**The lost Temple** Chapter 10 An Apprentice's Mission

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Previously on "The lost Temple":

Mikael – a young archeology student has made a pact with Kassandra Elaquoi – a demon girl from another dimension in exchange for magic. He has acquired an ancient artifact for her and is sent on another mission: Find those magic users who attacked Kessy in the middle of her playtime.

Through sheer coincidence Mikael stumbles upon Velia – his secret crush – as she extinguishes a fire using magic. She is one of them! Oh, boy! In the meantime, Harry Beldin has made a deal with Kessy as well. His girlfriend and magic for his loyalty.

Watch as Mika starts stalking his secret crush while Harry tests out his newly acquirred magic on his (yet again) girlfriend Kim!





I sit a secure distance behind her. Clear sight of the target but no risk of being made. I've watched a lot of secret Agent films!

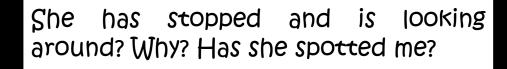


The first two days of me stalking Velia were rather pathetic... On the first I simply missed her when she left University. On the second day I missed the metro she entered by a second! Anyway, on the third I finally followed her into the Garouse Woods where I'm currently watching her from a safe distance.

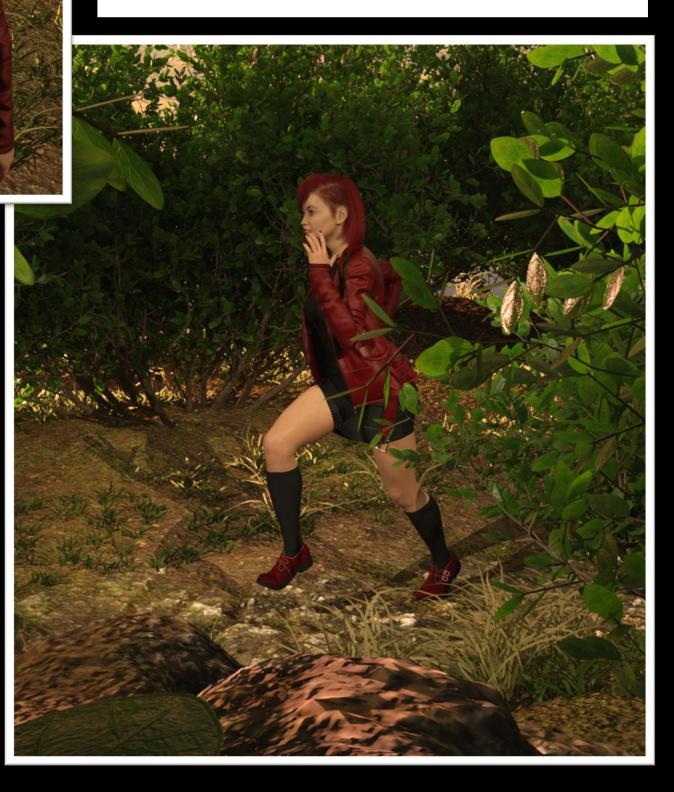




What's she doing?



### Suddenly she runs off at an incredible speed!





I start to run as well while trying to not make too much noise...

But there is no way for me to Catch up with her! She's super fast!





Is she using magic? Or is she a running marathon?

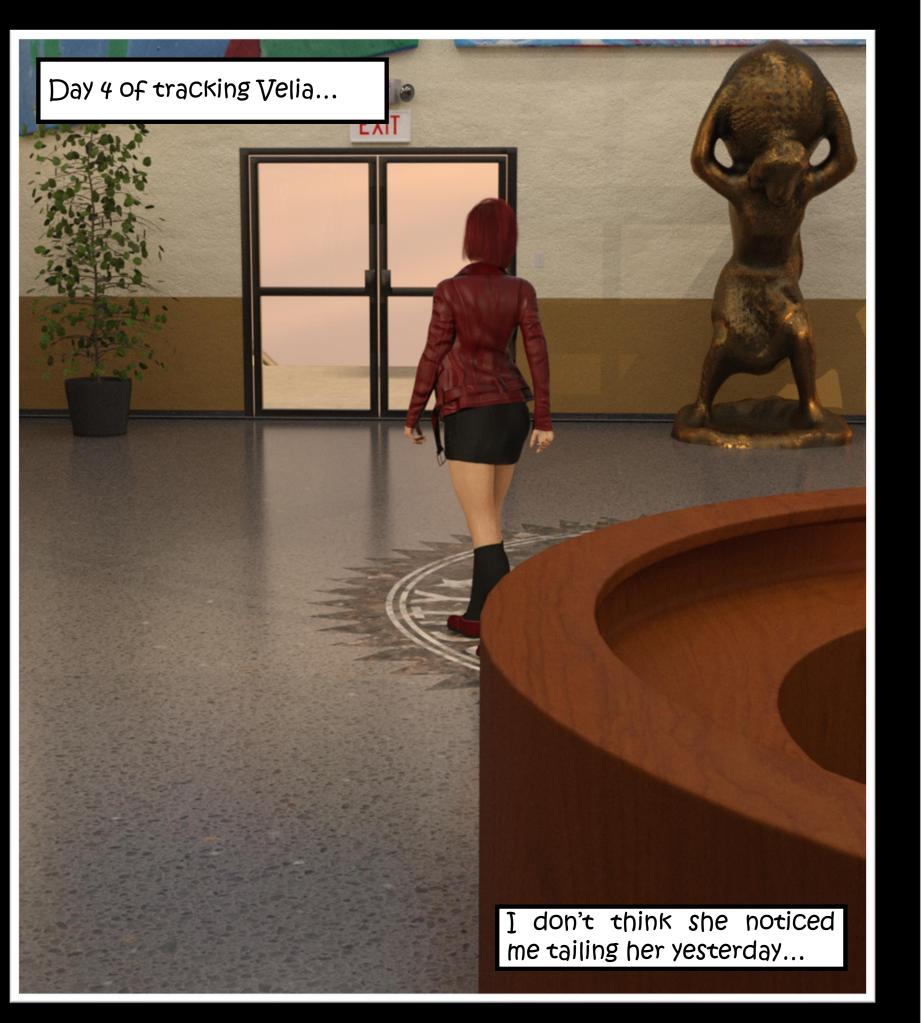
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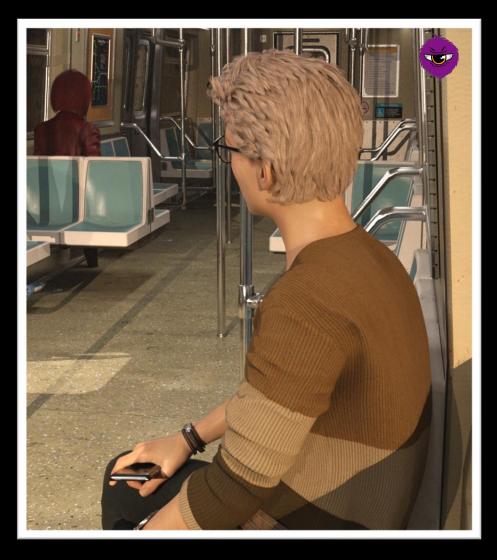
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# I'm pretty sneaky... ----





# We are back in the metro...

And then the woods. Same spot. Velia starts running again. But this time I'm smart!



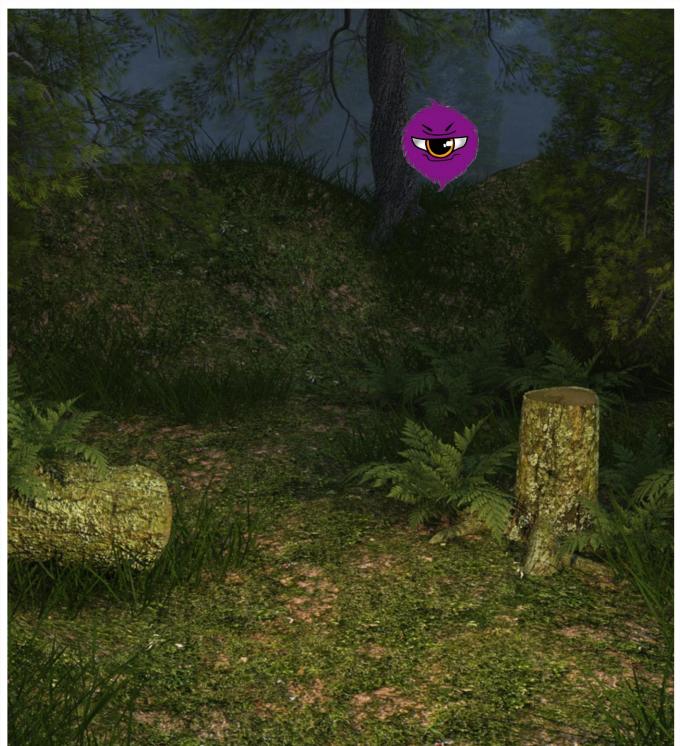


I have the Eye of Netrica follow her while following a safe distance away.

## Damn, she's fast!



With the eye I can see her run into a dark part of the wood – a Clearing – but then the eye loses her.





I reach the clearing... She could have run anywhere from here.



I'm sure she's using magic now. She even outrun the flying eye of Netrica!

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Sometime within those three days past, Harry is over at Kim's place. They are working on a student project together.





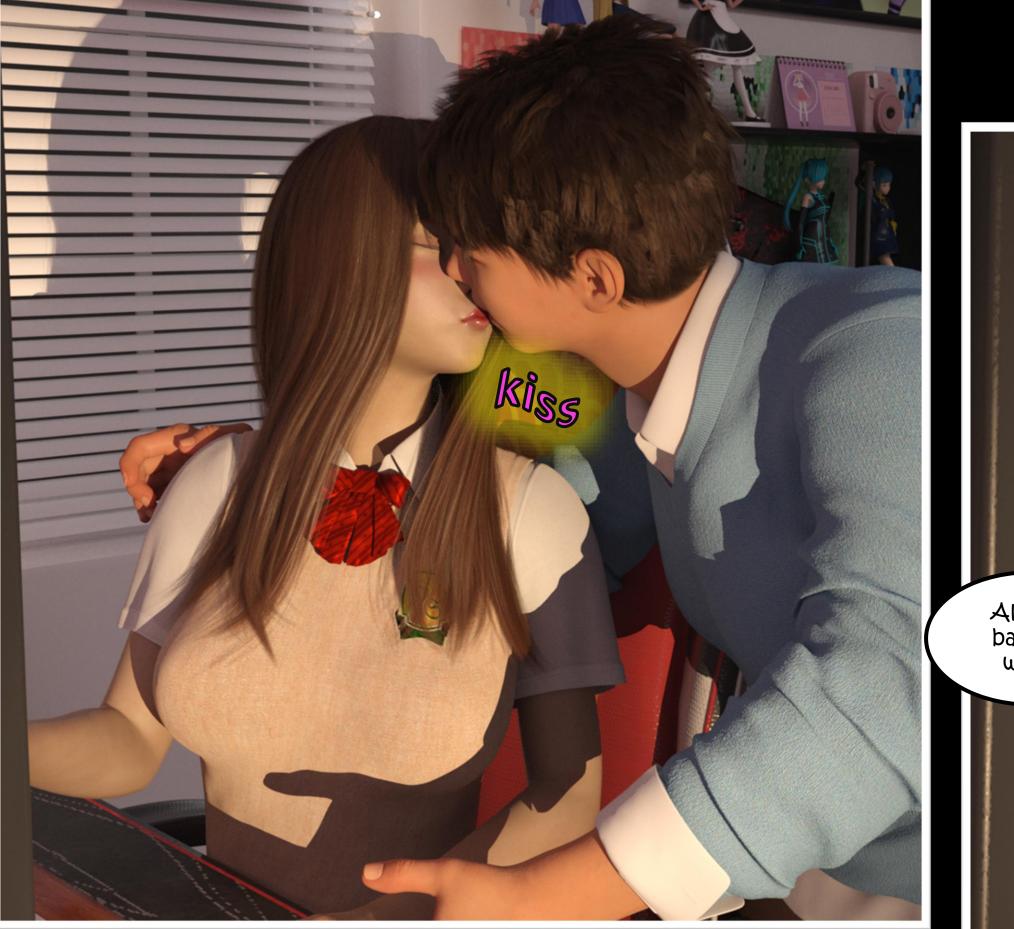
Thanks to Kessy's intervention, Kim has no recollection of the past week, and therefore she is oblivious to Harry's previous transgressions... Meaning, they have not broken up!



Come on. A quick kiss for a weary project worker?

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Alright, back to work. 100

Man, that was only a peck! Where is the passion?

One more, PLEASE

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Ocavum!

Harry Beldin, we need to... work...

> ... What's... wrong with your... eyes...





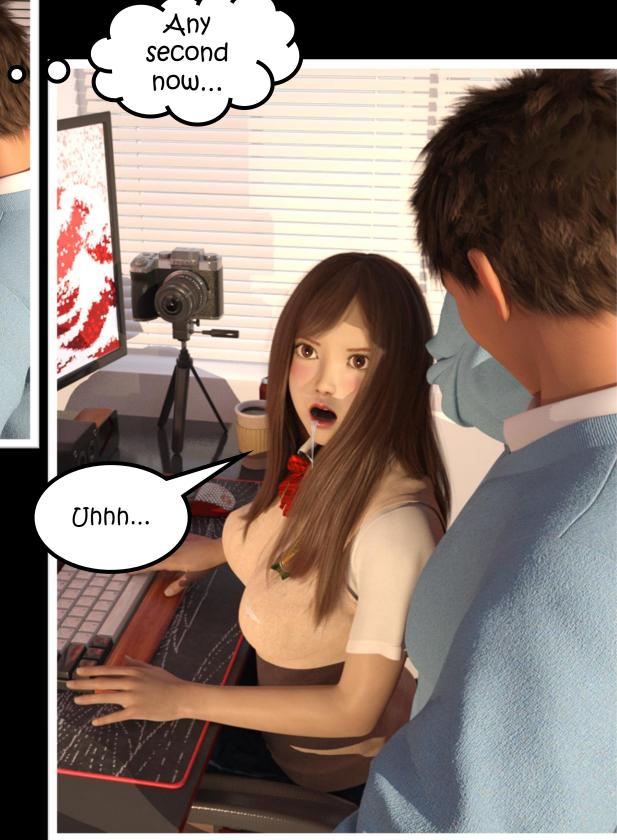
Now you are mine.

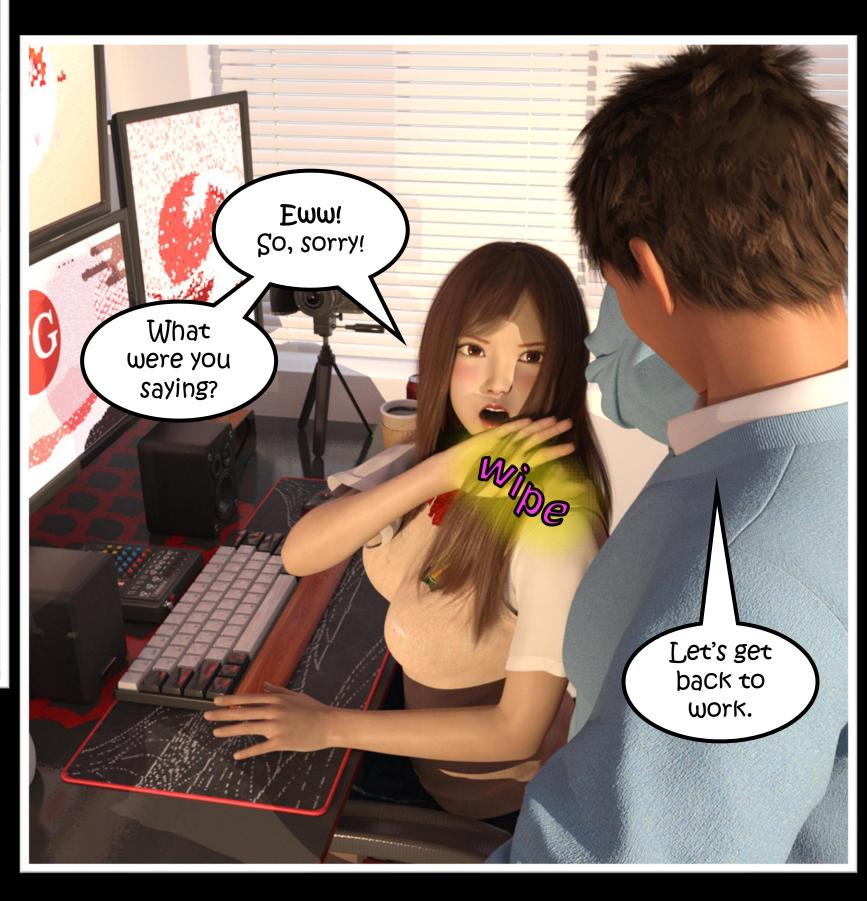














Nice! The doll-state lasts for more than 10 seconds now!

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I give up guessing where Velia might have gone from that Clearing onwards and get on my way back when I meet an earlier acquaintance.







It's good to see you again. How are you?



# Most of them are!

Note to self: Don't eat mushroom Quiche in the hut... But... you don't look fine.

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Some<del>t</del>hing up?

I've got this task... for work... and I... honestly, I don't know if I'll be able to do it.



You Can do anything if you put your mind to it! I'm sure!

> I've got an idea! I'm gonna show you my special place!

I'm sure it will Cheer you up! Her special place? **\*ChuCkle\*** 

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You are thinking something lewd!

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What? Me? Noo! Please, lead the way.



Magda led me to a really beautiful small meadow beneath a big tree. Lots of flowers were blooming. It was really idyllic.

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It's my favorite spot. I come here often when I'm feeling sad or alone...

The flowers always cheer me up. I love flowers!





And leave the shack? I could never do that!

I could never leave my mom and Uncle Zander... But enough about me. What about you? What's your troubles?

Well... maybe you Can help...

Have you seen any strange people in the woods?

Strange like, how?

Like with a sudden urge to start springing?

Ha! I do know whom you speak of.

They keep to the eastern parts of the woods...

I'm sorry. Uncle Zander told us not to get close to them.

> But if you want to know you can ask him?

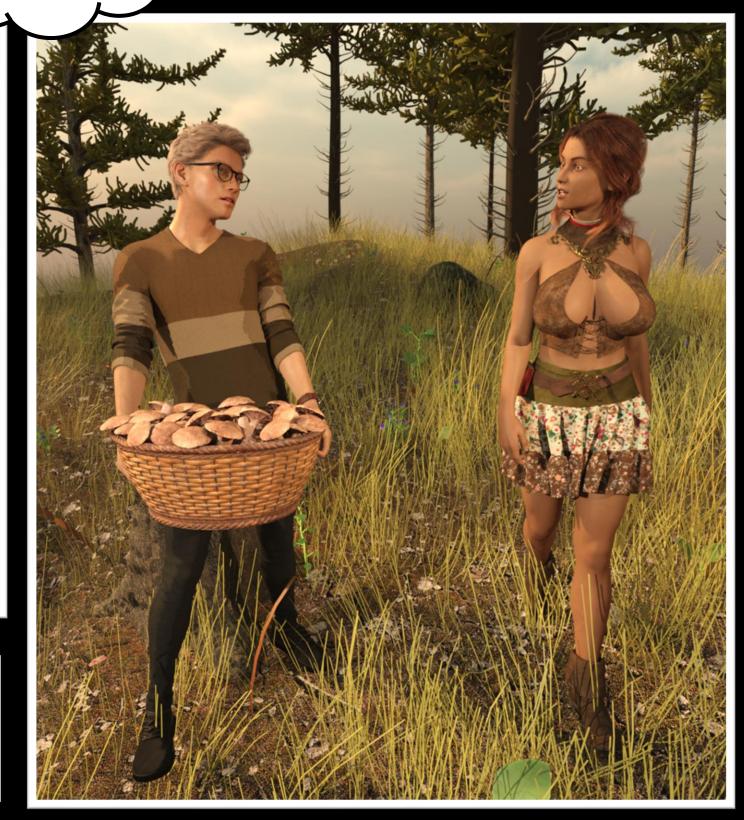
Anything else?

You do?



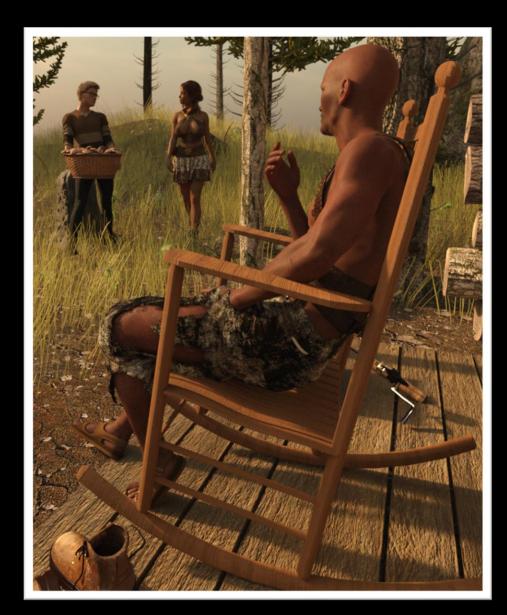
Strange. I did not notice that river the last time I was here...

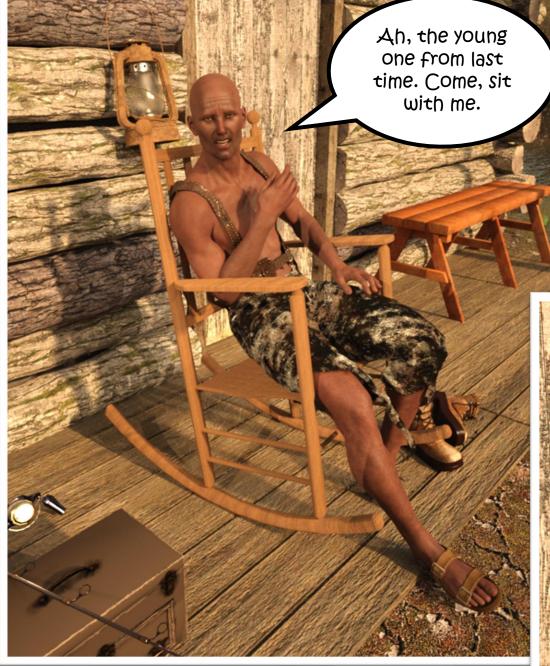
# Mr. Gray was sitting in front of the shack and fishing in the small river nearby.



The prospect of learning more of the mystery about the group around Velia was too intriguing and the old man did say he owed me. So, I go back to the shack once again.

# Of course, I was a gentleman and Carried that basket of mushrooms.





Old man Zander greets me and Magda takes the basket from my hands before vanishing into the shack... I sit down



Bah! Don't mention it, son. How Can Uncle Zander help?

Can you tell me anything about the people running some business in the woods to the east? \***Sigh\*** Boy, if this is just some youthful curiosity, I beseech you: "Turn your back on this!". I assure you...

These people mean serious business and they love their secrecy.

> Is there no way for you to let this go, son?



I told Zander that I had followed but lost one of their people at the dark Clearing in the eastern woods.



] know the spot... the woods are getting thick there...

> Easy to hide something. Also, kinda eerie there...

Their hideout must be somewhere around there. I've seen several of them run there...

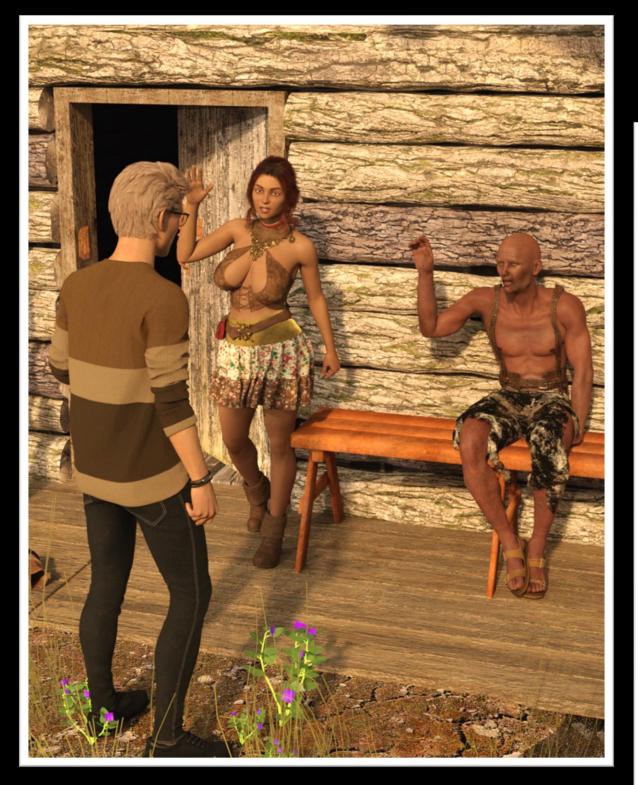
> I suggest... if you must... maybe hide there and wait for them there? See where they go?

Now while Zander had no real Info about them either... he brought me on the right track... The solution was so simple...



] don't know your business with them.

> But please be careful, son.



When I was about to leave, Magda Came out to say goodbye as well.

I thanked Zander one more time and assured them I'd be back.





# After Mika has left...





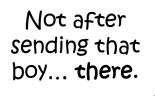












You've taken a liking to him, master? I guess so... He reminds me a little of my past self...

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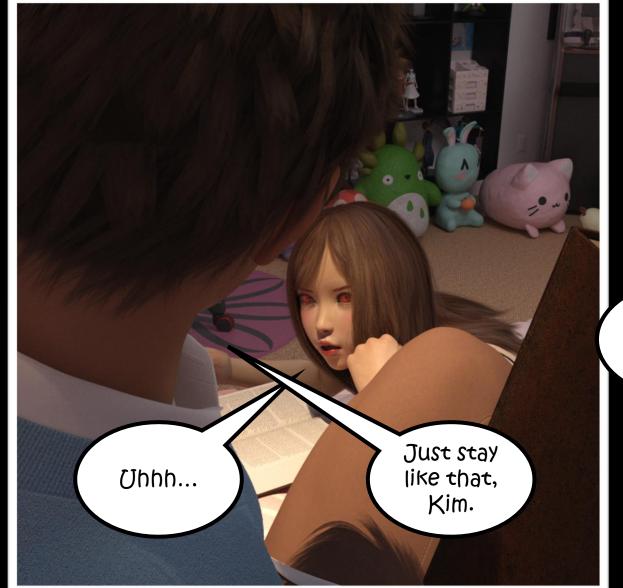
Some other day back at Kim's. They are still working on that project.























I'm having my way with you, Kim! And this time it's all my own power!

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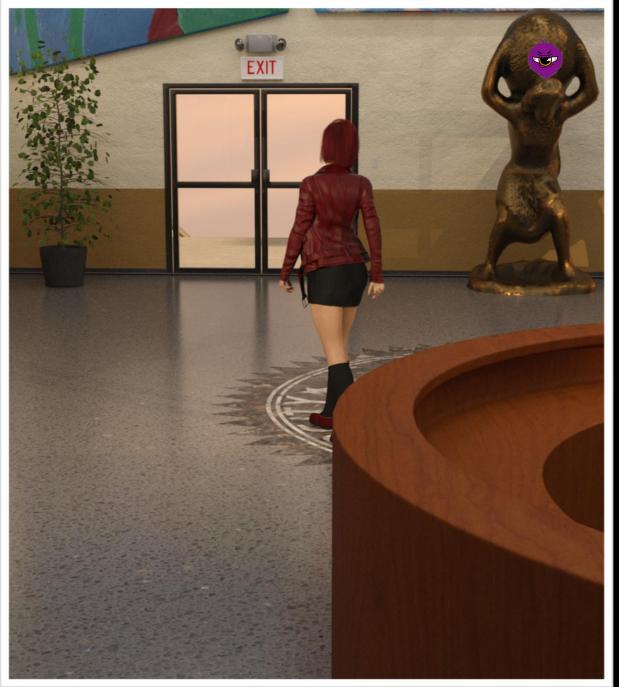


But we are at about 20 seconds now! I'm getting better! My rigorous training with her starts to pay Off!

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Oh, dear. These kinda blackouts are getting more frequent. I wonder if I'm coming up with something... The next day, back with Mikael on his mission to follow Velia.



#### It's her usual time...

I'm waiting in the woods for two hours already, but I have the eye follow her and finally see her approaching.







I unsummon the eye and resummon it here directing it to the location I lost track of Velia last time. Shortly later, Velia runs by – as usual. This running seems to be a routine to lose possible tails, I guess... With the eye I Can see her every move as she enters the dark Clearing...



# Where will she turn next?



# Woah! What is that?!



There is a distortion in space... and Velia is just running through...



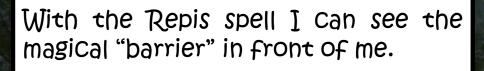
Vanishing in the process. The Clearing looks the same as if nothing ever happened.





#### I unsummon the eye and follow up...



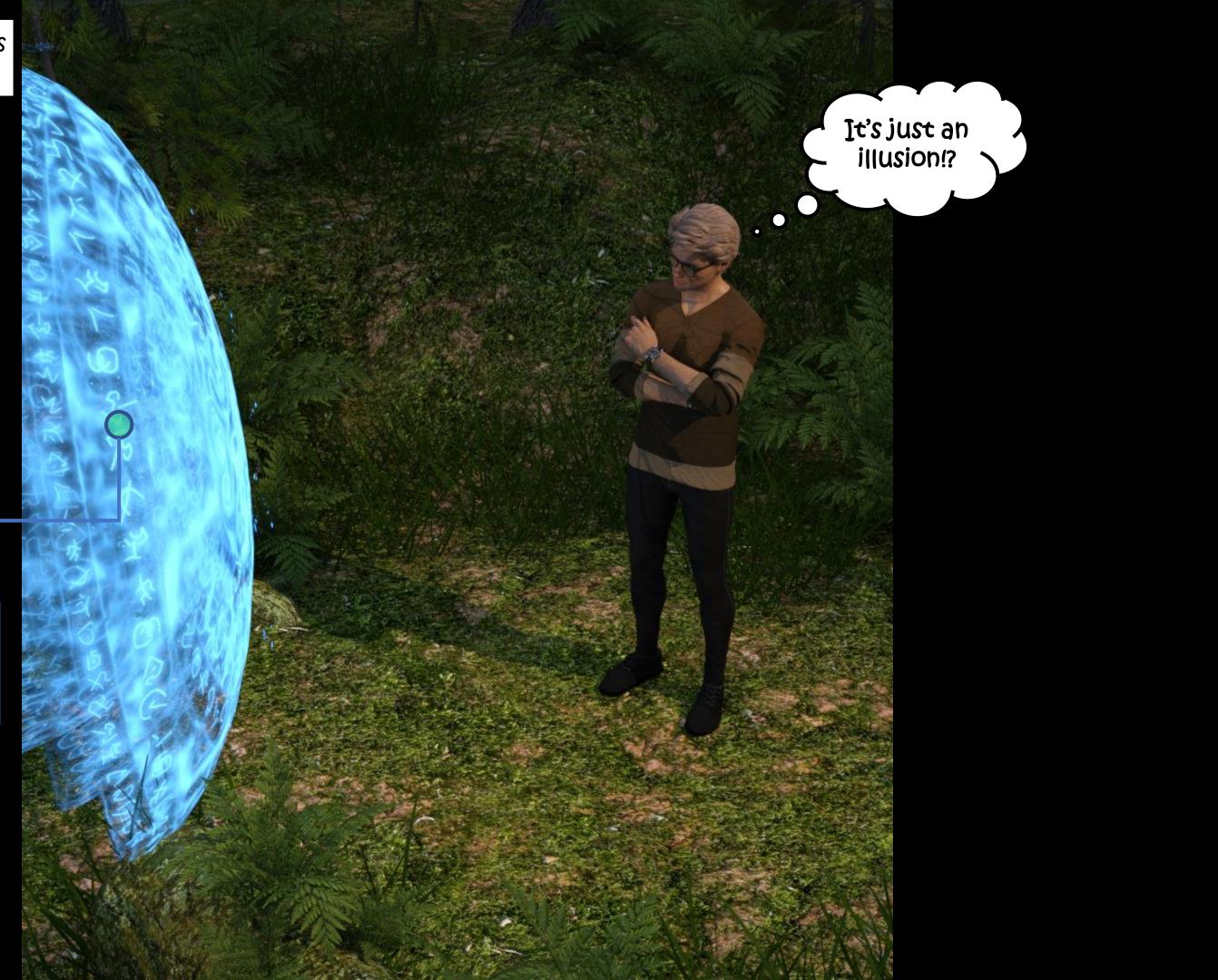


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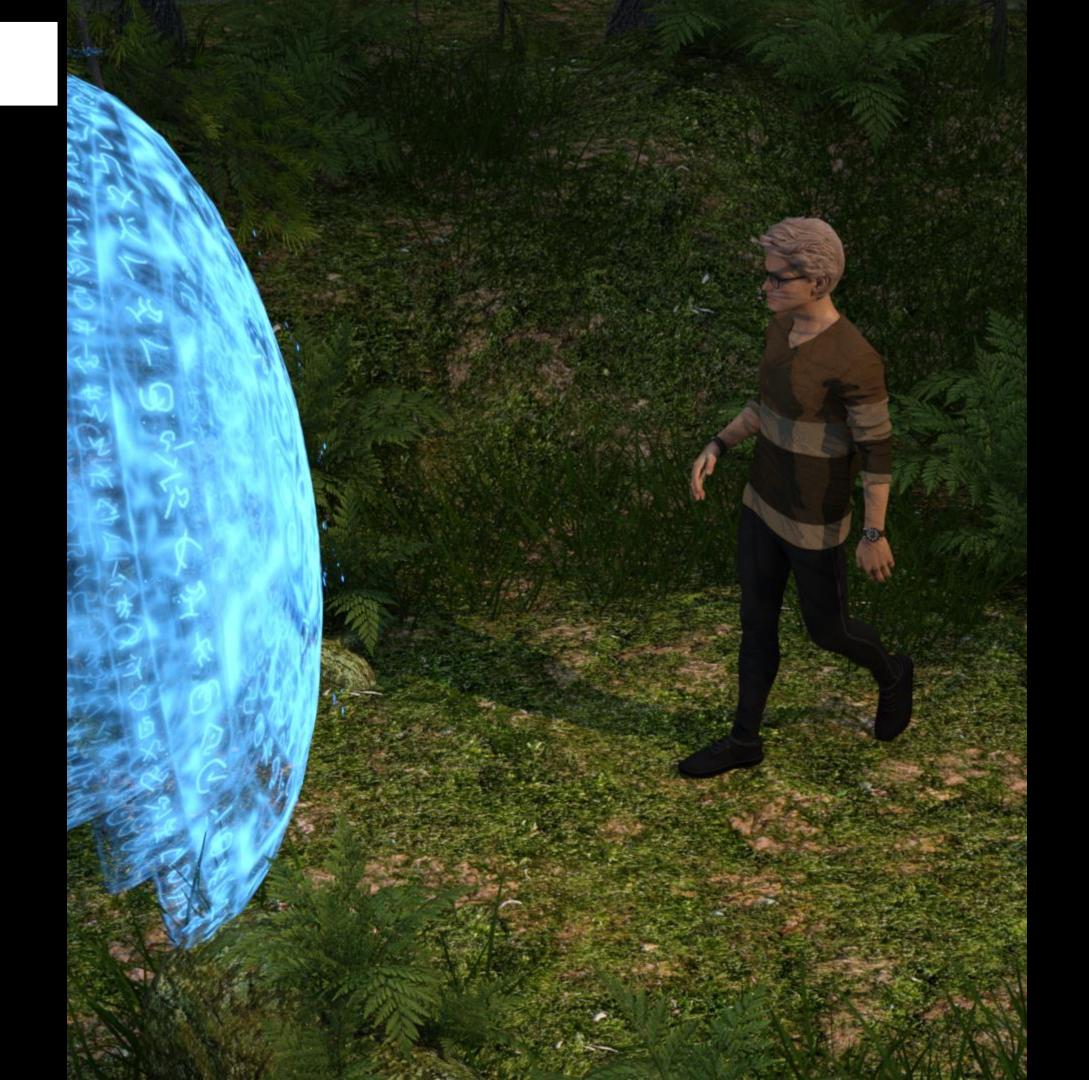


And the Malkovis spell analysis its nature...

Large-scale illusion: Used to hide places, things, or people. You can just walk through.



# Carefully I approach the thing...





I probe it with my hand. As it passes through.. I feel nothing. I mean, nothing else than my hand usually feels.

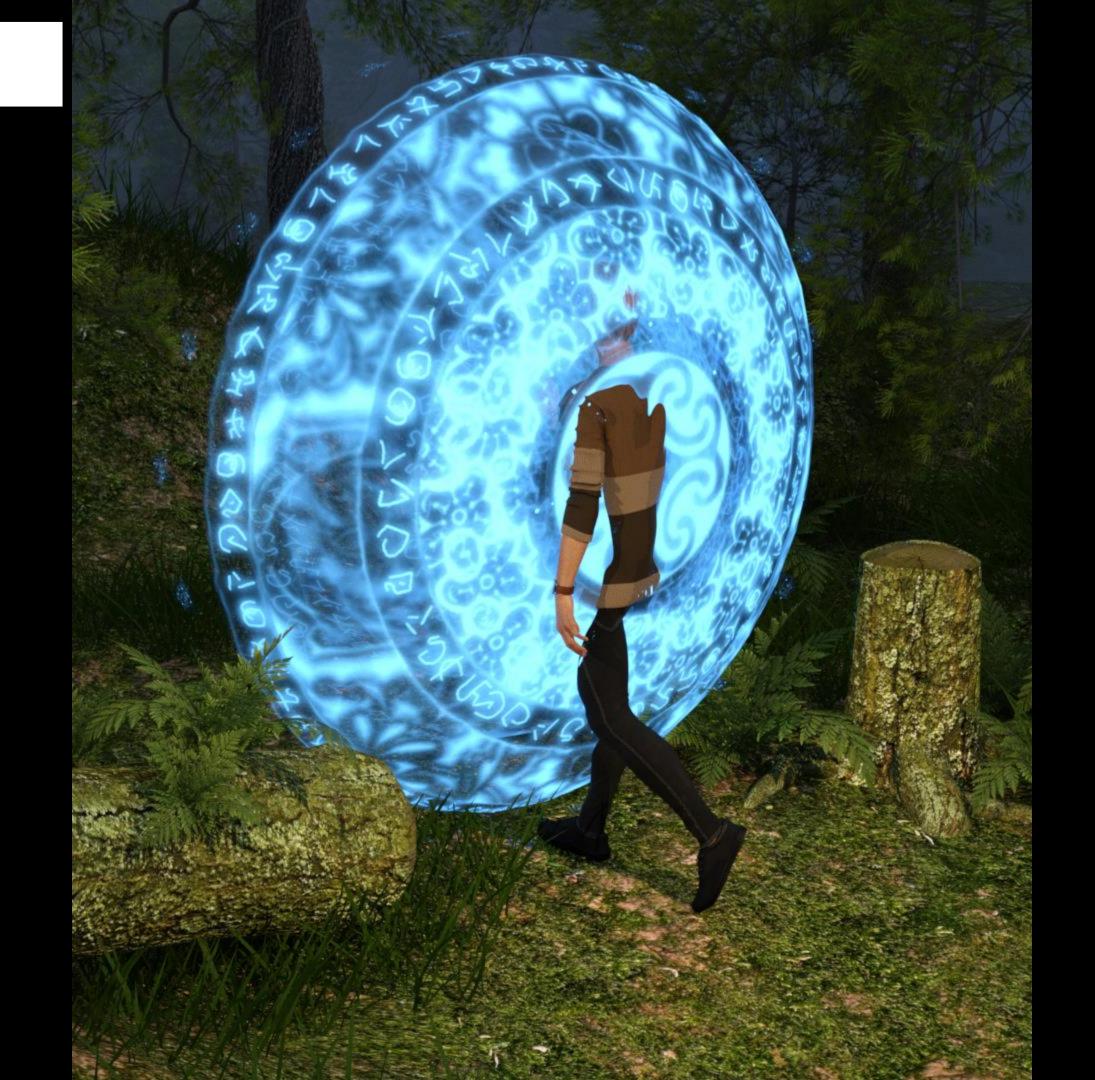




Having verified my Hand is still there...



# I decide to walk through...



Took quite the guts I have to admit...



# Holy Smokes!





Back with Kim and Harry at the university on that day...

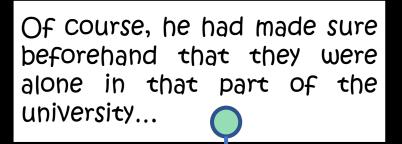












He looked left and right... TWICE!



And with the Ocavum spell taking full effect over Kim...









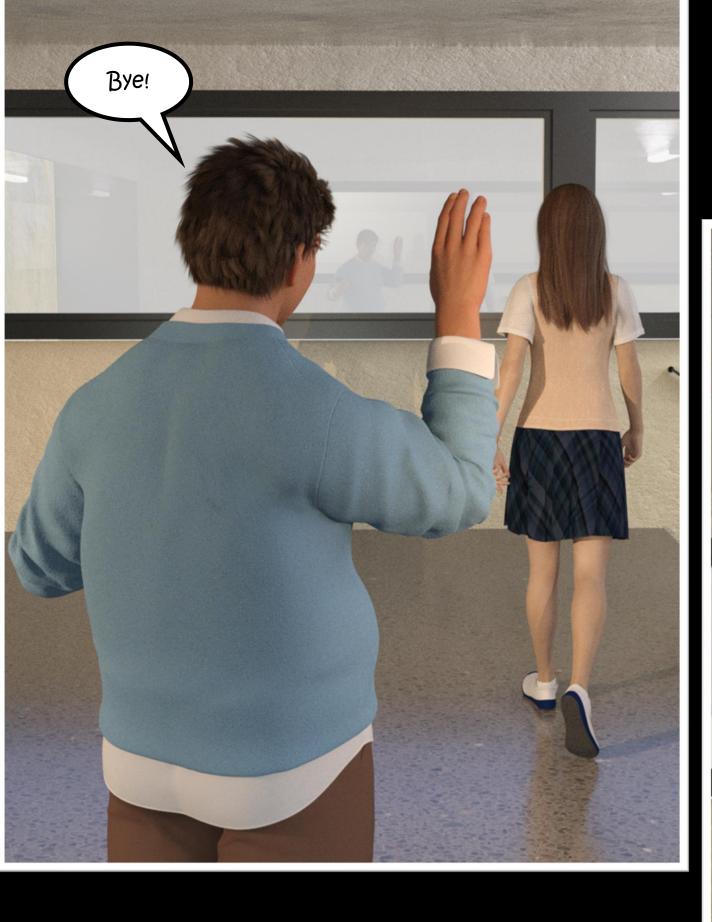




He does not have to wait long and a lifeful expression returns to Kim's face.









Soon it will be long enough for me to undress and redress her...

> Maybe then I Can Check for real if my other spell has worked on her...

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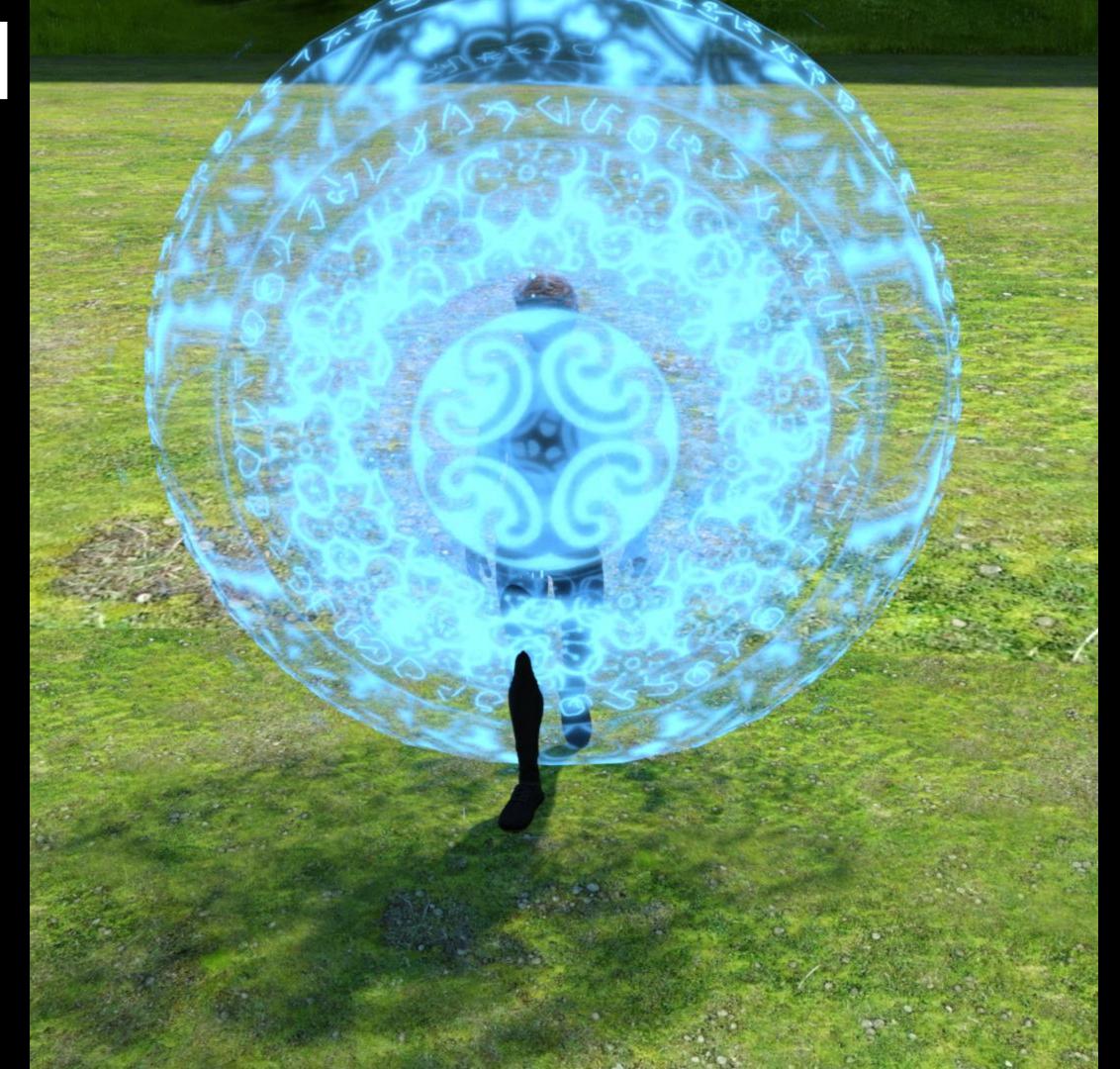


I thought they were done growing three years ago...

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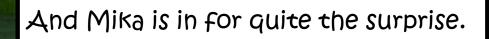
And back with Mika on "the other side".

## As Mika walks through the illusion...



The dark woods give way to a much clearer, brighter sight...









A huge Clearing with several tree houses, a lovely pond and probably more behind enfolds before Mika's eyes. He Can hear people talking from afar and it's safe to say he successfully found "their" base...



## Hello, Hexxet here. will Mika do? **Deviant Art**:

## Thanks for reading!

Mikael has managed to find the secret hideout of those Ether wielders... but what now? Should he infiltrate some more or return now as long as he can? Will Kessy be satisfied with this information? What

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