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DEATH IS BUT A PHASE.



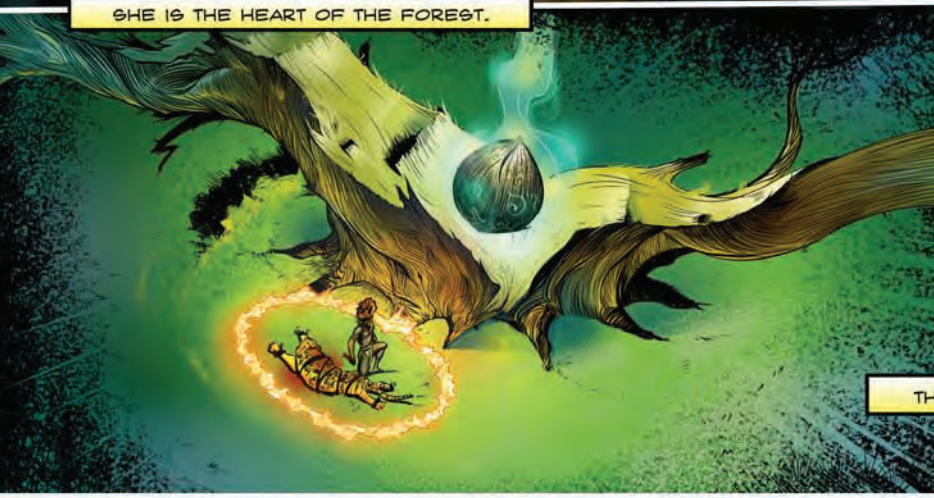
THIS IS THE CYCLE OF LIFE.

BUT SOME WILL NOT ACCEPT NATURAL ORDER.

SOME REFUSE TO DIE.



SHE IS THE HEART OF THE FOREST.



THE MOTHER OF ALL THINGS.



GODDESS OF THE EARTH.



PACHAMAMA.



THE HIGH PRIEST, NAGARIC, HAS LONG SOUGHT TO TAKE HER POWER...



...AND THUS BECOME IMMORTAL.



BUT HIS CAREFUL PLANNING WOULD COME TO NAUGHT.



CONQUISTADORS.

MEN FROM ACROSS THE SEA SEEKING SHELTER FROM THE STORM...

...STUMBLE UPON NAGARIC'S RITUAL.



FOR ALL THE HARM THE CONQUISTADORS DID DURING THEIR CAMPAIGNS...



...NEVER HAD ANYONE DONE SO MUCH TO SAVE THE EARTH.



IN THE HEART OF THIS ONE CONQUISTADOR, FRANCISCO CORTÉS...



...PACHAMAMA SAW SOMETHING SHE HAD SEEN IN NO CONQUISTADOR WHO HAD COME BEFORE...



UGGH...



RESPECT.



SPAIN.

TEN YEARS LATER...

THE
SUMMER FESTIVAL IS
ALMOST UPON US...

...AND THE
KING'S EYES WILL BE
ON EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF YOU.

EVEN
ON YOU,
ALUNA.

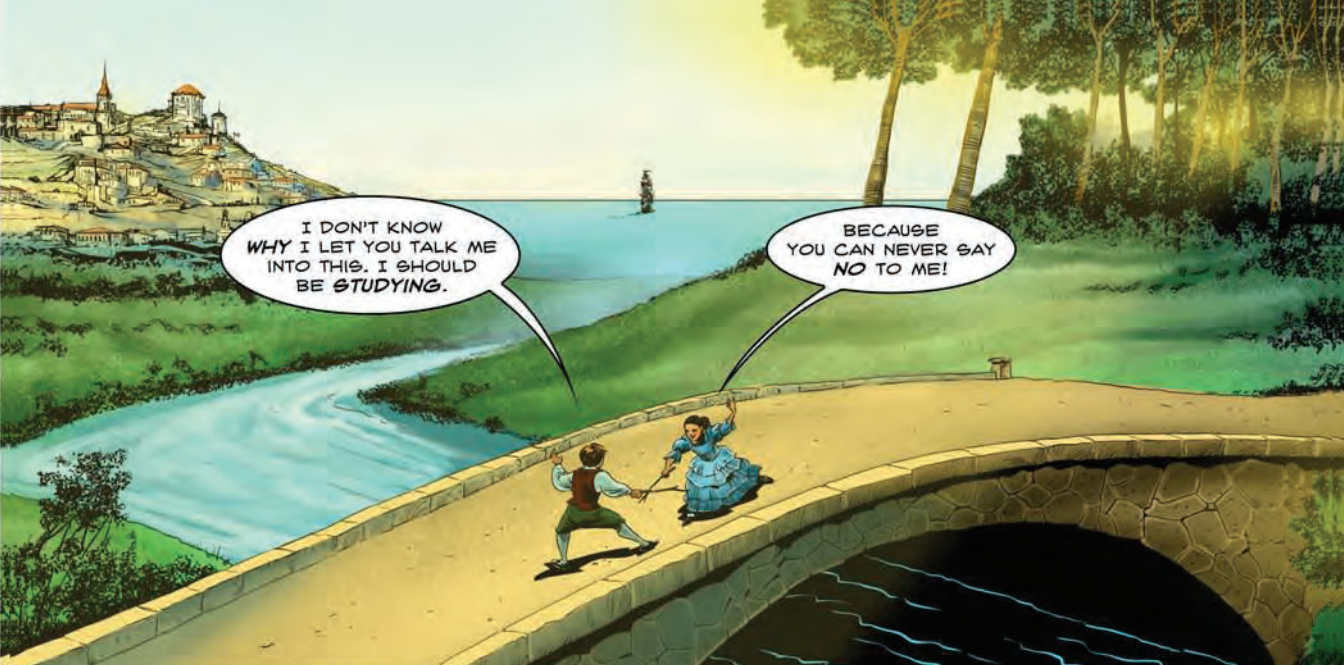
OR
DO YOU WISH TO
EMBARRASS YOUR
FAMILY AGAIN?

ALUNA!

GET
BACK INTO LINE. YOU
MUST LEARN THIS DANCE
FOR THE FESTIVAL.

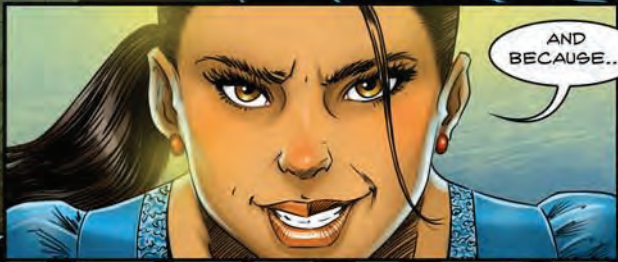






I DON'T KNOW WHY I LET YOU TALK ME INTO THIS. I SHOULD BE STUDYING.

BECAUSE YOU CAN NEVER SAY NO TO ME!



AND BECAUSE...

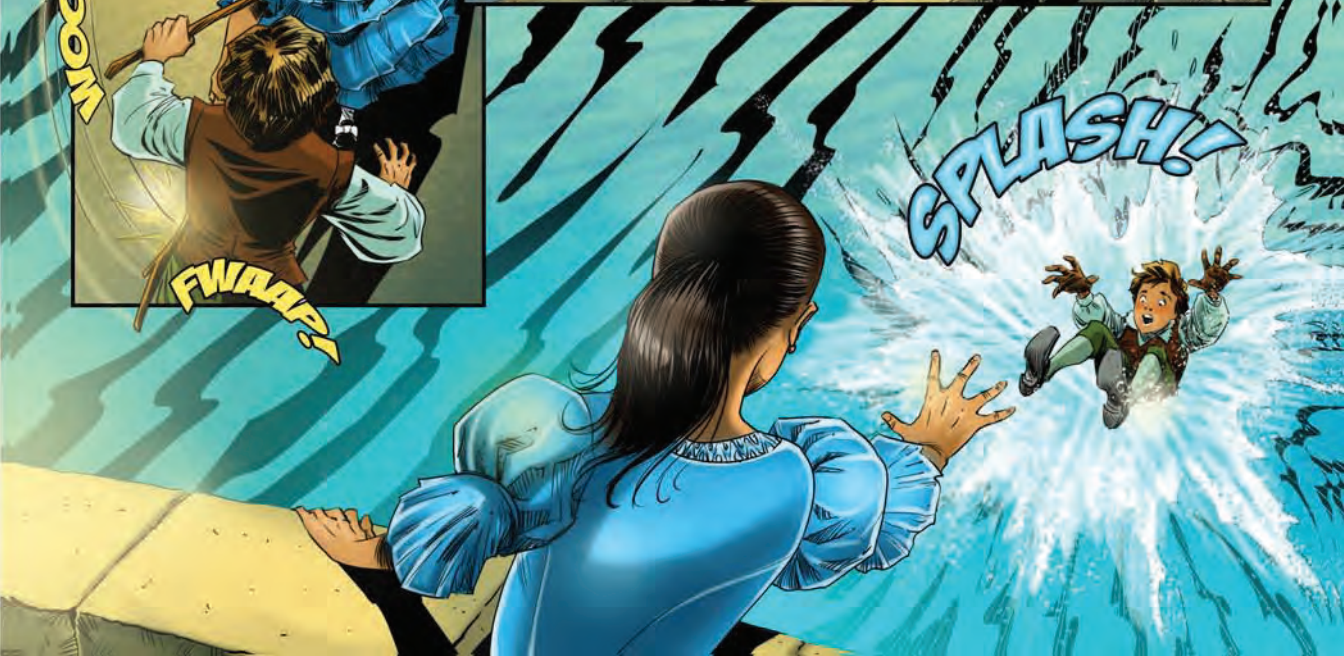


THIS IS MORE FUN!

OOF!



ANTONIO!



SPLASH!





ARE YOU OKAY?

SOMETIMES... YOU HIT TOO HARD.

GO HOME, ANTONIO.

YOUR FAMILY IS LOOKING FOR YOU TOO.



ANTONIO!

... I'M SORRY.

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL.



HAS SHE CONFESSED TO HER WICKEDNESS?

SHE WILL. SHE IS A WITCH.

IT IS FORTUNATE THAT YOUR FATHER INSISTS ALL MEN WHO CREW HIS SHIPS KNOW HOW TO SWIM...



...INCLUDING HIS DAUGHTER,

...OR YOU MAY HAVE NEVER LEARNED HOW.

WHAT WILL YOU TELL MY PARENTS?

>SIGH

I SUPPOSE I CAN LEAVE OUT THE PART WHERE ANTONIO ALMOST DROWNED.





SHE'S A BAD INFLUENCE ON HIM.

HA! WE CAN'T EVEN GET HER TO ATTEND HER DANCING LESSONS!

WHAT ARE WE TO DO, MARIANNA? FORBID THEM FROM SEEING EACH OTHER?

ALUNA, THERE ARE THINGS... EXPECTED OF US - OF ALL OF US - IN OUR LIVES.

I DON'T LIKE DANCING!

AND WE MUST LIVE UP TO THOSE EXPECTATIONS OR ELSE -

I SWORE I'D GIVE YOU THIS WHEN YOU WERE OLD ENOUGH.

ALUNA, YOU ARE NOT A LITTLE GIRL ANYMORE. YOU ARE A LADY TOO.

NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON A LADY!

IT'S FROM THE NEW WORLD?

IT IS.

WEAR IT AT THE FESTIVAL DANCE.

SHOW THE KING AND MIGUEL THAT YOU ARE A PROPER YOUNG LADY.



CORTÉS MADE HIS FORTUNE IN THE NEW WORLD.

I'VE ENSURED YOU ARE PARTNERED WITH HIS DAUGHTER, ALUNA.

EARN HER FAVOR AND CORTÉS WILL SPONSOR YOUR EXPEDITION.



YOU ARE A BASTARD, MIGUEL. MY INHERITANCE WILL NOT GO TO YOU WHEN I DIE.

I'LL MAKE HER YOUNG HEART FLUTTER.

JUST TRY NOT TO EMBARRASS YOURSELF.

OR ME.



I HOPE THE KING SPEAKS TO ME. DO YOU THINK HE WOULD? THAT WOULD BE A THRILL.

DID YOU SEE WHAT THEY BROUGHT FROM THE KITCHENS? I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH FOOD!

OH! THERE'S MY ANTONIO.

WHERE IS YOUR PARTNER?

ALUNA CORTÉS?



I AM MIGUEL DI BATISTA.



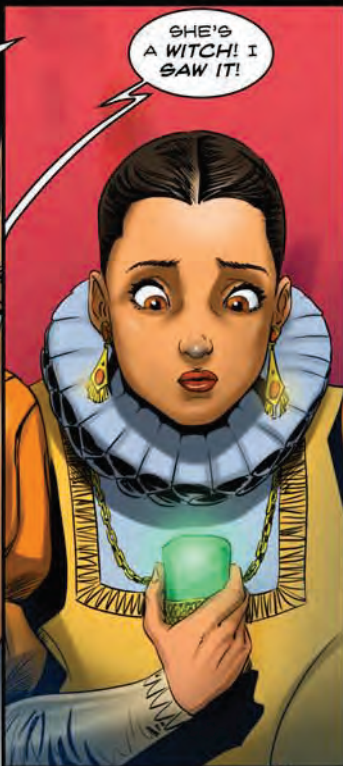


NEVER
TURN YOUR BACK
ON A LADY!





WITCH!



SHE'S A WITCH! I SAW IT!

SAW WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SEE?

THE JEWEL AROUND HER NECK - IT GLOWED WITH AN UNHOLY POWER!

THE BOY TALKS NONSENSE. HE MUST HAVE HIT HIS HEAD.





SHE IS WILD, FRANCISCO - YOUR DAUGHTER.

YES, MY KING.

HAVE YOU NOT TAUGHT HER PROPER ETIQUETTE?

I... I'VE TRIED, MY KING.



TRY HARDER, OR I'LL SEE YOU BOTH REMOVED.

I WILL, MY KING. THANK YOU, MY KING.



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA

FRANCISCO!



FRANCISCO! PLEASE! FORGIVE MY SON.

I'M SORRY.



HEAR ME OUT. LET ME SHOW YOU MY PLANS! THIS EXPEDITION COULD BE GOOD FOR BOTH OF US!

GOODNIGHT!



...

YOU FOOL BOY!

YOU SAW! SHE KNOCKED ME ACROSS THE ROOM!

NO TEN-YEAR OLD GIRL HAS SUCH STRENGTH!

SHE IS A--



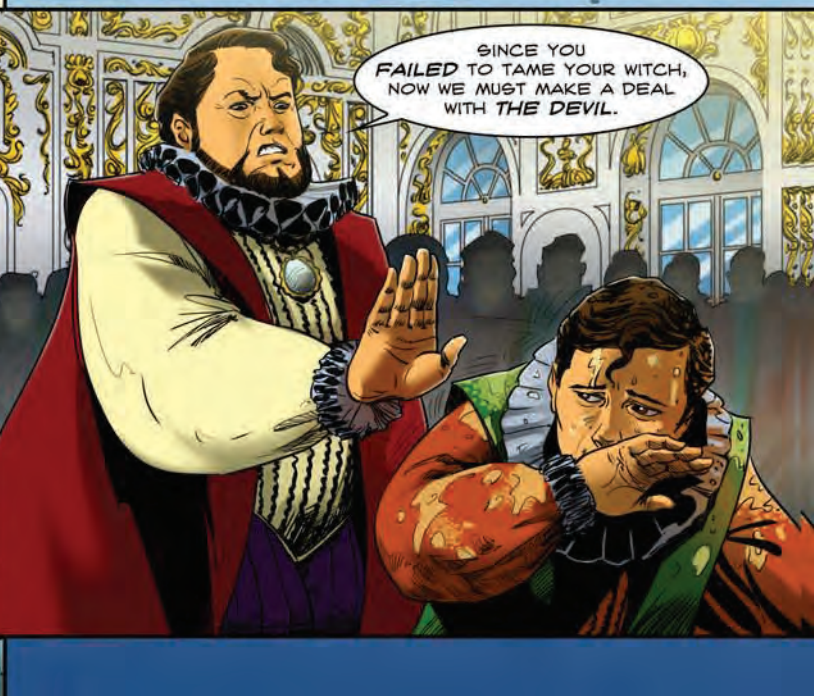
--I DON'T CARE IF SHE IS A WITCH!

I DON'T CARE IF SHE BREATHES FIRE!

YOU NEEDED TO WIN HER!

GACK

OOF!



GET UP.

SINCE YOU FAILED TO TAME YOUR WITCH, NOW WE MUST MAKE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL.



PACK ALL OF IT. LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND TO ROT. WE WON'T BE BACK IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT! CAN'T THIS WAIT?

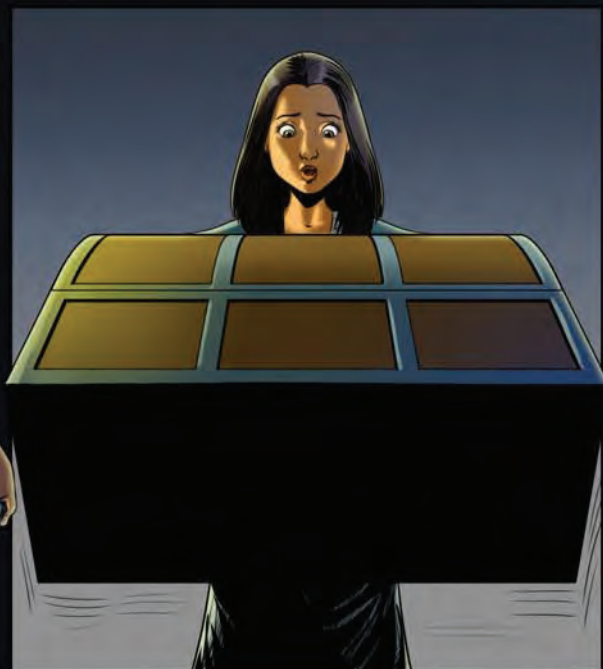
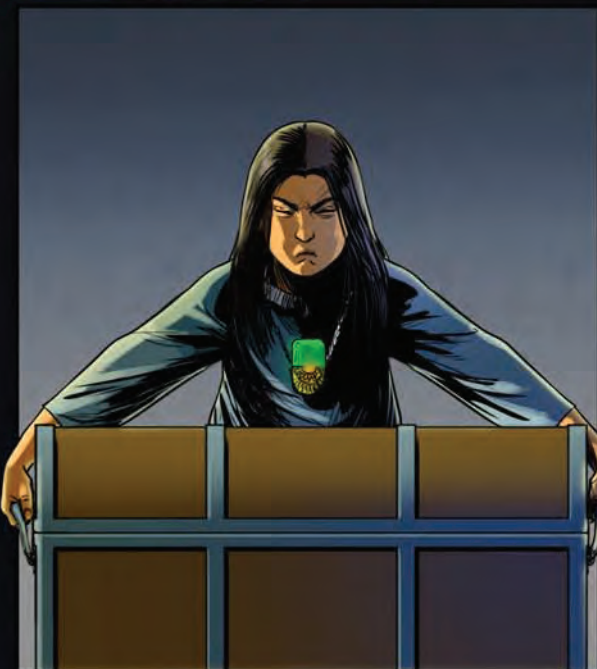


WHY MUST WE LEAVE SO SUDDENLY?

SHE IS IN DANGER, MARIANNA. EVERY DAY WE STAY HERE, EYES WILL BE UPON HER.



NOW, PLEASE. WE ALL MUST PREPARE.





ALUNA...



ALUNA? WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?

NOTHING! JUST... ER, PACKING!





IT WAS INCREDIBLE.
HE WENT FLYING!

HE WAS DISRESPECTFUL.
IT MADE ME ANGRY.

STILL... I THOUGHT
YOU HIT ME HARD, BUT
THAT - THAT WAS--



--HOW ARE
YOUR RIBS FROM
THAT THRASHING
I GAVE YOU ON
THE BRIDGE?



WHY ARE YOU
LAUGHING?
YOU'RE LEAVING
FOR WHO KNOWS
HOW LONG!

I KNOW.
I'M SORRY.



THIS IS
GOOD-BYE,
ALUNA.

I'LL BE
BACK.



SOMEDAY.



THIS IS GOING TO BE HARD ON HER.

SHE'S GOING TO LOSE HER ONLY FRIEND.

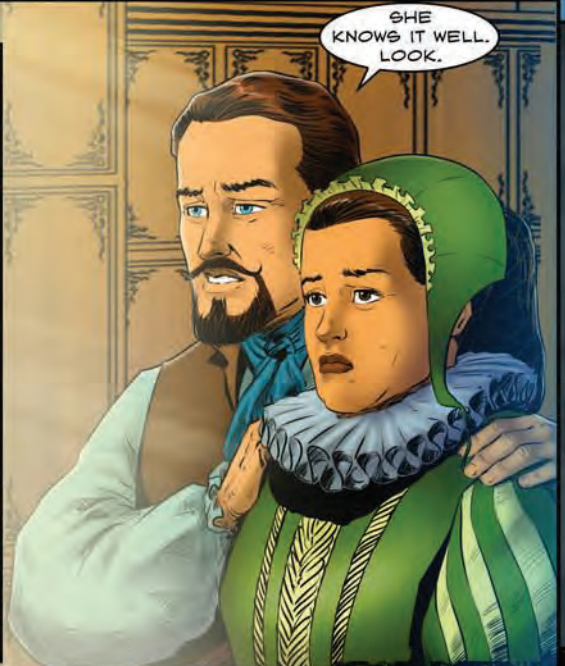
ANTONIO? ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO GET HER AWAY FROM HERE.



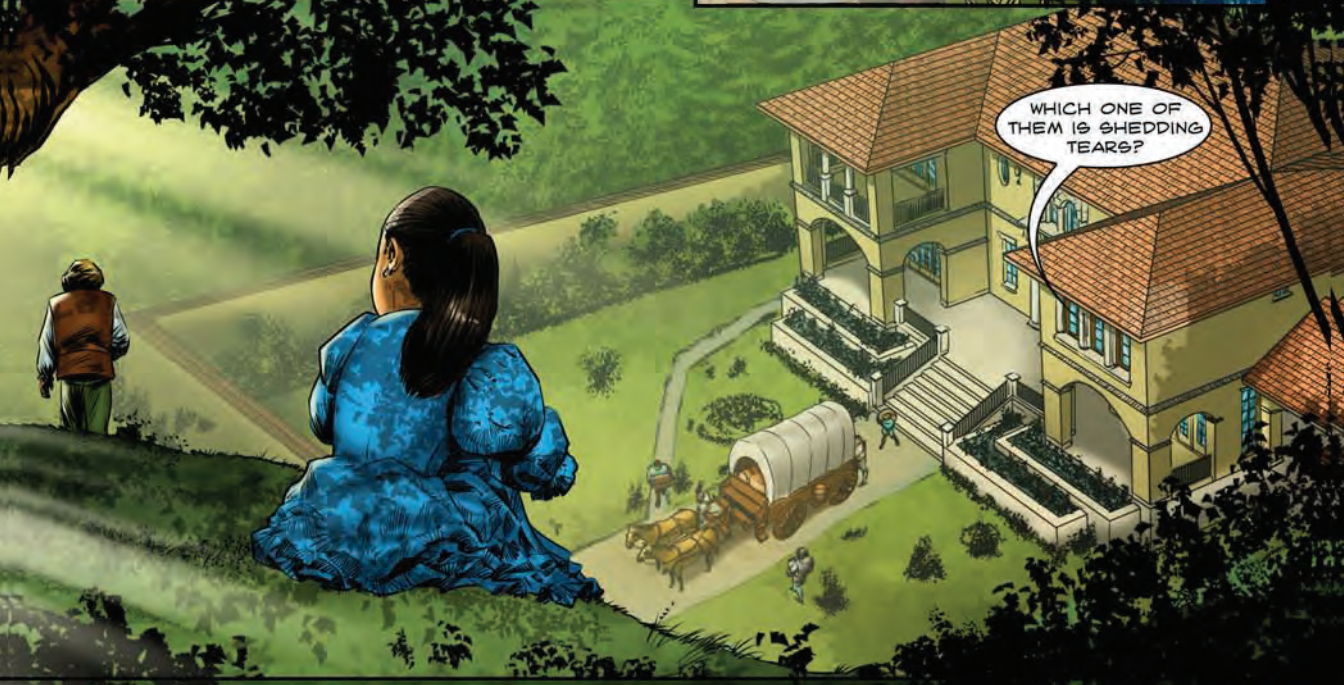
THAT'S AN AWFUL THING TO SAY.

HE IS FOR **ELISABETH**. ALUNA - SHE'S JUST GOING TO CAUSE ALL THREE FAMILIES PROBLEMS.

NEVER LET HER HEAR YOU SAY THAT.



SHE KNOWS IT WELL. LOOK.



WHICH ONE OF THEM IS SHEDDING TEARS?



I'M SORRY, ALUNA. I SHOULD NEVER HAVE GIVEN YOU THIS.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

OUR WINTER HOME.

AND WE'LL STAY THERE UNTIL YOU GET YOUR TEMPER UNDER CONTROL AND LEARN TO BEHAVE LIKE A LADY.



BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, DOES IT NOT?

YOU HAD BARELY LEARNED TO WALK WHEN LAST YOU GRACED THIS DECK.

I DON'T REMEMBER.

WELL, I DO.

DON'T BE SAD, LITTLE BIRD.

THEY MAY CAGE YOU UP, BUT THEY'LL NEVER CONTAIN YOUR SPIRIT.

NOW, YOU SHOULD GET TO YOUR FATHER'S CABIN. IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN.

I WILL. SOON.



TO BE CONTINUE



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