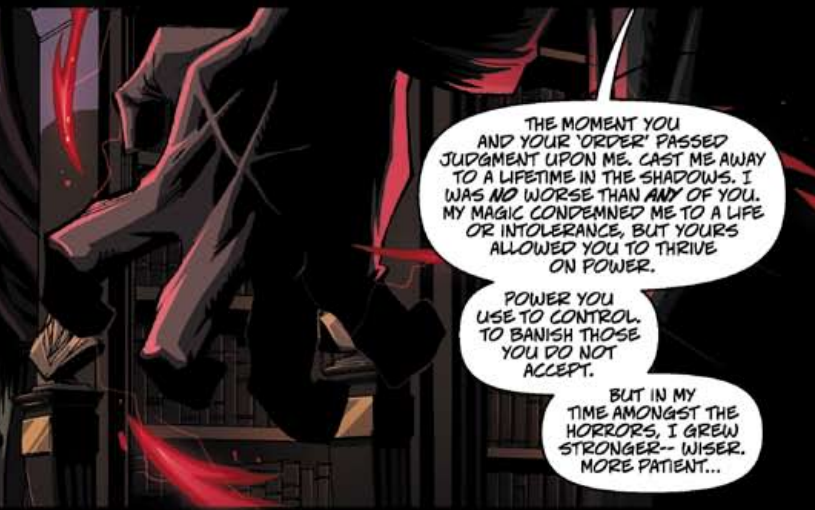


SO, YOU'VE
OVERPOWERED
MY GUARDIANS, AND
NOW COME FOR THE
RETRIBUTION YOU
THINK YOU JUSTLY
DESERVE AFTER ALL
THESE YEARS.

IS THIS
A CORRECT
ASSESSMENT,
ESCAPEE?

YOU KNEW
THIS DAY WOULD
COME, KON.



THE MOMENT YOU AND YOUR 'ORDER' PASSED JUDGMENT UPON ME. CAST ME AWAY TO A LIFETIME IN THE SHADOWS. I WAS NO WORSE THAN ANY OF YOU. MY MAGIC CONDEMNED ME TO A LIFE OF INTOLERANCE, BUT YOURS ALLOWED YOU TO THRIVE ON POWER.

POWER YOU USE TO CONTROL. TO BANISH THOSE YOU DO NOT ACCEPT.

BUT IN MY TIME AMONGST THE HORRORS, I GREW STRONGER-- WISER. MORE PATIENT...



YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF, WIZARD.



FOOL.



WHAT DID YOU LEARN WITH YOUR STRENGTH, AND PATIENCE-- AND WISDOM?

YOU ARE STILL THE SAME IGNORANT BEING OF MAGIC, UNAWARE OF WHAT MAGIC TRULY IS.



GRAAAAAAAH!



UNNGH... YOU ARE MISTAKEN, WISE ONE. I KNOW... UNNGH... ENOUGH NOW TO NOT UNDERESTIMATE YOUR CAPABILITIES...

...THIS TIME...



...I BROUGHT
YOU MEMORIES
AS WELL.



IN THE
FLESH!



YOU REMEMBER US, WIZARD? YOUR
COMPANIONS IN THE GREY ERA UNTIL
YOU NO LONGER REQUIRED OUR
SERVICES AND DISCARDED US.

WE HAVE NOT
FORGOTTEN.



HIS MAGIC
TINGLES, FIGHTS
AGAINST MY
WILL!



LET HIM
FIGHT! BUT IN
THE CONFINEMENT
OF HIS OWN
CREATION!



AMONGST THE
SOULS OF THOSE HE
HAS TORTURED AND
IMPRISONED!



FOR ALL OF
ETERNITY!



HIS POWER...
IS NO LESS
POTENT.

WE CAN TAKE
YOUR PAIN AWAY...
FOR A PRICE.

SAVE YOUR
SPELLS, WITCH.
PAIN IS TO ME AS
BREATH IS TO
YOU.



ALL I FEEL IS
RESPIRE.

I HAVE ENVISIONED
THIS MOMENT FOR AN
ENDLESS LIFETIME.

I ONLY
WISH THE REST
OF YOUR ORDER
WAS STILL ALIVE
TO SHARE YOUR
FATE.



YOU DO
KNOW THEY WILL
COME?

ALLIES OF KON.
IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY
ON THEIR WAY. HE HAD MANY
FRIENDS. THEY WILL COME TO
HIM FOR KNOWLEDGE.

YOUR OWN
ARRIVAL WAS
A PHENOMENON
THAT SURELY HAS
CREATED CHAOS
FOR THEM.

THEY WILL SEEK
ANSWERS TO THIS
QUANDARY.



LET THEM
COME.

MY POWER IS
SURGING, YET I
ALWAYS HAVE ROOM
FOR MORE OF
THEIR MAGIC...

...AND THEY
MAY SHARE THE
WIZARD'S FATE.

COSTA RICA.

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS AIRPORT ISN'T TAKEN OVER BY SOME TYPE OF COSTA RICAN MYSTICAL AND MAGICAL WARRIORS OR SOMETHING?

WE DON'T, SO WE SHOULD KEEP MOVING.

HANK DOESN'T DO TRAVEL WELL.

I HEARD THAT.

SOOOO. YOU DO KNOW WHEREABOUTS TO LOOK TO FIND THIS WIZARD KON, RIGHT? I'M GUESSING HIS MAGIC TEMPLE'S NOT LISTED ON ANY TRAVEL BROCHURES OVER HERE.

GOOD GUESS.

DOES HE ALWAYS HAVE THIS MANY JOKES?

ONLY WHEN HE'S NERVOUS. YOU MAKE HIM THIS WAY. IT'S PROBABLY YOUR ATTRACTIVE HUMAN APPEARANCE THAT FORCES THIS. WE 'ANIMALS' CALL IT--

--SPARKLES!

IT'S NOT THAT! I MEAN YOU ARE HOT, NOT LIKE YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW THIS. BUT, LET'S NOT FORGET, I'M A NATURAL ENTERTAINER, REMEMBER? MY HUMOR PROVIDES LEVITY IN THIS OTHERWISE BLEAK DISASTER SITUATION.

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, REALLY, HEH.

LET'S GET BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND. KON'S TEMPLE. SO, WHERE DO WE START LOOKING?

WELL, HIS TEMPLE IS HIDDEN. BUT I HAVE BEEN THERE BEFORE. FIRST, WE NEED TO FIND HIS BALLS.



WOW,
YOU WEREN'T
LYING.



I NEVER
LIE.

LONGEST. DRIVE.
EVER!

I NEED
TO RELIEVE
MYSELF.

DON'T
GO TOO FAR,
SPARKLES. WE
DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S OUT
HERE.



THIS IS THE
SPHERE WE NEED.
THE OTHERS ARE
JUST DECOYS.

THESE STONE
BALLS. HOW WILL
THEY HELP US
EXACTLY?

THEY ARE DIRECTIONAL
BEACONS, WHICH ONLY KON'S
ALLIES CAN ACCESS. THINK OF IT AS
AN ADVANCED FORM OF A LOCK AND
KEY. ONCE YOU POSSESS THE KEY
TO OPEN THIS LOCK, THEY WILL
LIGHT THE DIRECTION WE
MUST HEAD.

BUT DO
YOU HAVE
THE KEY?

HANK...



...I AM
THE KEY.



OH-- WHEW--
THAAAANK YOU!
HUMANS AND THEIR
HUGE BLADDERS.



UM...



SCRITCH

SCRITCH

GUYS...?



WE COULD
SMELL YOUR FEAR
FOR ACRES, MAGICAL ONE.
YOU PICKED THE WRONG
TIME TO INTRUDE ON
OUR LAND, KITTY.



I DIDN'T MEAN TO, I'M... SORRY.
I JUST HAD TO-- YOU KNOW-- GO,
BUT I'LL BE ON MY WAY NOW--

DALGO!



SUDANA??

COME HERE,
YOU!



IT'S BEEN FAR
TOO LONG!

I DIDN'T EXPECT
TO EVER SEE YOU
AGAIN.

I DIDN'T
EITHER, YET,
HERE WE
ARE.



THESE ARE MY
FRIENDS.

SHE CALLED
US FRIENDS,
NICE!

THEY
ARE WITH
YOU?

THEY ARE, BUT
DALGO... WHY AREN'T
YOU GUARDING KON'S
TEMPLE?