

I, EARRIC OF MERCIA, WILL FIGHT UNDER YOUR BANNER.

SWEAR LOYALTY TO THE HOUSE OF MATHRAFAL AND WE WILL SEE YOUR POWER RESTORED

YOUR ALLIANCE IS WELCOME. WE WERE MOST CONCERNED TO HEAR OF THE INVASION. MY BROTHER, THE KING OF GWENEDD, IS ON HIS WAY HERE ALREADY WITH HIS OWN FORCES.



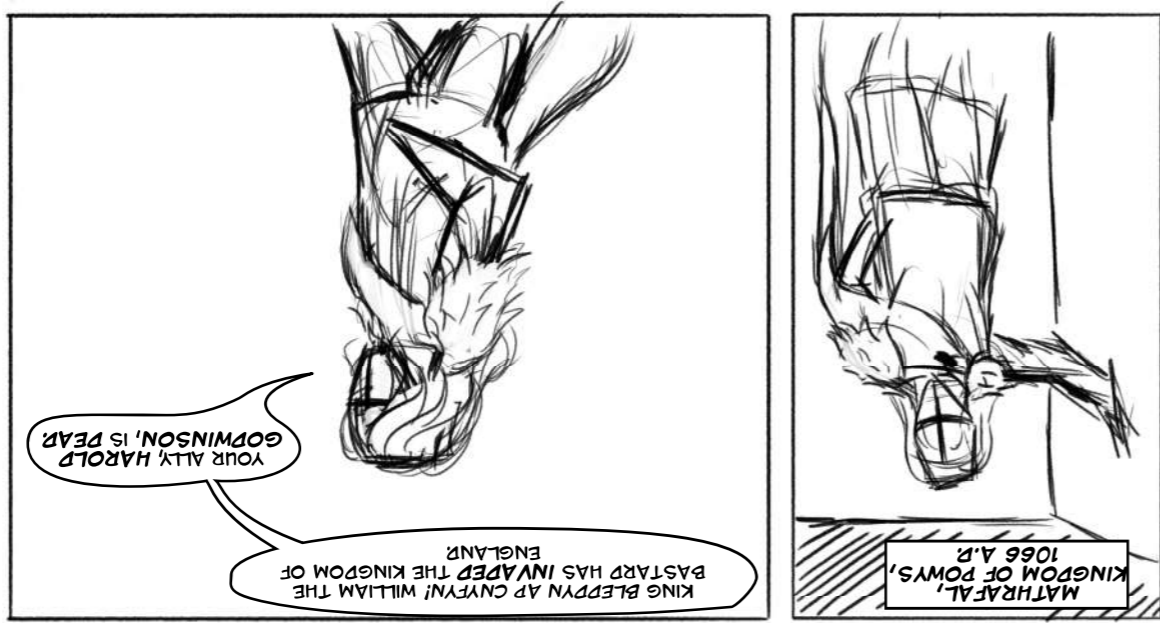
I HAVE RAISED MY LEVIES, AND WILL JOIN FORCES WITH YOU TO PUSH BACK THESE INVADERS!

I WISH TO PROPOSE AN ALLIANCE.



"MOST RECENTLY, THEY HAVE SEIZED THE LANDS OF MYSELF AND THE OTHER MERCIAN LORDS."

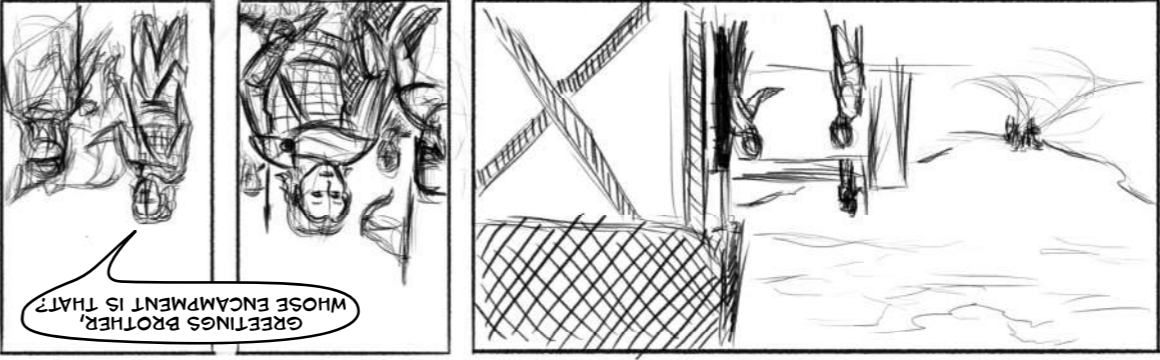
"THE NORMANS HAVE CONTINUED NORTH, CONSOLIDATING POWER AS THEY GO."



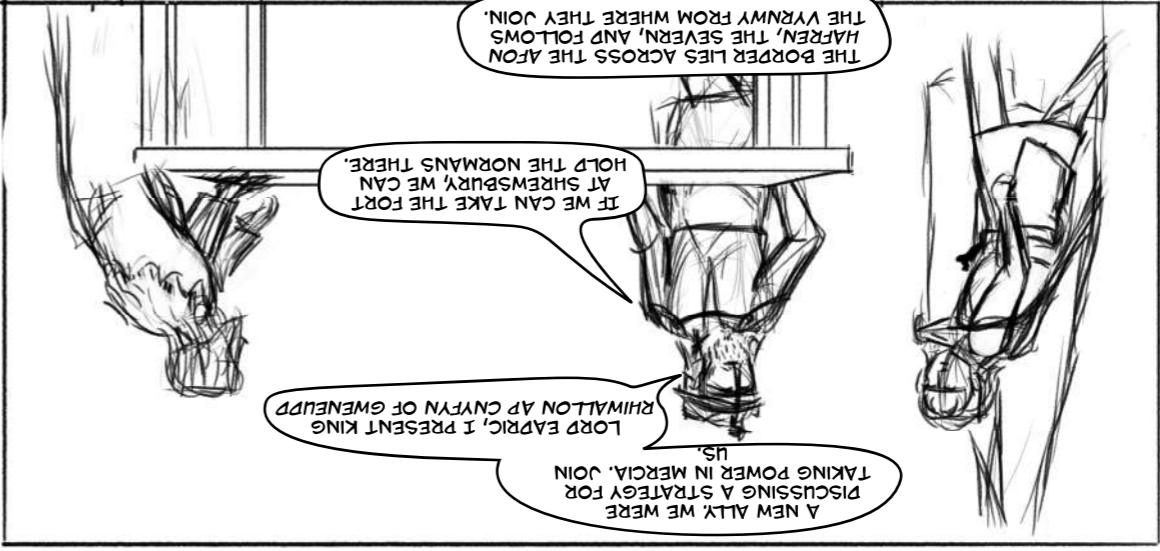
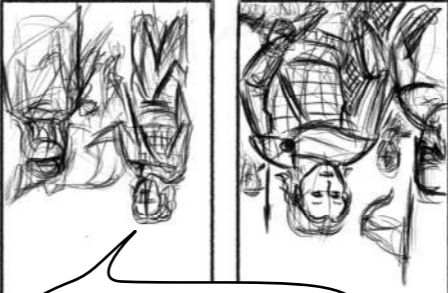
YOUR ALLY, HAROLD GODWINSON, IS DEAD

KING BLEPYN AP CNYFNI WILLIAM THE BASTARD HAS INVADDED THE KINGDOM OF ENGLAND

MATHRAFAL, KINGDOM OF POWYS, 1066 A.D.



GREETINGS BROTHER,  
WHOSE ENCAMPMENT IS THAT?



A NEW ALLY, WE WERE  
DISCUSSING A STRATEGY FOR  
TAKING POWER IN MERCA. JOIN  
US.

LORD EAPRIC, I PRESENT KING  
RHIMALLON AP CNYFN OF GWNEUDD

IF WE CAN TAKE THE FORT  
AT SHREWSBURY, WE CAN  
HOLD THE NORMANS THERE.

THE BORDER LIES ACROSS THE AFON  
HAFREN, THE SEVERN, AND FOLLOWS  
THE VYRNWY FROM WHERE THEY JOIN.



THERE'S A SECOND  
GARRISON PROTECTING  
THE FORD AT HEN  
POMEN.

THERE'S TWO ROUTES TO SHREWSBURY:  
NORTH, TO THE VYRNWY; AND SOUTH,  
BETWEEN THE BREIPPEN AND SIPERSTONE HILLS.

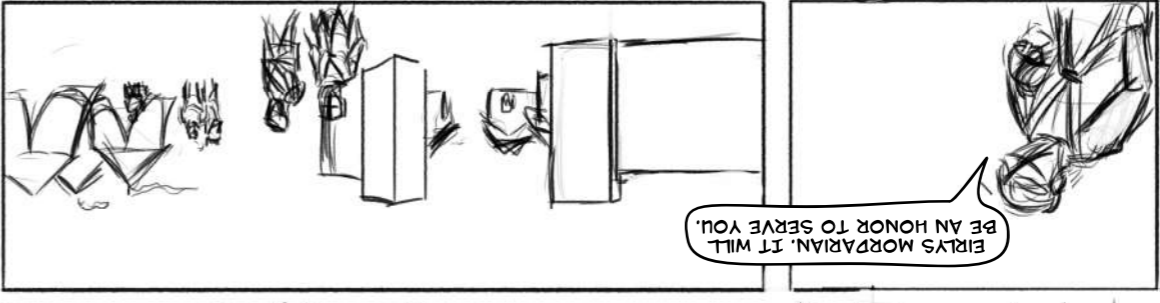
EAPRIC, TAKE THE NORTH  
ROUTE AND ATTACK  
SHREWSBURY DIRECTLY.



I WILL BESIEGE HEN  
POMEN, WE CAN KEEP  
THE GARRISONS FROM  
REINFORCING EACH  
OTHER, AND HOLD  
BOTH PASSES INTO  
MERCA.

RHIMALLON, STAY HERE.  
WE CAN'T LEAVE OUR  
OWN KINGDOMS UNGUARDED

AND EAPRIC, ONE OF MY PERSONAL  
BODYGUARDS WILL GO WITH YOU.  
A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL BETWEEN US.



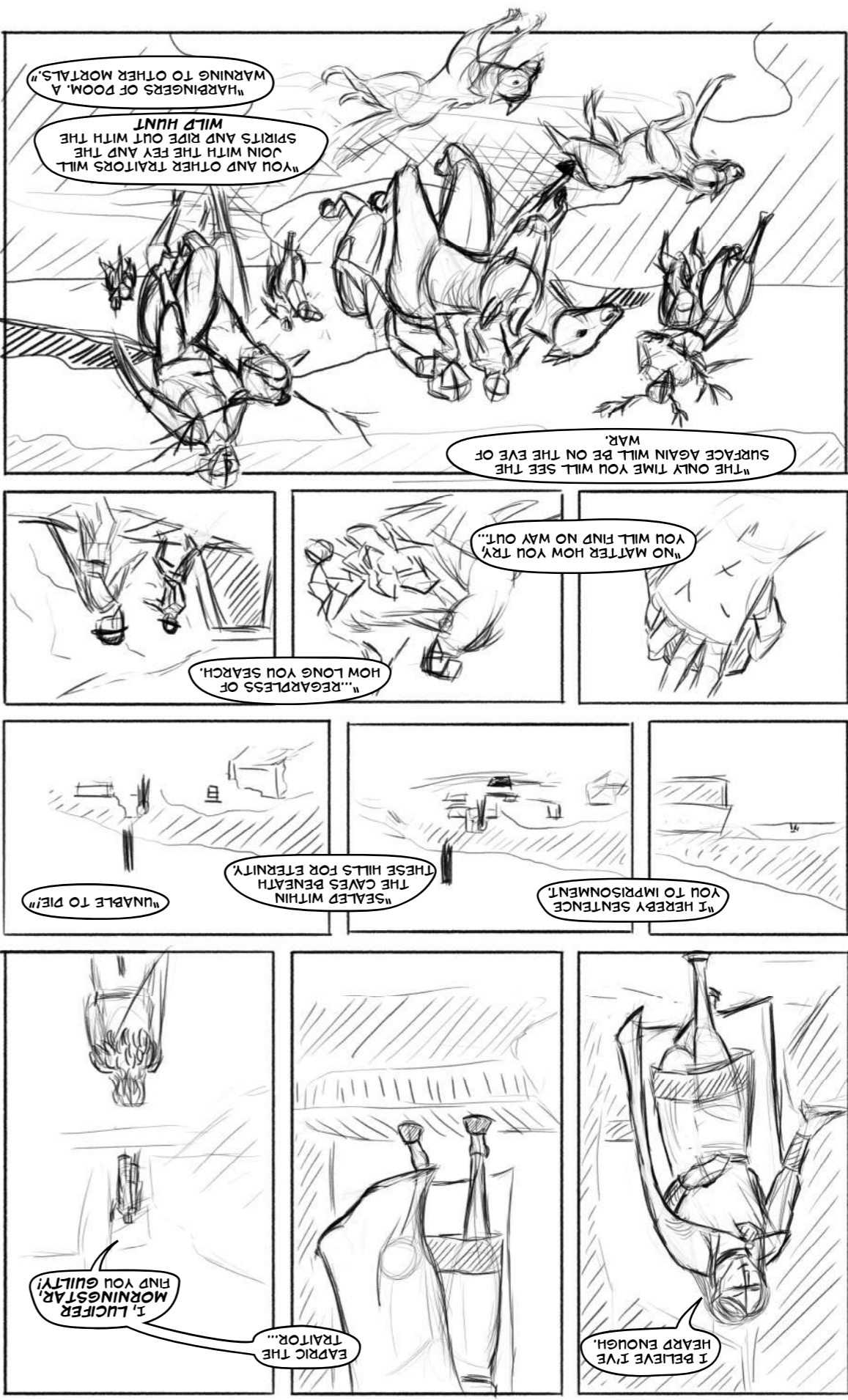
EIRYS MORPARIAN. IT WILL  
BE AN HONOR TO SERVE YOU.





WE'LL GO SOUTH! WE CAN STILL  
REINFORCE BLEPPYN'S SEIGE AT HEN POMEN!

THE CASTLE ISN'T GOING  
TO FALL! WE HAVE TO  
RETEAT!



"HARBINGERS OF DOOM, A  
WARNING TO OTHER MORTALS."

"YOU AND OTHER TRAITORS WILL  
JOIN WITH THE FEY AND THE  
SPIRITS AND RIDE OUT WITH THE  
WILD HUNT"

"THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL SEE THE  
SURFACE AGAIN WILL BE ON THE EVE OF  
WAR."

"NO MATTER HOW YOU TRY,  
YOU WILL FIND NO WAY OUT..."

"...REGARLESS OF  
HOW LONG YOU SEARCH,

"I HERBY SENTENCE  
YOU TO IMPRISONMENT."

"SEALED WITHIN  
THE CAVES BENEATH  
THESE HILLS FOR ETERNITY."

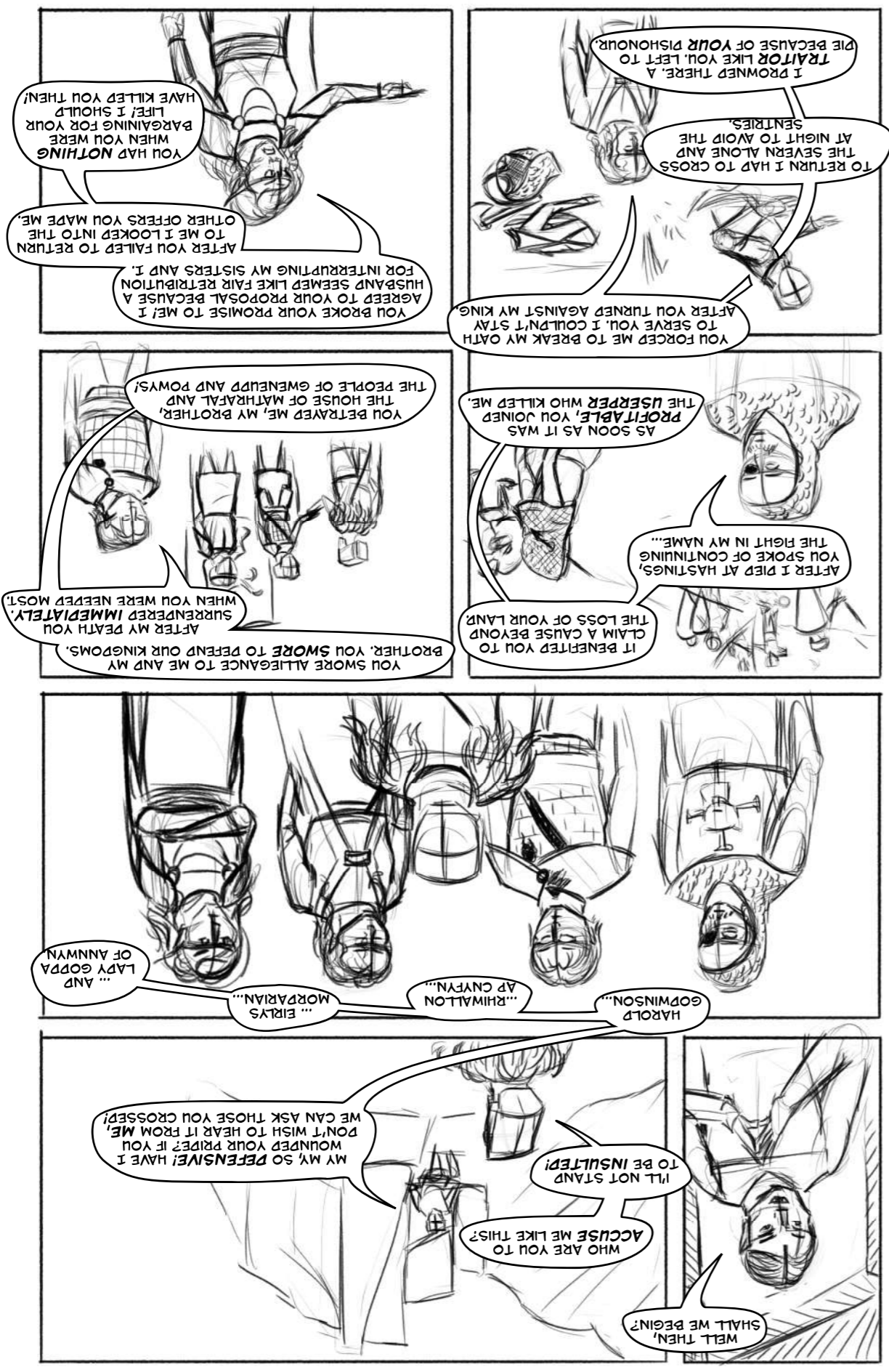
"UNABLE TO DIE!"

"I BELIEVE I'VE  
HEARD ENOUGH."

"FAPRIC THE  
TRAITOR..."

"I, LUCIFER  
MORNINGSTAR,  
FIND YOU GUILTY!"





YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE TO ME! I AGREED TO YOUR PROPOSAL BECAUSE A HUSBAND SEEMED LIKE FAIR RETRIBUTION FOR INTERRUPTING MY SISTERS AND I. AFTER YOU FAILED TO RETURN TO ME I LOOKED INTO THE OTHER OFFERS YOU MADE ME. YOU HAD **NOTHING** WHEN YOU WERE BARGAINING FOR YOUR LIFE! I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU THEN!

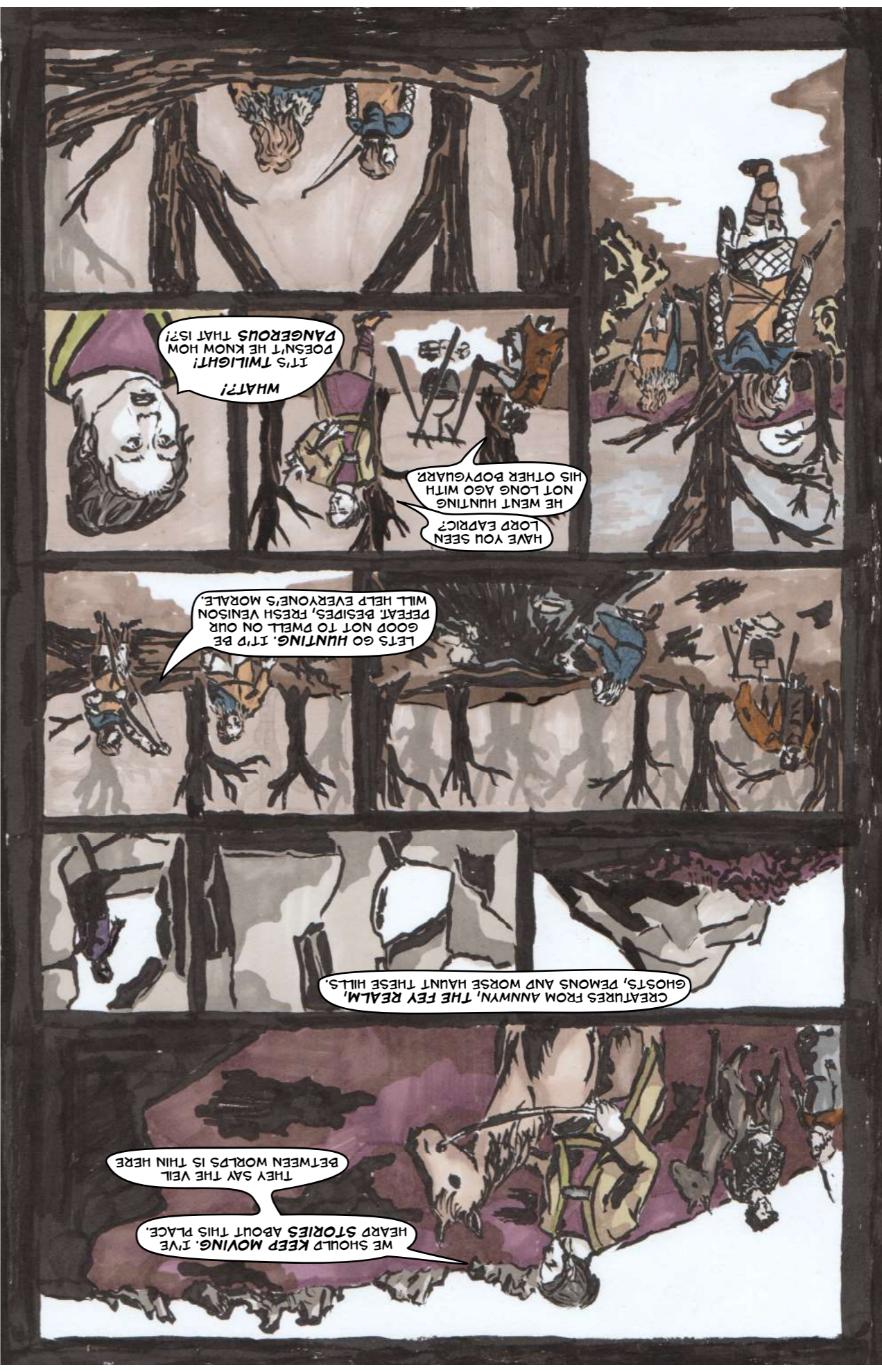
YOU SWORE ALLIANCE TO ME AND MY BROTHER. YOU **SWORE** TO DEFEND OUR KINGDOMS. AFTER MY DEATH YOU SURRENDERED **IMMEDIATELY**. WHEN YOU WERE NEEDED MOST. YOU BETRAYED ME, MY BROTHER, THE HOUSE OF MATHRAL AND THE PEOPLE OF GWENUPP AND POWYS!

HAROLD GOMPSON...  
 ... RHIMALLON AP CNYFN...  
 ... EIRLYS MORPARIAN...  
 ... AND LADY GOPPA OF ANNWYN

SHALL WE BEGIN?  
 WHO ARE YOU TO ACCUSE ME LIKE THIS?  
 I'LL NOT STAND TO BE INSULTED!  
 MY MY, SO **DEFENSIVE!** HAVE I WOUNDED YOUR PRIDE? IF YOU DON'T WISH TO HEAR IT FROM ME, WE CAN ASK THOSE YOU CROSSED!

YOU FORCED ME TO BREAK MY OATH TO SERVE YOU. I COULDN'T STAY AFTER YOU TURNED AGAINST MY KING. AS SOON AS IT WAS **PROFITABLE**, YOU JOINED THE **USERPER** WHO KILLED ME. AFTER I DIED AT HASTINGS, YOU SPOKE OF CONTINUING THE FIGHT IN MY NAME... IT BENEFITTED YOU TO CLAIM A CAUSE BEYOND THE LOSS OF YOUR LAND.

I PROMNED THERE, A **TRAITOR** LIKE YOU LEFT TO DIE BECAUSE OF YOUR DISHONOUR. TO RETURN I HAD TO CROSS THE SEVERN ALONE AND AT NIGHT TO AVOID THE SENTRIES.



LET'S GO **HUNTING**. IT'D BE GOOD NOT TO DWELL ON OUR DEFEAT. BESIDES, FRESH VENISON WILL HELP EVERYONE'S MORALE.

HAVE YOU SEEN LORD EAPRIC? HE WENT HUNTING NOT LONG AGO WITH HIS OTHER BODYGUARD. IT'S TWILIGHT! **PANGEROUS** THAT IS?!

CREATURES FROM ANNWYN, THE FEY REALM, GHOSTS, DEMONS AND WORMS HAUNT THESE HILLS.

WE SHOULD KEEP MOVING. I'VE HEARD STORIES ABOUT THIS PLACE. THEY SAY THE VEIL BETWEEN WORLDS IS THIN HERE.

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