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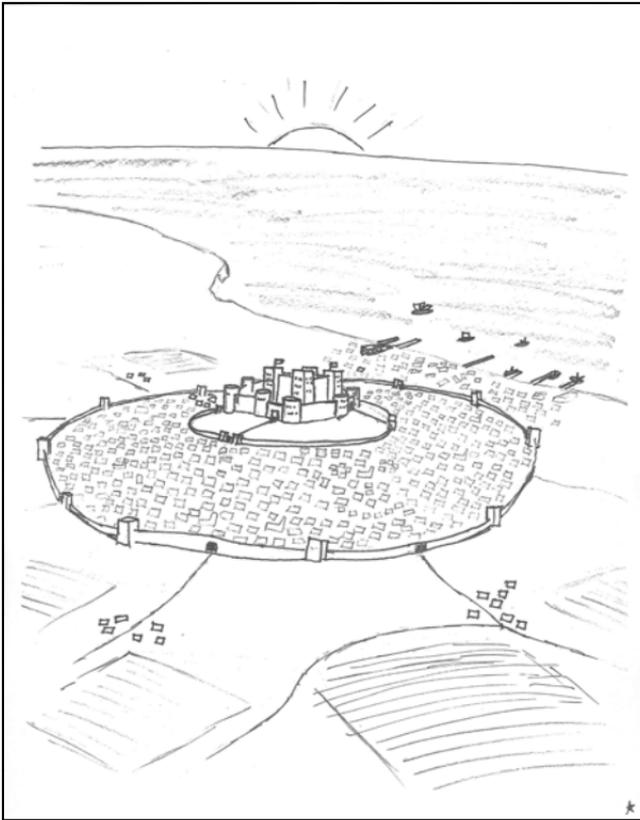
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Once upon a time, there was a small kingdom where men were free and happy. This kingdom was small, surrounded by the sea and vast expanses of wilderness. There were many small villages in the kingdom where the shepherds and merchants traded prosperously amongst themselves during the day, and would meet each evening in their local taverns to enjoy each other's company. All was peaceful in the kingdom for many years, the farmers bringing in large harvests and the country's borders moving constantly out into the wilderness to make room for more villages and pastures.



Over all this reigned a young, wise king who was loved by his people for his

just rule and his benevolent nature. The king ruled his kingdom from the royal city, which had been built along the coast. From the royal city, the vast fleets of fishing vessels would bring their catch to distribute throughout the kingdom.

One day, the fishing vessels brought news of a large storm out to sea, and as the king and his subjects watched, dark clouds appeared on the horizon, glowing red and purple. The storm clouds stayed far out to sea, circling and flickering with lightning, but never came any closer to the shore. Over the next week, the fishermen found that the fish had disappeared from the sea, and try as they might, their nets came up with nothing but weeds and the occasional flotsam found in the waters.

The rains that came continuously and consistently to the kingdom, became erratic and pitiful, withering the crops. The cows and sheep became thinner and sickly, and the people of the once-happy kingdom began to fear.

The king sent sailors out to investigate the distant storm clouds, but none ever returned. Exploration parties sent out into the surrounding wilderness reported drought and disease in all the vegetation they saw.

For three years, the kingdom endured the diminished rains and fought the desperation brought on by the paltry harvests, refusing to give in to fear and hopelessness. They helped each other and kept their spirits lifted by celebrating each accomplishment, each new calf that was

born, any field that did not become diseased and die, and every child born to friends or family.

One bright wintery day, the king sent out a joyful proclamation to all the people of the kingdom; his wife had given birth to four girls. The king was overjoyed and invited any and all who could come to the royal city to join him in a week-long celebration in honor of his four daughters. It was the biggest feast the kingdom had ever seen, even when compared to the times before the “blight” as many called it.

The king presented his daughters to the court on the last night of the celebration, naming them oldest to youngest as was the tradition, even though they had only been born moments apart. Their names

were written down and sent by the fastest horses to the cities of the kingdom. Princesses Jessica, Brianna, Andrea, and Amanda were instantly famous and were the topic of many discussions throughout the next several months.

As the king finished presenting his daughters to the court, an old man stepped forward holding a long staff, for he was blind. He approached the king and said “I may be blind to the physical world around me, but I can see your daughters. They glow with magic.”

“What magic?” asked the king, for there was none in his kingdom who had any magic at all.

“They have the magic to save your kingdom,” said the old man, “and they will attract danger because of it. Protect

them well, and if they survive to grow into adults, they may be able to stand against the storm that is coming.” The old man turned and left the palace, not to be seen again.

This is the story of the king’s four daughters. How they would help change the fate of their kingdom forever.

Although the king took the blind old man’s warning and set royal guards around his daughters day and night, no “danger” ever came near the four girls.

The sisters grew up playing throughout the royal palace and causing no end of mischief for their father and mother. From learning to walk and talk to learning to write and recite poetry, the four girls were



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