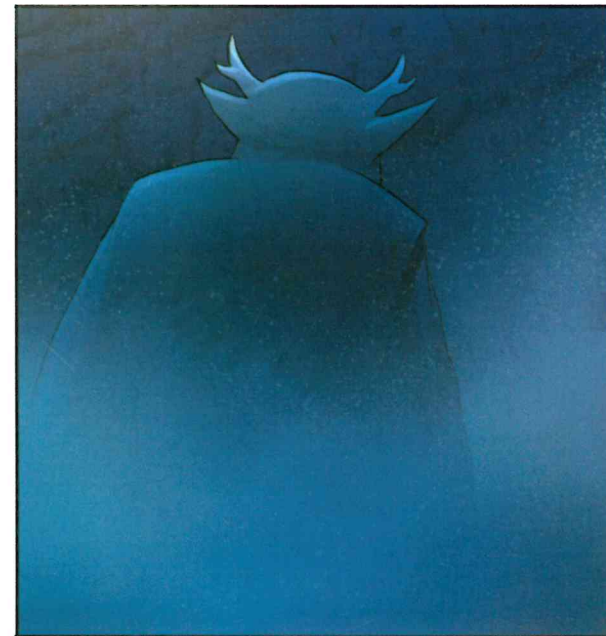


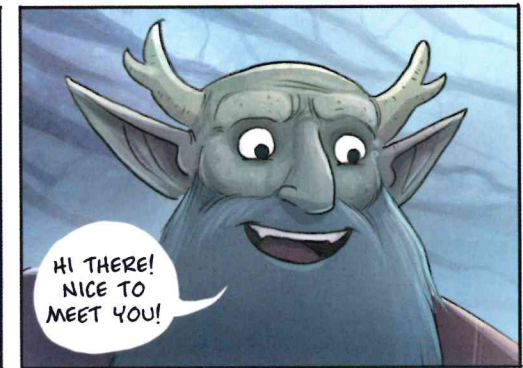
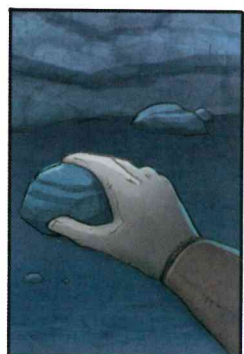
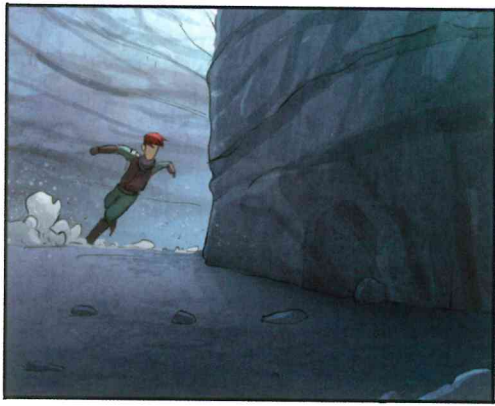
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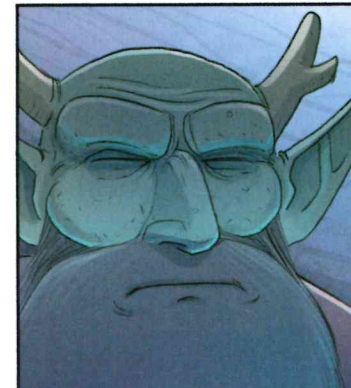
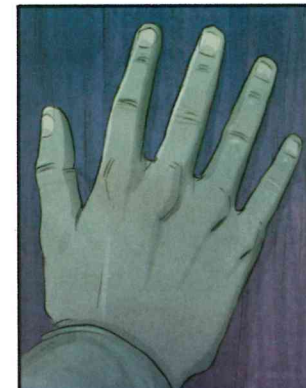
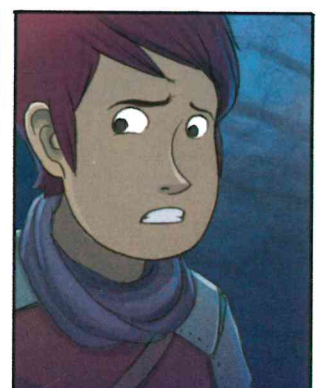
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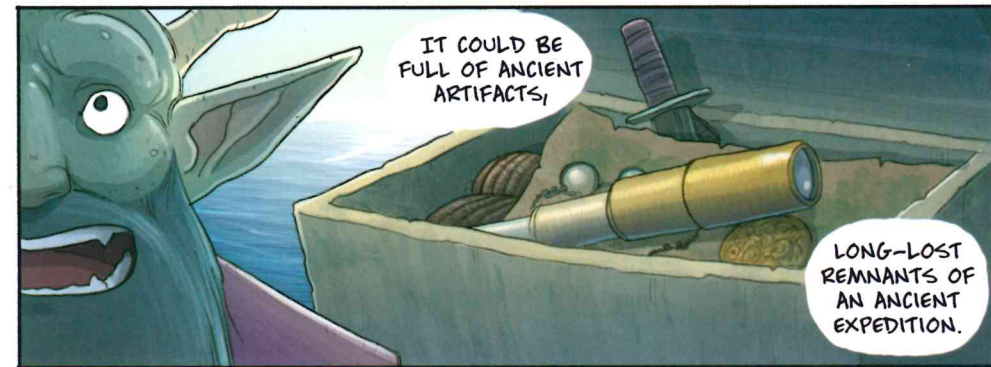






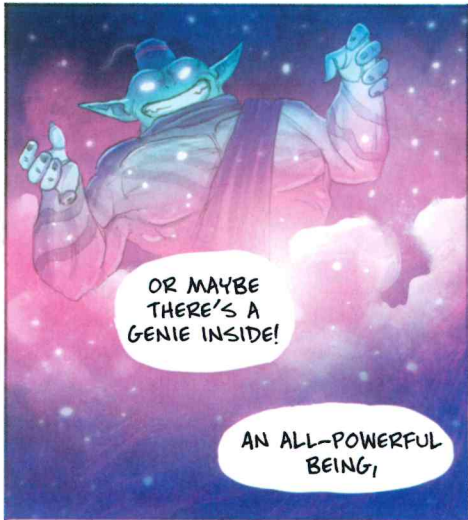








JUST WAITING TO HATCH INTO A FEROCIOUS BEAST!



OR MAYBE THERE'S A GENIE INSIDE!

AN ALL-POWERFUL BEING,



ABLE TO GRANT ANY WISH OUR HEARTS DESIRE!



THOUGH THE BOX COULD ALSO BE CURSED...



AND OPENING IT COULD UNLEASH A PLAGUE THAT WOULD WASH OVER EVEN THE MOST DISTANT LANDS,

CONSUMING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH



OR PERHAPS THERE'S A WHOLE OTHER WORLD INSIDE, JUST LIKE OURS, WITH LITTLE PEOPLE, JUST LIKE US, LOOKING AT A BOX JUST LIKE THIS ONE AND WONDERING...

IT'S GOLD!



HM?

IT'S FULL OF GOLD! PURE GOLD!



OH. HOW INTERESTING.



THIS IS GREAT!



YES, GREAT.



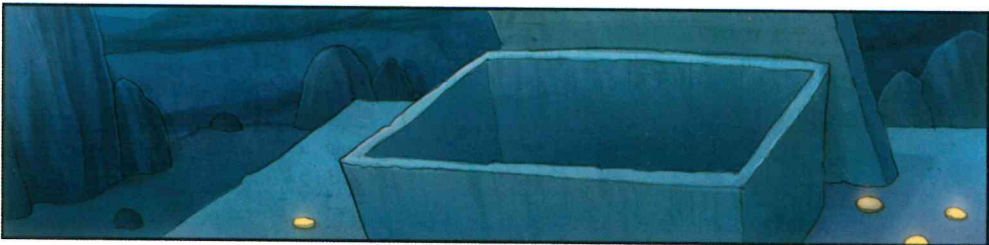
SO, COULD YOU HELP ME FIND THE EXIT?



HM? OH, SURE!



IT'S ACTUALLY NOT AS DIFFICULT TO FIND AS EVERYONE SEEMS TO THINK.



HERE WE ARE! THE EXIT IS RIGHT THROUGH HERE.



YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME!



I COULD REALLY USE SOMEONE LIKE YOU, AND YOU'D BE ABLE TO SEE THE WORLD!



OH, NO THANK YOU.



I'VE SPENT SO MUCH TIME IMAGINING WHAT THINGS ARE LIKE OUTSIDE THESE WALLS, THERE'S JUST NO WAY IT COULD LIVE UP TO MY EXPECTATIONS.

AND EVEN IF IT DID, SOMEONE NEEDS TO LOOK AFTER THIS PLACE.



HM.



WELL, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

OF COURSE! GOOD LUCK ON YOUR TRAVELS!





