

The dragon rises!



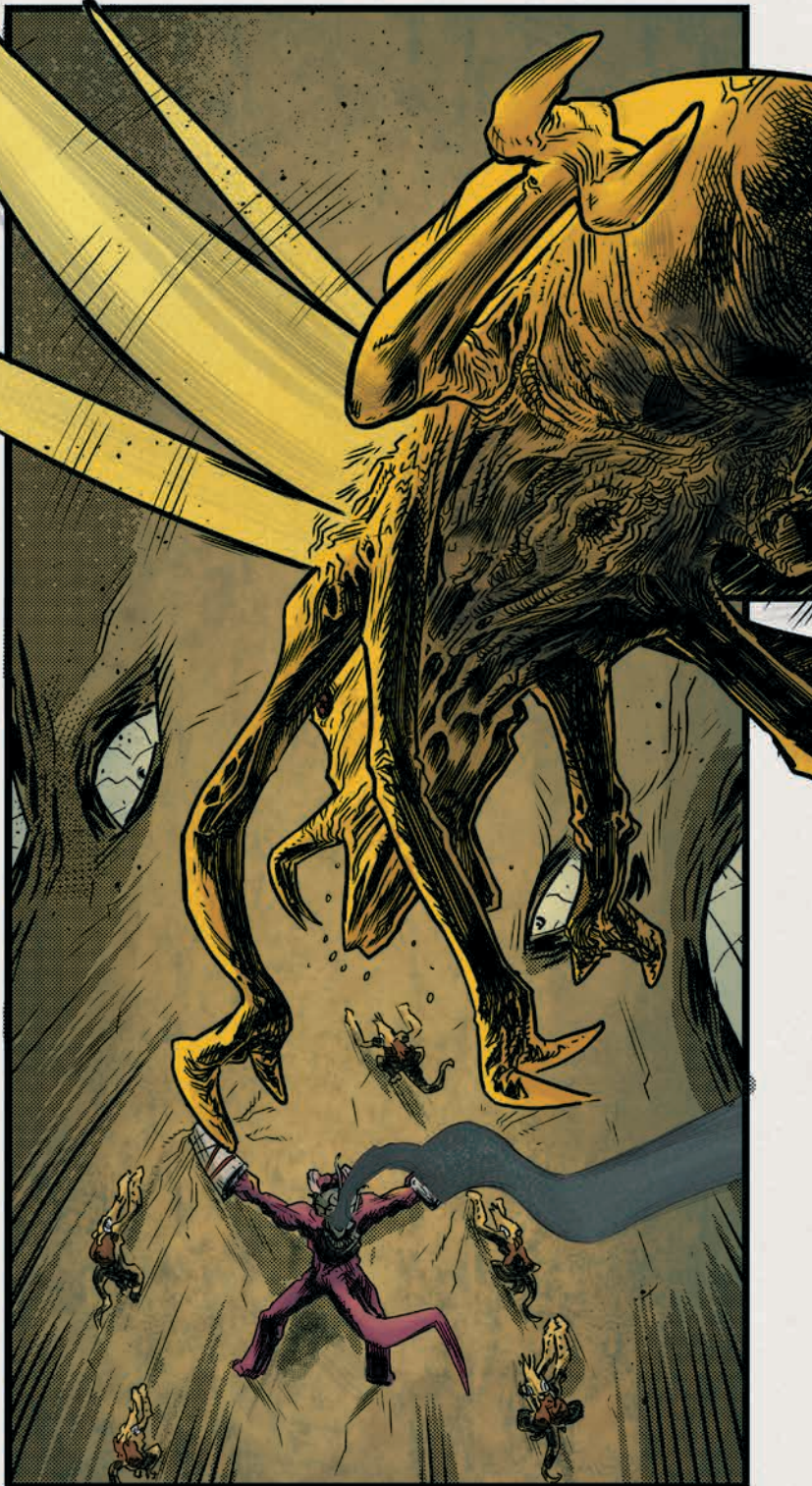
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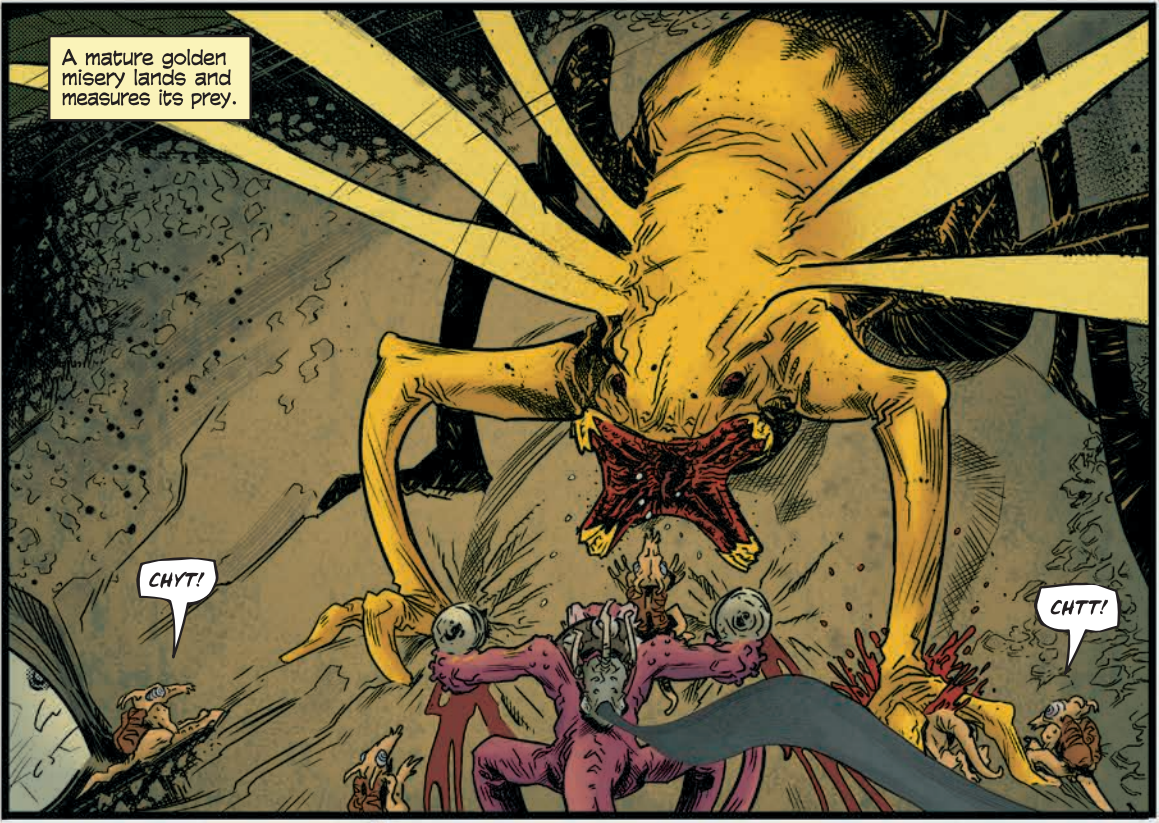
A pair of teeth pulled from the stomach lining of the dead Gigahül he now climbs controls his ascent.

The head of the pilot that the colossus is tied to his back, issuing forth unending Smokespeak. Black vapor-language, it is a compass that requires an open clearing to point the dragon to his own Gigahül to pilot.

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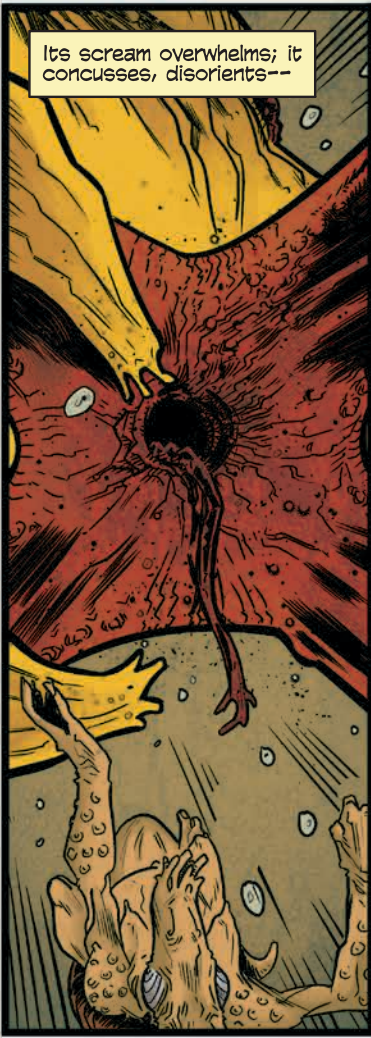




A mature golden misery lands and measures its prey.

CHYT!

CHTT!



Its scream overwhelms; it concusses, disorients--



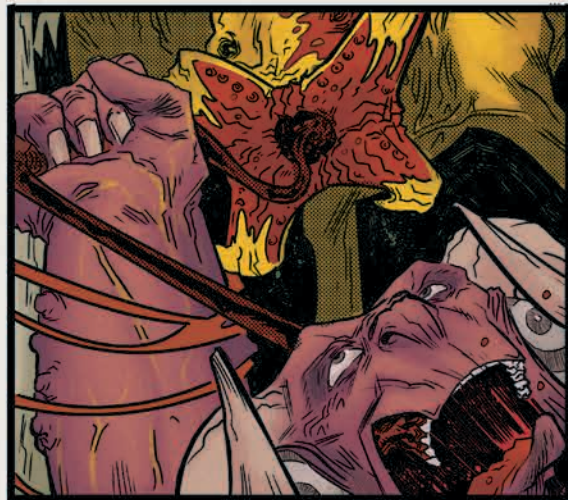
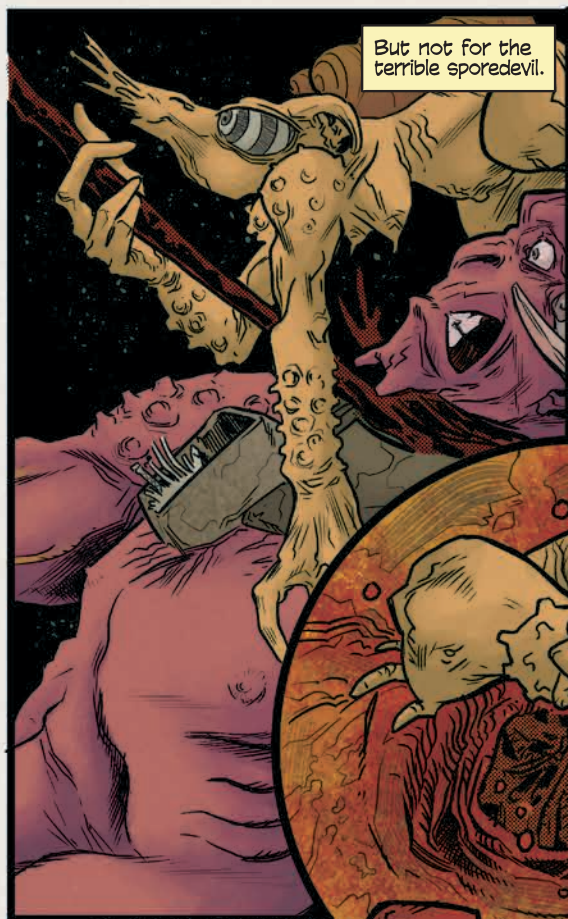
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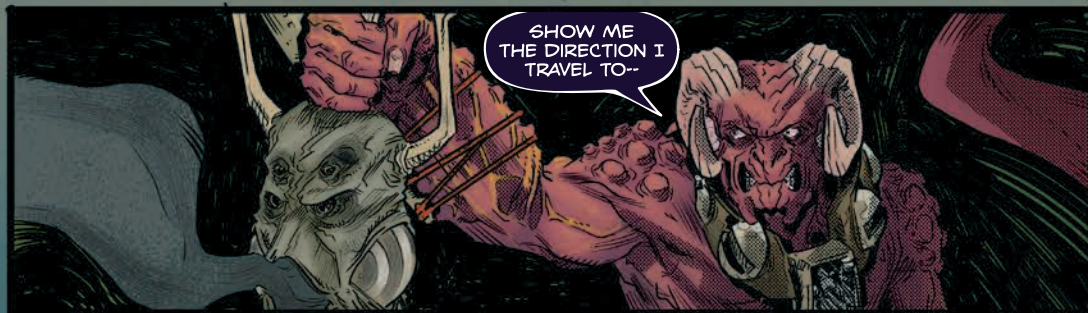
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It is too fast for the dragon.









East, where the dragon
will find the last Gigahūi,
waiting for him to pilot.

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find that it is buried under
the Alchemist's Tower.

