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**ComicFest**

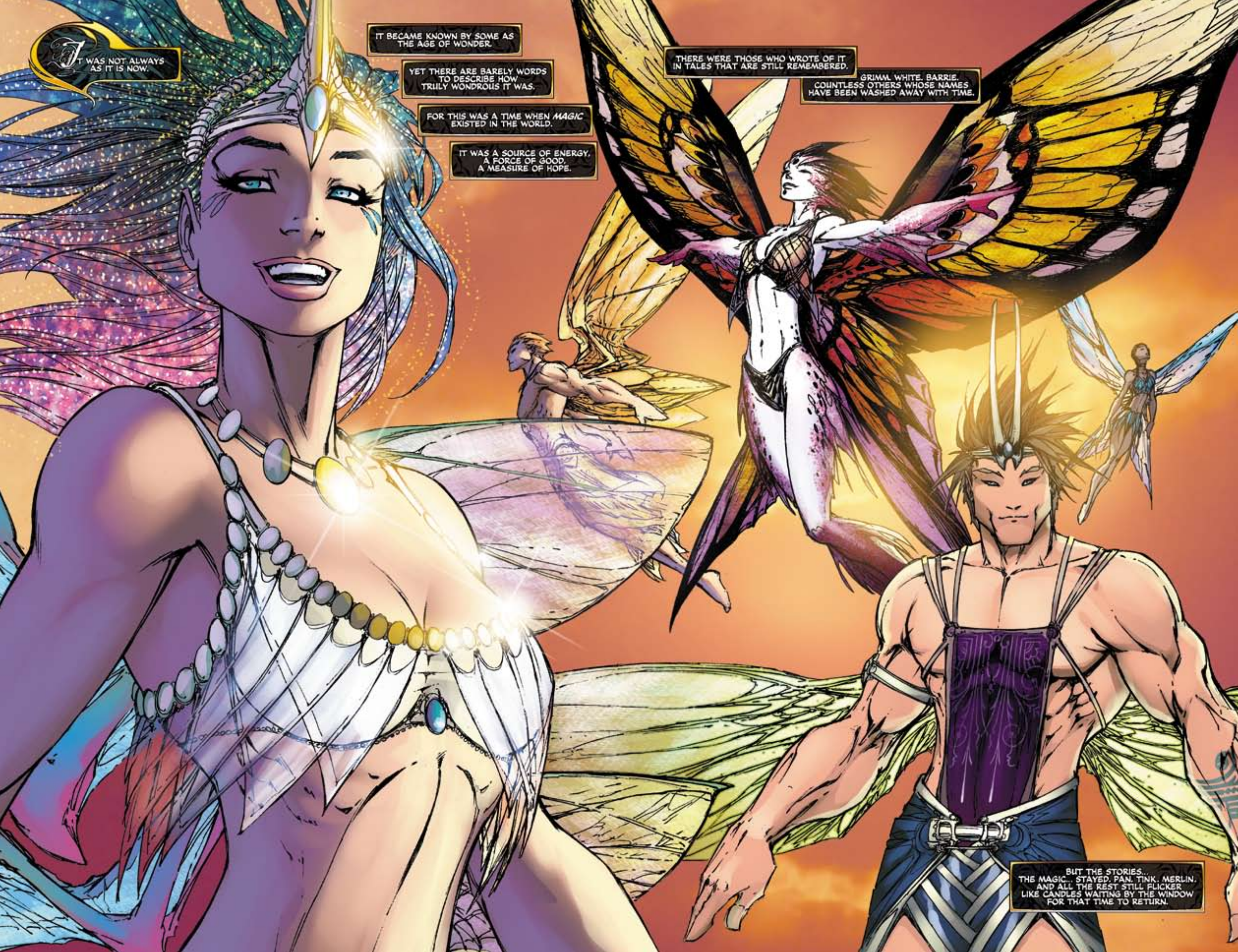
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MICHAEL TURNER'S  
**SOULFIRE.**  
*Genesis*



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IT BECAME KNOWN BY SOME AS  
THE AGE OF WONDER.

YET THERE ARE BARELY WORDS  
TO DESCRIBE HOW  
TRULY WONDROUS IT WAS.

FOR THIS WAS A TIME WHEN *MAGIC*  
EXISTED IN THE WORLD.

IT WAS A SOURCE OF ENERGY,  
A FORCE OF GOOD,  
A MEASURE OF HOPE.

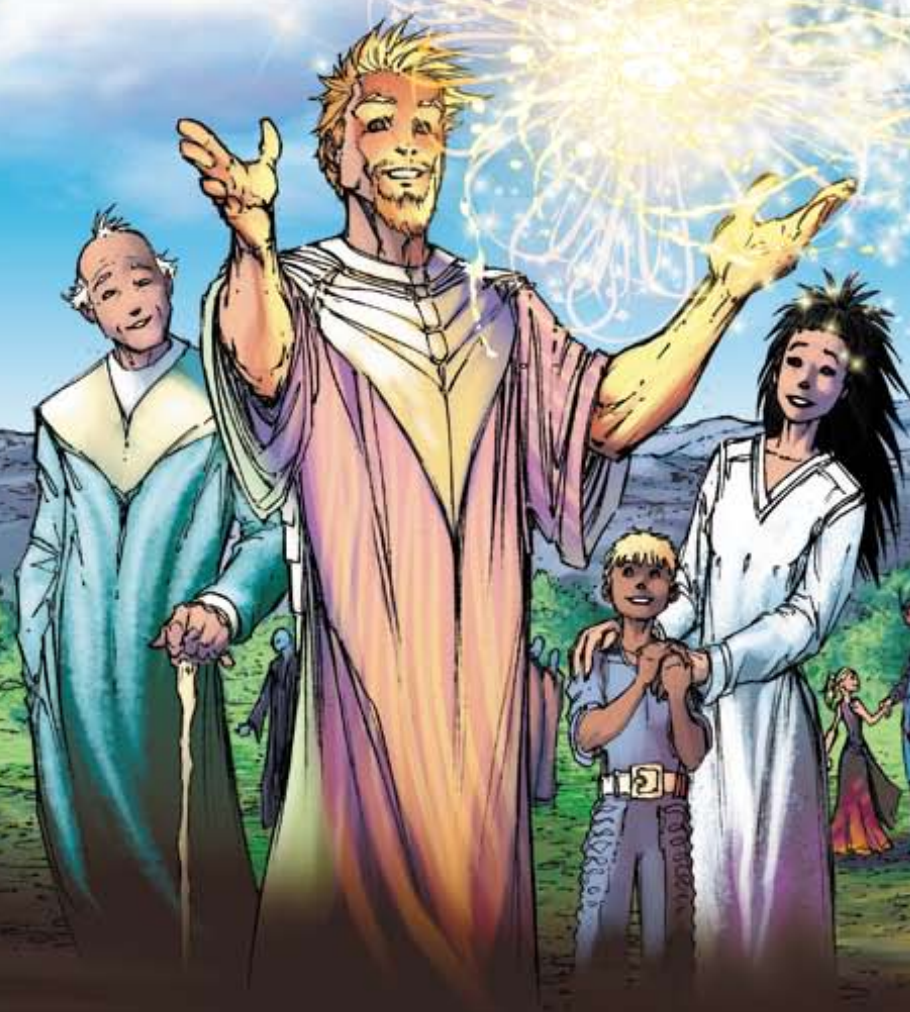
THERE WERE THOSE WHO WROTE OF IT  
IN TALES THAT ARE STILL REMEMBERED.

GRIMM, WHITE, BARRIE,  
COUNTLESS OTHERS WHOSE NAMES  
HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY WITH TIME.

BUT THE STORIES...  
THE MAGIC... STAYED. PAN, TINK, MERLIN,  
AND ALL THE REST STILL FLICKER  
LIKE CANDLES WAITING BY THE WINDOW  
FOR THAT TIME TO RETURN.



JUST AS THERE WERE  
THOSE WHO BATHED IN  
THE LIGHT OF THE TIME...




...THERE WERE THOSE WHO COVETED  
THE POWER AND DESIRED TO MAKE  
IT THEIR OWN.



SOME SAY THE VERY TASTE OF AIR  
BEGAN TO CHANGE.  
WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN SWEET,  
WAS NOW ACRID AND BITTER.






HIS NAME WAS RAINIER.

HE TOOK HIS ARMIES AND INFECTED  
THE INNOCENCE OF THE DRAGONS.

IT TOOK SO LITTLE  
TO DESTROY SO MUCH...





...BUT WE WOULD NOT GO WITHOUT A FIGHT.

THE BATTLES RAGED ON.  
SOME MARKED IT BY THE BLOOD.  
SOME BY THOSE WHO FELL.

I ONLY SAW IT AS A BEGINNING...

...AND AN END.