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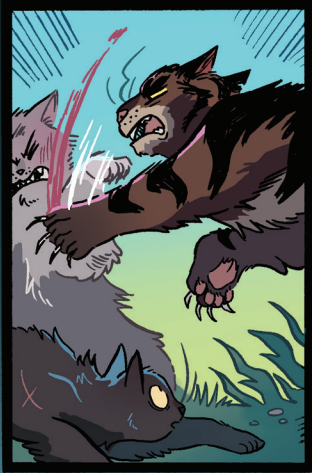
WARRIORS

THE PROPHECIES BEGIN
GRAPHIC NOVEL 

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TIGERCLAW!

THERE ARE TOO MANY! THUNDERCLAN MUST RETREAT!



THUNDERCLAN HAS NOT BEEN DEFEATED IN ITS OWN TERRITORY SINCE I BECAME LEADER.

THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES FOR US.

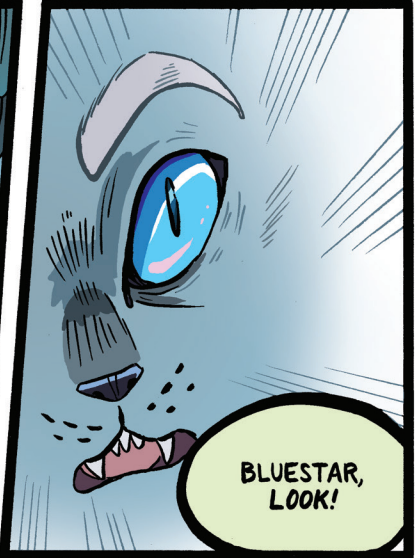


THE SEASON OF NEWLEAF IS LATE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN FEWER KITS.

IF THUNDERCLAN IS TO SURVIVE...



...WE MUST HAVE NEW WARRIORS.

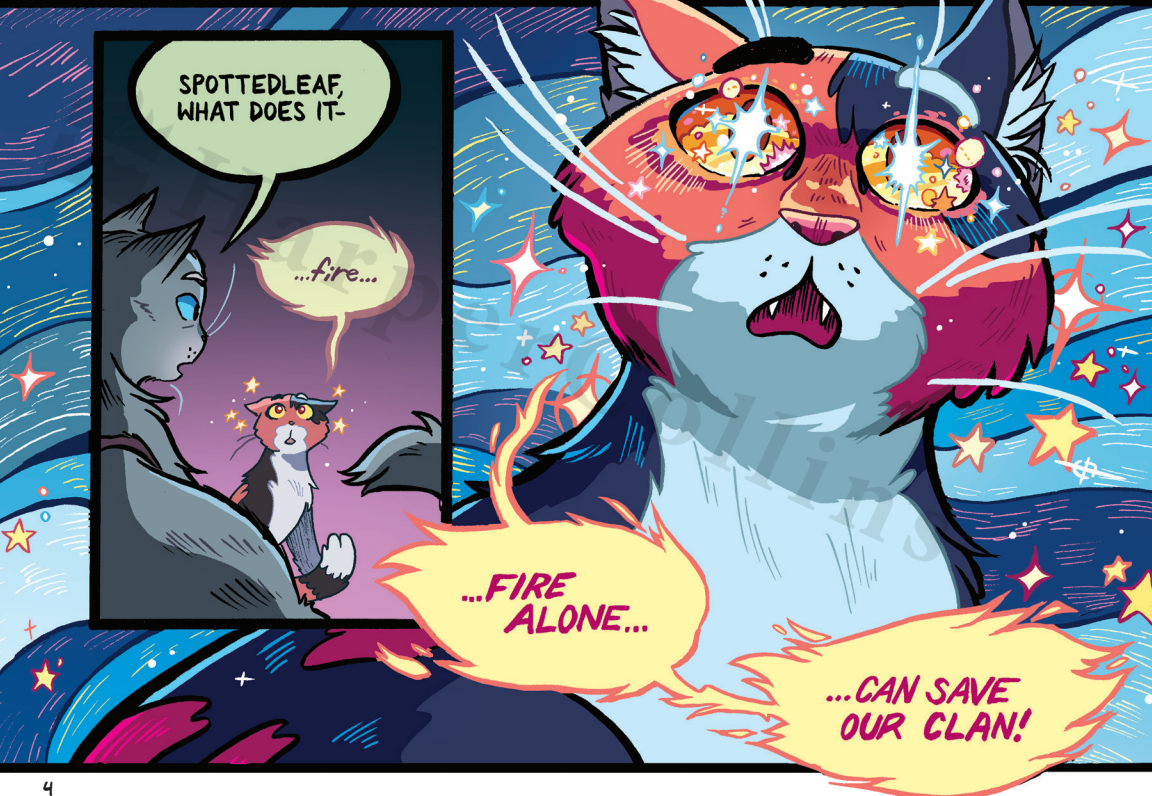


BLUESTAR, LOOK!



IT MUST BE
A MESSAGE...

...FROM
STARCLAN!

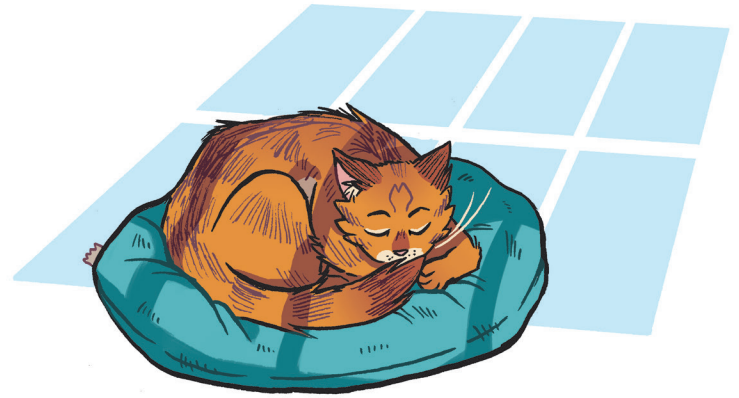


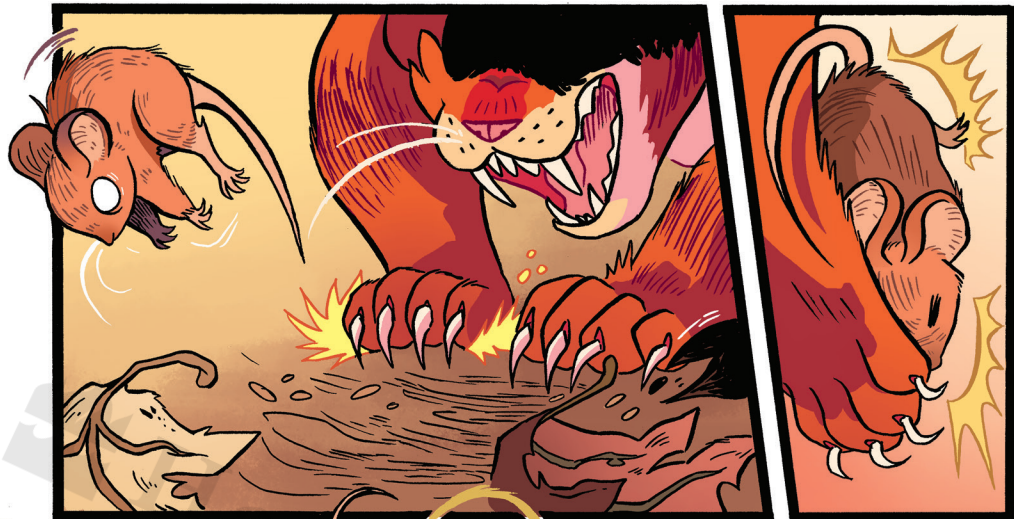
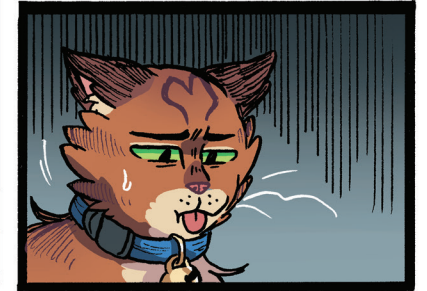
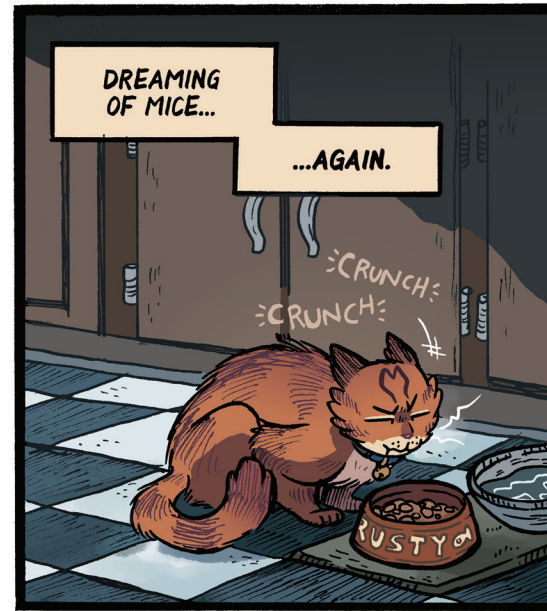
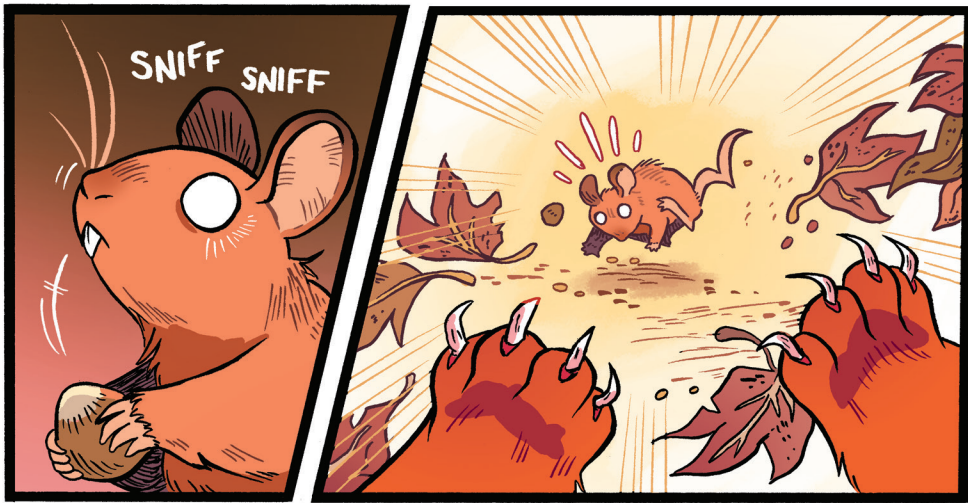
SPOTTEDLEAF,
WHAT DOES IT-

...fire...

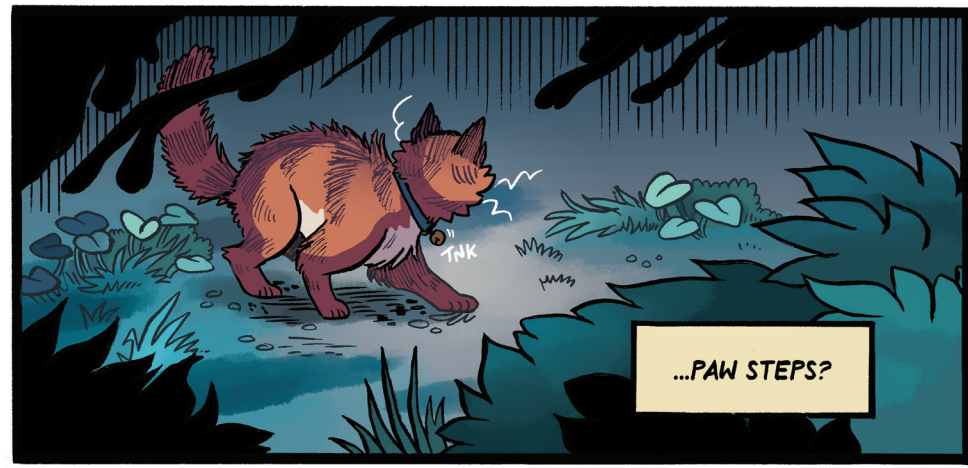
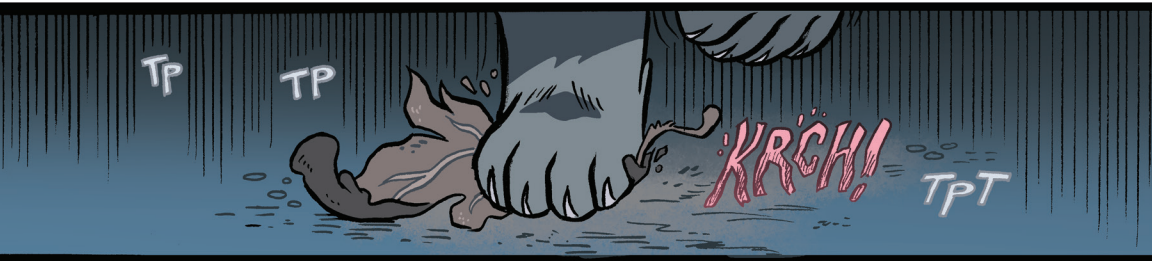
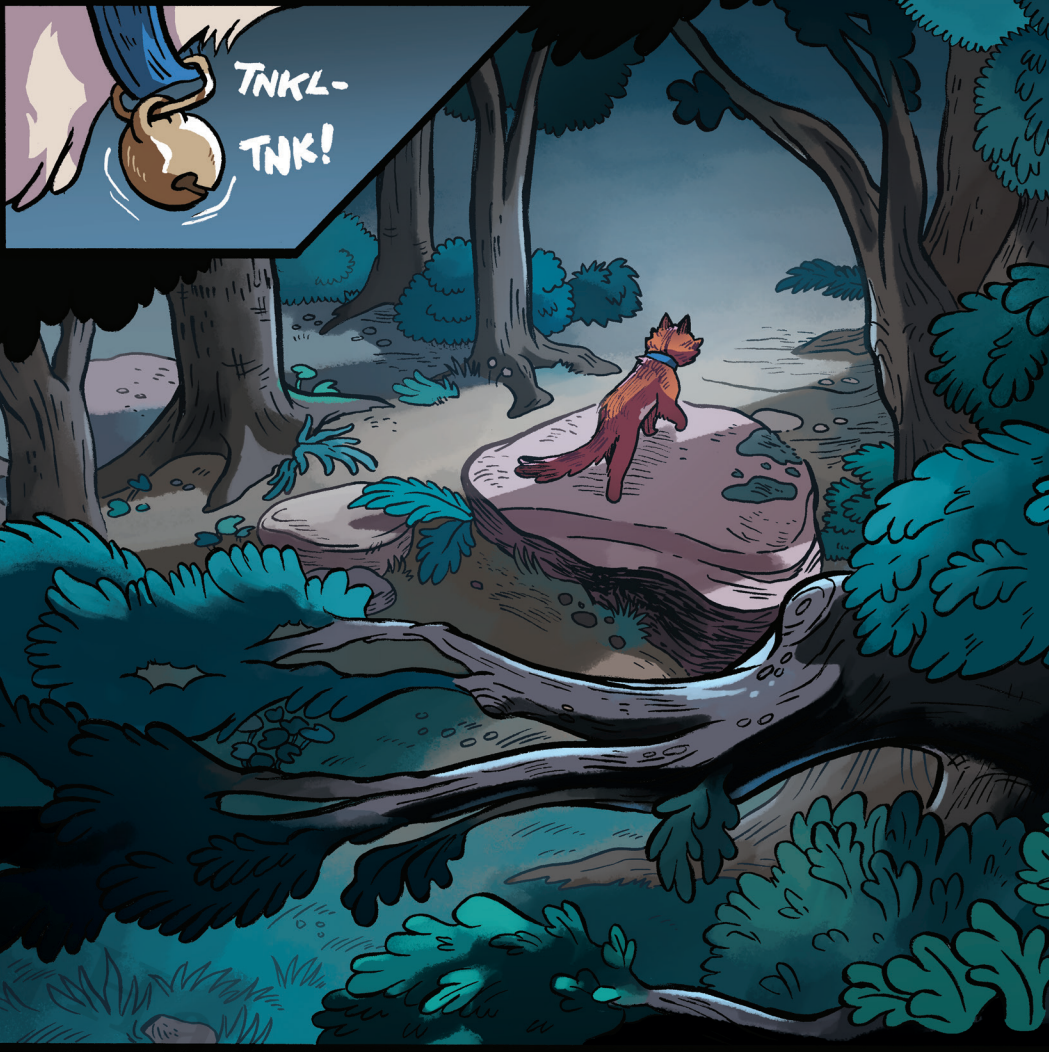
...FIRE
ALONE...

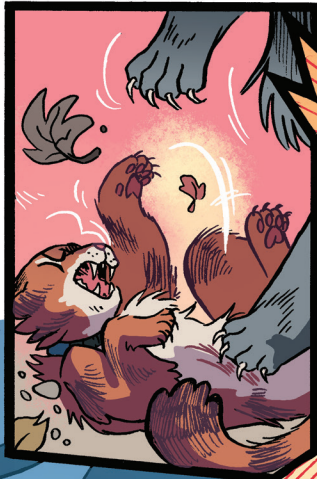
...CAN SAVE
OUR CLAN!











HE'S STILL CHASING ME!

TNK! TNK!



FINE!



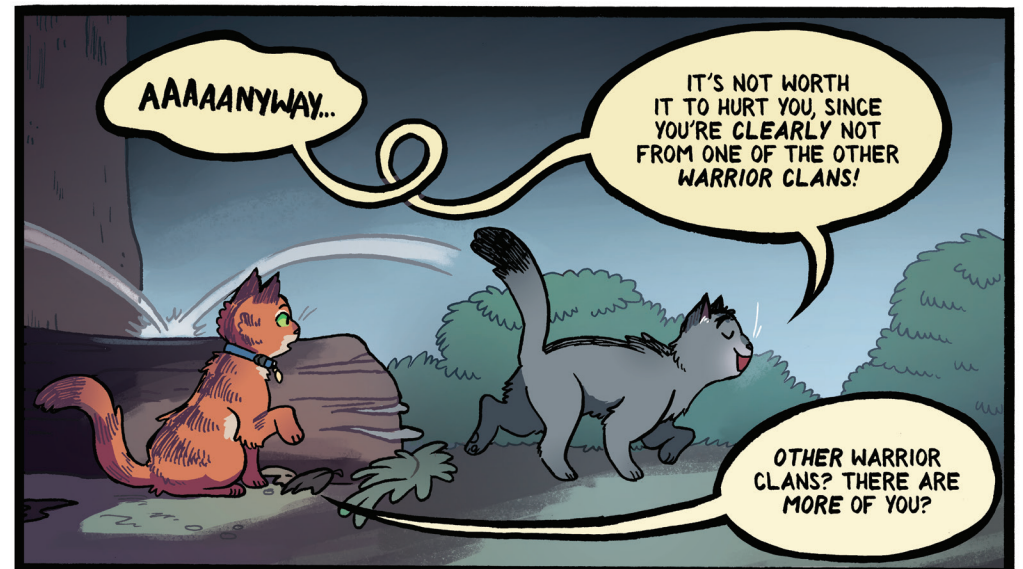
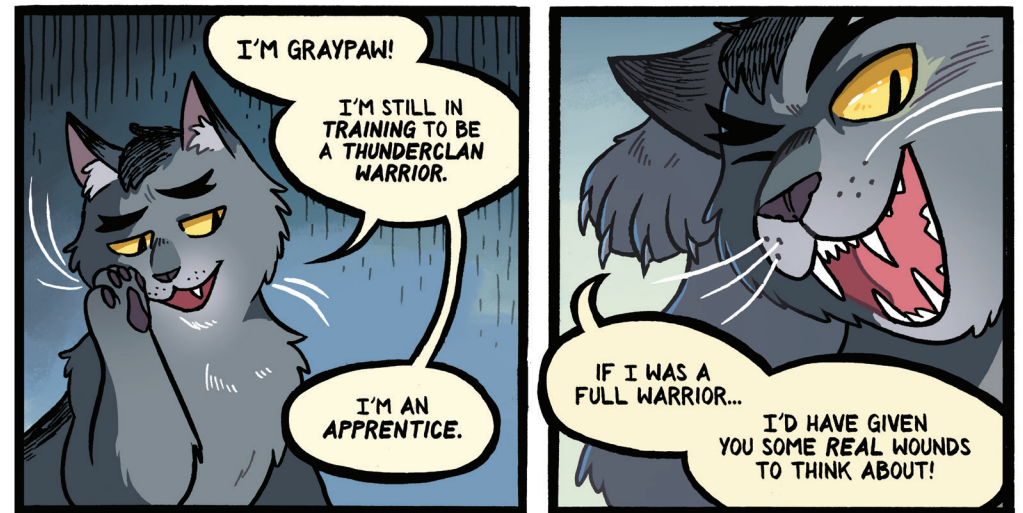
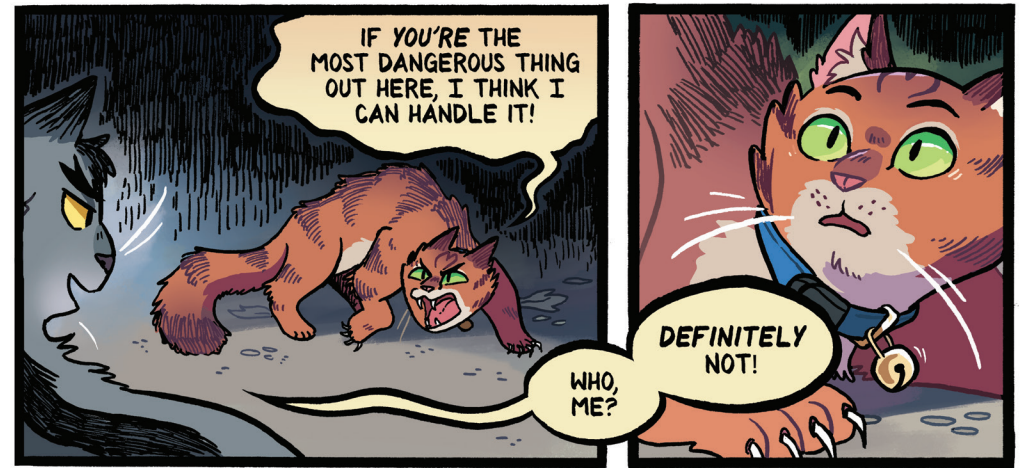
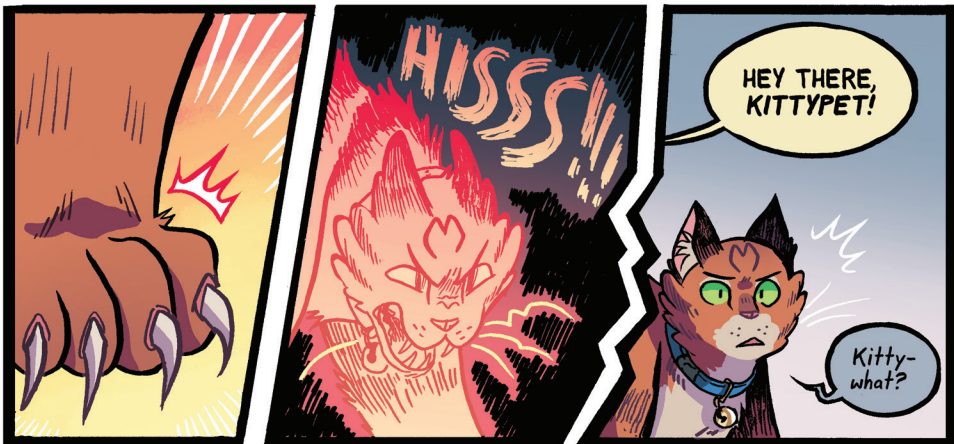
I'D RATHER GO DOWN FIGHTING!



COME ON-



BOOF!





YOU MUST HAVE HEARD OF THE FOUR WARRIOR CLANS?

...

EACH CLAN IS A GROUP OF WILD CATS THAT LIVE AROUND HERE.

THESE ARE THE FOUR CLANS:

FIERCE AND HONORABLE THUNDERCLAN...

SLEEK AND POWERFUL RIVERCLAN...

...WISE AND SWIFT WINDCLAN...

...AND PROUD, CRUEL SHADOWCLAN.



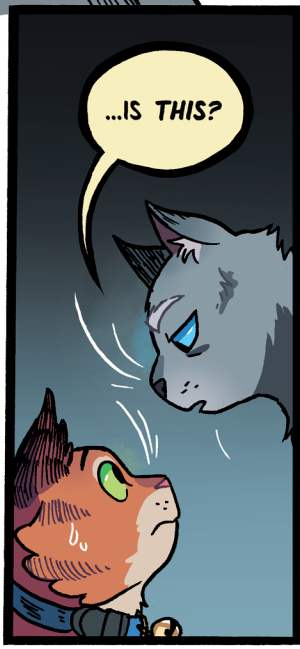
GRAYPAW.

THAT'S ENOUGH.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO CLOSE TO TWOLEGPLACE?

AND WHO...



...IS THIS?



H-HE'S JUST A TWOLEG PET, BLUESTAR!

HEY--

PAT PAT

TINK!



HE'S NOT AN ENEMY WARRIOR, HE'S JUST A LITTLE KITTYPET!



SHOW SOME RESPECT!

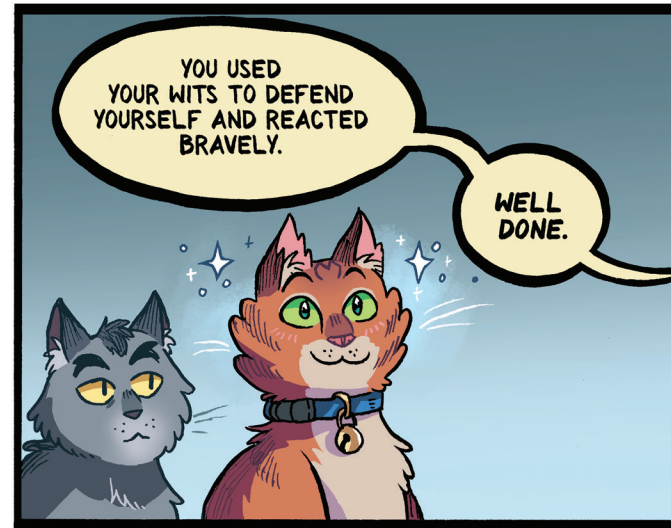
but--!

THAT'S BLUESTAR, LEADER OF THUNDERCLAN, AND LIONHEART, MY MENTOR!

THANK YOU, GRAYPAW.

HISS!!!

PAF!



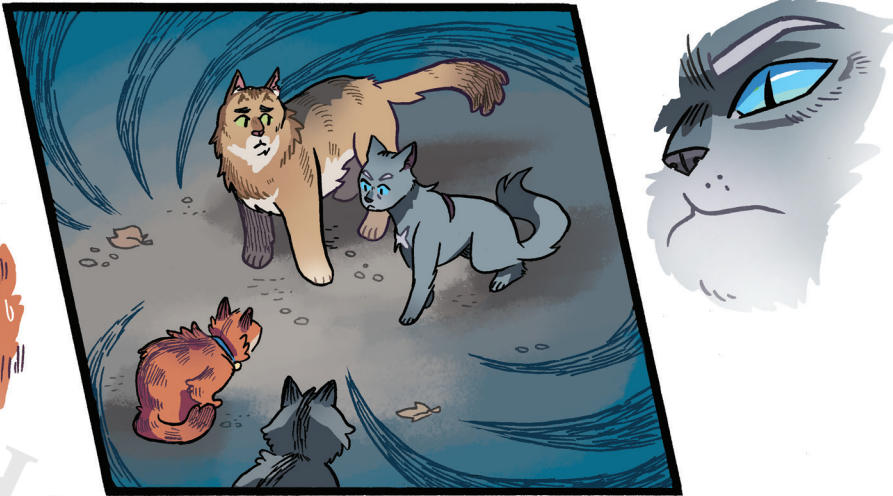
YOU USED YOUR WITS TO DEFEND YOURSELF AND REACTED BRAVELY.

WELL DONE.

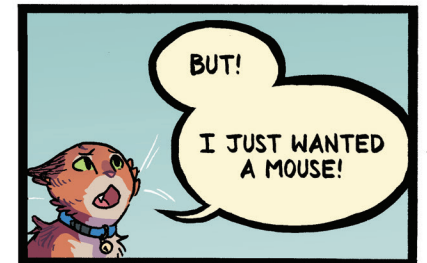


BLUESTAR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...

THIS IS STILL A KITTYPET!



GO HOME, AND STOP WANDERING AROUND WHERE YOU'RE NOT WELCOME!



BUT!

I JUST WANTED A MOUSE!



THERE MUST BE ENOUGH TO SPARE JUST ONE-



I HAVE PATROLLED THIS BORDER AND SEEN YOU LOOKING OUT AT THE FOREST MANY TIMES NOW.



I WONDERED WHEN YOU WOULD FINALLY DARE TO SET PAW OUT HERE.



-THERE IS NEVER ENOUGH!



HOW DARE YOU HUNT FOR SPORT WHERE WE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE?!



I'M CALLED RUSTY.

WELL, RUSTY...

...WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US IN THUNDERCLAN?



...



I SEE. I APOLOGIZE.

I WON'T HUNT HERE AGAIN.



YOU WOULD TRAIN TO BECOME A WARRIOR, LIKE GRAYPAW.

BUT--



BLUESTAR! KITTYPETS CAN'T BE WARRIORS!

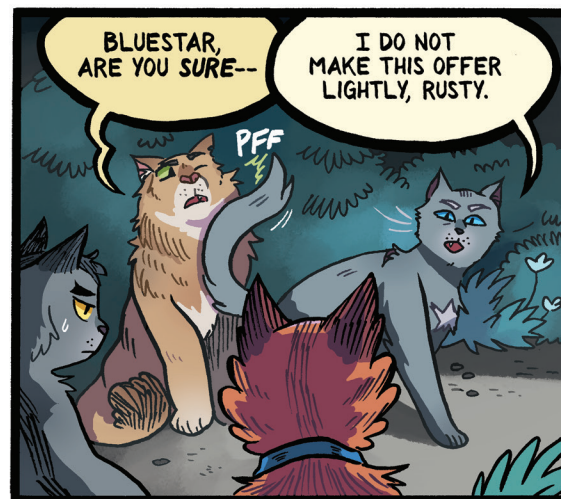
I'M ONLY OFFERING HIM A CHANCE, AND A CHOICE.



PERHAPS YOU MIGHT.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME, KITTYPET?

TKN!



BLUESTAR, ARE YOU SURE--

I DO NOT MAKE THIS OFFER LIGHTLY, RUSTY.

PFF



THUNDERCLAN NEEDS MORE WARRIORS.



YOU CANNOT LIVE WITH A PAW IN BOTH WORLDS.

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US, YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE EASY LIFE YOU HAVE NOW.

THE FOREST IS CRUEL AND DANGEROUS, AND THE CLAN DEMANDS GREAT LOYALTY AND HARD WORK.

BUT IN RETURN...

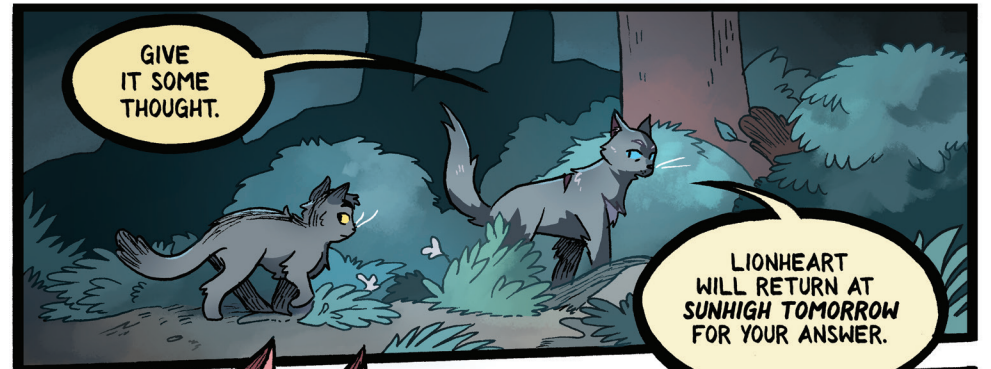
...THE STRENGTH AND FELLOWSHIP OF THUNDERCLAN WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU HUNT ALONE.

YOU WILL LIVE WITH US.

YOU WILL LEARN OUR WAY OF LIFE.

YOU WILL TRAIN TO BECOME...

...A WARRIOR.



GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT.

LIONHEART WILL RETURN AT SUNHIGH TOMORROW FOR YOUR ANSWER.



SO THOSE...

...ARE WARRIORS.

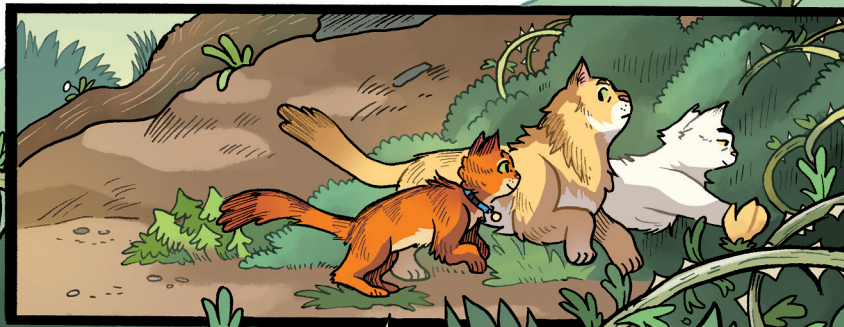
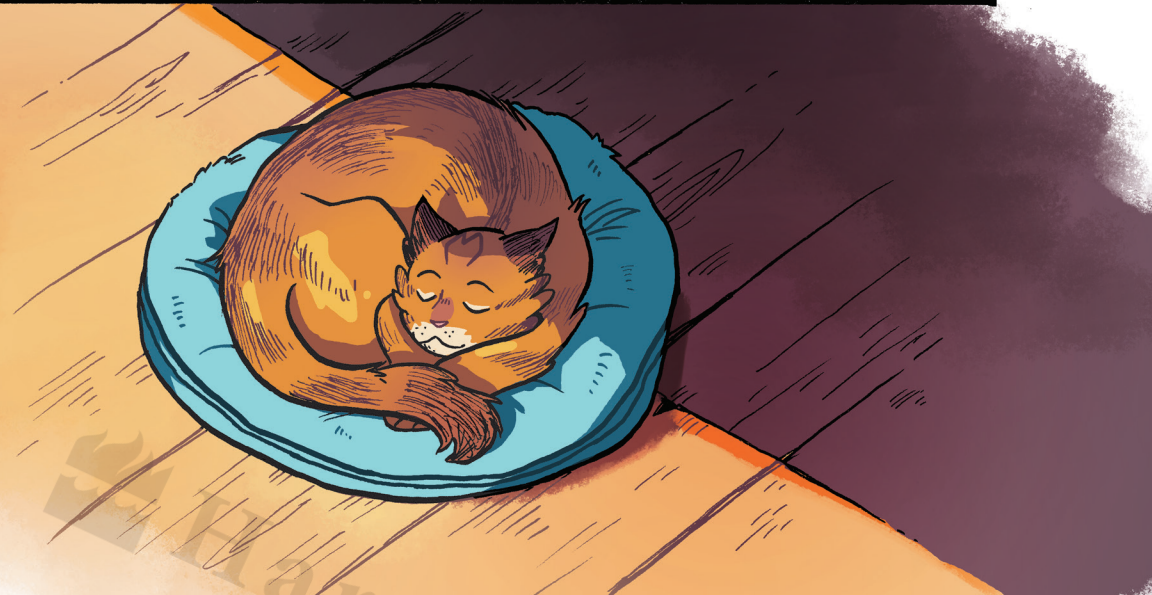
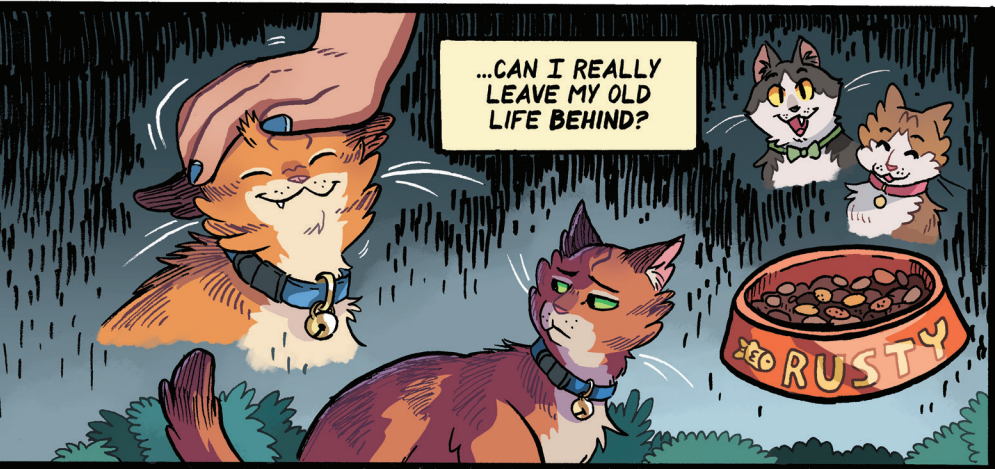


LIVING WILD IN THE WOODS, HUNTING AND FIGHTING TOGETHER...

...SO POWERFUL, AND FREE!

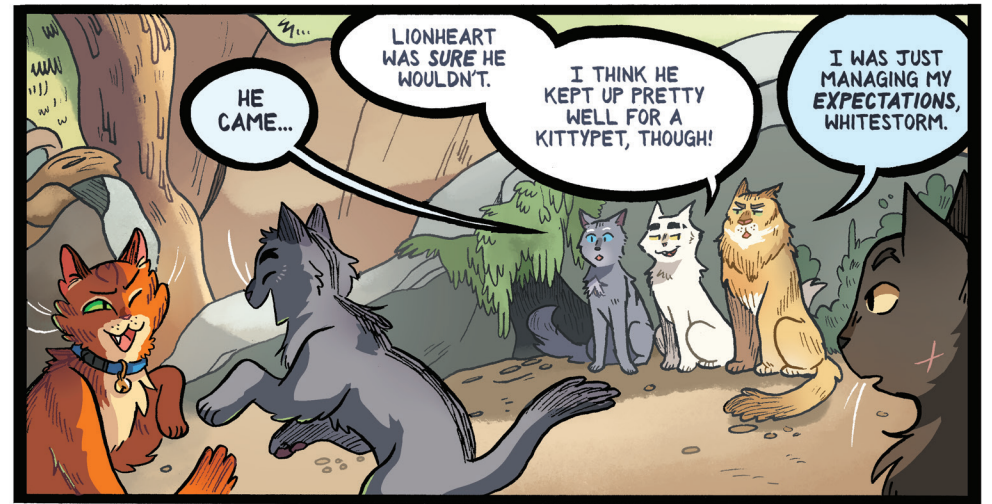
COULD A CAT LIKE ME EVER BE LIKE THEM?

AND EVEN IF I COULD...





THIS IS THE THUNDERCLAN CAMP.



HE CAME...

LIONHEART WAS SURE HE WOULDN'T.

I THINK HE KEPT UP PRETTY WELL FOR A KITTYPET, THOUGH!

I WAS JUST MANAGING MY EXPECTATIONS, WHITESTORM.



LET ALL CATS OLD ENOUGH TO CATCH THEIR OWN PREY...

GATHER BENEATH THE HIGHROCK FOR A CLAN MEETING!



I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF HOW DESPERATELY THUNDERCLAN NEEDS NEW WARRIORS.

HERE I HAVE FOUND A NEWCOMER WILLING TO TRAIN AS AN APPRENTICE.



WHERE DOES HE COME FROM?

I DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT CLAN SCENT!

WHO IS HE?

LOOK AT HIS COLLAR!

THAT'S NO CLAN CAT! THAT'S A KITTYPET!



HE'D JUST BE ANOTHER SOFT MOUTH TO FEED.

HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEND THUNDERCLAN LIKE A WILD-BORN CAT!



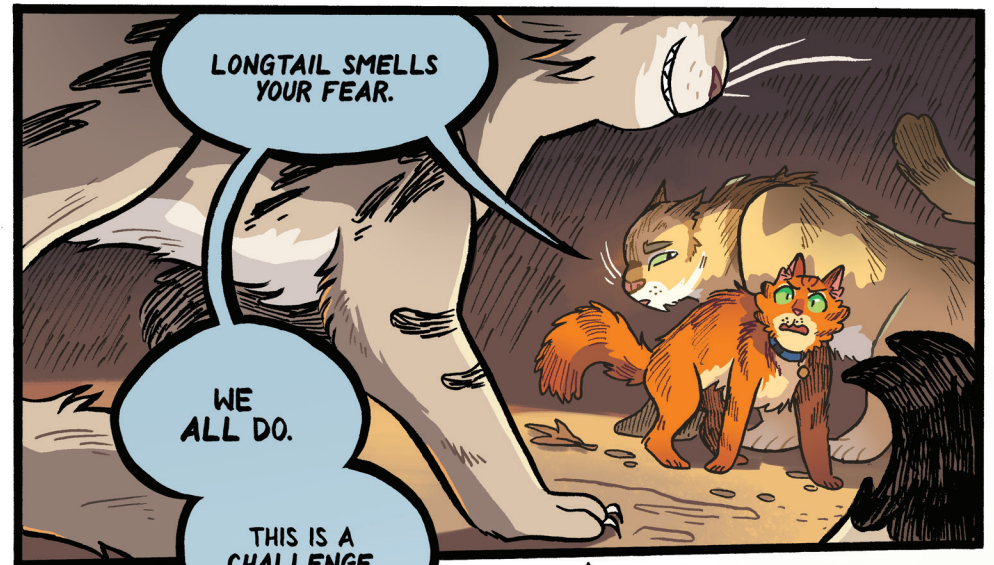
IF YOUR TWOLEG STENCH DOESN'T GIVE US AWAY TO EVERY ENEMY WARRIOR IN THE TERRITORIES...

THAT LITTLE BELL COLLAR WILL!



RUSTY.

TINK!



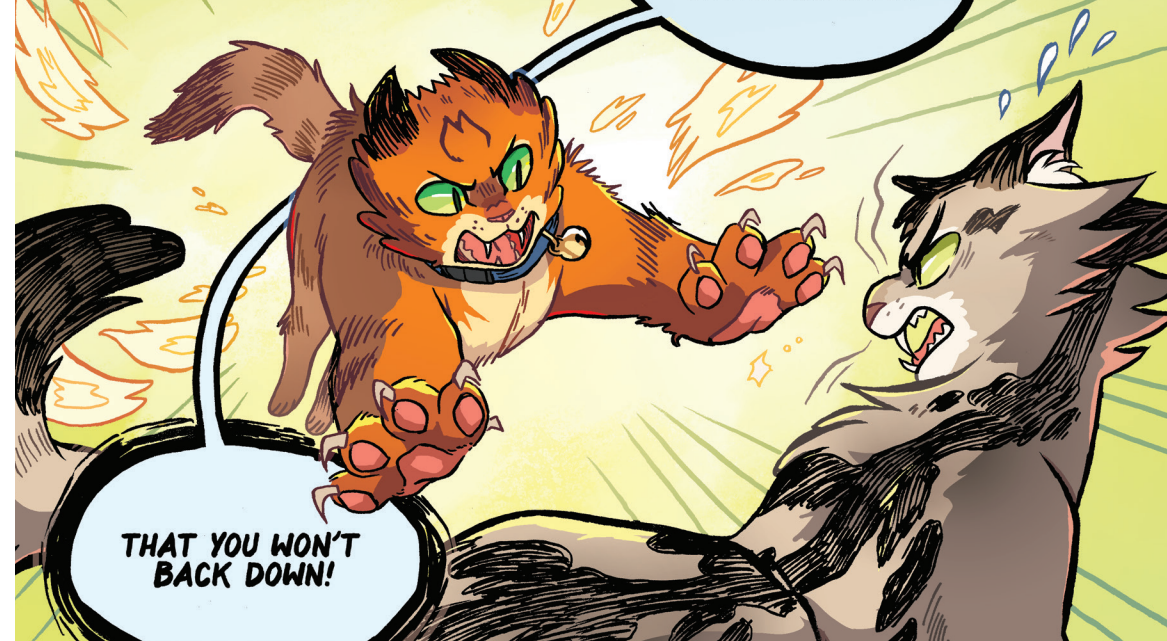
LONGTAIL SMELLS YOUR FEAR.

WE ALL DO.

THIS IS A CHALLENGE.



PROVE TO ALL OF THUNDERCLAN...

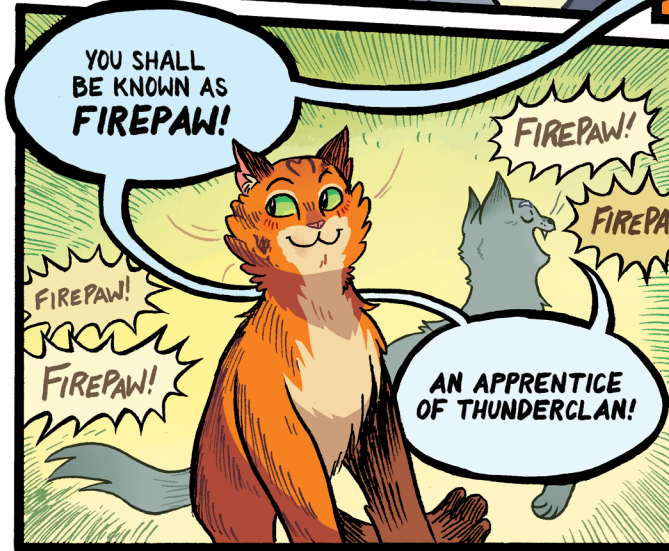
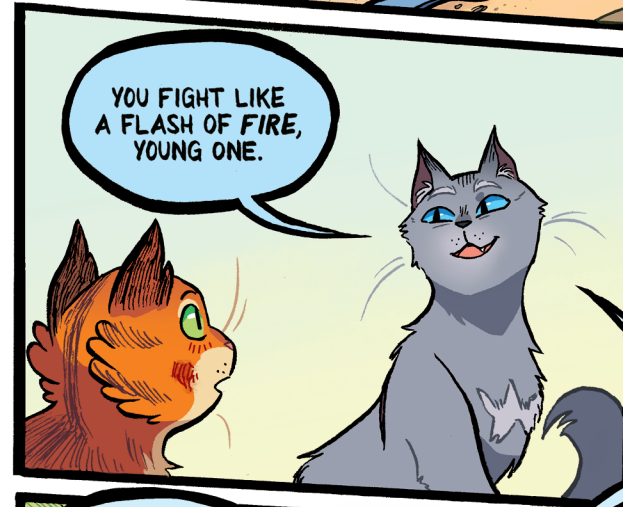
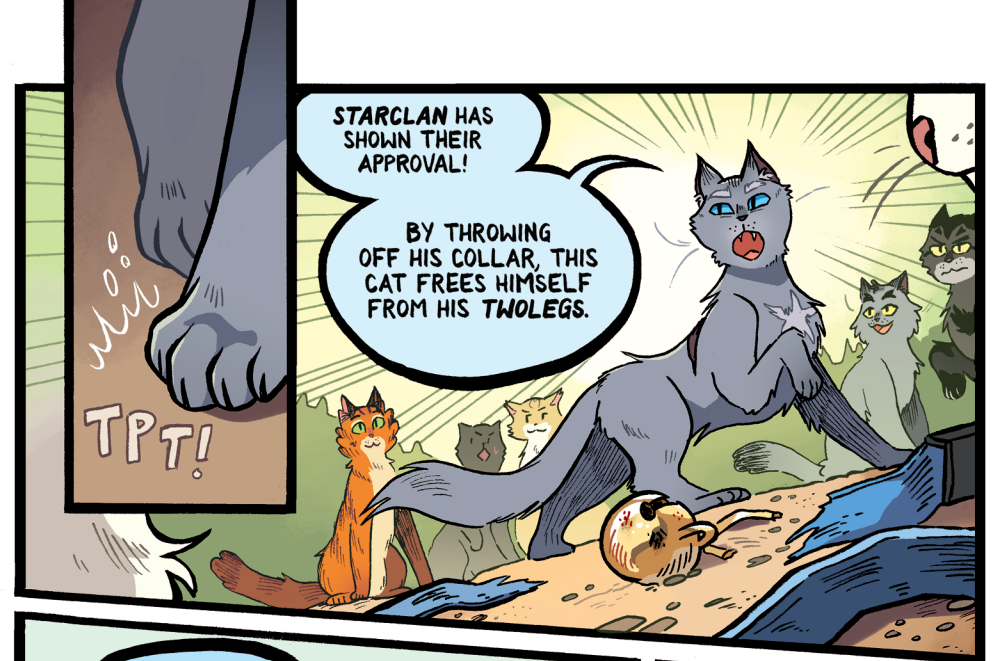


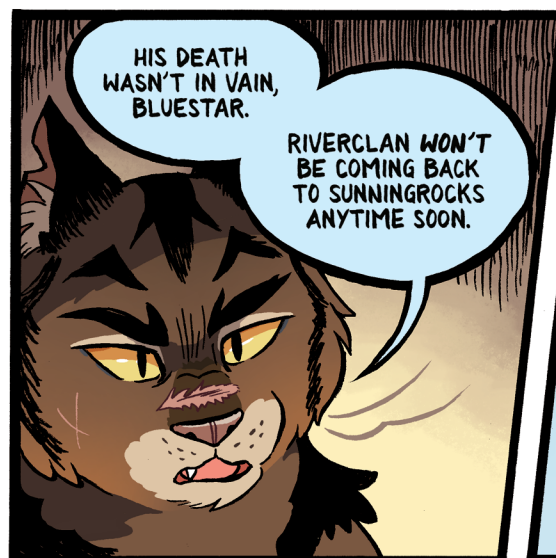
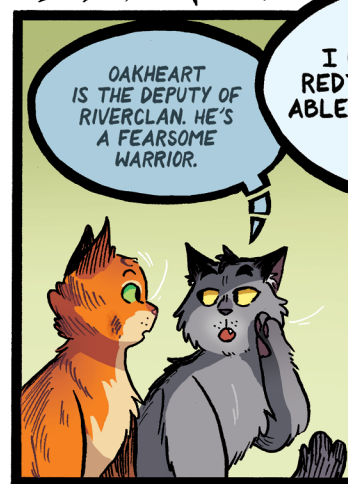
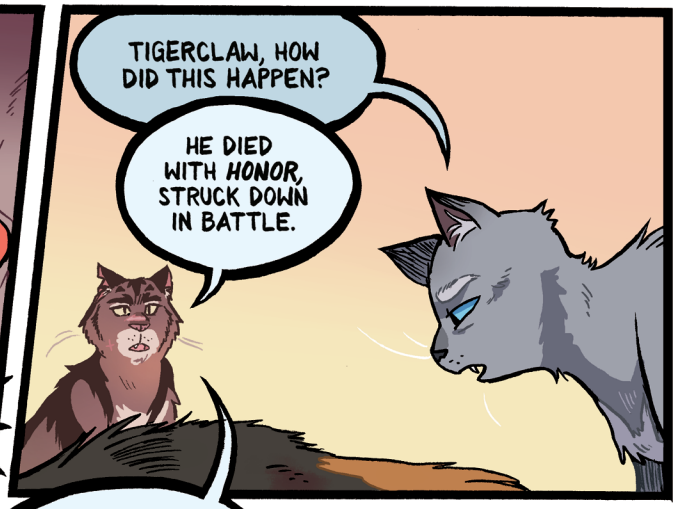
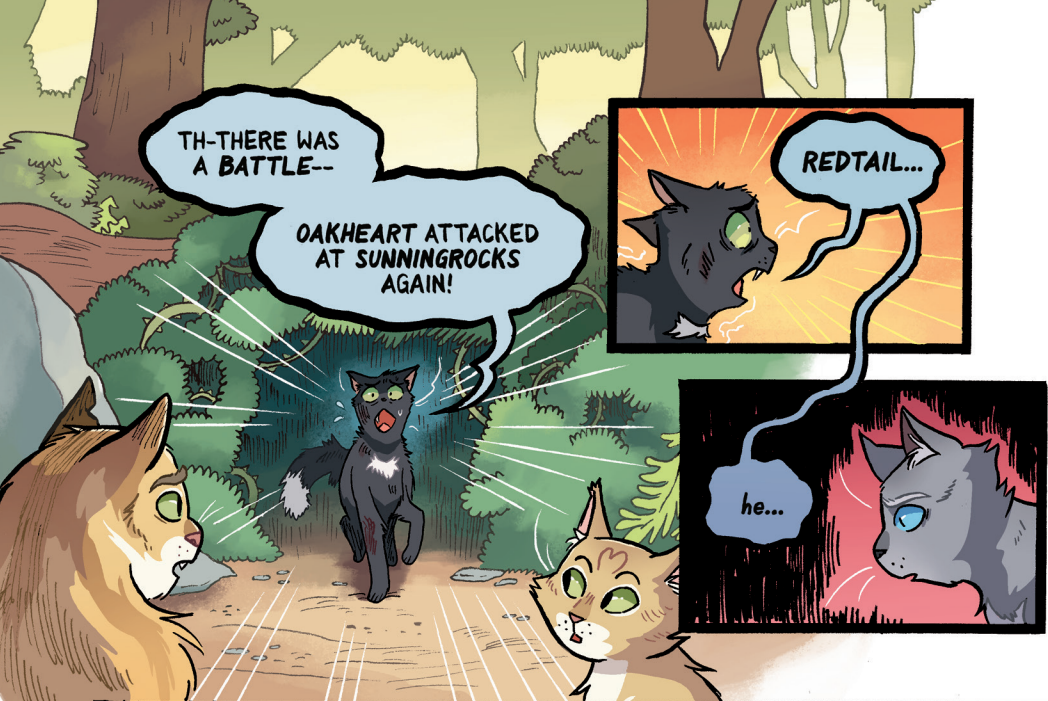
THAT YOU WON'T BACK DOWN!

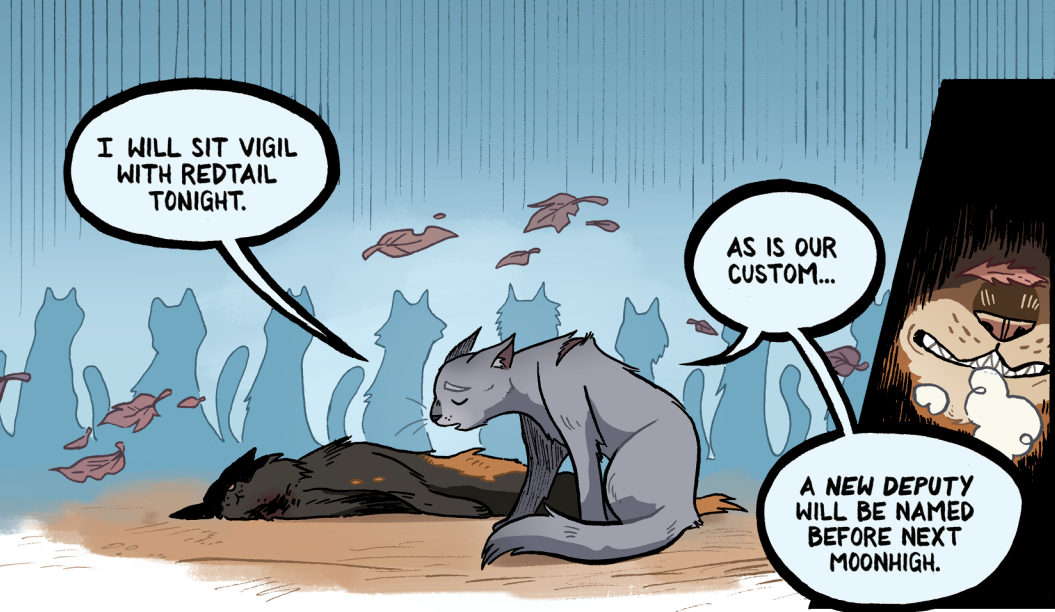




ENOUGH.







I WILL SIT VIGIL WITH REDTAIL TONIGHT.

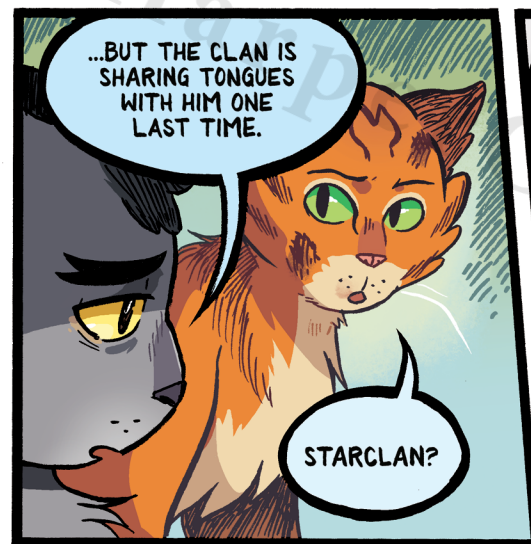
AS IS OUR CUSTOM...

A NEW DEPUTY WILL BE NAMED BEFORE NEXT MOONHIGH.



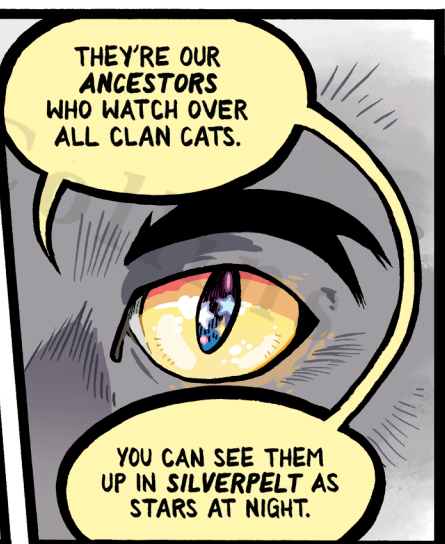
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

HIS SPIRIT MAY HAVE GONE TO STARCLAN...



...BUT THE CLAN IS SHARING TONGUES WITH HIM ONE LAST TIME.

STARCLAN?



THEY'RE OUR ANCESTORS WHO WATCH OVER ALL CLAN CATS.

YOU CAN SEE THEM UP IN SILVERPELT AS STARS AT NIGHT.



AFTER HONORABLE WARRIORS DIE, THEY JOIN THE STARS.

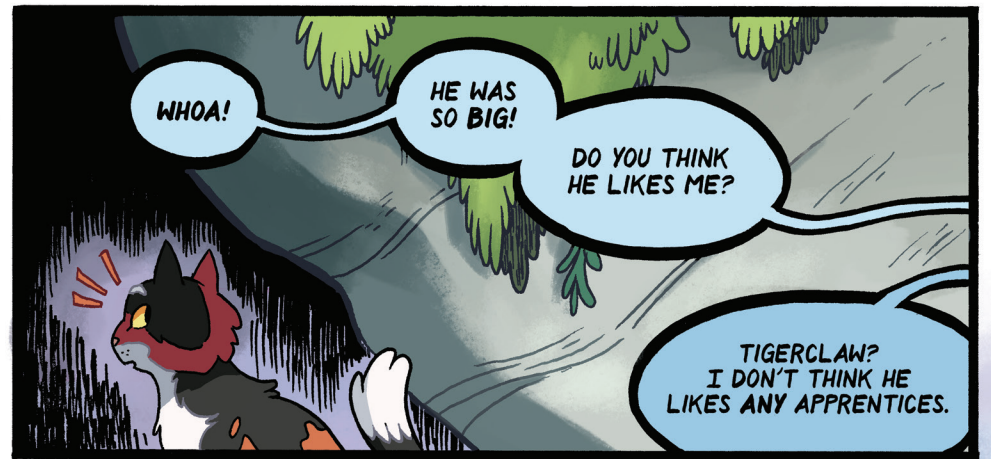
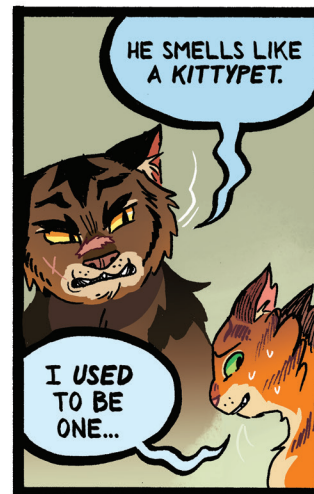
EACH ONE IS A STARCLAN WARRIOR WHO ONCE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE US, NOW WATCHING US FROM ABOVE.

REDTAIL JOINS THEM TONIGHT.



WELL, SPOTTEDLEAF?

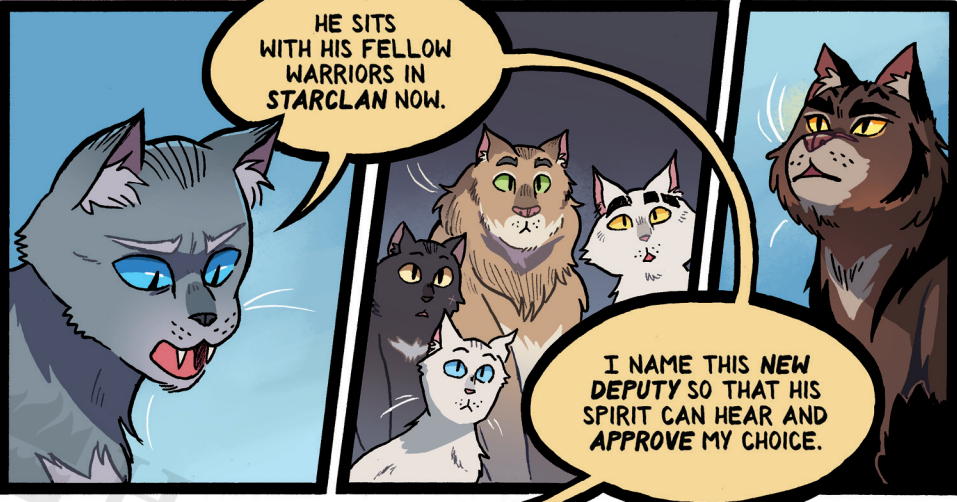
WILL RAVENPAW RECOVER, OR WAS ALL MY TRAINING HIM UP WASTED?





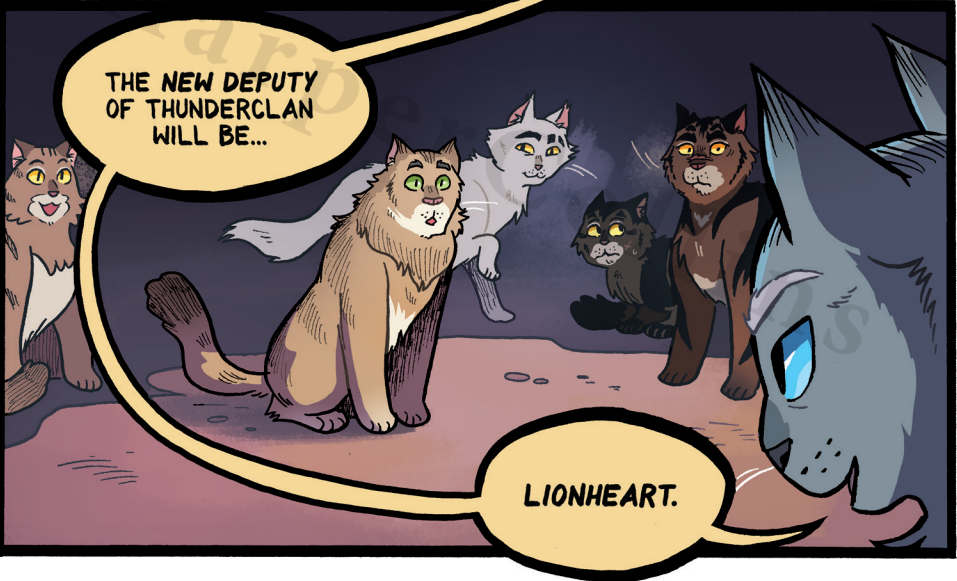
THE TIME HAS COME TO APPOINT A NEW DEPUTY.

FIRST, WE MUST GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF REDTAIL.



HE SITS WITH HIS FELLOW WARRIORS IN STARCLAN NOW.

I NAME THIS NEW DEPUTY SO THAT HIS SPIRIT CAN HEAR AND APPROVE MY CHOICE.



THE NEW DEPUTY OF THUNDERCLAN WILL BE...

LIONHEART.



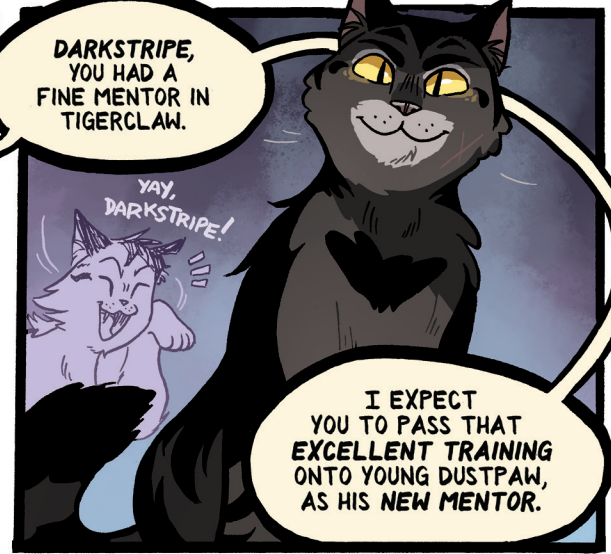
LIONHEART!
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CONGRATULATIONS!



REDTAIL WAS ALSO MENTOR TO DUSTPAW.
I HAVE DECIDED...



DARKSTRIPE, YOU HAD A FINE MENTOR IN TIGERCLAW.

I EXPECT YOU TO PASS THAT EXCELLENT TRAINING ONTO YOUNG DUSTPAW, AS HIS NEW MENTOR.



C'MON, I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THE APPRENTICES SLEEP.

