



FINE!



**I'D RATHER GO
DOWN FIGHTING!**



COME ON--



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OAKHEART...

HOW DARE YOU
HUNT IN THUNDERCLAN
TERRITORY?!

tch.

AFTER
TONIGHT...

...SUNNINGROCKS
WILL BELONG TO
RIVERCLAN!



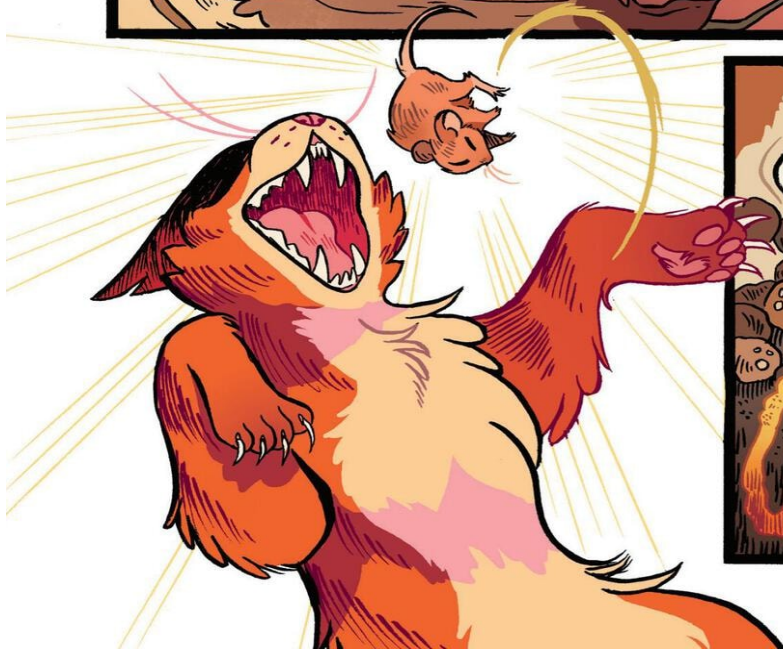
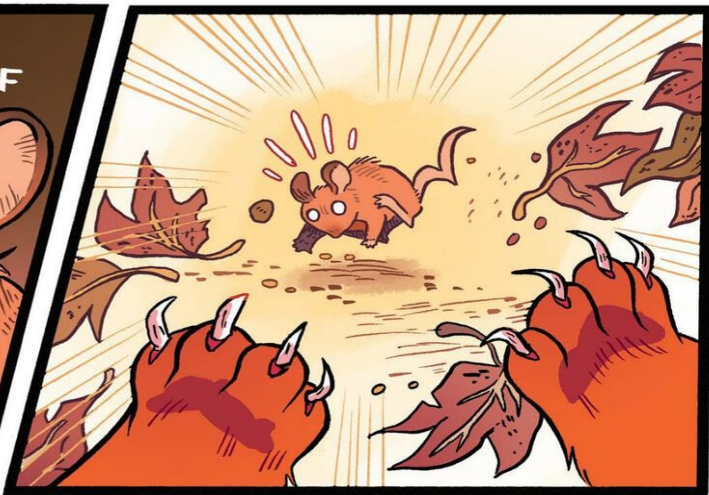






**PART ONE:
INTO THE WILD**





































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.

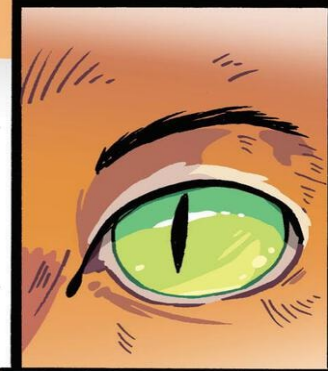




...CAN I REALLY
LEAVE MY OLD
LIFE BEHIND?



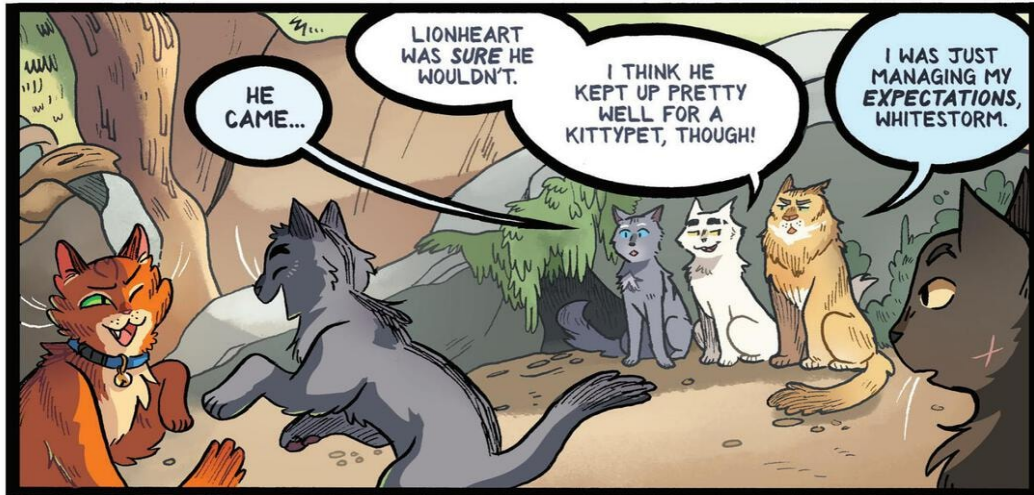
BUT IN
MY HEART...



... I KNEW MY ANSWER
THE MOMENT I STEPPED
INTO THOSE WOODS.



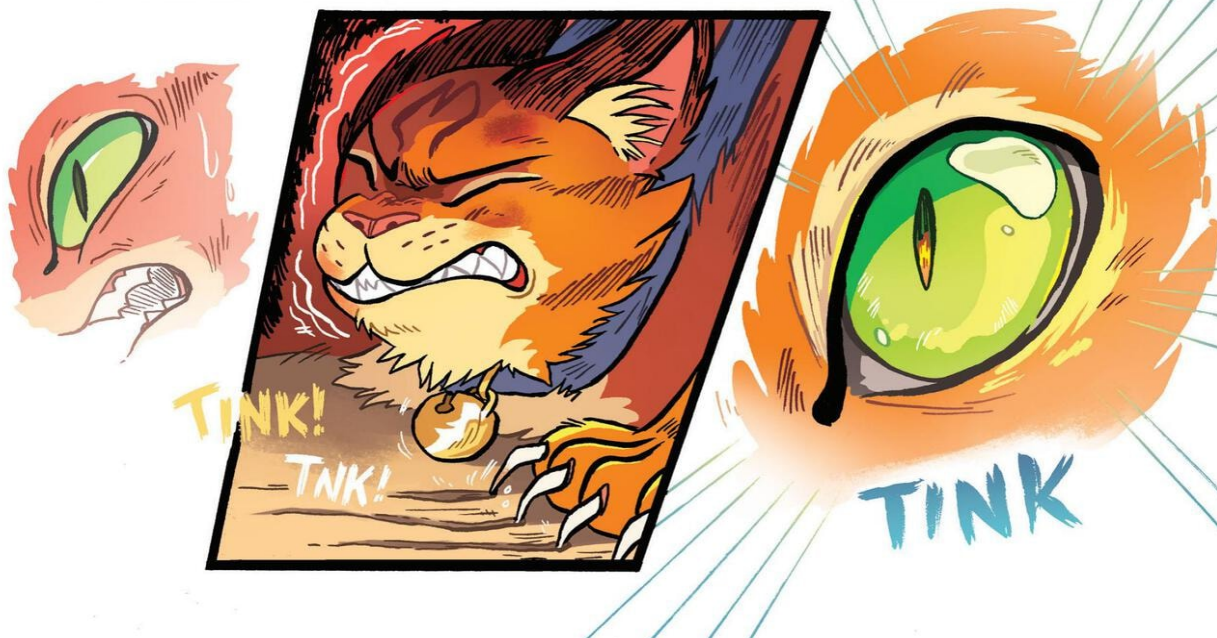




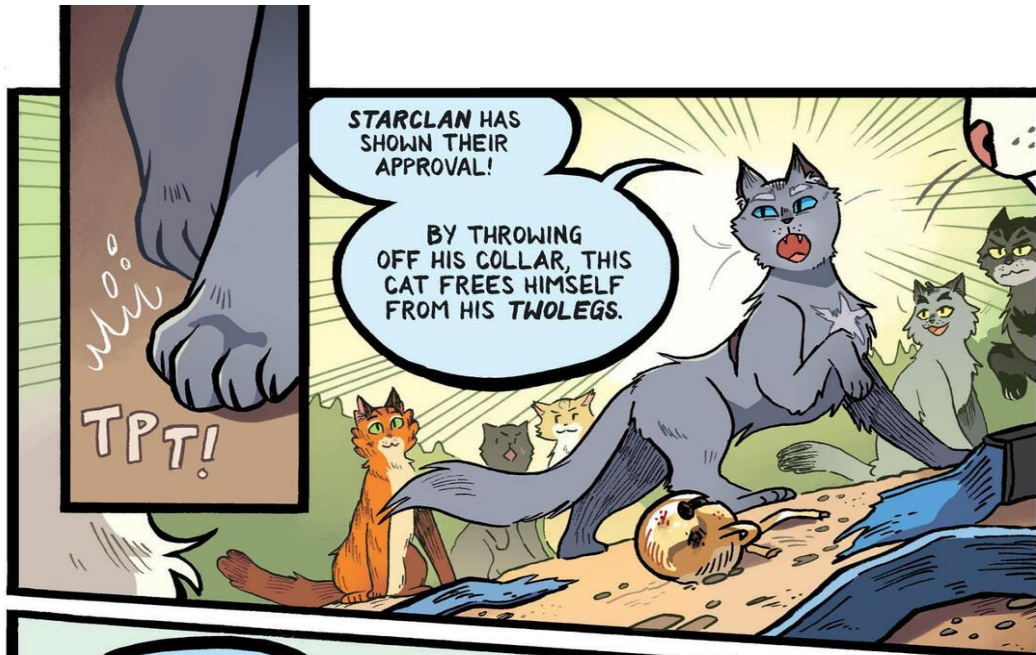


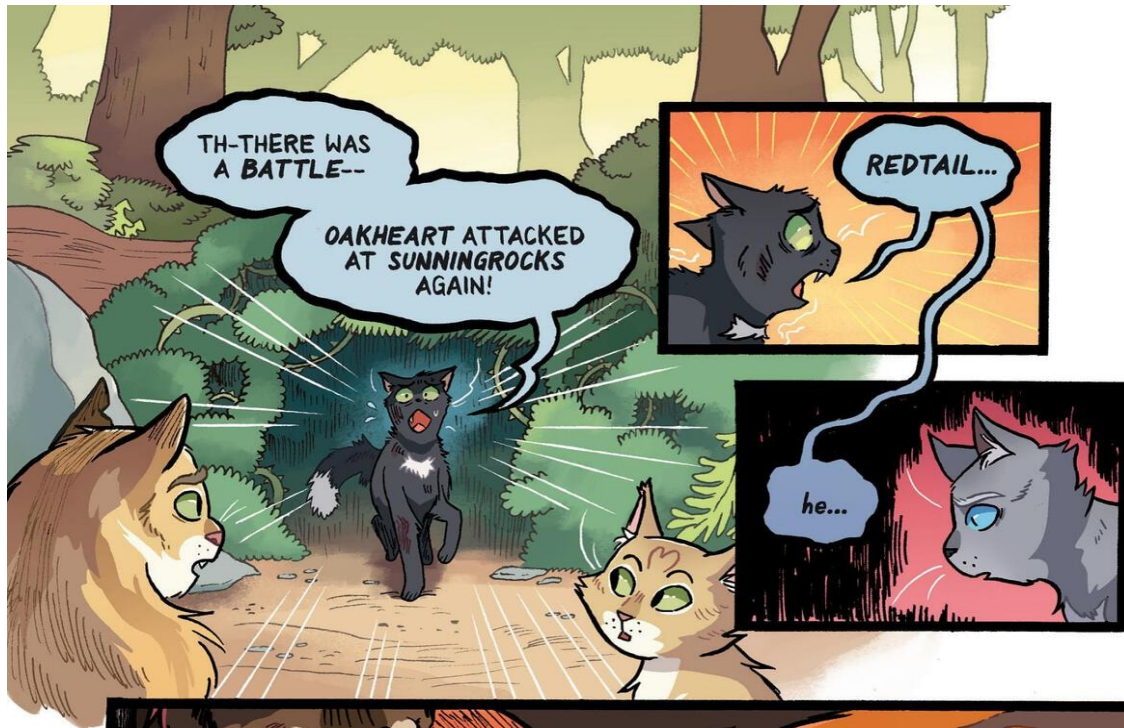














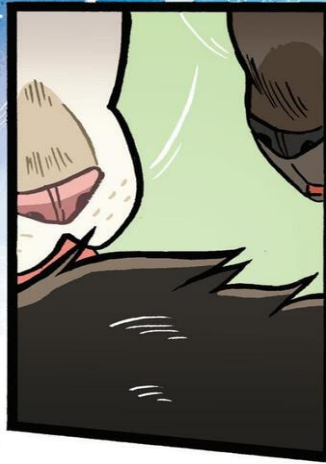




AFTER HONORABLE
WARRIORS DIE, THEY
JOIN THE STARS.

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

REDTAIL JOINS
THEM TONIGHT.



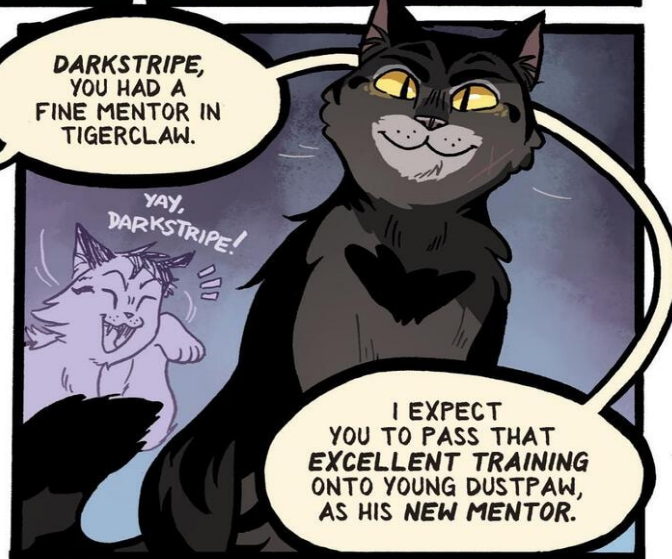
WELL,
SPOTTEDLEAF?

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



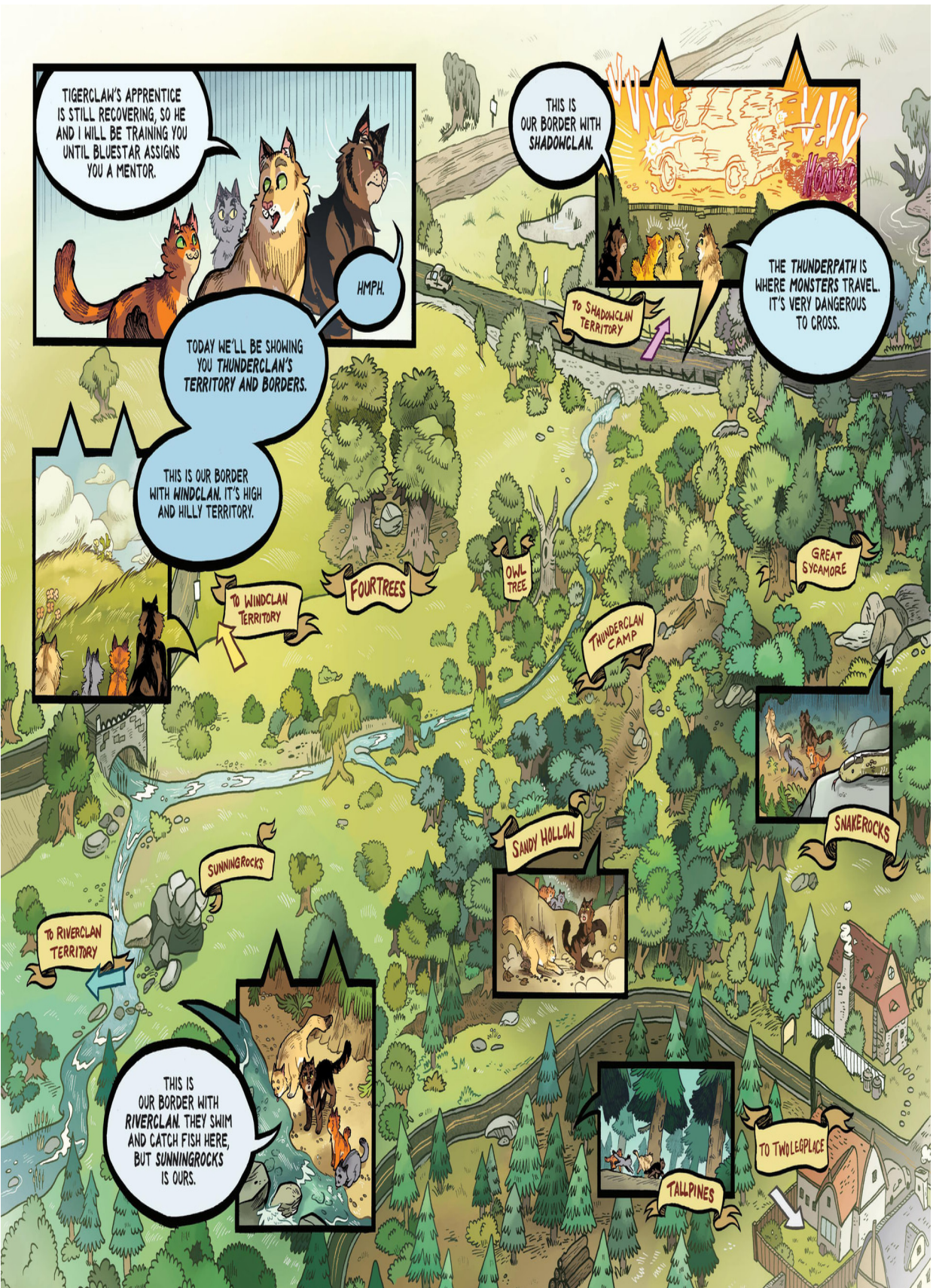












TIGERCLAW'S APPRENTICE IS STILL RECOVERING, SO HE AND I WILL BE TRAINING YOU UNTIL BLUESTAR ASSIGNS YOU A MENTOR.

HMPH.

TODAY WE'LL BE SHOWING YOU THUNDERCLAN'S TERRITORY AND BORDERS.

THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH WINDCLAN. IT'S HIGH AND HILLY TERRITORY.

TO WINDCLAN TERRITORY

FOURTREES

THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH SHADOWCLAN.

TO SHADOWCLAN TERRITORY

THE THUNDERPATH IS WHERE MONSTERS TRAVEL. IT'S VERY DANGEROUS TO CROSS.

SNAKEROCKS

SANDY HOLLOW

SUNNINGROCKS

TO RIVERCLAN TERRITORY

THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH RIVERCLAN. THEY SWIM AND CATCH FISH HERE, BUT SUNNINGROCKS IS OURS.

TALLPINES

TO TWOLEAPPLACE



AND THIS...

IS **FOURTREES**, WHERE ALL FOUR CLAN TERRITORIES INTERSECT.

FOUR GREAT OAKS, ONE FOR EACH CLAN.

WOW...

WE **WARRIORS** DRAW STRENGTH FROM OUR CLAN LOYALTIES AND RIVALRIES.

THEY MAKE US WHO WE ARE.

BUT EVERY FULL MOON...

IT IS TRADITION FOR THE CLANS TO **GATHER IN PEACE** TO SHARE NEWS AND STORIES.

WAIT, THAT MEANS THERE'S ONE TONIGHT, RIGHT?

FAST LEARNER!

ARE FIREPAW AND I GOING THIS TIME?

NO.



HEY,
KITTYPET!



ENJOY THE
FOOD THAT
WE CAUGHT.

YOU MIGHT
EVEN LEARN TO
CATCH YOUR OWN,
ONE DAY!



SANDPAW.
DUSTPAW.

PATROLLING
AND KEEPING OUR
TERRITORY SAFE IS
JUST AS IMPORTANT
AS HUNTING.

uh-huh.



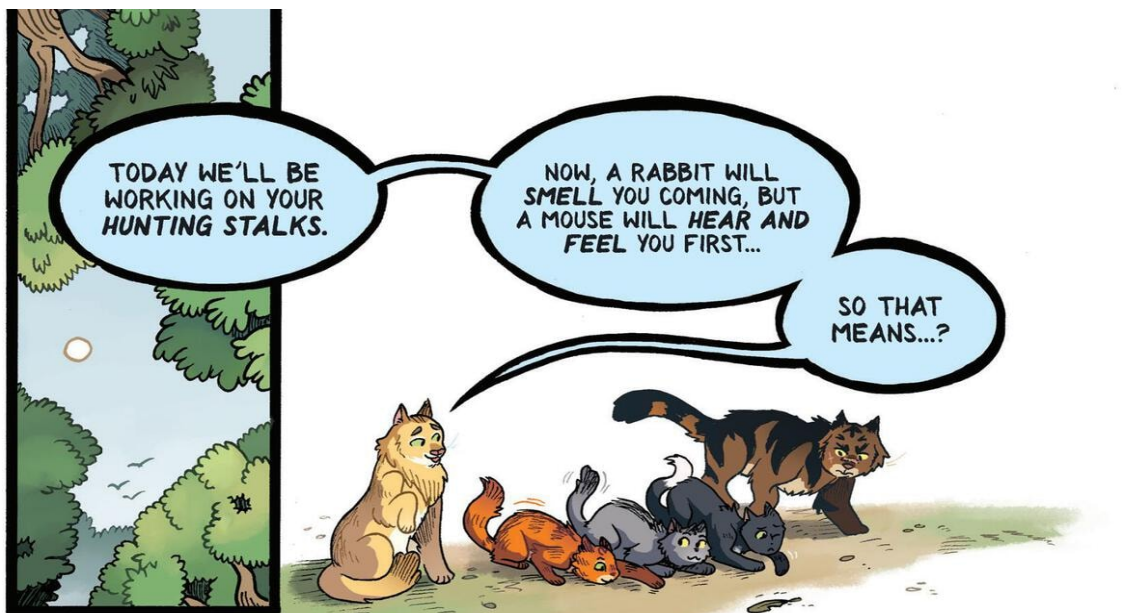
LONGTAIL
WAS RIGHT.

HE'S JUST A
SOFT LITTLE
MOUTH TO FEED.



C'MON
FIREPAW.

LET'S GO EAT
WITH RAVENPAW.







WEIGHT ON
MY HAUNCHES...



...PAWSTEPS
LIGHT...

...CAREFUL...



...EYES
UNBLINKING...

...FOCUSED...



...YES!!

I DID IT.

SQUE--

CRNCH!

I CAUGHT MY
FIRST PREY...

...AS A
THUNDERCLAN CAT!





CATCHING AND EATING MY OWN PREY...

...TRULY, THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR!





THE NEXT TWO
MOONS PASS BY
IN A FLASH.

GRAYPAW, RAVENPAW, AND I
TRAIN HARD TOGETHER TO
LEARN THE WAYS OF THE FOREST
AND THE WARRIOR CODE.

LIFE IN THE WOODS
ISN'T EASY...



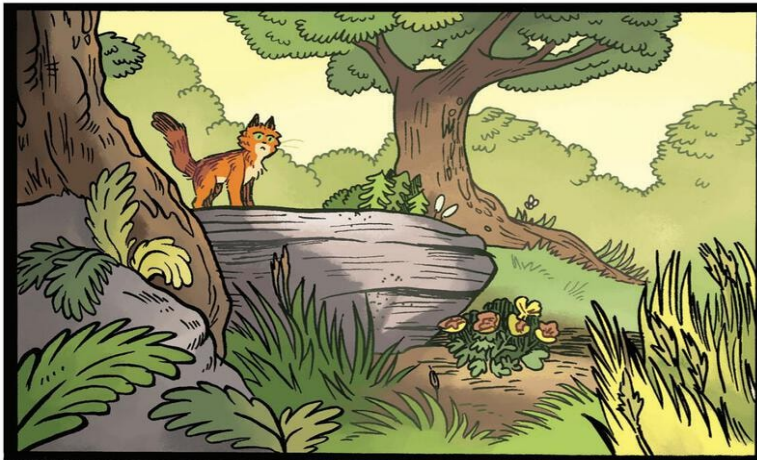
...BUT I CAN'T SHOW
ANY WEAKNESS.



I CAN'T SHOW
ANY DOUBTS.

I WILL BECOME
A WARRIOR!





SPOTTEDLEAF?

LIONHEART SENT
ME TO GATHER THESE
HERBS FOR YOU!



THANK
YOU.

I hope
they're the
right ones...



FIREPAW,
RIGHT?

SO, HAS BLUESTAR
ASSIGNED YOU A
MENTOR YET?





















I KNOW WHO
I AM, NOW.

IN THUNDERCLAN,
I AM THE CAT THAT
I ALWAYS DREAMED
OF BEING.











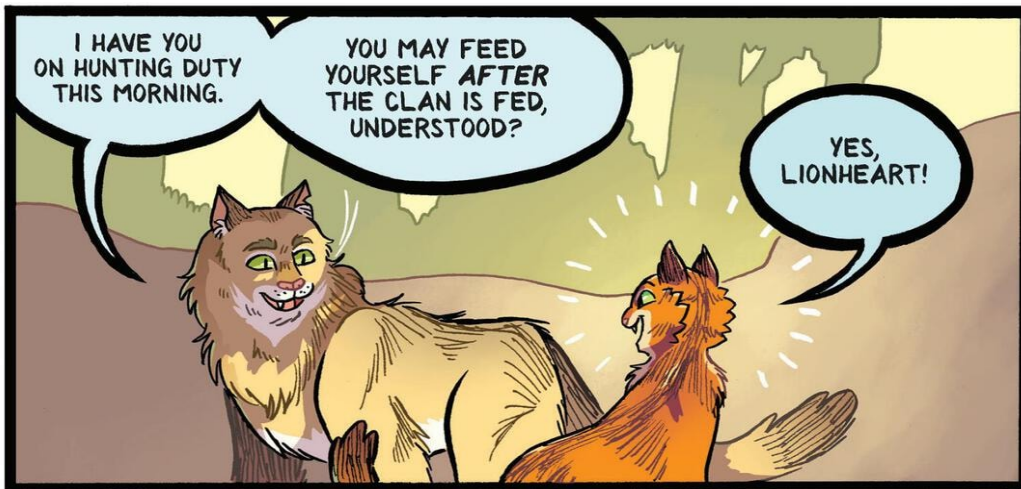






**PART TWO:
YELLOWFANG**























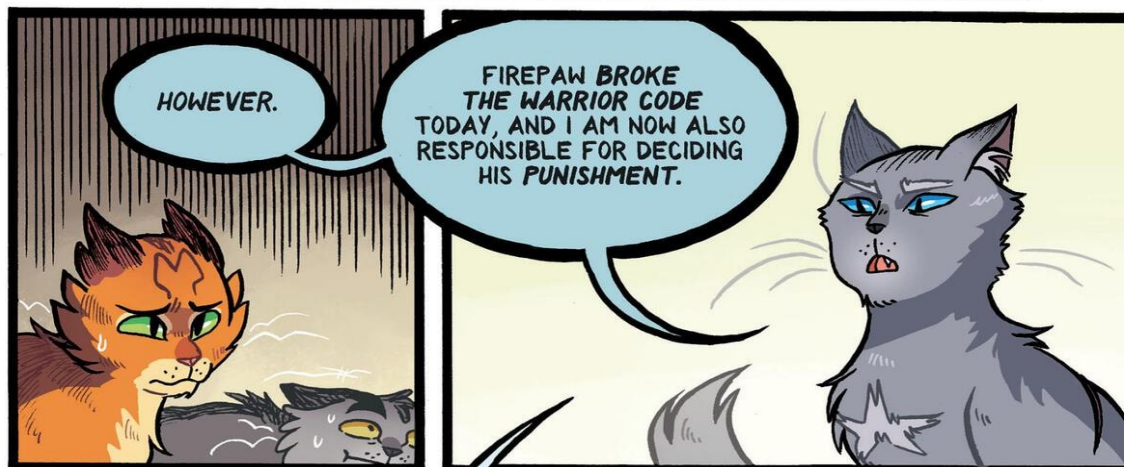




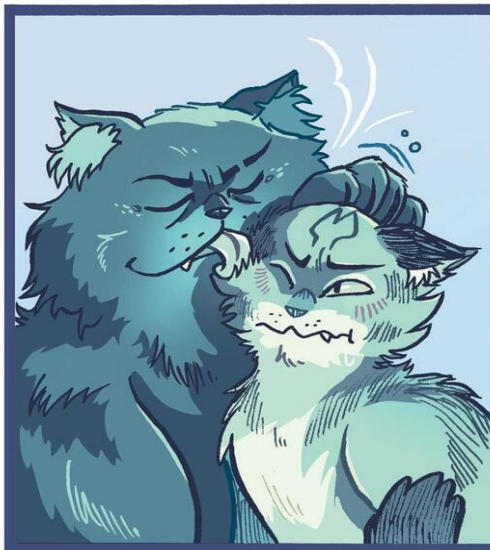


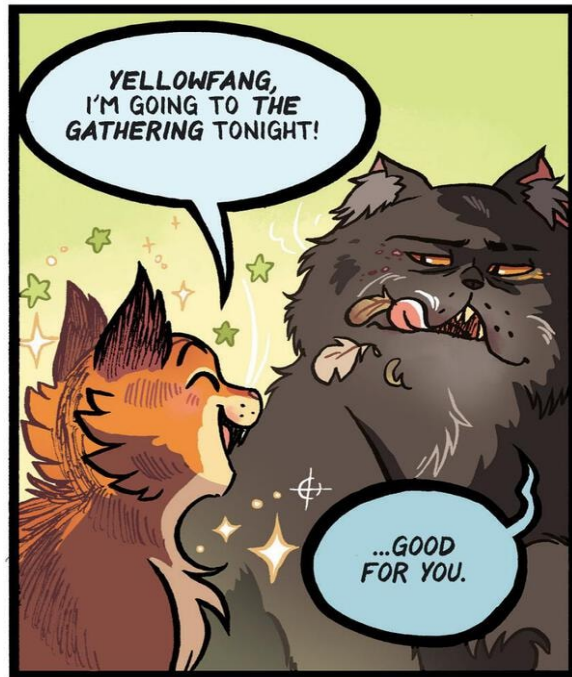










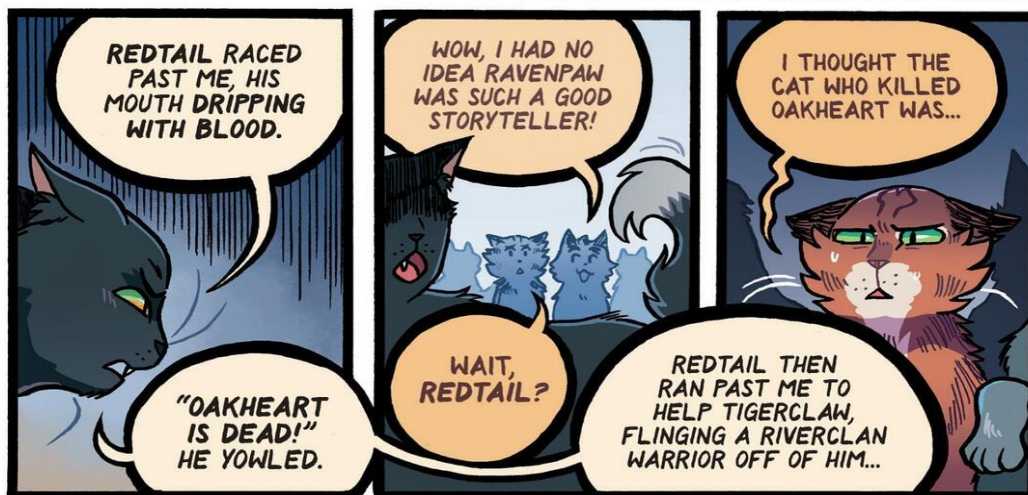








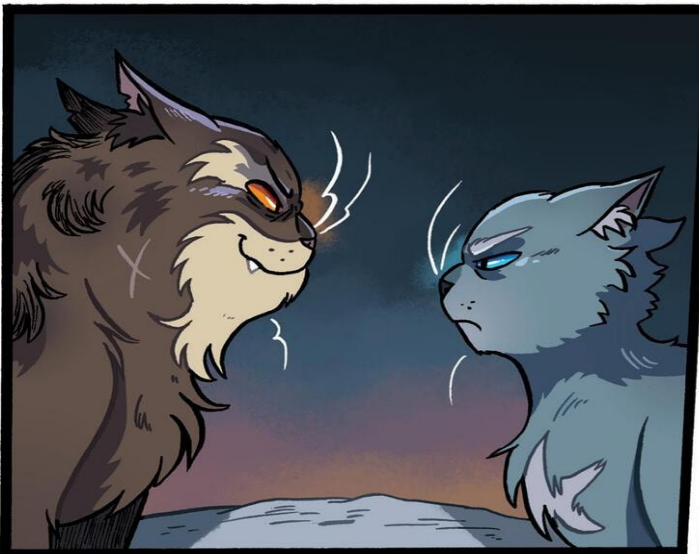
















HE MUST HAVE
BEEN TALKING
ABOUT YELLOWFANG!



I TOLD
YOU SHE WAS
DANGEROUS!

AND WE'VE
LEFT THE CAMP
PRACTICALLY
UNDEFENDED!

HISSESSS!!

BLUESTAR
HAS TO SEE
REASON AND
GET RID OF HER
AT ONCE!

FROSTFUR'S
KITS...!



YELLOWFANG...

WE MUST
RETURN TO CAMP
AT ONCE AND
DEAL WITH HER!

...A KIT-KILLER?!



COULD IT EVEN
BE POSSIBLE?



I HAVE TO FIND OUT
THE TRUTH, BEFORE THEY
TEAR HER TO SHREDS!

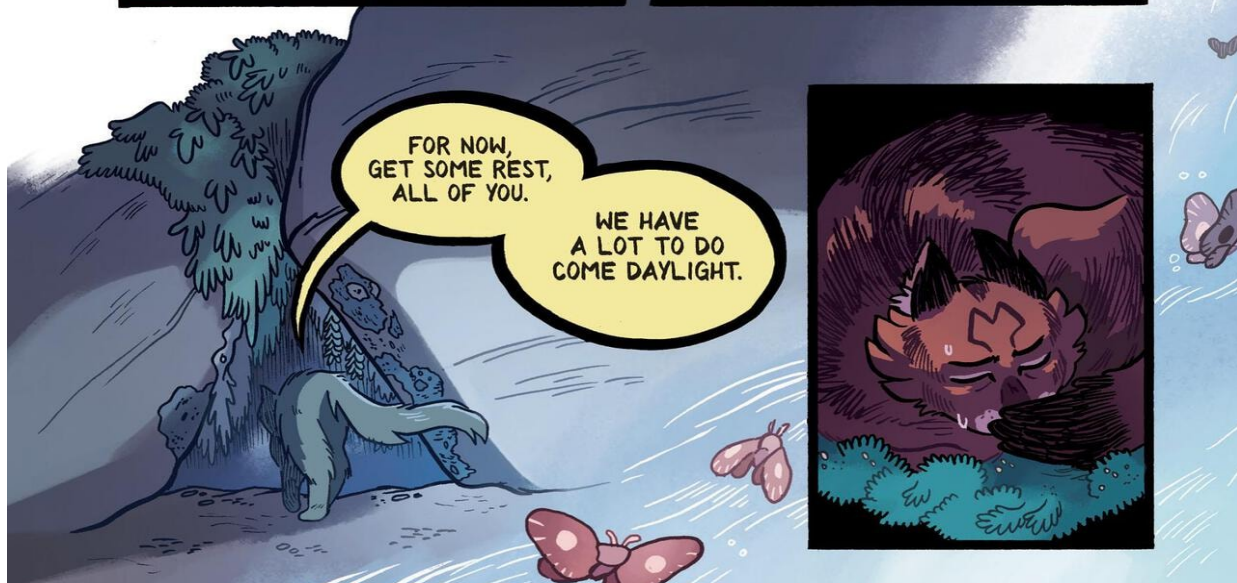








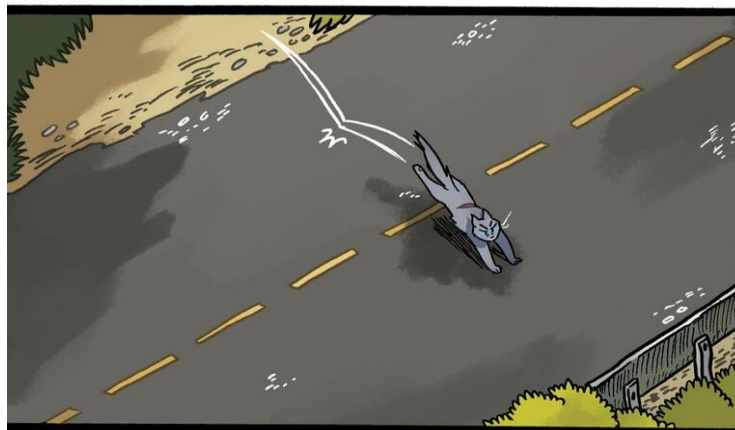


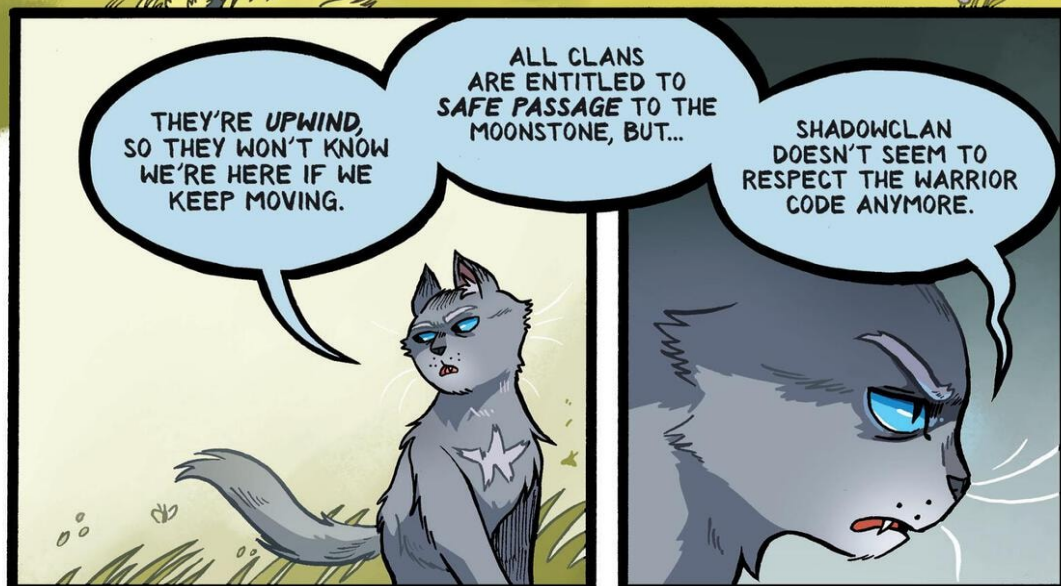




























IF STARCLAN TALKS TO CATS
THROUGH DREAMS... THAT DREAM
I HAD ABOUT THE BATTLE...

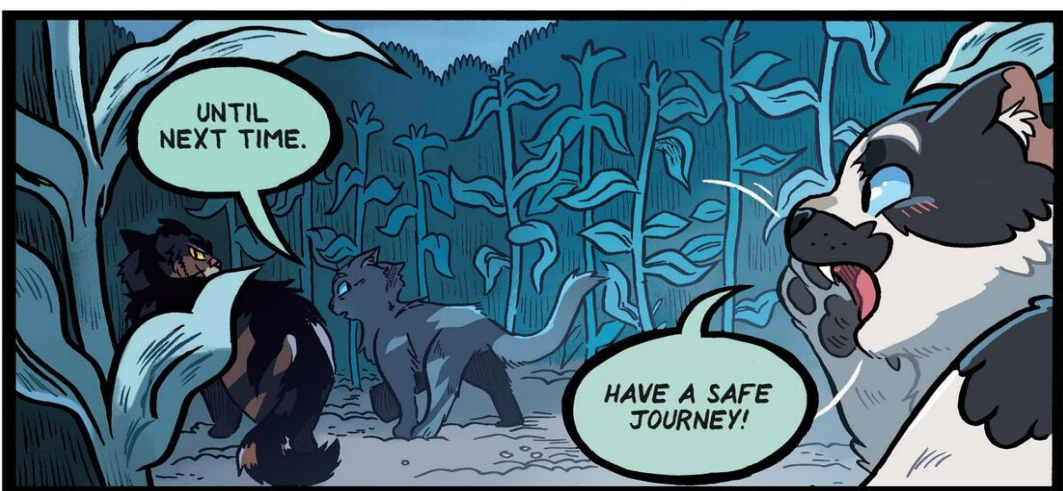


...WAS IT REALLY
JUST A DREAM? OR
COULD IT HAVE BEEN--

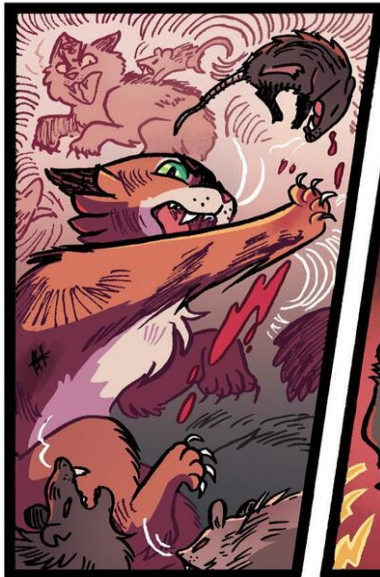




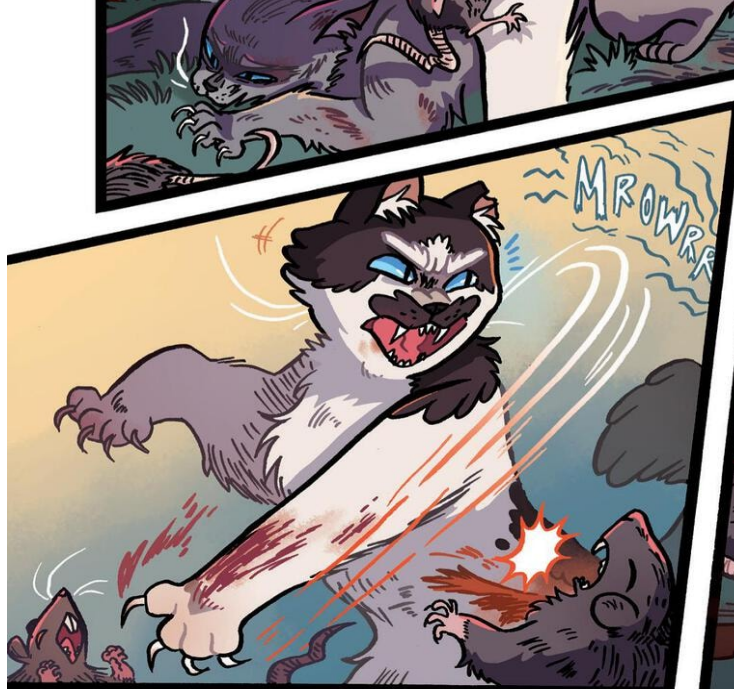


















THAT WAS
MY FIFTH.



I SMELL THE
STENCH OF
SHADOWCLAN.

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THEM
HERE.

WE'LL SEE
THEM SOON
ENOUGH.

DOES
ANYONE
ELSE HEAR
THAT?

RRRR
RRRR
MROW
RRR

IT IS AS
STARCLAN
WARNED ME...





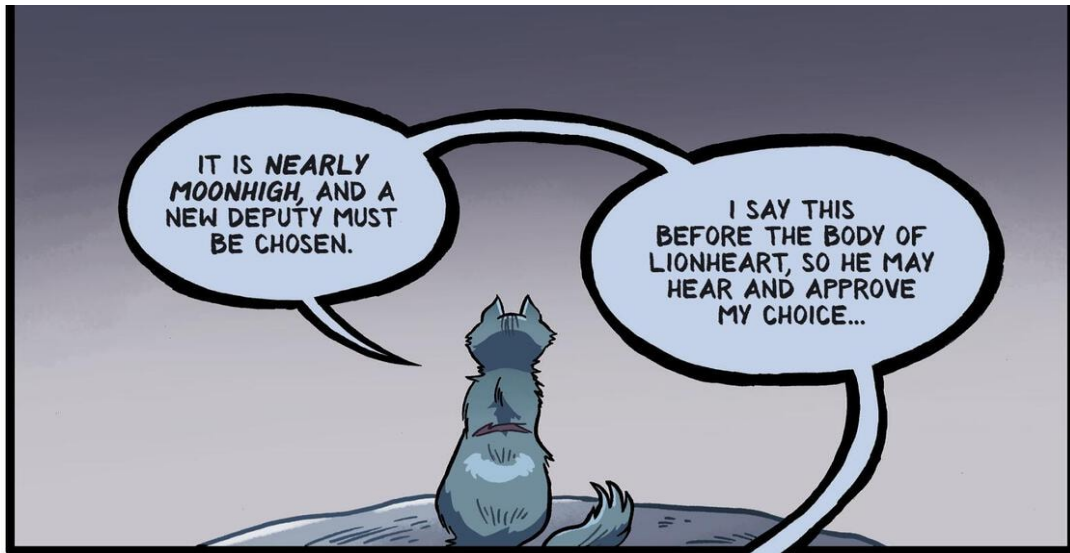


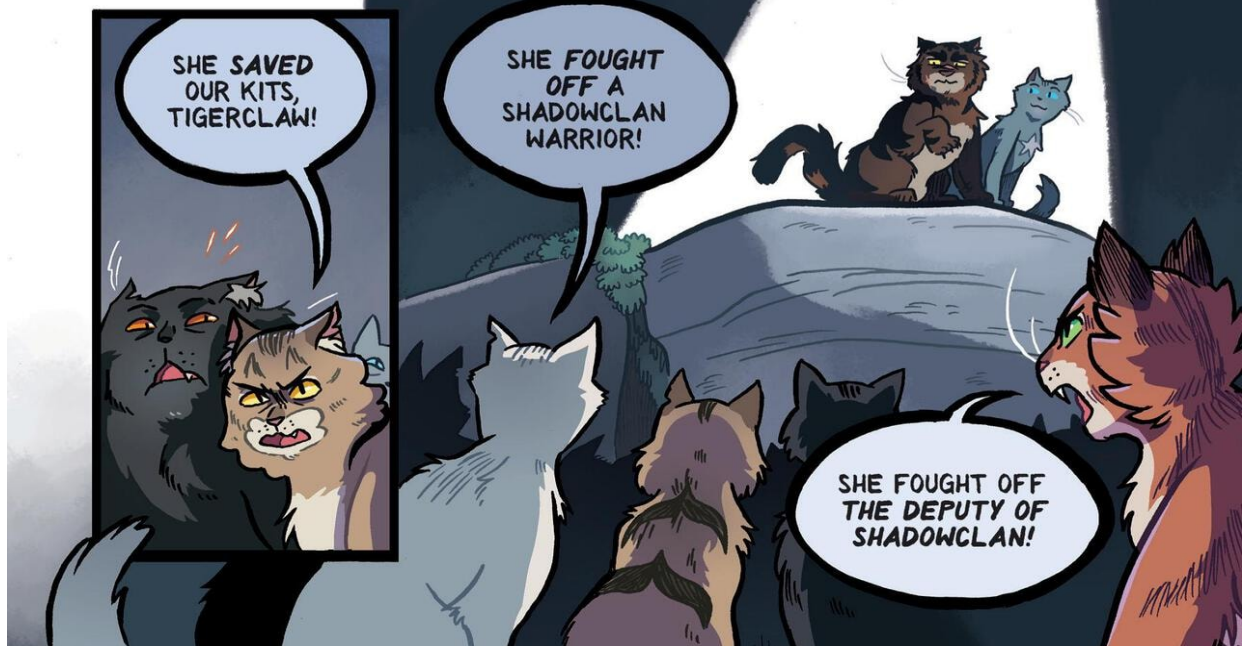








































BEFORE I LEAVE...

...MY LAST CHANCE
TO SAY GOODBYE
TO SPOTTEDLEAF.



YELLOWFANG
MUST HAVE
HAD HELP.

FROM INSIDE
THUNDERCLAN?



YOU'VE HEARD WHAT
TIGERCLAW SAID
ABOUT RAVENPAW,
HAVEN'T YOU?

I'M JUST SAYING,
I NEVER FELT
COMFORTABLE
AROUND HIM...

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING ALL
OVER FOR YOU!

ARE YOU GOING
SOMEWHERE?



BLUESTAR SENT
ME TO GO FIND
YELLOWFANG.

NOW?



WHAT ABOUT
TIGERCLAW?

SHE THINKS
I KNOW HER
BEST AND WANTS
HER ALIVE.



I SEE...

I'LL COME
WITH YOU,
THEN.









KRACK

BECAUSE I KNOW
THE RIVERCLAN DEPUTY
DIDN'T KILL REDTAIL.

TIGERCLAW
KILLED REDTAIL...

...AT THE BATTLE
WITH RIVERCLAN AT
SUNNINGROCKS.



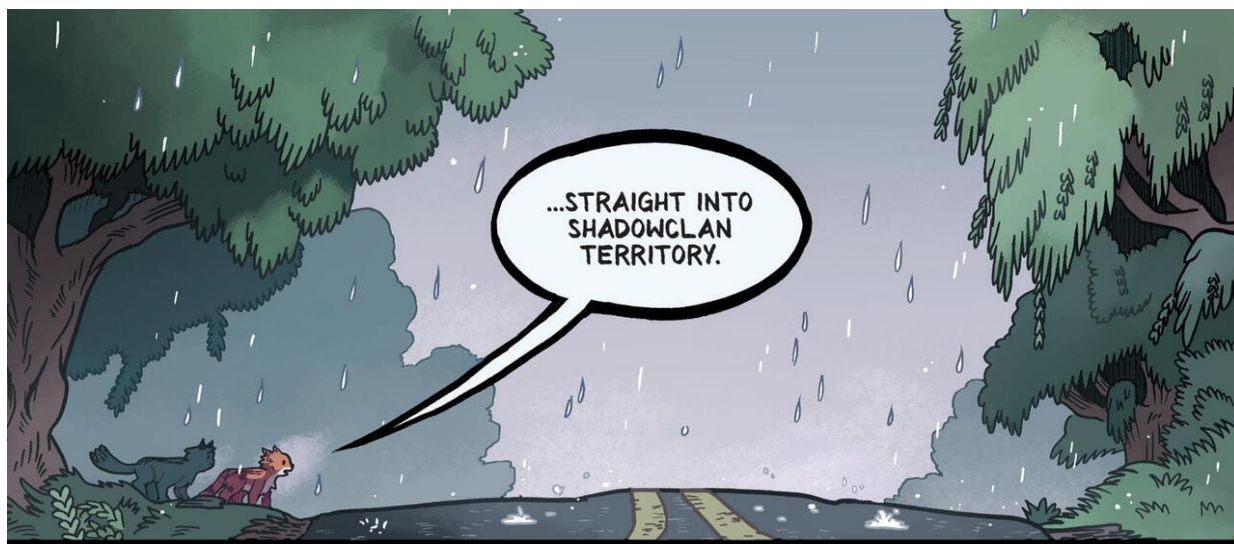
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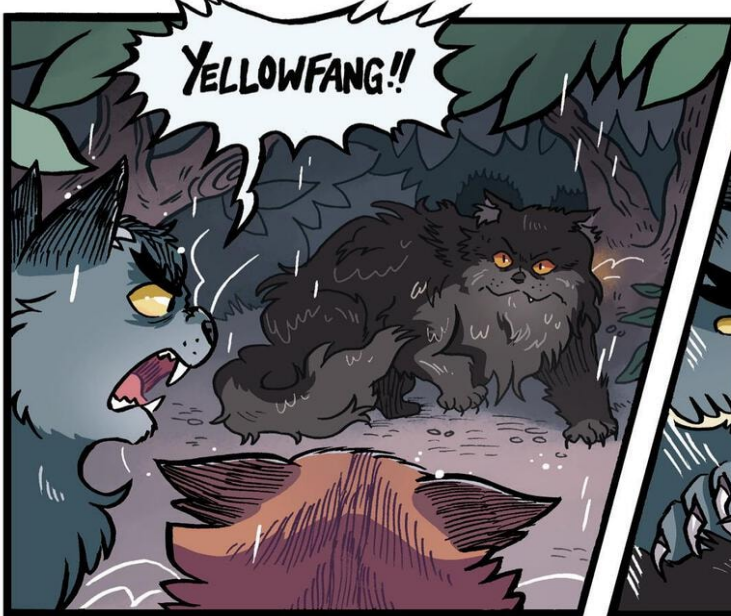
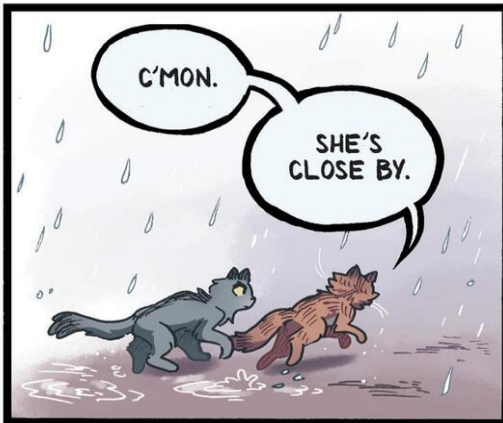




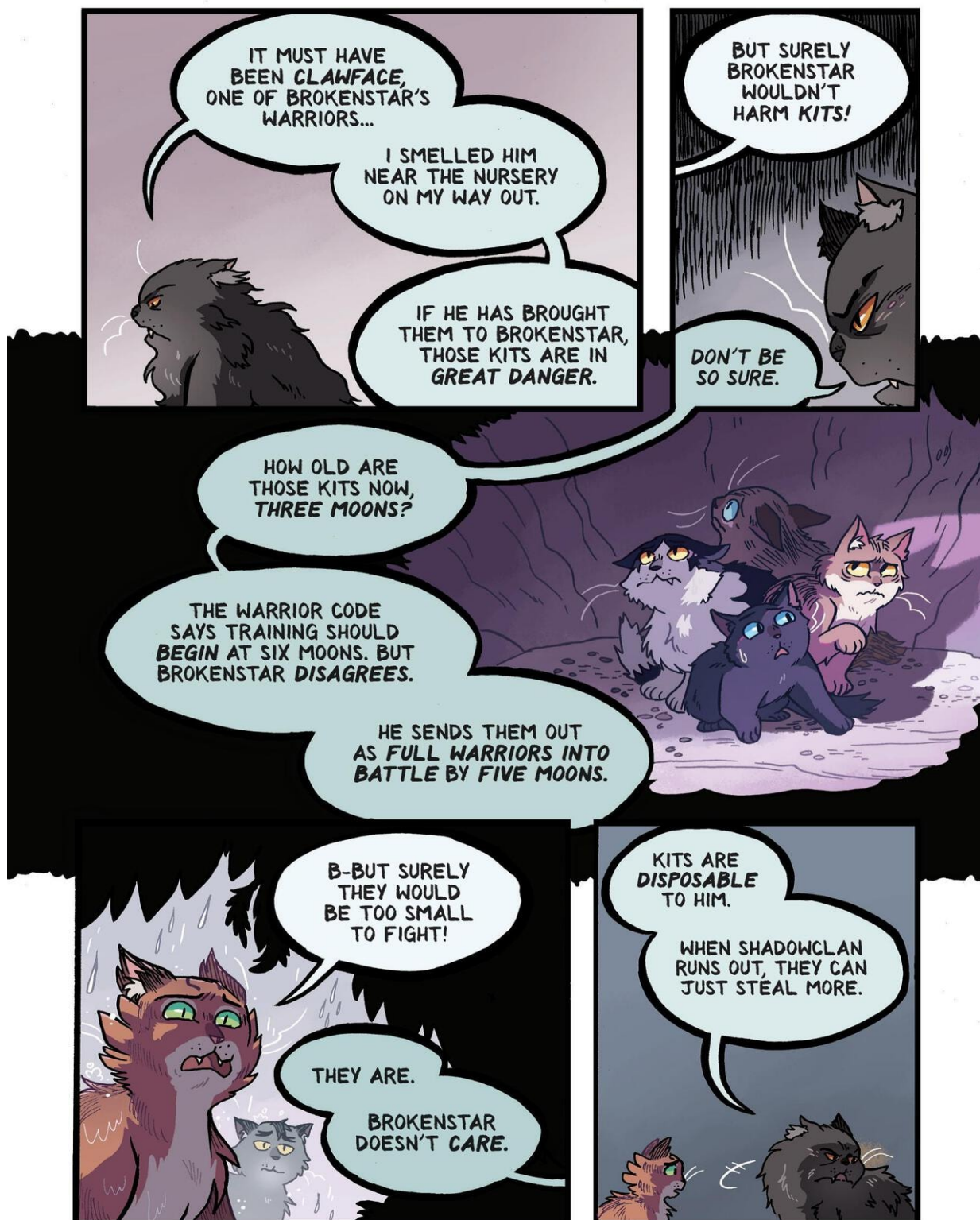












IT MUST HAVE BEEN **CLAWFACE**, ONE OF **BROKENSTAR**'S WARRIORS...

I SMELLED HIM NEAR THE NURSERY ON MY WAY OUT.

IF HE HAS BROUGHT THEM TO **BROKENSTAR**, THOSE KITS ARE IN **GREAT DANGER**.

BUT SURELY **BROKENSTAR** WOULDN'T HARM KITS!

DON'T BE SO SURE.

HOW OLD ARE THOSE KITS NOW, **THREE MOONS**?

THE WARRIOR CODE SAYS TRAINING SHOULD **BEGIN** AT SIX MOONS. BUT **BROKENSTAR** **DISAGREES**.

HE SENDS THEM OUT AS **FULL WARRIORS** INTO **BATTLE** BY **FIVE MOONS**.

B-BUT SURELY THEY WOULD BE TOO SMALL TO FIGHT!

THEY ARE.

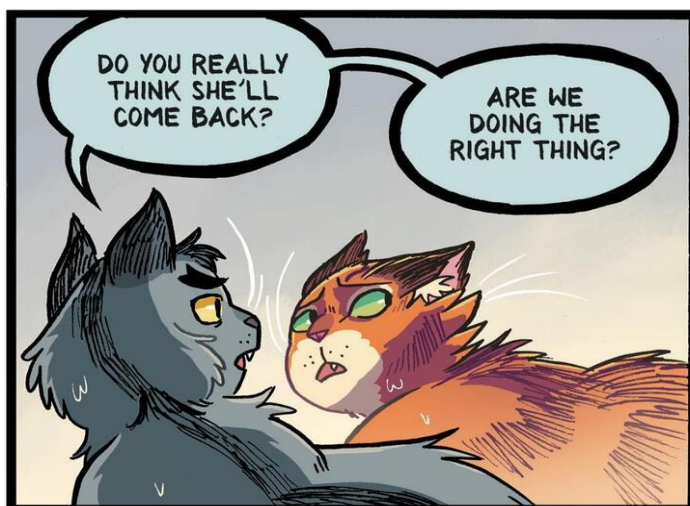
BROKENSTAR DOESN'T CARE.

KITS ARE **DISPOSABLE** TO HIM.

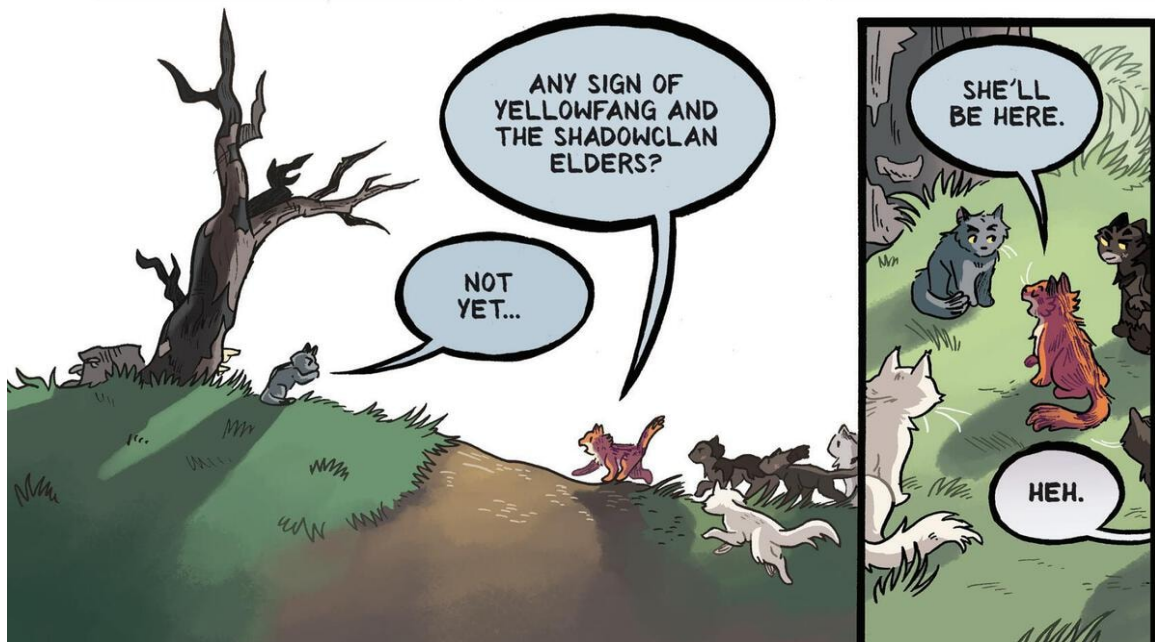
WHEN **SHADOWCLAN** RUNS OUT, THEY CAN JUST STEAL MORE.



















IT'S CLAWFACE!!

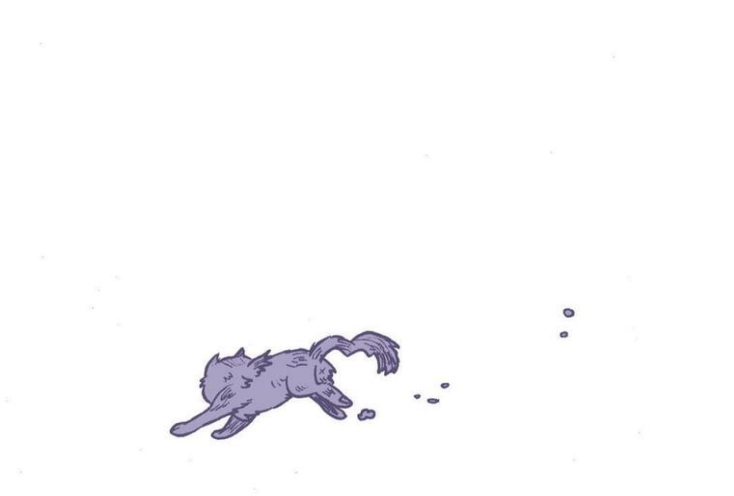














THUNDERCLAN, YOU
HELPED SHADOWCLAN
RID ITSELF OF A BRUTAL
AND DANGEROUS LEADER.

IT IS TIME YOU
LEFT OUR CAMP
SO WE CAN BEGIN TO
REBUILD OURSELVES.

OF COURSE.

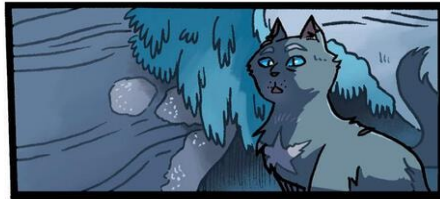
ON BEHALF OF
THUNDERCLAN,
HUNT IN PEACE
FOR ONE MOON
WHILE YOU DO.

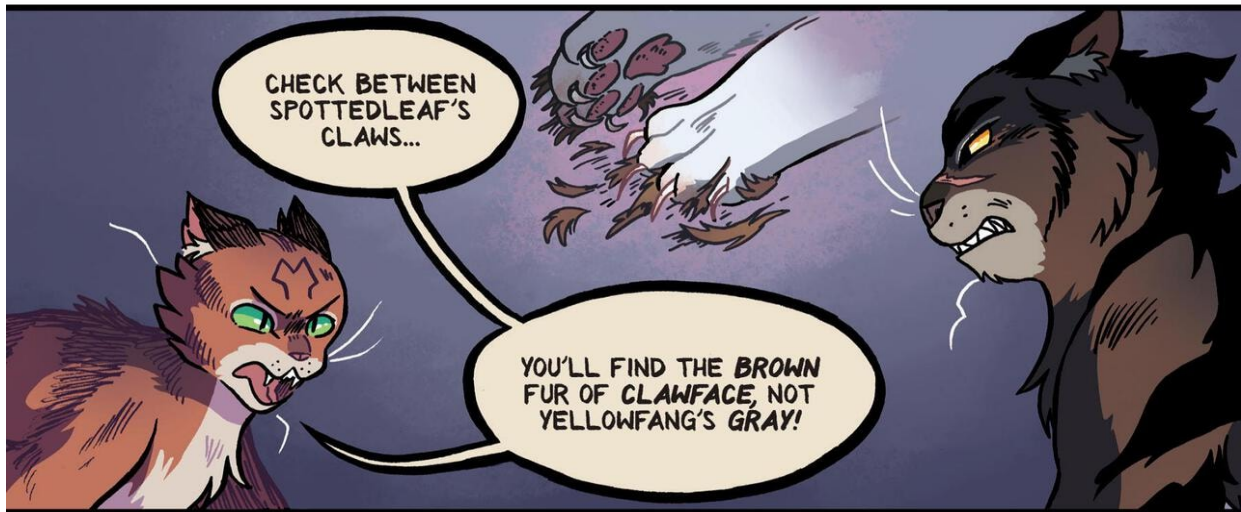


AND YOU,
YELLOWFANG?

WILL YOU RETURN
WITH US, OR STAY
HERE WITH YOUR
OLD CLANMATES?









I AM
GLAD TO
HEAR IT.



YELLOWFANG.

I WOULD LIKE YOU
TO REPLACE SPOTTEDLEAF
AS OUR MEDICINE CAT.

WOULD YOU
DO THE CLAN
THIS HONOR?



YES, BLUESTAR.
THANK YOU.

WAIT--



WHAT HAPPENED
TO RAVENPAW, MY
APPRENTICE?



STRANGE
THAT HE
DISAPPEARED
ALONG WITH
BROKENSTAR--

RAVENPAW
WAS NOT A
TRAITOR.



RAVENPAW
IS DEAD.

WE FOUND HIS
BODY IN SHADOWCLAN
TERRITORY, WHERE A
WARRIOR PATROL HAD
KILLED HIM.







THEN BY
THE POWER OF
STARCLAN...

...I GIVE YOU
YOUR WARRIOR
NAMES...

GRAYPAW, YOU
WILL BE KNOWN
AS GRAYSTRIPE.



AND FIREPAW,
YOU WILL BE KNOWN
AS FIREHEART.



I AM PROUD
TO HAVE YOU AS MY
WARRIOR HERE IN
THUNDERCLAN.

SERVE
US WELL,
YOUNG ONE.



FIREHEART!

GRAYSTRIPE!

GRAYSTRIPE!

FIREHEART!











**PART THREE:
GRAYSTRIPE'S SECRET**















VERY WELL,
BLUESTAR...

...



SHADOWCLAN WILL
ALLOW WINDCLAN
TO RETURN.

TWO OF US
HAVE AGREED,
THEN...

WINDCLAN MUST
BE FOUND AND
BROUGHT HOME.

UNTIL THEN,
NO CLAN SHOULD HUNT
IN THEIR TERRITORY.









SPOTTEDLEAF?

FIRE...

...FIRE
ALONE...

CAN SAVE
OUR CLAN!

WHAT?

FIREHEART,
WAKE UP!





I WANT YOU TO
FIND WINDCLAN AND
BRING THEM BACK TO
THEIR TERRITORY.

BEAR IN MIND
THAT THIS WILL BE
VERY DANGEROUS.

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE
THEY HAVE GONE, SO YOU'LL
HAVE TO FOLLOW WHAT'S LEFT OF
THEIR SCENT, POSSIBLY THROUGH
HOSTILE TERRITORY.

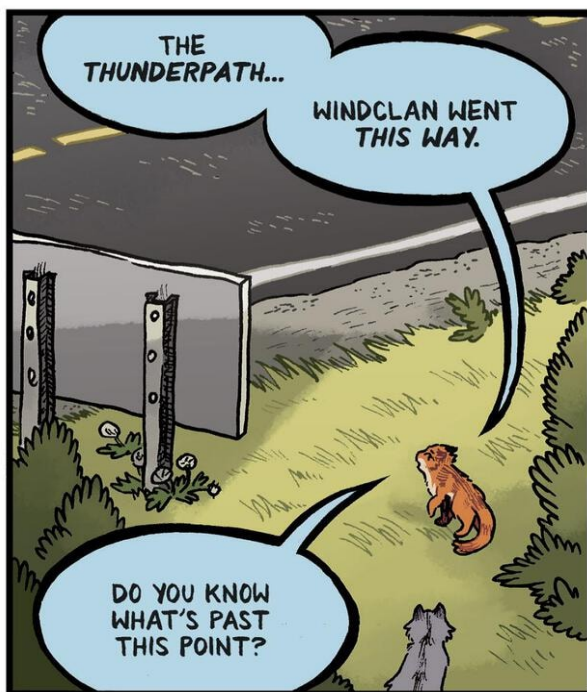
OUR OTHER WARRIORS
ARE NEEDED HERE, SO
WE CAN ONLY SEND
THE TWO OF YOU.

YOU MUST
LEAVE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.



GOOD LUCK
TO YOU BOTH.









WINDCLAN!

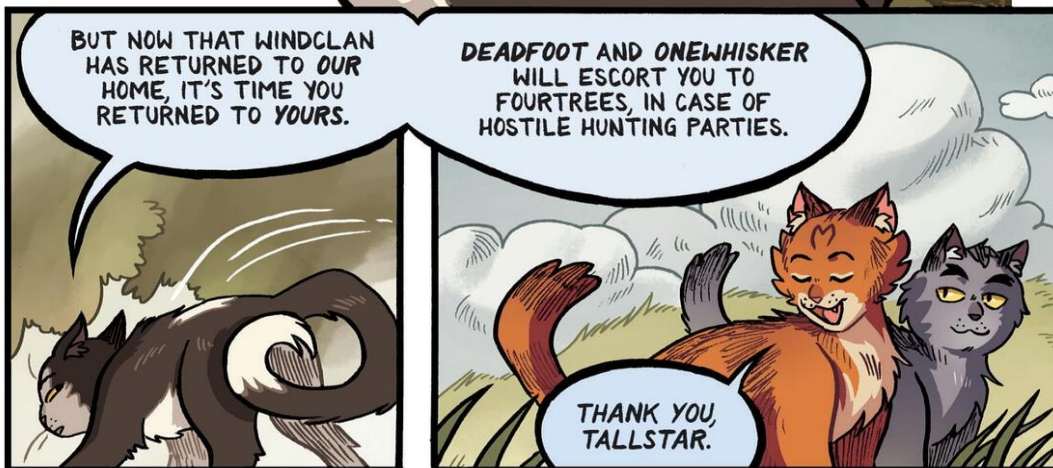






















I CAN TELL TIGERCLAW
IS WAITING FOR ME
TO FAIL, BUT...



...WHEN CINDERPAW LOOKS AT
ME, I CAN SEE THE PRIDE
IN HER EYES AT BEING
MY APPRENTICE.



WAS THIS WHAT I
LOOKED LIKE WHEN I
WAS AN APPRENTICE?



FIREHEART!

Good morning,
Graystripe.

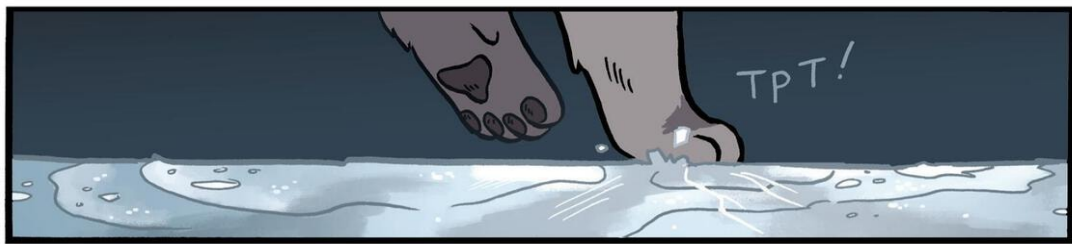


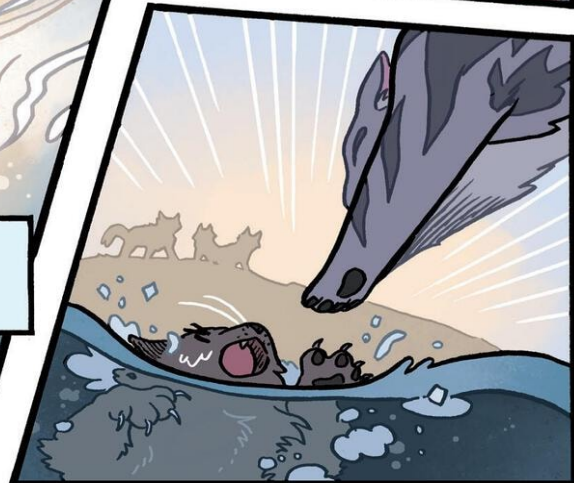
What is our
assignment
today?

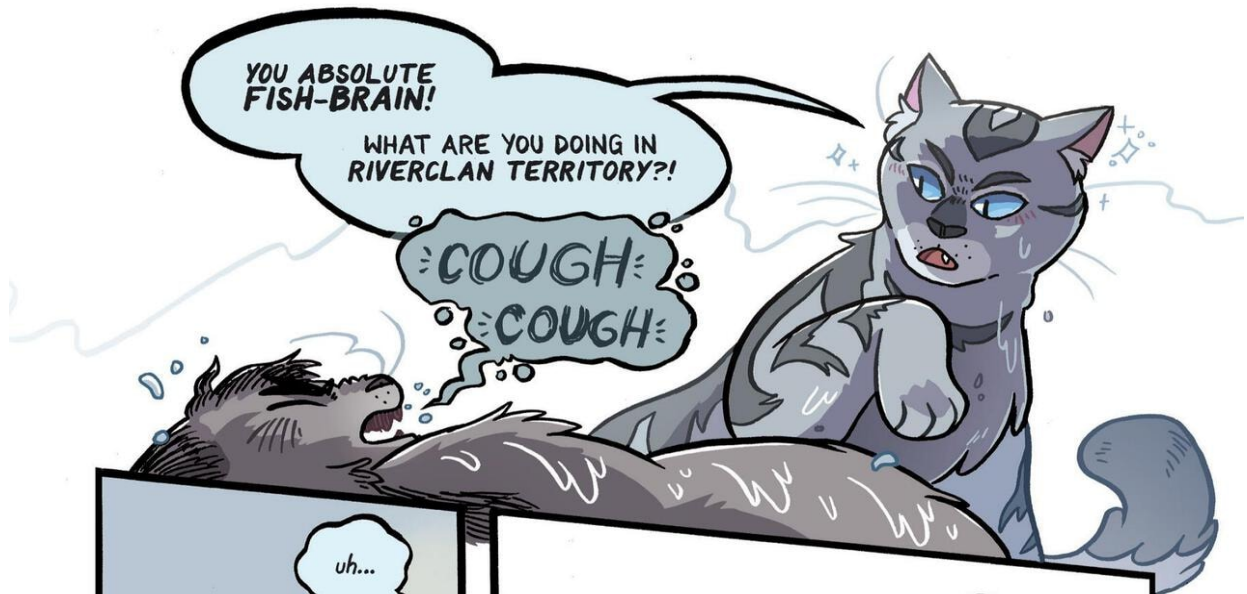
HUNTING!















THANKS,
FIREHEART.

YELLOWFANG
HAS ME STAYING
IN CAMP TO REST.

I'M NOT SURPRISED.
WHAT HERBS DID
SHE GIVE YOU?

FEVERFEW
AND LAVENDER.

IS EVERYTHING
OKAY, GRAYSTRIPE?

WHAT?

OH.
UH, YEAH.

I'M
GOOD.

OKAY.

I'LL TAKE
BRACKENPAW
OUT WITH ME AND
CINDERPAW TODAY.

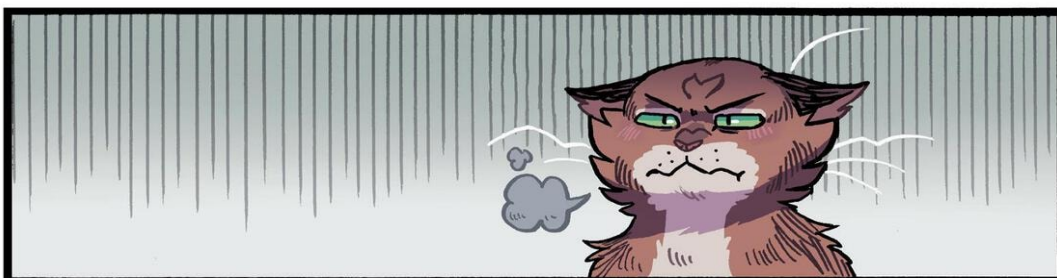
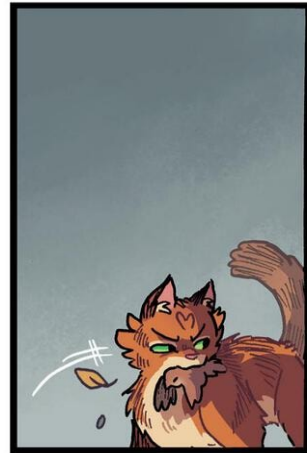
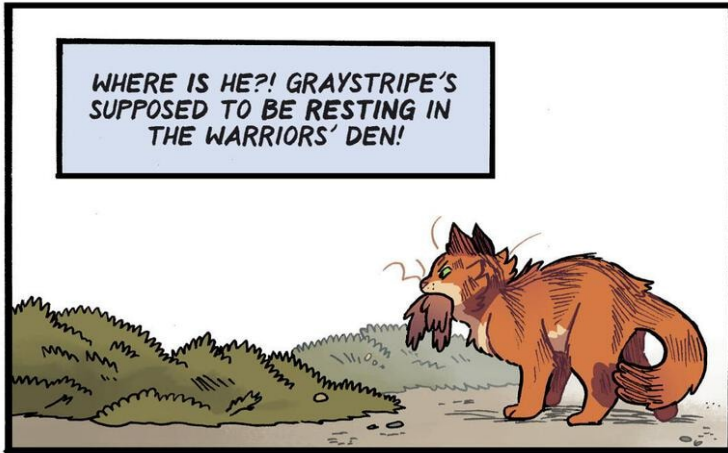
REST UP,
ALL RIGHT?

mhm.



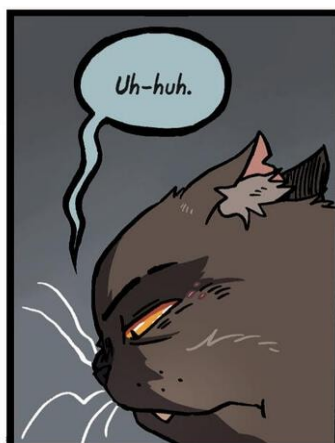
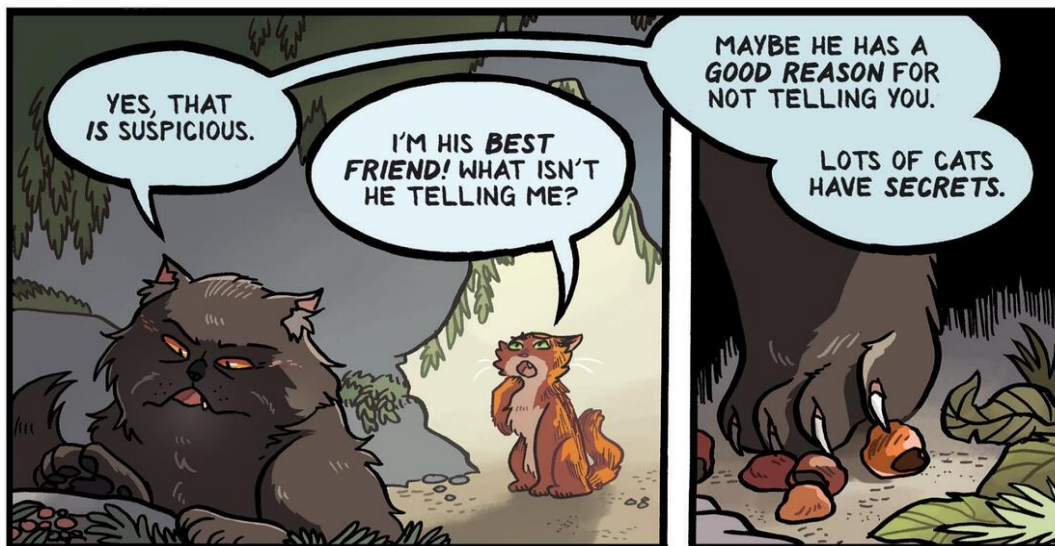








HMMM...



AND BRACKENPAW'S
GOT A KEEN EYE
FOR HUNTING...

HE REALLY
IS A CREDIT TO
GRAYSTRIPE.



YES, THANKS
TO YOUR
TRAINING.

GRAYSTRIPE
MUST STILL BE
SICK, RIGHT?

MAYBE THIS
IS ALL IN
MY HEAD.

REGARDLESS, YOUR
BEST FRIEND IS WASTING
ALL MY GOOD LAVENDER
BY NOT FOCUSING ON
GETTING BETTER.

COULD YOU GO
LOOKING FOR SOME
MORE FOR ME?

SANDPAW
OUT THERE
LOOKS BORED.

YAAAAAWN!!

WHY DON'T YOU
ASK HER TO GO
WITH YOU?











IT IS JUST
AS I FEARED.



WE MUST
GO TO
THEIR AID!



BLUESTAR,
WE ARE
LEAF-BARE
WEAK!



WE HAVE ALREADY
RISKED OURSELVES TO
HELP WINDCLAN...

LET THEM TAKE CARE
OF THEMSELVES!



NO, BLUESTAR
IS RIGHT.

IF SHADOWCLAN
AND RIVERCLAN
HAVE JOINED...



...THEN IT'S ONLY
A MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE THEY LOOK
GREEDILY TO OUR
TERRITORY.

BETTER TO
FIGHT NOW WITH
WINDCLAN THAN
LATER ALONE.

WE'LL
SAID.



TIGERCLAW, I NEED
YOU TO ORGANIZE TWO
PATROLS TO SEND
INTO BATTLE.

I WILL--

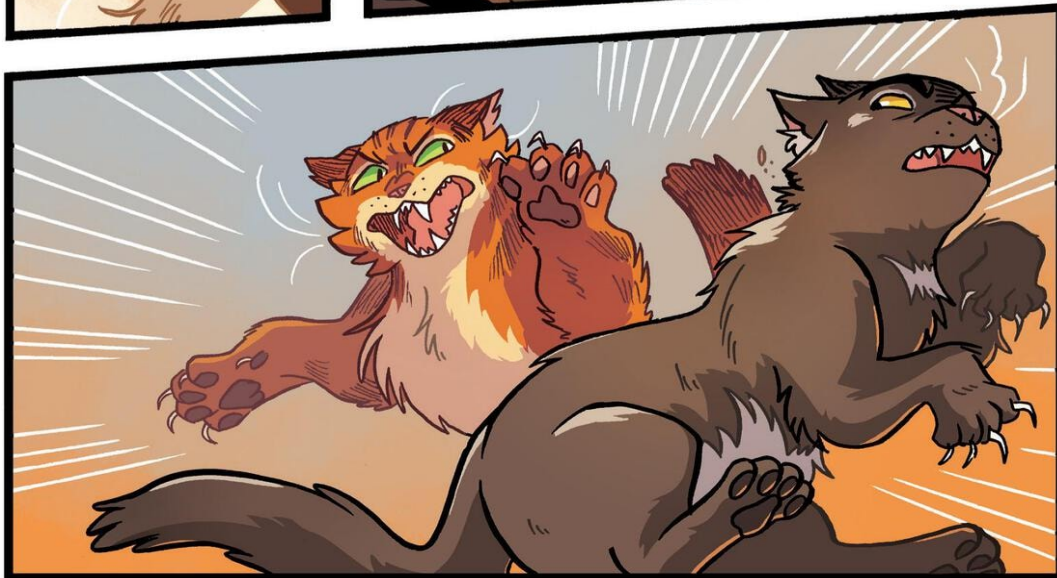
BLUESTAR!













YOWWWL!



HISSSS!!

THAT'S...



...THE RIVERCLAN CAT
THAT SAVED GRAYSTRIPE!

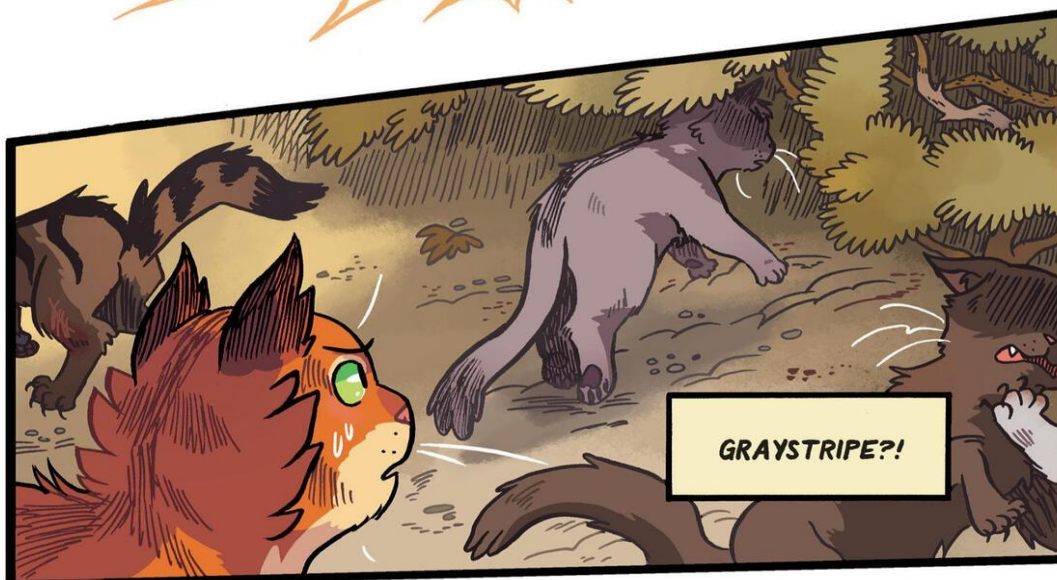
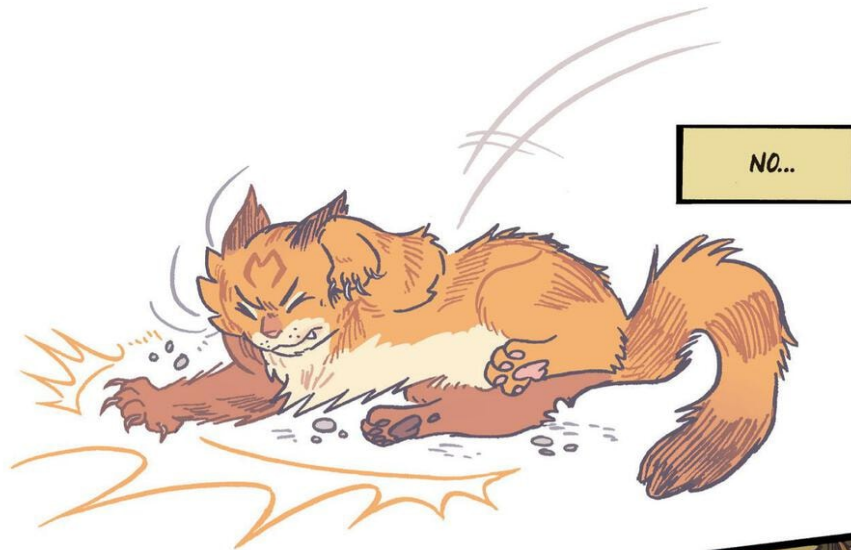


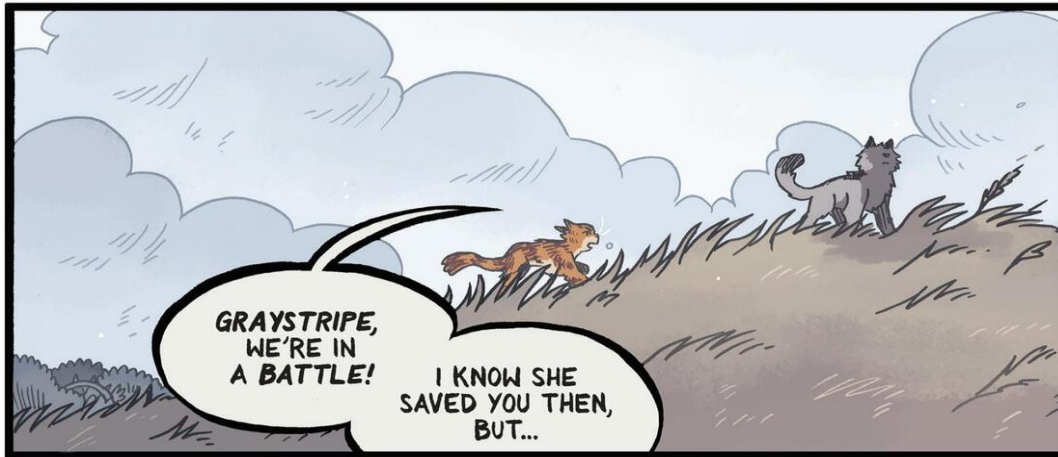
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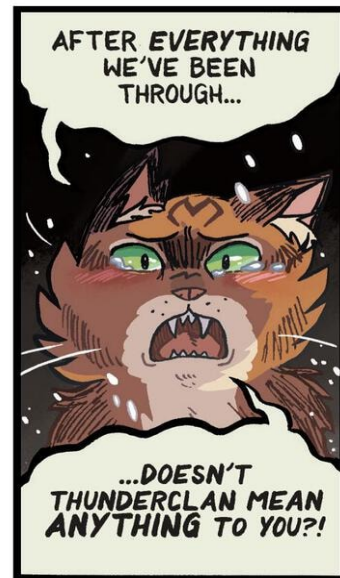
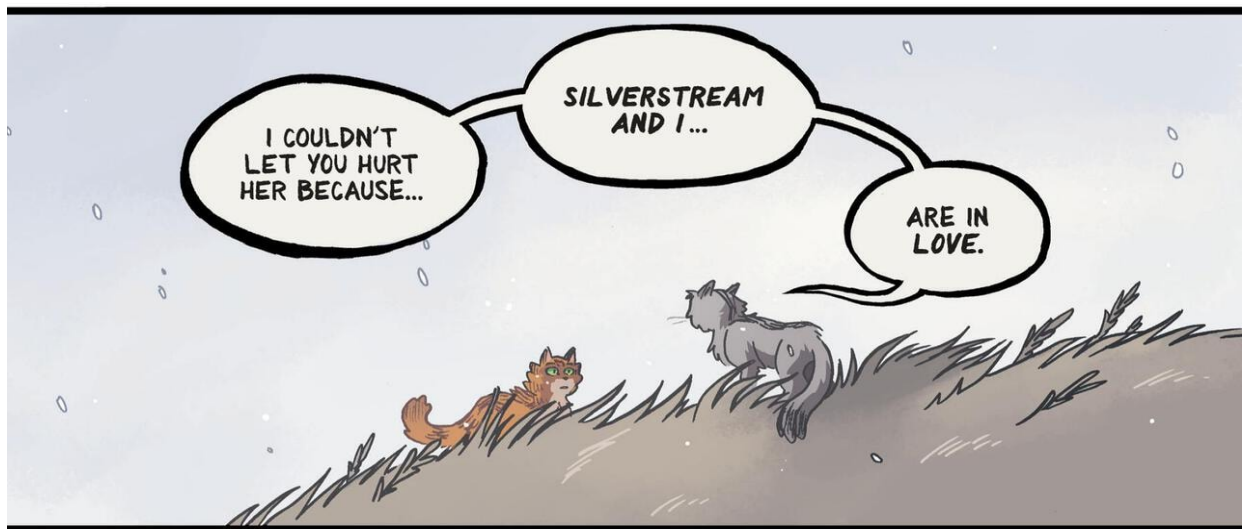


SCRUFF

STOP!



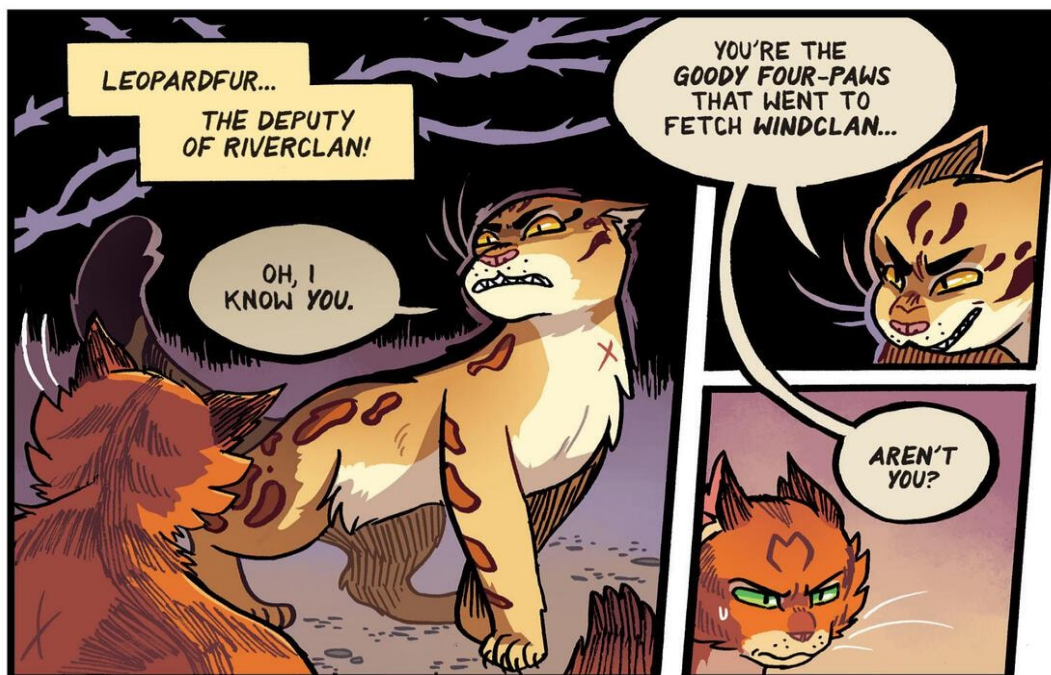




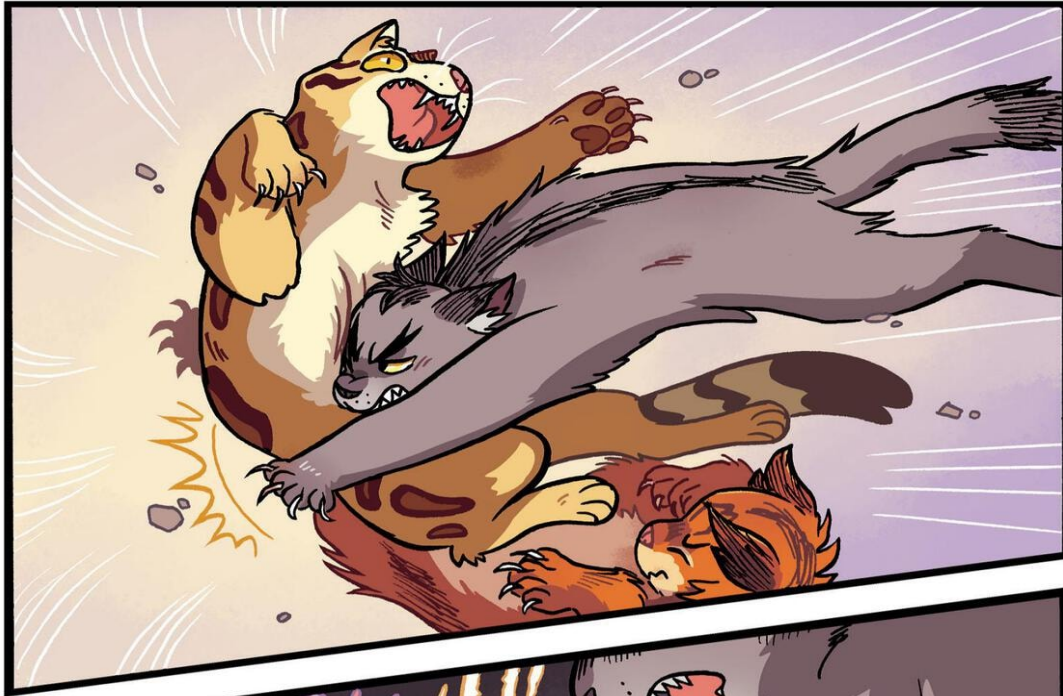






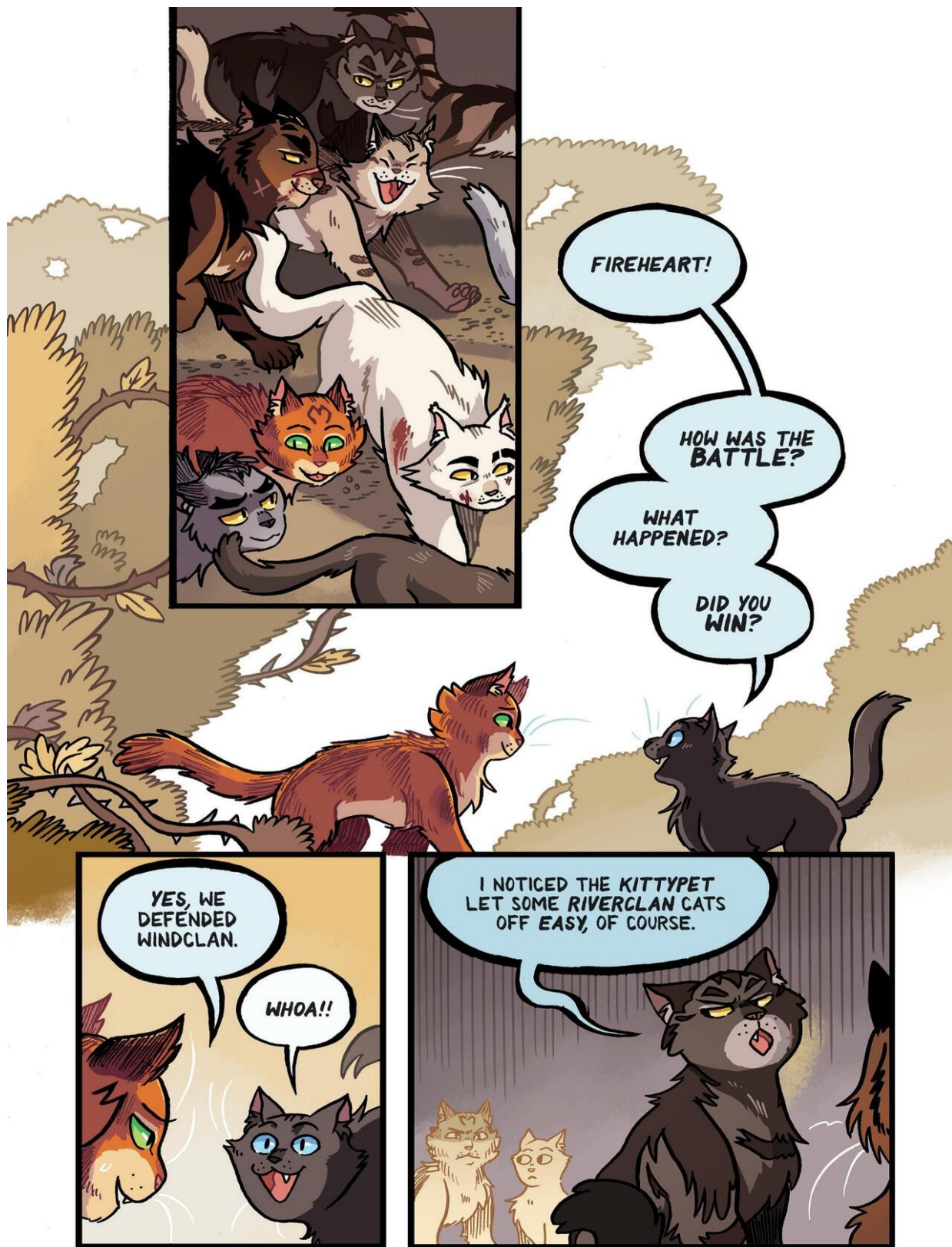












FIREHEART!

HOW WAS THE
BATTLE?

WHAT
HAPPENED?

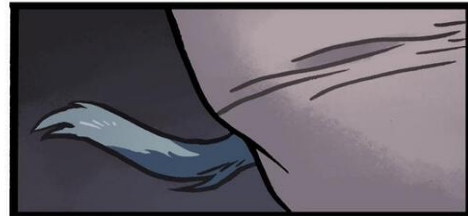
DID YOU
WIN?

YES, WE
DEFENDED
WINDCLAN.

WHOA!!

I NOTICED THE KITTYPET
LET SOME RIVERCLAN CATS
OFF EASY, OF COURSE.











TIGERCLAW SUSPECTS
THAT I KNOW HIS SECRET,
AND HE'LL DO ANYTHING
TO KEEP IT.

BUT I'M NOT
AFRAID OF HIM LIKE
RAVENPAW WAS.

**I HAVE MY FRIENDS
AND I HAVE MY CLAN.**

**I HAVE MY OWN
FOUR PAWS AND MY
WARRIOR'S HEART.**



**IT WASN'T
EASY, BUT...**



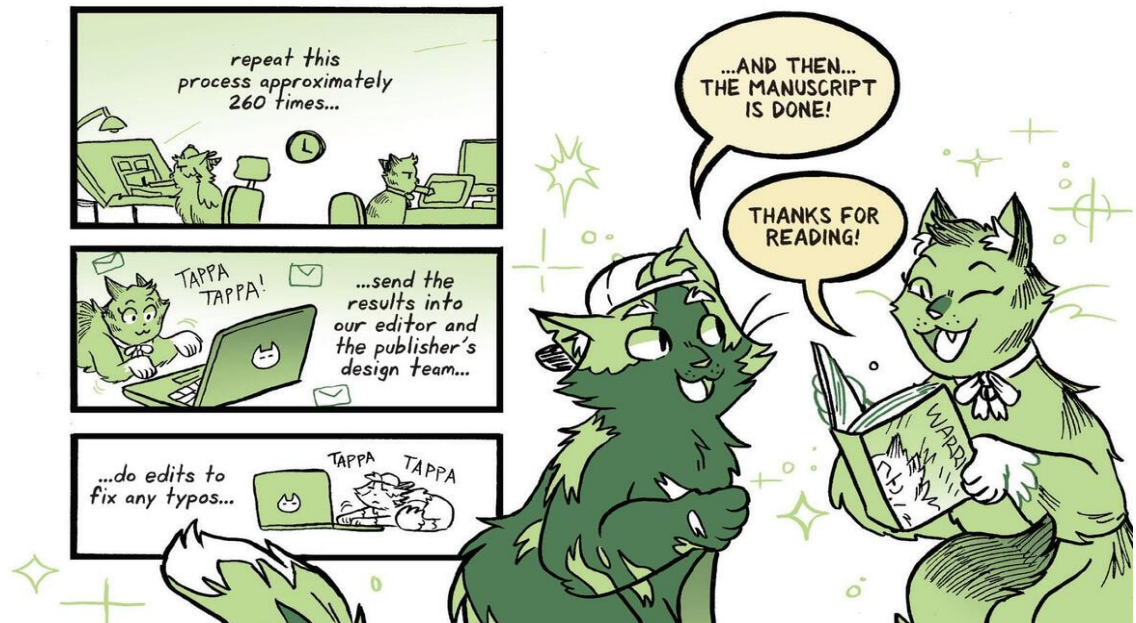
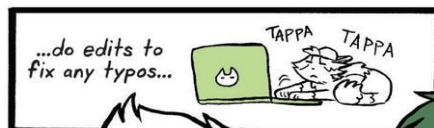
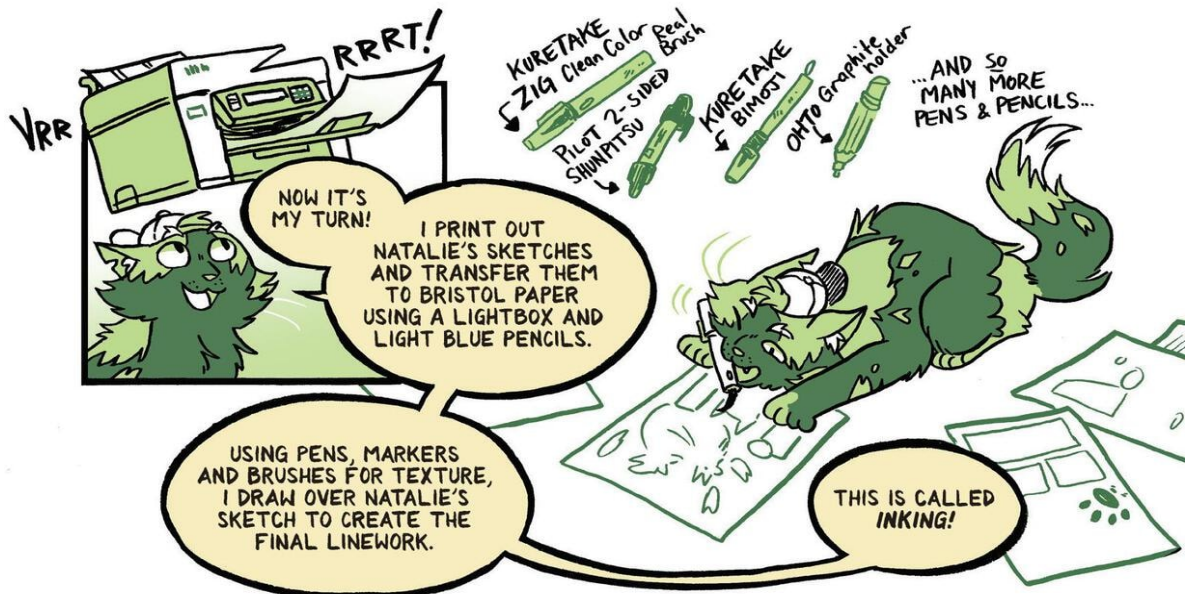
...I HAVE BECOME A
WARRIOR OF
THUNDERCLAN!

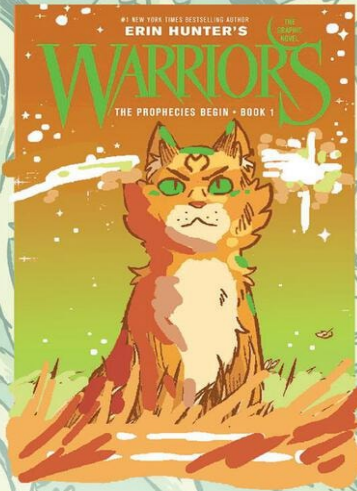
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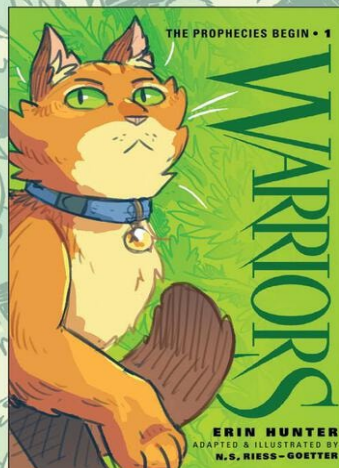
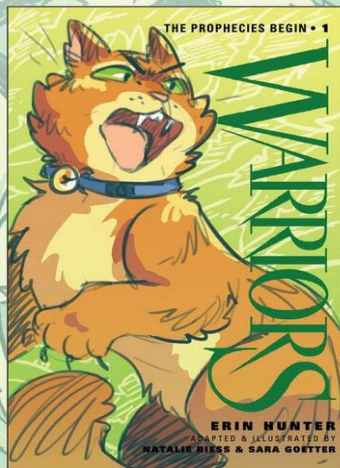
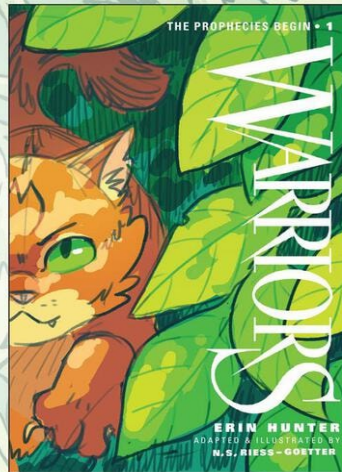
BEHIND THE SCENES...







ALTERNATE
COVER SKETCHES



DEVELOP
FIREH
CHAR
DES

CHEEK TUFTS,
POINT UP

"FIRE"
EARS

4 STRIPES
("MACKEREL"
TYPE)



...and maybe a little bit
cute. But not too cute!
He is a warrior, after all!



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