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On the Cover:

Far below the surface of the cresting waves atop the Northern Sea is the kingdom of Haokoral. The rightful ruler, a many legged beast, Queen Ottena has long been missing. In her absence the undersea mouse Finbarr Murough, merely a Barron in that place's royal court, usurped the power from the three next in line for the throne and commands creatures of the wet with cruel brutality for any who cross him.



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T' WAS THE
YEAR OF
THE CI-BAR
WHEN THE
ROCK GOD'S
SON CAME.

NAIN ROUGE



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HIS ARRIVAL BROUGHT ALL
SORTS OF TROUBLE...



...HIS STEP
SCORCHED
THE
EARTH...



...HIS
LAUGHTER
WOKE THE
CHILDREN
AT NIGHT.

YOUNGQUIST, FATHER
GRAND, WAS THE FIRST
TO MEET NAIN ROUGE.



HIS BODY WAS RAVAGED BY ALL THE
BAD WITHIN NAIN ROUGE'S SPIRIT.

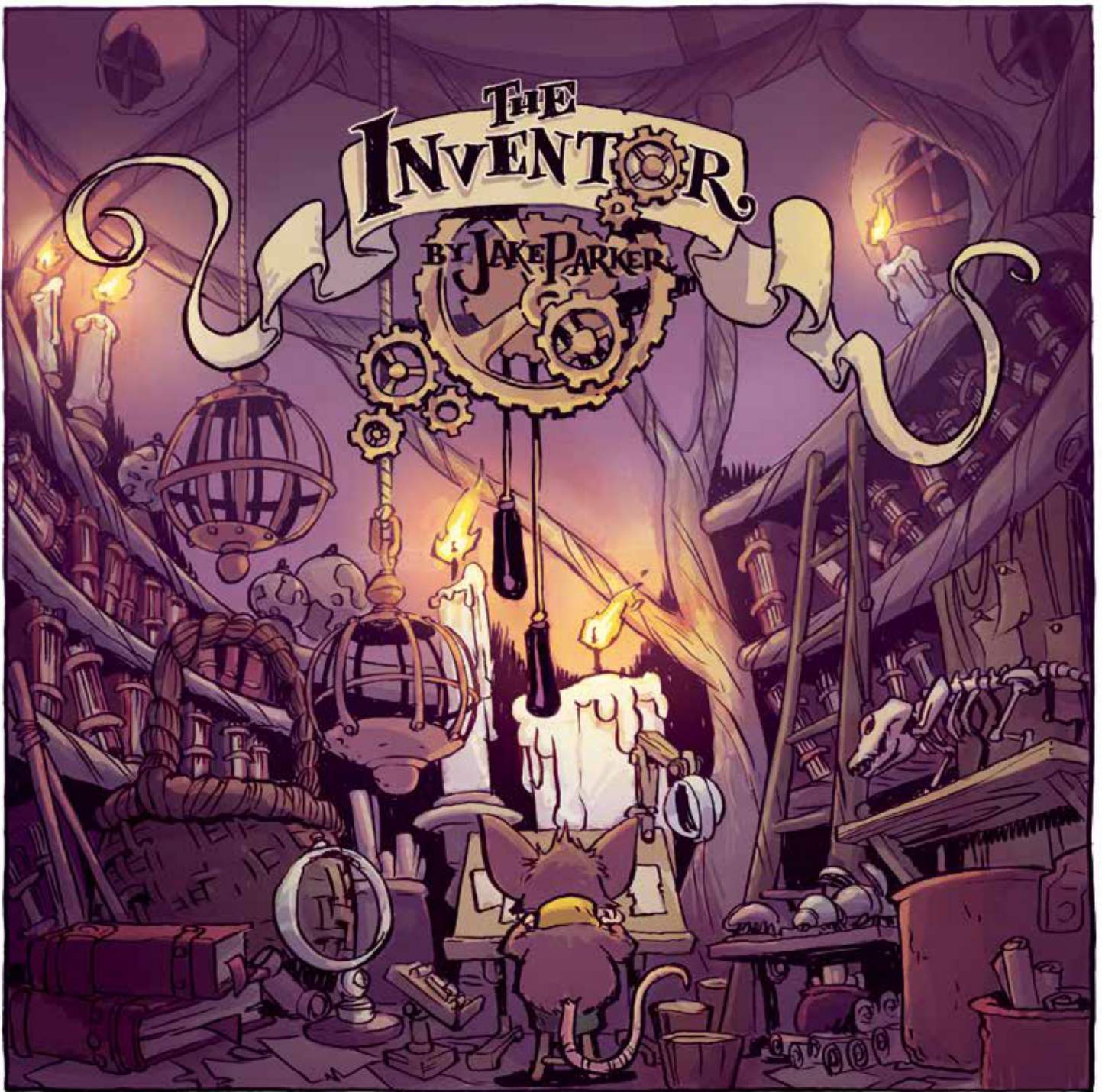


NAIN ROUGE BROUGHT
ONLY MISFORTUNE
AND EVIL.



THE INVENTOR

BY JAKE PARKER





MANY SEASONS AGO AND FAR, FAR AWAY
THERE LIVED A BRILLIANT MOUSE.



HIS BRILLIANCE WAS ONLY
EXCEEDED BY HIS CURIOSITY.



HE KEPT METICULOUS NOTES ON ALL HIS DISCOVERIES.

Imprisoned in the blackened spire by her overzealous father, Abdiel sits atop her throne, a lover forlorn.

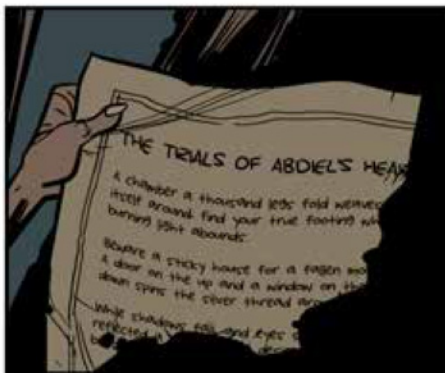
For a time untold she wept, tears falling as diamonds, till her heart beat no more, crystallized into a wealth unknown.

Blinded by such radiance, her father stands idle, guarding the frozen jewel of her heart.

But legend foretells of a true love setting her free.

THE TALE OF ABDIEL'S HEART
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A brave soul shall traverse the perils three and so step beyond the shadow of her father.



Pure of heart,



He shall ignite her
soul ablaze.