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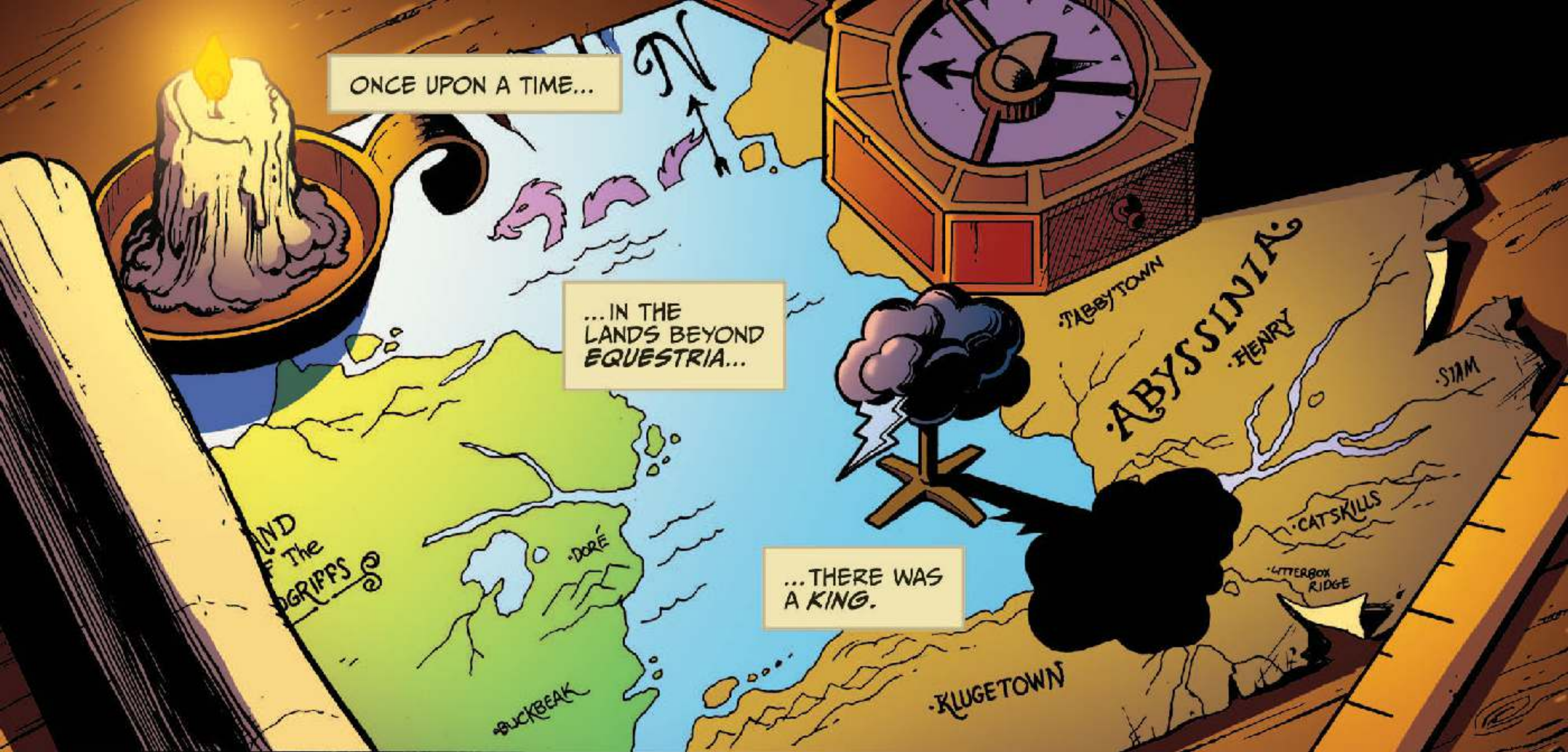
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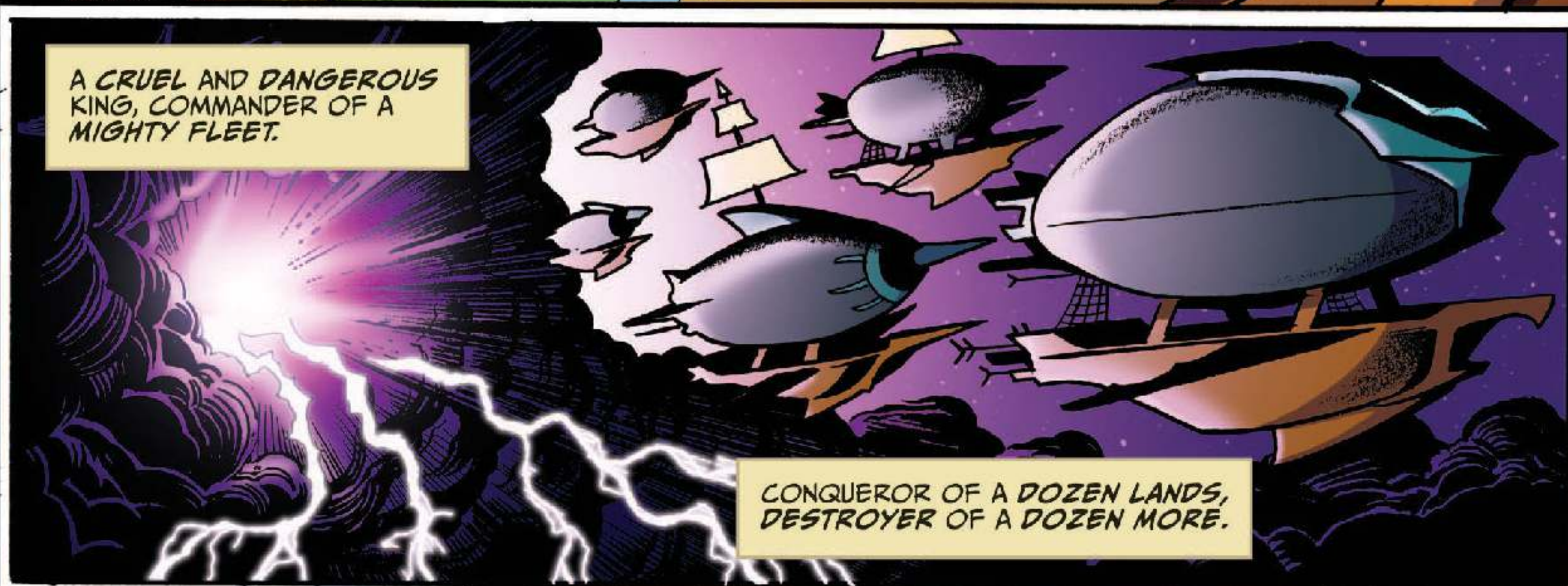
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ONCE UPON A TIME...

...IN THE LANDS BEYOND EQUESTRIA...

...THERE WAS A KING.



A CRUEL AND DANGEROUS KING, COMMANDER OF A MIGHTY FLEET.

CONQUEROR OF A DOZEN LANDS, DESTROYER OF A DOZEN MORE.



THE NAME OF THIS INVINCIBLE, IMPLACABLE FORCE OF NATURE...

...WAS THE STORM KING.

WHOA! HEY!



SEEMS KINDA UNFAIR TO HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE TELLING MY STORY!

IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WHOLE ISSUE ABOUT ME, THEN I'M GONNA TELL IT!

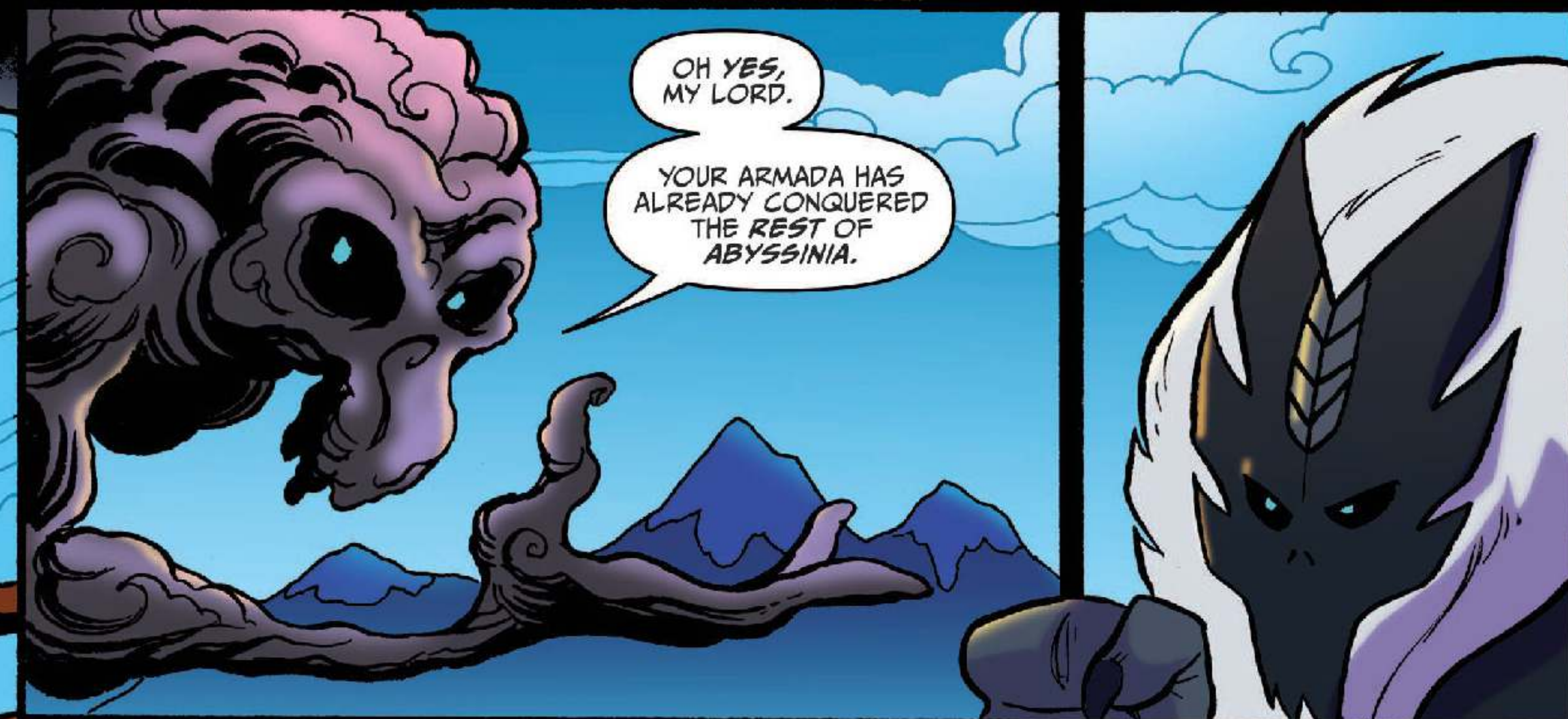
SO PLEASE, JOIN ME ON THE NEXT PAGE, WON'T YOU?

LET ME TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT—



STORM KING

STRIKE.
MY LORD?
IS EVERYTHING
READY FOR THE
INVASION?



OH YES,
MY LORD.
YOUR ARMADA HAS
ALREADY CONQUERED
THE REST OF
ABYSSINIA.



ONLY
THE CAPITAL,
PANTHERA, STILL
STANDS...
...AND YOUR
FORCES ONLY
AWAIT YOUR
COMMAND.
GOOD,
GOOD.



AFTER
THE INVASION,
I SHOULD DO
SOMETHING FOR
THE SOLDIERS.
YOU KNOW,
LIKE A PIZZA
PARTY! OR A
FUNNY HAT
DAY!
SOMETHING
TO SHOW I
APPRECIATE ALL
THEIR HARD WORK
PILLAGING AND
LOOTING!







BOOM!

BOOM!

SMASH

Hellooooo?

ANYBODY HOME?

HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME LETTING MYSELF IN.

BUT I PRACTICALLY OWN THE PLACE ALREADY, DON'T I?

YOUR MAJESTIES.

KING AND QUEEN OF ABYSSINIA.

YOU SHOULD SURRENDER NOW.



...STORM KING.

YOU HAVE CONQUERED THIS NATION.

ABYSSINIA IS YOURS.



THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT I'M NOT REALLY INTO THE WHOLE "RULING" THING.

YOU FOLKS CAN KEEP ABYSSINIA.

KRINK "CRUNCH"



W-WHAT?

I KNOW I CALL MYSELF A "KING," BUT FRANKLY, MONARCHY JUST ISN'T MY THING.

YOU TAKE OVER ONE COUNTRY, NEXT THING YOU'RE DEALING WITH TAXES AND COMMITTEES AND RETIREMENT PACKAGES!



NO, I DON'T WANT ABYSSINIA—

—JUST ITS RICHES.



THE TREASURE VAULTS OF ABYSSINIA ARE FILLED WITH STRANGE AND EXOTIC WONDERS, SO THEY SAY.

MAGICAL ARTIFACTS, FLAWLESS JEWELS, GOLDEN TRINKETS.

I'D LIKE THEM ALL, PLEASE.







OOH, AN
OMINOUS
GLOW!

THAT'S
PROMISING.

NO! NOT
THAT!

THAT WILL
ONLY BRING
RUIN!



THAT'S THE
MISFORTUNE
MALACHITE!

NO ONE
SHOULD USE
ITS POWER!



WHAT...
IS IT?

I CAN
SENSE...
INCREDIBLE
MAGIC IN IT...

INDEED, IT IS
POWERFUL...

...BUT ALSO
CURSED.



THE MALACHITE
BRINGS BAD LUCK
AND WOE TO ANY
WHO POSSESSES
IT.

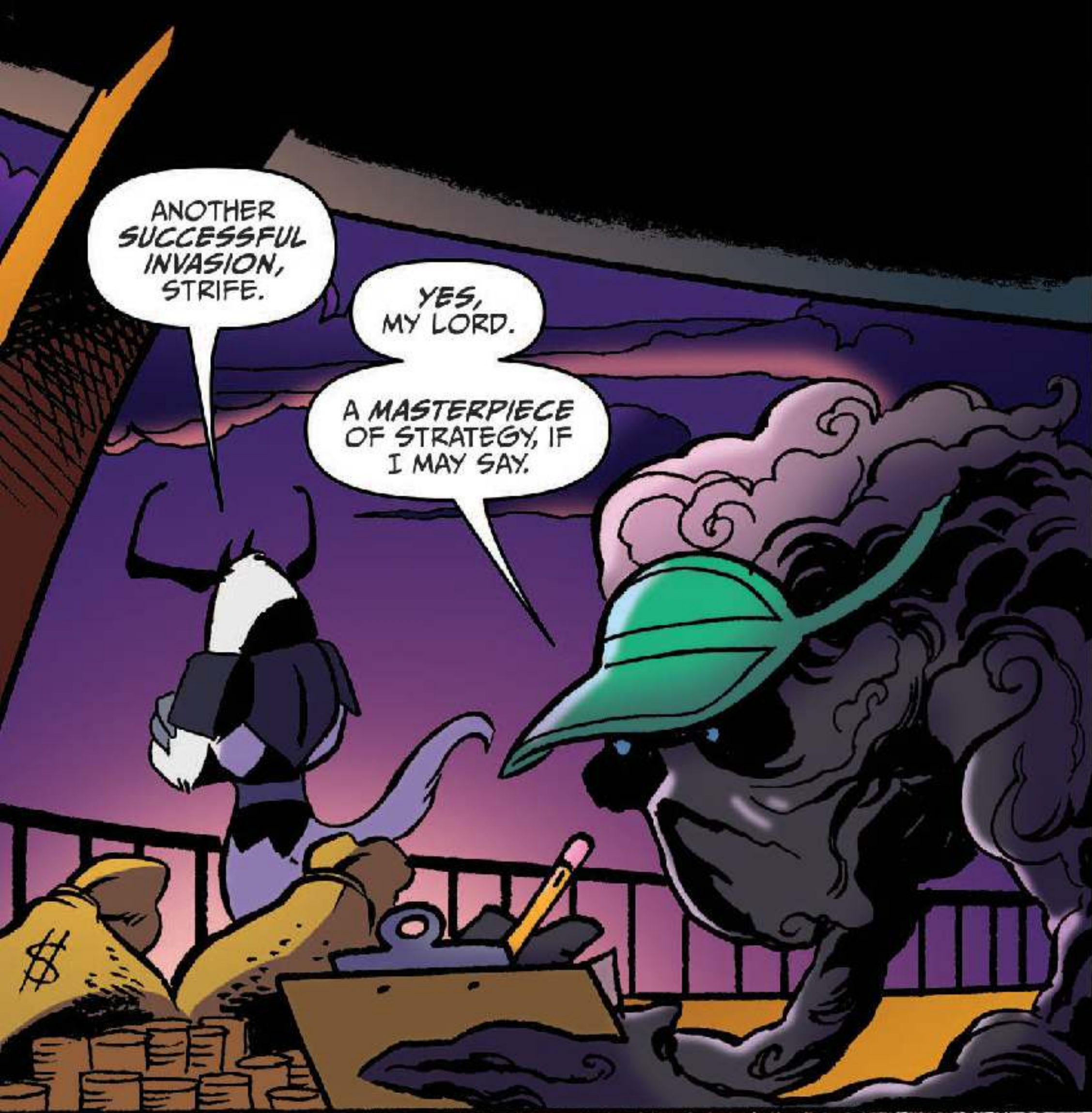
WHOEVER
HOLDS IT FOR TOO
LONG, OR WHO *USES*
ITS POWER, WILL
COME TO RUIN!



REALLY?

WELL, THEN,
LUCKY FOR YOU
I'M TAKING IT OFF
YOUR HANDS!





ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL
INVASION,
STRIFE.

YES,
MY LORD.

A MASTERPIECE
OF STRATEGY, IF
I MAY SAY.



ANOTHER COUNTRY
PLUNDERED OF
ITS RICHES.

THEY'RE
BARELY EVEN A
CHALLENGE
ANYMORE.

AND DO YOU
YOU KNOW
WHY?



BECAUSE
I HAVE NO
FRIENDS.

FRIENDSHIP IS
A WEAKNESS.

A
LIABILITY.



FRIENDS
DISTRACT YOU.
MAKE YOU
WEAK.

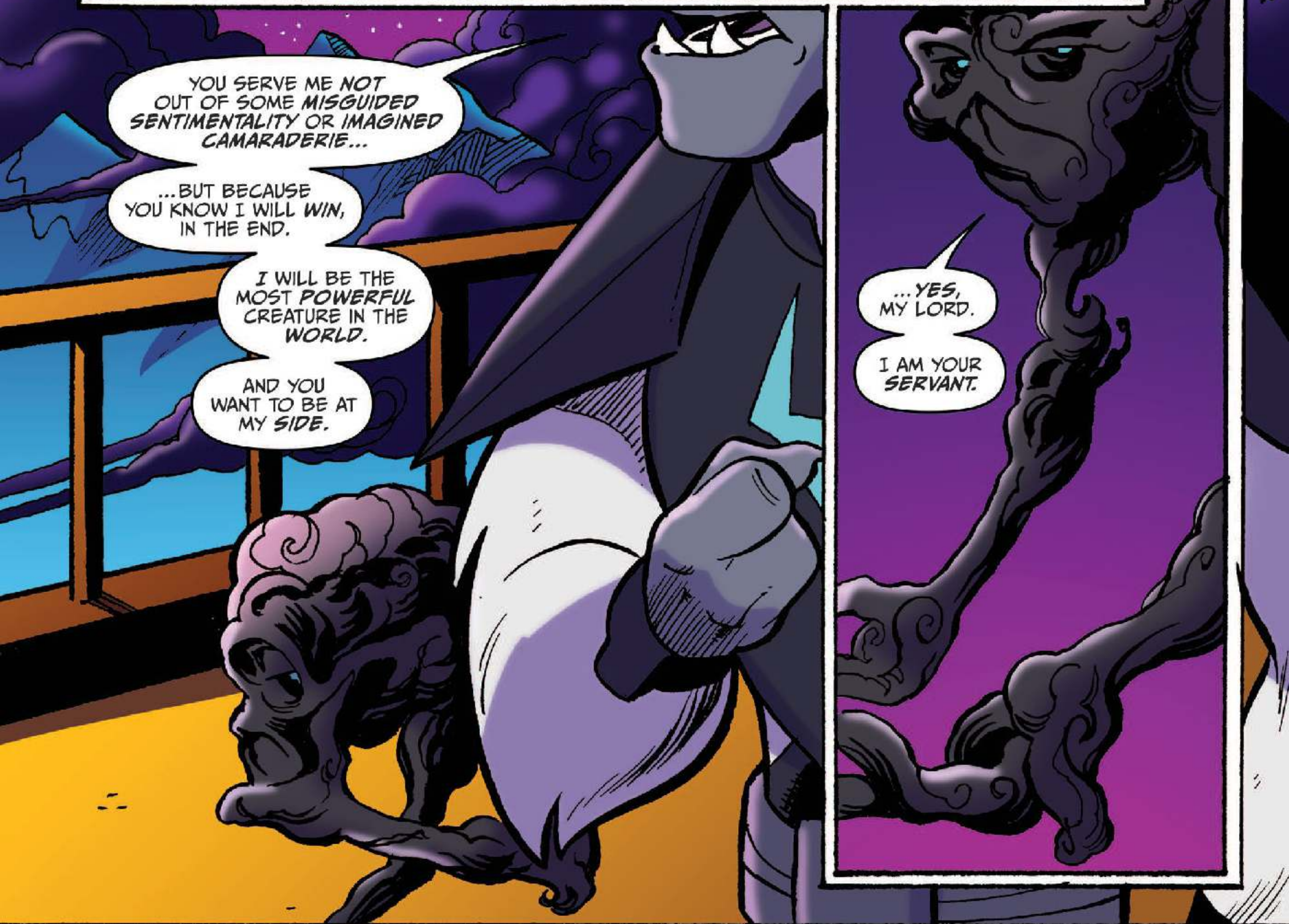
FRIENDS CAN
BETRAY YOU, MAKE
YOU FORGET YOUR
GOALS.

I HAVE
SOLDIERS,
COMMANDERS,
WORKERS—

BUT NO
FRIENDS.

WHICH MEANS
NOBODY WILL ASK
ME TO SACRIFICE
MY AMBITIONS.

MY
GOALS ARE
MY OWN.





SO THERE
YOU GO, GENTLE
READERS.

A GLIMPSE INTO
THE LIFE OF THE
GREAT STORM
KING.



A SMALL
INVASION, A LITTLE
PLUNDERING...

...AND A VALUABLE
MAGICAL ARTIFACT
IN THE BAG.

NOT A
BAD DAY.



THAT
MISFORTUNE
MALACHITE...

THAT GEM HAS
REMARKABLE
MAGIC.

PERHAPS
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO ACHIEVE MY
ULTIMATE GOAL:

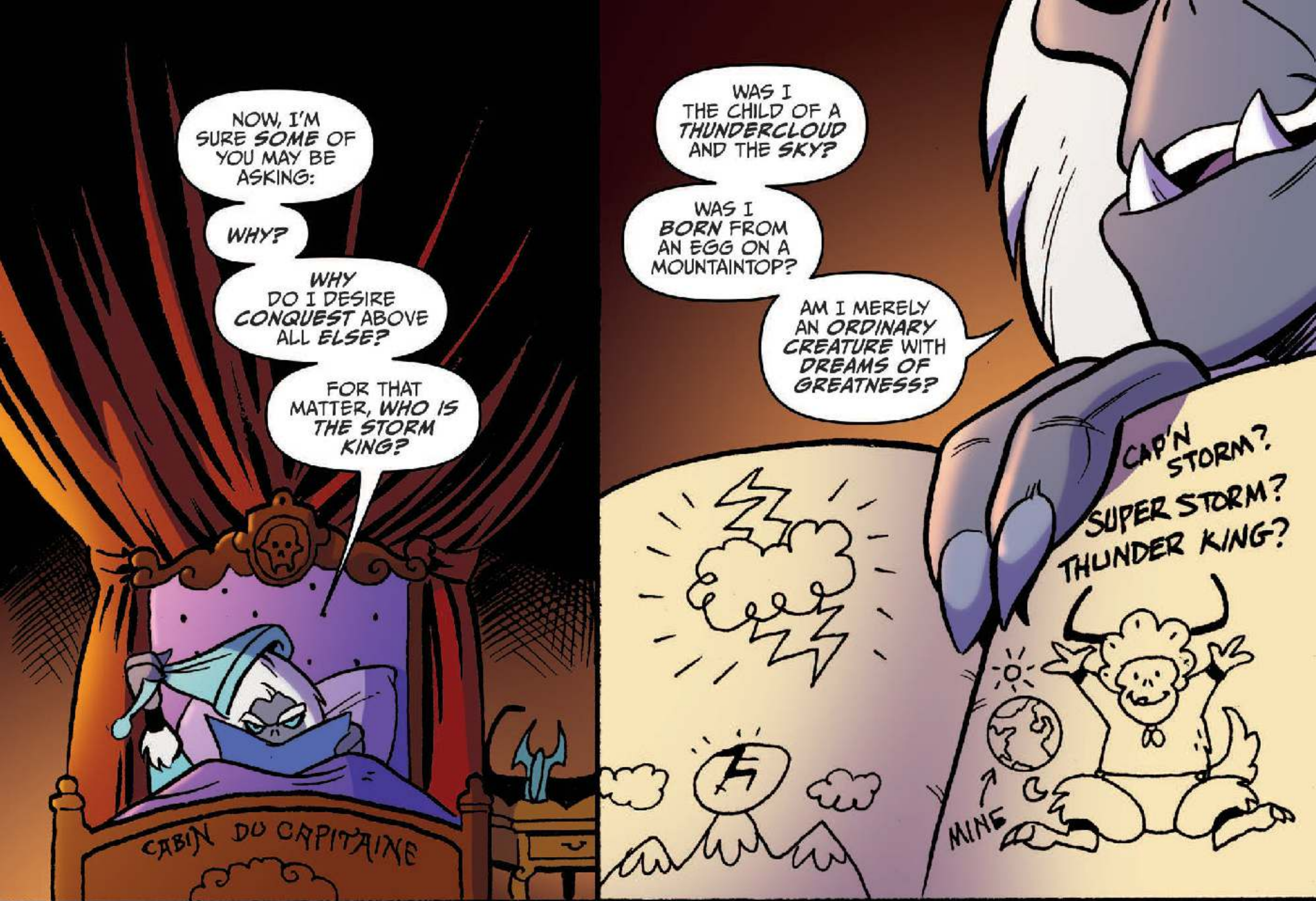
CONTROL.



ENOUGH MAGIC
TO CONQUER THE
WHOLE WORLD.

THAT'S ALL I'VE
EVER WANTED,
AND NOW...

...NOW IT'S
ALMOST WITHIN
MY GRASP.





Thanks to me, my lord.



I TOLD THE
PIRATES WHERE
OUR FLEET WOULD
BE FLYING, AND
WHEN.

I THEN TOOK
OUR SENTRIES
OFF-DUTY, LEAVING
THE ARMADA
UNPROTECTED.

THESE
PIRATES ARE
GOING TO STEAL
ALL YOUR
TREASURE
SHIPS...

...AT MY
SUGGESTION.



STRIFE?

YOU...
BETRAYED
ME?

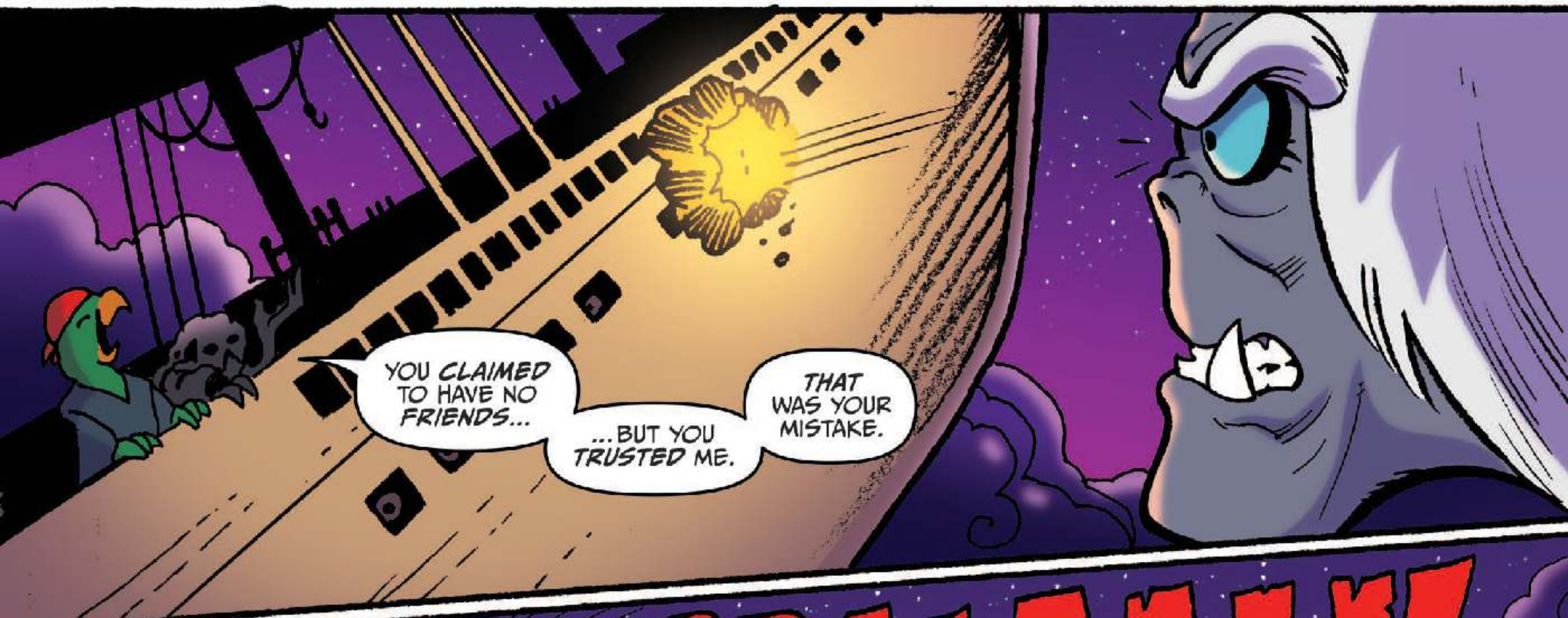
NO, STORM
KING.

AS YOU SAID,
FRIENDS CAN
BETRAY YOU.

I MERELY
HAVE MY OWN
GOALS.



AND THEY DO
NOT INCLUDE
YOU.





GAK!



YOU.
SMALL,
WEAK, *USELESS*
CREATURE.

T-THAT'S
ME!



YOU ARE TOO
COWARDLY TO
EVER ATTEMPT TO
BETRAY ME, ARE
YOU NOT?

TOO
SPINELESS TO
CONSIDER YOUR
OWN WANTS.

AREN'T
YOU?

Y-Y-Y-YOU GOT
ME PEGGED,
BOSS.



GOOD.

YOU'RE MY
NEW *SECOND-IN-*
COMMAND.

GET MY SHIP
REPAIRED AND
FOLLOW THOSE
PIRATES.



WE HAVE A
TRAITOR TO
CATCH.

TO BE
CONTINUED