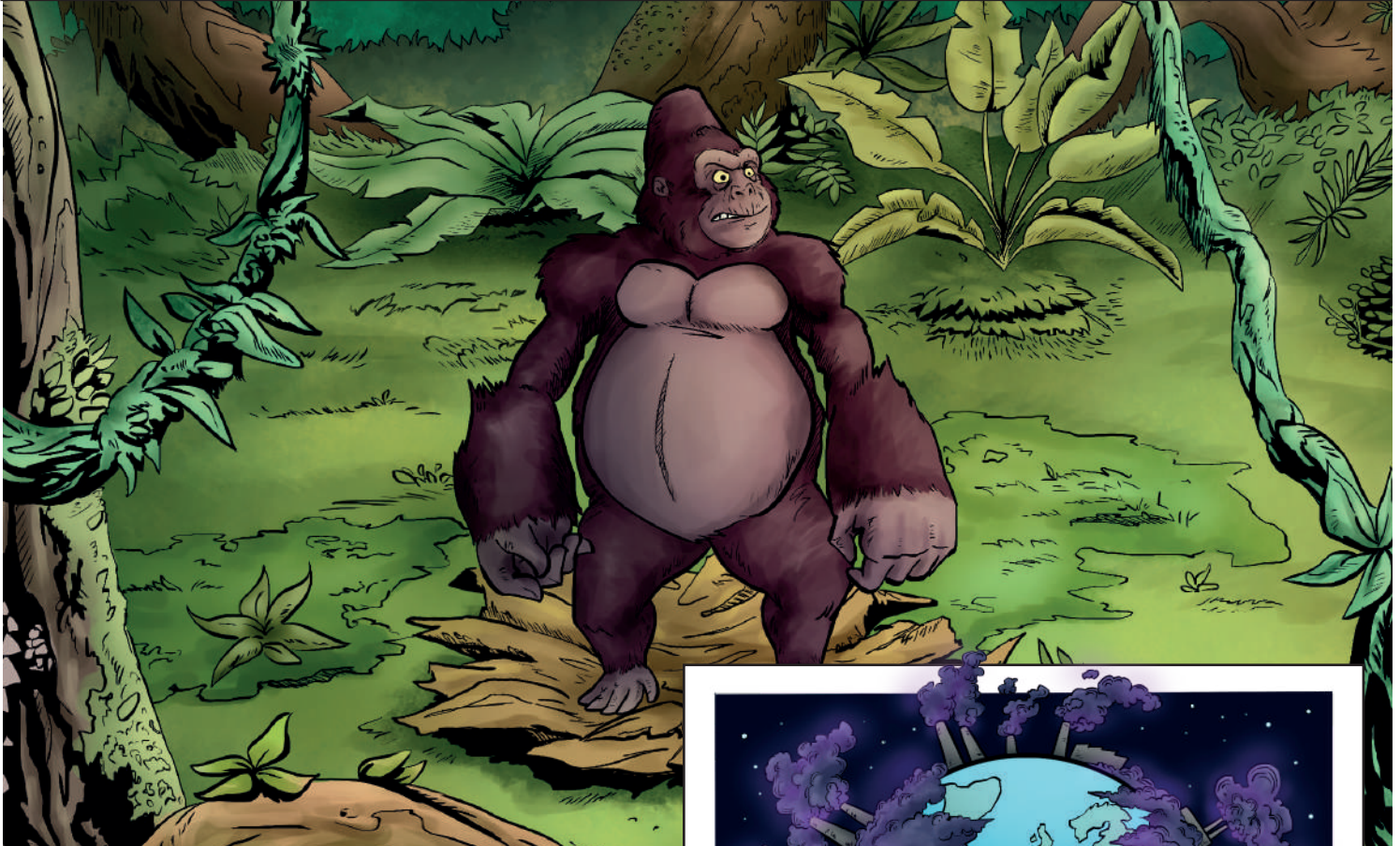


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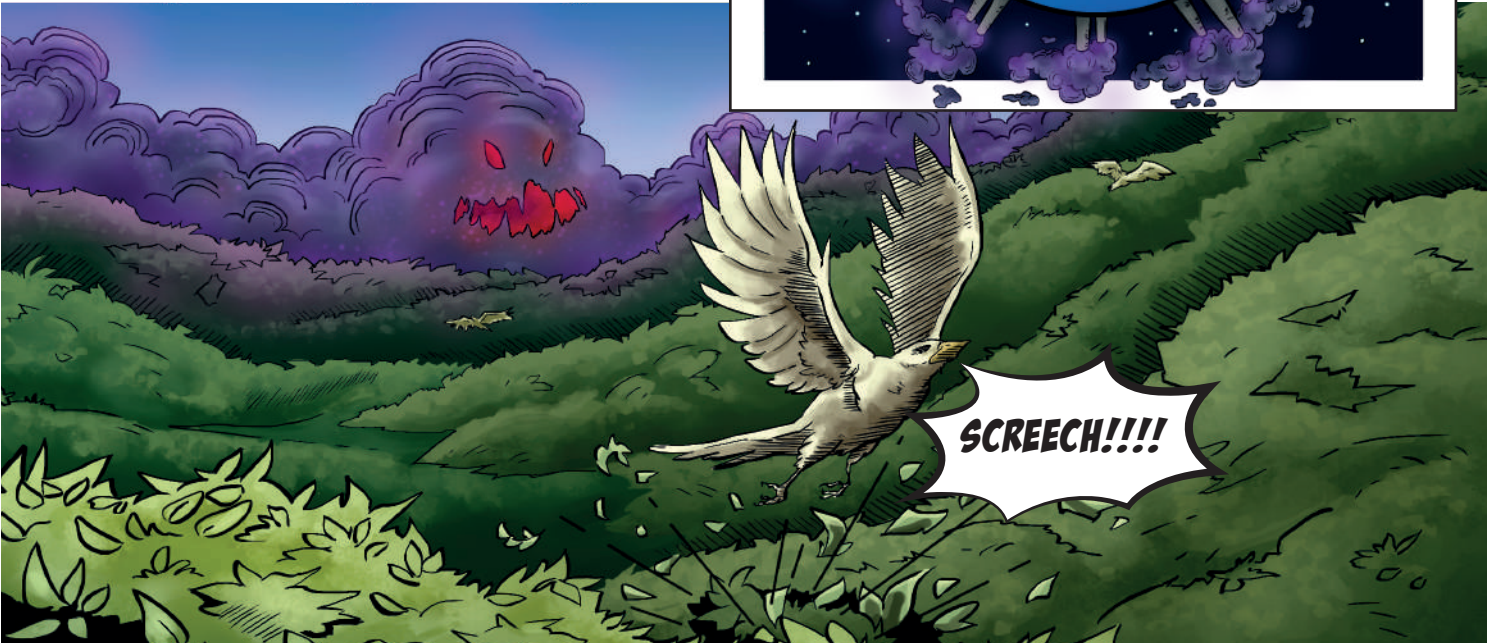


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IT IS THE YEAR 2088. ONE OF RWANDA'S LAST WILD MOUNTAIN GORILLAS FORAGES FOR LEAVES AND SHOOTS IN THE JUNGLE.



UNBEKNOWNST TO THE GORILLA, HIS HOME PLANET HAS BEEN CHOKING ON TOXIC INDUSTRIAL FUMES FOR DECADES - AND AN UNIMAGINABLE EVIL HAS BEEN BORN.



SHADOWS DESCEND OVER THE VIRUNGA MOUNTAINS. BIRDSONG IN THE TREETOPS COMES TO A DEAFENING CRESCENDO.

SUDDENLY, A MONSTROUS ENTITY BREAKS OVER THE HORIZON. ITS GLOWING RED EYES ARE FIXED ON THE GORILLA. A CAVERNOUS MOUTH TAKES FORM.



TENDRILS OF COAL-BLACK SMOKE ROLL ACROSS THE JUNGLE FLOOR, ENVELOPING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.



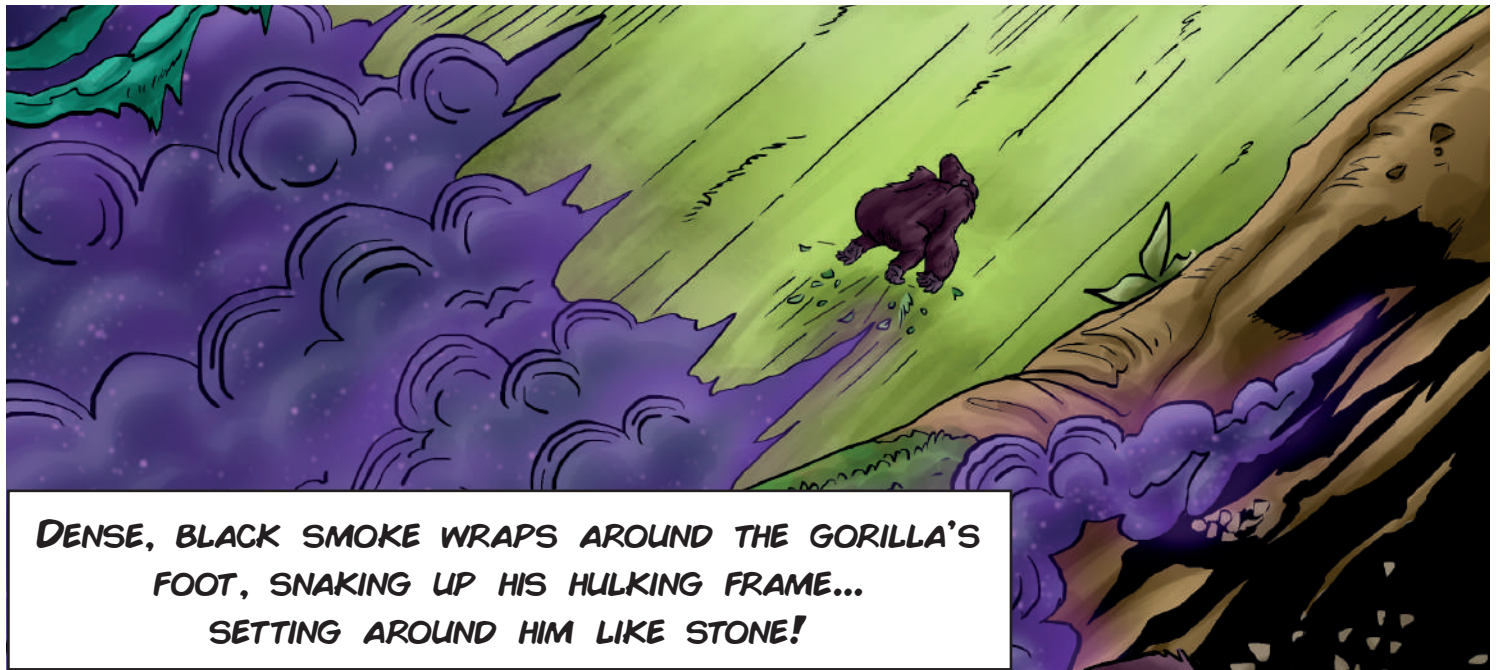
THE FEARSOME MOUNTAIN GORILLA STANDS TO HIS FULL HEIGHT, READY TO FACE THE IMPENDING THREAT. HE BEATS HIS CHEST, EMITTING A FORMIDABLE ROAR. BUT HIS EFFORTS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE MALEVOLENT FORCE.



HE DROPS ONTO HIS POWERFUL FISTS... AND STARTS TO RUN.



THOUGH HE SPRINTS AS FAST AS
HE CAN, HE CAN'T OUTRUN THE
DEADLY VAPOUR.



DENSE, BLACK SMOKE WRAPS AROUND THE GORILLA'S
FOOT, SNAKING UP HIS HULKING FRAME...
SETTING AROUND HIM LIKE STONE!



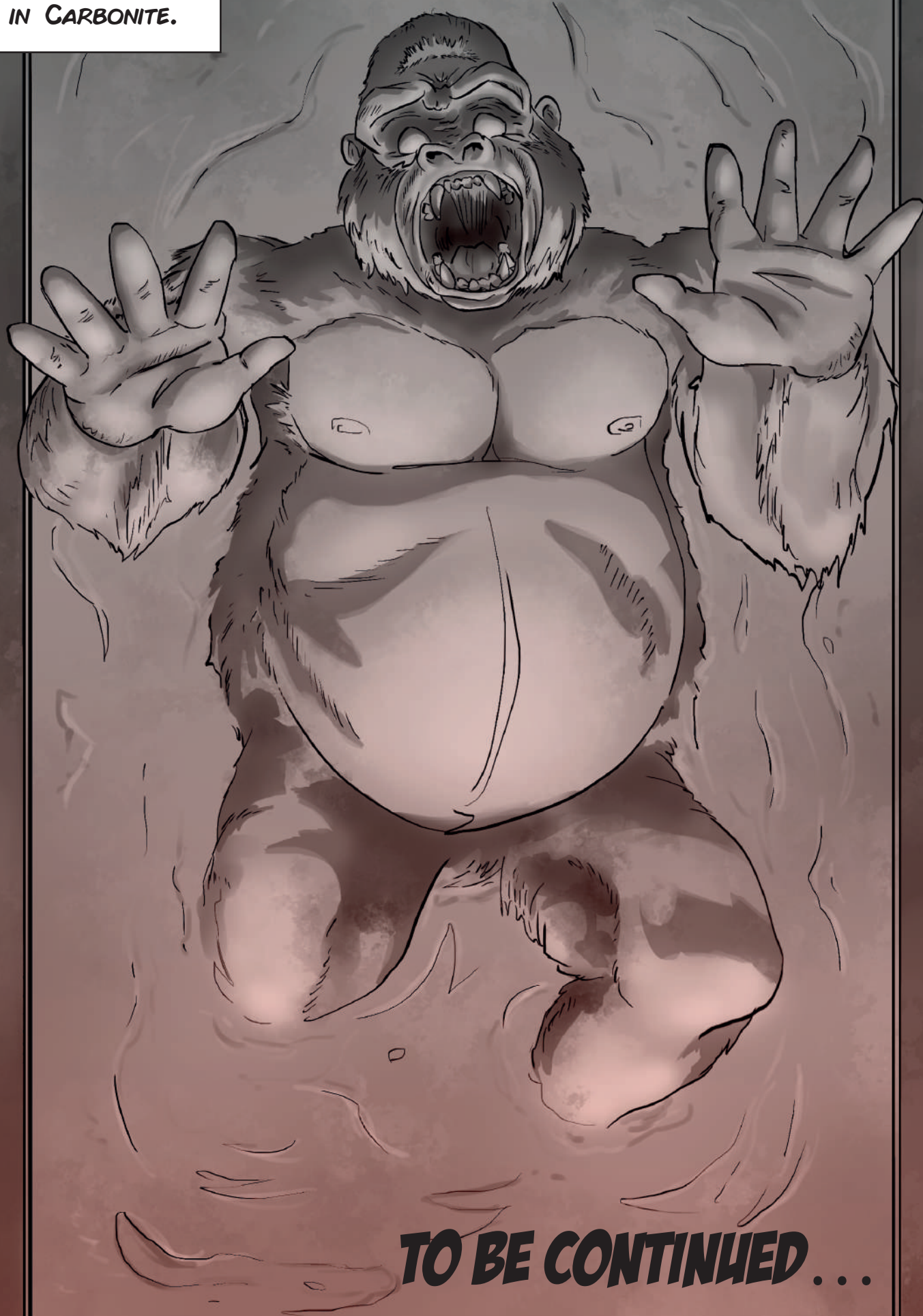


OVERWHELMED BY NOXIOUS FUMES, THE GORILLA IS INSTANTLY IMMOBILIZED.



WITH ONE LAST PETRIFIED GROAN, HE IS FULLY ENCASED...

IN CARBONITE.



TO BE CONTINUED...