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adventure

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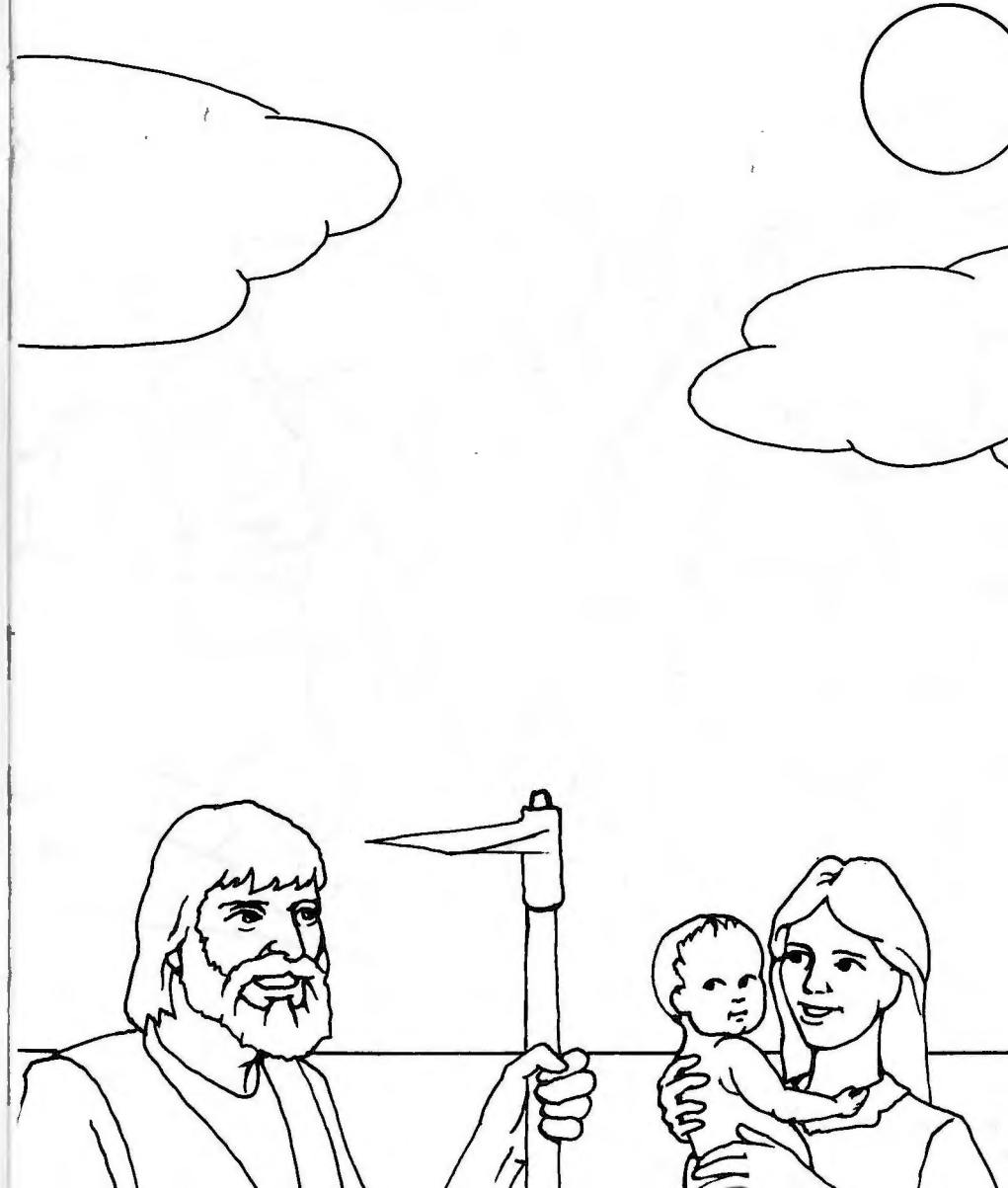
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The image features a central white rectangular panel with a black border, set within a larger, textured wooden frame. The wooden frame has a light brown, grainy appearance with black outlines. The central panel contains the text "Legend of The Coveted Mirror™" in a serif font. The word "The" is in a larger, more ornate script. The entire composition is set against a solid red background.

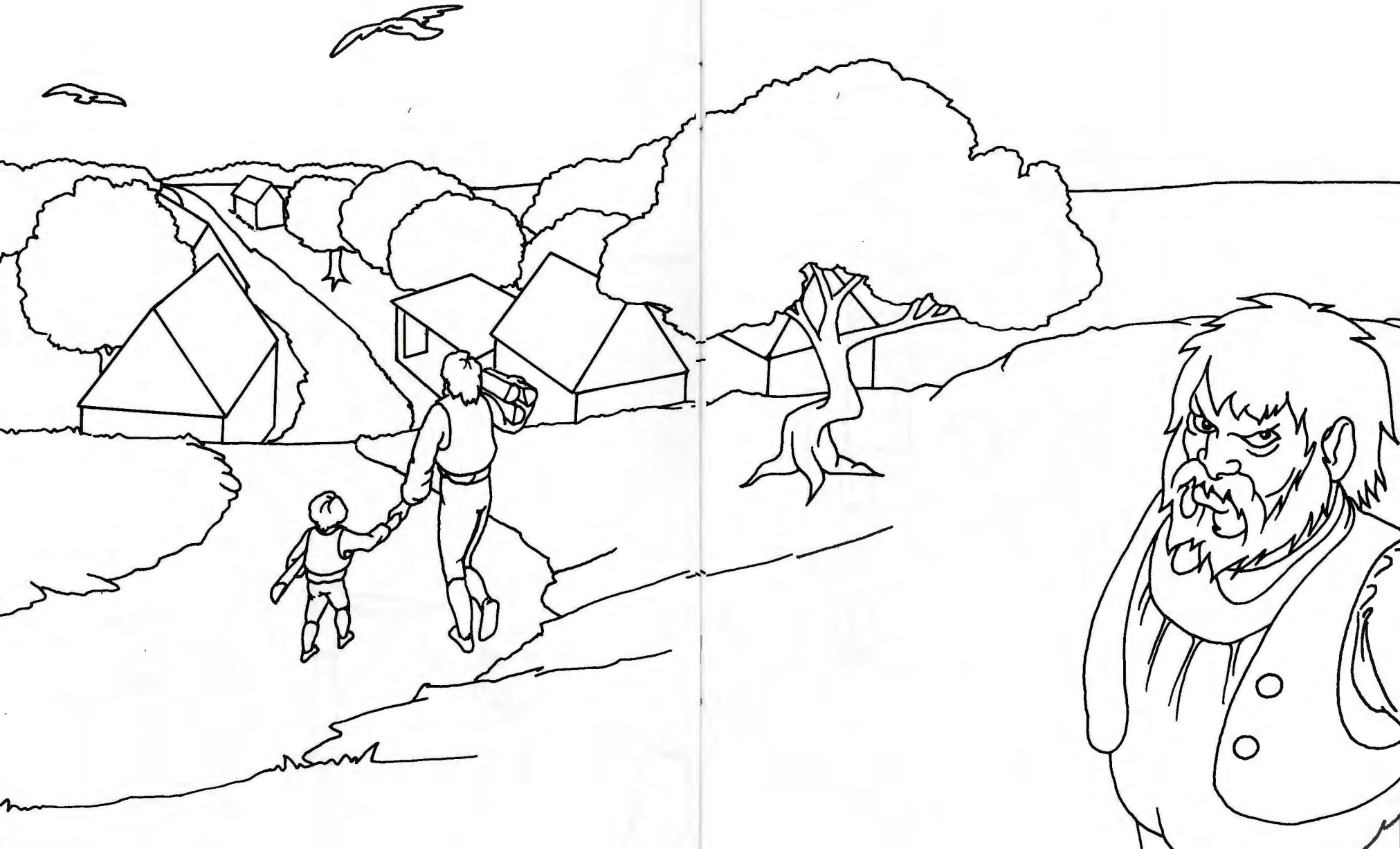
Legend of

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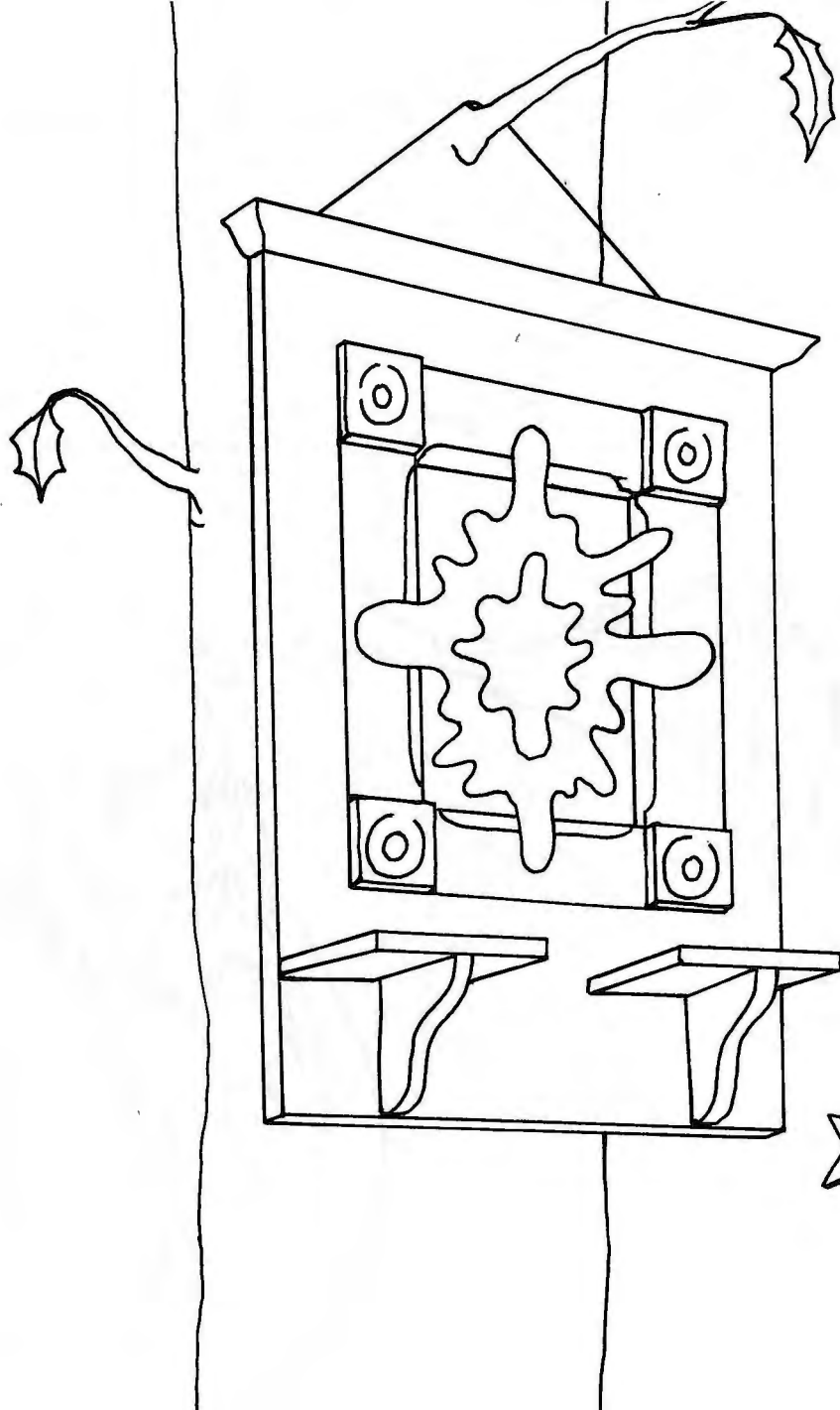
Beyond the distant seas, in the land of Starbury, life was good and the people happy.



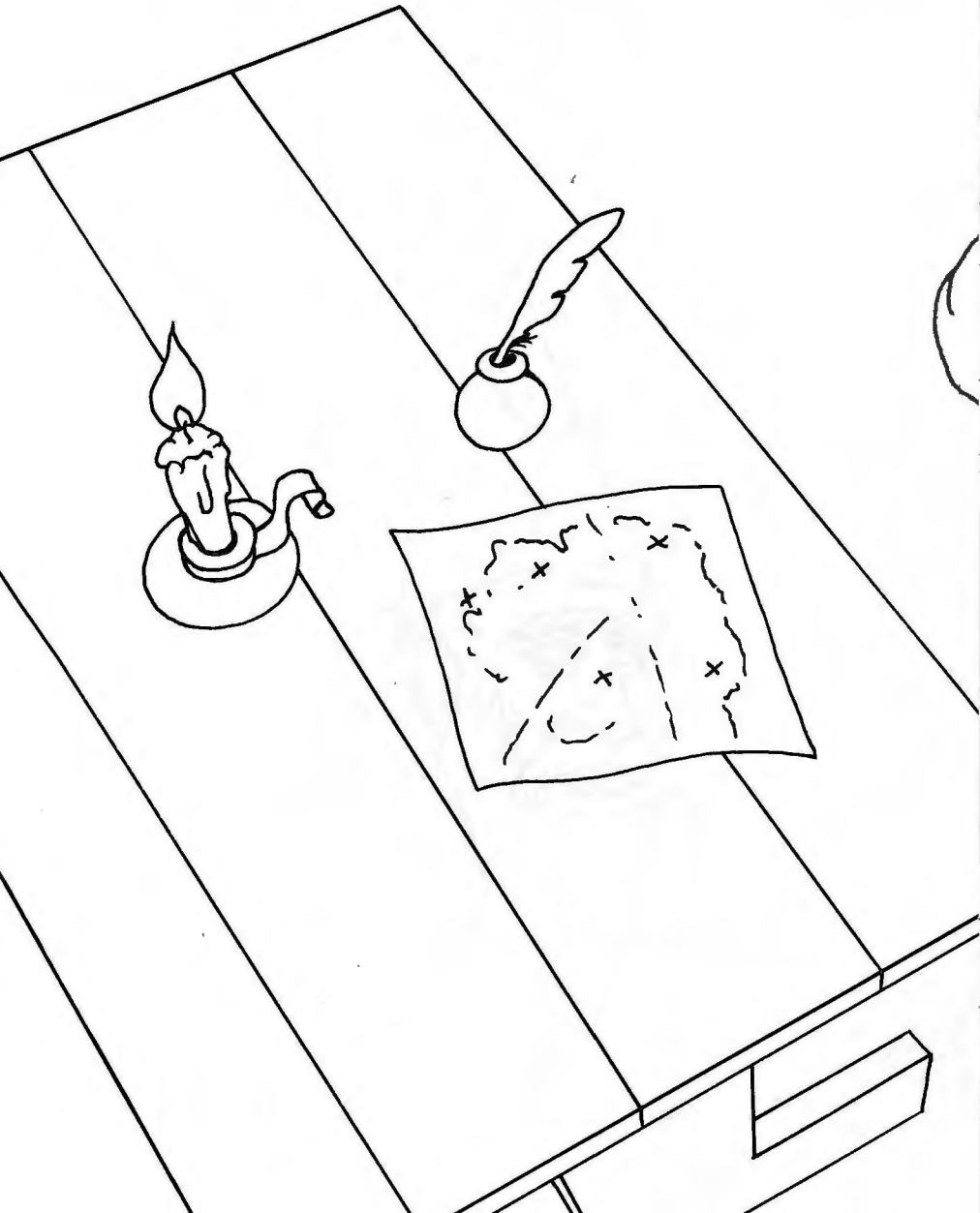
Ruthless in his quest for power, a wicked villain by the name of Voar lurked nearby. His one desire was the absolute rule of Starbury and its people.

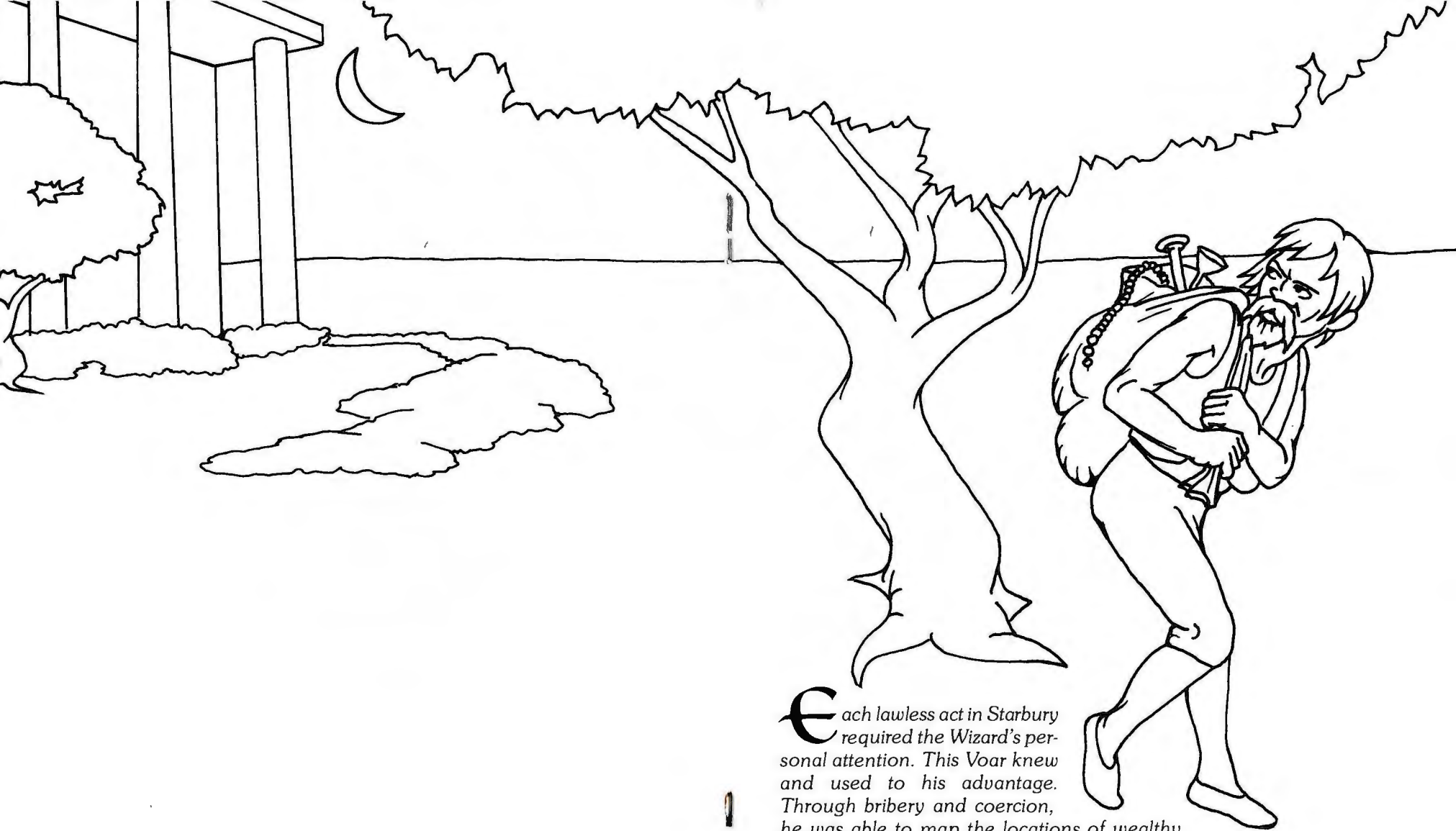


Inspired by all that is evil, Voar would have had his way were it not for one obstacle — the Wizard Munjistan and his magical Mirror. With the Mirror, Munjistan could view the land and whisk troublemakers into his presence to exact swift justice.



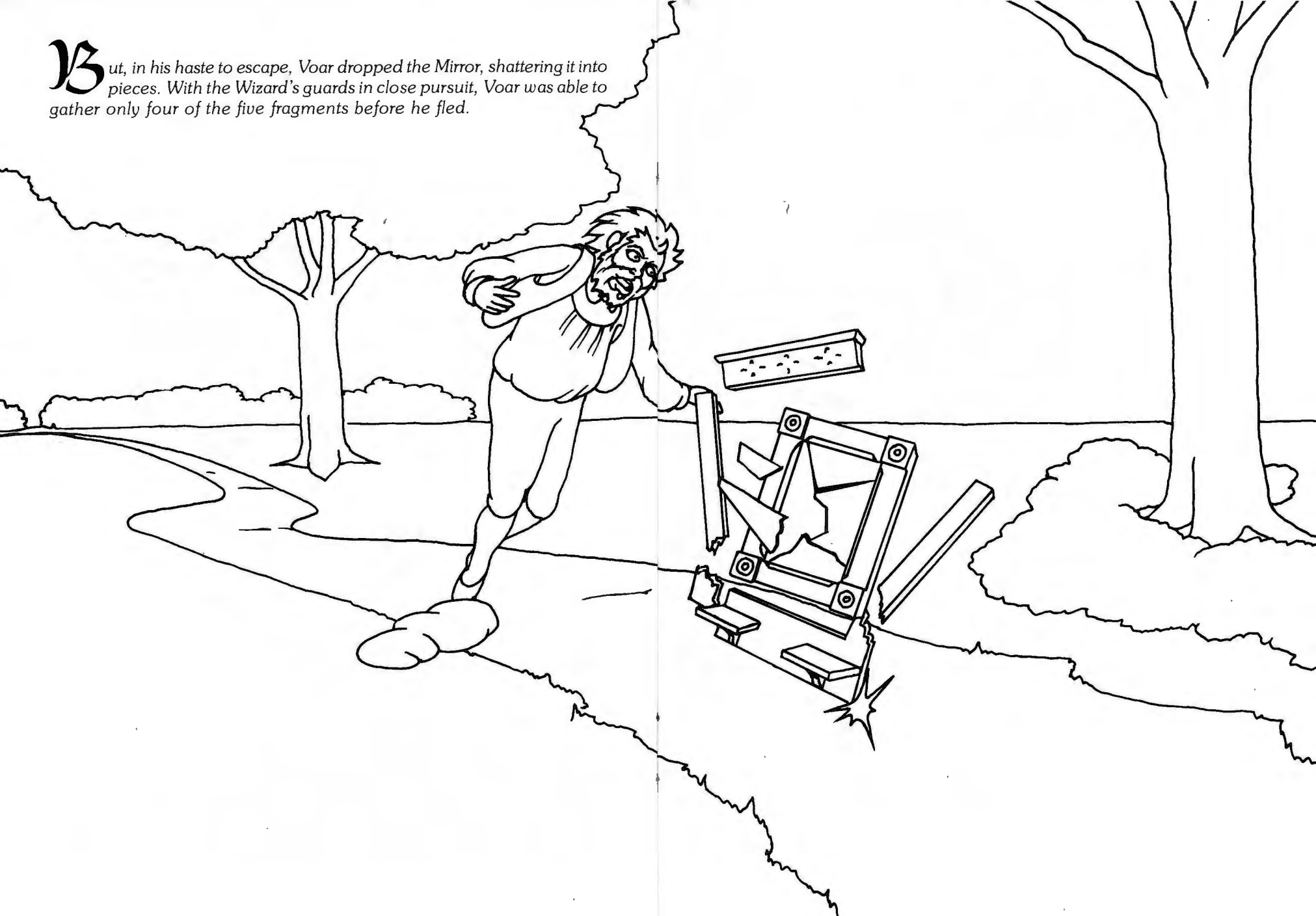
Bereft of his one desire and hungry for power, Voar used all his cunning to devise a plan that would forever rid his life of the Wizard and pave a path to power.



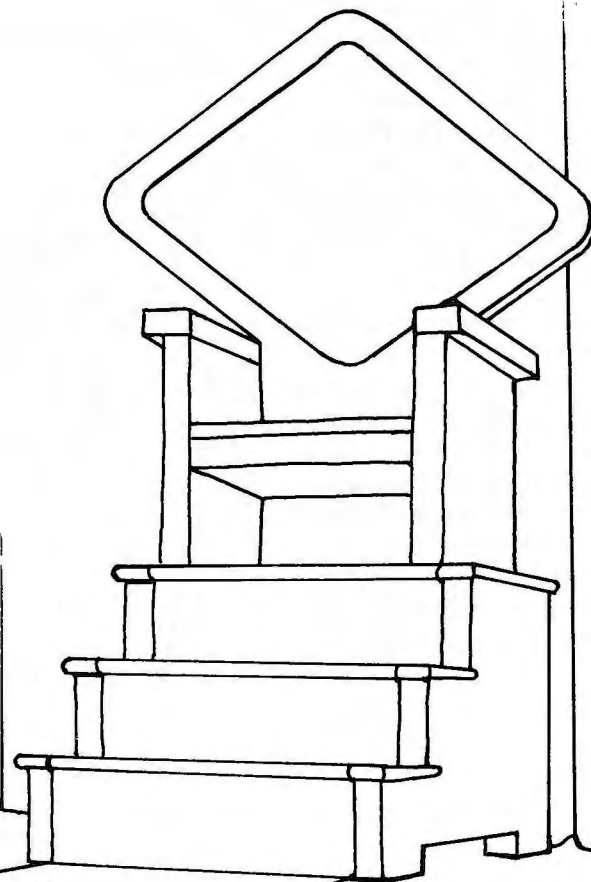
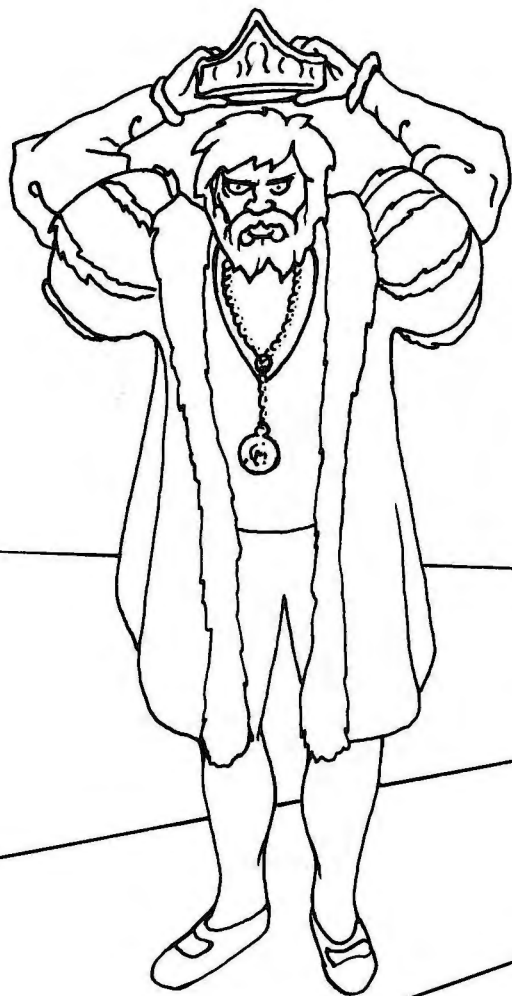


Each lawless act in Starbury required the Wizard's personal attention. This Voar knew and used to his advantage. Through bribery and coercion, he was able to map the locations of wealthy nobility in Starbury. Then the information was circulated, as an invitation, among the most notorious criminals. Starbury soon suffered a plague of robbery, and Munjistan was occupied to exhaustion trying to maintain law. His foe thus occupied, Voar crept into the Wizard's forest stronghold to steal the Mirror.

But, in his haste to escape, Voar dropped the Mirror, shattering it into pieces. With the Wizard's guards in close pursuit, Voar was able to gather only four of the five fragments before he fled.

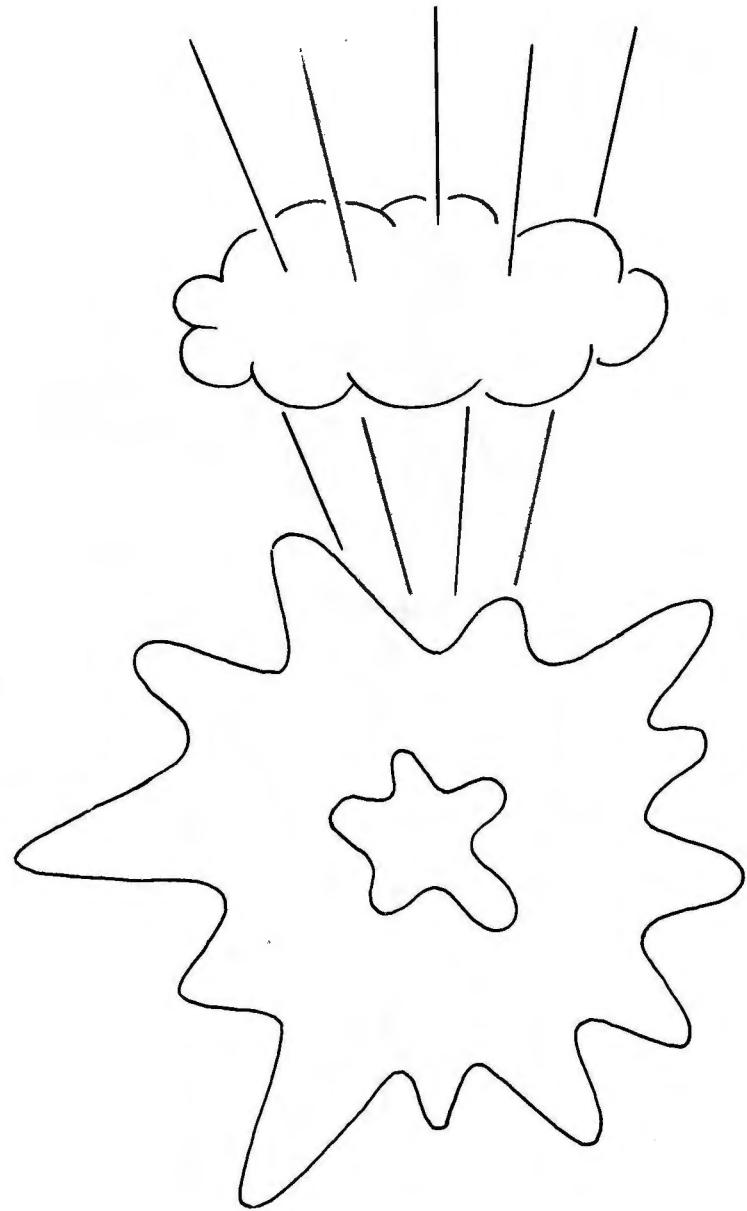
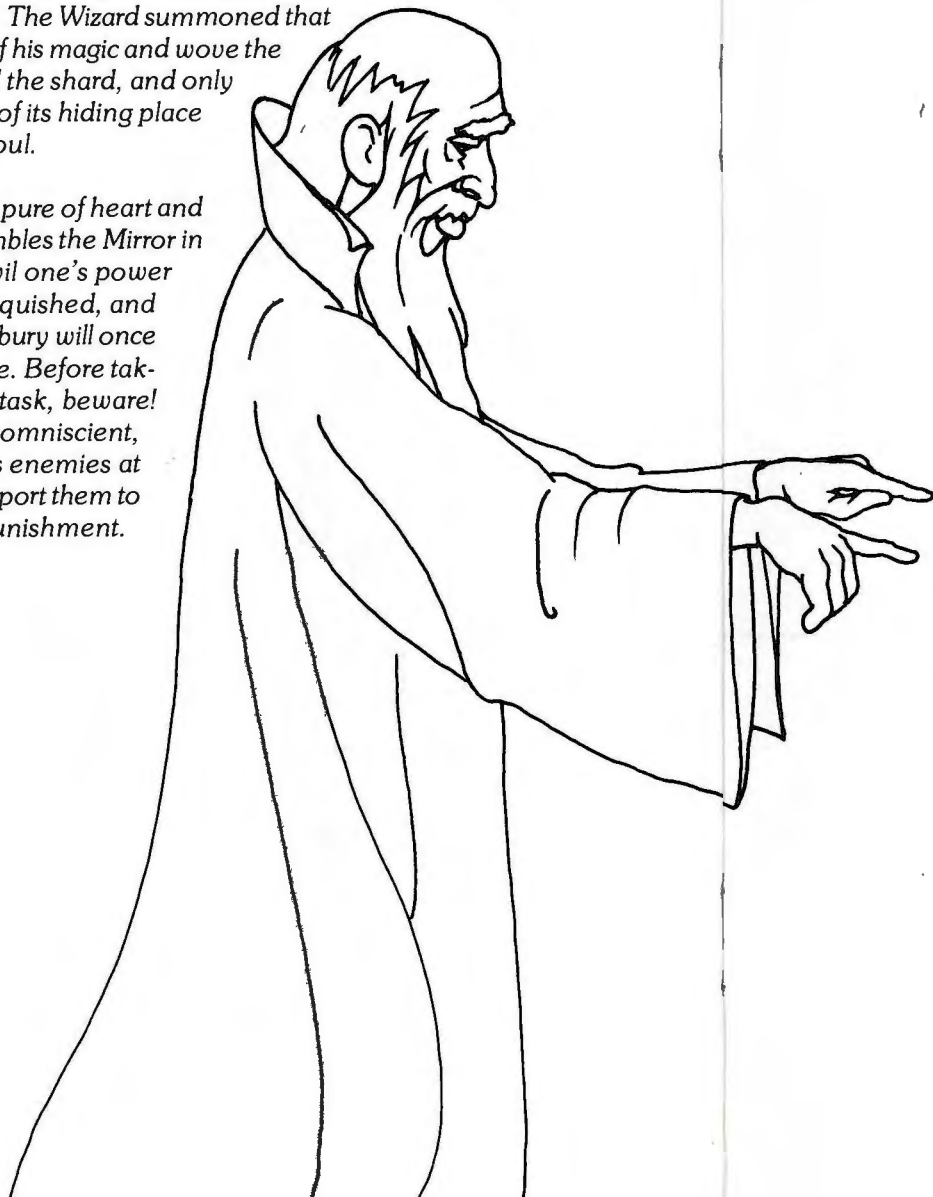


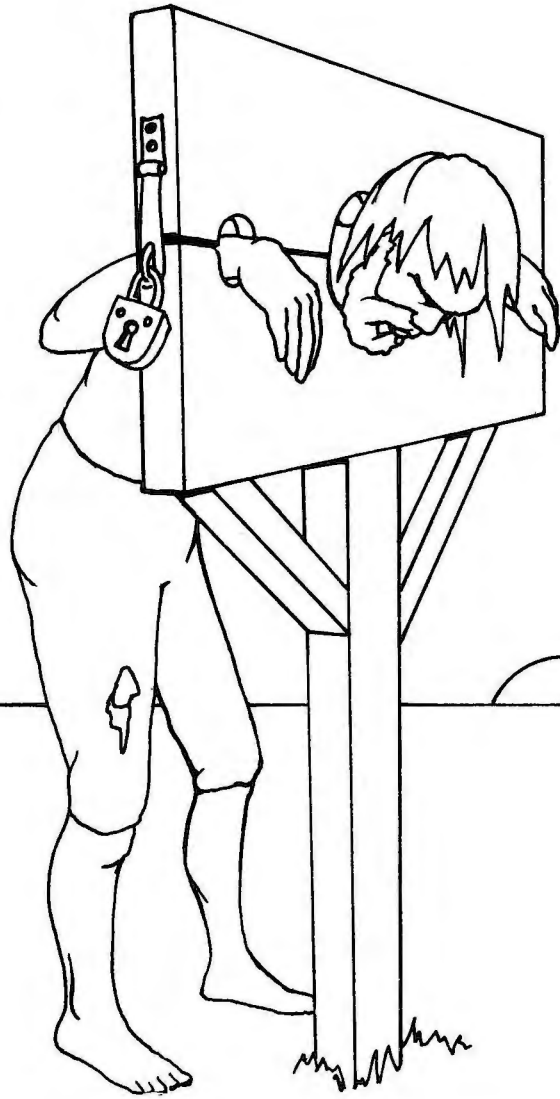
Out of the Wizard's reach, Voar wasted little time seizing control of Starbury, a kingdom now helpless to resist his iron-fisted rule. Such was the magic of the Mirror that, with most of the pieces, Voar commanded vast powers, overshadowing those of Munjistan. Yet all-consuming greed drove him to a frantic search for the missing shard.



Rather than jeopardize the fate of his beloved Starbury, Munjistan desperately sought a spell that would secure the last piece of mirror from Voar's craving. The best he could conjure was one which required he hide the piece and wait for a champion born under future stars. The Wizard summoned that which remained of his magic and wove the spell tightly round the shard, and only shared the secret of its hiding place with one other soul.

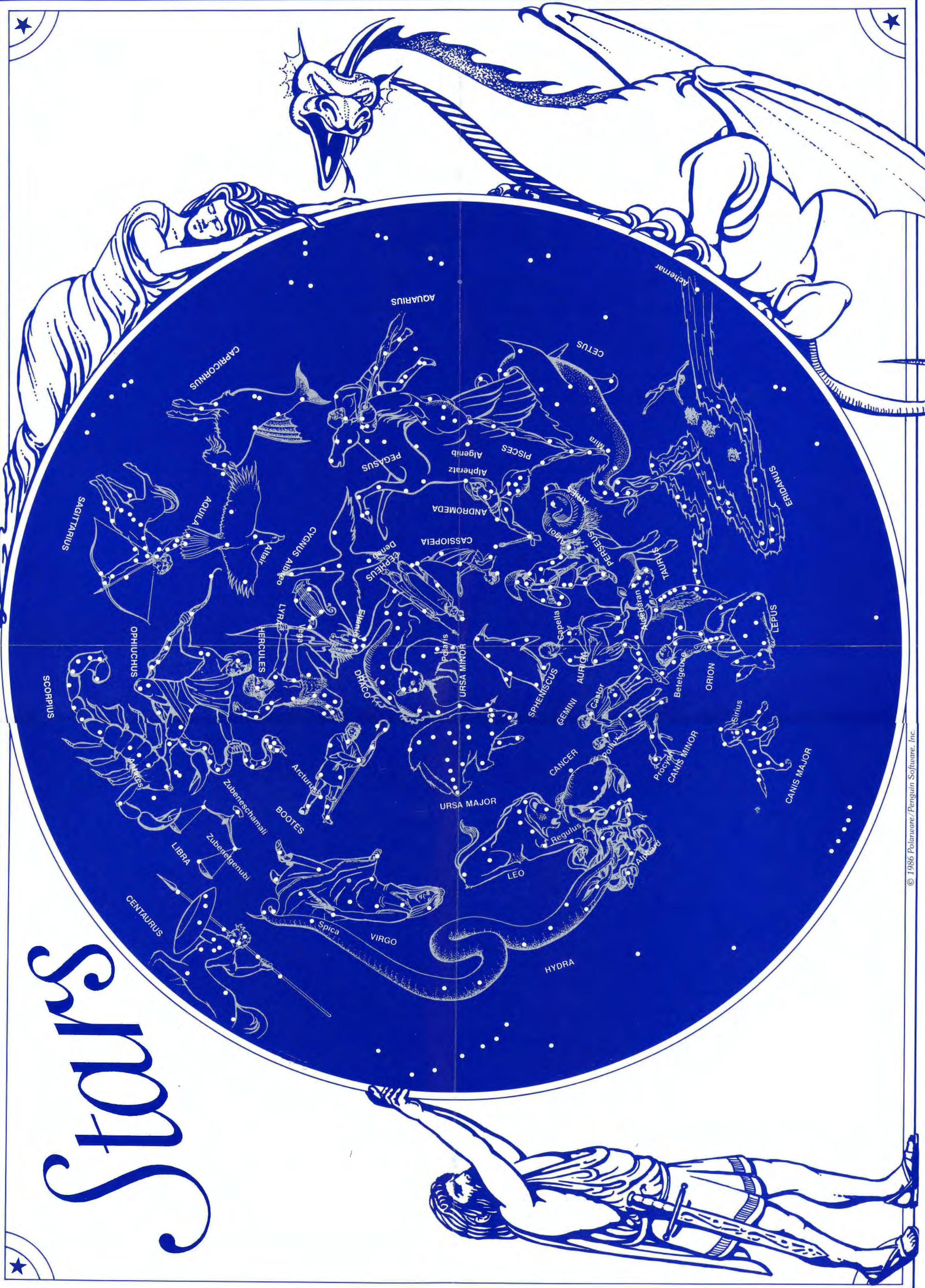
If one who is pure of heart and clever assembles the Mirror in its entirety, the evil one's power will at last be relinquished, and the people of Starbury will once again live in peace. Before taking lightly such a task, beware! Voar is virtually omniscient, able to spy on his enemies at all times and transport them to his fortress for punishment.





Starbury awaits its champion beneath the blanket of Voar's oppression.

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RECIPE



Here's what's cooking: Invisibility Potion

Recipe from: Grumpella Serves: 17

Ingredients: 3 chopped bat wings
11 whole spider legs
2 T. newt dust
1 fowl shadow
1 cup old bones
5 gallons seawater

Mix bat wings, spider legs, newt dust and seawater in large cauldron. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Simmer half hour. Remove from heat, and fold mixture into shadow. Heat to a boil, add old bones and allow to cool.

Serve cool in goblet and watch it vanish!

(store leftovers in dark, dank place)

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A medieval adventure by Eagle Berns and Holly Thomason

Heed the cries from the once tranquil Kingdom of Starbury. The People beg your service in ousting the black-hearted King Voar, who seized the throne and rules with wicked vengeance to all who dare oppose him. Legend tells of The Coveted Mirror and the tragedy which brought Voar to power.

Eager to rule, Voar broke the magical Mirror, then stole four of the five shards from the good Wizard Munjistan. The Mirror in its entirety embraces absolute power, which Munjistan used to protect Starbury. Now Voar desires such power and frantically searches the kingdom for the missing piece. But, with the last of his strength, the Wizard cast a spell on the shard and hid it. Should a champion find the five fragments and hold the Mirror, Voar's power will be broken.

Let it be known, Voar is virtually omniscient, armed as he is with some of the Mirror fragments. He is able to spy on his enemies at all times and transport them at will to his fortress for punishment.

Please do not tarry. Journey to the Kingdom of Starbury, find The Coveted Mirror before Voar does, and allow the Kingdom to flourish once again.

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Among her many talents, **Holly Thomason** is a computer artist and game designer. It is her writing you read and her graphics you see in The Coveted Mirror. She has done graphics work with many other programs on the market, and is at work on another interactive novel and a series of educational adventures.



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