



IN AN ERA OF MAGIC ...

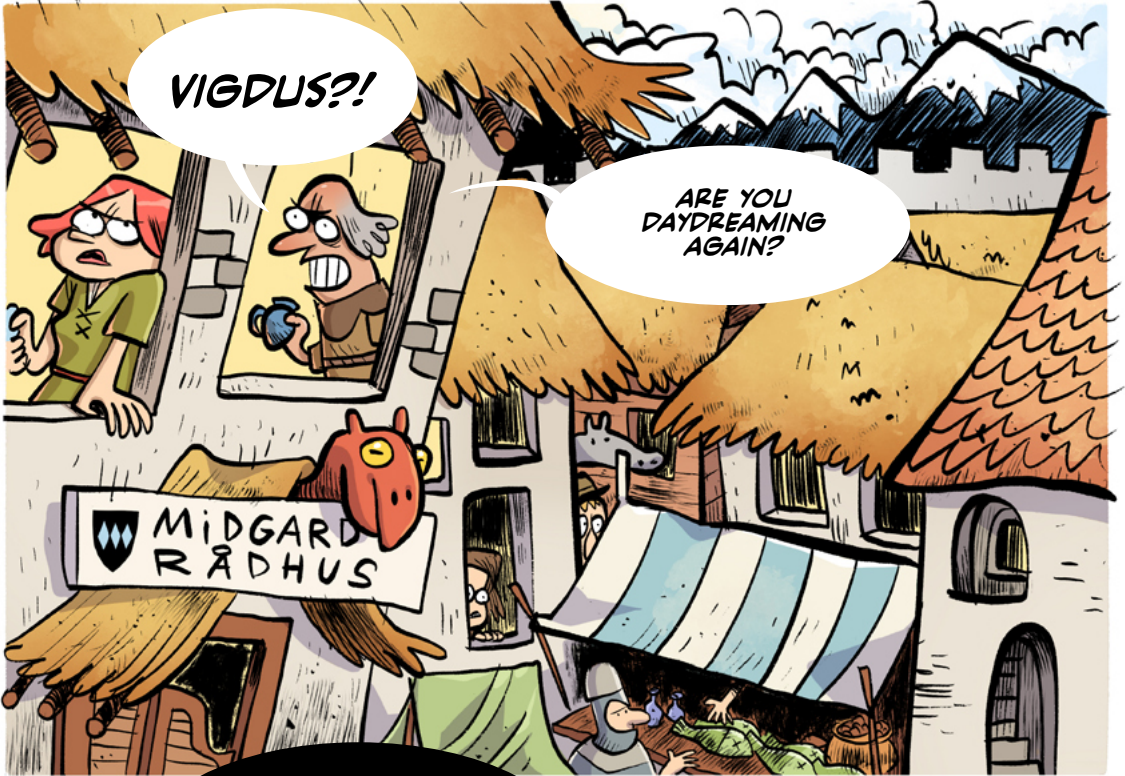
AND MIGHTY EMPIRES ...

IN A WORLD WHERE GOOD
STRUGGLES PERPETUALLY AGAINST EVIL ...

A TIME OF INCREDIBLE
TREASURES ...

BRAVE HEROES AND
MYSTICAL CREATURES...

VIGDUS!



VIGDUS?!

ARE YOU DAYDREAMING AGAIN?

MOST PEOPLE ARE STILL WORKING CRAP JOBS, NINE TO FIVE, TO MAKE ENDS MEET.



VIGDUS!

HUH?



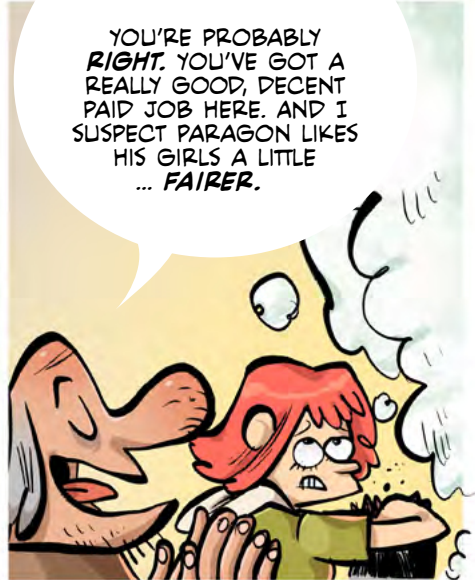
PLEASE, VIGDUS, DO REMEMBER TO START A **NEW BREW** WHEN YOU DRINK THE LAST OF THE **BLACK HEALING POTION**.

OKAY, BOSS.

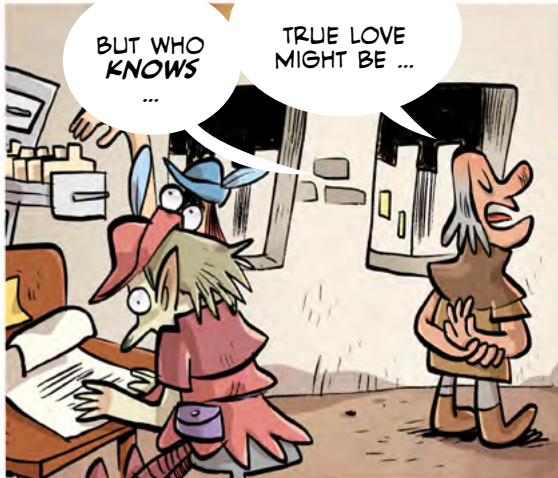


WHAT? DREAMING ABOUT PARAGON, HOPING HE'LL COME AND **SAVE YOU** FROM THE **ODINS-DAY MEETING**?

SAVE ME? PARAGON? NOT HAPPENING.



YOU'RE PROBABLY **RIGHT**. YOU'VE GOT A REALLY GOOD, DECENT PAID JOB HERE. AND I SUSPECT PARAGON LIKES HIS GIRLS A LITTLE ... **FAIRER**.

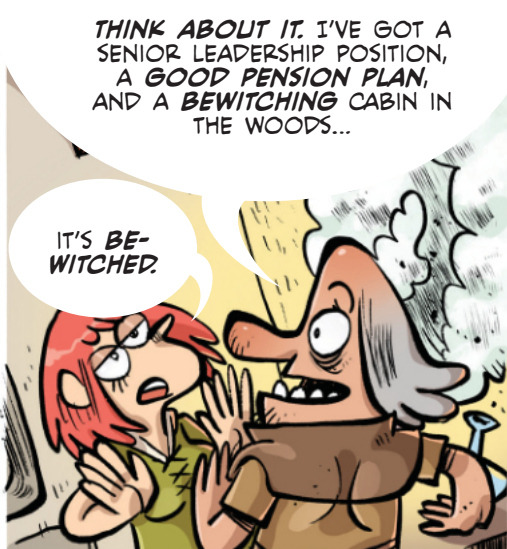


BUT WHO **KNOWS** ...

TRUE LOVE MIGHT BE ...

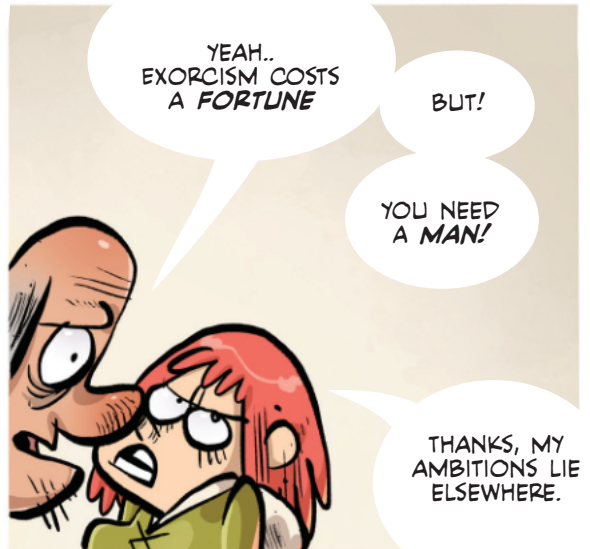


RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU ...



THINK ABOUT IT. I'VE GOT A SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITION, A *GOOD PENSION PLAN*, AND A *BEWITCHING CABIN* IN THE WOODS...

IT'S *BE-WITCHED*.



YEAH.. EXORCISM COSTS A *FORTUNE*

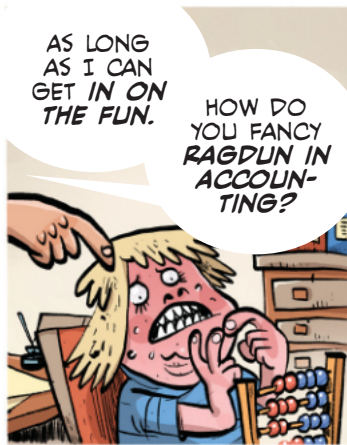
BUT!

YOU NEED A *MAN!*

THANKS, MY AMBITIONS LIE ELSEWHERE.



YOU PREFER *WOMEN*? I WOULDN'T BE OPPOSED TO AN OPEN RELATIONSHIP ...



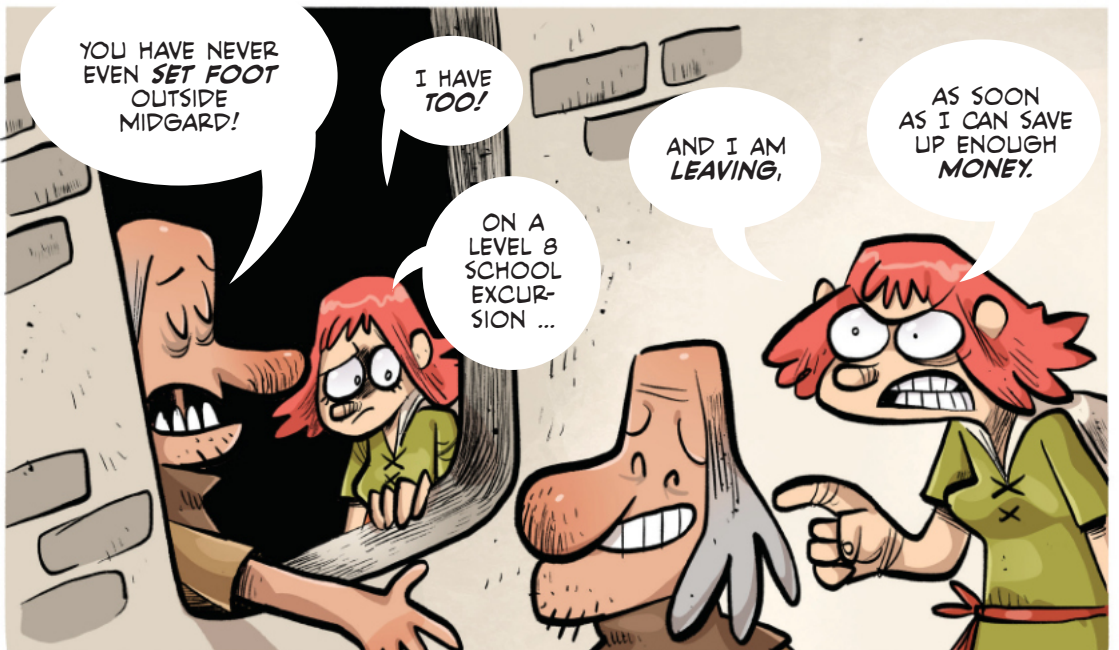
AS LONG AS I CAN GET *IN ON THE FUN*.

HOW DO YOU FANCY *RAGDUN* IN ACCOUNTING?

I'LL *PASS*



STILL DREAMING ABOUT *QUESTING*, ARE YOU?



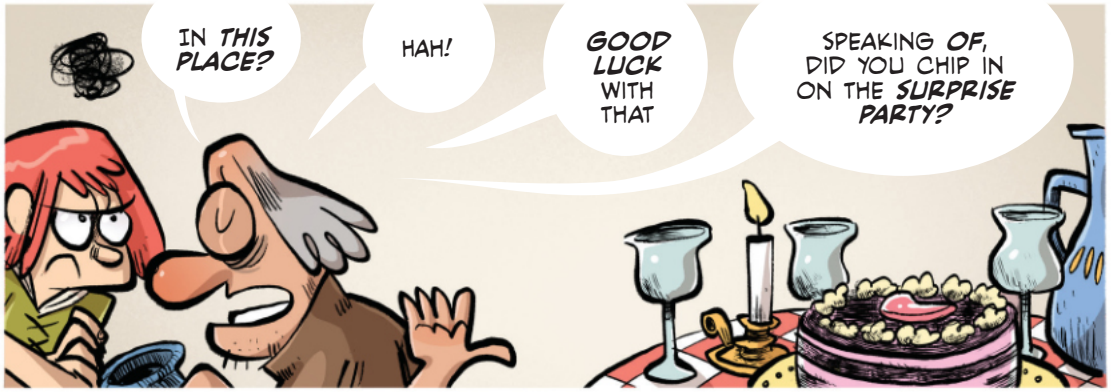
YOU HAVE NEVER EVEN *SET FOOT* OUTSIDE MIDGARD!

I HAVE *TOO!*

AND I AM *LEAVING*,

AS SOON AS I CAN SAVE UP ENOUGH *MONEY*.

ON A LEVEL 8 SCHOOL EXCURSION ...



IN THIS PLACE?

HAH!

GOOD LUCK WITH THAT

SPEAKING OF, DID YOU CHIP IN ON THE SURPRISE PARTY?



GYRION HAS BEEN WITH US FOR A HUNDRED YEARS TODAY.

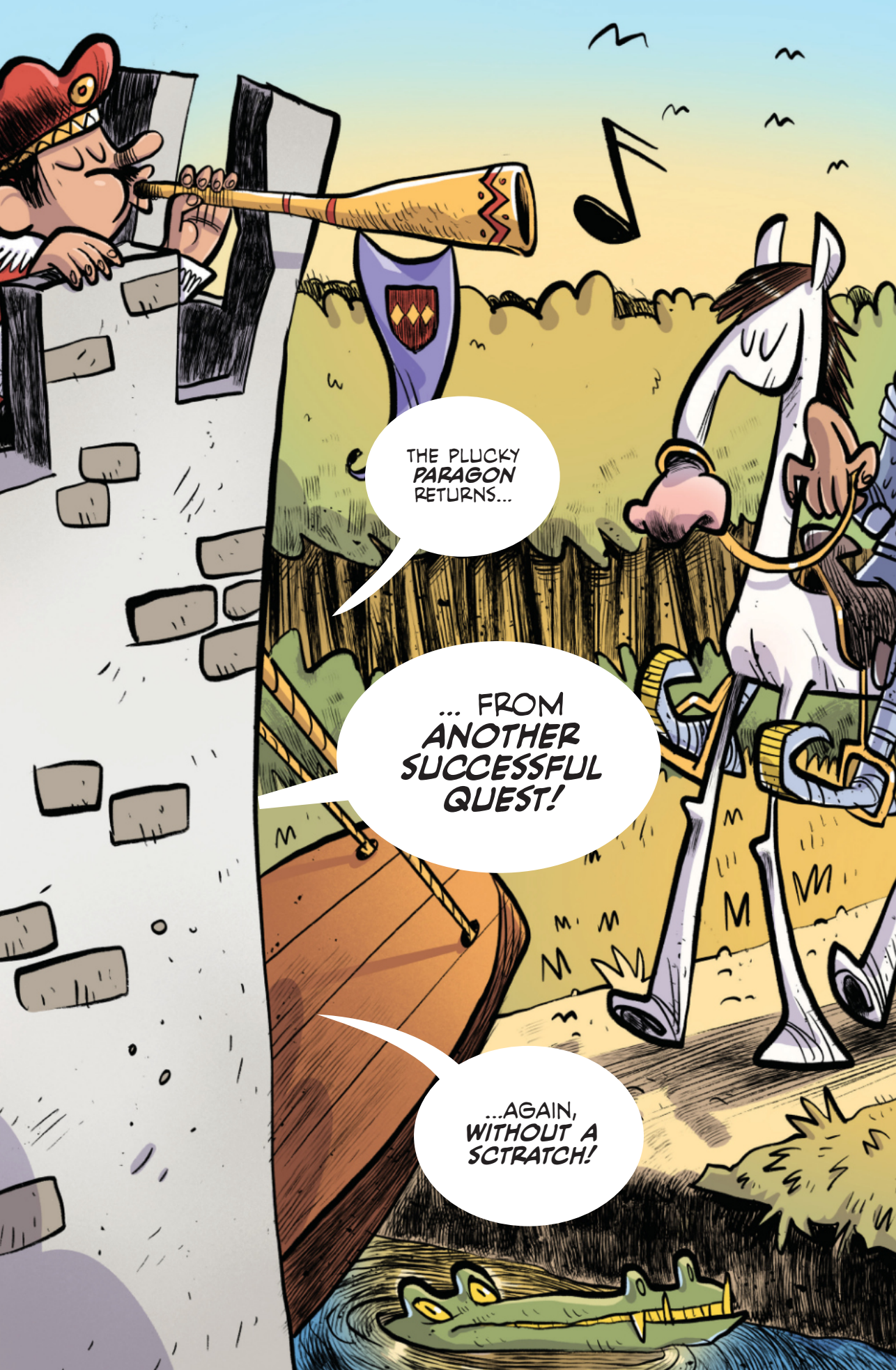


A HUNDRED YEARS ALREADY?

♪ TAAA DAA!
TATATARAAA
TA RAA RAA



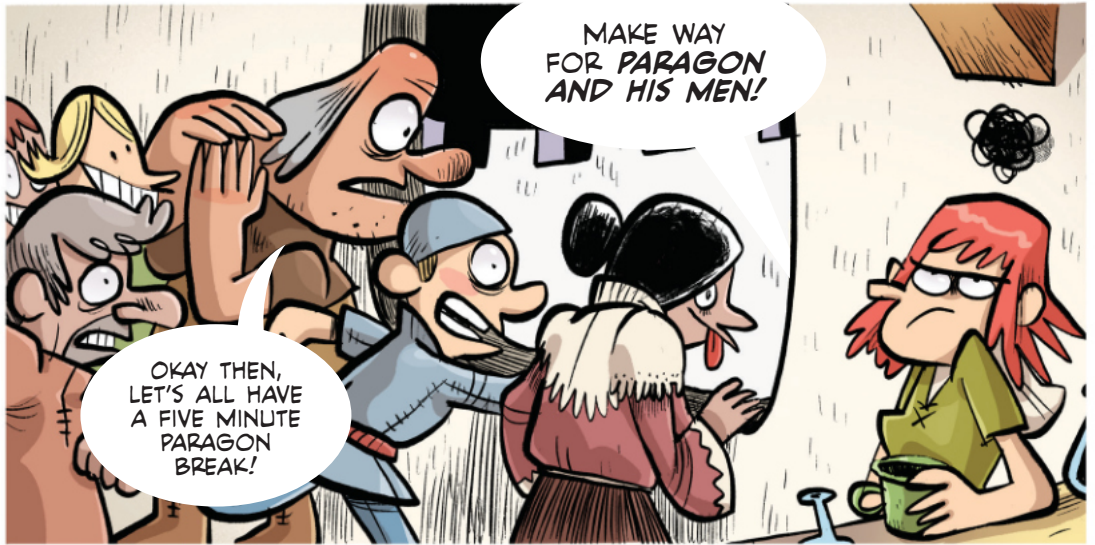
PEOPLE OF MIDGARD!
THE CROWN JEWEL
OF THE COUNTY ...



THE PLUCKY
PARAGON
RETURNS...

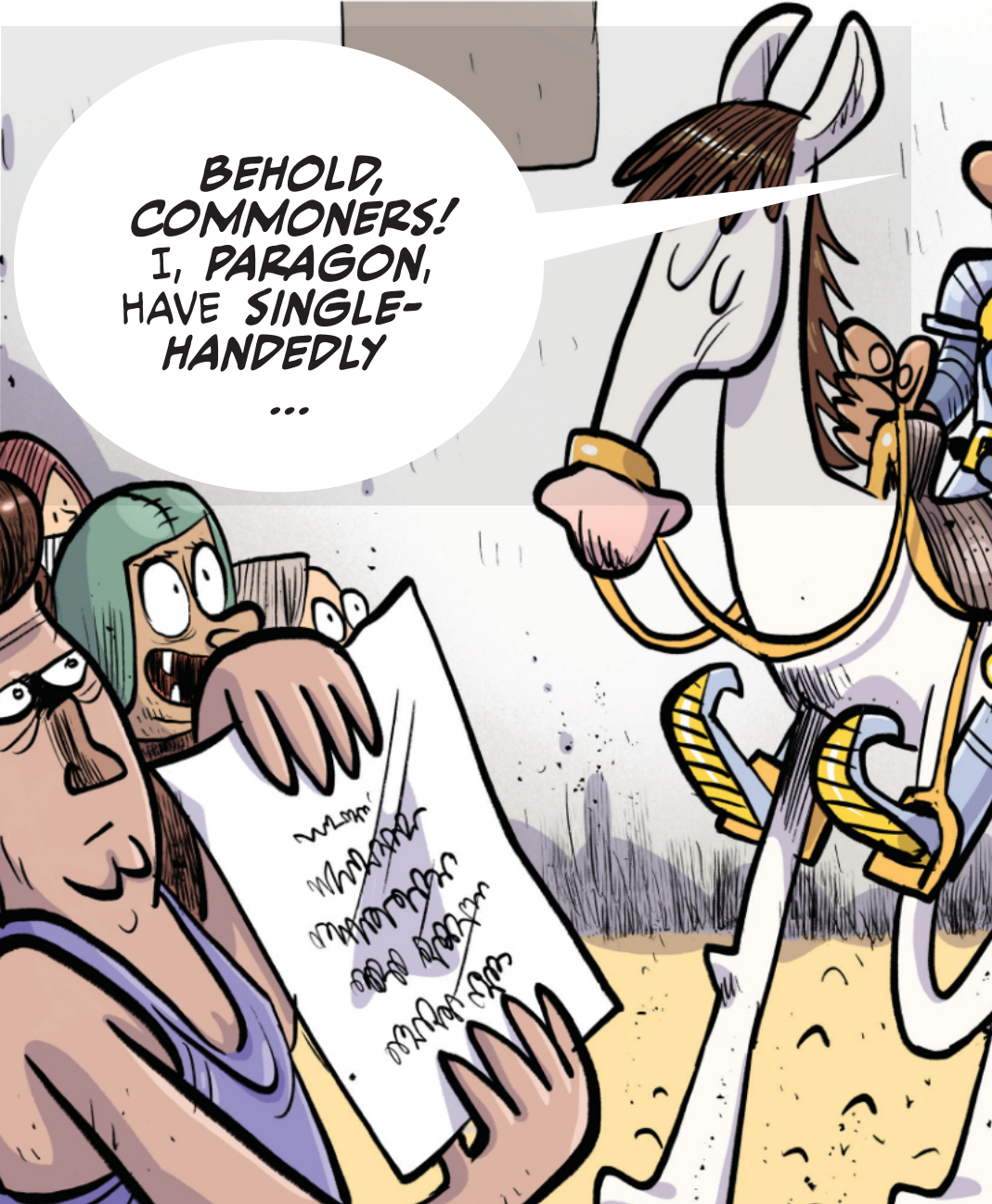
... FROM
ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL
QUEST!

...AGAIN,
WITHOUT A
SCRATCH!



OKAY THEN,
LET'S ALL HAVE
A FIVE MINUTE
PARAGON
BREAK!

MAKE WAY
FOR PARAGON
AND HIS MEN!

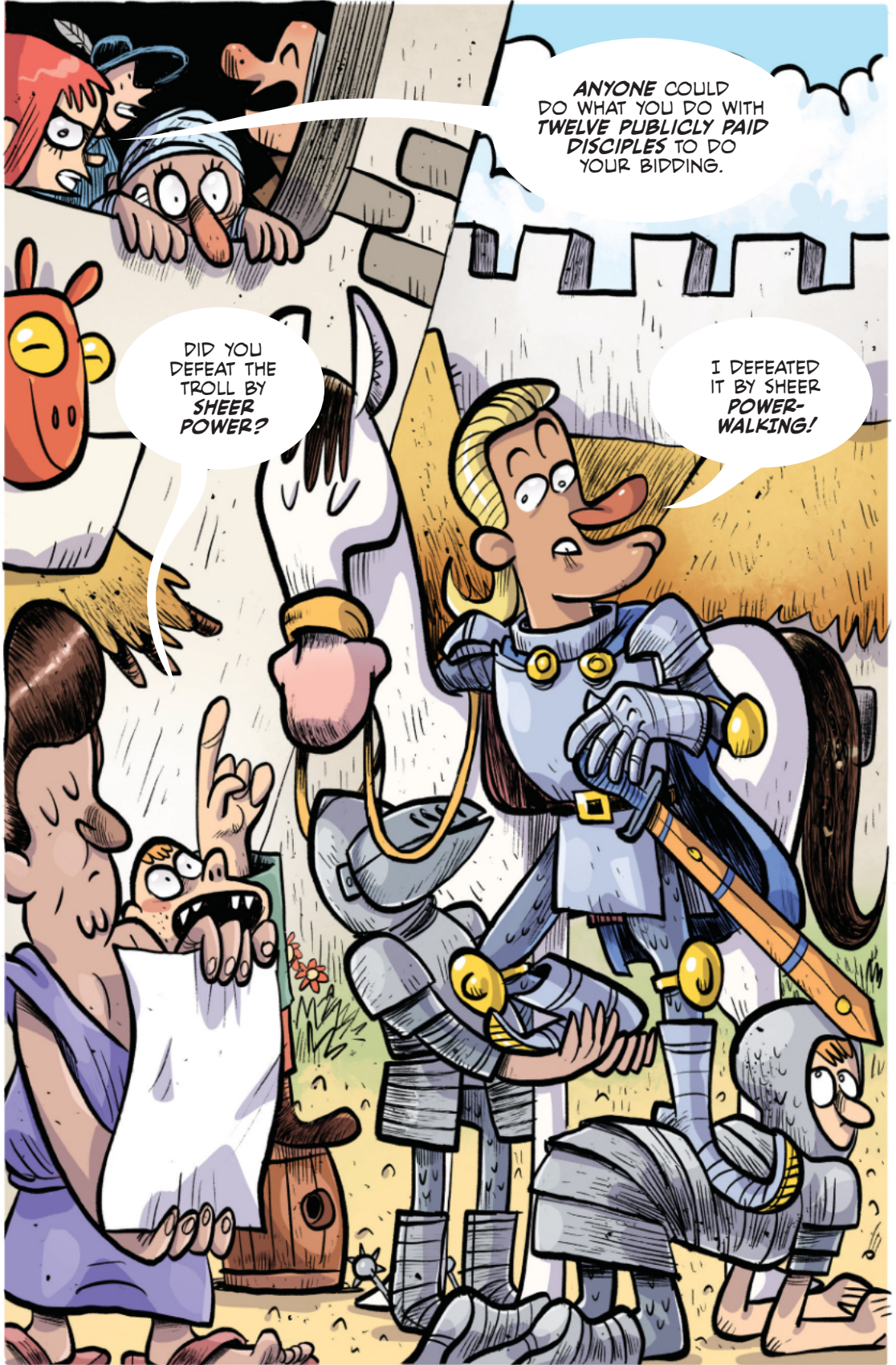


BEHOLD,
COMMONERS!
I, PARAGON,
HAVE SINGLE-
HANDEDLY
...



**SLAIN THE
TROLL THAT WAS
HARASSING THIS
TOWN!**

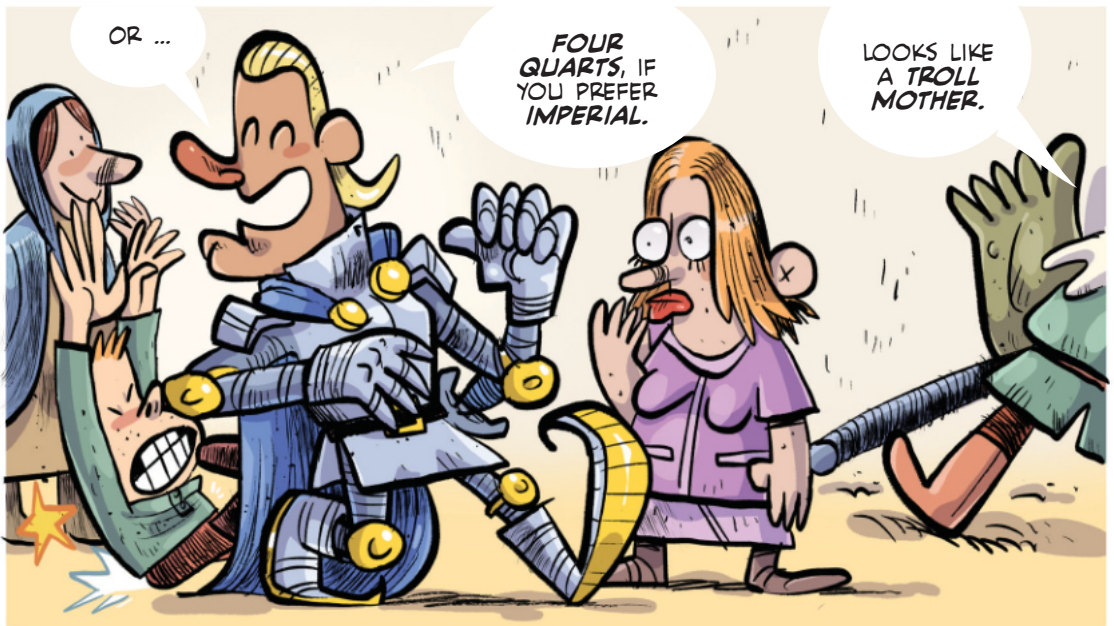
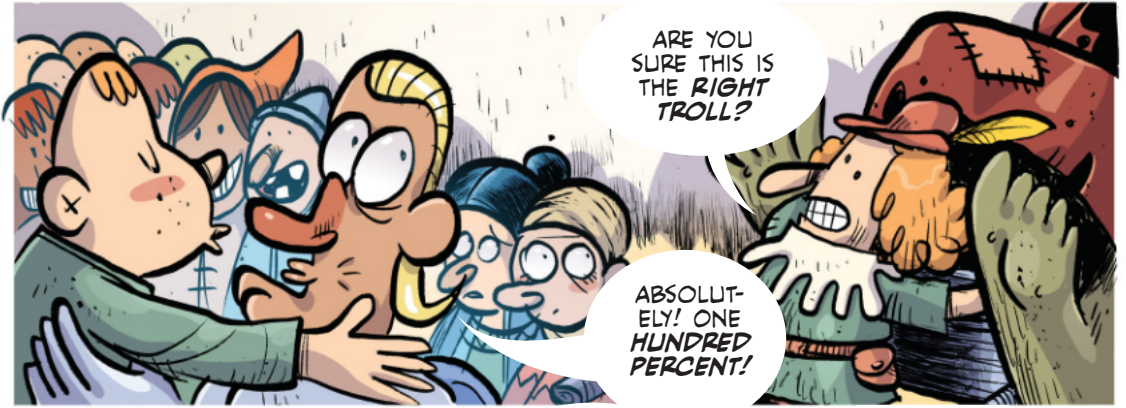
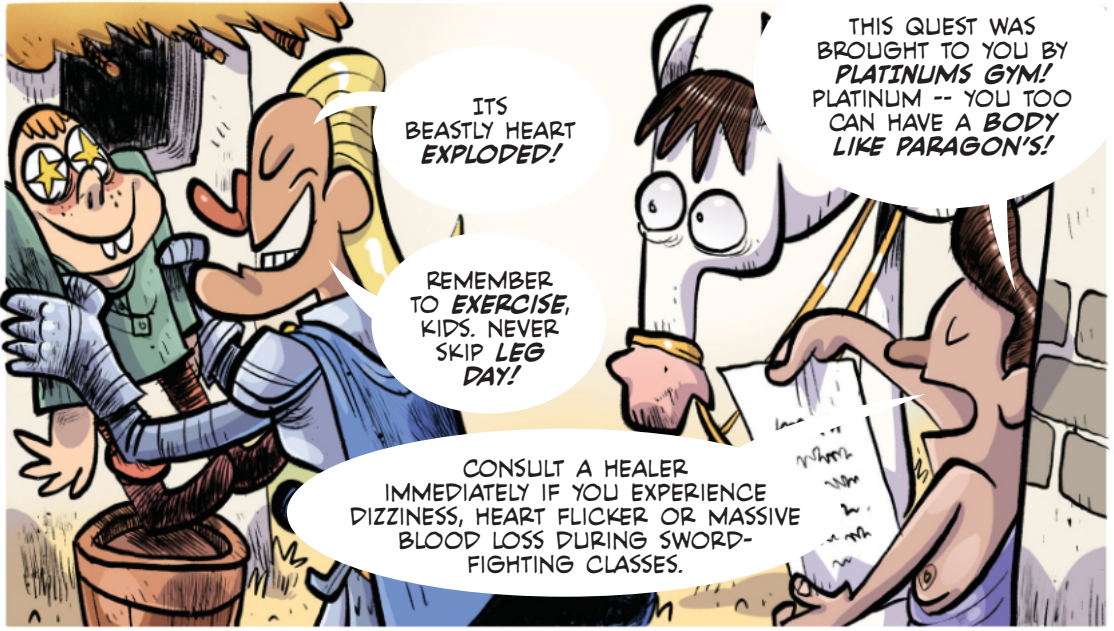




ANYONE COULD DO WHAT YOU DO WITH TWELVE PUBLICLY PAID DISCIPLES TO DO YOUR BIDDING.

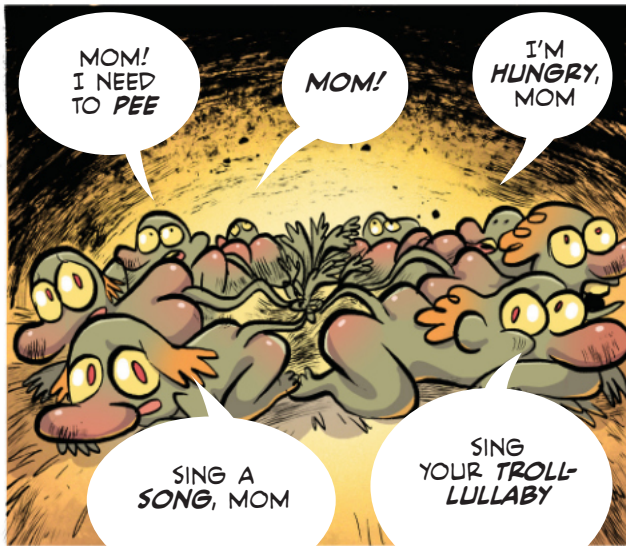
DID YOU DEFEAT THE TROLL BY SHEER POWER?

I DEFEATED IT BY SHEER POWER-WALKING!





YOU *SURE* SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY *KIDS* LEFT OUT THERE?



MOM! I NEED TO PEE

MOM!

I'M HUNGRY, MOM

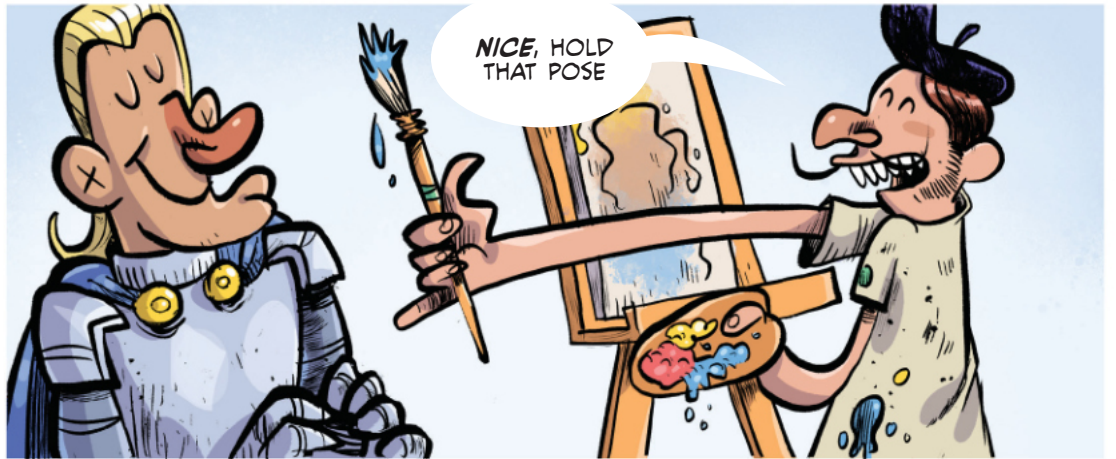
SING A SONG, MOM

SING YOUR TROLL-LULLABY

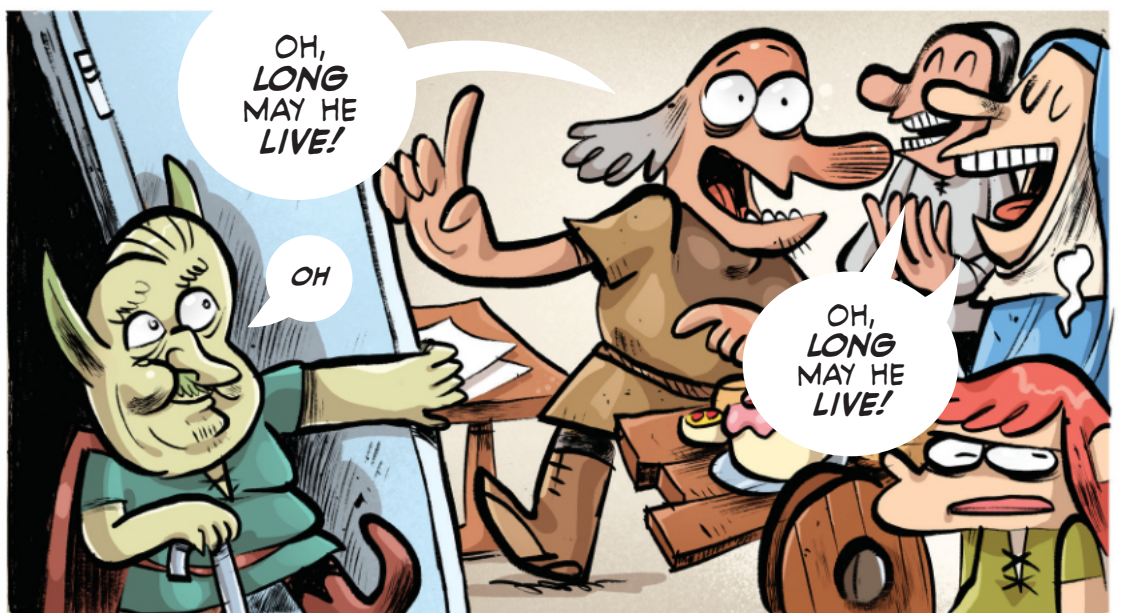
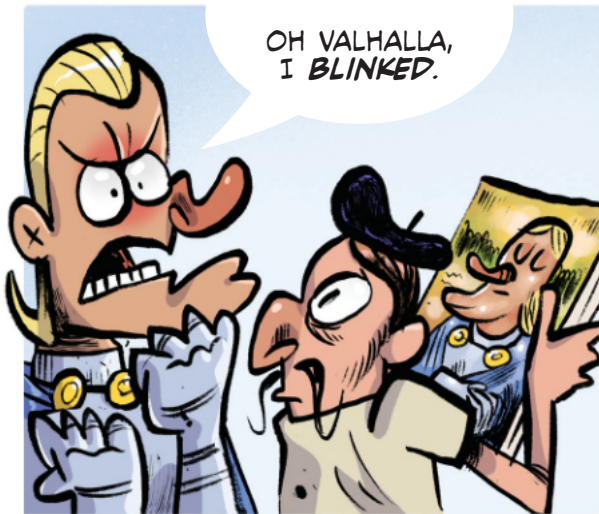


PARAGON! MIDGARD TRIBUNE HERE

A QUICK PICTURE?

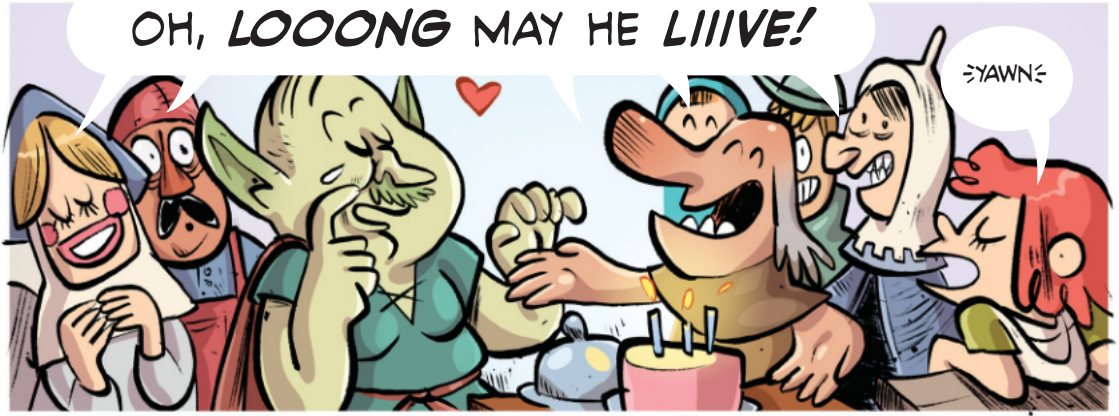


NICE, HOLD THAT POSE



OH, LOOONG MAY HE LIIIVE!

YAWN



OH, LOONG MAY HE LIVE!

GYRION?



ELF DOWN!

QUICK,
BREAK OUT
YE FIRST
AIDE KIT!

HERE!



QUICK,
VIGDUS!

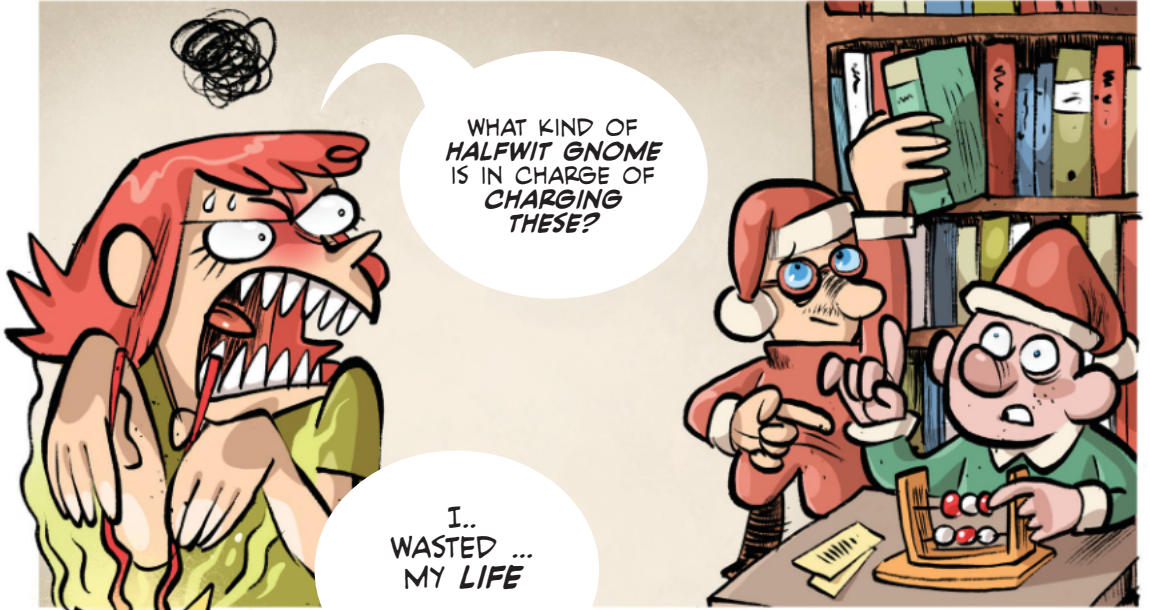
LET'S
SEE ...

UH

CLEAR

HOST







THAT ...

IS ...

NOT ...



ENOUGH

WELL, OUR TARGET WAS 2.5 PERCENT, SO ...

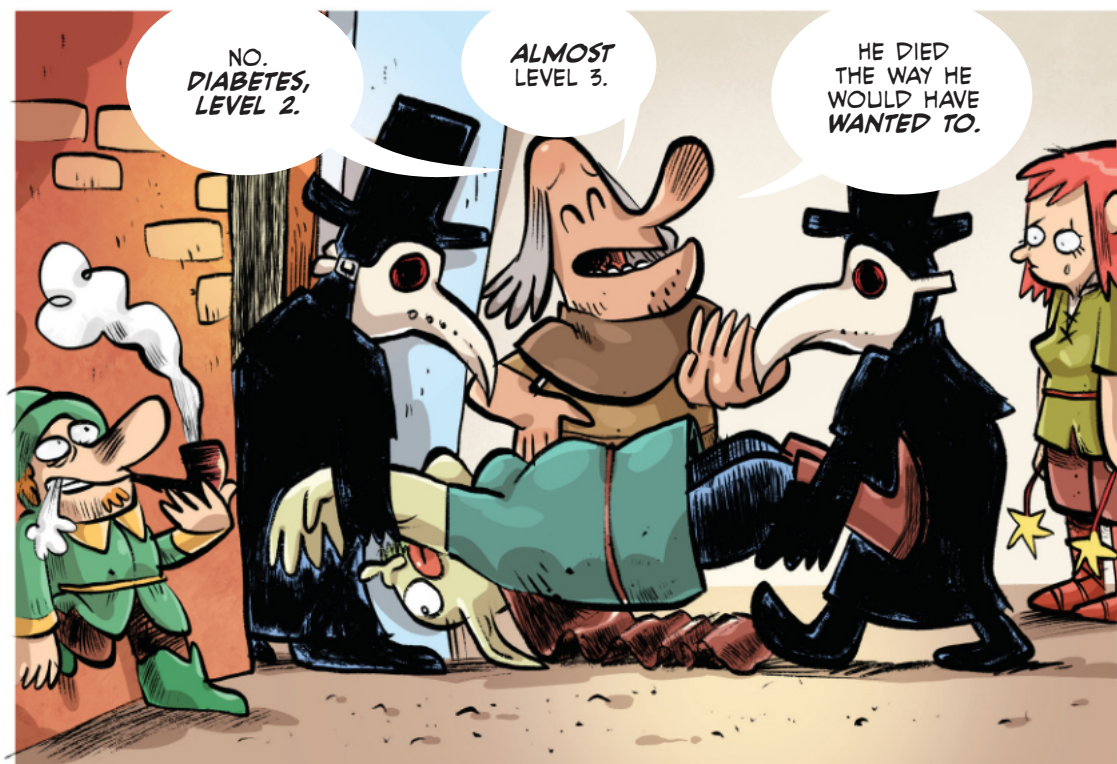
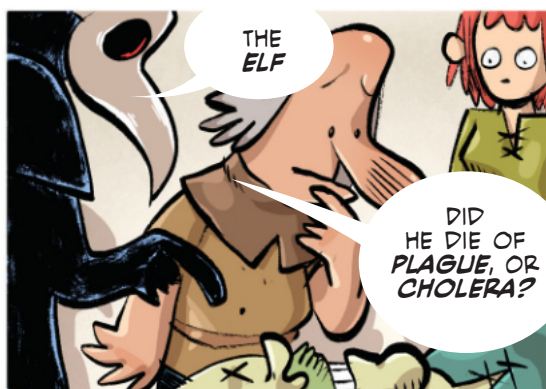
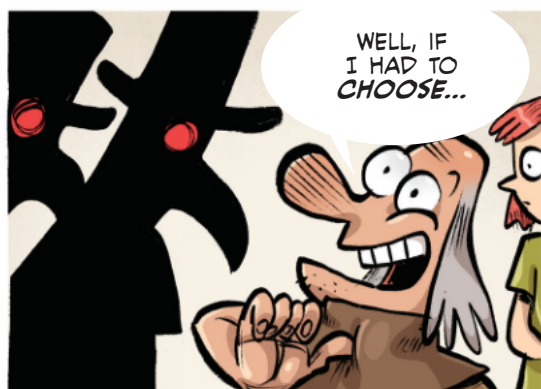


NO, NOT PERFECT ...

BUT

GYRION!!!









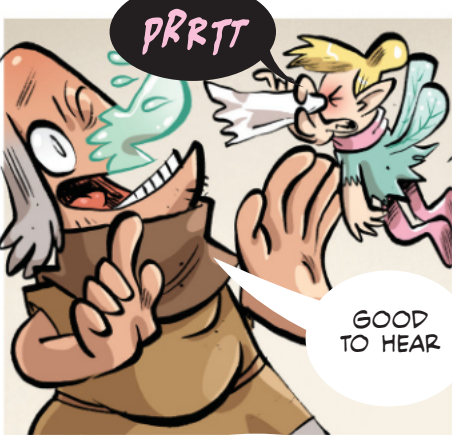
CREATIVITY IS BACK?

MY WRITER'S MUSE IS ON THE MEND, AS YOU CAN SEE.

⇒Cough!⇒

Not Feeling great, but ...

⇒Cough!⇒



PRRTT

GOOD TO HEAR



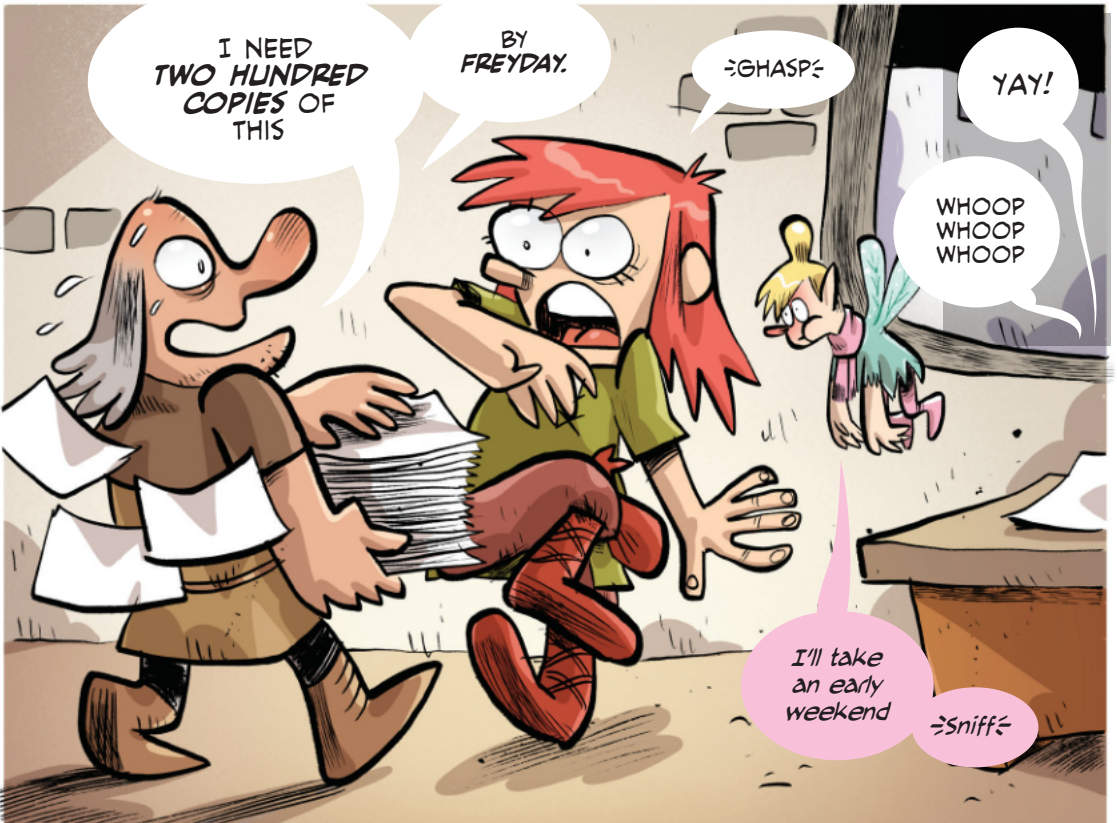
HANG ON ...

⇒Sniff⇒



Lozenge?

thanks



I NEED TWO HUNDRED COPIES OF THIS

BY FREYDAY.

⇒GHASP⇒

YAY!

WHOOOP WHOOOP WHOOOP

I'll take an early weekend

⇒Sniff⇒



YOU'RE LUCKY TO EVEN HAVE A JOB

PARAGON! HOORRAY!

=>Cough!<=

LONG LIVE PARAGON!

LIGG MED ME PARAG
PARAGON DUER KUUL!



HOORAY!
HE'S MUCH
BETTER THAN
US!

HAIL!
HAIL!

SOME
MAKE
IT!

PARAGON
SOM
KONGE

YOU WERE
GOOD TODAY,
RAGNAR

THANKS,
THE SAME,
TORLEIF





