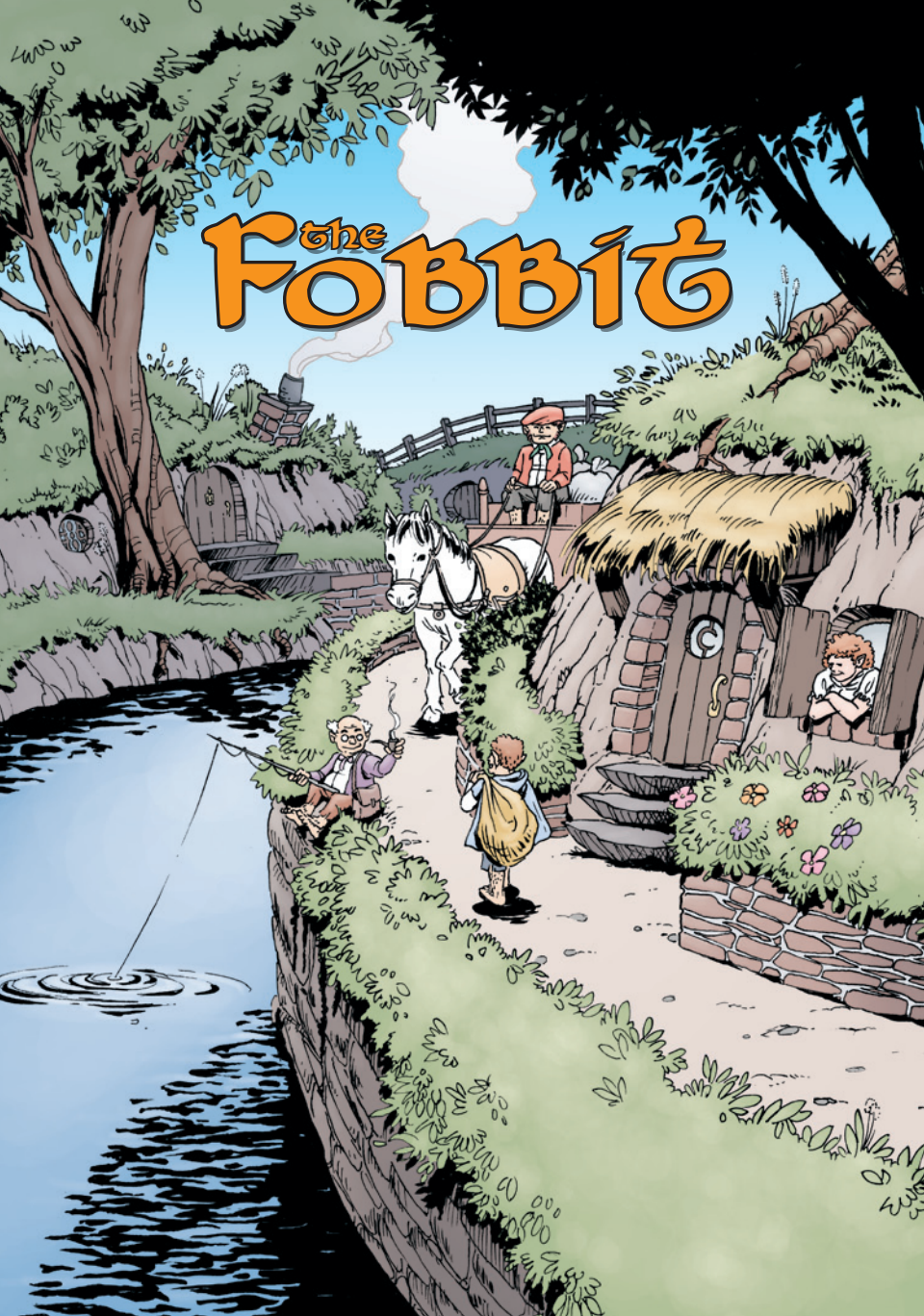
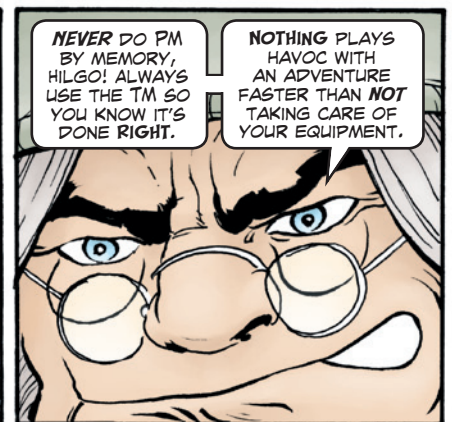
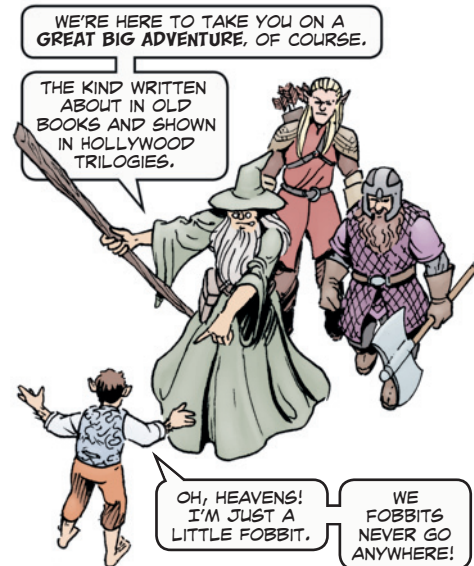
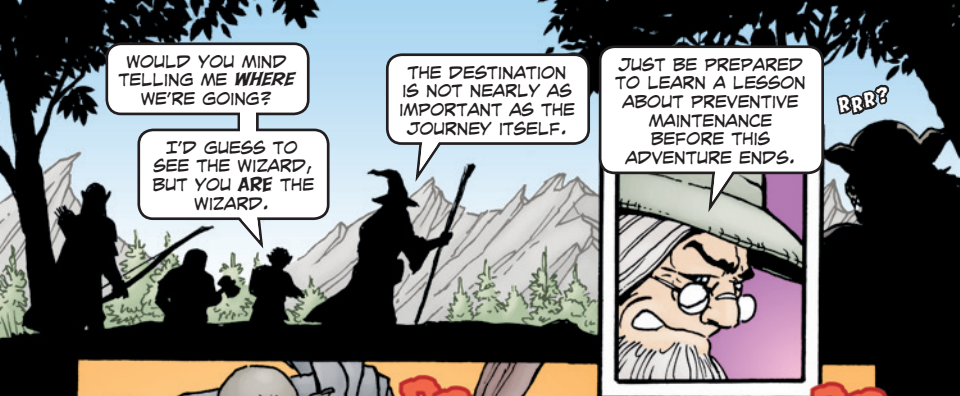


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WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME *WHERE* WE'RE GOING?

I'D GUESS TO SEE THE WIZARD, BUT YOU *ARE* THE WIZARD.

THE DESTINATION IS NOT NEARLY AS IMPORTANT AS THE JOURNEY ITSELF.

JUST BE PREPARED TO LEARN A LESSON ABOUT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE BEFORE THIS ADVENTURE ENDS.

RRR?



FANTASTIC SHOT, LEGGO!

IT'S A GOOD THING I WAXED MY BOW STRING THIS MORNING.

I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED HAD IT SNAPPED.

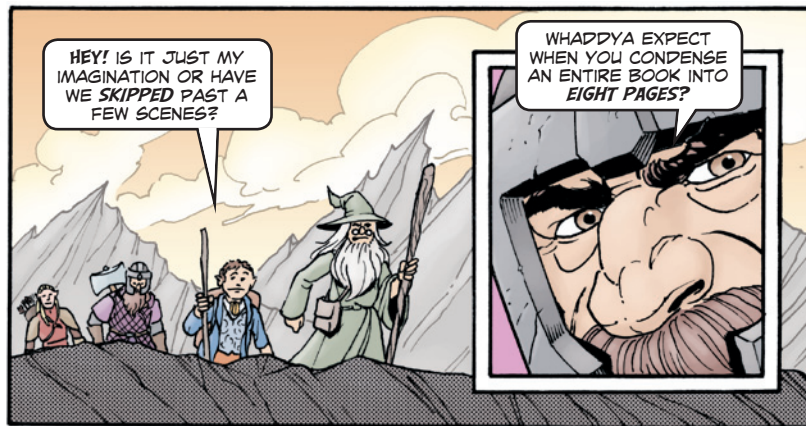


WHY, I WAS JUST GETTING READY TO STRIKE THAT ORC DEAD WITH MY TRUSTY SWORD!



OH, REALLY? THIS BLADE IS ABOUT AS SHARP AS YOUR *MIND*, HILGO.

THIS WILL BE A LONG JOURNEY INDEED IF YOU DON'T START TAKING BETTER CARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT.

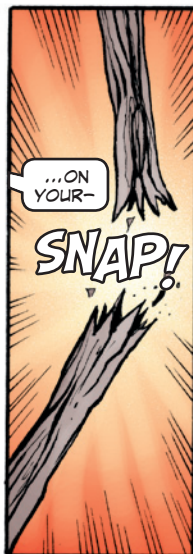


HEY! IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION OR HAVE WE *SKIPPED* PAST A FEW SCENES?

WHADDYA EXPECT WHEN YOU CONDENSE AN ENTIRE BOOK INTO *EIGHT* PAGES?



HILGO, I HOPE YOU DID PM...



...ON YOUR-
SNAP!

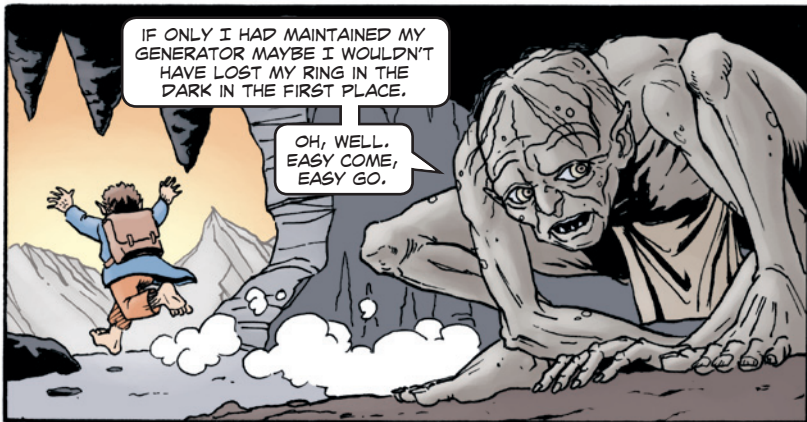
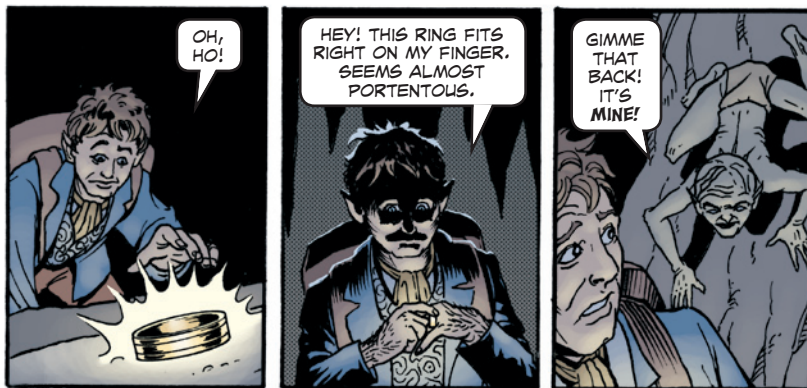


I HATE TO SAY I *TOLD* YOU SO BUT-



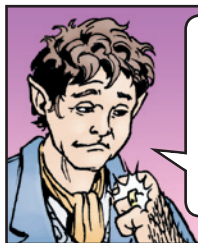
WHERE ARE THE LIGHTS?

SOMEBODY MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN TO DO MAINTENANCE ON THEIR GENERATOR.

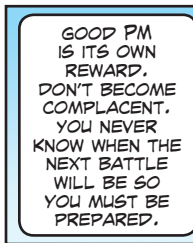




HOLD IT! THIS FIGHT SCENE WILL TAKE AT LEAST A FEW MORE PAGES AND I'M AFRAID WE'RE ALMOST OUTTA SPACE.



AW! I SHARPENED MY SWORD FOR NOTHING. I EVEN POLISHED MY NEW RING, THOUGH IT APPEARS TO HAVE NO SPECIAL POWERS WHATSOEVER... WHICH IS KINDA DISAPPOINTING.



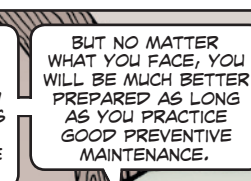
GOOD PM IS ITS OWN REWARD. DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE NEXT BATTLE WILL BE SO YOU MUST BE PREPARED.



WELL, HERE WE ARE AT THE END. NO MORE GREAT BIG ADVENTURES FOR *THIS* FOBBIT!



DON'T BE SO SURE, HILGO. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT AWAITS YOU JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU FACE, YOU WILL BE MUCH BETTER PREPARED AS LONG AS YOU PRACTICE GOOD PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.



OH, DEAR! THIS SOUNDS LIKE A SET-UP FOR A SEQUEL.

