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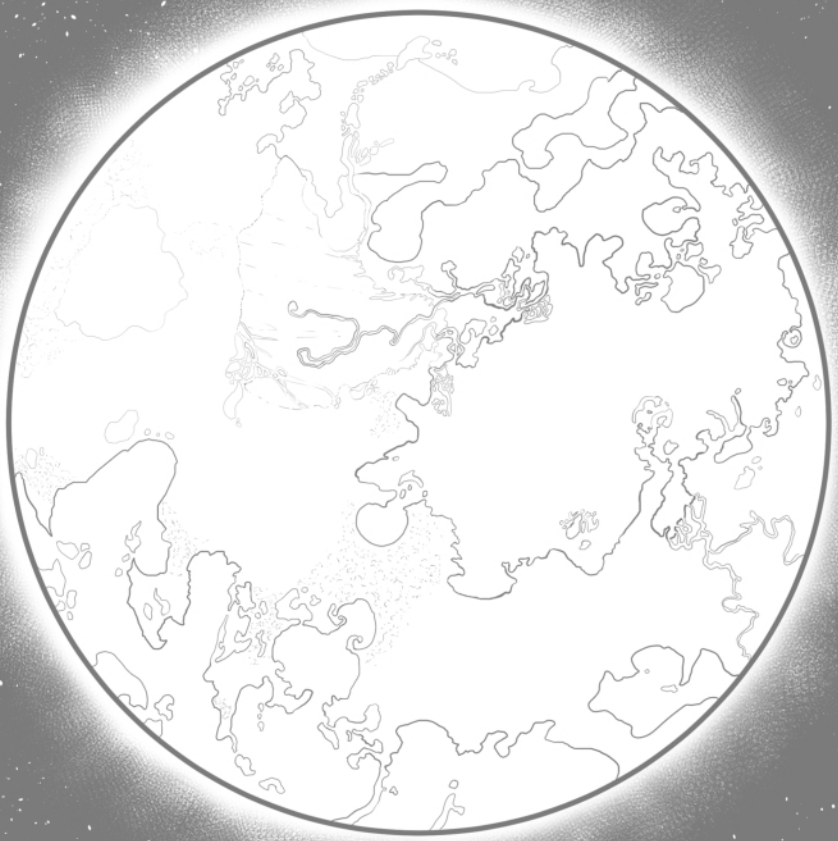
CHAPTER ONE



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IN A REALM THAT SITS AT THE FOUNDATION OF TIME;
WHERE MIGHT, MAGIC
AND HIGH ADVENTURE REIGN SUPREME.

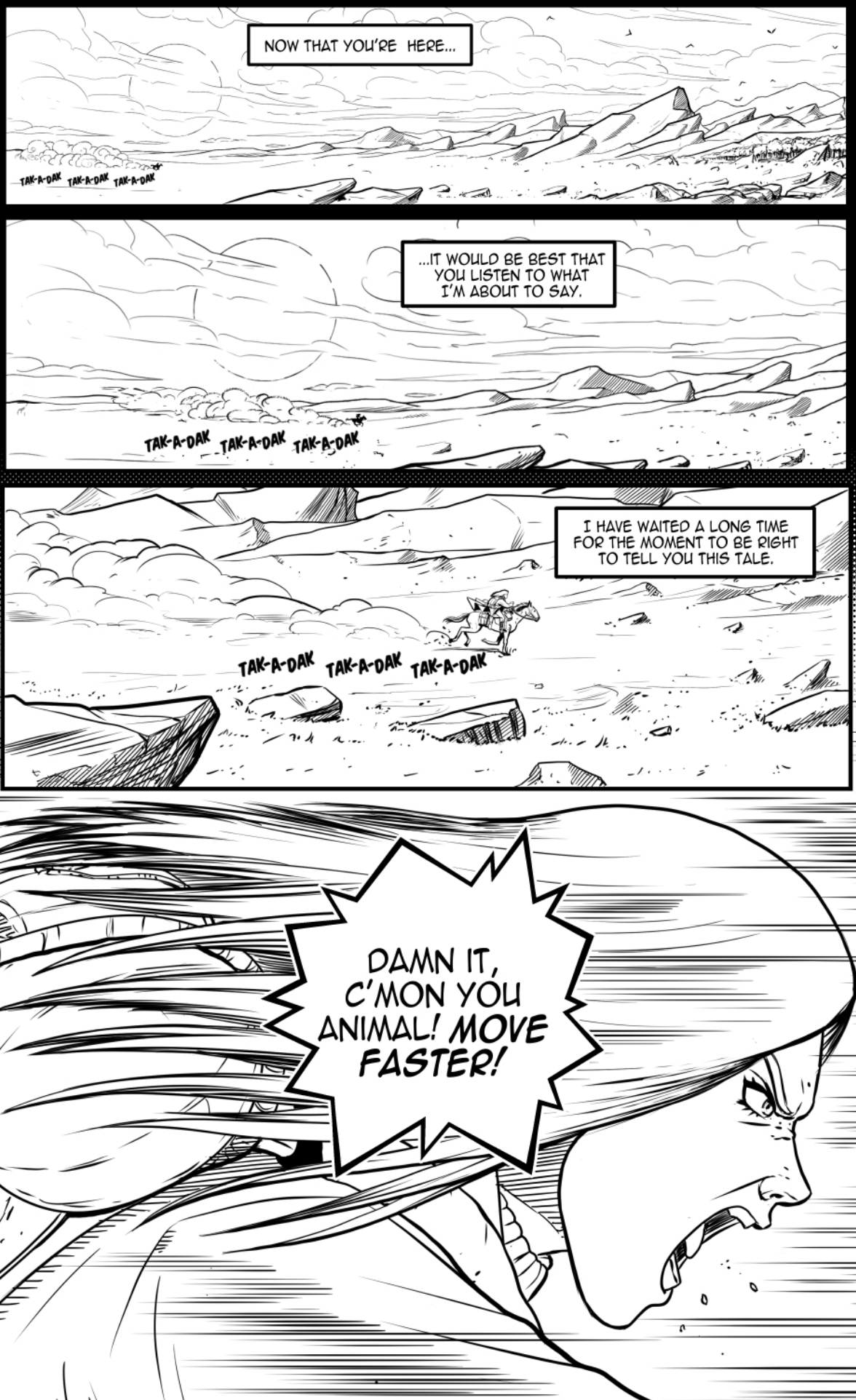
MAGIC ENHANCED PSYCHIC BOUNTY HUNTERS CHASE DOWN A RUNAWAY THIEF, WHO MIGHT HAVE STOLEN SOMETHING THAT COULD TOPPLE THE CURRENT POWER STRUCTURES.

THE STOLEN CARGO HOLDS THE KEY TO THIS THIEFS FREEDOM AND TO HER DAMNATION.

SHE BLAZES A TRAIL ACROSS A FOREIGN LAND
AND HOPES THAT SHE WILL
LOSE HER PURSUERS IN THE CRYSTAL LABYRINTH KNOWN AS THE "DRAGON MOUTH PASS".

THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF THIS MOMENT CASCADES INTO A CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT WILL
ECHO THROUGHOUT THE LIVES OF ALL IN THE REALM.

ESPECIALLY A TEENAGE BOY NAMED NITO.


NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE...
TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK
...IT WOULD BE BEST THAT YOU LISTEN TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY.
TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK
I HAVE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THE MOMENT TO BE RIGHT TO TELL YOU THIS TALE.
TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK
DAMN IT, C'MON YOU ANIMAL! MOVE FASTER!

IT WAS *15 YEARS* AGO...

WE'RE ALMOST THERE! JUST DON'T GIVE OUT ON ME NOW!

TAK-A-DAK

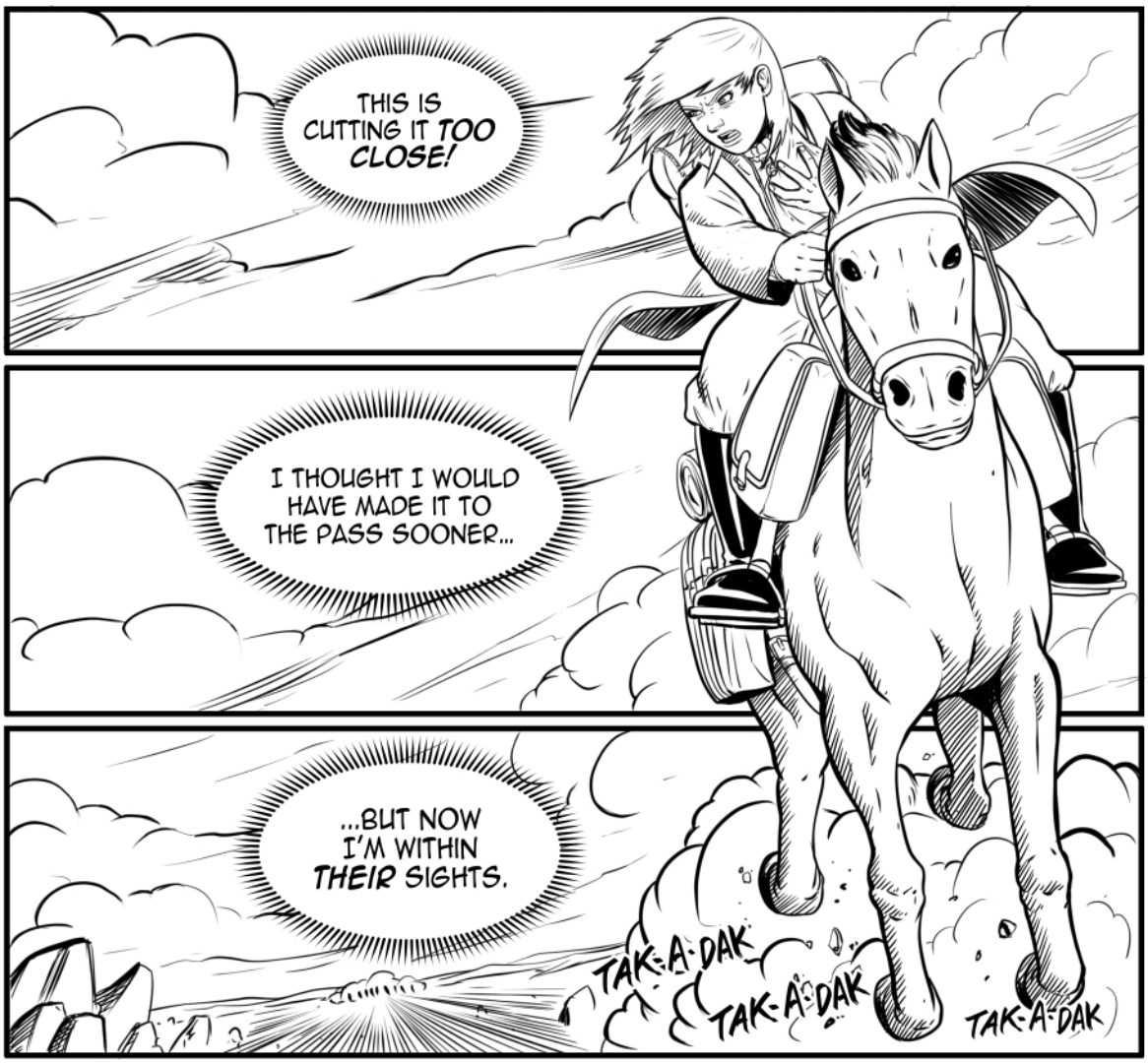
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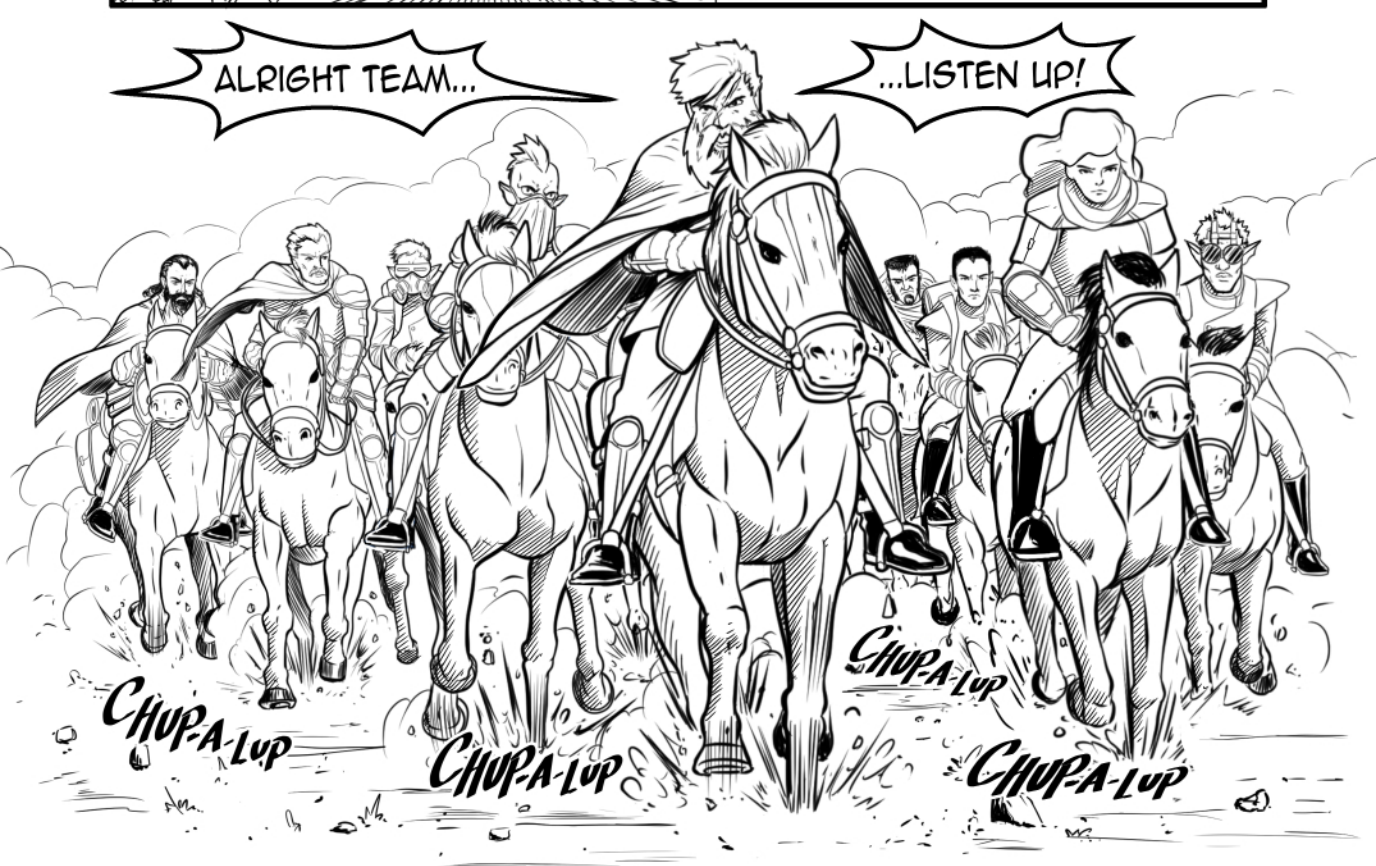
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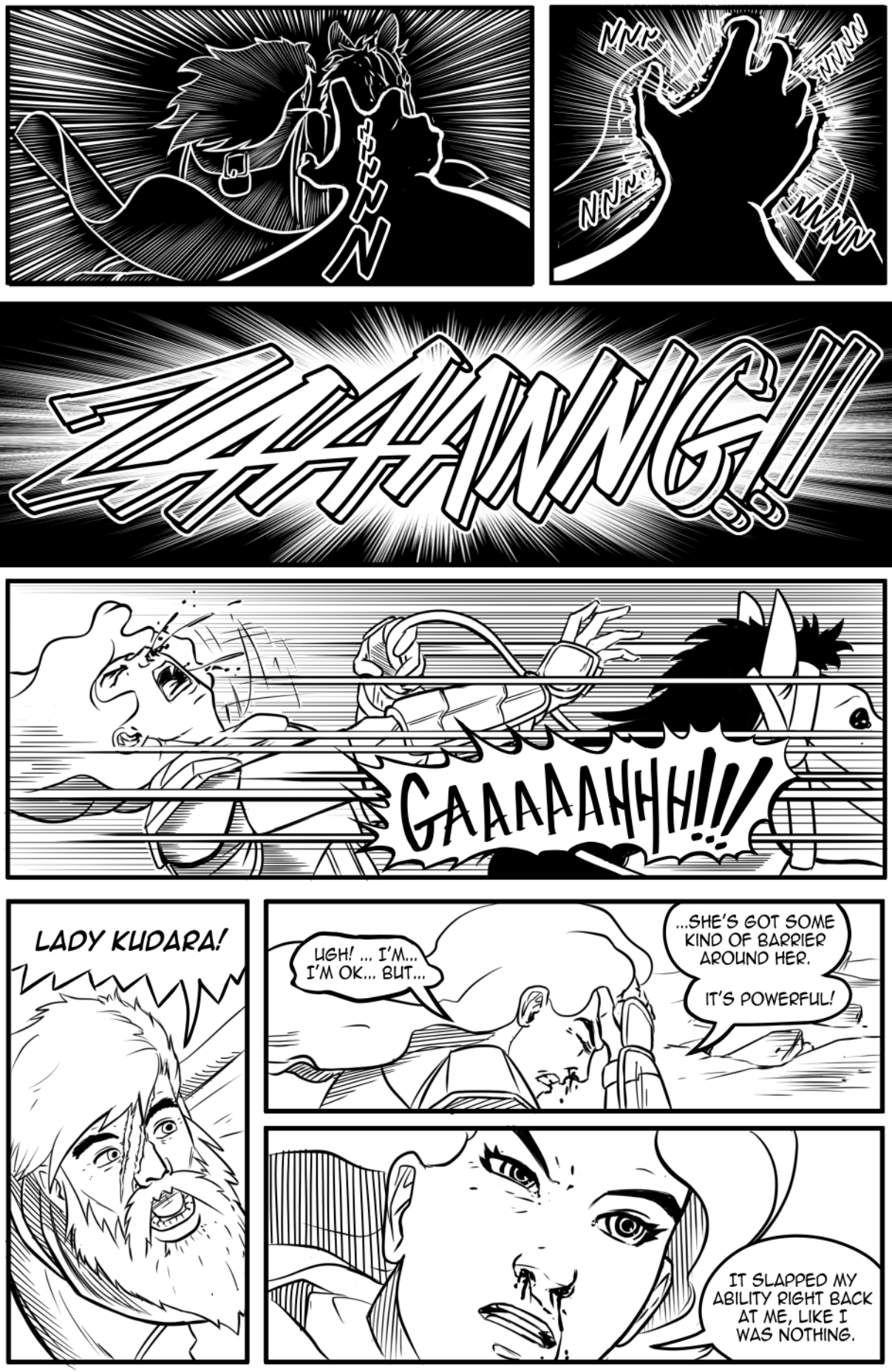

THIS IS CUTTING IT TOO CLOSE!
I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE MADE IT TO THE PASS SOONER...
...BUT NOW I'M WITHIN THEIR SIGHTS.
TAK-A-DAK
TAK-A-DAK
TAK-A-DAK


ALRIGHT TEAM...
...LISTEN UP!
CHUP-A-LUP
CHUP-A-LUP
CHUP-A-LUP
CHUP-A-LUP

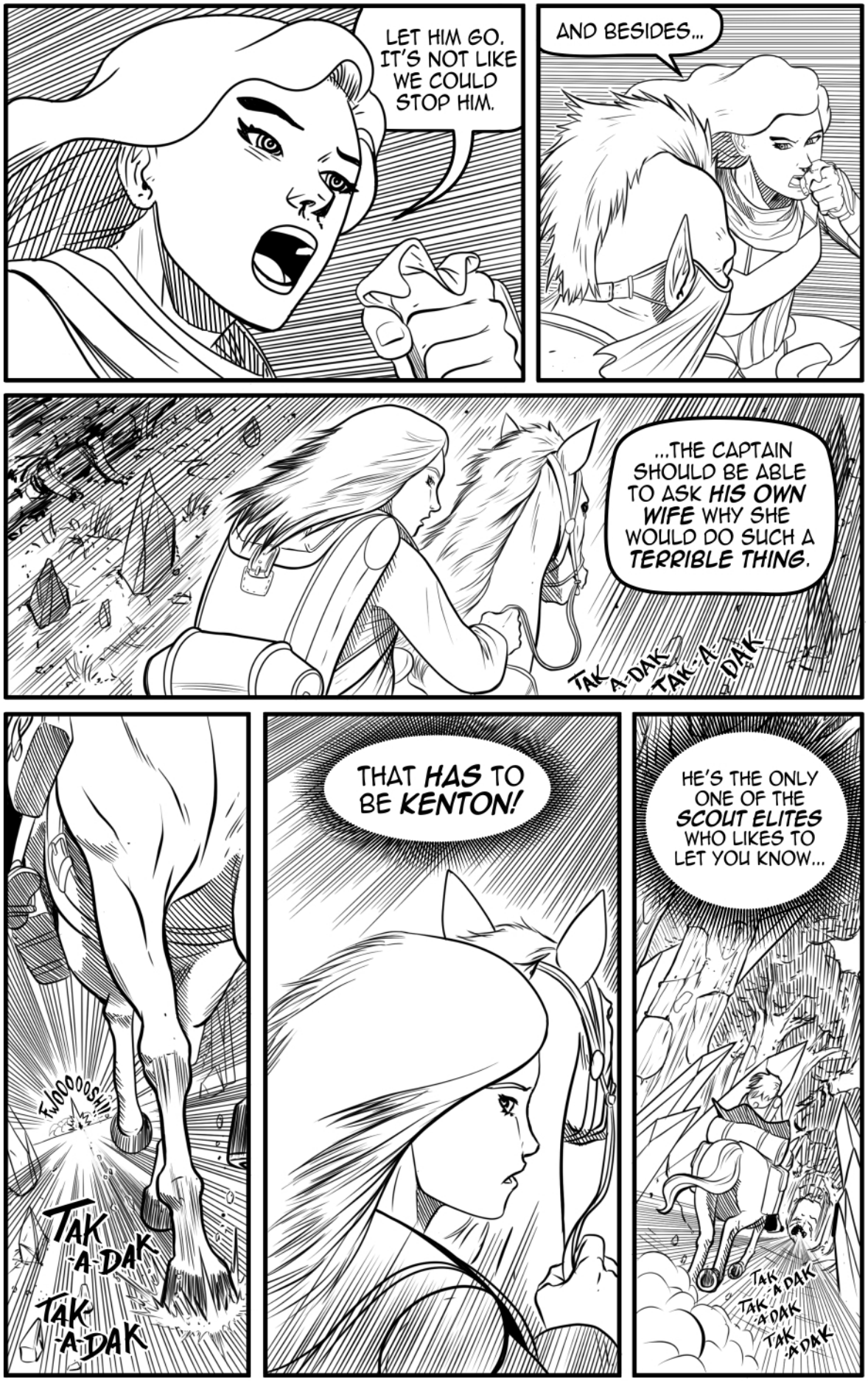

WE NEED TO STOP HER *BEFORE* SHE MAKES IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE *DRAGON'S MOUTH PASS!*
IF SHE MAKES IT THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE, THE ENCHANTMENT OF THIS LAND WILL CLOAK HER...
...AND WE WILL LOSE HER!
WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK
LADY KUDARA, IS SHE IN RANGE FOR YOU TO USE YOUR ABILITY?
AND REMEMBER THAT WE NEED HER ALIVE!
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK
CHUK A·CHOK



DON'T WORRY. MY DARK HAND TECHNIQUE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCK HER UP FROM HERE.
AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO CATCH UP
I'LL FOCUS ON A SINGLE EMOTION ...
...AND WHEN I REACH INTO HER MIND...
...I'LL AMPLIFY IT !!
NNNNNNN
SHE WON'T EVEN NOTICE THAT I'M SLOWLY TAKING OVER HER BODY.
NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN


NNN
NNN
NNN
NNN
ZHANG!!
GAAAAAHHH!!!
LADY KUDARA!
UGH! ... I'M... I'M OK... BUT...
...SHE'S GOT SOME KIND OF BARRIER AROUND HER.
IT'S POWERFUL!
IT SLAPPED MY ABILITY RIGHT BACK AT ME, LIKE I WAS NOTHING.


DAMN IT! I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE ABLE TO BRING HER DOWN PEACEFULLY.
NOW I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CATCH UP TO HER BEFORE SHE MAKES IT THROUGH THE PASS
PLEASE FORGIVE...
...I WISH THERE WAS...
TSSSSS...
...ANOTHER WAY.
* MARK OF THE "OPAPÂSÎW"
NEEIIIGGGGHH!!
HE YAAHH!!
LADY KUDARA!!
THE CAPTAIN IS BREAKING RANK!!
WHOOSH
CHAK A TAK
CHAK A TAK
CHAK A TAK

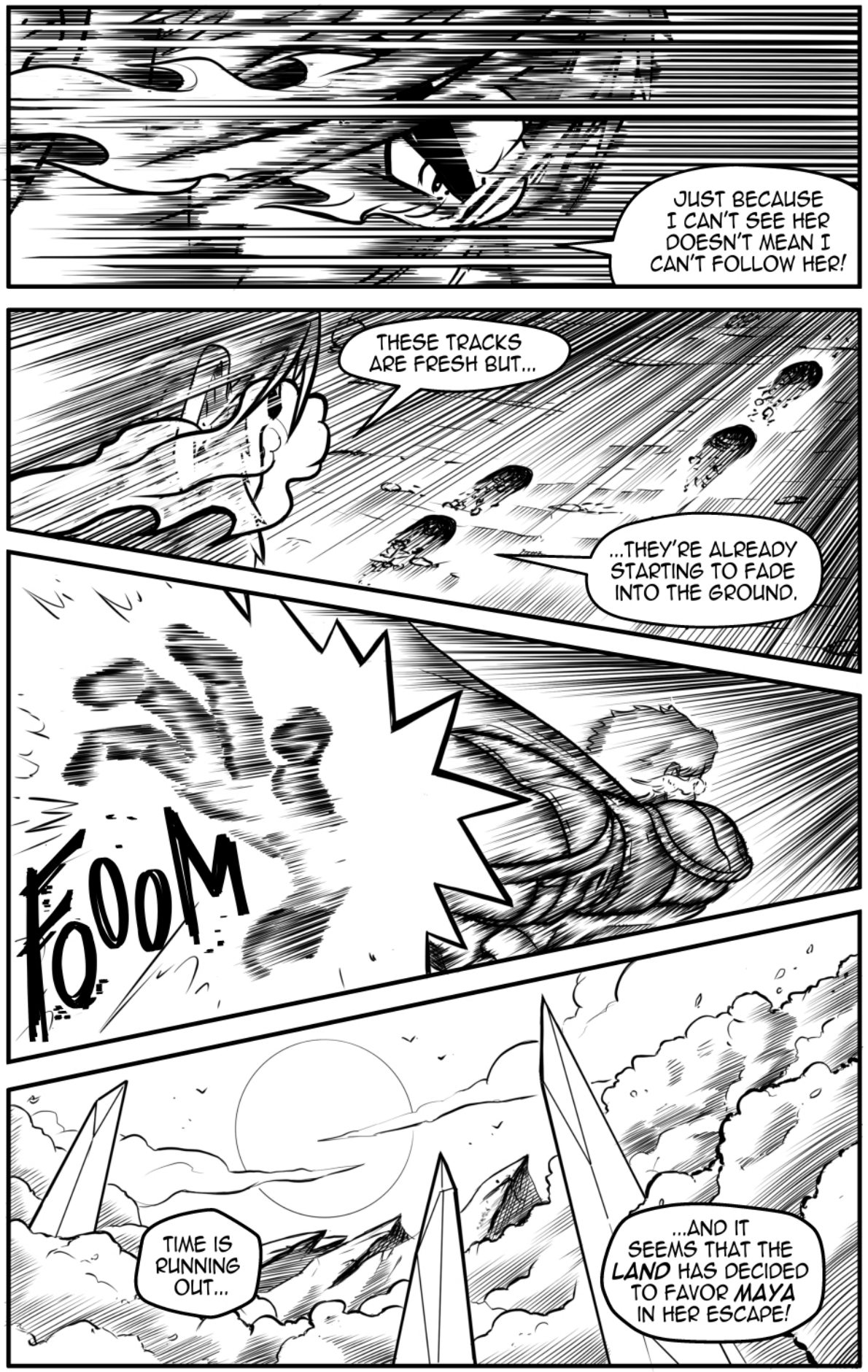

LET HIM GO. IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD STOP HIM.
AND BESIDES...
...THE CAPTAIN SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASK HIS OWN WIFE WHY SHE WOULD DO SUCH A TERRIBLE THING.
TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK
FWOOOOSH!!!
TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK
THAT HAS TO BE KENTON!
HE'S THE ONLY ONE OF THE SCOUT ELITES WHO LIKES TO LET YOU KNOW...
TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK TAK-A-DAK

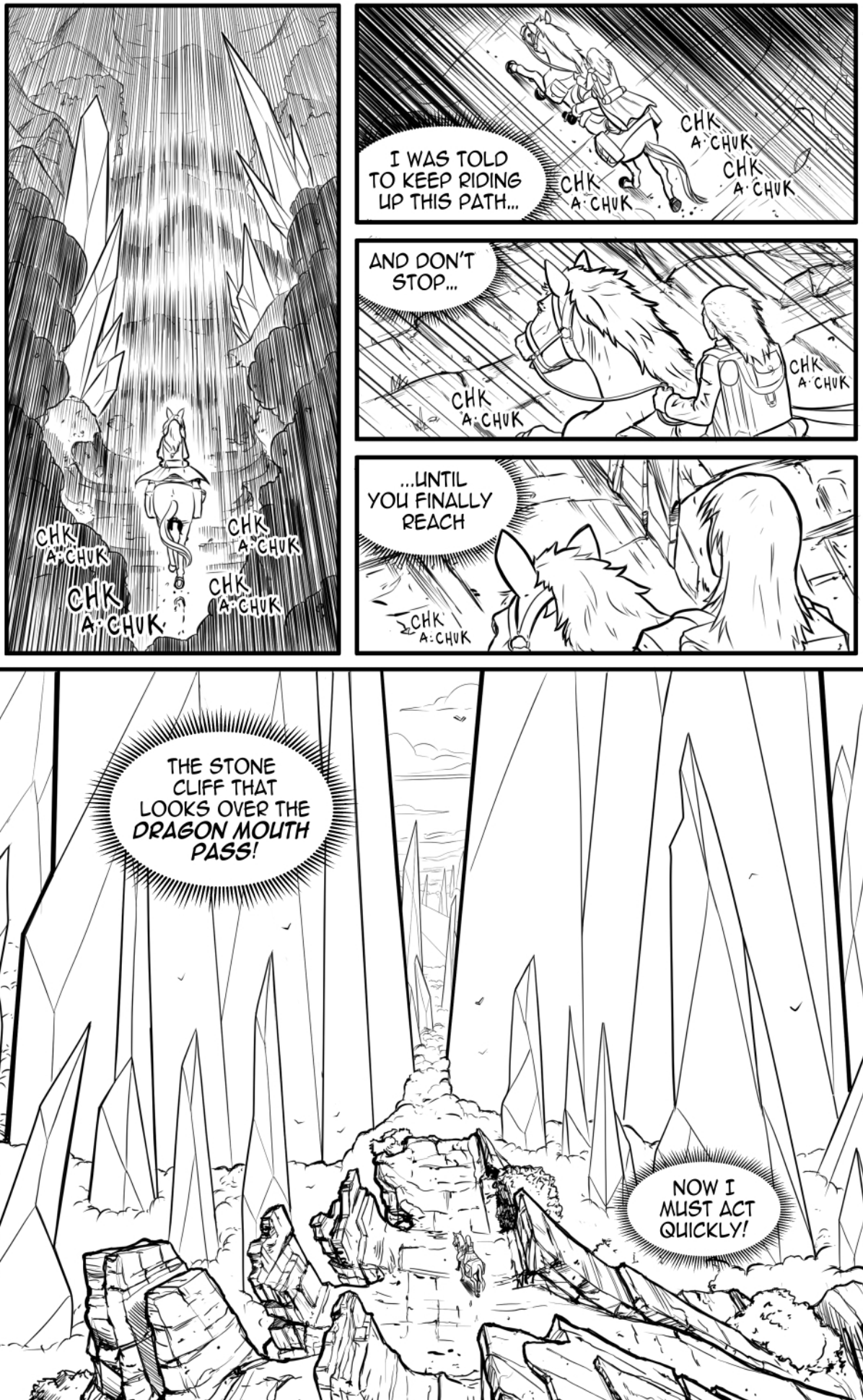

...THAT YOU ARE BEING HUNTED.
TAK A-DAK
TAK A-DAK
TAK A-DAK
TAK A-DAK
I JUST HAVE TO...
...KEEP GOING FORWARD!
AND HOPE THAT I LOSE HIM IN THE FOREST SOMEWHERE!
DAMMIT MAYA!!

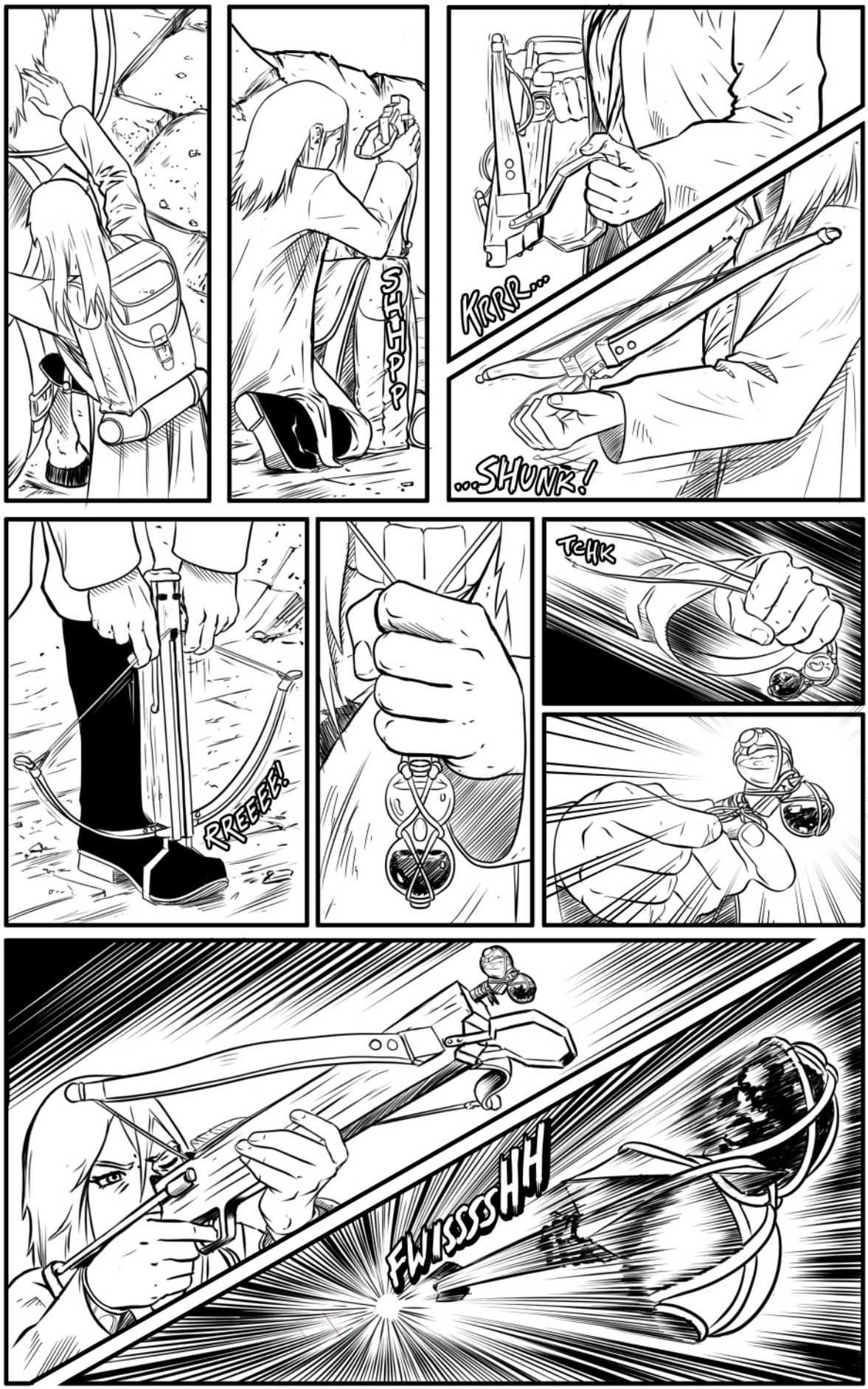

WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU THINKING?!
FWOOOSH!
CHAK & TAK
CHAK & TAK
THERE IT IS! JUST LIKE I WAS TOLD.
A TUNNEL CUT THROUGH ONE OF THE CRYSTALS!
SON OF A...
I'VE LOST SIGHT OF HER!


I WAS TOLD TO TAKE THE LEFT HAND PATH ONCE I WAS OUT OF THE TUNNEL...
TROKA-TUP
TROKA-TUP
...FOLLOW THE PATH...
TROKA-TUP
TROKA-TUP
...STAY TO THE LEFT AND KEEP GOING UPWARD!
C'MON!!
DON'T BURN OUT ON ME YET!
I NEED YOU TO HOLD ON FOR A LITTLE...
NEEIIEIIGGHH!!


SNAP!!
WHOA!!
NEEIEGGHHH!!
YOU SERVED ME WELL. REST ASSURED...
SKRUUNNCHH!!
KRK
KRK
THAK
KRK
KRK
KRK
FLOOSSH!
...THAT YOUR LIFE-FORCE WILL BE USED TO THE FULLEST!


JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE HER DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T FOLLOW HER!
THESE TRACKS ARE FRESH BUT...
...THEY'RE ALREADY STARTING TO FADE INTO THE GROUND.
FOOOM
TIME IS RUNNING OUT...
...AND IT SEEMS THAT THE LAND HAS DECIDED TO FAVOR MAYA IN HER ESCAPE!


I WAS TOLD TO KEEP RIDING UP THIS PATH...
CHK A·CHUK
CHK A·CHUK
CHK A·CHUK
AND DON'T STOP...
CHK A·CHUK
CHK A·CHUK
...UNTIL YOU FINALLY REACH
CHK A·CHUK
CHK A·CHUK
CHK A·CHUK
CHK A·CHUK
THE STONE CLIFF THAT LOOKS OVER THE DRAGON MOUTH PASS!
NOW I MUST ACT QUICKLY!


SLIPP
KRRR...
...SHUNK!
RREEE!
TCHK
FWISSSHH

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NOW LIVE!!
ONLY ON

INDIEGOGO

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