
THE EVERLANDS. THE KINGDOM OF ANANTIA.
FROM THE OUTSIDE, ONE COULD HARDLY TELL HOW VULNERABLE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THIS KINGDOM ARE.

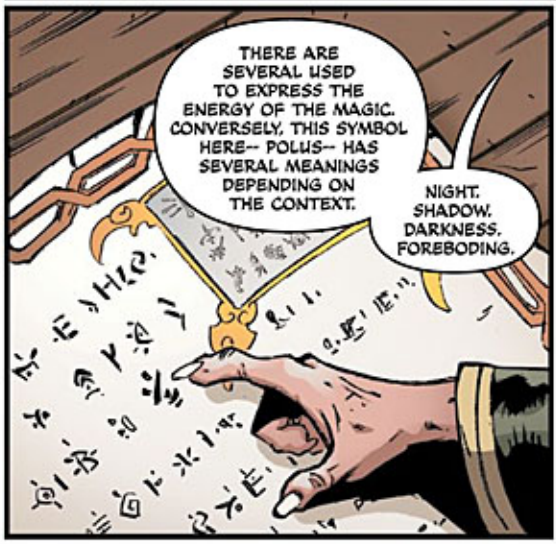

NOT WITH REGARD TO THE STONE FROM WHICH IT IS CONSTRUCTED, BUT RATHER THE FRAGILE NATURE OF OUR CITIZENRY.


PERHAPS THE *SETHORU* AND *RAHTUM!* WERE NEVER MEANT TO COEXIST WITHIN ONE SET OF WALLS. PERHAPS, WE ARE SIMPLY TOO DIFFERENT.


AS QUEEN, I HAVE SPENT MY YEARS DOING EVERYTHING I COULD TO MAINTAIN HARMONY IN OUR REALM. IN A WAY, THAT WAS MY ONLY GOAL.
TO BE A SYMBOL OF OUR PEACE.
LATELY THOUGH, I ADMIT I HAVE FELT LIKE SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER.


AN OBSTACLE.
EVANI, COME HERE. I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.


YOU KNOW I CANNOT DECIPHER THE ANCIENT TEXT, NISABA.
YES, YES. BUT, I CAN HELP YOU LEARN TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE KEY SYMBOLS.


THERE ARE SEVERAL USED TO EXPRESS THE ENERGY OF THE MAGIC. CONVERSELY, THIS SYMBOL HERE-- POLUS-- HAS SEVERAL MEANINGS DEPENDING ON THE CONTEXT.
NIGHT. SHADOW. DARKNESS. FOREBODING.


EVANI, MY DEAR. ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SEEM TROUBLED.
I AM FINE.


THE ANCIENT WAYS OF MAGIC ARE POWERFUL. ITS ENERGY CAN SEEP INTO OUR SOULS. BUT, YOU NEEDN'T BE AFRAID, MY CHILD.
SOMETIMES THE LIGHT SHOWS US THE WAY, BUT THE SHADOWS CAN AS WELL.


IF YOU LISTEN.