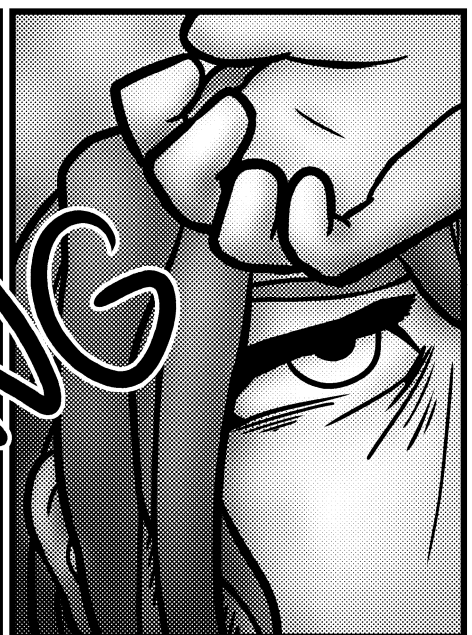
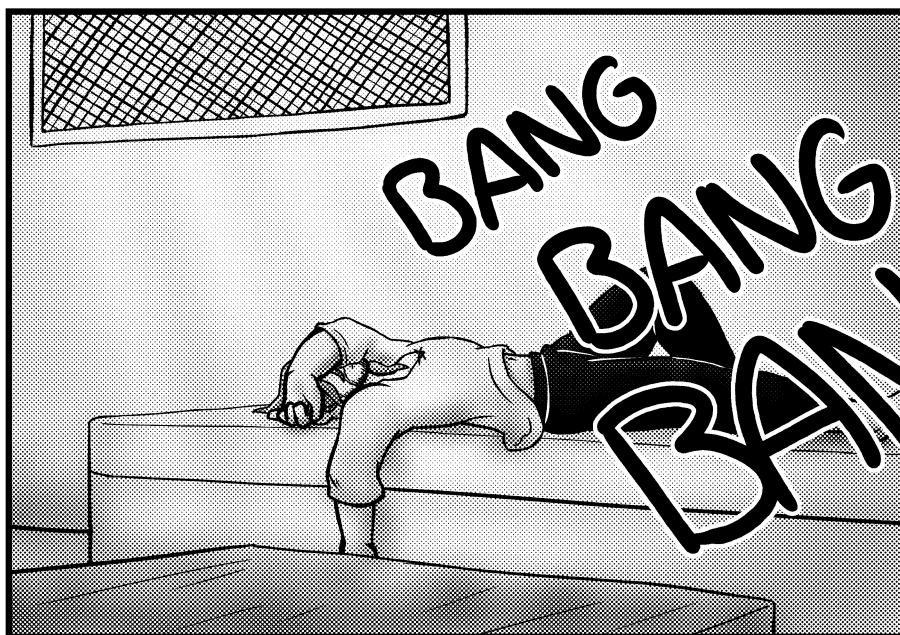
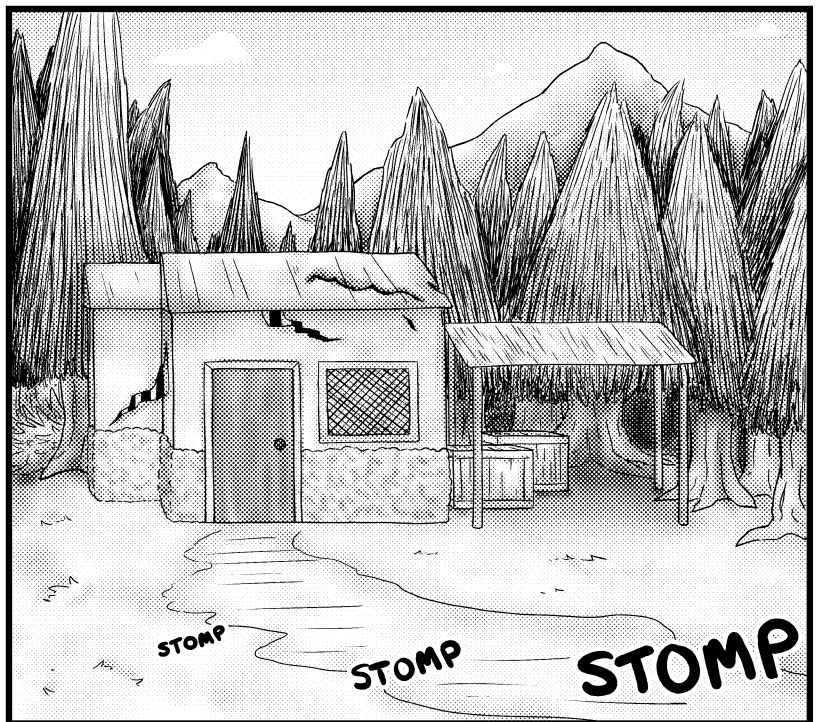
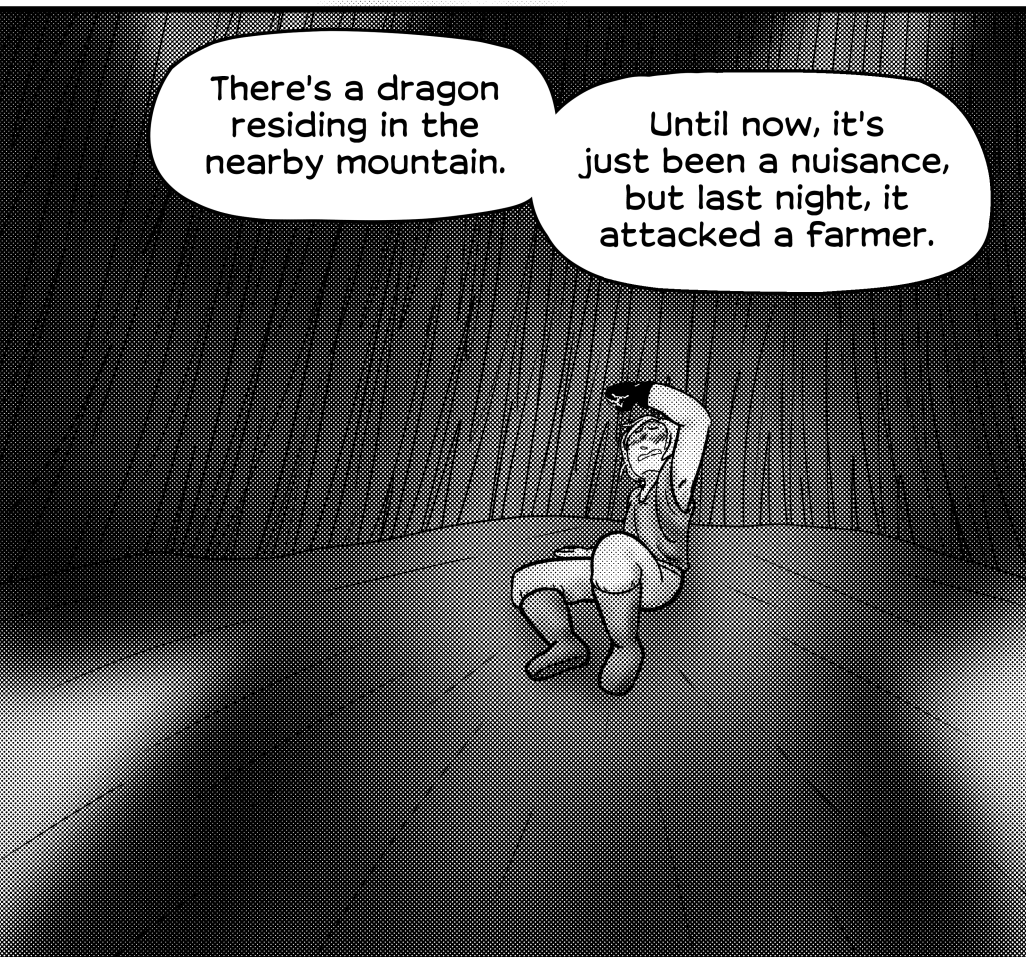
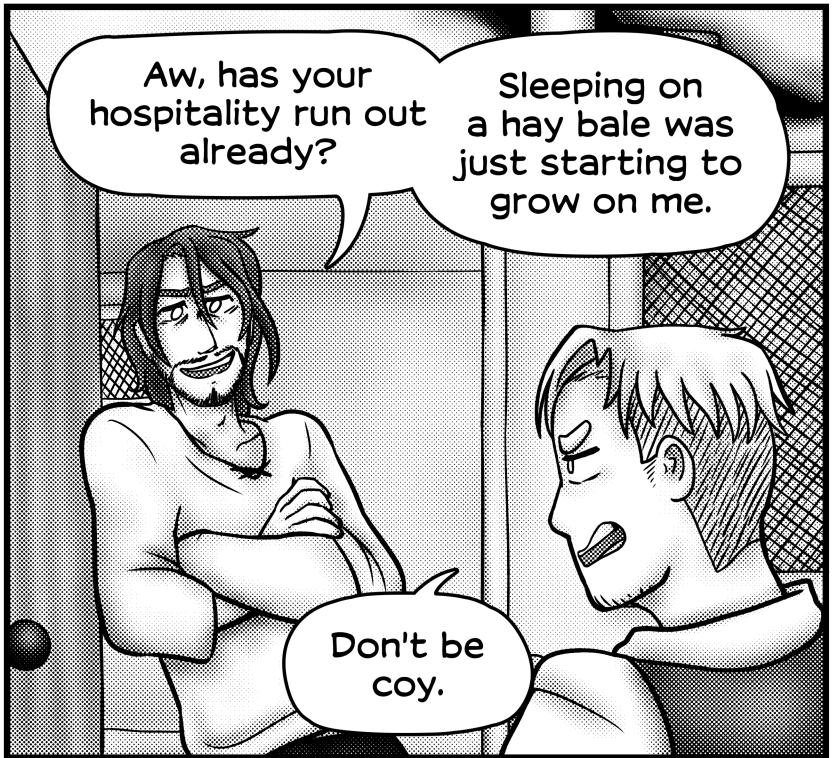
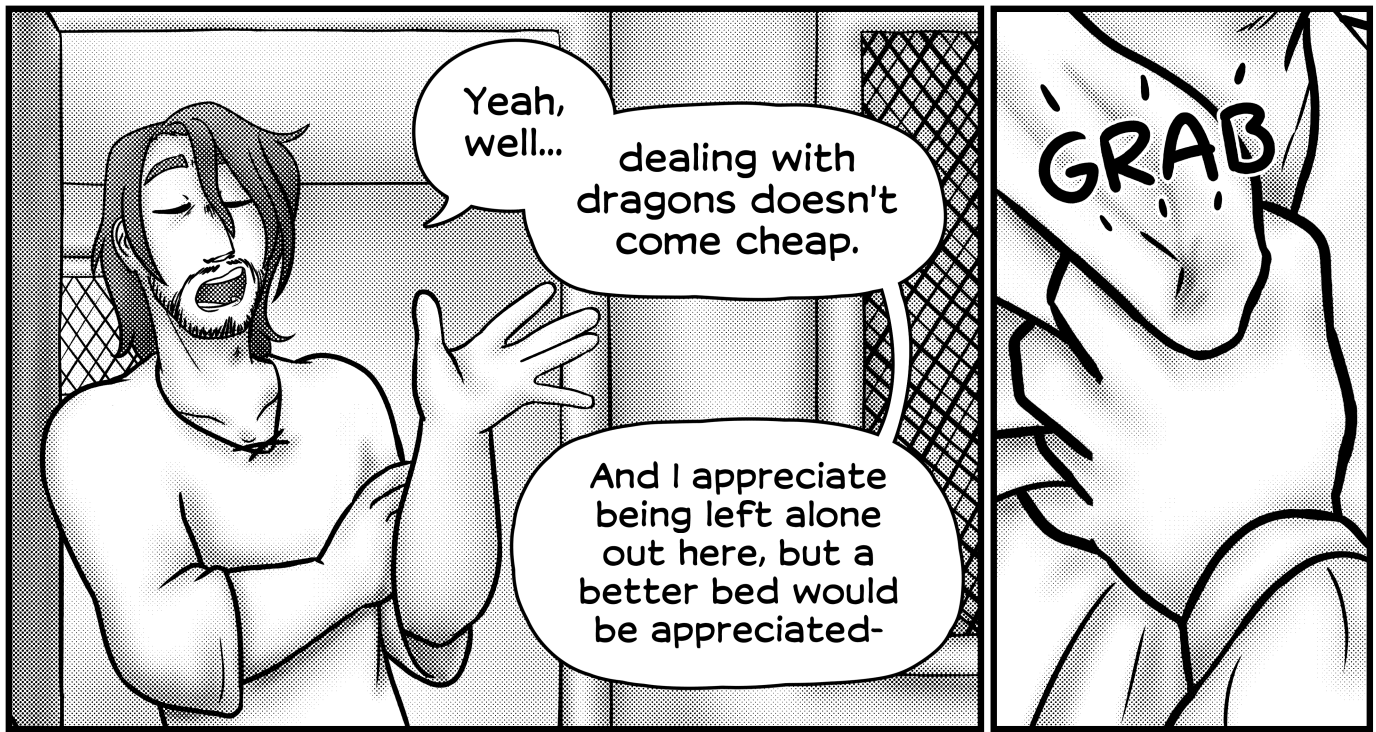


RooooAAAARRR..







Yeah,
well...

dealing with
dragons doesn't
come cheap.

And I appreciate
being left alone
out here, but a
better bed would
be appreciated-

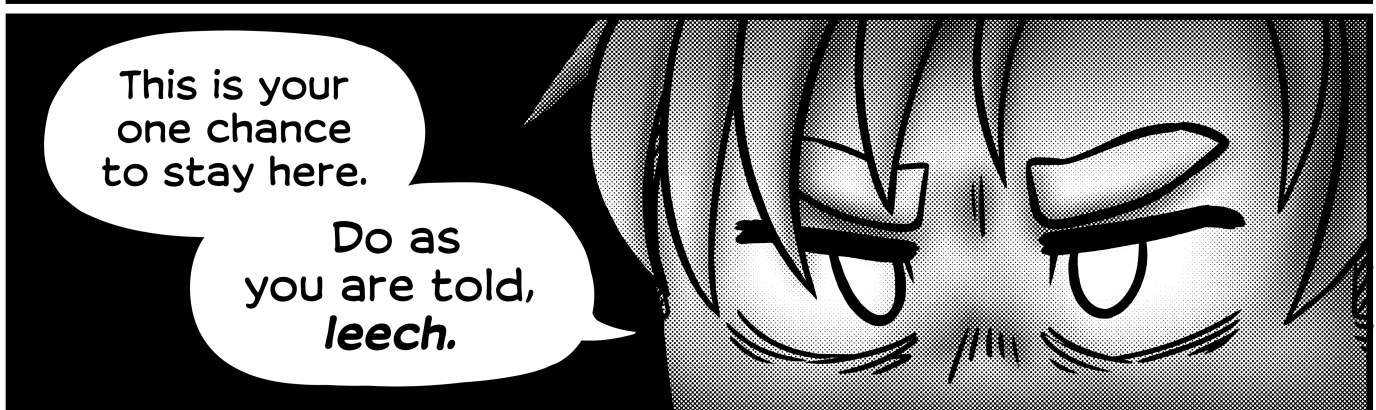
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YANK

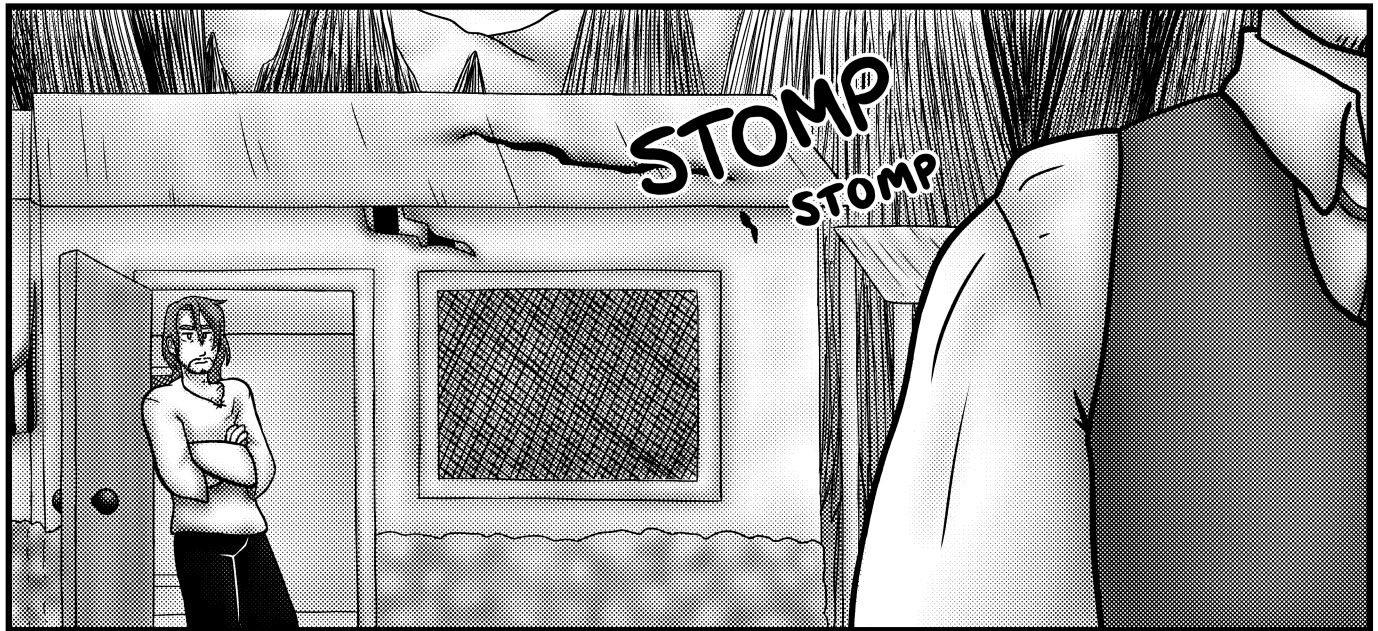
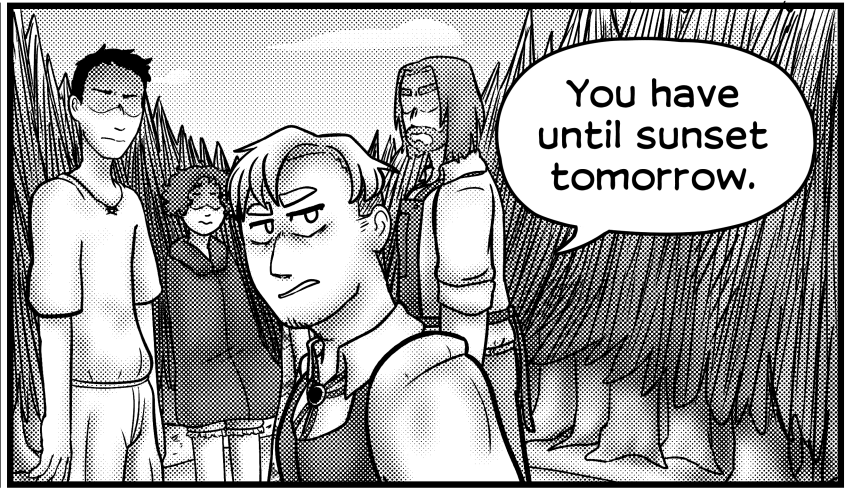
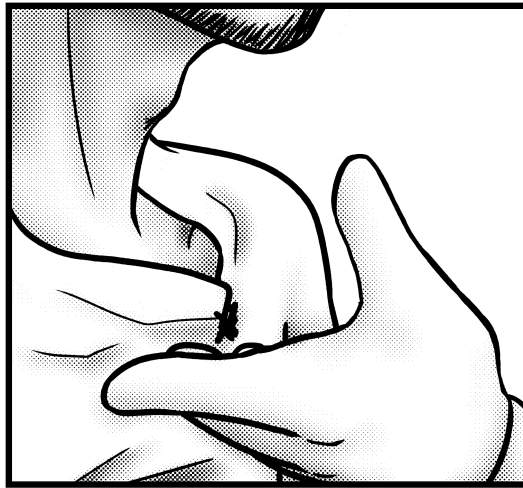
I've put up
with you for
far too long.

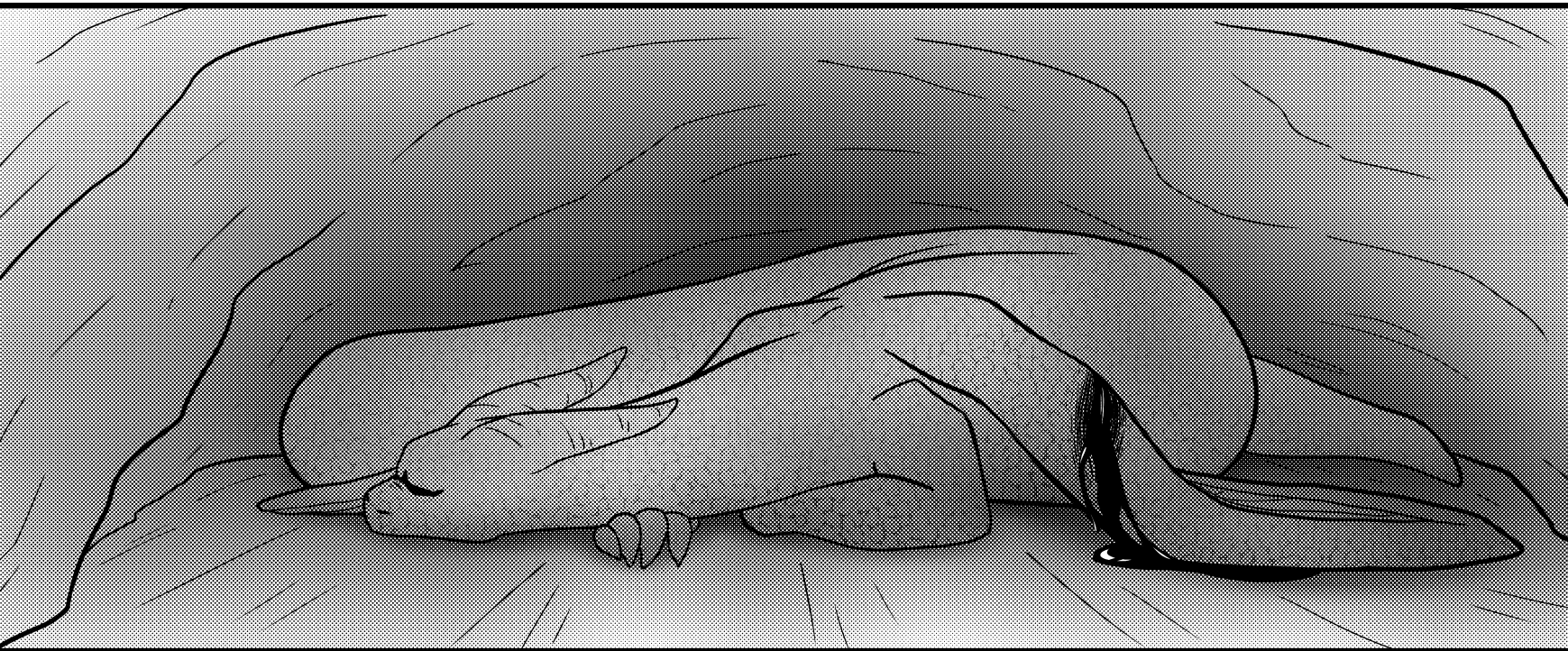
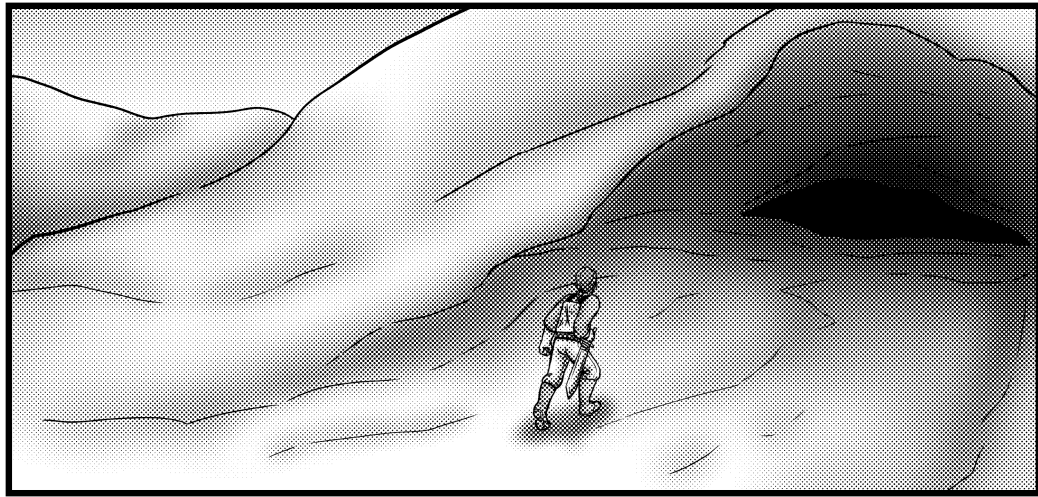
If it weren't for
your service to
the king, I'd have
kicked you out of
our town long ago.



This is your
one chance
to stay here.

Do as
you are told,
leech.





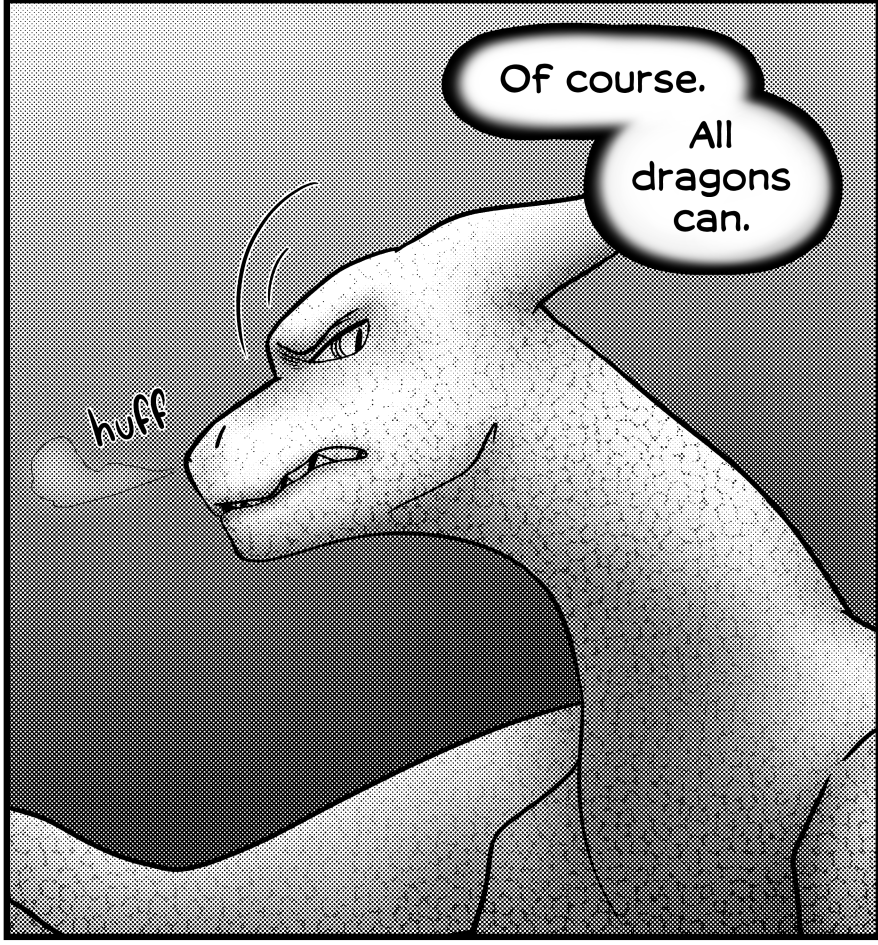


Stay your blade, human.

If you seek a battle, you will only meet your death.



You can talk?



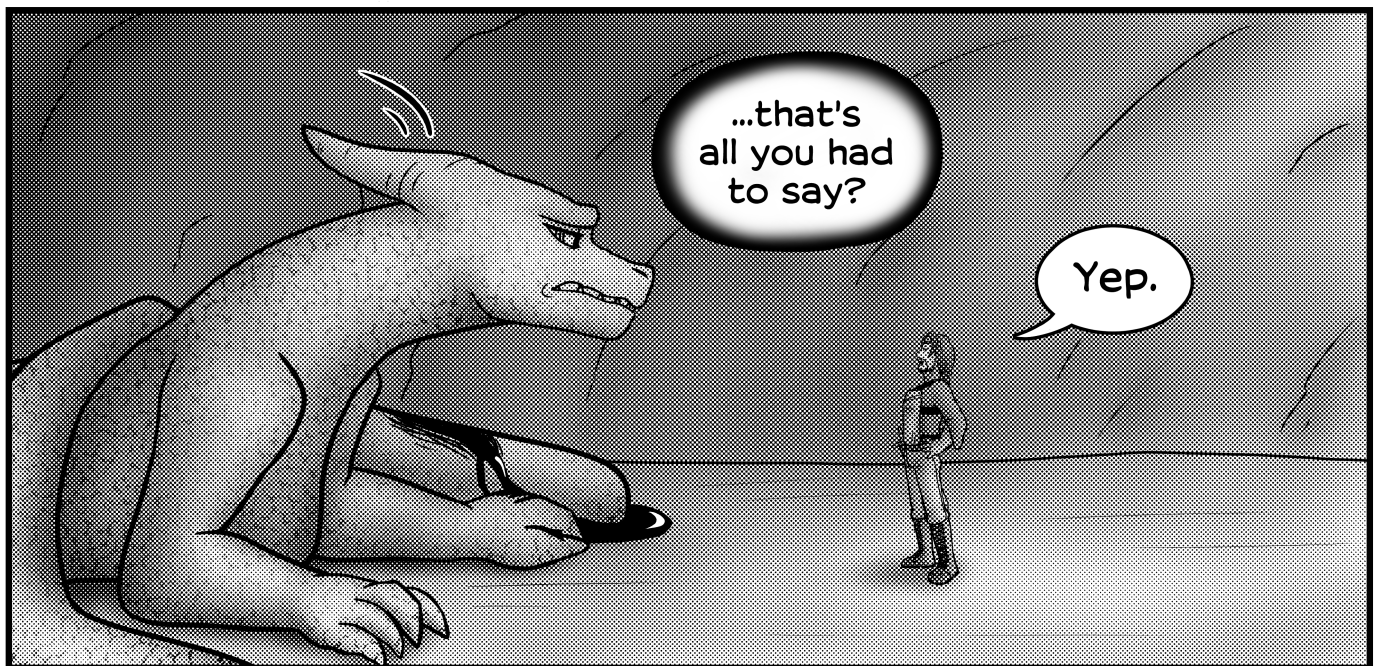
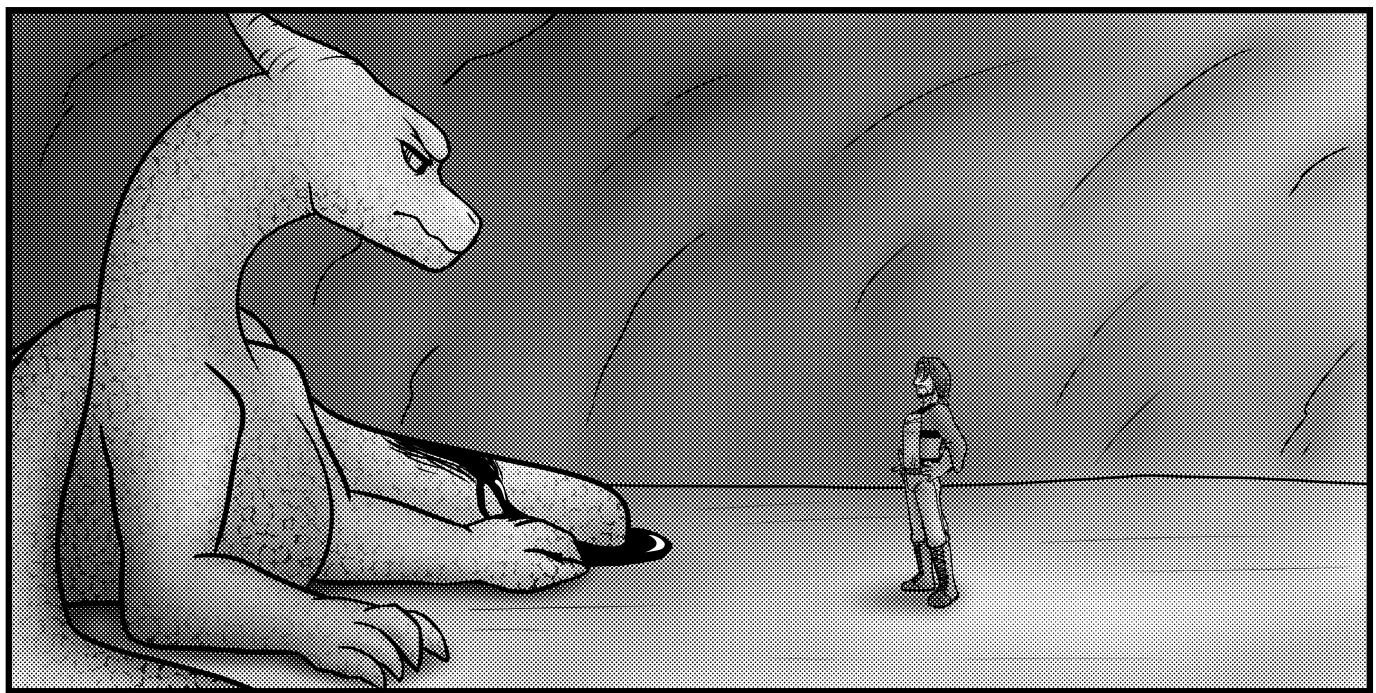
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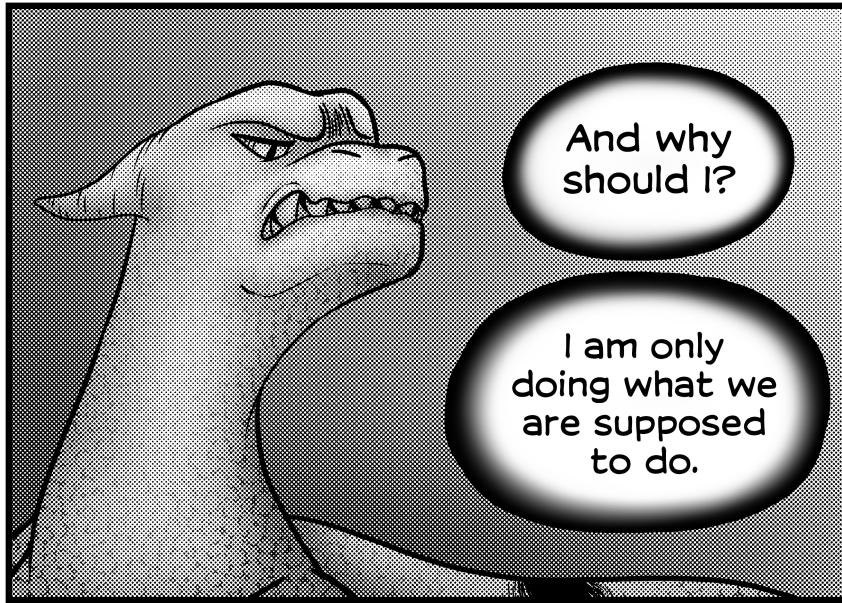
Of course. All dragons can.



Huh. Alright, that makes my job easier.

Shh...





And why should I?

I am only doing what we are supposed to do.

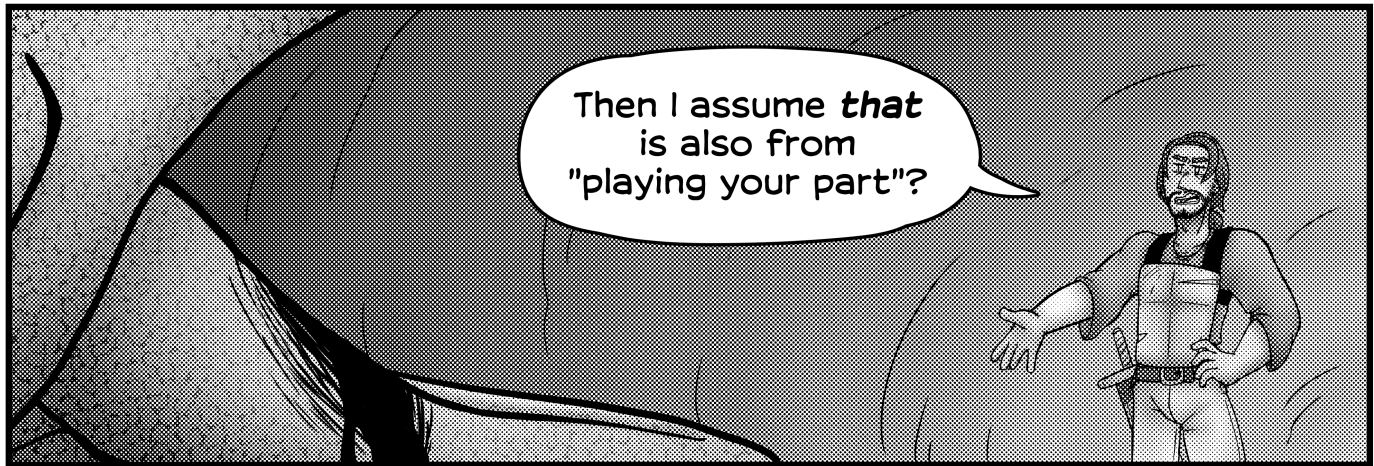


"Supposed to do?"

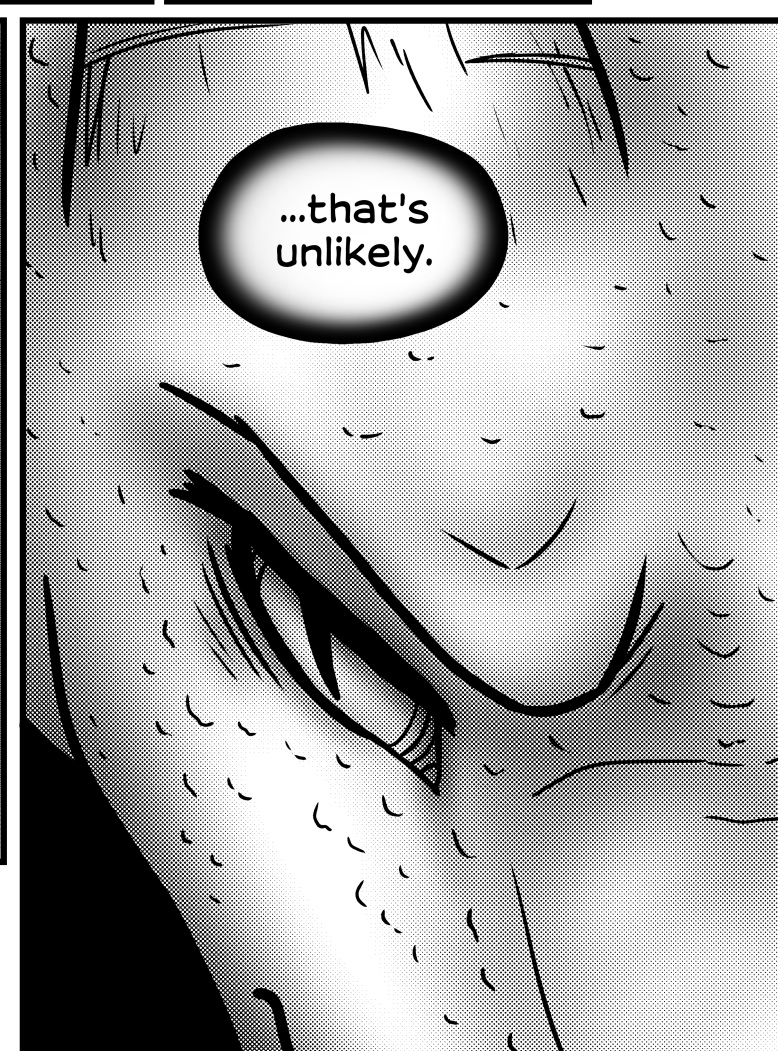


That's your only reason for attacking a human?

Yes.
Dragons and humans are supposed to hate each other.
I am only playing my part.



Then I assume *that* is also from "playing your part"?

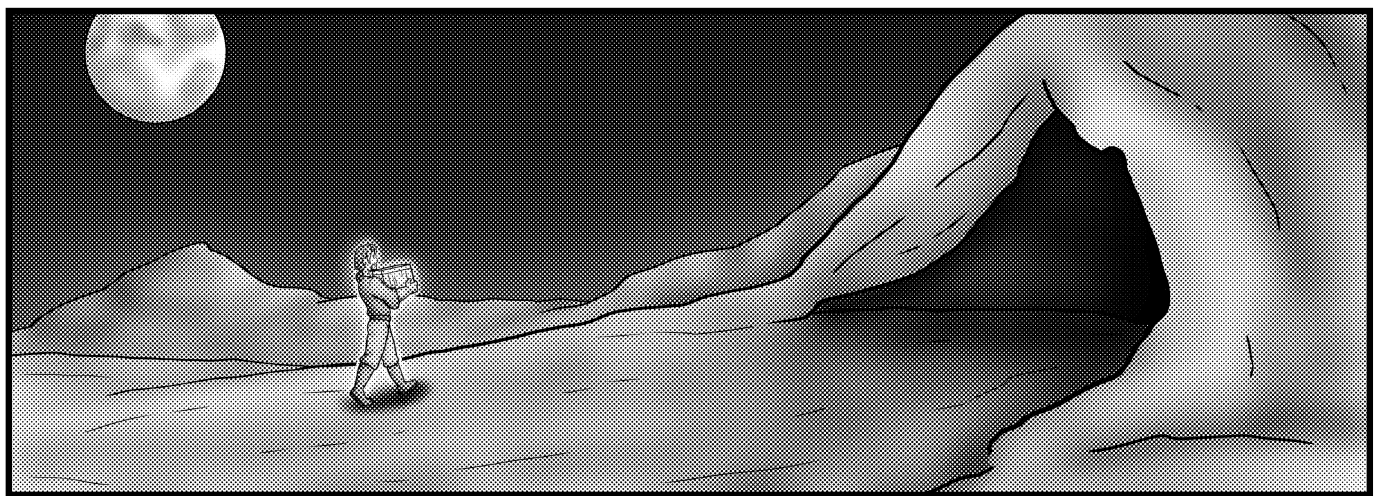
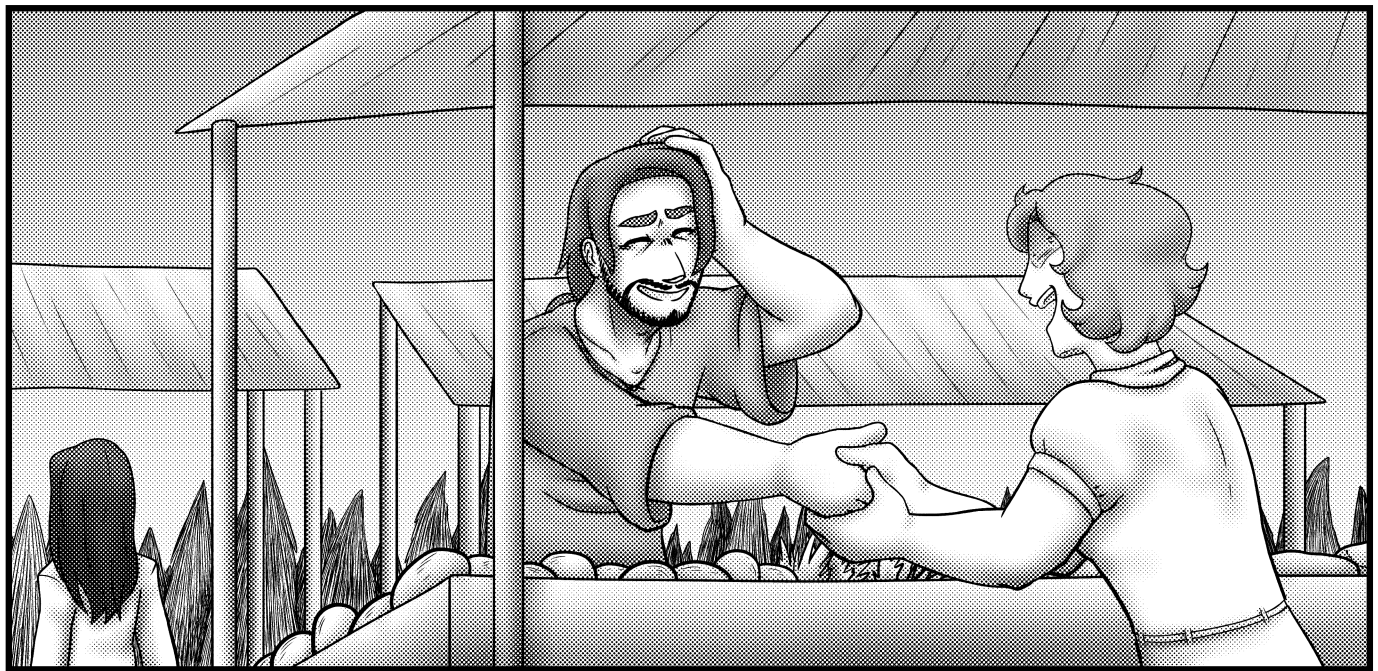


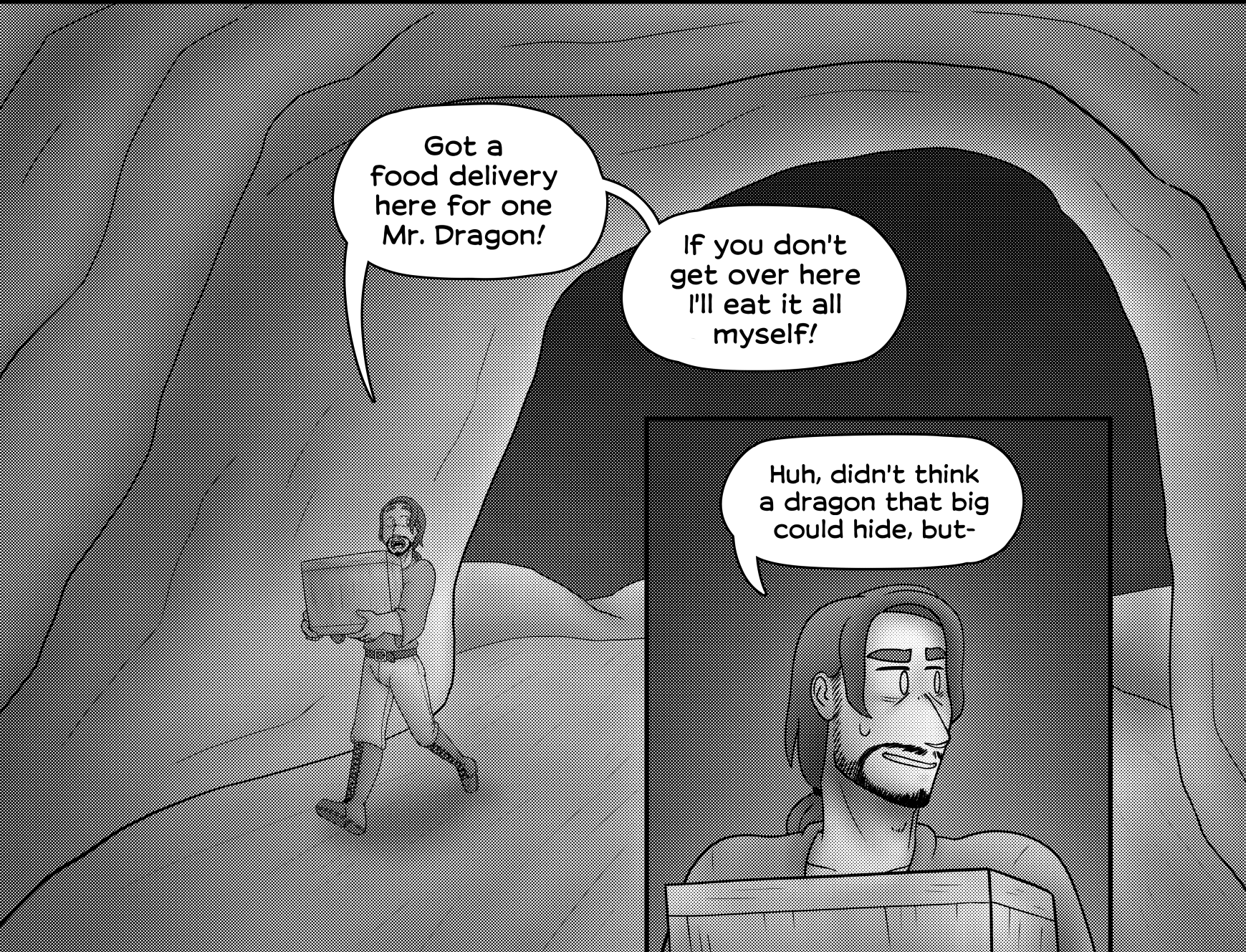
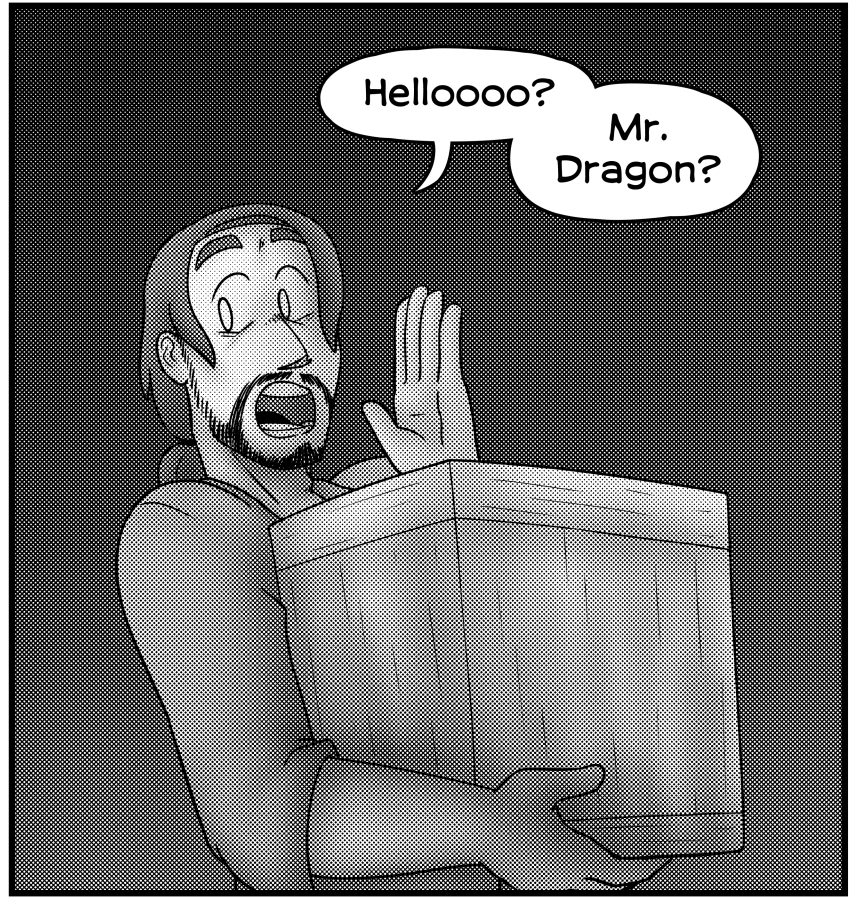
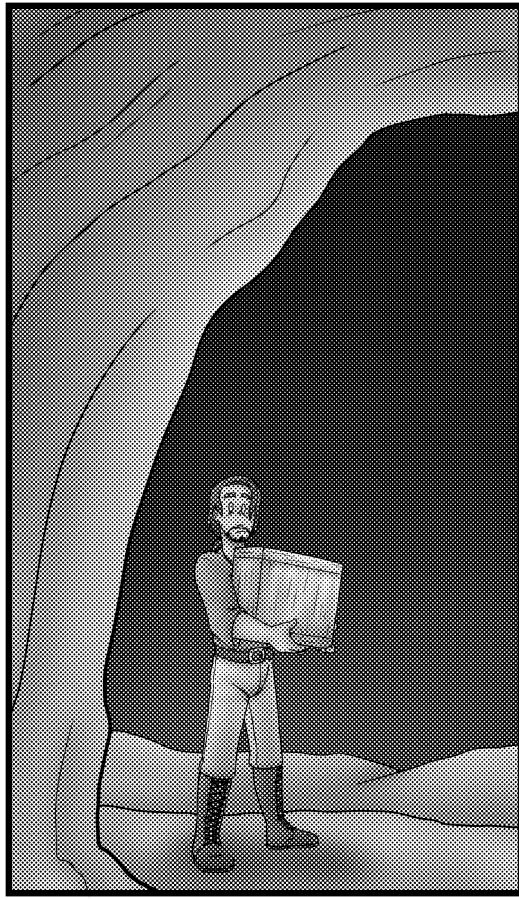
Dragons don't feel,
after all.

Ah,
welcome back!
I trust that
you dealt with
the dragon?

Ah- yep.
Dealt
with them,
alright.

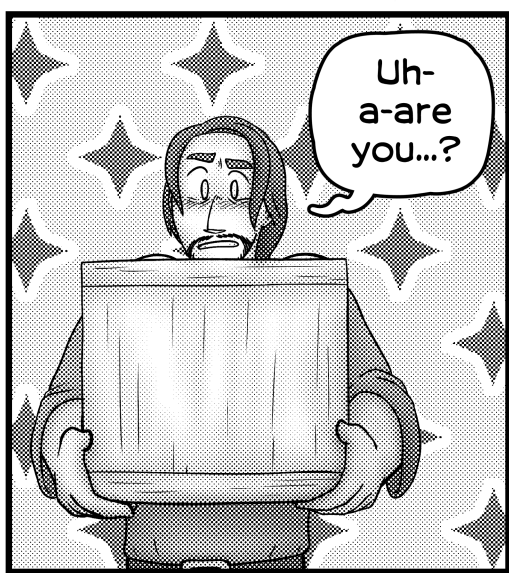
Excellent!
Then, your
payment...



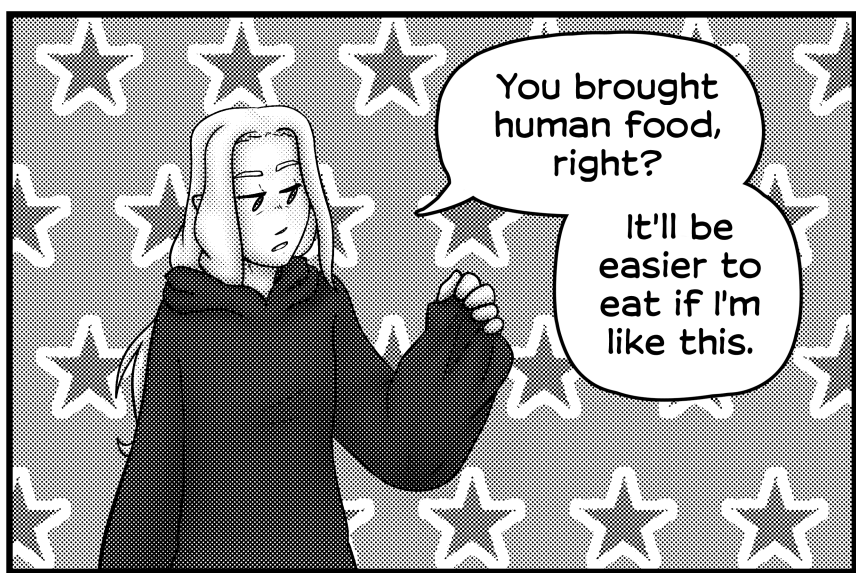




You humans are so loud.



Uh-a-are you...?



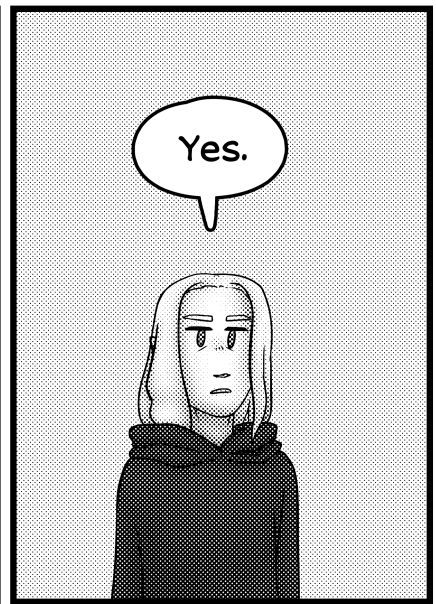
You brought human food, right?

It'll be easier to eat if I'm like this.

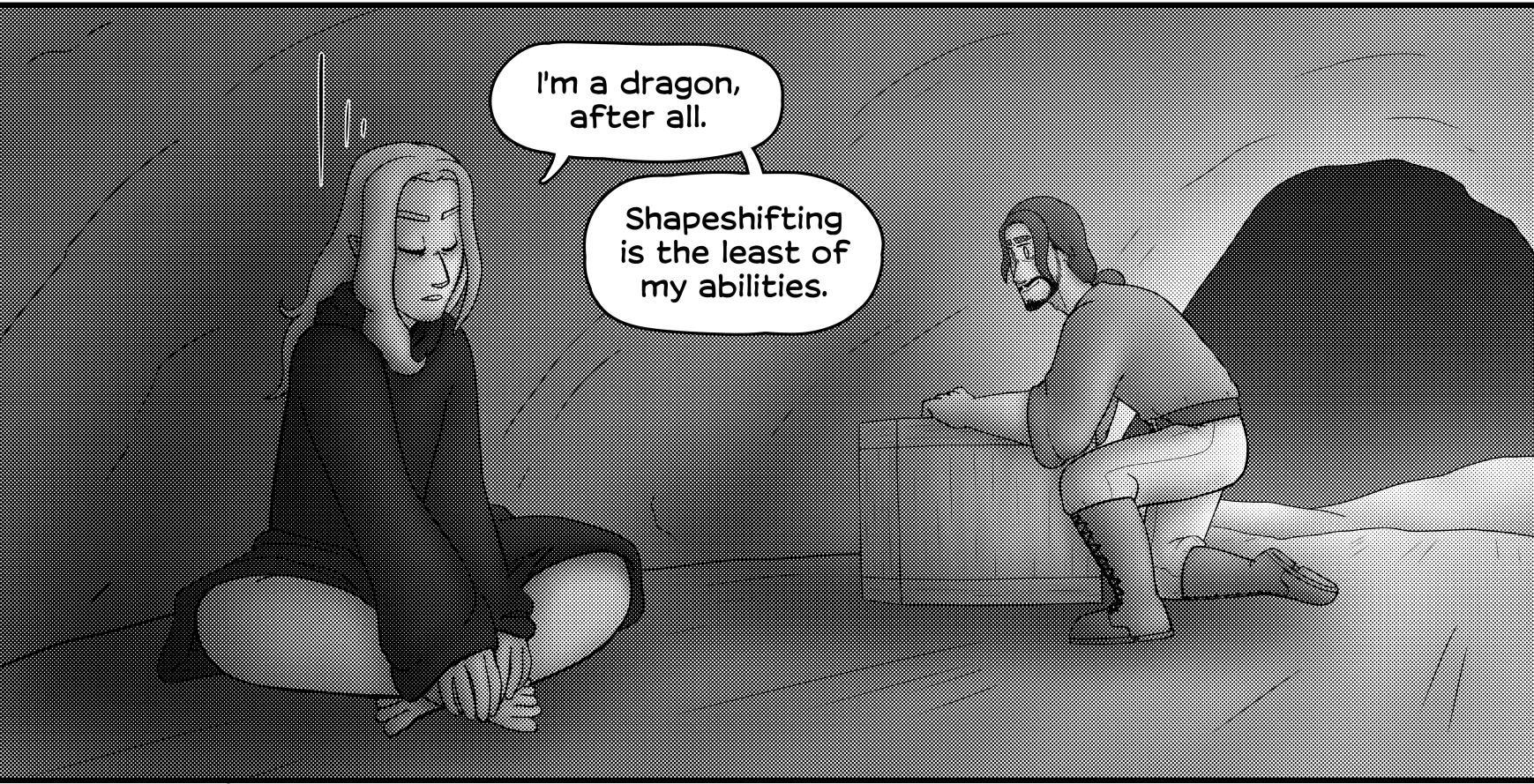


I mean, yeah, but...

You can just... shapeshift into a human?

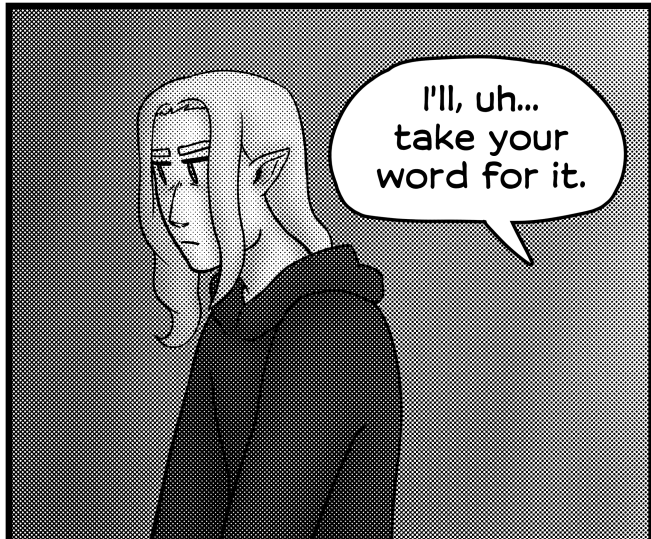


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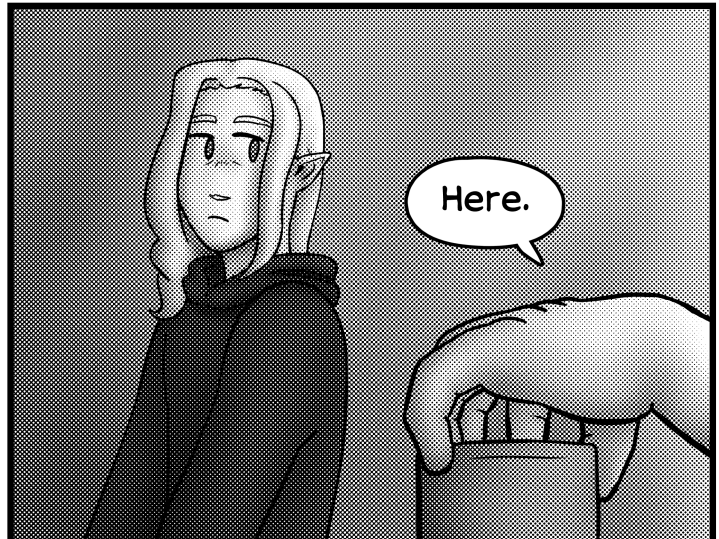


I'm a dragon, after all.

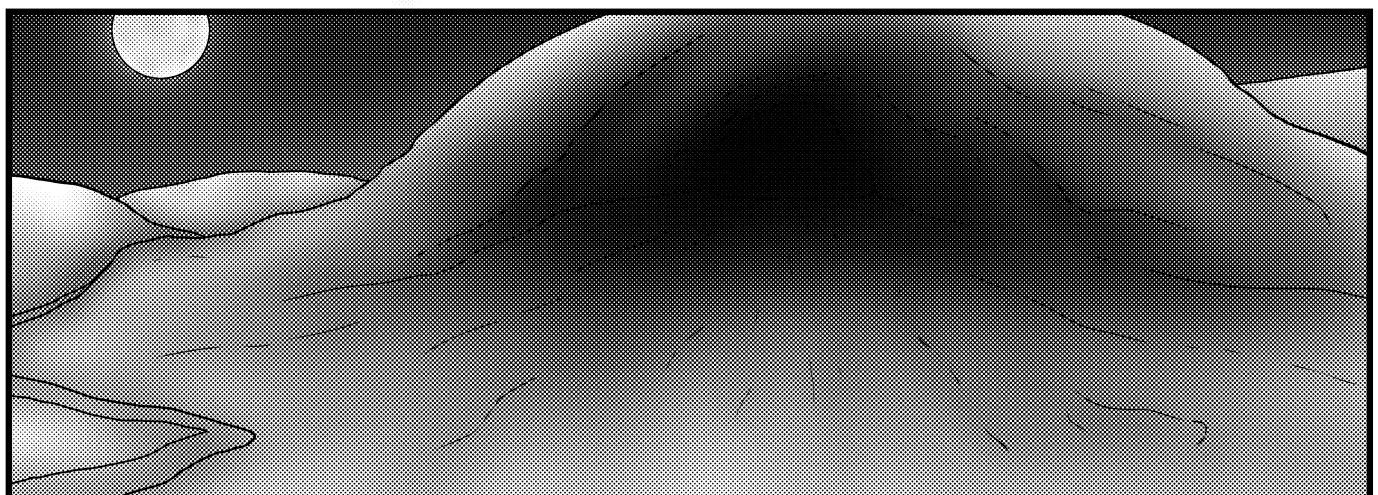
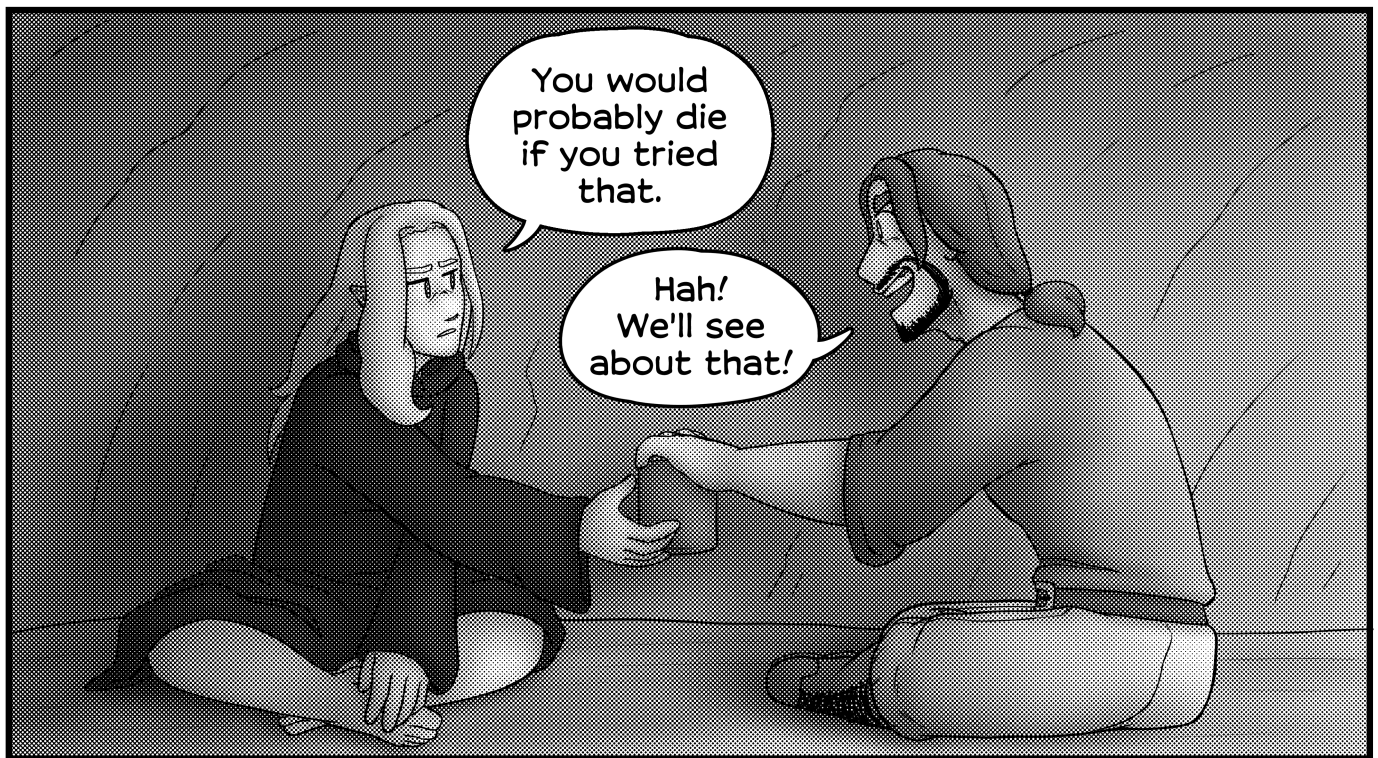
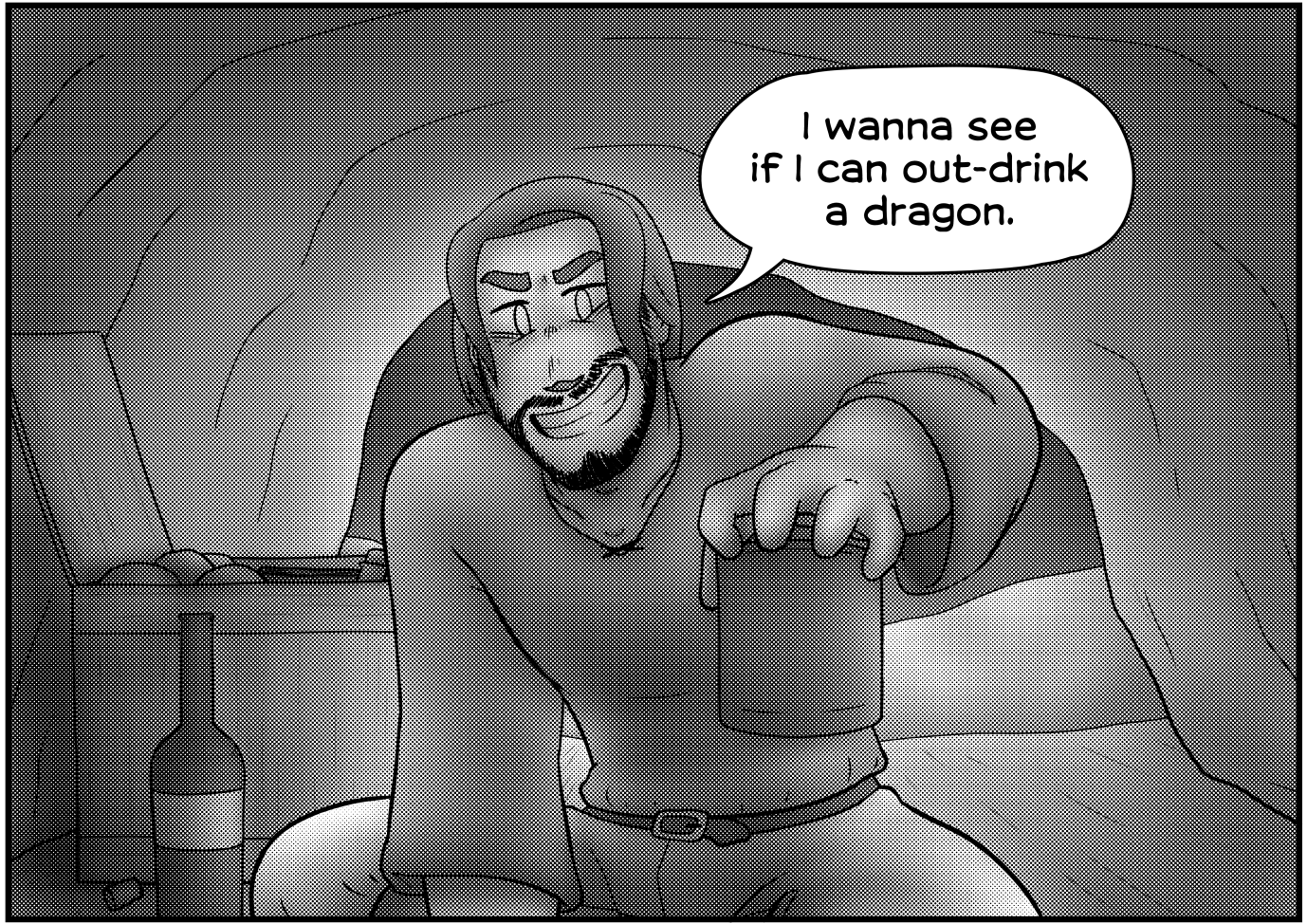
Shapeshifting is the least of my abilities.

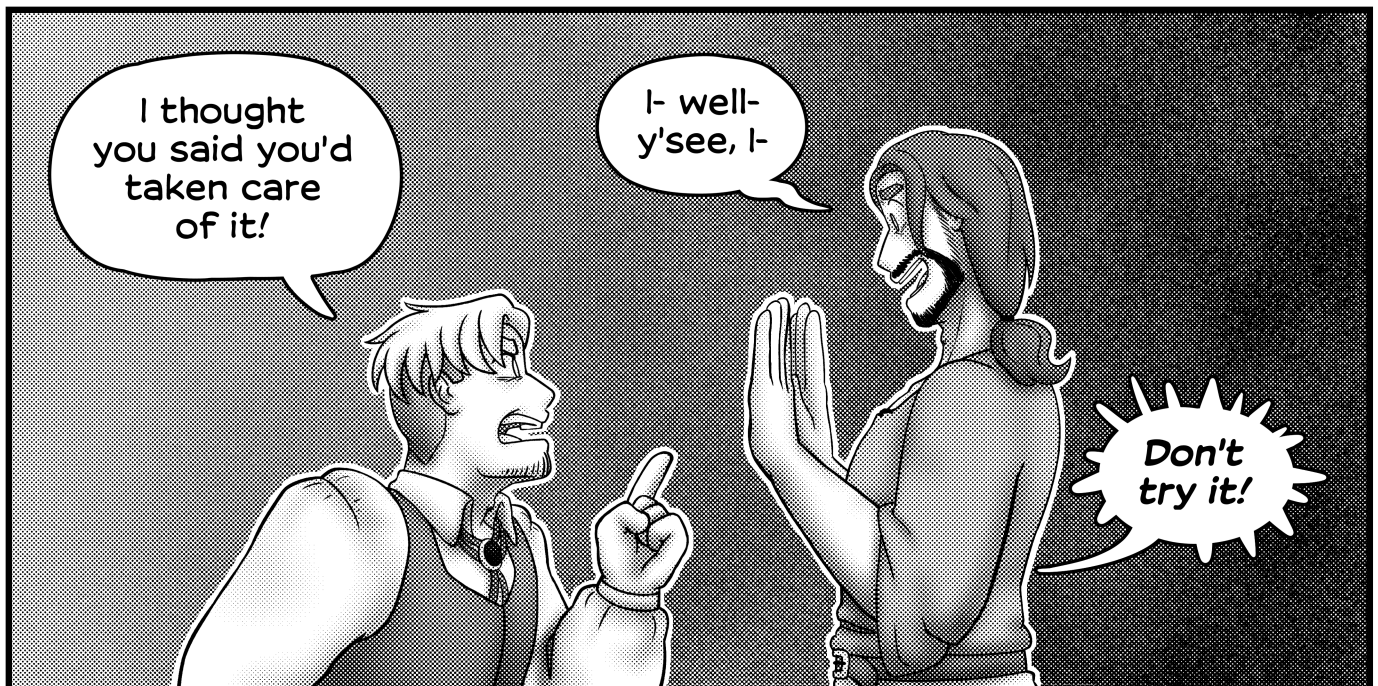
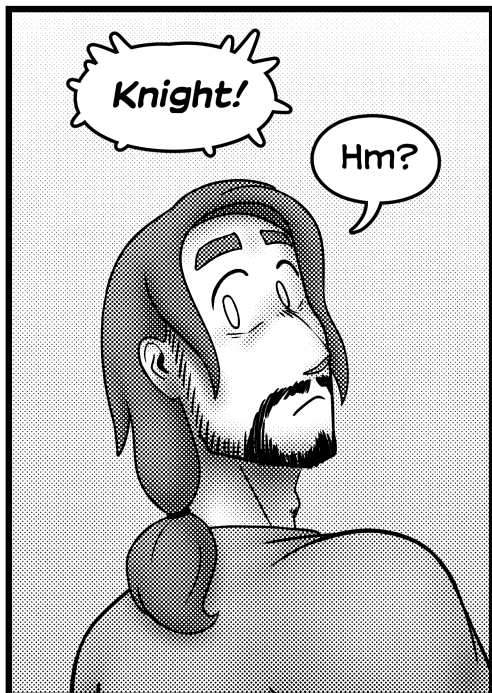
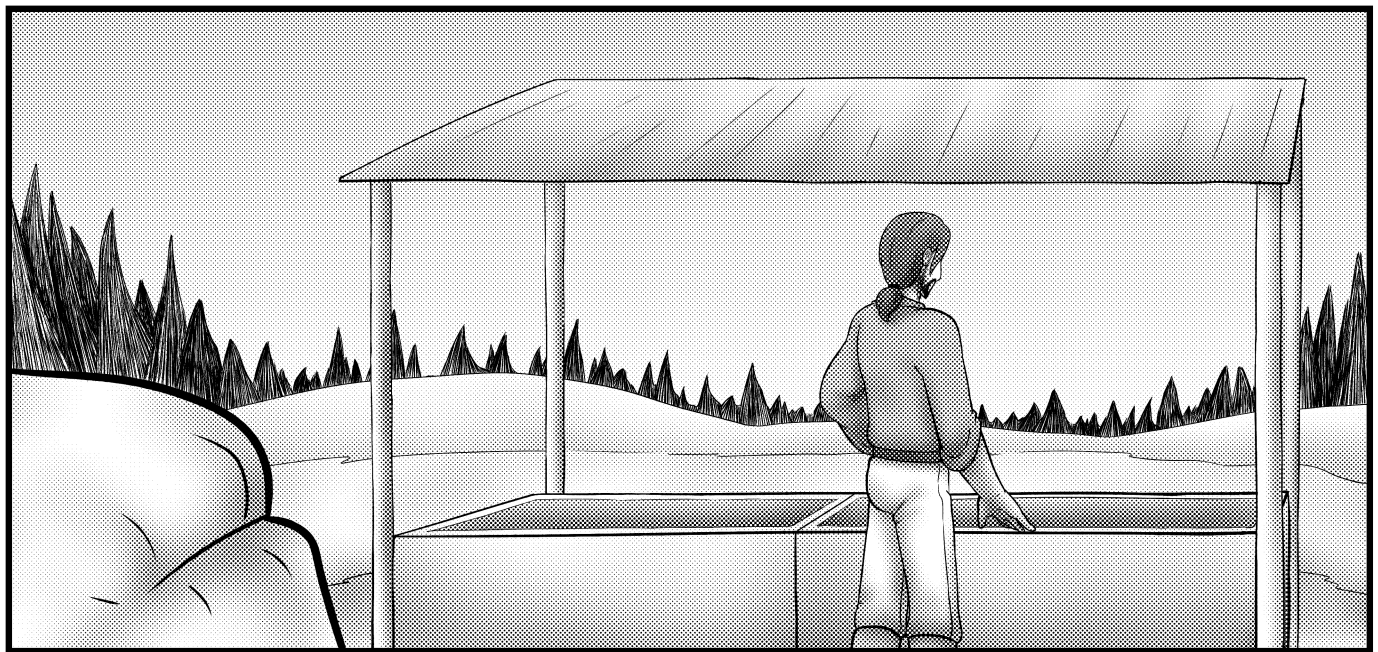


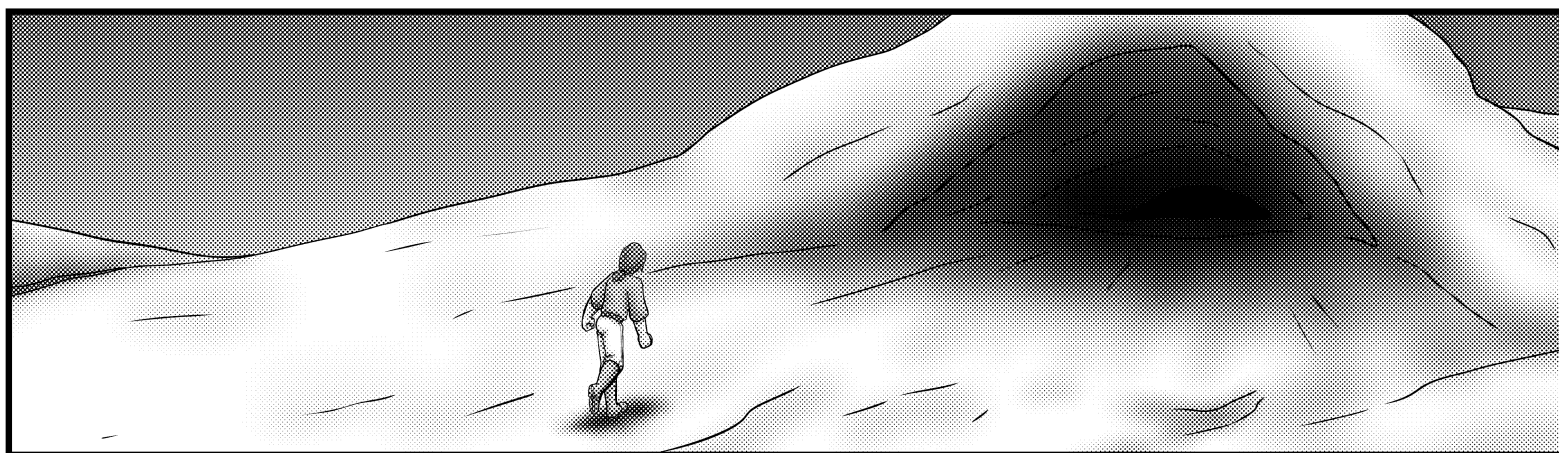
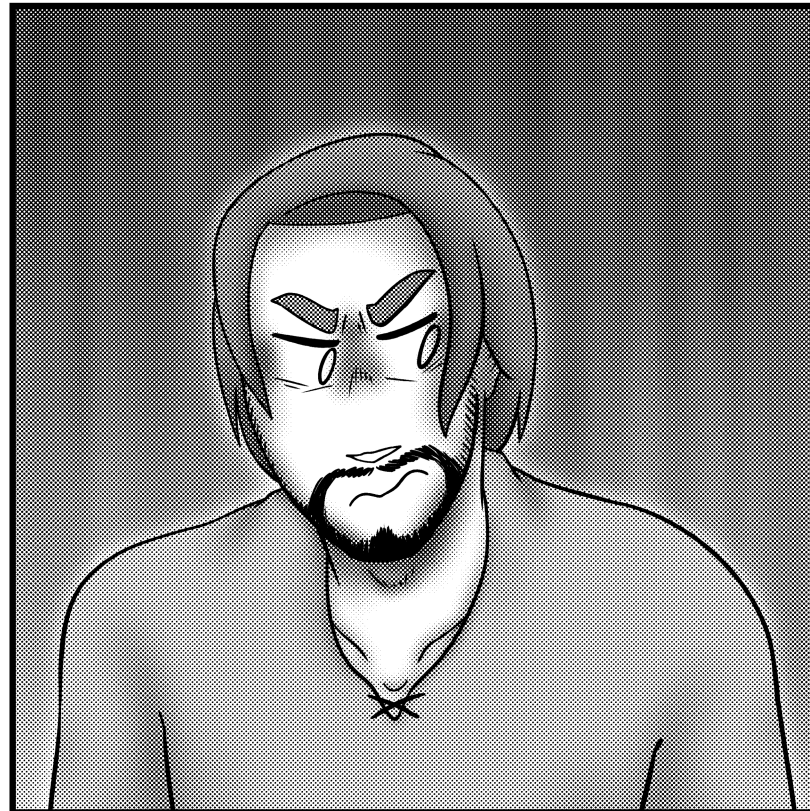
I'll, uh... take your word for it.



Here.

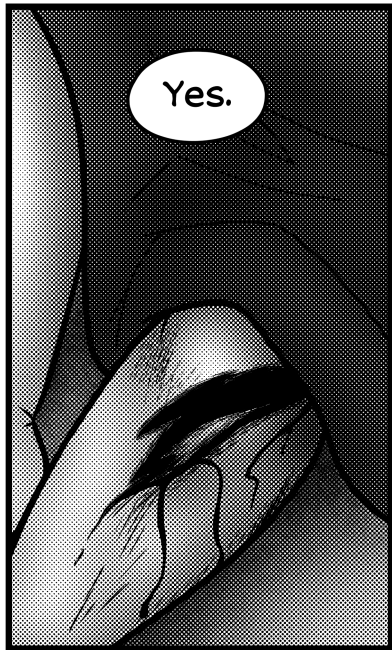








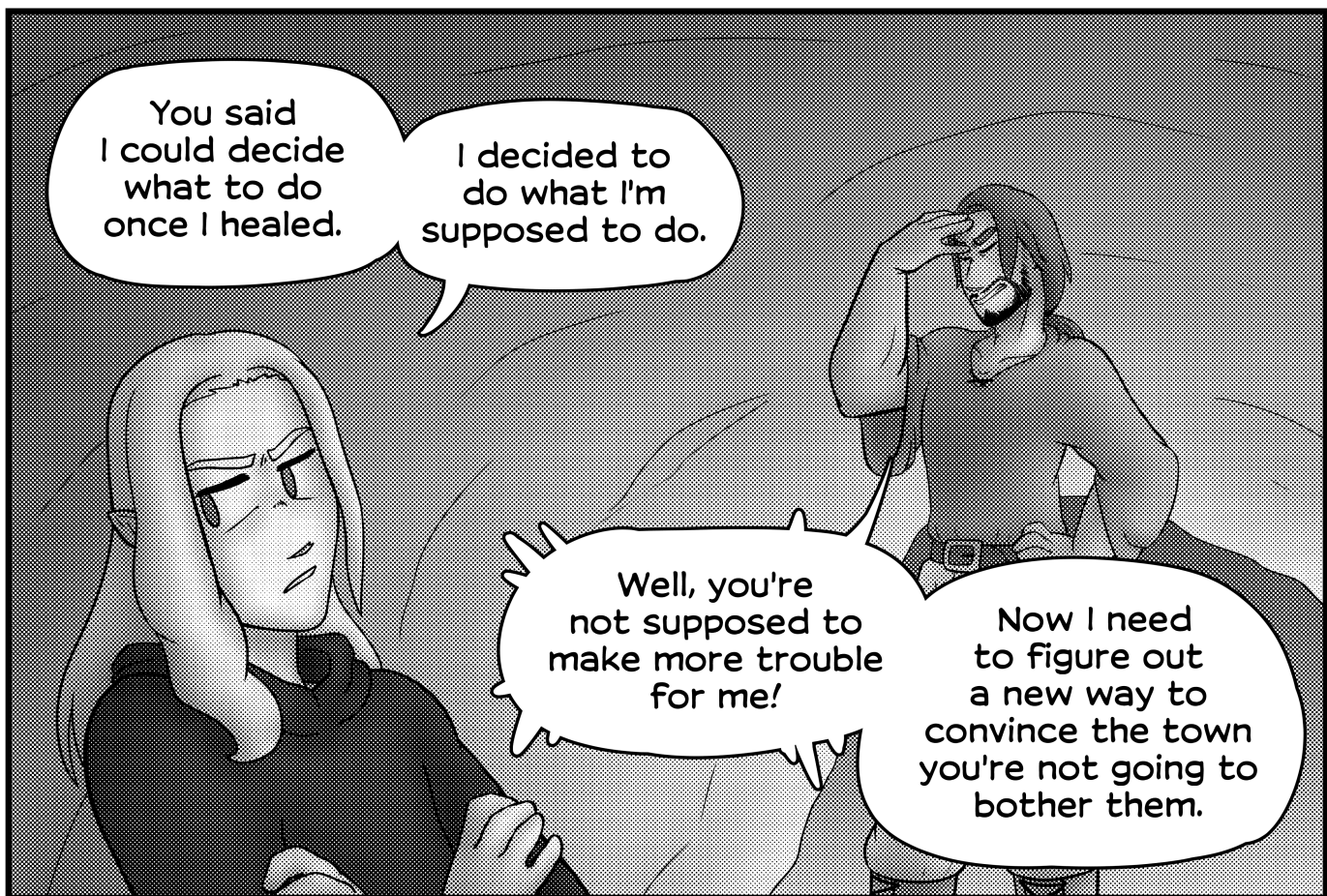
You attacked the town again!?



Yes.



Why?!
Wasn't it better just getting food for free?
And you got injured again!



You said I could decide what to do once I healed.

I decided to do what I'm supposed to do.

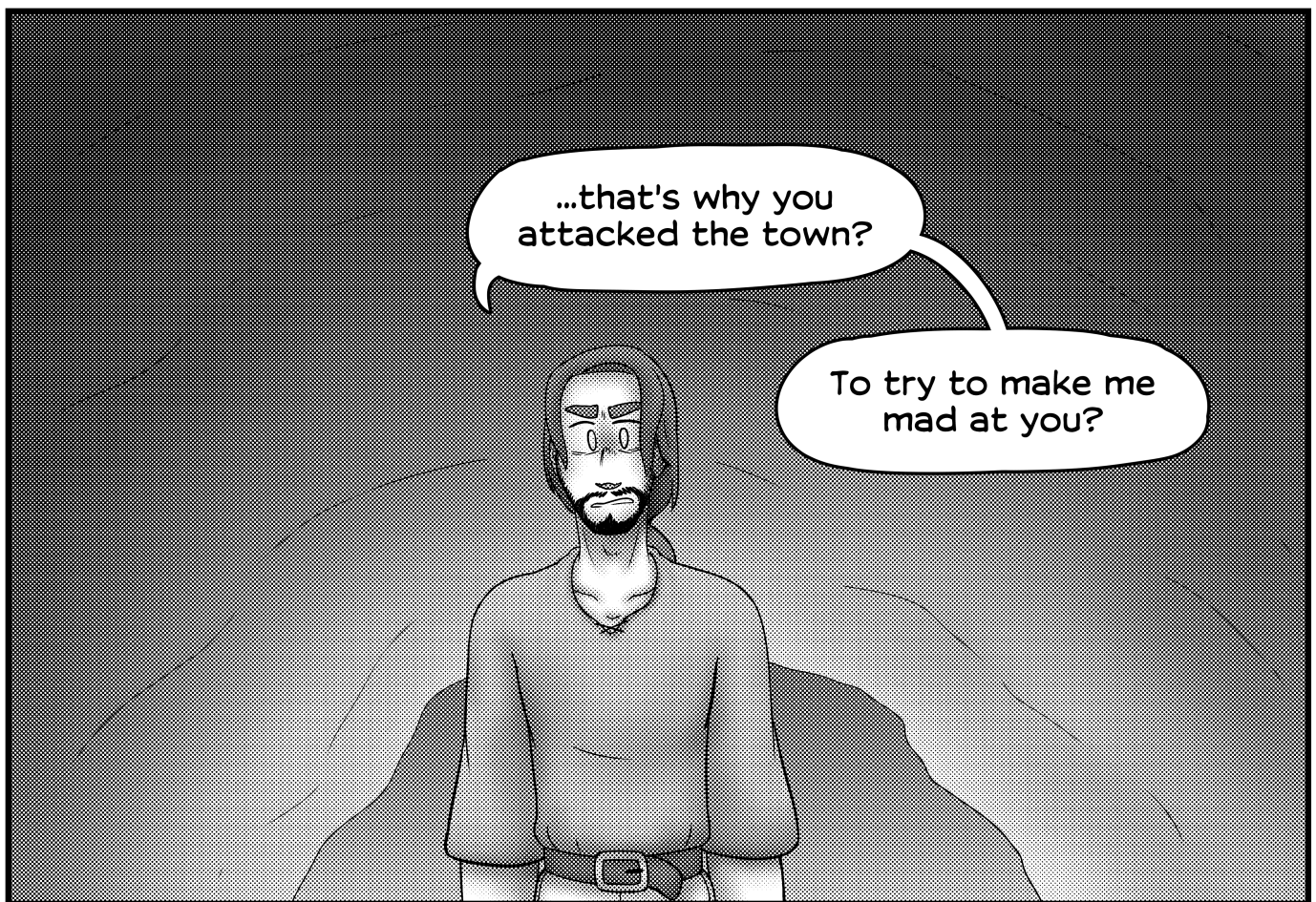
Well, you're not supposed to make more trouble for me!

Now I need to figure out a new way to convince the town you're not going to bother them.



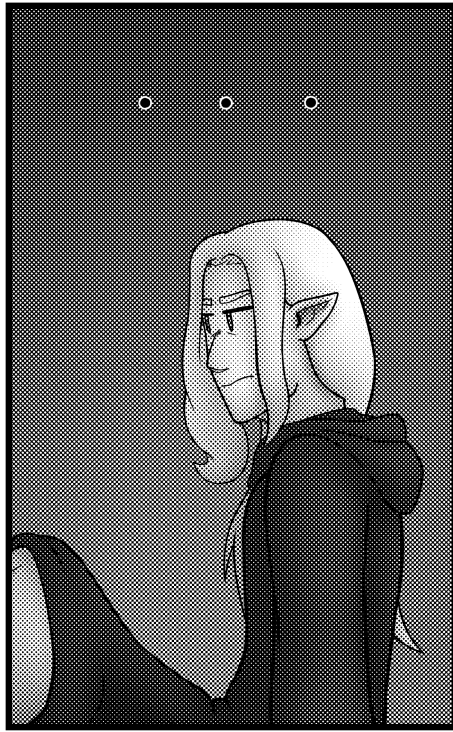
But, aren't you angry?
Wouldn't you rather attack me in return?

You should do what you're supposed to do, as well.



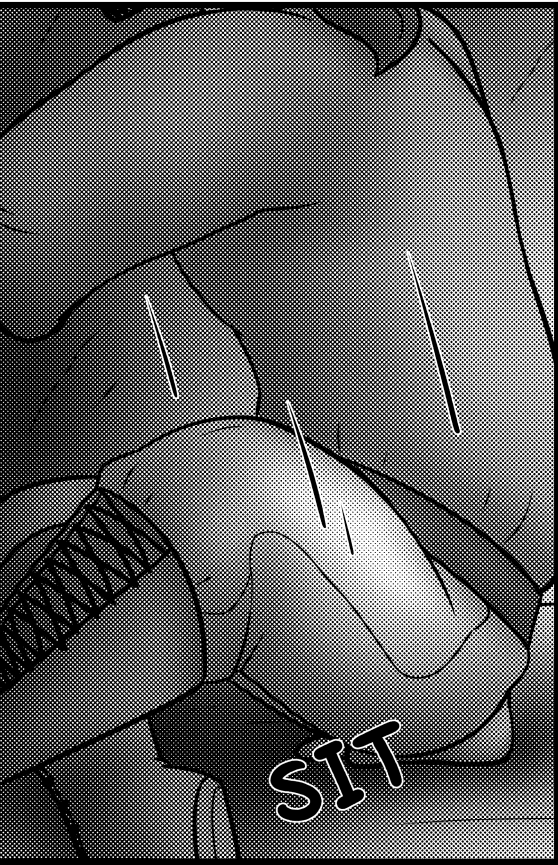
...that's why you attacked the town?

To try to make me mad at you?

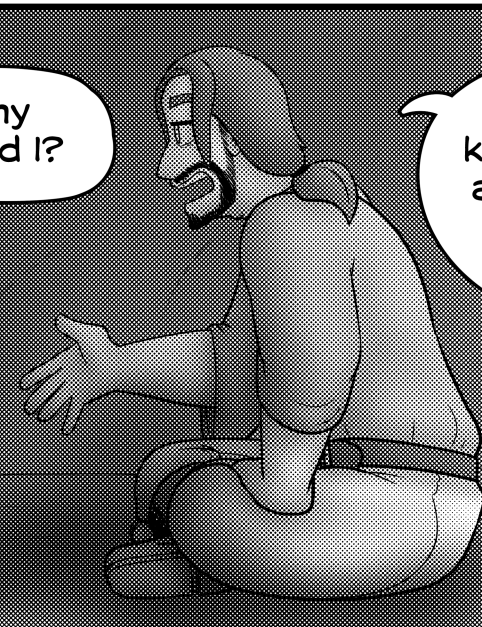
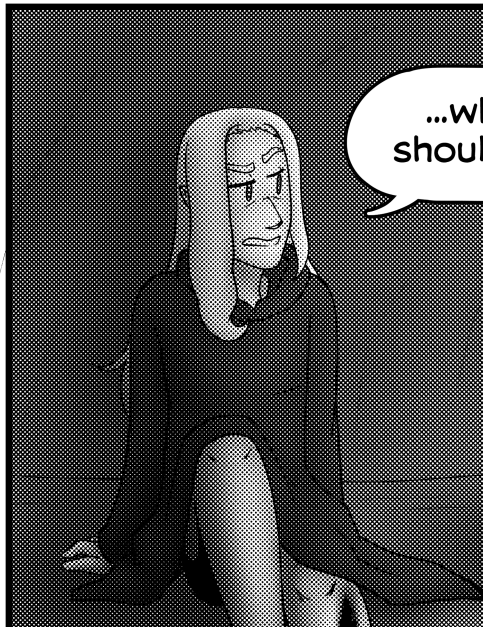


No, you know what?
I'm not gonna do that.

We're gonna work out something that's good for all of us.



Humans make a bunch of stuff from dragon scales.
Give me some.



...why should I?

Uh, so you can keep getting food, and so I don't get kicked out of the village.



You'll just get kicked out whenever I attack the town again.

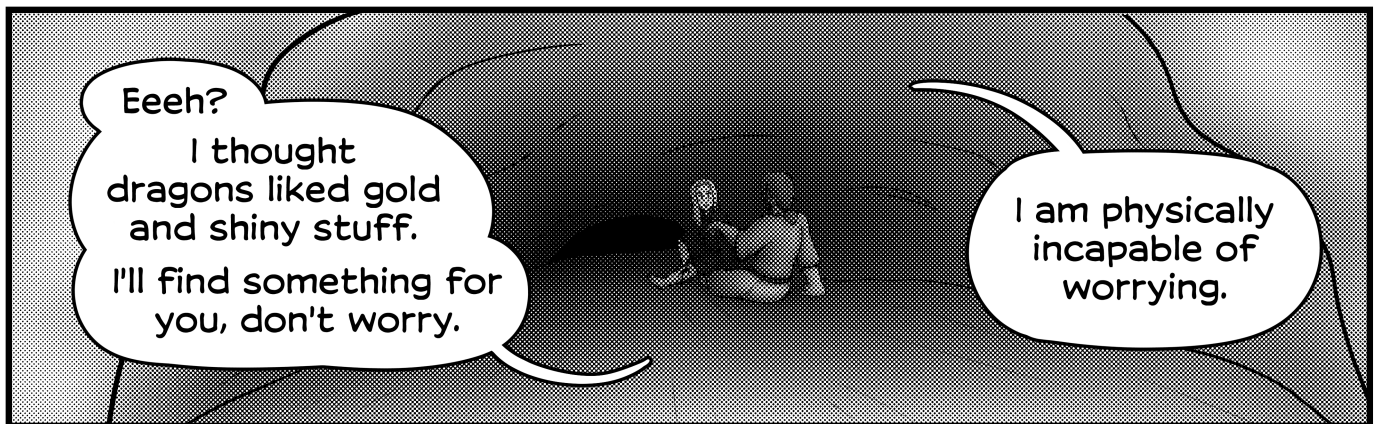
So don't!!



Look, y'know what?
What do dragons like?
I'll buy something special for you if you promise to play nice.

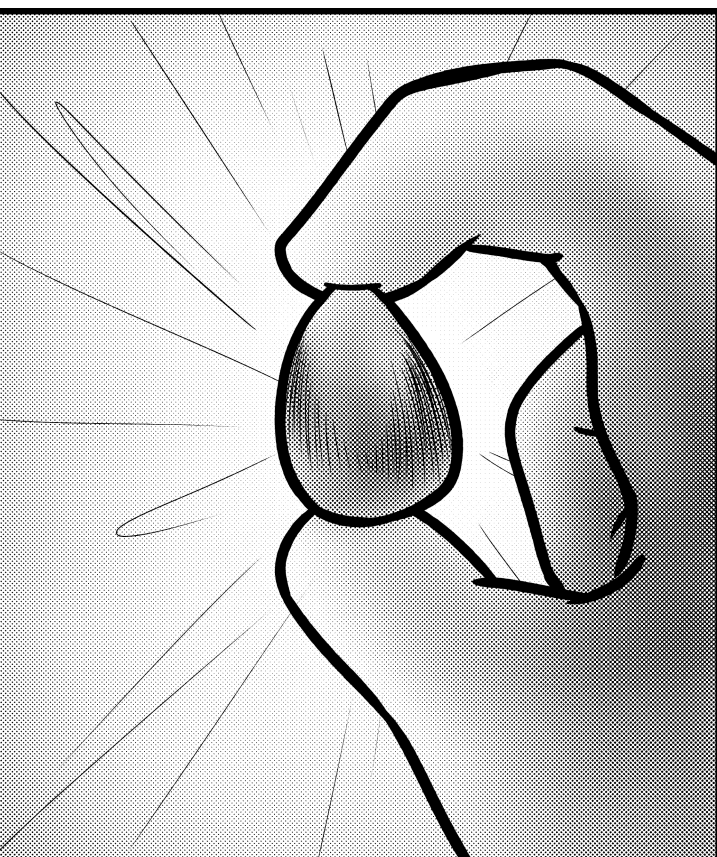
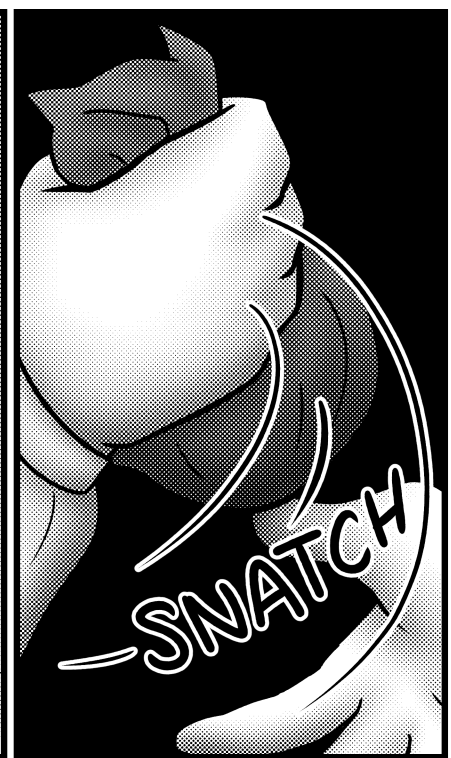


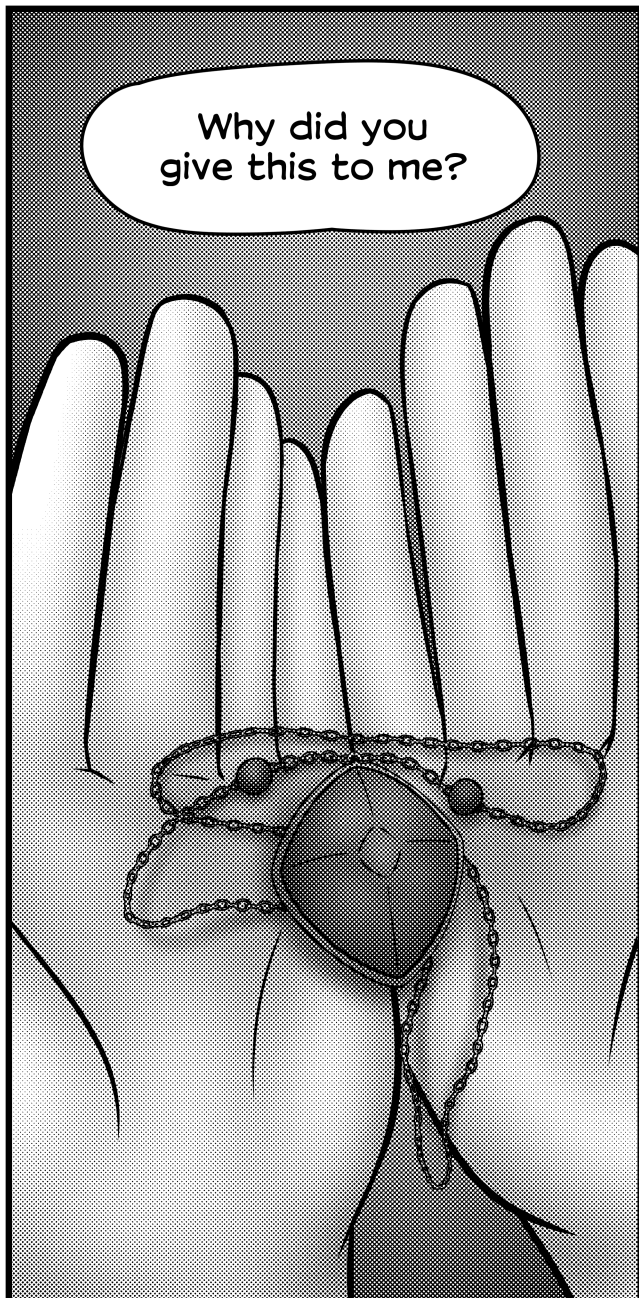
Dragons don't feel emotions, so we don't like anything.

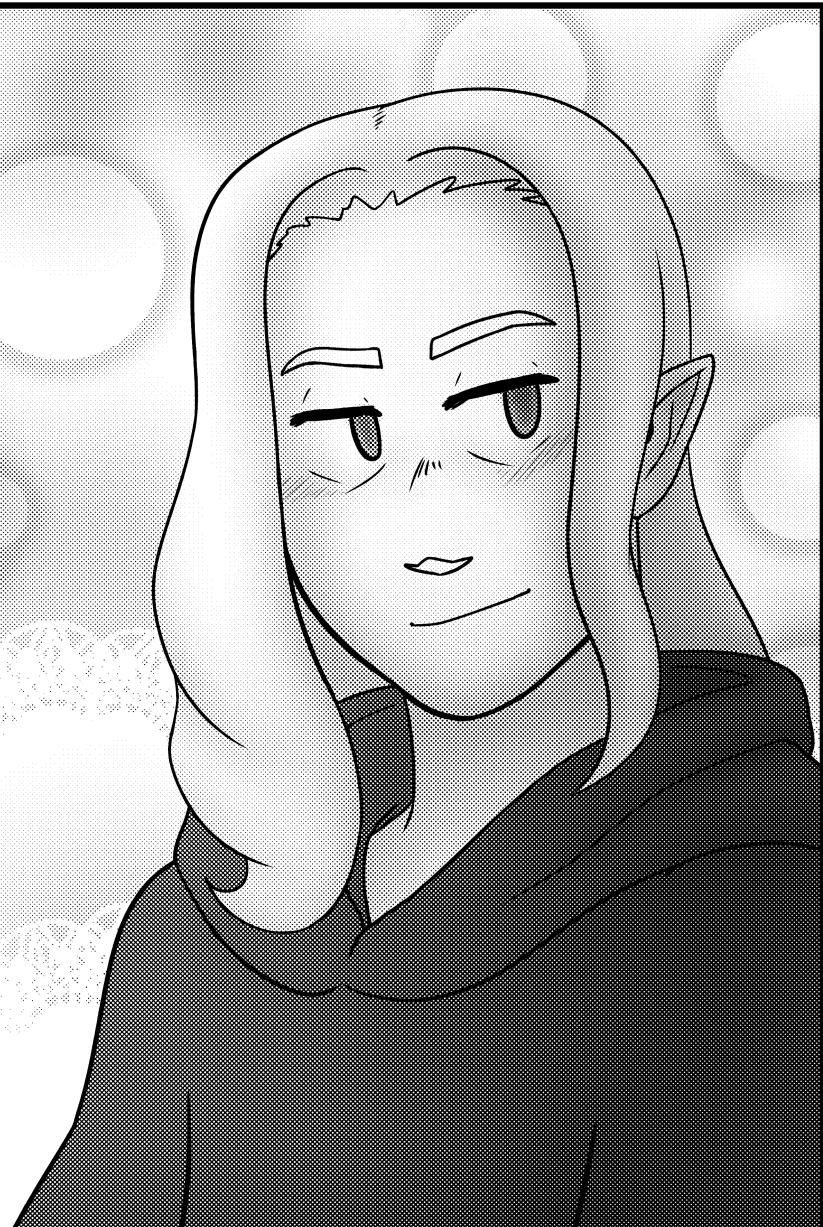


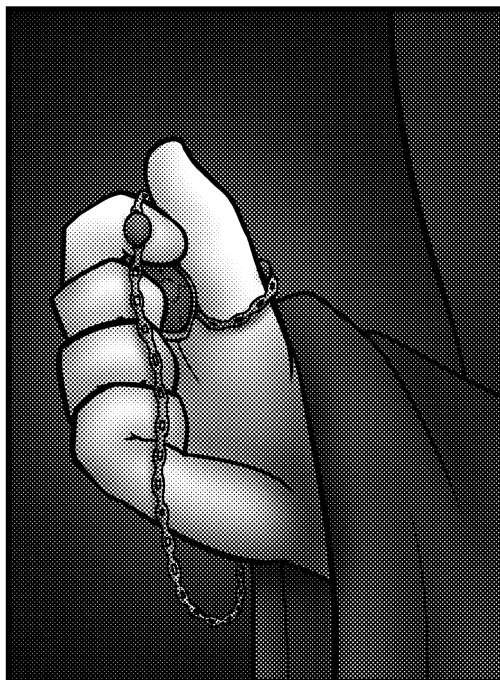
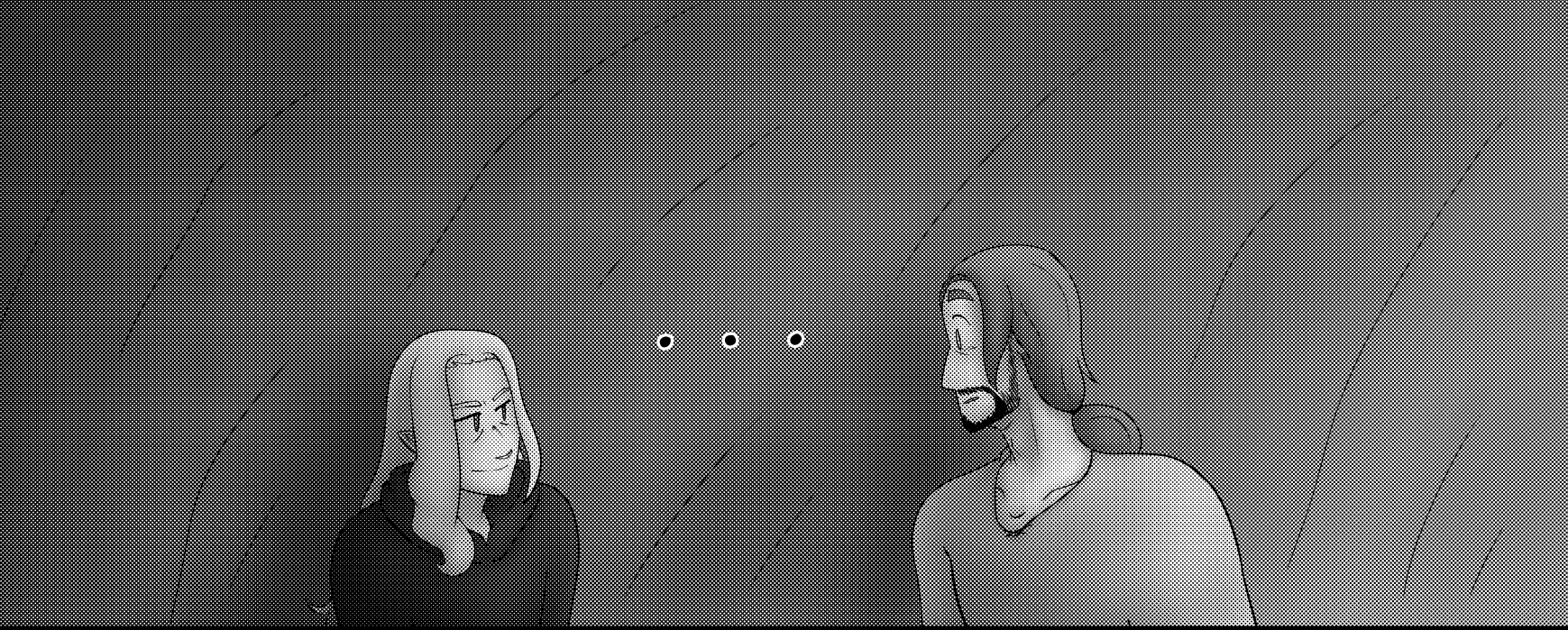
Eeh?
I thought dragons liked gold and shiny stuff.
I'll find something for you, don't worry.

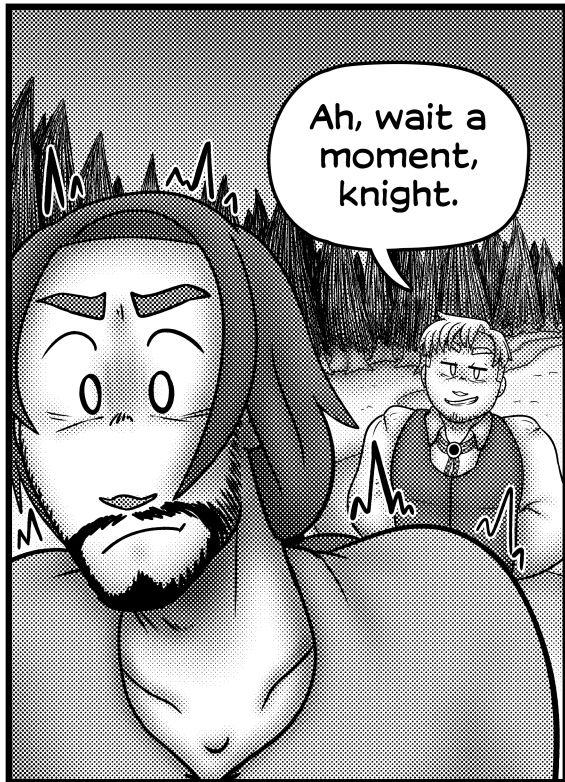
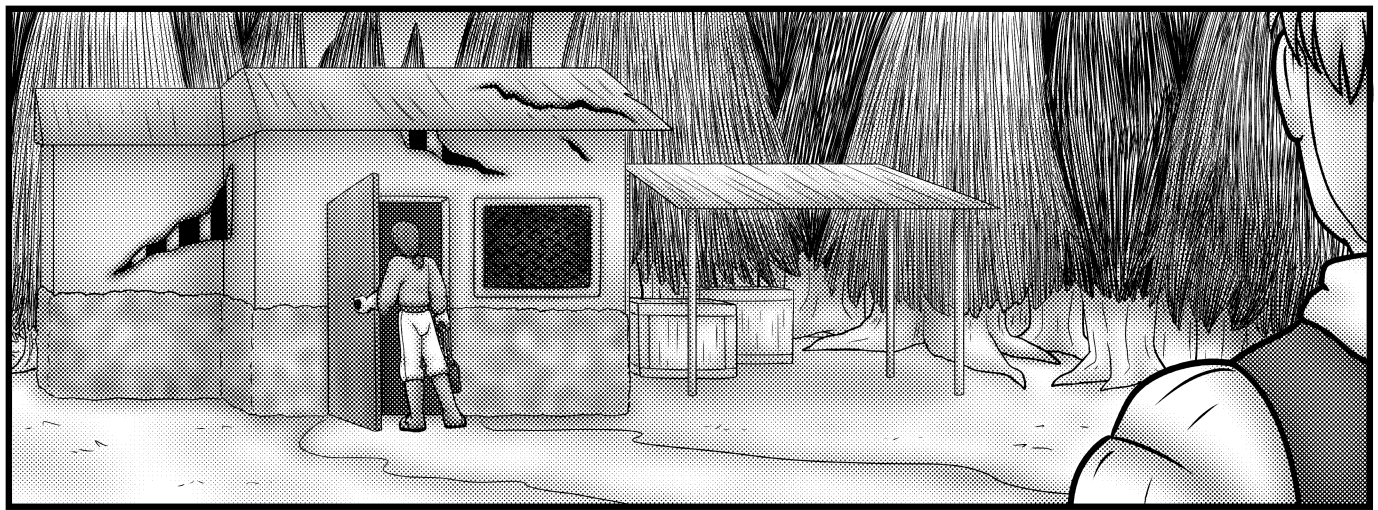
I am physically incapable of worrying.









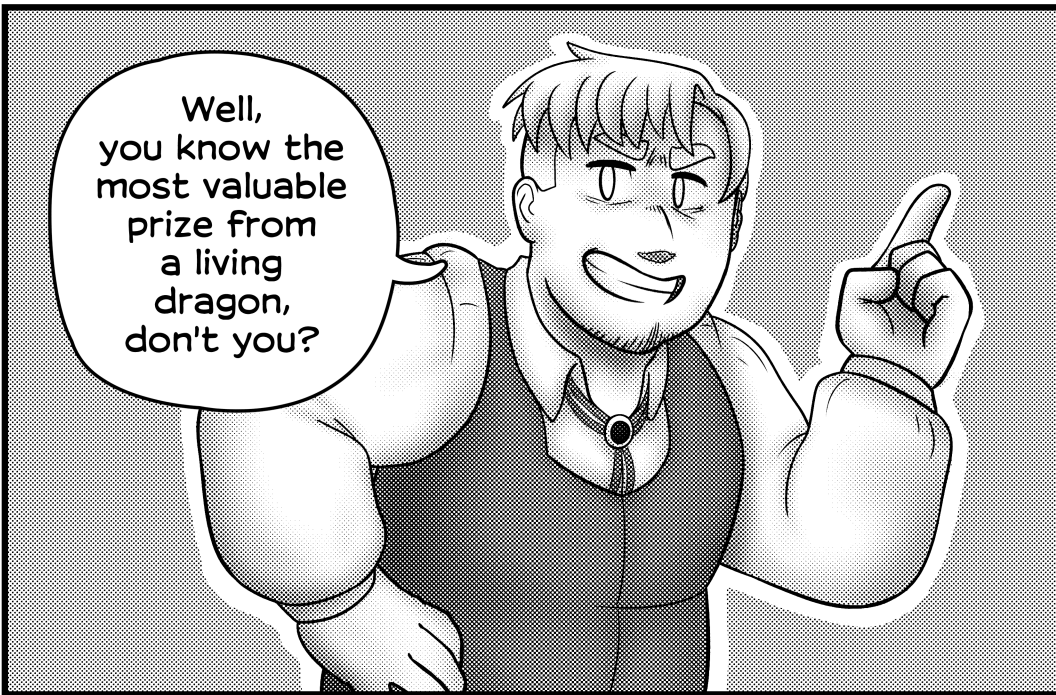
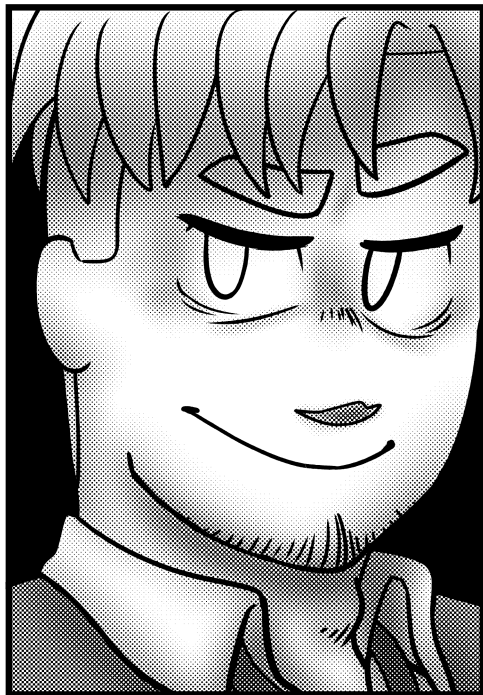




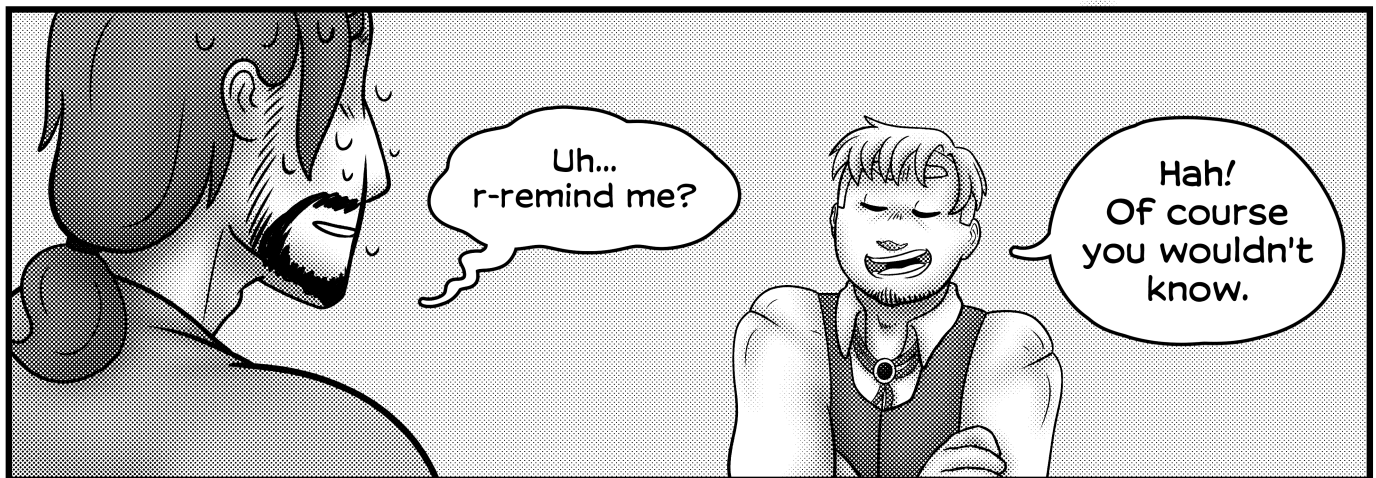
Now, now,
don't worry.

I won't force you
out of our village yet.
There's still
a way you can
make up for this.

A-and that
would be...?

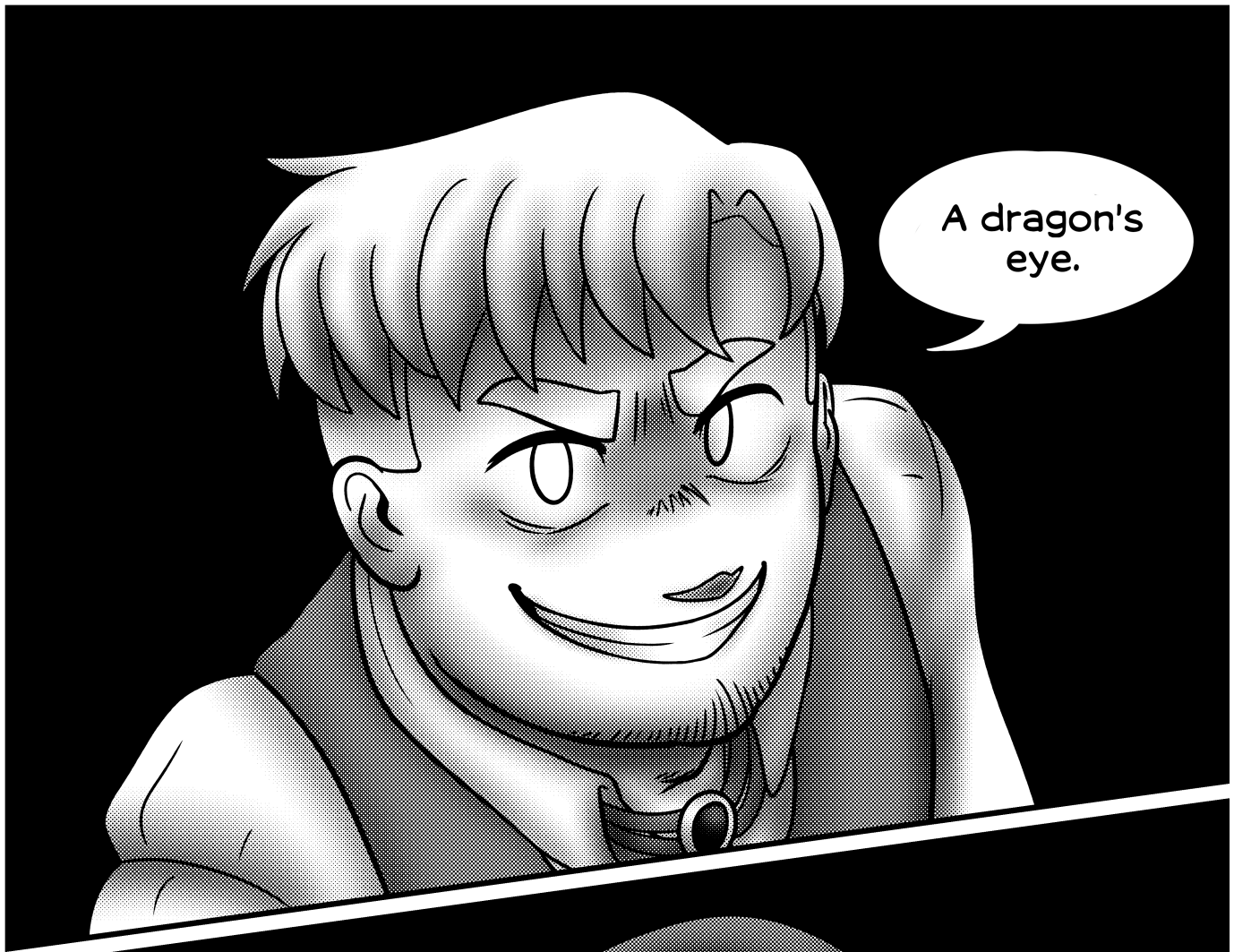


Well,
you know the
most valuable
prize from
a living
dragon,
don't you?



Uh...
r-remind me?

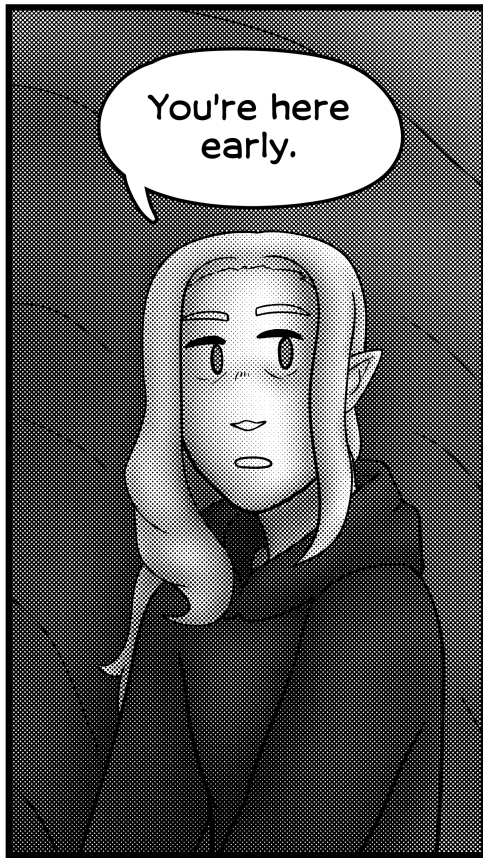
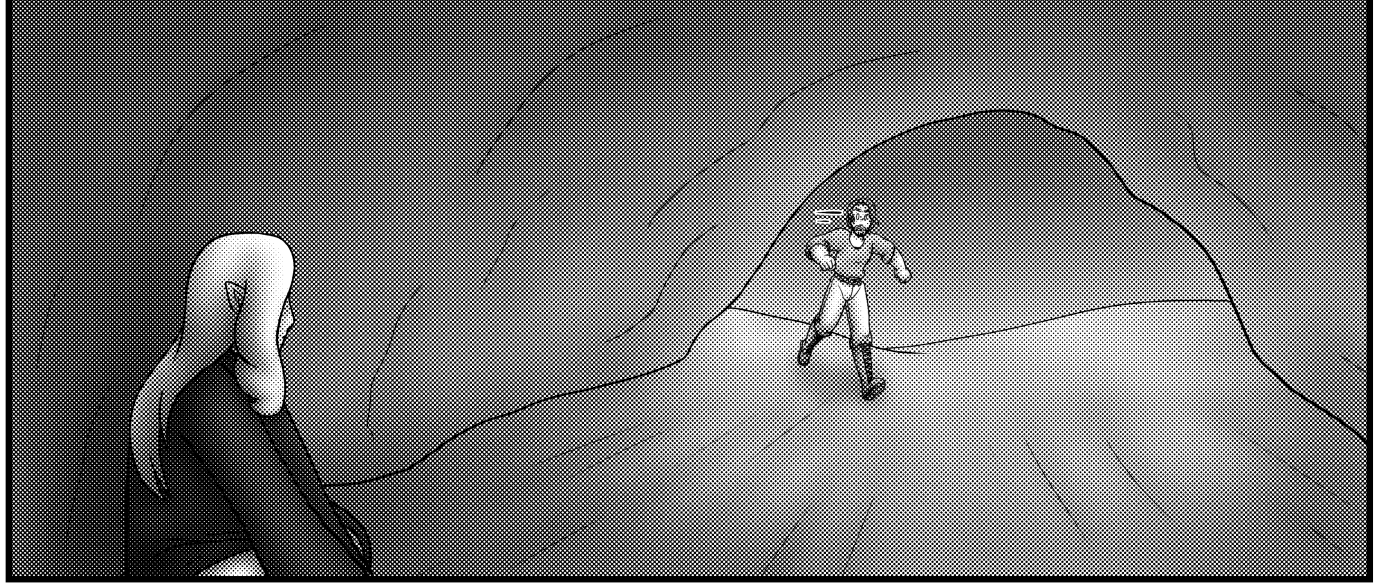
Hah!
Of course
you wouldn't
know.



A dragon's eye.



Get it for me, would you?





I'll have to find somewhere to go...

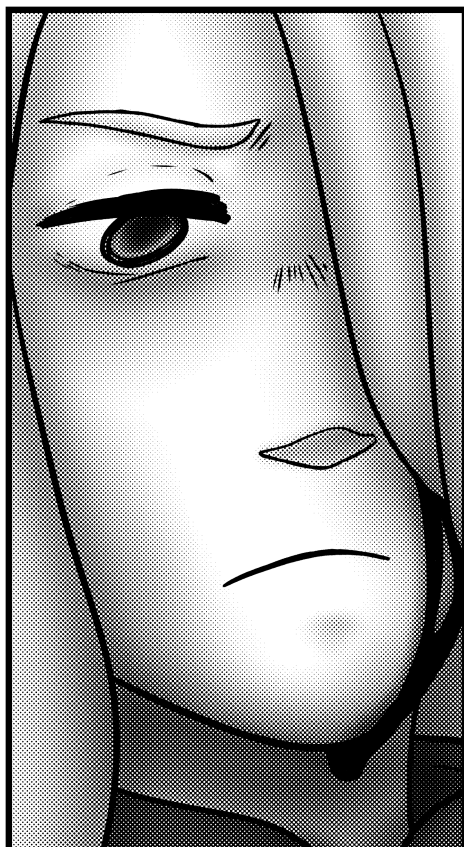
M-maybe I can go to the capital, they'll probably need some muscle for something...

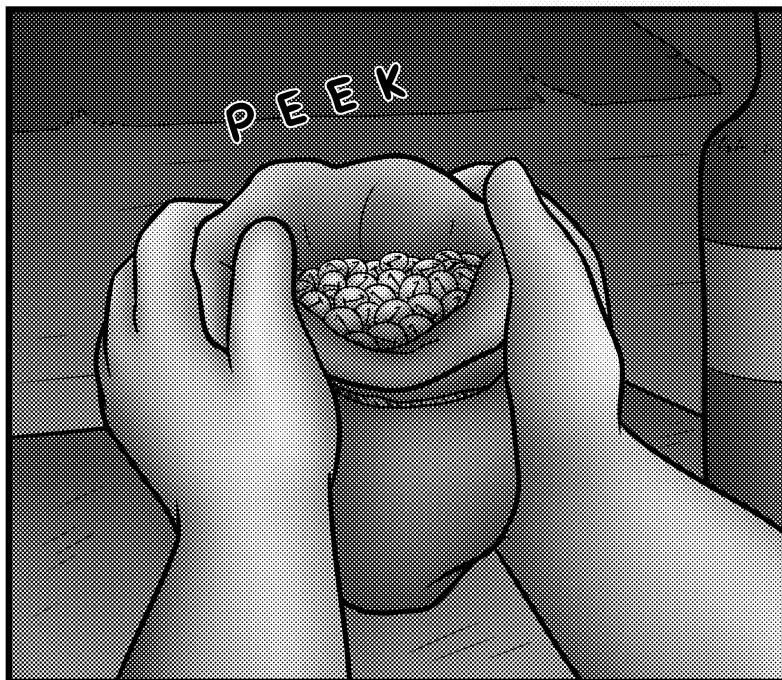
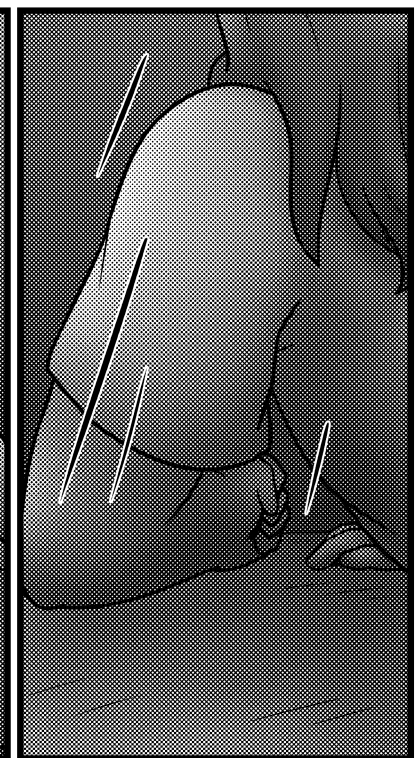
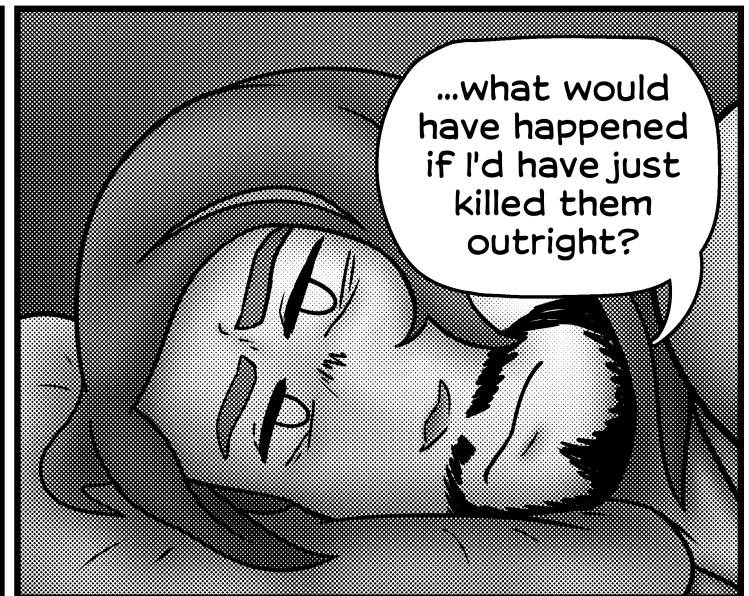
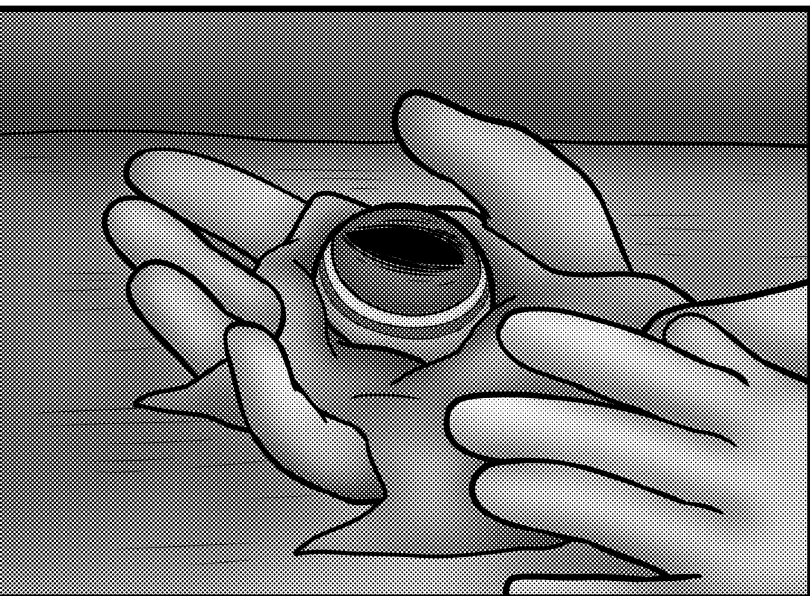


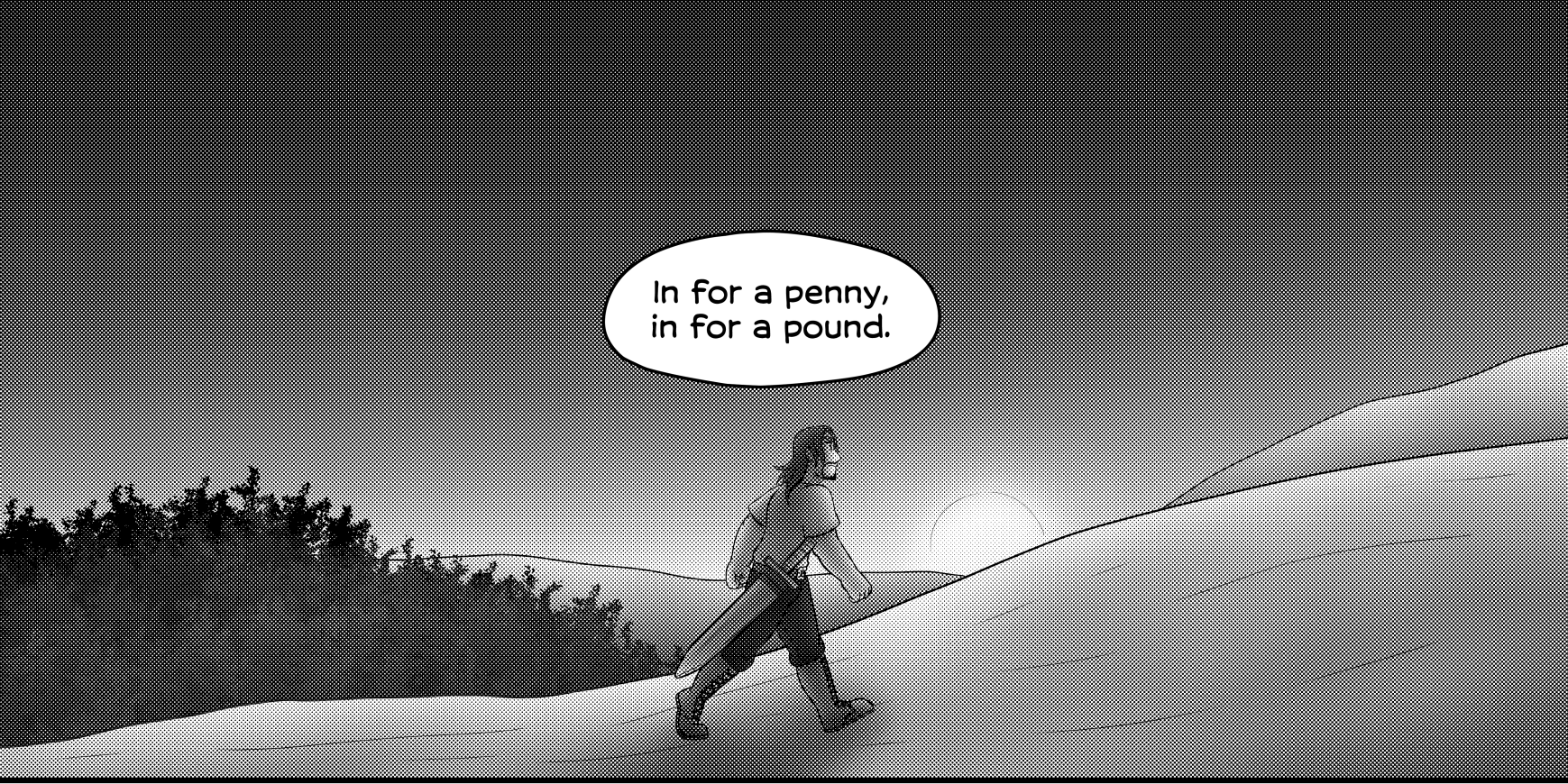
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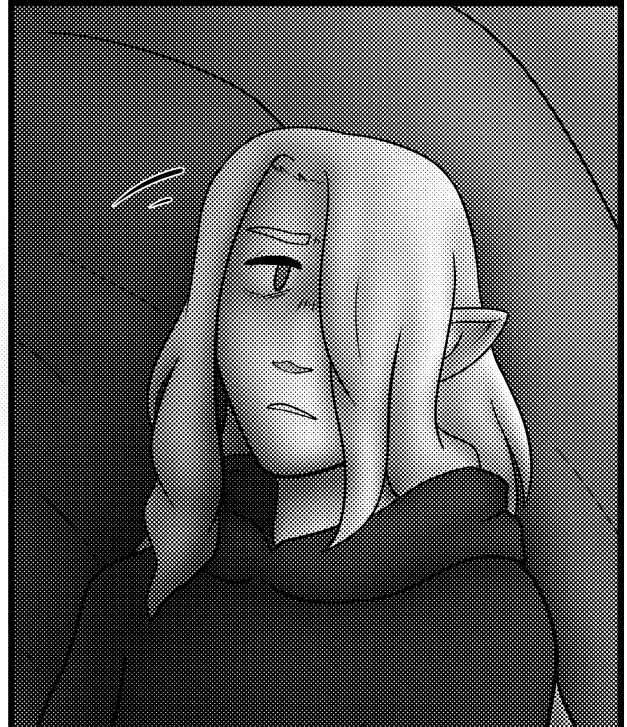
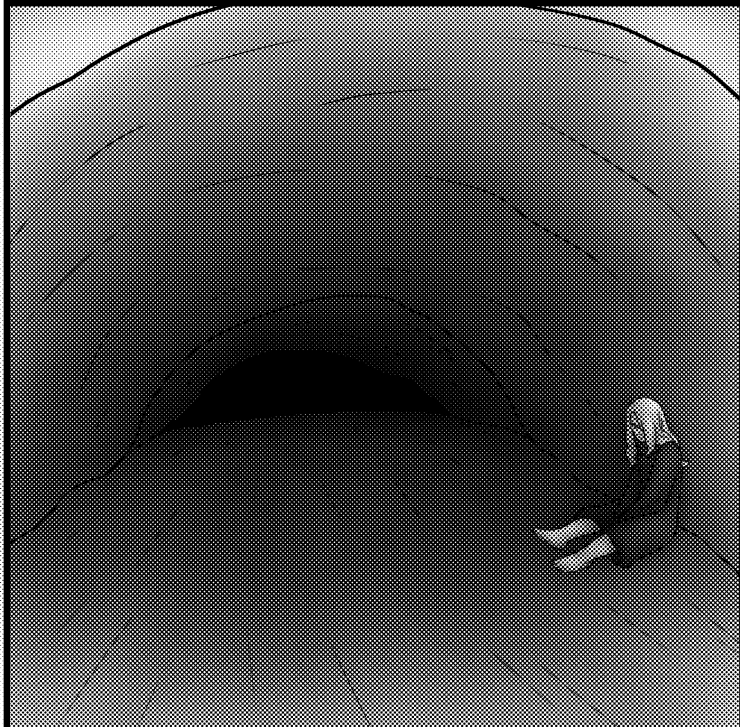
Take it.



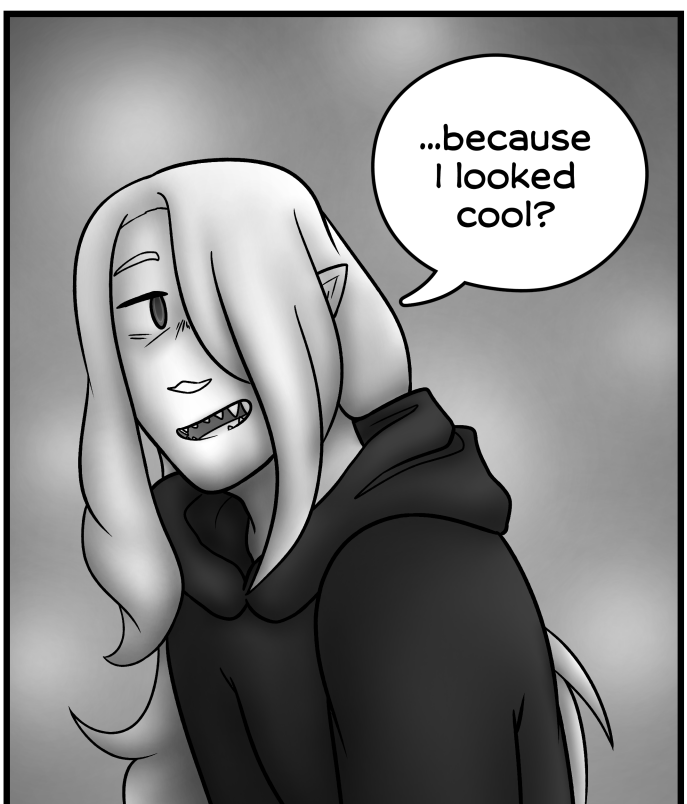
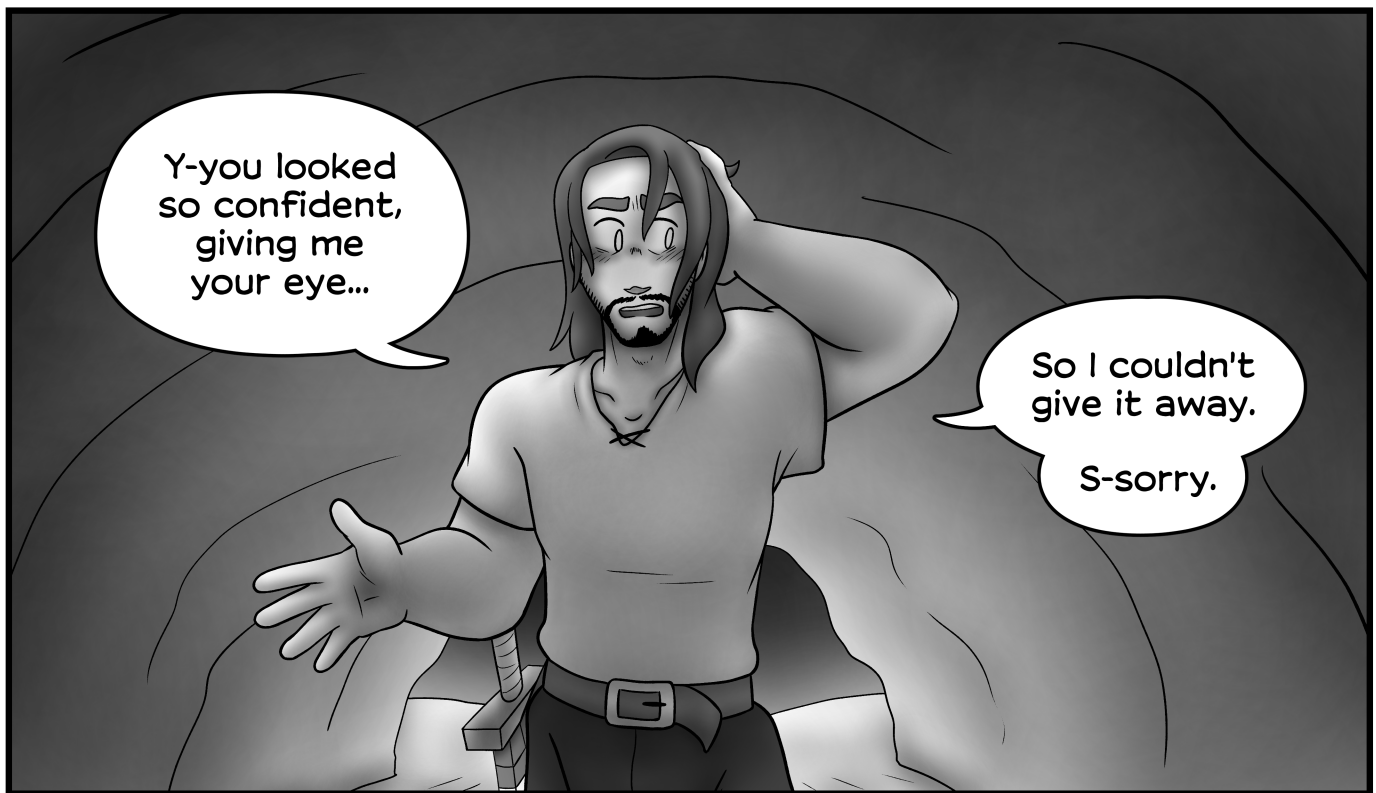
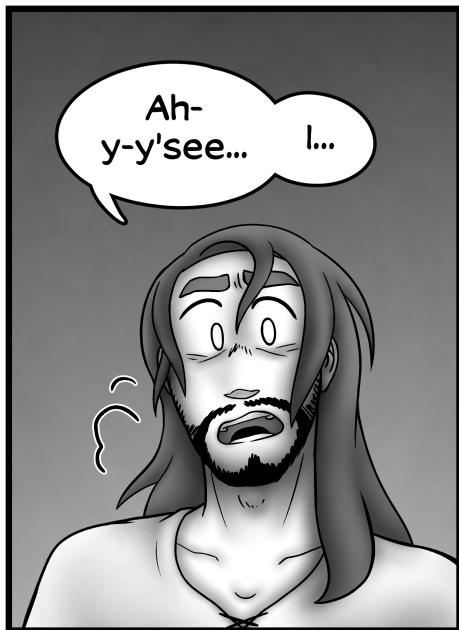




In for a penny,
in for a pound.



...what are you
doing back here?



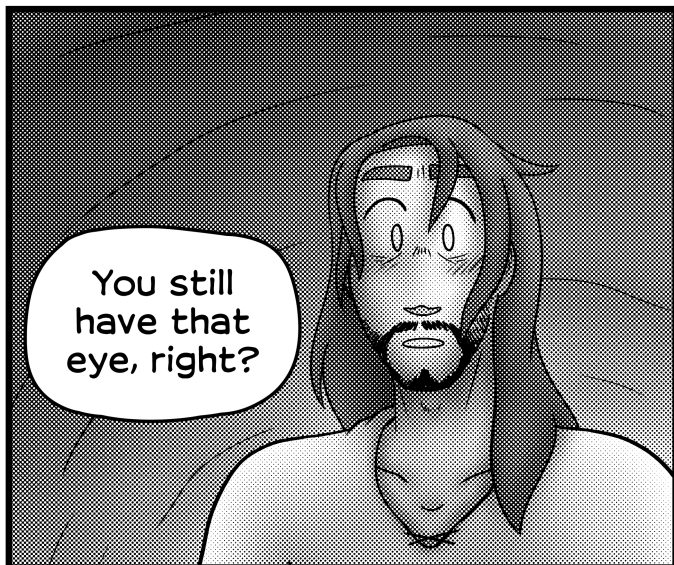


I-I said confident,
not cool!
Well, I mean-
you *were* cool, but-

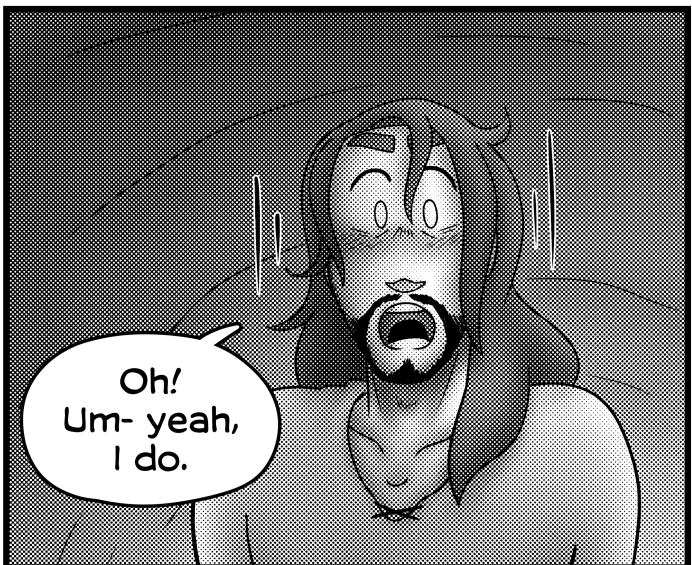
T-that's
beside the
point!



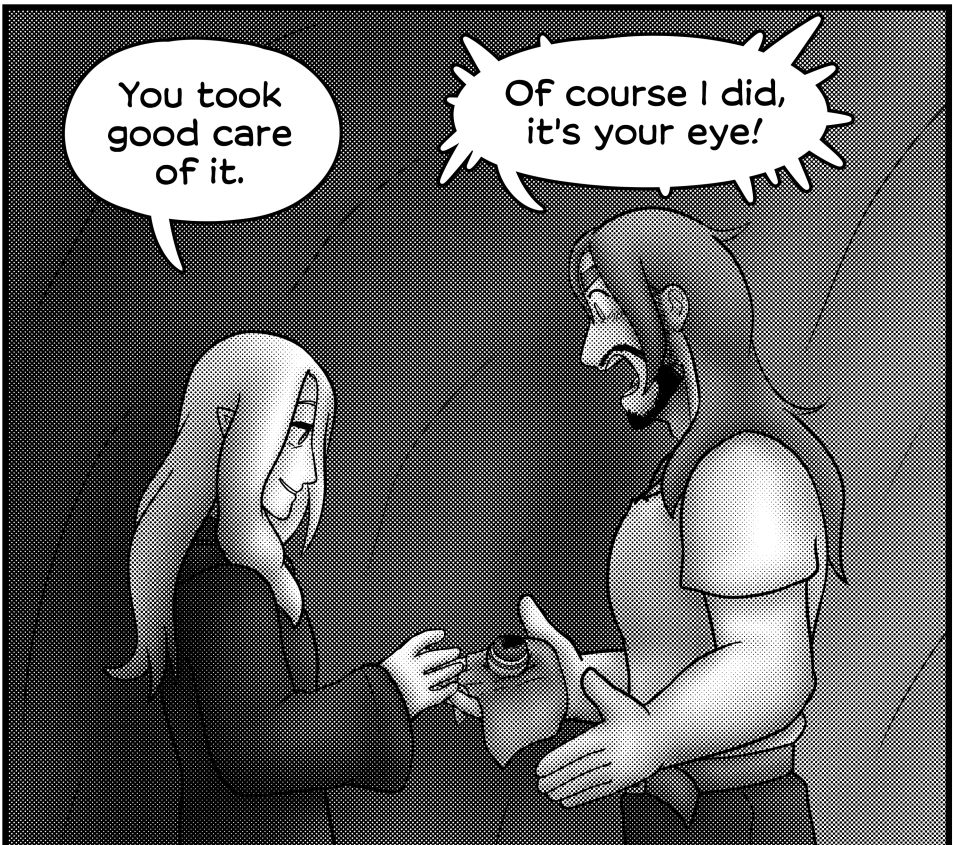
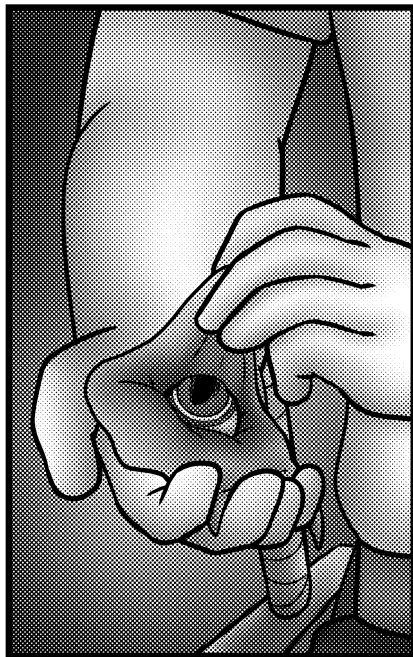
You really
are stupid,
aren't you?



You still
have that
eye, right?

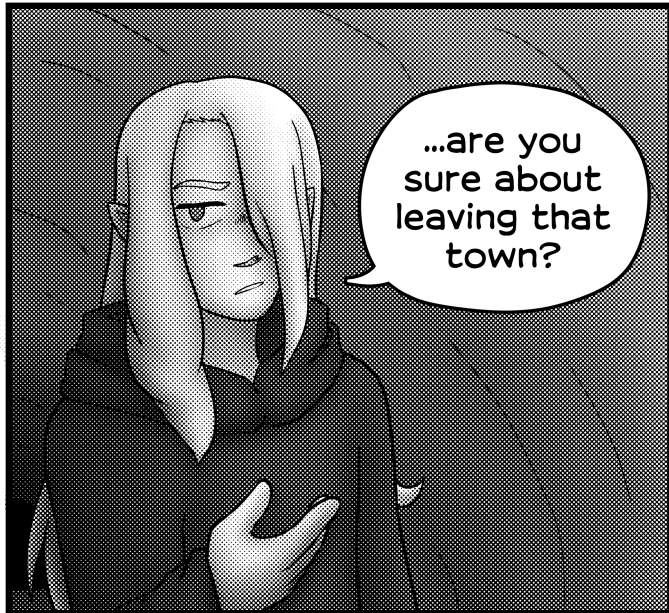


Oh!
Um- yeah,
I do.

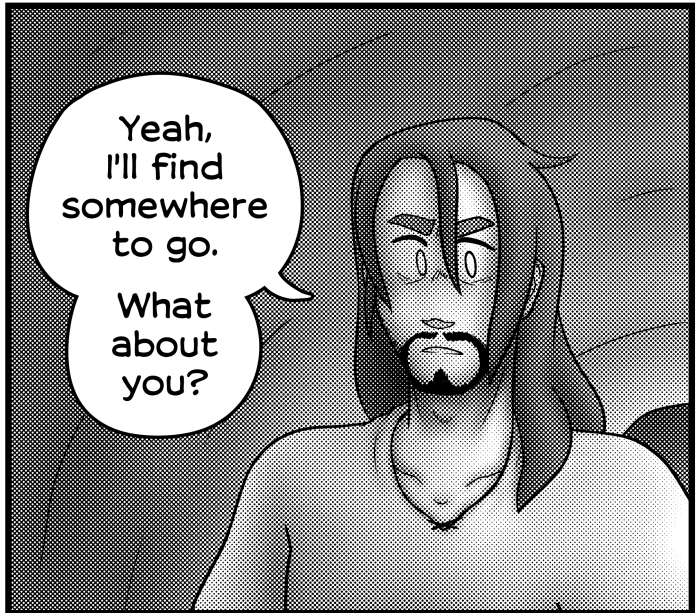


You took
good care
of it.

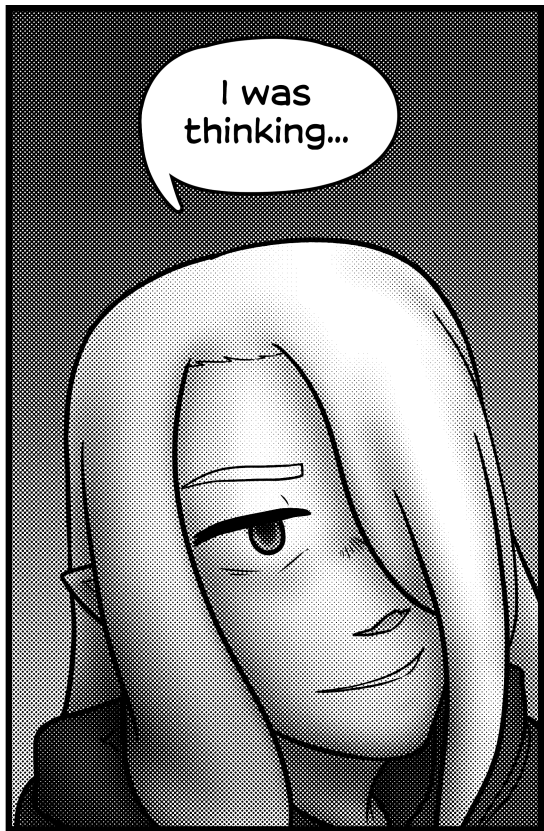
Of course I did,
it's your eye!



...are you sure about leaving that town?



Yeah, I'll find somewhere to go.
What about you?



I was thinking...



...you've influenced me this much so far...



I wonder how much further it could go?



...what...

...did you have in mind?



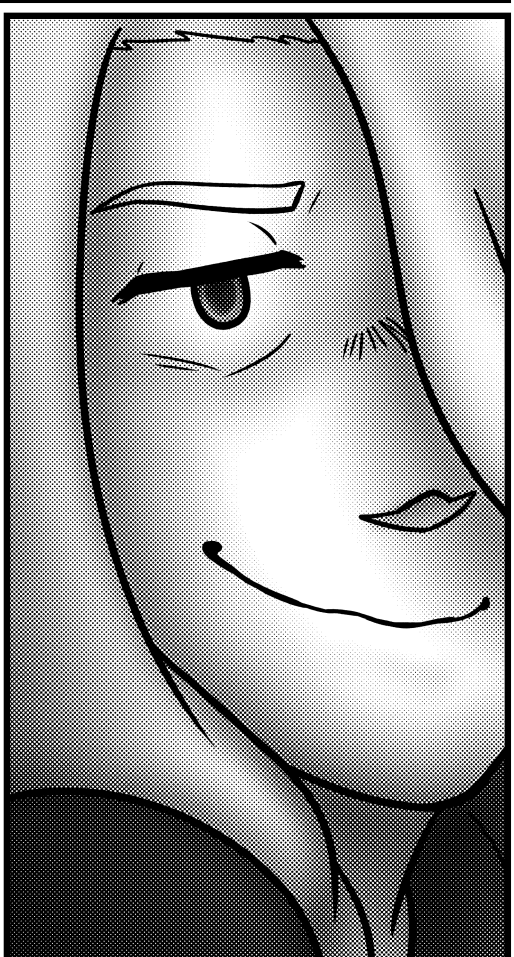
There's that human saying,

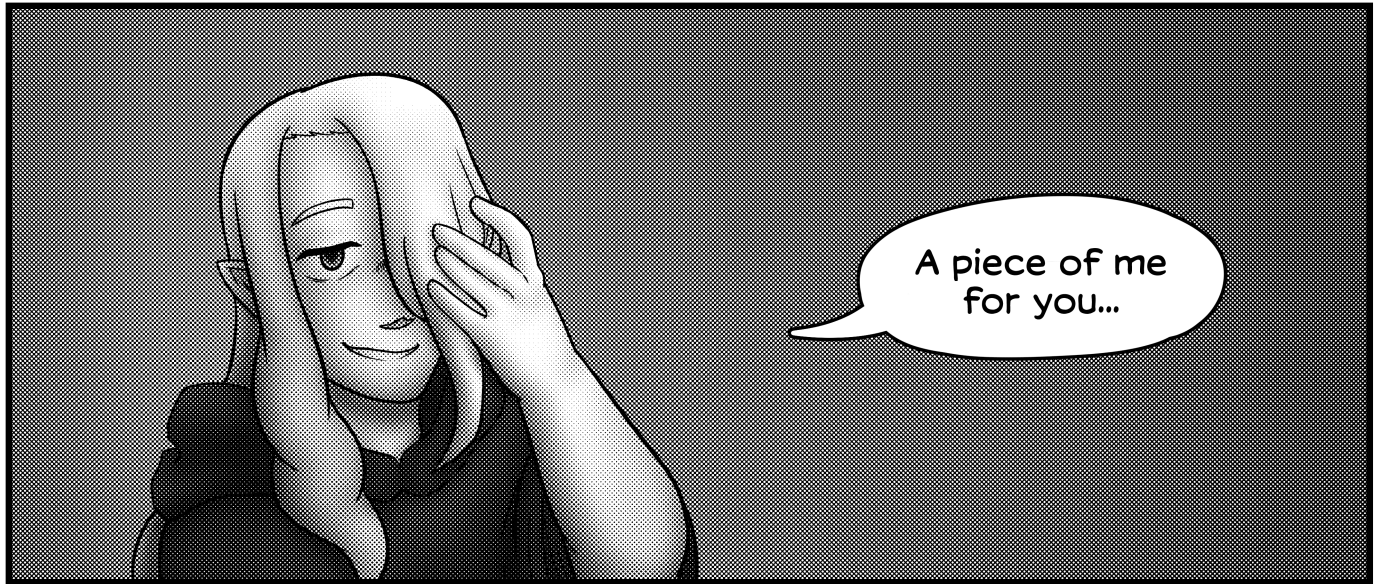
"An eye for an eye", isn't there?

Uh- it's not meant literally!

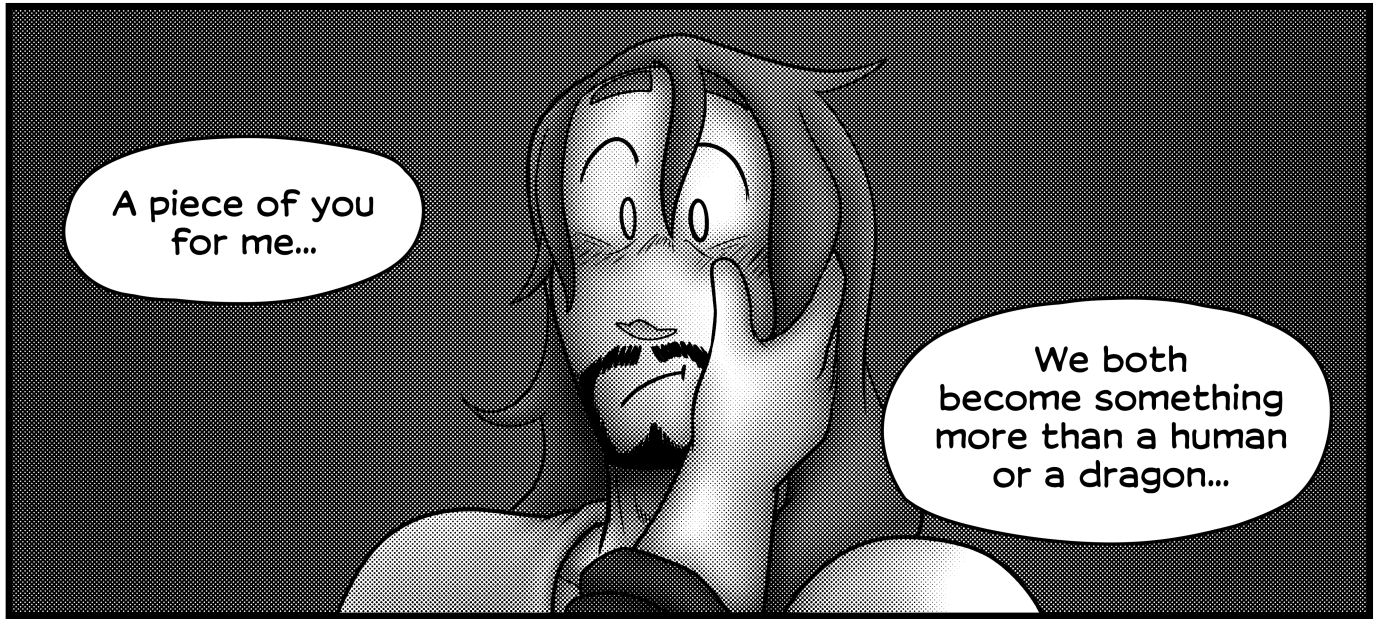


But... How- how would that work, if...





A piece of me
for you...



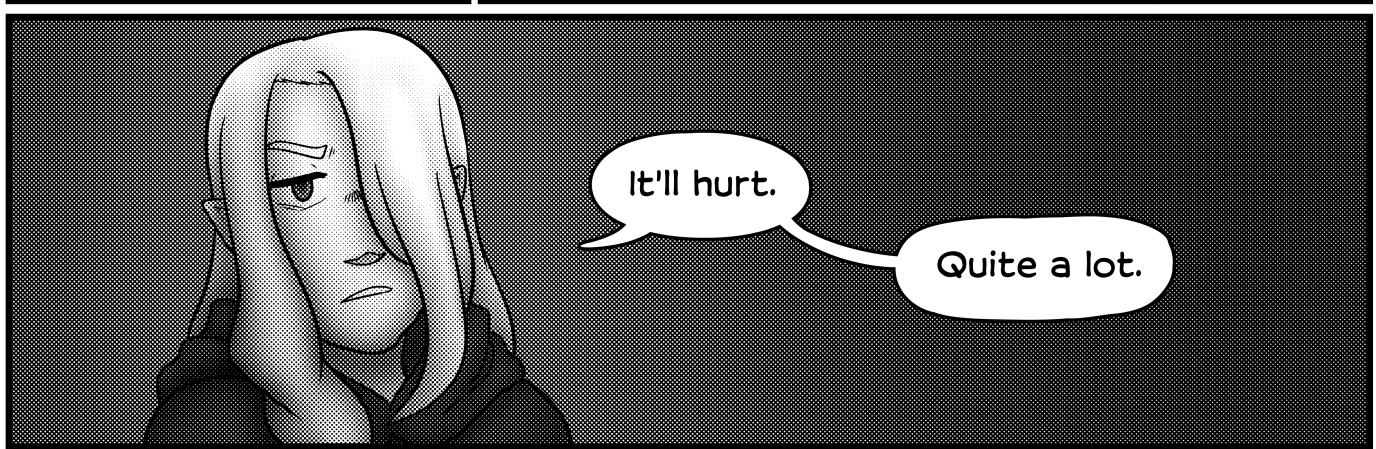
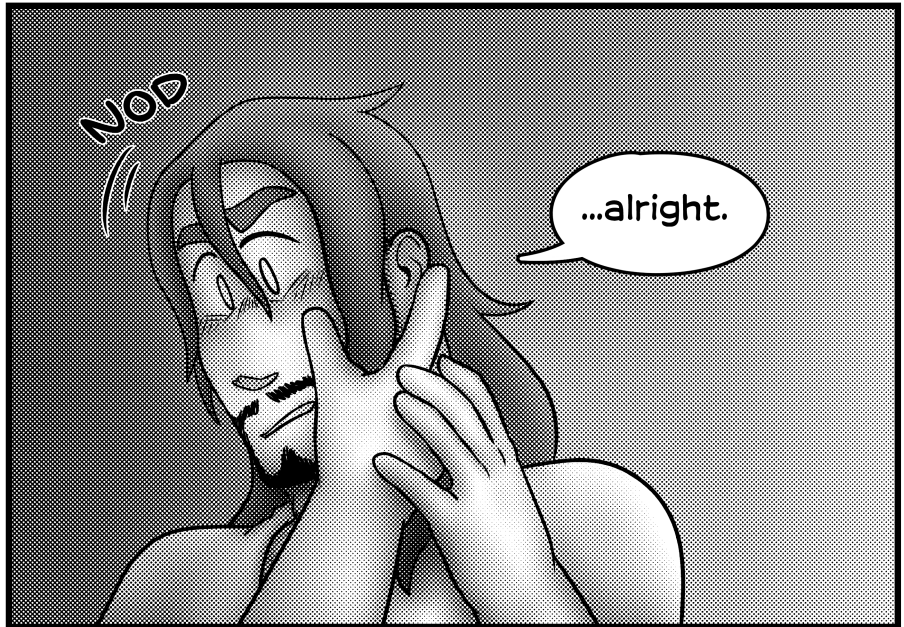
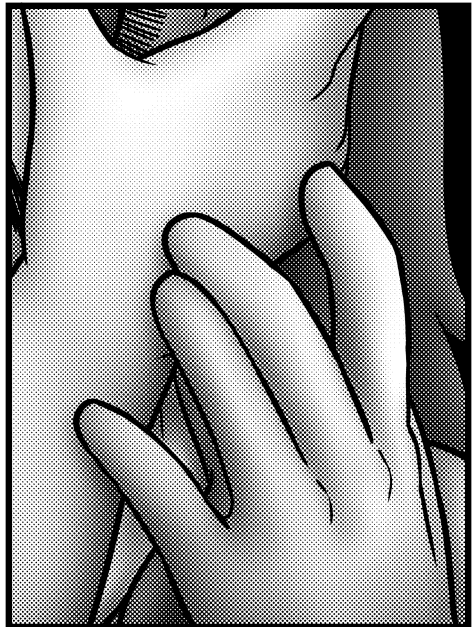
A piece of you
for me...

We both
become something
more than a human
or a dragon...

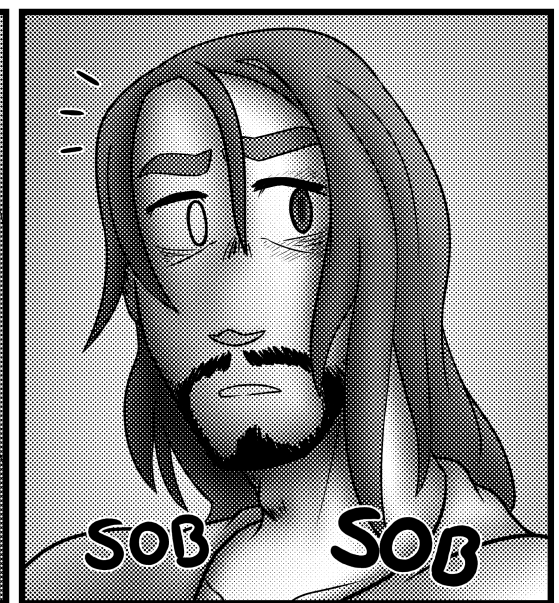
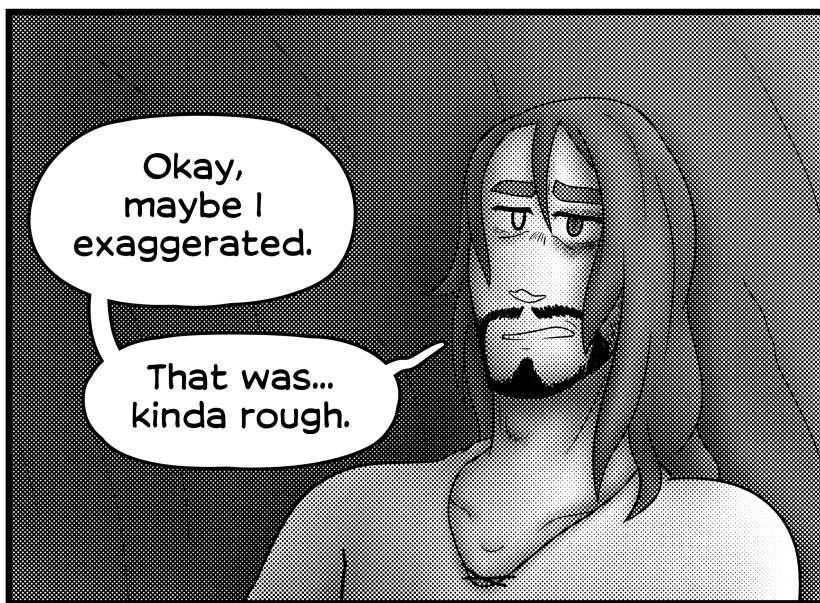
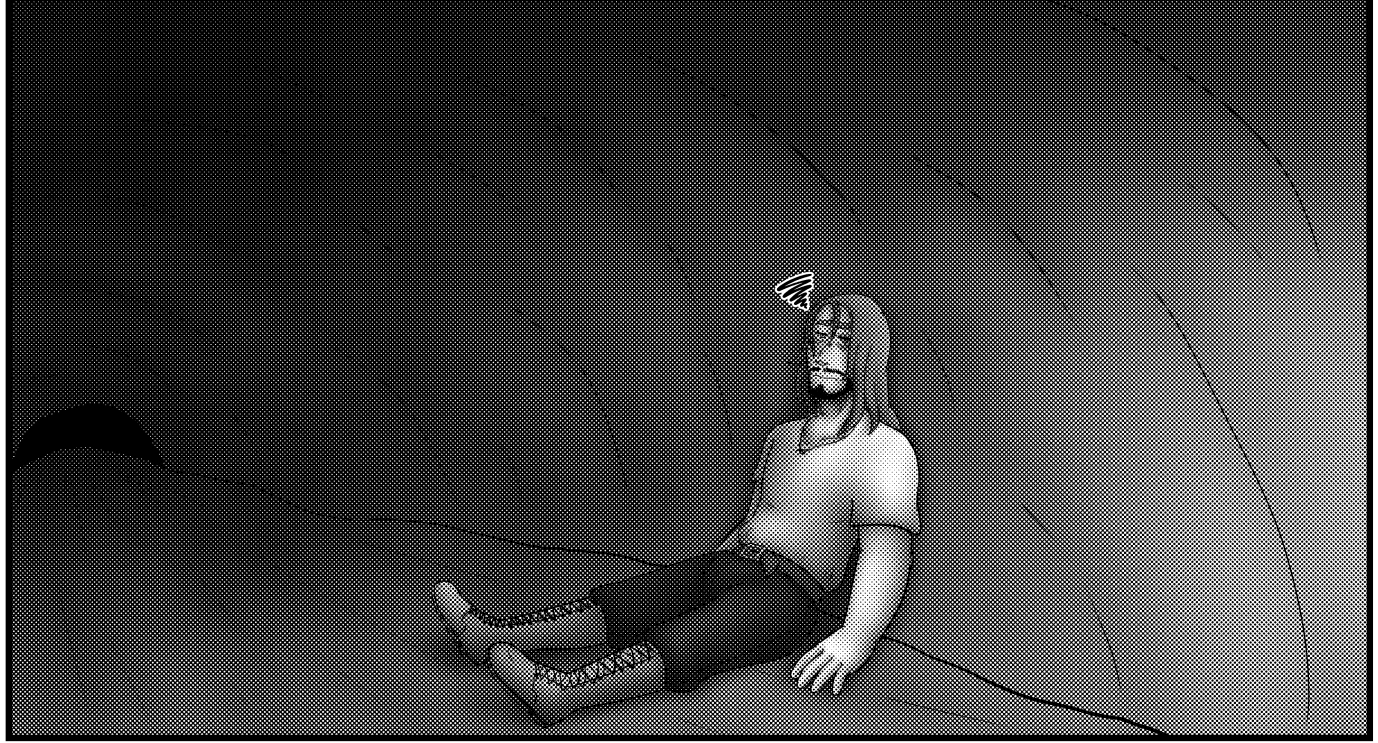


With strength
like that...

No one could
tell us what we
should or
shouldn't do.



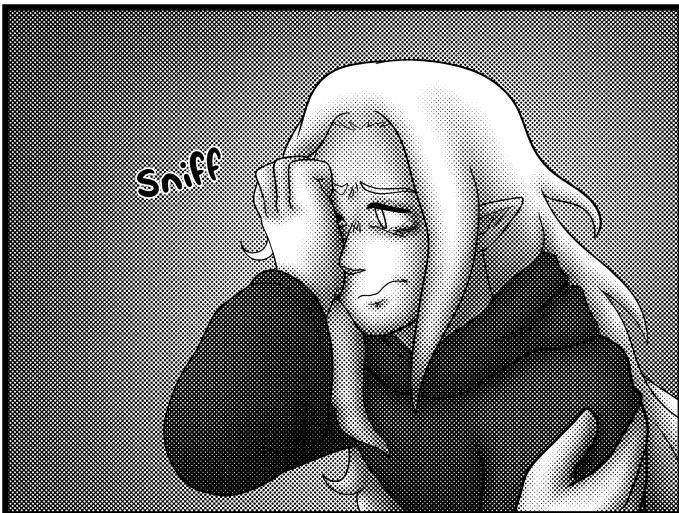
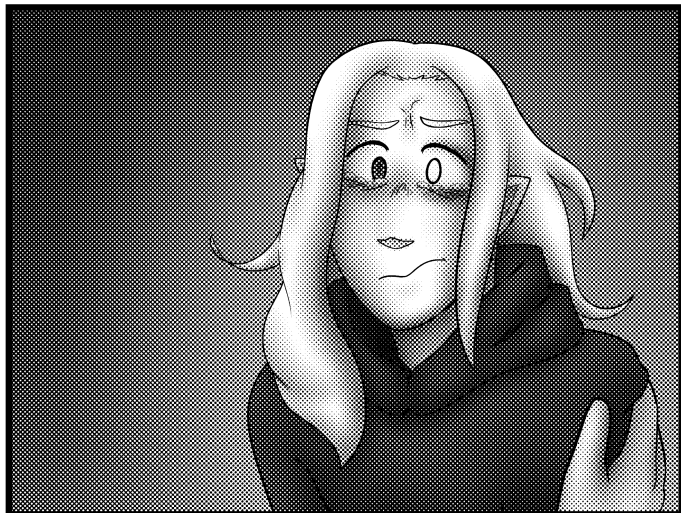
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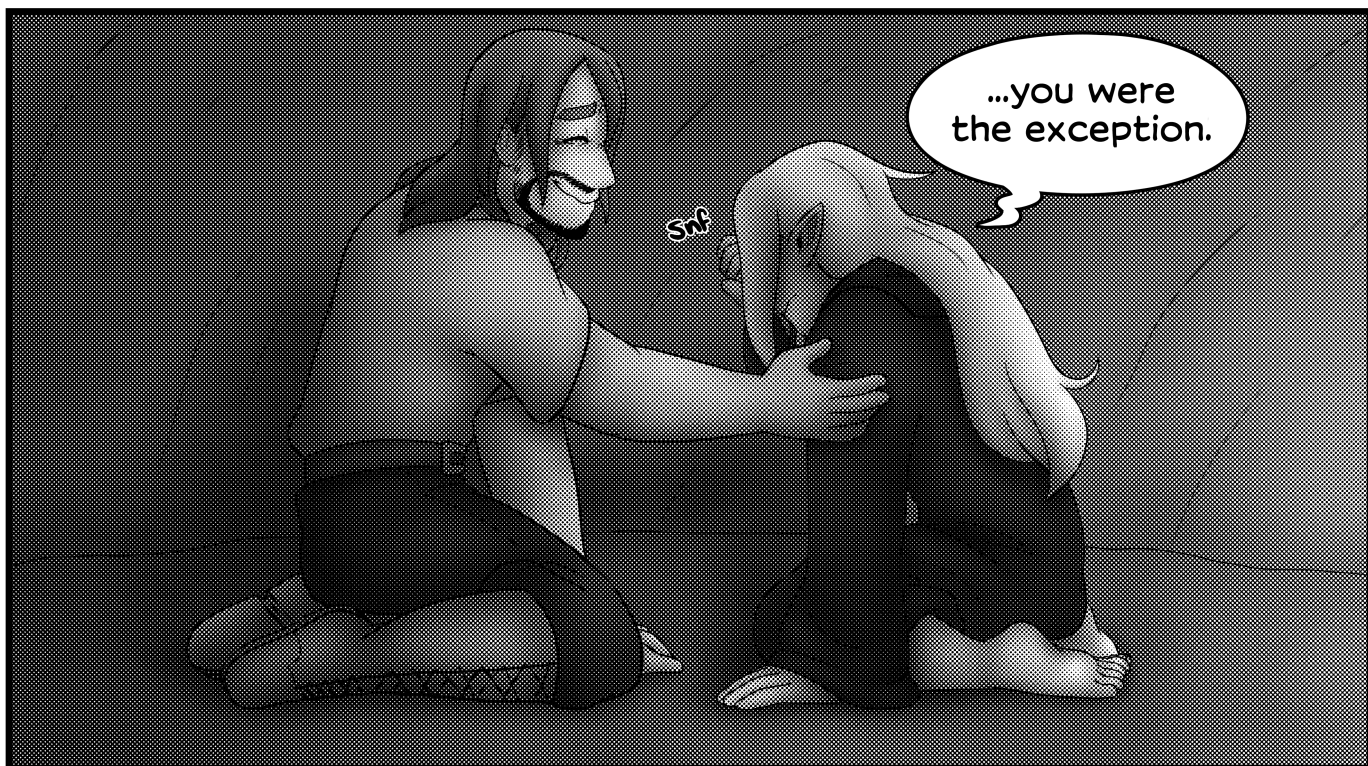


Hey, we're not all bad.

O-or, well, **they're** not all bad, now.

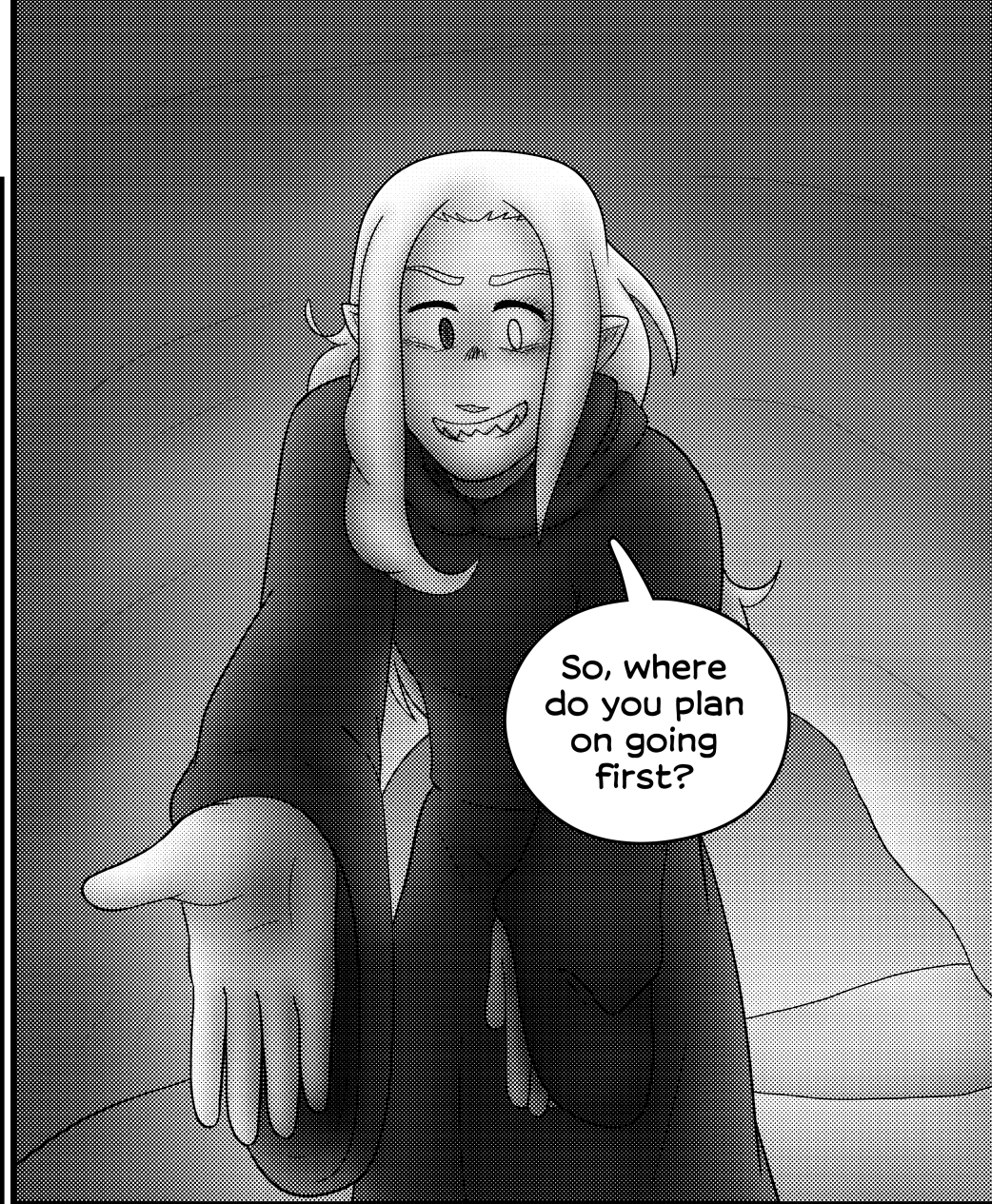
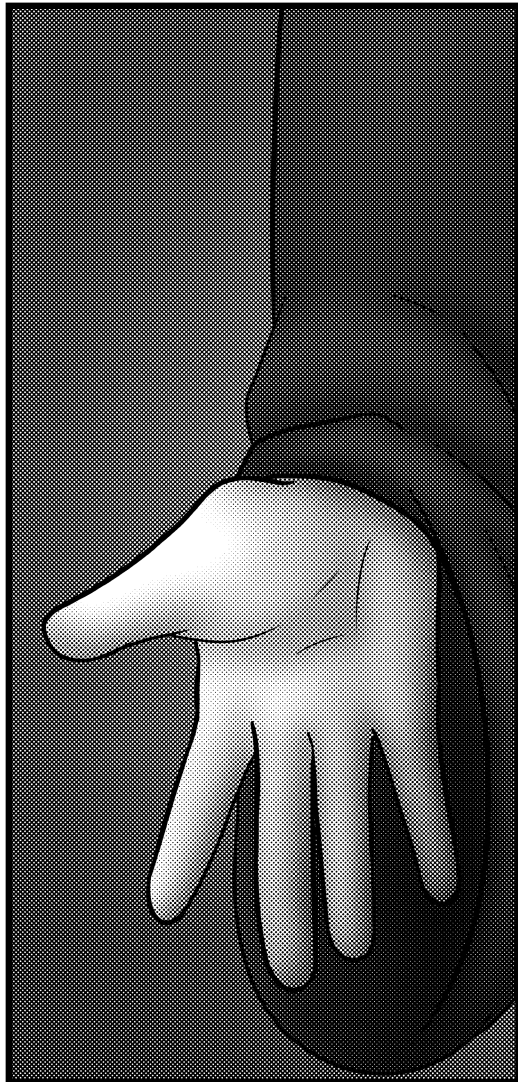


Sniff



...you were the exception.

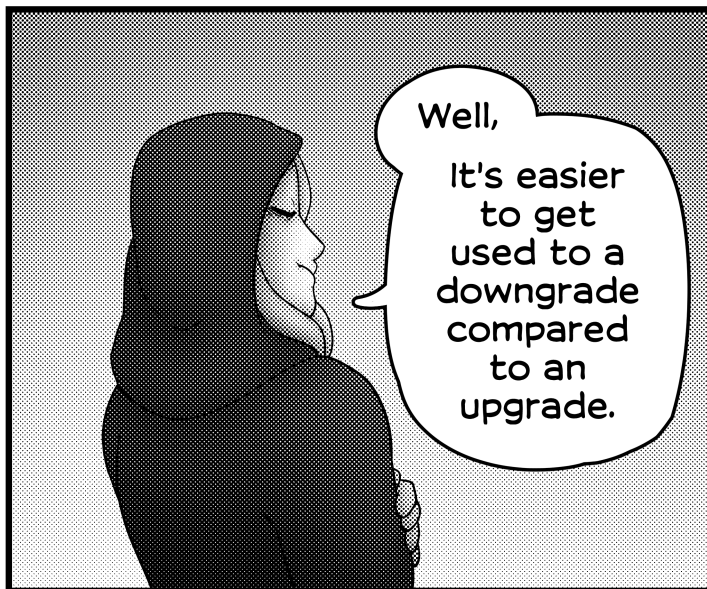
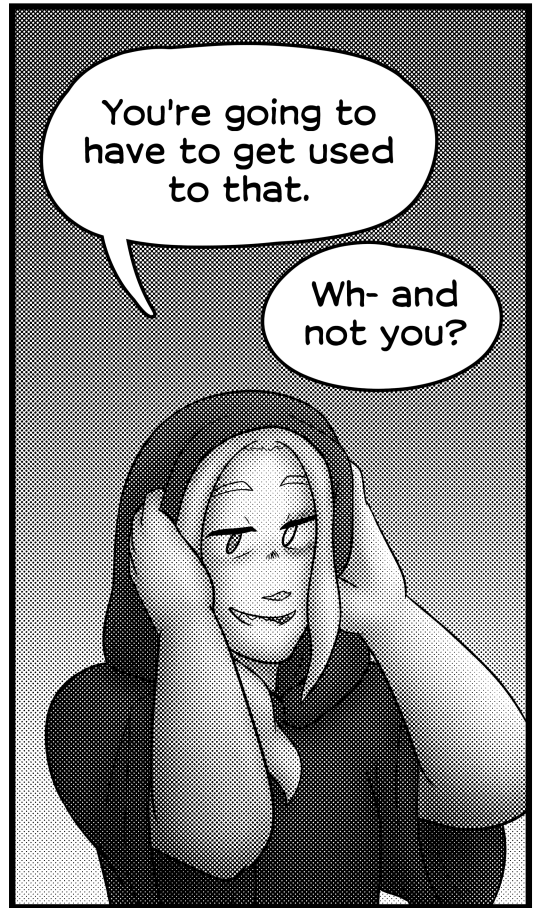
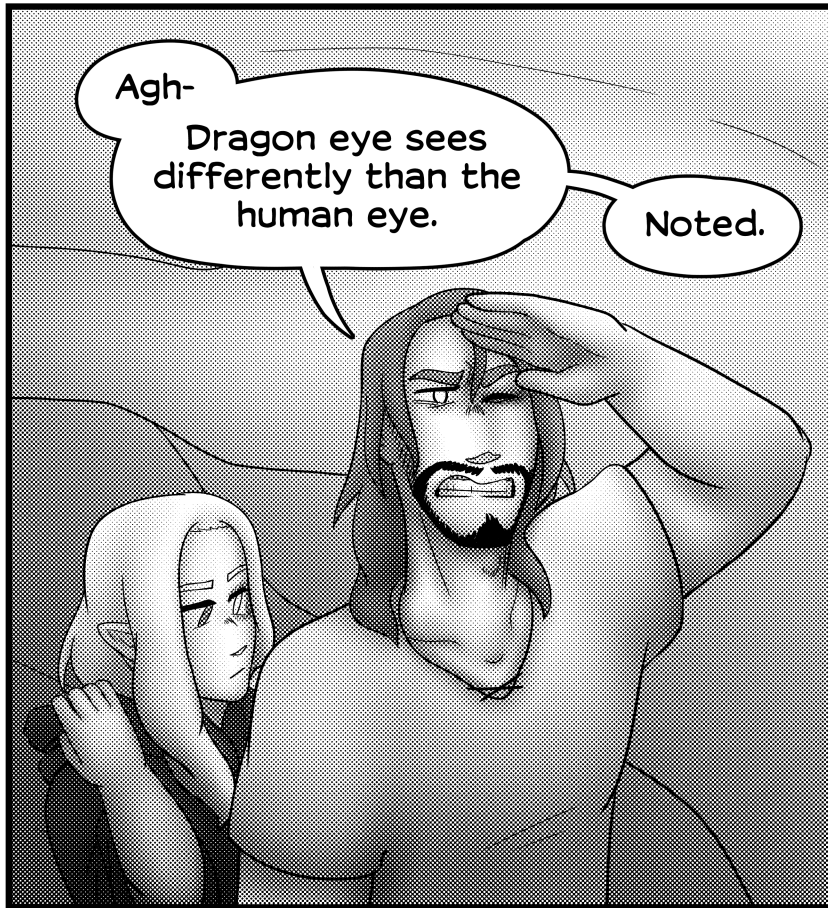
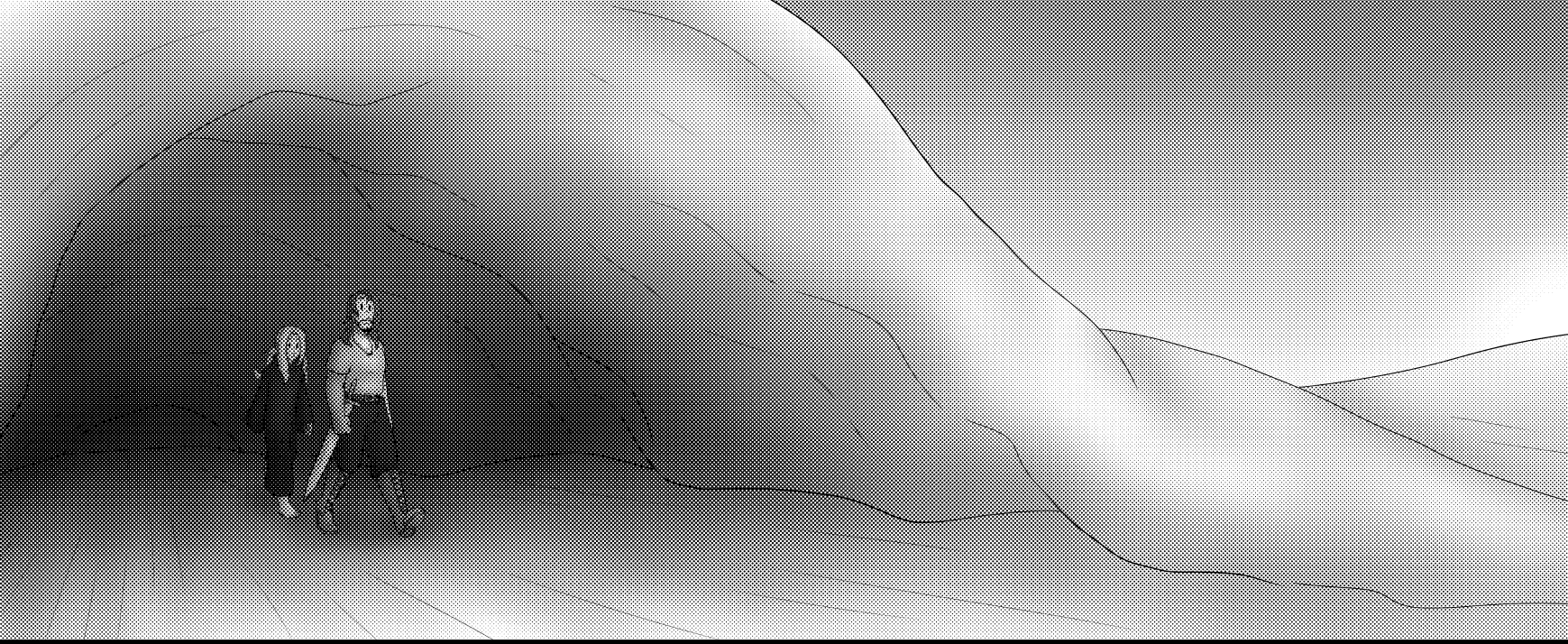
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So, where do you plan on going first?

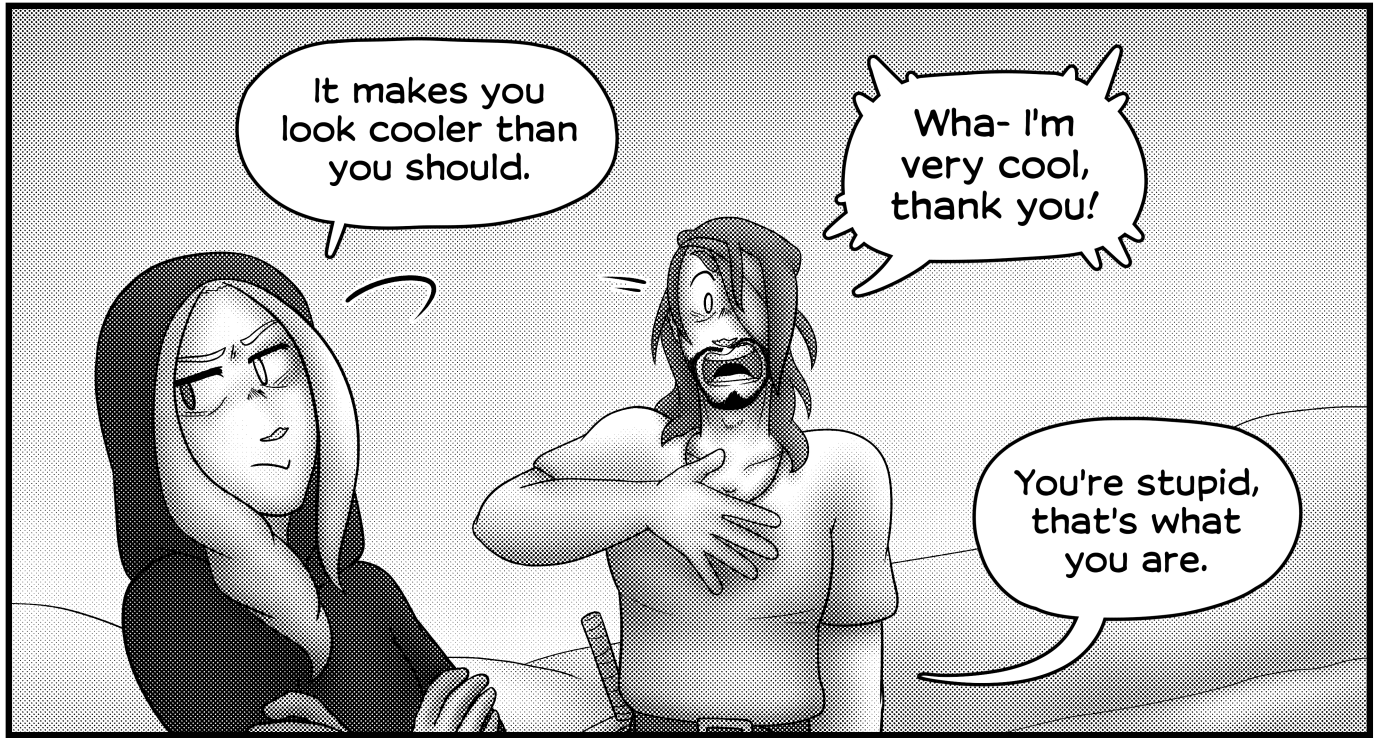
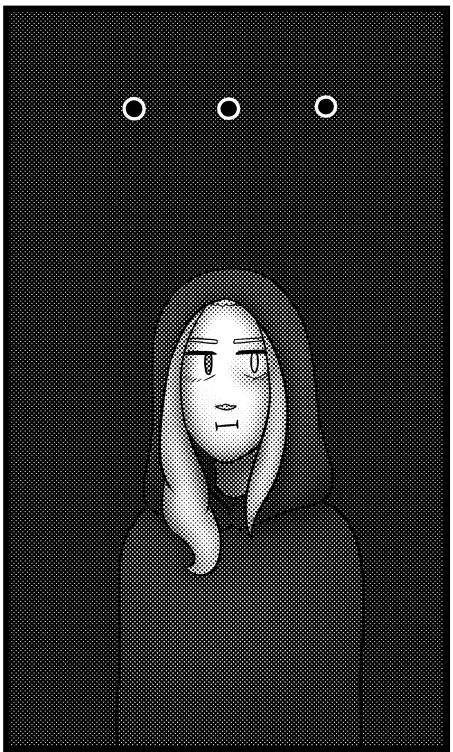


You mean, where do we plan on going first?





Well?
What do you think?



It makes you look cooler than you should.

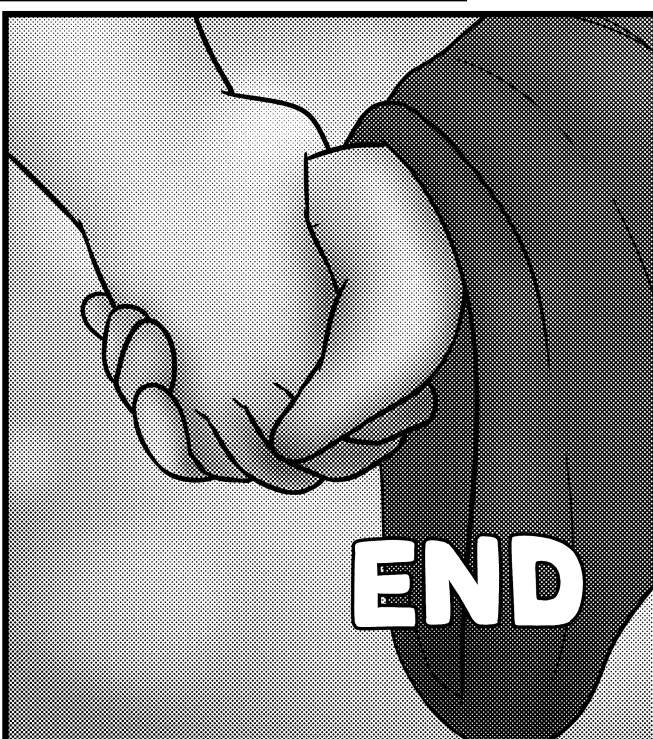
Wha- I'm very cool, thank you!

You're stupid, that's what you are.



I'm stupid whenever being stupid is helpful!

Which happens to be a lot of the time!



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