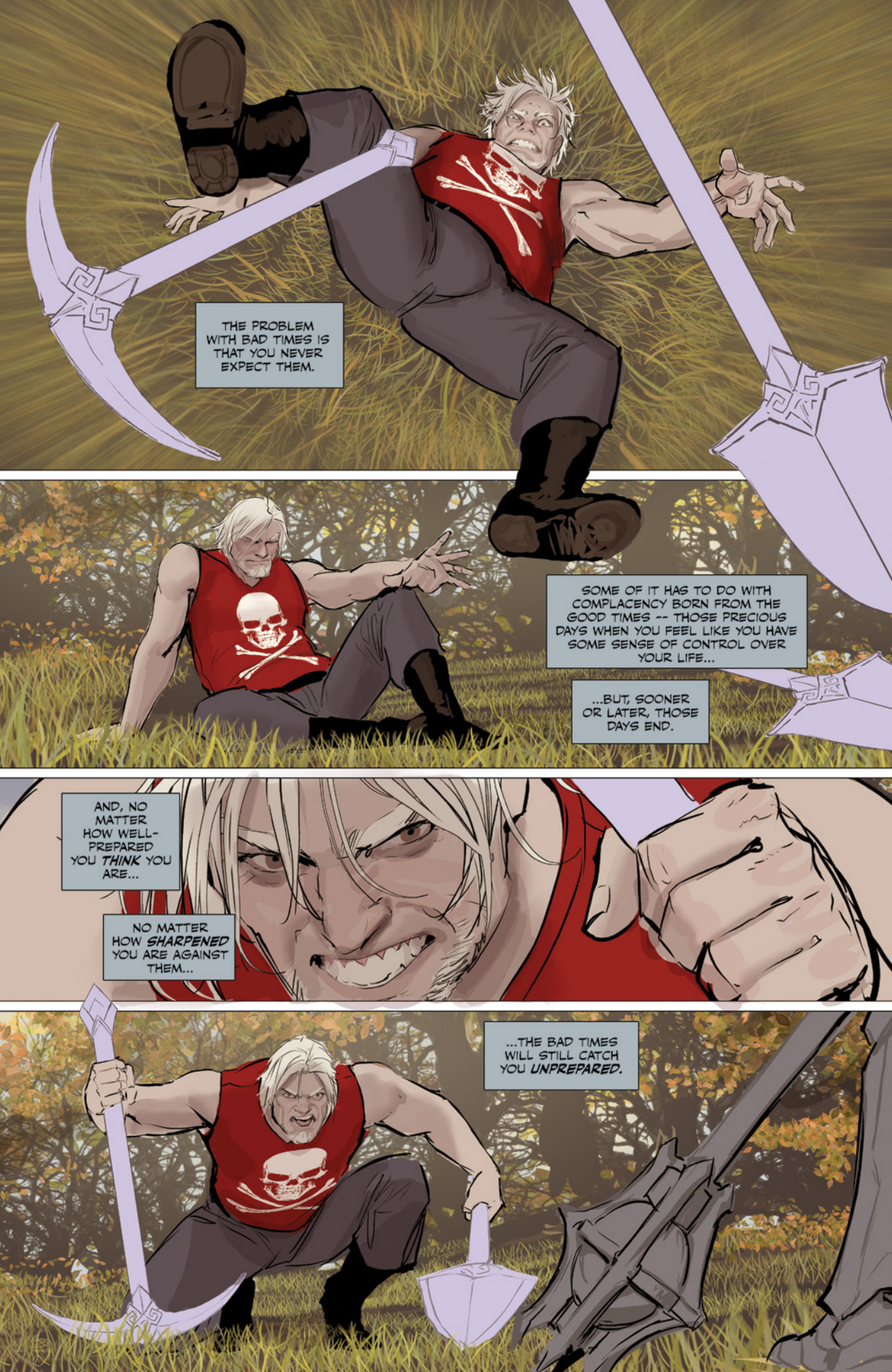
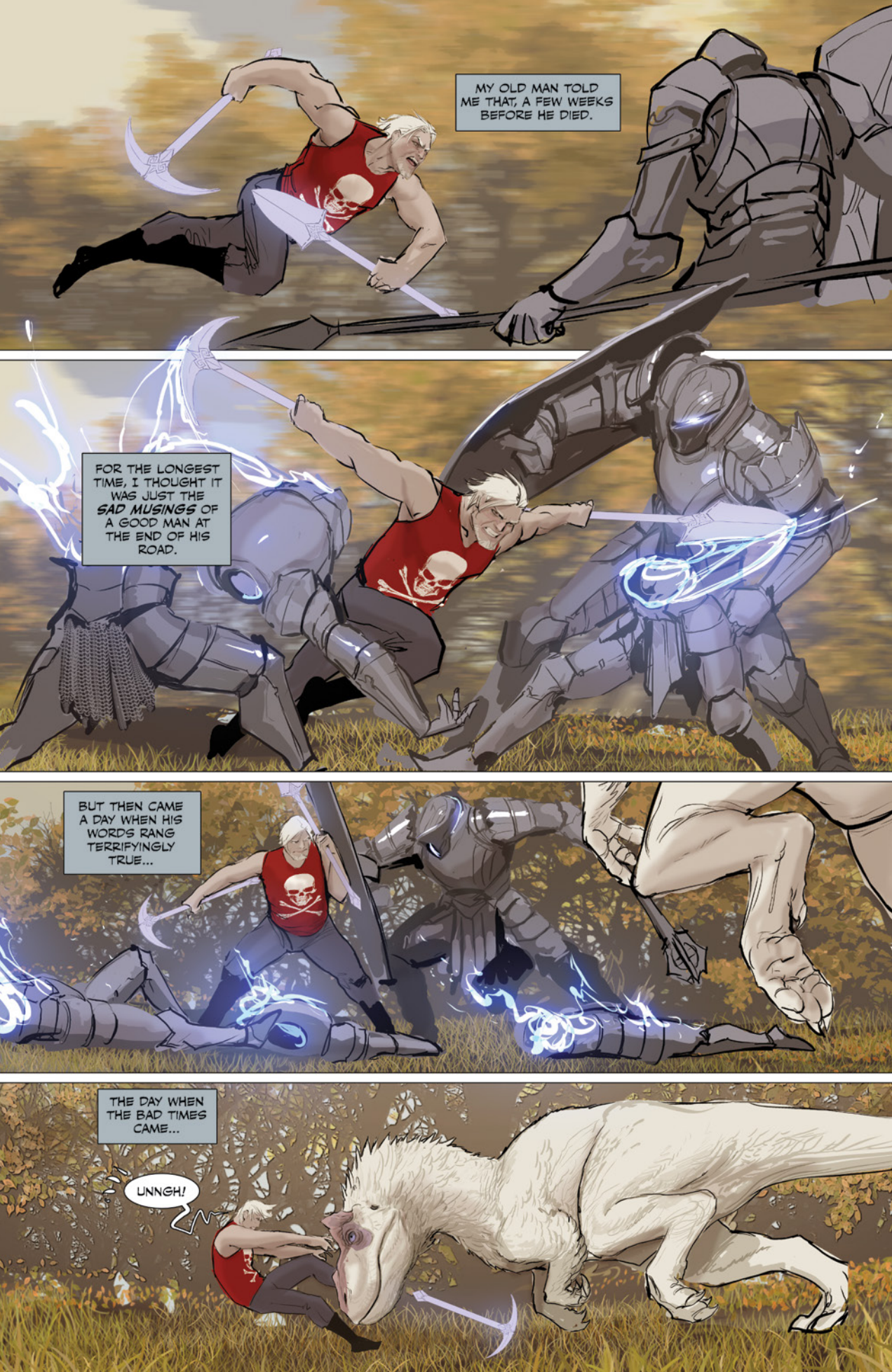
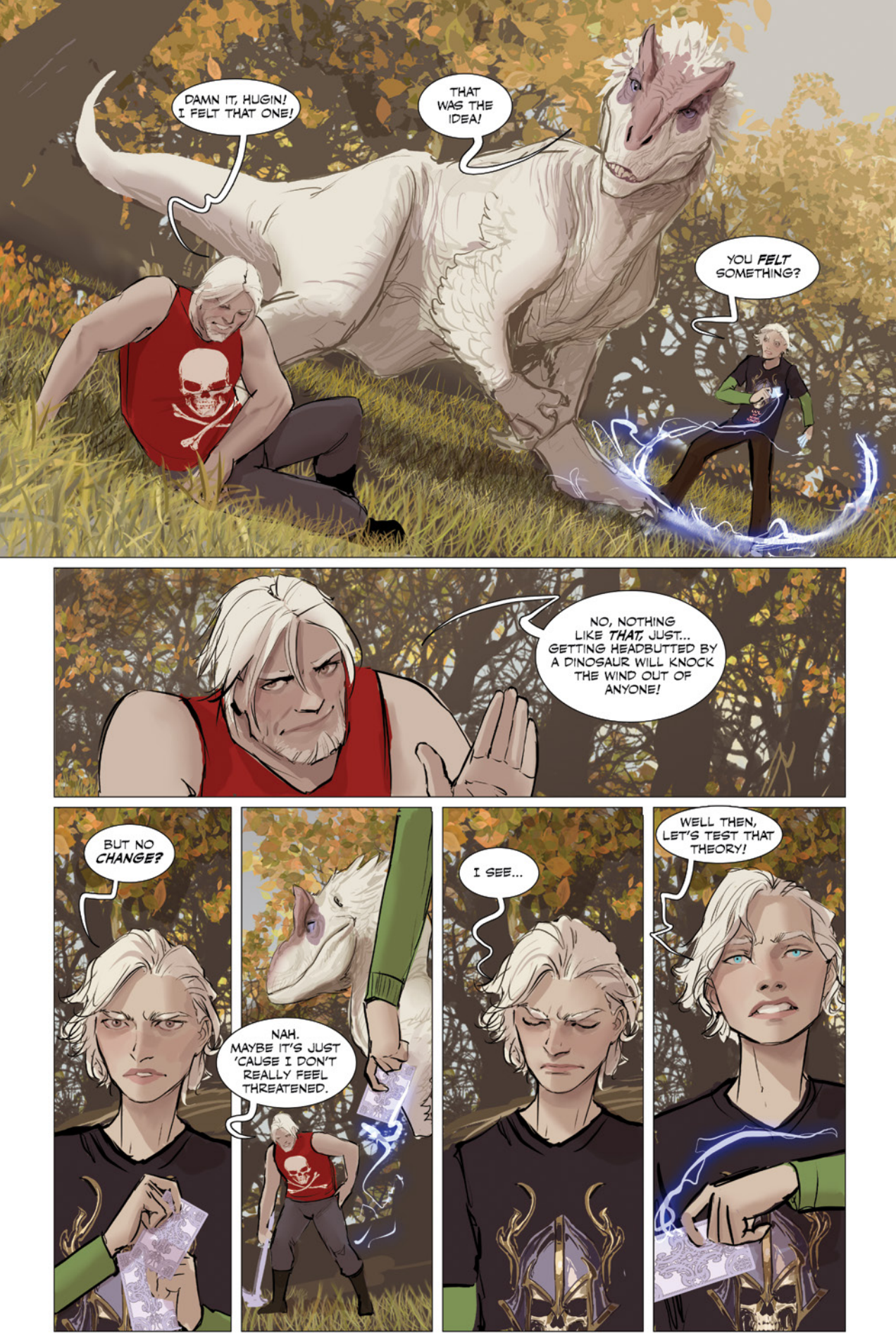

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THE PROBLEM WITH BAD TIMES IS THAT YOU NEVER EXPECT THEM.
SOME OF IT HAS TO DO WITH COMPLACENCY BORN FROM THE GOOD TIMES -- THOSE PRECIOUS DAYS WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE SOME SENSE OF CONTROL OVER YOUR LIFE...
...BUT, SOONER OR LATER, THOSE DAYS END.
AND, NO MATTER HOW WELL-PREPARED YOU *THINK* YOU ARE...
NO MATTER HOW *SHARPENED* YOU ARE AGAINST THEM...
...THE BAD TIMES WILL STILL CATCH YOU *UNPREPARED.*


MY OLD MAN TOLD ME THAT, A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HE DIED.
FOR THE LONGEST TIME, I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THE SAD MUSINGS OF A GOOD MAN AT THE END OF HIS ROAD.
BUT THEN CAME A DAY WHEN HIS WORDS RANG TERRIFYINGLY TRUE...
THE DAY WHEN THE BAD TIMES CAME...
UNNGH!


DAMN IT, HUGIN! I FELT THAT ONE!
THAT WAS THE IDEA!
YOU *FELT* SOMETHING?
NO, NOTHING LIKE *THAT*, JUST... GETTING HEADBUTTED BY A DINOSAUR WILL KNOCK THE WIND OUT OF ANYONE!
BUT NO *CHANGE?*
NAH. MAYBE IT'S JUST 'CAUSE I DON'T REALLY FEEL THREATENED.
I SEE...
WELL THEN, LET'S TEST THAT THEORY!


OKAY, JAMES, TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH!!!
HEY, EVERYONE, I'M--
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? YOU GOTTA FEEL THREATENED!
THIS IS ME *THREATENING* YOU!
SAM?
JAMES?
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?