



Beowulf

(A Graphic Novel)

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Gareth Hinds
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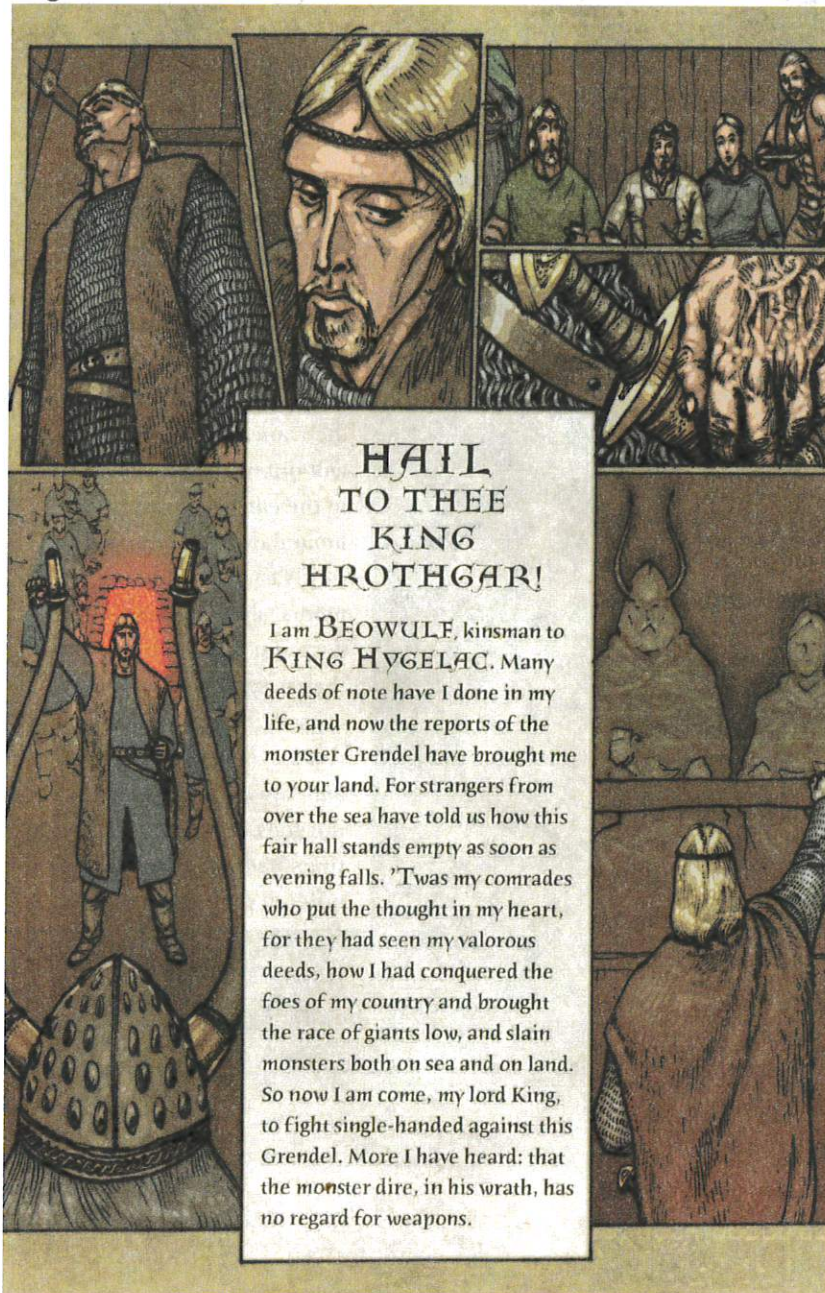
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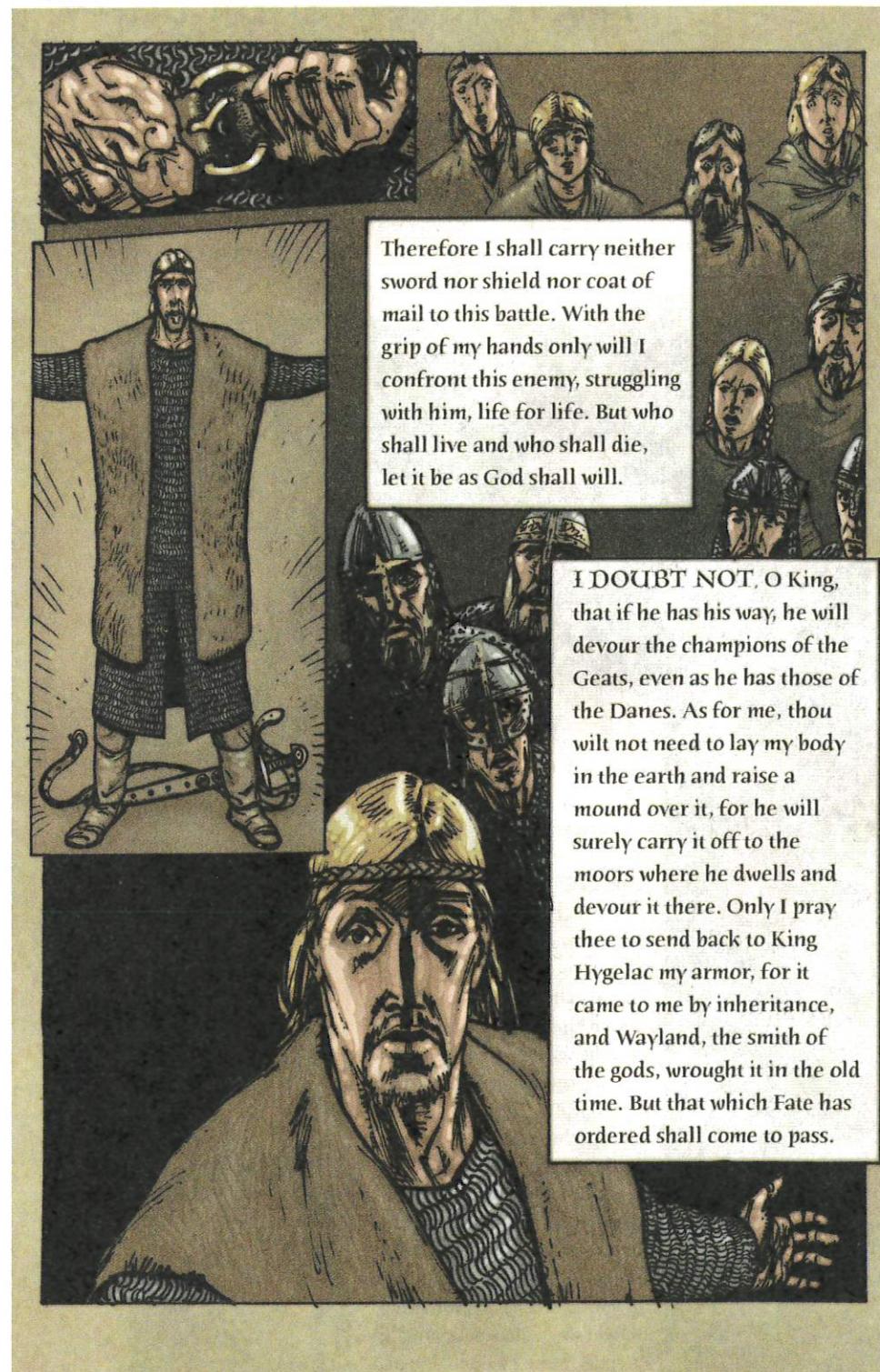
Gareth Hinds (b. 1971) has adapted numerous literary classics into graphic novel form, including *Beowulf*, an epic poem written in Old English and widely considered to be the most important and enduring work of Old English literature. Though its origin date is contested amongst scholars, a first manuscript is widely believed to have been created sometime between 970 and 1025 A.D. The poem was written by an Anglo-Saxon of unknown identity, but the story itself is set firmly in the Scandinavia of yore. The tale follows the heroic journey of Beowulf, who comes to the aid of a king to defeat the murderous monster, Grendel. In this excerpt, Beowulf confronts the gigantic creature.

“Therefore I shall carry
neither sword nor shield nor coat
of mail to this battle.”

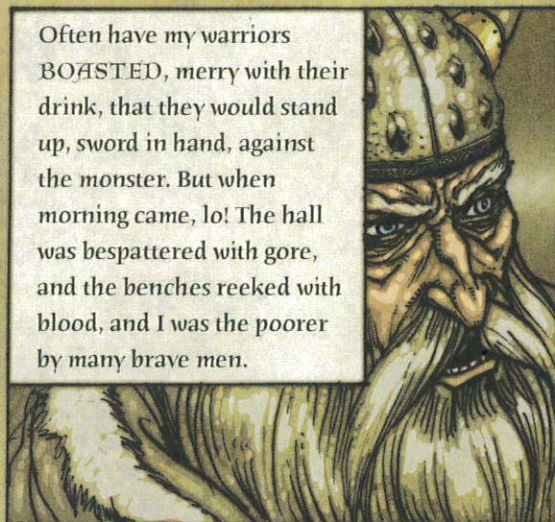
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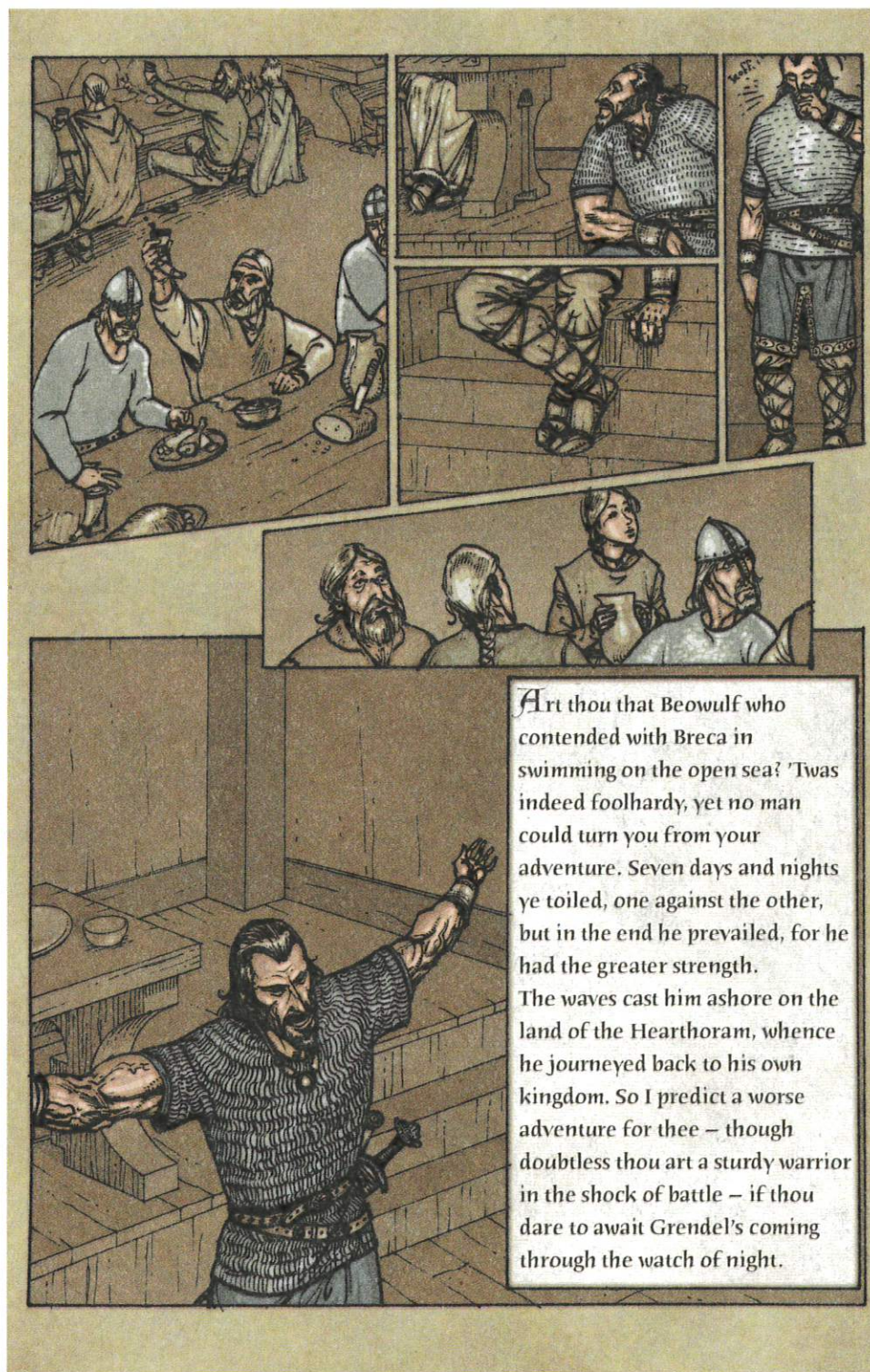


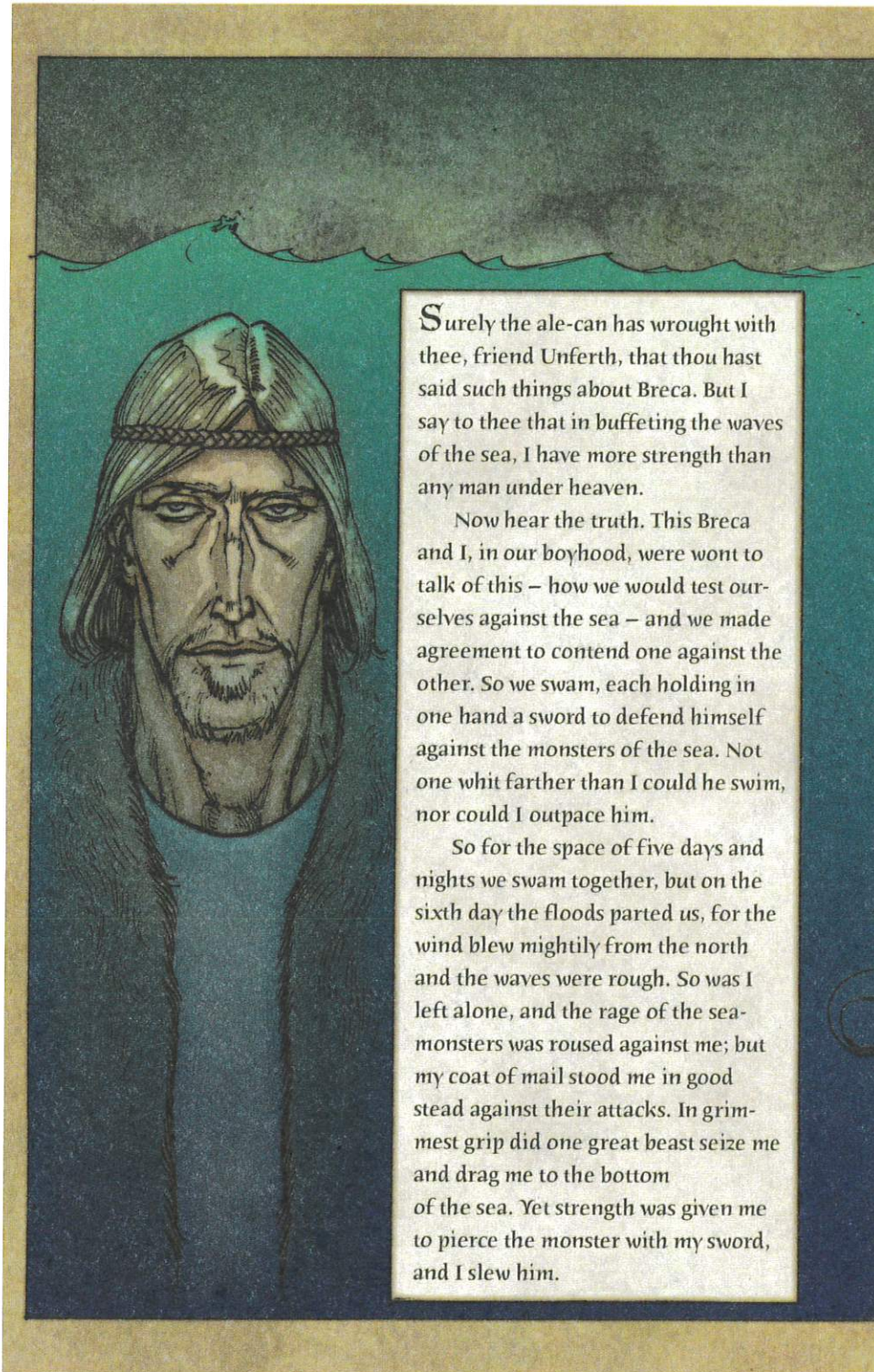
Often have my warriors
BOASTED, merry with their
drink, that they would stand
up, sword in hand, against
the monster. But when
morning came, lo! The hall
was bespattered with gore,
and the benches reeked with
blood, and I was the poorer
by many brave men.



But I pray thee, hardy
heroes, sit down to
the feast.



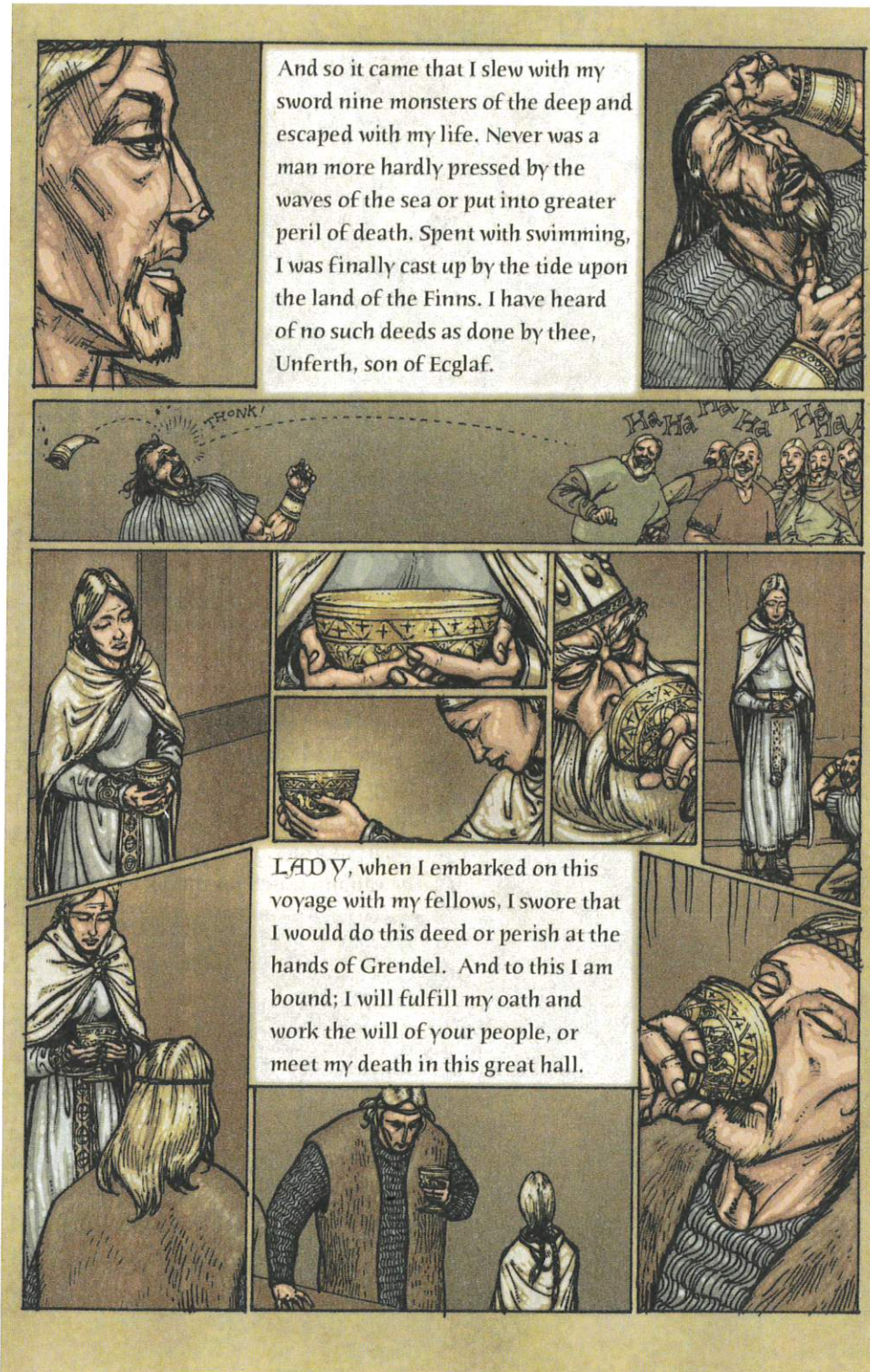


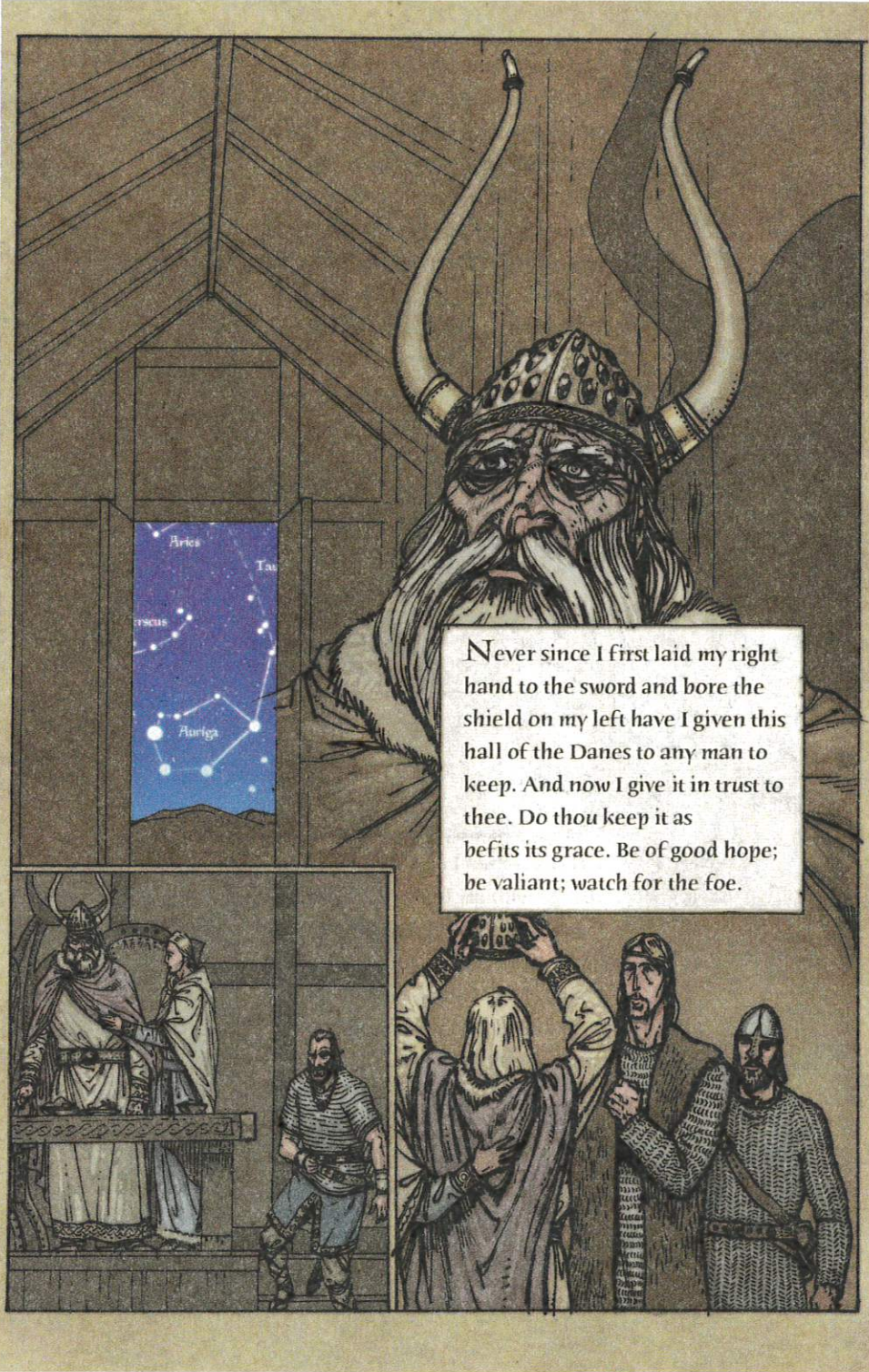


1. **Breca** a close, childhood friend of Beowulf

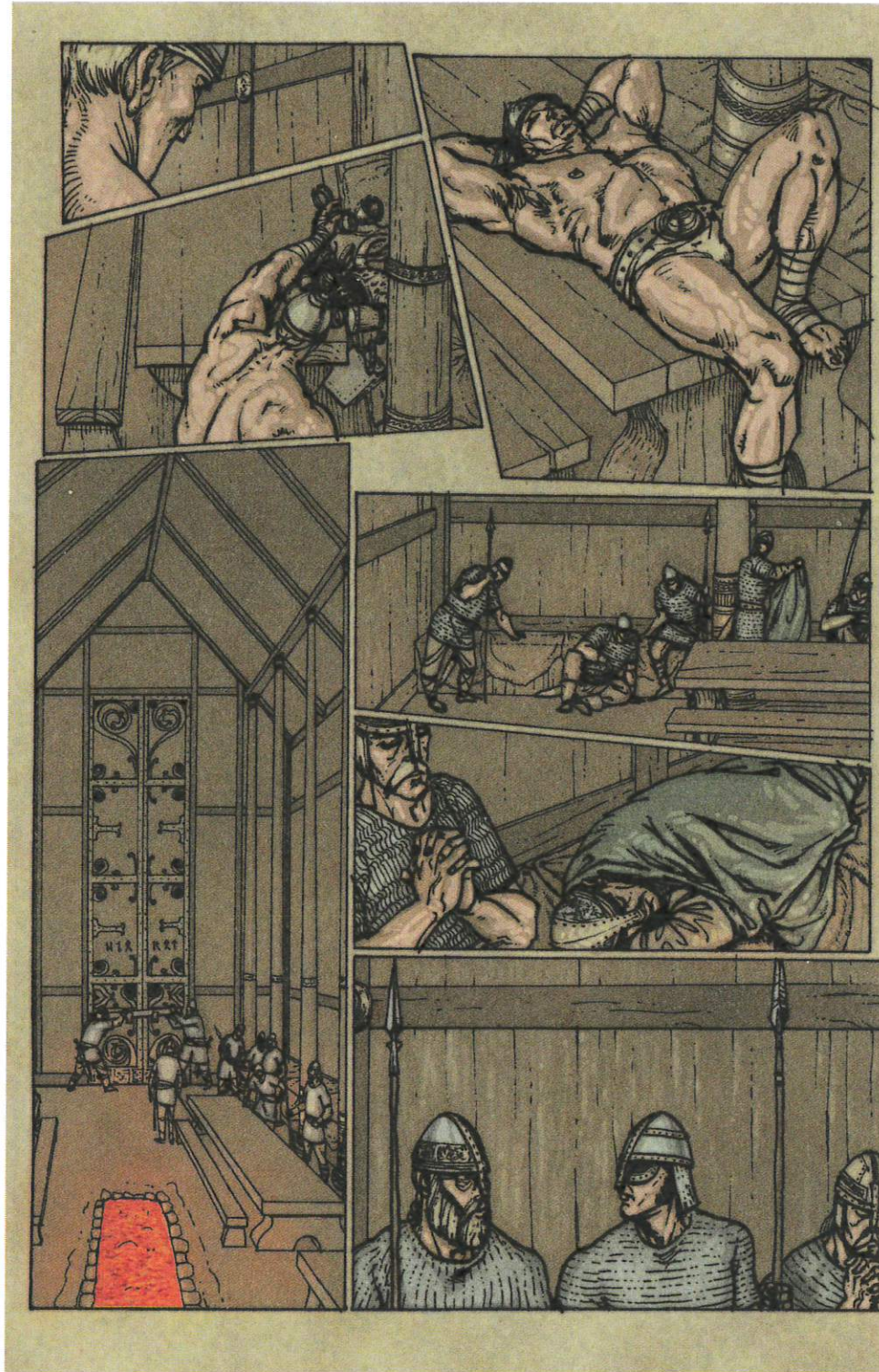










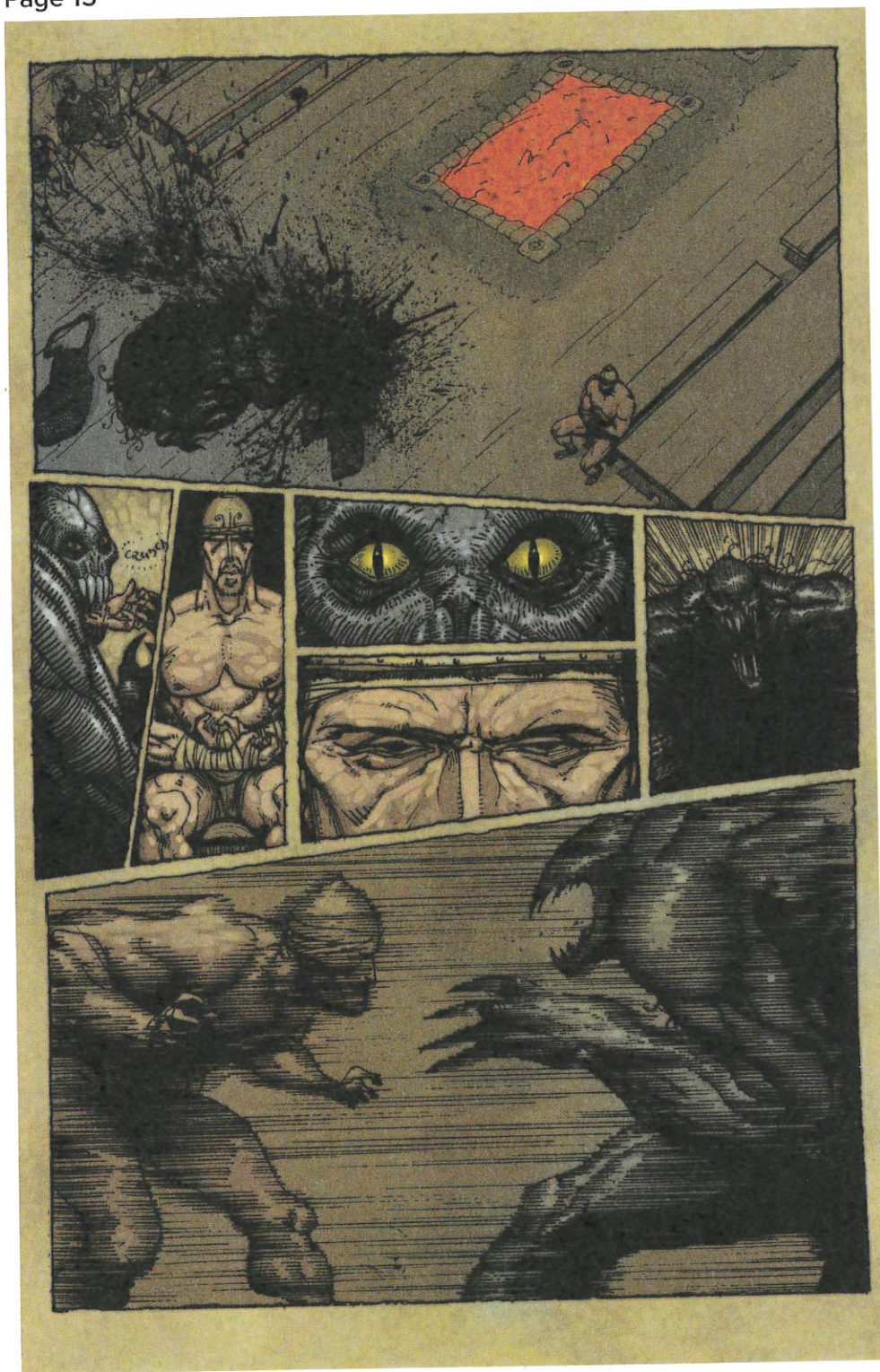










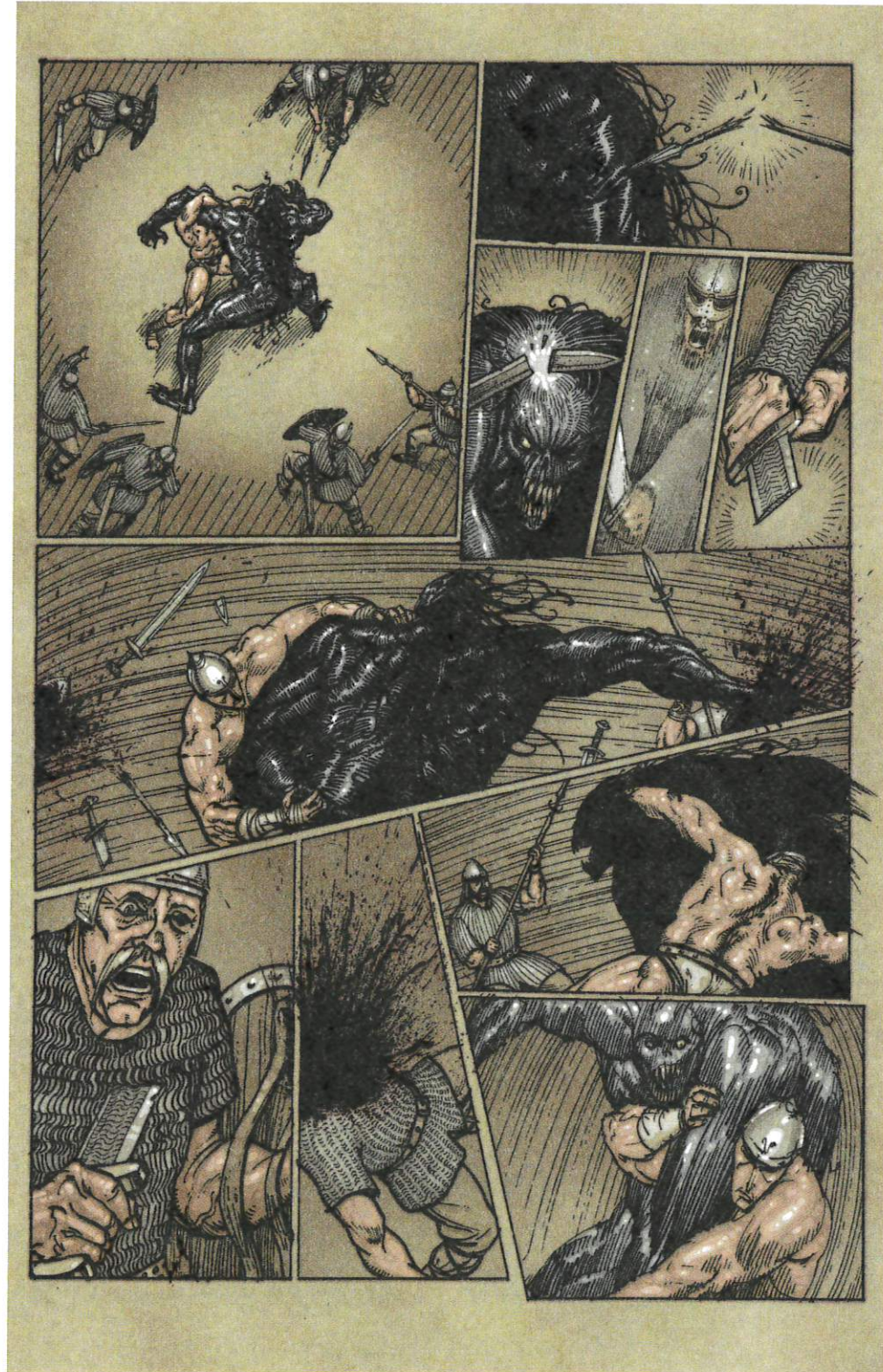


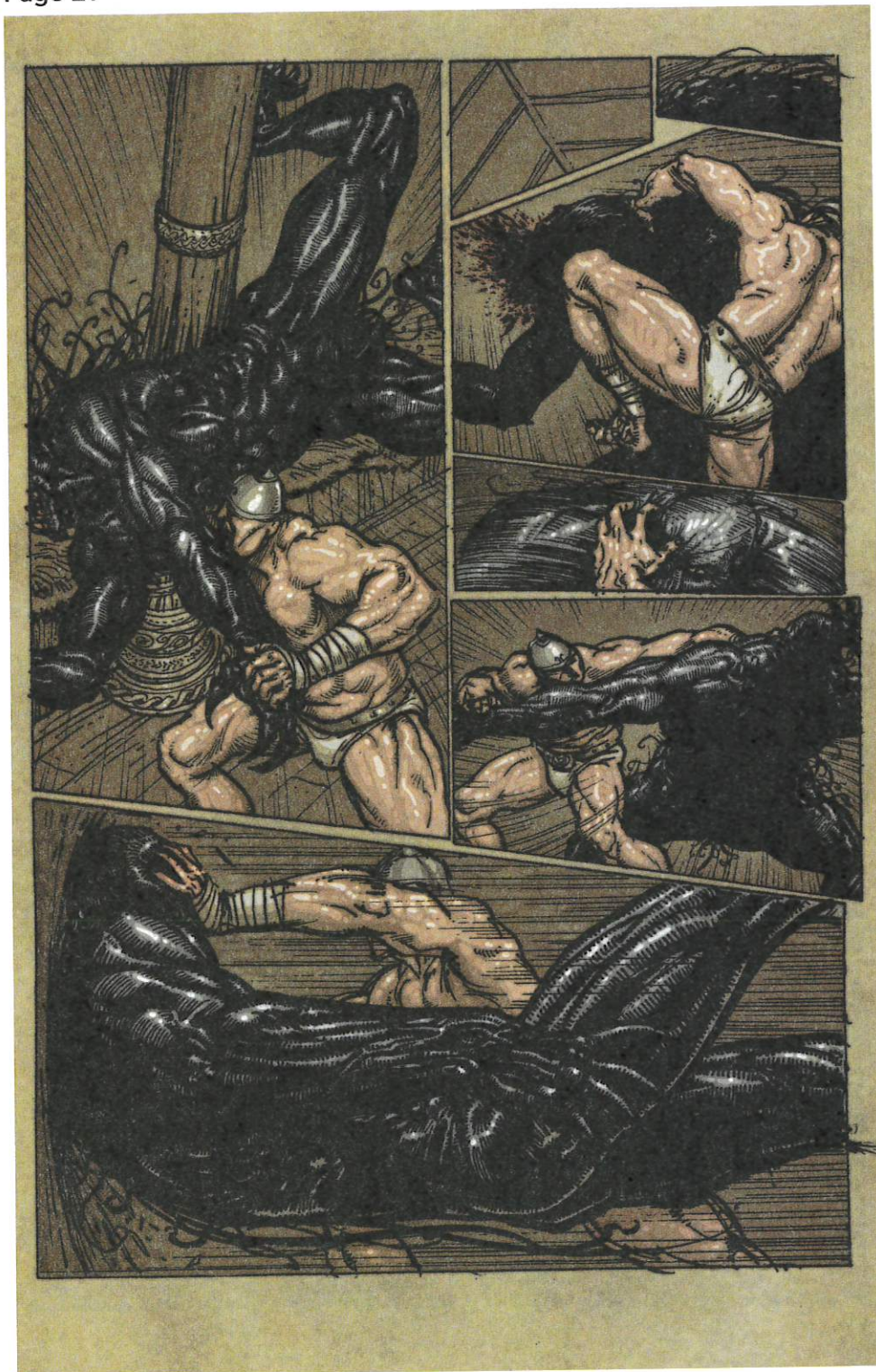




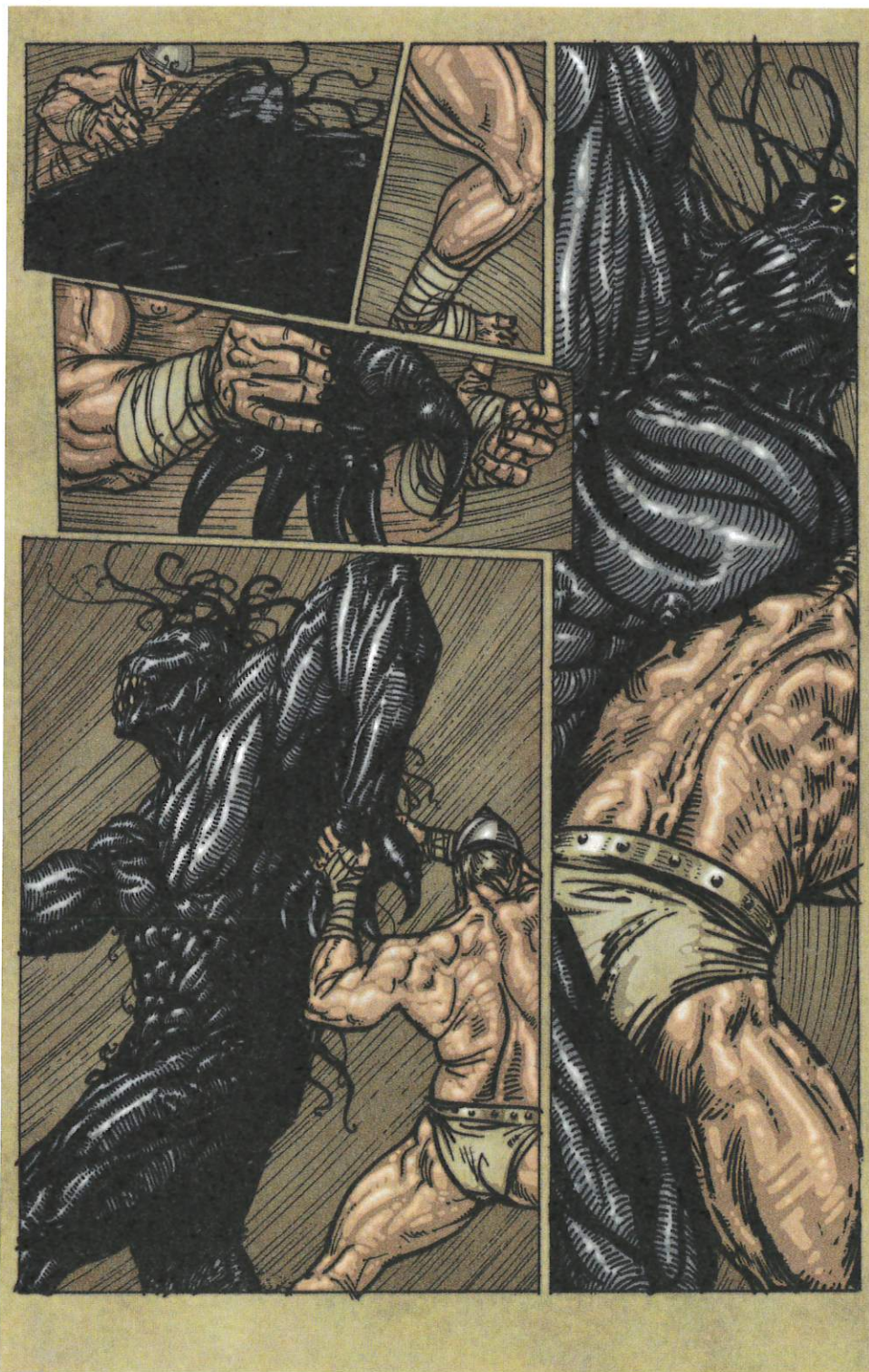






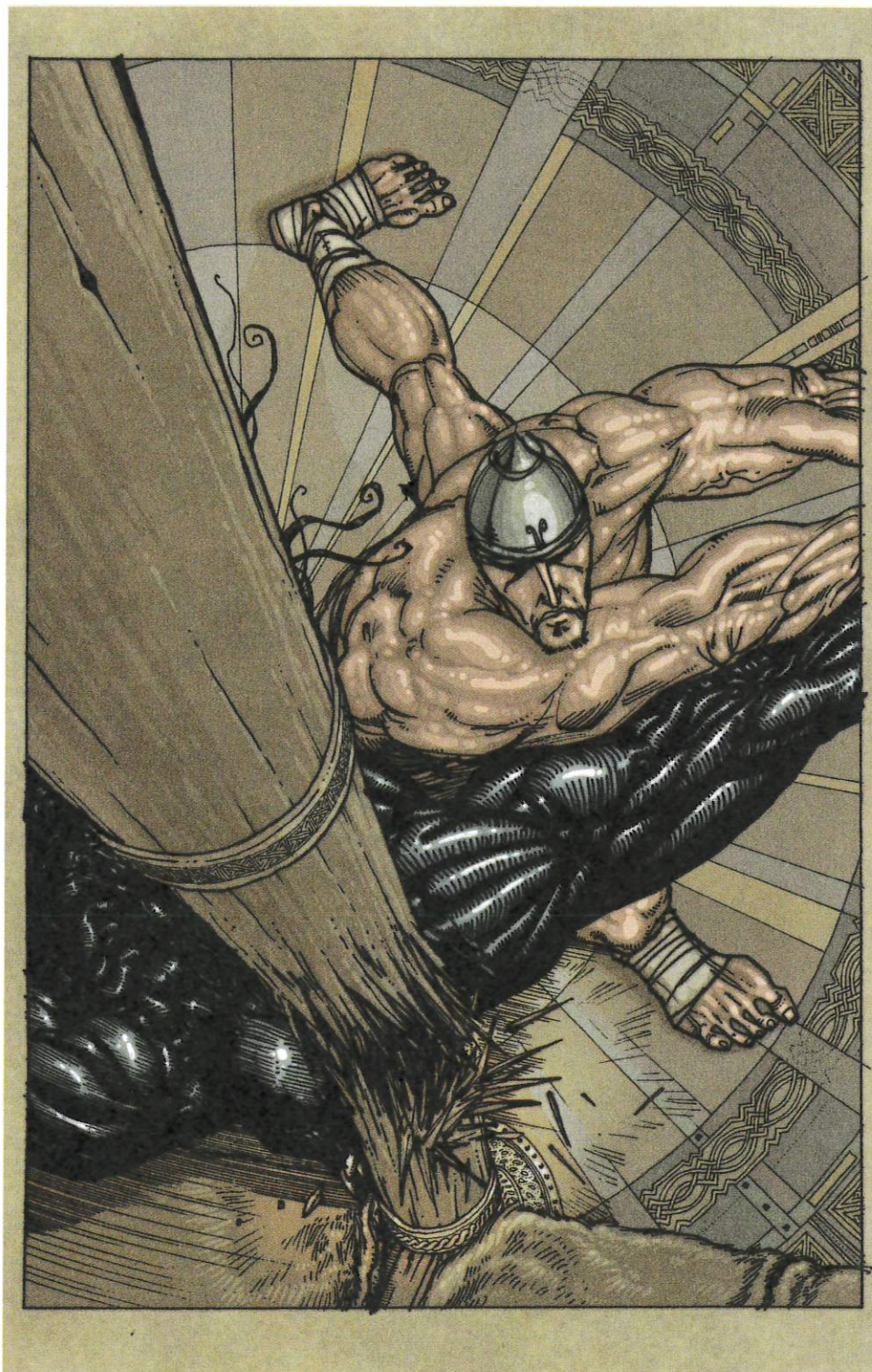


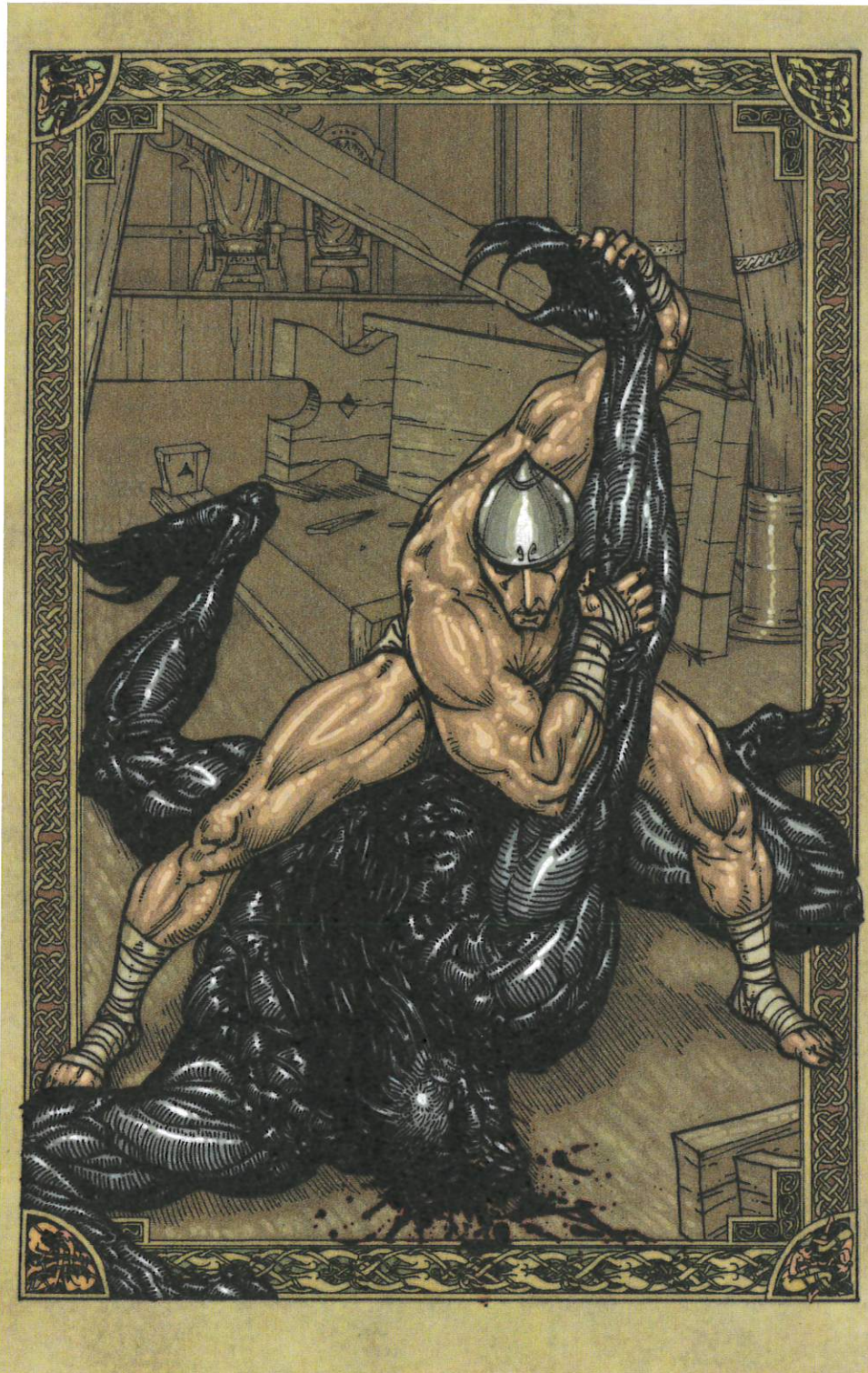


















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