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ADVENTURER EMBARKS
ON THEIR QUEST,
THEY CHECK THEIR MAPS.
YOU SHOULD TOO.


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AND THE PARTLY DIGESTED AMULET OF POWER



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FICTION

Noun

Imaginary events, facts and people

THIS STORY IS FICTION. (OR IS IT?)

*ZOOMY

WHILE YOU READ THIS BOOK, YOU'LL HAVE THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE YOUR ARTISTRY.

YOUR ARTISTRY ISN'T THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE AIR, OR FIRE, LIKE SOME OF THE CHARACTERS IN THIS BOOK. NOR IS TO HOLD SWAY OVER MUD OR SMOKE OR WATER. YOUR ARTISTRY WILL BE THE MOST UNIQUE OF THEM ALL. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THINGS **NO ONE** IN ALEGNA CAN SEE.

YOU'LL HAVE THE GIFT OF GREAT SIGHT THROUGH ZOOMYS.

FOLLOW THE ARROWS TO JUMP AROUND THE STORY AND FIND OUT SECRETS.



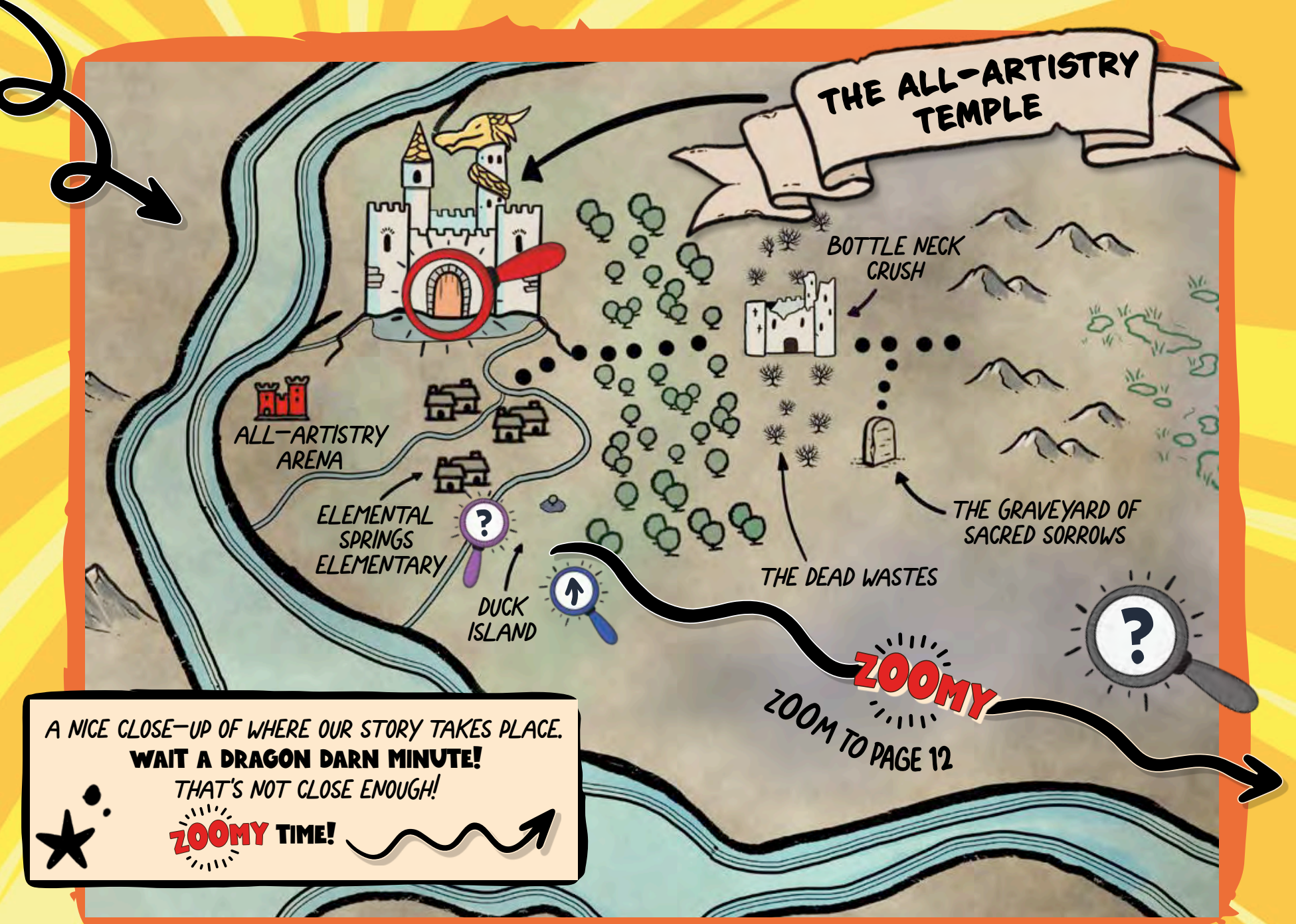


*FOLLOW THE LINE TO FIND OUT WHERE OUR STORY TAKES PLACE.

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A NICE CLOSE-UP OF WHERE OUR STORY TAKES PLACE.
WAIT A DRAGON DARN MINUTE!
THAT'S NOT CLOSE ENOUGH!
ZOOMY TIME!



CHECK OUT THE BOOK'S FLAPS



Hatechi *LEAPT* into the air, his sword held high as he hurtled towards Didi. The sun's light shone brilliantly off the blade, casting a dazzling display across the still pond.

'THE UNSTOPPABLE SWORD OF EMPOWERMENT WILL SLICE THROUGH YOUR SHIELD OF TENACITY!'

he **ROARED** with a fierce determination.

Didi was quick to respond.

'YOU ARE MISTAKEN,' she cried out, her voice carrying a note of defiance. *'FOR THIS IS NOT THE SHIELD OF TENACITY. IT IS THE SHIELD OF STORMS.'*

As the sword slammed into the shield, Didi let out a mighty **'BOOM!'** that echoed across the landscape. Hatechi was sent flying backwards and skidded to a stop. Undeterred, he tossed the sword into the once calm pond. With a quick motion, he retrieved a dagger from his Cloak of Utilities, its gleaming edge promising swift and certain victory.



'THE SHIELD OF STORMS IS NO MATCH FOR THE DAGGER OF TRANQUILLITY!' Hatechi exclaimed, his eyes glittering with malicious intent as he charged towards Didi once more. Swirling her arms in an attempt to summon the **FORCEFIELD OF TRUTH**, she realised that it was too late. Hatechi had her pinned to the mudbanks, his dagger poised to strike.



'HA! THE DAGGER OF TRANQUILLITY WILL BANISH YOU TO A WORLD WITHOUT ARTISTRY. YOU WILL BE FOREVER POWERLESS!' he cackled, raising the dagger high in the air.

Didi gasped and desperately searched for the **WHIP OF ENDLESS FARTS** or the **SPEAR OF A THOUSAND BURPS**, but neither was within her reach.

'NOT LIKE THIS!' she pleaded with Hatechi.



These intelligent birds are known for their loyalty to the people they choose as their family, and in return for a steady supply of food and a place to call home, they will eagerly lend their wings to that family's needs. With their keen eyesight and remarkable flying ability, the **HOODED VULTURE** serves as a courier, deftly delivering messages and small packages to distant destinations.

At that very moment, a Hooded Vulture screeched from the sky, dropping a scroll onto to the ground next to them.

'*A LETTER FROM HOME,*' Hatechi said.

'**OOOOO!** *A HOODED VULTURE, IT MUST BE IMPORTANT,*' added Didi.

Hatechi dropped the small stick he was holding and reached out his hand, pulling Didi to her feet.

'*I ALMOST HAD YOU, SIS,*' he said.

Didi discarded the shield of storms, which was actually just a large crab shell. '*YOU* **CAN'T** *CALL ME SIS,*' she reminded him.

