

SHHH...



SHHAAAYDDEEE...



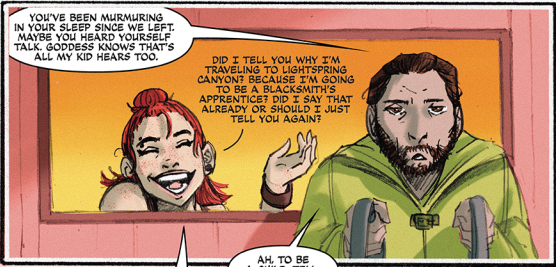
SHHAAAYDDEEE...

HUH?! DID  
SOMEONE  
CALL MY  
NAME?!

NO ONE EVEN  
KNOWS YOUR  
NAME, KID.

UGH!





YOU'VE BEEN MURMURING  
IN YOUR SLEEP SINCE WE LEFT.  
MAYBE YOU HEARD YOURSELF  
TALK. GODDESS KNOWS THAT'S  
ALL MY KID HEARS TOO.

DID I TELL YOU WHY I'M  
TRAVELING TO LIGHTSPRING  
CANYON? BECAUSE I'M GOING  
TO BE A BLACKSMITH'S  
APPRENTICE? DID I SAY THAT  
ALREADY OR SHOULD I JUST  
TELL YOU AGAIN?

IT'S THE *FIRST* TIME  
I'VE EVER BEEN ON MY  
OWN! I FEEL LIKE I'M  
READY TO SET FREE  
LIKE A--

AH, TO BE  
A CHILD. TELL  
ME AGAIN,  
THEN.

THANK THE  
GREAT SHE,  
WE'RE HERE.

I'M SO SORRY TO ALL  
THE POOR ATHEAN  
SOULS WHO HAVE TO  
DEAL WITH MY  
NERVOUS ENERGY.

I'VE NEVER  
BEEN THIS FAR  
AWAY FROM  
HOME.

Lightspring Canyon  
Etrana Kingdom, Athea

\*LIGHTSPRING CANYON IS THE CAPITAL OF THE  
ETRANA KINGDOM AND A MAJOR PORT CITY USED  
TO SHIP POTIONS THROUGHOUT ATHEA AND TO  
FOREIGN ALLIES, PRODUCED BY MYTHIC GUILDS  
LIKE THE LEGION OF HARVEST AND VITALITY.

EVERYTHING IS  
JUST SO...  
DIFFERENT.

WELCOME TO LIGHT-  
SPRING CANYON, HOME  
OF THE NASTIEST HEAT,  
ANGRIEST PEOPLE AND  
COLDEST BREW OF WICKED  
BASIL YOU'LL EVER TASTE!

WHAT CAN I  
EVEN EXPECT  
FROM A CITY  
LIKE THIS?

DOKTER

WHOA!

WHAT IF I  
ACCIDENTALLY  
MESS SOME-  
THING UP?

I ACTUALLY PREFER  
LAVENDER MEAD. DO  
YOU THINK THEY'LL  
HAVE IT HERE?

I'M SURE  
THEY'LL HAVE IT  
READY FER YER  
ARRIVAL, KID.

Shayde Whisper. Age 20

WHAT IF I  
NEVER  
FIT IN?

AND THIS IS WHERE I DEMAND MY COIN AND KICK YOU OUT OF MY WAGON.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I WOULD SAY ANYTIME, BUT I'D RATHER YOU NOT COME BACK.

FAIR ENOUGH!

WHAT IF...

...I'M SIMPLY MAKING EXCUSES...

...AND INSTEAD I JUST GO FOR IT?

IT'S A NEW CITY, AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO START OVER!

ALRIGHT. LIGHTSPRING CANYON... LOOK OUT! SHAYDE WHISPER IS YOUR NEW BLACKSMITH, AND SHE'S GOING TO BE THE VERY BEST!

SHE WAS QUITE... STRANGE... WASN'T SHE?

MAYBE A LITTLE TOO ENTHUSIASTIC?

I SAY, SHE'S A LITTLE TOO MUCH EVERYTHING.

SWEET KID LIKE THAT... THE CITY IS GONNA EAT HER ALIVE.