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And so, the Empress of Ghosts, the Wraithbound Queen, trudged ever closer to the Stygian Citadel.

Here, in this Hell-Shadow, she would face the woman who murdered everyone Elsethriel ever loved.

Here, she would pay her sister back a thousandfold.

She was weary from her travels. Half-dead or more. But her rage...

...and the energy of the souls imprisoned within the Animis Blade...

...compelled her to keep standing, to keep moving forward.





Her hated enemy...her own sister...had gathered daemons to her banners.

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE VENTURED TO THIS PLACE!

IT IS FORBIDDEN!

AND YOUR LIFE WILL FUEL THE DEATH FURNACES!

YOUR FLESH WILL FEED THE REVENANT FIELDS!

SIRP-SIRP-SIRP-SIRP-SIRP

While Elsethriel was alone...

HAHAHAHA!

...save for the dead.









WELL...IT'S DARK.



AND...I MEAN... A LOT DARKER THAN THE LAST BOOK.



I DUNNO, SOMMER.

I FEEL LIKE **EVERY** BOOK IN THE SERIES HAS BEEN **PRETTY BLEAK.**

RIGHT?



YOU'RE **KIDDING**, RIGHT? DAD.

SHE SACRIFICES **BABIES** IN ORDER TO SCRY THE LOCATION OF HER SISTER'S CASTLE.



SHE SHOULDN'T BE READING THIS ONE.

SHE'S **FINE.**

SHE'S READ **ALL** THE OTHERS.

I CAN'T DO WITHOUT **FEEDBACK** FROM MY **FIRST** READER.





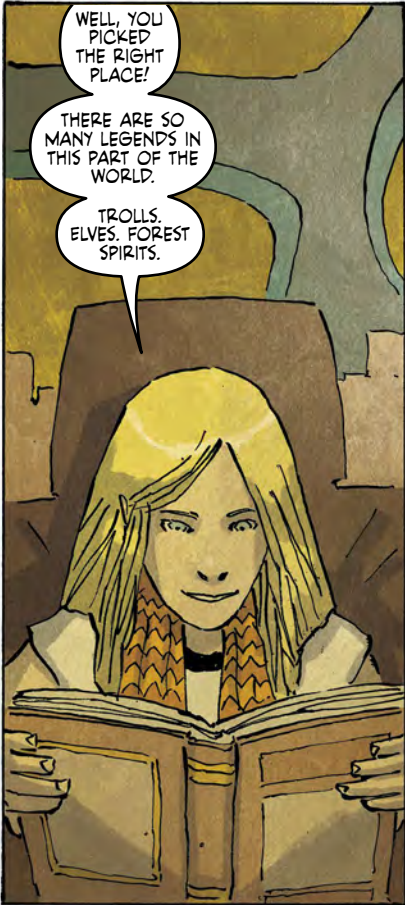
SO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

THERE'S ANOTHER CHAPTER OR TWO YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YET.

AFTER THAT, I'M NOT SURE YET.

I'M FEELING A LITTLE... STUCK.

I'M HOPING THIS WORKING VACATION GETS THE OLD CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING.



WELL, YOU PICKED THE RIGHT PLACE!

THERE ARE SO MANY LEGENDS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

TROLLS. ELVES. FOREST SPIRITS.



GRRREEEAT.

WE COULD HAVE GONE TO A RESORT.

SOMEPLACE WITH A POOL OR A SPA.

INSTEAD, I GET TROLLS AND ELVES.

THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR MARRYING A WRITER.



THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR MARRYING A BESTSELLING WRITER!

MY FANS DEMAND THAT I CONTINUE THE SERIES!

TO DO THAT, I NEED INSPIRATION!



OH WOW.

IS THIS THE PLACE?

IT'S SO COOL!





HERE WE ARE-- OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!



PRETTY GREAT, RIGHT?

I HAVE TO ADMIT, HONEY...

NOT BAD.

NOT BAD AT ALL.



I LOVE IT!

CAN WE JUST LIVE HERE?

LIKE... FOREVER?



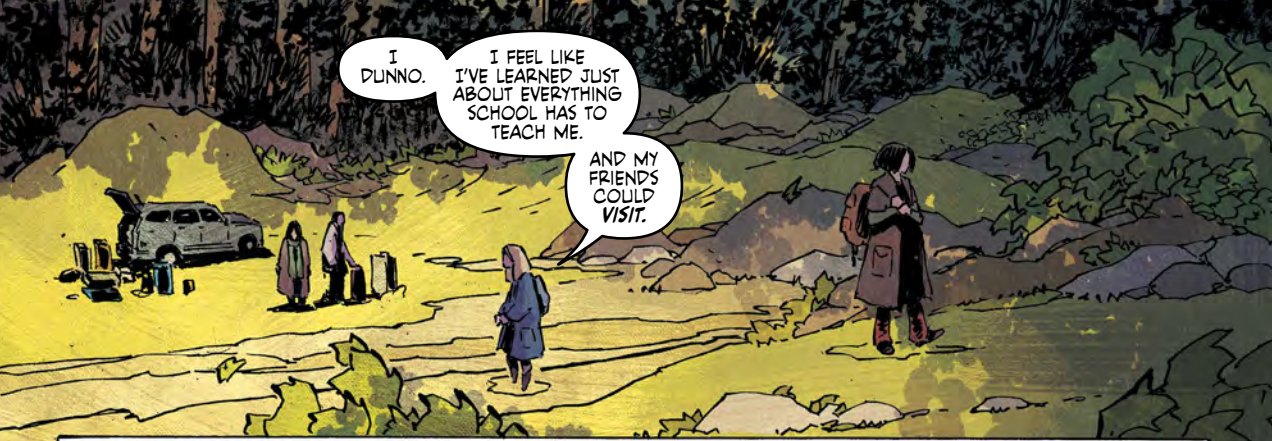
JUST THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS.

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE HERE FOREVER.

WOULDN'T YOU MISS YOUR SCHOOL?

YOUR FRIENDS?





I DUNNO.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE LEARNED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING SCHOOL HAS TO TEACH ME.

AND MY FRIENDS COULD VISIT.



THERE'S A PATH OVER HERE!

A TRAIL THROUGH THE FOREST!

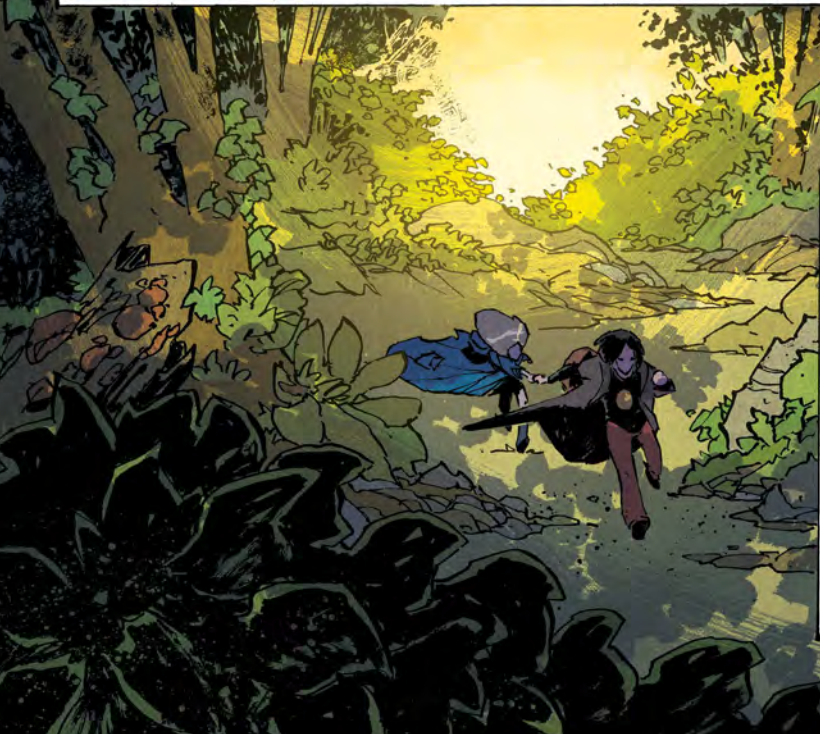
CAN WE CHECK IT OUT?



THAT'S FINE.

BUT DON'T STRAY FROM THE PATH.

AND DON'T GO TOO--



--FAR.

GOOD TALK.