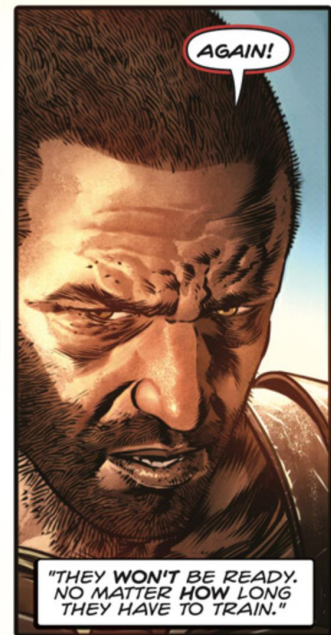
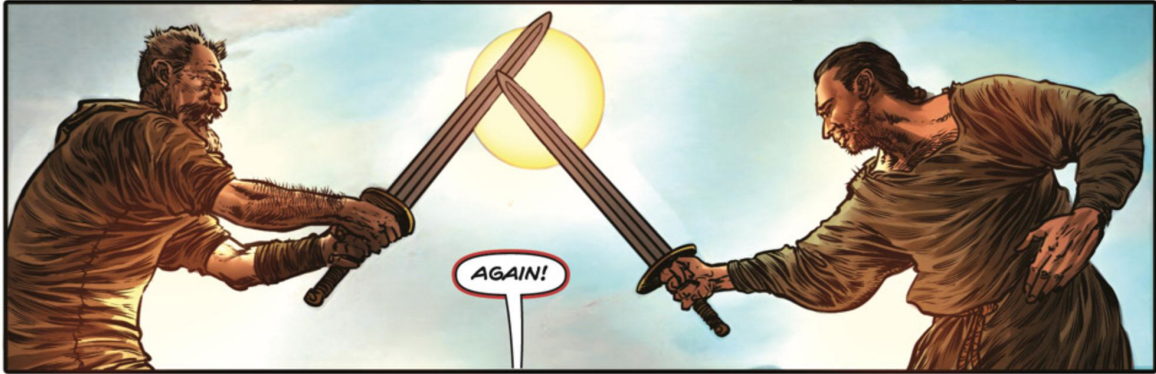


THINK I'M
STARTING TO
GET THE--





OUR PEOPLE BARELY SURVIVED WHEN WE HAD TRAINED SOLDIERS STANDING GUARD.
HOW ARE ELDERS AND CHILDREN WHO CAN BARELY LIFT A SWORD SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT AN ARMY?

MMM HMMM...



PANIC AND FEAR WILL DEFEAT THEM BEFORE OUR ENEMY EVEN RAISES THEIR WEAPONS.

UH HUH...



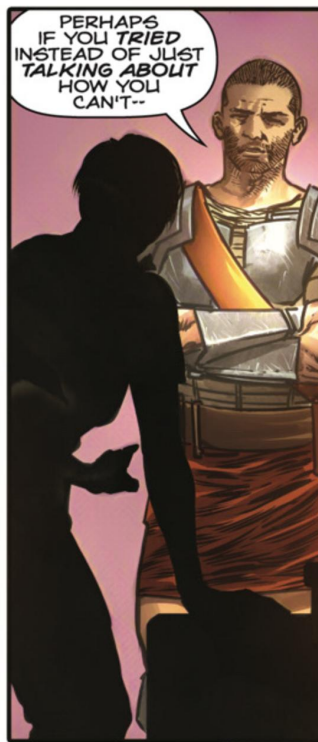
UNLESS... YOU BUILD US A WEAPON.



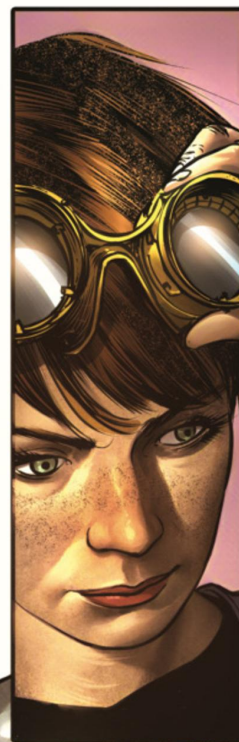
WHAT?

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE? NO ONE UNDERSTANDS THE ANCIENT'S TECH BETTER THAN YOU.
I'VE SEEN YOU RESTORE WHAT WAS THOUGHT BROKEN FOREVER.

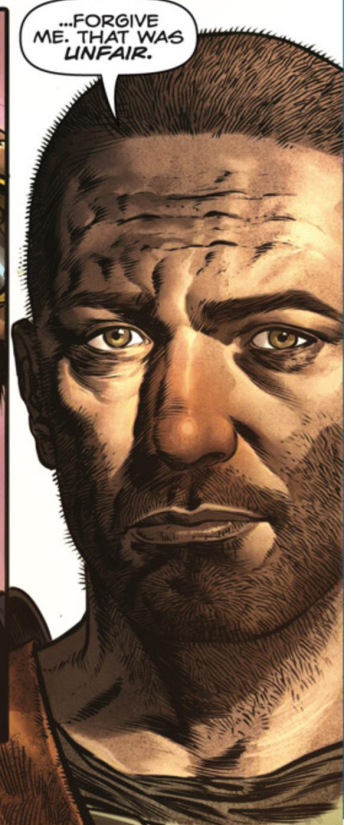
I DON'T BUILD THINGS, FARIS. I REPAIR WHAT OTHERS HAVE ALREADY MADE. IT'S... IT'S PUTTING A PUZZLE TOGETHER.
THAT COMES NATURALLY TO ME. BUT MAKING SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW? I DON'T THINK--

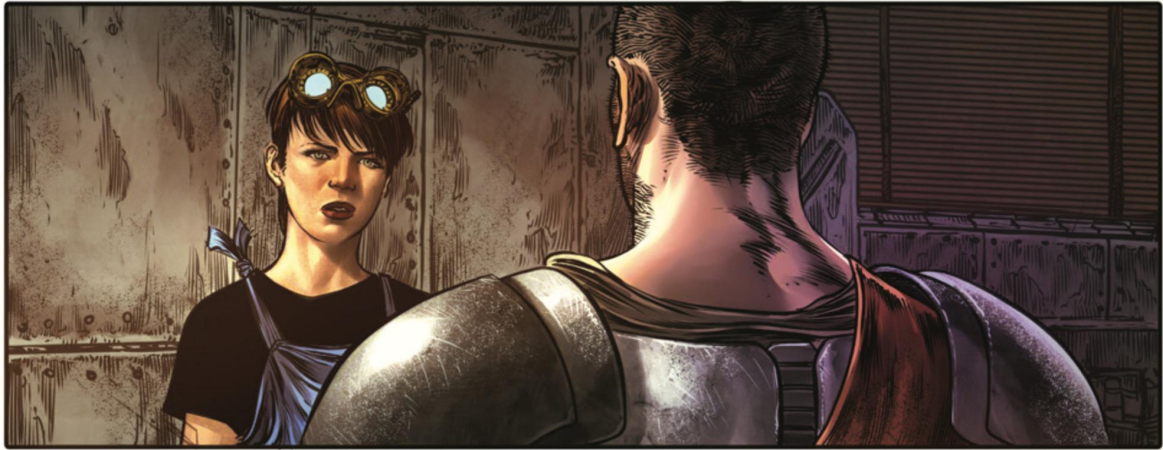


PERHAPS IF YOU TRIED INSTEAD OF JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU CAN'T--



...FORGIVE ME. THAT WAS UNFAIR.





OW!

THUMP



I KNOW YOU'RE FRUSTRATED, BUT COMPLAINING ABOUT WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE DOESN'T HELP ANYONE. WHY DON'T WE TAKE STOCK OF WHAT WE DO HAVE TO WORK WITH?

THE PROBLEM, DEAR SISTER, IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORK WITH.

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING! WHAT ABOUT THE CASTLE'S DEFENSES? WHAT WERE THEY?



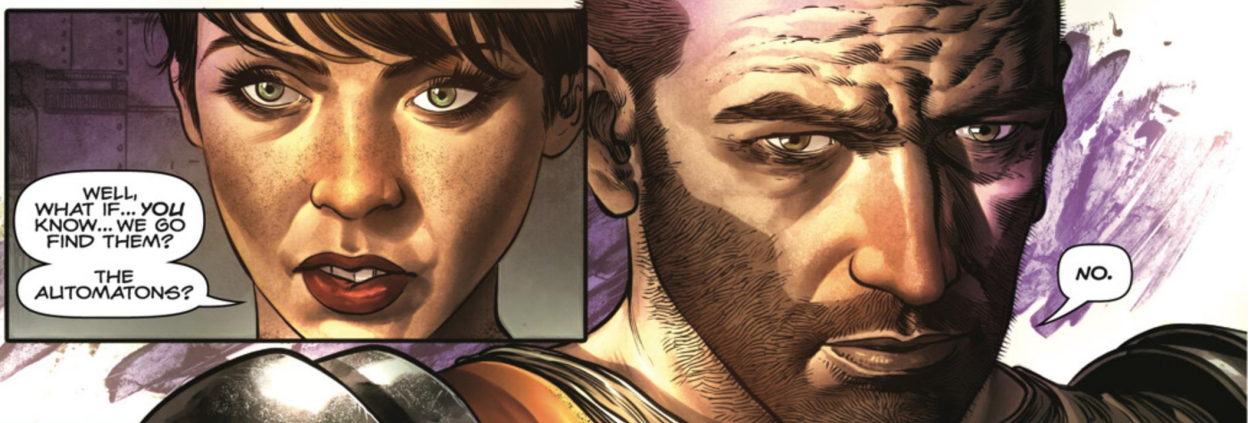
IF WE CAN FIND SOME OF THE COMPONENTS, *MAYBE* I COULD GET THEM WORKING AGAIN.

I DON'T REMEMBER. I WAS JUST A BOY, AND IT WAS CHAOS.



AND I WAS JUST A BABY! BUT I'M STILL DOING WHATEVER I CAN!

JASEY, THE ONLY THING I REALLY REMEMBER ARE THE AUTOMATONS THEMSELVES.



WELL, WHAT IF... YOU KNOW... WE GO FIND THEM?

THE AUTOMATONS?

NO.