

From the Pathfinder Chronicles:
Varisia's rugged terrain is dotted
with ruins from earlier eras. Many
of these previously abandoned
structures have been repurposed
as hideouts, lairs, or traps.

PATHFINDER®

Of Tooth & Claw

Chapter 4

A wise Pathfinder must temper
enthusiasm for discovery with a
well-developed degree of caution.

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Now.

NO!!



Three hours earlier.

LET'S GET EVERYONE UP TO DATE.

AFTER A DISCUSSION WITH THE SANDPOINT TOWN COUNCIL, WE'RE... UH, HOW DO I PUT THIS?



WE SAVED THEIR ASSSES AND NOW THEY'RE LEAVING US HIGH AND DRY.

DAMNED POLITICIANS...



THEY'RE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED THAT WE PROVOKED A BLACK DRAGON AND THAT IT MAY STILL BE ON THE LOOSE.*

*AS SHOWN IN OUR DRAMATIC BATTLE LAST ISSUE.



THAT'S QUITE UNFORTUNATE.

DO WE HAVE ANY WAY TO CONFIRM IF IT'S DEAD?

NOT 'LESS Y'WANNA LIFT TONS O' MOUNTAIN ROCK TA FINDA CORPSE.



THE COUNCIL IS ANGRY AT US AND THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE FEELING EQUALLY SKITTISH SO, THE REAL QUESTION IS, DO WE STAY OR LEAVE?





SERIOUSLY?
RUN AWAY WITH
OUR TAILS
BETWEEN OUR
LEGS?

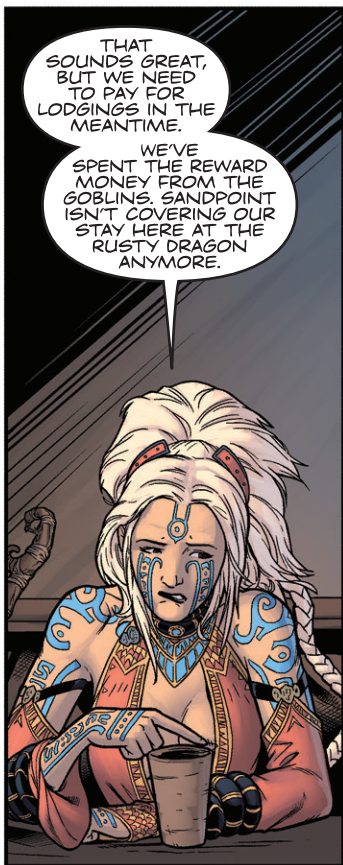
WE'RE NOT
COWARDS,
MERI.

IT NEARLY
KILLED YOU.



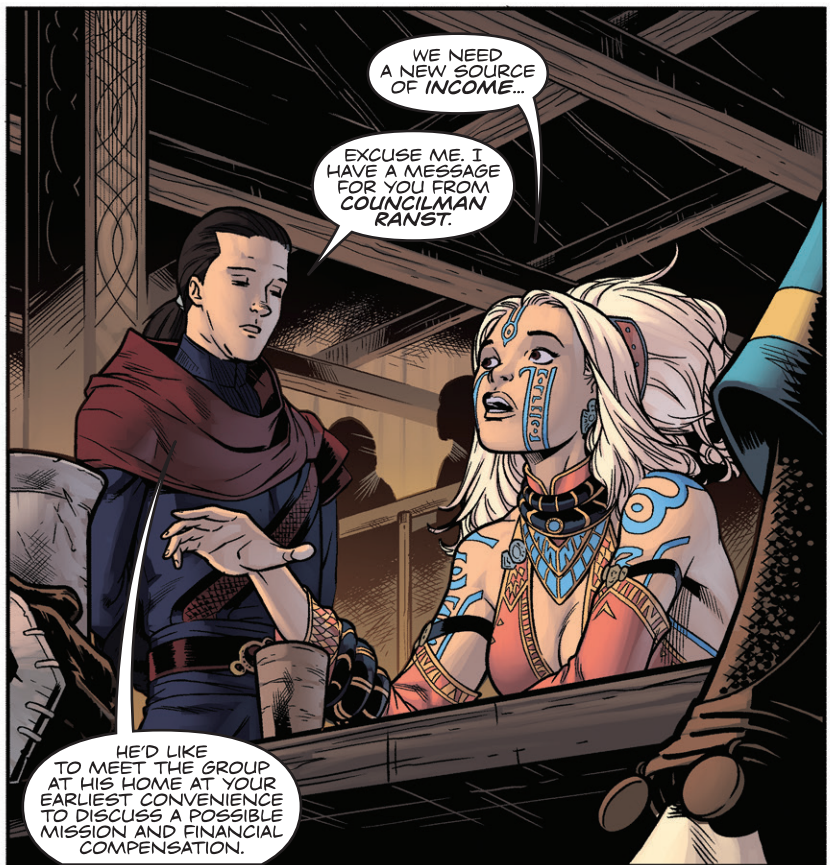
I GOT HURT,
BUT WE ALSO
WEREN'T
PREPARED.

EITHER IT'S
DEAD AND EVERYONE
WILL CALM DOWN AFTER
A COUPLE WEEKS WHEN
NOTHING HAPPENS, OR
IT'S NOT AND WE'LL
MAKE SURE WE KILL
IT NEXT TIME.



THAT
SOUNDS GREAT,
BUT WE NEED
TO PAY FOR
LODGINGS IN THE
MEANTIME.

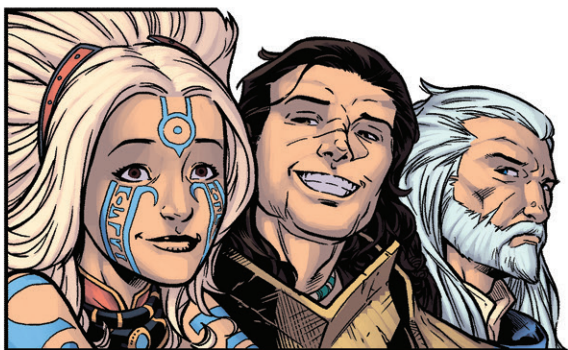
WE'VE
SPENT THE REWARD
MONEY FROM THE
GOBLINS, SANDPOINT
ISN'T COVERING OUR
STAY HERE AT THE
RUSTY DRAGON
ANYMORE.



WE NEED
A NEW SOURCE
OF INCOME...

EXCUSE ME, I
HAVE A MESSAGE
FOR YOU FROM
COUNCILMAN
RANST.

HE'D LIKE
TO MEET THE GROUP
AT HIS HOME AT YOUR
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE
TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE
MISSION AND FINANCIAL
COMPENSATION.



THAT,
MY FRIENDS,
IS CALLED
"FATE!"



Soon enough.

I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU ARRIVING SO PROMPTLY.

I KNOW YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE AND YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A GREAT DEAL OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION, COUNCILMAN.

FIRST, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY OUTBURST AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

THE DANGER POSED BY A BLACK DRAGON GAVE ALL OF US QUITE A SCARE.

WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING. WE WANT SANDPOINT TO BE SAFE.

EXACTLY, AND SAFETY IS EXACTLY WHAT I WISH TO DISCUSS.

I HEARD THAT BEFORE YOU ENCOUNTERED THE YOUNG DRAGON YOU SCUFFLED WITH A GROUP OF BANDITS, YES?*

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THAT WASN'T A "SCUFFLE." WE KICKED THEIR ASSES!

THEY SQUEALED AS THEY RAN!

HEH. WELL THEN, YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HIDING.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CAPTURE THEM AND REGAIN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S TRUST?

