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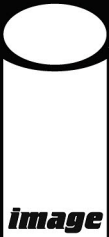
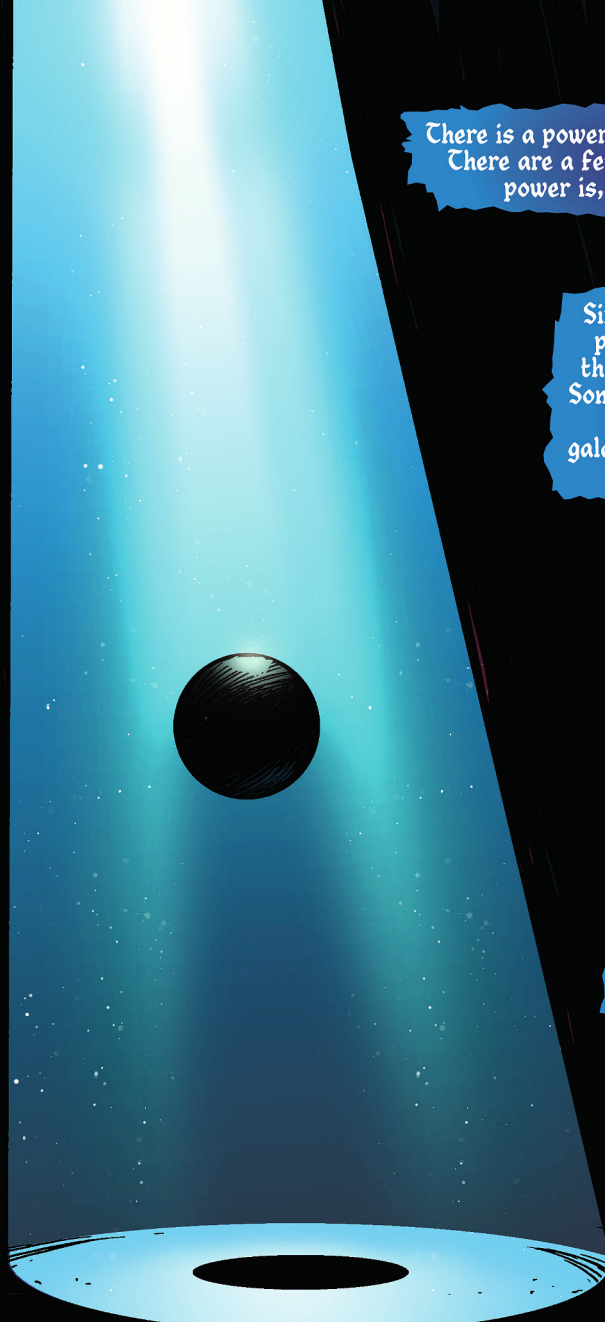


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There is a power that exists everywhere. There are a few that know what this power is, but most do not.

Since the dawn of thought, this power has been labeled many things. Some refer to it as God. Some see it more as a stark force of nature, while others, in galaxies far, far away, refer to it simply as "The Force."

The most straightforward and scientifically accurate term, though, is **MAGIC**.

This black orb is not very large-- only about the size of a basketball --but it is made up of all the magic that exists, past, present, and future. This is it... there is no more. This is important because magic makes everything possible. Without it, there is nothing.

The orb has been protected from any harm or misuse by the most powerful spell ever cast, a spell thousands of years old and believed unbreakable.

A small chip mars the orb's smooth surface. That chip, no bigger than a grain of sand could, with but a few gestures and words, destroy a world.

Moments ago, the unbreakable spell was broken, and that piece of pure, undiluted magic was stolen by persons unknown and for reasons unknown. However, what can be assumed, with great confidence, is that the thieves intend to do us harm...



OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...ASA, HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION BEFORE YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS GARBAGE WILL DO TO YOUR BRAIN?



ACH, IF YOUR MOTHER WERE HERE -- BLESS HER SOUL -- IT WOULD BREAK HER HEART TO SEE YOU READING THIS...THIS STUFF!



IT'S JUST A COMIC BOOK, POP.

IT'S JUST A WASTE OF TIME IS WHAT IT IS!

BUT I LIKE COMIC BOOKS--



NO, YOU LIKE FIXING CARPETS. THAT'S WHY YOU WORK IN A CARPET REPAIR SHOP!

I WORK HERE BECAUSE IT'S YOUR SHOP AND YOU MAKE ME...



I WANNA DO MORE WITH MY LIFE THAN FIXING RUGS, POP. I WANNA DO SOMETHING EXCITING, SOMETHING THAT MATTERS.

I WANNA BE A SOLDIER IN THE SPELL GUARD, LIKE RAYE!



SIGH ASA, YOUR MOTHER -- BLESS HER SOUL -- AND I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED THE BEST FOR YOU. BUT YOU'RE A MAN NOW, AND YOU NEED TO QUIT ALL THIS DREAMING AND FACE THE FACT THAT YOU'LL NEVER BE LIKE YOUR BROTHER.



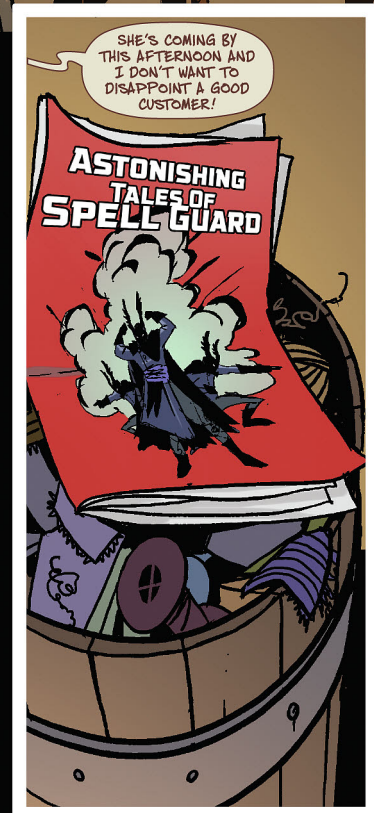
RAYE'S BIG AND STRONG AND A GREAT FIGHTER. AND YOU SON... WELL, YOU'RE REALLY GREAT AT FIXING RUGS. AND YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THAT!



YOU WERE BORN TO FIX CARPETS AND RUGS ASA, JUST LIKE ME, AND MY FATHER, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM. IT'S IN YOUR BLOOD. YOU KNOW IT. I KNOW IT. SOCIETY KNOWS IT.

I HAD DREAMS TOO, ONCE. BUT THEN I GREW UP. THOSE ARE THE RULES.

NOW STOP READING THIS NONSENSE AND FINISH PATCHING THAT HOLE IN MRS. CRUMPLY'S RUG...



SHE'S COMING BY THIS AFTERNOON AND I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT A GOOD CUSTOMER!



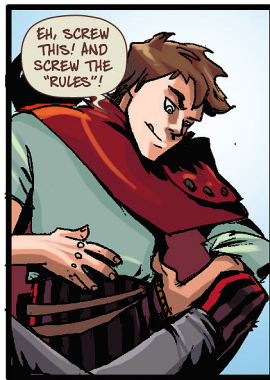
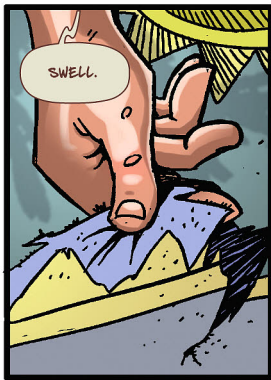
ASTONISHING TALES OF SPELL GUARD



YEAH, WELL, NO WORRIES THERE. I'VE GOT THAT WHOLE DISAPPOINTED THING PRETTY MUCH COVERED.

WHAT WAS THAT?

I SAID, NO WORRIES, POP, I'LL COVER THE HOLE UP RIGHT AWAY!







'SUP.

'SUP.

YOU'RE LATE.

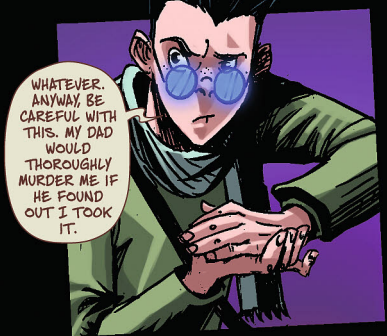
YOU'RE EARLY.

WHATEVER. LET'S DO THIS. I GOTTA GET BACK TO THE SHOP.



YOU DO REALIZE THAT IF YOU GET CAUGHT IT'S BOTH OUR ASSES, RIGHT?

RELAX, TAVISH. NOTHING'S GONNA HAPPEN. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M TIRED OF JUST READING ABOUT LIFE. I WANNA START LIVING IT! AND C'MON, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN ACTUALLY SAY THEY SAW THE ORB... IN PERSON?!



WHATEVER. ANYWAY, BE CAREFUL WITH THIS. MY DAD WOULD THOROUGHLY MURDER ME IF HE FOUND OUT I TOOK IT.



BLOOD.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

IT'S A FROG, GENIUS.



I LOADED HIM WITH SIGHT AND INVISIBILITY. YOU ACTIVATE THE SPELL BY SAYING THE WORD AND THEN LICKING HIM.

WHAT?



AND KEEP IN MIND THAT THOSE ARE SUPER HARD-CORE SPELLS, SO HE'S GOING TO GET TIRED FAST... IF HE FALLS ASLEEP, POOF! NO MORE SPELL!

BLOOD?





SOMETHING
HERE STINKS...
AND IT'S NOT
JUST THE FROG.
I'M GONNA FIND
OU--



GHAAAAA!



DOOOOF!

KLUD



OW, DAMMIT! HEY,
WHY DOES MY HAND
FEEL ALL WET?



...AND WHAT
THE HECK DID I
JUST TRIP OVER?
I DON'T SEE
ANYTHING...WAIT
A MINUTE.

HEY, FROG!
WAKE UP!



YAWWWWWNNNN...



SIGHT!
...ICK.

BLEH.



WHOA...
EH?



THE ORB!
I CAN SEE IT
NOW!

OH,
WOW...IT'S...
BEAUTIFUL...

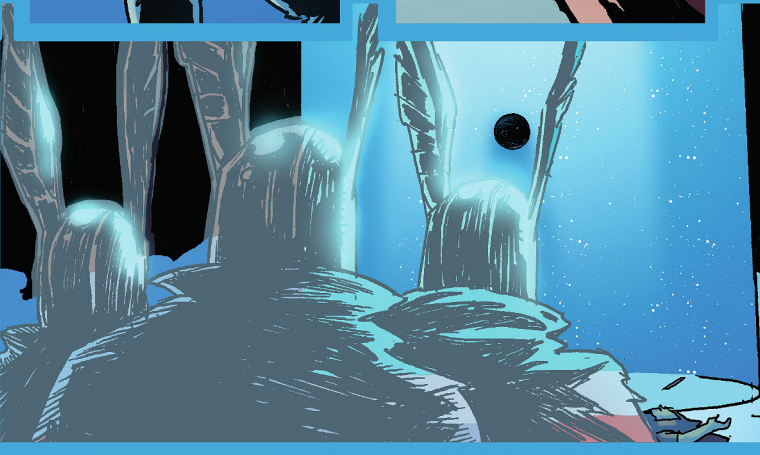


HUH? THE
STUFF ON MY
HAND...IT'S...
IT'S BLOOD!

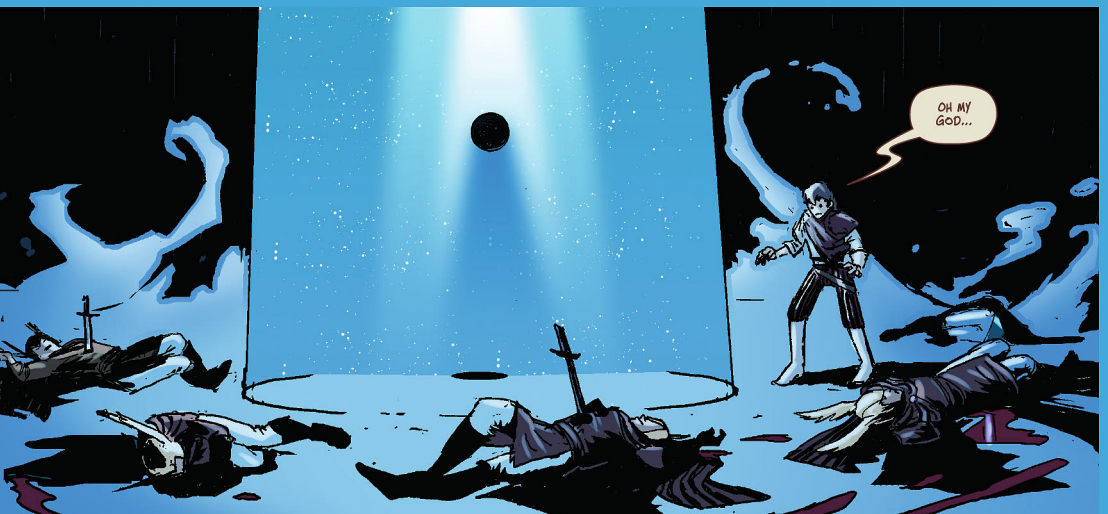


OKAY,
THIS ISN'T
GOOD.

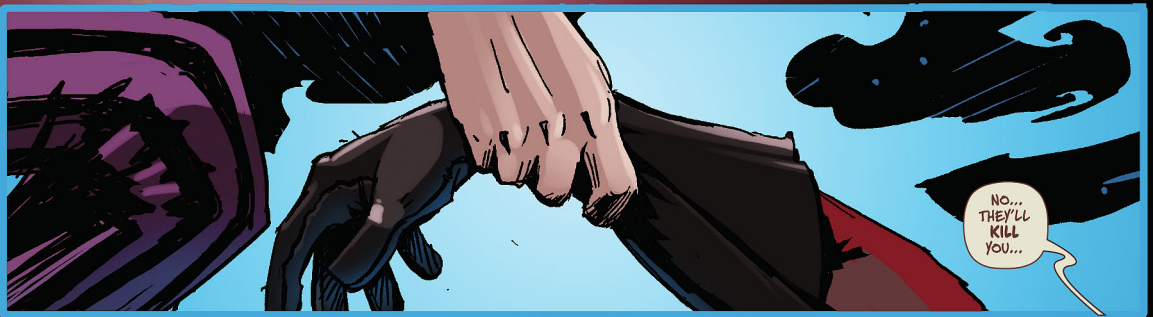
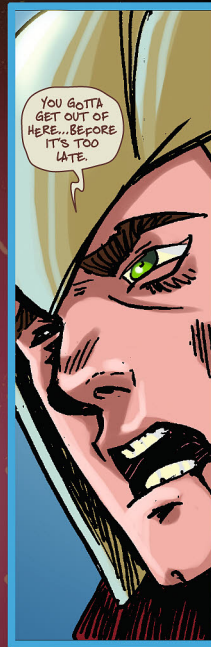
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THE GUARDS,
THEY'RE FADING
AWAY! AND THERE'S
SOMETHING ON
THE GROUND...



OH MY
GOD...





HEY, THAT
KID...HE
CAN SEE
US!

SO
IT WOULD
SEEM...
GUT HIM.

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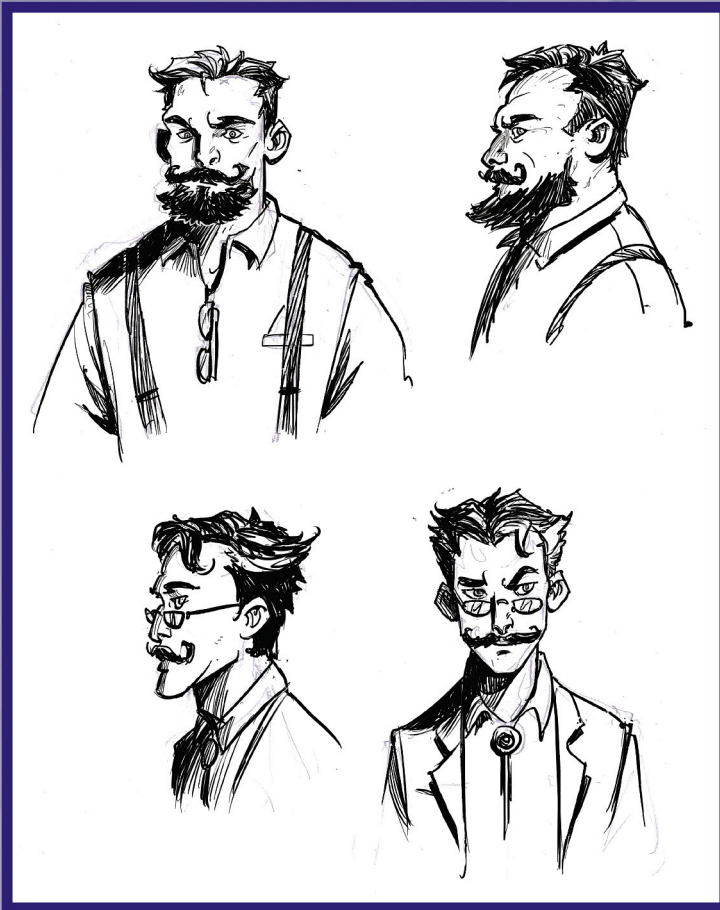
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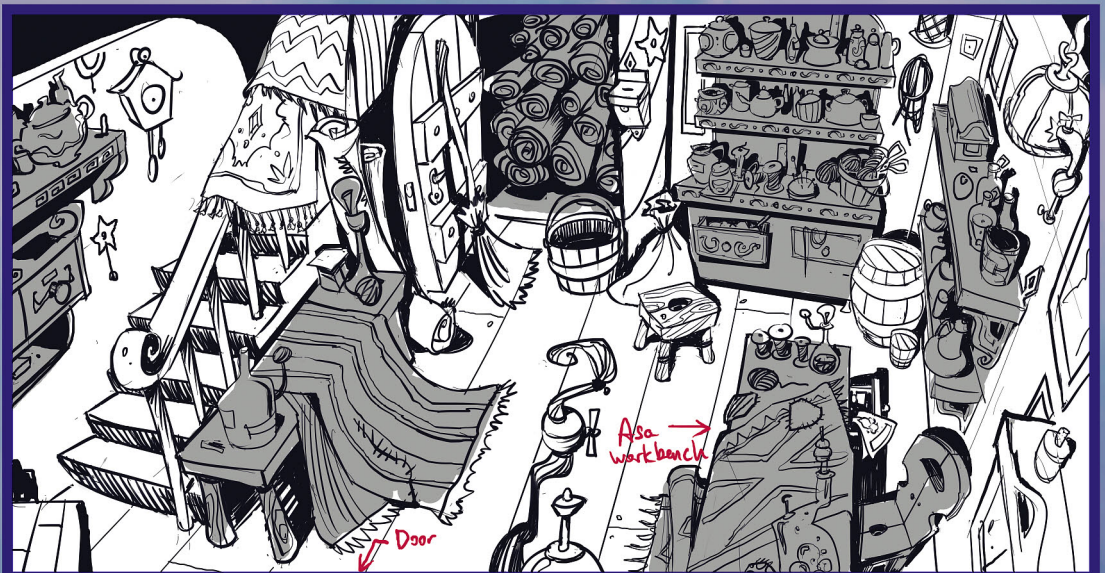
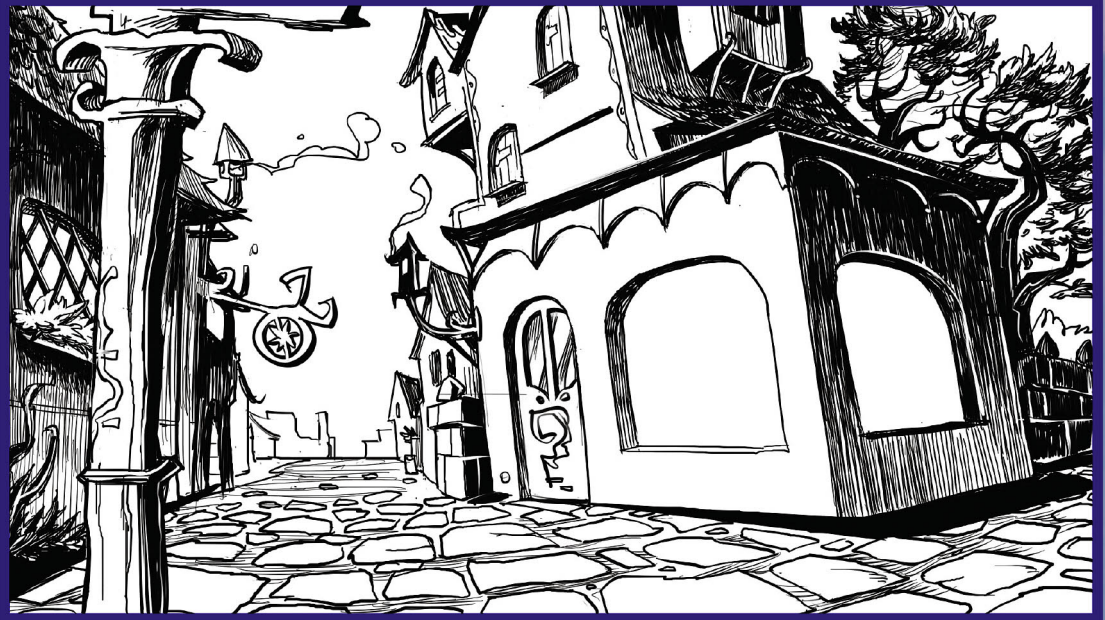
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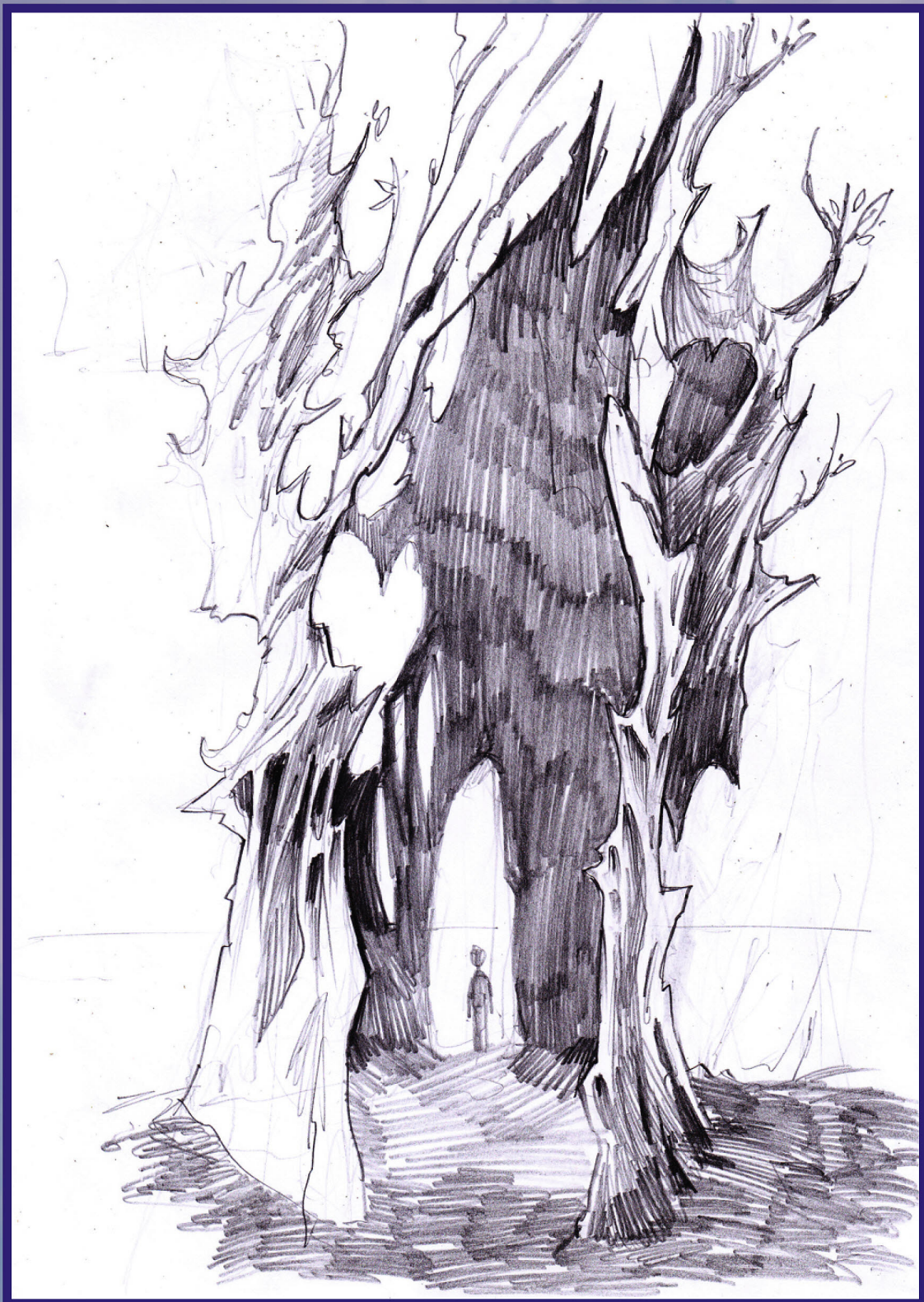
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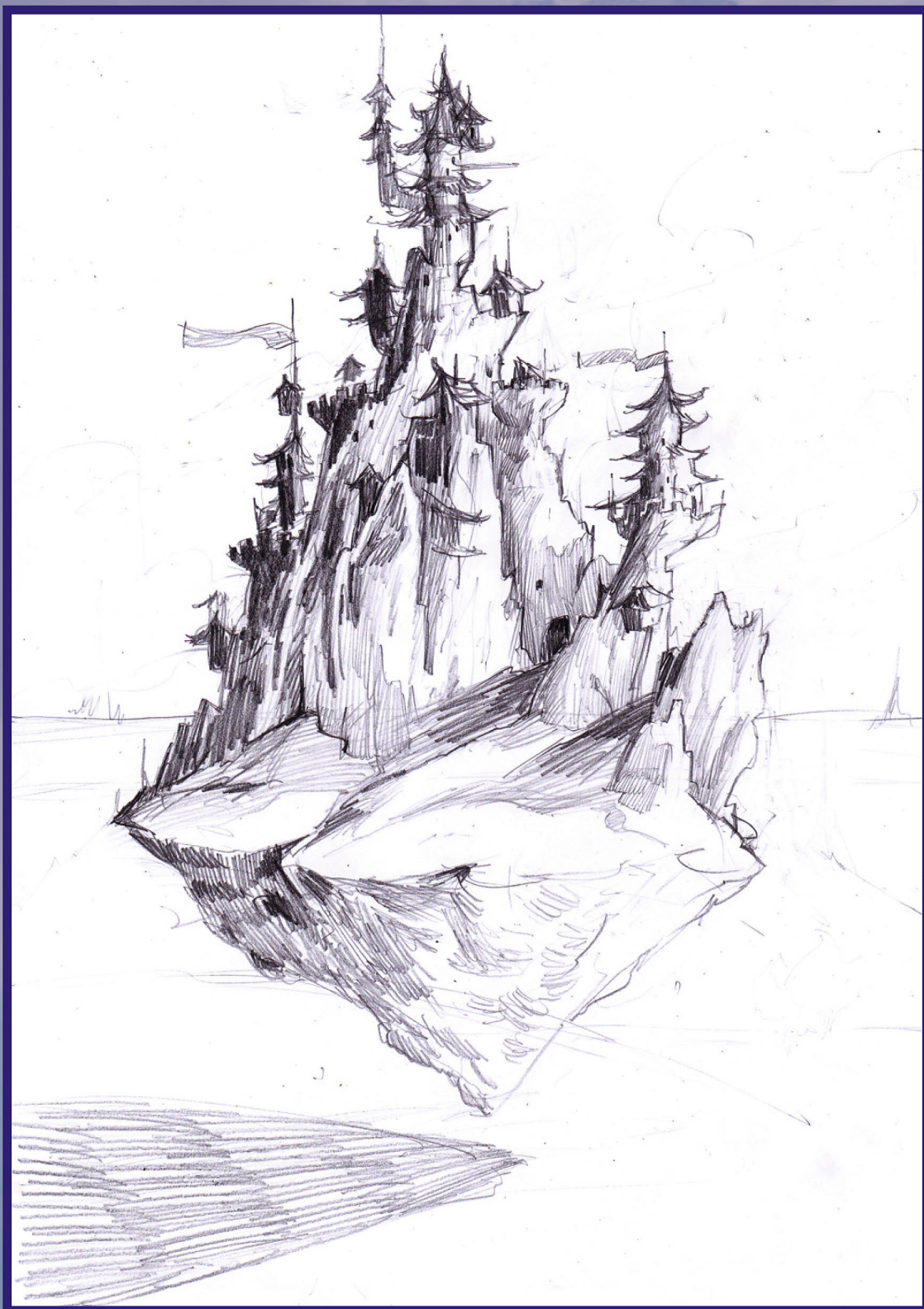
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