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THE CITY OF KIROS.

THE LAST CITY IN
THE KNOWN WORLD.

FIVE YEARS AFTER
THE ESSEX FIRE.

AN EVENT DRENCHED IN
BLOOD AND FIRE BOTH.

BUT SOMETIMES YOU
NEED FIRE IN ORDER
TO BE REBORN. THAT'S
NOT JUST A STORY.

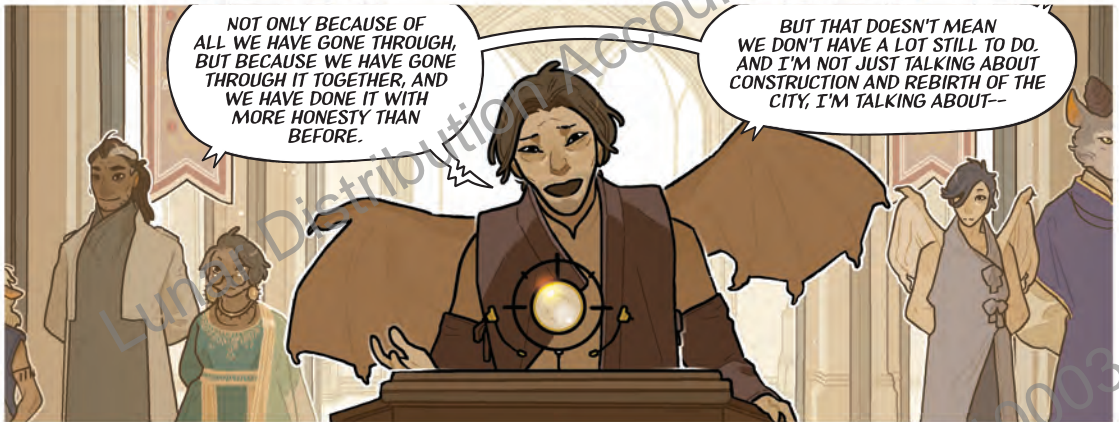
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--BUT WE'VE COME SO FAR TOGETHER SINCE THE FIRE. AND I KNOW, I KNOW THAT EVEN NOW WE DON'T AGREE ON THE EVENT OR THE HORRORS AND JOYS THAT CAME FROM THE AFTER-MATH.

BUT WHAT WE CAN ALL AGREE ON IS THAT WE'RE STRONGER TODAY THAN WE WERE BACK THEN.



NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ALL WE HAVE GONE THROUGH, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE GONE THROUGH IT TOGETHER, AND WE HAVE DONE IT WITH MORE HONESTY THAN BEFORE.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE DON'T HAVE A LOT STILL TO DO. AND I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT CONSTRUCTION AND REBIRTH OF THE CITY, I'M TALKING ABOUT--



SUPPORT REMAINS HIGH FOR NEWLY RE-ELECTED PRIME MINISTER PHINNEAS II OF THANE, DESPITE, OR PERHAPS BECAUSE OF, HIS FAMILIAL CONNECTION TO PHAEDRA ESSEX, THE FORMER BLACK CLOAK WHO--

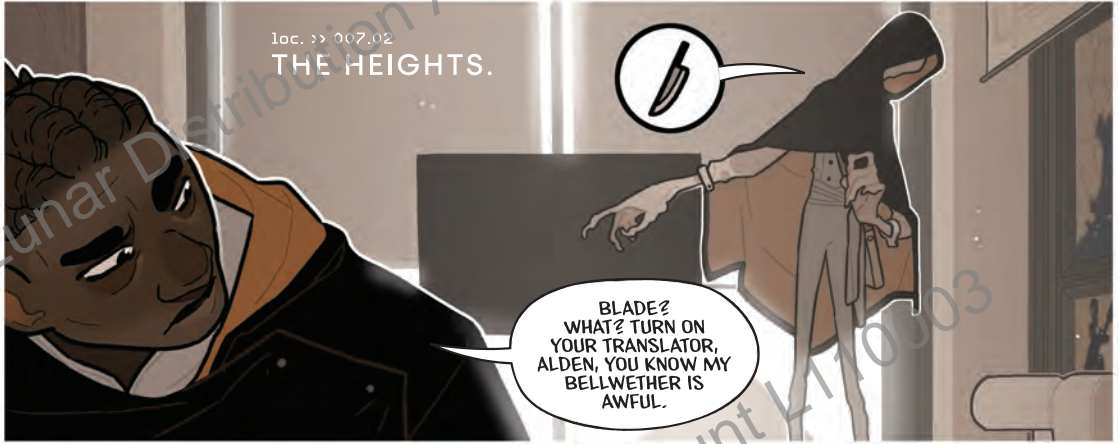
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--CAUSED THE NOW INFAMOUS ESSEX FI--

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THE RUINS.
FORMERLY
THE NARROWS.



I HAVE
TO HEAD IN SOON,
SASHENKA, ARE YOU
STAYING?

YEAH, I'LL
DO A FEW MORE
PASSES BEFORE I
GO BACK.

EAT.

YOU GOT A
ONE TRACK MIND,
CALLIOPE. BUT
I ADMIRE YOUR
COMMITMENT.

COMMITMENT
IS FOR FOOLS.
EATING IS
FOR ME.

LIKE I
SAID.

