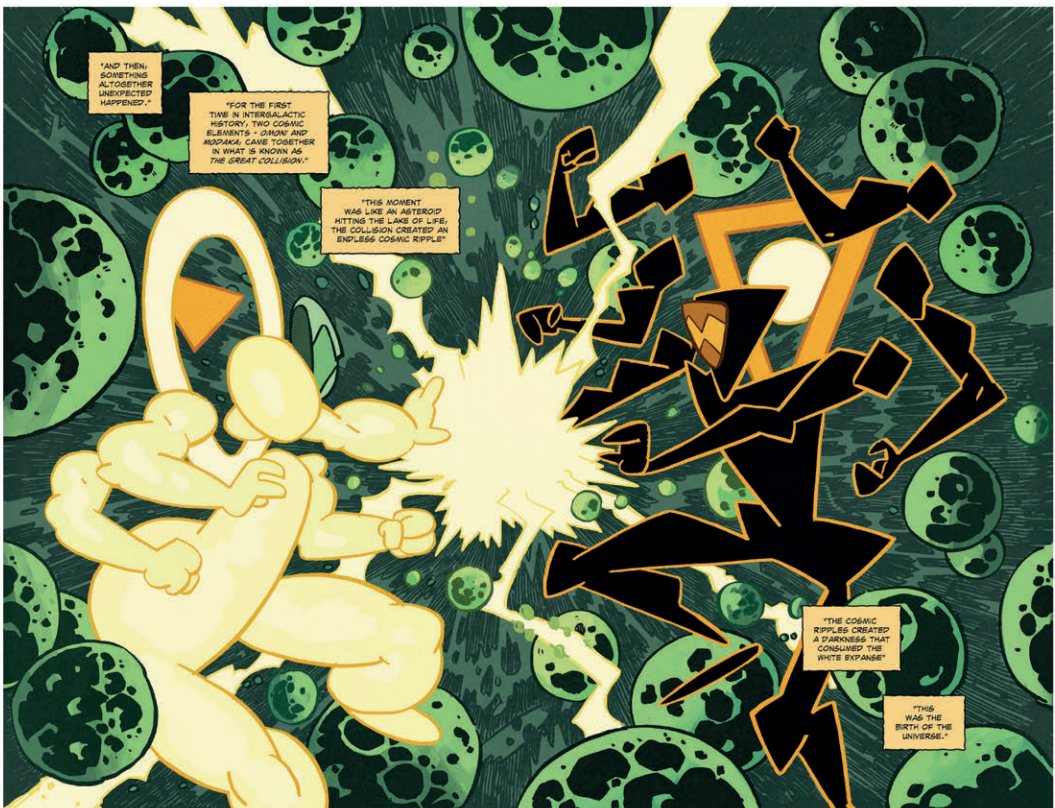
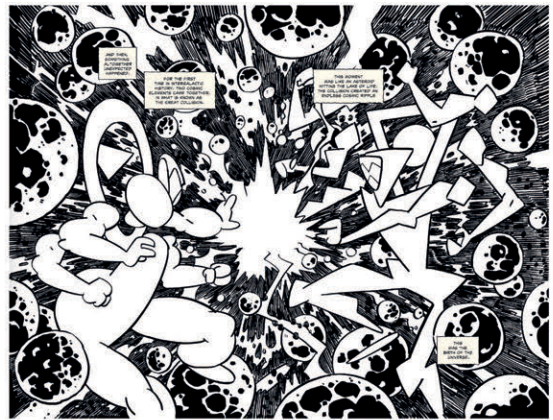
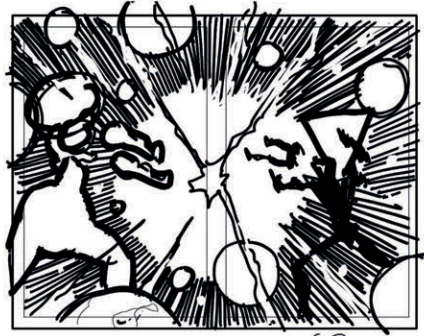
"THE WHOLE OF ETRAH MAY DEPEND ON IT."

FROM SCRIPT TO PANEL

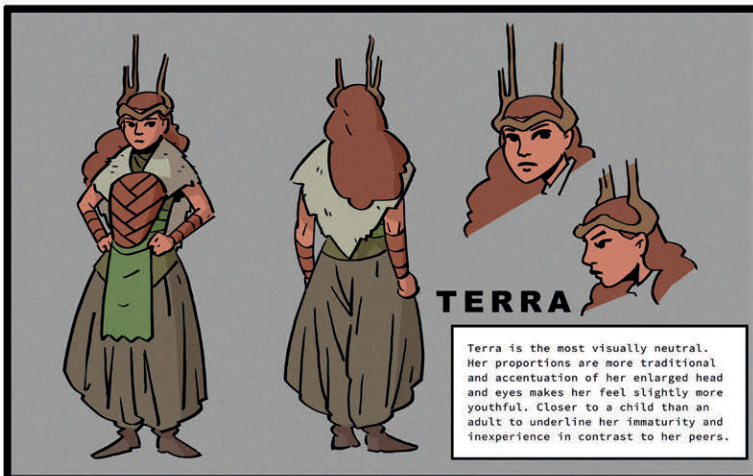
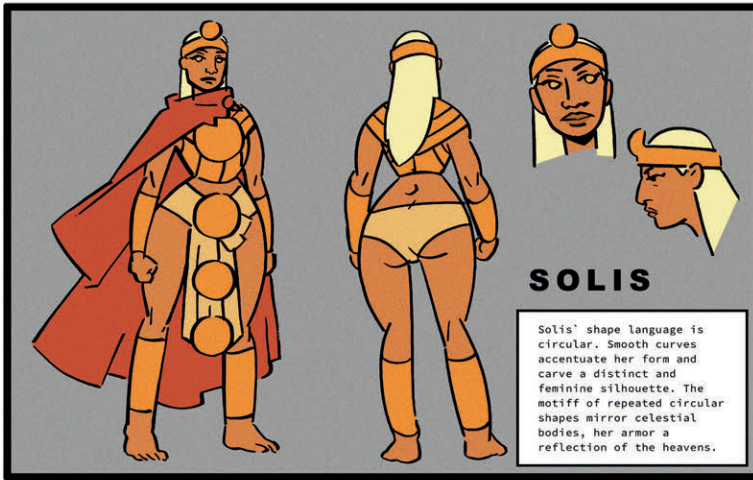
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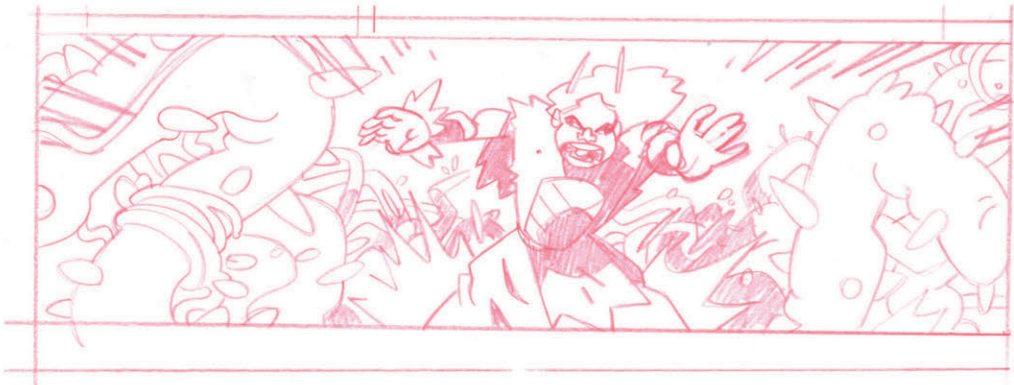
AS THE RIPPLES OF THE GREAT COLLISION EXPAND THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE, A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS DARKNESS CONSUMES THE WHITE EXPANSE. IT IS FILLED WITH ATOMS, MOLECULES AND STAR DUST THAT SPREADS AND SPRAYS ALL OVER THE DARKNESS, COMBINING TO CREATE PLANETS, STARS AND WHOLE GALAXIES."



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