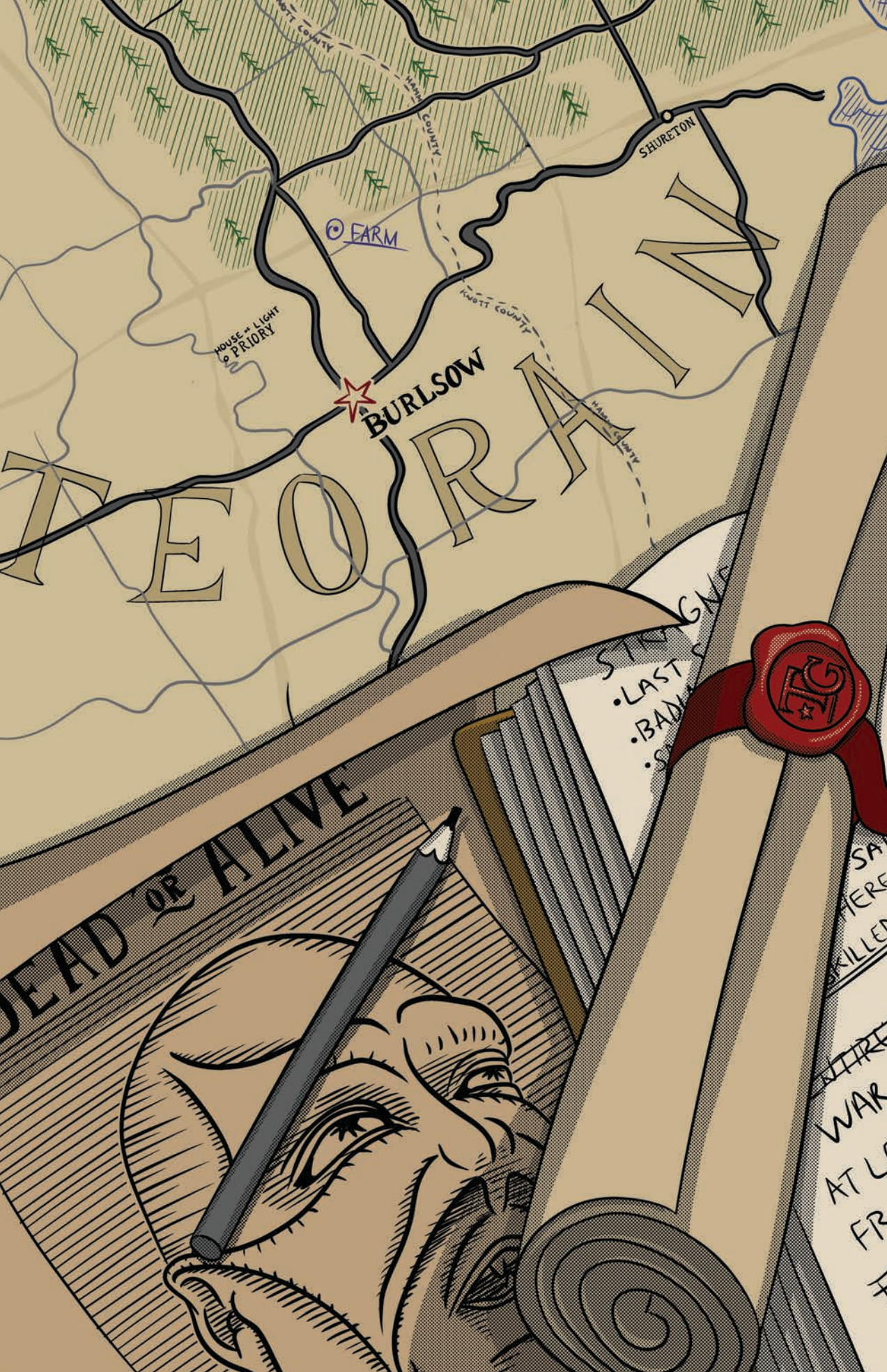


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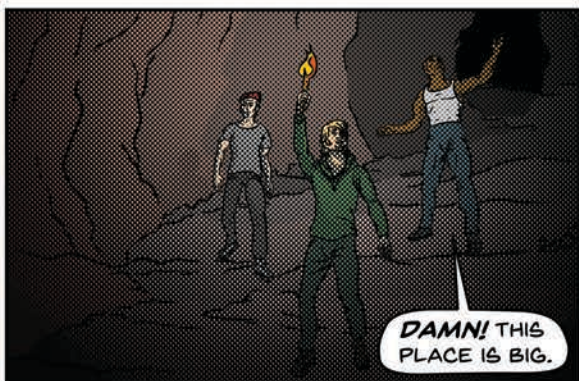
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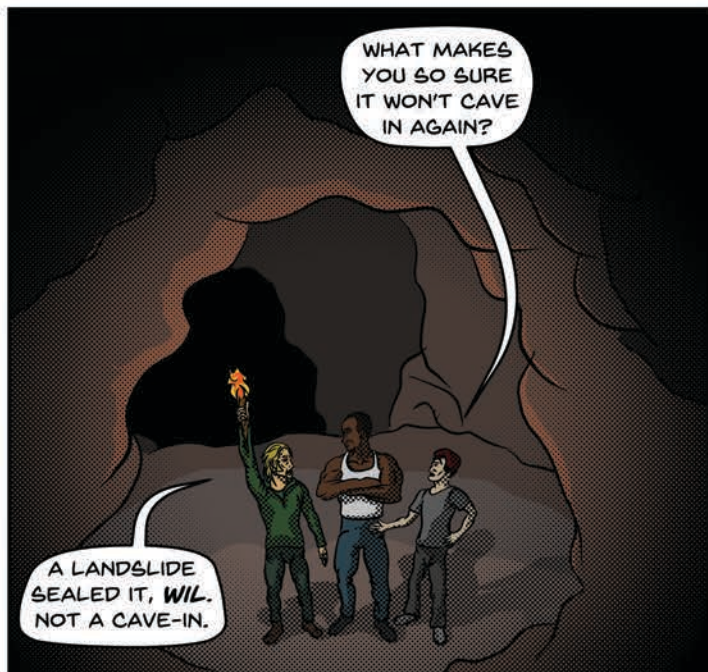
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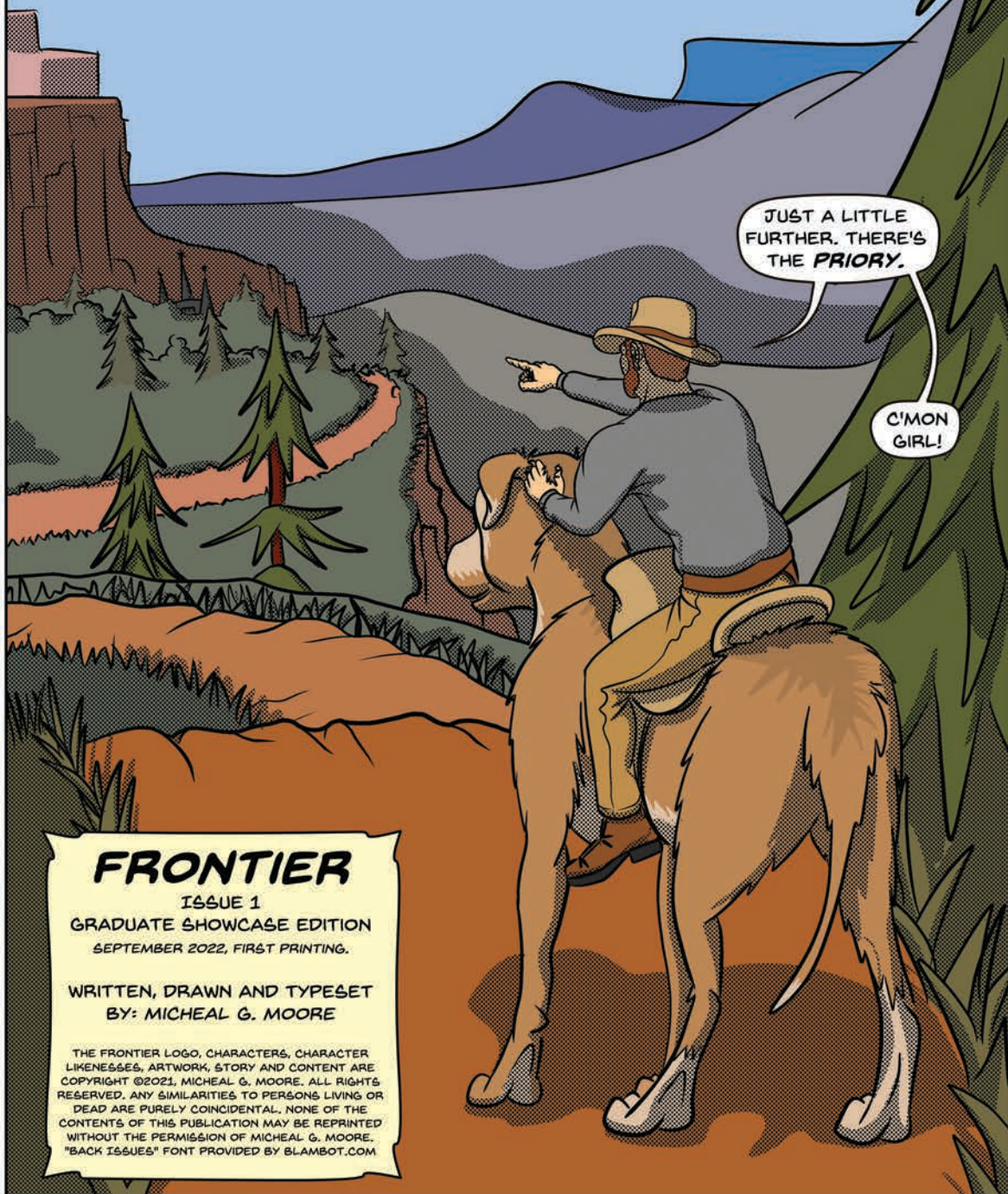
17 YEARS LATER, DEEP IN THE WOODS, NEAR THE SMALL VILLAGE OF SHURETON...





MEANWHILE, A DAY'S RIDE AWAY...

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ZAK! MEGAN! THE CHIMES RANG. RECESS IS OVER. LET'S RETURN TO OUR LESSONS.



NOT FAST ENOUGH!



RESTLESS CONGREGATION, *PRIOR*?

EH?

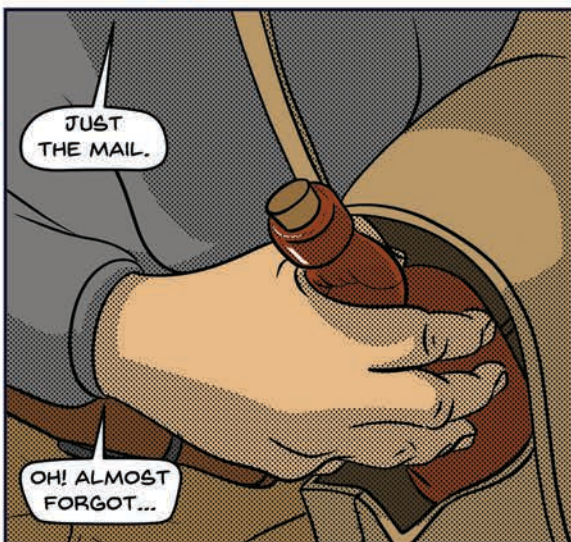
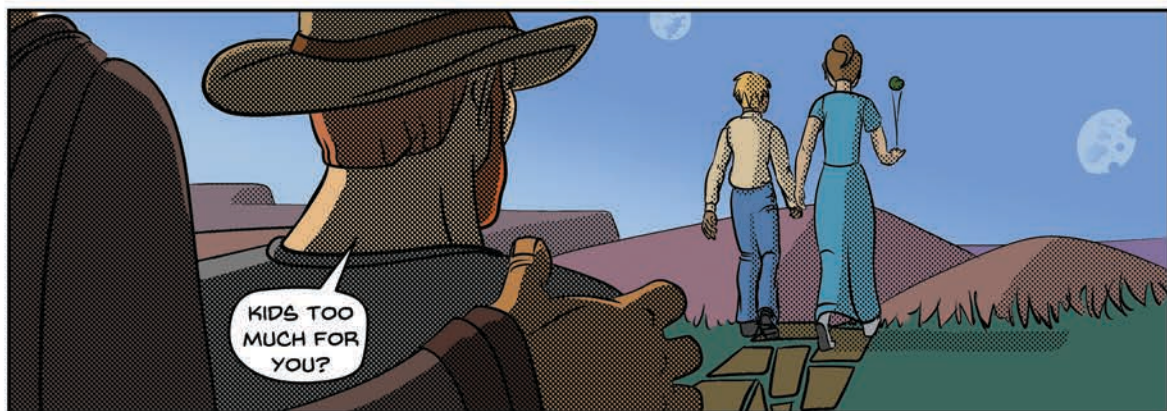
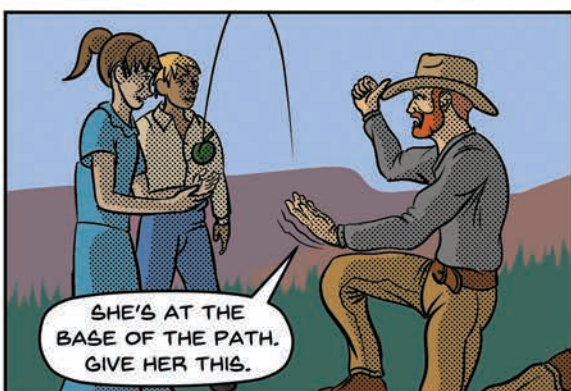


AN ENFORCER!

BILL!
HOW ARE YOU?



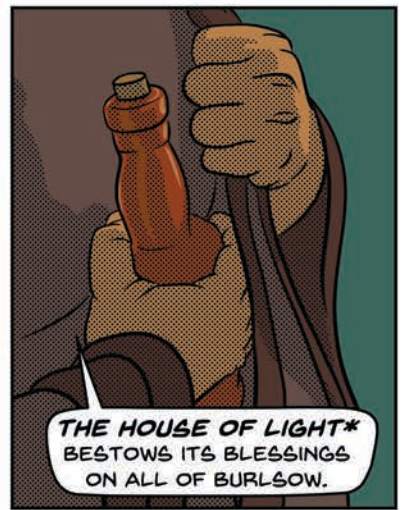
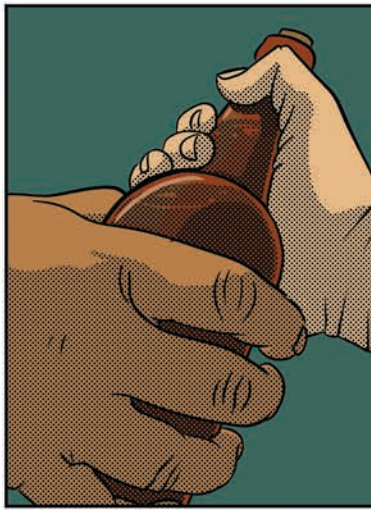
PRIOR
PLEET, I
COME SEEKING
YOUR COUNSEL.



*A LARGE, RIDING AND LOAD PULLING ANIMAL.



I HAVE A DONATION FROM THE TOWN OF **BURLOW**.



THE HOUSE OF LIGHT* BESTOWS ITS BLESSINGS ON ALL OF **BURLOW**.



SPEAKING OF **BURLOW**, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE COUNCIL'S OFFER?

YOU CUT TO THE CHASE PRETTY QUICK THERE, SHEPARD.

ONLY WITH FRIENDS WHO KNOW I HAVE NO BUSINESS LEADING A FLOCK.

DO I HAVE ANY MORE RIGHT TO ENFORCE THE LAW?

...TO LOCK UP POOR FOLKS STEALING TO EAT; OR THE DRUNKS WANTING TO FORGET THE PAST?

JUST LIKE WE DO...



ASKING **THAT** IS WHAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT CHOICE.



I TAUGHT **GARETH DAWNING** RIGHT HERE. HE'S NOTHING BUT A THUG AND A BULLY!

*THE OFFICIAL STATE RELIGION. PLEET IS A PRIOR (LOCAL PRIEST) OF THE HOUSE OF LIGHT.



LATER THAT DAY, IN THE BURLSOW STOREHOUSE...

HURRY UP, *SMALLS*!
GET THIS CART OUT OF HERE.

IT'D GO FASTER
WITH MORE HANDS.

I CAN'T GO TO
THE MEETING
SWEATY.

TWELVE!
NOT
THIRTEEN.

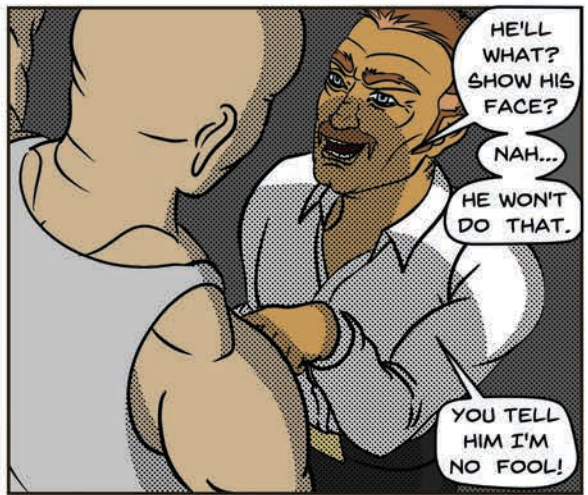
PUT IT
BACK, *SCAD*.

TWO
BARRELS.

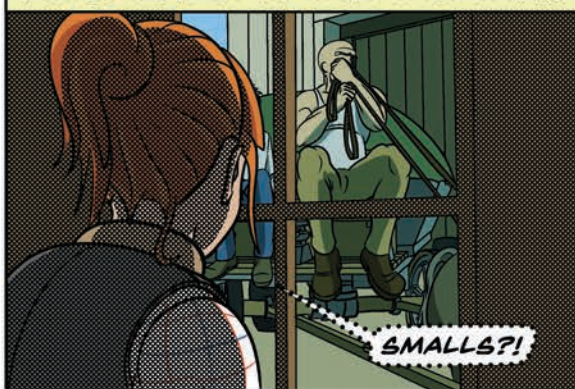
THE DEAL WAS THREE.
PLUS A CASE OF BLUE
*MIANRA** AND
ONE OF RED.

YEAH... ABOUT
THAT DEAL...

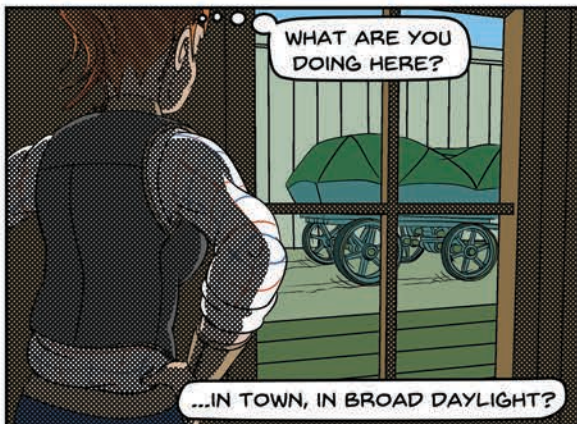
*MULTI-COLORED ORE. SOME MIANRA COLOR COMBINATIONS PRODUCE REACTIONS, OFTEN VIOLENT.



ACROSS THE ALLEY IN A LOCAL HOTEL ROOM...



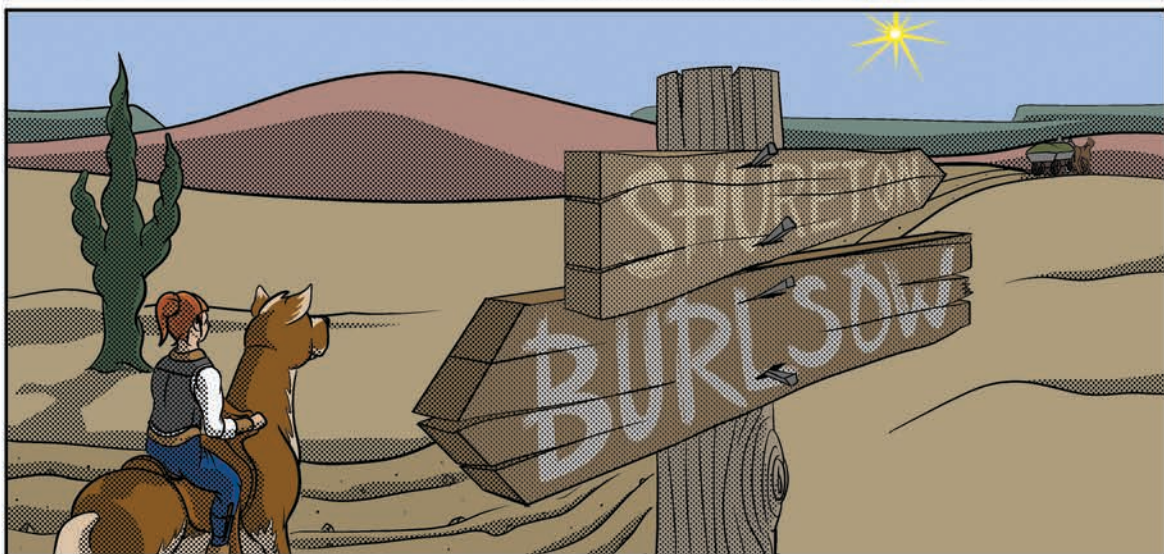
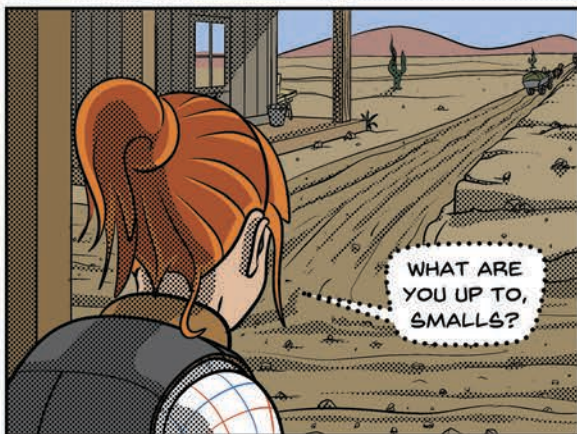
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?



WHAT'S IN THAT CART?



WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO,
SMALLS?



BACK AT THE CAVE...

WHAT'S THIS?
LITTLE ROBBY'S
ADVENTURE MAP?

HUH?
OH. YEAH.
KIND OF.

PRETTY
ACCURATE,
FOR A KID.

DID YOU KNOW
THAT KID BACK
THERE, ROB?

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

DOESN'T MATTER. IT WAS
A LONG TIME AGO.

HEAR THAT? THERE'S
ONE MORE THING TO SEE.

NOW THAT'S
A SIGHT.

YEAH... THIS'LL
DO NICELY.

AT BURLSOW TOWN HALL, MOST OF THE TERRITORY HAS TURNED UP FOR AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

EVERYONE, TAKE YOUR SEATS,
WE HAVE A LOT TO COVER TODAY.

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING TO
DISCUSS THE COUNTY MERGER.

IF WE HAVE THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL,
WE WILL BE VOTING ON IT NEXT MONTH.

FIRST UP IS SHURETON'S
CONSTABLE, **TODD YATES**.

H-HELLO.

I-I'M HERE TO REPORT ON
SHURETON'S CRIME RATE.
THERE'S NOT MUCH.

MAYBE A SQUABBLE 'TWEEN
FARMS OVER AN ANIMAL, OR...

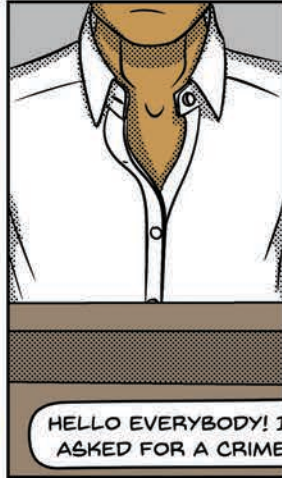
AUNT **CHIPPER**, WHY'RE WE
HERE? WE ALL KNOW HOW
WE'RE GONNA VOTE.

SHH...

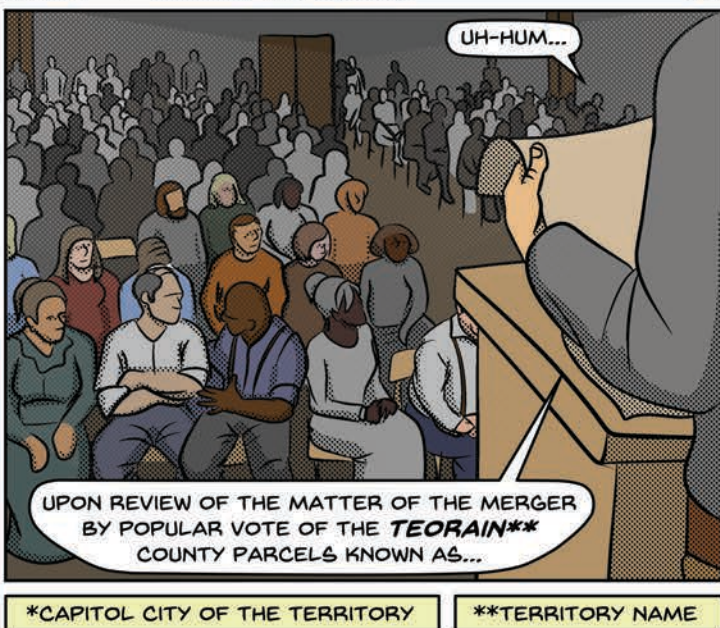
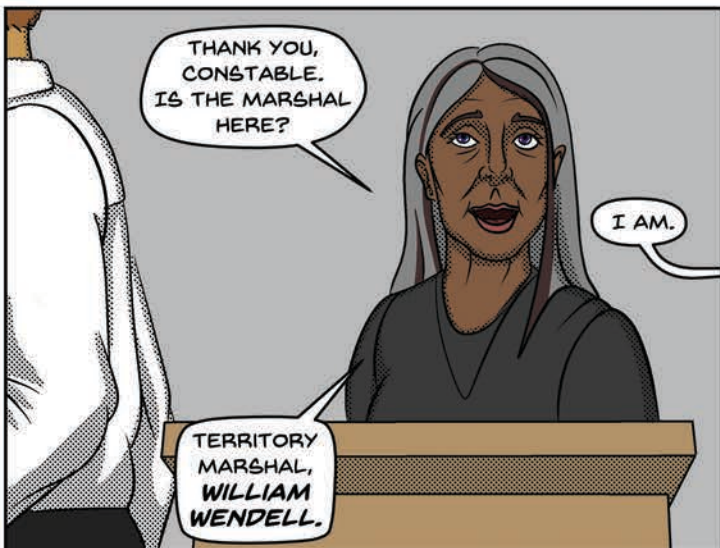
VIDURA* HAVE THE RIGHT
TO HEAR AND BE HEARD.

BUT NOTHING WORTH
HEARING ABOUT EVER
HAPPENS IN SHURETON...

*TERM FOR THE COLLECTIVE, FREE CITIZENS OF THE TERRITORY.

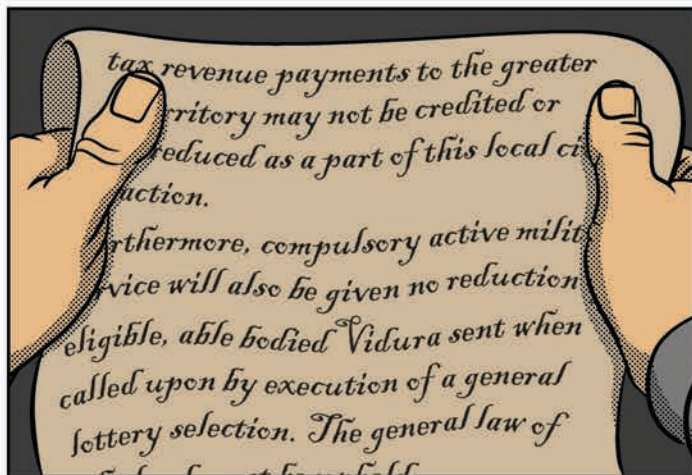
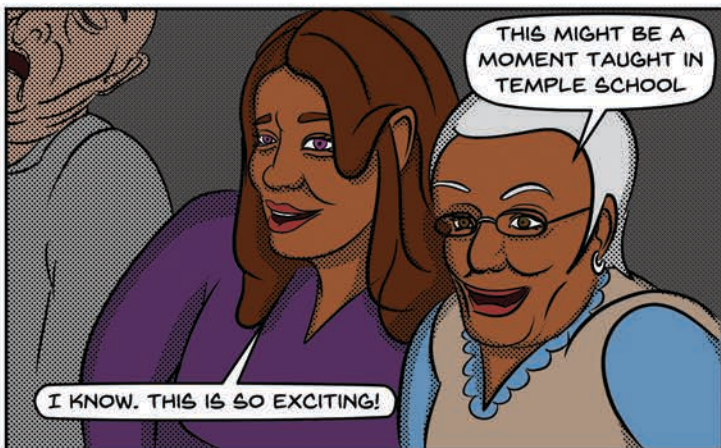
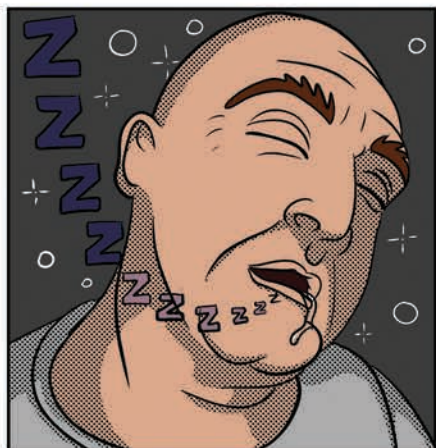


*A HARSH LOCAL LIQUOR DERIVED FROM CACTUS PLANTS.

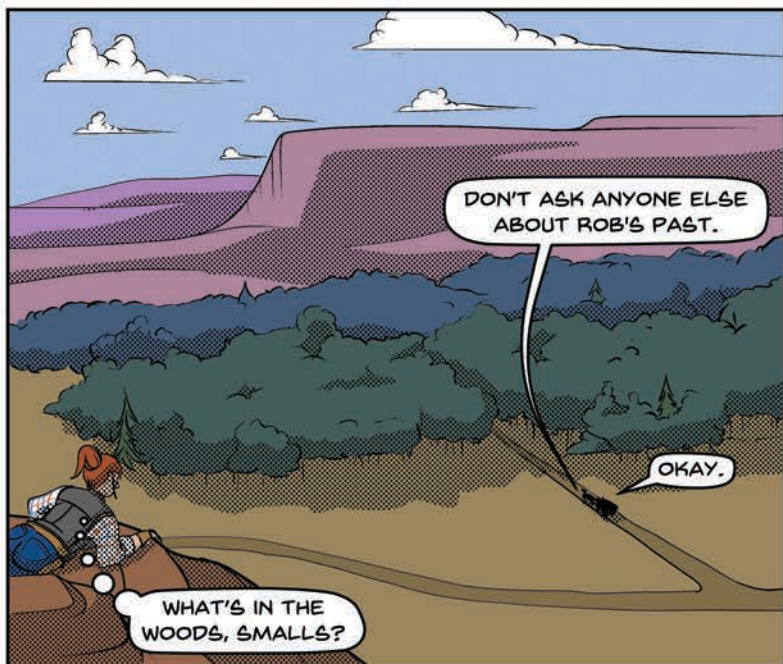
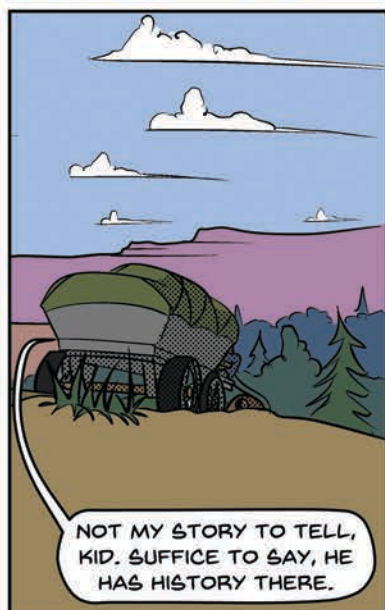
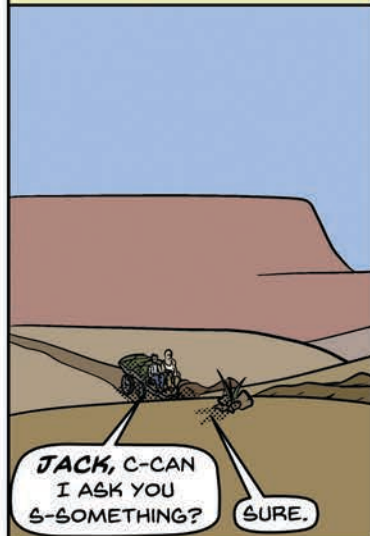


*CAPITOL CITY OF THE TERRITORY

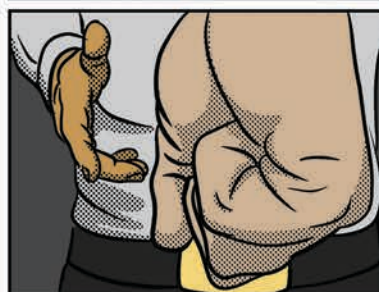
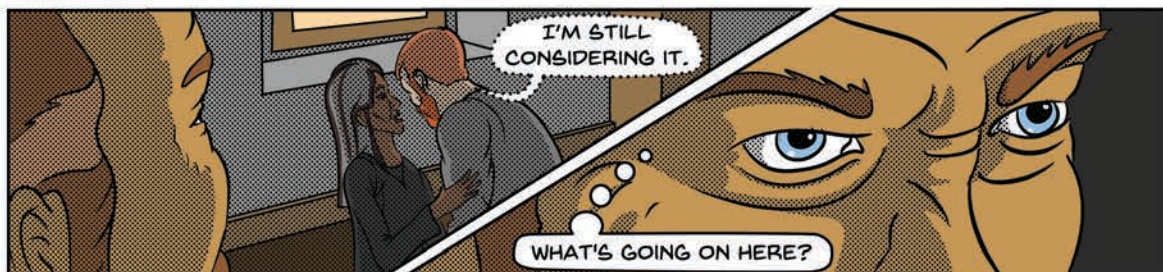
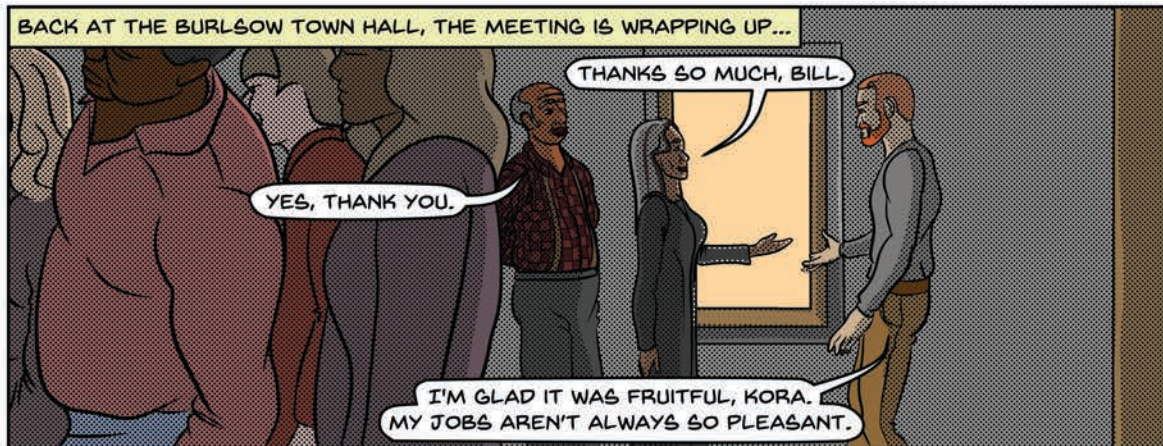
**TERRITORY NAME



MEANWHILE, ON THE LONG,
QUIET ROAD TO SHURETON...



BACK AT THE BURLSOW TOWN HALL, THE MEETING IS WRAPPING UP...



WALKING HOME FROM THE MEETING, AN EXCITED PAIR DISCUSS THE EVENTS OF THE DAY.



THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL WILL SWAY SEVERAL TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE TWO-COUNTY MERGER.



IT'S CRAZY TO ME THAT SOME HAVEN'T MADE UP THEIR MINDS YET.



AH WELL, THEY'LL HAVE TO SOON. THE VOTE IS IN SIX WEEKS.

HULLLO...



AND **THAT** IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION! I'M GONNA GET A DRINK.

I THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!



...SHAMING US LIKE THAT!!

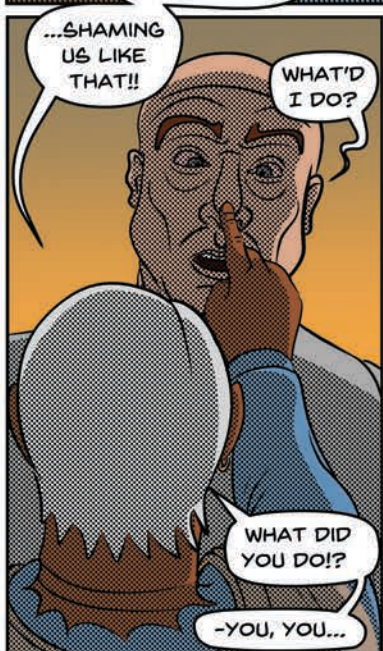
WHAT'D I DO?

AUNT CHIPPER, REMEMBER YOUR HEART.

JUST LET HIM GO.

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

-YOU, YOU...



DEEP IN THE SHURETON WOODS, AWAY FROM PRYING EYES...

WOAHHH!

WERE YOU FOLLOWED?

YES.

SHE STAYED JUST OUT OF SIGHT. WENT SLOW TO KEEP DUST DOWN. SHE STOPPED AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS.

WE WERE FOLLOWED?

AVOIDING AN AMBUSH - SMART.

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE - DAWNING SHORTED THE LOAD. SAID TO TELL YOU HE'S NO FOOL.

I FIGURED HE'D PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS. OH WELL...

AREN'T YOU M-MAD?

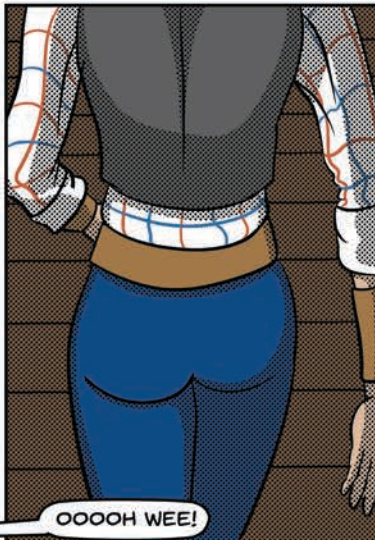
WE N-NEED THAT STUFF!

OH, I'M DISAPPOINTED, SCAD.

...BUT WE GOT SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE TODAY.

WE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE PLAYERS IN OUR LITTLE GAME.

AFTER SUNDOWN, AT A HOTEL BAR ON THE EDGE OF BURLSOW





YOU STUPID ASS.

YOU'RE OKAY. CAN YOU GET UP?



I THINK SO. GET US ANOTHER ROUND, HONEY?



YOU ALL NEED TO TAKE YOUR FRIEND HOME.

I'D RATHER TAKE *YOU* HOME.

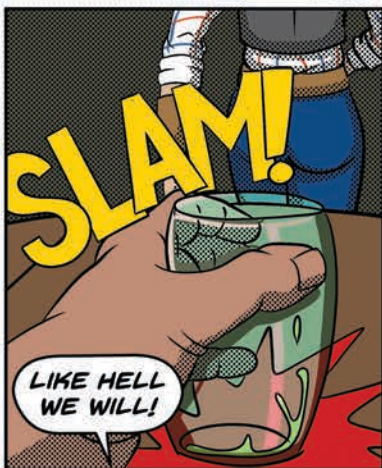
HA HA! YEAH, OR MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE US ALL HOME.



THE ONLY PLACE I'D TAKE YOU IDIOTS IS *JAIL*.



OKAY, OKAY - WE'LL BE GOOD.



SLAM!

LIKE HELL WE WILL!





I'D LIKE
TO SEE HER
TRY!

THERE'S THREE
OF US. SHE'S
LITTLE BITTY.



UH... JOE...
HEY MAN...
C'MON...



HANDS OFF!



C'MON - I'LL GIVE YOU ALL YOU WANT, BIG BOY.



DAMN IT
JOE.

BILL, I'VE
GOT THIS.

LITTLE MAN WITH
A LITTLE STICK, WHAT
ARE YOU GONNA DO?

HEY JOE.

ME? NOTHING. BUT
I'D SUGGEST GOING
HOME LIKE SHE SAYS.



WHY'S THAT, LITTLE STICK MAN?

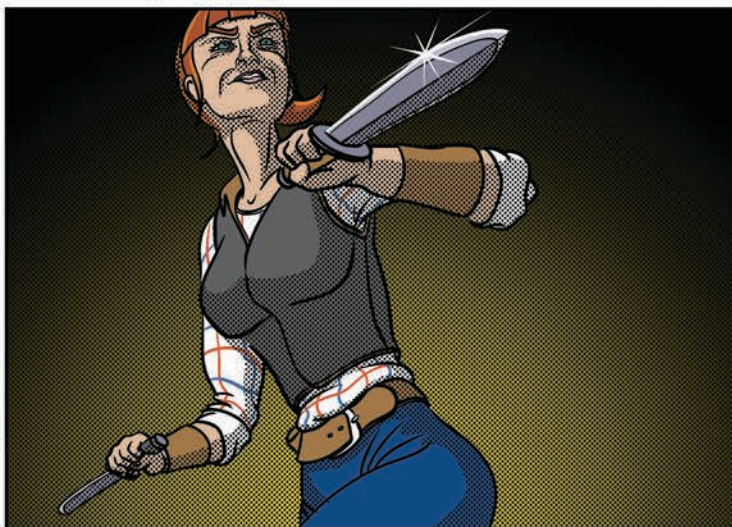
YOU GUYS LIKE LOOKING AT HER SO MUCH...



...LOOK NOW.



BILL, I'VE
GOT THIS.



MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN...

GRAND
MIL-SHUH
OF THE...

HMM HMM,
VIDURA...

I KNOW WHAT
I SHOULD DO!

PSST, HEY CRITCH.

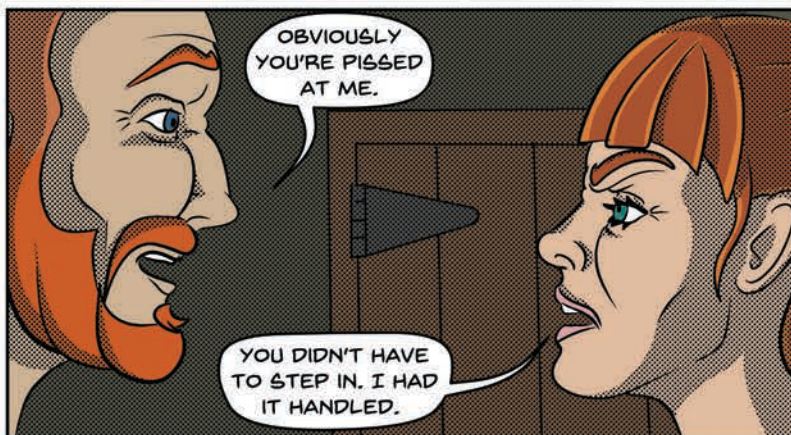
HUH?

SUMMB'DY
SAY MY
NAME?

HOW ABOUT
A NIGHTCAP,
CRITCH?

DON'T
MIND 'F
I DO.

OVER
HERE.



THE NEXT MORNING AT CHIPPER AND CRITCH'S FARM...



CRIIITCH?

CRI-ITCH?!!!

HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR
UNCLE THIS MORNING?

NOT YET. HE MAY NOT
HAVE WANTED TO COME
INSIDE LAST NIGHT.

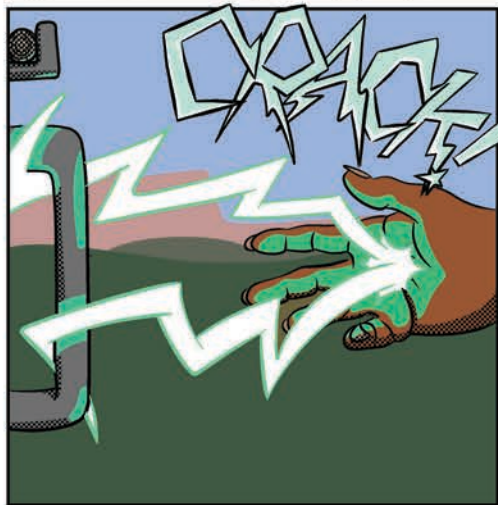
THAT OLD FOOL DOESN'T
EVEN REMEMBER HIS ANTICS.
WHEN YOU FIND HIM, TELL
HIM BREAKFAST IS READY.



I BET I KNOW
WHERE YOU ARE.



UNCLE CRITCH, ARE YOU IN THERE?



OUCH!

FRIGGIN' STATIC.
THAT HURT.



WHERE ARE
YOU, CRITCH?



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PAT BOGGS, AARON BRINK, CORY BURGER, MATT JENKINS, CHRIS MOORE, SEANDALE THOMPSON AND NORBERT YATES.

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THANKS TO ALL OF THESE CHARACTERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN CREATING FRONTIER, AND TO YOU FOR READING IT.

-MGM



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BURLSOW	[BURL-SOH] A LARGE TOWN. COUNTY SEAT OF KNOTT COUNTY
ENFORCER	GENERAL TERM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERRITORY
GREENFRUIT	TART, SLIGHTLY BITTER GREEN CITRUS FRUIT
HAMM COUNTY	SPARSELY POPULATED RURAL FARMING COUNTY BORDERED ON THE EAST BY KNOTT COUNTY AND THE SEA ON THE WEST.
HOUSE OF LIGHT	THE STATE RELIGION. BASED ON MYTHOLOGY INVOLVING THE INTERACTION OF THE TWO MOONS AND THE SUN.
JALIX	[JEY-LIKS] A HARSH, DISTILLED LIQUOR DERIVED FROM FERMENTING A MASH OF CACTUS PLANTS
KNOTT COUNTY	A LARGE RURAL COUNTY. HOME TO MINING COMMUNITIES, SMALL SETTLEMENTS AND LARGE FARMS
KANIN	[KAY-NIN] A HORSE SIZED DOG LIKE ANIMAL. DIFFERENT BREEDS ARE USED FOR PURPOSES LIKE RIDING AND PULLING IN AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
MIANRA	[MEE-AHN-RAH] A VOLATILE, MINED ORE THAT COMES IN A WIDE RANGE OF COLORS. DIFFERENT COLOR COMBINATIONS OF MIANRA CREATE DIFFERENT EFFECTS. SOME INTERACTIONS ARE VIOLENTLY EXPLOSIVE, OTHERS OFFER SUSTAINED LOW ENERGY OVER EXTENDED PERIODS. EXHAUSTED MIANRA IS USED FOR LIGHTING IN LAMPS AND OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSES.
PRIOR	A LOCAL RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY SIMILAR TO A PRIEST.
PRIORY	A SMALL LOCAL RELIGIOUS PARISH.
SHURETON	A SMALL TOWN THAT IS THE COUNTY SEAT OF HAMM COUNTY. IT SITS AT THE EDGE OF A LARGE FOREST CALLED THE "SHURETON WOODS"
SMOKE CITY	THE LARGE CAPITAL CITY OF THE TEORAIN TERRITORY. HOME OF GOVERNOR JOHN.
TEORAIN	[TAY-OH-REYN] THE LARGEST TERRITORY OF THE LAND
VIDURA	[VIH-DYOOR-AH] THE COLLECTIVE, FREE, MULTI-RACIAL PEOPLE OF THE LAND



WILLIAM "BILL" WENDEL **THE MARSHAL**

AS QUICK TO SMILE AS HE IS WITH HIS SIDEARM, MARSHAL BILL WENDELL IS RESPECTED FAR AND WIDE AS A FAIR AND LEVEL-HEADED LAW KEEPER. A VETERAN OF THE TEORAIN MILITIA DURING THE WAR, BILL IS NO STRANGER TO ACTION.

NOW A TERRITORY MARSHAL, BILL WORKS WITH HIS FRIENDS AND HIS TRUSTY MOUNT BOOMBA TO PROTECT THE LOCAL VIDURA FROM ENEMIES, AND SOMETIMES, EACH OTHER.

KATE FRIDAY **THE TRACKER**

A SKILLED BOUNTY HUNTER WITH A FIERY DISPOSITION, KATE FRIDAY IS A COMMITTED FRIEND AND RESPECTED FOE. KNOWN FOR HER SHARP BLADES AND SHARPER TONGUE, KATE'S NOT THE ENFORCER VILLAINS WANT ON THEIR TRAIL.

IN SERIES ONE, KATE TRACKS HER BIGGEST BOUNTY YET, WHILE WORKING WITH OTHER TEORAIN LAW KEEPERS TO INVESTIGATE THE NEW MENACE IN RURAL KNOTT AND HAMM COUNTIES.

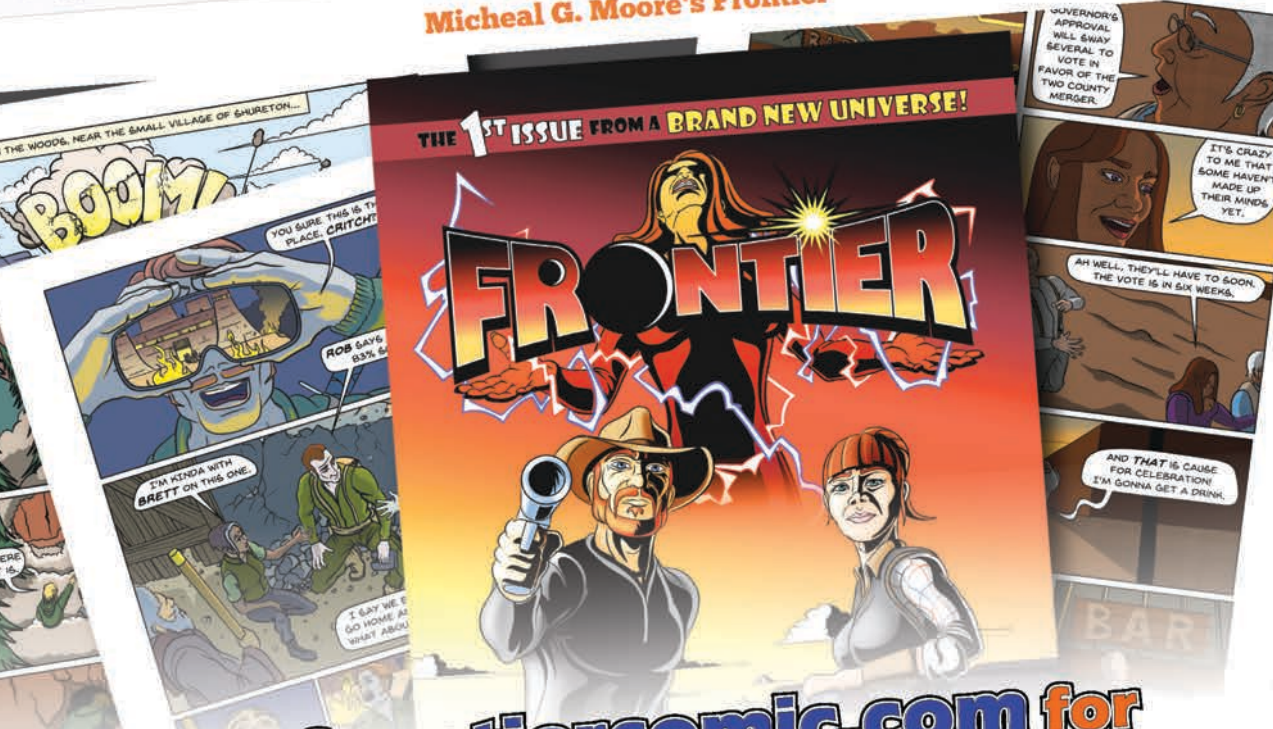


BOOMBAH **LAST OF THE BATTLE KANIN**

BOOMBAH IS THE TRUSTY MOUNT OF MARSHAL BILL WENDEL AND A WARRIOR IN HER OWN RIGHT. A TRUE PARTNER, SHE HAS SAVED THE DAY AND BILL'S LIFE MANY TIMES DURING THEIR PARTNERSHIP.

ENEMIES SHOULD NOT BE FOOLED BY HER GENTLE NATURE. BOOMBAH IS AS FIERCE A KANIN AS HAS EVER LIVED. SHE IS FAST, CUNNING, AND DEADLY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THOSE SHE LOVES ARE THREATENED.

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As ridiculous as it sounds...