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"WHEN I WAS YOUNG, MY MASTER
TOLD ME OF A CREATURE CALLED
A SHROOKIL.

"THEY'RE SIMPLE BEASTS. THEY BREED,
THEY EAT--AND THEY TRY NOT TO GET
EATEN. JUST LIKE ANY OTHER ANIMAL.

"BUT THERE'S ONE THING
THAT SETS THEM APART:

"THEY SING AS
THEY DIE.

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"A LAMENT, TELLING ANY
CREATURE NEAR ENOUGH
TO HEAR: 'I LIVED.

"'I LIVED, BUT NOW MY
LIFE IS DONE.'

"I REMEMBER WONDERING
WHAT SUCH A SONG MUST
SOUND LIKE..."



...TODAY
ALL OF THRA
SINGS THAT
SONG.

I...I CONFESS
THAT I HEAR IT TOO,
MIGHTY JEN. BUT, MY
LORD, ALL IS NOT
YET LOST!

WE'LL FIND
THE THIEVES.



WHAT
ORDERS,
ELDER
JEN?

ONE OF YOU
SCOUT AHEAD.
THE REST--FLY
PARALLEL TO THE
BURN'T PATH!
LOOK FOR FIRE
OR SMOKE!



AND WHEN
WE FIND
THEM?

RETRIEVE THE
SHARD.

BUT THE
THIEVES ARE
NOT TO BE
HARMED.



NOT
HARMED?!
BUT JEN--

THE
CRYSTAL MUST
BE MADE WHOLE,
COMMANDER.
BUT... I DO NOT
THINK THOSE
TWO ARE OUR
ENEMIES.

TRACKS!

GRRRRRR



TWO
SETS,
ELDER
JEN.

THEY'VE
GONE TO
GROUND
JUST
AHEAD!



WE HAVE
THEM. AND
SOON, THE
SHARD!



IN
THERE!

P-PLEASE...

COME OUT,
TRAITORS! FACE
JUSTICE!



DON'T HURT OUR BABY!



YOU...YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. PLEASE, COME OUT.

WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS HERE?!

W-WE WERE AT THE CASTLE. THE CRYSTAL HEALED OUR CHILD.



B-BUT WHEN WE RETURNED, THE BLIGHT HAD DEVoured OUR CROPS.

NOW WE SEEK A NEW HOME, N-NEARER THE CRYSTAL, WHERE IT'S STILL WARM.



HAVE TWO CRIMINALS COME THIS WAY? A TRAITOR NAMED KENSHO AND A HERETIC FIRE-MONSTER?

KENSHO?



S-SIR, A SELFING CALLED KENSHO GAVE US HIS BIRTHSTONE SO OUR CHILD COULD BE HEALED. HE SAVED OUR BABY!

AND... "FIRE-MONSTER"? YOU MEAN THE GIRL THEY SAY CURED THE BLIGHT?

WITH RESPECT, MIGHTY JEN...



...YOU SIT AT THE HEAD OF A GARTHIM SWARM-- JUST LIKE THE ONES THAT DECIMATED MY PEOPLE.

THE ONLY MONSTERS HERE ARE YOURS.

