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MMPH.



I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY PICKED HER OVER ME, LEAVING WITH THAT CERAPH CLANNER...



MAYBE I SHOULD JUST FORGET IT. DROP MY ILLUSIONS AND GO HOME. REALLY GO HOME...



FEELS LIKE EVERY TIME I START TO MAKE IT ON THE OUTSIDE I GET PUSHED AWAY..




AT LEAST THIS TIME I DIDN'T GET TIED TO A TREE, BUT... TCH.



I MIGHT STAY HERE AWHILE AND THINK ABOUT IT, FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO. IF I DO DECIDE TO CATCH UP WITH THOSE GUYS AGAIN IT'LL BE EASY AT LEAST, DARK CAN'T FLY, AND I DON'T SLEEP.







YEAH, WHAT-



UH... HI?




UH...




WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME PEOPLE, HAVE YOU SEEN-


UHH HEY?



HEY PAL? YOU OKAY?



UH- - F- F- FORGIVE ME. I LOST MY ARM
RECENTLY, I'M A LITTLE SCATTERED...



OH DUDE, SORRY. WE WON'T BOTHER YOU.

N-NO, IT'S FINE! WHO ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR...?

WELL, WE'RE DARK POWERS, SEE? WE'RE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER DARK POWER. SHORT FEATHRY, BLACK WINGS, HE-



BUG! HOPPER!

OH HEY ADA, FIND ANYTHING?



CERTAINLY DID. GOT A WHIFF OF DARKLING HEADED SOUTH. LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HEADED IN A STRAIGHT LINE, HAH. ...I FOUND SOMEBODY WHO SAW THEM, TOO. THEY SAID HE'S TRAVELLING WITH TWO OTHER FEATHRIES. A SHORT BLONDE LIGHT POWER, AND A TALLER GREY-HAIRED FEATHRY. WHITE WINGS ON BOTH.



FELS! HE'S TRAVELLING WITH ART **AND** ALASTAIR?! BUT ALASTAIR KILLED-.... THAT'S MESSED UP!!

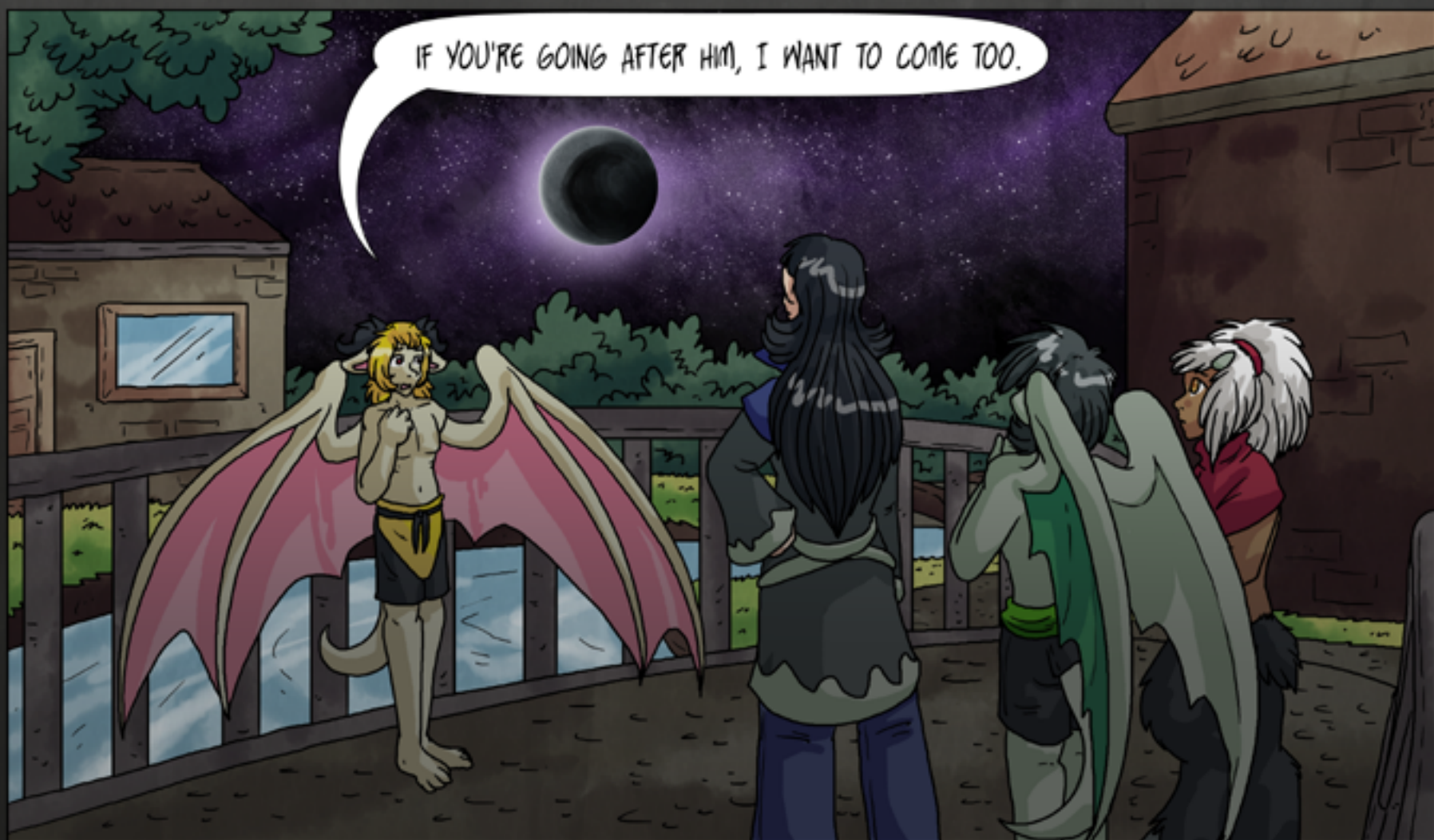
INDEED...



WH-WHOAH! YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THOSE GUYS?

HMM?





DAMN! ALASTAIR DID THAT?!

BUT YOU'RE NO DARK POW- OOH. HE TOOK YOUR LEFT ARM, HUH. SYMBOLIC...

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M NOT A DARK POWER.
I THINK HE MISTOOK ME FOR ONE. HE SEEMS RATHER MAD.

AH...

I'M SORRY THAT HAPPENED,
YOU POOR MAN, TO LOSE A
LIMB LIKE THAT....

IF YOU WANT TO COME WITH US, YOU'RE MORE THAN
WELCOME, UNDERSTANDING THE DANGER IN FACING A LIGHT
POWER OF COURSE...

HOWEVER...



DON'T CALL ALASTAIR A LUNATIC. EVER.

HUH? WHY? YOU DON'T LIKE HIM...



LUNATIC. IT MEANS LIKE... MOON-CRAZY. OUR LADY LUNA IS THE GODDESS OF THE MOON. SO... UM...



WHAT? OHH THEN THAT'S REALLY- I'M SORRY, I HAD NO IDEA!



WELL! WHAT SHOULD I CALL A LIGHT POWER WHO'S CRACKED IT?



WE JUST CALL 'EM LIGHT POWERS, HA.



ANYWAY, THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE YOU SHOULD KNOW, TOO.



YOU'RE FREE TO COME WITH US. BUT WE'RE DARK POWERS. WE TRAVEL AT NIGHT, WE'RE ESSENTIALLY NOCTURNAL.



OH, THAT'S PERFECT! I DON'T SLEEP AT NIGHT, ANYWAY.

HAHA NICE. HEY PAL, YOU SHOULDA BEEN A DARK POWER!

WELL THANKS, HAHA. BUT I DON'T THINK I WOULD MAKE A GOOD DARK POWER WITHOUT A LEFT HAND FOR THE MARK!

OH! THAT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR MIND, WE CAN HELP YOU DEDICATE TO THE GODDESS.



UH, HAHA, OKAY. I'LL JUST STICK WITH FIGHTING LIGHT POWERS FOR NOW. WELL ANYWAY.. I'M LACHLAN! I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAMES.



I'M ADA, THIS IS HOPPER AND BUG. WE'LL GO MEET OUR COMPANION NILS AT THE EDGE OF TOWN, THEN HIT THE ROAD. WE'LL FIND THOSE DAMN FEATHRIES...



WE MIGHT CATCH UP BY DAWN... BUT THEY'RE LIGHT POWERS, WE DON'T WANT TO BE NEAR THEM WHEN DAY BREAKS.



DON'T YOU OUTNUMBER 'EM THOUGH?

EVEN SO... WE'LL GET CLOSE TONIGHT, THEN WE CAN GET 'EM TOMORROW OR THE DAY AFTER.





NILS, WE'RE MOVING ON.

OH... NO TIME TO STOP FOR BREAKFAST? AH WELL.

PSSH, NOWHERE'S OPEN, ANYWAY.



UH.. WHO IS THAT?



NILS, THIS IS LACHLAN. HE'S COMING WITH US, HE'S GOT A BONE TO PICK WITH ALASTAIR.

HI!



ER, ADA... IS THAT A GOOD IDEA? WHO IS THIS FELLOW? ARTHUR HAD A TRICKSTER FRIEND HELPING HIM WHEN LAST WE RAN INTO HIM. I DIDN'T GET A GOOD LOOK, BUT IT WAS SOMEONE WITH WINGS.

...OH YEAH.



WHAT?! HEY YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A TRICKSTER! YOU SAID IT WAS JUST ALASTAIR AND ANOTHER LIGHT POWER AND A DARK POWER!



... "JUST" TWO LIGHT POWERS AND A DARK POWER?



WELL- YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

...ALL THE SAME, NILS IS RIGHT. YOU COULD BE THAT TRICKSTER, OR OTHERWISE UNTRUSTWORTHY.



WELL, YEAH. THAT'S ALWAYS THE CHANCE WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE ON THE ROAD. I COULD HAVE MADE ALL THAT UP, BUT WHY? ALL I CAN SAY IS I DID LOSE MY ARM TO ALASTAIR. SLICED IT CLEAN OFF WITH LIGHT MAGIC. AT LEAST TO PROVE I'VE MET ALASTAIR... HE'S A TALL FEATHRY WITH SHORT GREY HAIR, TWO FEATHERS IN A CREST THAT POKE OUT LIKE MY HORNS DO.



SO YOU'VE MET ALASTAIR, BUT...



IF I WAS FRIENDS WITH ALASTAIR AND THOSE OTHER TWO, I'D LIKELY BE WITH THEM NOW. I CAN'T PROVE I'M NOT A TRICKSTER, I CAN JUST TELL YOU I AM NOT. EITHER YOU TRUST ME, OR YOU DON'T. I'D LIKE TO GO WITH YOU. ALASTAIR'S STRONG, BEING WITH DARK POWERS WOULD BE MY BEST CHANCE OF REVENGE.



ANYWAY... YOU'RE FOUR FREAKIN' DARK POWERS, AND I'M JUST SOME GUY WITH ONE ARM! IF YOU DON'T TRUST MY WORDS, YOU CAN AT LEAST TRUST THE FACT YOU'RE MUCH STRONGER THAN ME.



...THAT'S TRUE. ...ALRIGHT. LET'S GO.

