

The world
known as
Eternia.

The heart of
a universe.

The Royal Palace
of Eternos.

REMEMBER,
ORKO...

...IT'S NOT
THE RECOGNITION
OF THE DEED THAT
MAKES A GOOD
DEED WORTH
DOING.

IT'S THE
GOOD.

WELL, YEAH, SO SAYS
HE-MAN, THE GUY WITH
HIS OWN HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION.

LOOK, ALL
I'M SAYING, MAN-
AT-ARMS, IS THAT
"ORKOFEST" HAS
A NICE RING TO
IT.

NEW ORKO'S
EVE? ORKLOWEEN?
ORKOPALOOZA?

OH,
ORKO.

WHAT ARE
YOU HEARING,
KELDOR?



ANOTHER LESSON, HE-MAN. I SWEAR, EVERYONE ON THIS ETERNIA SPENDS THEIR DAYS TEACHING EACH OTHER TO BE BETTER PEOPLE. THEY'RE SO... SO...



UNPREPARED. THEY DON'T KNOW WAR. THEY DON'T KNOW DEATH.



NO. THEY DON'T KNOW WAR LIKE YOU AND I DO.

AND THEY DON'T KNOW DEATH LIKE LOOKING-UP HE-MAN.



"LOOKING-UP?"

YES. IT WAS DRIVING ME CRAZY THAT YOU BOTH HAD THE SAME NAME. HE WAS ALWAYS LOOKING UP AT ME, SO THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO CALL HIM BEFORE HE...



BEFORE HE DIED, HE APOLOGIZED TO TEELA, FOR ALWAYS BEING THE IRRESPONSIBLE DOLT OF A PRINCE.

I DON'T THINK HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SORRY. WHEN YOU CARE YOU CAN BE MANIPULATED. YOU CAN HAVE THINGS TAKEN AWAY.

ISN'T IT BETTER WHEN NO ONE EXPECTS ANYTHING OF YOU?



MORE QUESTIONS. YOU WANT A LESSON FROM ME, PRINCE?

HERE'S A FEW. SHOOT, SWING A SWORD. DON'T DIE.

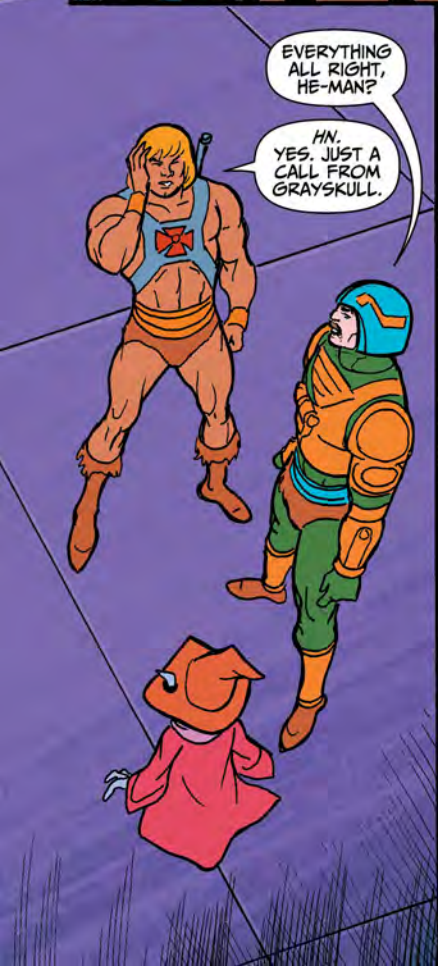
AND ACCOMPLISH YOUR DAMN MISSIONS.

WE WERE SENT BY GWILDOR TO FIND YOU, ANTI-HE-MAN'S MULTIVERSAL ANTI-THESIS. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HELP US STOP HIM FROM KILLING HE-MEN AND TAKING THEIR SWORDS AND THE POWER OF CASTLE GRAYSKULL. SO FAR WE'VE FAILED.

HELP ME SAVE THIS HE-MAN AT LEAST. MAKE "LOOKING-UP'S" DEATH WORTH SOMETHING.



AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LOOKING-DOWN HE-MAN.



EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, HE-MAN?

HN. YES. JUST A CALL FROM GRAYSKULL.

ORKO AND I WILL KEEP YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER AT BAY. JUST REMEMBER, YOU'RE TO INTRODUCE THE CIRCUS FOR THE CLOSING OF THE HE-MAN DAY FESTIVITIES AS PRINCE ADAM.



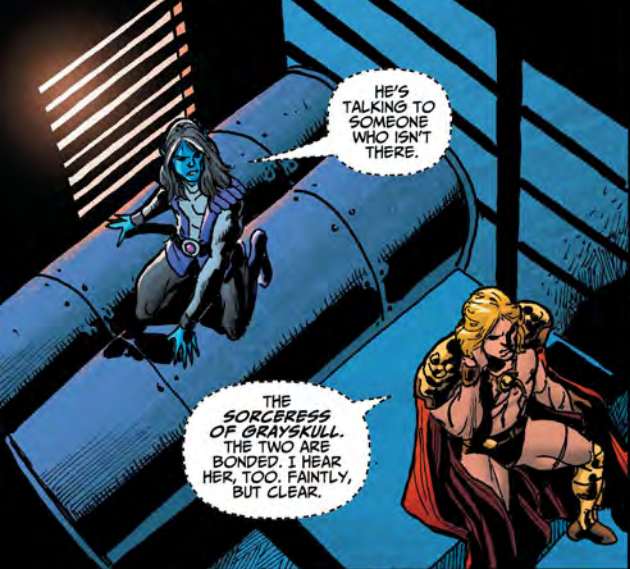
YES, AND I'VE ALREADY USED THE "ROYAL HANGOVER" EXCUSE TODAY.



HE-MAN.

OH WOW! THE CIRCUS! THAT MEANS CRACKERS THE CLOWN! HE'S THE BEST!

YES, ORKO...



HE'S TALKING TO SOMEONE WHO ISN'T THERE.

THE SORCERESS OF GRAYSKULL. THE TWO ARE BONDED. I HEAR HER, TOO. FAINTLY, BUT CLEAR.



I-I MISSED HER VOICE.



DO YOU RECALL THE STAR-SEED?

RECALL IT? HARD TO FORGET IT. IT WAS A GLOBE OF THE LEFTOVER ENERGY THAT CREATED THE UNIVERSE.



AN ARTIFACT MEANT TO TEST YOUR WILL BY THE COSMIC ENFORCER, WHICH WAS VERY NEARLY STOLEN BY SKELETOR.

RECENTLY, ZODAC RETURNED THE STARSEED TO THE CORE OF ETERNIA.



WHEN I REACHED OUT TO HIM, ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION, MY SUMMONS WENT UNHEARD.

WELL, THAT'S UNSETTLING.

ZODAC IS TASKED WITH OBSERVING THE UNIVERSE TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

HE DOESN'T MISS ANYTHING.

BUT THAT IS NOT THE MOST DISCONCERTING PART.

THE STARSEED IS INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS, CAPABLE OF GIVING ITS HOLDER THE ABILITY TO BEND REALITY TO THEIR WISHES.

WHY WOULD ZODAC ALLOW IT HERE UNMONITORED? ANOTHER TEST?



MAYBE.
OR ZODAC
LEFT IT HERE AS A
DEFENSE, KNOWING
SOMETHING WAS
COMING.

SOMETHING
EVEN MORE
DANGEROUS.



PRINCE ADAM
WILL MAKE ANOTHER
EXCUSE TO MISS THE
CELEBRATION, AND I'LL
COME TO THE CASTLE AS
FAST AS *BATTLE CAT'S*
LEGS WILL CARRY ME,
SORCERESS.

I AWAIT
YOUR
ARRIVAL.



NEVER
A DULL
MOMENT.

LET
THE POWER
RETURN!



NOW TO
DISAPPOINT *TEELA*
WITH MY TRADEMARK
IRRESPONSIBILITY.

I CAN
ALMOST HEAR
HER SIGH
NOW--



KRAK

HNGH!