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THE BURNING OF BALLYDOOLIN

After defeating Black Annis with the power of her witchmark and learning of her village's destruction, Saoirse is blindsided again when Nan reveals her destiny. As she tests her powers, Saoirse discovers her affinity for fire, ensuring that the next witch she must face is the water witch, Bronagh...

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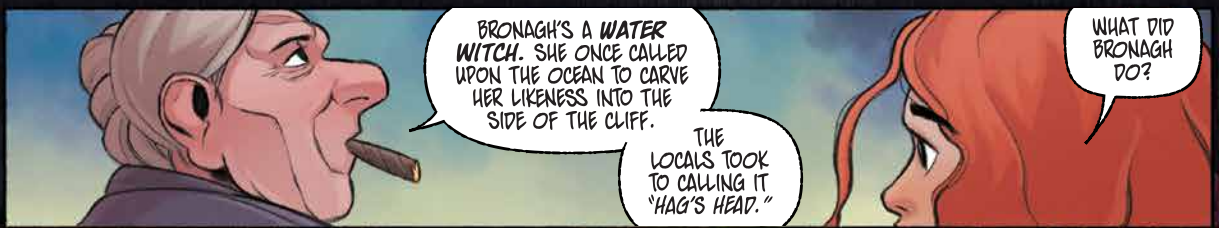
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SO, SHE'S STRONG.

PERHAPS THE STRONGEST OF ALL THE SISTERS.

THEN WHY IS SAOIRSE FIGHTING HER NOW?



FIRE AND VANITY.

HUH?



BRONAGH'S A WATER WITCH, AND I'M BEST WITH FIRE, BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT. BRONAGH'S VAIN. IT'S WHY SHE WASHED AWAY THE VILLAGE.

THAT MEANS SHE THINKS TOO HIGHLY OF HERSELF. IF WE KEPT HER FOR LAST, THEN SHE'D TAKE ME SERIOUSLY. BUT NOW? EVEN IF SHE'S HEARD ABOUT ANNIS, SHE *WON'T* BE AFRAID OF ME.



SHE'LL UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.

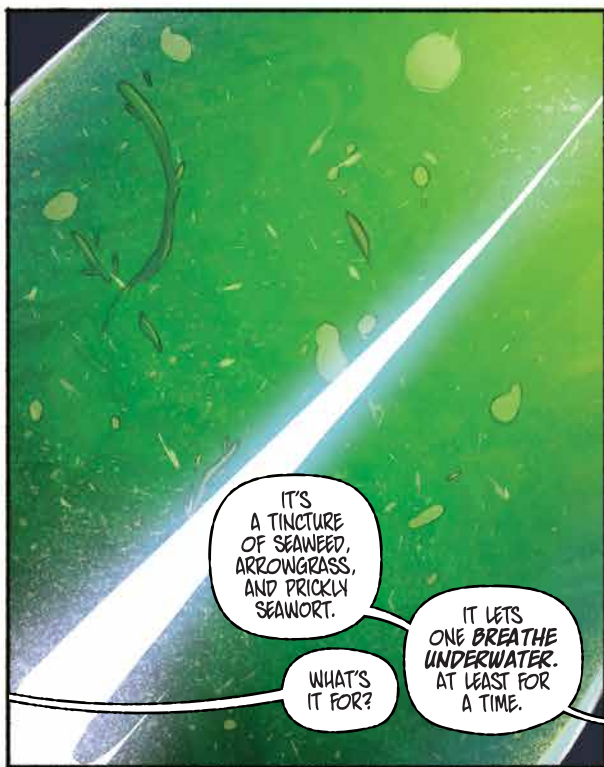
VERY GOOD, DUCK.



AND WE'LL HAVE A FEW MORE SURPRISES FOR HER.

LIKE THIS.

WHAT IS IT?



IT'S
A TINCTURE
OF SEAWEEED,
ARROWGRASS,
AND PRICKLY
SEAWORT.

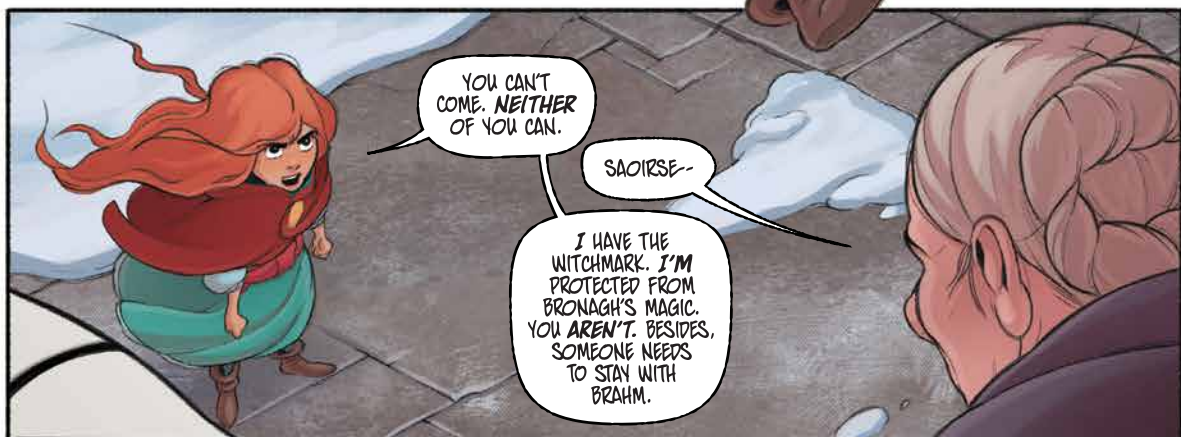
WHAT'S
IT FOR?

IT LETS
ONE BREATHE
UNDERWATER.
AT LEAST FOR
A TIME.



I CAN COME UPON HER
THROUGH THE SEA. SHE'LL
BE FOCUSED ON--

NO.



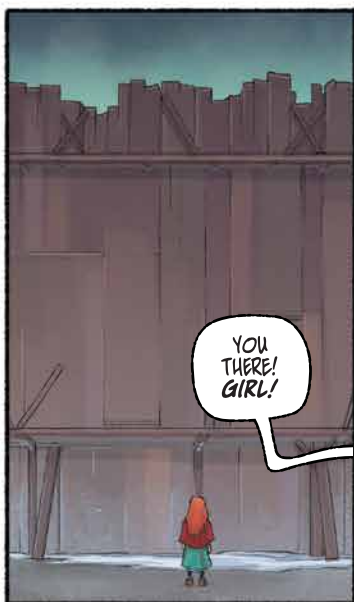
YOU CAN'T
COME, NEITHER
OF YOU CAN.

SAOIRSE--

I HAVE THE
WITCHMARK. I'M
PROTECTED FROM
BRONAGH'S MAGIC.
YOU AREN'T. BESIDES,
SOMEONE NEEDS
TO STAY WITH
BRAHM.







YOU
THERE!
GIRL!



YER GOING UP THE HILL
TO SEE HER, AREN'T YOU?
TO FIGHT HER.

DON'T DENY IT.
I HEARD YOU BEFORE. I SEE
YOUR **BATTLE MARK**.
WHAT ARE YOU
THINKING?



SHE **DESTROYED** A
TOWN BECAUSE OF
SOMETHING SAID
IN **JEST**!

IF YOU TRY
TO HURT HER, AFTER
COMING OUT OF THE
BALLYDOOLIN GATES?
WHAT DO YOU THINK
SHE'LL DO TO
US?



WHAT'S YOUR
DAUGHTER'S
NAME?

NEVER
YOU MIND
THAT.

I HAVE A
LITTLE BROTHER,
BRAHM. HE'S THE
SAME AGE AS YOUR
DAUGHTER.

WE
LOST OUR DA
BECAUSE OF
WITCHES.



I WON'T LET
WHAT HAPPENED
TO US HAPPEN TO
ANYONE ELSE.

...

CIARA.

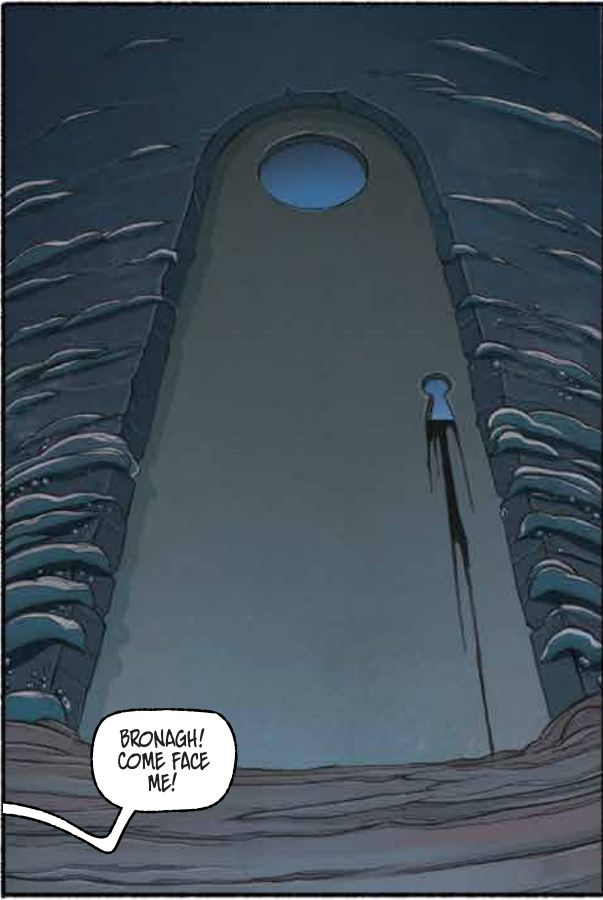


HER NAME IS CIARA.
PLEASE, DON'T DO
ANYTHING THAT
WILL SEE HER
HURT.



YOUR
DAUGHTER ISN'T
THE ONE WHO
SHOULD BE
SCARED.





ROODAAAR







...YOU'RE
THE GIRL
WHO KILLED
ANNIS?

HM.

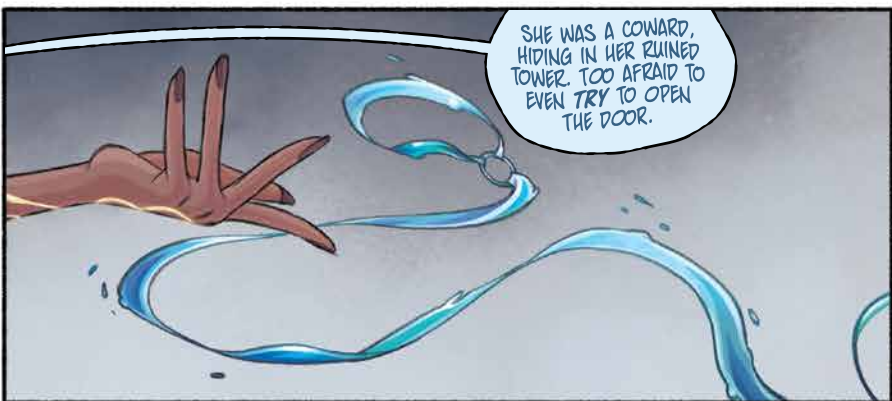


I GIVE YOU THIS
CHANCE TO EMBRACE
VIRTUE, BRONAGH.
LEND YOUR POWERS
TO MINE, SO THAT
TOGETHER WE MAY
STOP THE FAERIE
KING.



AHAHAHA!

YOU ARE
BRAVE. NO
WONDER YOU
DEFEATED
ANNIS.



SHE WAS A COWARD,
HIDING IN HER RUINED
TOWER. TOO AFRAID TO
EVEN TRY TO OPEN
THE DOOR.



I'LL HAVE TO ASK MY
PETS IF BRAVE MEAT IS
TASTIER THAN A
COWARD'S.

SNARL











YOU HAVEN'T
DROWNED YET?
I SUPPOSE THAT'S
ONE OF DIGDE'S
POTIONS AT WORK.
SHE ALWAYS WAS
SMART.

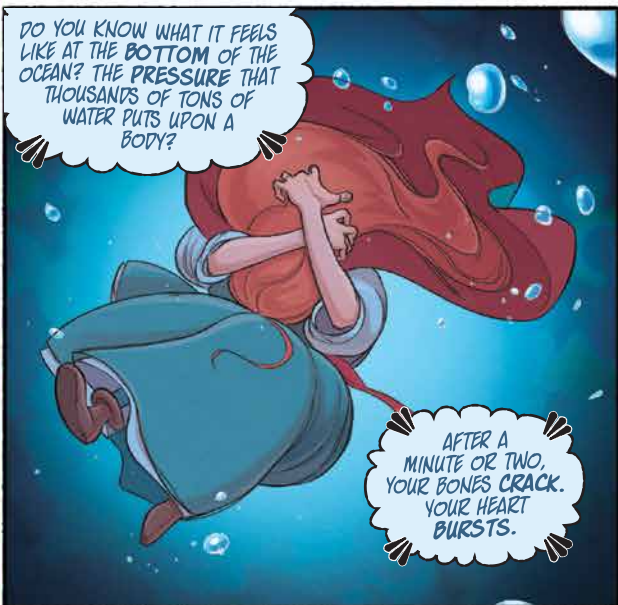


TRYING TO BOIL ME? I CAN ACTUALLY FEEL THE WARMTH. IMPRESSIVE.

ONE DAY YOU COULD BE A GREAT THREAT.



BUT NOT TODAY, CHILD.



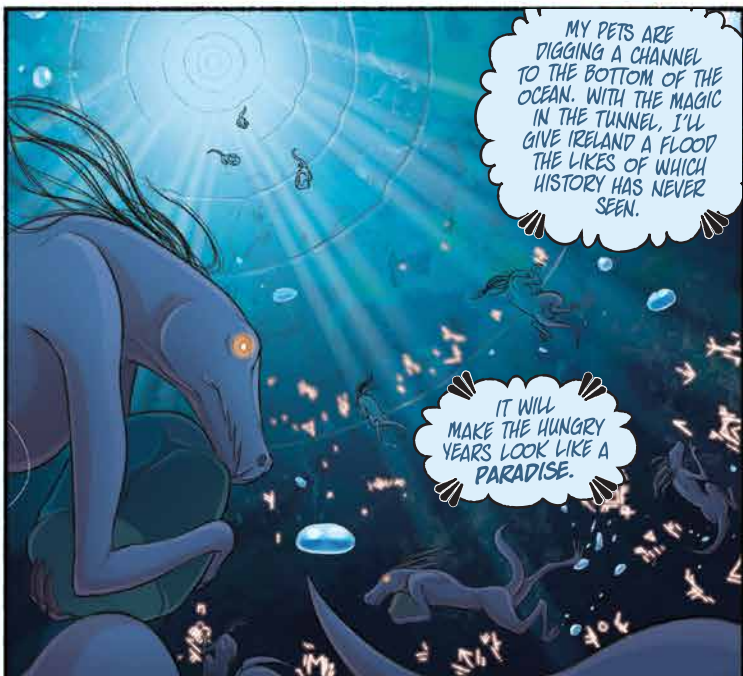
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN? THE PRESSURE THAT THOUSANDS OF TONS OF WATER PUTS UPON A BODY?

AFTER A MINUTE OR TWO, YOUR BONES CRACK. YOUR HEART BURSTS.



THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE FEELING NOW.

SOON, ALL OF IRELAND WILL FEEL IT TOO.



MY PETS ARE DIGGING A CHANNEL TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN. WITH THE MAGIC IN THE TUNNEL, I'LL GIVE IRELAND A FLOOD THE LIKES OF WHICH HISTORY HAS NEVER SEEN.

IT WILL MAKE THE HUNGRY YEARS LOOK LIKE A PARADISE.





MOVE!



PLEASE, MOVE!



PLEASE!

"I WANT TO GO HELP SAOIRSE!"



SKRAASH

GKRAHH!

HRRGHH!

OOF!

AG FAS!

SNARRL!

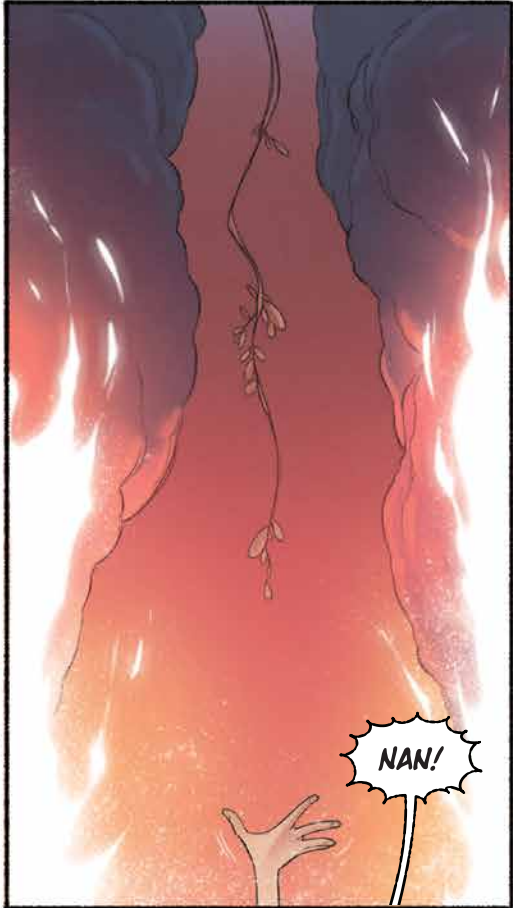
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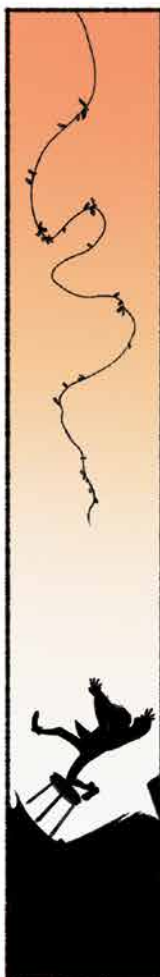




FWOOSH











YOU KNOW
NOTHING OF THE
CAILLEACH!

YOU THINK YOU
SAVED SOMEONE
TODAY?



SHOOOM

DO YOU
KNOW HOW LONG
I'VE SEARCHED FOR
MY SISTER?

AND
YOU BROUGHT
HER RIGHT
TO ME.



THAT HAG THOUGHT
YOU COULD BEST ME?
WHY? BECAUSE YOU HAVE
THE MARK SHE
LACKED?

AFTER I FINISH
WITH YOU, I'M GOING TO
GO TO BALLYDOOLIN AND
END HER...AND YOUR
BROTHER.



IF MY
PETS HAVEN'T
ALREADY KILLED
THEM.

GRRRAA--









