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THERAMORE.

HOW FITTING, TO
FIND MYSELF IN THESE
RUINS ONCE AGAIN...

...WANDERING AMONG
THE GHOSTS.



WHO BETTER TO
RULE A LOST CITY...

...THAN ONE WHO
HAS LOST HER WAY?

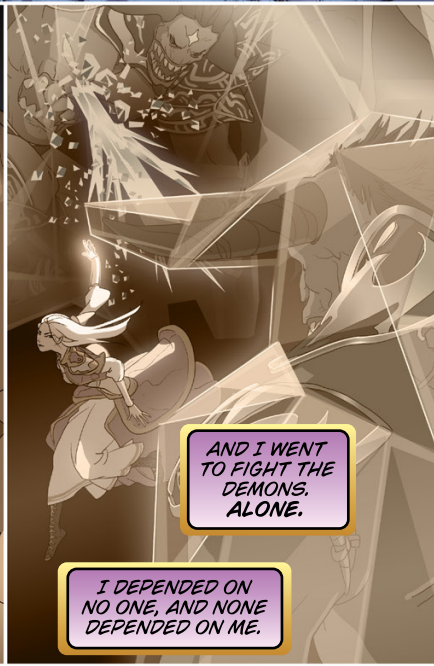
IT SEEMS EVERY PATH
I HAVE TAKEN HAS
LED ME BACK HERE.



IN DALARAN, I CUT MY TIES
TO THE KIRIN TOR FOR
RE-ADMITTING THE HORDE.

I LEFT MY DEAR KALECGOS--
THE ONLY ONE WHO TRULY
UNDERSTOOD ME.

HOW COULD MY
FELLOW MAGI NOT
SEE THOSE
BEASTS CANNOT
BE TRUSTED?



AND I WENT
TO FIGHT THE
DEMONS.
ALONE.

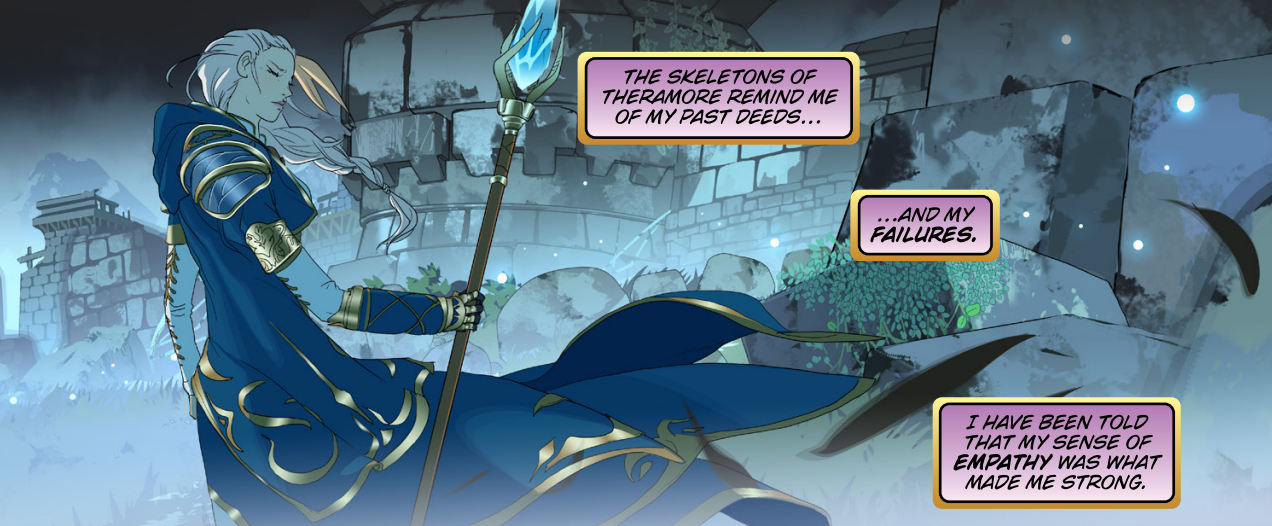
I DEPENDED ON
NO ONE, AND NONE
DEPENDED ON ME.



IT WAS...
LIBERATING--
FREEING.

BUT I FEEL THE PULL OF
MY RESPONSIBILITIES...
MY OBLIGATIONS...

...AND IT IS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME BEFORE
THE HORDE BETRAYS US.
THEY ALWAYS HAVE.



THE SKELETONS OF
THERAMORE REMIND ME
OF MY PAST DEEDS...

...AND MY
FAILURES.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD
THAT MY SENSE OF
EMPATHY WAS WHAT
MADE ME STRONG.



BUT IN THE
FACE OF THE
ANNIHILATION
OF MY PEOPLE
BY GARROSH
HELLSCREAM...

HOW NAIVE I WAS
TO LET FAIRNESS
AND TOLERANCE BE
MY ONLY GUIDES.



EVEN BEFORE THAT, I COULD
HAVE ENDED THE HORDE IN
THE UNDERCITY WITH VARIAN,
HAD I BEEN WILLING.

MY DESIRE FOR
PEACE WAS A
WEAKNESS...

...ONE THE ENEMY
WAS ALWAYS HAPPY
TO EXPLOIT.

THERAMORE KEEP

I WILL NEVER BE SO
FOOLISH AGAIN.



I WONDER NOW
WHAT MY LIFE--

--WHAT THE
WORLD--WOULD
HAVE BEEN LIKE...

...IF I HAD FOUGHT BY
MY FATHER'S SIDE.



...IF I HAD BEEN
THERE FOR HIM AFTER
DEREK WAS KILLED
BY THE HORDE...

...WOULD HE HAVE BEEN
LESS DRIVEN BY RAGE?



...IF I HAD
RETURNED HOME TO
HELP HIM AFTER THE
THIRD WAR...WOULD
HE HAVE LISTENED
TO MY COUNSEL?

COULD WE HAVE WORKED
TOGETHER TO DESTROY
THE HORDE WHEN THE
TIME WAS RIGHT?



I HAVE RUN FROM THESE
QUESTIONS FOR YEARS.

I CAN AVOID
THEM NO
LONGER.

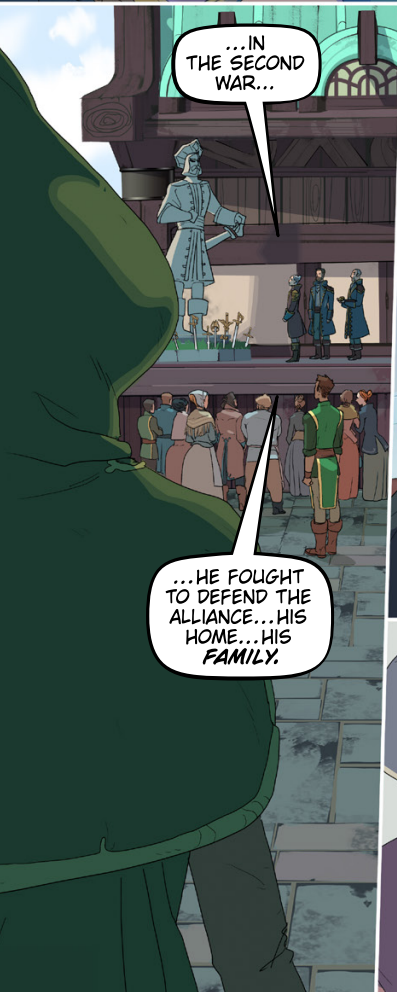
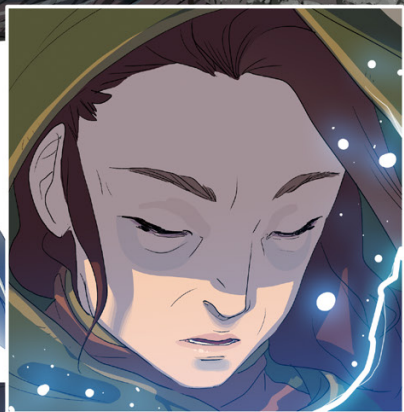
PERHAPS IT
IS TIME TO
CONFRONT
THEM.



PERHAPS,
AFTER SO
LONG, I
SHOULD GO...

...HOME.

BORALUS: CAPITAL OF THE ISLAND
CITY-STATE OF KUL TIIRAS



...IN
THE SECOND
WAR...

...HE FOUGHT
TO DEFEND THE
ALLIANCE...HIS
HOME...HIS
FAMILY.



AND AFTER THE
THIRD WAR, WHEN HE
HEARD HIS DAUGHTER
WAS IN **DANGER**,
HE TOOK HIS NAVY.
OUR NAVY!

THEY RACED
ACROSS THE SEA TO
SAVE HER AND HER CITY
FROM THE RAVAGES OF
THE HORDE...

WE SERVED,
MILADY! WE
REMEMBER!

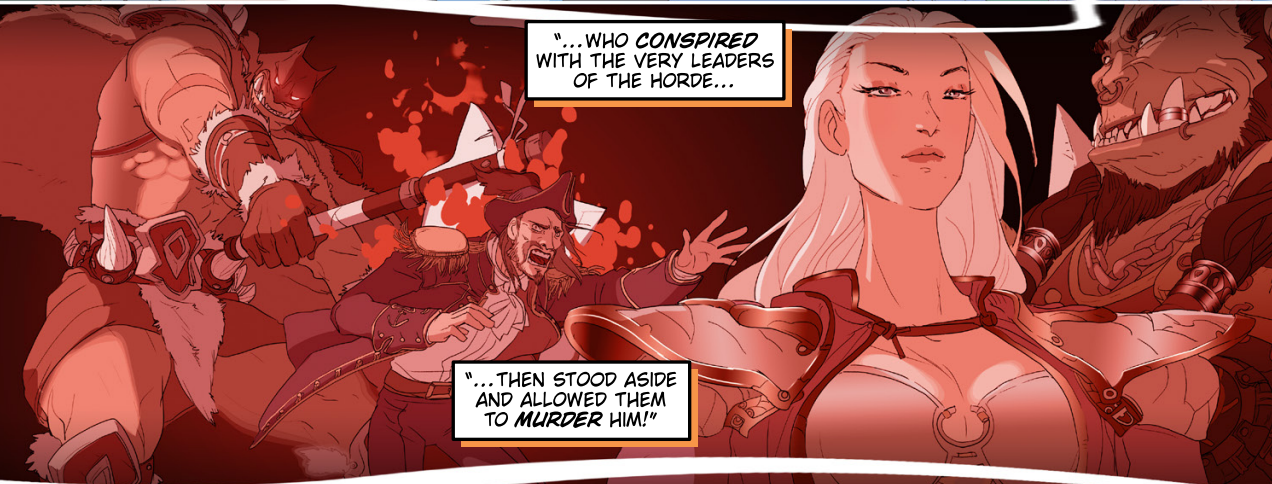
THERE
WAS NO MAN
BETTER!

AND
WHAT WAS HIS
REWARD?

BETRAYAL!
BY THE ONE HE
TRUSTED MOST...



...HIS OWN CHILD...



"...WHO CONSPIRED WITH THE VERY LEADERS OF THE HORDE..."

"...THEN STOOD ASIDE AND ALLOWED THEM TO MURDER HIM!"



A TRAITOR, THAT ONE!
DEATH TO JAINA! DEATH TO BETRAYERS!

DEATH'S TOO GOOD FOR THE LIKES OF HER!

THEIR HATRED...



MY BELOVED DAELIN WAS NOT A PERFECT MAN.

BUT HE WAS A GREAT MAN. ONE OF THE BEST WE HAVE KNOWN.

HE KNEW THE COST OF FIGHTING THE HORDE. AND HE NEVER ONCE HESITATED TO PAY IT.



HE KNEW THAT PEACE WITH SUCH MONSTERS WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

HE DIED TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR KUL TIRAS!

**KUL TIRAS!
KUL TIRAS!
KUL TIRAS!**



I ONLY WANTED TO STOP THE WAR... TO SAVE LIVES.

BUT I SAVED THE WRONG LIVES.

THUS, WE HONOR OUR FIERCEST WARRIOR--WHO WOULD NEVER LET HARM COME TO HIS PEOPLE!

**PROUD-MOORE!
PROUD-MOORE!
PROUD-MOORE!**

AND NOW THIS PLACE... THESE PEOPLE... THEY'RE AS BROKEN AS I AM.



A WORD, LADY PROUDMOORE?

WHAT IS IT, ADMIRAL COPELAND?

...IF IT PLEASE YOUR LADYSHIP, I WILL TELL YOU ON THE WAY BACK TO THE CASTLE.



TELL HER WHAT, ADMIRAL?



THE WAYCREST FAMILY DIDN'T EVEN SHOW UP TODAY. EVERY YEAR, **FEWER** OF OUR SO-CALLED NOBLES COME...

WHAT DID YOU WANT?



THE NEWS IS...NOT GOOD. WE THOUGHT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BURNING LEGION WOULD SIGNAL PEACE...



...BUT THE HORDE AND THE ALLIANCE ARE **ALREADY** AT ODDS AGAIN.

HARDLY SHOCKING. BUT THAT SHOULDN'T AFFECT US.

KUL TIRAS HASN'T BEEN PART OF THE ALLIANCE IN YEARS.

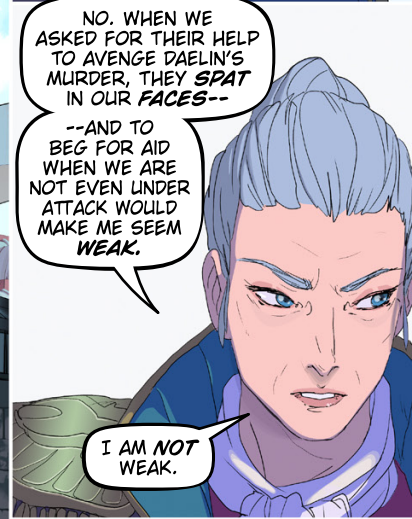


THE HORDE IS ON A **WARPATH**.

THEY WILL NOT CARE ABOUT OUR CLAIMS OF NEUTRALITY.

AND I ASSURE YOU, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID THEM.

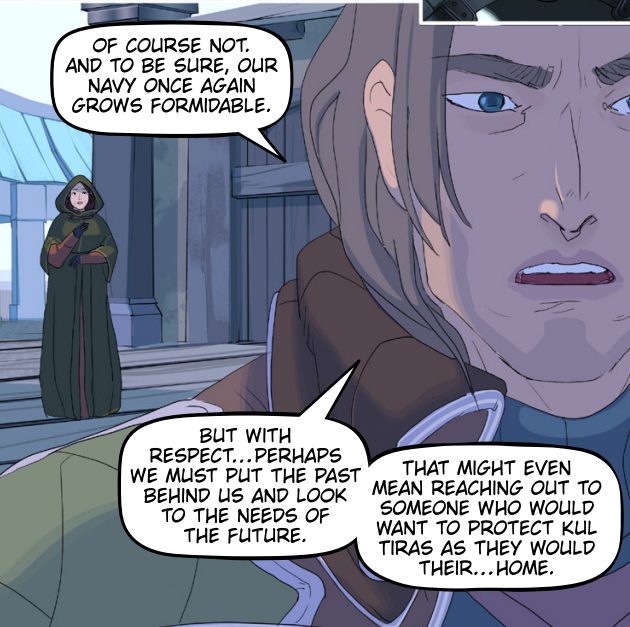
I SUGGEST WE RE-ESTABLISH TIES WITH THE ALLIANCE.



NO. WHEN WE ASKED FOR THEIR HELP TO AVENGE DAELIN'S MURDER, THEY **SPAT** IN OUR **FACES**--

--AND TO BEG FOR AID WHEN WE ARE NOT EVEN UNDER ATTACK WOULD MAKE ME SEEM **WEAK**.

I AM NOT WEAK.



OF COURSE NOT. AND TO BE SURE, OUR NAVY ONCE AGAIN GROWS FORMIDABLE.

BUT WITH RESPECT...PERHAPS WE MUST PUT THE PAST BEHIND US AND LOOK TO THE NEEDS OF THE FUTURE.

THAT MIGHT EVEN MEAN REACHING OUT TO SOMEONE WHO WOULD WANT TO PROTECT KUL TIRAS AS THEY WOULD THEIR...HOME.



YOU MEAN... **HER**.



ADMIRAL, HAVE YOUR **EARS** BEEN DEAFENED BY CANNON FIRE?

...NO, LADY ASHVANE.



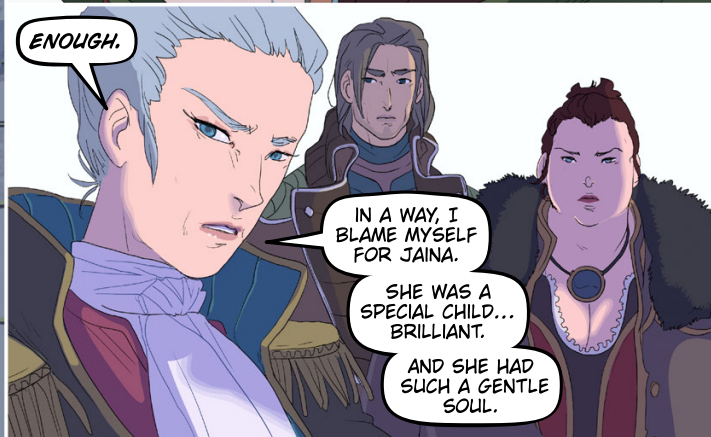
THEN HOW DID YOU **NOT** HEAR WHAT OUR LADY JUST SAID TO OUR COUNTRYMEN?

...I DID.

AND YET YOUR COUNSEL IS THAT WE INVITE THE GREAT ARCHMAGE JAINA PROUDMOORE, "SAVIOR OF AZEROTH"...**HERE.**



THAT WE WELCOME WITH OPEN ARMS THE **SERPENT** WHO LET KUL TIRAS'S FINEST SOLDIERS BE WANTONLY SLAIN. **THAT IS YOUR COUNSEL?**

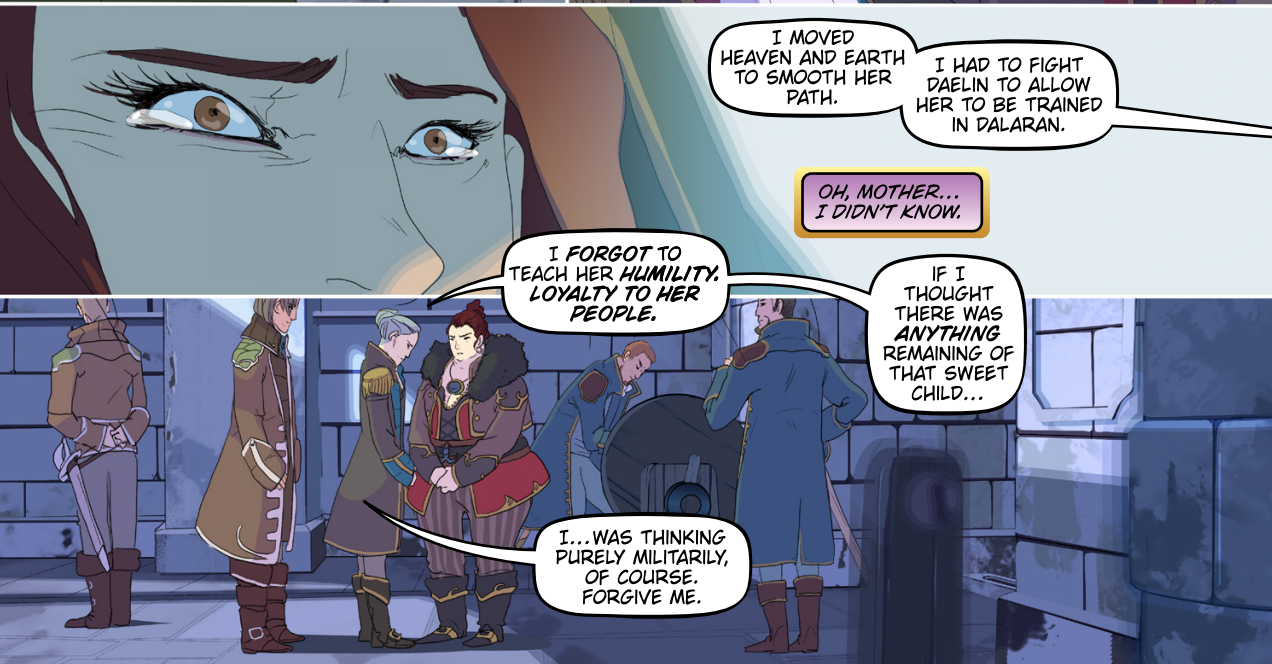


ENOUGH.

IN A WAY, I BLAME MYSELF FOR JAINA.

SHE WAS A SPECIAL CHILD... BRILLIANT.

AND SHE HAD SUCH A GENTLE SOUL.



I MOVED HEAVEN AND EARTH TO SMOOTH HER PATH.

I HAD TO FIGHT DAELIN TO ALLOW HER TO BE TRAINED IN DALARAN.

OH, MOTHER... I DIDN'T KNOW.

I FORGOT TO TEACH HER **HUMILITY. LOYALTY TO HER PEOPLE.**

IF I THOUGHT THERE WAS **ANYTHING** REMAINING OF THAT SWEET CHILD...

I... WAS THINKING PURELY MILITARILY, OF COURSE. FORGIVE ME.

