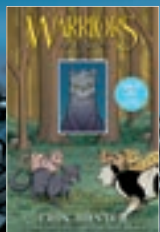


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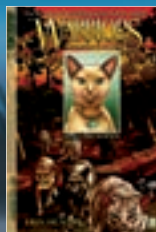
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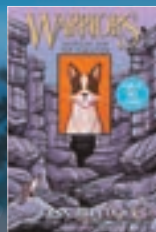
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OUR DESTINATION.

GUIDED BY STARCLAN...



...WE'VE ARRIVED AT
OUR NEW HOME.



AT LEAST,
I HOPE THAT'S TRUE.

I HOPE THIS IS WHERE
STARCLAN WANTS US.



BECAUSE WITH ALL THAT THIS
JOURNEY HAS TAKEN OUT OF US...

LOOK AT
THAT LAKE!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S ALL
BEAUTIFUL.

BUT WILL THE
TERRITORY BE RIGHT
FOR US?





...I DON'T THINK
ANY OF THE CLANS COULD
SURVIVE ANOTHER ONE.



I'M MUDCLAW, DEPUTY
OF WINDCLAN.

SECOND IN COMMAND TO
TALLSTAR, OUR LEADER.



THE JOURNEY HAS
WEAKENED HIM.

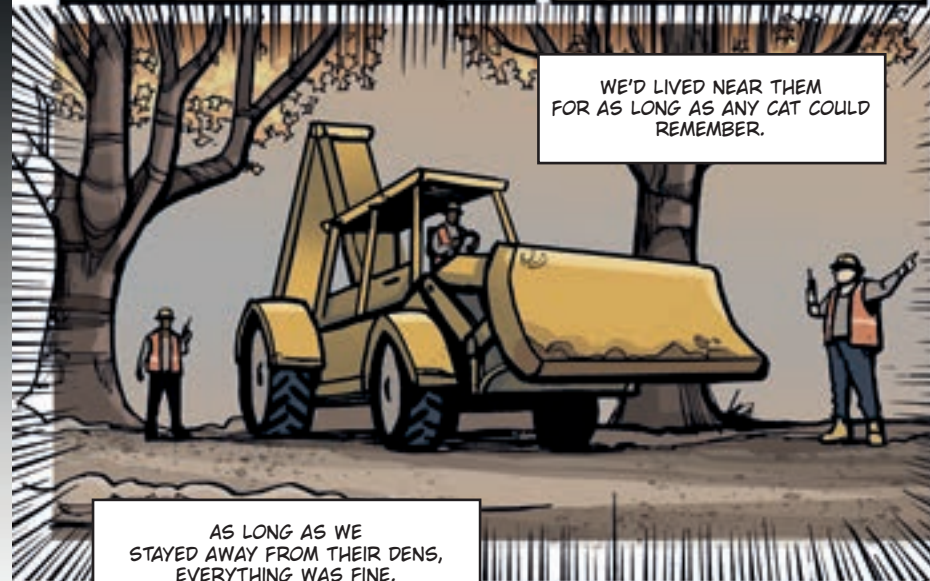


MAYBE...
MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A
NEW START HERE.

MAYBE TALLSTAR
CAN HEAL.



NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE
BEEN NECESSARY IF NOT
FOR THE TWOLEGS.



WE'D LIVED NEAR THEM
FOR AS LONG AS ANY CAT COULD
REMEMBER.

AS LONG AS WE
STAYED AWAY FROM THEIR DENS,
EVERYTHING WAS FINE.



BUT THEN THEY
CAME INTO THE FOREST -

OUR FOREST

- WITH THEIR ROARING,
STINKING METAL MONSTERS,

AND THEY DROVE US
OUT.

EVERYTHING THE CLANS
HAD WORKED FOR. EVERYTHING
WE HAD BUILT,

GENERATION AFTER
GENERATION...


...GONE IN A HEARTBEAT.

WE HAD TO FIND A NEW HOME.
ALL OF US. AND FOR THAT
TO HAPPEN...

...ALL FOUR CLANS HAD TO
WORK TOGETHER.



IT MEANT WE HAD TO
CROSS TERRITORY WE'D NEVER
SEEN BEFORE...



...PUT KITS AND ELDERS
THROUGH DISTRESS THEY NEVER
SHOULD'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH...



...UNTIL WE FOUND A
PLACE FAR AWAY FROM
THE TWOLEGS AND THEIR
MONSTERS.



I CAN'T...



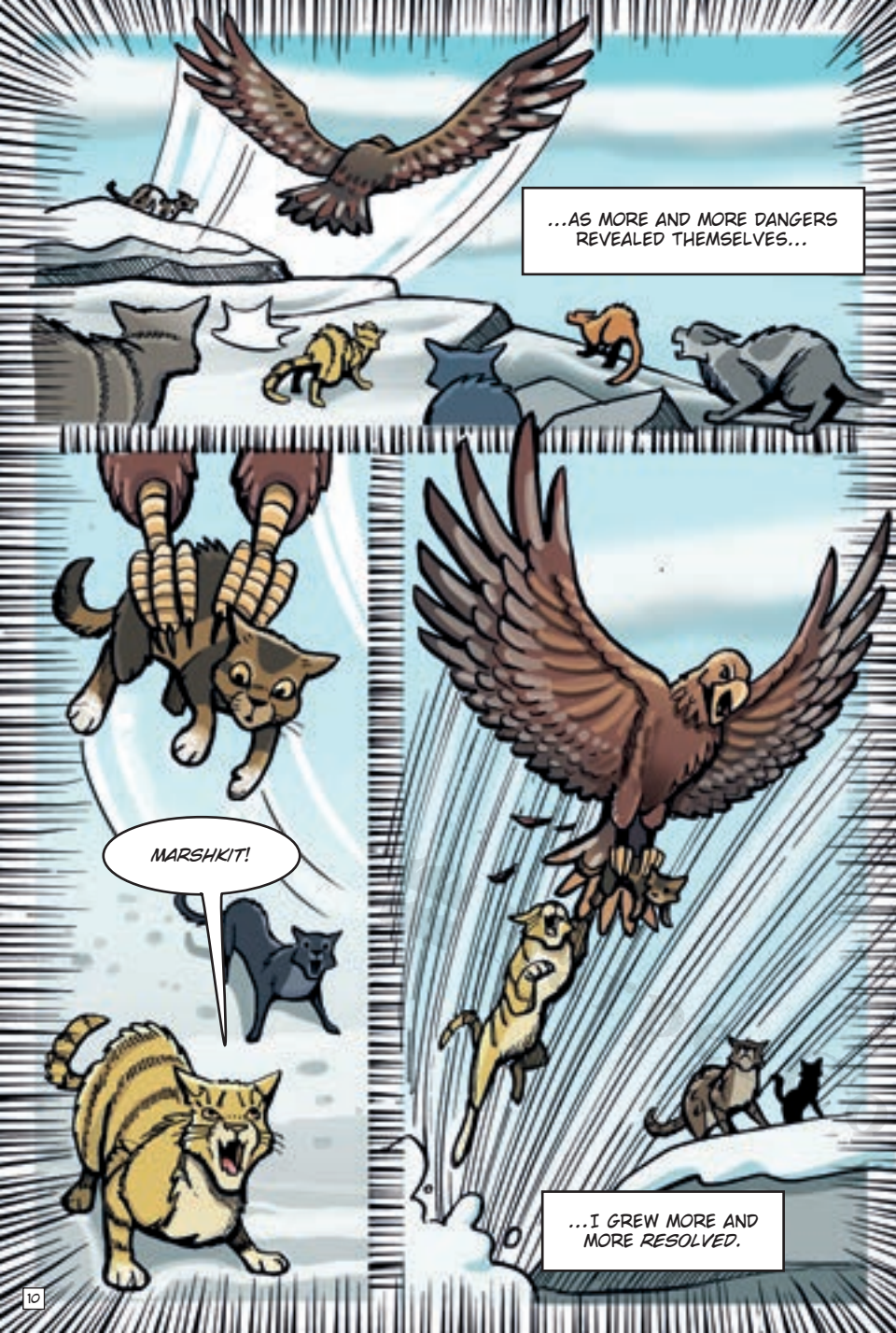
ON THIS JOURNEY I LEARNED
THINGS I HAD NEVER KNOWN
ABOUT THE WORLD.



SAW THINGS I NEVER
KNEW EXISTED.



AND AS WE
TRAVELED...



...AS MORE AND MORE DANGERS
REVEALED THEMSELVES...

MARSHKIT!

...I GREW MORE AND
MORE RESOLVED.



WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO
TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF
MY CLAN -



BUILD A NEW HOME IN
THIS STRANGE, UNFAMILIAR
PLACE?

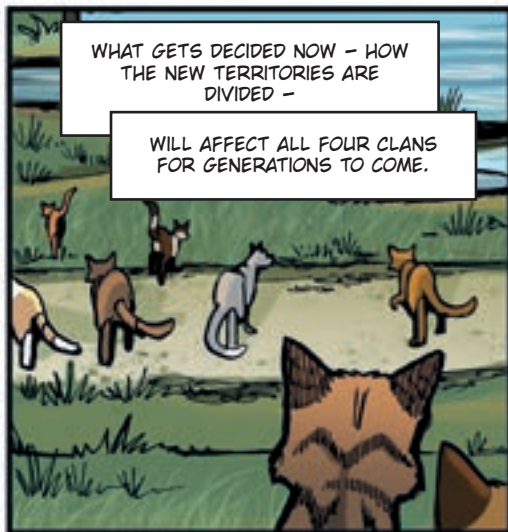


DEFEND AGAINST ANY
THREATS TO OUR SAFETY?



WHATEVER IT
TAKES...

...I'LL DO IT.



WHAT GETS DECIDED NOW - HOW
THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE
DIVIDED -

WILL AFFECT ALL FOUR CLANS
FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



WINDCLAN NEEDS TO
REMEMBER.

AND I CAN TELL, JUST FROM
LOOKING AT THE TIRED, HUNGRY
CATS AROUND ME...



...JOURNEY OR NOT,
OTHER CLANS...

CAN'T BE.

TRUSTED.





OH NO



I HAD HOPED A SOLID NIGHT'S REST WOULD GIVE TALLSTAR SOME ENERGY.

I CAN SEE NOW - THAT HOPE WAS FOR NOTHING.



TALLSTAR...



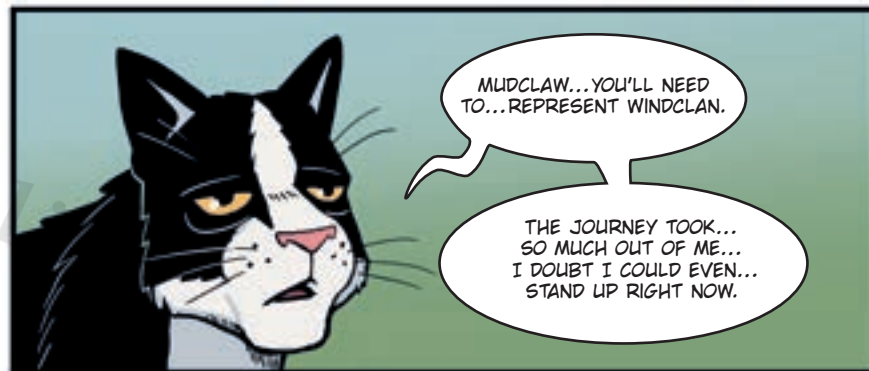
...IT'S TIME TO MEET WITH THE OTHER CLAN LEADERS.



THEY'RE READY TO SEND A PATROL OUT TO EXPLORE THE NEW TERRITORY.

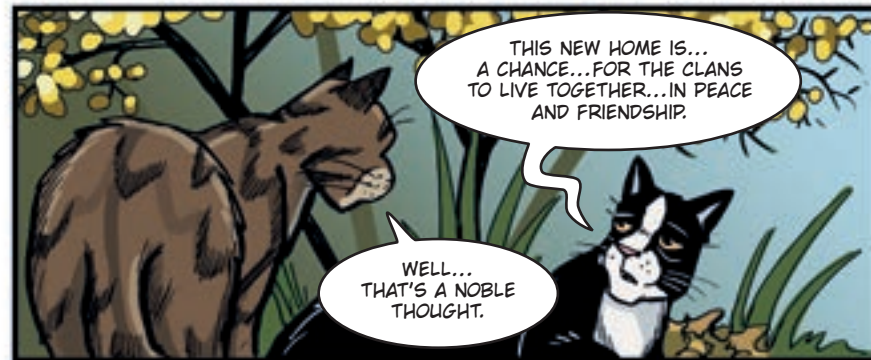


>KAFF KAFF<



MUDCLAW...YOU'LL NEED TO...REPRESENT WINDCLAN.

THE JOURNEY TOOK... SO MUCH OUT OF ME... I DOUBT I COULD EVEN... STAND UP RIGHT NOW.





BARKFACE.



COME HERE.



TALLSTAR SEEMS SO WEAK.

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP HIM RECOVER?

TALLSTAR HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG, MUDCLAW, BUT HE'S GETTING OLD.



BETWEEN HIS ILLNESS AND HOW MUCH THE JOURNEY TOOK OUT OF HIM...



IT WOULD *HELP* IF I HAD THE PROPER HERBS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM.

NOT IN LEAFBARE. NOT *HERE*.



AND EVEN IF I *DID* HAVE ALL THE HERBS I NEED...



I THINK YOU SHOULD PREPARE TO BECOME LEADER. VERY SOON.

NO. NO. NOT YET.



TAKE TWO WARRIORS AND GO FIND SOME HERBS.

AND BE CAREFUL. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT DANGERS WE'RE FACING HERE YET.

TALLSTAR MAY NOT
BE ABLE TO ATTEND...



...BUT I'M NOT
ABOUT TO LET WINDCLAN
GET LEFT OUT OF THIS.



CATS OF ALL
CLANS!



TODAY THERE ARE
DECISIONS TO BE MADE AND
TASKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.



HUNTING PATROLS
WILL GO OUT RIGHT
AWAY.

WINDCLAN WILL TAKE
THE HILLS AND RIVERCLAN
CAN FISH IN THE LAKE.
THUNDERCLAN -









I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE ONEWHISKER
HISSED AT ME LIKE THAT.

AND IN FRONT OF EVERY
CAT.



WHO DOES HE THINK
WILL LOOK OUT FOR WINDCLAN
WHILE TALLSTAR'S SICK?



I RESPECT
TALLSTAR.

I DO.

BUT SOME CAT HAS
TO TAKE CHARGE.



AND IT DOESN'T DO ANY CAT
ANY GOOD TO PRETEND TALLSTAR CAN
ACT AS LEADER RIGHT NOW.



MUDCLAW -
MAY I GO AND HUNT
FOR TALLSTAR?



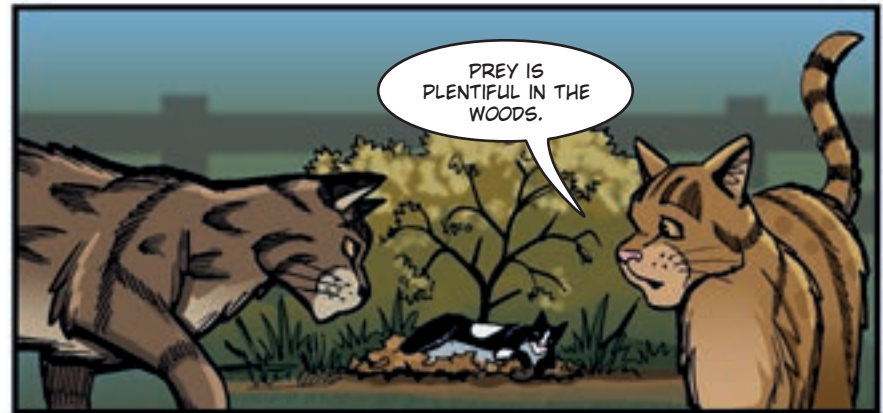
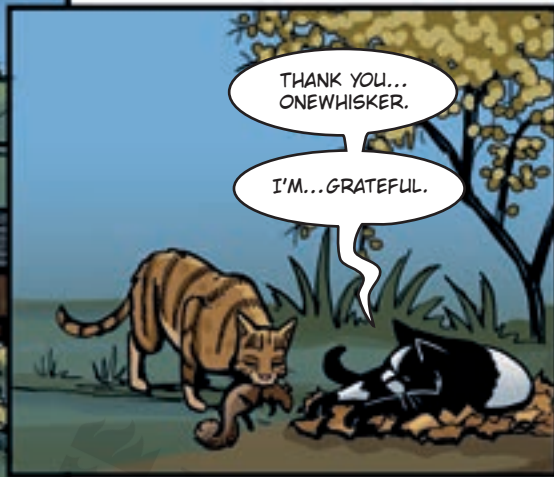
I WAS THINKING
A NICE JUICY SQUIRREL MIGHT
GIVE HIM SOME STRENGTH.

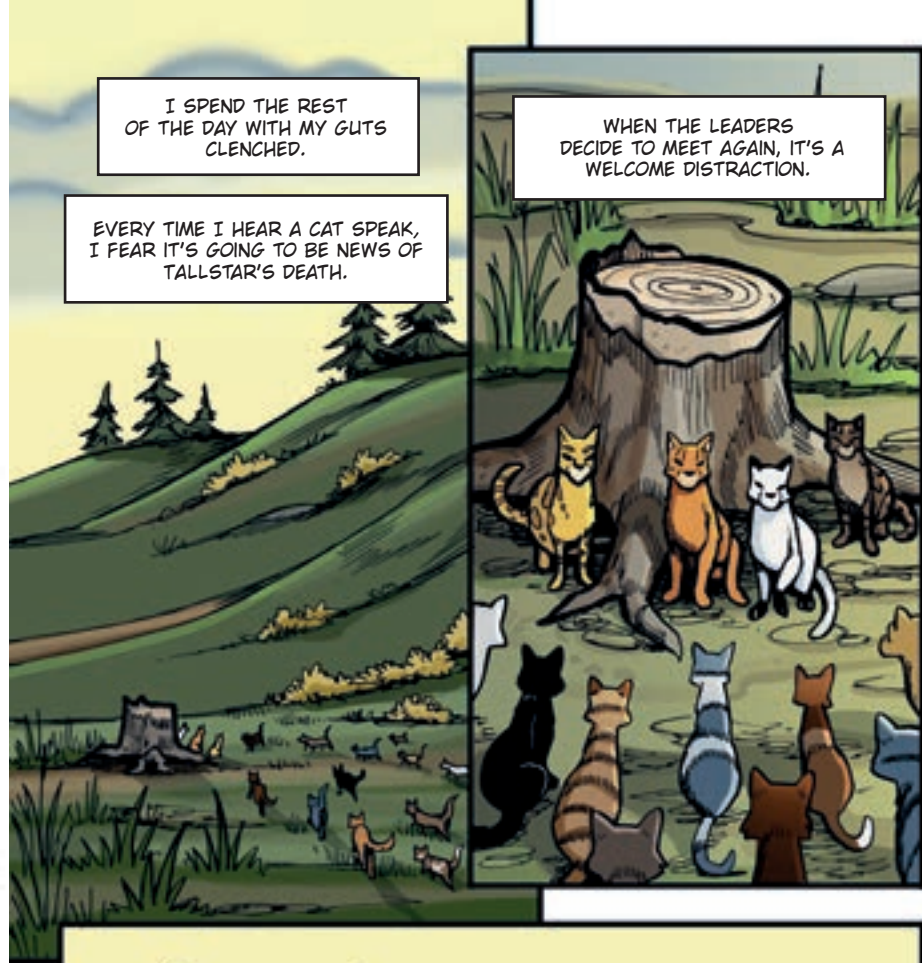


YES...
OF COURSE,
ONEWHISKER.



THAT'S A
GOOD IDEA.





I SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY WITH MY GUTS CLENCHED.

EVERY TIME I HEAR A CAT SPEAK, I FEAR IT'S GOING TO BE NEWS OF TALLSTAR'S DEATH.

WHEN THE LEADERS DECIDE TO MEET AGAIN, IT'S A WELCOME DISTRACTION.





BRAMBLECLAW
FROM
THUNDERCLAN,



CROWFEATHER
FROM WINDCLAN,



TAWNYPELT
FROM
SHADOWCLAN.



MISTYFOOT
WILL GO FOR
RIVERCLAN.



WHATEVER THIS PATROL
DISCOVERS WILL BE
INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.

EVERY WINDCLAN
CAT HAS TO UNDERSTAND
THAT.

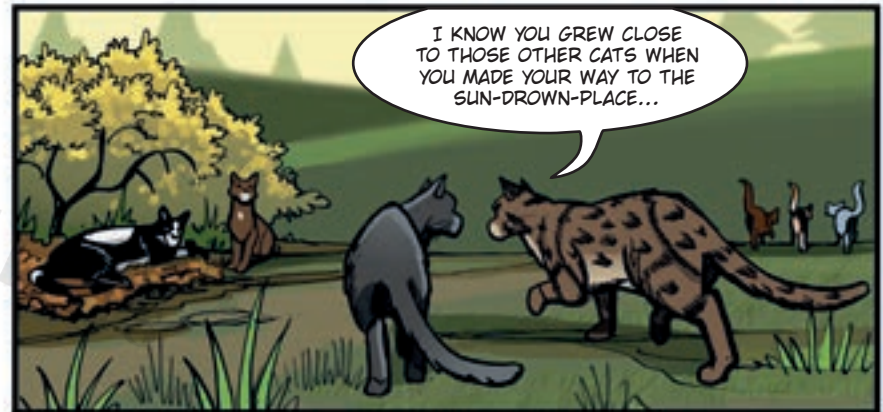
CROWFEATHER.



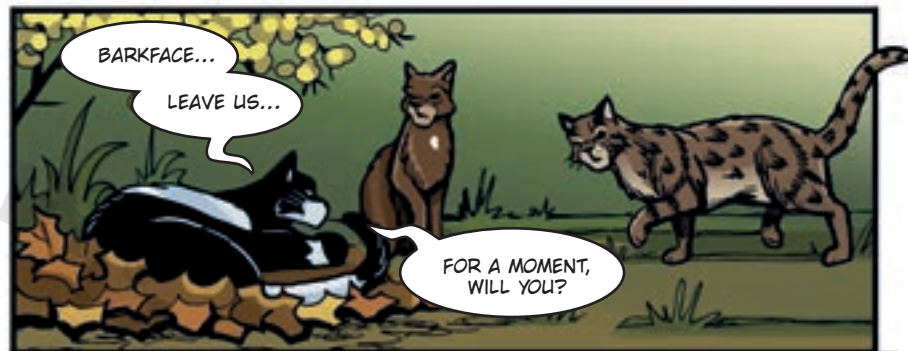
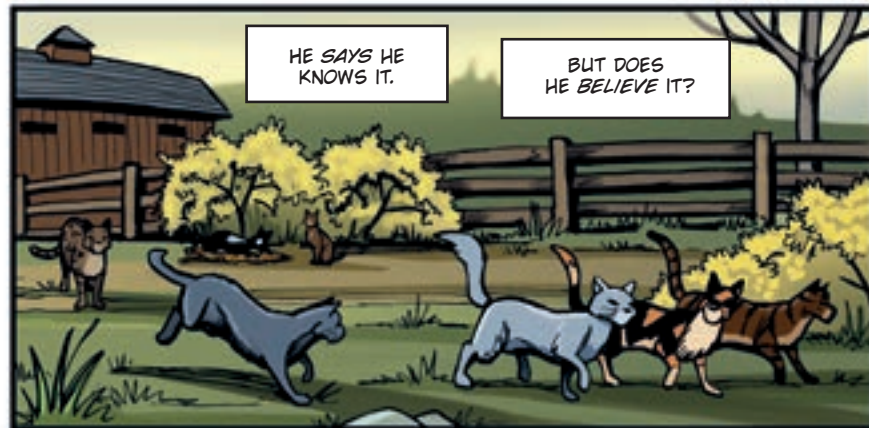
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LISTEN.

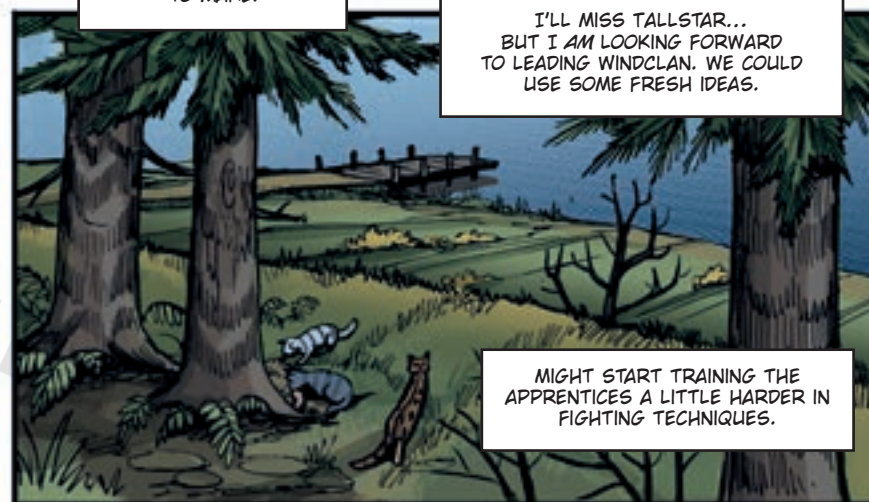
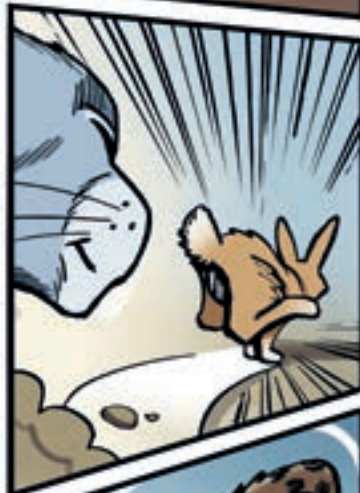


I KNOW YOU GREW CLOSE
TO THOSE OTHER CATS WHEN
YOU MADE YOUR WAY TO THE
SUN-DROWN-PLACE...









THE THREE OF US WORK WELL TOGETHER.

NICE.

TORNEAR IS GOOD... BUT HE'S MY LITTERMATE.

IT WOULD PROBABLY LOOK BETTER IF I MADE WEBFOOT MY DEPUTY.

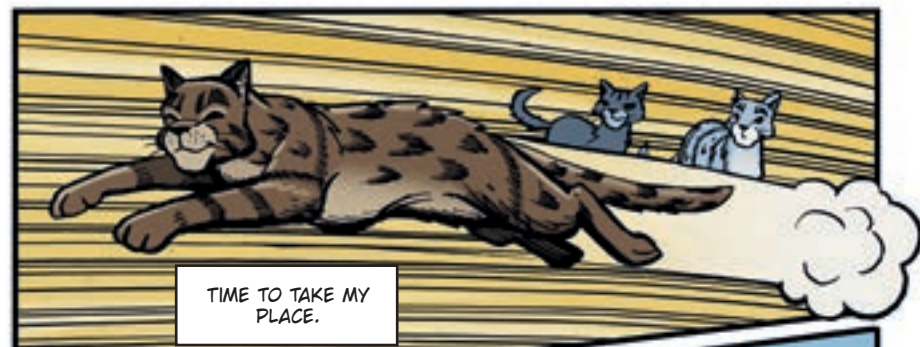
OR...MAYBE AN OLDER CAT.

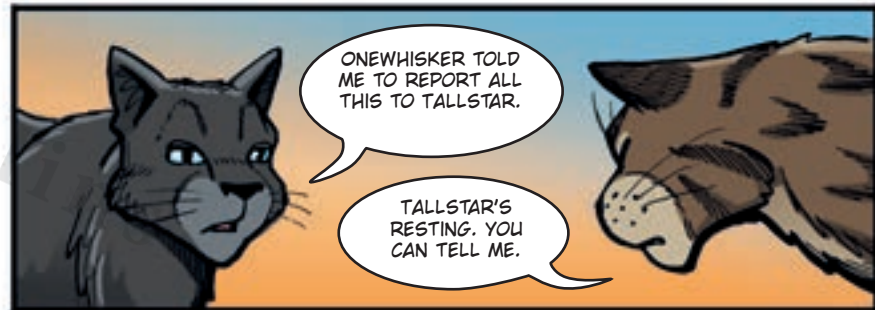
IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG SINCE WEBFOOT WAS MY APPRENTICE.

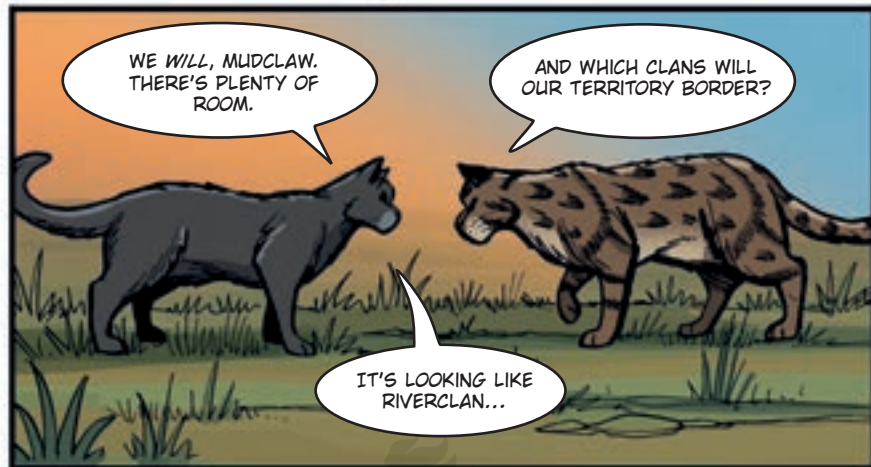
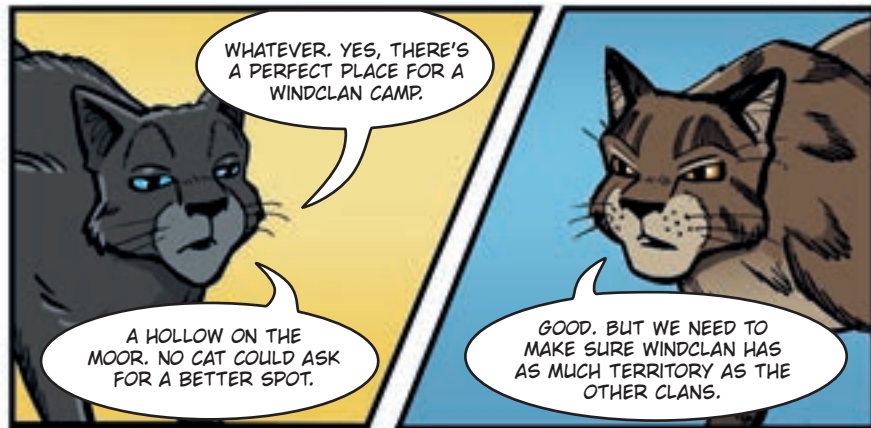
SO MANY DECISIONS TO MAKE.

I'LL MISS TALLSTAR... BUT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO LEADING WINDCLAN. WE COULD USE SOME FRESH IDEAS.

MIGHT START TRAINING THE APPRENTICES A LITTLE HARDER IN FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.









I ALREADY
DECIDED THE ISLAND
ISN'T SUITABLE FOR A
CAMP -



AND I DON'T APPRECIATE
YOU TRYING TO GET
LEOPARDSTAR TO CHANGE
THAT DECISION.



LOOK, ALL I
WAS TRYING TO
DO -

I DON'T WANT
TO HEAR IT.
YOU NEED
TO REMEMBER WHO
RIVERCLAN'S DEPUTY IS,
HAWKFROST.



BECAUSE IT'S
NOT YOU.



NO CAT CAN SAY HAWKFROST DIDN'T
MAKE A GOOD TEMPORARY DEPUTY.
HE STEPPED UP WHILE MISTYFOOT
WAS MISSING.

TRUE. BUT NOW THAT
SHE'S BACK, AND HE'S JUST
A WARRIOR AGAIN?



I THINK WE'RE LOOKING
AT TROUBLE IN
RIVERCLAN.

THERE'LL BE TROUBLE
IN THUNDERCLAN, TOO, UNLESS
FIRESTAR FINALLY ACCEPTS THAT
GRAYSTRIPE MUST BE DEAD.



HE NEEDS TO APPOINT
ANOTHER DEPUTY TO TAKE
GRAYSTRIPE'S PLACE.

SOON.



YEAH. PROBABLY
BRAMBLECLAW.



HE'S
TIGERSTAR'S KIT,
YOU KNOW.

JUST LIKE
HAWKFROST.



JUST BETWEEN YOU
AND ME - TIGERSTAR ALMOST
DESTROYED THE CLANS.

IF I WERE A CLAN LEADER? I WOULDN'T
WANT EITHER ONE OF THEM AS DEPUTY.
OR GIVE THEM ANY KIND OF POWER.



ONCE WE'RE IN OUR OWN TERRITORY
AGAIN, WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT CONFLICT IN THE OTHER
CLANS.

TRUE. THANK STARCLAN
WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF
TROUBLE IN WINDCLAN.



YES...THANK
STARCLAN...



I CAN'T SLEEP AT ALL.
DID STARCLAN COME WITH US
TO OUR NEW HOME?

IF NOT, WILL THEY BE ABLE
TO FIND US?



HOW CAN I GET MY NINE LIVES
WHEN I BECOME LEADER, IF
STARCLAN ISN'T HERE?

SILVERPELT LOOKS THE SAME
AS IT DID IN OUR OLD HOME.



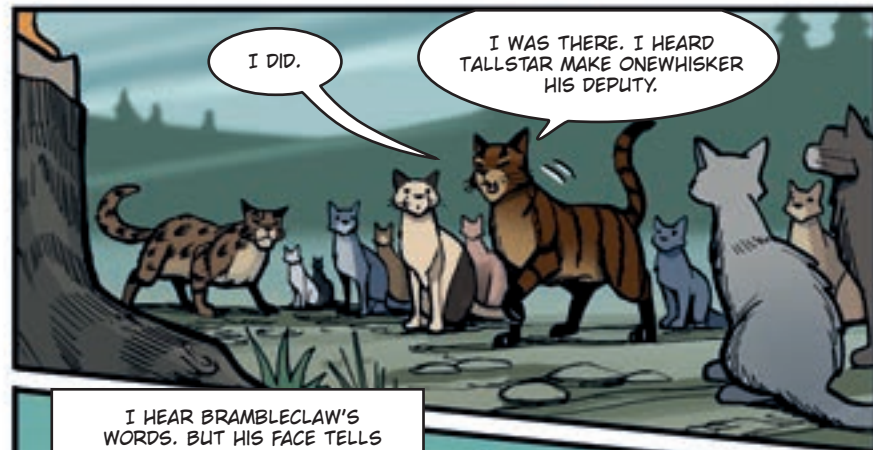
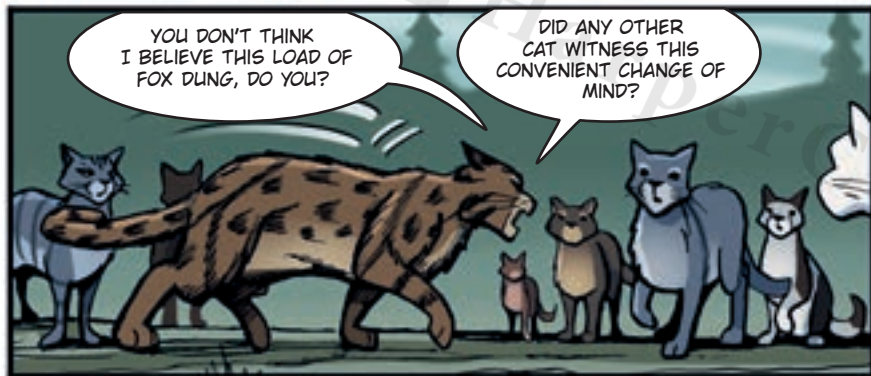
TALLSTAR WOULD TELL ME
TO HAVE FAITH IN STARCLAN,
I KNOW.

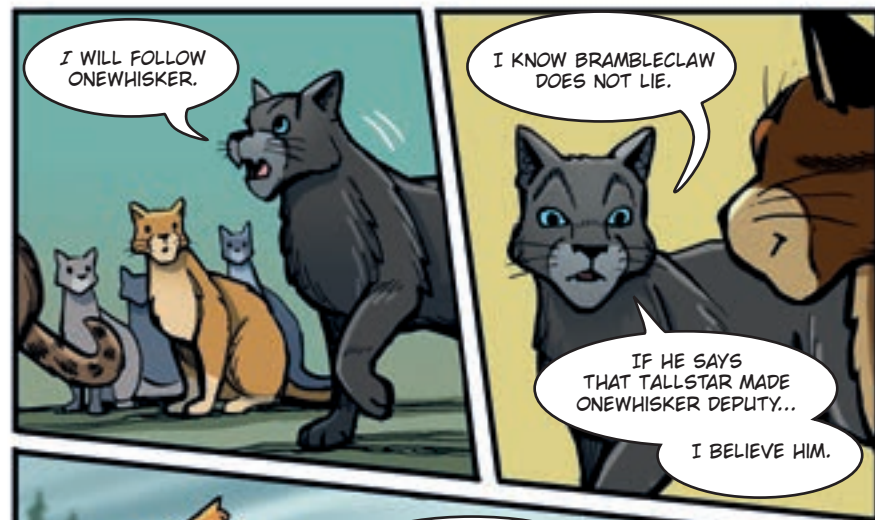


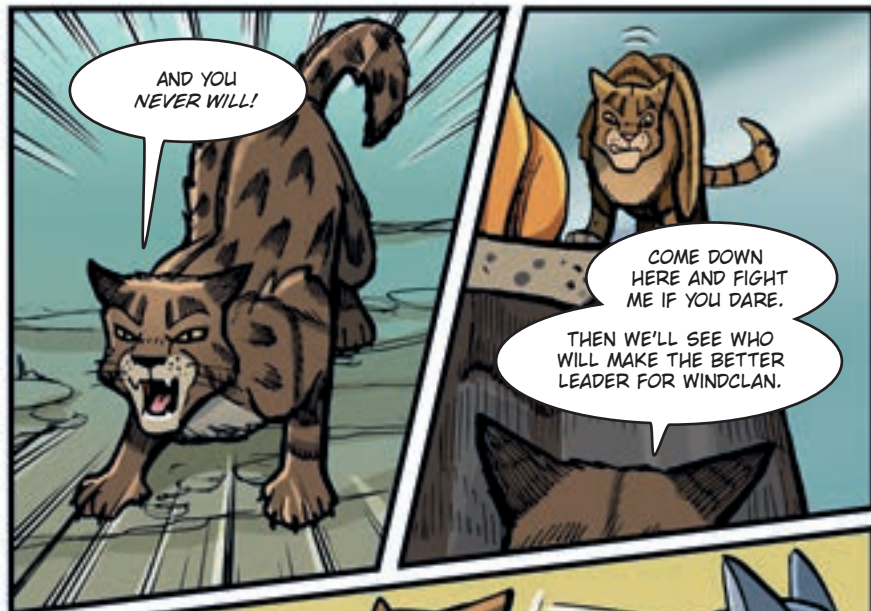
RIGHT NOW...I DON'T
THINK I HAVE ANY OTHER
CHOICE.











AND YOU NEVER WILL!

COME DOWN HERE AND FIGHT ME IF YOU DARE.

THEN WE'LL SEE WHO WILL MAKE THE BETTER LEADER FOR WINDCLAN.

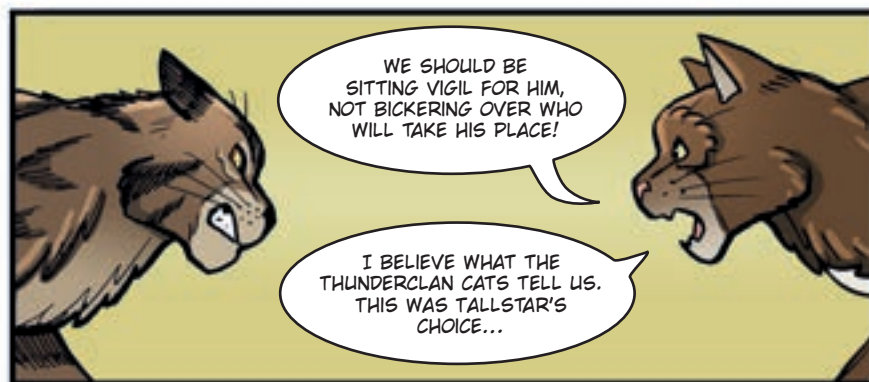


STOP!



SHEATHE YOUR CLAWS, MUDCLAW!

DO YOU WANT TO START A FIGHT WITH TALLSTAR'S SPIRIT STILL WATCHING OVER US?



WE SHOULD BE SITTING VIGIL FOR HIM, NOT BICKERING OVER WHO WILL TAKE HIS PLACE!

I BELIEVE WHAT THE THUNDERCLAN CATS TELL US. THIS WAS TALLSTAR'S CHOICE...



...AND YOU MUST ACCEPT IT.







HOW COULD TALLSTAR
HAVE MADE ONEWHISKER HIS
DEPUTY?



AND WHY?



WHAT DID I DO TO
DISAPPOINT HIM?



THE VIGIL IS A TIME FOR
US TO SHARE MEMORIES OF
TALLSTAR...



...BUT THE ONLY
THING I CAN HEAR IS A
ROARING IN MY EARS.

