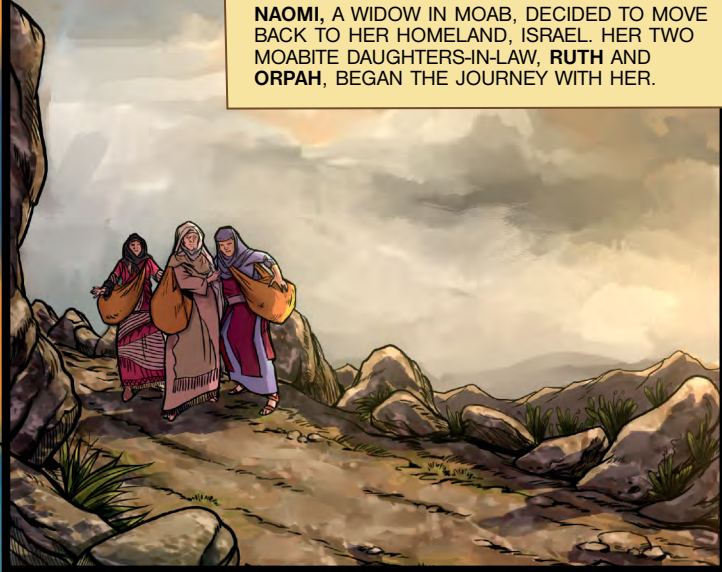


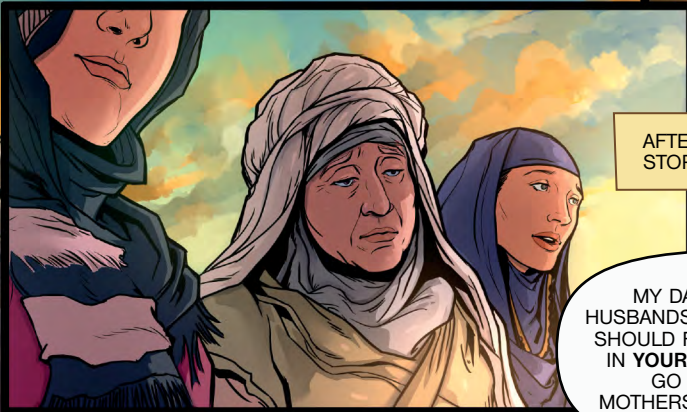
# Ruth Is a Loyal Friend

RUTH CHAPTERS 1-4

**NAOMI**, A WIDOW IN MOAB, DECIDED TO MOVE BACK TO HER HOMELAND, ISRAEL. HER TWO MOABITE DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW, **RUTH** AND **ORPAH**, BEGAN THE JOURNEY WITH HER.



AFTER THEY HAD TRAVELED A WHILE, NAOMI STOPPED AND TURNED TO RUTH AND ORPAH.



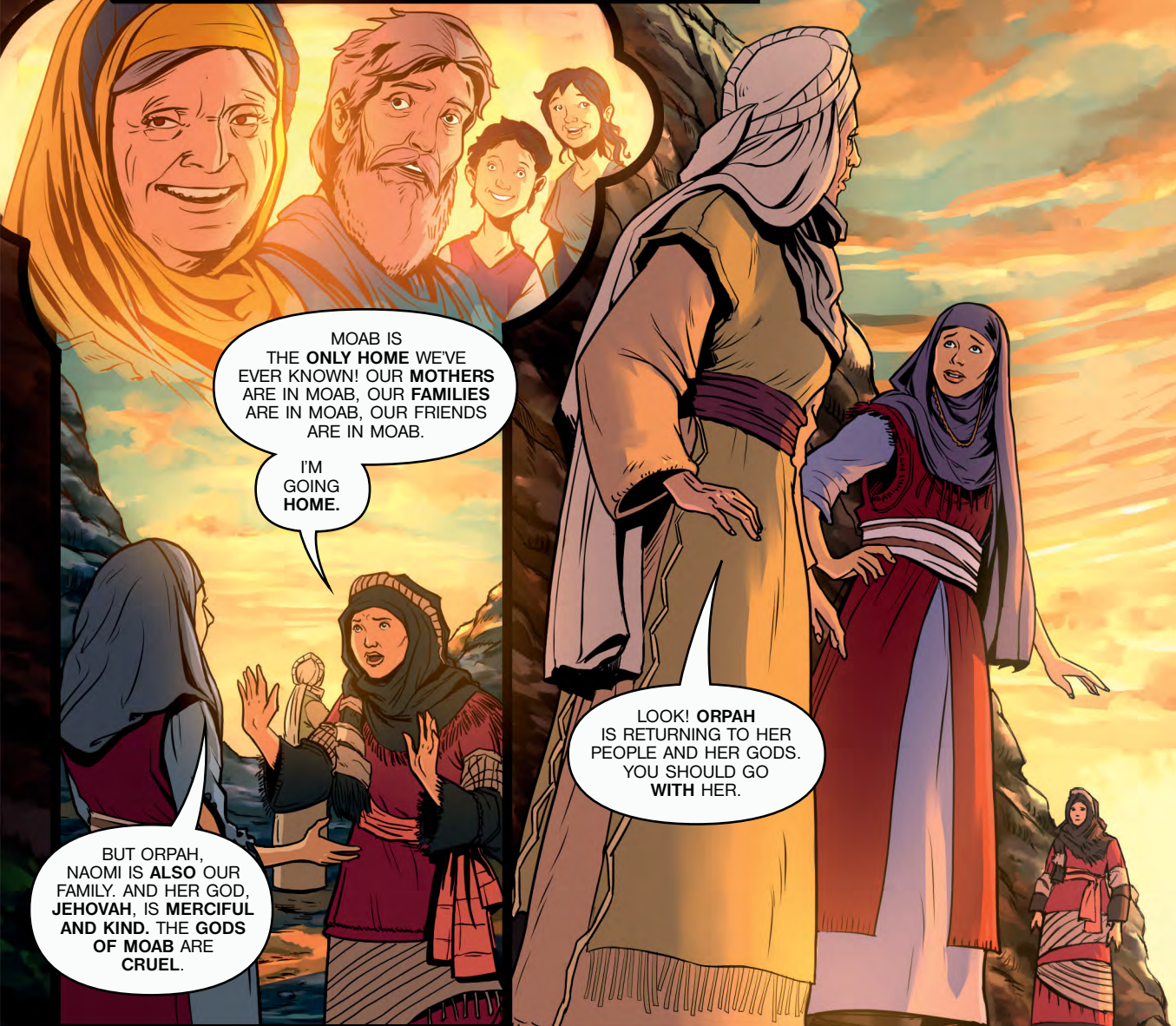
MY DAUGHTERS, YOUR HUSBANDS HAVE DIED, AND YOU SHOULD FIND NEW HUSBANDS IN YOUR OWN LAND, MOAB. GO BACK TO YOUR MOTHERS AND YOUR HOMES.







I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE, BUT NAOMI IS RIGHT, RUTH.



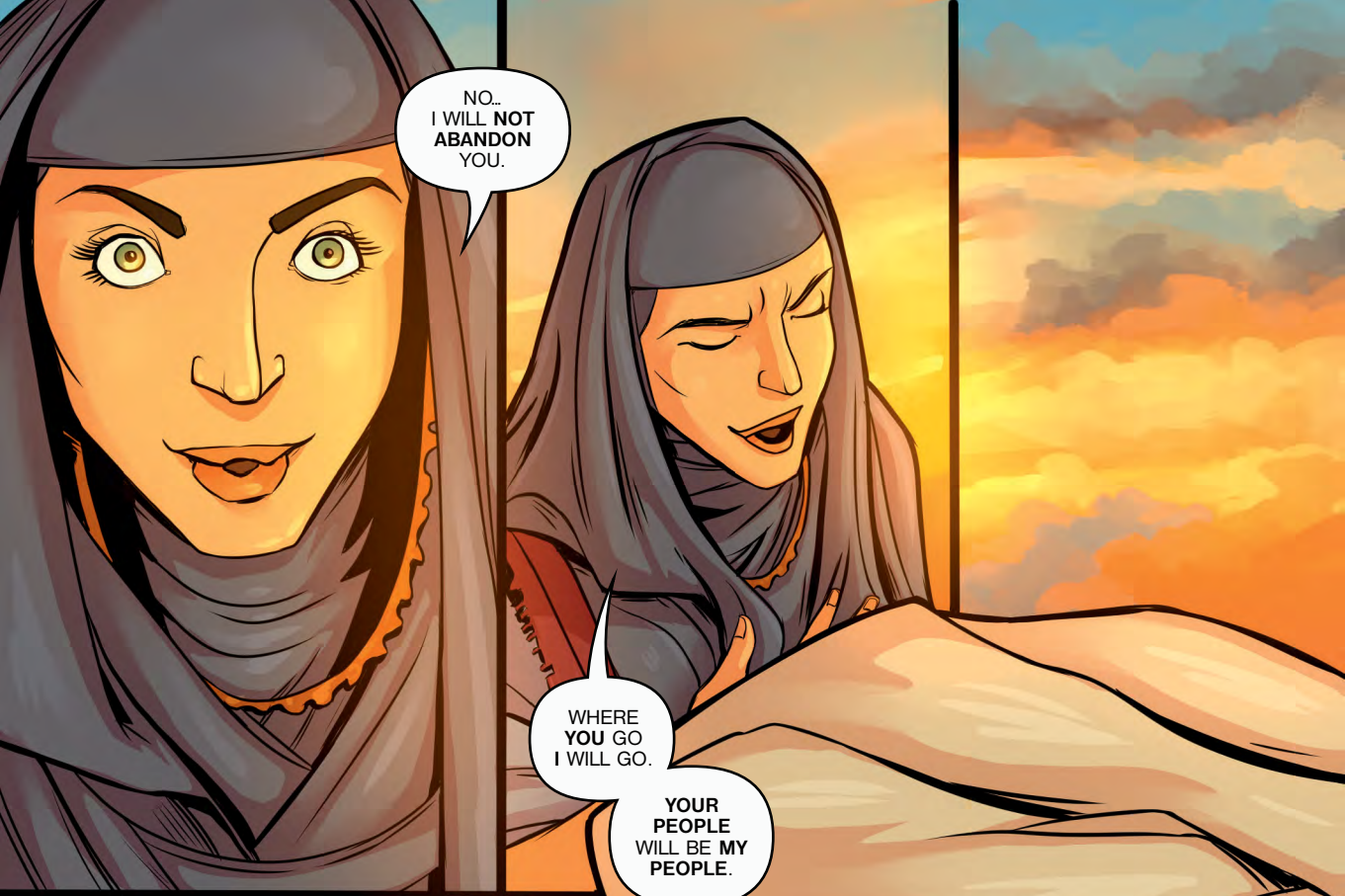
MOAB IS THE **ONLY HOME** WE'VE EVER KNOWN! OUR **MOTHERS** ARE IN MOAB, OUR **FAMILIES** ARE IN MOAB, OUR **FRIENDS** ARE IN MOAB.

I'M GOING HOME.

LOOK! **ORPAH** IS RETURNING TO HER PEOPLE AND HER GODS. YOU SHOULD GO WITH HER.

BUT ORPAH, NAOMI IS ALSO OUR FAMILY. AND HER GOD, **JEHOVAH**, IS MERCIFUL AND KIND. THE GODS OF MOAB ARE CRUEL.

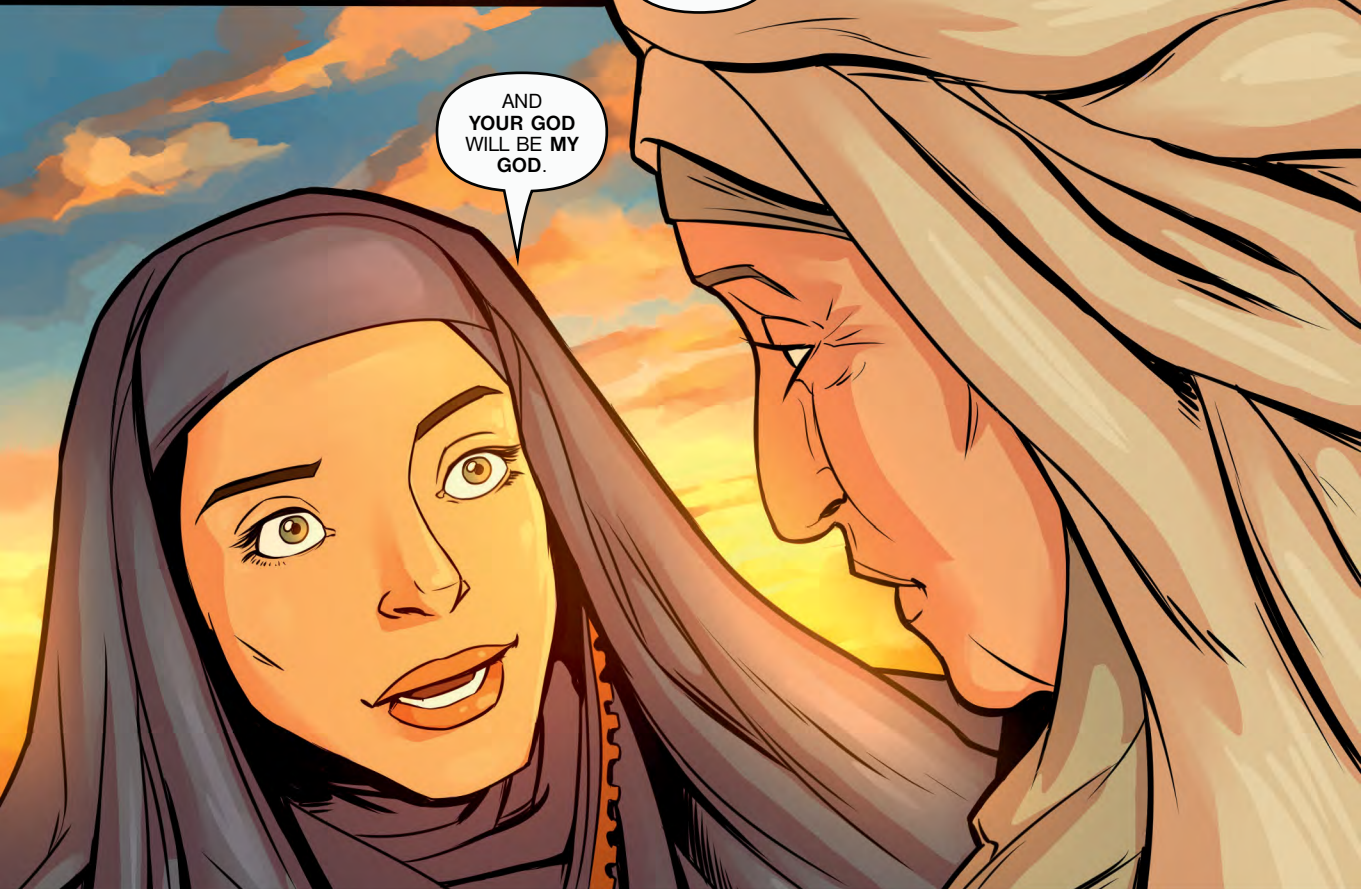




NO...  
I WILL NOT  
ABANDON  
YOU.

WHERE  
YOU GO  
I WILL GO.

YOUR  
PEOPLE  
WILL BE MY  
PEOPLE.



AND  
YOUR GOD  
WILL BE MY  
GOD.



WHEN THEY RETURNED TO ISRAEL, RUTH COLLECTED FOOD FOR HERSELF AND FOR NAOMI BY **GLEANING BARLEY** IN THE FIELDS OF A MAN NAMED **BOAZ**.

WHO IS THAT YOUNG WOMAN?

SHE RETURNED WITH NAOMI FROM **MOAB**. SHE HAS BEEN ON HER FEET SINCE SHE CAME THIS MORNING.

MAY JEHOVAH **BLESS** YOU, RUTH. EVERYONE IN THE CITY KNOWS THAT YOU ARE AN **EXCELLENT** WOMAN.

BOAZ **MARRIED** RUTH, AND THEY HAD A SON NAMED **OBED**. OBED'S GRANDSON BECAME A FAMOUS ISRAELITE KING. DO YOU KNOW WHICH ONE? (READ RUTH 4:22.)

### WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS STORY?

HOW DID **RUTH** SHOW LOYAL LOVE FOR NAOMI?

**CLUE:** RUTH 1:14, 16, 17; 2:11, 12.

HOW DID **JEHOVAH** SHOW LOYAL LOVE FOR RUTH AND NAOMI?

**CLUE:** RUTH 4:13-15.

HOW CAN **YOU** SHOW LOYAL LOVE FOR YOUR FRIENDS?

**CLUE:** PROVERBS 17:17; 18:24.