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# LUNA

## THE MOON ELF

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Élodie Tirel is a prolific French author, a Tolkien fan, and a YA literature enthusiast. Her first fantasy novel, *Les héritiers du Stiryx* (The heirs of Stiryx), won the Merlin award in 2008. Never too far from her laptop, Élodie Tirel has since pursued her passion for writing, giving birth to many fantastic stories. Her unfailing imagination has resulted in having around thirty works published, including the fiction series *Luna l'elfe de lune* (Luna, the Moon Elf), which has been a major success in both France and Quebec. Sold at over 200,000 copies, it has also been released in audio books. A sequel to the first series, the graphic novels feature new adventures for the characters that the readers have come to cherish.

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THE KINGDOM OF YSMALIA, BELCASTEL FORTRESS,  
IN THE MIDDLE OF A LONG, ICY WINTER.

AGE HAS HARDENED YOU AND CLOUDED  
YOUR JUDGMENT, MY DEAR MYLVORN.  
YOU SEE EVIL EVERYWHERE.

I'M NEITHER HARD NOR CONFUSED, FOLGANIS MY FRIEND.  
RATHER EXPERIENCE, MY OWN AND THOSE OF OUR  
PEOPLE, HAS GIVEN ME INSIGHT AND CLARITY. DO THEY NOT  
SAY THAT THE ELVES ARE THE WISEST OF THE WISE?

ELVES AND HUMANS, LIVING IN THE SAME CITY,  
DOING BUSINESS AND FORMING FRIENDSHIPS.  
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED THESE  
LAST FEW MONTHS, DOES THAT NOT SEEM  
REMARKABLE TO YOU?

REMARKABLE? I THINK NOT! ON THE CONTRARY,  
HUMANS ARE DEVIOUS, CUNNING, AND SELFISH.  
THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE.

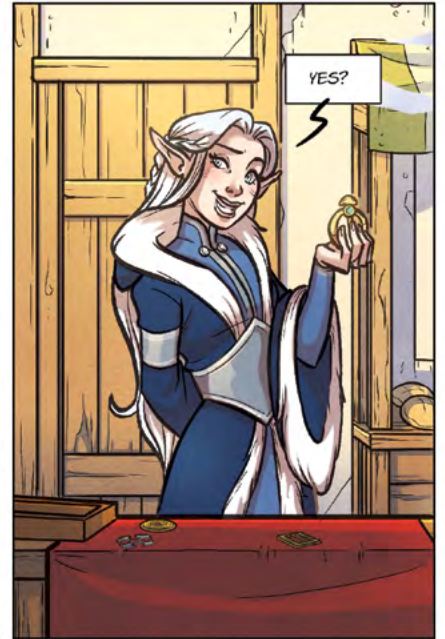
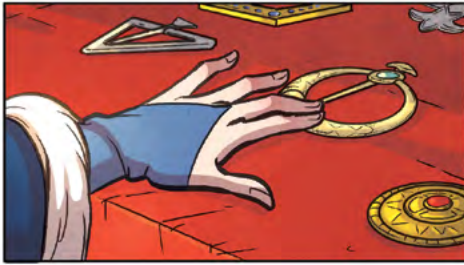
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, OUR PRINCESS AND HER FRIENDS  
SHOULD NOT HAVE SOUGHT AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO RACES.  
HUMANS ARE TOO DIFFERENT FROM US. NOTHING GOOD  
WILL COME OF THIS.

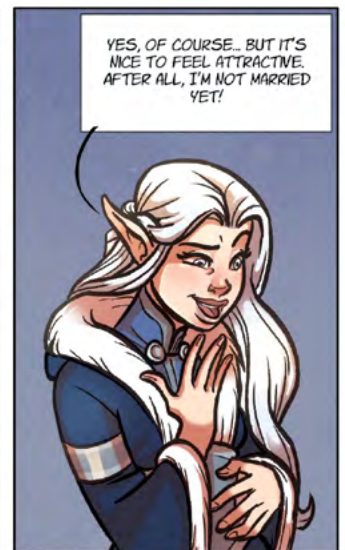
ON THE CONTRARY, MY OLD  
FRIEND, I SEE A CERTAIN  
DESIRE FOR PEACE AND A  
WILLINGNESS TO LEARN  
FROM OTHERS AND SHARE A  
WAY OF LIFE THAT IS IN  
HARMONY WITH NATURE.

BALDERDASH AND POPPYCOCK IS WHAT THAT IS. HUMANS KNOW NOTHING  
OF HUMILITY OR SELF-REFLECTION. THEY'RE STUBBORN AND THINK  
THEMSELVES SUPERIOR. LUNA IS DELUDING HERSELF.

DON'T JUDGE HER SO HARSHLY,  
DEAR MYLVORN. HAVE  
CONFIDENCE IN LUNA BECAUSE  
SHE WILL SOON BE RULING  
OVER OUR BELOVED  
COMMUNITY. IN A FEW MONTHS,  
YOU'LL SEE THAT OUR ELFIN  
YOUTH WERE RIGHT TO  
RECONCILE WITH THE HUMANS.

IN A FEW MONTHS,  
BLOOD WILL FLOW IN  
OUR STREETS. AND IF  
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE  
THEN, I DOUBT YOU'LL  
BE TALKING OF PEACE.







IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE NERVOUS AT THE THOUGHT OF THIS WEDDING. AM I WRONG?

TO BE HONEST, I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW I FEEL. I KNOW THAT KENDHAL IS THE RIGHT MAN FOR ME, BUT IT'S ALL HAPPENING SO FAST!

FAST? YOU THINK SO?

YOU'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR YEARS. YOU'RE MADE FOR EACH OTHER. IT'S OBVIOUS TO ANYONE WITH EYES!



OH, THANK YOU GIRLS! IT'S GOOD TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON SUCH LOYAL FRIENDS AS YOU. YOUR FRIENDSHIPS MEAN THE WORLD TO ME, YOU KNOW?



AND EVERYONE KNOWS THAT FRIENDSHIP IS INVALUABLE.



YRAN! KANOR! YOU CAME!



OBVIOUSLY! NOTHING IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE KEPT US FROM YOUR WEDDING!



SO ARE WE, LUNA! YOU LOOK RADIANT!

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU GUYS AGAIN.



AHEM! SO LUNA YOU'RE NOT GOING TO INTRODUCE US?



PLEASE EXCUSE OUR SHODDY MANNERS, LADIES. WE'RE FROM A SMALL VILLAGE BY THE OCEAN. I'M YRAN, A FISHERMAN.

AND I'M KANOR, SAILOR AND OCCASIONAL STORYTELLER.



WE'VE TRAVELLED ALL THE WAY FROM OUR DISTANT SHORES, BUT LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR VILLAGE WIZARD. WE'VE TOLD HIM SO MUCH ABOUT ELVES AND YOUR INCREDIBLE GIFTS, THAT HE'S BEEN DYING TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH THIS OLD CITADEL.

AND I MUST ADMIT THAT...



...WHAT YOUR PEOPLE HAVE DONE WITH THIS ILL-FATED FORTRESS IS ABSOLUTELY REMARKABLE. YOU'VE BROUGHT THIS PLACE BACK TO LIFE. BUT I FORGET MY MANNERS; I'M ALBUS OF TARGOT, A WIZARD AS THEY SAY, ALTHOUGH I PREFER THE TERM MASTER OF OCCULT SCIENCES.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME, ALBUS. I'M LUNA AND THESE ARE MY TWO MOST FAITHFUL FRIENDS, ASSYLEA AND SYLMARILS.



LUNA? SO IT'S YOU THE MYSTERIOUS ELVE WHO SAVED THESE TWO FOOLS FROM DROWNING THAT DAY THEY DECIDED TO GO FISHING IN A STORM.

WHY YES, IT'S HER, ALBUS.

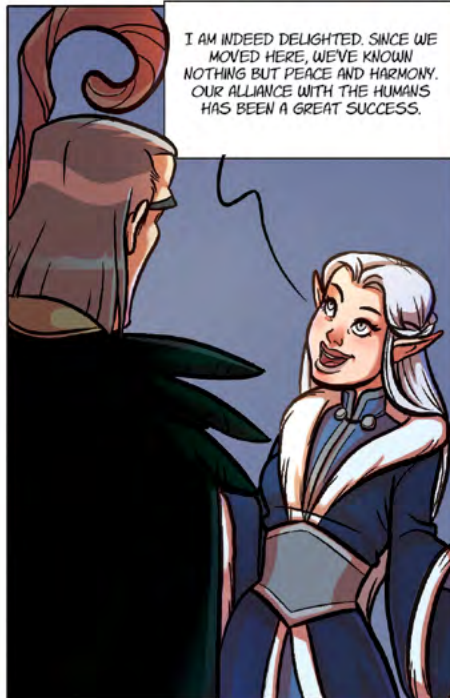
IT WAS NOTHING. IT WAS JUST GOOD TIMING, REALLY.



PERHAPS, BUT I'VE ALSO LEARNED THAT WE HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THIS NEW ACCORD BETWEEN ELVES AND HUMANS, WHICH THOUGH STILL FRAGILE, PROMISES A FUTURE FREE OF WAR AND CHAOS.



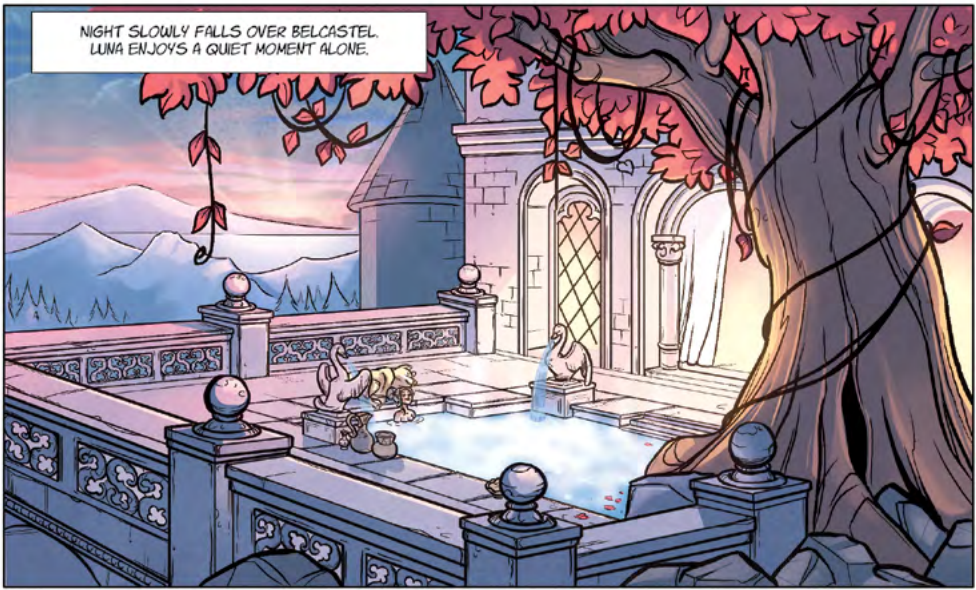
NONE OF THIS REALLY SURPRISES ME. YOU ELVES HAVE SUCH AN OPENNESS AND INNATE GRACE. YOU YOURSELF, HIGHNESS, CANNOT HIDE YOUR HAPPINESS. IT EMANATES FROM YOU.



I AM INDEED DELIGHTED. SINCE WE MOVED HERE, WE'VE KNOWN NOTHING BUT PEACE AND HARMONY. OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE HUMANS HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS.



UNDENIABLY SO! AND YOUR MARRIAGE WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS. IT WILL FOREVER CHANGE YOUR LIFE.



NIGHT SLOWLY FALLS OVER BELCASTEL.  
LUNA ENJOYS A QUIET MOMENT ALONE.

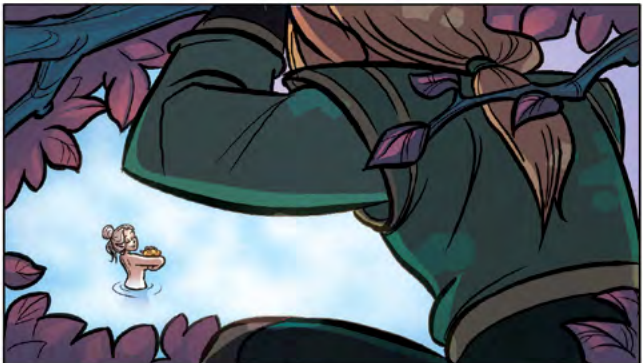


SO ELBION, DID YOU  
HAVE A GOOD DAY? I  
FOUND A MAGNIFICENT  
GIFT FOR KENDHAL.



WOULD YOU LIKE MORE  
SOAP, PRINCESS?

NO, I HAVE EVERYTHING  
I NEED, THANK YOU.

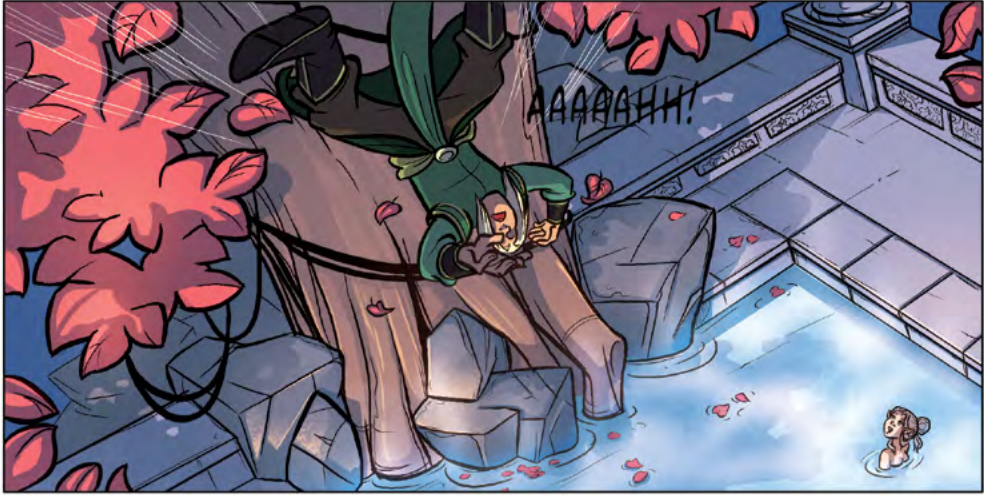


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NO!



GRRRR !!

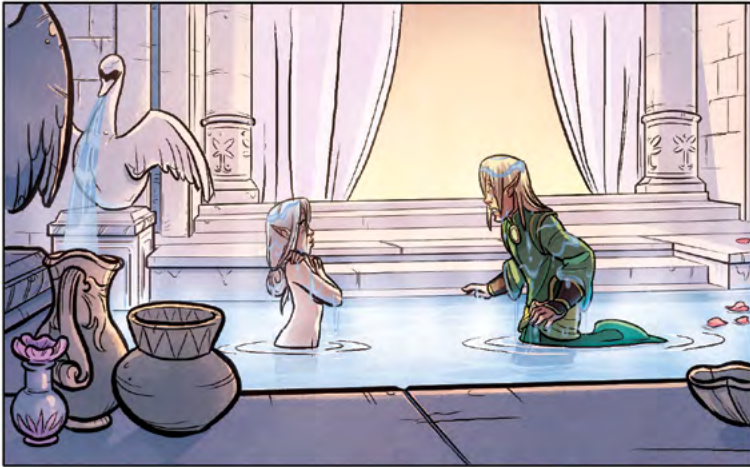


AAAAAHHH!



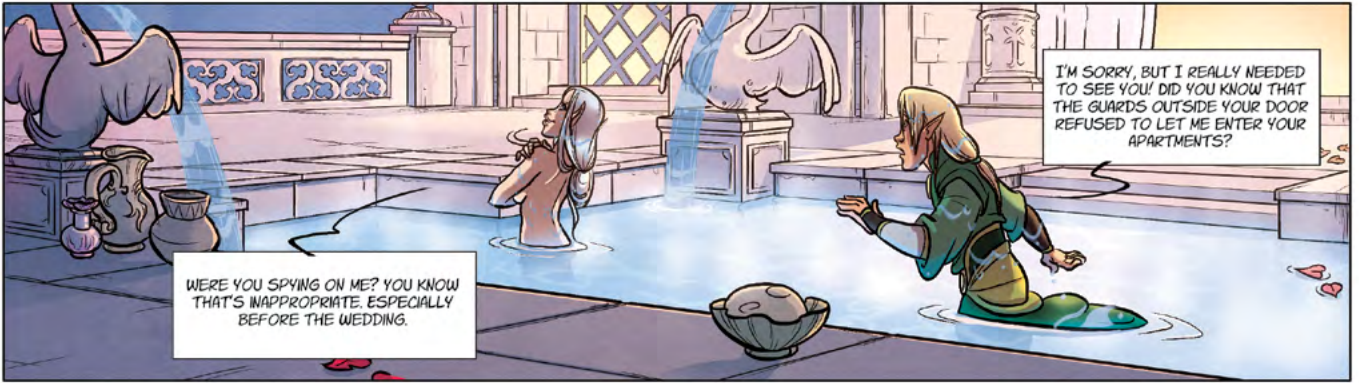
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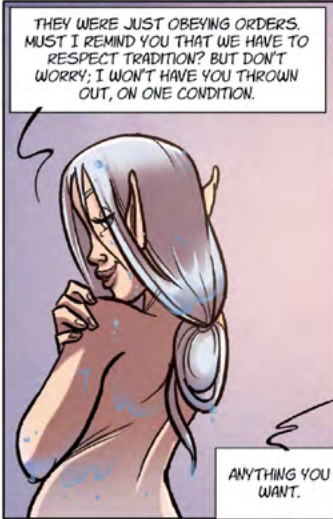
KENDHAL! WHAT WERE YOU DOING HIDING UP THERE?

LUNA... I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING...



WERE YOU SPYING ON ME? YOU KNOW THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE WEDDING.

I'M SORRY, BUT I REALLY NEEDED TO SEE YOU! DID YOU KNOW THAT THE GUARDS OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR REFUSED TO LET ME ENTER YOUR APARTMENTS?

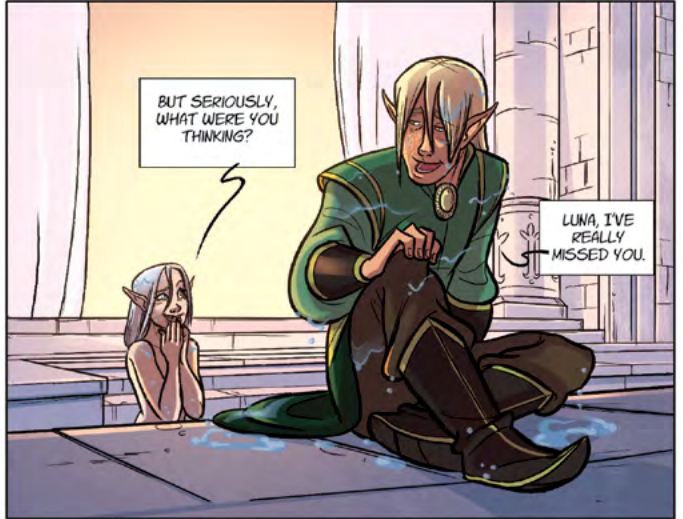


THEY WERE JUST OBEYING ORDERS. MUST I REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE TO RESPECT TRADITION? BUT DON'T WORRY; I WON'T HAVE YOU THROWN OUT, ON ONE CONDITION.

ANYTHING YOU WANT.

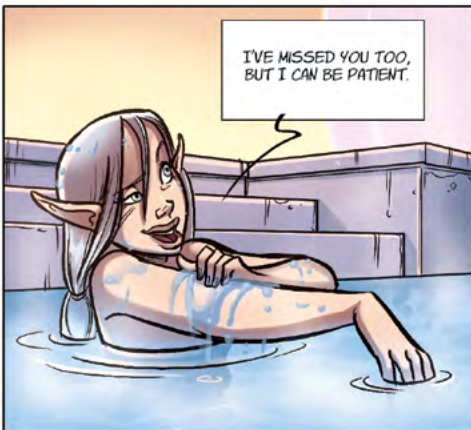


GET OUT OF THE BATH AND TURN AROUND AT ONCE.



BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

LUNA, I'VE REALLY MISSED YOU.



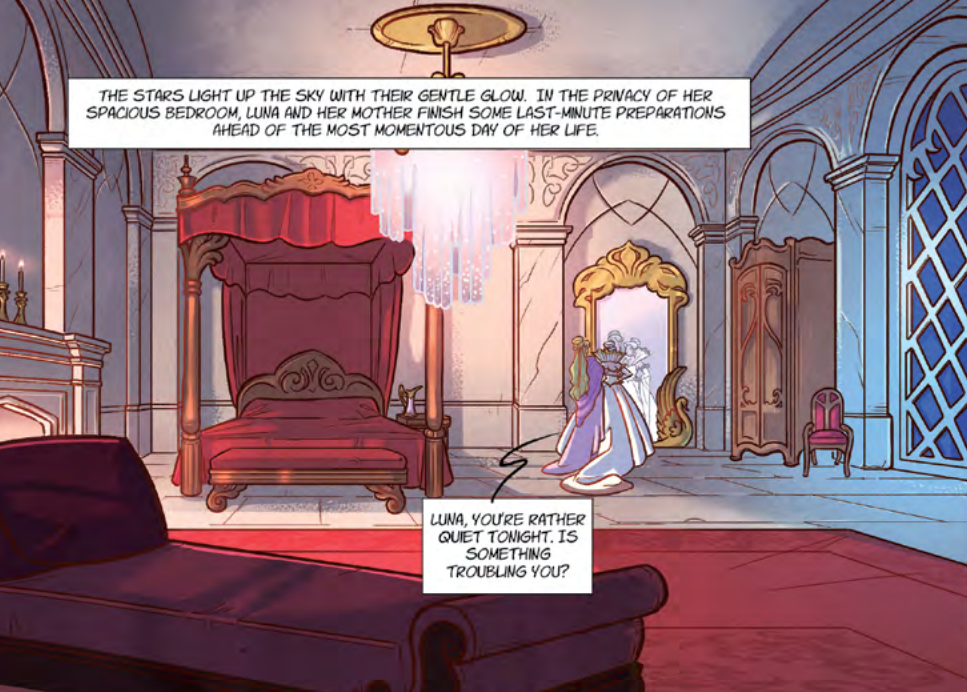
I'VE MISSED YOU TOO, BUT I CAN BE PATIENT.



IT'S REALLY TOUGH, I TELL YOU.

I KNOW, MY FRIEND. I KNOW.

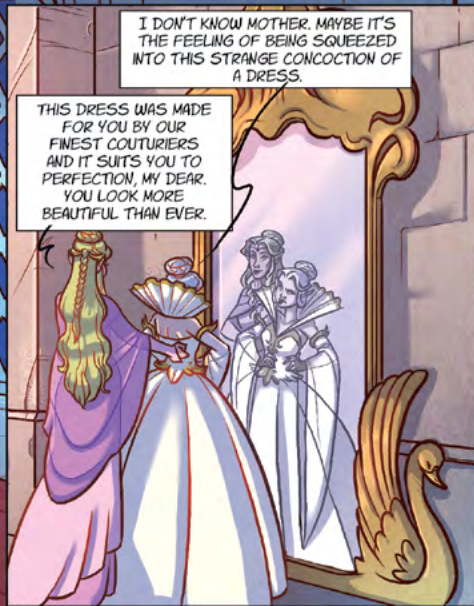
THE STARS LIGHT UP THE SKY WITH THEIR GENTLE GLOW. IN THE PRIVACY OF HER SPACIOUS BEDROOM, LUNA AND HER MOTHER FINISH SOME LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS AHEAD OF THE MOST MOMENTOUS DAY OF HER LIFE.



LUNA, YOU'RE RATHER QUIET TONIGHT. IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?

I DON'T KNOW MOTHER. MAYBE IT'S THE FEELING OF BEING SQUEEZED INTO THIS STRANGE CONCOCTION OF A DRESS.

THIS DRESS WAS MADE FOR YOU BY OUR FINEST COUTURIERS AND IT SUITS YOU TO PERFECTION, MY DEAR. YOU LOOK MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER.

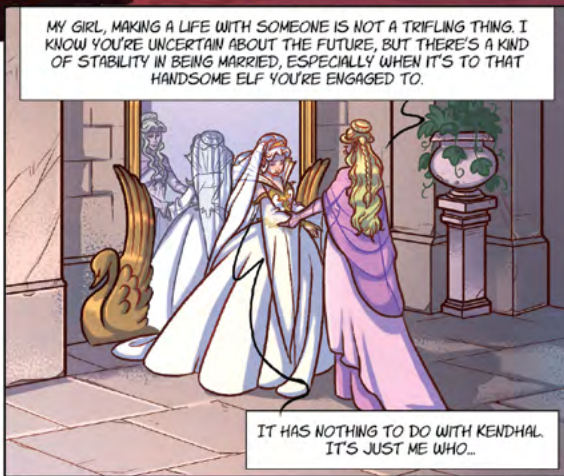


KENDHAL AND YOU ARE VERY LUCKY. WE'LL BE LIVING IN PEACE FROM NOW ON. YOU'LL HAVE A HAPPY, STABLE LIFE TOGETHER.



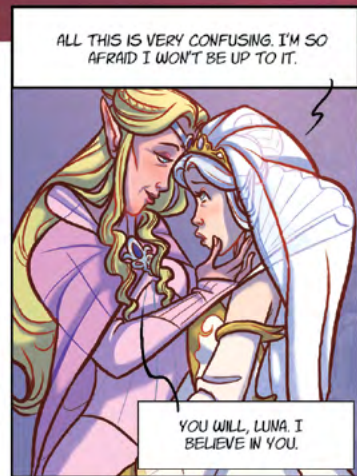
I KNOW, MUM

MY GIRL, MAKING A LIFE WITH SOMEONE IS NOT A TRIFLING THING. I KNOW YOU'RE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT THERE'S A KIND OF STABILITY IN BEING MARRIED, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S TO THAT HANDSOME ELF YOU'RE ENGAGED TO.



IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH KENDHAL. IT'S JUST ME WHO...

ALL THIS IS VERY CONFUSING. I'M SO AFRAID I WON'T BE UP TO IT.



YOU WILL, LUNA. I BELIEVE IN YOU.

TOMORROW, YOU'LL BE KENDHAL'S WIFE AND QUEEN OF THE ELVES.

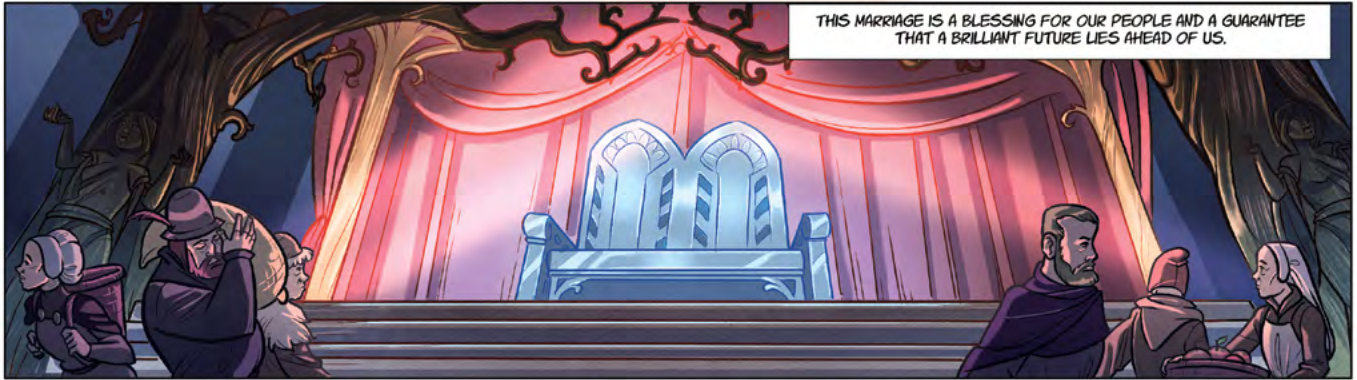


IT'S BEEN YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE THAT HAVE BROUGHT THE ELVES TO THIS LAND, LUNA. IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU BE THE ONE TO LEAD OUR PEOPLE FROM NOW ON.

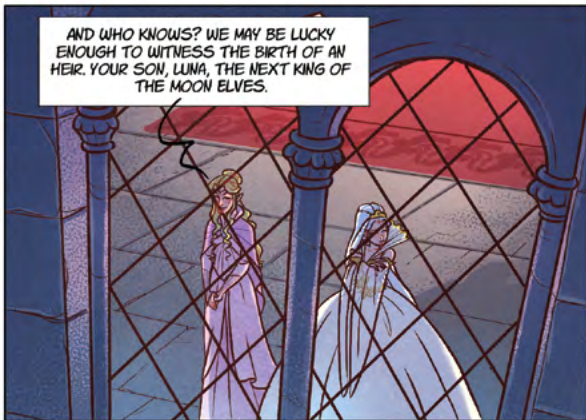




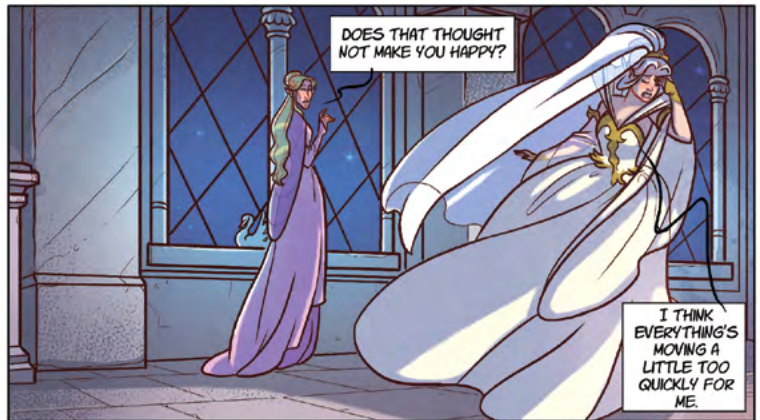
THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HAS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE YOU, LUNA. WE ELVES KNOW VERY WELL THAT IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT SECRETLY KEEP THE WORLD MOVING FORWARD PEACEFULLY.



THIS MARRIAGE IS A BLESSING FOR OUR PEOPLE AND A GUARANTEE THAT A BRILLIANT FUTURE LIES AHEAD OF US.

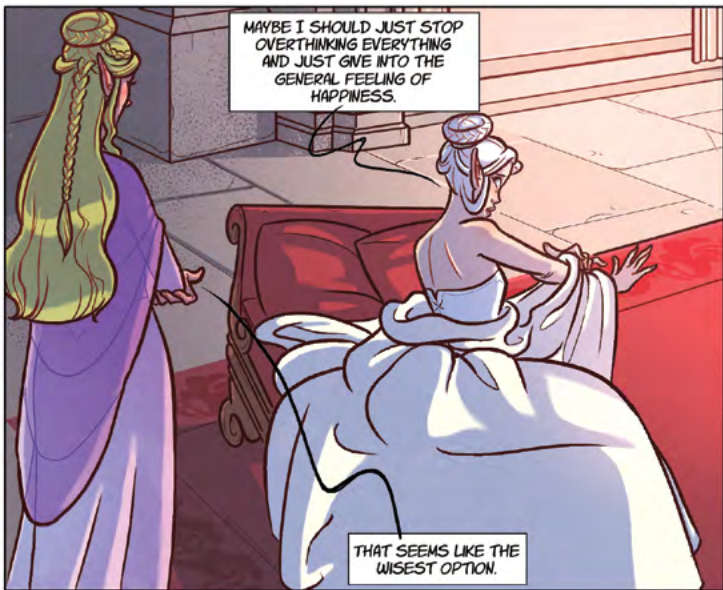


AND WHO KNOWS? WE MAY BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO WITNESS THE BIRTH OF AN HEIR. YOUR SON, LUNA, THE NEXT KING OF THE MOON ELVES.



DOES THAT THOUGHT NOT MAKE YOU HAPPY?

I THINK EVERYTHING'S MOVING A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY FOR ME.

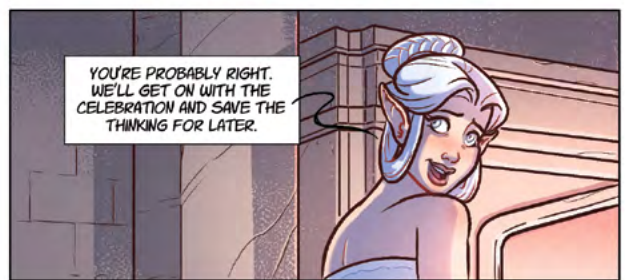


MAYBE I SHOULD JUST STOP OVERTHINKING EVERYTHING AND JUST GIVE INTO THE GENERAL FEELING OF HAPPINESS.

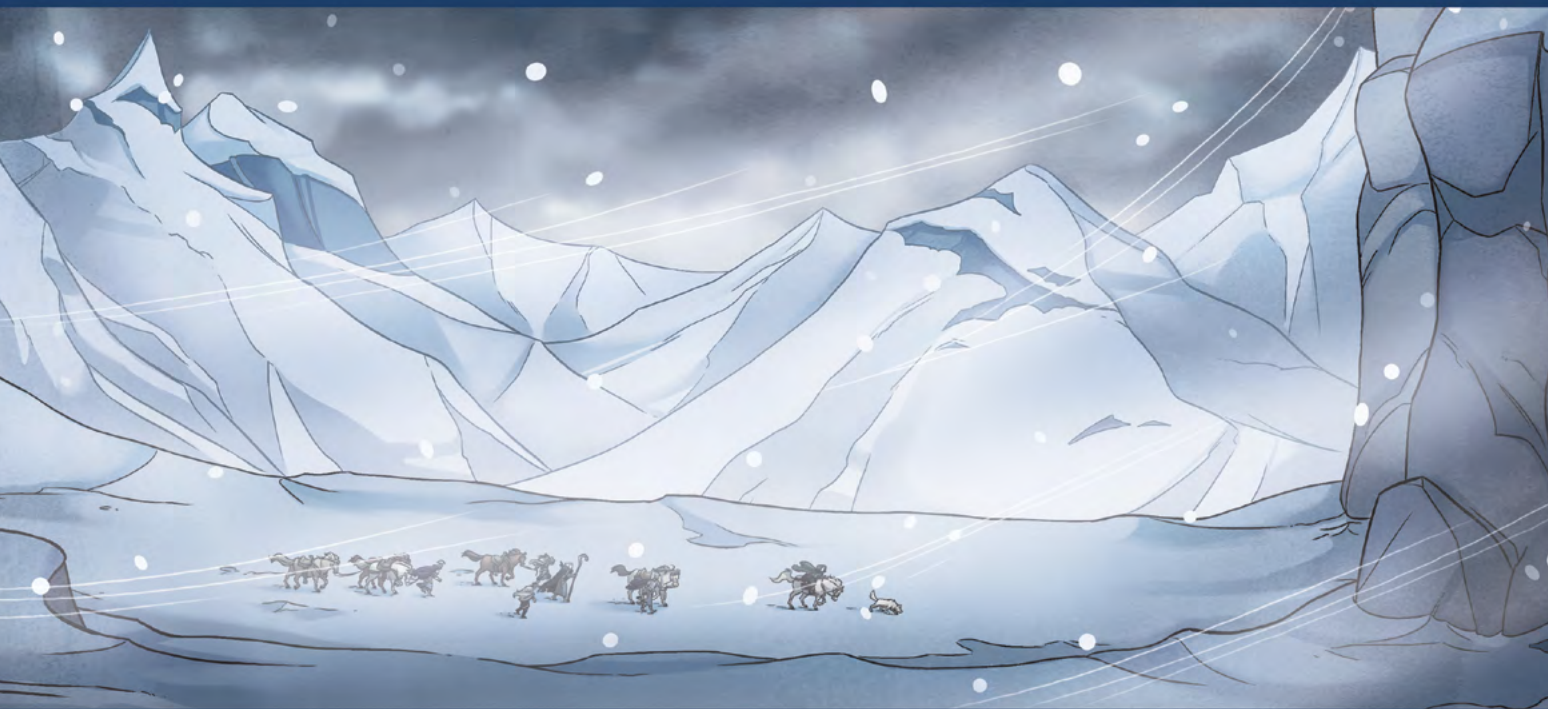
THAT SEEMS LIKE THE WISEST OPTION.



YOU'LL SOON SEE THAT EVERYTHING YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT TODAY WILL IN FACT OFFER YOU A NEW LIFE, FULL OF LOVE AND PURPOSE.



YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. WE'LL GET ON WITH THE CELEBRATION AND SAVE THE THINKING FOR LATER.



Luna is a young silver elf raised by a pack of wolves. As she prepares to leave adolescence behind and become queen, the young elf is kidnapped by shadowy warriors.

Thus begins a dangerous adventure for her and hers...