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THE SEVERED HERO



The Shadowed Marketplace is a place where anything can be found... if you know where to look.



Hey! Look at me!
I'm the main
attraction!

Not today,
fuzzball. I'm
looking for
something
real.



**IGNORE ME?!
NO ONE IGNORES THE
BOOGIEWIGGLE!**

SNAP!









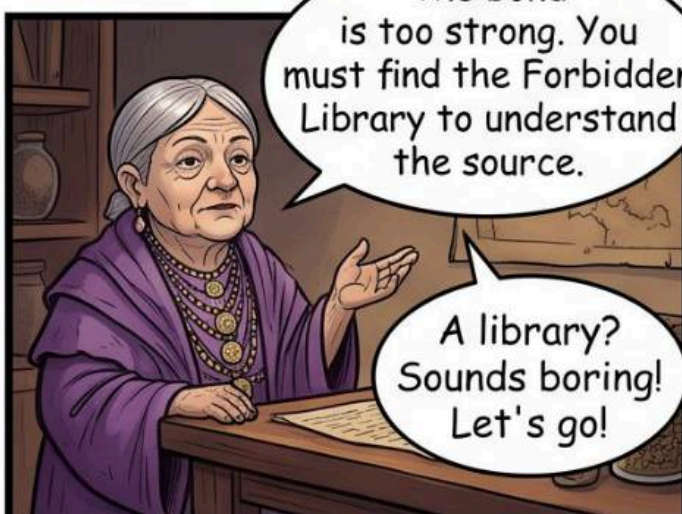
Don't mind me!
Just watching the
show I started!



That bite... it
carries the scent
of ancient chaos.

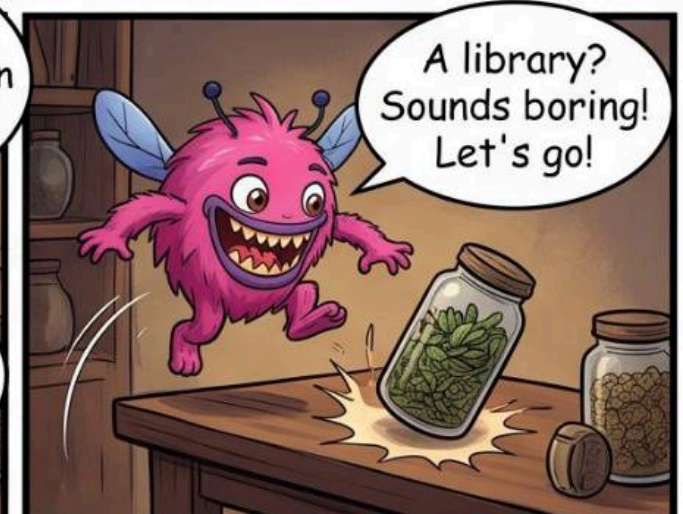


Can you fix it?
He's great at fighting,
but it's still my hand!



The bond
is too strong. You
must find the Forbidden
Library to understand
the source.

A library?
Sounds boring!
Let's go!



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The journey was long, and the company was... unusual.



You're really good at that. Where did you learn to fight?



Auch Claw didn't speak, but his actions spoke volumes.

Who cares about fighting? Look at these shiny rocks!



HOWL!

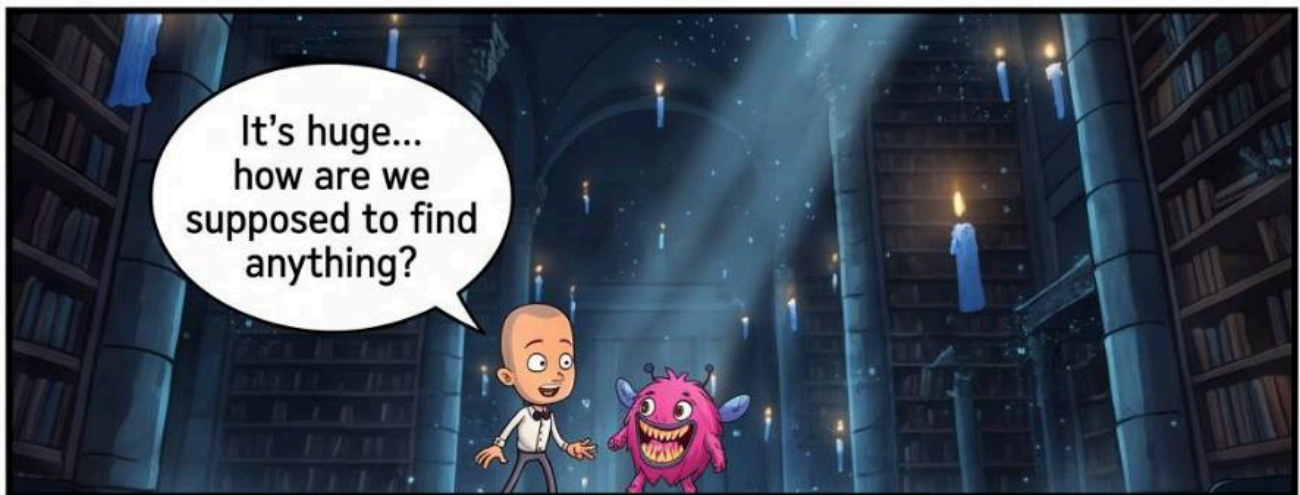




*The Forbidden Library:
where secrets go to be
forgotten.*



It's huge...
how are we
supposed to find
anything?



*Auch Claw had a knack
for finding exactly what
was needed.*

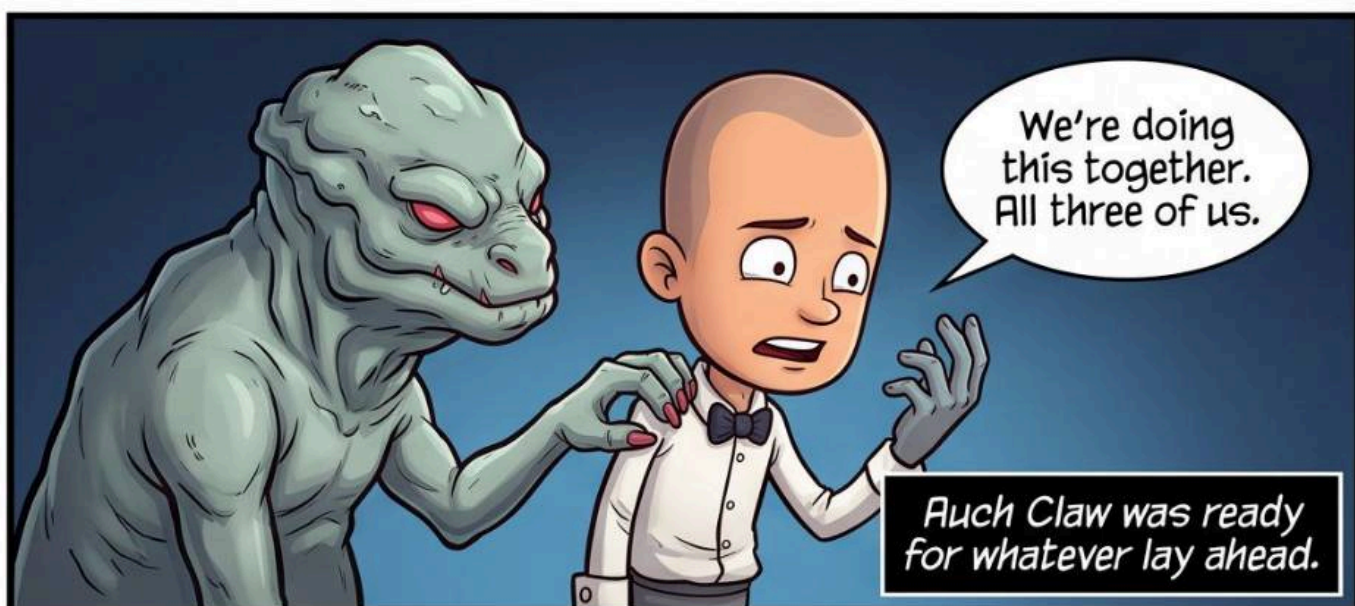
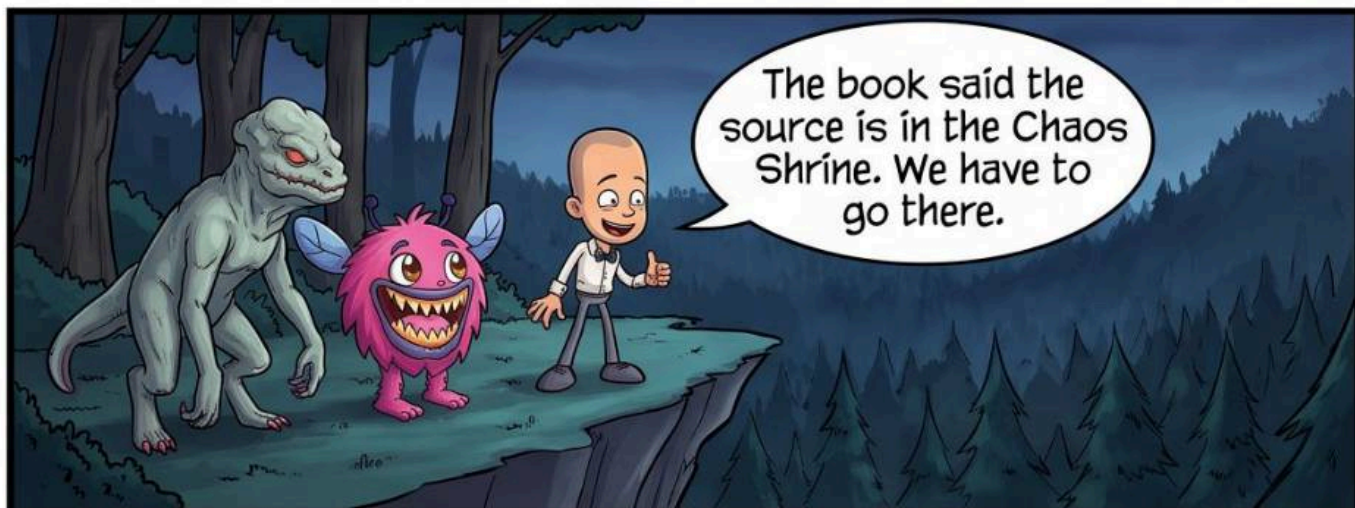
Ooh! Pretty lights!
Come here,
little flame!







SLAM!



Reality is a suggestion
in the Chaos Forest.





The source of all the mischief lay within.



I can feel it...
it's calling
me back.

*Ruch Claw knew the
danger of returning
to the source.*





YOU ARE
PIECES OF ME!
RETURN TO
THE WHOLE!



HEY! I LIKE
BEING ME!
LET GO!



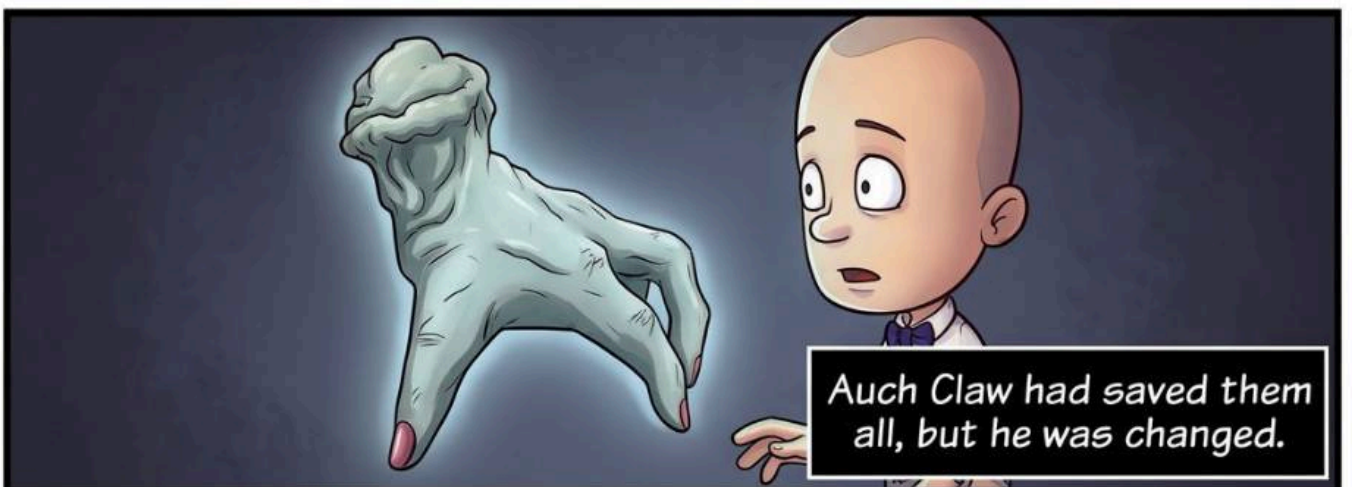
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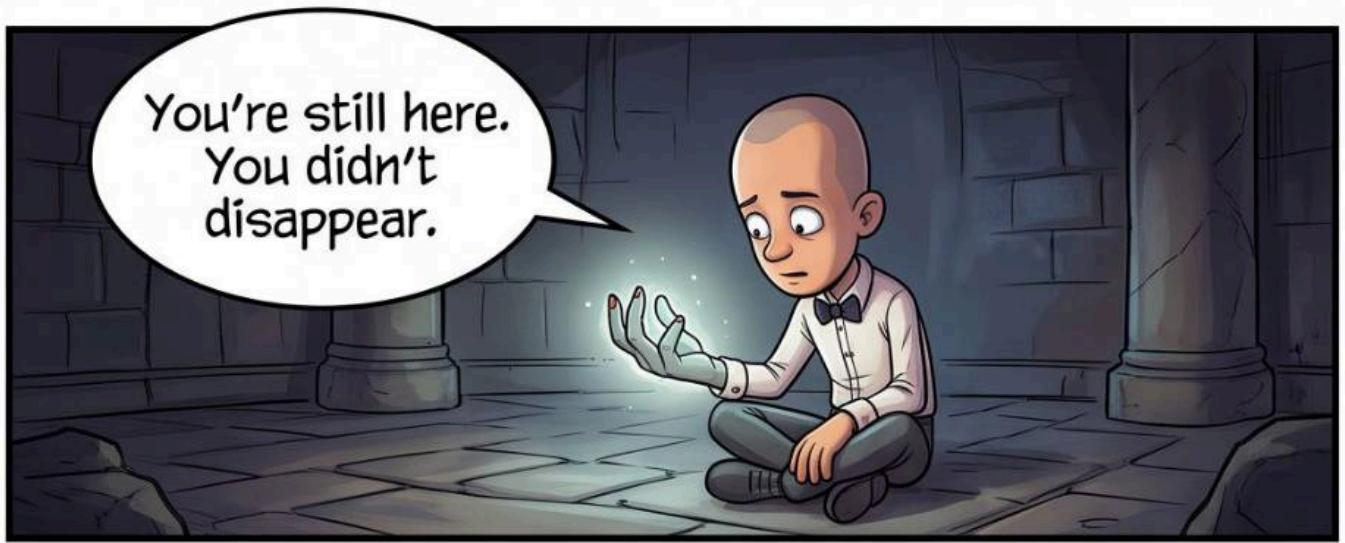


We're not
letting you
take them!



Auch Claw was going for
the heart of the chaos.





News of their deeds had traveled faster than they had.

Is it true? Did the hand really defeat a chaos beast?

SLAP!

Step right up!
Get your authentic
hero rocks here!

*They were legends
in the making.*

In a quiet corner of the shadowed marketplace.

I have heard of the hand that fights with honor.

There is a greater threat rising in the north. We need a hero.

What do you think, Auch Claw? Ready for another one?

Auch Claw never turned down a chance to be a hero.

The north? I hear the chaos there is even better!

A new journey begins,
and a new hero rises.



Keep up, Boogeywiggle!
We don't want to lose him!



Who, me? I'm always at
the front of the line!

Auch Claw pauses
and looks back, giving
a confident thumbs-up
to his team.



The Severed Hand was ready for anything.

HEROIC!



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