



WE'RE NOT BORING YOU, ARE WE?

WOULDN'T BE POLITE TO ANSWER THAT, MA'AM.



JUST HEARD ALL THIS BEFORE.



I NEVER TOLD YOU THAT STORY.

NAH, BUT I'VE HEARD PLENTY LIKE IT IN MY TIME.

ELVES AIN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO LIVE A RIGHT WHILE--THEY JUST GROUSE ABOUT IT MOST.



HUMPH. I FORGOT YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING AND SEEN IT ALL.



MORE THAN I EVER THOUGHT I WOULD, LASS.

SEE ENOUGH WEIRD AND IT MAKES IT HARD TO BE SURPRISED.



NOTHING SURPRISES YOU ANYMORE? I DON'T THINK I COULD IMAGINE A MORE TERRIBLE CURSE.

DIDN'T SAY THAT. LIFE'D BE PLENTY BORING IF STRANGENESS DIDN'T HAVE A WAY OF POKING ITS HEAD UP...

# SANDPOINT

"...USUALLY WHERE YE'D NEVER EXPECT IT."



HUH.

PLEASE STOP TO SEE YOURSELF AS WE SEE YOU

SOMETHING 'BOUT HUMAN TOWNS JUST AINT RIGHT...



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## PATHFINDER ORIGINS HEARTWOOD

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SHALELU!  
GLAD TO SEE YOU  
BACK! SIT DOWN, I'LL  
GET YOUR USUAL, AND  
YOU CAN TELL ME  
EVERYTHING THAT'S  
NEW WITH THE  
WHOLE WIDE  
WORLD.

LOOKING  
FORWARD TO IT,  
MEIKO. I JUST GOT  
A NEW JOB FROM  
MAYOR DEVERIN  
AND HAVE A BIT  
OF BUSINESS  
FIRST.

MAYBE  
BUSINESS  
WITH THIS  
FELLOW.

SORRY TO  
INTERRUPT,  
FRIEND, BUT  
YOUR GEAR  
THERE--

IT LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'RE USED TO  
MAKING YOUR  
WAY IN THE  
WILD.

GOT WHAT  
I NEED TO  
GO WHERE I  
WANT. WHAT  
OF IT?

I'M IN NEED OF A FEW GOOD  
HUNTERS--FOLKS WHO KNOW THEIR  
WAY AROUND THE WOODS.

YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED SOME OF THE  
UNUSUAL THINGS GOING ON AROUND TOWN--  
FLOWERS TRIPPING PEOPLE, BIRDS STEALING  
CLOTHES OFF THE LINE, VOICES IN THE  
CHIMNEY, THAT SORT OF THING.

YEAH! JUST YESTERDAY  
I CAUGHT A RACCOON PLAYING MY  
SHAMISEN. THREW IT OUT OF TUNE--  
BUT BY DESNA, THE LITTLE GUY HAD  
"THE LOBSTER'S WIFE" DOWN PAT.

EXACTLY...  
I GUESS.

MY SUSPICION  
IS THAT SOMETHING'S  
GOT THE FEY THAT LIVE  
IN TICKWOOD RILED UP.  
THE MAYOR'S HIRED ME  
TO LEAD A GROUP INTO  
THE WOODS, FIND THE  
CAUSE OF THESE  
PRANKS, AND PUT  
AN END TO THE  
MESS.

Wooooo00000000

THAT'LL  
BE YOUR  
TEA.



TICKWOOD ISN'T FAR, AND I CAN PAY FOR EXPERIENCED HELP. SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN A DAY--MAYBE TWO. THEN YOU'RE BACK HERE WITH EXTRA GOLD IN YOUR POCKETS.

INTERESTED, MISTER...?



JUST HASK.  
AND NO.



I SEE.

I KNOW THESE AREN'T YOUR TROUBLES, BUT IF YOU PLAN TO HAVE BUSINESS AROUND HERE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT SANDPOINT CAN BE MOST APPRECIATIVE TOWARD--

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I'M NOT SURE WHAT... I MEAN, I JUST LEFT IT OVER THE KITCHEN FIRE...



SORRY, FELLA.

WHEN DO WE LEAVE?