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## HERE WE BE KINGS

As the LARP begins, there's a feeling of ease and joy among the players. Eric takes on the persona of Darkhole, a powerful mage of little renown who uses his spells to aid the group in their battle against the evil vampire queen. But things go too far, and Eric finds himself shunned by the others. Have they figured out who he is? What he's capable of? Helpless against his own paranoia, Eric will stop at nothing to protect his secret from leaving these grim woods.

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THEN.



ERIC, HEY,  
WAKE UP, YOU  
HAVE TO SEE  
THIS.

HUHHWAA?



HURRY,  
AND KEEP  
IT DOWN.



WHAT  
IS IT?

SHHHH!  
JUST COME  
OUT HERE.

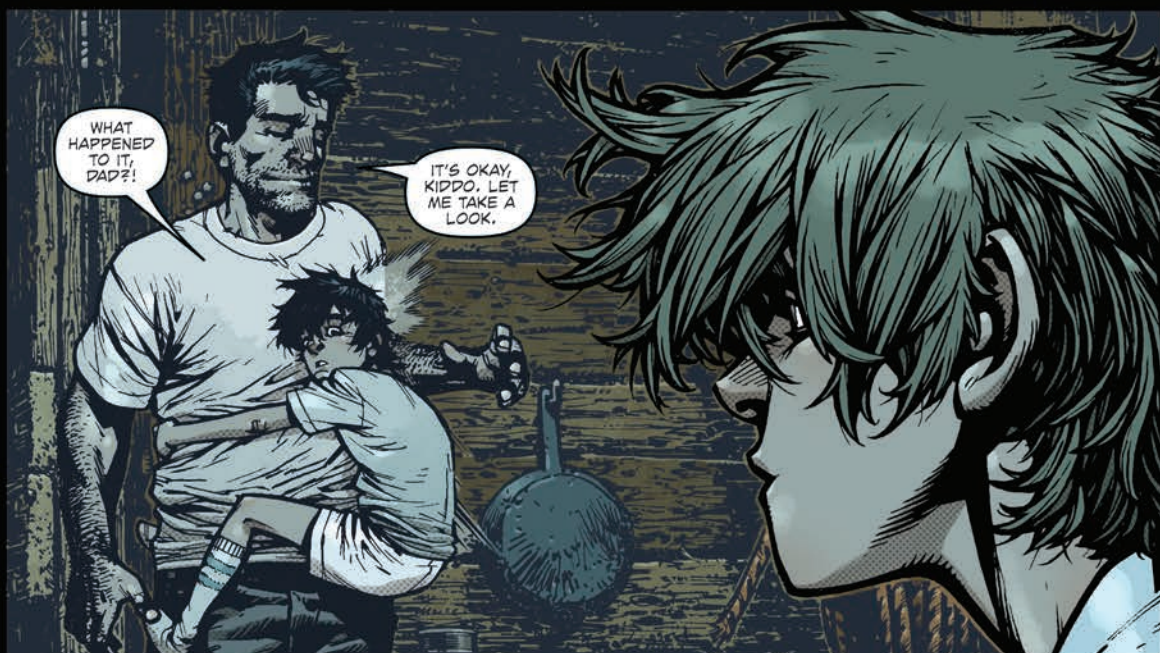


NO!









WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO IT,  
DAD?!

IT'S OKAY,  
KIDDO. LET  
ME TAKE A  
LOOK.



HARD TO SAY  
EXACTLY, BUT MY  
GUESS WOULD BE  
BLACK BEAR.

IT KILLED  
THE DEER?!

PROBABLY NOT,  
LITTLE MAN. IT  
MIGHT HAVE FOUND  
IT ALREADY DEAD AND  
DRAGGED IT INTO THE  
CLEARING HERE. THEY'RE  
OMNIVORES—WHICH  
MEANS THEY'LL EAT  
PRETTY MUCH  
ANYTHING.



INCLUDING  
YOU TWO, WHICH  
IS WHY WE HAVE  
RULE NUMBER  
ONE.



I'LL DRAG  
IT FAR OFF INTO  
THE WOODS AFTER  
BREAKFAST. LET'S  
GET BACK INSIDE,  
I HAVE A LITTLE  
SURPRISE FOR  
YOU TWO.





I HOPE YOU BOYS  
WILL TAKE RULE NUMBER  
ONE MORE SERIOUSLY  
AFTER SEEING WHAT THE  
WILDLIFE OUT HERE IS  
CAPABLE OF.

DAD, YESTERDAY  
WHEN YOU SAID THAT  
THE ONLY MONSTERS OUT  
HERE ARE US, WHAT DID  
YOU MEAN? WE'RE NOT  
MONSTERS.



NO, WE'RE NOT  
REALLY MONSTERS. I  
JUST MEANT THAT MEN  
ARE CAPABLE OF DOING  
MUCH SCARIER THINGS  
THAN ANY ANIMAL THAT  
LIVES AROUND HERE.  
THAT'S ALL.

LIKE...  
STUFF YOU  
SAW IN THE  
WAR?

I GUESS  
SO, YEAH.

ARE YOU  
SCARED TO  
GO BACK?

I'M NOT  
SCARED TO  
GO BACK,  
NO.



WHAT I'M  
SCARED OF  
MOST IS BEING  
AWAY FROM YOU  
TWO AND YOUR  
MOTHER FOR  
SO LONG.

BUT HEY,  
ENOUGH ABOUT  
THAT STUFF,  
OKAY? WE'RE HERE  
TO HAVE FUN, AND  
I HAVE A LITTLE  
SURPRISE.



LOOK WHAT  
I FOUND IN  
ONE OF THE  
CABINETS.



