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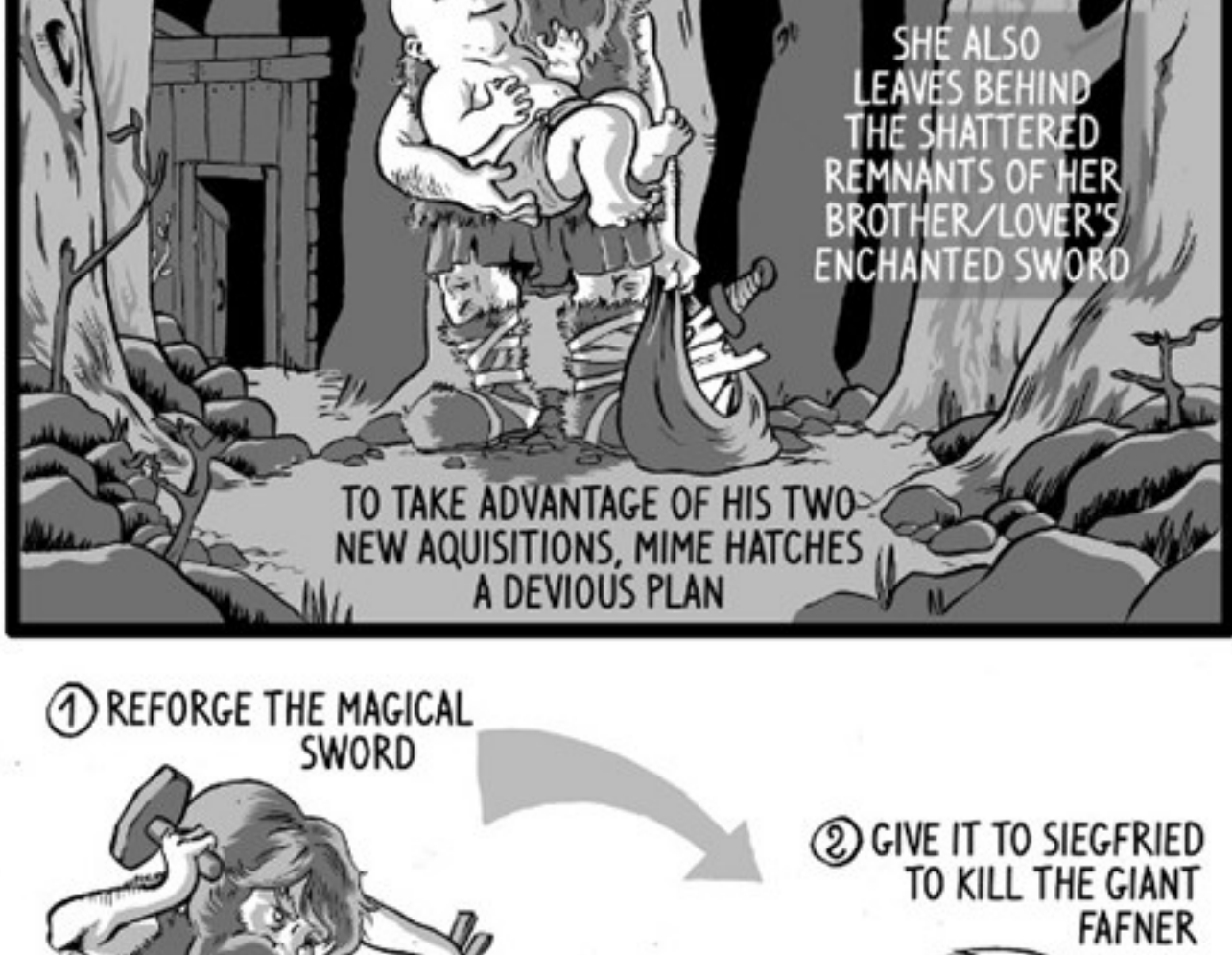
# SIEGFRIED

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SIEGLINDE, EXILED AND PREGNANT WITH HER (RECENTLY DECEASED) TWIN BROTHER'S CHILD, WANDERS ALONE THROUGH THE FOREST

SHE IS TAKEN IN BY MIME, A DWARF WITH SINISTER MOTIVES...



TRAGICALLY, SHE DIES DURING CHILDBIRTH, LEAVING MIME WITH HER INFANT SON

SHE ALSO LEAVES BEHIND THE SHATTERED REMNANTS OF HER BROTHER/LOVER'S ENCHANTED SWORD

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS TWO NEW ACQUISITIONS, MIME HATCHES A DEVIOUS PLAN

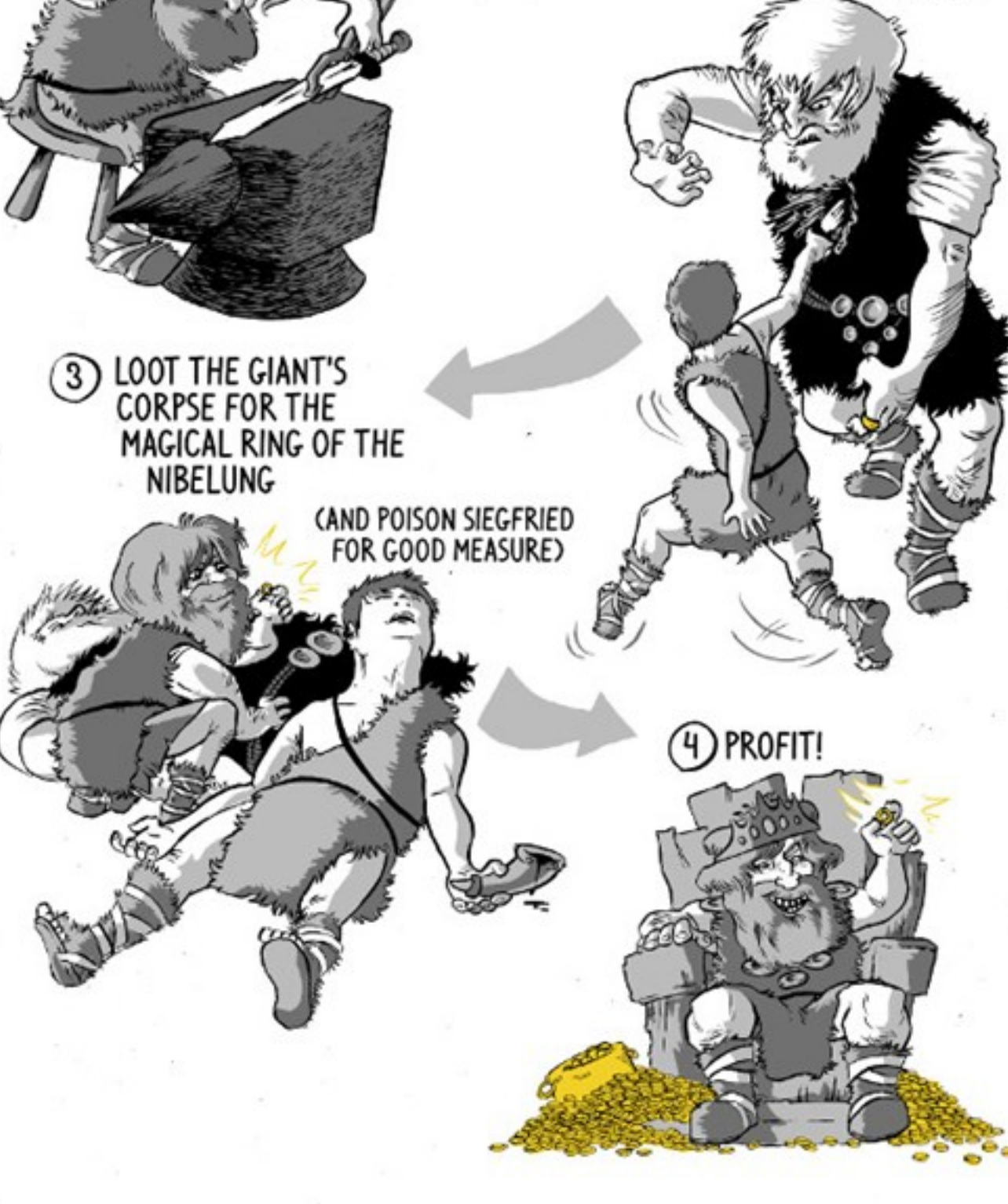
① REFORGE THE MAGICAL SWORD

② GIVE IT TO SIEGFRIED TO KILL THE GIANT FAFNER

③ LOOT THE GIANT'S CORPSE FOR THE MAGICAL RING OF THE NIBELUNG

(AND POISON SIEGFRIED FOR GOOD MEASURE)

④ PROFIT!



HOWEVER, FAST FORWARD A GOOD FEW YEARS AND WE FIND THAT MIME'S PLAN HAS STALLED AT THE FIRST STAGE



HE'S HAD NO LUCK REFORGING THE SWORD, AND SIEGFRIED HAS GROWN SO STRONG HE BREAKS ANY OTHER BLADE HE WIELDS

GROWING IMPATIENT, SIEGFRIED MENDS HIS FATHER'S SWORD HIMSELF

...AND SETS OFF TO KILL FAFNER

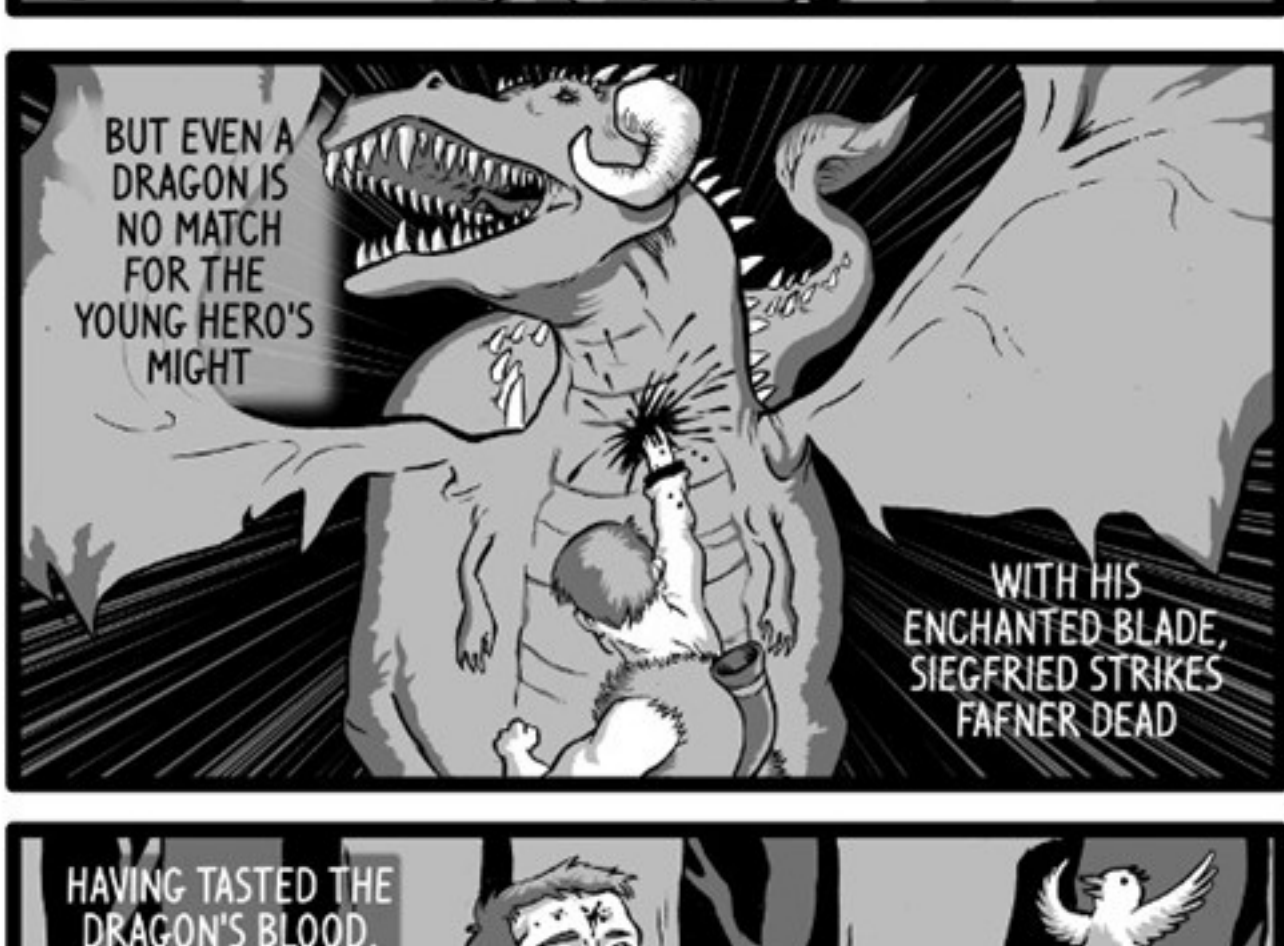


AT FAFNER'S LAIR, HE FINDS THE GIANT HAS USED THE POWER OF THE RHINE GOLD TO TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO A FEARSOME DRAGON



BUT EVEN A DRAGON IS NO MATCH FOR THE YOUNG HERO'S MIGHT

WITH HIS ENCHANTED BLADE, SIEGFRIED STRIKES FAFNER DEAD



HAVING TASTED THE DRAGON'S BLOOD, SIEGFRIED FINDS HIMSELF ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE BIRDSONG OF THE FOREST

FROM THE MELODY, HE LEARNS THE FULL STORY OF THE RING...AND ALSO OF MIME'S PLAN TO POISON HIM



HE BEATS MIME TO THE PUNCH

...AND CLAIMS THE RING AS HIS OWN



THE BIRDSONG ALSO TELLS OF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN TRAPPED IN A CIRCLE OF FLAME

EVER THE HERO, SIEGFRIED SETS OFF TO SAVE HER



HE FINDS HIS PATH BLOCKED BY HIS GRANDFATHER, WOTAN (WHO THESE DAYS IS KNOWN AS "THE WANDERER")

THE GOD-KING TRIES TO DISSUADE SIEGFRIED FROM HIS QUEST



BUT WITH A SWIPE OF HIS SWORD, HE SHATTERS THE WANDERER'S MAGIC SPEAR

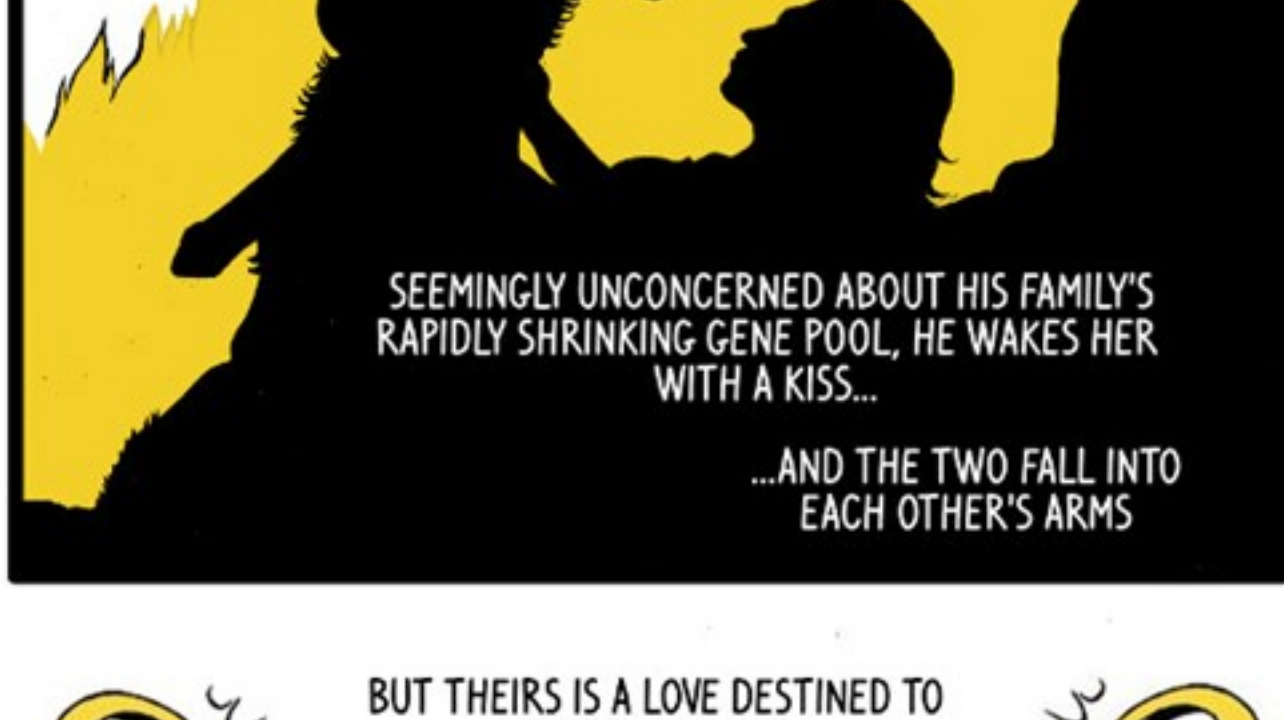
BARGING PAST, HE BREACHES THE WALL OF FLAMES



INSIDE, HE FINDS HIMSELF FACE TO FACE WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL AUNT BRÜNNHILDE

SEEMINGLY UNCONCERNED ABOUT HIS FAMILY'S RAPIDLY SHRINKING GENE POOL, HE WAKES HER WITH A KISS...

...AND THE TWO FALL INTO EACH OTHER'S ARMS



BUT THEIRS IS A LOVE DESTINED TO END IN DISASTER...

...AND THE DEMISE OF THE VERY GODS THEMSELVES...



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