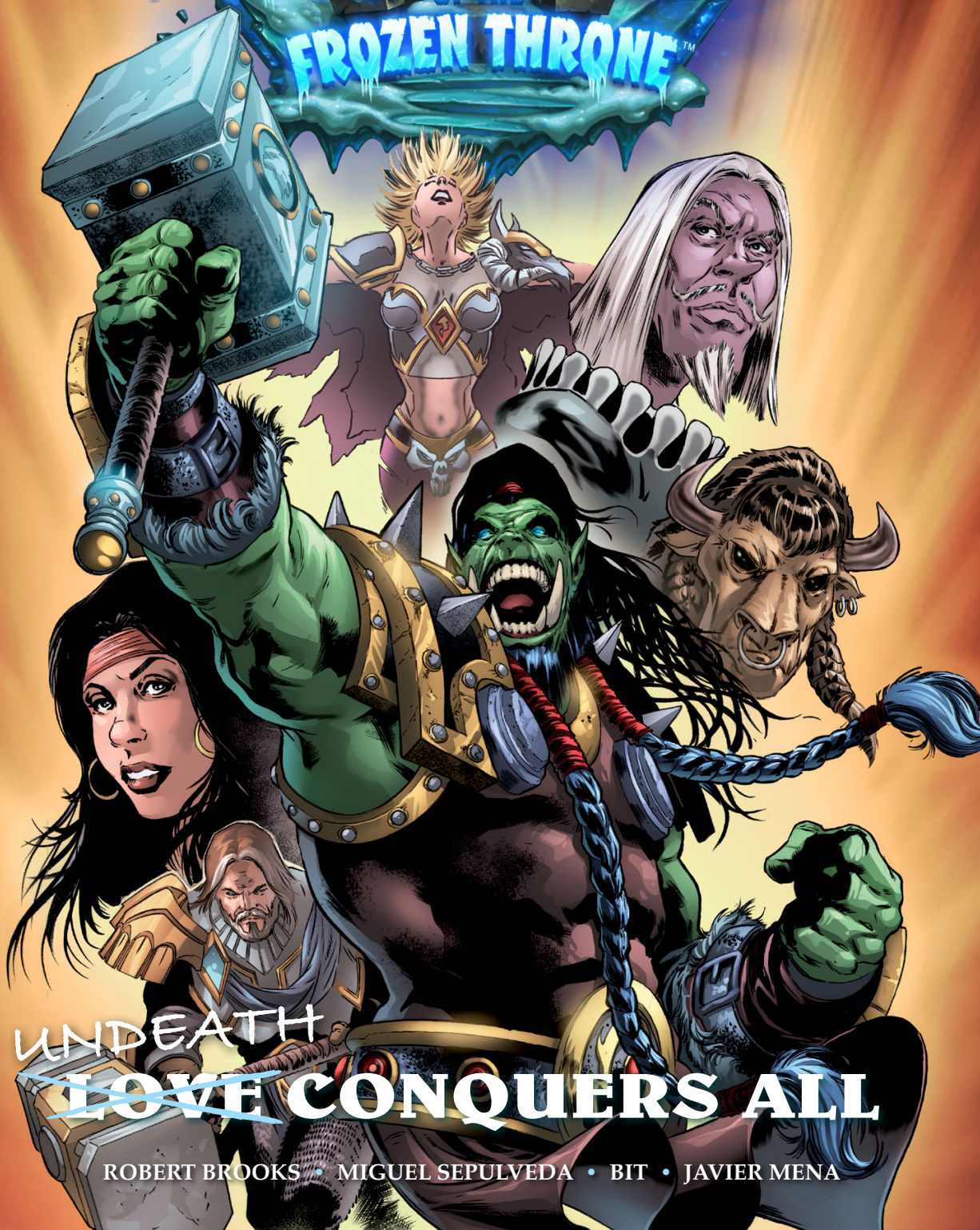


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One Fateful night in the tavern...

AND IT WAS DONE!  
THE KING STOOD  
ATOP THE HILL AND  
ROARED!

HE MAY  
HAVE LOST HIS  
PANTS...  
... BUT HE  
HAD SAVED HIS  
KINGDOM!



THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!

TIPS ARE  
ALWAYS  
WELCOME.

THERE HAS  
TO BE A CATCH,  
RIGHT?

NO WAY.  
WE'RE GONNA  
BE SET FOR  
LIFE.



I KNOW THE  
PLACE HAS A BAD  
REPUTATION...  
... BUT THE  
FROZEN THRONE  
CAN'T BE *THAT*  
BAD ANYMORE.

AHEM.  
BEG YOUR  
PARDON.



I COULDN'T  
HELP BUT  
OVERHEAR...

ARE YOU FINE FOLKS  
TRAVELING TO THE  
FROZEN THRONE?

YEP! THERE'S  
TALES OF SOME  
SERIOUS POWER  
UP THERE.

ONCE I GET MY  
MITTS ON IT, I'LL SET  
ME AND MY HUBBY  
UP FOR LIFE!



OH.  
OH DEAR.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU WERE  
TOLD...





... BUT I ASSURE YOU, ONLY HORROR AWAITS THOSE WHO SEEK THE FROZEN THRONE.

SO YOU KNOW THE PLACE! GOT ANY STORIES?

YEAH! WHAT'S IT LIKE NOWADAYS?



YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

THERE ARE NO "STORIES" OF THE THRONE. ONLY TRAGIC TALES.

I WOULD NEVER GLORIFY IT. IMAGINE THE HARM --



-SIGH-

OTHERS HAVE BROUGHT NOBLE INTENTIONS TO THE FROZEN THRONE BEFORE.

ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A DARK AND CHAOTIC AGE...

CLINK  
CLINK  
CLINK

THWACK



"... A PLAGUE OF UNDEATH SWEEPED ACROSS LORDAERON.

"IT ENVELOPED COUNTLESS SOULS. AND DEATH WAS NO RELIEF.

"THOSE WHO FELL RETURNED AS MINIONS OF EVIL."



"A POWERFUL MAGE RUSHED TO STOP IT. HER NAME WAS JAINA PROUDMOORE."

"ANOTHER HERO ALREADY BEGUN HIS OWN CRUSADE."

"HIS NAME WAS ARTHAS MENETHIL."

"THEY HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER ONCE. AND FATE HAD BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER AGAIN."

"THEY FOUGHT TOGETHER TO ERADICATE WHATEVER HAD UNLEASHED THIS UNSPEAKABLE TERROR."

"SHE FACED THE UNDEAD WITH AN UNWAVERING HEART."

"AND SHE RESOLVED TO DO *ANYTHING* TO LAY THE CRISIS TO REST."

"AND THEIR OLD RELATIONSHIP WAS REKINDLED."

"THEY WERE NOT SIMPLY GOOD FRIENDS. THEY WERE GOOD ALLIES."

"NOTHING COULD STOP THEM."

"WHEN THEY FACED THE NECROMANCER KEL'THUZAD..."

"... THEY EASILY DESTROYED HIM."

CURSE YOU, INTERLOPERS!

"WAIT. HOLD ON."







KEL'THUZAD WASN'T A SKELETON THEN. YOUR LORE IS INACCURATE.

WELL, YES, I SUPPOSE, BUT--

YEAH, AND WE ALREADY KNOW THIS STORY. JAINA, ARTHAS... WE GET IT.

DON'T SPOIL IT FOR THE OTHERS. AS I WAS SAYING...



"THE PLAGUE HAD REACHED A CITY NAMED **STRATHOLME**, BUT ITS CITIZENS HAD NOT YET TURNED.

"IT WAS A TERRIBLE DILEMMA.

"ARTHAS WANTED TO CLEANSSE STRATHOLME WITH FIRE. UTHER BELIEVED THE PEOPLE COULD BE SAVED. JAINA DECIDED--"

WE KNOW THIS STORY, LANDLUBBER.

ARTHAS CROSSES THE LINE; THE OTHERS DON'T. SO TRAGIC, BLAH BLAH BLAH.

IF THIS IS ALL YE'VE GOT, I WANT MY COIN BACK.

JAINA DECIDED...

... THAT ARTHAS COULDN'T SUCCEED WITHOUT HER.

THE PLAGUE NEEDED TO BE **ERADICATED!** WHEN SHE WAS DONE...



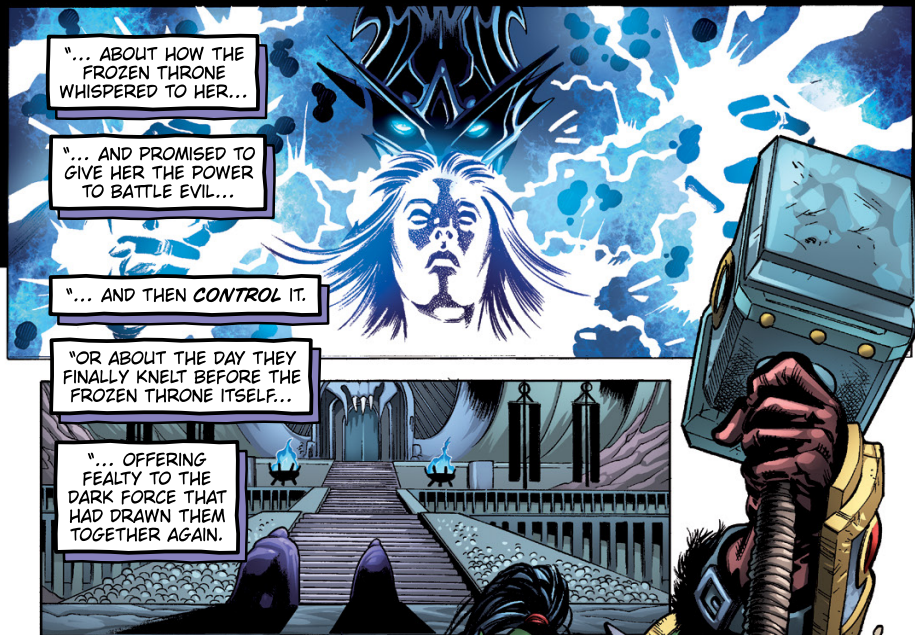
"... NOTHING WAS LEFT BUT ASH AND CINDERS!"



NEVER LEAVE MY SIDE, JAINA.

WE WILL PREVAIL, ARTHAS. TOGETHER.





"... ABOUT HOW THE FROZEN THRONE WHISPERED TO HER..."

"... AND PROMISED TO GIVE HER THE POWER TO BATTLE EVIL..."

"... AND THEN *CONTROL* IT."

"OR ABOUT THE DAY THEY FINALLY KNELT BEFORE THE FROZEN THRONE ITSELF..."

"... OFFERING FEALTY TO THE DARK FORCE THAT HAD DRAWN THEM TOGETHER AGAIN."



"I'LL JUST SKIP TO THE WAR THESE TWO *DEATH KNIGHTS* WAGED AGAINST THE LIVING."

"SIMPLY PUT..."

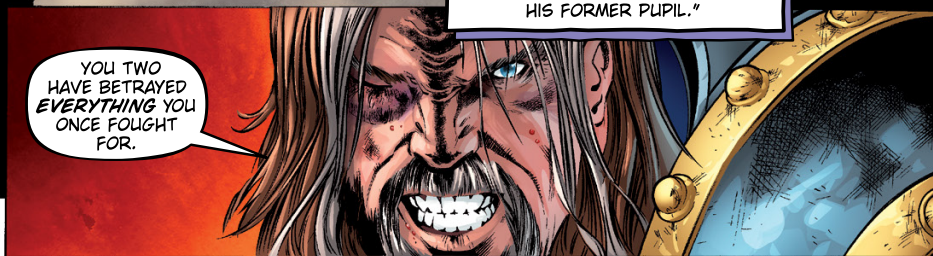
"THE POWER OF THE FROZEN THRONE HAD MADE THEM UNSTOPPABLE."

"THE WORLD CRIED OUT FOR HEROES TO STAND AGAINST THEM."



"A SHAMAN ANSWERED THE ELEMENTS' CALL AND BEGAN THE LONG AND PERILOUS JOURNEY TO ICECROWN..."

"... WHILE ACROSS THE SEA, *UTHER THE LIGHTBRINGER* TRACKED DOWN HIS FORMER PUPIL."



YOU TWO HAVE BETRAYED *EVERYTHING* YOU ONCE FOUGHT FOR.





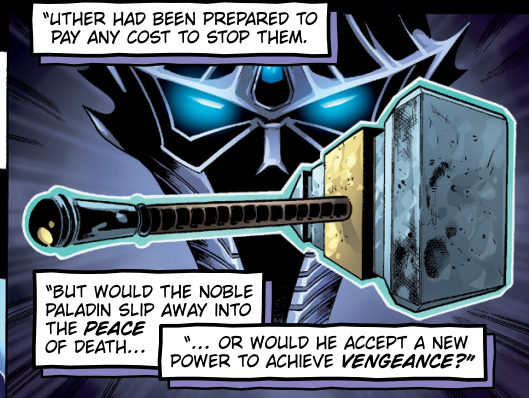
VICTORY IS WORTH ANY PRICE, UTHUR.

"BUT HE COULD NOT PREVAIL."



"THE PALADIN'S STORY DID NOT END THERE."

"THE POWER OF THE FROZEN THRONE REACHED OUT ONCE MORE."



"UTHUR HAD BEEN PREPARED TO PAY ANY COST TO STOP THEM."

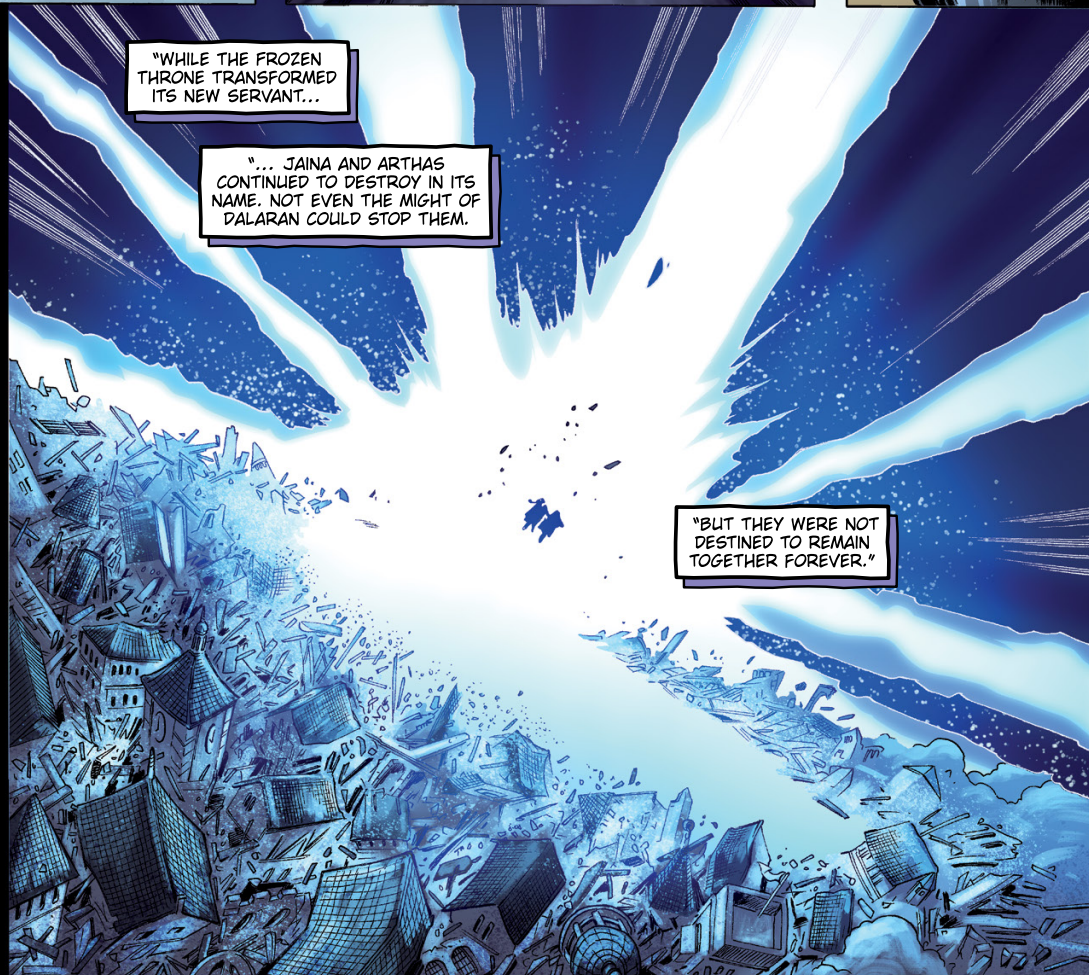
"BUT WOULD THE NOBLE PALADIN SLIP AWAY INTO THE PEACE OF DEATH..."

"... OR WOULD HE ACCEPT A NEW POWER TO ACHIEVE VENGEANCE?"



I DIDN'T PAY YE FOR A STORY OF PEACE.

VENGEANCE IT IS.



"WHILE THE FROZEN THRONE TRANSFORMED ITS NEW SERVANT..."

"... JAINA AND ARTHAS CONTINUED TO DESTROY IN ITS NAME. NOT EVEN THE MIGHT OF DALARAN COULD STOP THEM."

"BUT THEY WERE NOT DESTINED TO REMAIN TOGETHER FOREVER."







AS I WAS SAYING...

SURRENDER, OR THE ELEMENTS WILL DESTROY YOU.

LET US BEGIN.

"THE FROZEN THRONE DOES NOT BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER.

"IT PITS THEM AGAINST ONE ANOTHER UNTIL ONLY THE STRONGEST REMAINS."

DO NOT SEEK THE THRONE FOR YOUR FAMILY'S BENEFIT. IT WILL BRING THEM TO RUIN.

BUT WHO WON THE FIGHT?

WHAT?

WHO WON THE FIGHT?

THAT'S... NOT THE POINT...

CLINK CLINK CLINK CLINK CLINK

I DON'T...

->SIGH<-

JAINA. JAINA WON. THE END.

END