

THE ASCENSION





WILL THEY LISTEN TO *ME*, DOCTOR?



ARE YOU CERTAIN ABOUT THIS?

WITH YOUR *FUNDING* AND MY *SKILL*, WE HAVE CREATED *PERFECTION*.

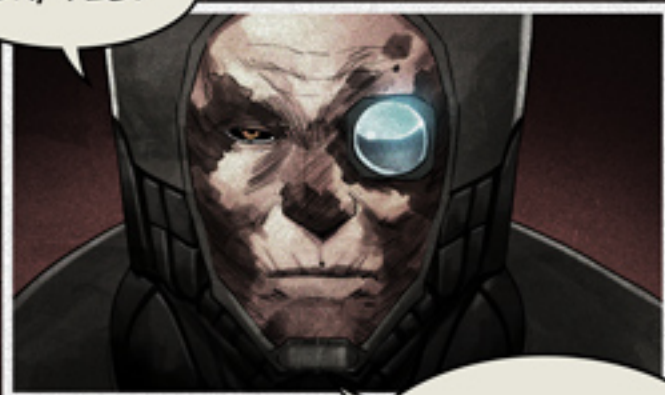


THE QUEENS THEMSELVES WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE!

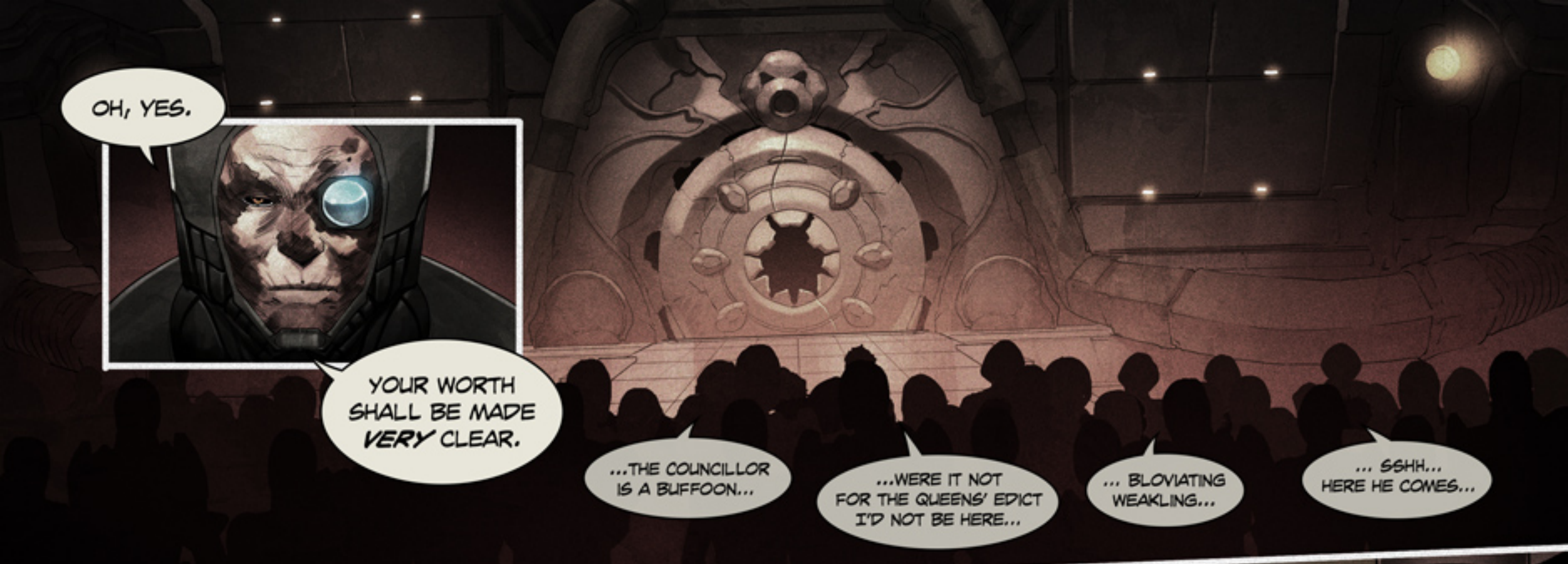
WOULD THEY NOT? THIS IS YOUR *GREAT MOMENT*, COUNCILLOR.



YES. THANKS TO YOU, DOCTOR... THE QUEENS WILL AT LAST SEE *MY WORTH*.



OH, YES.




YOUR WORTH
SHALL BE MADE
VERY CLEAR.

...THE COUNCILLOR
IS A BUFFOON...

...WERE IT NOT
FOR THE QUEENS' EDICT
I'D NOT BE HERE...

... BLOVIATING
WEAKLING...

... SSSH...
HERE HE COMES...




... L...LOVELY
TO... TO SEE YOU...

... G-GOOD EVENING,
GENERAL...

... H... HELLO
AGAIN...

... WELCOME...



TONIGHT WE *BOTH*
BECOME THE MEN...

... WE WERE
MEANT TO BE.



COUNCILLOR!

YOU WOULD GREET THESE MOLLUSCS...

... BEFORE YOUR QUEENS?



Y-YOUR MAJESTIES!

I-I-I WAS MERELY PLAYING THE HOS...

'PLAYING'?



SHOW US, COUNCILLOR.

ENTERTAIN US.

PLAY THE... 'GOOD HOST.'





I *AM* A LOWLY COUNCILLOR. FOOLISH.

A *JOKE*, TO BE SURE.

BUT I HAVE A VISION. A VISION *SHARED* BY GOOD DOCTOR TENGUS.



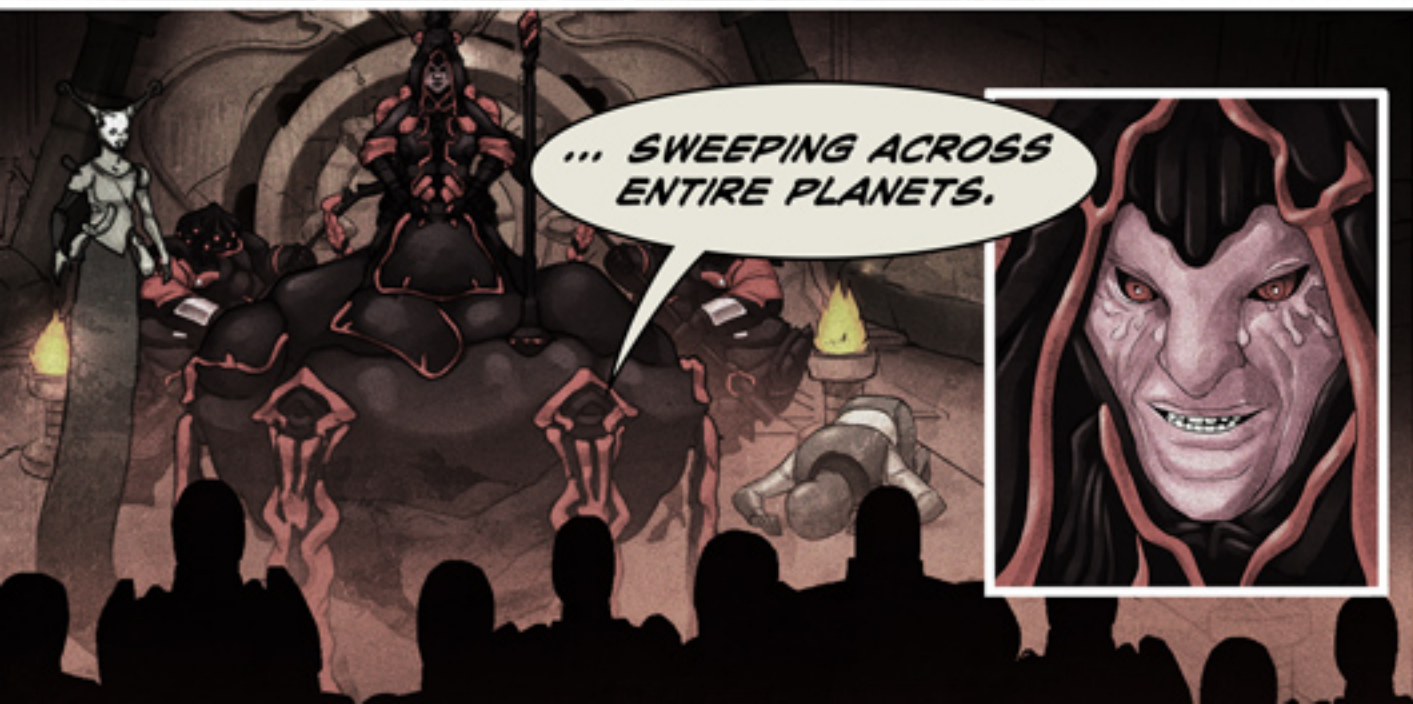
OF *WORLDS* FALLING TO THE MIGHT OF THE GRINEER...

... WITHOUT HAVING TO DEPLOY A *SINGLE* GALLEON, OR TROOP CARRIER.



OF AN ARMY. GROWN IN BAGS, SEEDED FROM ORBIT...

... GESTATING WITHIN DAYS, EMERGING WITHOUT NEED FOR SUPPORT...



... *SWEEPING* ACROSS ENTIRE PLANETS.



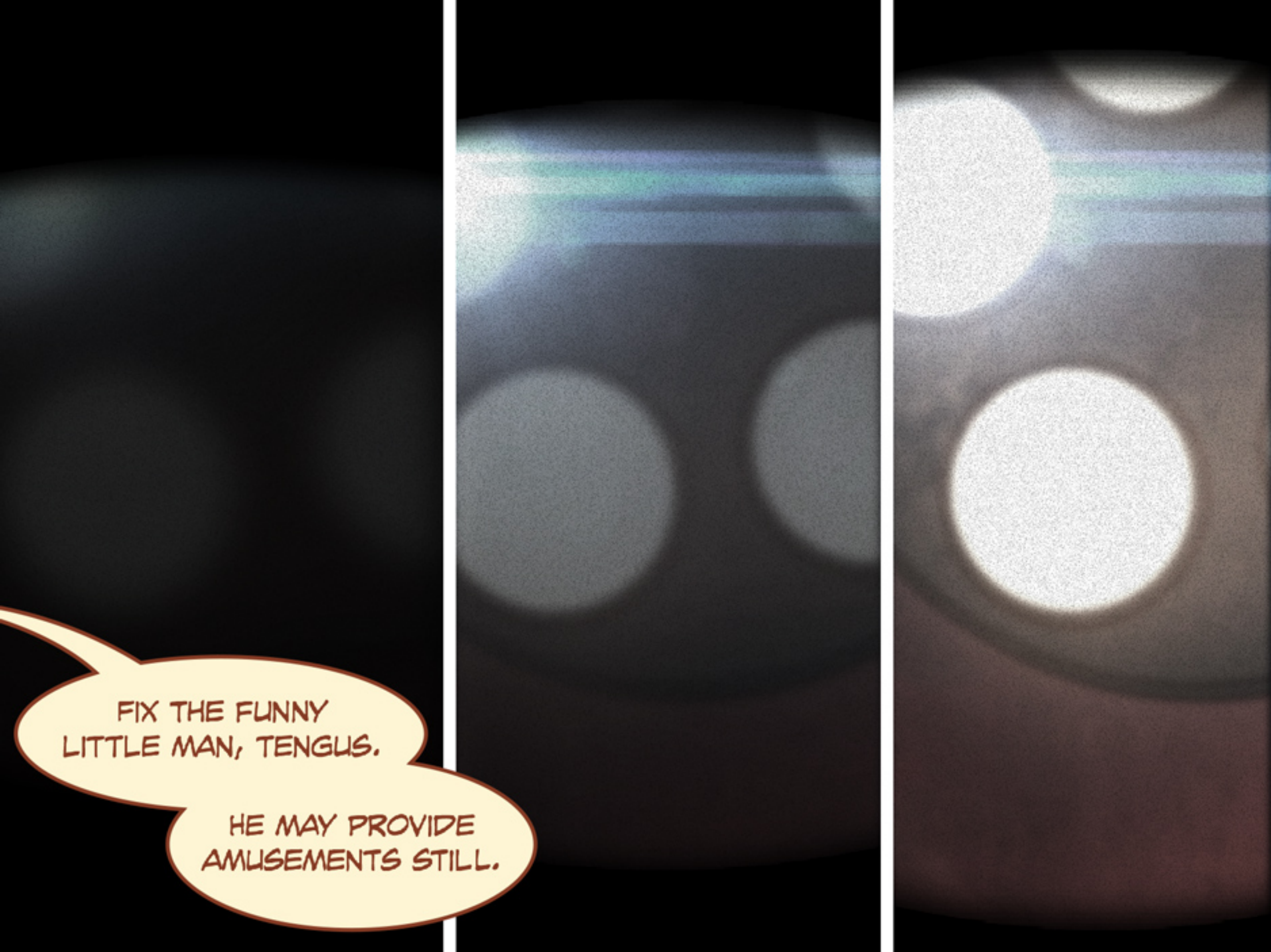
I WANT GREATNESS.

AND SO I OFFER YOU...



GREATNESS!





FIX THE FUNNY
LITTLE MAN, TENGUS.

HE MAY PROVIDE
AMUSEMENTS STILL.



I AM THE MAN
I AM MEANT TO BE...



MAGNIFICENT.

ALL OTHERS:



AK... COLIGHE
AK...

MAGGOTS!