

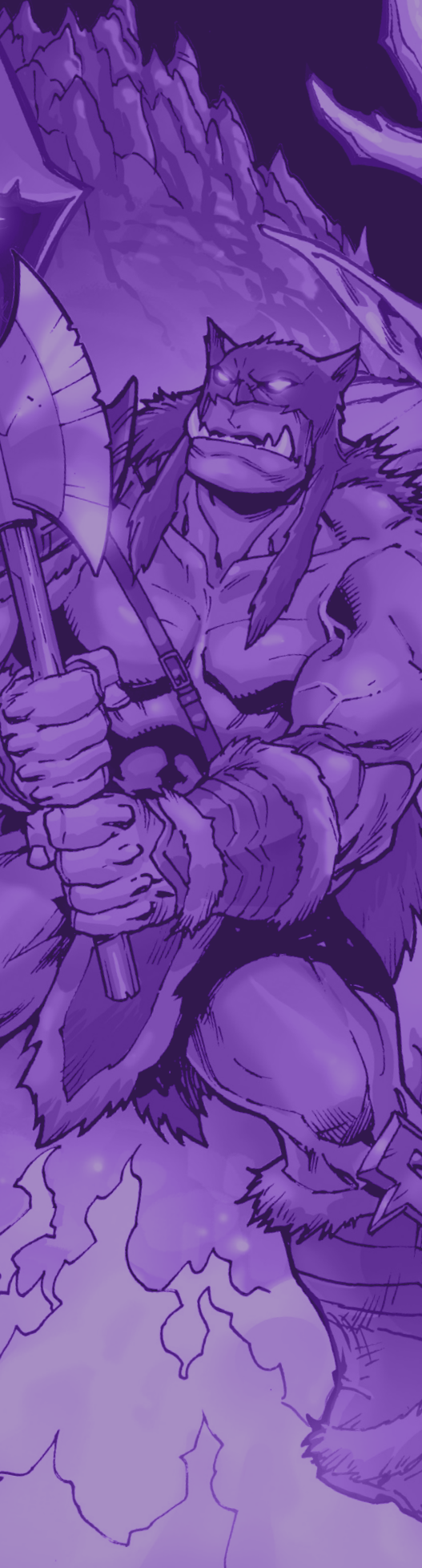
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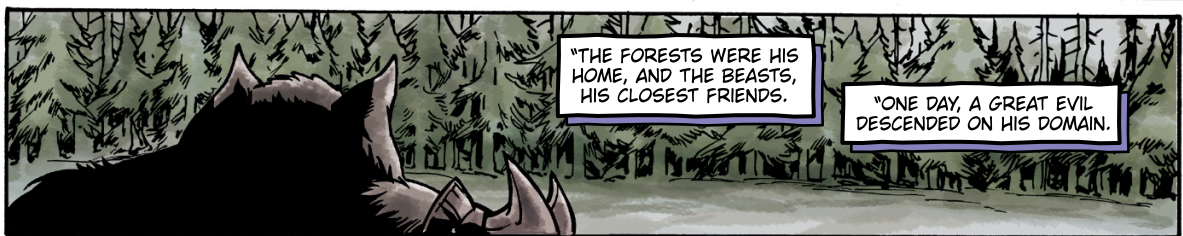
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"...REXXAR, MASTER OF THE WILDS."



"THE FORESTS WERE HIS HOME, AND THE BEASTS, HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS."

"ONE DAY, A GREAT EVIL DESCENDED ON HIS DOMAIN."



"THE AIR WAS FRIGID, AND THE WINDS WHISPERED OF ICE AND SHADOW."

"THE FORESTS WERE SICK. THEY WERE DYING."



"SO WAS EVERYTHING THAT WALKED WITHIN. BUT WHAT COULD CAUSE SUCH UNSPEAKABLE DECAY?"


"MALFURION. BOLD CHOICE."



"YOUR POWERS HAVE FAILED YOU. MALFURION IS A DRUID--A GUARDIAN OF NATURE. HAVING HIM AS THE BAD GUY MAKES NO SENSE."



"YEAH. NO RESPECTABLE STORYTELLER WOULD TAKE SUCH LIBERTIES. GO ON, SIR. TELL US WHO IT REALLY WAS."




"IT WAS MALFURION, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW HIM. HE WAS THE PESTILENT. BANE OF THE FORESTS. CORRUPTOR OF NATURE.

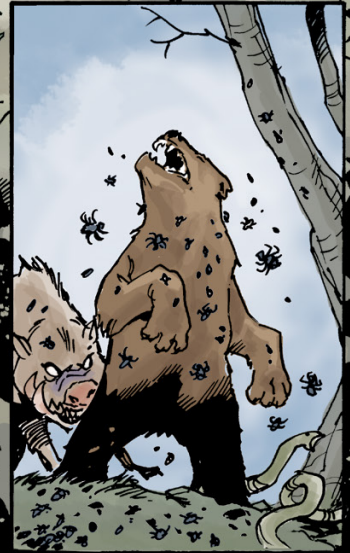
"REXXAR HAD BUT ONE CHOICE TO SAVE THE WILDS.



"HIS AIM WAS TRUE.
HIS HEART, PURE.



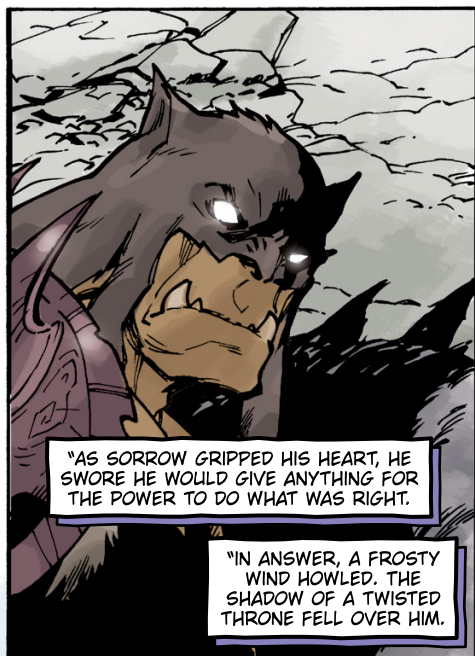
"BUT VIRTUE IS NOT ALWAYS
ENOUGH TO VANQUISH EVIL."





"REXXAR FAILED THE FORESTS.
HE FAILED HIS BEASTLY FRIENDS.

"POISON BURNED
THROUGH THEIR
VEINS, AND THERE
WAS NO CURE.



"AS SORROW GRIPPED HIS HEART, HE
SWORE HE WOULD GIVE ANYTHING FOR
THE POWER TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT.

"IN ANSWER, A FROSTY
WIND HOWLED. THE
SHADOW OF A TWISTED
THRONE FELL OVER HIM.



"BUT IN ITS PLACE WAS
ONLY A STRANGER
NAMED GUL'DAN.



"DON'T YOU
DARE!"



"GUL'DAN OFFERED HIM A
WAY TO PROTECT WHAT
HE HELD MOST DEAR.

"ALL HE ASKED
FOR IN RETURN...



"...WAS A
SINGLE LIFE."

"AND HE HAD JUST WHAT
REXXAR WISHED FOR."



"GUL'DAN TAUGHT REXXAR HOW TO GIVE HIS BELOVED ANIMALS IMMORTALITY... HOW TO GRANT THEM UNHOLY POWER..."



"HOW ABOUT AN EXPLODING BAT?"
"LET'S NOT GET CARRIED AWAY."



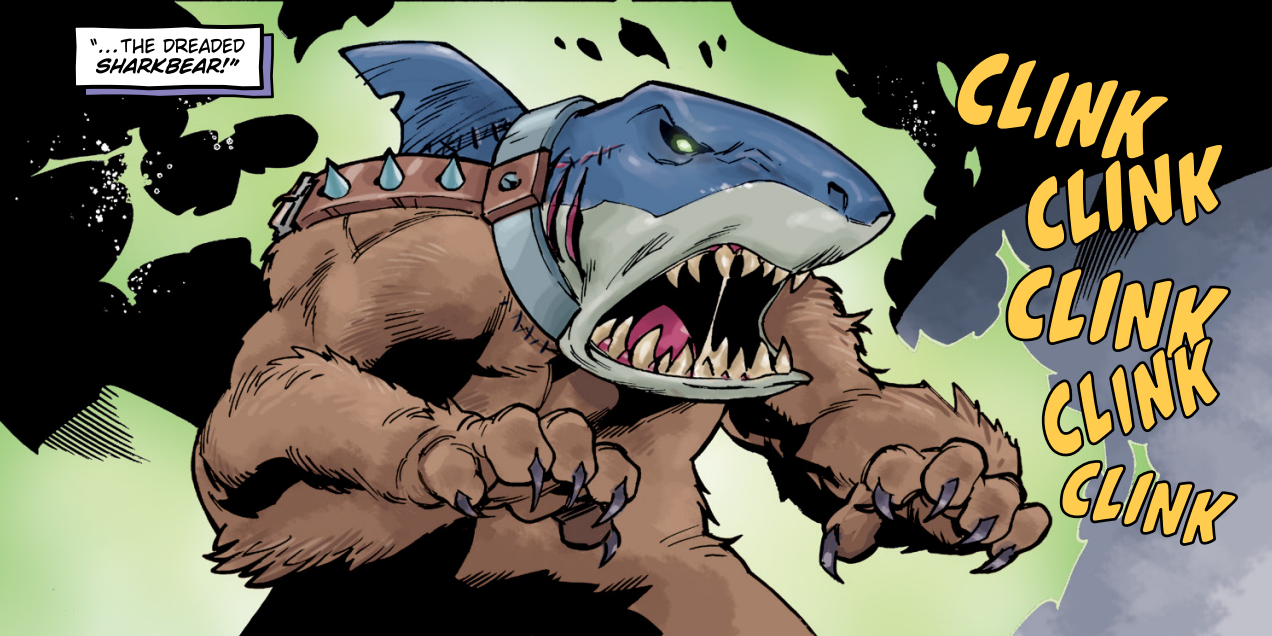
"WHAT IF HE STITCHES THEM TOGETHER OR SOMETHING?"
"LIKE A BOAR WITH SNAKES FOR TEETH!"
"HOLD ON!"



"CROCODEER!"
"PLEASE! THIS IS ABSURD!"



CLINK CLINK
THIS IS GETTING GOOD!
UH...YES! AN ARMY OF... ZOMBEASTS! AND THE MOST FEARSOME OF ALL WAS...



"...THE DREADED SHARKBEAR!"

CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK



"THE FORESTS TREMBLED
AT THE MARCH OF THE
ZOMBEASTS."

"AND FOR ALL HIS
CORRUPTIVE MIGHT..."

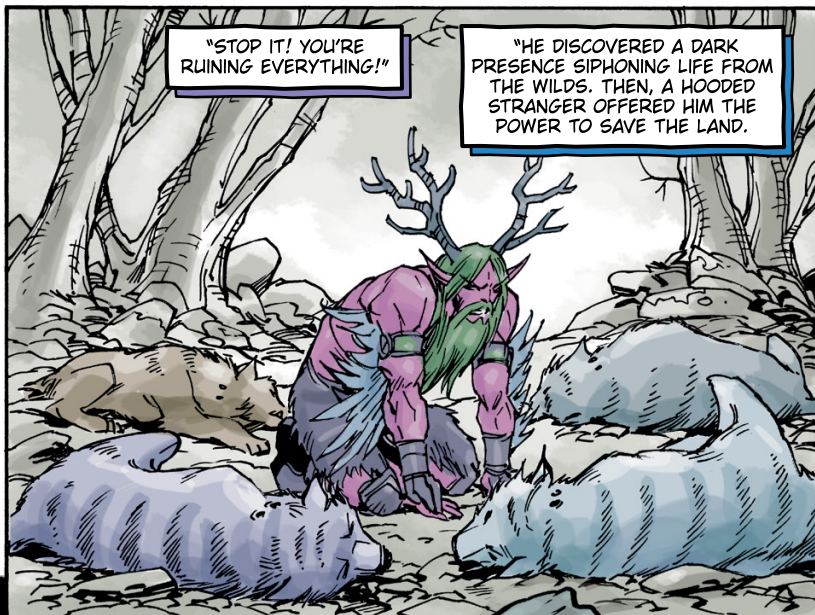
"...EVEN MALFURION
COULD NOT WITHSTAND THE
FURY OF CLAW AND FANG."

"BUT AS REXXAR
MOVED IN FOR THE
KILLING BLOW, HIS
FOE WHISPERED
SOMETHING..."

YOU... YOU
SAW IT, YES?
THE SHADOW...
OF A FROZEN
THRONE..."



MALFURION WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT THE FORESTS, TOO.



"STOP IT! YOU'RE RUINING EVERYTHING!"

"HE DISCOVERED A DARK PRESENCE SIPHONING LIFE FROM THE WILDS. THEN, A HOODED STRANGER OFFERED HIM THE POWER TO SAVE THE LAND."



"HE AND REXXAR FELL VICTIM TO THE SAME FORCE."

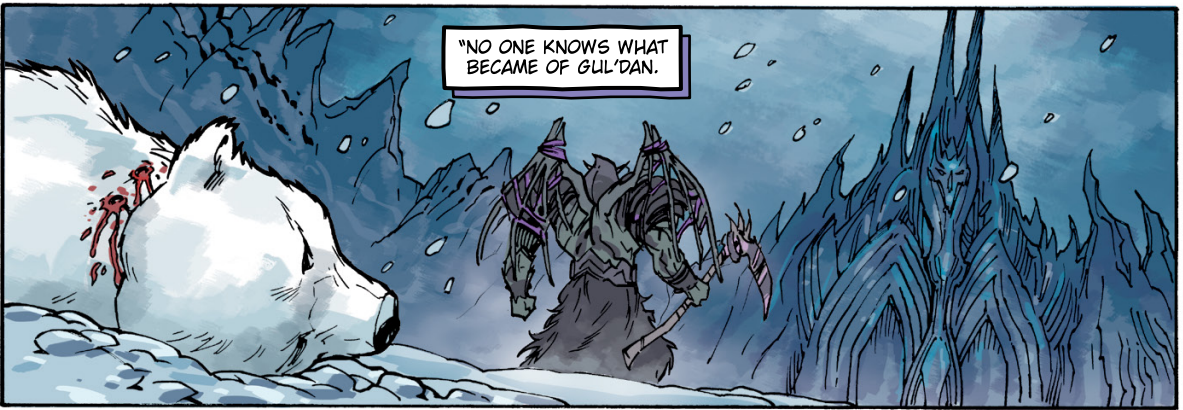


WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY LITTLE TRICKS NOW?

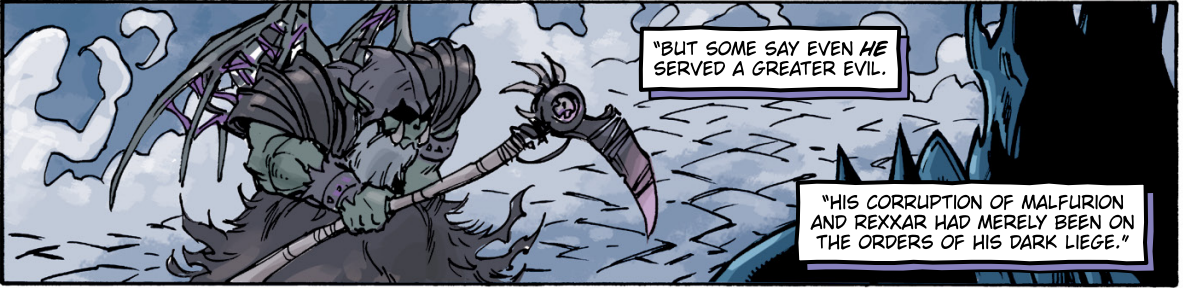
HE LEARNED HIS LESSON, FORTUNE-TELLER. PUT AWAY THE CARDS AND LET HIM FINISH THE STORY!



YEAH! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VAMPIRE ORC?



"NO ONE KNOWS WHAT BECAME OF GUL'DAN."



"BUT SOME SAY EVEN HE SERVED A GREATER EVIL."

"HIS CORRUPTION OF MALFURION AND REXXAR HAD MERELY BEEN ON THE ORDERS OF HIS DARK LIEGE."



TAKE THIS TALE AS A WARNING, MY DEAR. IF YOU GO TOO FAR TO PROTECT YOUR TURF--

I UNDERSTAND. COMPLETELY.



YOU'RE TRYING TO SCARE ME AWAY SO YOU CAN HAVE THE SHARKBEAR ALL TO YOURSELF!

I JUST MADE THAT UP! THERE IS NO--



TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS SHARKBEAR...

...OR THINGS WILL GET VERY UNPLEASANT.



I'M CONFUSED ABOUT THE VAMPIRE ORC'S MOTIVATIONS HERE. WHAT DID HE GET OUT OF IT?

HOW DID REXXAR FIND A SHARK IN THE FOREST?

YOU NEVER SEEN A RIVER SHARK, MATE?

END