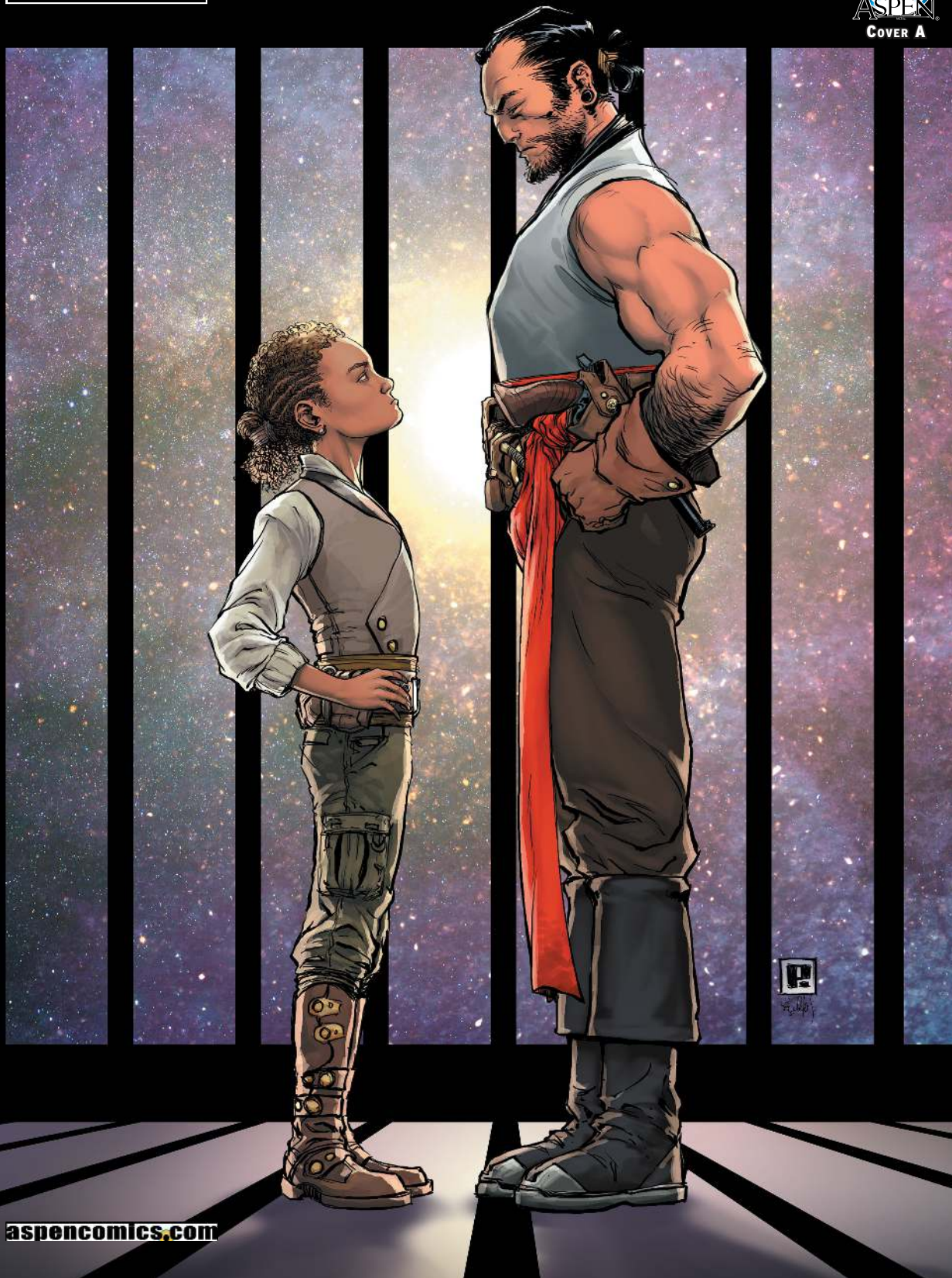


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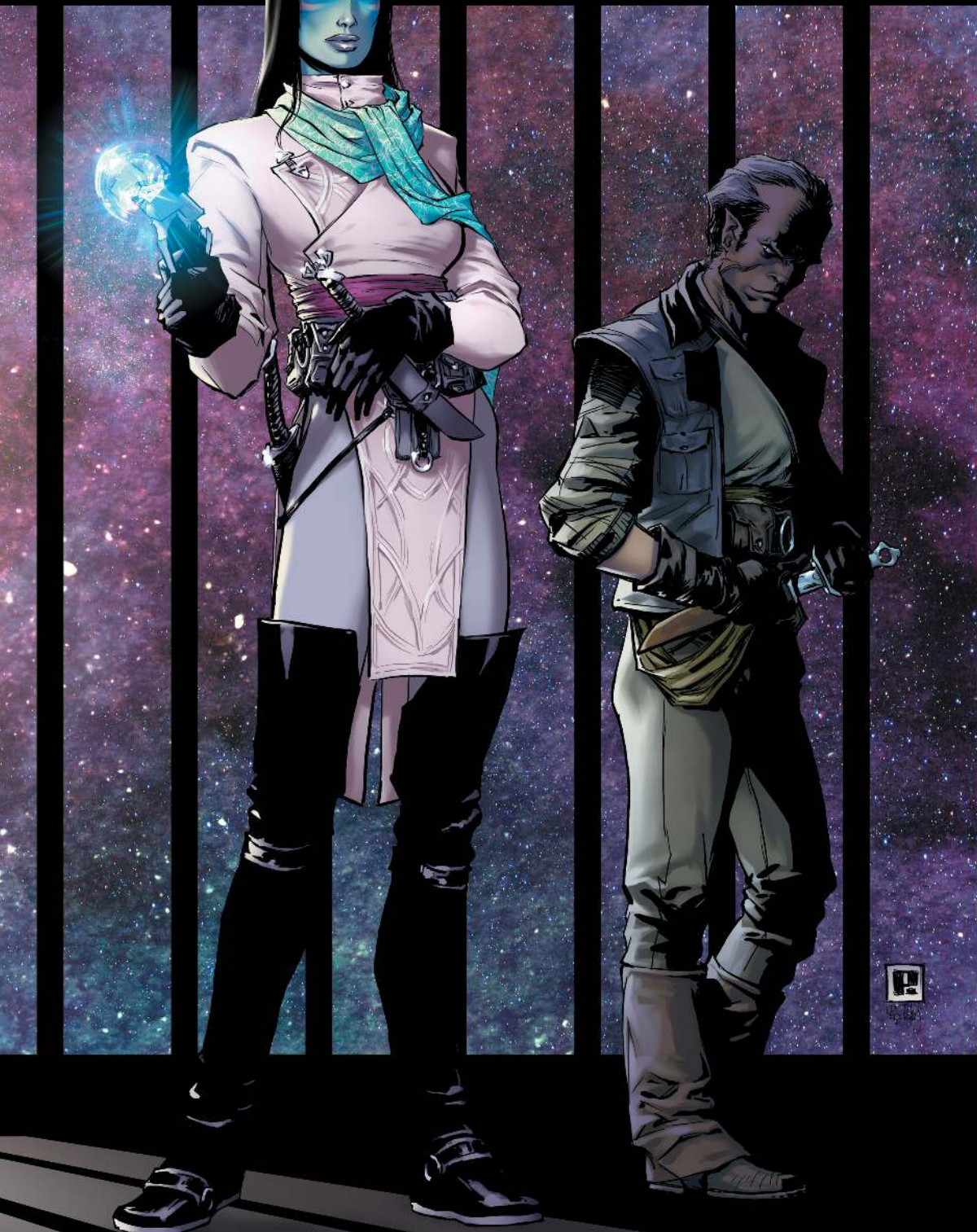
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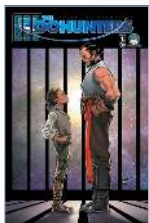
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For my mother—  
 who took me to zoos and taught me art...  
 —and who never got to see this.



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Dear Mom—  
 Dad's coming today.  
 I hope he has news of you.

I miss you.

I WANT TO BE SURE  
 YOU UNDERSTAND MEA KEL,  
 HE'LL BE A BIT-- TANGLED, WITH THE  
 SEVERITY AND LENGTH OF EXTENDED  
 QUARANTINES, PATIENTS SOMETIMES  
 BEGIN TO SHUT DOWN FROM THE  
 ISOLATION--

PSYCHOLOGICALLY  
 ..EMOTIONALLY.

I miss him too, I guess.  
 I wish you were coming with him.

WE HAVEN'T TOLD HIM THE NEWS YET.  
 OBVIOUSLY HE KNOWS SHE WAS VERY  
 ILL, BUT EVEN GIVEN THAT HIS RELEASE IS  
 TODAY, WE THOUGHT IT BEST IT COME  
 FROM A FAMILY MEMBER.

HE'S BEEN ENCOURAGED TO KEEP  
 A JOURNAL--TO WRITE, LETTERS,  
 AS IT WERE, TO HER. IT'S A WAY  
 OF COMMUNICATING HIS FEELINGS  
 AND COPING WITH THE LONELINESS  
 OF QUARANTINE.



I ALREADY WENT OVER THIS WITH YOUR COUNSELOR...



...AND AS I TOLD HER, IT'S BEEN FOUR MONTHS. THAT'S A LONG TIME TO NOT KNOW THE TRUTH.

TY'S SMART. HE'LL COPE.

TO NOT TELL HIM, THAT'S NOT RIGHT. YOU DON'T DO THAT TO A MAN.



BUT HE'S NOT A MAN.

HE'S JUST A BOY. HIS MOTHER'S CONDITION WAS GRAVE.

HE WAS GOING INTO ISOLATION FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, THE DEPRESSION ALONE MIGHT HAVE--



I hope you're better.  
I'm not even sure why I'm still writing this...  
I can tell you all this in person in a while and you can read all of these.  
So this is short.  
My official last entry.  
good-bye journal,  
good-bye doctors,  
good-bye nurses, hello freedom!

Love,  
Your Kel--  
Ty.



HE IS A MAN.

AND YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM.



...



WELL...

-ahem-

--THE NURSE HAS GONE TO FETCH HIM.

ENCOURAGE HIM TO KEEP UP WITH THE JOURNAL--TO HELP TRANSITION BACK TO NORMALCY.

DON'T PRESS HIM TO READ IT. THOSE ARE HIS PRIVATE THOUGHTS, HE'LL BE GRIEVING AND NEED SOME-PLACE SAFE TO EXPRESS HIMSELF.





WELL, HERE WE ARE.

GOOD-BYE TY. I HOPE YOU DO REALIZE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE. YOU'RE AN AMAZING YOUNG MAN.

I'LL MISS YOU REALLY...



AND REMEMBER MY SAMI WHEN YOU WEAR THIS JACKET.

SURE.

AND I'M SORRY.

FOR WHAT?

FOR... ..JUST THAT I AM.



NOW, YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME CRY. LET'S NOT KEEP YOUR FATHER WAITING ANY MORE.



HELLO TY.

MEA KEL.

DAD.



THANK YOU. NURSE.

DOCTOR.

WE'LL BE IN THE HALL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

GOOD-BYE TY.



HELLO TY. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, SON.

YOU FEELING WELL? THEY TREAT YOU ALRIGHT?

YES SIR.

...WHERE'S MOM...?

