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Chapter 344 The Witches' Village
WE SHOULD GET RIGHT THE HECK NOW!

BUT ALL IS NOT WELL... AT THIS RATE THE FIRE WILL ENGULF THE ENTIRE FIELD...

INTERLOPERS

NOT SO FAST,

THERE SHALL BE NO ESCAPE FOR YOU, YOU MAY BURN!

YOU'VE JUST RUINED MY DARLING DOLL.
WHY WOULD A SORCERESS BE HERE? AND ELVES, TOO.

YOU...

WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMY!

RIGHT!

YOU NEVER LISTEN!

... THIS IS JUST LIKE YOU.

PLEASE WAIT!

OI, LOOK AT THAT!
SHE'S REALLY FLYING ON A BROOMSTICK! NOW THAT'S THE REAL DEAL. A WHOLE OTHER LEAGUE FROM CERTAIN OTHER BASTY LITTLE WITCHES.

AREN'T SHE? HAH!

YOU'RE DEAD!

THAT'S WHY WE TOLD YOU TO WAIT!

MORDAR!
THE SORCERERS OF SKELIG ISLAND TALK LATER

UM, ARE YOU THE ISLAND'S

WE MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO CALL THE MAGE

BUT THE FIRE BURNS FIERCELY

IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING NOW THE ORCHARD WILL GO UP IN SMOKE

NOPE? IS THAT YOUR PUMPKINS

WOW! THEY'RE WELL-SANE.

THANKS...

OH HAH I WORKED SO HARD FOR THOSE PUMPKINS

!
THIS IS...

MANDING THE WEATHER THIS NIMBLE IS AN INCREDIBLE FEAT.

A MAGIC ART

IS THAT THE CASE?

ORDINARILY A WORK OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD REQUIRE CONDUCTING RITES.

HE COMES
Yo, Grampa said.
I will have to give you a talking-to later.
As for you, too.
Welcome back, you no-good trickster.

Master Archmage.

Thank you for standing by, Kukkia.
I was nothing.

My apologies, like me, this goat is old. The footsteps of children overtake us.

It seems this delayed reception has caused you some inconvenience, distant travelers.

I am one of the governors of the island’s sorcerers.

I am Gedfryn.
SO THEN...

AS I THOUGHT, THAT BOY...

THE KING OF ELVES HAD AN ORACLE

WOULD SWEEP UP MANY FATES BEFORE RETURNING AS A RAGING TEMPEST.

THAT A SMALL WHIRLWIND, BLOWN FROM THIS ISLAND,

YOU MEAN

A SMALL WHIRLWIND FROM THE ISLAND

‘TIS I,

HURRICANE

SOMEONE WHO SWALLOWS UP EVERYONE AROUND THEM IN A GREAT MAELSTROM OF DESTINY....!

HURRICANE

SHEER COINCIDENCE
ASKING ME TO BE KIND TO THEIR BELOVED PUPIL WHO WOULD SOON COME CALLING

AN OLD FRIEND APPEARED TO ME IN A DREAM.

THERE WAS ANOTHER PREMONITION

And just like that he presumed to be the protagonist.

MY SINCERE APOLOGIES~~

YOU WERE ALL DRAPIED INTO THE EPIC OF PUCK AS BIT PLAYERS

THAT WAS...
I can introduce you to the elven king to rest up after your journey. Let us be off to our Hamlet for now.

Seems well informed, doesn't he?

That's a great sorcerer for you!
AN OLD MAN TREE.

IT'S AN OLD MAN.

THE FOOL! PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE ISLAND DO LIVE UP TO THEIR REPUTATION.

HMM, NOT WOODEN OLD MEN, BUT ACTUAL OLD MAN WOODS, EH? HOW CREEP.

HE'S ESPECIALLY.

STOP HUMMING AROUND AND LET'S GO.

COME ON!

DON'T FICK ME!

THEY DO THAT!

THEY LOOK LIKE THEY COULD COME ALIVE ANY SECOND, THAT'S AWESOME!
THAT'S MORGA

SCHERKE
PLEased TO MEET YOU

CALL ME IVARA

I'M KUKKA

HOW DID TWO ELVES AND A SORCERESS LIKE YOURSELF END UP KEEPING SUCH COMPANY?

VARIOUS TWISTS OF FATE

WE JOURNEY TO...

WE COME IN SEARCH OF LANDS WHERE A CURSED WOMAN MAY FIND PEACE

THE GRAND

THAT IS WHAT HER COMPANIONS WANT SUPPOSEDLY

AH,

SO YOU'VE COME TO RECLAIM HER MIND
I've heard that the Flower-Storm King CAN REACH the innermost depths of ONE'S HEART, with his HALO OF DREAMS. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TRULY!?

YOU CROSS THE GREAT SEA FOR SUCH A PAINT HOPE. LHW ...?

JUST AS THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO BE TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN, YOU'RE A DRIVEN BUNCH, THOUGH.

YOU'RE A SORCERESS, SO SURELY YOU FELT IT? THAT TREMENDOUS EVENT.
THE SHRIEK OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.

That is what we call it.

He devastated the spirit wood, the seals on the four corners of the world.

What has he done, old man?!

The spirit wood...! The falcon of light...!

See, it is just over yonder.

Details will have to wait until we reach the village.
IT IS ALSO THE HOME OF US SORCERERS.

A STORM OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS, ARTISTICALLY NAMED!!

Aah... I can't find the words for it.

THAT CHERRY TREE IS FREAKING HUGE!
LOOKIN' LIKE SCHEKRE'S OLD PLACE ALL AROUND.

IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.

HATVILLE!

NOW THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, DOESN'T IT?
That takes me back, I used to do that very often though I had no one else to do it with.

I'll introduce you later.

Making small trees sprout like that is delicate work and excellent training. The youngsters are practicing using their energies.

According to our abilities, that way, we learn and teach each other.

Everyone can refine their magics every day.
BUT IF YOU BECOME THEIR APPRENTICE AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR RESEARCH, THERE IS MUCH TO LEARN.

THERE ARE SOME MAGES WHO IMMERSE THEMSELVES COMPLETELY IN ARCANE STUDIES.

IT'S JUST DULL.

Meh.

MORDA...!

IT'S A WASTE OF TIME AND TALENT.

WE PERFECT OUR SKILLS BUT DON'T SET FOOT OUTSIDE THE ISLAND.

THAT IS WHAT SORCERERS ARE ALL ABOUT!

THE PURSUIT OF UNIVERSAL TRUTH AND ALL CREATION.

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN SAYING??
Hey, don't just—

Say,

Tell me something new about the outside world!

You're too set in your ways, Kukka. I think broadening your horizons a little would be good for you.

For everyone else around here, too.

Well, that goes.

Creepy, why are they here?

Barbarians?!

Did they come from outside...

But just them being so obviously scared makes me want to live up to their expectations.

The fearsome barbarian cometh!

I'm an entertainer at heart! Fly, little girls!

We've seen that before, haven't we?

Mhm? Why do they look like that?

Those people...
The cruelest spot to attack!

Okay?

Keep a steady beat, everyone!

GAAAH!

This, too, I've seen before.

Come quietly and celebrate the great Puck's safe return.

Now, everyone.

So you did leave the island?

We haven't seen a sight of you and now...

Out of respect for...

It's Puck. Huh? Puck!

You scrawled graffiti on my magic circle in the middle of a ritual...

You caused a health hazard by upending every case of bugs and snakes in my family's house...

How could you take a bath in my kettle as I was brewing a potion...!

You poured my love potion into the Archmages' tea...!
How is this fine!?

Splendid, you seem to be getting on just fine.

Now, to my manor.

At long last, the Abode of the Flowerstorm King! Next chapter published July 22nd!

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