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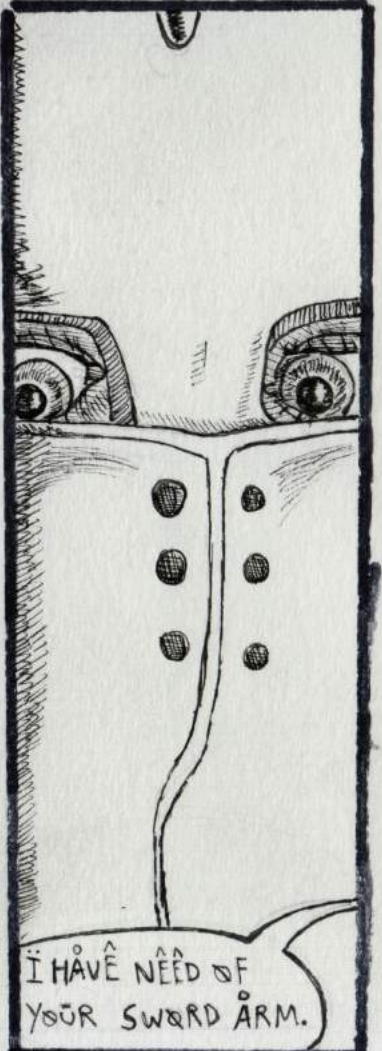
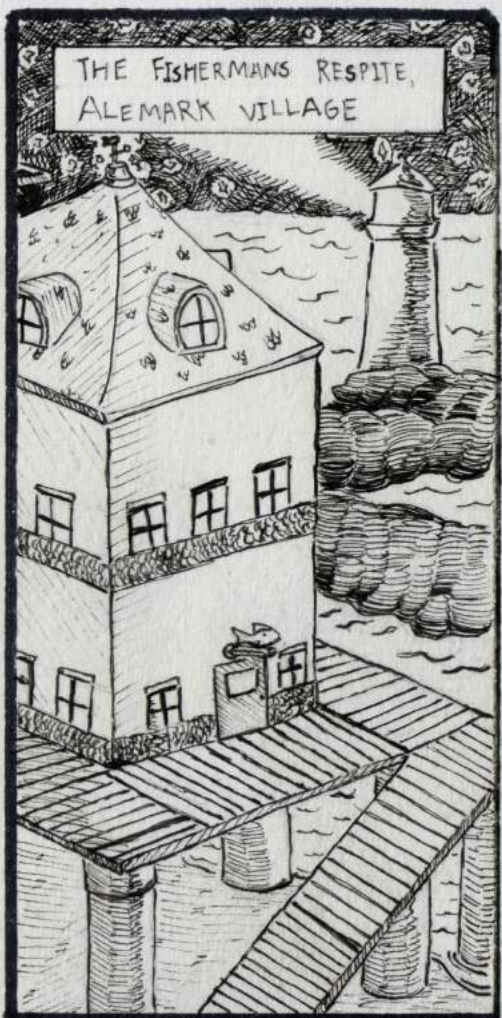
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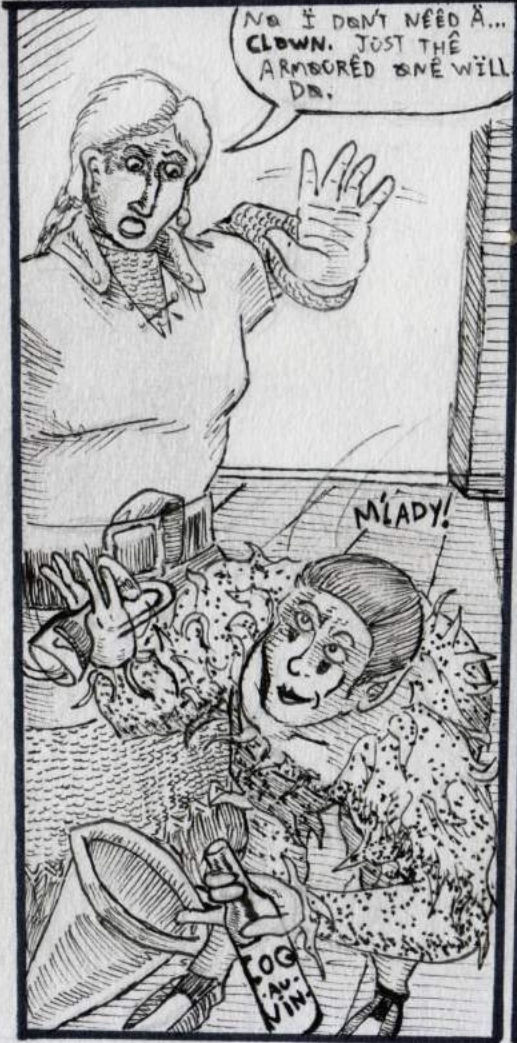
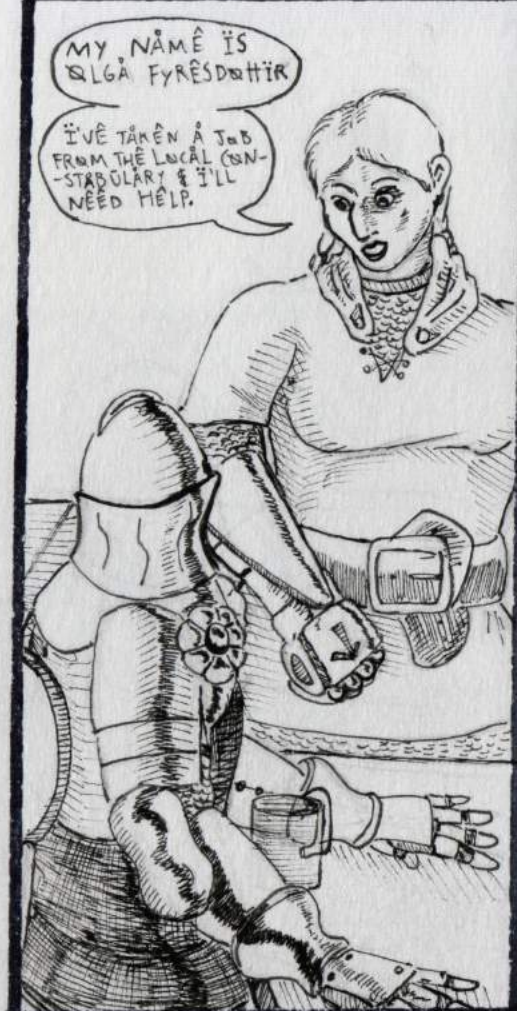
A BOAT"



THE FISHERMANS RESPITE,  
ALEMARK VILLAGE











I'M MASTER MAGICIAN ARRANEUS DIT! AND MY COMPANION HERE IS THE GOOD KNIGHT FEBRUARY!



WELL A MAGIC-USER MIGHT BE USEFUL. I HAD PLANNED ON HIRING A THIRD ANYWAY...



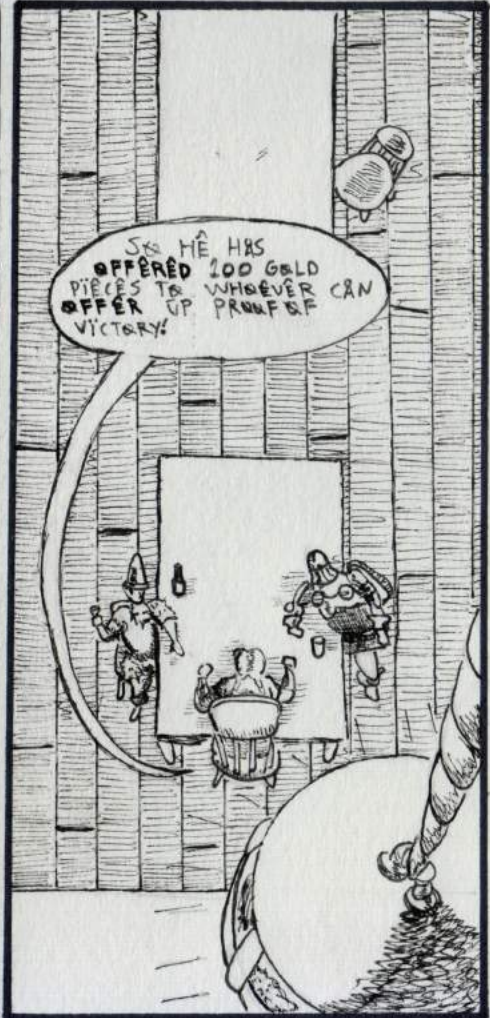
NOW TELL MORE ABOUT THIS JOB AND WHAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED



SOME LOCAL FARMERS HAVE GONE MISSING, THEIR FARMS RABDOED. ONE SURVIVOR HAS TOLD TALE OF A CORPOLENT, MONSTROUS, MAN-LIKE-BEAST

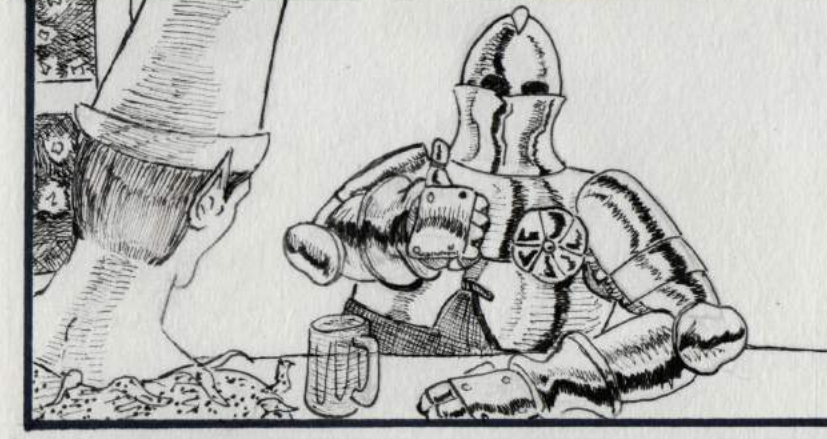


THE CONSTABLE DECIDED IT SOUNDED LIKE MONSTERS! INSTEAD OF GETTING A MILITIA KILLED HE PETITIONED KING'S CITY FOR HELP... BUT THERE'S STILL NO WORD OF RELIEF!

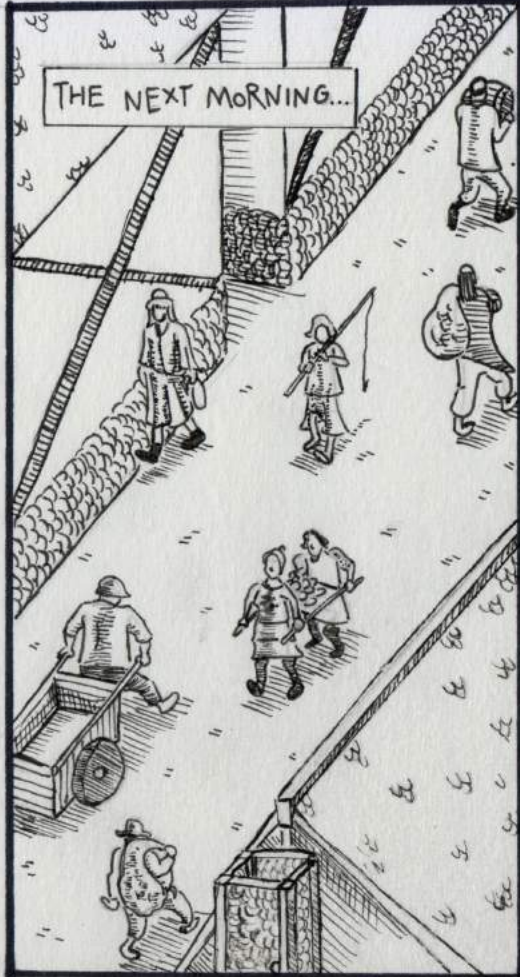


SO HE HAS OFFERED 200 GOLD PIECES TO WHOEVER CAN OFFER UP PROOF OF VICTORY!









THE NEXT MORNING...



IT'S A THREE HOUR MARCH TO THE LAST VICTIMS. WE'LL BE THERE BY MIDDAY.



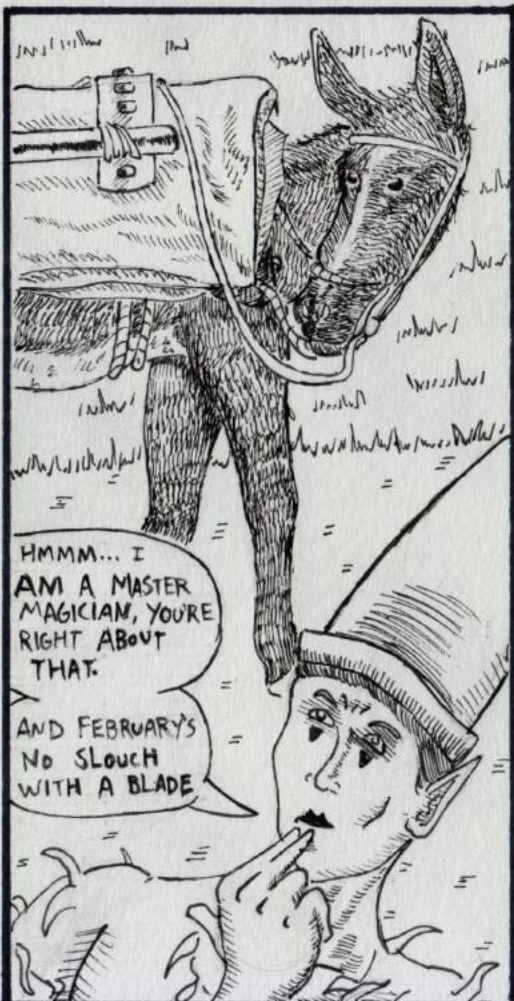
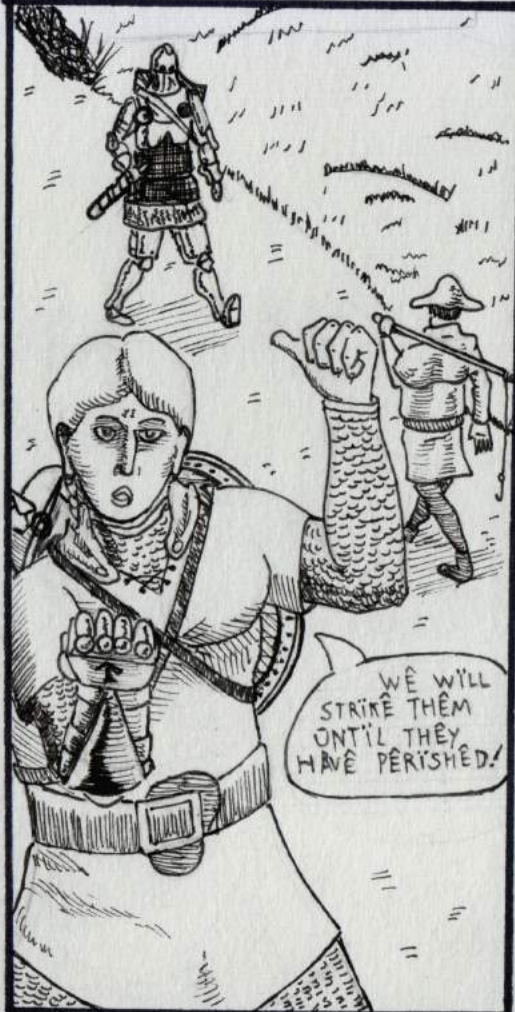
I MUST SAY EVERYONES QUITE BLASÉ WITH A MYSTERY BEASTIE ABOUT!



MY GUESS IS A MATED PAIR OF OGRES, READYING FOR A BABY MAYHAPSP

OGRES?!







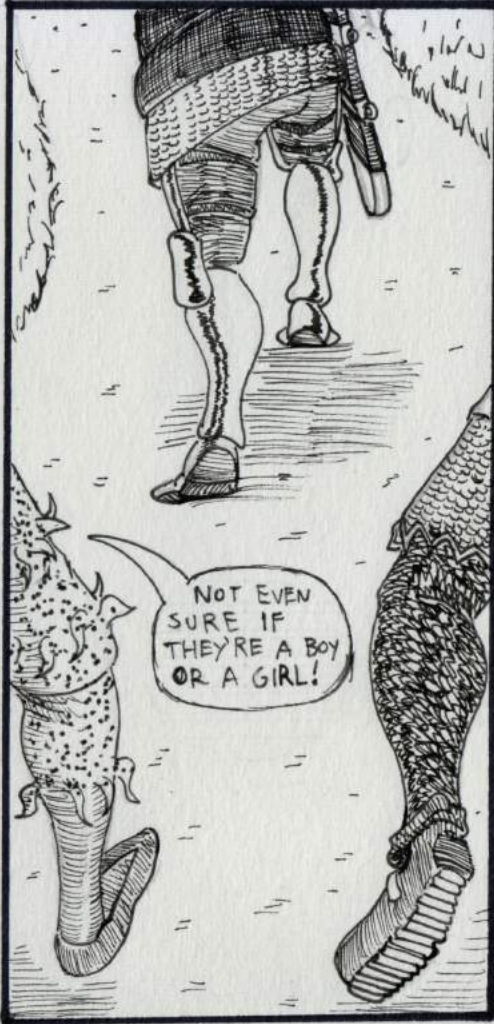






WE'VE ONLY BEEN TRAVELING TOGETHER A WEEK OR SO.

THEY NEVER SAY A WORD, NEVER TAKE OFF THEIR ARMOUR (THAT I'VE SEEN!)

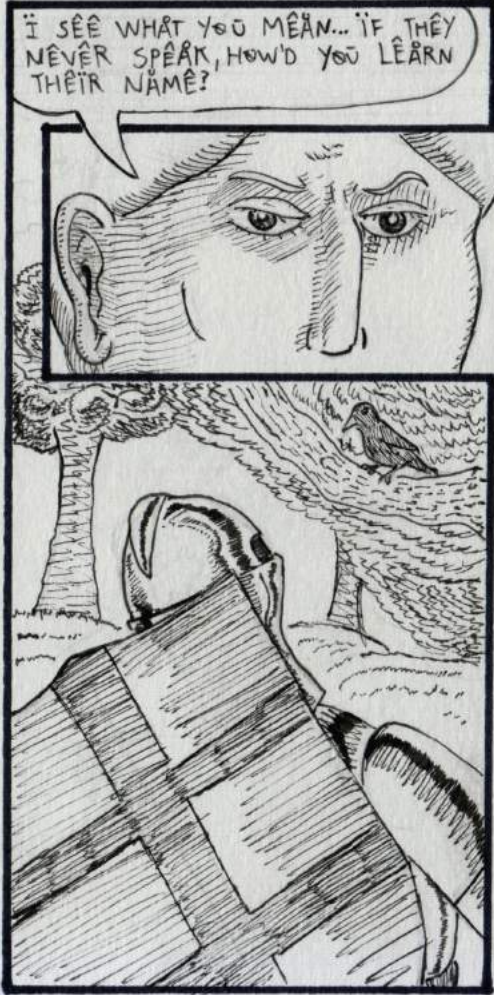


NOT EVEN SURE IF THEY'RE A BOY OR A GIRL!



I ASSUMED A MAN BECAUSE OF THEIR FRAME, BUT THERES A VERY FEMINE ENERGY THERE!

AND I CANT EVEN BEGIN TO GUESS AT THEIR SPECIES



I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN... IF THEY NEVER SPEAK, HOW'D YOU LEARN THEIR NAME?



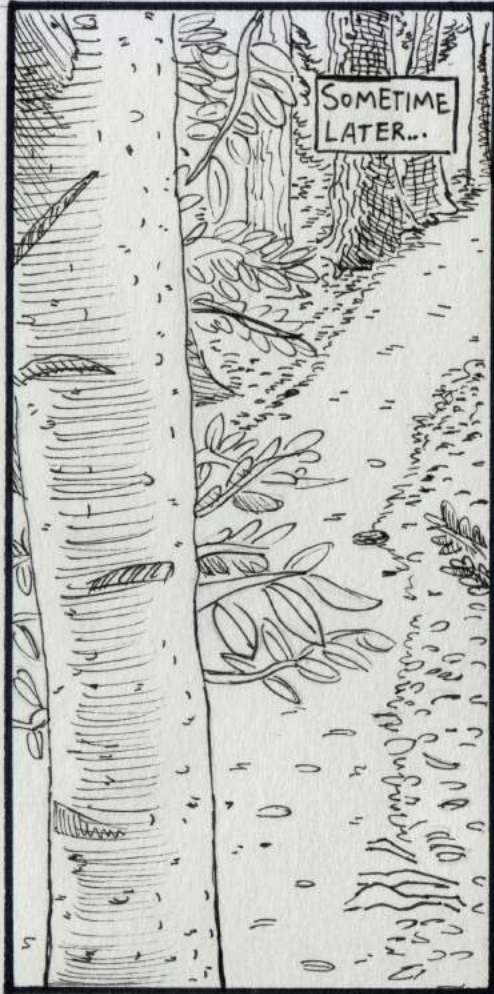
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I DIDN'T! BUT IT WAS FEBRUARY LAST MONTH WHEN WE MET...



AND THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND!





SOMETIME LATER..



SHOULD BE CLOSE.



WHAT KIND OF FARM IS ALL THE WAY PAST THE FARMLANDS & SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FALLEND WOODS?



APPARENTLY A PIG FARM. SPENT HALF THEIR TIME MUSHROOM HUNTING!



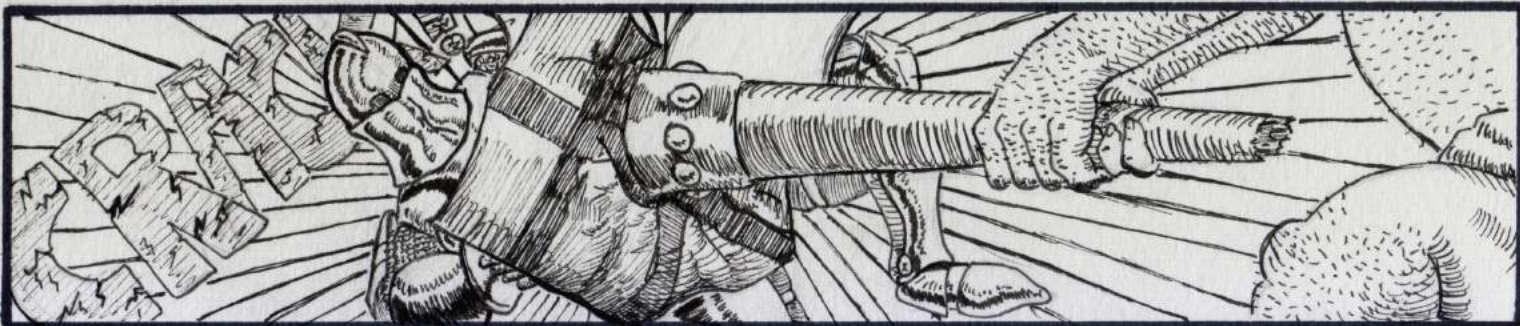
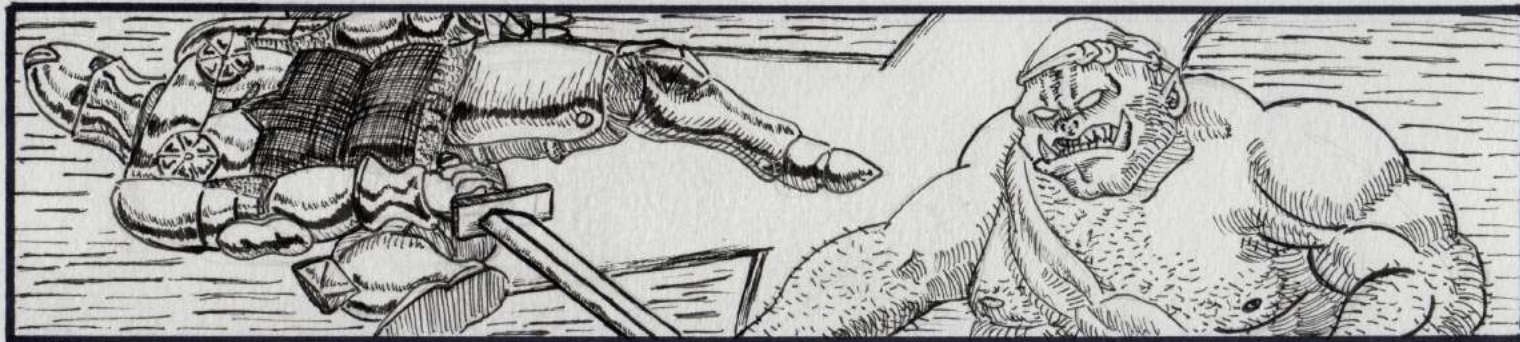
BELCH!

GET DOWN!

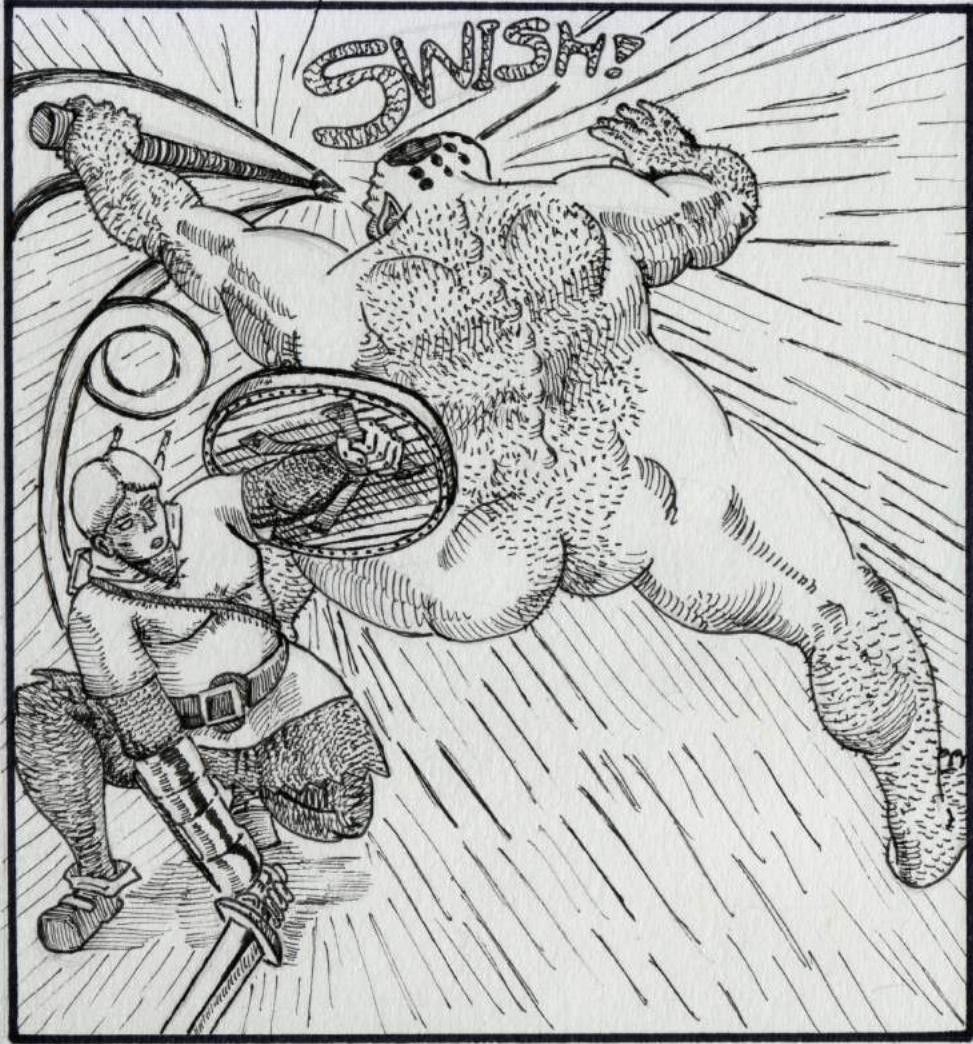








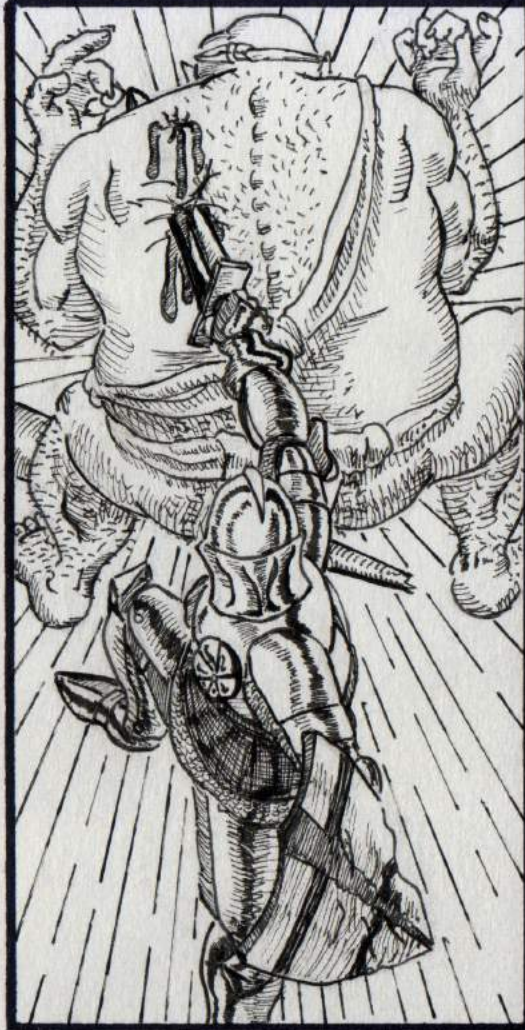












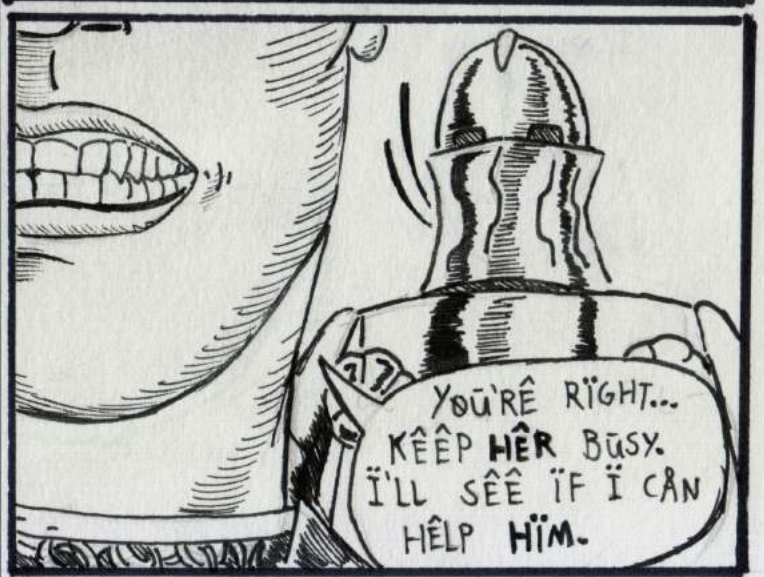
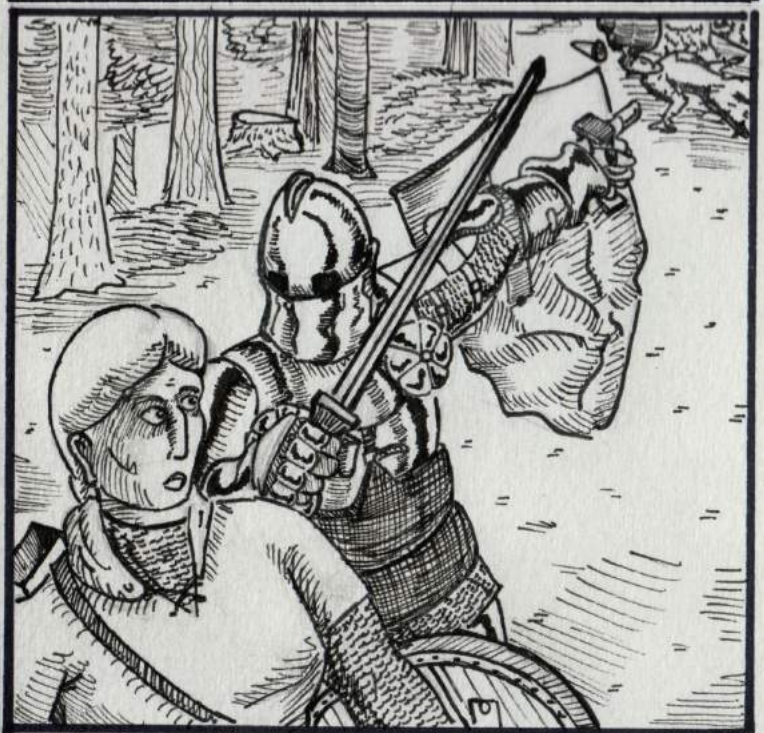




ARRRNEUS  
GASP!  
A GIANT!

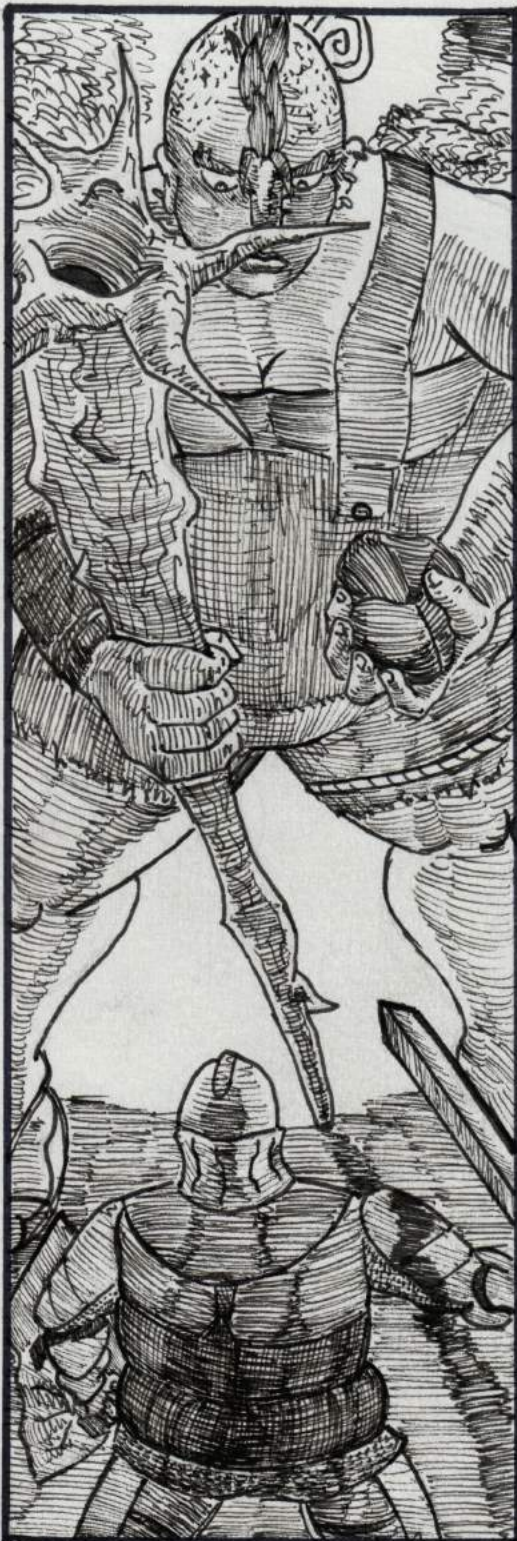


I'LL HËW  
YOU IN  
HÄLF, YÄU  
HILL  
HÄRRIDÄN!



YOU'RE RIGTH...  
KËEP HËR BUSY.  
I'LL SËE IF I CAN  
HËLP HIM.





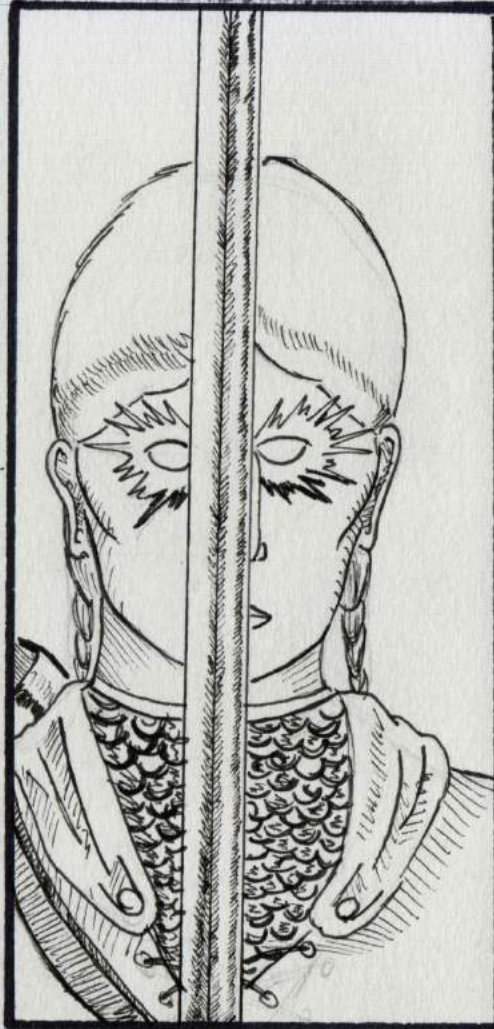
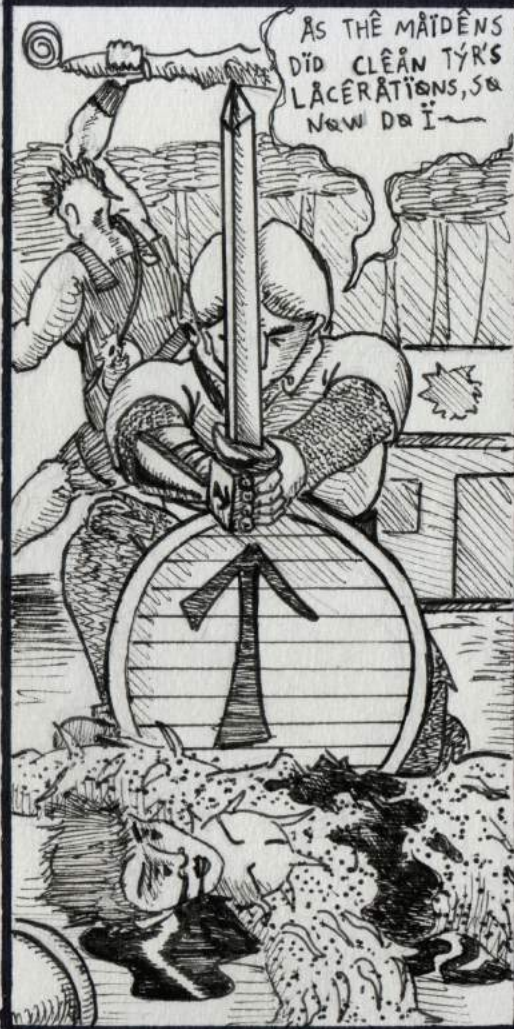
MIG BEG!  
MIG BEG! YORN  
MOR YIC GOLUCK  
DAN!

INGIANT: MY BOYS!  
MY BOYS! I'LL  
GRIND YOUR  
BONES FOR  
THEM!



CRASH!  
SKRICK!!!

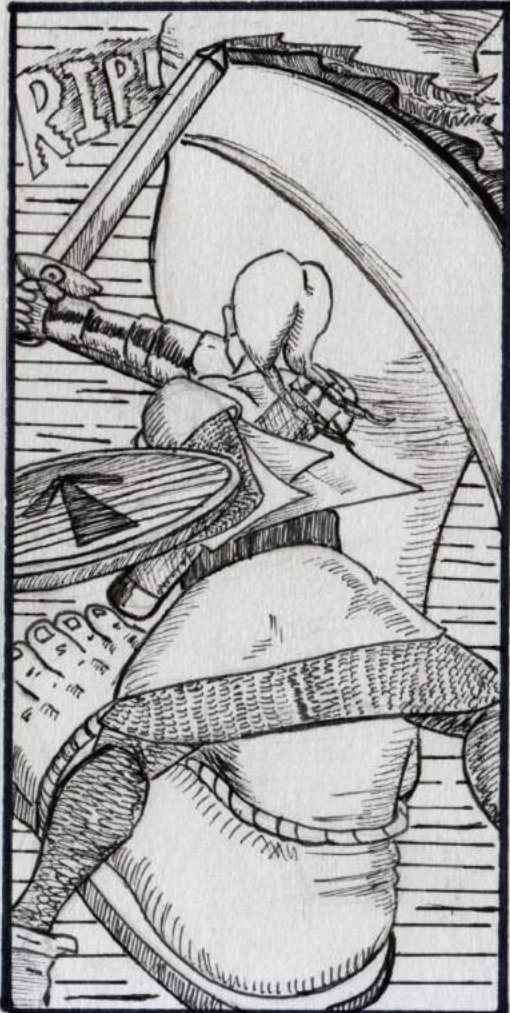








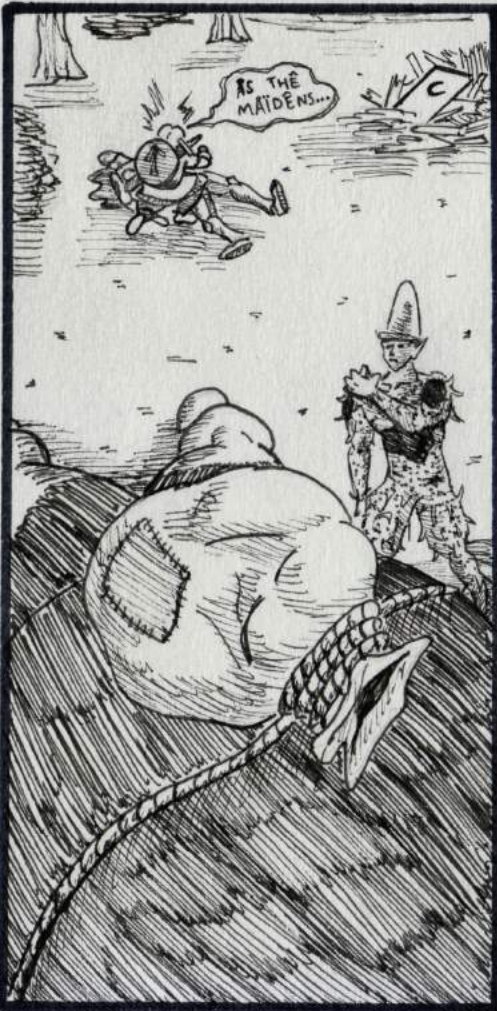
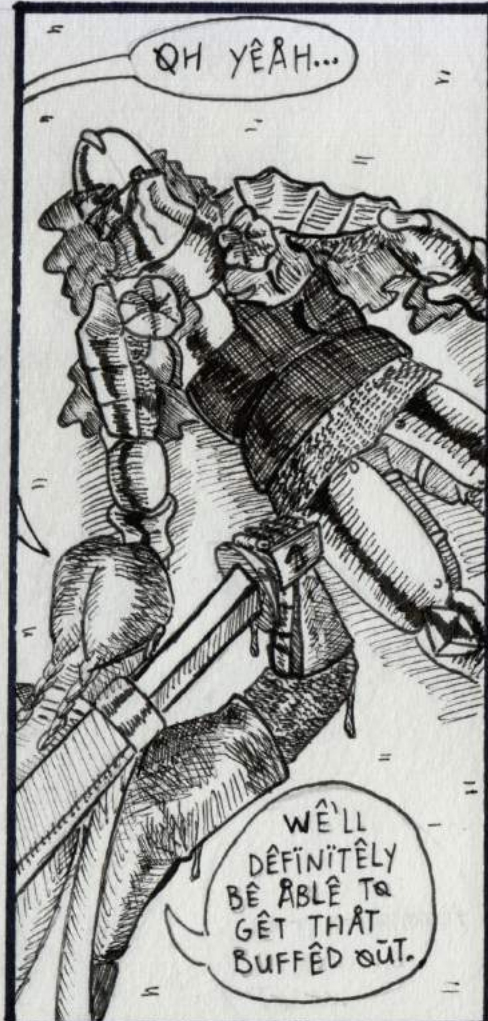














THAT EVENING...

I WONDER WHY  
A HILL GIANT WOULD COME  
DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS  
AND ADOPT A PAIR OF  
OGRES?



OH WELL~  
EASIEST 30  
GOLD PIECES I  
EVER MADE!



HA HA  
HA HA HA  
HA

WE EARNED  
OUR PAY  
TODAY!



A FINER BLADE HAND  
I'VE NEVER BEEN  
ACCOMPLICE TO!



SAY, I NEEDED THAT  
REWARD MONEY FOR  
SHIP-FARE BACK IN ALÉPORT...



I HAVE A  
GREAT QUEST  
ASSIGNED ME  
OF TYR.



I COULD  
CERTAINLY USE  
A COUPLE DOUGHY  
COHORTS!



