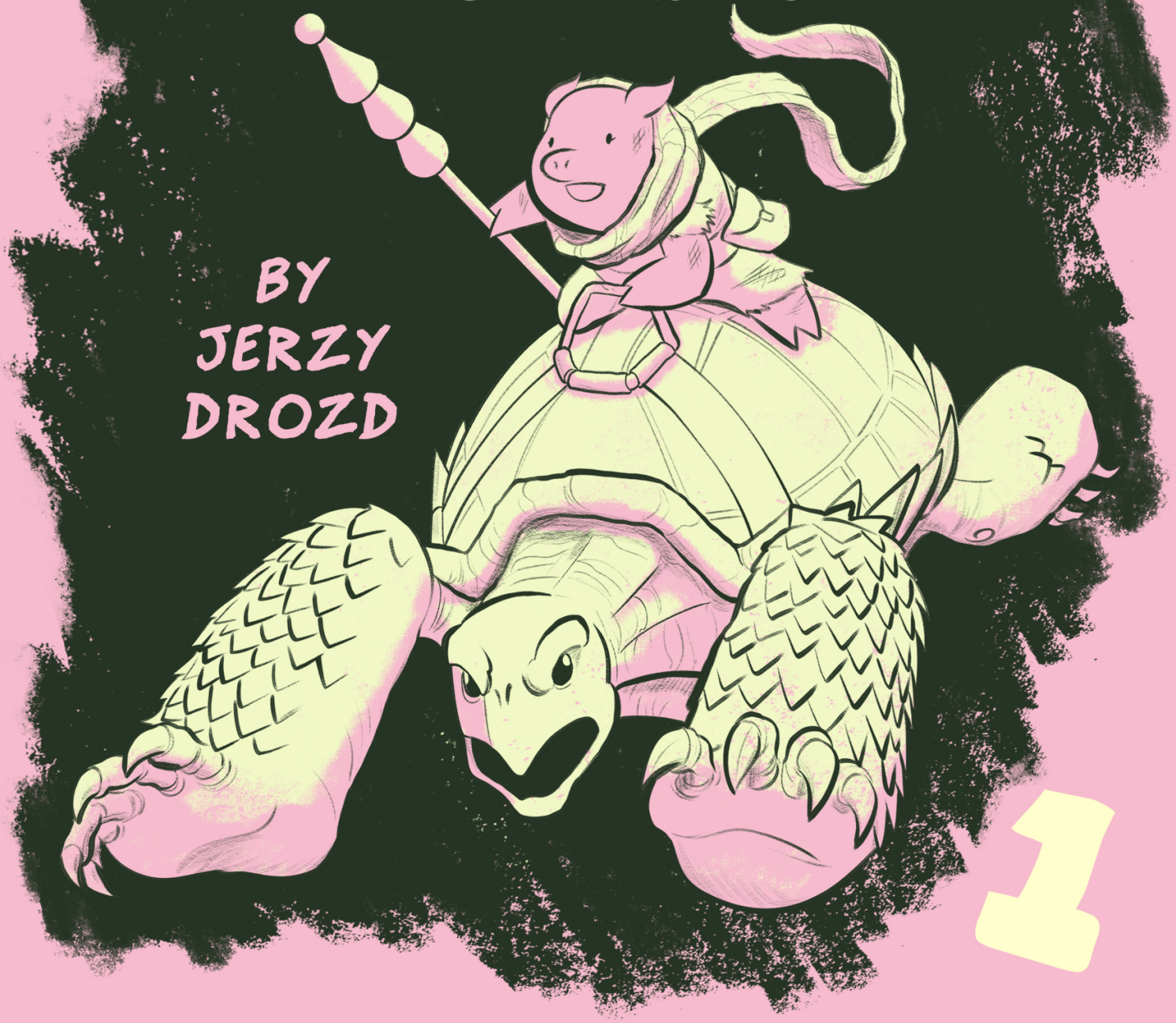
PICKLES AND TAFT

ADVENTURERS FOR HIRE



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...SO THAT TUBA PLAYER WE SAVED FROM THE FIRE SKELETONS?
DON'T TELL ME THEY CAME BACK...
NO, BUT I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT HE MAILED ME A FLYER FOR HIS NEXT GIG AT SEPTOBER-FEST!
WE SHOULD GO!
SEPTOBER FEST!
'CAUSE PICKLES GOTTA MOVE!
PICKLES GOTTA DANCE!
SEPTOBER FEST!
PTAH!
EPIC SQUABBLES
BY JERZY DROZD
HEY, WHERE YOU GOIN'?
SEPTOBER FEST!
TAFT'S GOTTA GET AWAY FROM THIS...

AW, COME ON, IT SOUNDS SUPER! THEY GOT LIVE MUSIC, ROOT BEER, ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PIEROGI BAR--

I DON'T CARE IF THEY GOT EVERY KIND OF SODA IN THE **WORLD**--

--did you say pierogi bar?

LEMME SEE THAT FLYER.

HN. LIVE POLKA BANDS. I CAN LIVE WITHOUT THAT.

BUT THEY'RE SO FUN!

♪ oom pa ♫ pa oom ♫ pa pa ♪

AHA! COVER CHARGE IS FIVE MONIES. HOW MUCH YOU GOT?

THREE WOODENS AND ONE PENNY.

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT.

HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL IF WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET IN?

SEPTOBER FEST!

WELL, I'M GLAD YOU ASKED! WE'RE ***ADVENTURERS FOR HIRE***, RIGHT? LET'S JUST FIND A NEW ADVENTURE!

oh, SURE, IT'S EASY!

LET'S JUST WANDER AROUND THESE ABANDONED HILLS AND SEE IF ANYONE NEEDS HELP!

ANYONE NEED HELP?!
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU THINK IS A BAD IDEA?
ADVENTURERS FOR HIRE
♪ YOO-HOO! ♪
ARE YOU TWO REALLY ADVENTURERS? BECAUSE I REQUIRE THE AID OF COURAGEOUS HEROES ON MY QUEST!
?
IT IS A SIMPLE QUEST, AND I ASSURE YOU THAT IT'S NOT ON SPEC!
I SEE THAT GRIN, AND DON'T YOU SAY A WORD.
I'M JUST SMILING 'CAUSE I LIKE YOU SO MUCH!

WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU WITH, MA'AM?

I AM CALLED **ZEENIA**.

IT IS MY DUTY TO SERVE AS THE SORCERESS OF THESE HILLS.

A YOUNG SORCERER, WHO WAS AT FIRST A JUST AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF OUR ORDER, HAS CLOSED HIS HEART AND CLOISTERED HIMSELF ATOP SUTHERLAND'S PEAK.

HE HAS IGNORED MY PLEAS TO RETURN TO THE LIGHT...

...SO NOW I MUST GO TO THE TOP OF THE PEAK FOR OUR FINAL CONFRONTATION.

WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE I MIGHT RESERVE MY STRENGTH FOR THE EPIC BATTLE OF SORCERY AHEAD.

WOW, HAVE WE BEEN PARTY TO AN EPIC SORCERY BATTLE BEFORE?

I THINK YOU WOULD REMEMBER IF YOU HAD.

SUPER! NEW EXPERIENCES AHOY, TAFT!

NOW, AS TO THE **FEE**...

WE'LL DO IT!

PICKLES!

AH...I CAN PAY TEN MONIES NOW, AND TEN ON ARRIVAL.

NOW WE'LL DO IT!

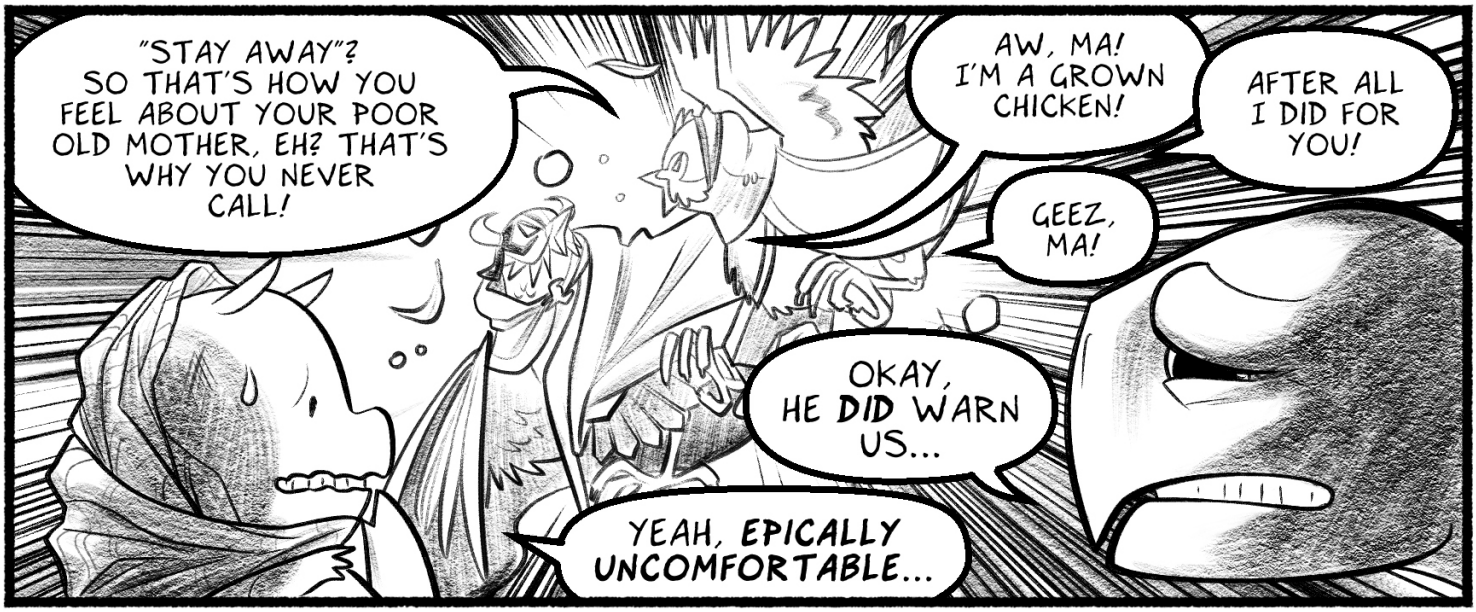
KRAKOOM
HNN. STARTING TO RETHINK THIS EPIC SORCERERS' BATTLE IDEA...
YOU WERE AGAINST IT FROM THE START!
YEAH, WELL, THIS LIGHTNING IS MAKING ME EXTRA AGAINST IT.
Krakka k
KOOM
YEESH, YOU SEE? THAT CHICKEN WARLOCK'S BEHIND THESE BOLTS!
C'MON, LADY--SURELY YOU CAN COUNTER SPELL HIM OR SOMETHING!
I DISTINCTLY RECALL HIRING THE TWO OF YOU SO I MIGHT RESERVE MY STRENGTH!
THIS IS THE HOME OF GALLUS LUGUBRIOUS--
--SUPREME WIZARD OF THE HILLS!
TURN BACK, OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
consequences are gonna be an extra gratuity tacked on th' bill for this job...

I'LL DRAW HIS FIRE--YOU GET ZEENIA TO THE PEAK!
WAIT, DON'T JUST--
PTAH!
PTAH!
KRA KOW!
KRA KOW!
WOAH!
PICKES!
hahaha THAT WAS ALMOST BAD! ow my leg
VERY CLEVER, MS. PIG.
YOU GOT HIM TO DEPLETE SOME OF HIS POWER.
SURE, WHY NOT?

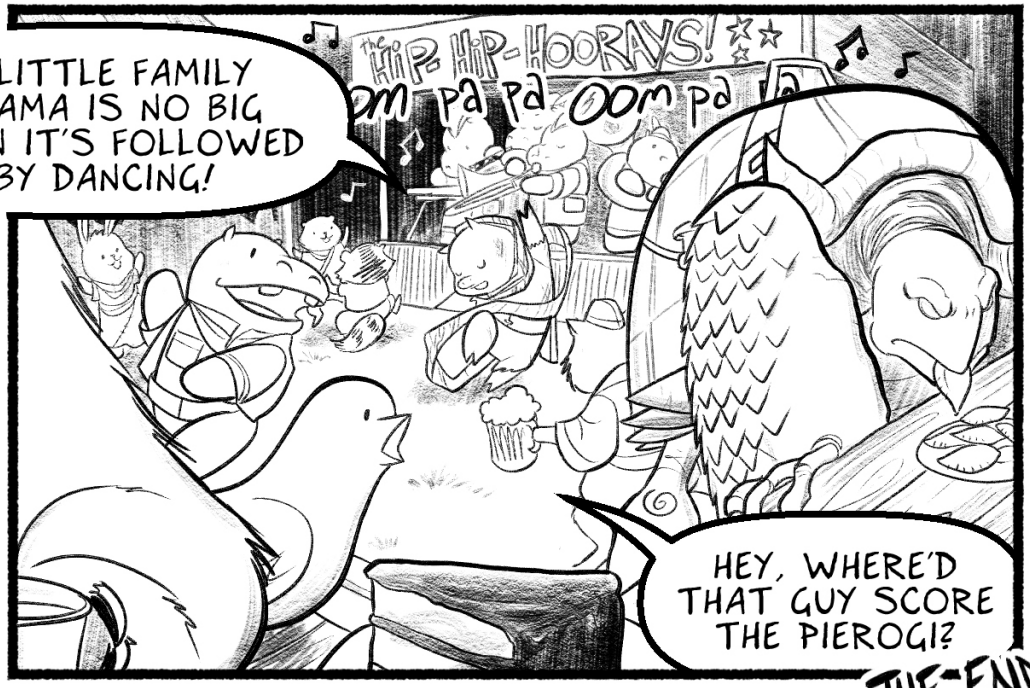
I'M WARNING YOU, ADVENTURERS! THIS ISN'T YOUR FIGHT. GO BACK, OR THINGS WILL GET ...UNCOMFORTABLE!
as if this has been anything but...
PICKLES, GIMME THAT STAFF. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS GUY.
KRAKOW!
NRF!
ZAKOWW!
YOW!
BF!
WOW! THAT WAS SUPER GREAT! CAN I TRY IT NEXT TIME?
GET THAT THING BETTER INSULATION, FIRST. I CAN'T FEEL MY TONGUE, NOW.
WATCH HIM RECOVER BEFORE WE REACH THE TOP...

HOW DARE YOU ENTER MY SANCTUARY?!
HERE IS THE FEE WE AGREED UPON.
NOW STAND BACK!

AND NOW, EVIL ONE...
OOOOOh, THIS IS GONNA BE SO SUPER--!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY...


"STAY AWAY"? SO THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR POOR OLD MOTHER, EH? THAT'S WHY YOU NEVER CALL!
AW, MA! I'M A GROWN CHICKEN!
AFTER ALL I DID FOR YOU!
GEEZ, MA!
OKAY, HE DID WARN US...
YEAH, EPICALLY UNCOMFORTABLE...

...BUT THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
SEPTOBER FEST TODAY!


A LITTLE FAMILY DRAMA IS NO BIG WHEN IT'S FOLLOWED BY DANCING!
THE HIP-HIP-HOORAYS!
OOM PA PA OOM PA
HEY, WHERE'D THAT GUY SCORE THE PIEROGI?

THE END!

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I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE COMIC.

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