



THE UNDER GARDEN

CHAPTER 16

Night Watch



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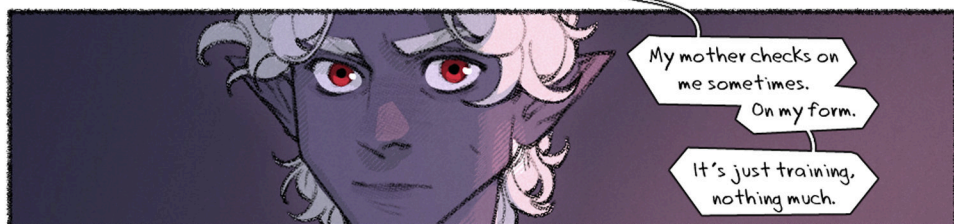
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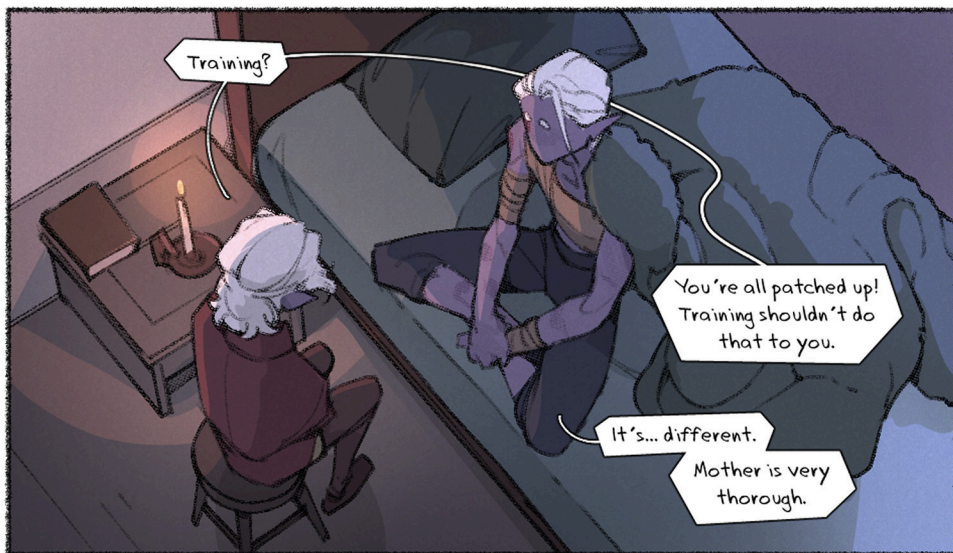
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Training?

You're all patched up!
Training shouldn't do
that to you.

It's... different.

Mother is very
thorough.



She wants to make
sure I am...

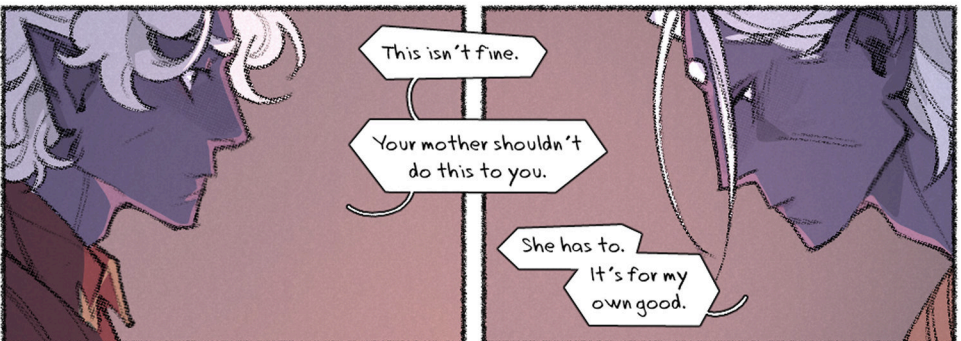
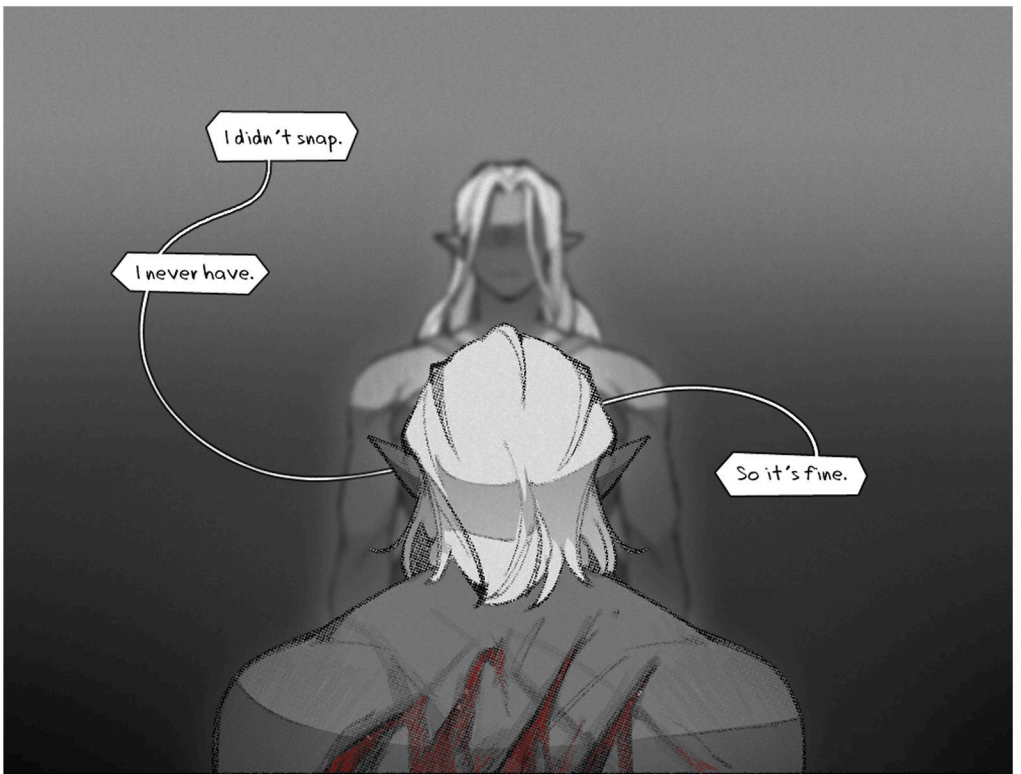
...right.



If I make it to
the end without
snapping, I'm right.

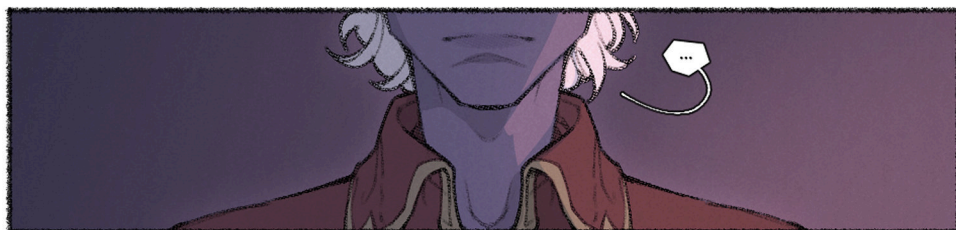
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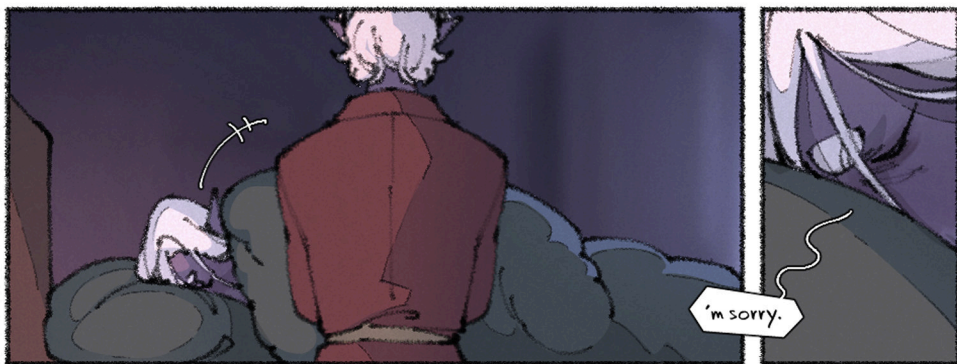
Yeah.





Besides, I heal fast! I just need these bandages off and I'm good to go.







My mother was
kind and gentle.

She read to me
every night.

Suntongue?

Sometimes.



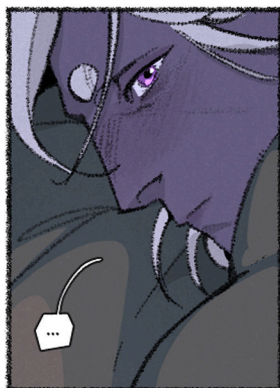
Dad watched
out for us.

It was dangerous and
he made it safe.

No matter what.



I know what care
should look like.



...



What happened?

They left.



And they couldn't
take me.



Promised to come back
and make things better.

I thought you said
they were dead.



Nobody leaves
Dozorden, Maxim.

Outside your
clan, anyway.

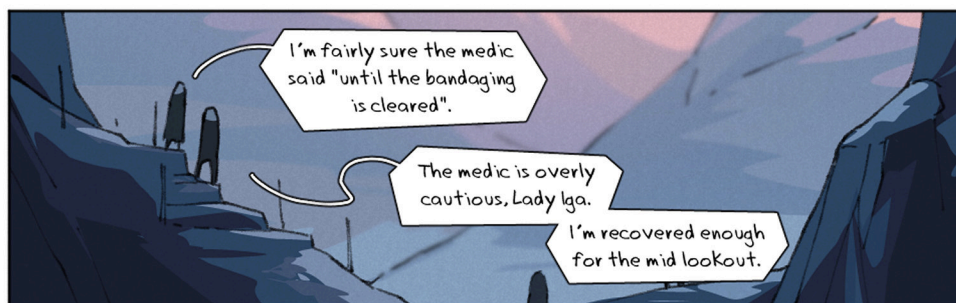


We're bound to
it by name.



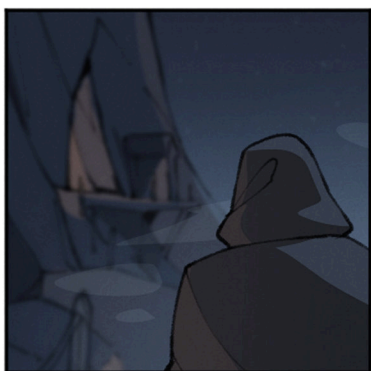
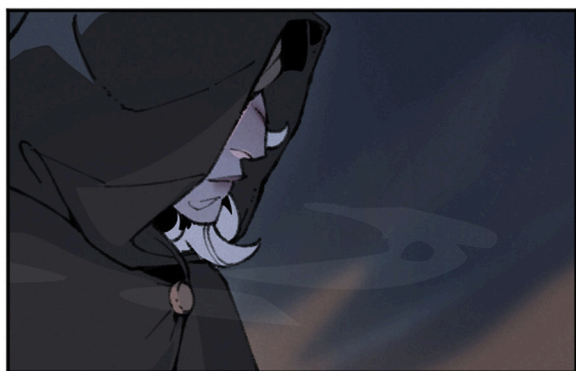




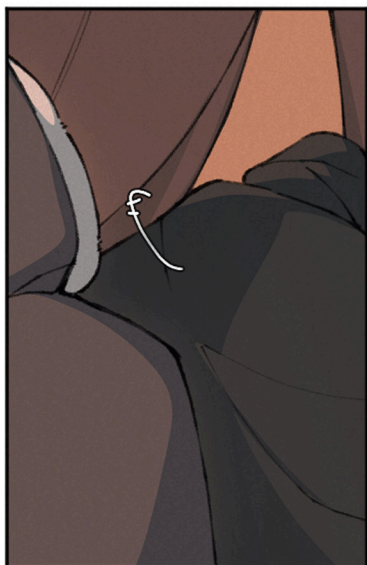
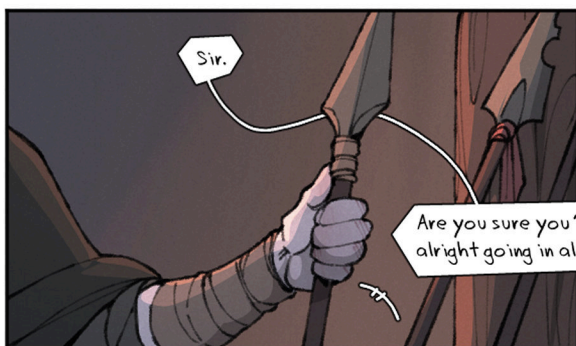


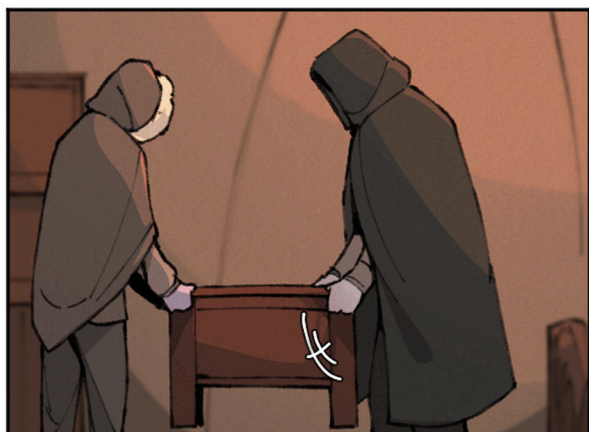
Now come, your mother must be starting to fret.

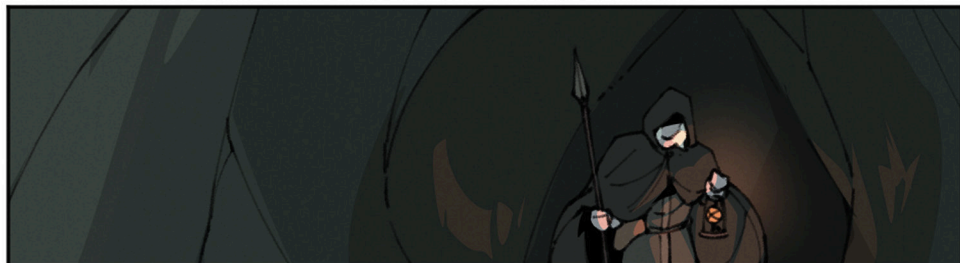


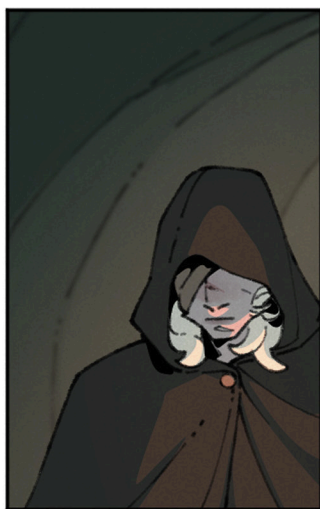
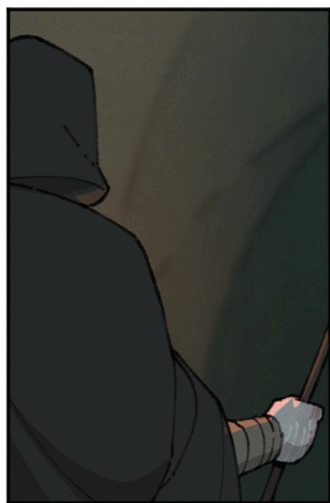








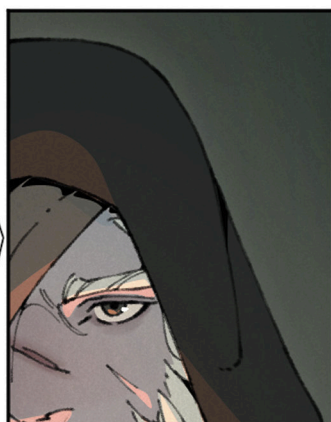






Weapon down.

Arkadius.



You're late.

There's no bell
out there.



I had some things
to take care of.



Nothing pertinent
to us, I hope.

Not at all.
What's the
update?



We've mostly been scouting the tunnels, as we were last time.

The lower levels, safe from critical or blocked off pockets, are in the clear for the most part.

Harcos don't bother sticking their noses too far into our territory.



We've cleared most of the middle levels as well, at the very least...

There is one chamber in particular that is hard to assess without some form of sensor.

It appears empty and abandoned, but reports are mixed on whether it's stable enough for an implant.



Matron Liya has attempted to clear it before, but it seems unyielding.

Magic?

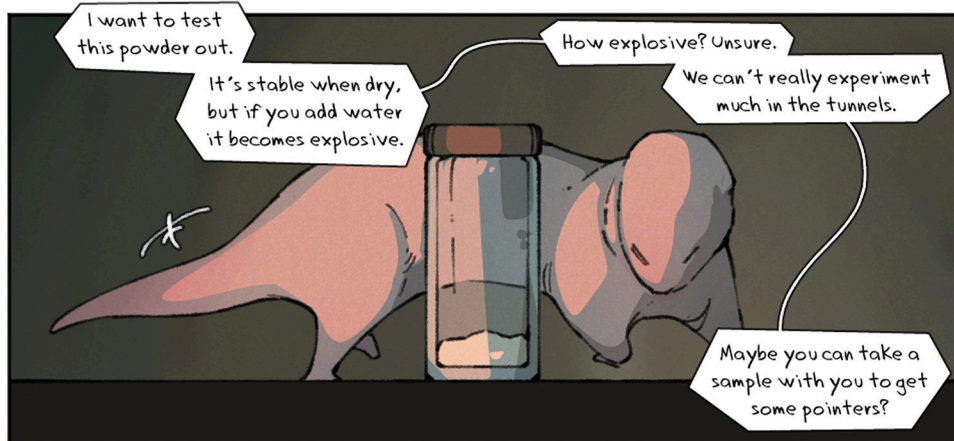


Possibly. We cannot measure it, of course.

We -
Vasya had a sensor, years back. I...









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