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OF WONDER.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO
THE LAND WAS BARREN
AND BLIGHTED...



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...UNTIL THE CRACKED
CRYSTAL WAS HEALED.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO A SINGLE
PIECE OF IT... A SHARD OF THE
CRYSTAL... WAS RETURNED.

HERE, IN THE CASTLE OF
THE CRYSTAL... AFTER AN
AEON OF DARKNESS...

... TWO BRIGHT SOULS
RESTORED THE WORLD.



A HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE
CRYSTAL WAS HEALED, AND
IN ITS LIGHT A LOST RACE
WAS REBORN.

A PROUD PEOPLE, WITH THEIR
QUICK MINDS...THEIR QUICK LIVES...
DEVOTEDLY WORSHIPPING THE
SOURCE OF THEIR WONDER.

TODAY THE DEVOTEES
GATHER, AS THEY GATHER
EVERY DAY, IN THE SACRED
CHAMBER...WHERE THE
CRYSTAL RESTS UPON AN
ALTAR OF OFFERINGS.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS WAS A
PLACE OF HORROR. WHERE THE
CRACKED STONE SEEPED ITS EVIL
UPON A SHAFT OF FIRE AND AIR.

A PLACE WHERE THE
SKEKSIS
RULED.

THE SKEKSIS, WITH THEIR
HARD AND TWISTED BODIES,
THEIR HARSH AND TWISTED
WILLS.

AS THEY RAVAGED THE LAND,
SO THEY STOLE NEW LIFE
FROM ITS PEOPLE.

...BUT NOW THE SKEKSIS
ARE GONE.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE
CRYSTAL WAS HEALED, AND
NOW THE TRIBES OF THIS
LAND...THE LAND OF THRA...
RULE IN ITS NAME.

FOREVER STRIVING TO
MAINTAIN ITS LIGHT...ITS
BALANCE...ITS PURITY...

DETERMINED AT ALL COSTS
TO AVOID THE RETURN OF
THE SKEKSIS...AND THE
SOURCE OF THEIR EVIL;



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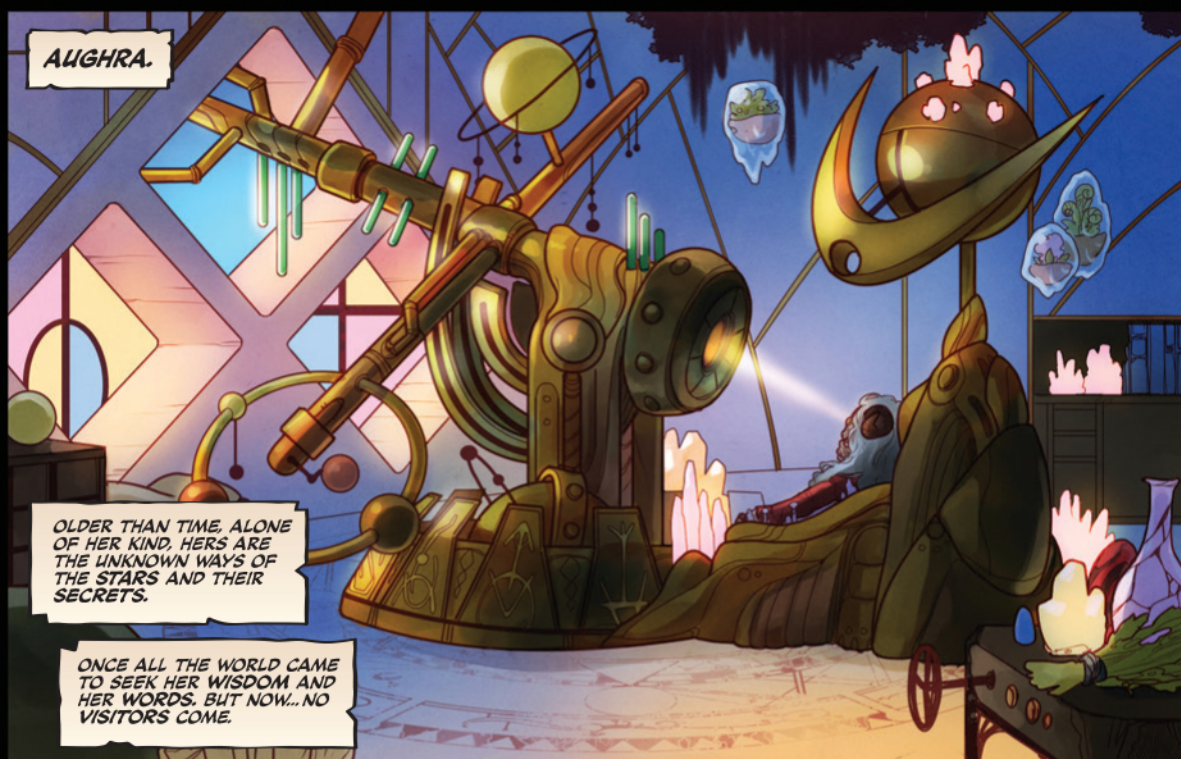
HERE, IN A SANCTUARY
AT THE CREST OF THE
CASTLE, THERE CAME
TO LIVE THE GREAT
SAGE...



AUGHRA.

OLDER THAN TIME, ALONE
OF HER KIND, HERS ARE
THE UNKNOWN WAYS OF
THE STARS AND THEIR
SECRETS.

ONCE ALL THE WORLD CAME
TO SEEK HER WISDOM AND
HER WORDS. BUT NOW... NO
VISITORS COME.



BUT TODAY THE RITUAL
GIVES NO COMFORT.

MRRRHHHHH!

SOMETHING
COMING...

...FOR TODAY THE
STARS SHARE A
NEW SECRET.



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