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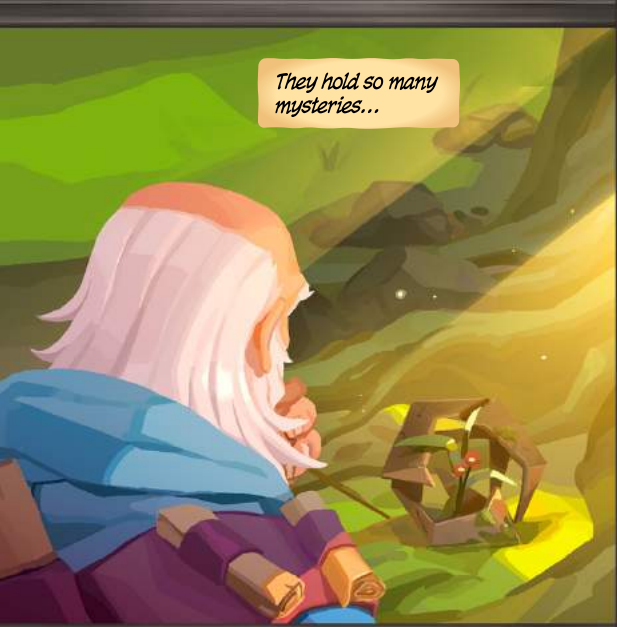


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*In all my travels, I have never
seen a place as peaceful as the
forests of Dragon Shire.*



*They hold so many
mysteries...*



*...and I still struggle
to understand them.*



THEY'RE
CATCHING UP!



NOT
GOOD.



SHE
VANISHED!

YOU
THERE!



WHERE IS SHE?!



I BEG YOUR PARDON?

GIVE US THE GIRL!

THIS MUST BE SOME MISTAKE. I HAVEN'T SEEN A GIRL HERE.



LET ME CLEAR THIS UP...



I'M ORPHEA.



A-AND I AM **DECKARD CAIN!** THESE MEN ARE SEARCHING FOR YOU?

YOU MIGHT SAY I BURNED SOME BRIDGES.

ALLOW ME TO HELP.



THE RAVEN LORD
WILL NOT TOLERATE
ANY MORE OF YOUR
INSOLENCE!



IS THAT
RIGHT?

HE OUGHT
TO BE USED TO
IT BY NOW.



YOU
VILE LITTLE
TRAITOR!



THAT WAS
THE LAST OF
THEM.

FOR THE
MOMENT. WE
SHOULD GET
MOVING.




AH, A
SINGULARITY
SHELL...

WHAT
IS IT?



EVERY
REALM HAS ONE.
CLAIMING IT WILL
MAKE YOU THE
REALM LORD.


BUT THIS
SINGULARITY
DIED WITH ITS
LAND LONG
AGO...



HOW CAN
A REALM
DIE?

THERE ARE
MANY WAYS: CHAOS,
DESTRUCTION,
WAR...

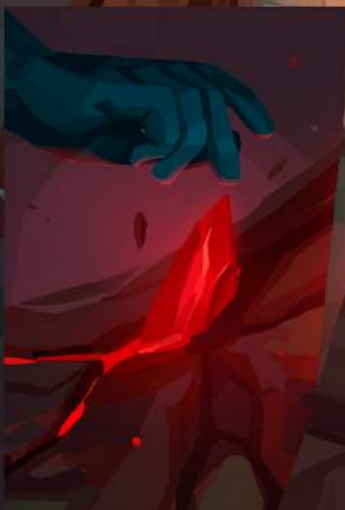
LET ME
SHOW YOU
SOMETHING...



THE RAVEN LORD
HAS SUMMONED THE
DARK NEXUS OVER
THERE--ACROSS
THE BORDER.

SUCH EVIL...
SOMEONE MUST
STOP THEM!

NO. THIS
IS JUST THE
BEGINNING. WE
SHOULD RUN.



IF WE DO
NOT FIGHT FOR
THE DAWN, IT CAN
NEVER COME.

IS THERE
NO ONE WHO
WILL HELP
US?

WELL,
MAYBE...

DRAGON SHIRE, HOURS LATER...

YOUR
COMPANION ISN'T
ON THE LIST,
MASTER CAIN.

OH, MY WARD?
TAKE NO NOTICE OF
HER. SHE WILL KEEP
TO HERSELF.

HMPH.

WHO ELSE
HAS REQUESTED
AN AUDIENCE?

DECKARD CAIN,
*THE LADY OF
THORNS* WILL
HEAR YOU
NOW!

I COME
WITH DIRE
TIDINGS.

THE RAVEN LORD
HAS UNLEASHED A
TERRIBLE THREAT!

THE DARK
NEXUS HAS ALREADY
SCARRED THE LAND,
LEAVING A PATH OF
DESTRUCTION.

THAT IS
ENOUGH!

GUARDS,
COURTIERS--
LEAVE US.



YOU HAVE CAUSED QUITE THE COMMOTION, MASTER CAIN.

I MEANT ONLY TO WARN YOU OF THE COMING DANGER!



I KNOW IT WELL, BUT MY CONTROL OF THE COURT HANGS BY A THREAD.

THEY ARE LOYAL ONLY TO MY HUSBAND.



HE WAS A FINE KING UNTIL THE CURSE CLAIMED HIM...

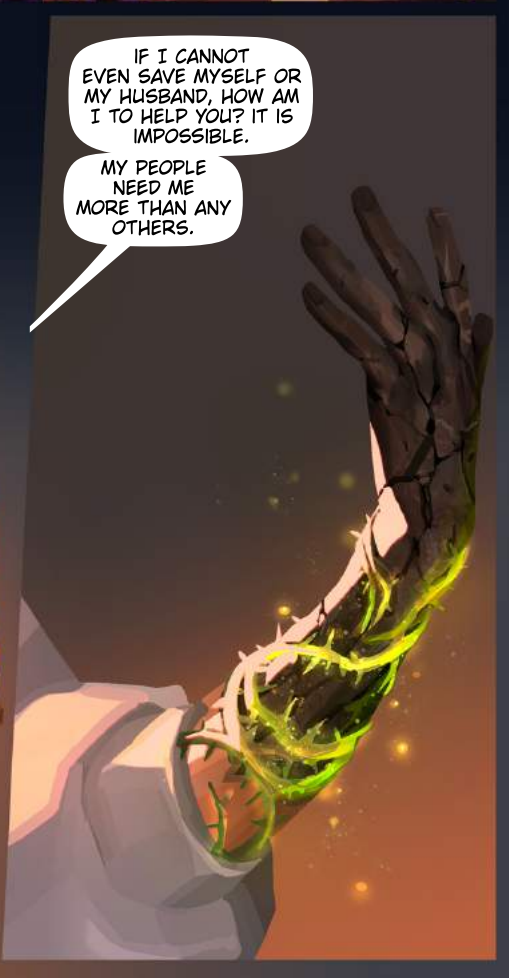
...TURNING HIS BODY TO STONE.



I AM SORRY.

IT SEEMS I AM TO BE NEXT...

NOTHING I HAVE DONE HAS CURED MY OWN CURSE.



IF I CANNOT EVEN SAVE MYSELF OR MY HUSBAND, HOW AM I TO HELP YOU? IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

MY PEOPLE NEED ME MORE THAN ANY OTHERS.



YOUR PEOPLE
ARE THE ONES UNDER
THREAT!

THE RAVEN
LORD'S KNIGHTS HAVE
ALREADY ATTACKED
TRAVELERS WITHIN
YOUR BORDERS.




IT'S
WORSE THAN
THAT.

THERE'S
ANOTHER REALM THE
RAVEN LORD WANTS
EVEN MORE--ONE
THAT HAS JUST
FORMED.




IF HE
TAKES IT,
HIS POWER WILL
FAR EXCEED
YOURS.



I WILL NOT
SEE ANOTHER LAND
FALL INTO HIS HANDS!
KING'S CREST WOULD
BE IN TOO MUCH
PERIL...


I SHALL
DO WHAT I
CAN.



AND YOU, MASTER
CAIN...YOU MUST COME
WITH ME.

I WOULD
BE HONORED,
MY LADY.

GOOD.



AS FOR YOUR
"WARD," SHE MAY
STAY AS LONG AS
SHE WISHES.

TRUST ME,
THAT WON'T BE
LONG.

DAYS LATER



Raena, the Lady of Thorns, called on her greatest allies from across the lands--and they answered.

All who heard her warning felt its weight upon their hearts.

THE RAVEN LORD SENDS HIS ARMIES TO SEIZE A NEW REALM--BUT WE WILL NOT LET HIM SUCCEED!

THIS IS THE DAY HIS TYRANNY WILL COME TO AN END!

ALTERAC PASS

Together, they marched forward to battle!

But that is for another chapter in my Book of the Realms...

TO BE CONTINUED