

A comic book style illustration for the Diablo Immortal cover. In the center, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue and black robe, stands with a sword at his waist. To his right, a knight in full plate armor with a red plumed helmet holds a sword aloft. In the lower left, a woman in a red cloak and a man in a blue tunic are visible. The background is a fiery, orange-red landscape with smoke and falling debris.

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Amid a sleepless night, a young Prince Albrecht seeks out his father, King Leoric, for counsel. To ease his son's troubled mind, Leoric regales him with the legend of the great conqueror, King Aughild, and his many feats throughout Entsteig. The tale is one Albrecht won't soon forget—an ideal every king should aspire to.

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F--FATHER?



ALBRECHT?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
AWAKE?

I WAS...
I CAN'T
SLEEP.

I...



GO ON...

THE PEOPLE IN
TOWN TREAT ME
DIFFERENT.

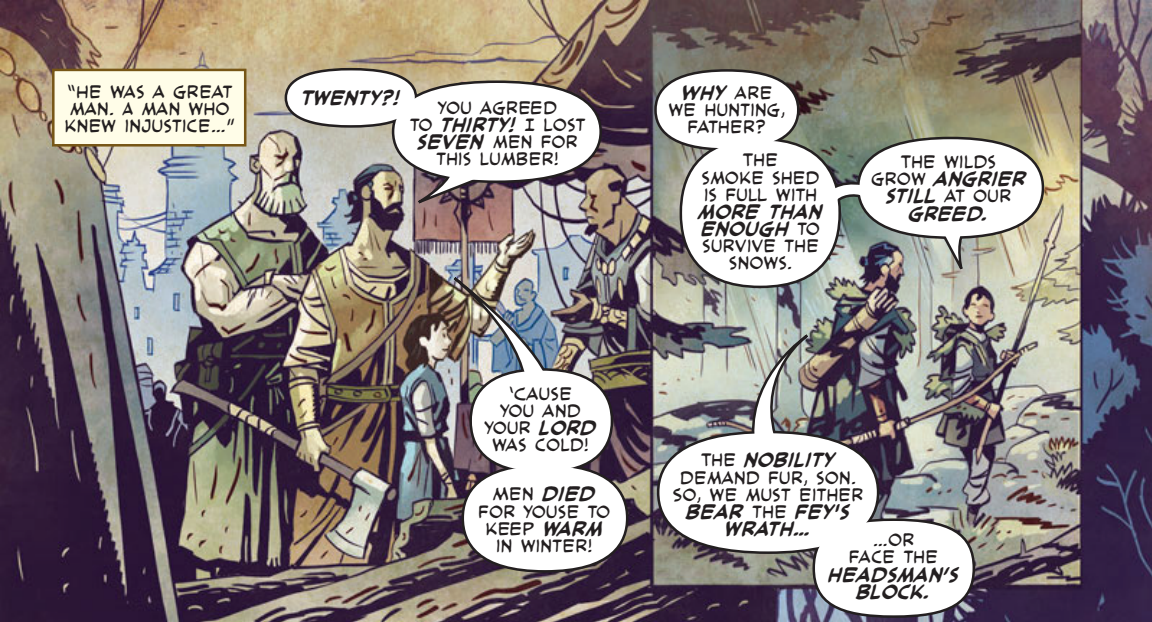


BUT
YOU **ARE**
DIFFERENT,
MY SON.

YOU ARE
A **PRINCE**,
AND MAY WELL
BE A **KING**
ONE DAY.

PERHAPS
THE NEXT
AUGHILD!

AUGHILD...?



"HE WAS A GREAT MAN. A MAN WHO KNEW INJUSTICE..."

TWENTY?!

YOU AGREED TO **THIRTY!** I LOST **SEVEN** MEN FOR THIS LUMBER!

WHY ARE WE HUNTING, FATHER?

THE SMOKE SHED IS FULL WITH **MORE THAN ENOUGH** TO SURVIVE THE SNOWS.

THE WILDS GROW **ANGRIER** STILL AT OUR **GREED.**

'CAUSE YOU AND YOUR **LORD** WAS COLD!

MEN **DIED** FOR YOUSE TO KEEP **WARM** IN WINTER!

THE **NOBILITY** DEMAND FUR, SON. SO, WE MUST EITHER **BEAR** THE **FEY'S WRATH...**

...OR FACE THE **HEADSMAN'S BLOCK.**



"AS AUGHILD GREW, HE TIRED OF THE **INJUSTICES** HEAPED UPON HIS PEOPLE. SO...HE MADE A **CLAIM OF SPIRIT!**"

"A CLAIM OF SPIRIT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND."

"HE VENTURED **ALONE**, DEEP INTO THE **WILDS** AND STRUCK A **BARGAIN** WITH THE **LAND...**

"...AND THE **LAND** ITSELF SAW HIS VIRTUE AND COURAGE. IT **CHOSE** HIM AS KING."



WITH YOUR **HELP**, I WILL BRING **VENGEANCE** UPON THE PEOPLE OF **ENTSTEIG.**

MY WARBAND WILL REMIND THEM TO **FEAR** THE DARK PLACES **BENEATH** THE **BOUGHS.**

AND THE **FEY** WILL BE FREE TO TAKE THE WILDS THAT ARE THEIRS BY RIGHTS.

"WAS HE
KIND?"

"OF
COURSE!"

THE SEASON
CHANGES, BROTHERS!
LET THOSE OF NOBLE
BIRTH FEEL THE NEW
WIND BLOW!

"BUT SADLY, NOT
EVERYONE RESPECTS
KINDNESS, AND HE WAS
FORCED INTO BATTLE."

"THOUGH AUGHILD'S
WILL WAS SUCH THAT
THE SKY GREW DARK
TO HIDE HIS ARMIES..."

NIGHT? HOW
COULD IT--

GET 'EM!

"...RAIN FELL AS THOUGH
RIVERS POURED FROM THE
CLOUDS, TURNING FERTILE
FIELD TO SWAMP AND
ENSNARING HIS ENEMIES."

FALL
BACK!

"HIS WAS THE **FIRST** ARMY
TO **EVER** SUCCESSFULLY
LAY SIEGE TO THE MIGHTY
BASTION OF **ENTSTEIG**."

"THEY **COULDN'T**
BE STOPPED...FOR
THE **LAND** WAS
WITH THEM."

KILL **ANY**
WHO RESIST!
GIVE THEM
STEEL AND
BLOOD!





"HE HAD NO **NEED**
FOR BRUTALITY. THESE
WERE HIS PEOPLE."

"WHO CAN
DEFY A KING
CHOSEN BY
THE LAND
ITSELF?"

"HE BROUGHT
CHANGE, NEW
LAWS."

KING
AUGHILD
ISSUES FIFTY
DEMANDS...

...IF OBEYED,
THERE SHALL BE
NO REPRISALS, YOU
SHALL BE GIVEN
LIFE ANEW.

"WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THOSE WHO
RESISTED?"

"A KING **MUST**
ENSURE HIS SUBJECTS
KNOW WHEN THEY
ERR, MY SON."



"BUT THROUGH
KINDNESS... NOT
CRUELTY."

"IT WAS THE LOVE
AND SUPPORT OF
THE COMMON FOLK
AUGHILD PRIZED
ABOVE ALL."

YOUR
STOREHOUSE
TEEMING WITH
TIMBER... TAKEN
NOT OUT OF
NEED, BUT
TO PROFIT!

WE ARE
NOT TO TAKE
MORE THAN
OUR SHARE.

THOSE
WHO **DISOBEY**
ME WILL BE
JUDGED BY
THE SPIRITS OF
SHARVAL.

"SO, PEOPLE
LIKED HIM?"

"THEY **LOVED**
HIM! HE WAS
BRAVE AND
JUST."

"HE MADE
THE CITY **ANEW**,
STRENGTHENED
A MIGHTY
KINGDOM!"

"BY HIS ACTIONS,
THE MALEVOLENT
SPIRITS OF THE DEEP
WOOD LEFT HIS
PEOPLE IN **PEACE.**"



THAT
SAME NOBLE
STRENGTH LIES
IN YOU AS WELL,
ALBRECHT.

AND THAT IS
HOW PEOPLE
SEE YOU.

THEY SEE
YOUR FUTURE
GREATNESS.
IT **INSPIRES**
THEM.

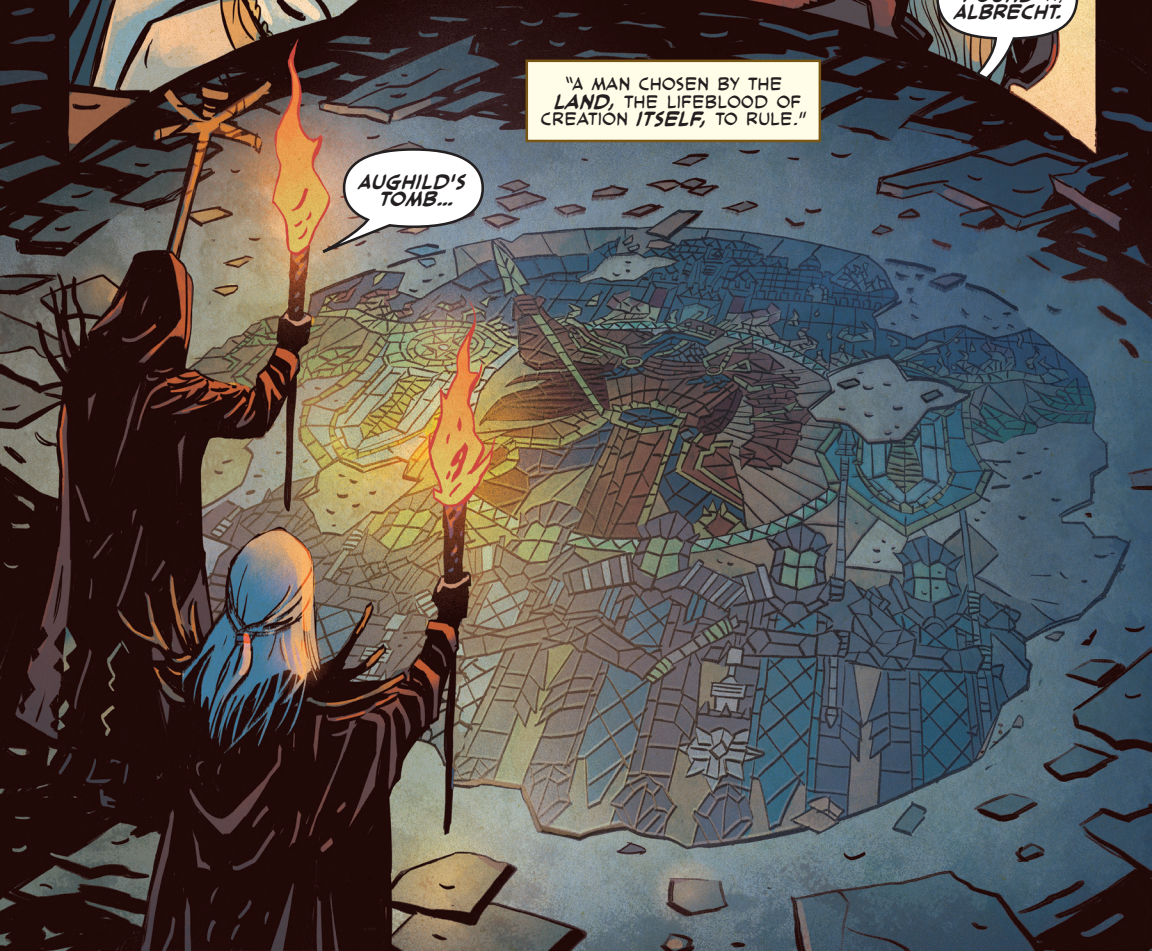


BECAUSE
THEY **KNOW**
WHAT YOU
CAN BE.



"THE **STRENGTH**
GIVEN TO YOU."

WE'VE
FOUND IT,
ALBRECHT.



"A MAN CHOSEN BY THE
LAND, THE LIFELOOD OF
CREATION **ITSELF**, TO RULE."

AUGHILD'S
TOMB...