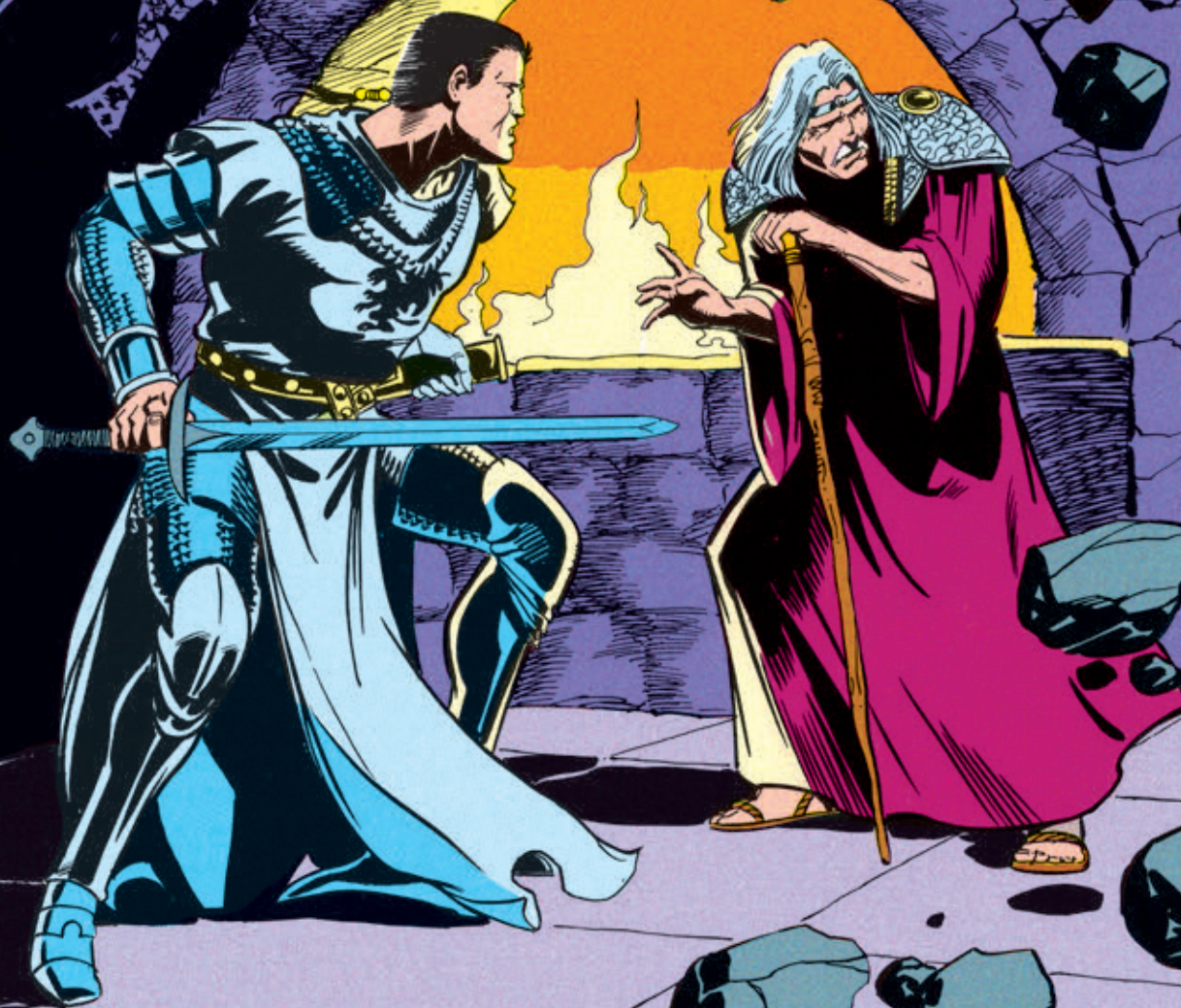
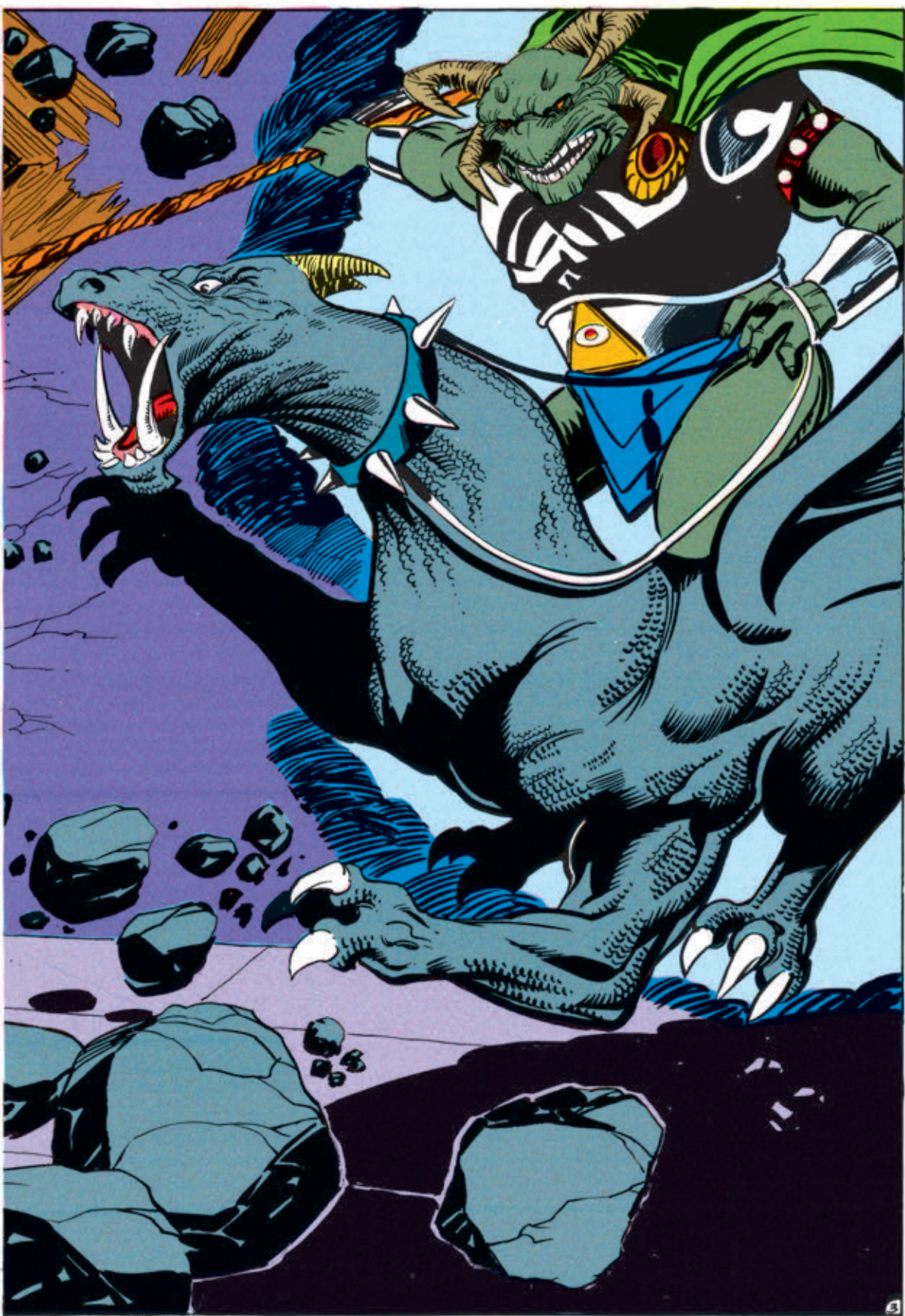


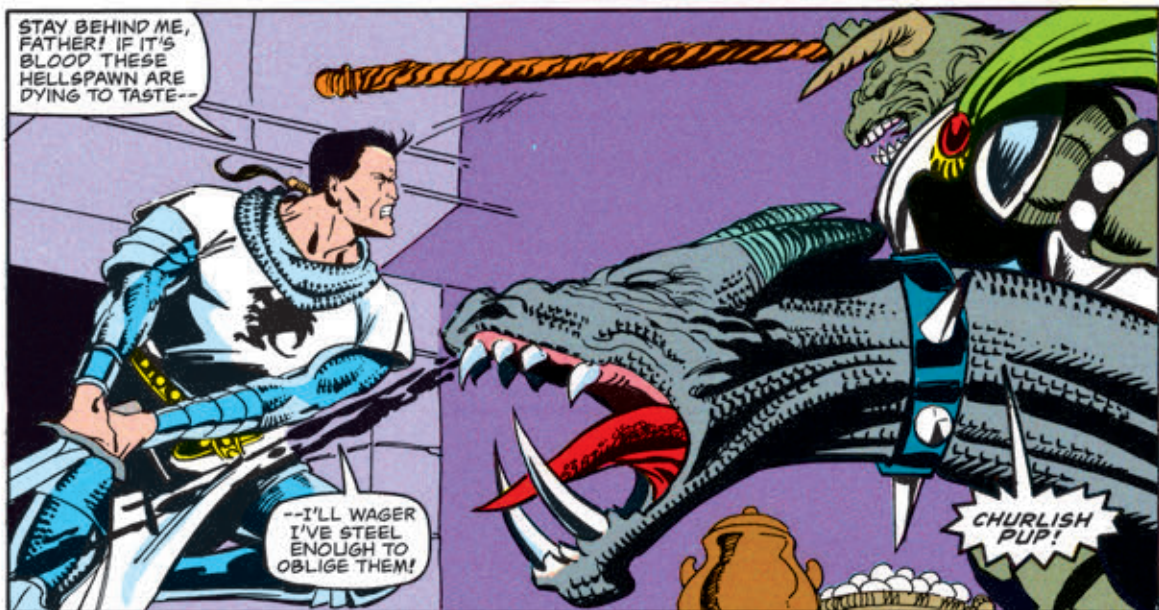


# The Gathering



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STAY BEHIND ME, FATHER! IF IT'S BLOOD THESE HELLSPAWN ARE DYING TO TASTE--

--I'LL WAGER I'VE STEEL ENOUGH TO OBLIGE THEM!

CHURLISH PUP!



DON'T YOU KNOW A MAN'S BLADE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE FLESH THAT WIELDS IT--



AAAAA!

--AND THAT EVEN A HERO'S FLESH MELTS LIKE SEALING WAX WHEN TOUCHED BY THE STAFF OF WITHERING?



MY--MY HANDS!

TAKE HEART, MY SON! ELDERLY AND DECREPIT I MAY BE, BUT I CAN STILL--

NO!!

