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The Kingdom of Beldora.

The reign of King
Tomás the True.

TOO-TWEE!

TOO-TWEE!

TOO-TWEE!

TOO-TWEE!

OH, A
HEART FINCH,
PRINCESS
MISTY!

A
WONDERFUL
OMEN!

MAYBE
HE WILL
PROPOSE AT
THE DANCE?

THAT'S
NOT...

HE'LL
MAKE SUCH A
HANDSOME
KING. YOU'RE
SO VERY—

VERA, THAT'S
NOT THE SONG
OF THE HEART
FINCH.

I SAW IT!
IT HAS THE HEART
MARK! SO
ROMANTIC.

DO YOU
THINK HE'LL
ASK UNDER THE
BLOSSOMS?

SOMETHING'S
WRONG.

CALL FOR
THE GUARD,
VERA. TELL
THEM—





...MARRIAGE
MUST GO AHEAD.
OUR FUTURE IS
PRECARIOUS,
AND THE YOUNG
PRINCE—

OH!

ARTEMISIA!
WHAT IN THE
WORLD—?



SHADELINGS,
DAD. BADLUG
IS UP TO
SOMETHING.

GENERAL
ELIAS, LEND
ME YOUR
SWORD.

SHADELINGS!

AH, I'M
NOT ACTUALLY
CARRYING
A—

MISTY,
IF THERE ARE
SHADELINGS, OUR
GUARDS WILL
DEAL WITH
THEM.



HE'S
PLANNING
SOMETHING, DAD.
IT'S BEEN TEN
YEARS. MAYBE
HE'S FINALLY—

LORD
BADLUG IS NOT
YOUR CONCERN,
DARLING. THE
DANCE SHOULD
BE THE ONLY
THING ON YOUR
MIND.

GO BACK
INSIDE. YOUR
FRIENDS WILL
BE WORRIED.



THEY'RE
NOT MY
FRIENDS. I
DON'T HAVE
FRIENDS.

I HAVE
HAIR AND
MAKE-UP.

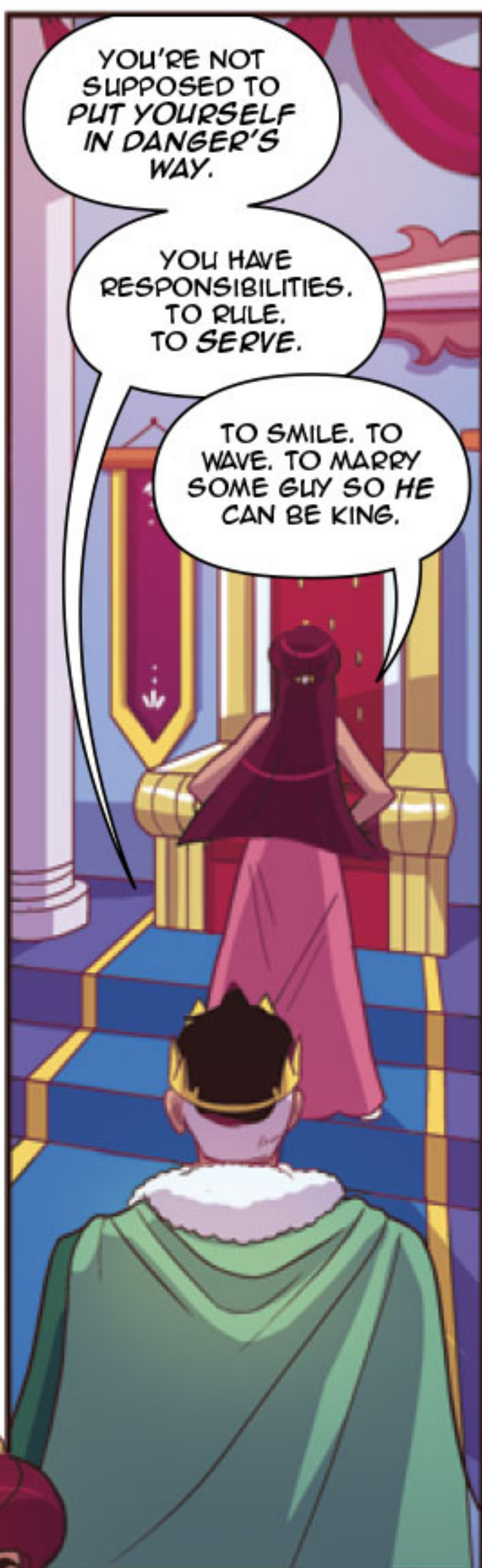


ARTEMISIA!
MISTY! YOU ARE
THE *PRINCESS*
OF BELDORA! THIS
IS *NOT* PROPER
BEHAVIOR.

YOU
WERE THE ONE
WHO MADE SURE
I LEARNED TO
FIGHT.

FOR
SELF-DEFENSE!

I SHOULDN'T
NEED TO REMIND
YOU OF THE HIGH
RATES OF *PRINCESS*
ABDUCTIONS—



YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO
PUT YOURSELF
IN DANGER'S
WAY.

YOU HAVE
RESPONSIBILITIES.
TO RULE.
TO *SERVE*.

TO SMILE. TO
WAVE. TO MARRY
SOME GUY SO HE
CAN BE KING.



BUT I'M
NOT A QUEEN YET.
I'M NO-ONE'S
WIFE TODAY.

THERE'S
PLENTY OF TIME
FOR RIBBON
CUTTINGS AND
DUMB PARADES.

MISTY,
GET DOWN!
THAT IS A *MAGIC*
SWORD! NOT A
TOY!



I KNOW
ALL ABOUT
LEVELER,
DAD.

THE *ONLY*
SWORD THAT
CAN KILL LORD
BADLUG.

SO WHAT,
YOU'RE GOING
TO MARCH INTO
GRIMOIRE AND
BEHEAD HIM
YOURSELF?

SOMEONE
SHOULD.



WHERE IS IT
WRITTEN THAT A
PRINCESS CAN'T
FIGHT FOR HER
KINGDOM?

IN DON
DIEGO'S BOOK
OF CONDUCT.

THE BOOK
YOU USE TO
PROP OPEN YOUR
WINDOW.

The forests of Beldora.

STUPID RULES.
STUPID KINGDOM.
WHY CAN'T I HUNT
SHADELINGS? MY
WHOLE LIFE IS
DRESSES AND DANCES
AND CARRIAGE
RIDES.

AND I
LIKE DRESSES
AND DANCES AND
CARRIAGE RIDES.
BUT IS THAT ALL I
GET?

PRINCES
GET ARMIES,
AND BATTLES WITH
MONSTERS. PRINCES
GET TO DO WHATEVER
THEY WANT.



YOU ARE
MESSING WITH
THE WRONG
PRINCESS,
PAL!





GRIMOIRE.

THAT'S
WHERE BADLUG
TOOK MY
MOM.

THAT'S
WHERE SHE
DIED.



MY DAD
SAYS WE CAN
BRING BADLUG TO
HIS KNEES WHEN
OUR KINGDOMS
UNITE.

SURE.
TWO KINGDOMS
AND ONE MAGIC
SWORD. SUPER
EASY.



MY
HANDMAIDS
THINK YOU'RE
GOING TO
PROPOSE
TONIGHT.

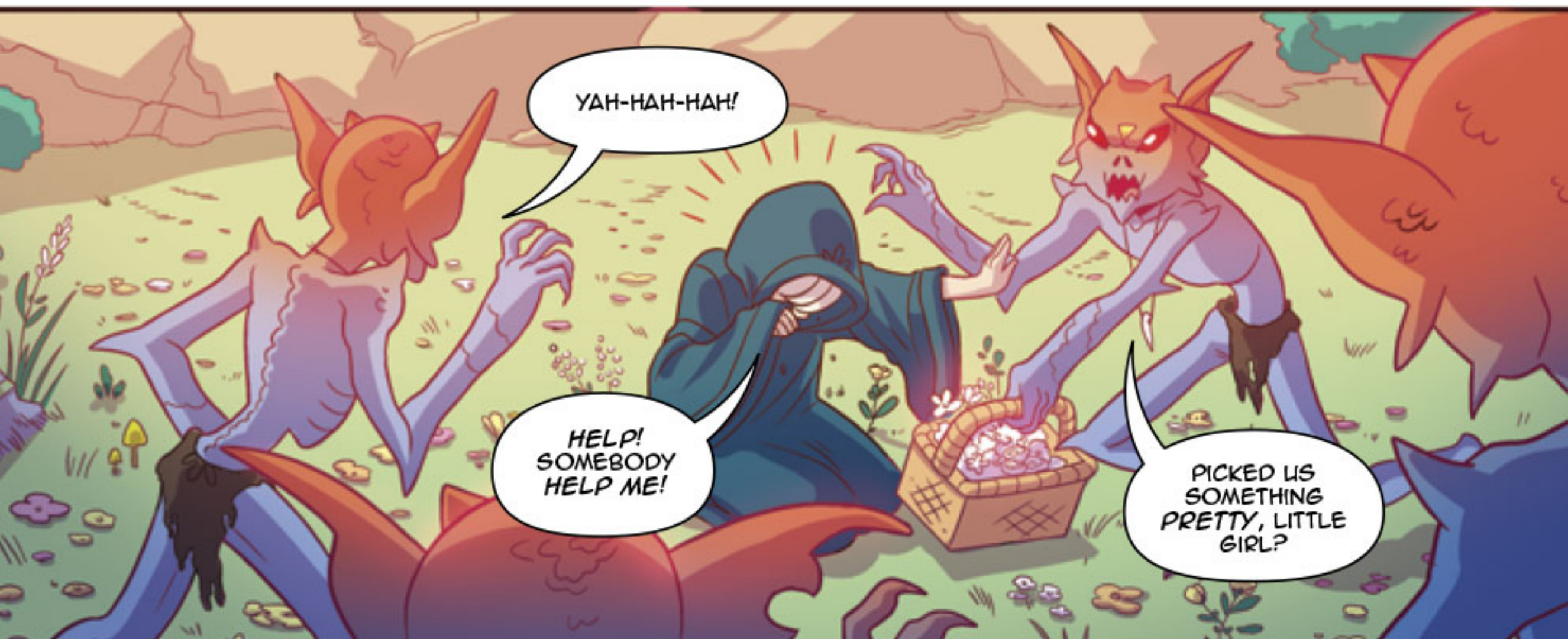
I CAN,
IF YOU
LIKE.

IF OUR
DADS HAVE
SIGNED THE
TREATY.



PETE,
DO YOU
ACTUALLY
WANT—

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!



YAH-HAH-HAH!

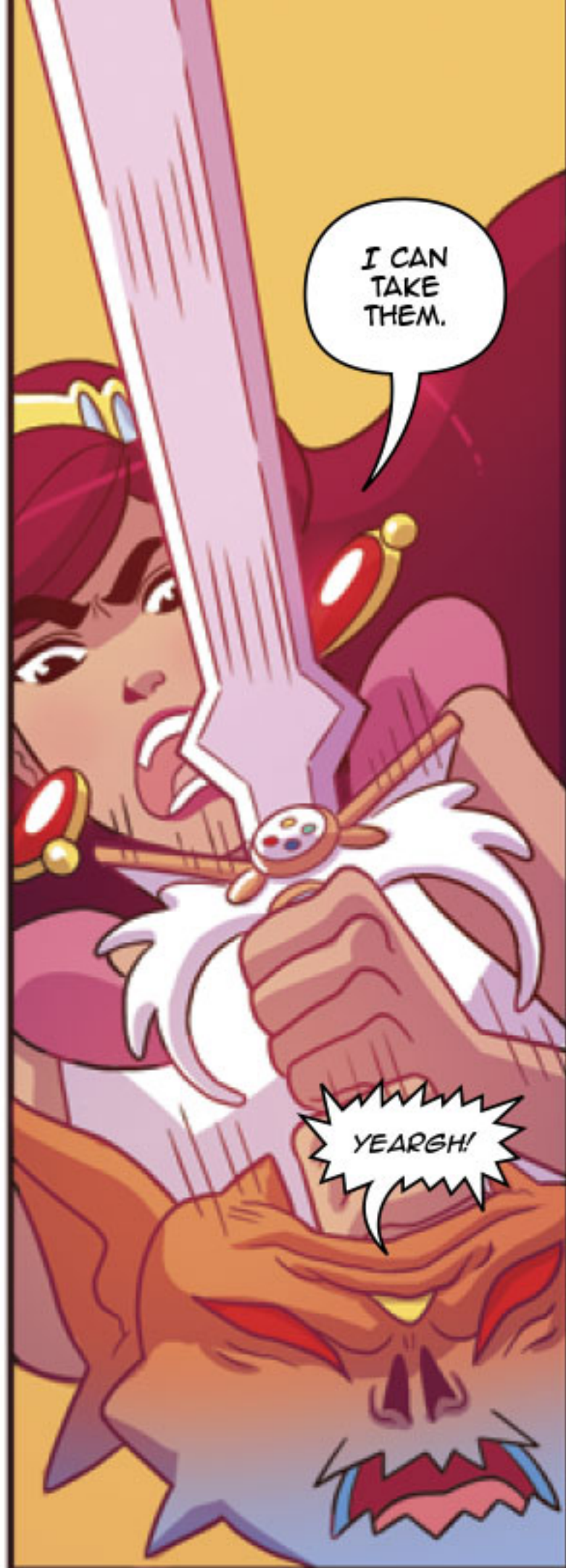
HELP!
SOMEBODY
HELP ME!

PICKED US
SOMETHING
PRETTY, LITTLE
GIRL?



DON'T WORRY! I CAN TAKE THEM!

GO GET HELP, PETE.



I CAN TAKE THEM.

YEARCH!



THEY'RE ONLY GOBLINS.

WURBLE!



I GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH TO 'EM.

A-BOO-HOO. A-BOO-HOO HOO.

HEY? LITTLE GIRL? YOU'RE SAFE NOW. WE'LL TAKE YOU HOME.



HOME, DEARIE?

YOU'LL NEVER SEE HOME AGAIN.

AAAAH!



GRRROOOOAAARRR!

COME
HERE, BRUTUS!
THERE'S A
GOOD BOY!

CONGRATS,
GIRLIE. YOU'RE
COMING TO
GRIMOIRE TO BE
LORD BADLUG'S
BRIDE!

NEVER!