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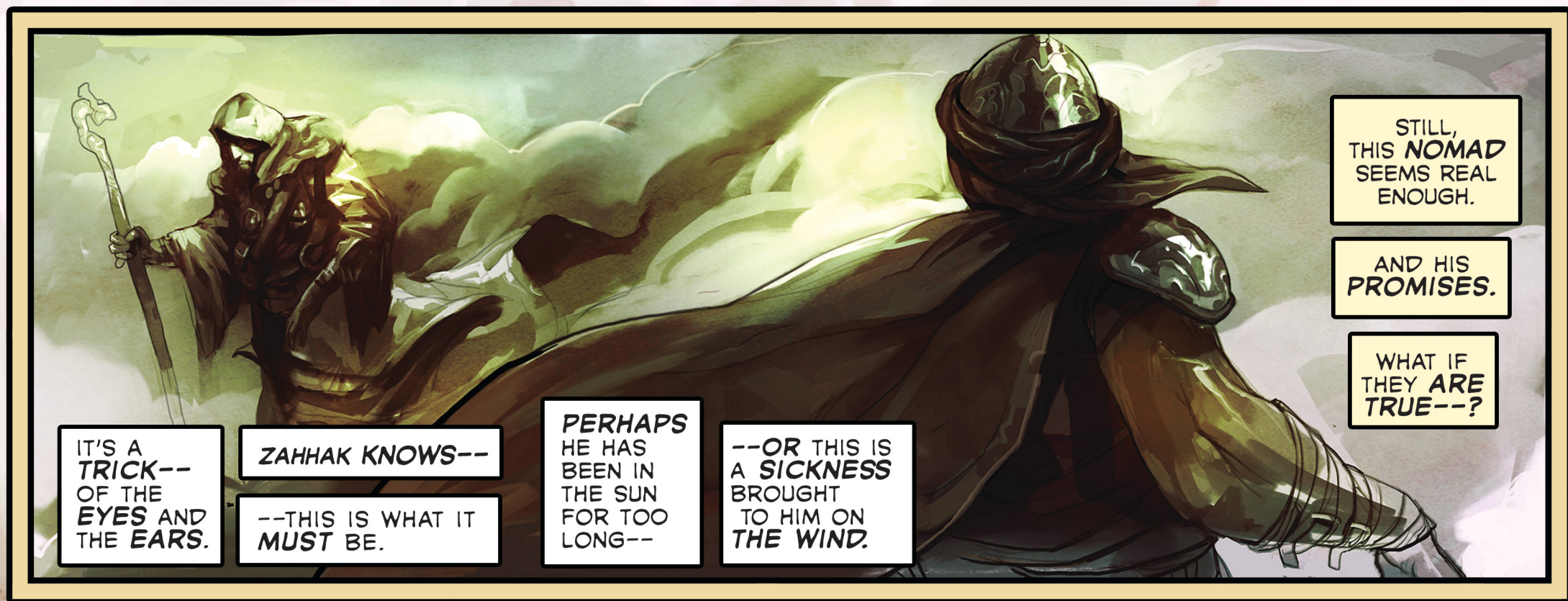
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CHAPTER II



IT'S A
TRICK--
OF THE
EYES AND
THE **EARS.**

ZAHHAK KNOWS--

--THIS IS WHAT IT
MUST BE.

PERHAPS
HE HAS
BEEN IN
THE **SUN**
FOR TOO
LONG--

--OR THIS IS
A **SICKNESS**
BROUGHT
TO HIM ON
THE **WIND.**

STILL,
THIS **NOMAD**
SEEMS REAL
ENOUGH.

AND HIS
PROMISES.

WHAT IF
THEY **ARE**
TRUE--?



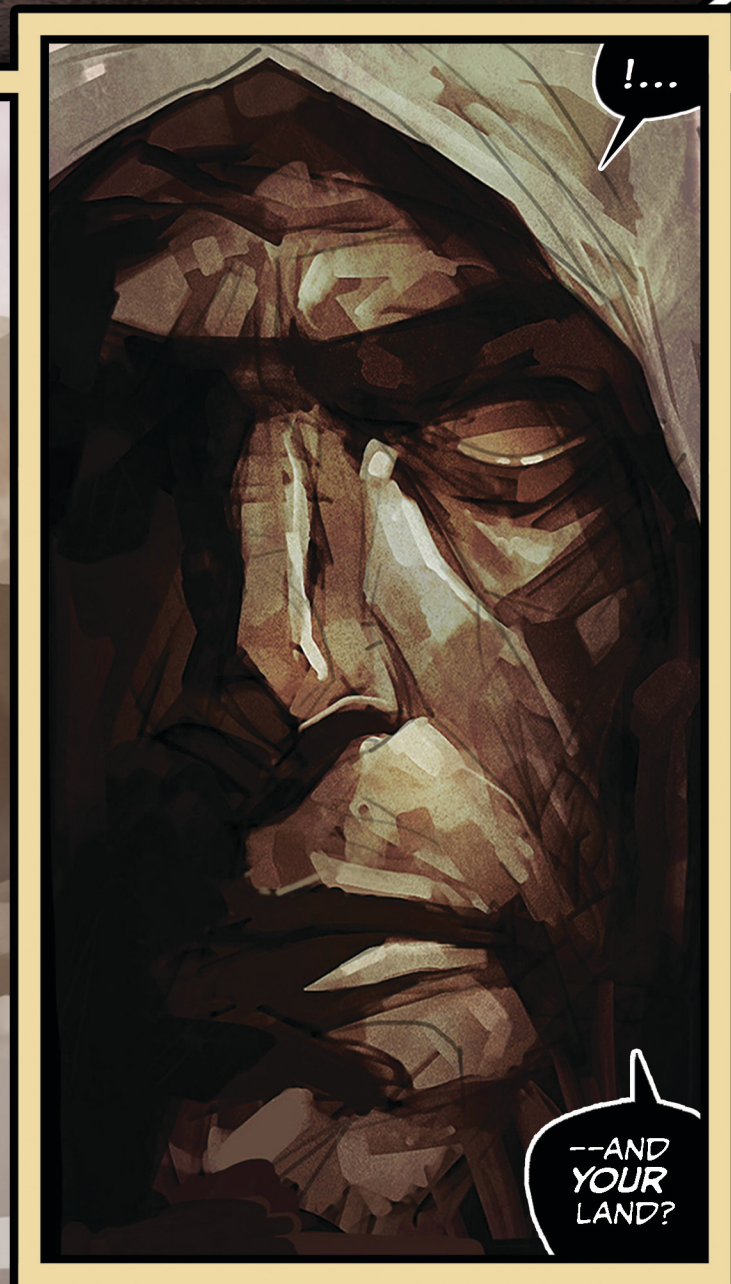
MADMAN...

--WHAT
IS YOUR
NAME--?

--WHAT IF THIS
MADMAN OF THE
DUST IS TRULY
OFFERING ME AN
OPPORTUNITY--?

--AND **THIS**
LAND YOU STAND
ON... IT IS MY
LAND.

WHAT IS
IN A **NAME?**



!...

--AND
YOUR
LAND?



I THOUGHT
THIS WAS
YOUR FATHER'S
LAND--?

--YOUR
OLD FATHER'S
LAND--

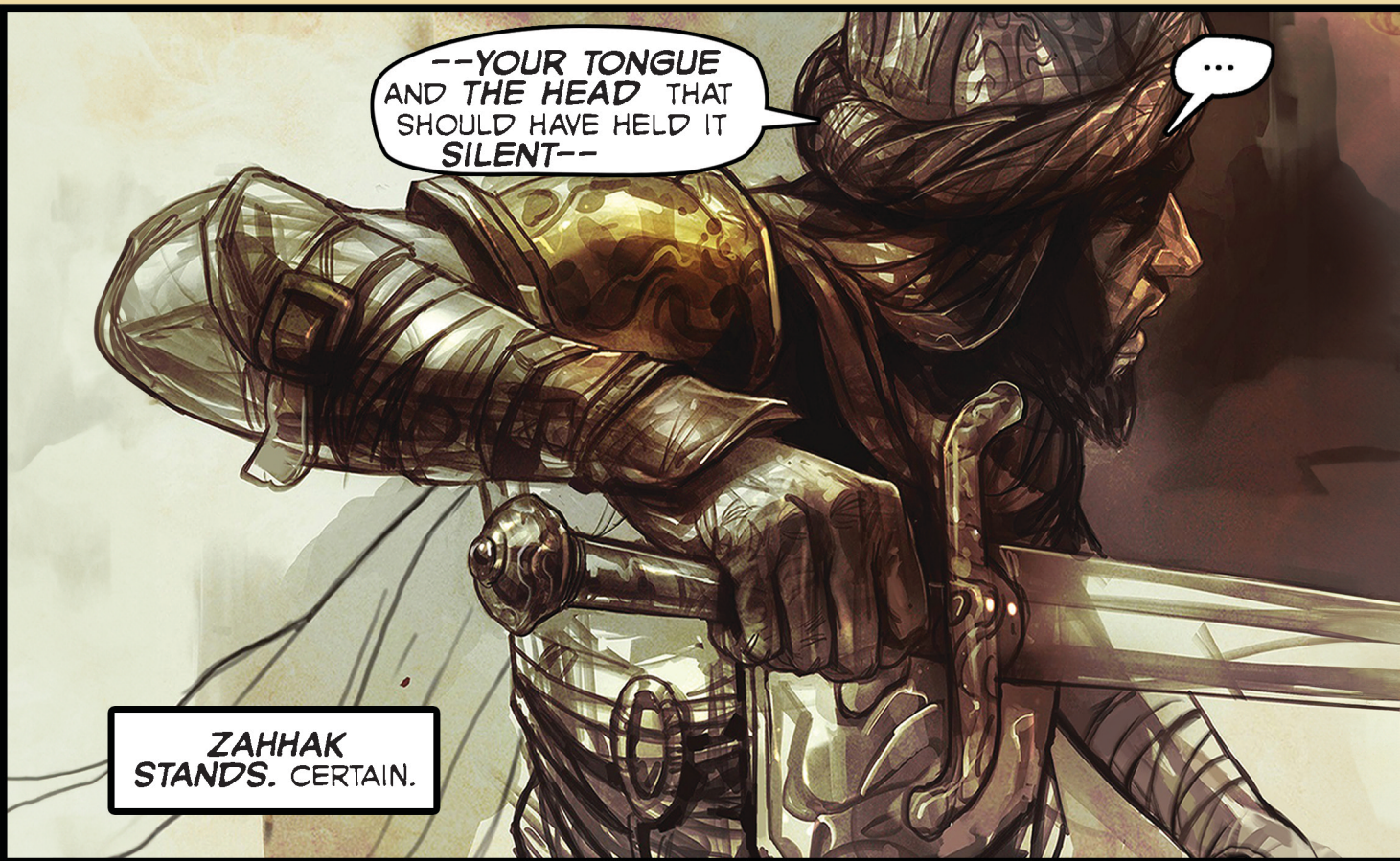
AND
TOMORROW--
IF HE WERE
TO **DIE--**

--WILL
YOU INHERIT
THIS
KINGDOM?

--OR
WOULD IT BE FOR
OTHERS... MORE
FITTING RULERS...
TO CLAIM--?



!...
THAT
REMARK...
...WILL COST YOU
YOUR TONGUE,
STRANGER...



--YOUR TONGUE
AND THE HEAD THAT
SHOULD HAVE HELD IT
SILENT--

ZAHHAK
STANDS. CERTAIN.



RAGE BOILS
UP FROM **WITHIN**
THE YOUNG PRINCE.
HE WAS **TRAINED**
FOR WAR--

--TRAINED
BY HIS
FATHER'S **BEST**
WARRIORS.
HE WILL
KILL THIS
NOMAD.

--HE WILL
SINK HIS
SCIMITAR,
TIP AND
SHAFT,
INTO THAT
RAGED
AND
RUNNING
SIMOOM.

AS A HORSEMAN,
HE'S A **GOOD**
HORSEMAN.

AS A BOWMAN,
HE'S A **GOOD**
BOWMAN,,, BOTH
ON FOOT AND
ON HORSEBACK.

AS A SPEARMAN,
HE'S A **GOOD**
SPEARMAN,,, BOTH
ON FOOT AND ON
HORSEBACK--

--HE WILL LEAVE **VERY**
LITTLE FOR THE **VERMIN**
THAT FEED IN THE NIGHT.

WHAT--?

--MY
BLADE--?
IT PASSES?



--IT IS
A FINE ENOUGH
BLADE, PRINCE.
BUT IT **WILL NOT**
SERVE YOU
AGAINST ME.

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