

"WHY DO WE TELL STORIES ABOUT GOBLINS? BECAUSE THEY BE BRAVE! OR CUNNING! OR VICIOUS! OR REALLY, REALLY VICIOUS!"

"BUT THERE WAS ONE GOBLIN WHO WASN'T BRAVE, OR CUNNING, OR VICIOUS. HE WAS... ALIVE. WHEN HE SHOULD BE DEAD! AND DEAD AGAIN!"

"LISTEN TO STORY, YOU'LL SEE."



THIS ONE. WHAT HIS NAME?

BIG ONE? GOOD CHOICE. WE CALL HIM--

NO. NO. OTHER ONE.

OH, THAT'S--



AK!
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BALLAD OF AK

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GOOD. I GOT SPECIAL JOB FOR AK.



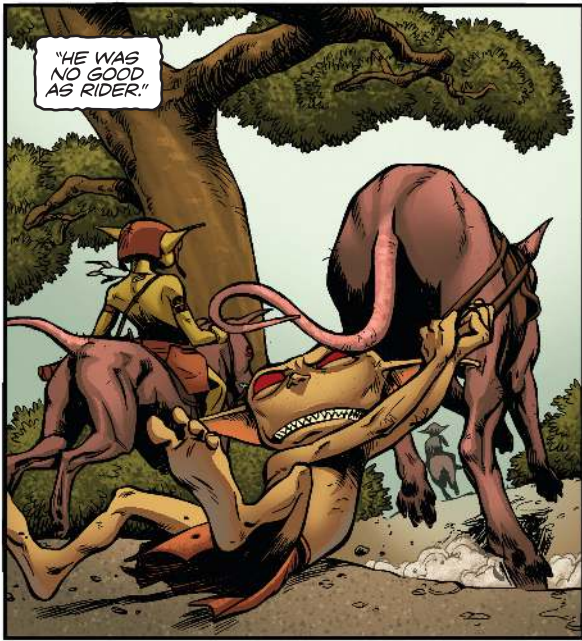
"AK TRIED MANY DIFFERENT JOBS IN VILLAGE."

"AT FIRST HE WAS TRAINING DUMMY, BUT AK WAS TOO GOOD! HE WOULD STAND THERE AND TAKE IT, WITHOUT SAYING WORD."

"OTHER GOBLINS LIKED TO HEAR TRAINING DUMMIES SCREAM A LITTLE. YOU KNOW?"



"SO HE TRIED TO BE WARRIOR, THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT."



"HE WAS NO GOOD AS RIDER."



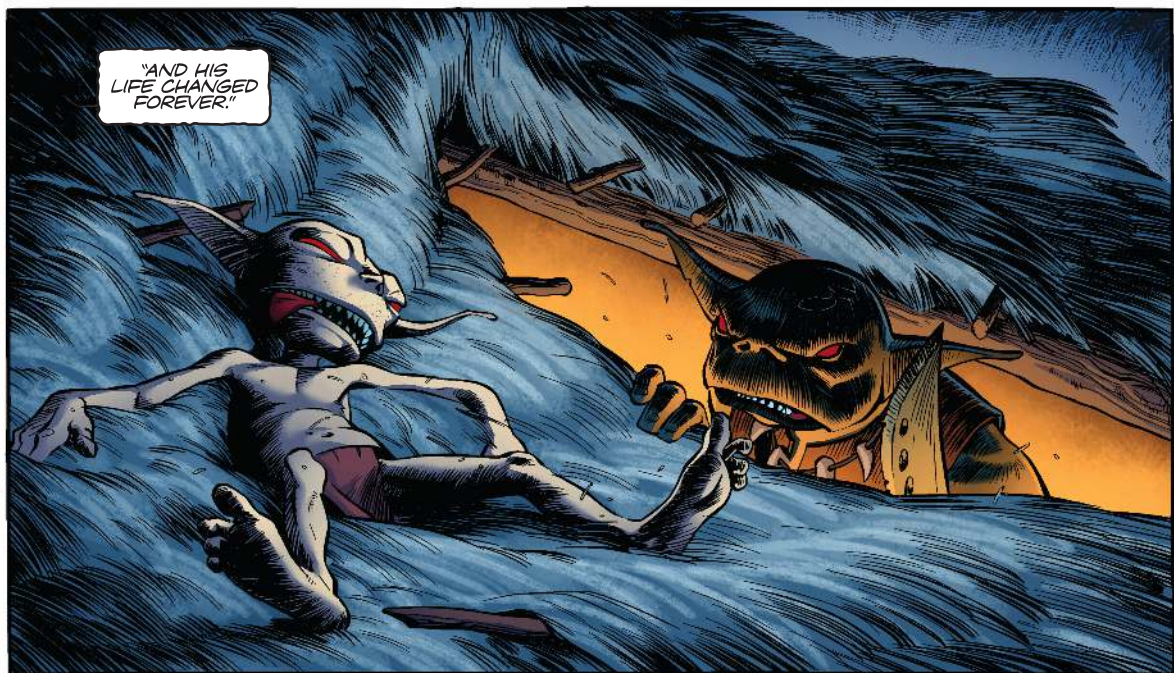
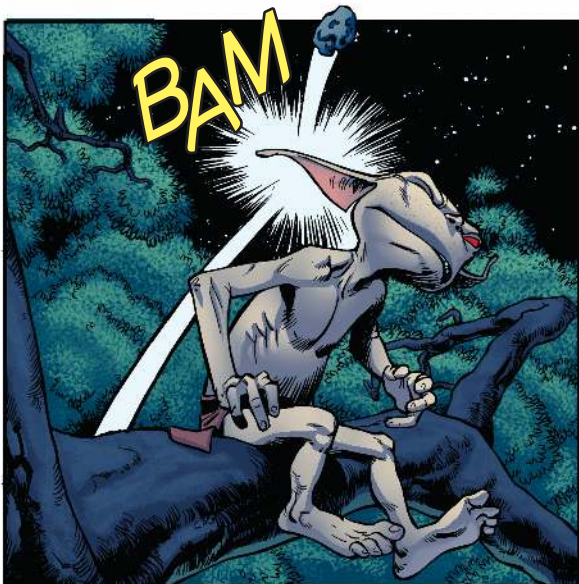
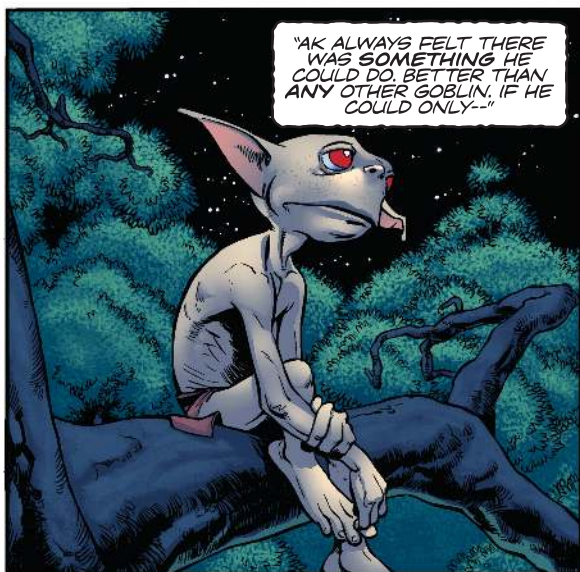
"OR PRIEST."



"AND WE'LL SCARE THEM OFF WITH OUR MIGHTY MIGHT"

"TIL THEY RUN AWAY BECAUSE... MUMBLE MUMBLE RHYMES WITH MIGHT!"

"HE TRIED TO BE BARD BUT... LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT AK'S SINGING."





"AK HAD LANDED ON HUT OF CHIEF CHURPLE ROTTOOTH, THE MOST MIGHTY ANCIENT ONE."

"AS PUNISHMENT CHIEF MADE AK HIS ASSISTANT. IT WAS HORRIBLE JOB! NO GOBLIN HAD EVER SURVIVED."



"THIS BE YOUR ROOM. YOU MAY WANT TO CLEAN OUT SOOT. THREE OR FOUR TIMES EACH DAY SHOULD DO IT."



"AK LAID OUT CHIEF'S CLOTHES. CLEANED CHIEF'S BODY. PREPARED CHIEF'S FOOD."



"LOOKED AFTER CHIEF. AND CHIEF'S PETS."

"AND IN CASE YOU WONDERING, 'HOW I KEEP FROM GETTING STUNG?'"

"YOU DON'T."



"IF I EVER USE ESCAPE TUNNEL, YOUR JOB IS TO GUARD IT! THROW YOURSELF ON HATCH! MAKE ATTACKERS HAVE TO STOP AND STAB YOU BEFORE THEY CAN GET IN!"

"AND STAB YOU AND STAB YOU AND STAB YOU!"



"WRONG BROOM!"

