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Chapter I

The Star That Fell To The Beach

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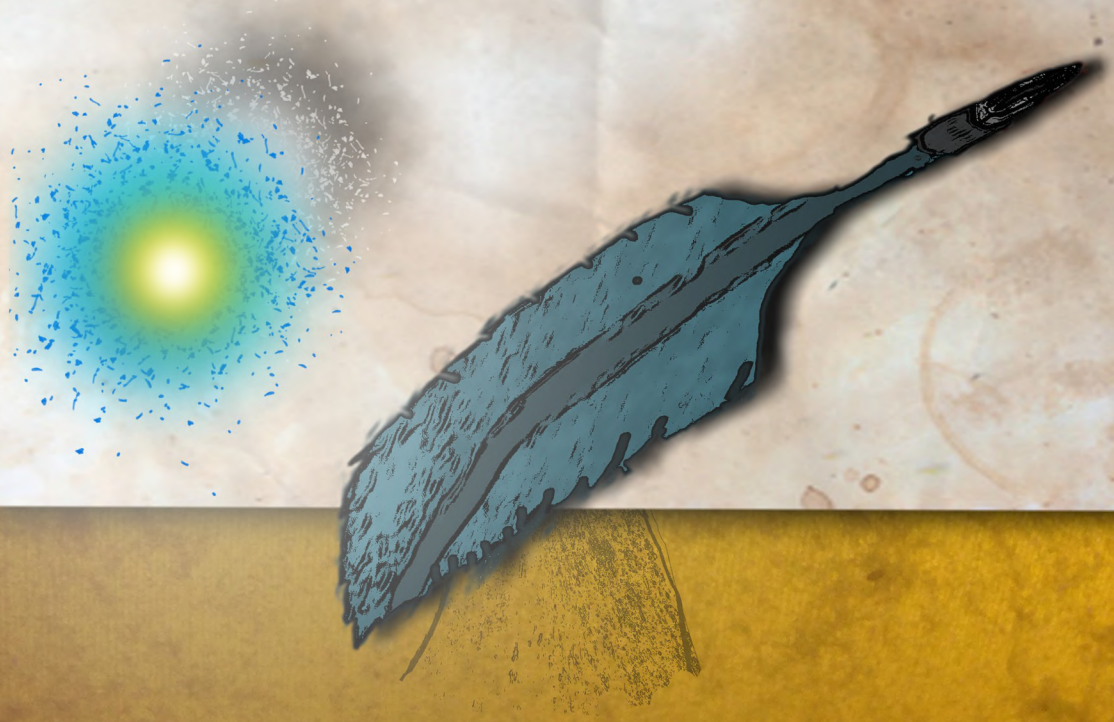
From the desk of Dr. Farol

Dear Head Governor of Our Hallowed Continent of Halithos,
I bid you a long delayed greeting from the swamps of Ferly Glaise, and hoping you are well. My news is that my research on the nature of the Phansera has progressed further in the past year than any lifetime of any person prior in our history. The details of my findings, including calculations, measurements of magical energies, and data on frequencies and age will be found enclosed in this letter. I am contacting you with one intentionally final request to aid my research. The psychic links and the magical encryptions in their radiation all express the same basic shape of a cube. Every Phansera I have captured - while all of them tell different stories - has the description of a powerful cubic object as the one picture-based story they all share. I believe their intention with this cube is to use it as a tool to communic ate with me more vividly, as it seems to possess the necessary attributes to carry out this function.
As we have previously established, it is my understanding that the Phansera's current nature is one of fear and warning. Perhaps their use of the cube will convey to me in precise human language what it is they fear.The creatures are clearly anticipating and agitated by something; whether or not this future event will affect us humans is so far unknown, but I do not intend to take any risks. Our safety and survival, no matter how damaged the heart or low the class of person, is beneficial to the world, which has been proven repeatedly and historically, whether or not you see it through the same eyes of a Mysticist.

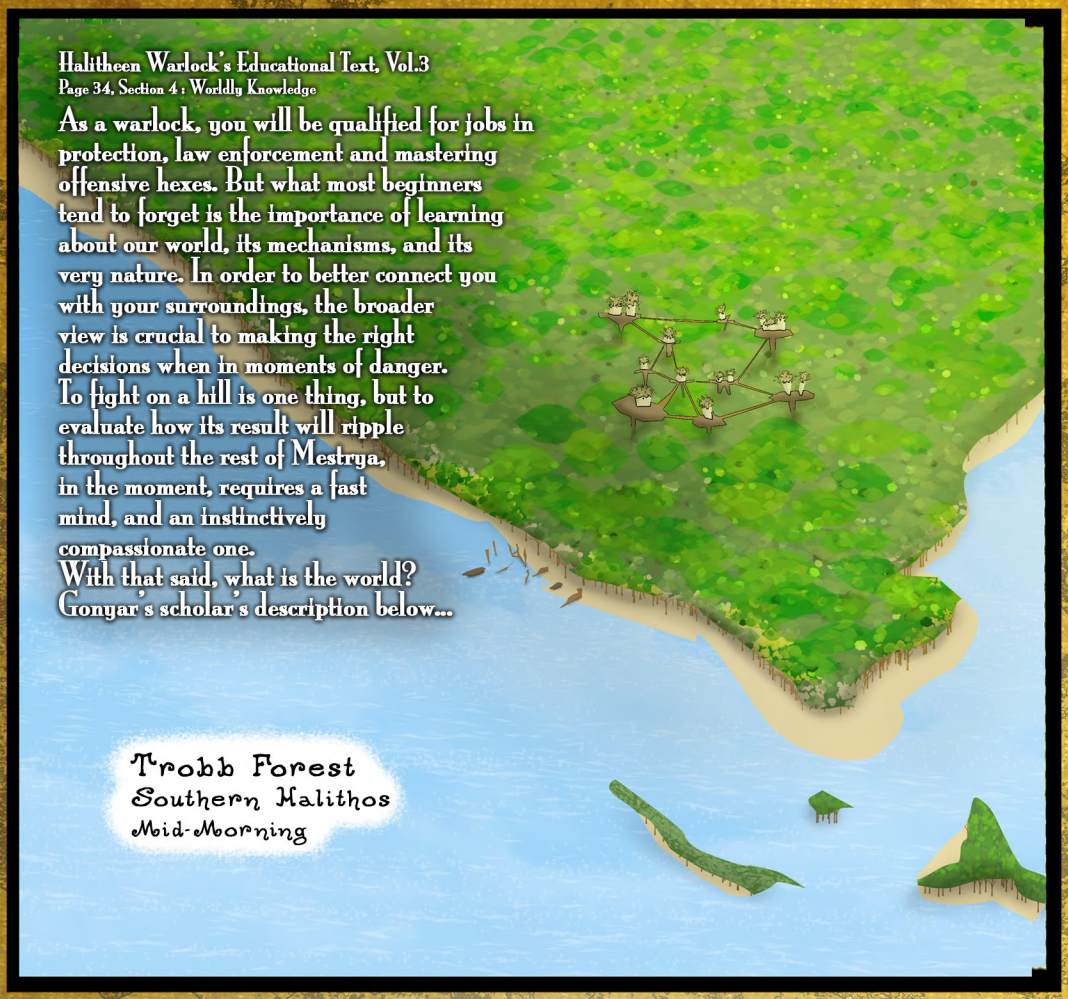
My request: please locate and deliver to me that cubic object of which they speak. Further details describing the crystalline cube itself are also enclosed in this letter; including size and magical frequencies. I would like you to despatch copies of these details to every major and minor Mysticist and Mystman on Our Hallowed Continent, in the hopes that somebody in one of their communities would have this cube. I have chosen this method against a military search because my knowledge on the cube is not extensive enough to put colour coordination in the details document, so that your soldiers may understand easier. Your enclosed word as Head Governor and the mention of my name as the continent's leading Mysticist will - I guarantee - make everybody listen.

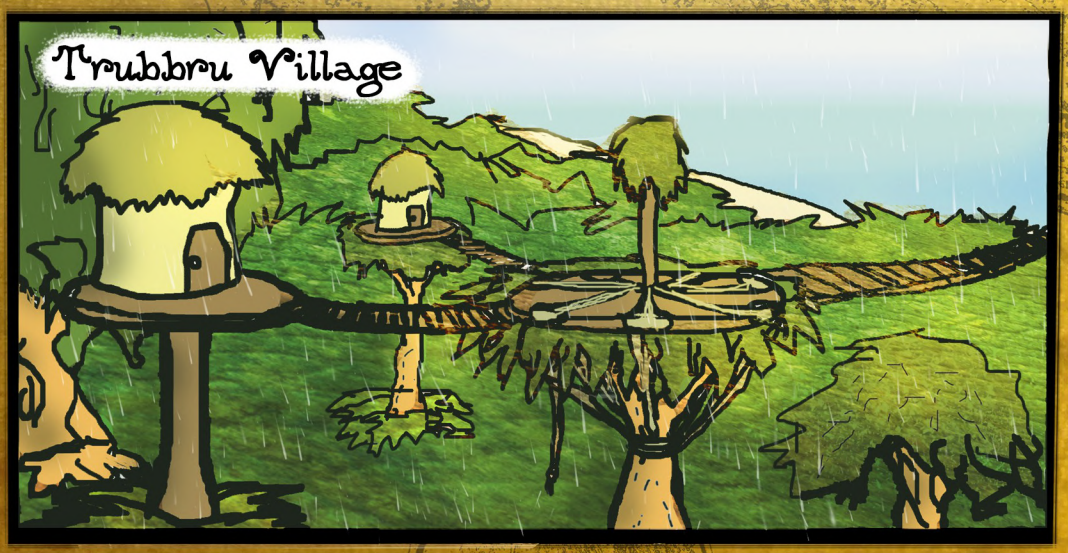
Thank you for skimming over this letter, I do hope you absorbed the general message. Looking forward to hearing your automated response and I look forward to receiving the cube in the mail.
Signed, Dr. Farol



Halitheen Warlock's Educational Text, Vol.3
Page 34, Section 4 : Worldly Knowledge

As a warlock, you will be qualified for jobs in protection, law enforcement and mastering offensive hexes. But what most beginners tend to forget is the importance of learning about our world, its mechanisms, and its very nature. In order to better connect you with your surroundings, the broader view is crucial to making the right decisions when in moments of danger. To fight on a hill is one thing, but to evaluate how its result will ripple throughout the rest of Mestrya, in the moment, requires a fast mind, and an instinctively compassionate one.
With that said, what is the world? Gonyar's scholar's description below...





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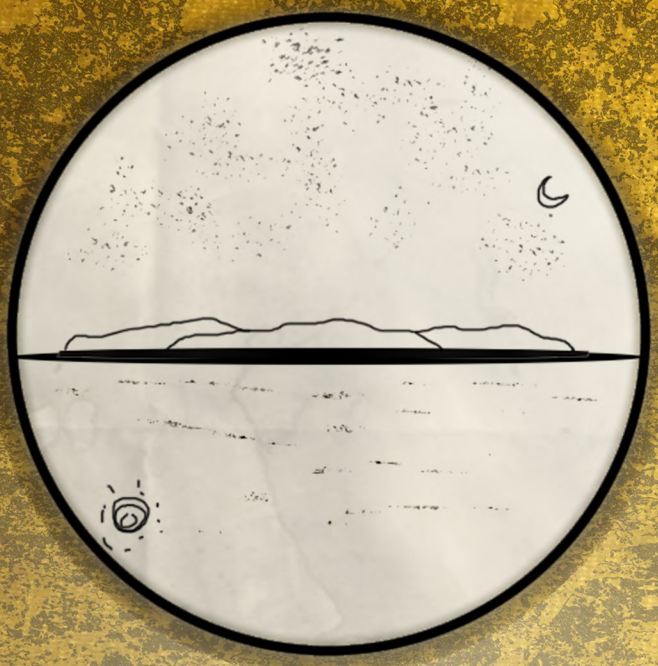
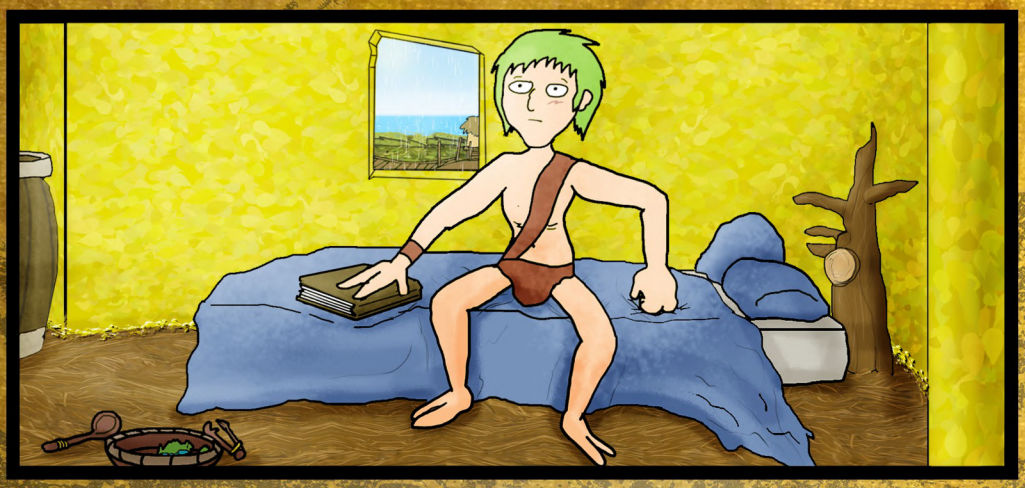
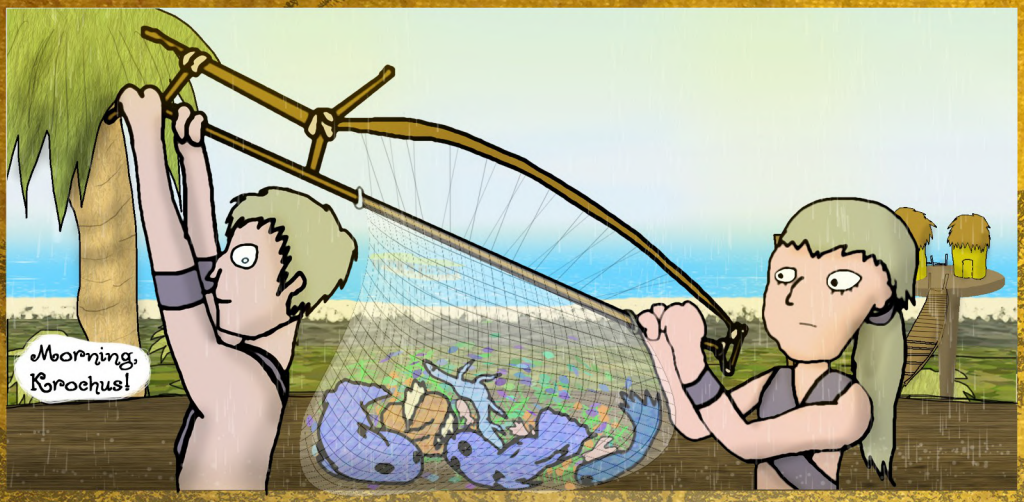


The world is a disk, encased in a hollow sphere. What we call the sky is what lines the inside of the top half of the sphere. Our grounds and oceans are what fills the lower half, and our good world lays horizontal in the centre. The sun and moon are objects ingrained into the rotating outer-rim of the sphere that affect the weather. We can only assume that the great god Rhaata constructed them himself in the first days of existence.



Results Day... Oh, help me Rohaata.


Morning, Krochus!

Hi there.
I am, yes.
Not sure yet. I'm pretty sure I've mastered Advanced Gemstone Theory though. How about you?
Getting your academy results?
How do you think you did?
Oh I've got mine already. Aced it! So did sis here. Good luck. Oh! The fishers' got us pockles and utuni tonight!

Hi, Krochus.
Morning, Hegana.

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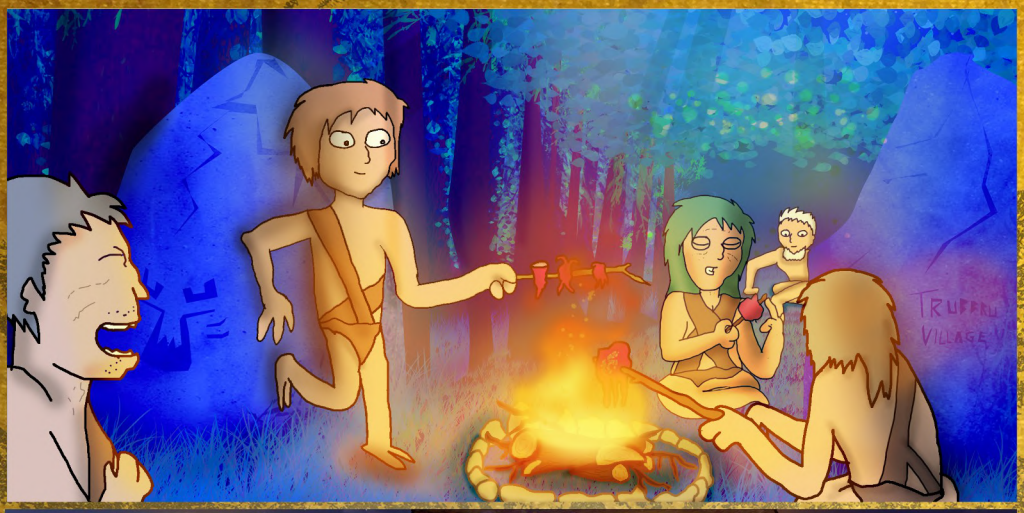
Krochus?
Yes?
You failed.

What?! Why?!
I've written a letter on why.
But I-- I tried! I really tried my hardest? Why can't--

Urgh! I'm very busy, young boy! You're making me frustrated. Just take the letter and read it at home!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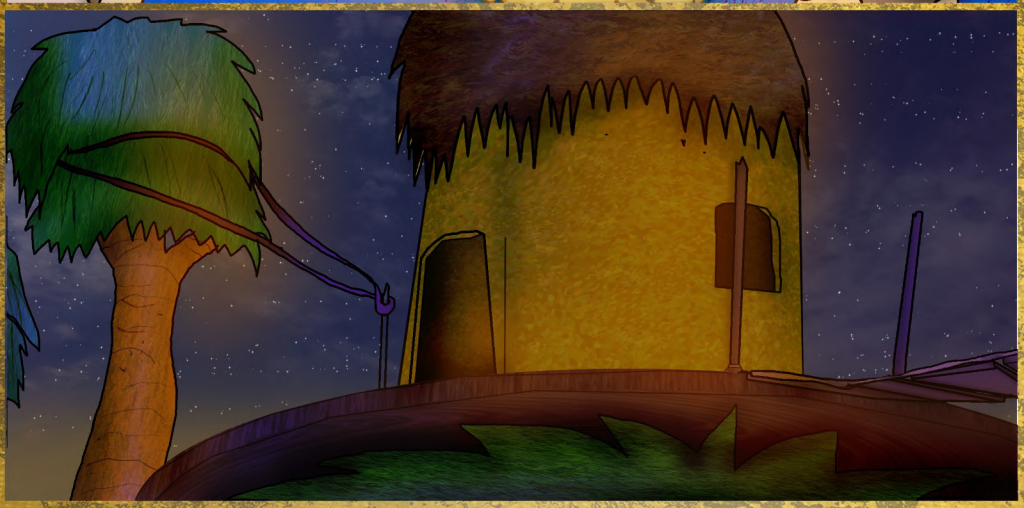
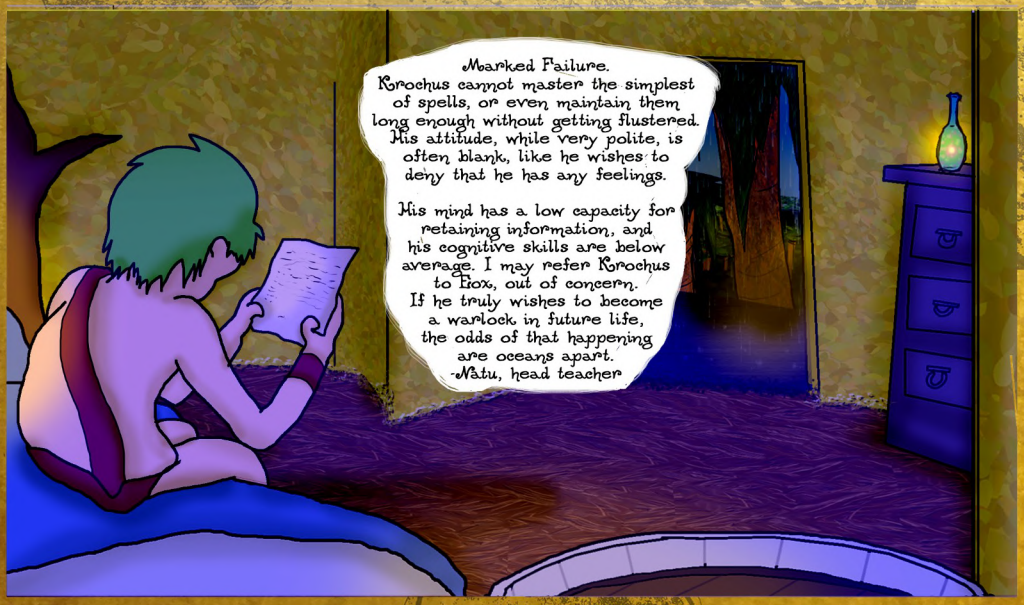
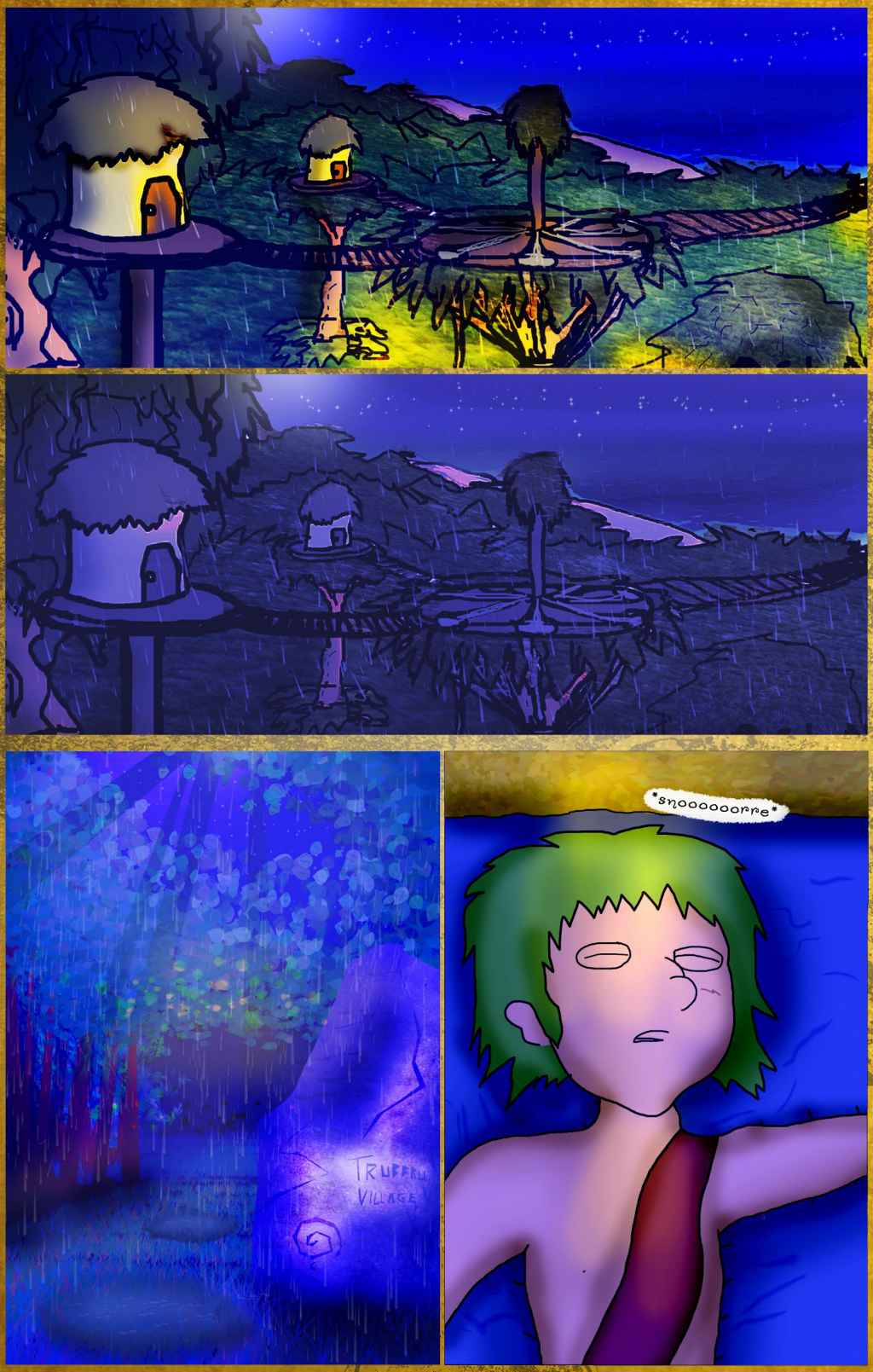



Marked Failure.
Krochus cannot master the simplest of spells, or even maintain them long enough without getting flustered. His attitude, while very polite, is often blank, like he wishes to deny that he has any feelings.
His mind has a low capacity for retaining information, and his cognitive skills are below average. I may refer Krochus to Fiox, out of concern. If he truly wishes to become a warlock in future life, the odds of that happening are oceans apart.
-Natu, head teacher

Hey Grandfather, I've decided what I'm gonna be when I'm a grownup
Oh? What's that, Krochus?
Years Ago
I'm gonna be a warlock!
Ooohh that's a fantastic idea! You'll make an excellent one, if you put your mind to it!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Elsewhere On The Continent
The Ever-Hidden... Finally found.
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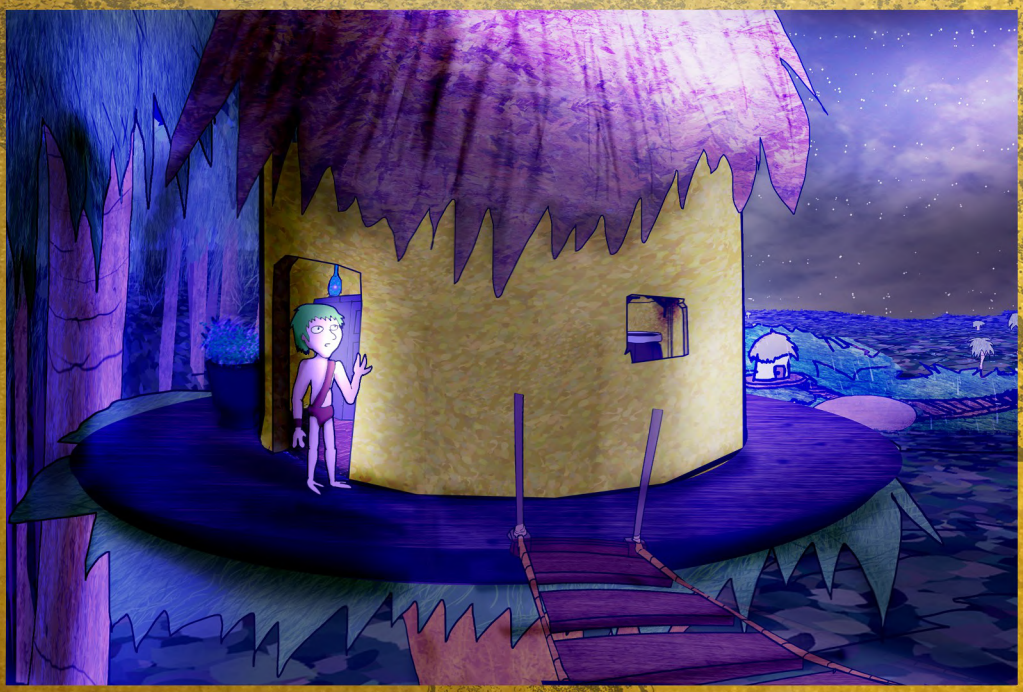
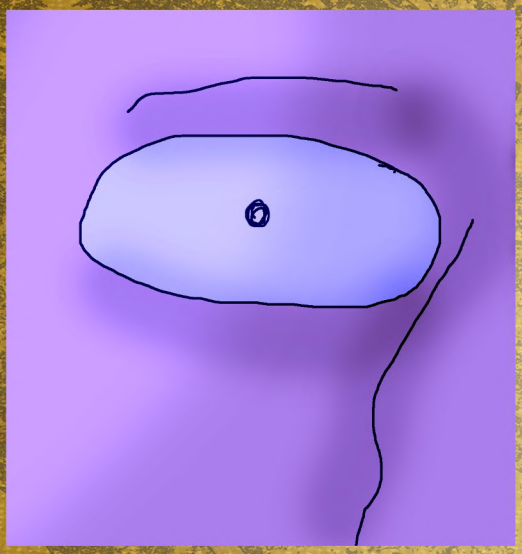


It's landed on the beach...?

Yash!



The Next Day

...and his cognitive skills are below average.
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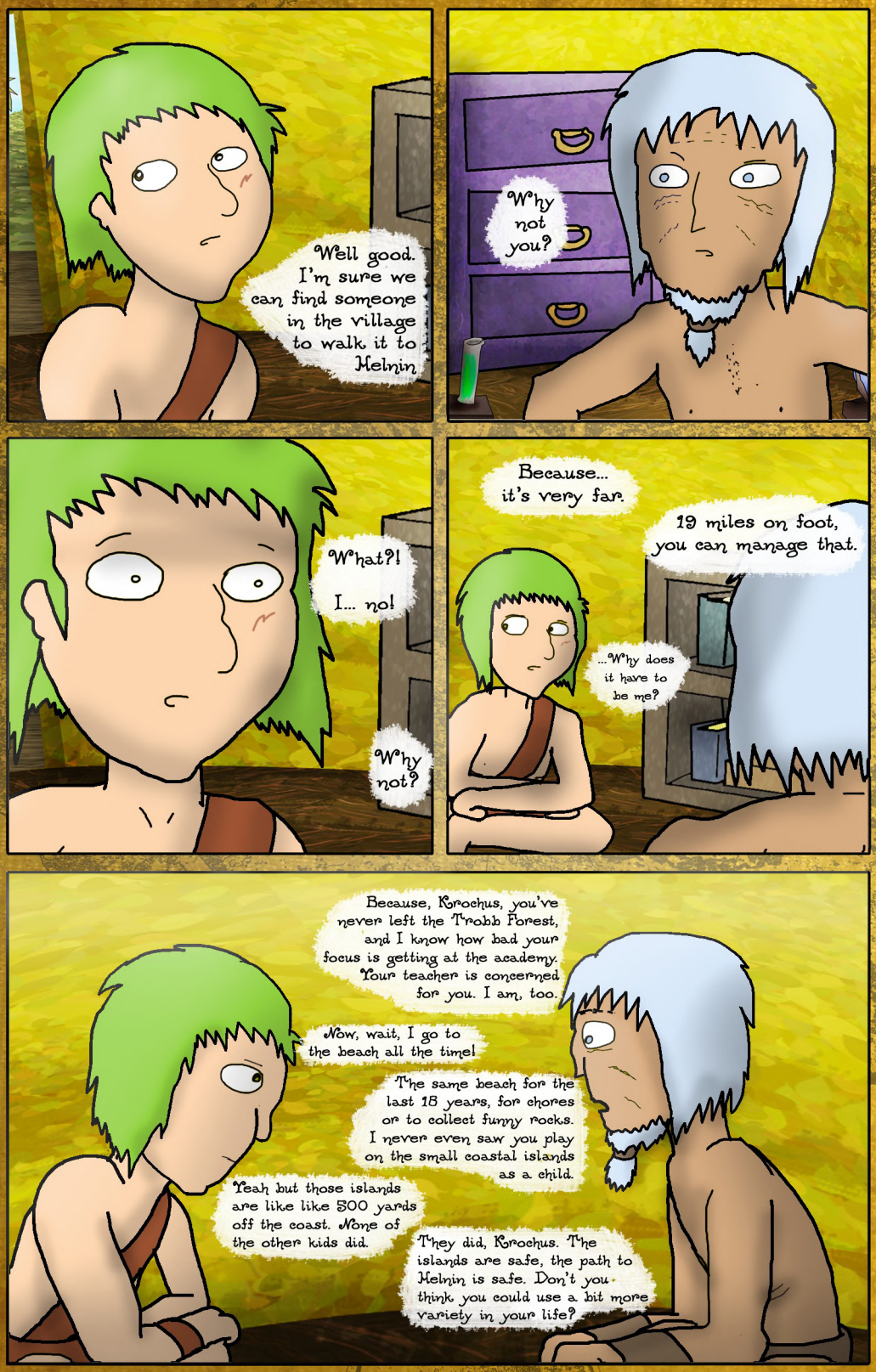
EOX'S HUT
VILLAGE MAGE, MYSTICIST AND DOCTOR

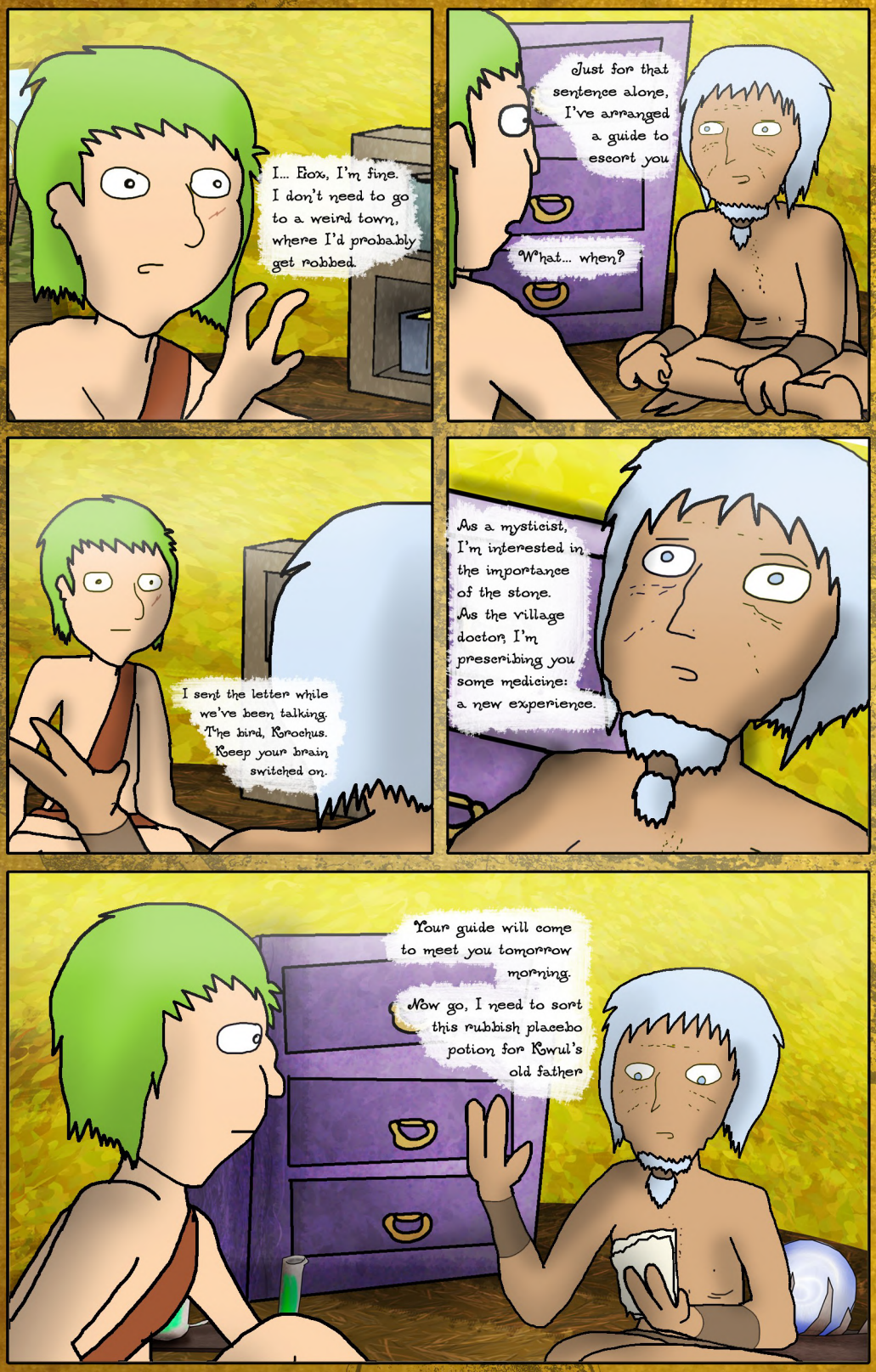
Hello Krochus
Hey Fiox
Look, I know we're here to talk about why my brain doesn't work, but something weird happened last night. I need to show you.
Oh?
This. I don't know what it is, but I saw it fall from the sky and land on the beach last night.
Oh my!
It gave me a vision. There was a temple, and a cube. I don't know what it all means!
Hmm...
Sit down, Krochus.

A vision about a cube, you say?
Yes.
You never had any particular kind of imagination... So that rules out this being a tall tale.
...Thank you, Fox.
I'm just here to help.
So about your grades. Your teacher Natu is concerned.
He says you haven't been the same since your grandfather went missing. And I know, it can't be easy for a boy to raise himself for five years...

Eox's Hut
Village Mage, Hermicist and Doctor
I...
It's alright.
It's not hard for me, that he's gone.
There's that face again.
What face?
The empty one.
Huh?
Your demeanor is as wooden as our village.
I just don't feel much, ok?
Hm.

About the stone. I don't know what this is... But, if you mentioned a cube in your vision...
It just so happens that a mysticist from the north named Dr. Farol has been researching an allusive cube.
But how do you know they're related?
I don't know. I didn't say that. But I do think you should approach someone more senior about it.
So who's Dr. Farol? And is it the same cube?
I told you, I don't know. Do listen, Krochus.
Alright so who should we take the stone to?
Oh I'd say... Helnin. That town is a jewel of Nayo Bay, and it's filled with scholars. There's a few people there more qualified to talk about this, and in more direct contact with Dr. Farol himself. Some of the greatest minds on the continent walk the streets of Helnin... Terini, Chikyo, Geotak, you name it.


Well good. I'm sure we can find someone in the village to walk it to Helnin
Why not you?
What?! I... no!
Why not?
Because... it's very far.
19 miles on foot, you can manage that.
...Why does it have to be me?
Because, Krochus, you've never left the Trobb Forest, and I know how bad your focus is getting at the academy. Your teacher is concerned for you. I am, too.
Now, wait, I go to the beach all the time!
The same beach for the last 18 years, for chores or to collect funny rocks. I never even saw you play on the small coastal islands as a child.
Yeah but those islands are like like 500 yards off the coast. None of the other kids did.
They did, Krochus. The islands are safe, the path to Helnin is safe. Don't you think you could use a bit more variety in your life?


I... Eiox, I'm fine. I don't need to go to a weird town, where I'd probably get robbed.
Just for that sentence alone, I've arranged a guide to escort you
What... when?
I sent the letter while we've been talking. The bird, Krochus. Keep your brain switched on.
As a mysticist, I'm interested in the importance of the stone. As the village doctor, I'm prescribing you some medicine: a new experience.
Your guide will come to meet you tomorrow morning.
Now go, I need to sort this rubbish placebo potion for Kwul's old father

The Next Morning
Nok Nok
Krochus? Someone to see you, sub-canopy.

Hey. Are you Krochus?
Yeah.

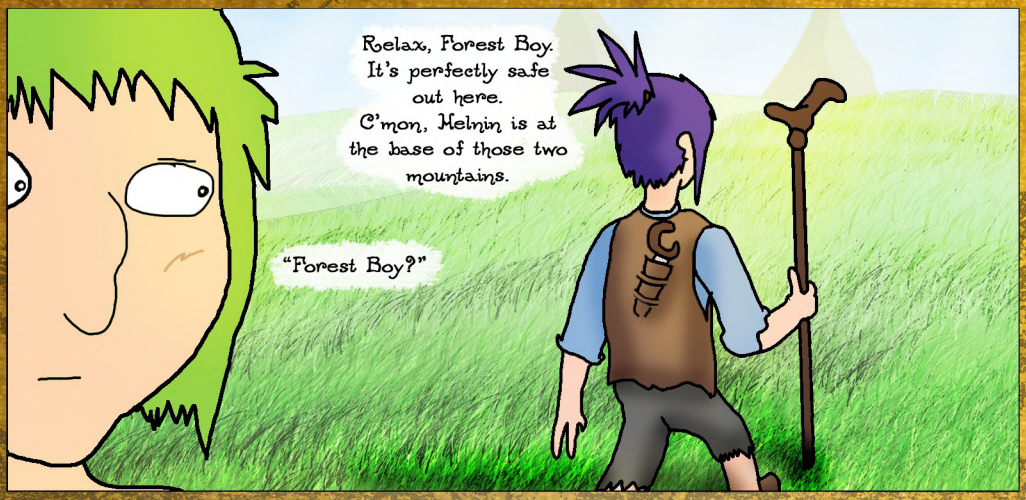
I'm your guide to Helnin. Name's Takree.
Nice to meet you. I'm Krochus.
...I know.

Yeah, I know you know. I just said it again because I said it quietly the first time, and... well I didn't even say it a first time, but I wasn't sure you fully grasped that I am in fact, Krochus, your client.

This way.
TRUFFRU VILLAGE

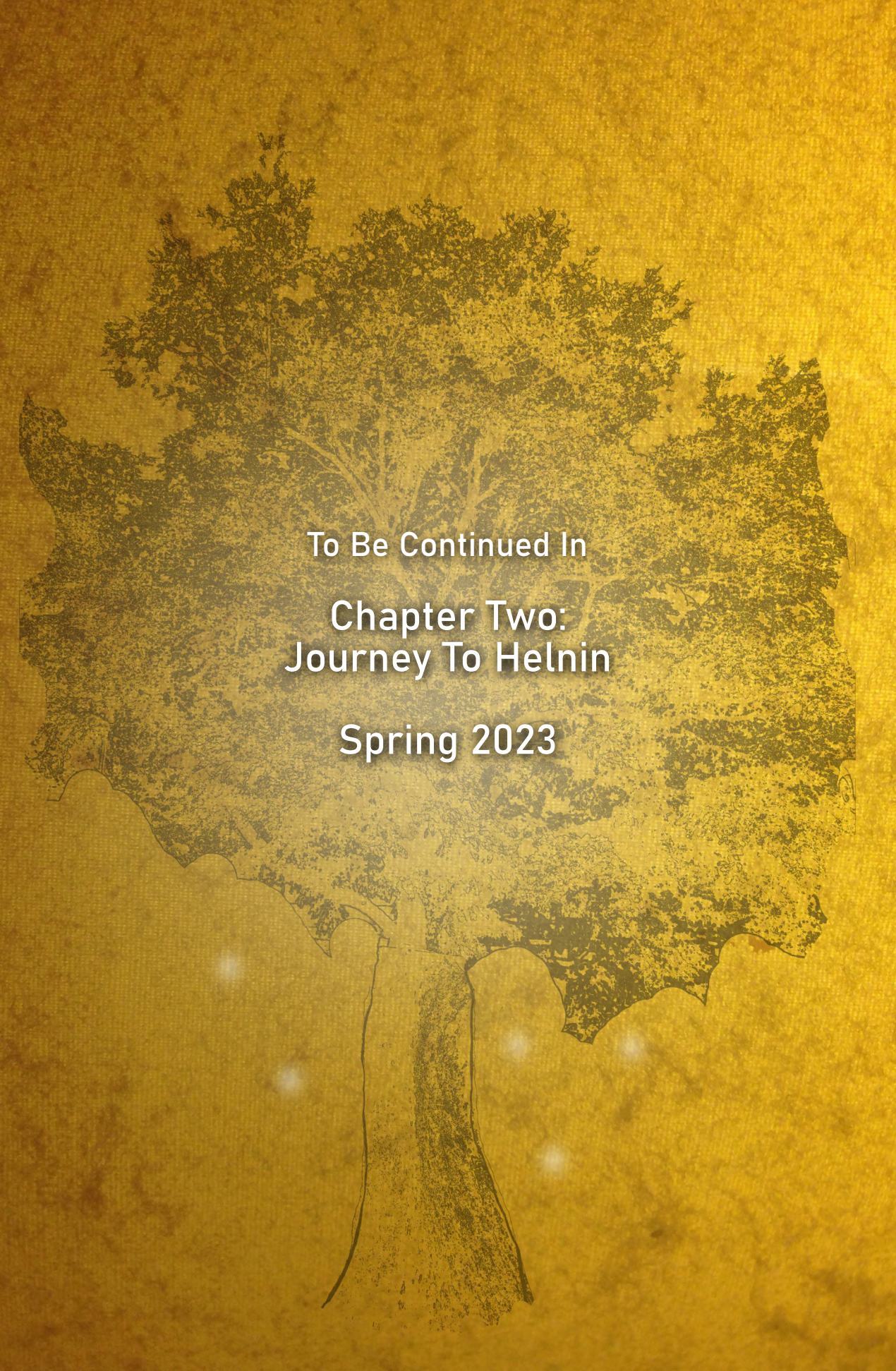
So what kind of person are you?
What?
I mean, is this your job? You take people around to other towns?
I'm a part-time guide, yes. And I do some bounty hunting... Bit of cleaning. Freelancing. I'm a free girl. With a disproporationate number of weird clients.
Disp-- what?
What?
You have a disproportintant number? Dis... dispy...?
Disproportionate. You don't know the word?
No. I'm not from the city like you. I don't know big words.
I'm from the mountains, not a city.
I bet they have cities on mountains, though?
I'm NOT from a city!
Yeah but you're taking me to one? So...?
Wh-- what kind of logic is this?
Oh, logic? What's that?
Oh gods...

Oh man... The edge of the forest...
What? You've never been?
Noooo. It gets really dangerous here.
No? It doesn't?
It does! Bandits and robbers and wild animals!
Krochus, I'm scarier than anything we'll see here.
You are pretty scary, to be fair.
...I meant I'm good at fighting.


Relax, Forest Boy. It's perfectly safe out here. C'mon, Helnin is at the base of those two mountains.
"Forest Boy?"

Hey!
Hold up...

Who is that?
I don't know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