



the circle of time turns, and
ages come and pass, leaving
memories that become legend.
Legend fades to lore,
and even lore is long
forgotten when the age that
gave it birth comes again.
In one age, a wind rose.

a wind most
foul.



WHAT ARE
YOU FEEDING THAT
THING, PINKY?

EVEN
THOUGH I'VE BEEN
HUNTING BEARS FOR
HIM OVER THE LAST
MONTH!

HE'S BEEN
EATING GRUBS
AND OTHER
INSECTS.

WHAT
ANIMAL WOULD
CHOOSE INSECTS
OVER MEAT?



MAYBE
SOMEONE'S BEEN
STEALING THE BEAR
CARCASSES BEFORE
SOOBA CAN GET
TO THEM?

LET ME ASSURE
YOU THAT I WILL BEGIN
MY INVESTIGATION FIRST
THING IN THE MORNING.

AFTER A
COMFORTABLE
NIGHT'S REST.

SEEMS TO
ME THAT WE'RE FACED
WITH A DIFFICULT
RIDDLE.



I MADE
YOU A HAT.

the wind was not
the dawn. there are
neither dawns
nor dusks to the
circle of time.
but it was a dawn.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I HAVE THE UNEXPLAINED URGE TO KILL GIANT RATS.



WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR FOUR DAYS, OLD COW, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



ACCORDING TO TOYK'S SCROLL, WE NEED TO FIND "THE SHRIEK"

AND IT'S IN THIS CASTLE?

SUPPOSEDLY.



AFTER WE DISCOVER THIS THING? WHAT NEXT?

"ONLY THE SHRIEK, WITH A LONG MEMORY, WITH A LONGING MEMORY, POSSESSES THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF KETHENECIA,"

"THE FORGOTTEN CITY OF JUSTICE."



TELL ME THAT'S WHERE THE SWORD OF TRUTH IS.



AS IT IS WRITTEN, THAT'S WHERE IT LIES



HOW DO WE FIND THIS SHRIEK?

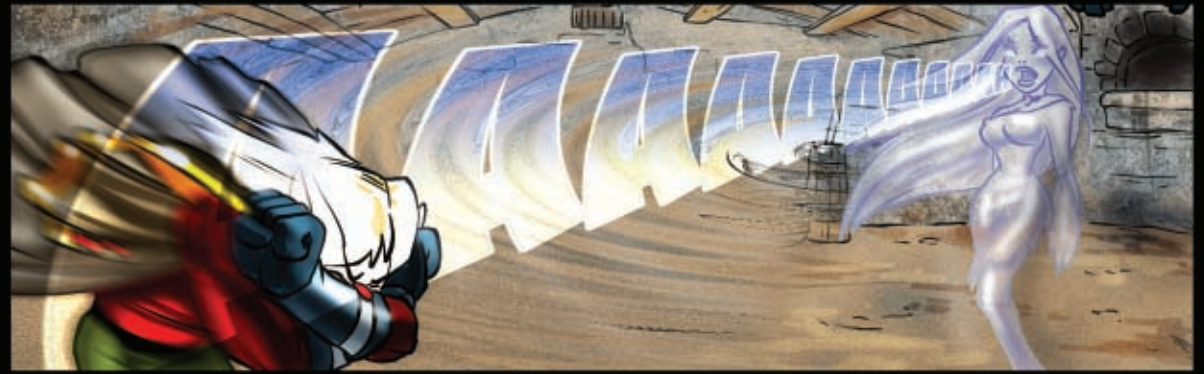
I WANT THIS OVER WITH.



"THE PURE AMONG YOU, WITH INNOCENCE OF HEART, WILL DRAW OUT THE SHRIEK?"



GREETINGS.





SO YOU THINK THAT'S THE SHRIEK?

I'M GETTING THAT DISTINCT IMPRESSION, YES.

I FOUND SOMETHING.

ASK HER WHERE KETHENECIA IS, PINKY.



PARDON ME--



NOW WE CAN ASK IT--

HELLO THERE--

WHY NOT?

SHE WANTS WHAT YOU WANT, YET NOT.

SHE WON'T ANSWER YOU.

KETHENECIA--

IS A PLACE

AND A PRINCIPLE.



I HAVE A THOUGHT.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT?



ARE THERE ANY OTHER MYSTERIES YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEMPT TO SOLVE?

THE MEANING OF LIFE IS 'BUCKET'.



WHAT IS SHE?

NOTHING BUT THE PRODUCT OF A FAILED FORTOTTEN CITY.



OF KETHENECIA..

OF JUSTICE.



SHE CAN DIRECT YOUR PATH, BUT FIRST YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE PAST.

TELL US HOW.



WE CAN TAKE YOU THERE.

I CAN SHOW YOU.



WE'RE READY.

NO.

YOU HAVE ALL DONE MURDER WITH ANGER IN YOUR HEART,

YOU MAY NOT COME.



THAT'S A GENERALIZATION I FIND ASSUMING AND OFFENSIVE.

ONLY HE MAY COME.



HOW HIGH IS YOUR CONFIDENCE RIGHT NOW?

I WILL NOT FAIL YOU, MY FRIENDS.

I WILL GET THE ANSWERS WE REQUIRE AND RETURN SHORTLY.




I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT NOTHING WILL DELAY ME EVEN A MOMENT FROM COMPLETING THIS QUEST.

LOOKING FOR GROUP

BY RYAN SOMMER & LAR DESOZZA

LOADING...PLEASE WAIT

TIP: DON'T STEP THROUGH PORTALS THAT WERE CREATED BY A SCREAMING GHOST AND A CREEPY LITTLE GIRL, ESPECIALLY BY YOURSELF. SERIOUSLY, IT'S NOT SMART.



WHO IS HE, SIRE?

MOST LIKELY ANOTHER COUNTRY LORD COME TO OUR DEFENSE.

NO.

I WILL NOT HEAR ANYMORE OF KETHENECIA.

I AM CALE'ANON, FROM-

IT MATTERS NOT WHERE YOU'RE FROM, FRIEND, ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU CAME TO THE AID OF GAMLON WHEN YOU WERE CALLED.

KE...

KE...THE...

KETHENECIA-

FAILED US.

FAILED OUR PEOPLE.

RATHER THAN DELIVER THEIR VAUNTED JUSTICE AGAINST THE VULII FOR THEIR AGGRESSION,

THE KETHENECIANS SIT BEHIND THEIR GLIMMERING WALLS AND ISSUE SANCTIONS.

SIRE! THEY'RE HERE! THEY ADVANCE!

AT ONCE, SIRE.

SO IT BEGINS.

MAKE SURE OUR NEW FRIEND HERE HAS A POSITION WORTHY OF A LORD.

PREPARE FOR THE SIEGE.

HAVE YOU SEEN A LITTLE GIRL-

I'M AFRAID NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO INDULGE IN YOUR DESIRES, BROTHER.

NO, I'M NOT-

YOU ARE AN AMUSINGLY ODD FELLOW, CALE'ANON, MY HOPE IS THAT THE VULII KILL YOU SWIFTLY BEFORE REMOVING YOUR SKIN.

WORST.

PORTAL.

EVER.

