



EXALTED

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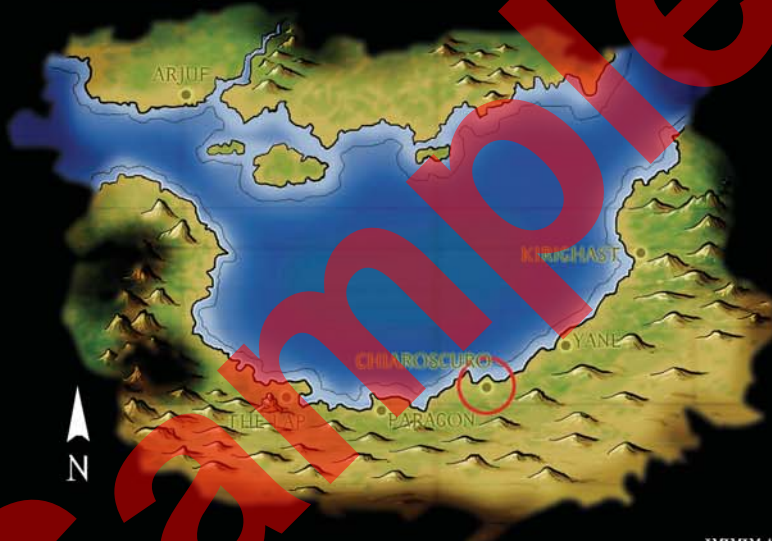
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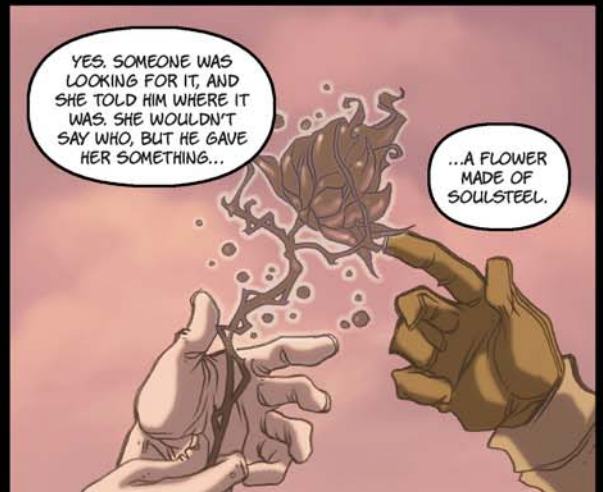


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For centuries, the Scarlet Empress kept her fist clenched around the windpipe of the world. 5 years after her disappearance, the Realm spirals closer to chaos and civil war with each passing day.

Into this time of strife come the Solar Exalted, heroes of legend reborn into an Age of Sorrow.

Will these living legends herald the return of the Golden Age or the end of Creation?







SHE WAS HERE
WHEN WE GOT BACK.
SHE PULLED FAKA KUN
ASIDE.

WHO?

I DON'T
KNOW.

SHE HAD SMOOTH
DARK SKIN, LONG HAIR
IN BRAIDS, GOLDEN-
BROWN EYES, SOME
SORT OF BOW... I
THINK...

AND A LION'S HEAD
ON HER...
UM...ARMOR.

AH, HER.
HER NAME'S
HARMONIOUS
JADE—EXALTED
LIKE US.

SHE'S
PROBABLY
HERE ABOUT
THE HUNGRY
GHOSTS.

GREAT!
WE CAN
ALL WORK
TOGETHER.

DOUBTFUL.
SHE DOESN'T
LIKE WORKING
WITH ANYBODY
OUTSIDE HER
OWN CIRCLE.

HER
WHAT?

IT'S AN OLD
TRADITION FROM
THE FIRST AGE.
EXALTED WHO
WORK TOGETHER
FORM A GROUP
CALLED A CIRCLE.

OH, LIKE
US, I
GET IT.

I MEAN,
UNLESS I'M
PRESUMING
TOO MUCH...

NOT AT ALL.
AS FAR AS I'M
CONCERNED,
YOU'RE PART
OF THIS
CIRCLE.

THANKS.
THAT
MEANS A
LOT.





BASED ON WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT, I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO FIND THE ONE WHO ABANDONED THOSE DJALA...

AND YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM.



AND IF I AM? SO WHAT?

AND IF WE DO IT, ALL YOUR REFUGEES END UP FREE.

SO, NOTHING. BUT I HAVE A BETTER IDEA.



WELL, MY WAY ALL THAT BASTARD'S SLAVES GO FREE.

NO, THEY ALL GO HOMELESS UNTIL THE NEXT SLAVER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THEM. OR DID YOU PLAN TO HIRE THEM ALL?

DON'T PATRONIZE ME.

HEAR ME OUT.

FINE.

TELL YOU WHAT. IF MY IDEA DOESN'T WORK, I'LL LEAVE TOWN AND NEVER COME BACK. WHAT DO YOU THINK?



I THINK YOU SEALED THE DEAL AT "LEAVE TOWN." WHAT'S YOUR IDEA?

ALL RIGHT, FIRST, I'LL NEED A BATH AND SOME CLEAN CLOTHES...

...THEN I'LL NEED YOU TO BE MY SLAVE.

I WILL NOT MISS YOU. NOT ONE BIT.