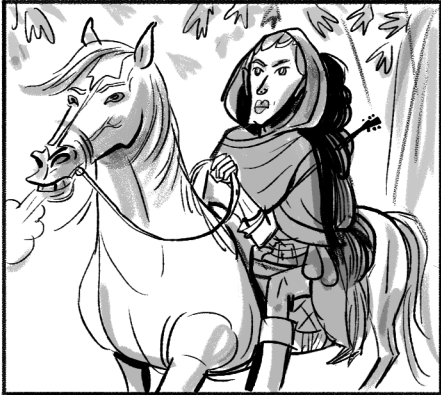


The great wizard Jude, he had journeyed afar,  
 Slaying many a monster and foe—  
 'Til he came to the Temple of Lundy Towne,  
 Where few souls had ventured to go.

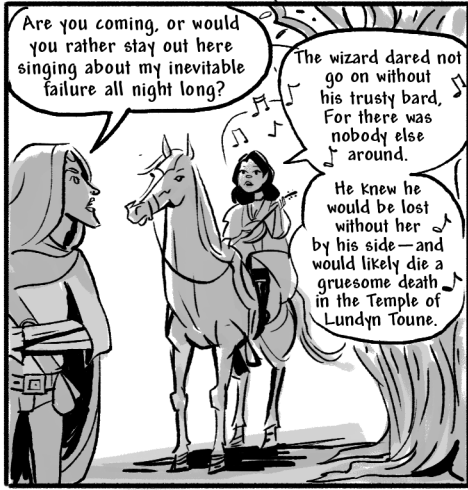


Would his quest produce  
 treasures of  
 mysteries old?  
 Would his reward be  
 fortune and fame?

Or like so many paths he had wandered  
 before...Would this foolish crusade be in  
 vain?

One could not know the fate that awaited  
 Our brave and intrepid Knight...

It's oft been said that luck was never  
 his friend,  
 And let's be frank...things aren't  
 really looking too bright.



Two hours later...



Look, over there! I think this is it.

Told you so.



Legend holds that the Chamber of the Scarlet Diamond lies deep in the temple, protected by a maiden who was long ago cursed to forever keep watch over the temple's treasures.

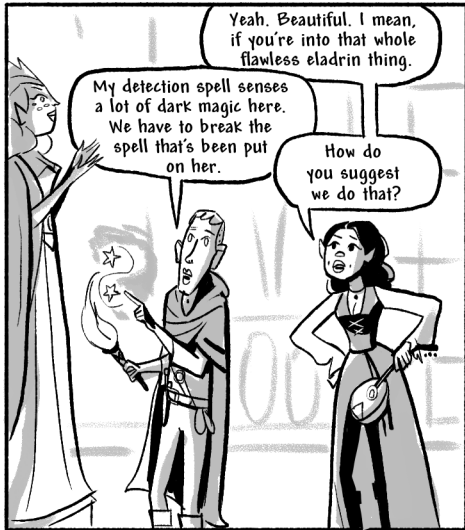


Now that's worth writing a song about.



The goddess protected the temple's secrets  
From thieves she deemed unsuitable. Her statue stood watch in the centermost chamber  
Fierce and defiant and—

Beautiful.



Yeah. Beautiful. I mean, if you're into that whole flawless eladrin thing.

My detection spell senses a lot of dark magic here. We have to break the spell that's been put on her.

How do you suggest we do that?



Remember our previous quest with Prudencia and Quintonian? When we fought the automaton inside the Mad Forest?



I couldn't be sure, but I've always suspected the gem we found there might actually be the Scarlet Diamond.

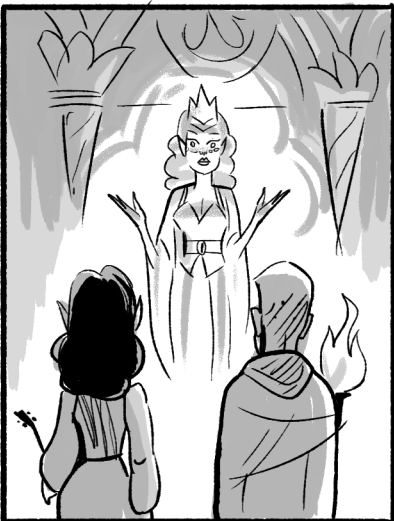


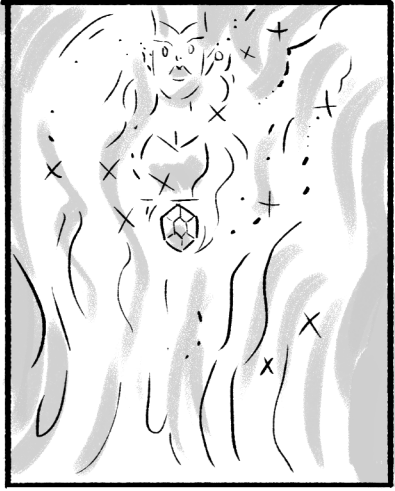
Are you sure? Shouldn't we check the creepy cursed room for traps before we start messing around with unfamiliar magic?

You know, for a chaotic good elf, you sure do predict a lot of doom and gloom.

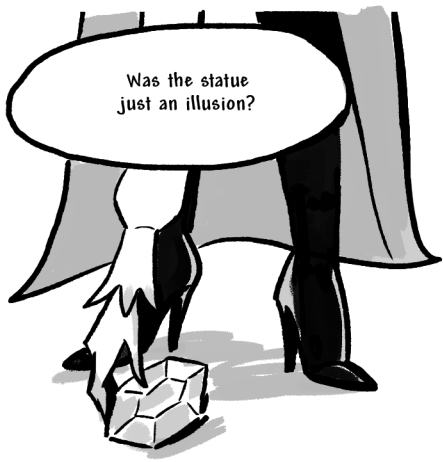


I've been adventuring with you long enough to know that trouble is always just one harebrained decision away.





I admit, I had not expected the whole thing to just disappear like that.



Was the statue just an illusion?



Or was it really an imprisoned maiden, like the legends say?

Or could it have been a...



a...  
Jude?

DING!