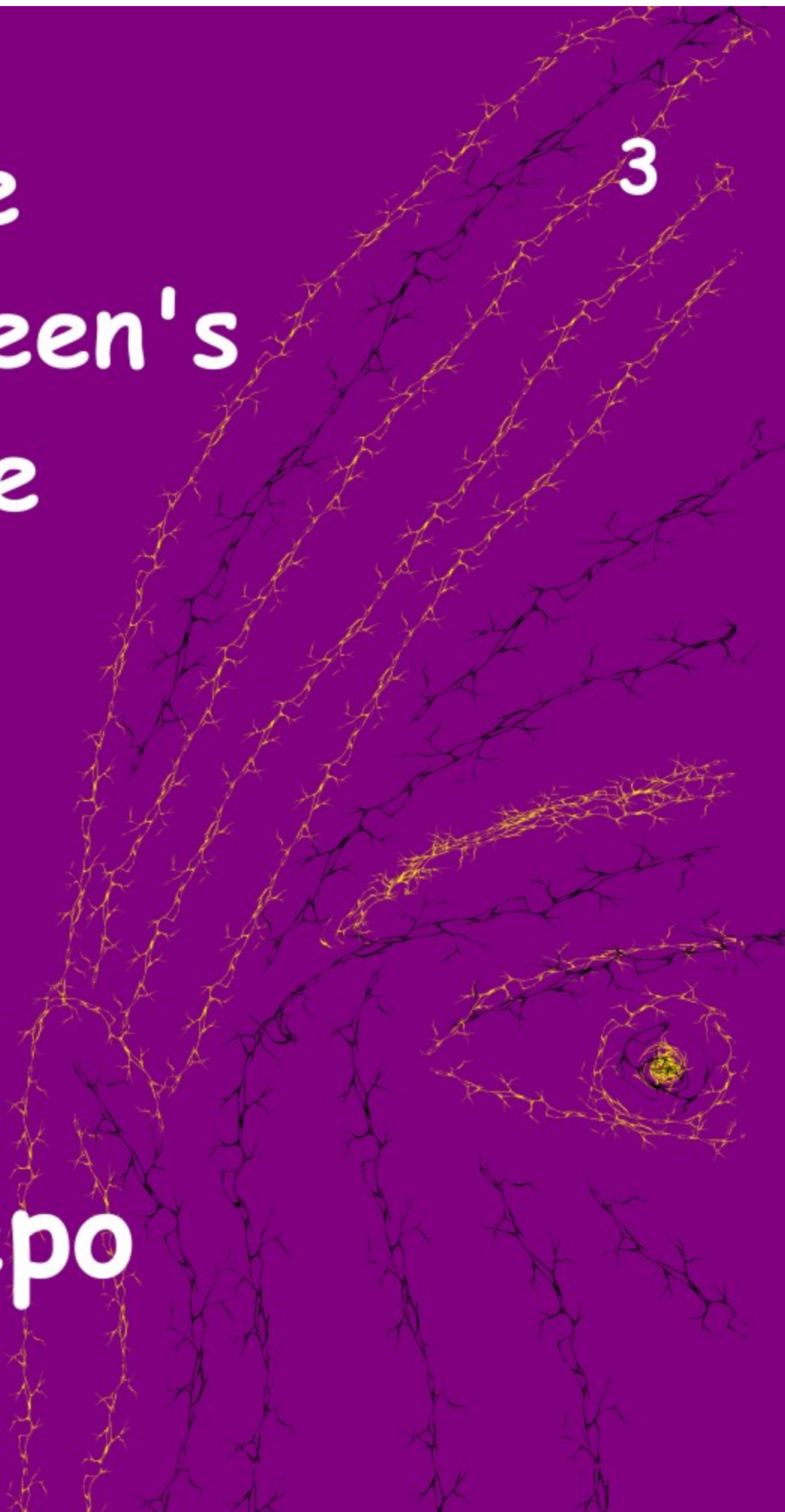


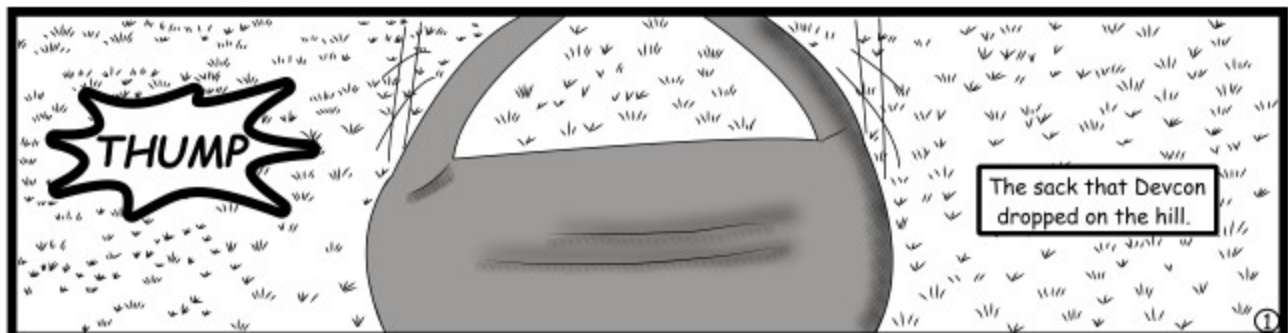
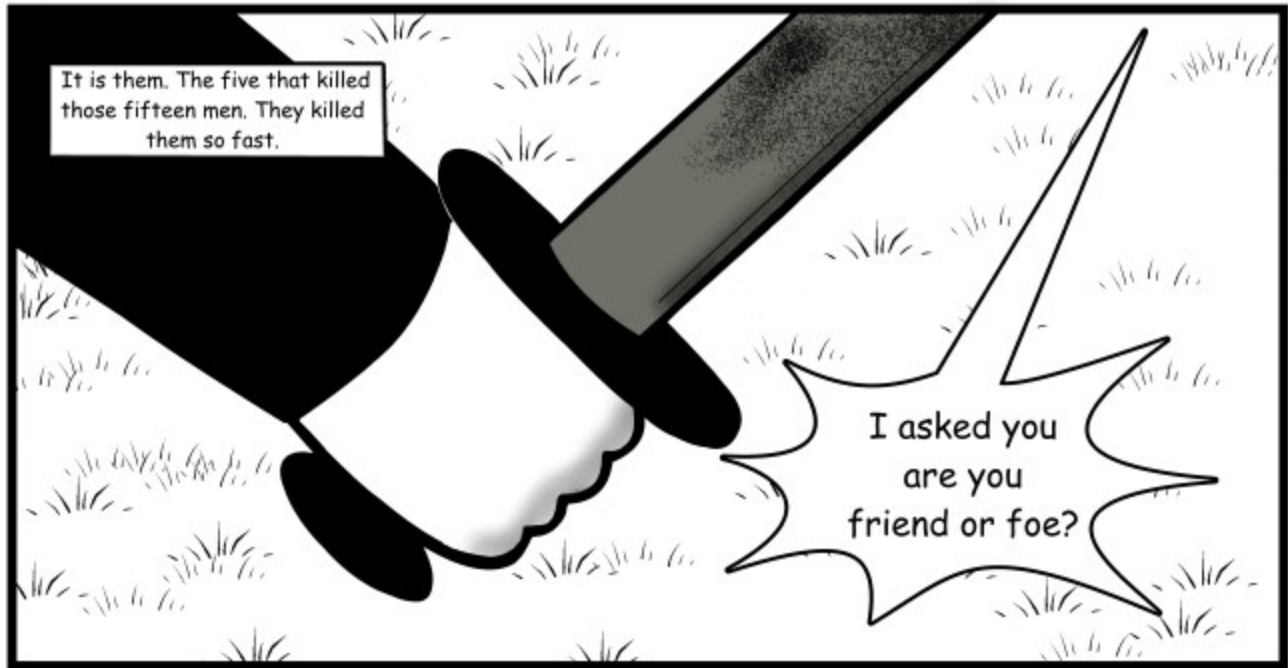
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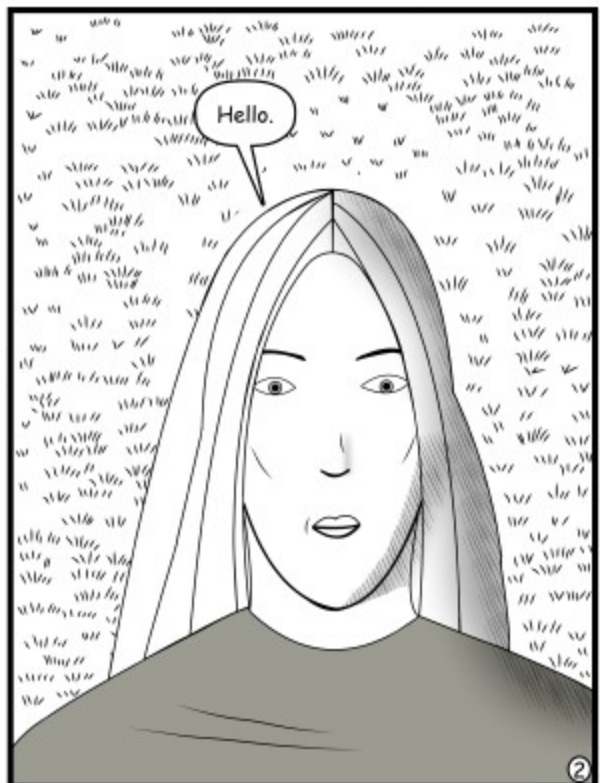
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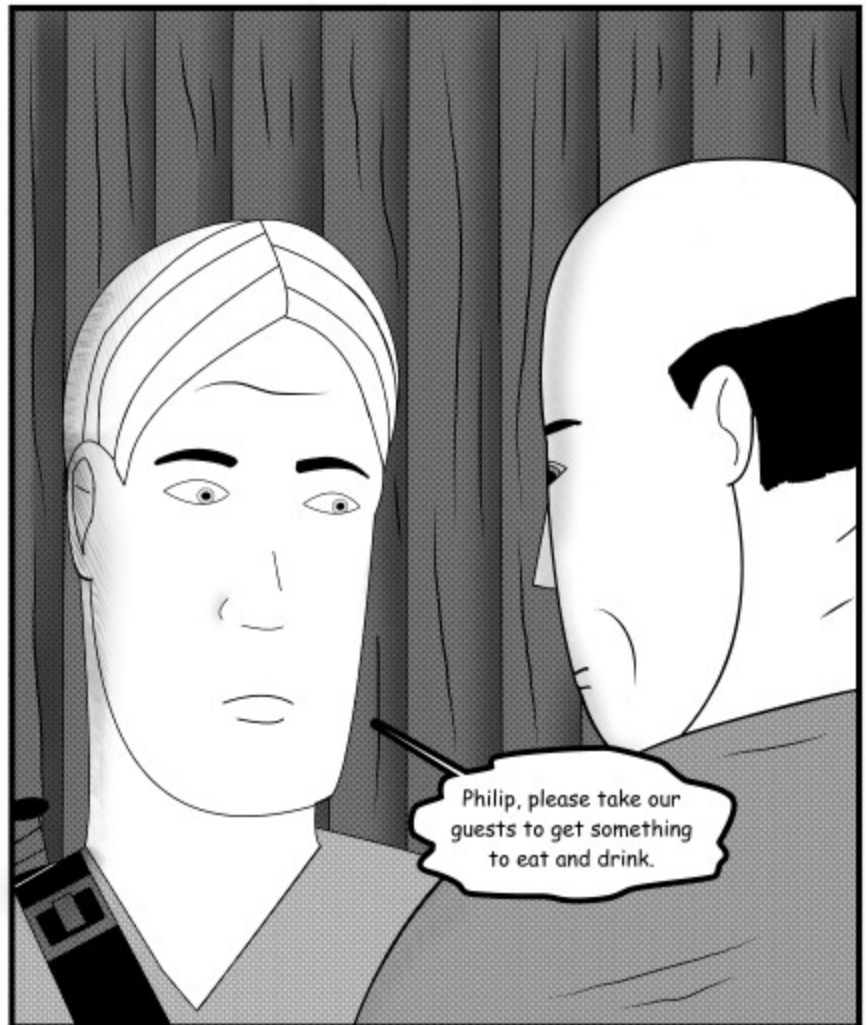
Strangers have arrived.
They have helped with fighting off
the masked attackers.
We have lost Astin.

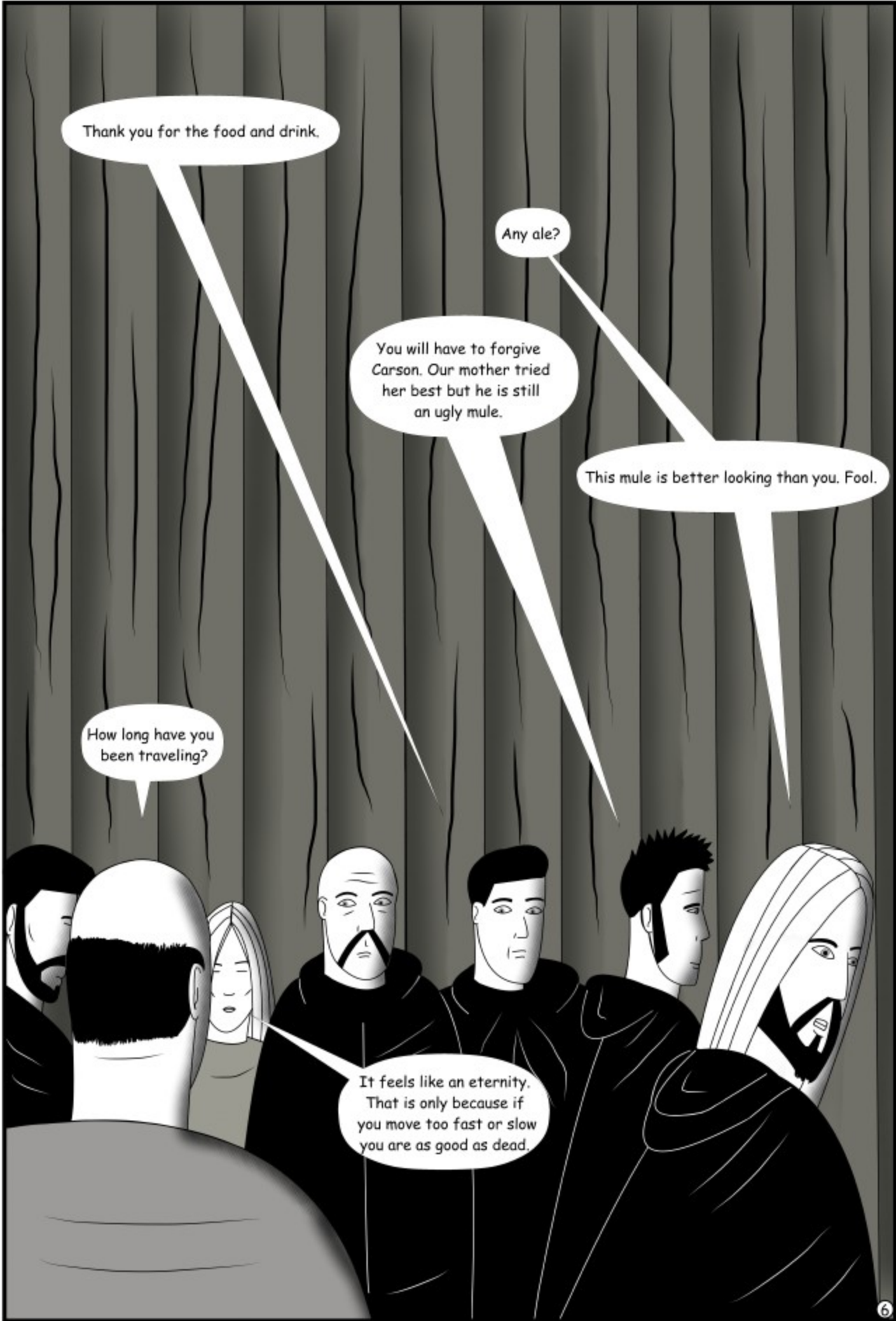












Thank you for the food and drink.

Any ale?

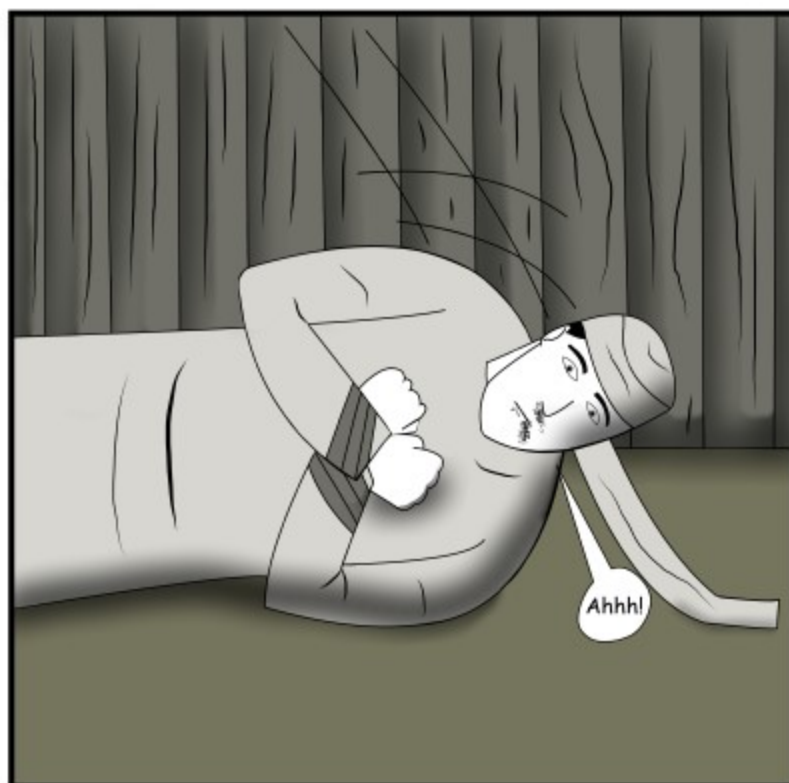
You will have to forgive Carson. Our mother tried her best but he is still an ugly mule.

This mule is better looking than you. Fool.

How long have you been traveling?

It feels like an eternity. That is only because if you move too fast or slow you are as good as dead.







Encouragement in hopeless moments.

I know that you are all frightened...and... we lost family. We... we are family. With time we will heal as a family.

Hard to believe my own words.



Our six visitors, who are they?

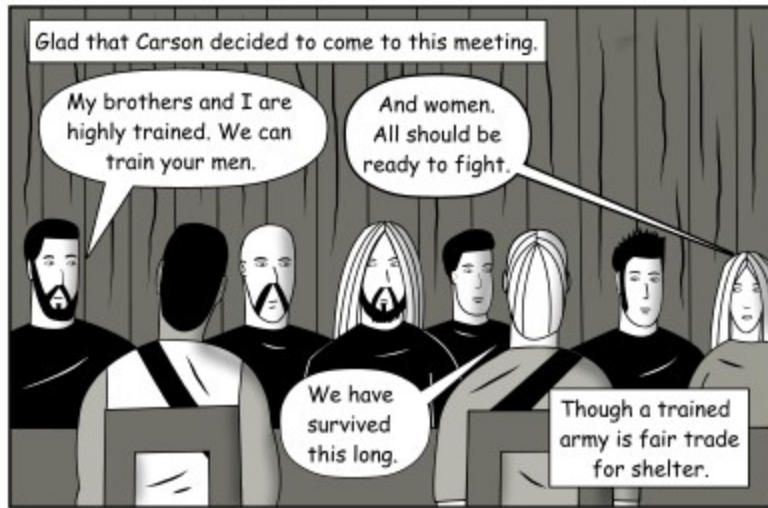
Yes, I told him to ask this. They are all stunned right now and they will wonder later.



I will plant the seed now.

The visitors helped us with the attackers. They handed over their weapons and have given us no reason to doubt them.

Stay close and comfort each other. Tomorrow we will have a service for those we have lost.



Glad that Carson decided to come to this meeting.

My brothers and I are highly trained. We can train your men.

And women. All should be ready to fight.

We have survived this long.

Though a trained army is fair trade for shelter.



I do not think you know what we are offering. Things are only getting worse out there.



We do not know you and you want us to put weapons back in your hands?



Weapons that saved your....

Nepo, sleep on this. We are all trying to survive. We all have something to offer.

As I told our visitors, I met with my inner circle. I did not sleep. We gave our goodbyes to Astin and the others. My head is tired and I need to hear what Philip and Douglas think.

How do we know we can trust them?

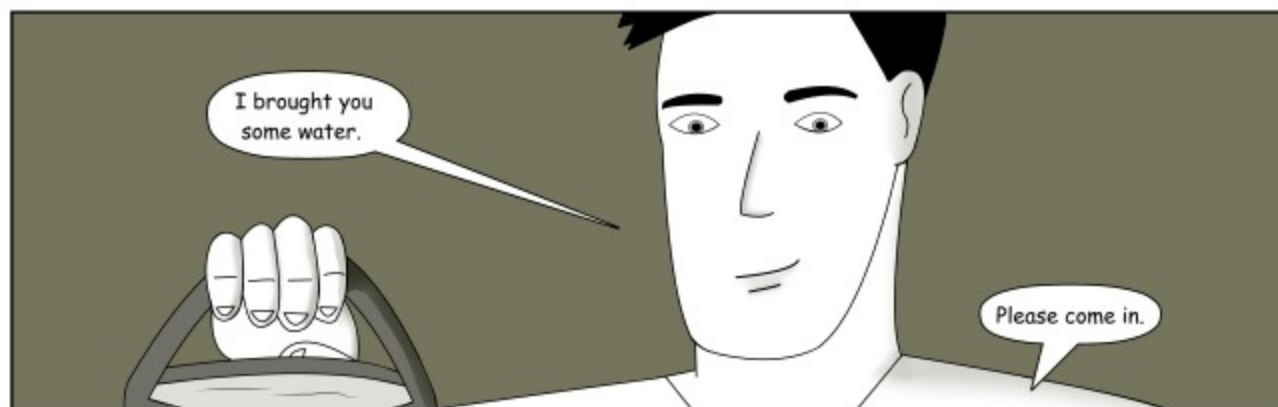
We do not know, but we do not have many choices at this time.

If they are the same five that I saw... well I did not see from that hilltop.... I hope we can trust them. I am not sure we could remove them from our home.

Do you think they could be with the attackers?

No. I do not think they are with them. They protected their sister out there.

It could be a great lie.





You cannot hold on to anyone any longer. That person could be gone when you turn around.



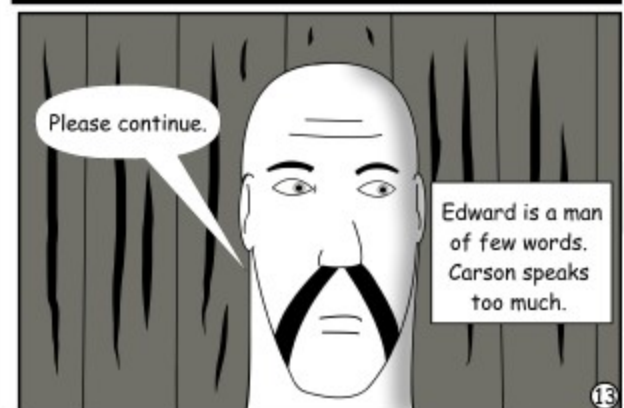
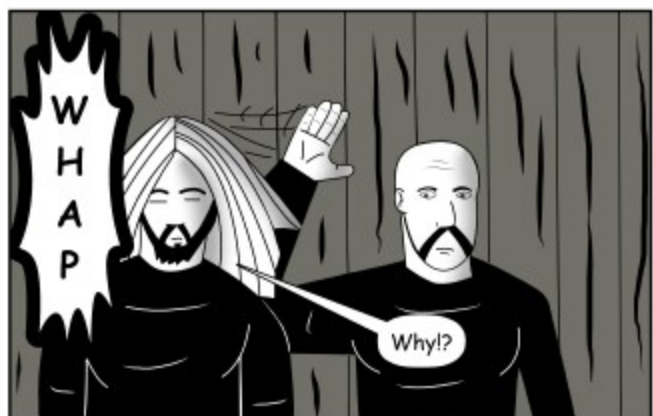
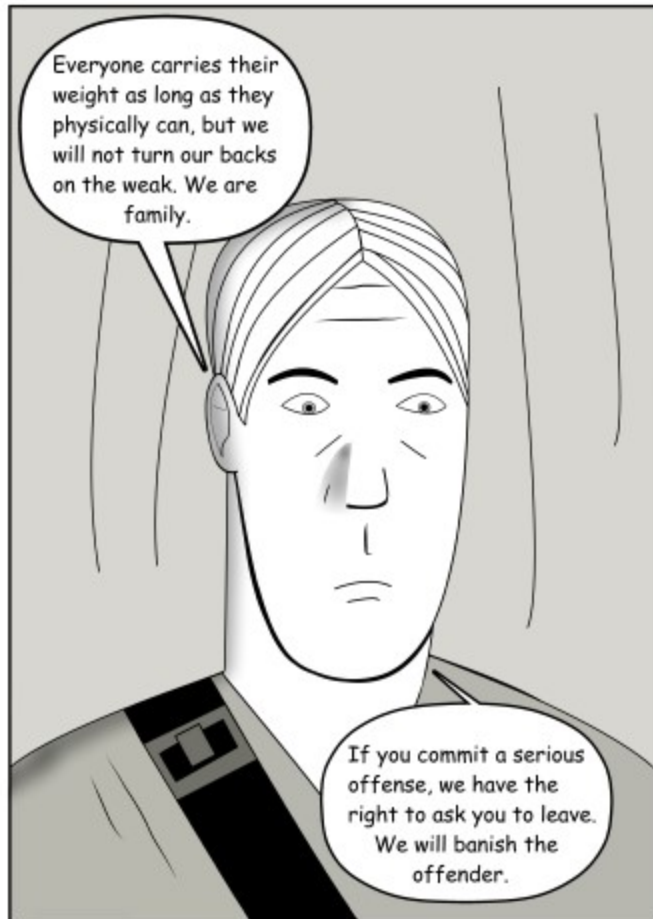
The men...the leaders here... are they good people?



I think so. They watch out for each other.



They saved me and kept me alive.



Carson listens to Edward.
By force if needed.
That is good to know.

Everything is discussed before a
ruling is handed down.

Who would decide
if someone was
guilty?

Roland is a voice of reason.
Gabe is not happy, but that
could be because of Carson.

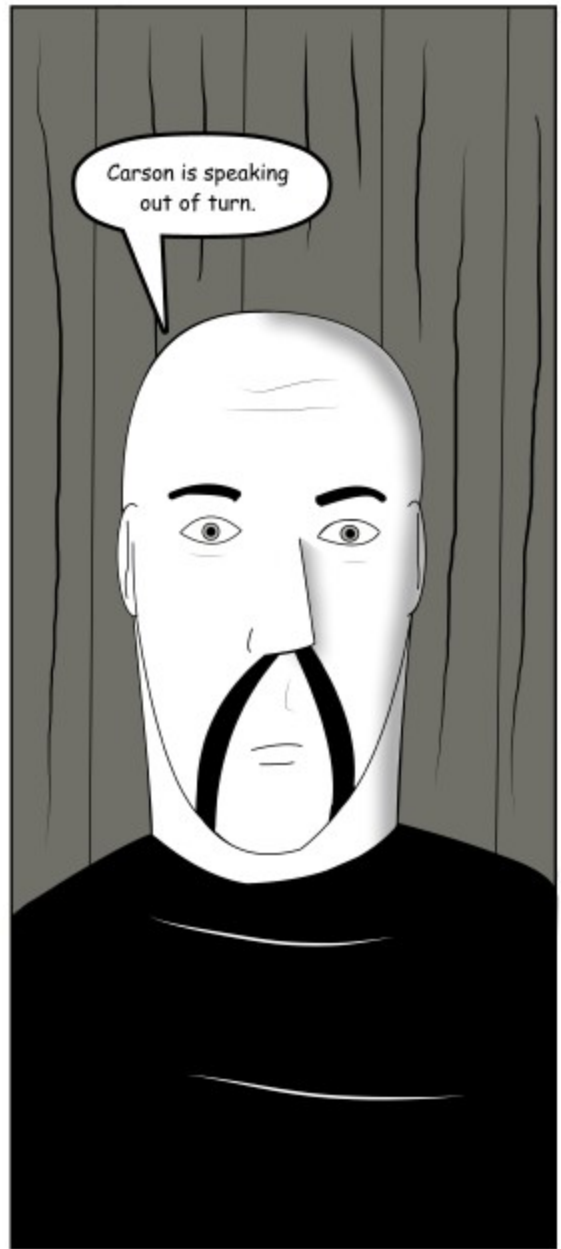
If it is a clear breaking of the
rules, Douglas and I would
discuss. If it is more difficult
we would talk with our people.

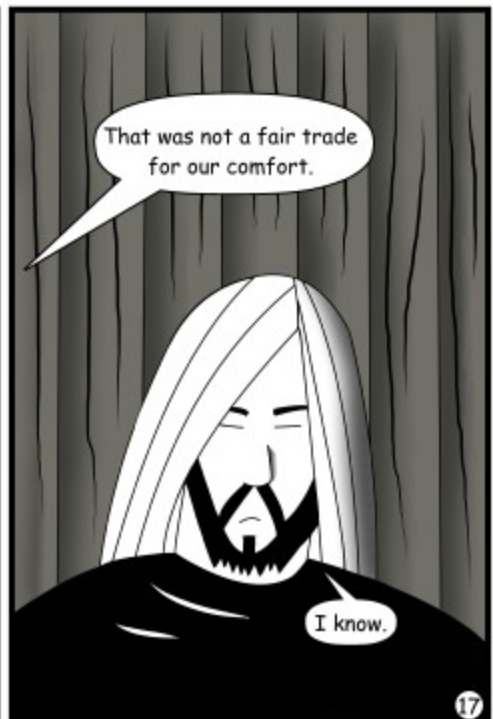
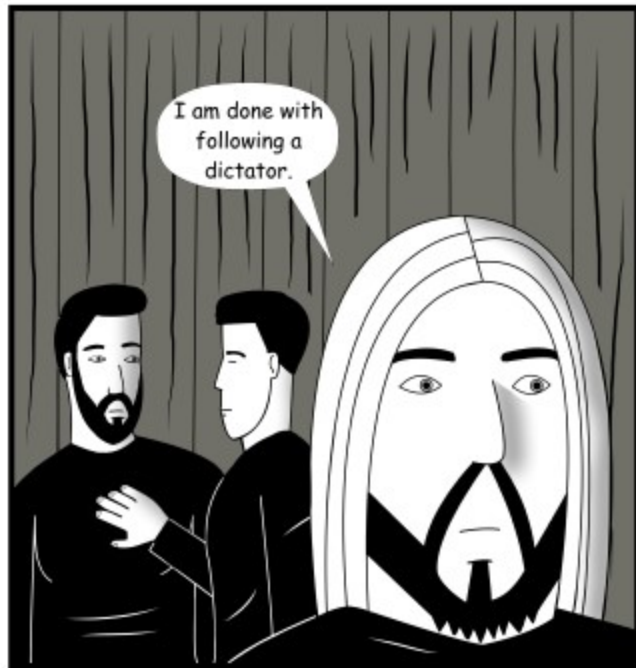


Why should you have so much power?

Not power. An obligation. This is the home that we built. We work to live in peace. If you do not you will be asked to leave.

You could not make me leave pretty man.





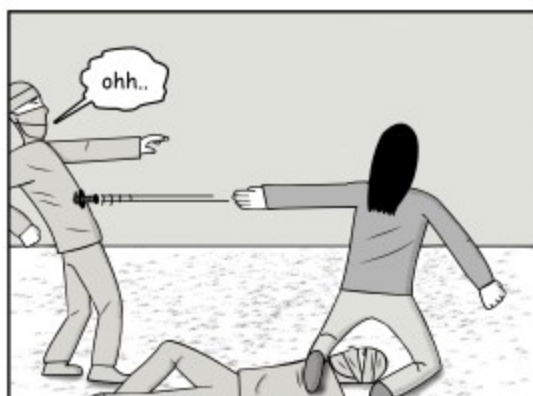
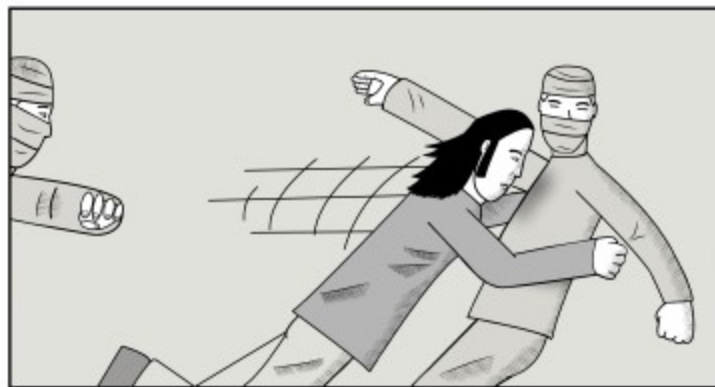
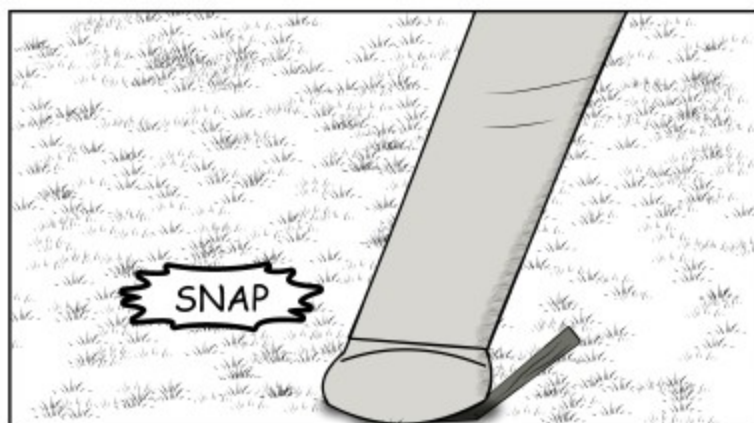
After Carson stormed out, I asked Philip to go watch for Brayden. He went out hunting. Those men are still roaming around. I do not want to lose another part of our family.

Nothing.

Where are you?

Who is that?

Brayden is smart. He knows to head back home if there are any problems.



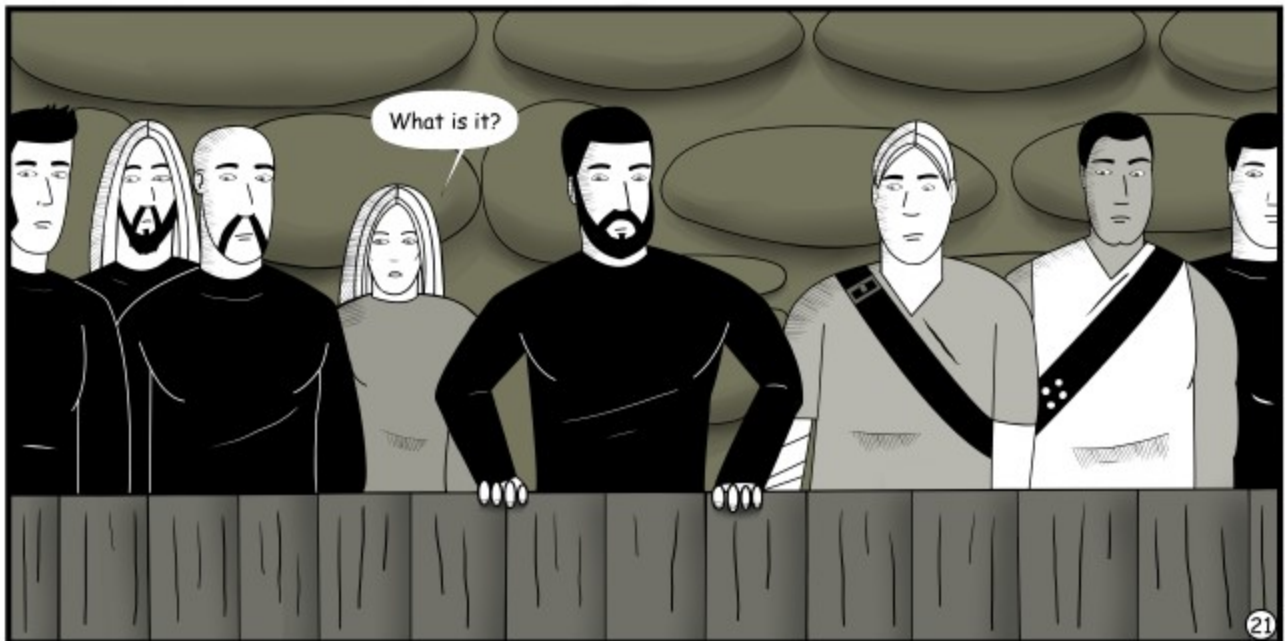




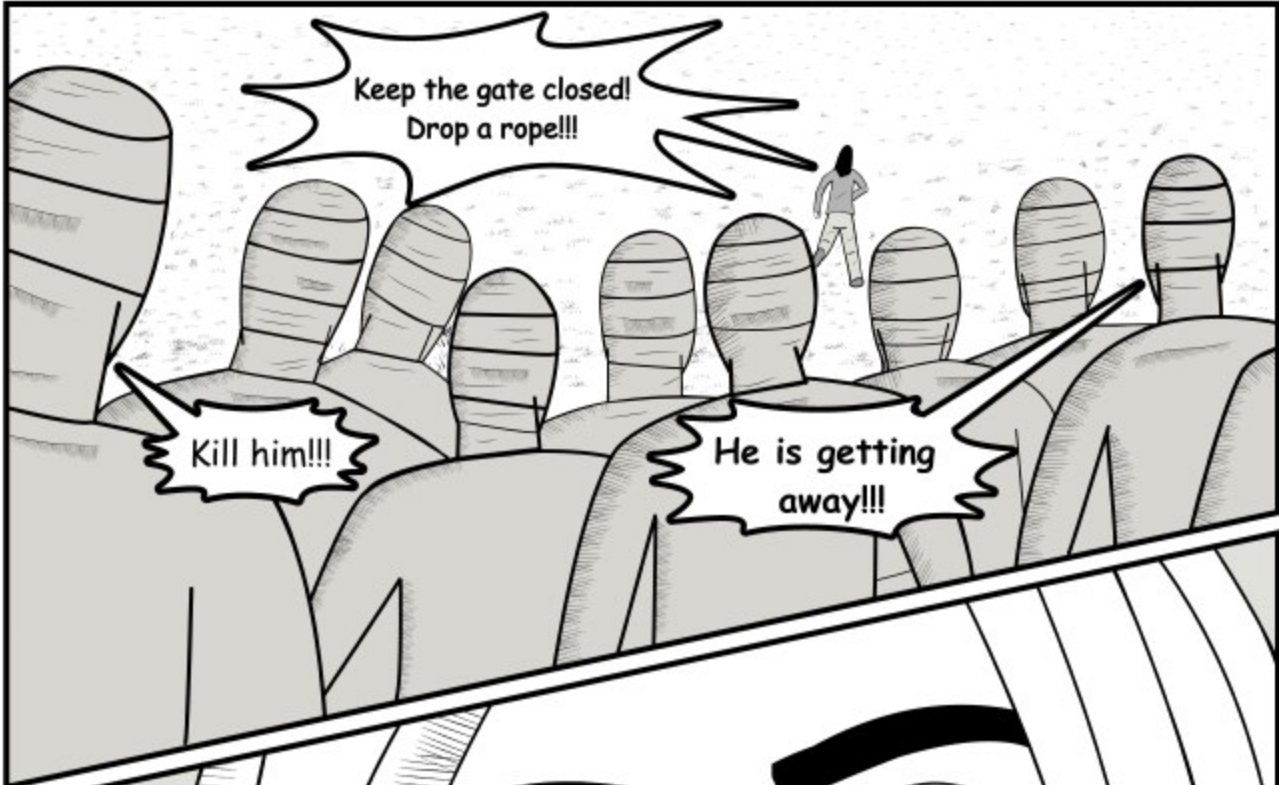
Open the gate!!!
Open the gate
for Brayden!!!



What in the
world?



What is it?



Keep the gate closed!
Drop a rope!!!

Kill him!!!

He is getting
away!!!



So much for peace.

Thank you Carson.



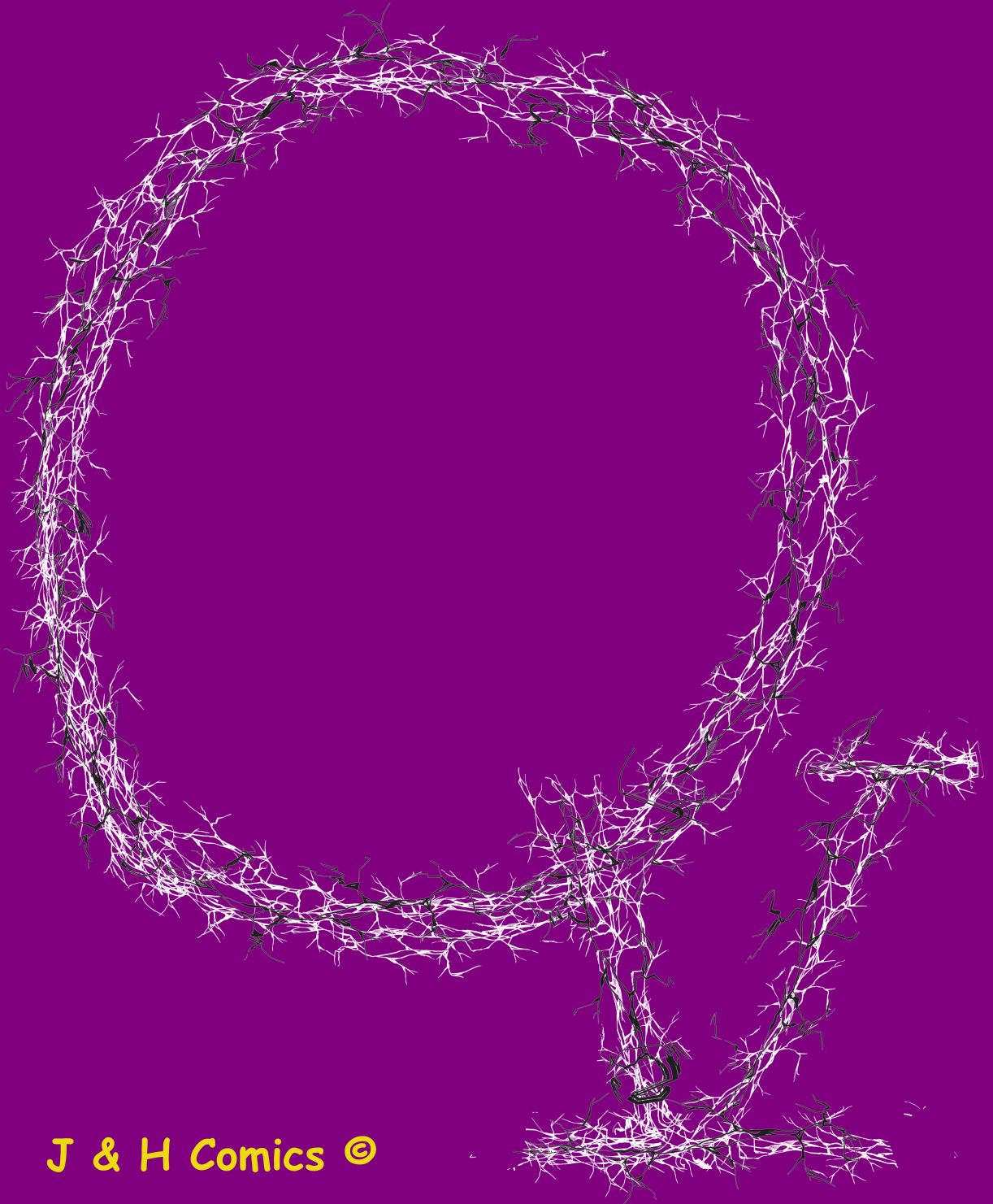
I would rather peace.
Give them back their
weapons.

To keep your peace, we
will take your war.

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