

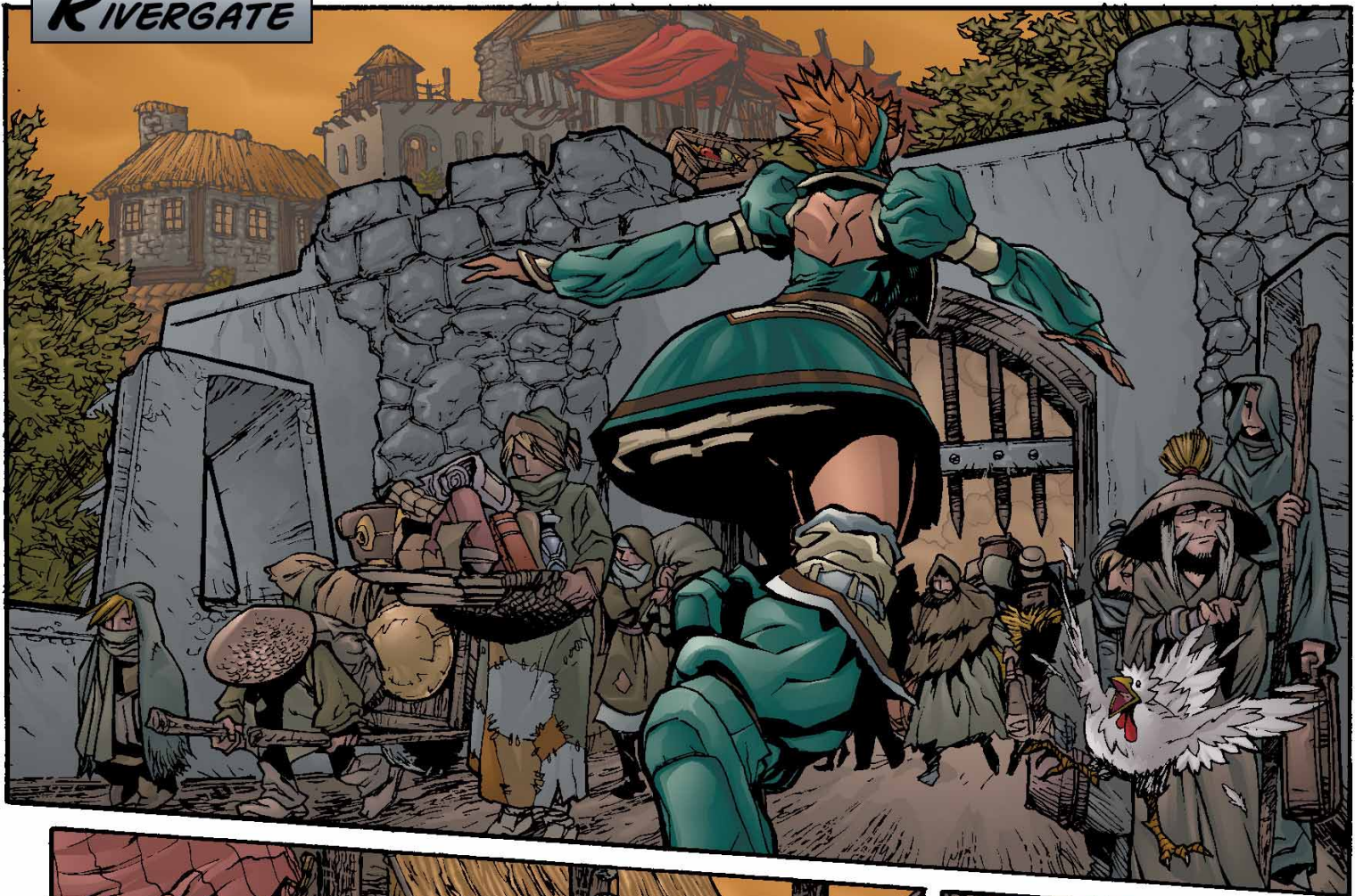
# LORDS of EVERQUEST



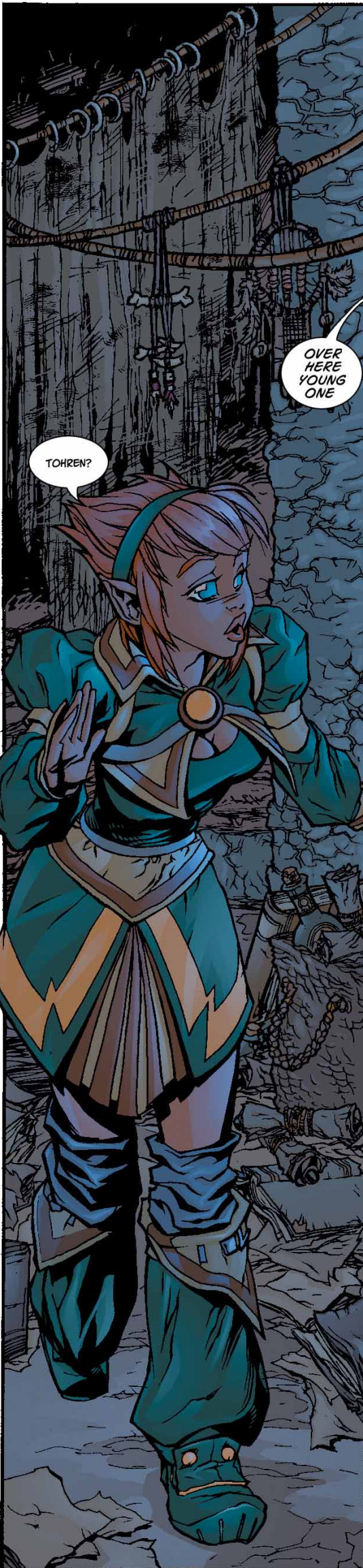
MICHAEL  
TURNER



# RIVERGATE

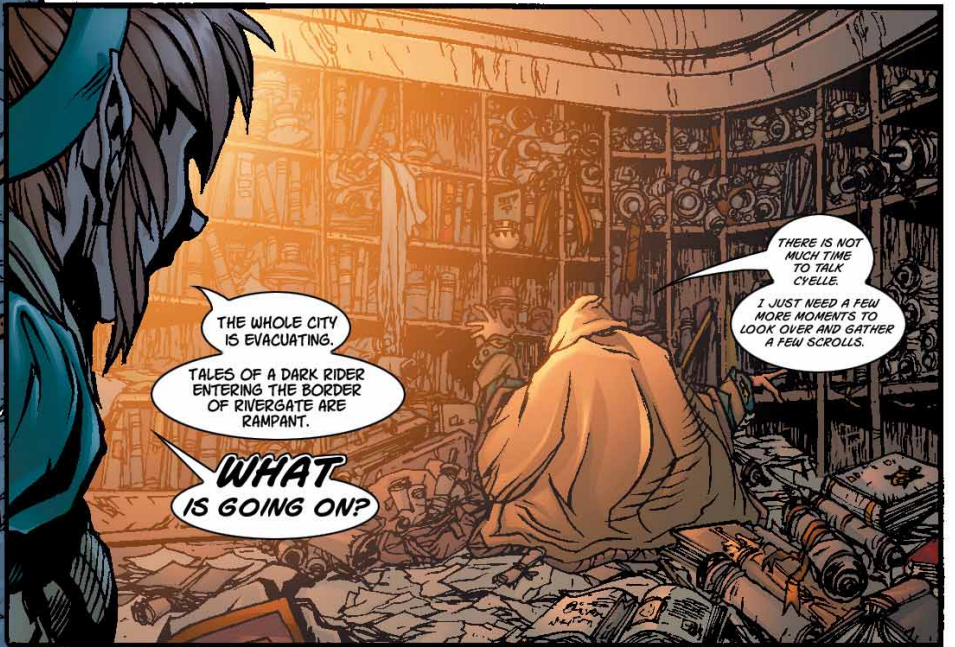






TOHREN?

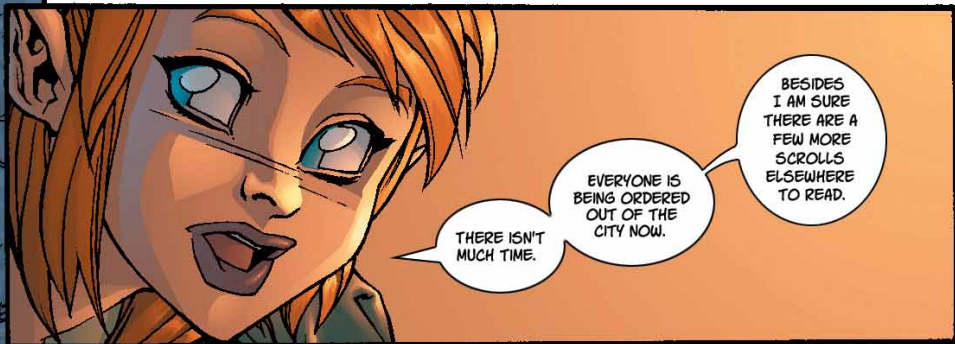
OVER  
HERE  
YOUNG  
ONE



THE WHOLE CITY  
IS EVACUATING.  
TALES OF A DARK RIDER  
ENTERING THE BORDER  
OF RIVERGATE ARE  
RAMPANT.

**WHAT  
IS GOING ON?**

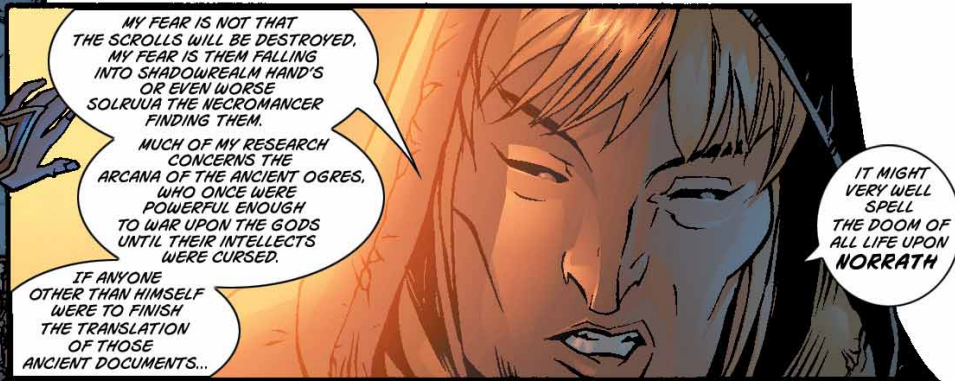
THERE IS NOT  
MUCH TIME  
TO TALK  
CYELLE.  
I JUST NEED A FEW  
MORE MOMENTS TO  
LOOK OVER AND GATHER  
A FEW SCROLLS.



THERE ISN'T  
MUCH TIME.

EVERYONE IS  
BEING ORDERED  
OUT OF THE  
CITY NOW.

BESIDES  
I AM SURE  
THERE ARE A  
FEW MORE  
SCROLLS  
ELSEWHERE  
TO READ.



MY FEAR IS NOT THAT  
THE SCROLLS WILL BE DESTROYED,  
MY FEAR IS THEM FALLING  
INTO SHADOWREALM HANDS  
OR EVEN WORSE  
SOLRUUA THE NECROMANCER  
FINDING THEM.  
MUCH OF MY RESEARCH  
CONCERNS THE  
ARCANA OF THE ANCIENT OGRES,  
WHO ONCE WERE  
POWERFUL ENOUGH  
TO WAR UPON THE GODS  
UNTIL THEIR INTELLECTS  
WERE CURSED.

IF ANYONE  
OTHER THAN HIMSELF  
WERE TO FINISH  
THE TRANSLATION  
OF THOSE  
ANCIENT DOCUMENTS...

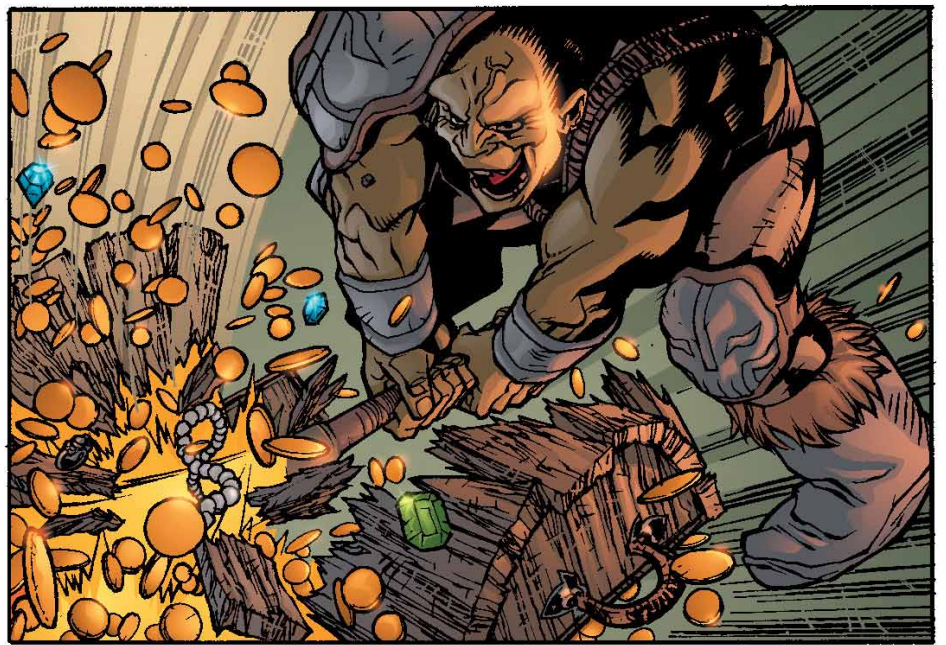
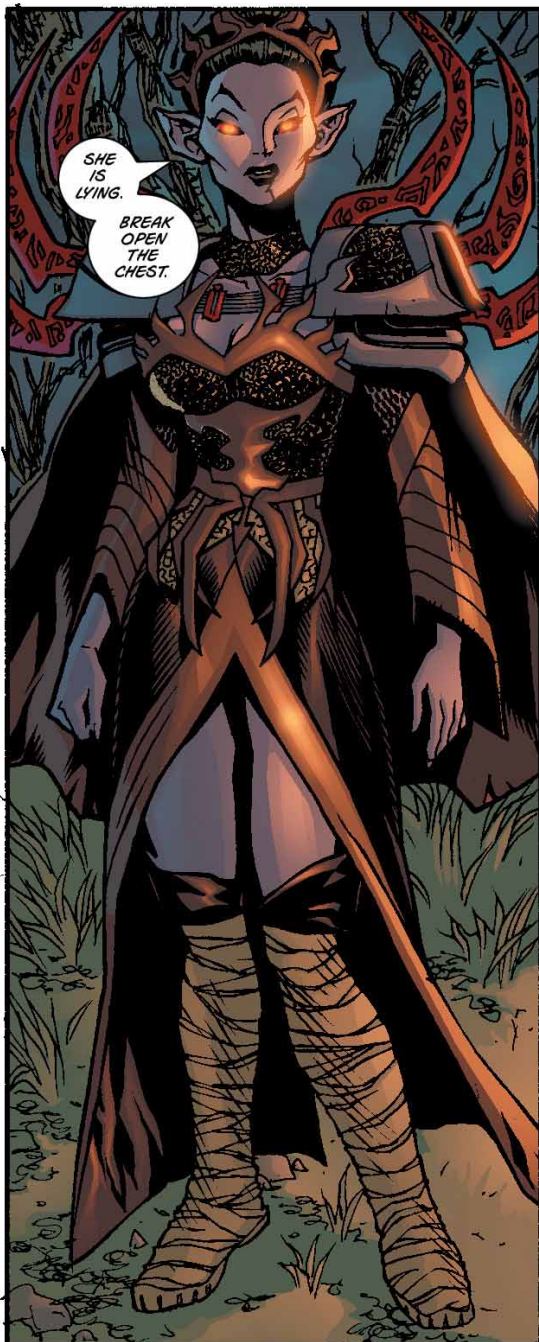
IT MIGHT  
VERY WELL  
SPELL  
THE DOOM OF  
ALL LIFE UPON  
NORRATH



LIKE  
WHAT?  
WHAT DO  
YOU PLAN  
TO DO?

THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME  
IF THE BLACK RIDER  
HAS BEEN SEEN  
THAN SOLRUUA  
AND HER BUNCH  
ARE NONE  
TOO FAR BEHIND.









OTHER KRAKSKULL WAS A PERFECT CHOICE FOR MY PLAN. MALLEABLE, STUPID, BUT STRONG AND GREEDY.

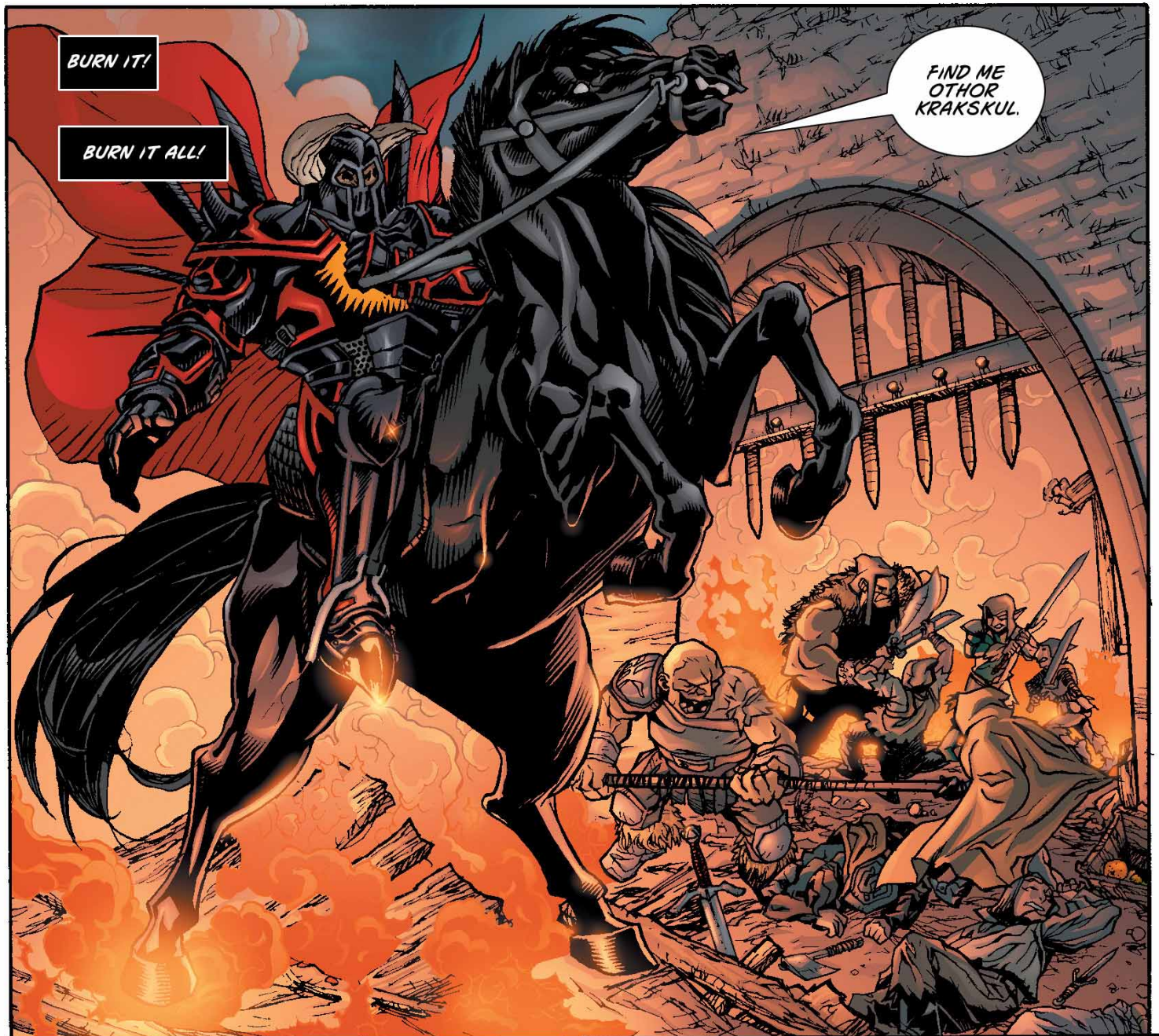
JUST THE RIGHT PERSON TO LEAD THE ATTACK AGAINST RIVERGATE FORTRESS.

HOPEFULLY THEY WILL HAVE SENSE ENOUGH NOT TO BURN THE FORTRESS TO THE GROUND BEFORE WE GET WHAT WE ARE AFTER.

NO NEED FOR GENIUSES... YOU ARE...

HUH???





BURN IT!

BURN IT ALL!

FIND ME  
OTHOR  
KRAKSKUL.



YOU?

WHERE IS  
OTHOR  
KRAKSKUL?



I  
DON'T  
KNOW.

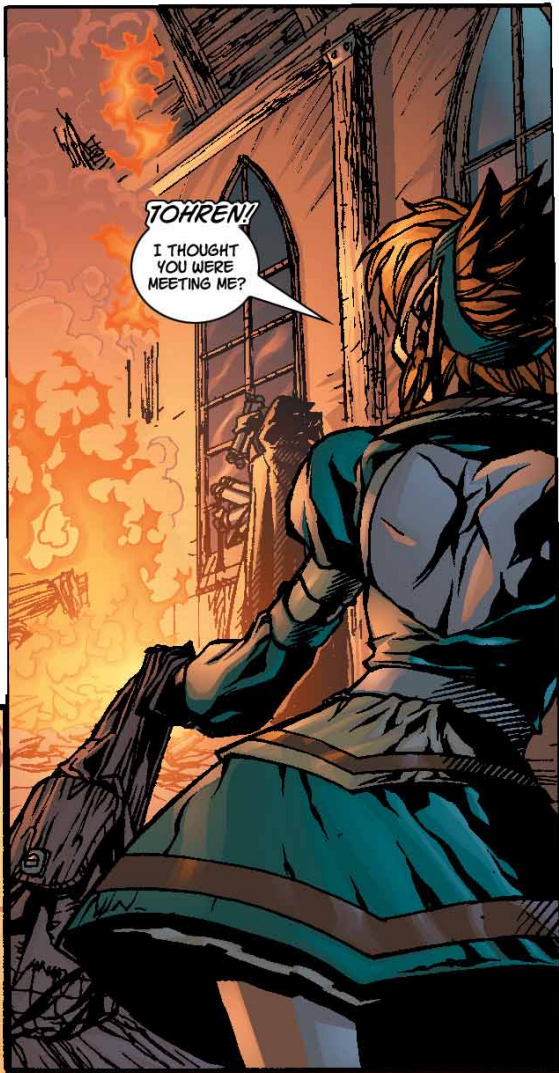


I HAVE  
HEARD RUMORS  
THAT  
OTHOR KRAKSKUL  
HAS PLANS TO  
DO THINGS  
ON HIS OWN.



IT'S A GOOD THING  
I HAVE COME TO  
LOOK INTO THINGS  
PERSONALLY.





**TOHREN!**

I THOUGHT YOU WERE MEETING ME?



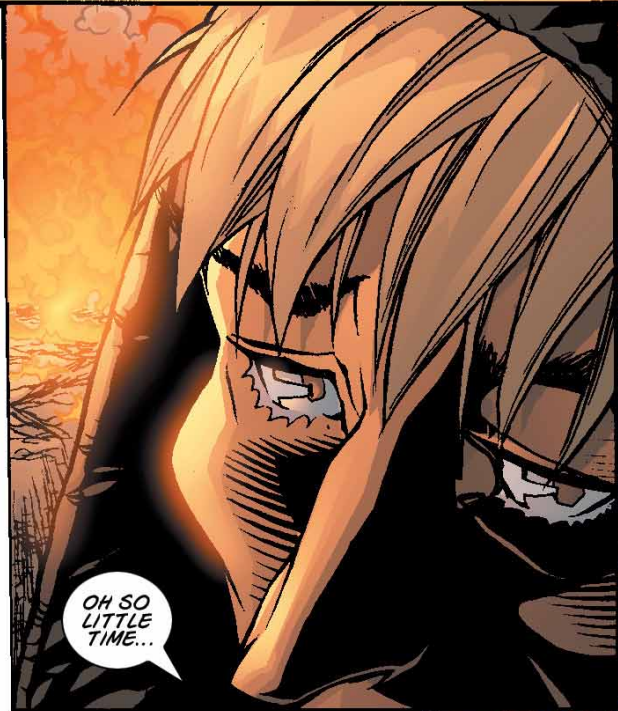
\*MUMBLE\*



MY ENTIRE LIBRARY IS GONE.

A HUNDRED YEARS OF STUDY BURNING TO THE GROUND.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO THERE IS SO LITTLE TIME.



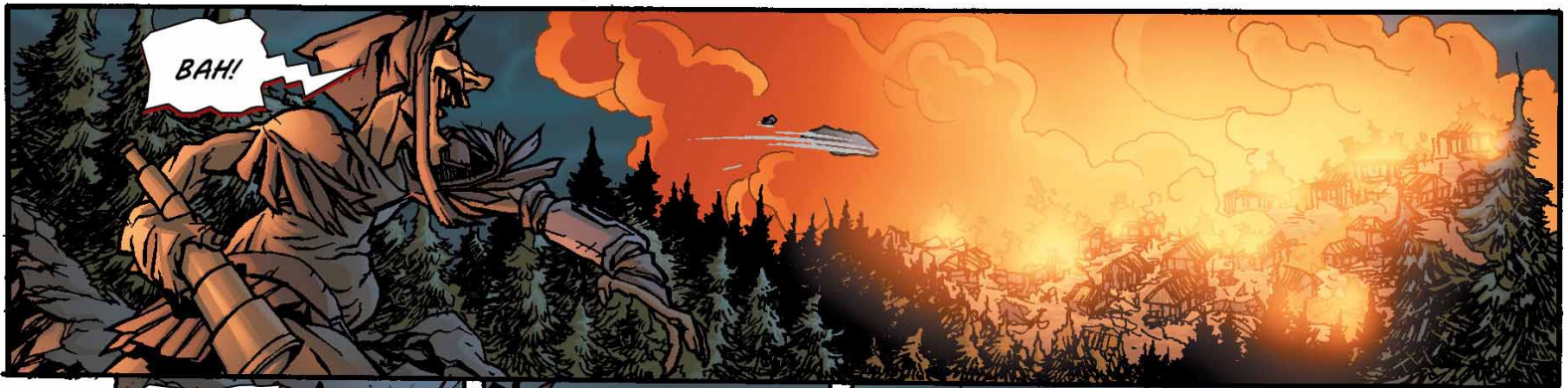
OH SO LITTLE TIME...



ONE OF THE OVERLORDS FROM THE SHADOWREALM HAS JUST BEEN SPOTTED AT THE ENTRANCE TO RIVERGATE.

**WE** SHOULD LEAVE NOW.



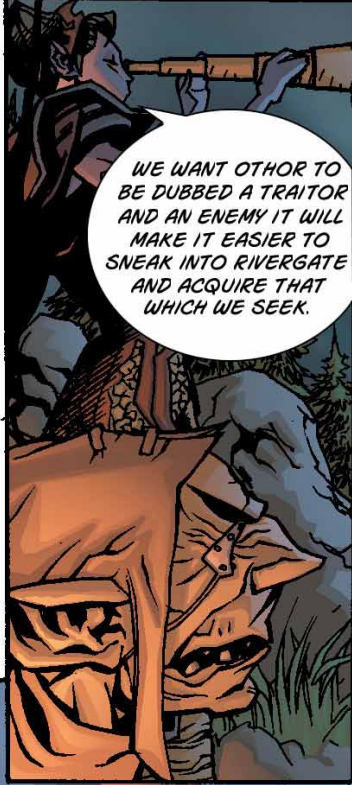


**BAH!**



I KNEW THAT NUMBSKULL OGRE WOULD FIND A WAY TO MESS THIS UP.

**SOLRUUA DO SOMETHING!**



WE WANT OTHOR TO BE DUBBED A TRAITOR AND AN ENEMY IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO SNEAK INTO RIVERGATE AND ACQUIRE THAT WHICH WE SEEK.



THE REMAINING KNOWLEDGE IS MORE THAN LIKELY NOT WITHIN THOSE WALLS, BUT WITHIN AN ELF WHO THINKS TO ESCAPE TOWN UNNOTICED.

HURRY DARKEVE WE NEED TO GET TO THE EDGE OF THE ELDDAR FOREST NOW.



**NO TREASURE?!**

**NO NOTHING!?!**

**BAH**  
RIVERGATE WON'T BE WORTH 2 COPPERS BY THE TIME WE GET BACK TO IT.



THE KNOWLEDGE WITHIN CHANCELLOR TOHREN IS WORTH MORE THAN ALL THE TREASURES ON NORRATH.

HUH?

AHH... I THINK I SEE EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED TO GO.



ELDDAR FOREST



DO YOU THINK SOLRUUA WILL CHASE US?

NOT LIKELY.  
SHE NEEDS EVERY MOMENT SHE HAS TO... UGH.

TOHREN?!?



DO NOT WORRY.  
I AM FINE.  
WE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY THOUGH.  
THE SPELL WILL ONLY LAST A FEW DAYS.



WHAT SPELL?



YOU DIDN'T THINK I WOULD BURN HALF OF MY LIBRARY WITHOUT SOME FORM OF BACK UP.

I PLACED A MEMORY SPELL ON MYSELF.



WE MUST MAKE HASTE; IF WE DO NOT MAKE IT TO THE ELDDAR ALLIANCE CAMP THE ANCIENT OGRE TEXT WILL BE LOST FOREVER.