

OUR FIERCE DIFFERENCES

Chapter 2



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AREN'T YOU GOING TO BE LATE KOP?



A PRINCE SHOULDN'T BE LATE FOR A COUNCIL MEETING...



WE MEET AT THE THIRD, NOT THE SECOND BELL TODAY.

BESIDES I HAVE IMPORTANT WORK TO FINISH HERE...

GRAND

Lick! mmph!

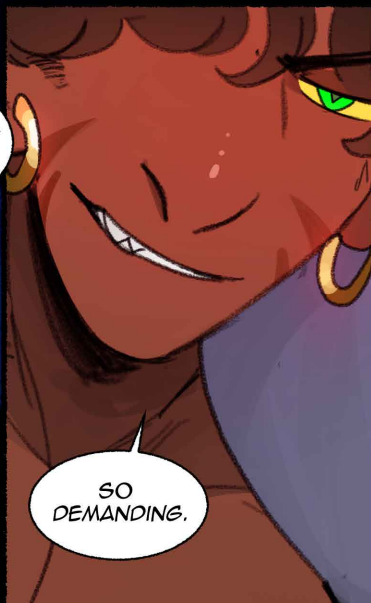


PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT BEFORE THE THIRD BELLS RINGS.

VANA WON'T BE SATISFIED IF YOU JUST THRUST AIMLESSLY LIKE THAT.

SLURP

SNARL GROWL SLICK!!



SO DEMANDING.



I THINK IT'S NATURAL TO BE DEMANDING WHEN ONE OF YOUR PARTNERS NEGLECTS YOU FOR SO LONG-

SERA, YOU KNOW I CAN'T EVEN FUCK YOU RIGHT NOW - YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR MARRIAGE.

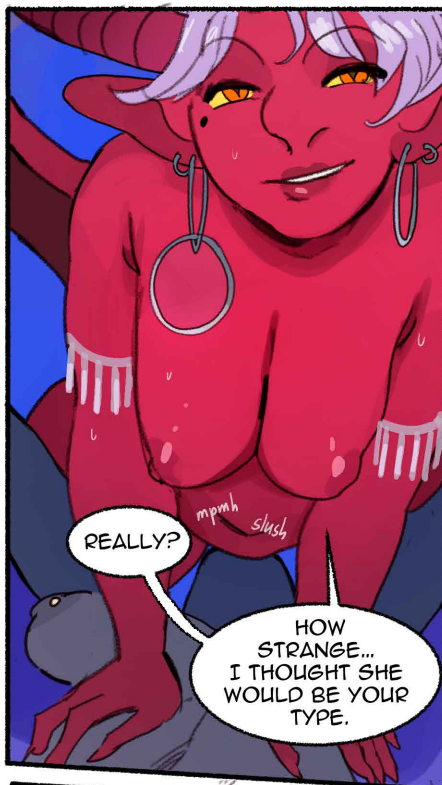


-LEAVING ME ALL ALONE WHILE YOU RIDE YOUR BRAND NEW VASHI...

TSK! YOU'RE SO COLD.

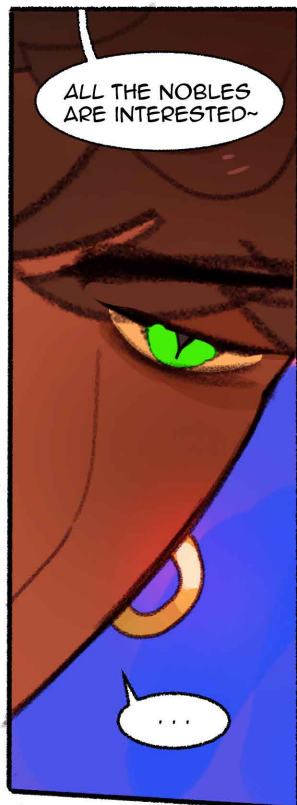


SHE'S... I'M NOT DOING HER.



REALLY?

HOW STRANGE... I THOUGHT SHE WOULD BE YOUR TYPE.

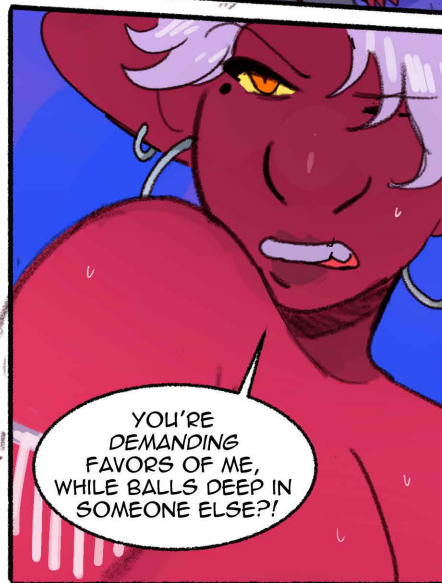


ALL THE NOBLES ARE INTERESTED~

...



... SERA, CAN I ASK A FAVOR?



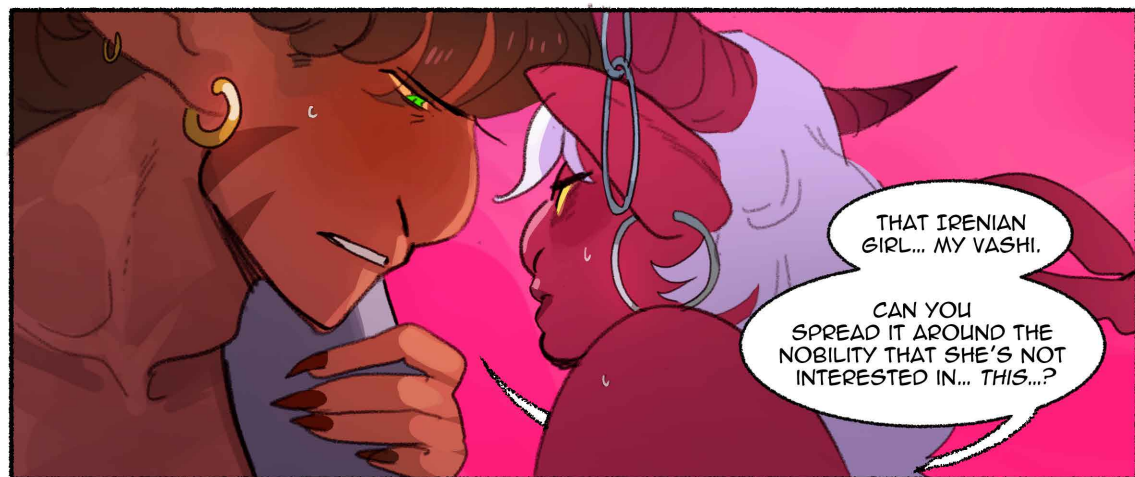
YOU'RE DEMANDING FAVORS OF ME, WHILE BALLS DEEP IN SOMEONE ELSE?!



I'M ASKING.

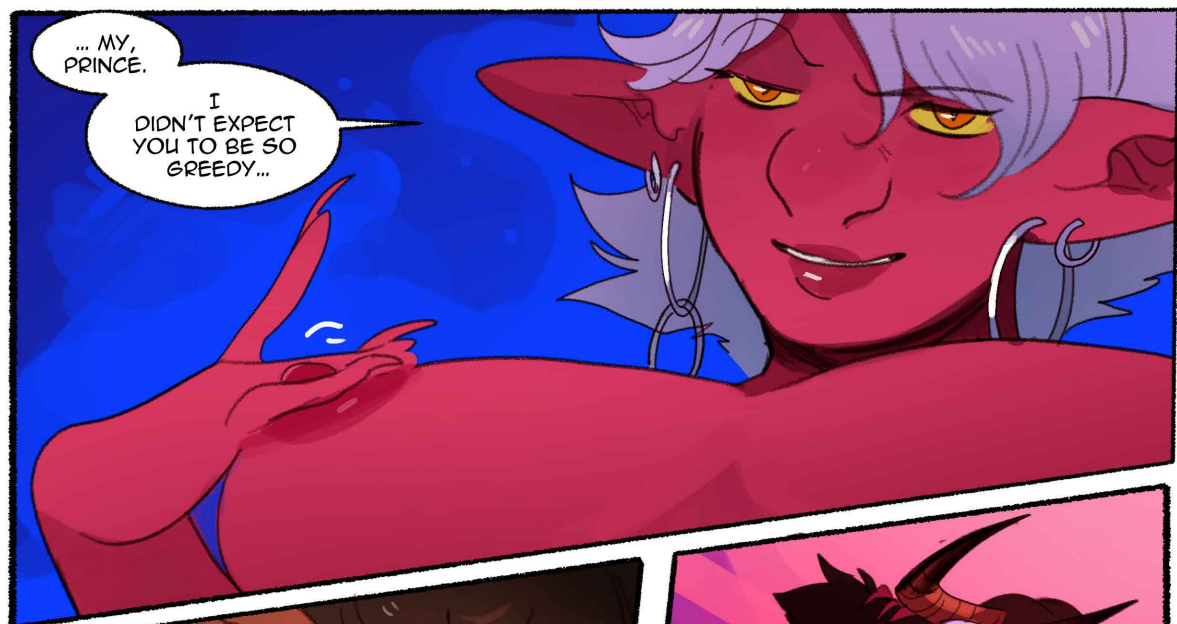
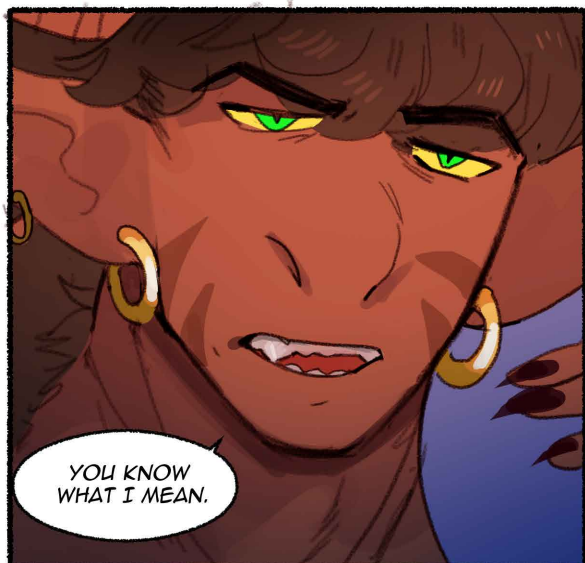
HMPH

SWIRL



THAT IRENIAN GIRL... MY VASHI.

CAN YOU SPREAD IT AROUND THE NOBILITY THAT SHE'S NOT INTERESTED IN... THIS...?





FINE. I'LL
BE YOUR GOSSIP
MONGER...

BUT, I'D BETTER
SEE MORE OF YOU WHILE
MY HUSBAND'S GONE!!

GROWL

GRI

STOP FLIRTING
AND FUCK ME!!

SNARL

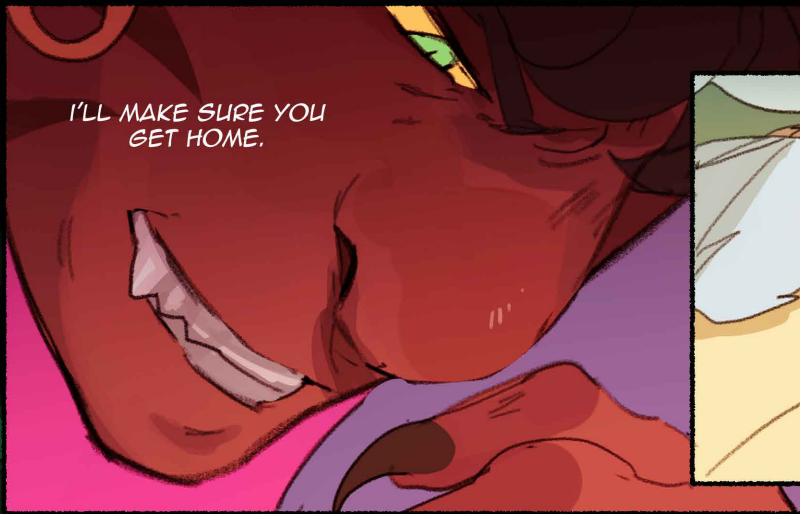
FINE,
FINE, VANA...

I
DON'T WANT TO BE
LATE, AFTER ALL.

smack

SNARL
FUCK
NHN

HMPH.



I'LL MAKE SURE YOU
GET HOME.



SIGH.

HE SAID THOSE
WORDS WITH SUCH
CONVICTION



I CAN'T HELP BUT
FEEL THOUGH...

THAT HE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND HOW
DIFFICULT THAT
MIGHT BE....



THOSE
ENVOYS



I'M MORE USEFUL
TO THEM IN THE
DESERT.

AT LEAST I'M
COMFORTABLE AND I CAN
ENJOY ALL THESE BOOKS...

BUT I'VE BARELY
SEEN HIM OVER THE LAST
FEW DAYS...

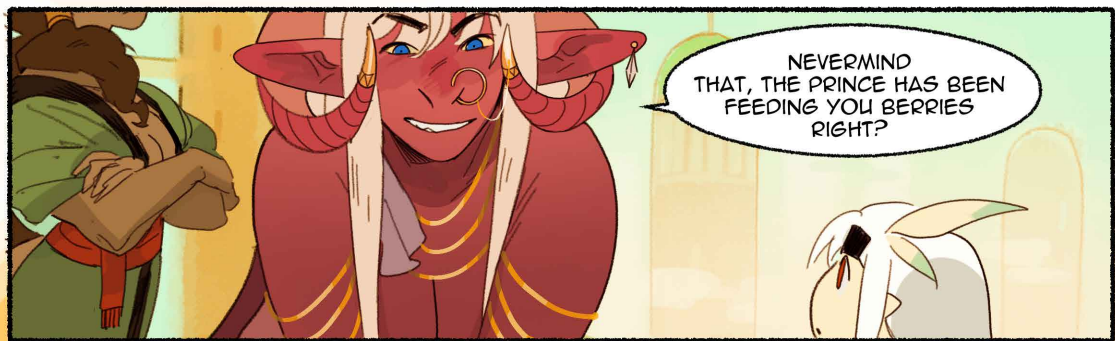
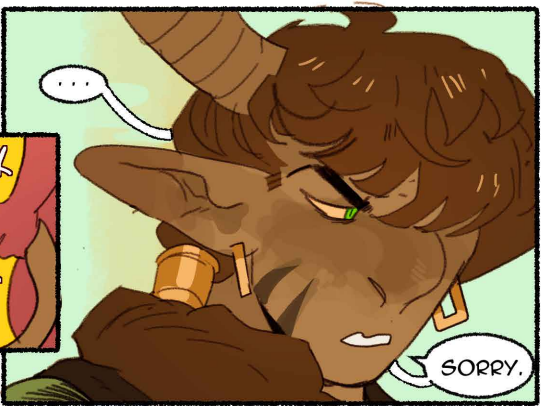


THERE YOU
ARE!

WASAI!

NARA...

I PROMISED
YOU A PROPER
NARAKYIAN WELCOME
RIGHT?





crack!

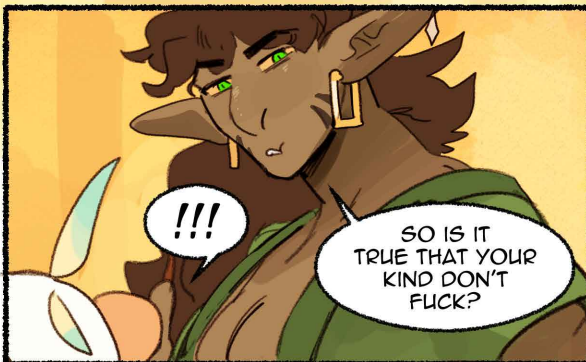
ISN'T IT?

THIS RESTAURANT
DOES THE BEST RED
JEWEL CRAB IN
THE CITY!

HM...

IT'S
GOOD!

TRY
THE RICE!



!!!

SO IS IT
TRUE THAT YOUR
KIND DON'T
FLUCK?



NARA!

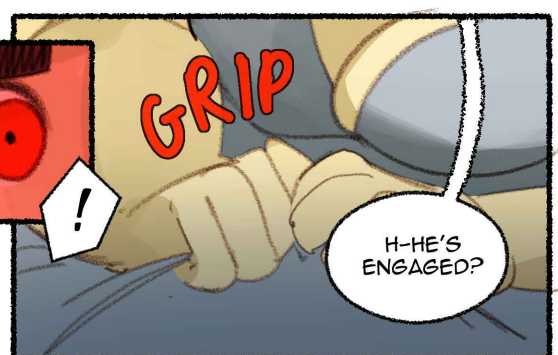
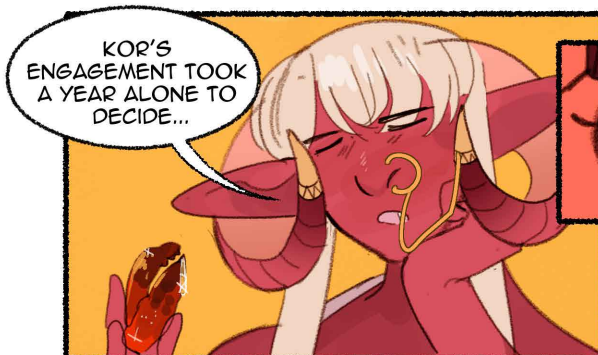
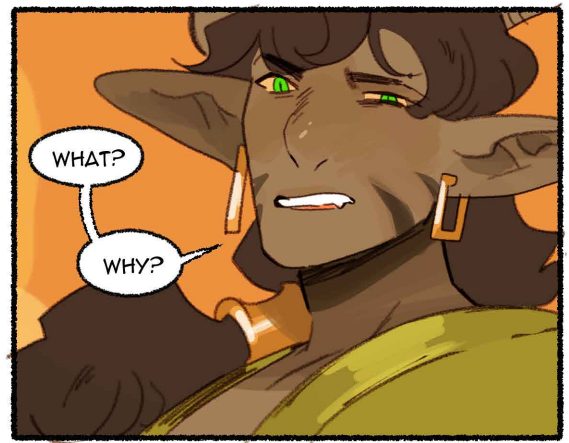
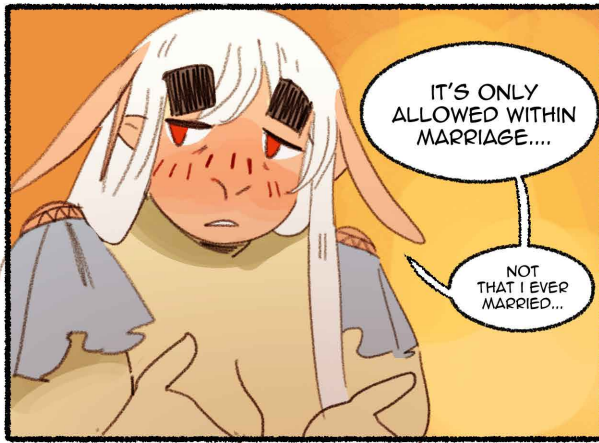
BUT KOR
SAID-!

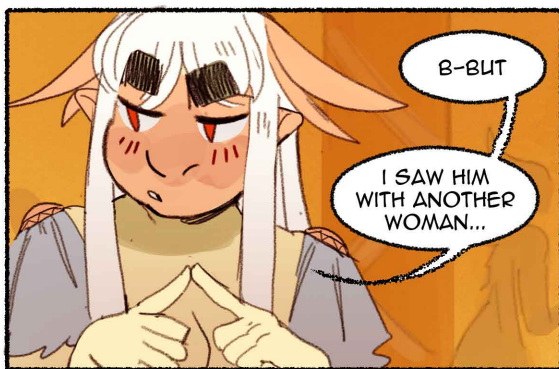
cough!
cough!

cough!



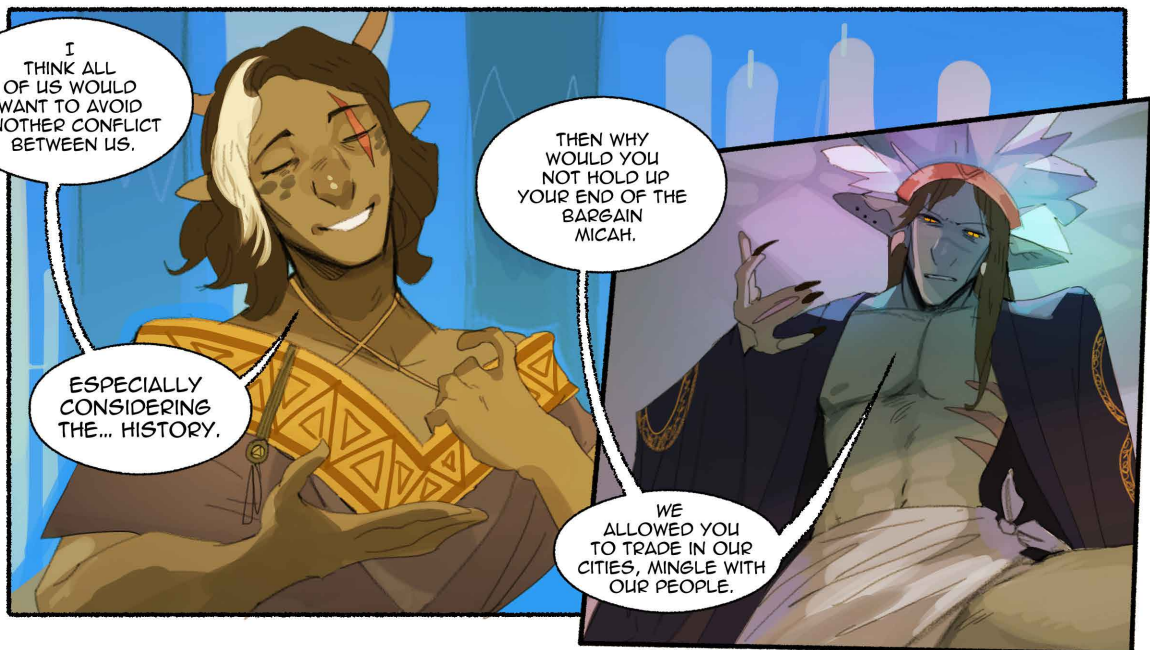
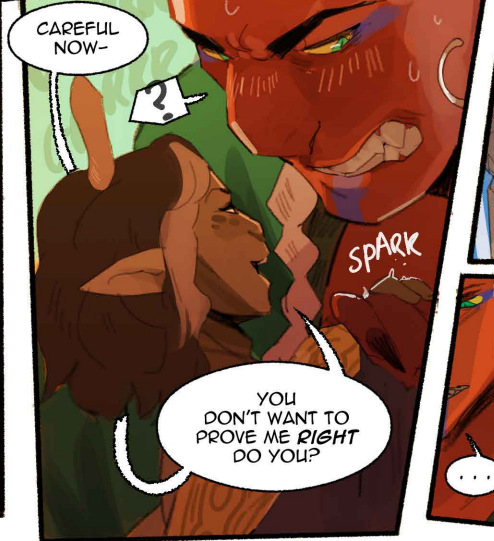
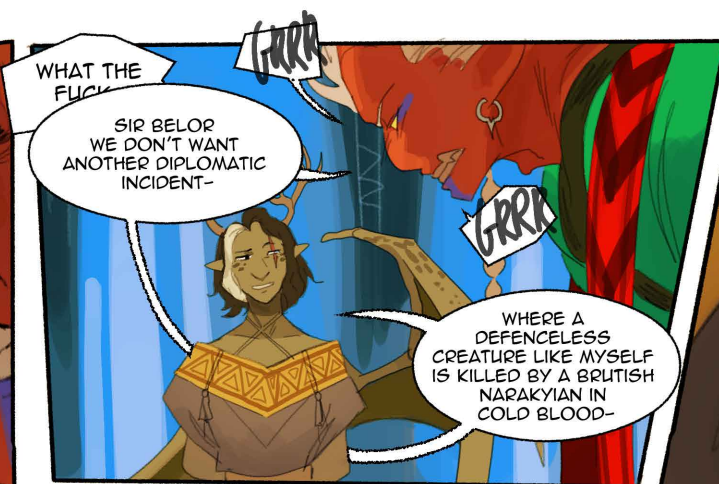
WHAT'S SO WRONG
ABOUT NOT DOING IT...













TELL ME
WHY SHOULDN'T I
LET BELOR DO WHAT
HE WILLS TO YOU?

BECAUSE
WE CAN GIVE YOU
EXACTLY WHAT
YOU WANT.

**WATER.
ENDLESS
WATER.**

BUT IRENIANS
ARE NOTORIOUSLY
SLIPPY MY KING, IT IS
NOT AN EASY FEAT TO
ACQUIRE THEIR
MAGICS.



SO A
LITTLE PATIENCE
IS NECESSARY.



BUT TO THINK-

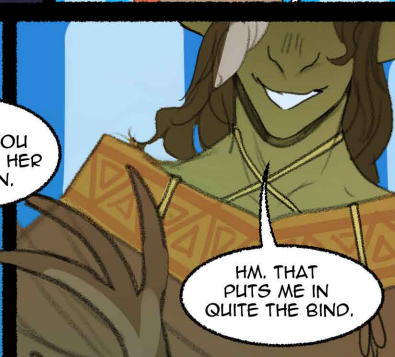
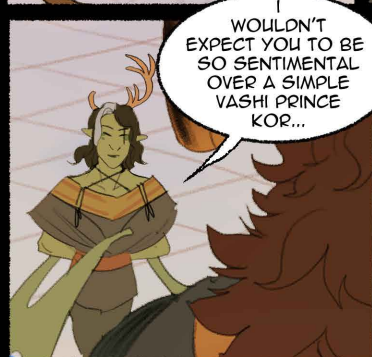
TO BE
THE RULER
WHO BROUGHT
WATER TO THE
NARAKYIAN.

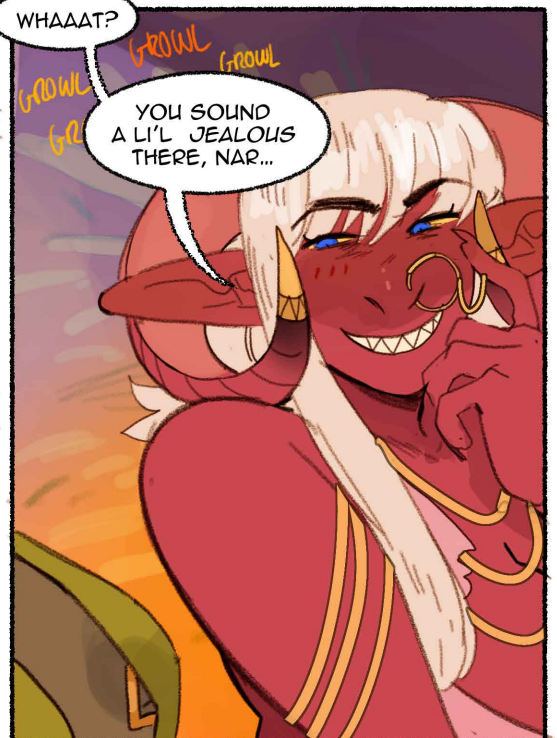
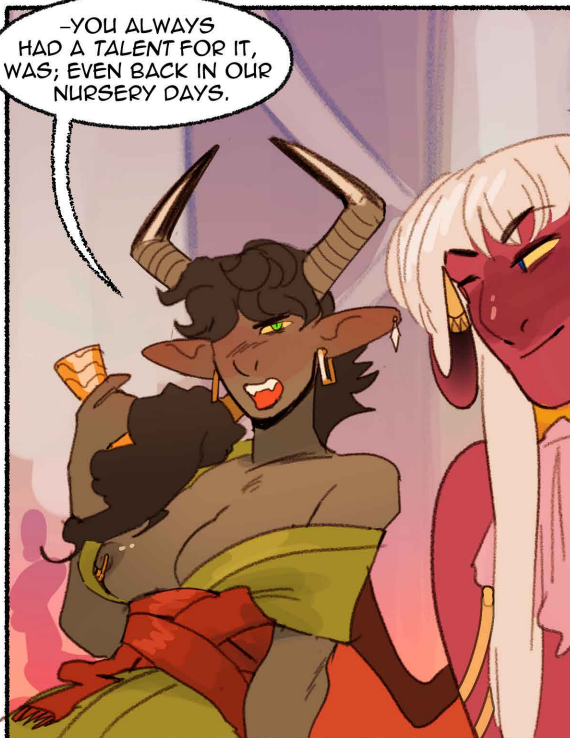
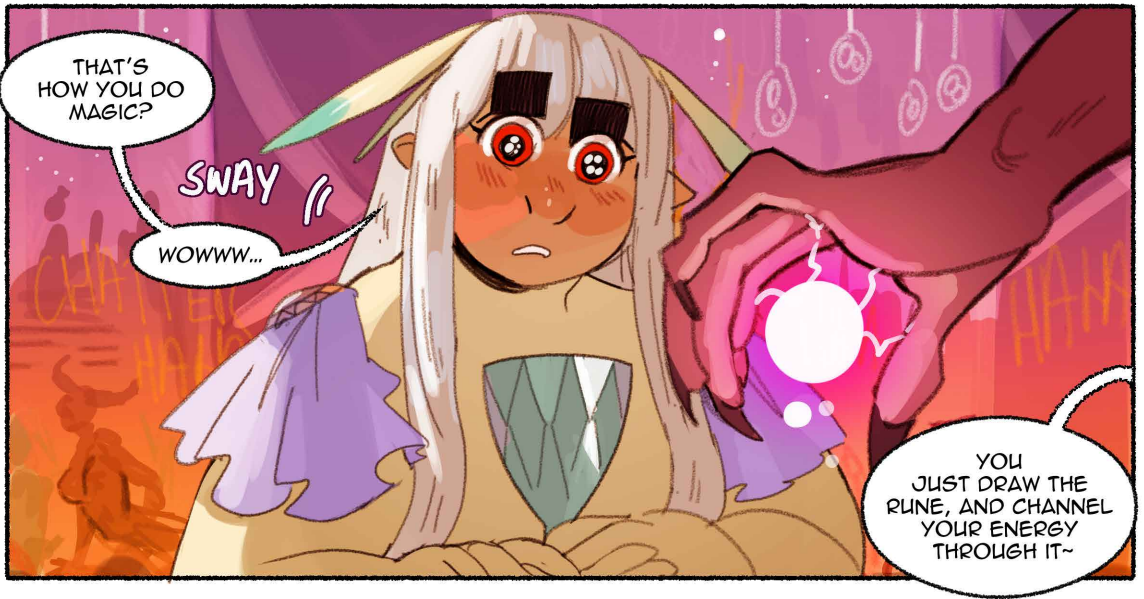


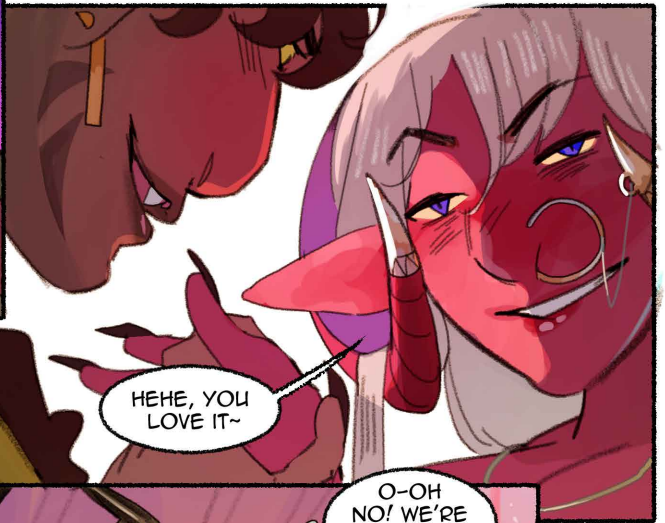
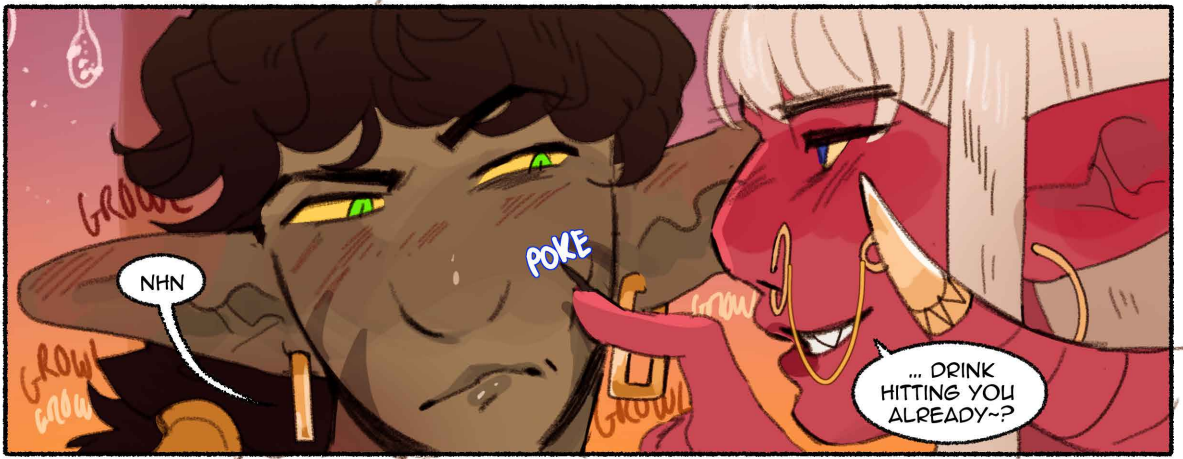
LET US STAY
JUST PAST THE
DROUGHT SEASON
WHILE I COMMUNICATE
WITH MY SUPERIORS
WITHIN OUR LAWS.

I AM
SURE THAT WE
CAN COME TO AN
AGREEMENT THAT WILL
MAKE EVERYONE
HAPPY.

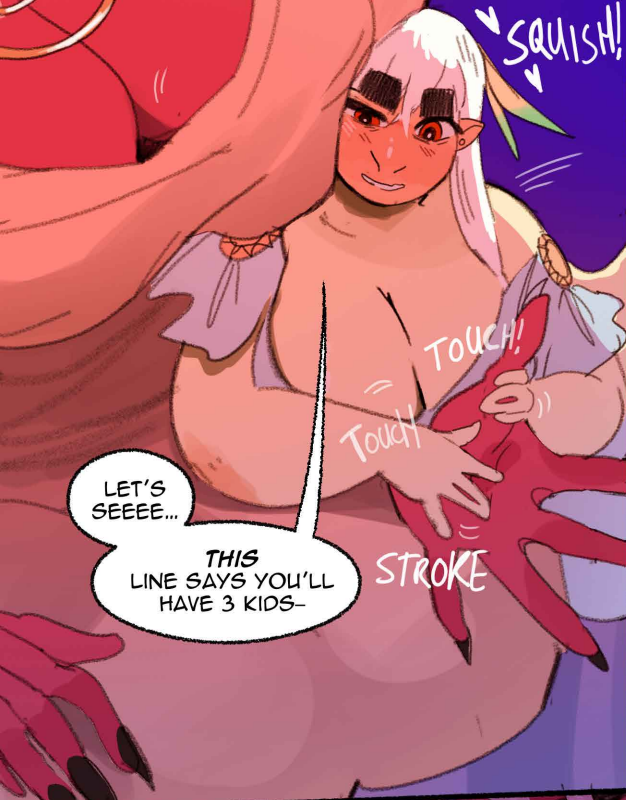
STILL I SHOULD
APOLOGIZE FOR THE
MISCOMMUNICATION
WITH THE GIRL - SURELY HER
AS A VASHI WOULD BE
ENOUGH FOR YOU?











LET'S
SEEEE...

THIS
LINE SAYS YOU'LL
HAVE 3 KIDS-

TOUCH!

TOUCH!

STROKE

SQUISH!



-AND
THIIIIS ONE
SPELLS...

A LIFE
FULL OF WILD
PASSION.

TOUCH!



SNAARLL

PUSH!



WILD
PASSION,
HUH~?

PIN!

AH?

SNARRRRL

I
DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO EXPECT
FROM YOU.

W-WHAT?

BUT
IT CERTAINLY
WASN'T THAT YOU'D
BE SO FLIRTY~

...

reach

stop

ERRRR

WAS.
CALM
YOURSELF....

Tug

REMEMBER
WHAT MY BROTHER
SAID...

???







HOW
DARE YOU SNARL
AT ME!

GROWL

!!!

SLASH!!!!
WHILE YOUR
PEOPLE SUFFER-

YOU
FUSS ABOUT
THE LIVES OF A FEW
PEASANTS-

GRAB

LIFT

THEY ARE
NOT BENEATH
US ZARAN!



YOU'RE-!

YOU'RE AN
OVERSENTIMENTAL
BRUTE-

-JUST
LIKE YOUR
MOTHER-

YO
KOR!



CALM
YOURSELF

REMEMBER
WHERE YOU
ARE-



AND
WHO IS
HERE...

Vaaa...

Grrr



THU
NK

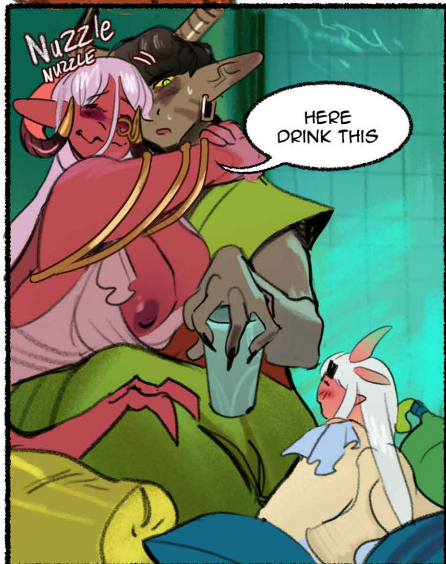


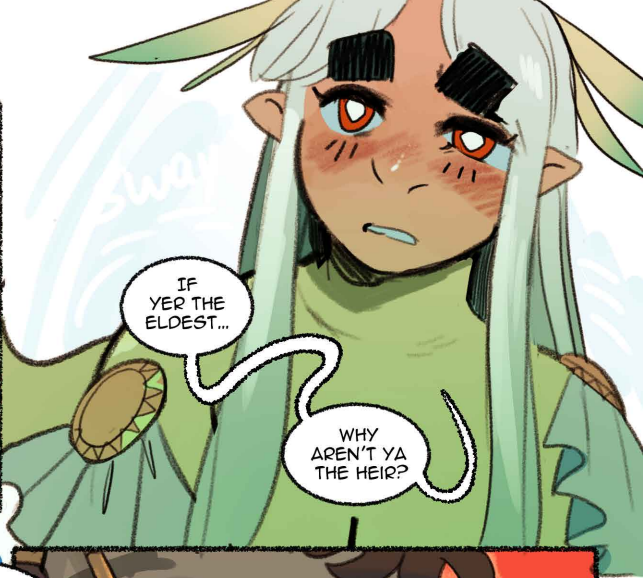
I'M
TRYING TO
WARN YOU
BROTHER-

GRRR

RRR

TWITCH







IS
THAT SO...



...
NARA.
THANK
YOU.



IT WAS
FUN...
TO LET
GO FOR
A LI'L.

TOUCH



YOU'RE...
A LOT MORE
FUN WHEN YOU'RE
LOOSESED UP
LIKE THIS.



...
THOUGH
YOU'RE EQUALLY
DANGEROUS.

HMP?



LET'S
GOOO!



YES,
YES.

LOOSE-
NED?



WASAI,
YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
FLY LIKE
THIS-

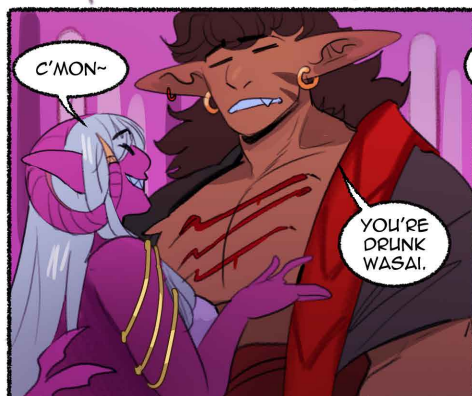


I KNOW,
I SHOULD KNOW
BETTER-



ZARAN?

THOSE SCARS
ARE SEXY
COOL-







MY BROTHER AND I GOT INTO...

... A PRETTY HEATED ARGUMENT



YOU MIGHT HAVE TO STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER.

I'M SORRY.

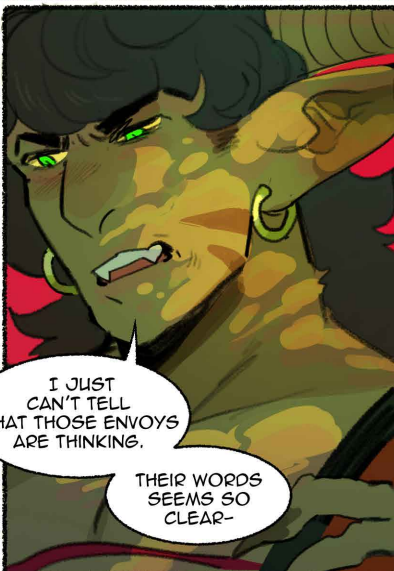
MY FATHER AND THE REST OF THE COUNCIL ARE TOO WRAPPED UP PETTY POLITICAL DRAMA TO DEAL WITH IT.

IT'S OKAY-

I THOUGHT THAT MAY BE THE CASE HONESTLY...



THOSE GARDLIAN ENVOYS WEREN'T GONNA LET ME PRANCE HOME SO EASILY...



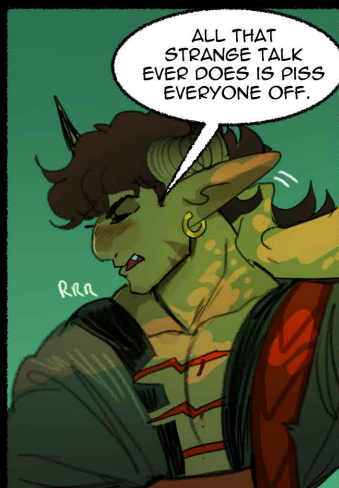
I JUST CAN'T TELL WHAT THOSE ENVOYS ARE THINKING.

THEIR WORDS SEEMS SO CLEAR-



RUFFLE!

-AND YET SO CONFUSING...



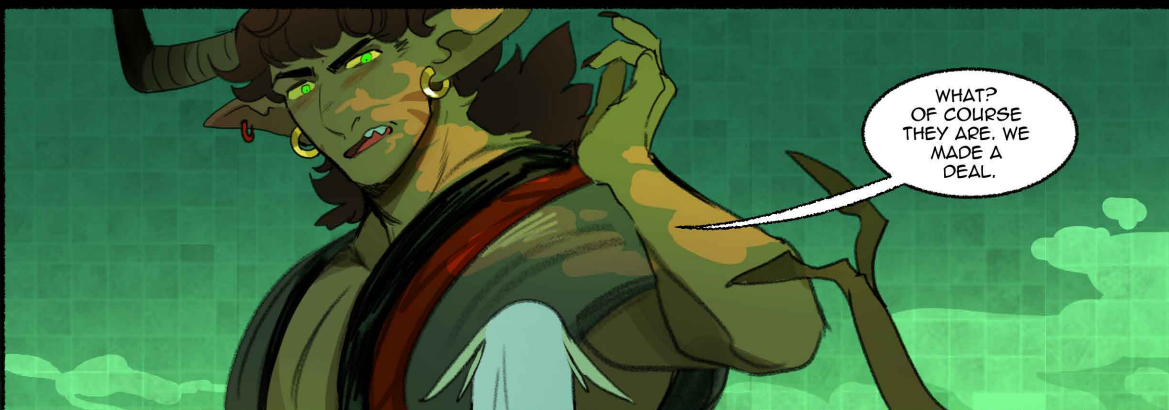
ALL THAT
STRANGE TALK
EVER DOES IS PISS
EVERYONE OFF.



WHY
OPEN YOUR
MOUTH IF WHAT
COMES OUT WON'T
MAKE SENSE.



Y'KNOW
THOSE ENVOYS'RE
NEVER GONNA GIVE
YA THAT MAGIC...
RIGHT?



WHAT?
OF COURSE
THEY ARE. WE
MADE A
DEAL.



THEY'RE
LYIN'.

OR,
AT LEAST...



TELLIN'
HALF-TRUTHS.

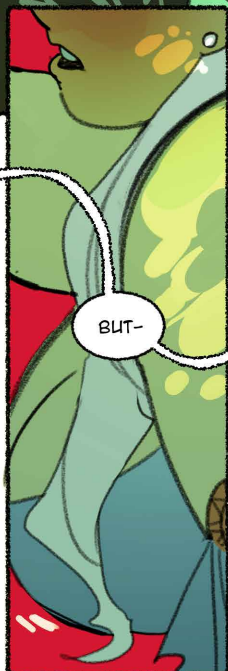


MAKIN'
YA FIGHT
AMONGST
EACH OTHER-



Y'REALLY
DIDN'T
NOTICE?

CLIMB





SURE, CAUSE' I'M NICE.

ANYWAYS--

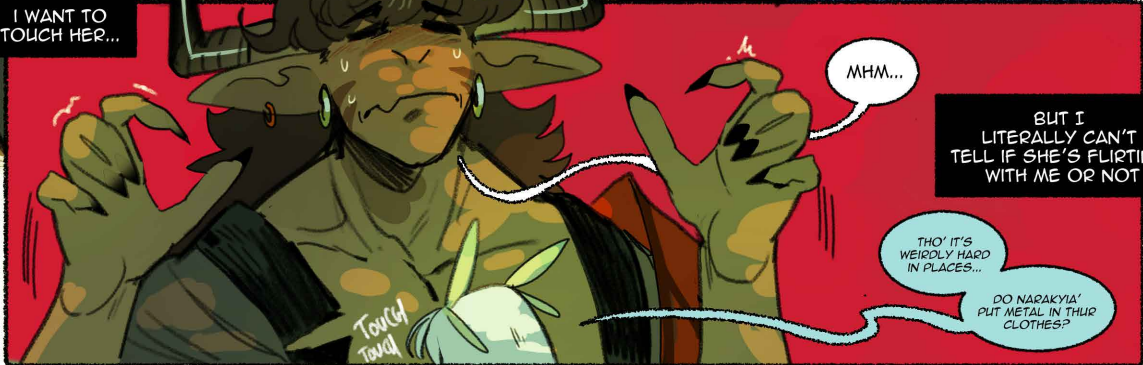


-THESE CLOTHES REALLY MAKE YA LOOK LIKE ROYALTY-!



IT LOOKS SO LUXURIOUS--

I WANT TO TOUCH HER...



MHM...

BUT I LITERALLY CAN'T TELL IF SHE'S FLIRTING WITH ME OR NOT

THO' IT'S WEIRDLY HARD IN PLACES...

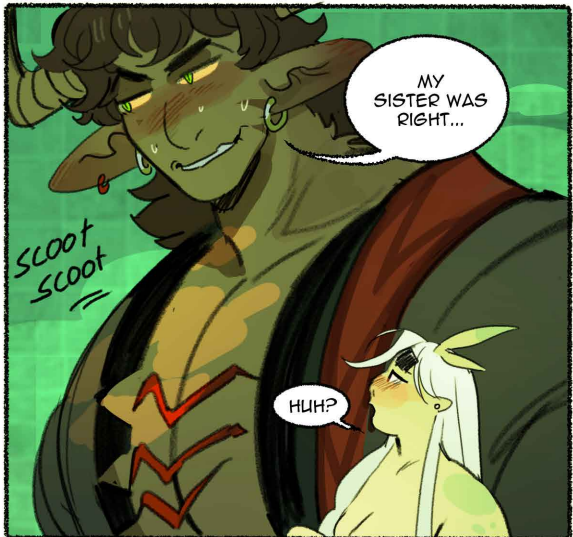
DO NARAKYIA PUT METAL IN THIR CLOTHES?

Touch Touch



IS SOMETHIN' WRONG?

SHOVE!



MY SISTER WAS RIGHT...

Scoot scoot

HUH?



NEVERMIND—
JUST...

TRY TO
GET SOME
SLEEP, OKAY?

THP

BEFORE
I START MAKING
ASSUMPTIONS...

?????

THE NEXT DAY



THEY
DIDN'T THE LAST
TIME I CHECKED.

ALL THE RECORDS
GOT TURNED UPSIDE
DOWN AFTER
THE WAR.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN—

YOUR LIBRARY
DOESN'T HAVE
DICTIONARIES?



UGH
OKAY.

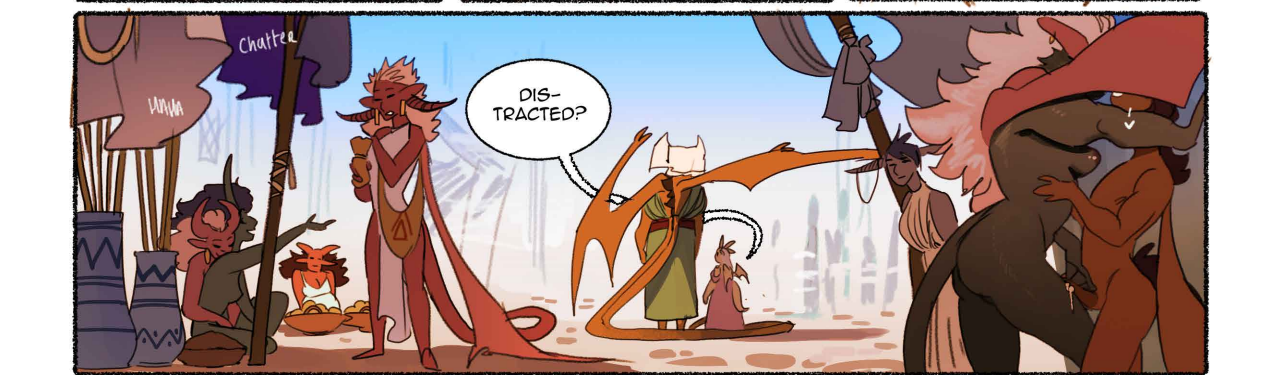
THAT
MAKES
SENSE

MY
HEAD...

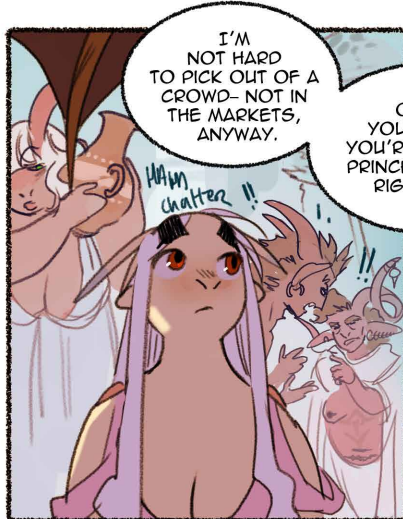
WHAT
ARE YOU
WEARING THAT
FOR?

IS THAT..?

TO
KEEP ME
FROM GETTING
DISTRACTED.



DIS-
TRACTED?



I'M NOT HARD TO PICK OUT OF A CROWD- NOT IN THE MARKETS, ANYWAY.

OR DID YOU FORGET YOU'RE WITH THE PRINCE KORANDR RIGHT NOW?



WELL YOU DON'T EXACTLY ACT PRINCELY.



I PREFER NOT TO MAKE A BIG FUSS.

ESPECIALLY FOR THEM.

THEM?



AH.

THE ENVOYS...

AFOR



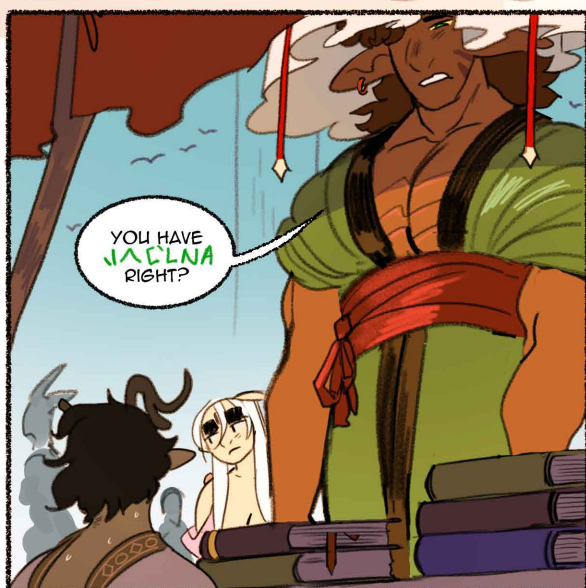
WARES FROM THE UPPER CONTINENTS!



AT VERY DISCERNING PRICES FOR THE AVERAGE NARAK-



?!



YOU HAVE JACNA RIGHT?



O-OOH, PRIN-

I-I MEAN OF COURSE, SIR!





... WHAT DID HE SAY?

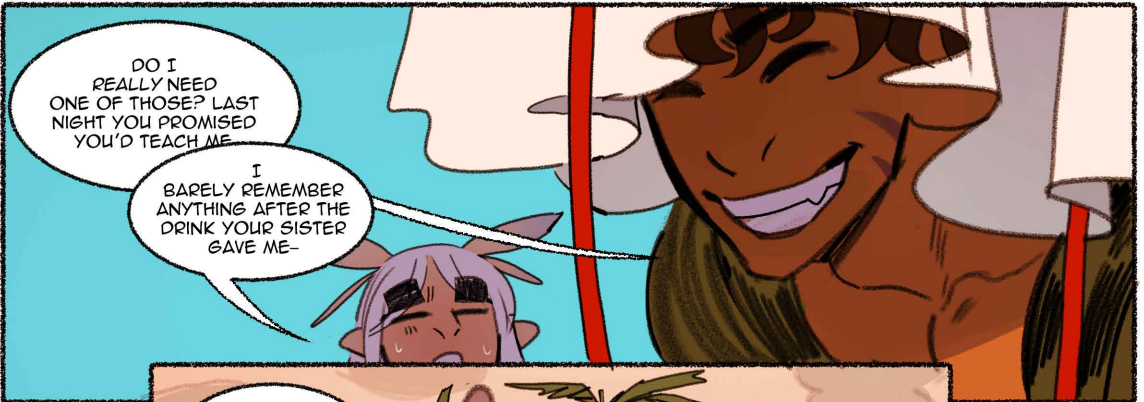
NOTHING TOO IMPORTANT



IT'S A BIT DISCONCERTING TO NOT UNDERSTAND THEM WHILE THEY'RE TALKING...



THAT'S WHAT THE DICTIONARY'S FOR.



DO I REALLY NEED ONE OF THOSE? LAST NIGHT YOU PROMISED YOU'D TEACH ME

I BARELY REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER THE DRINK YOUR SISTER GAVE ME-



LET'S JUST GET TO THE LIBRARY. IT'S SO HOT OUT.

OH! HE REALLY WAS SORRY...



IT'S A BLUN FRUIT FROM THE LOWER GARDLIAN TERRITORIES.

TRY IT.

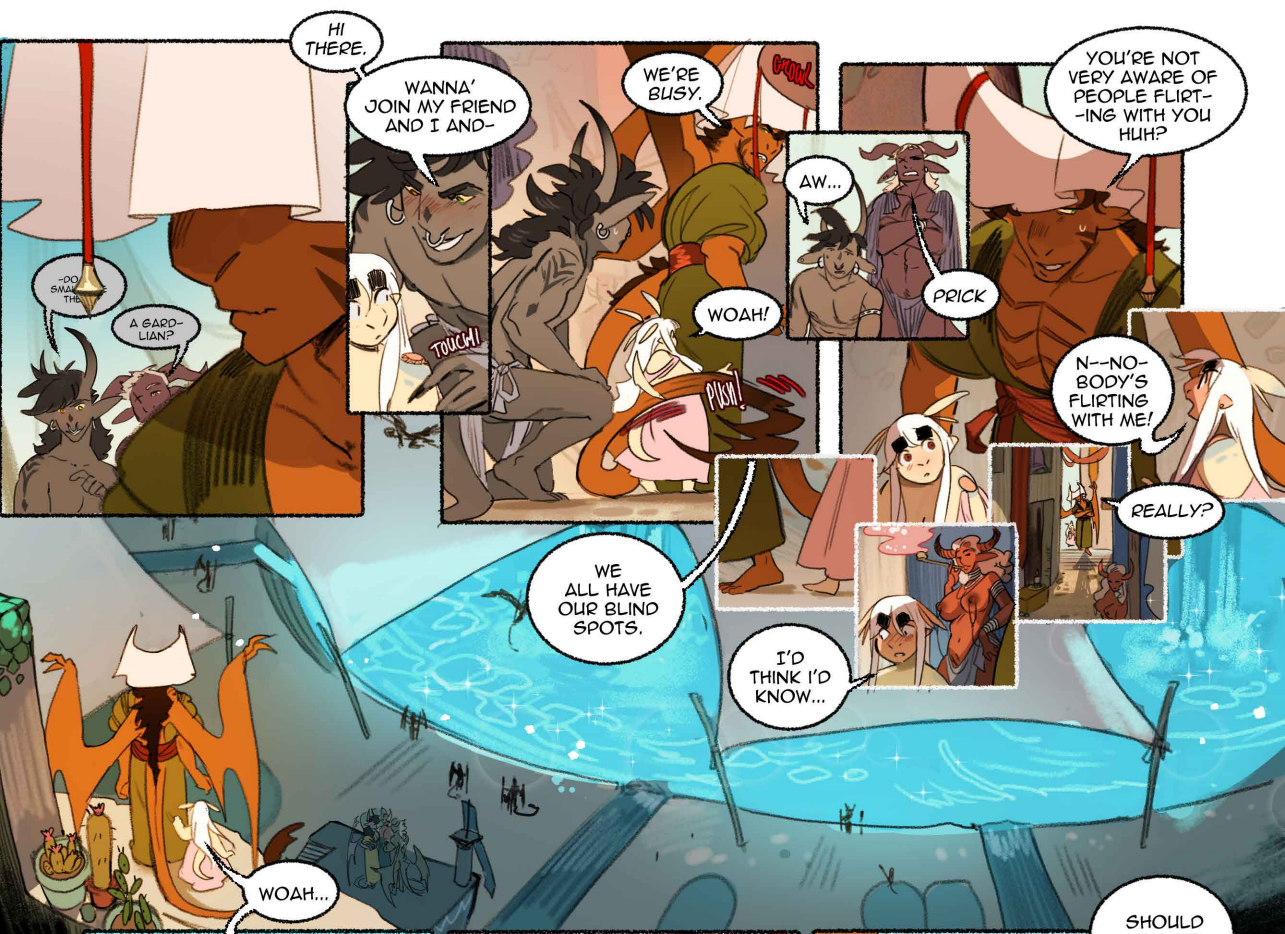


SO BLUE...



SUCH SWEET FRUIT FROM SUCH ANNOYING PEOPLE...

HA.



HI THERE.

WANNA' JOIN MY FRIEND AND I AND-

WE'RE BUSY.

YOU'RE NOT VERY AWARE OF PEOPLE FLIRTING WITH YOU HUH?

AW...

PRICK

WOAH!

N--NO-BODY'S FLIRTING WITH ME!

REALLY?

WE ALL HAVE OUR BLIND SPOTS.

I'D THINK I'D KNOW...

WOAH...

SHOULD YOU GO DOW-?



IS THAT NARA?



LOOKS LIKE THE COUNCIL'S FOISTED WORK ON HER AGAIN...



AH!

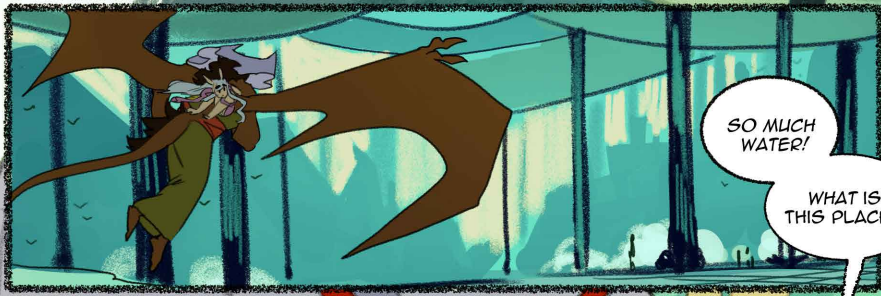


I DON'T WANT QUESTIONS ABOUT MY SCARS.

NOT TODAY.



LET'S JUST GO TO THE LIBRARY, THEN.



SO MUCH WATER!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

IT'S THE CITY'S RESERVOIR.

THE WATER IS BEING PULLED UNDERGROUND FOR THE DRY SEASON.



BUT, IT WON'T BE ENOUGH.

NOT THIS TIME...



THE LIBRARY'S JUST AHEAD.



BEING CARRIED SO MUCH MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A LITTLE KID AGAIN...



PLOK



WELL YOU ARE SMALL.



THIS IS THE LIBRARY?

THIS IS JUST A SHORTCUT.

THIS IS THE LIBRARY.



WOW.



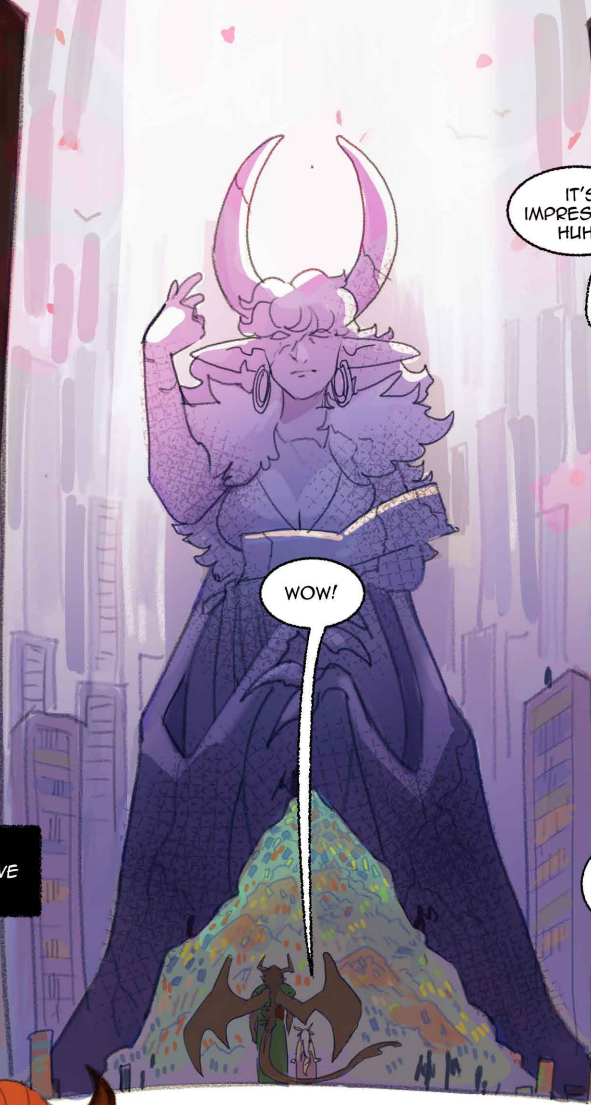
INCREDIBLE...



SO MANY BOOKS!



IT'S NOTHING LIKE THE ARCHIVE AT HOME.



WOW!



IT'S IMPRESSIVE, HUH?

TECHNICALLY, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE IN HERE-

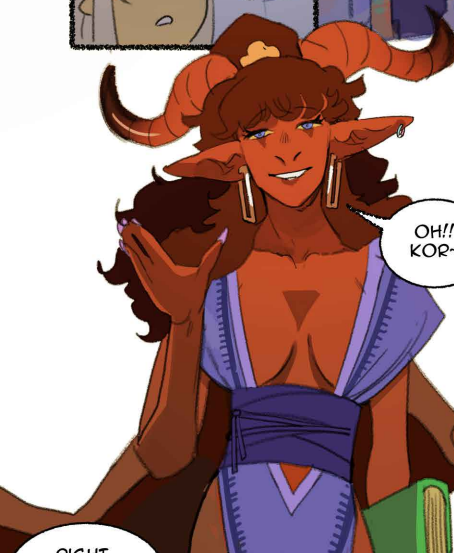


- BUT, I KNOW A LIBRARIAN.



OH, THERE HE IS!

HEY-



OH!! KOR-!



OH, UH-



UH...

THIS IS, UH...



OH, IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?

IT'S IDA.



RIGHT. KAEDE, THIS IS IDA.

SHE'S... A LIBRARIAN HERE.

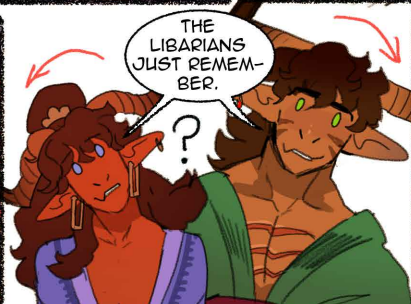
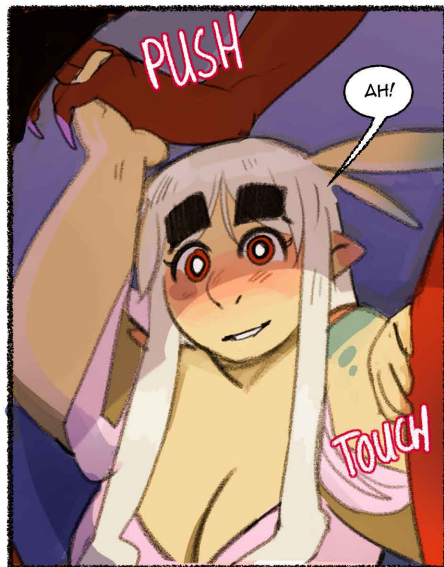
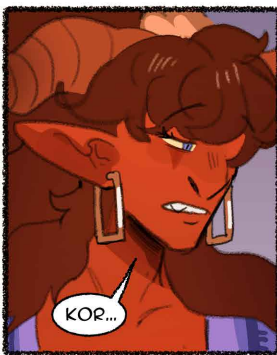
SO YOU'RE THE ONE EVERYONE'S GOSSIPING ABOUT!



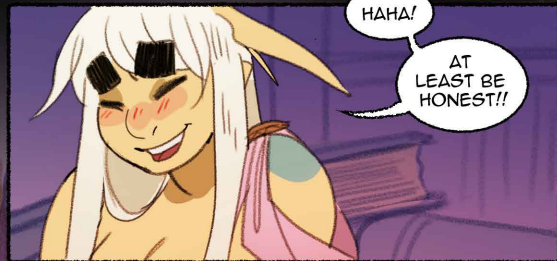
YOU REALLY ARE SMALL!

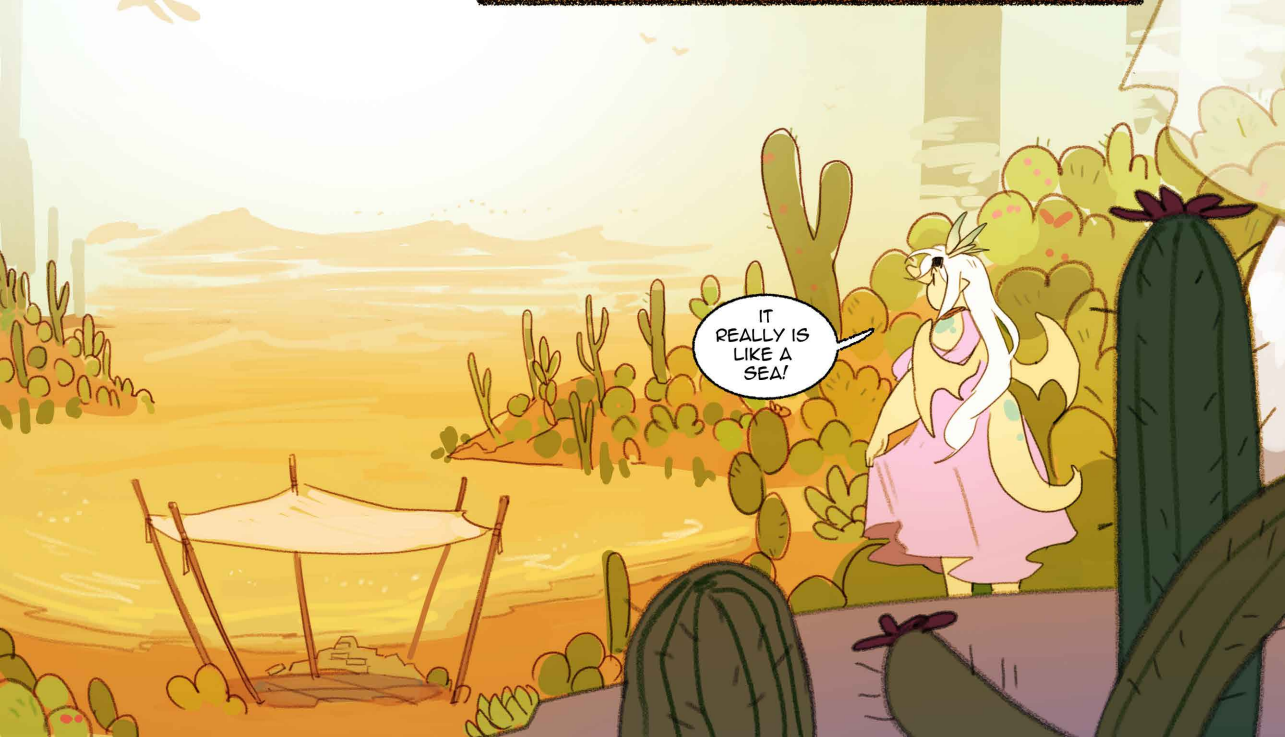
SO I'VE HEARD...

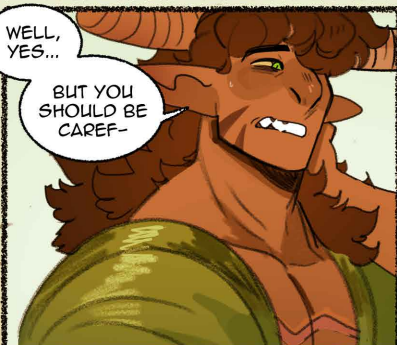
HAHA...

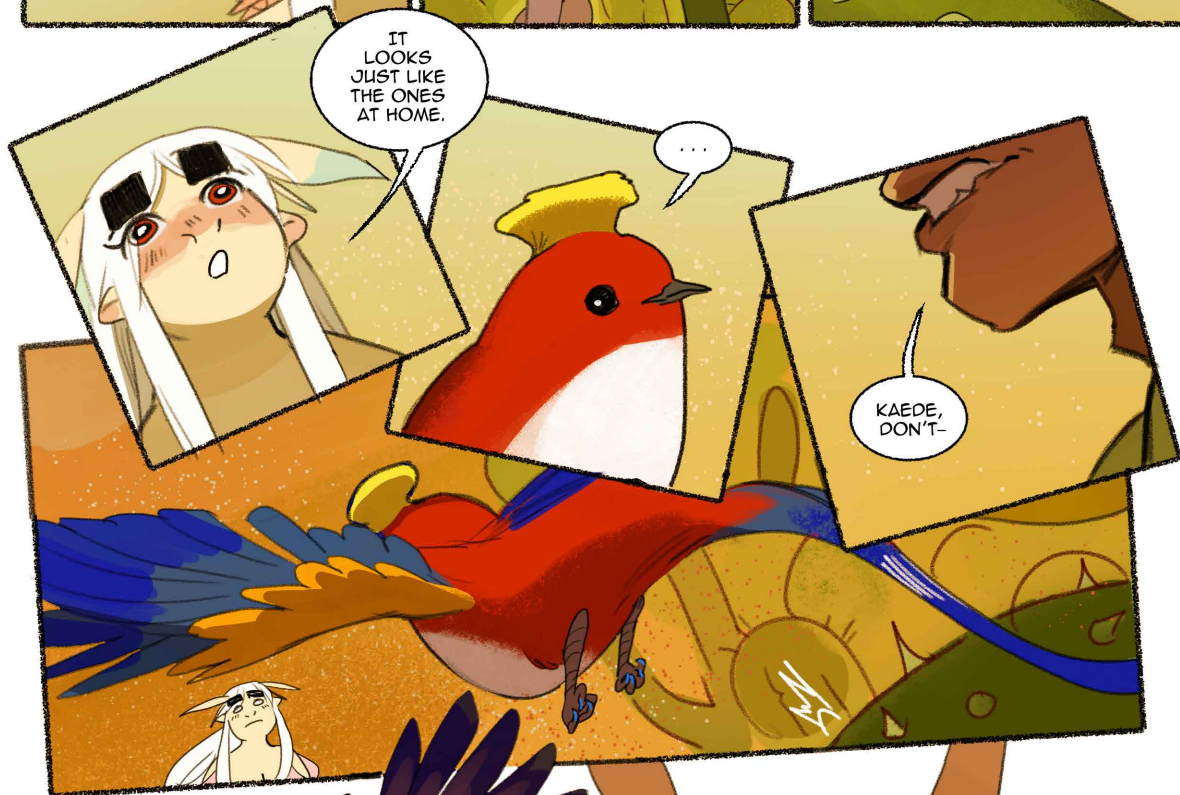
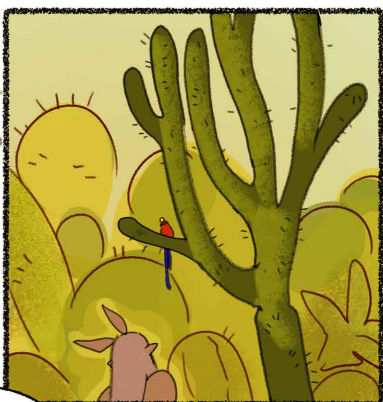
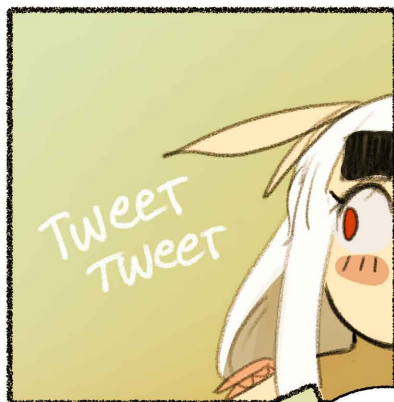


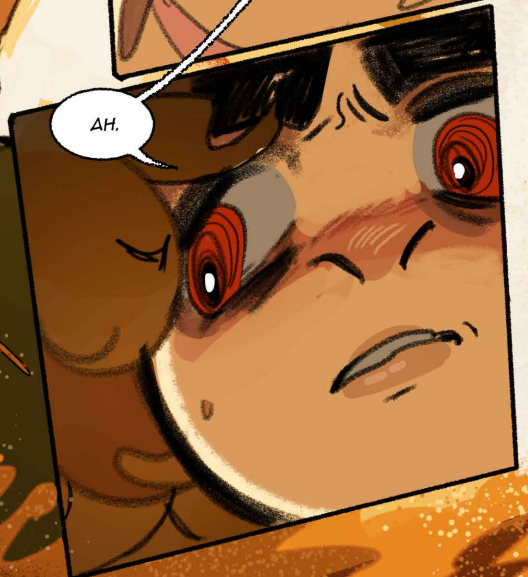
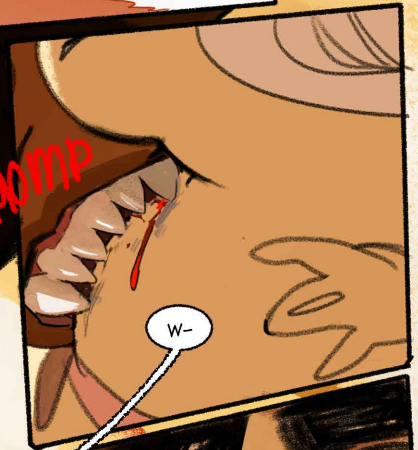
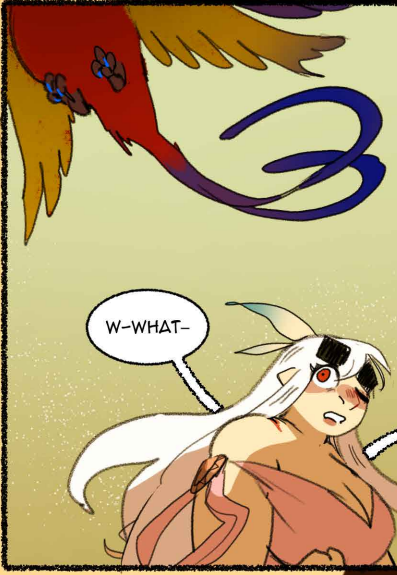
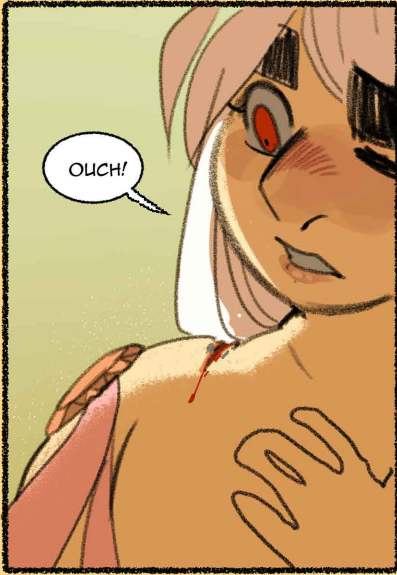
DO THEY JUST HAVE GOOD MEMORIES?

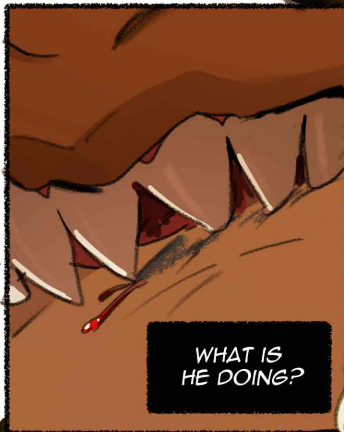












WHAT IS
HE DOING?



GRIP!!

HIS GRIP...
HE REALLY IS A
NARAKYIAN.



I CAN'T
EVEN STRUGGLE.

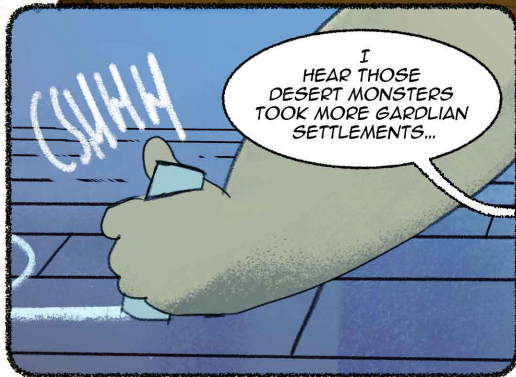
!! KICK!



IS HE...
EATING ME?



S-STOP-



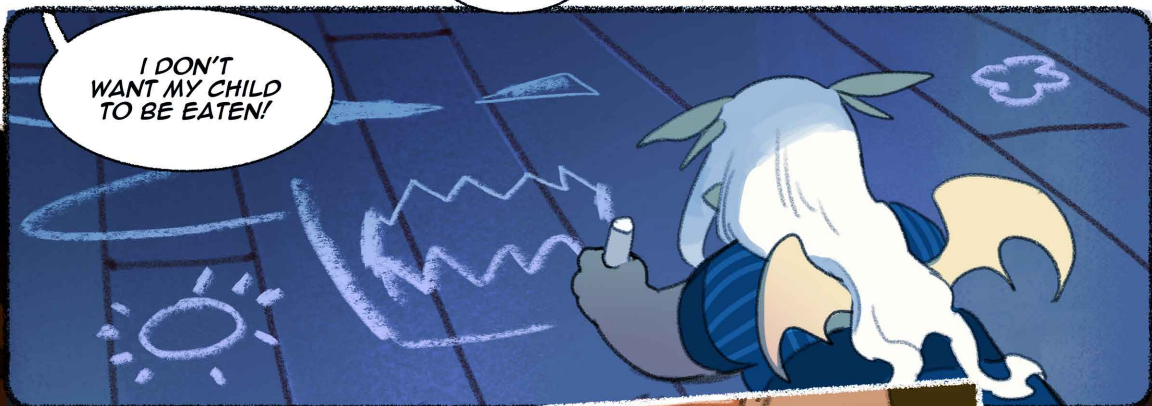
CSHHH

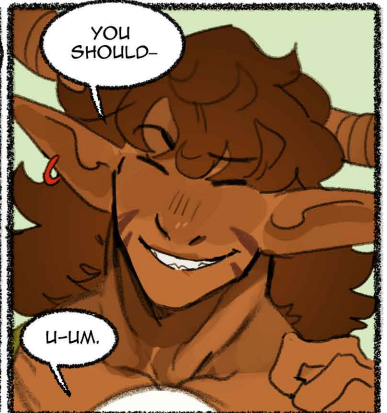
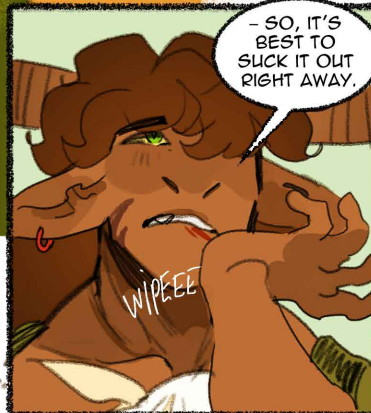
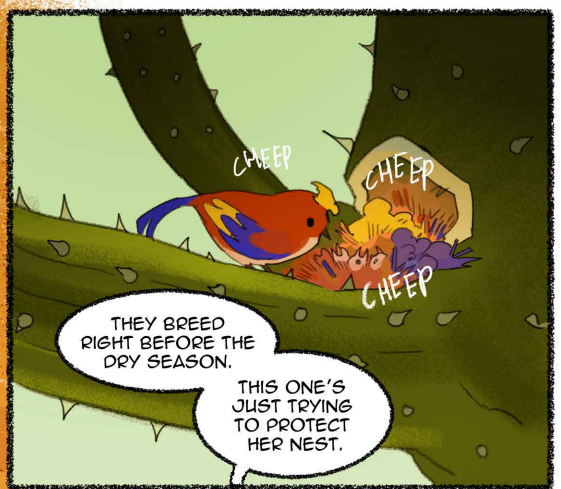
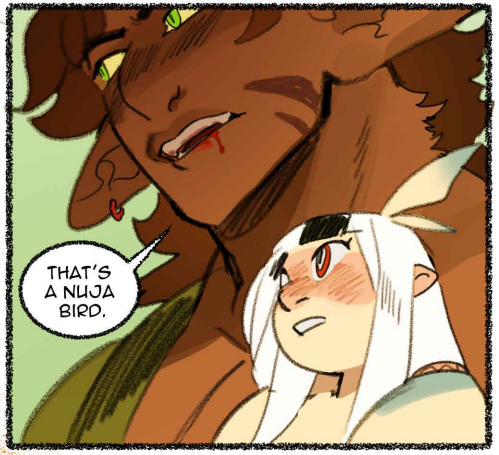
I
HEAR THOSE
DESERT MONSTERS
TOOK MORE GARDIAN
SETTLEMENTS...



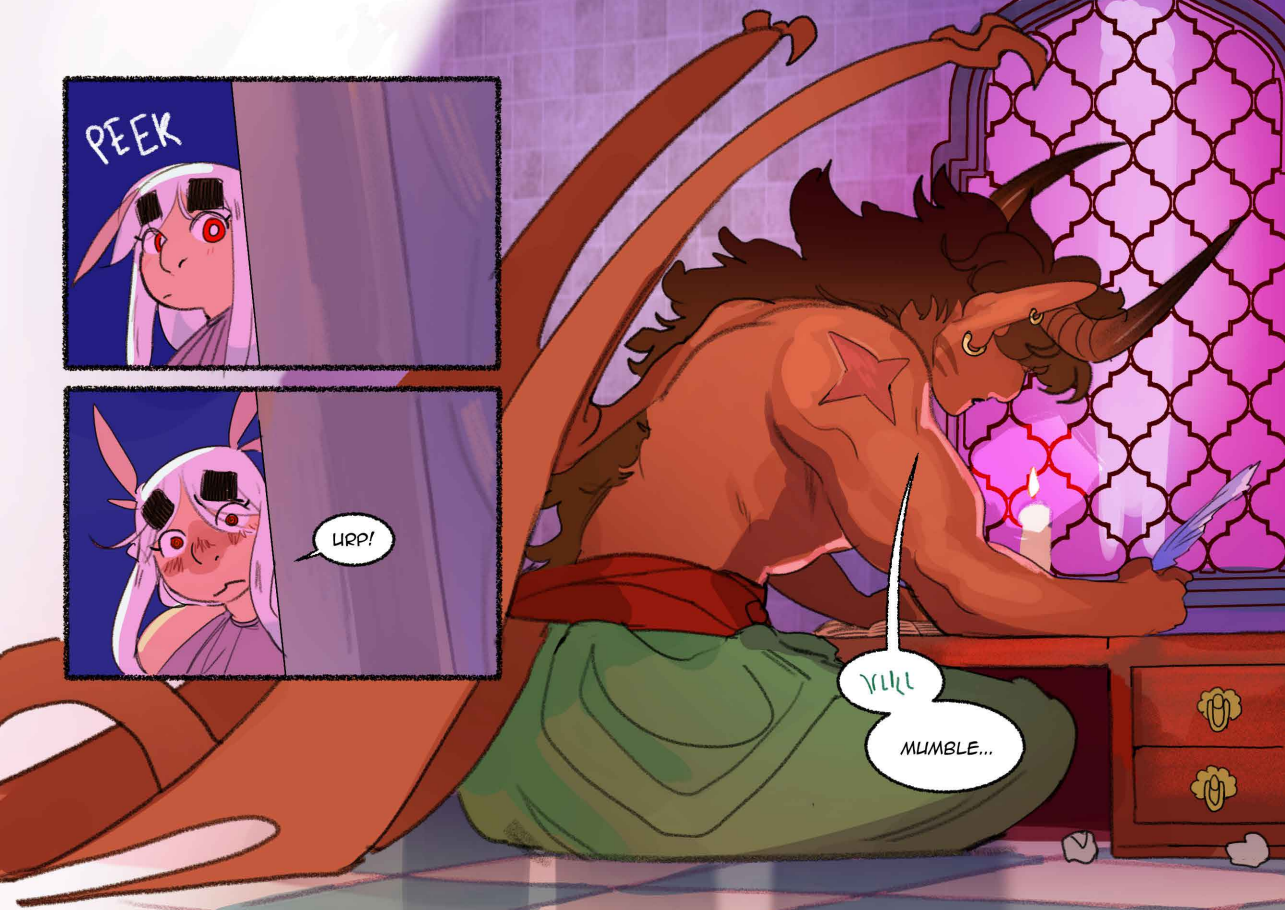
whisper
whisper

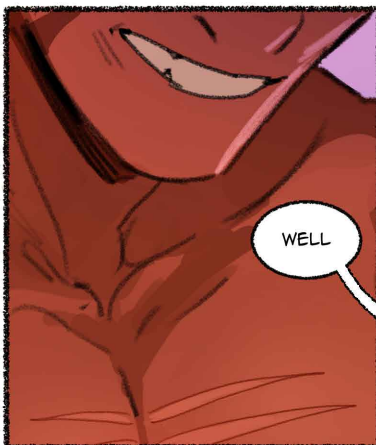
... IT WON'T
BE TOO LONG
BEFORE THEY'RE
AT BLACKWELL'S.

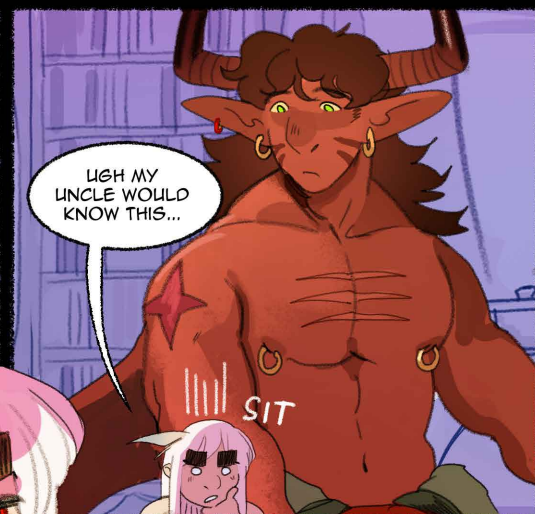
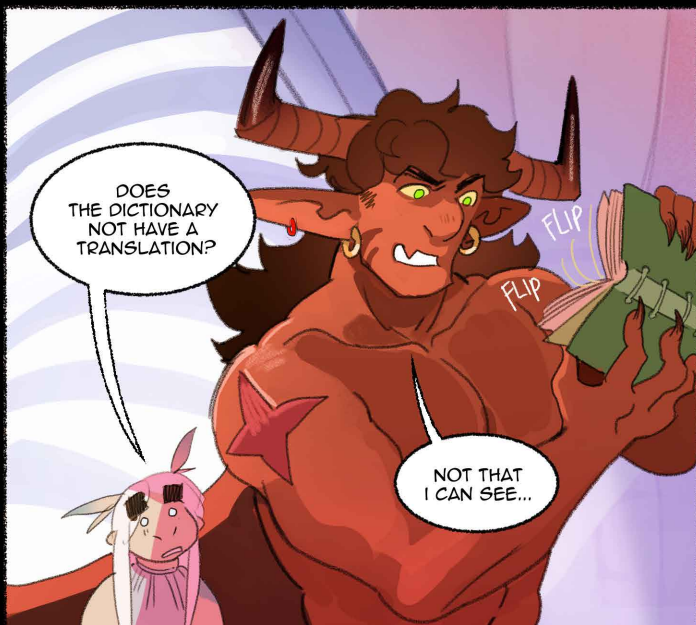


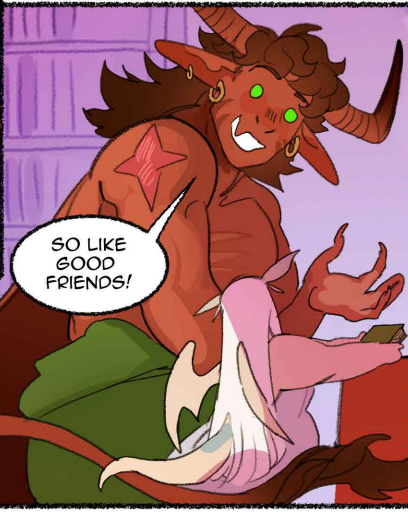














SO THEY'RE BONDED EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIFE?



YES, BUT-

WOULD THE WORD BE MAHBK?

MUMBLE...



NO, THAT WOULD BE MORE FAMILIAL...



THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS...



VARSHNARN

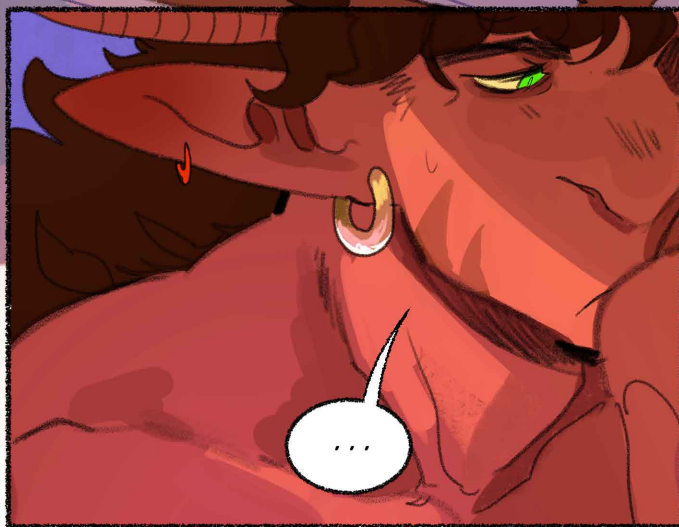


TO FALL IN LOVE.



YOU MEAN...

NARAKYIAN NEVER FALL IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER?



...



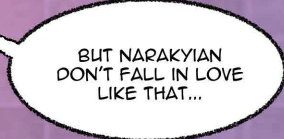
IT'S TABOO.

YOU'RE SEEN AS SELFISH TO HOLD YOUR AFFECTION FOR JUST ONE.

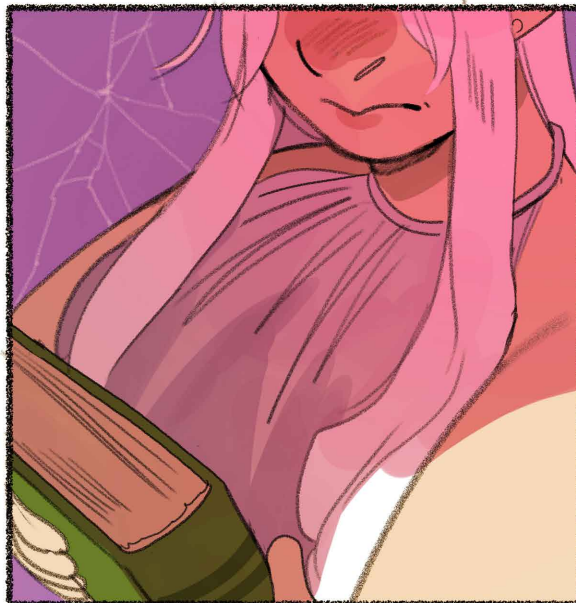
INSTEAD OF THE COMMUNITY.

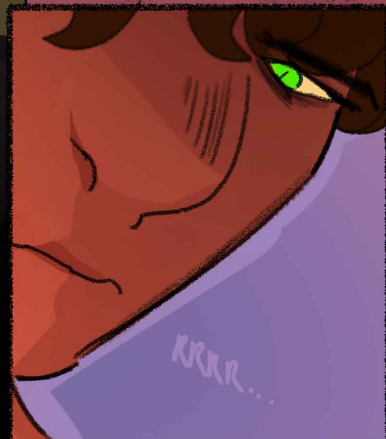
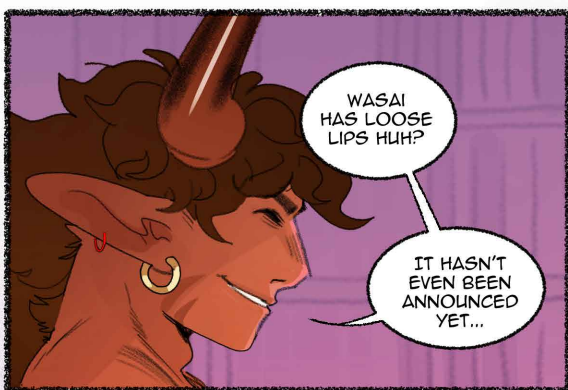


woosh!



BUT NARAKYIAN DON'T FALL IN LOVE LIKE THAT...







WELL,
WILL YOU LIKE
YOUR FUTURE
HUSBAND?



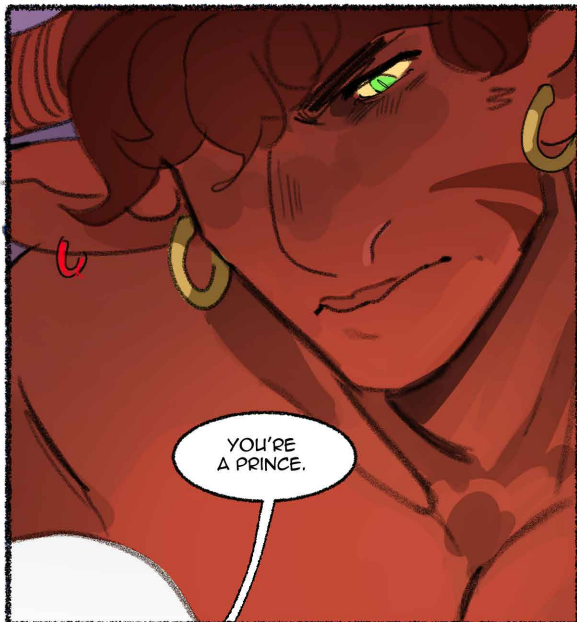
THAT'S-



I
WOULD HOPE
I DO.



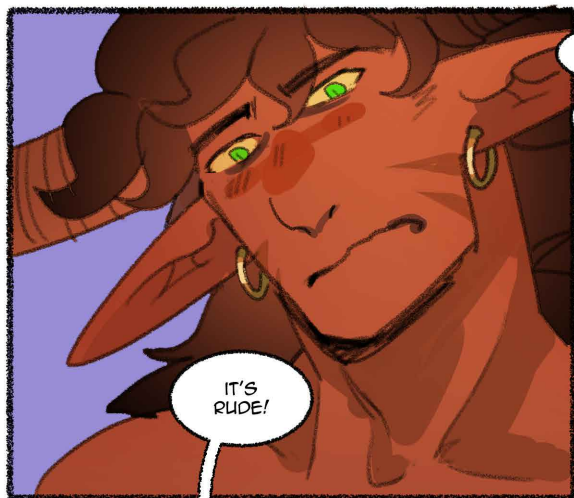
WOULDN'T
YOU WANT TO
MARRY SOMEONE
YOU AT LEAST
LIKED?

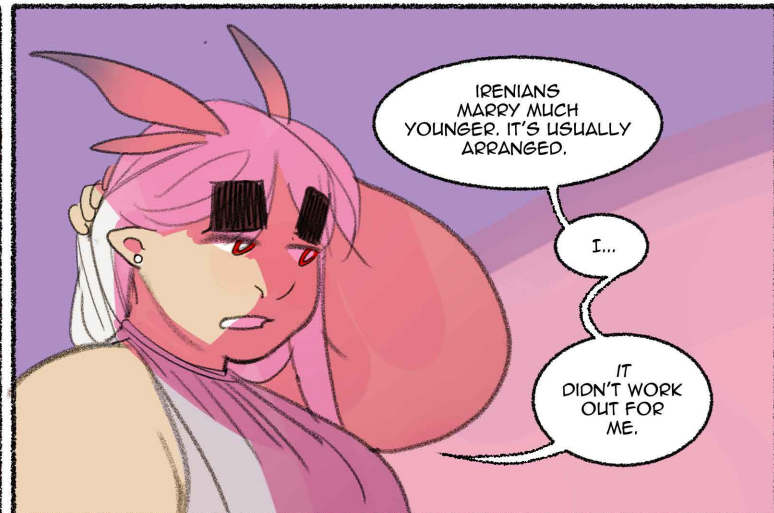
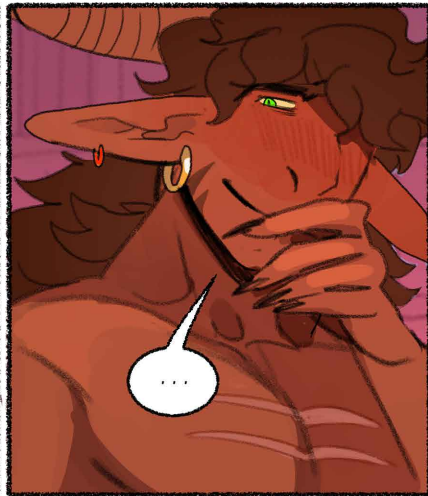
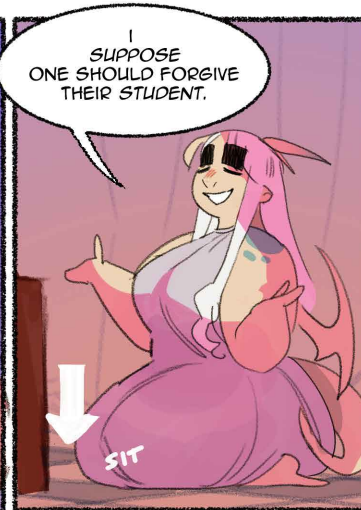


YOU'RE
A PRINCE.



YOU SHOULD
HAVE THAT CHOICE
AT LEAST.







NO-ONE
WANTED-



WELL...



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER NOW.



IT CERTAINLY
SOUNDS LIKE
IT MATTERS.

THUMP



MHM...

TMP

TMP



THUMP

THUMP

TMP

THUMP

TMP

I
WANT
TO BE
MARRIED.

NOT JUST
SECURITY, OR
EVEN CHILDREN.

I
CRAVE THAT
COMPANIONSHIP

squeeze

WITHOUT
THAT ENAWING
GUILT.

IT'S- IT'S
DIFFICULT TO LIVE
AS AN UNMARRIED
WOMAN IN MY
VILLAGE...

WE'RE
EXPECTED
TO BE MARRIED
UNDER THE EYES
OF OUR GODS IN PURITY
AND IN SACRIFICE TO
ASSUAGE OUR
GUILT.



I'M
RAMBLING



THIS
PROBABLY
DOESN'T MAKE
MUCH SENSE

IT
MAKES
PERFECT
SENSE.



YOU
CRAVE
COMPANIONSHIP
RIGHT NOW.



JUST
LIKE HOW YOU
CRAVE MY TEETH
ON YOUR NECK?



AM
I RIGHT?



I-I
WOULD NEVER
CONSIDER SUCH
A THING OUTSIDE
OF MARRIAGE!

YOU'RE
WRONG!

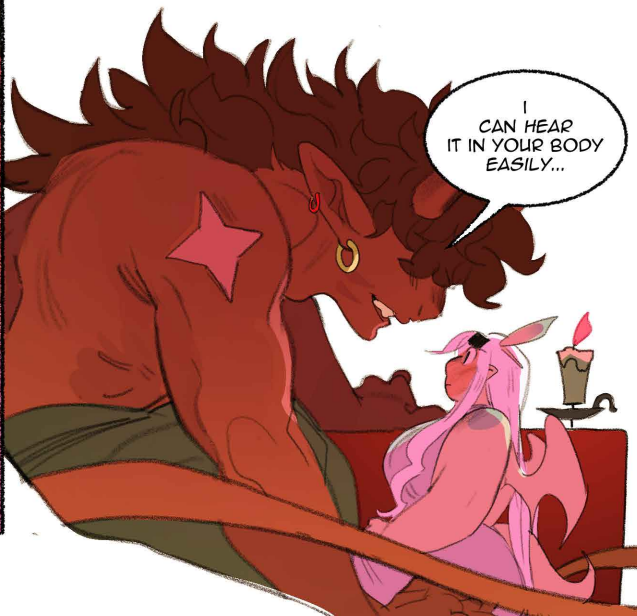
THUMP THUMP



NO
I'M NOT.



Y-YOU
CAN'T POSSIBLY
TELL THAT...



I
CAN HEAR
IT IN YOUR BODY
EASILY...



IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO HIDE WITH
MY HEARING.

I CAN
TELL WHAT
WANTS AND FEELINGS
YOU HAVE.

YOUR
SHORT
SHALLOW
BREATHING.

YOUR
RACING
HEARTBEAT...

THUMP THUMP

THE
WAY YOU
STARE.

YOU'VE
BEEN EXCITED
BY ME FOR A
WHILE.

GLANCE

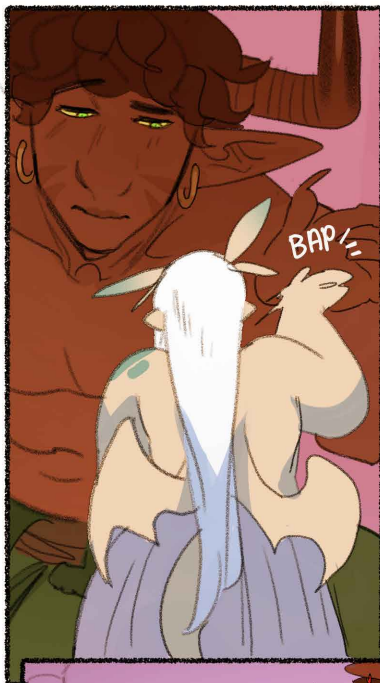
NHN...

BRUSH...

I
COULD
BITE YOU
AGAIN-

-OR
MORE.

...
YOU
DON'T GET
IT DO
YOU.



YOU'RE
WRONG ABOUT
ME!



FINISH
THAT CHAPTER.
I'M
GOING TO
BED.

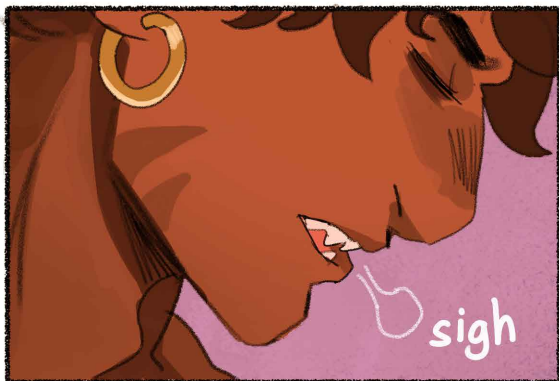


OKAY.

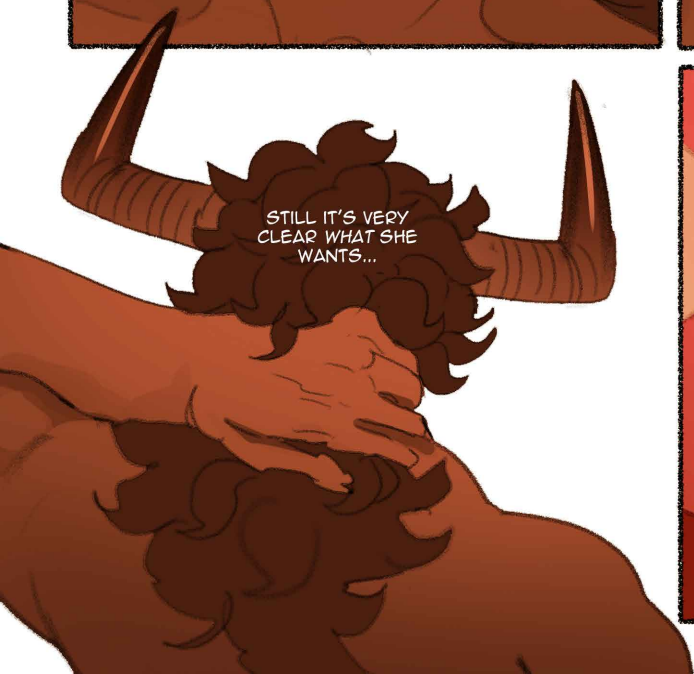
stomp!
stomp!



I PUSHED
HER TOO FAR.



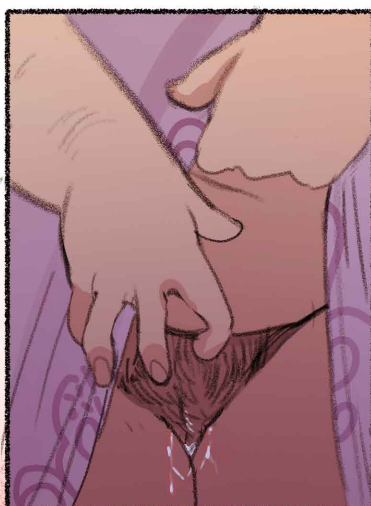
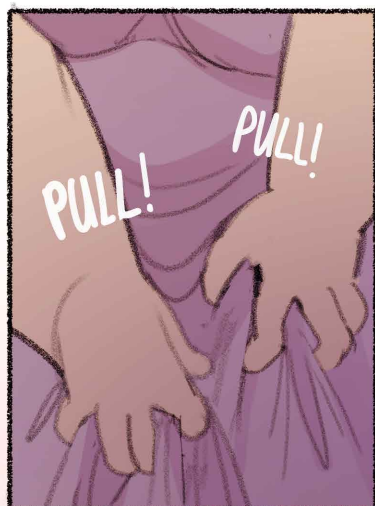
sigh



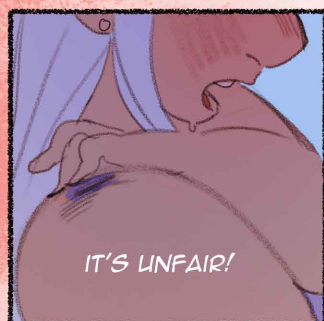
STILL IT'S VERY
CLEAR WHAT SHE
WANTS...

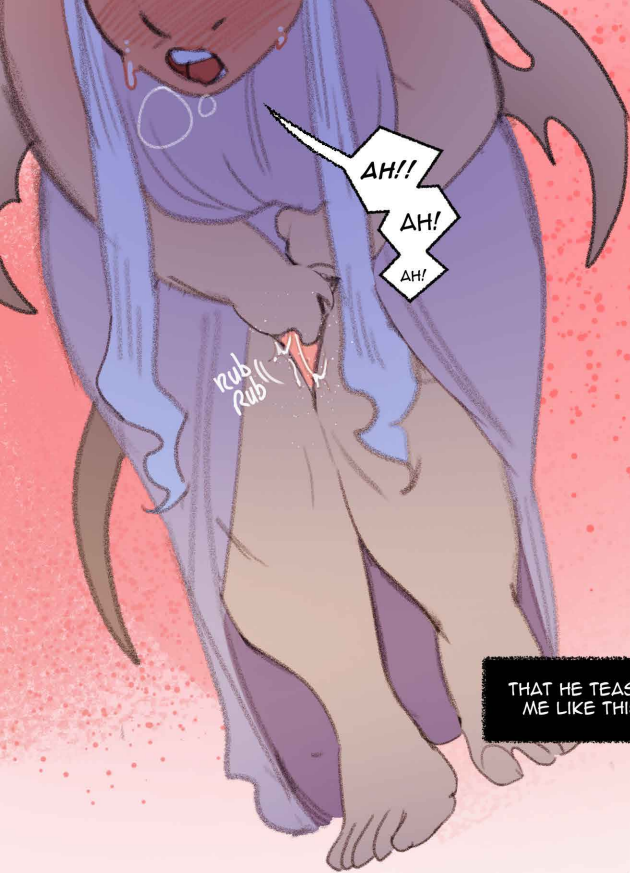


SO WHAT
DON'T I GET
EXACTLY?



UNFAIR

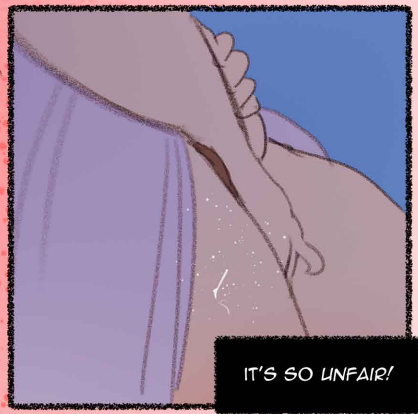




AH!!
AH!
AH!

Rub
Rub

THAT HE TEASES
ME LIKE THIS!



IT'S SO UNFAIR!



NHN.



WHEN HE LOOKS
LIKE THAT...

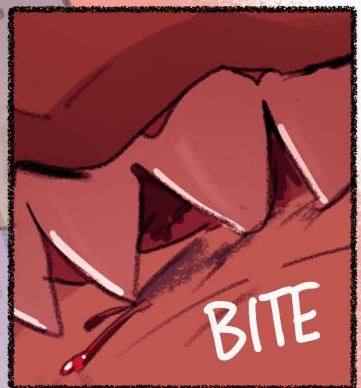
MHMPH!



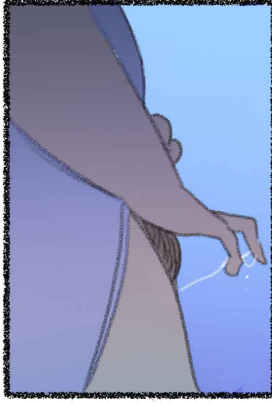
NARAKYIAN
NEVER FALL IN
LOVE...



AND MAKES
ME SO UNBEARABLY
WET THAT I CAN'T
STAND IT.



BITE



PROMISE ME
KAEDE...

PROMISE..



UNFAIR.