

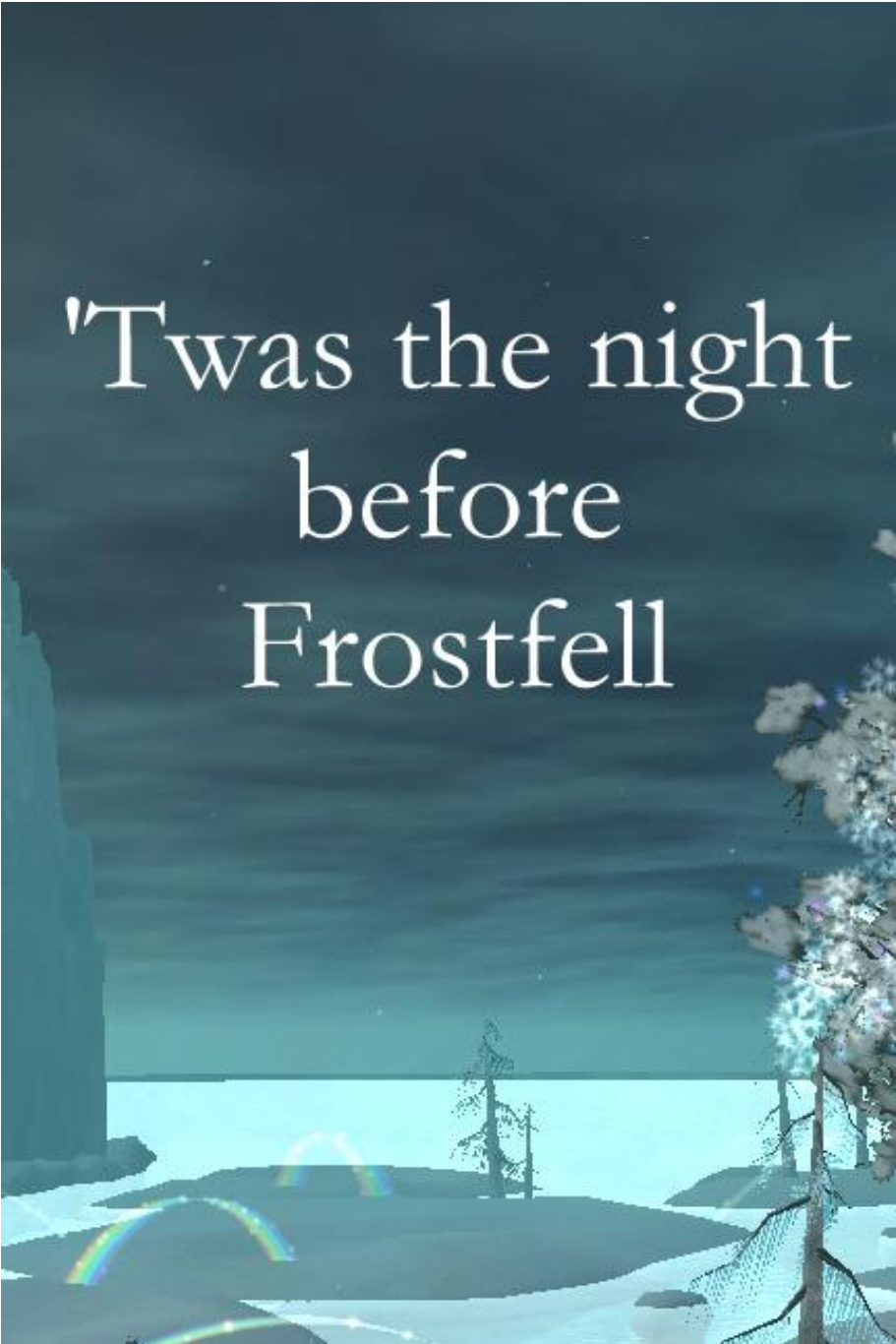
A Visit
from the
Frostfell Elves

or,

'Twas the Night
Before Frostfell

by
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A digital illustration of a winter night landscape. The scene is dominated by a dark, starry sky. In the foreground, a snow-covered ground is illuminated by several vibrant, multi-colored rainbows. A few evergreen trees are scattered across the landscape, some appearing to be covered in snow or frost. The overall mood is serene and magical.

'Twas the night
before
Frostfell

and
out

on
the
ice



All the elves
were preparing



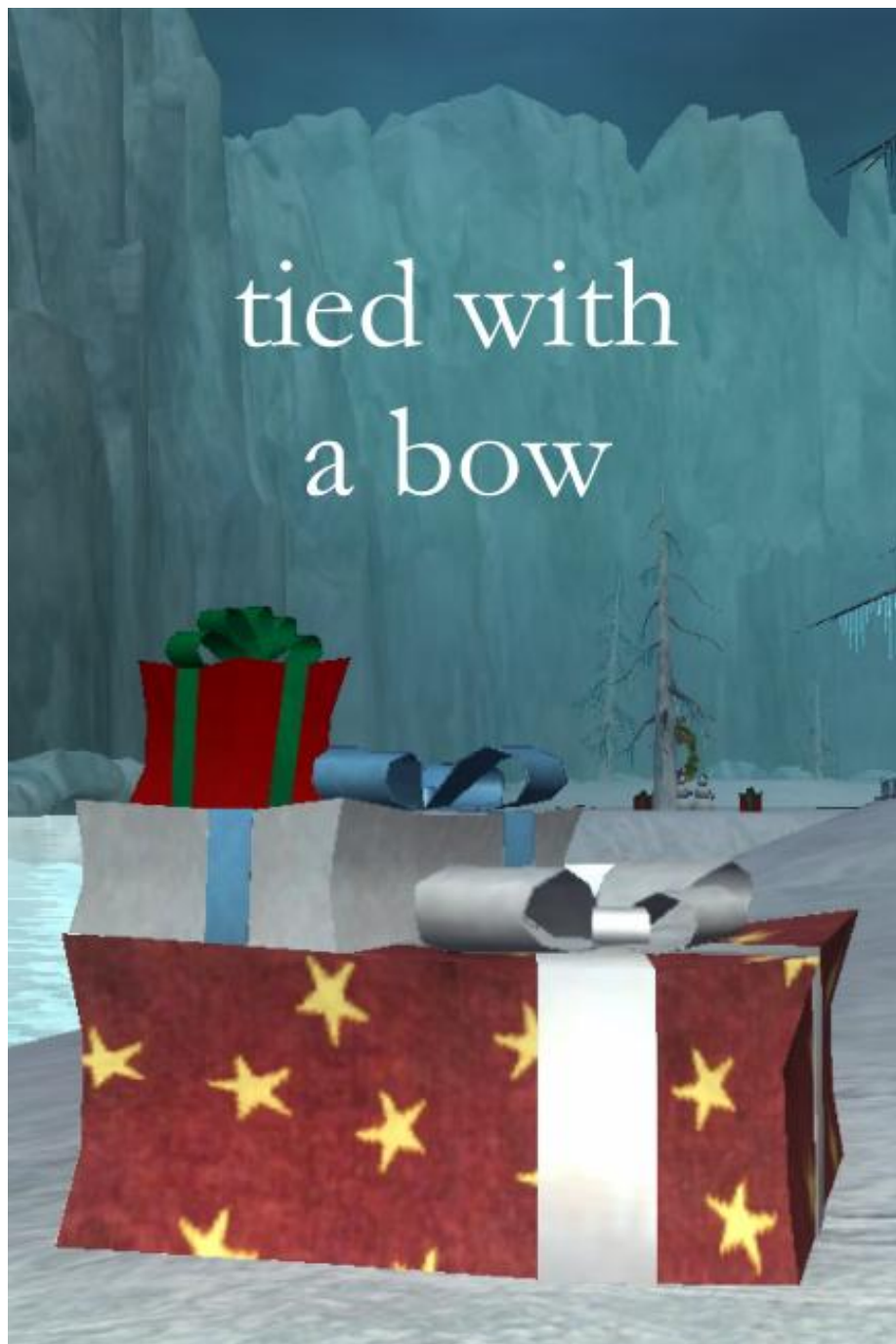
with goblins
(they're
nice)



They hid the
ingredients



tied with
a bow



And scattered
them 'round





in the white
winter snow

A person wearing a green and white robe stands in front of a large wooden door. The door is set within a stone and wood frame. Above the door is a window with two diamond-shaped stained glass panels. To the left of the door is a hanging lantern. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an evening or night setting.

The
people

of Norrath

all slept

in their beds



And knew
that tomorrow



they'd have
on their
heads



Red and
white caps,





maybe
blue,

green,



or pink,

Iced cookies to eat

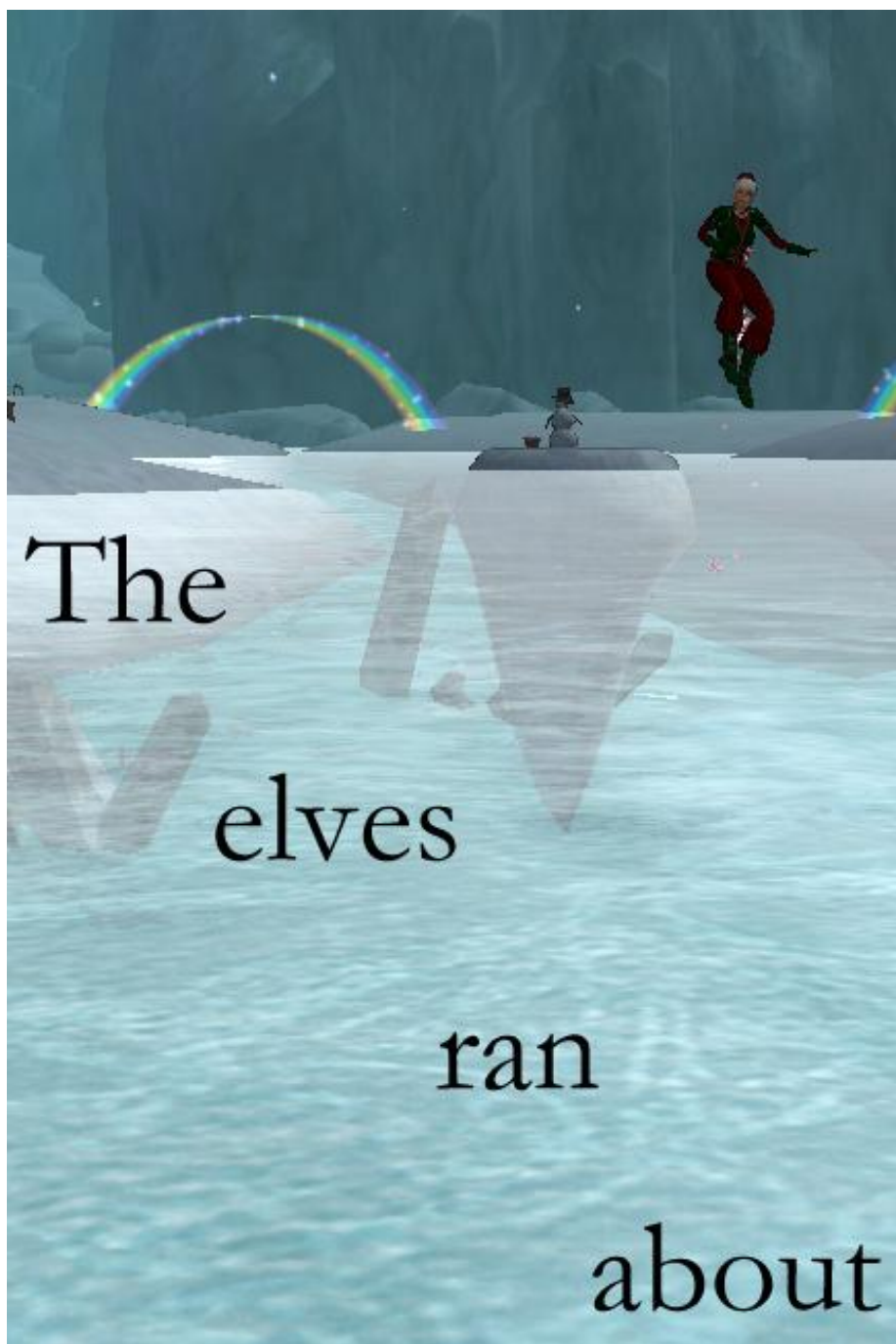


and cold

eggnog

to drink, -





The

elves

ran

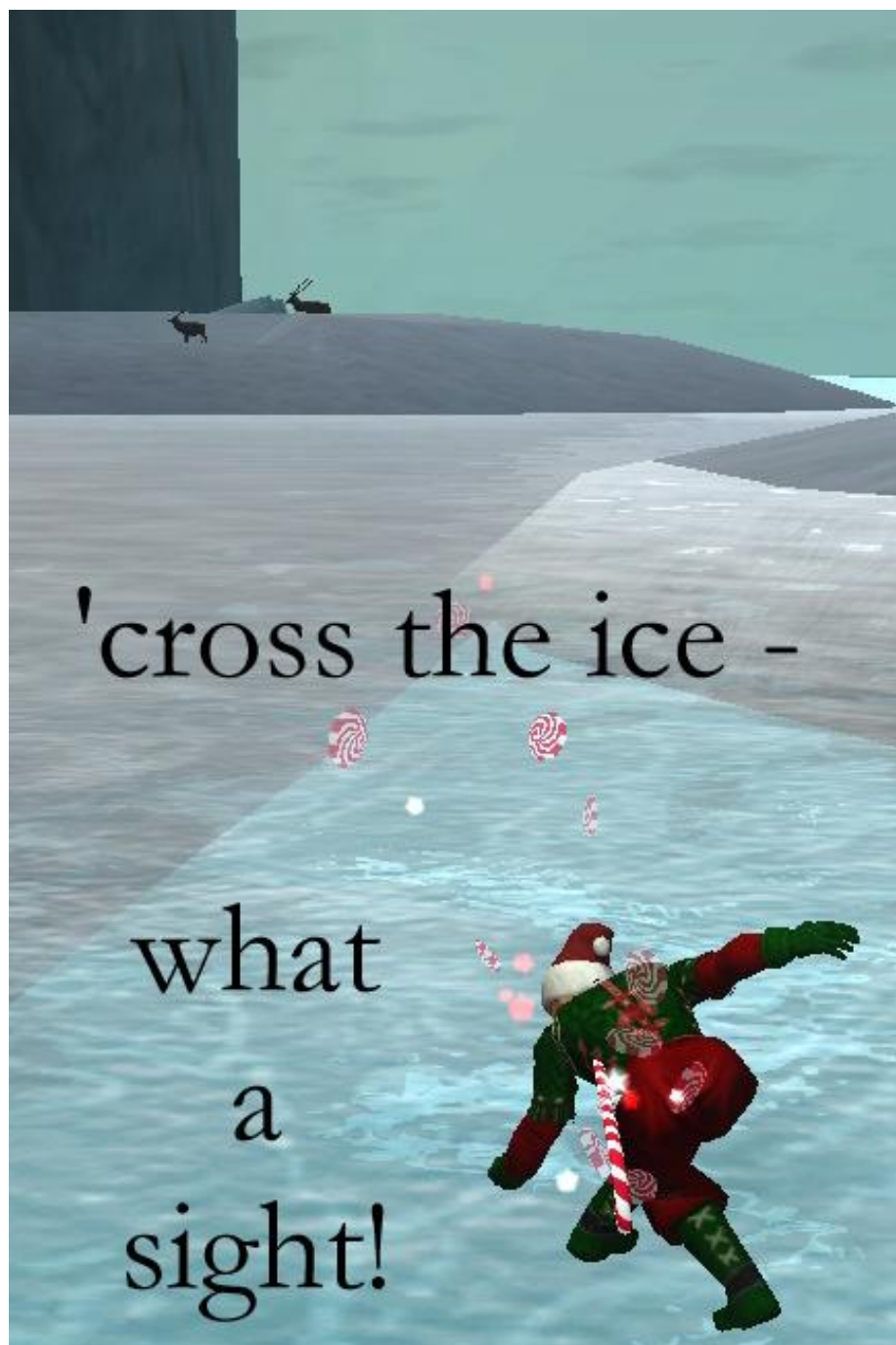
about



to get
everything
right

And they
skated
and slid





The goblins
were
putting

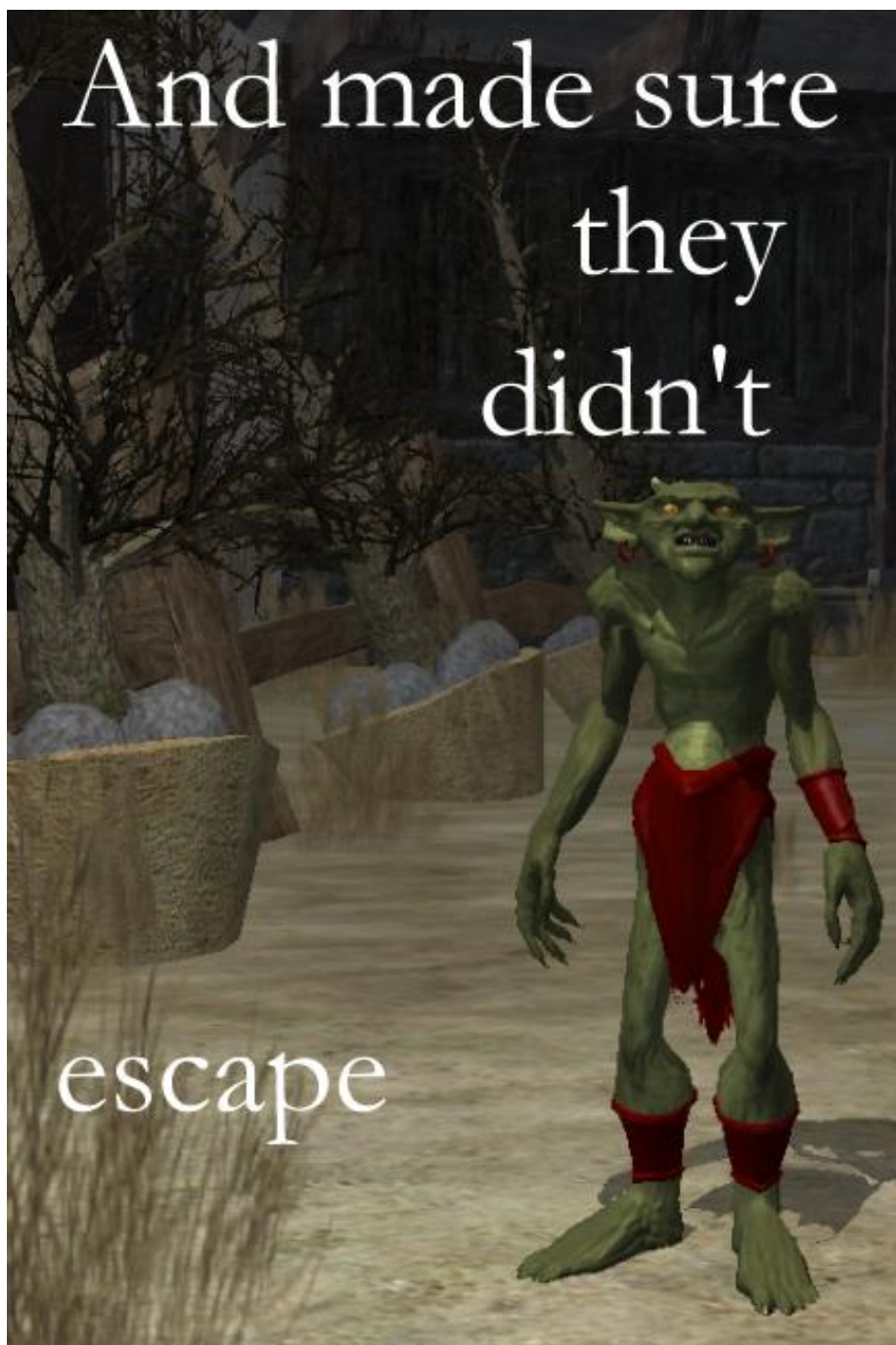


ex-trees
into
pails,



And made sure
they
didn't

escape

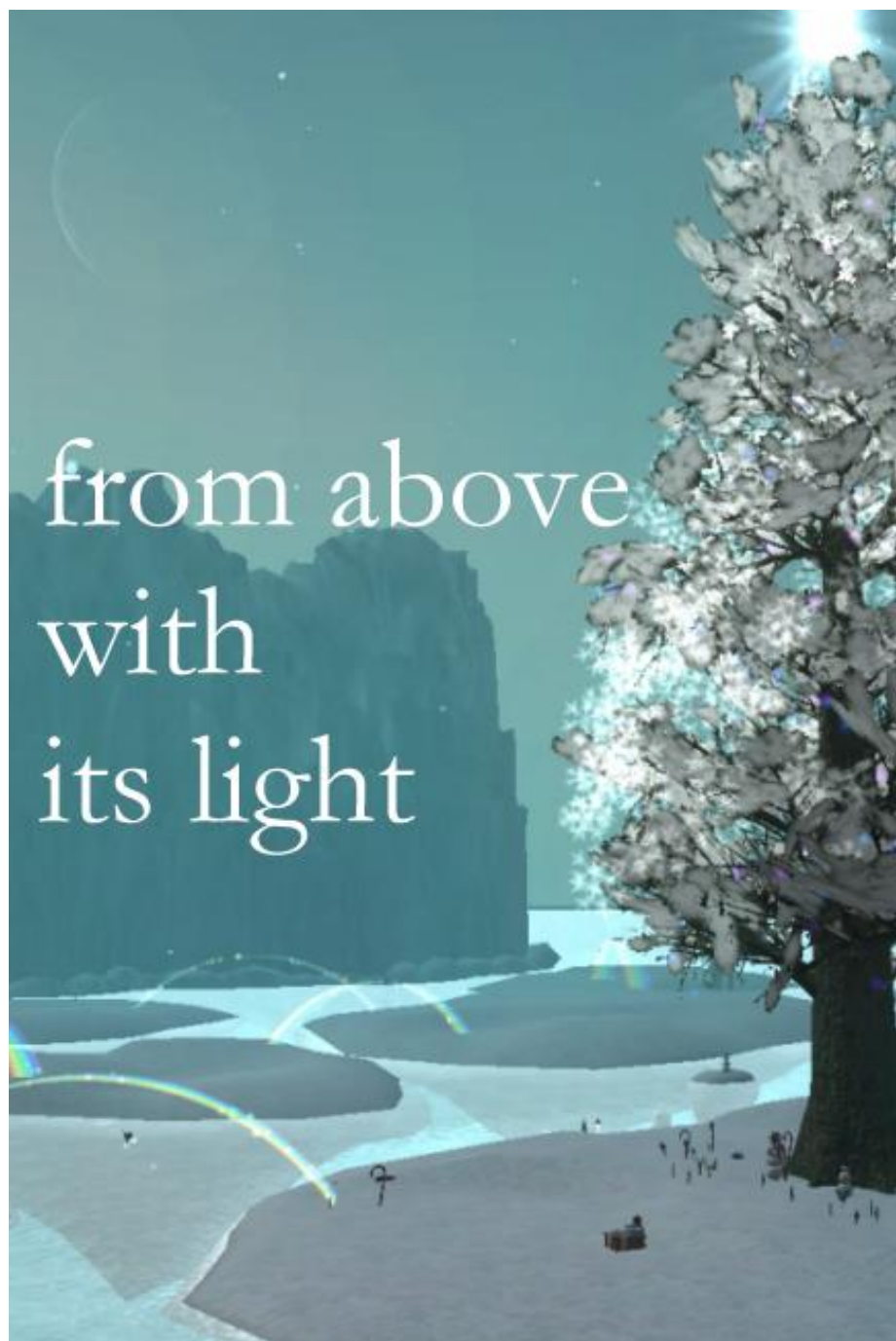


(they used nails).



Drinal shone
down





from above
with
its light

(For Norrathian holidays



all start



at night);



The gleam

off the snow

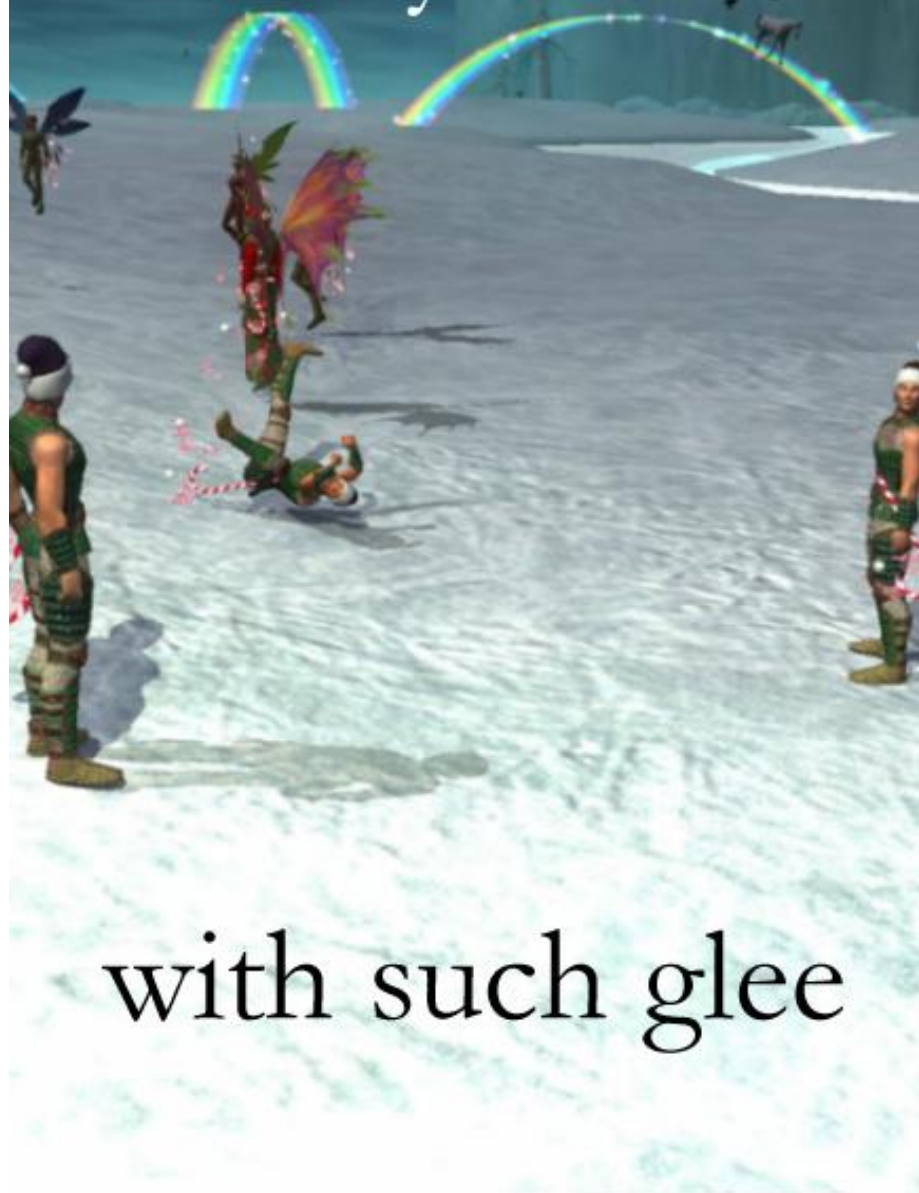
A photograph of a bright yellow sun in a teal sky over a blue ocean. The sun is positioned in the upper left quadrant, casting a soft glow. The sky is a deep teal color, and the ocean below is a lighter blue with gentle ripples. The text is overlaid on the sky and ocean.

made it

seem

almost sunny

As they worked

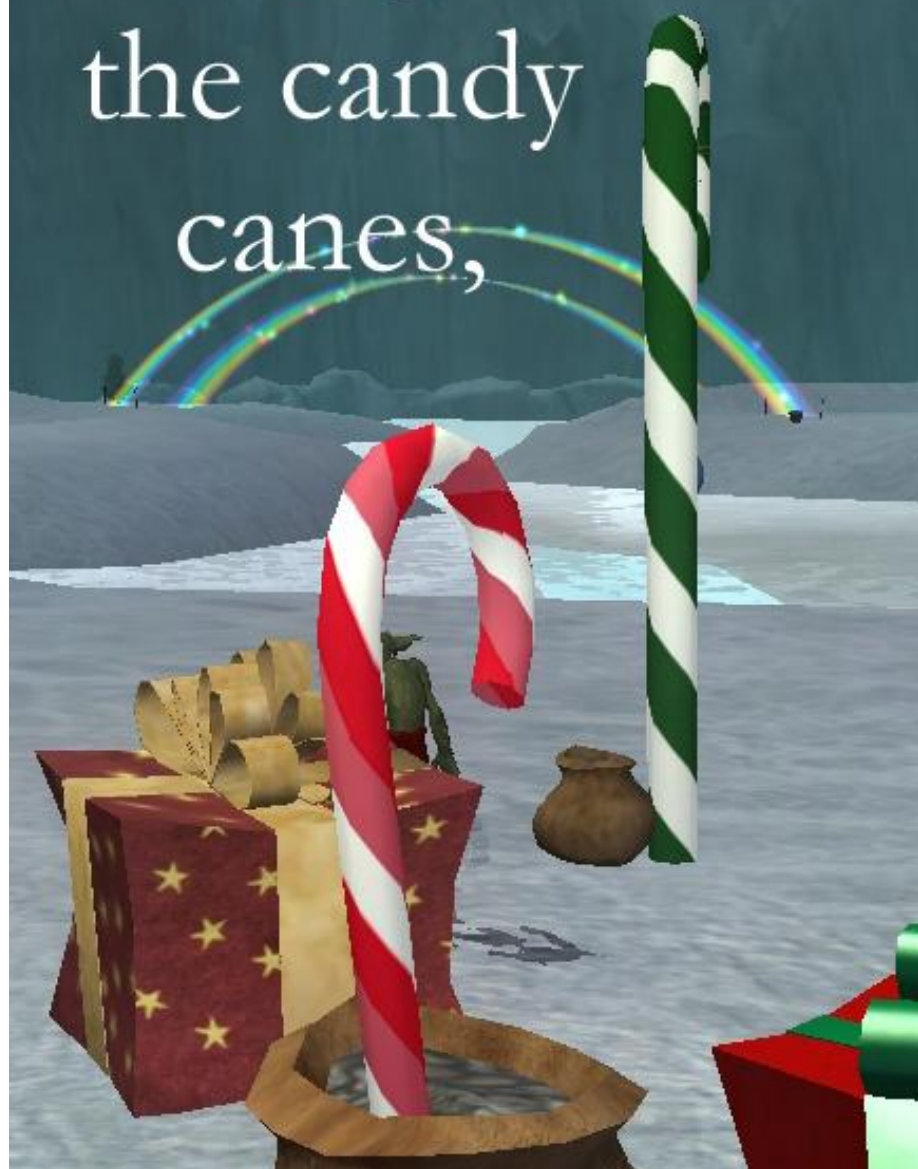


with such glee

for their leader,

Queen Bunny

They gathered
the candy
canes,





A 3D rendered scene of a snowy landscape. In the foreground, a dark red bucket with a gold rim is filled with several white, textured snowballs. In the background, there are two wrapped gifts: one with a red and white pattern and another with a blue and white pattern. The scene is set against a light blue sky and a snowy ground.

The snowballs
in buckets,



They loaded
them up



as their reindeer
drew
near



To take them

and decorate -



A festive scene set against a dark, starry sky filled with blue and green light trails. In the foreground, a character in a blue and purple suit stands on a snowy surface, surrounded by falling red and white confetti. To the left, a large gift box is partially visible. In the background, another character in a red and black outfit stands near a large gift box with a red ribbon. The overall atmosphere is celebratory and magical.

Frostfell

is

here!

“To Freeport!”



To Haven!



To Kelethin's trees!



To Neriak!



Gorowyn,





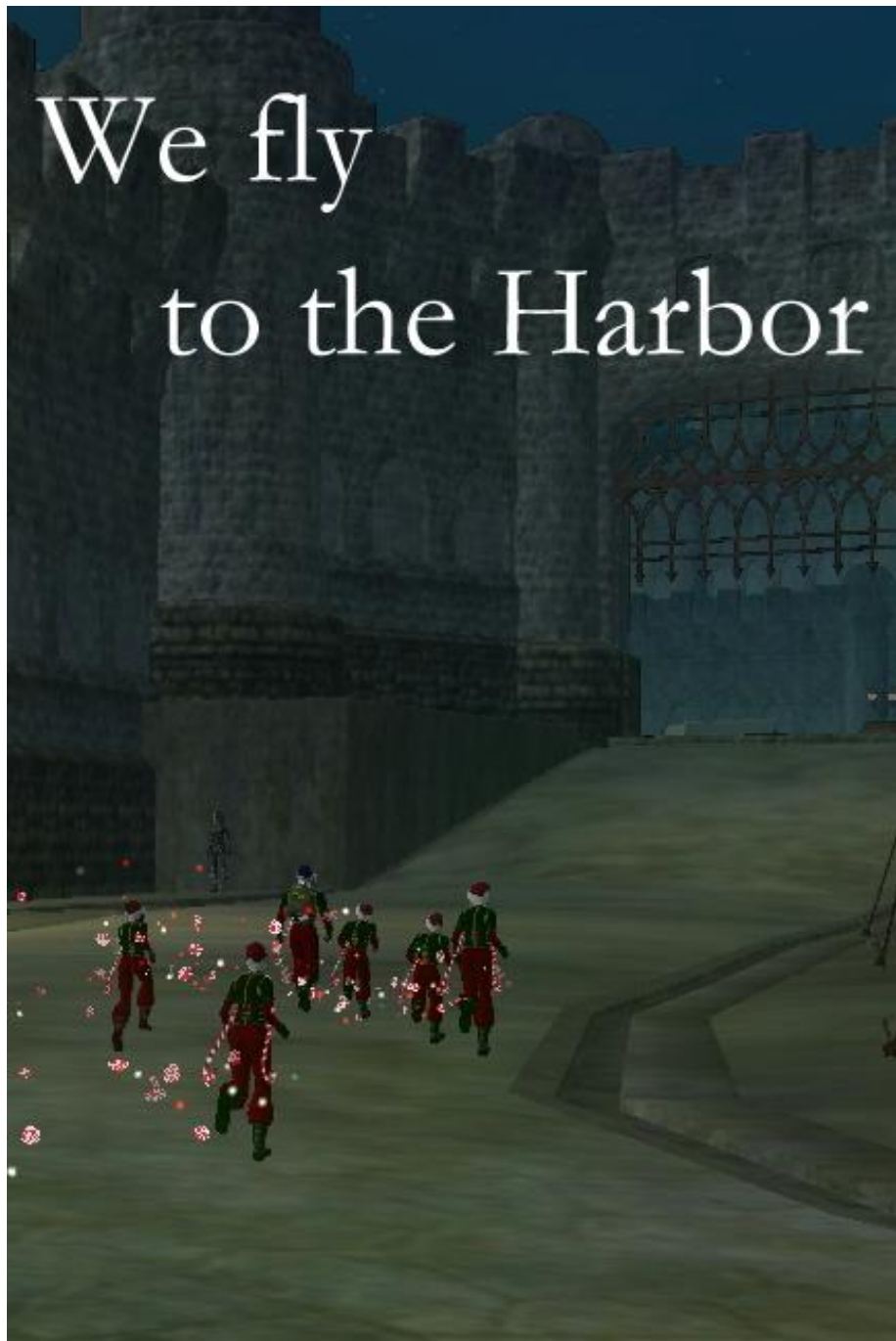
We fly
into
Qeynos



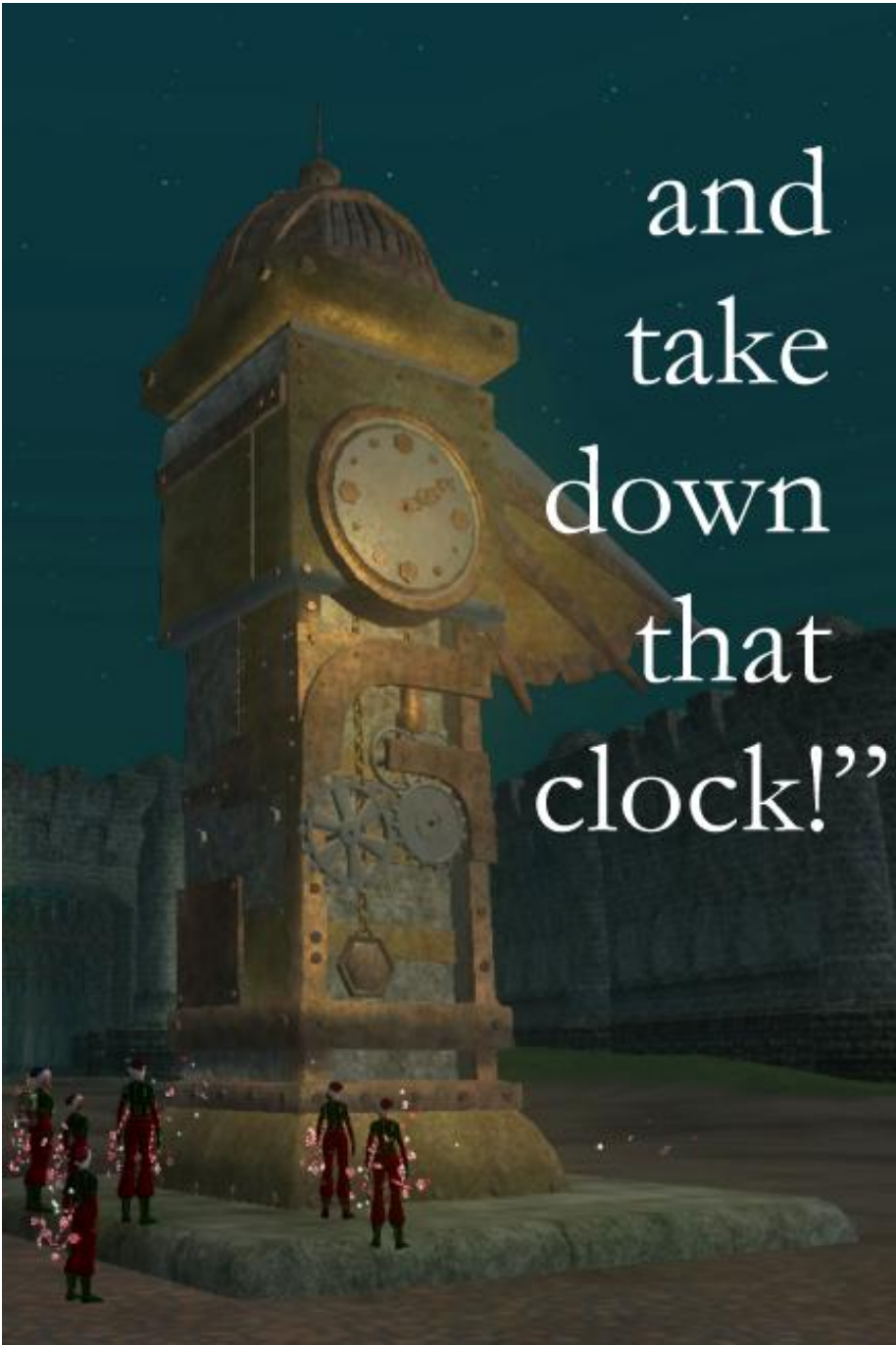
we fly
to the dock,

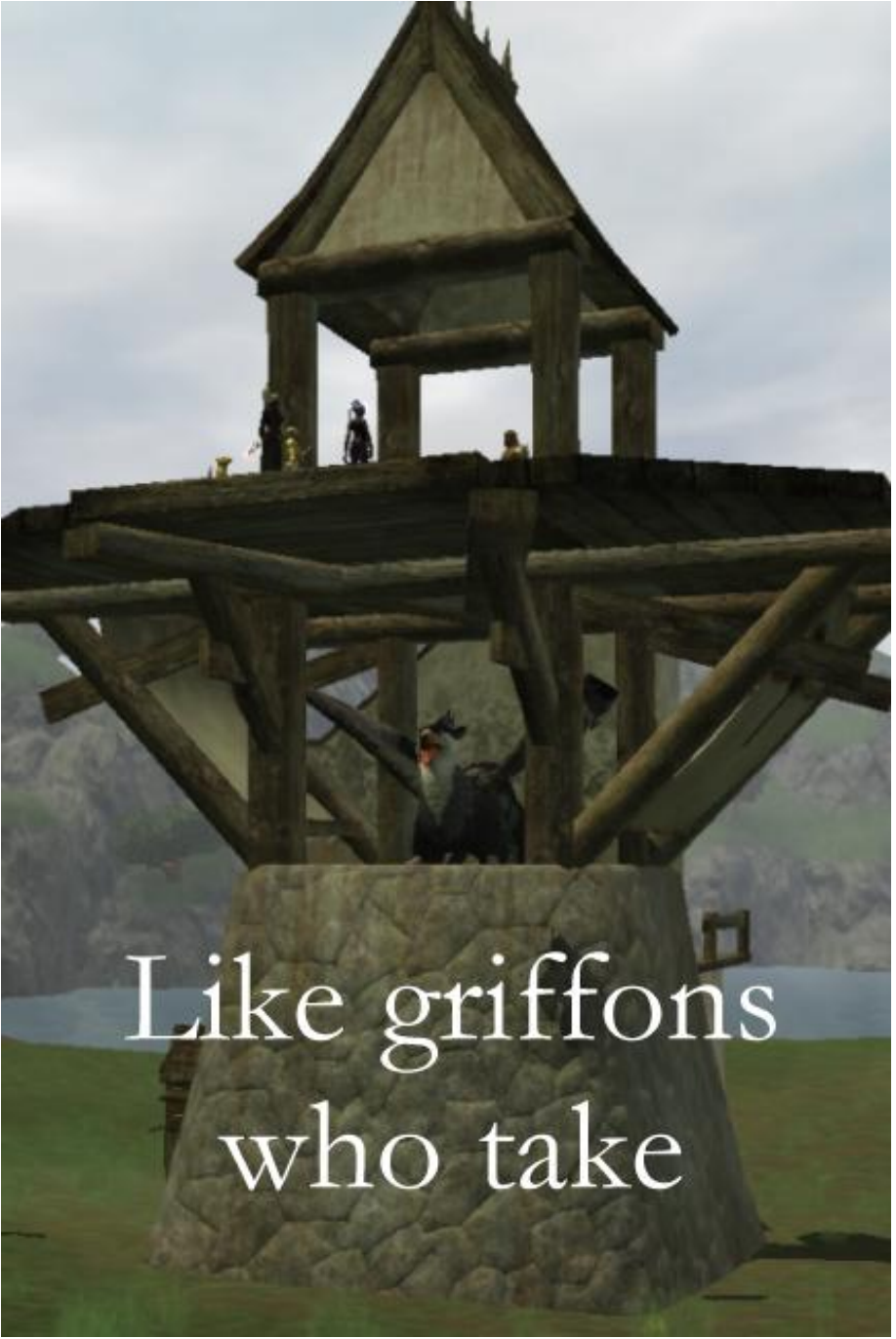


We fly to the Harbor



and
take
down
that
clock!”



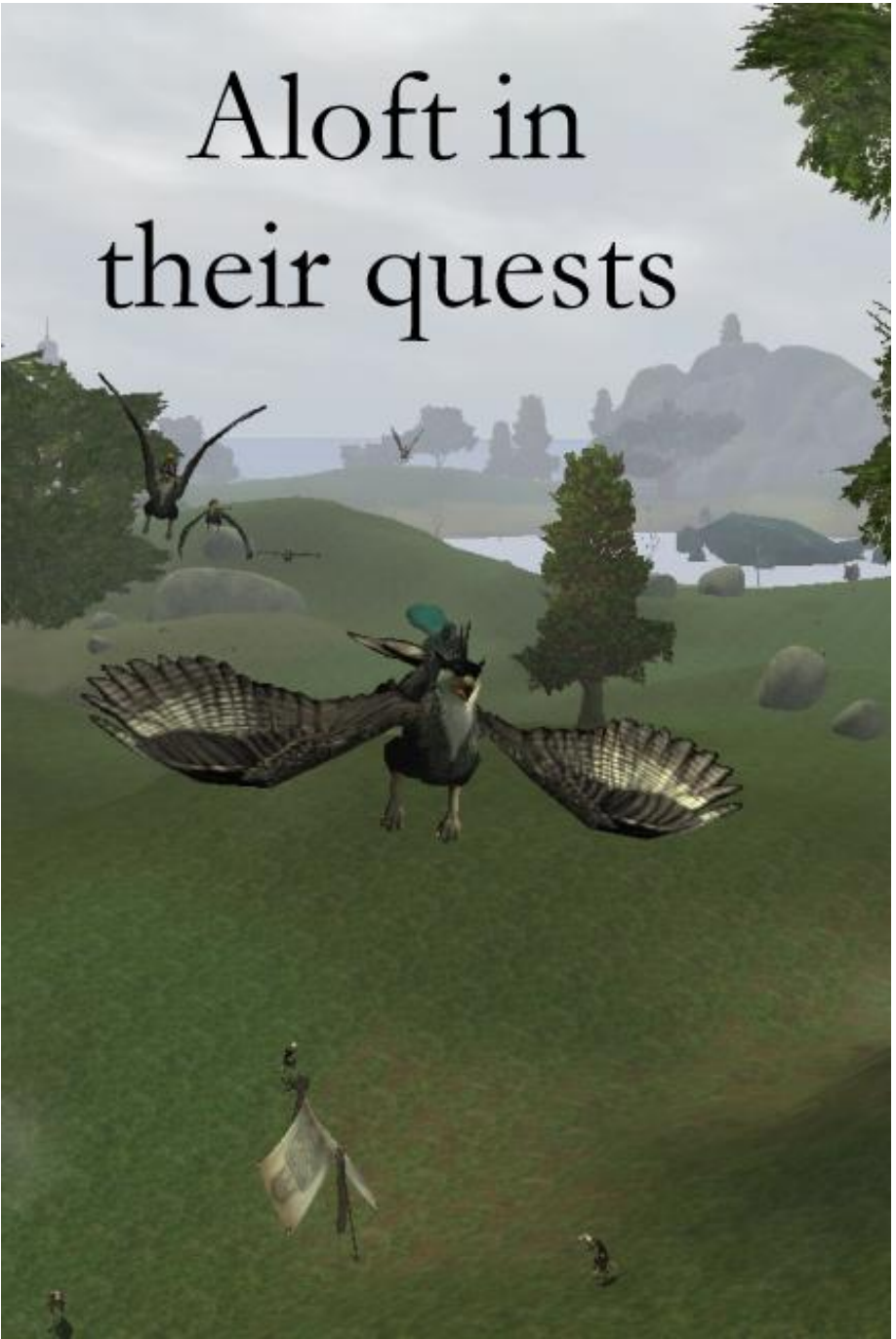


Like griffons
who take

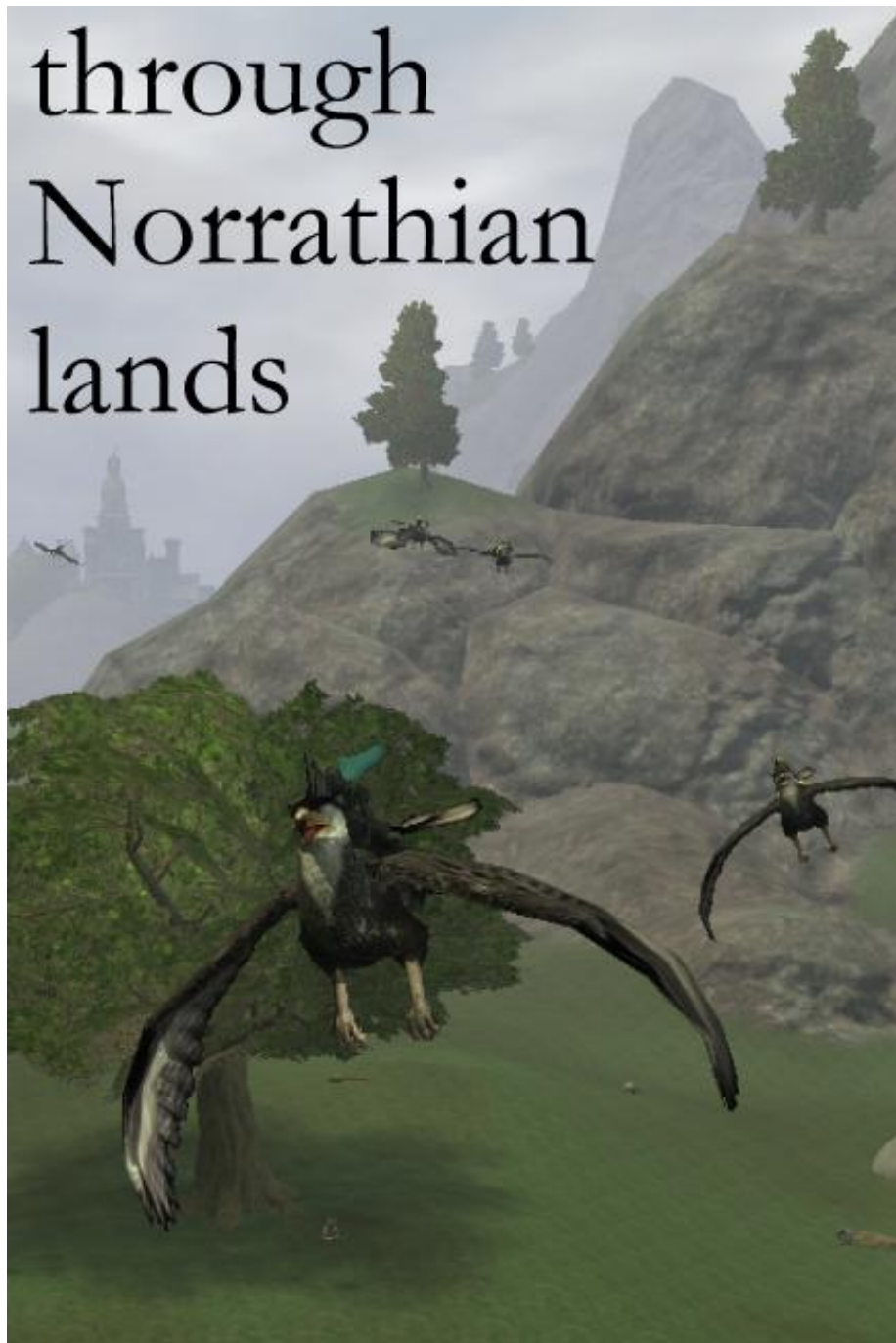
brave adventuring bands



Aloft in their quests



through
Norrathian
lands



The elves



and the fae

and the goblins



and fauns

Soared on
through the night





before

Kinship Day¹

dawns

¹ The first of the days of Frostfell; followed by Feasting Day, Gifting Day, and Frostfell Day.

They startled
no innkeep,

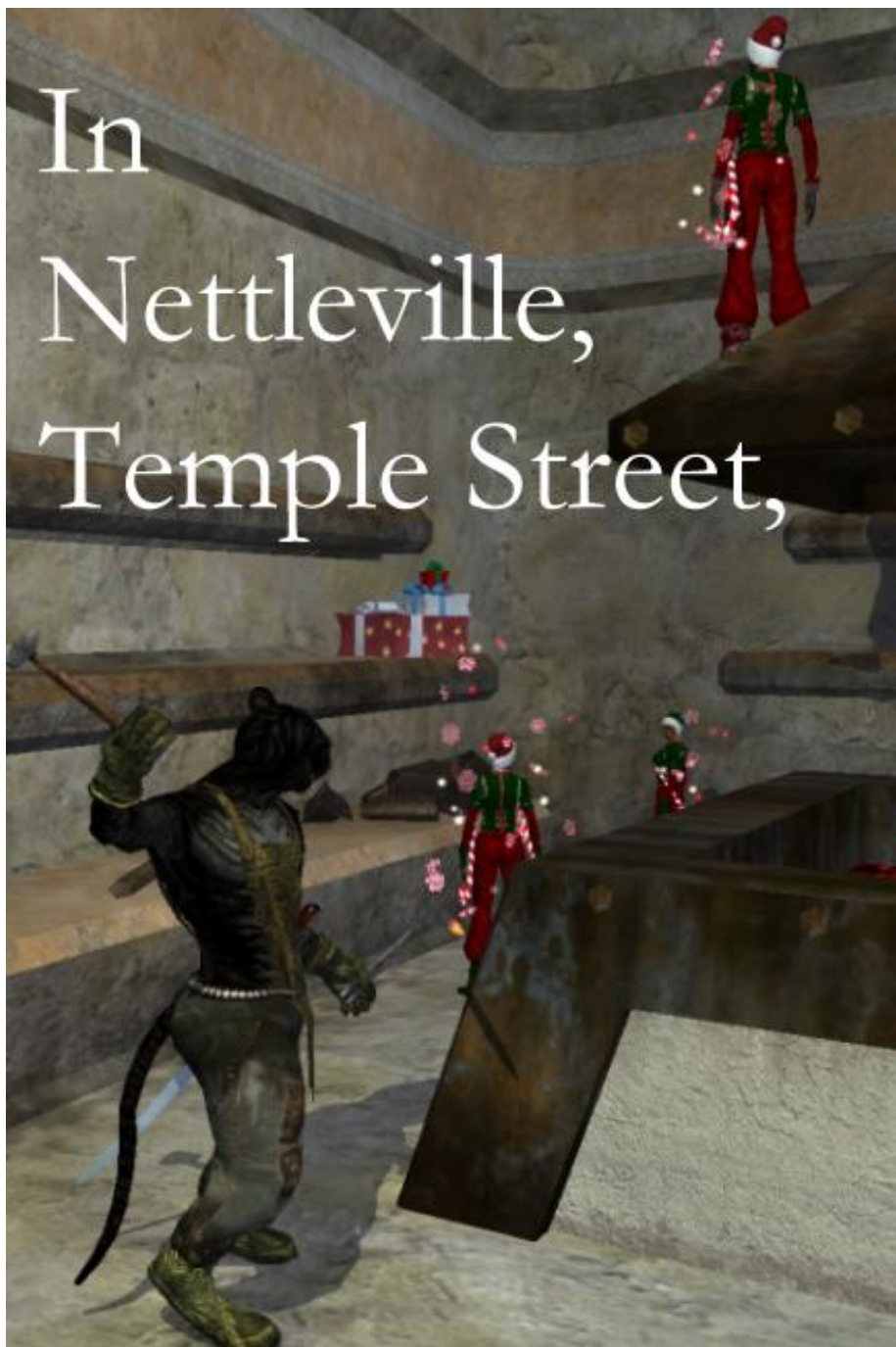


nor blacksmith,



nor guard,

In
Nettleville,
Temple Street,



Commune, or Yard,



Who stood all in wonder



while watching
the work -



The
elves



even
let

A character with a beard and dark hair, wearing purple and gold armor, is crouching in a snowy, icy environment. The character is positioned behind a large, translucent vertical bar that runs through the center of the image. In the background, there are several gift boxes wrapped in red, green, and blue paper with gold and red ribbons. The scene is lit with a cool, blueish light, suggesting a winter or night setting. The text "Nathan Ironforge" is overlaid in white serif font, and "lurk." is overlaid in black serif font at the bottom right.

Nathan
Ironforge

lurk.

They wore
fuzzy hats



that would keep
them quite warm





As they

rushed

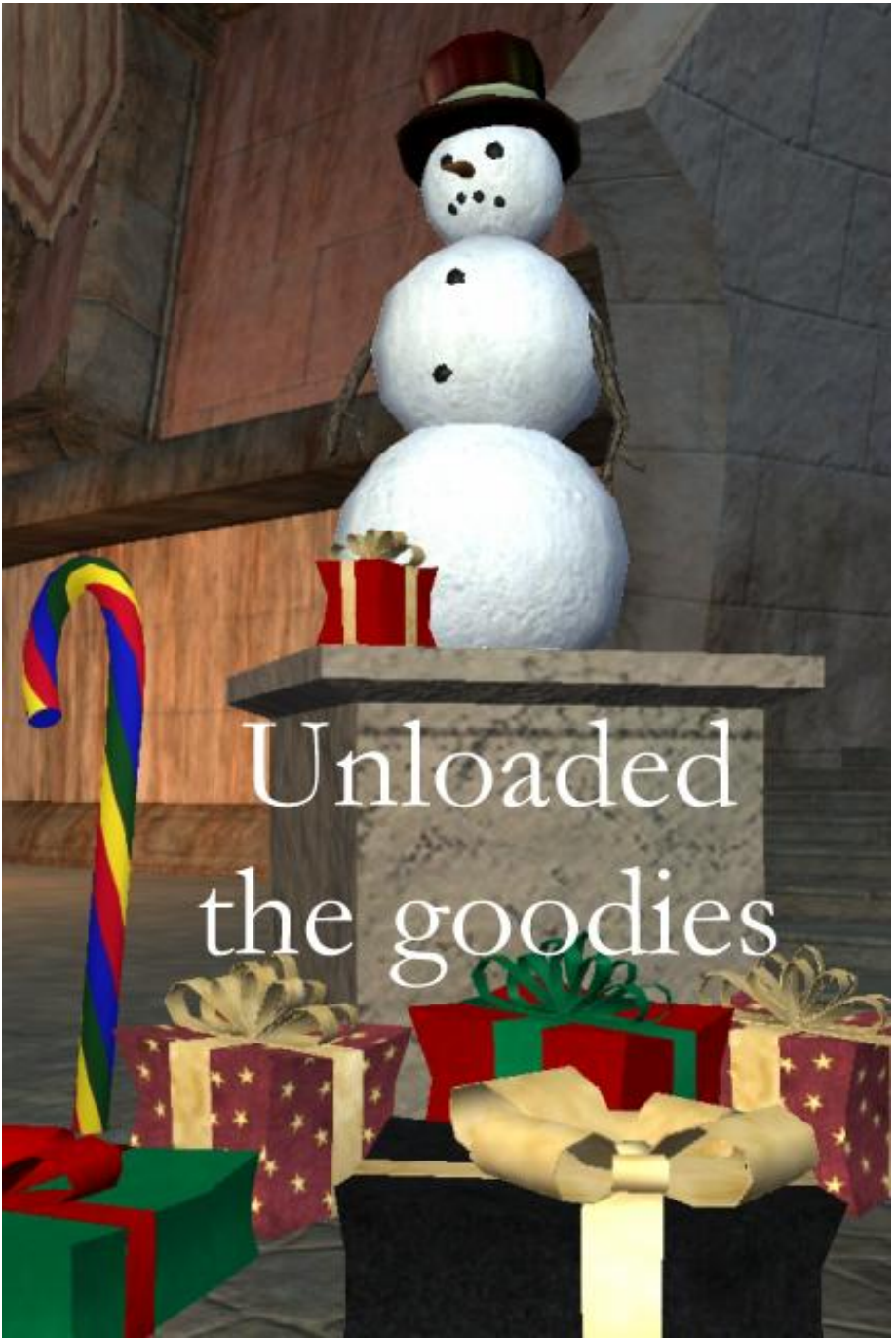
all

around

like a

void-fueled

storm



Unloaded
the goodies

they had in
their packs,



The ribbons



and stockings





and candles
and snacks!

They smiled

throughout

all their
labours

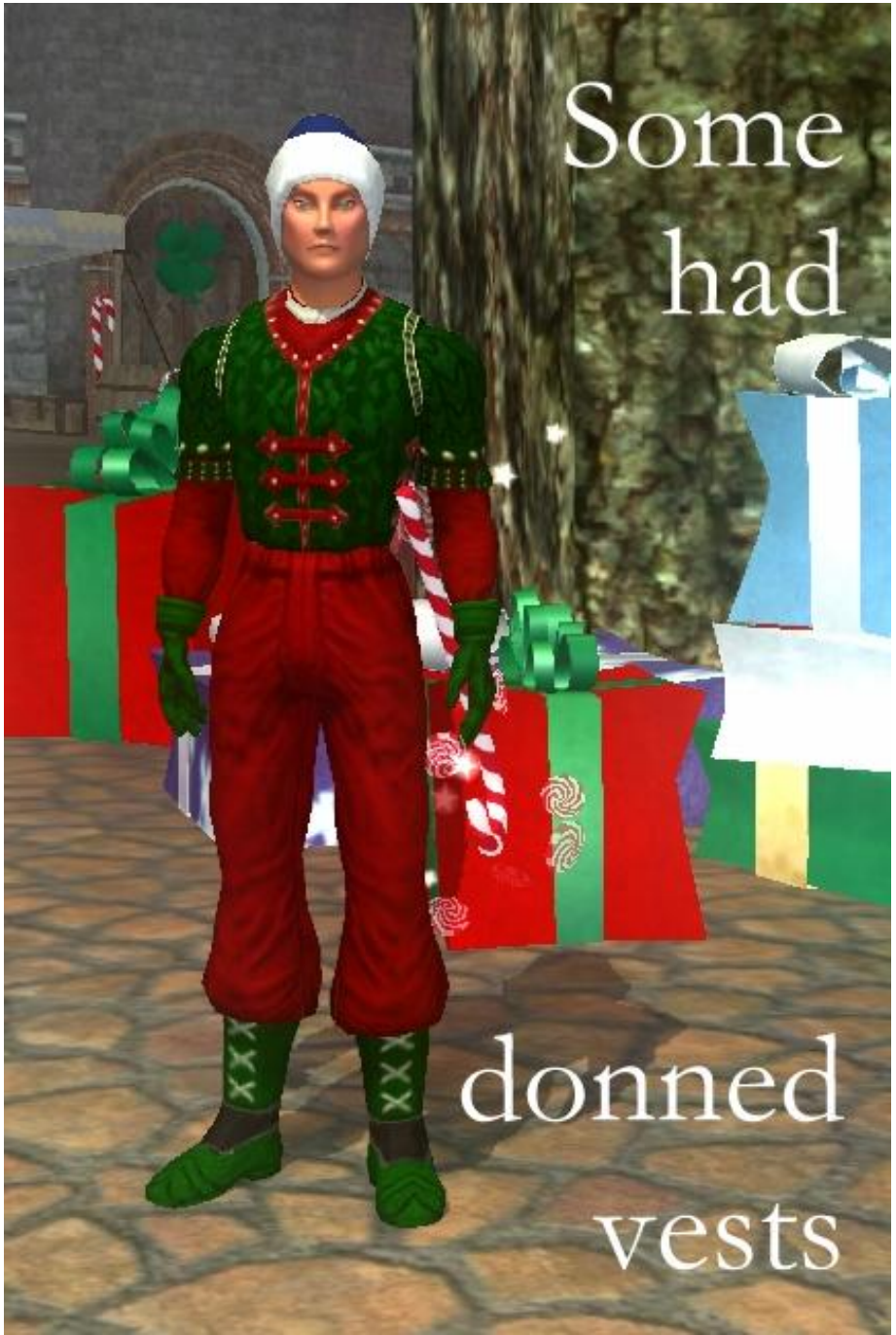




A festive scene set in a stone-walled room. Two large, snow-covered evergreen trees are the central focus. The tree on the left is decorated with blue lights and a large candy cane. Several characters dressed in red and green outfits with Santa hats are dancing around the trees. The floor is dark wood, and the walls are made of rough-hewn stone. The overall atmosphere is bright and celebratory.

not a
one

was e'er weary



Some
had

donned
vests

made from rare
nimbus
roots



And
others

wore
bracers





and greaves

with
their boots

Red peppermints

flew



A 3D-rendered character is shown from the back, wearing a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom, a green sleeveless top with a white pattern, and a grey skirt. The character is adorned with several large, red and white striped lollipop ornaments on their back and arms. The character is holding a red and white striped candy cane. The background is a snowy, virtual world with a large red and white striped candy cane pole on the left, a snowman, and a Christmas tree in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

'round their
heads

in
a
whirl



just like a
ruby or pearl.



And one of
them had

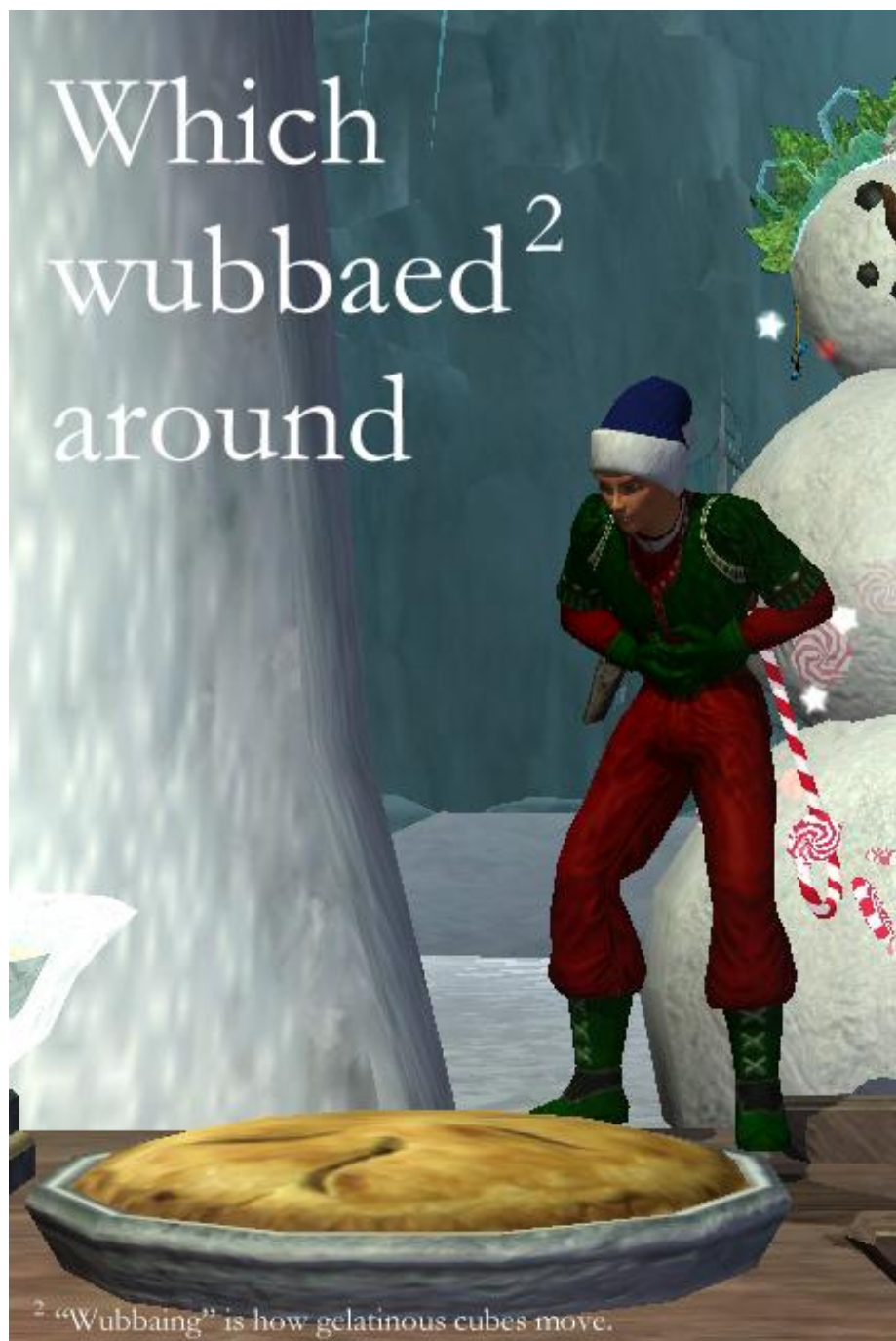


too much pie

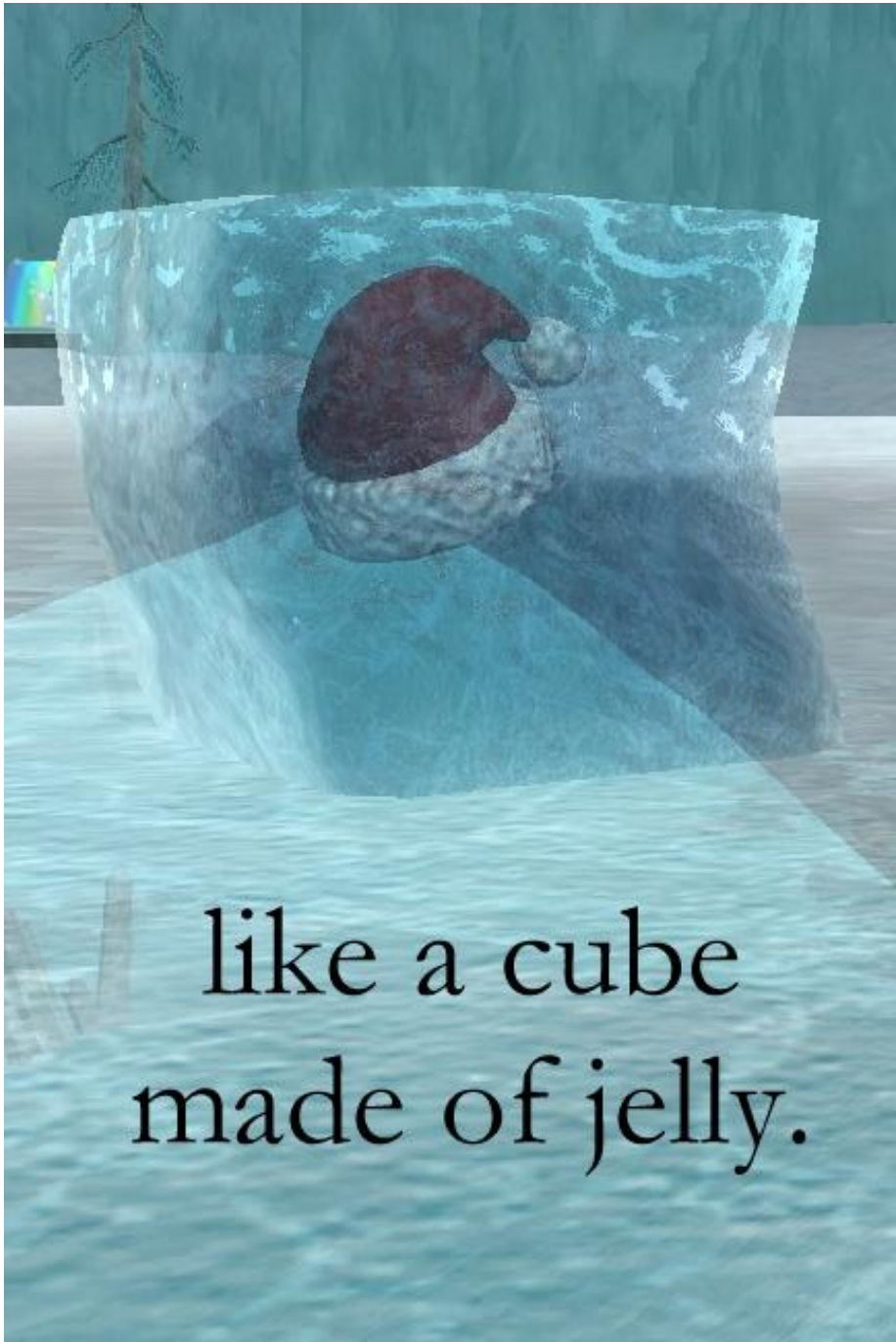


in his belly

Which wubbaed² around



² “Wubbaing” is how gelatinous cubes move.



like a cube
made of jelly.



The people about

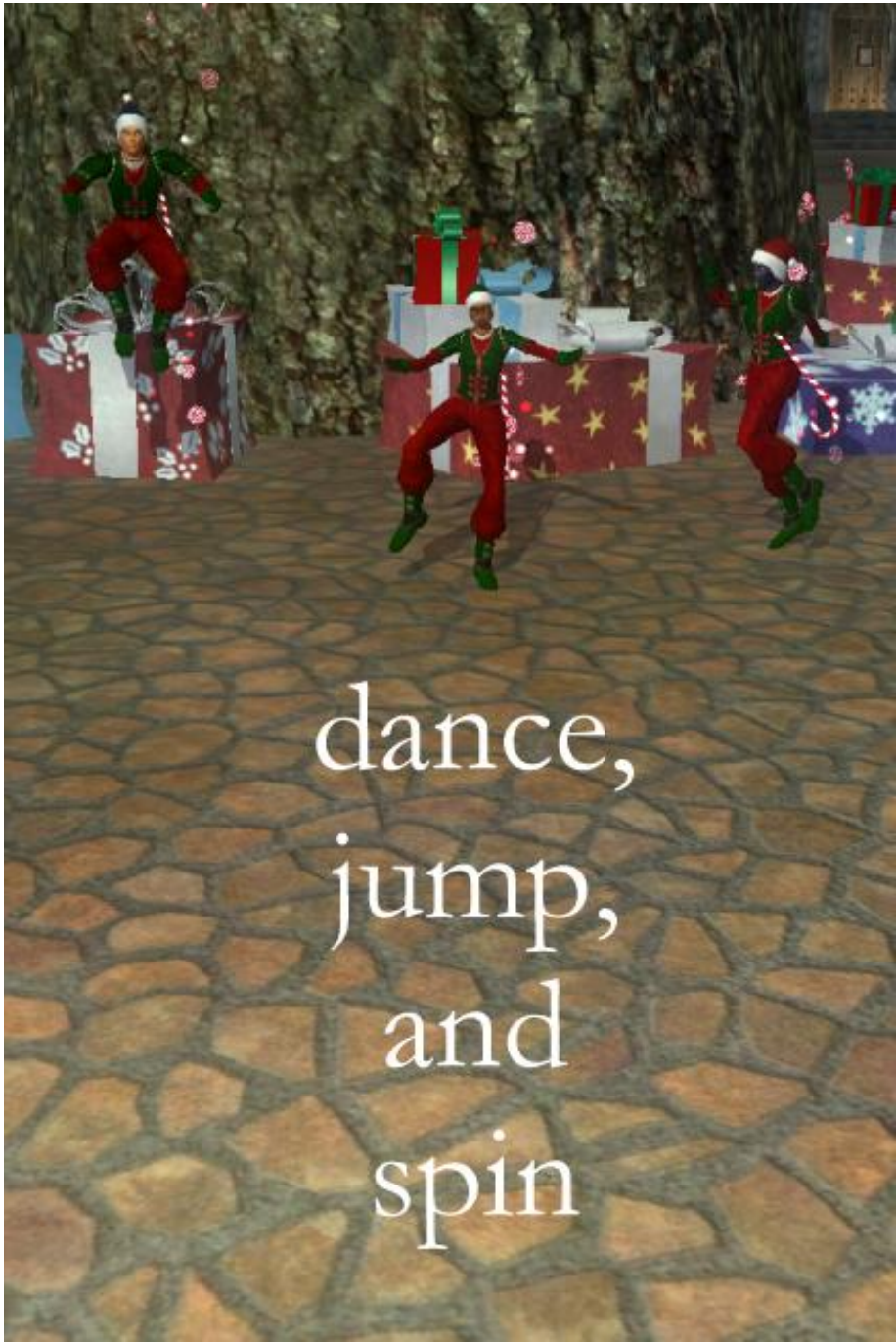


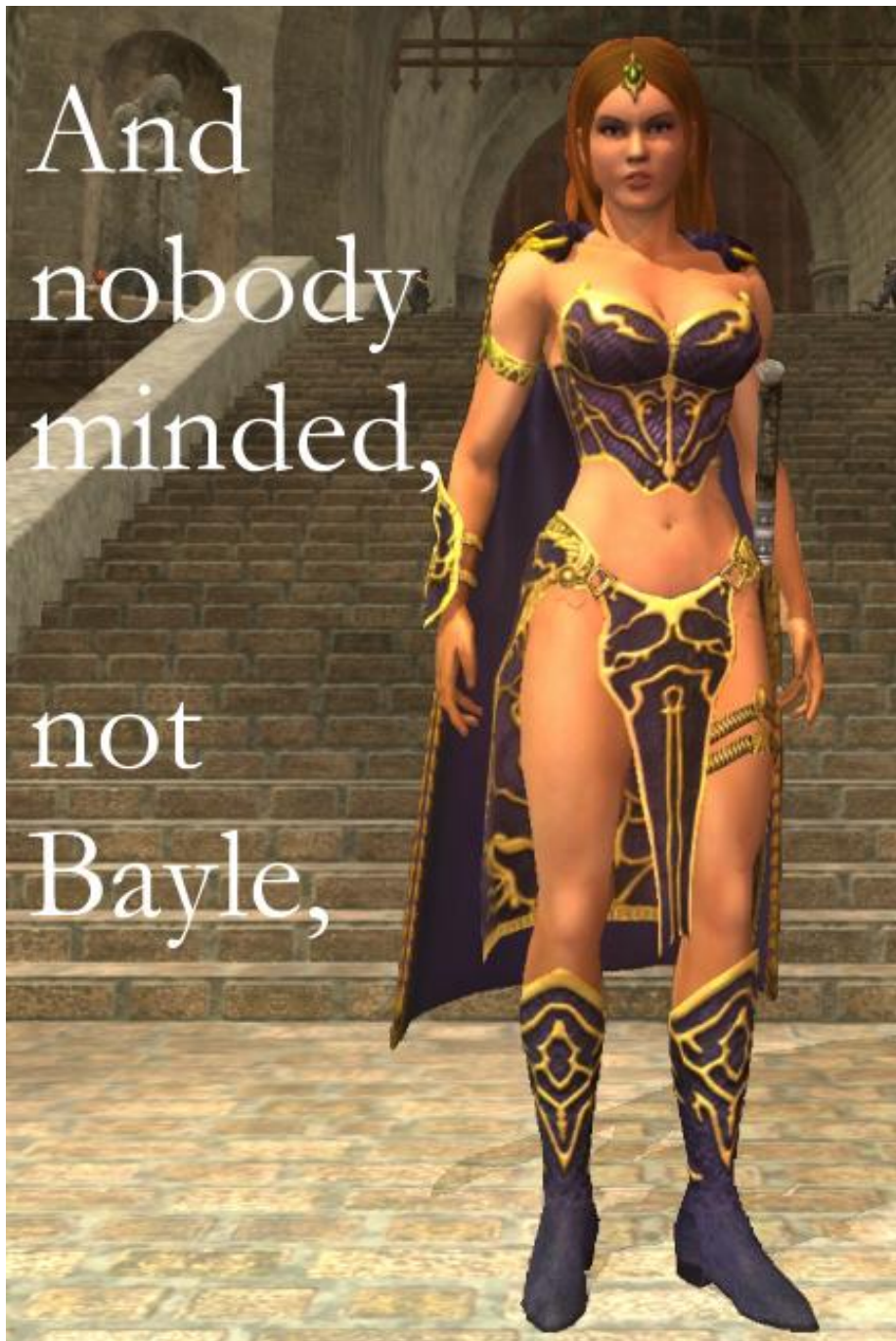
Upon seeing



the

Frostfell elves





nor
D'Lere

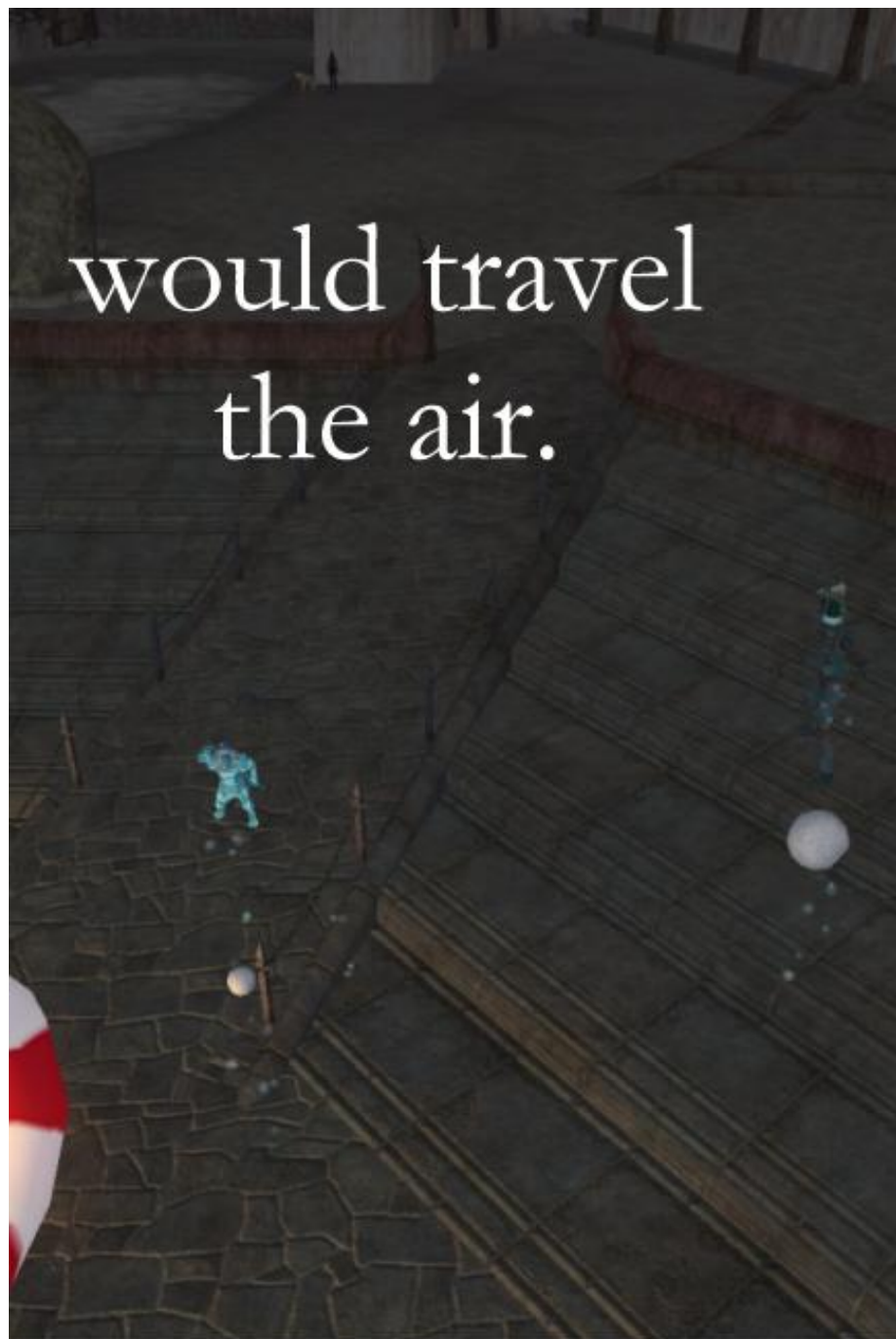




That soon

random
snowballs

would travel
the air.

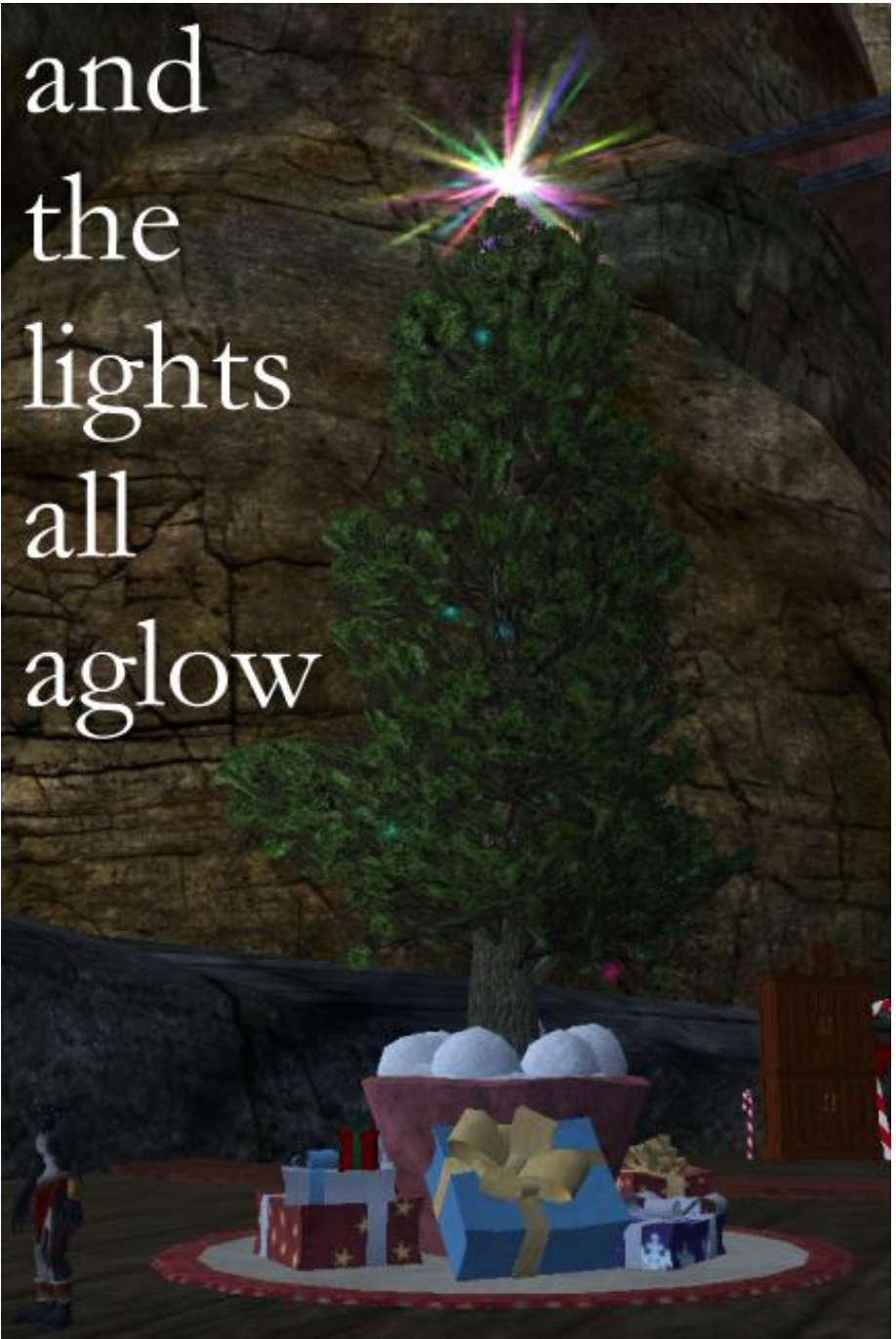



The trees





and
the
lights
all
aglow





In the
cities

of Norrath



above

and
below



A dark, atmospheric scene with a stone path leading into the distance. Several red and white striped candy canes are placed along the path. In the background, there are some structures and a small figure. The overall mood is mysterious and festive.

Glad
music

and
candy
canes

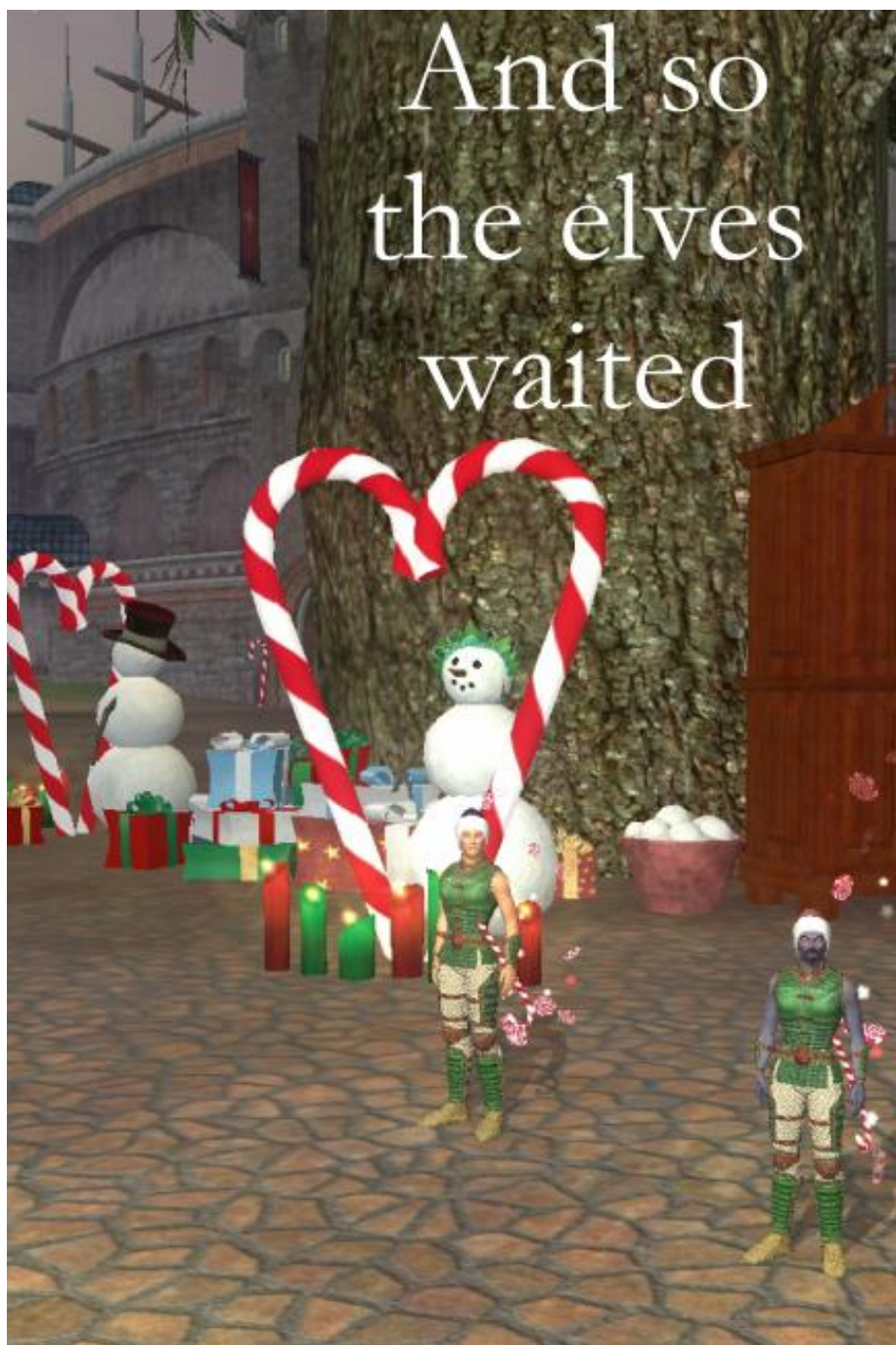


filled

every

street

And so
the elves
waited





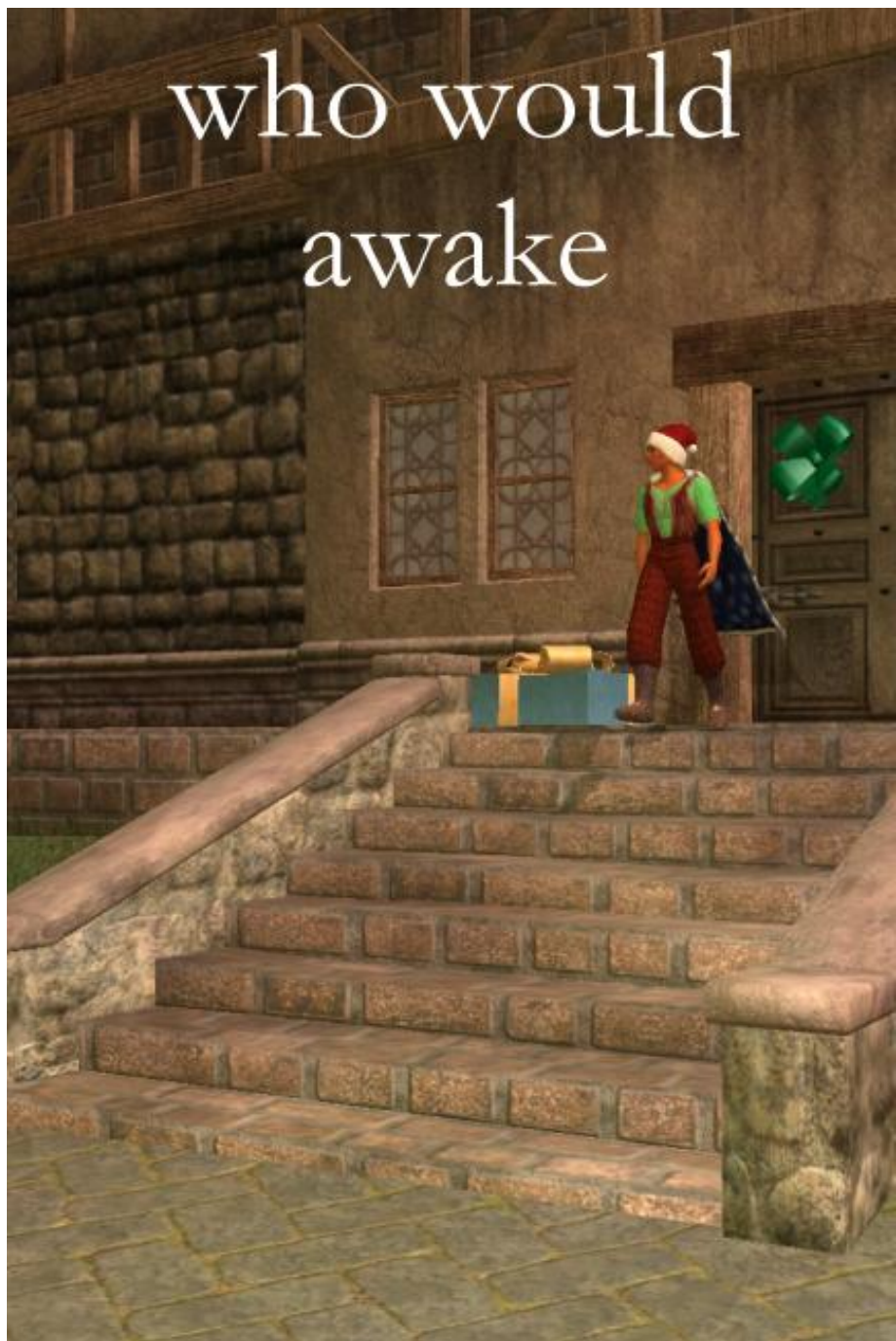
for
sunrise

to
greet

The holiday revelers



who would
awake

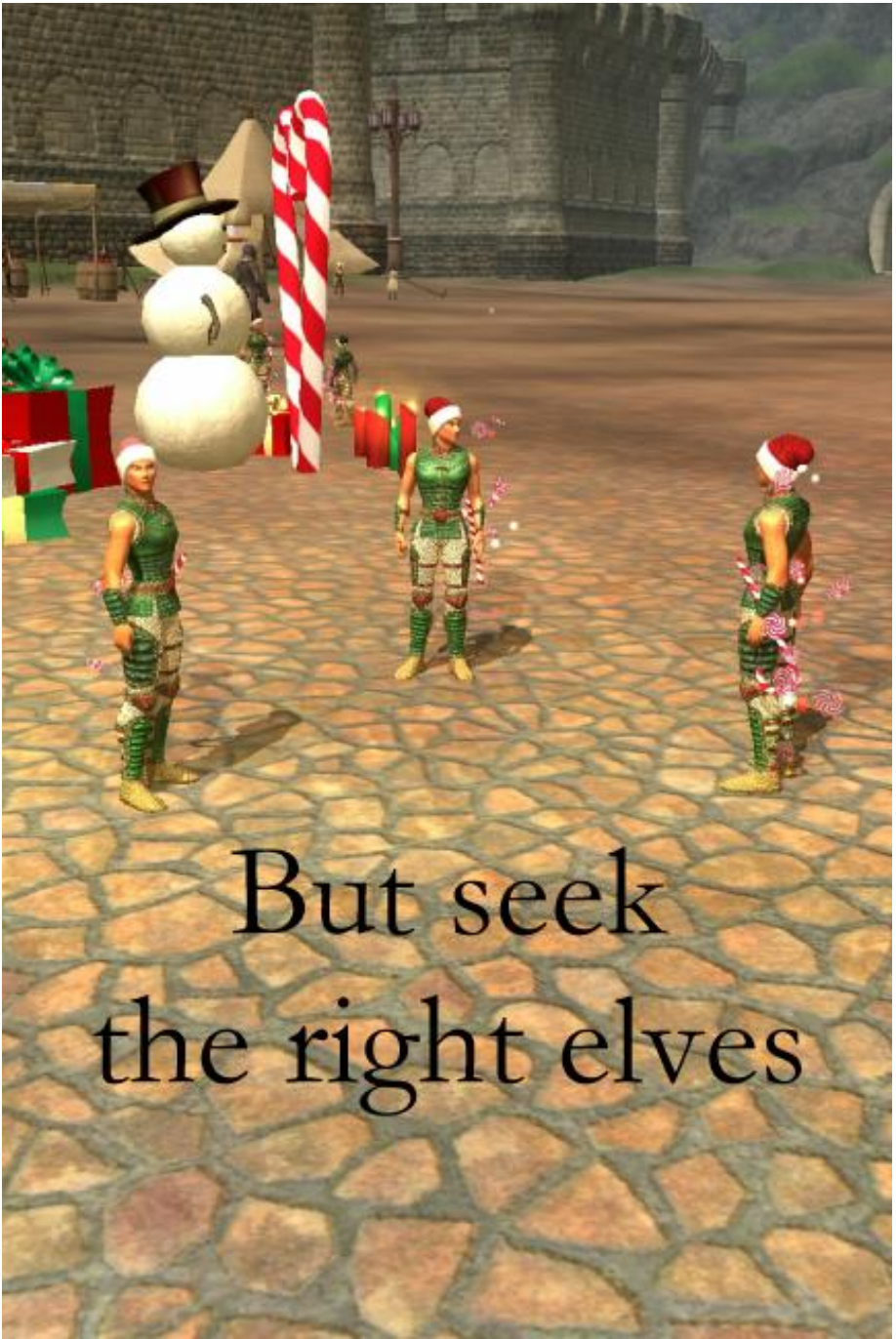


And ask them
for
gifts



and for presents
to shake





But seek
the right elves

or her³ answer
is keen:



³ You know who.

“I'm not a
Frostfell elf;



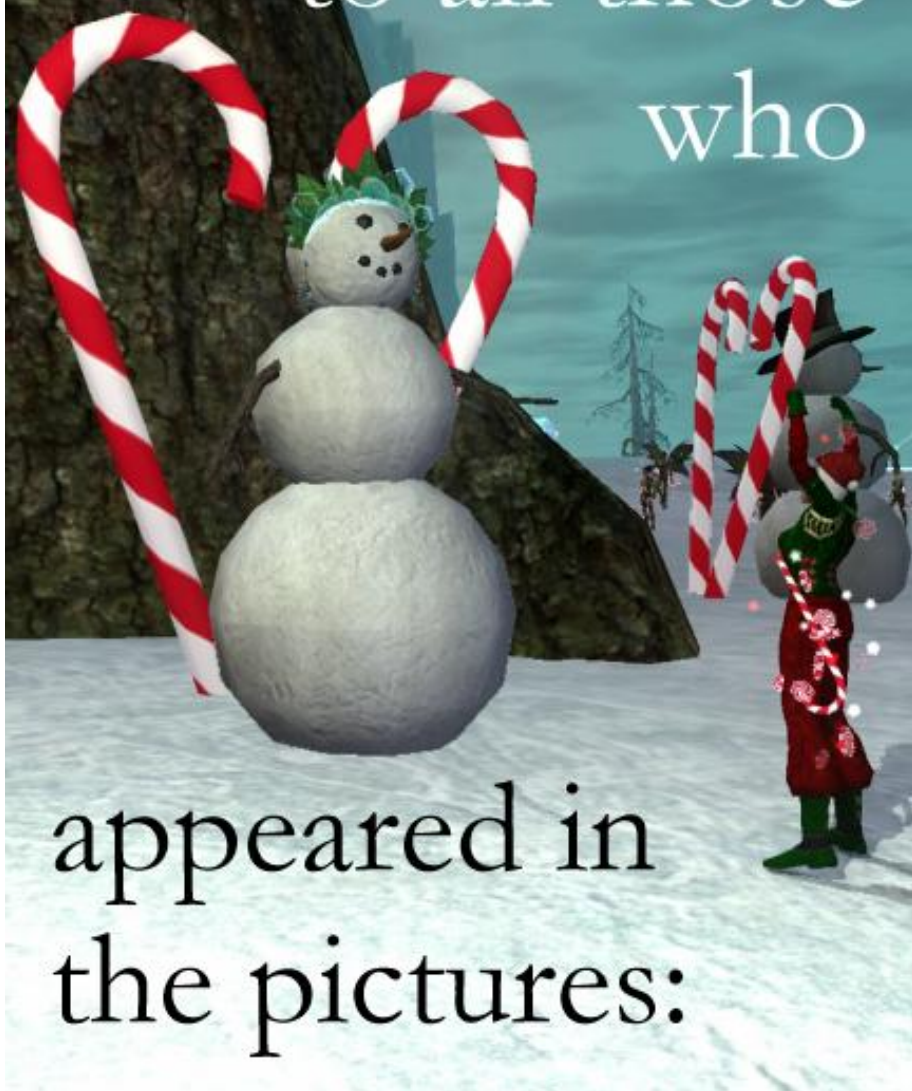
I'm not their
queen!”



THE END

An aerial photograph of a boat in clear, turquoise water. The boat is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame. The water is a vibrant blue-green color. The text 'THE END' is overlaid in the upper left quadrant in a white, serif font.

Special thanks
to all those
who



appeared in
the pictures:

Kade

Restoration

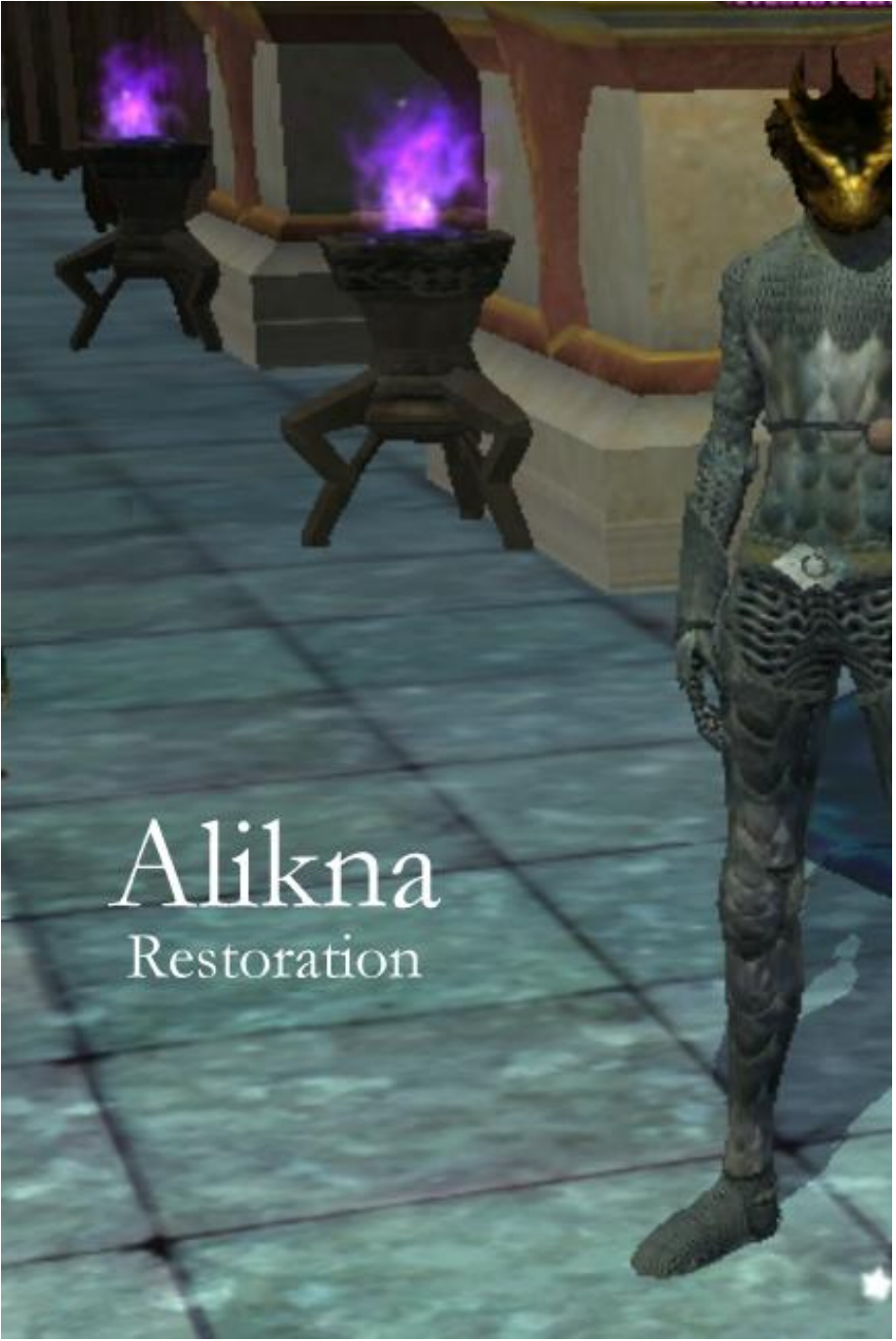


Kardell

Restoration



Lavafrost



Alikna
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Azik Restoration



Jaitan

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Narringan

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Pyxie
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Raveneesa

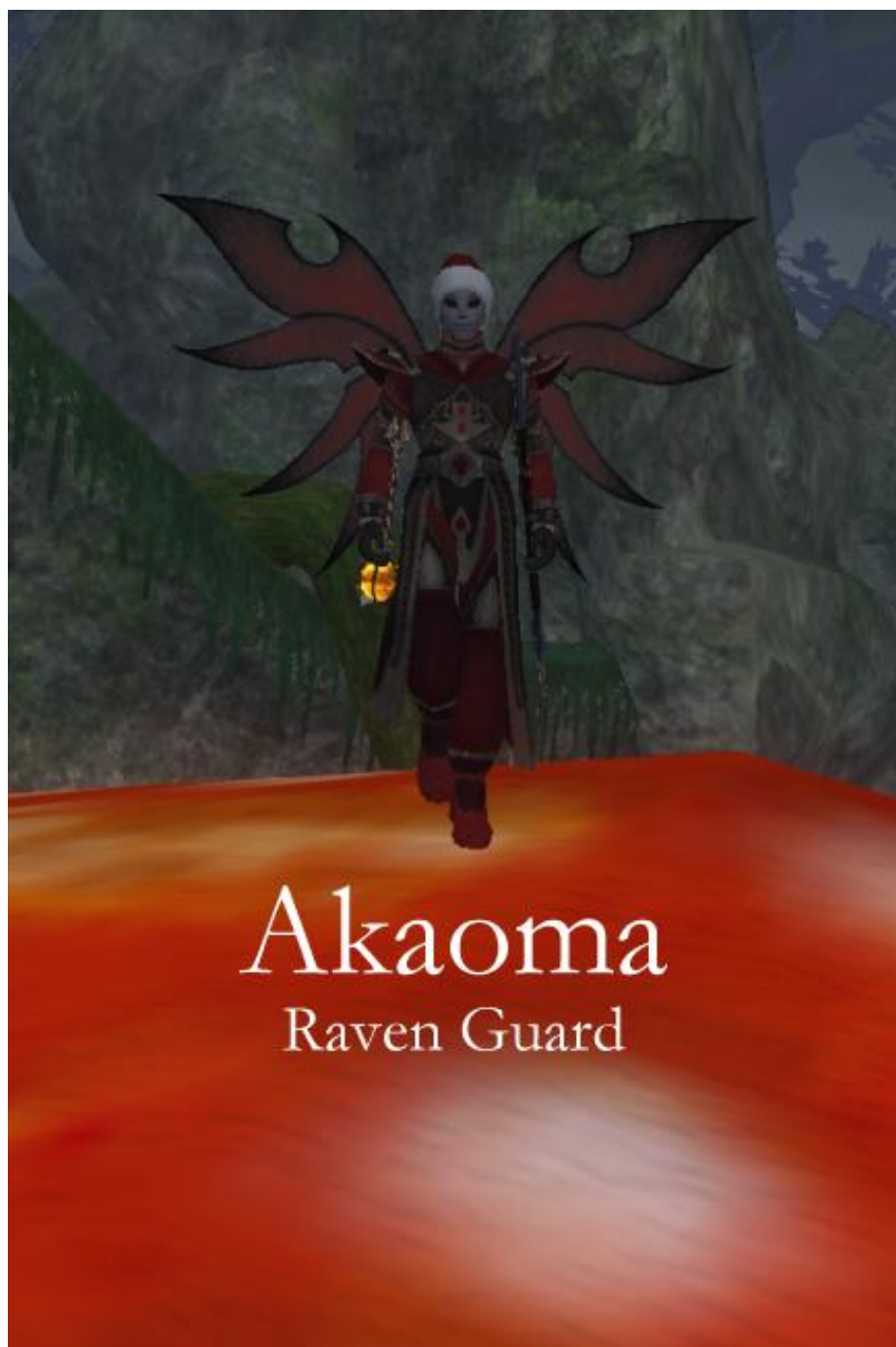
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Siubi

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Akaoma

Raven Guard

Heilig

Legacy of Honor







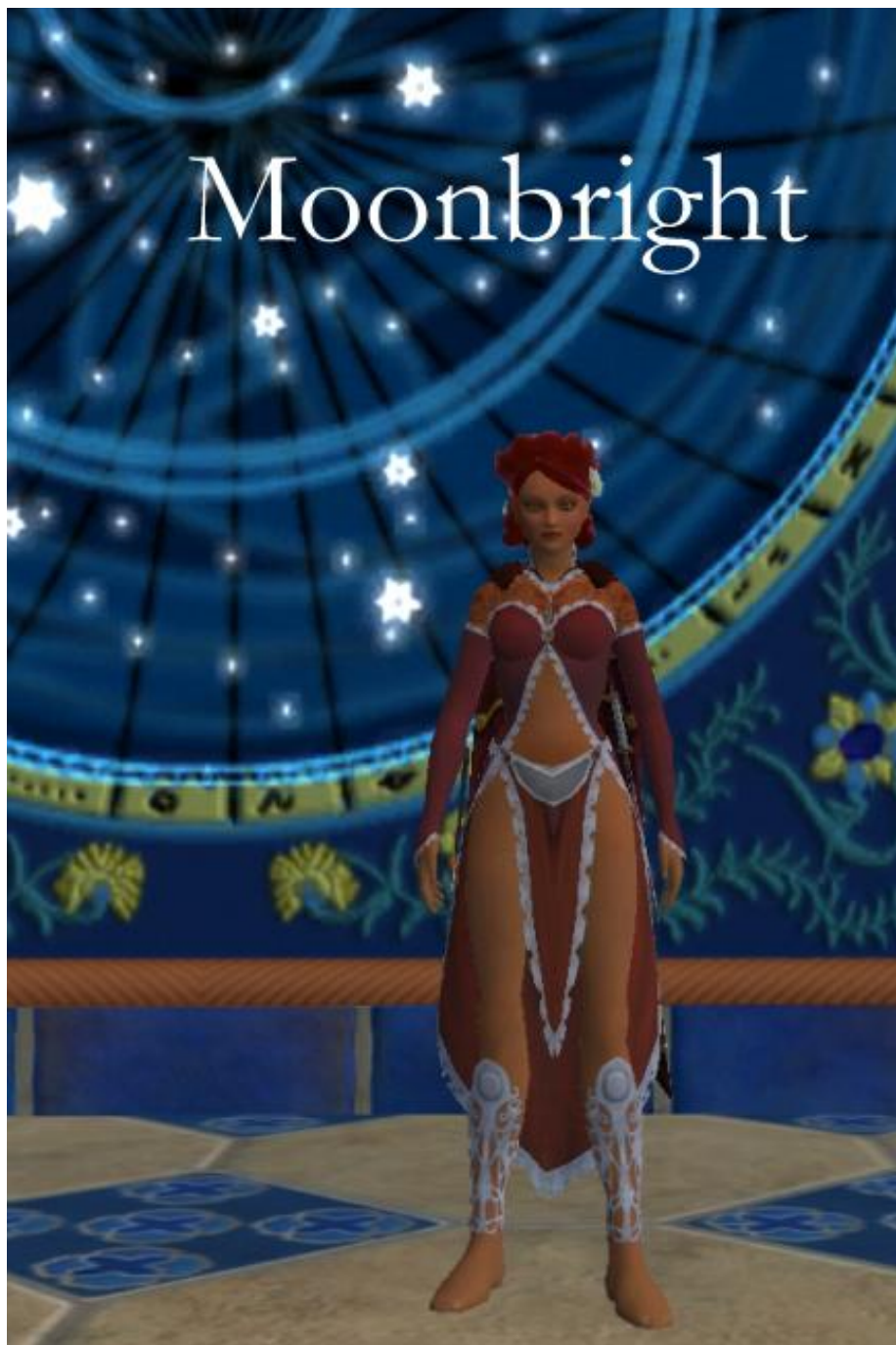
Lystella
Raven Guard



Maegin

Legacy of Luclin

Moonbright

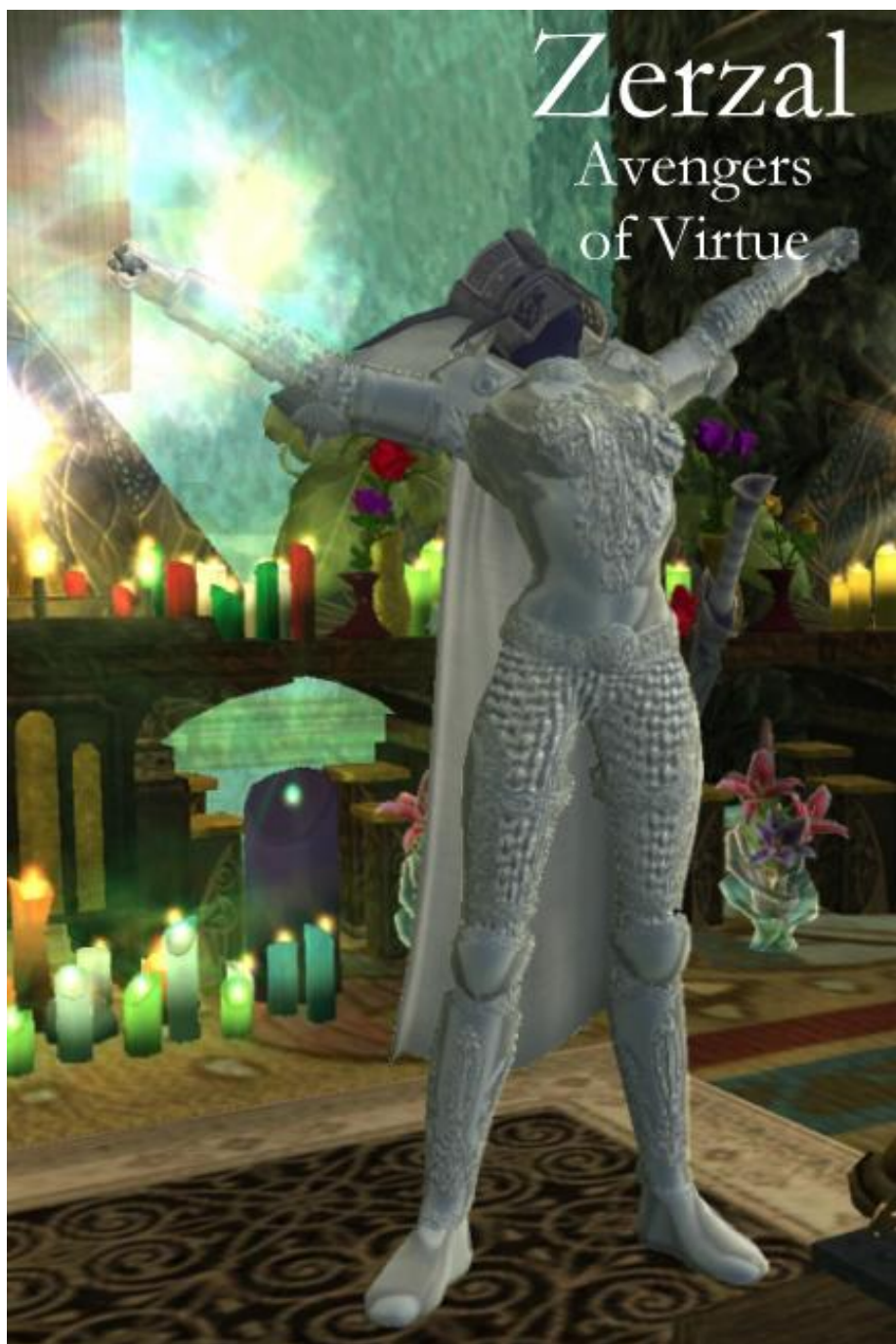




Raptorius

Zerzal

Avengers
of Virtue



Also appearing:





Ejanic
Trepidation

Peira

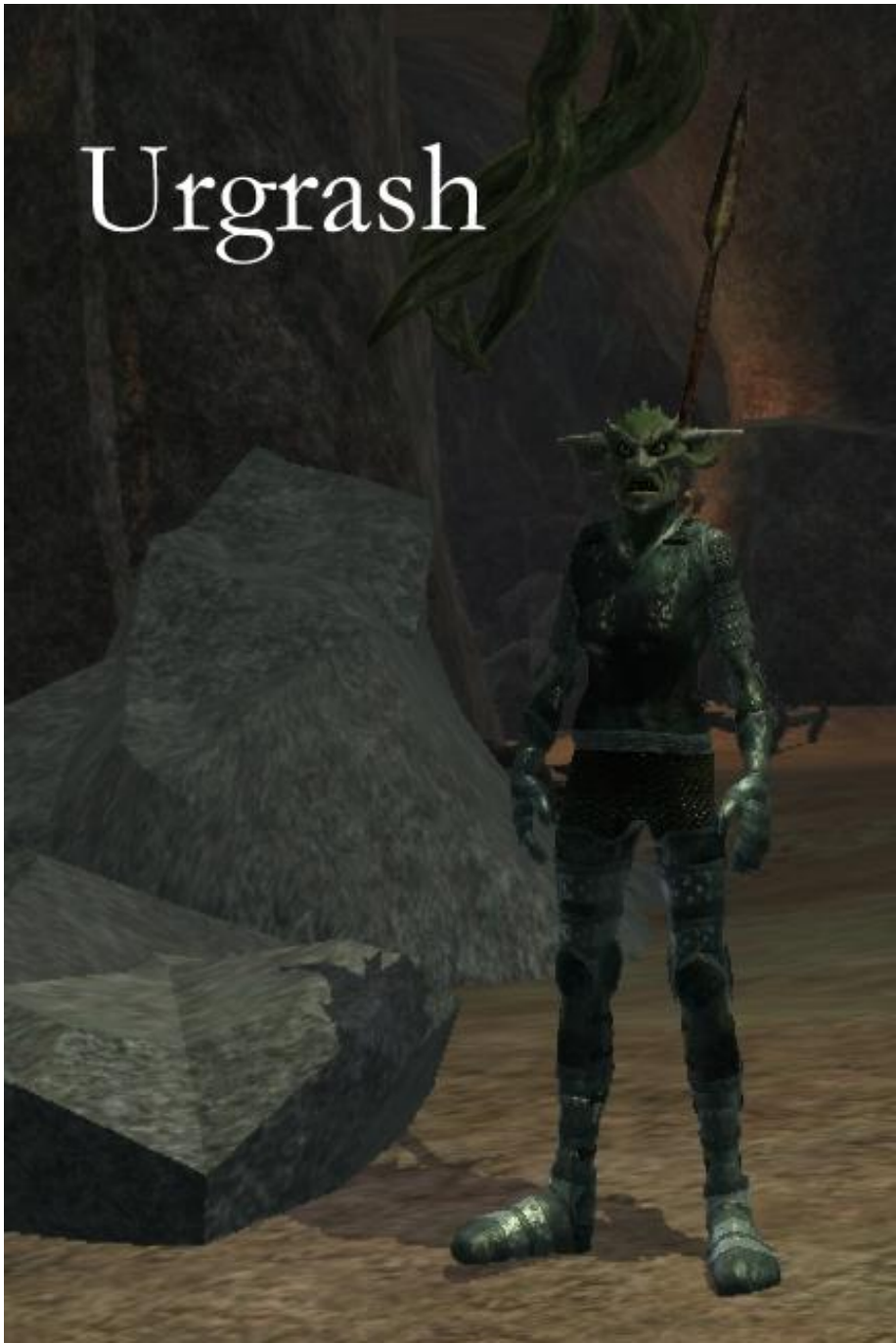


Tessele

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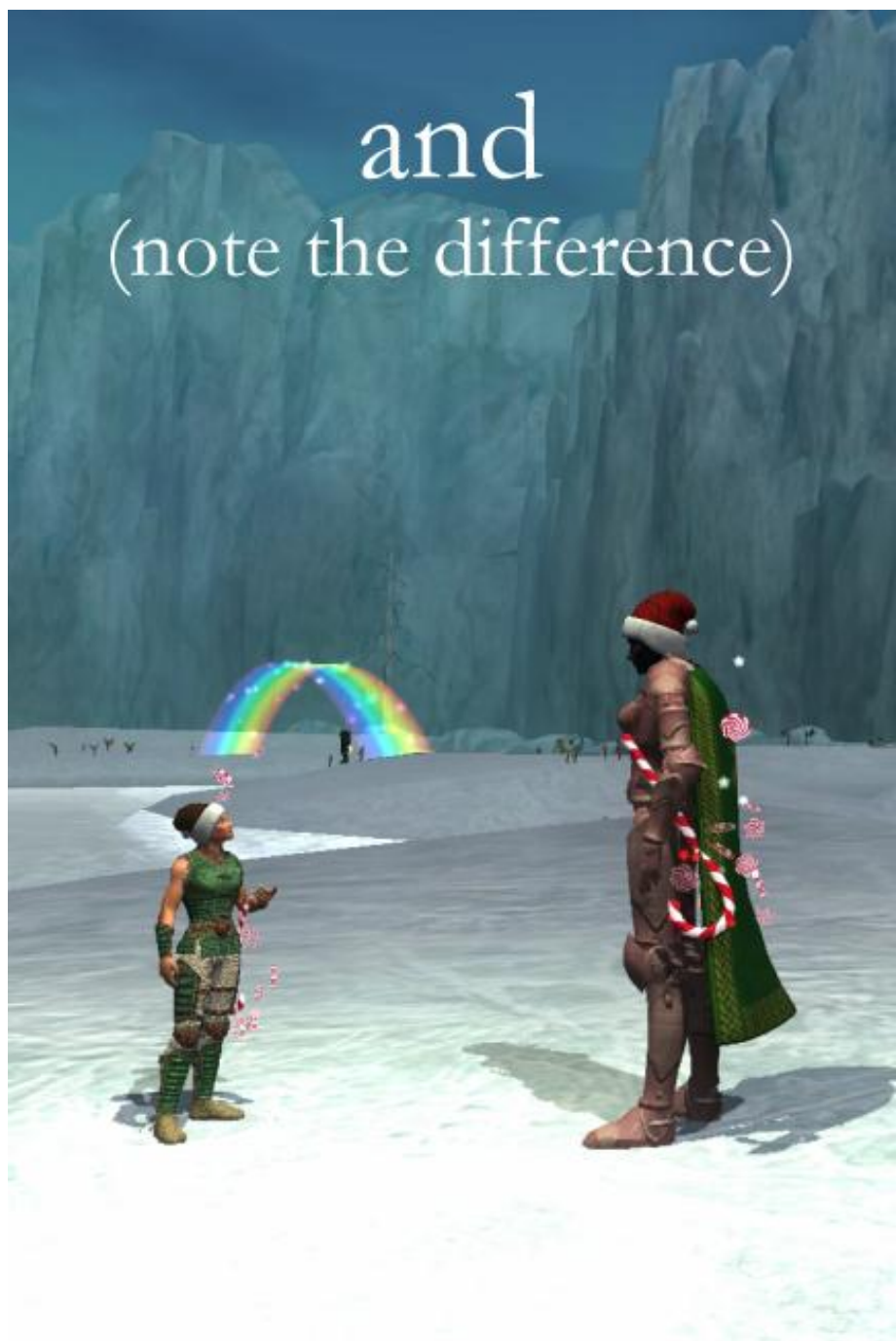
Urgrash



Lera



and
(note the difference)



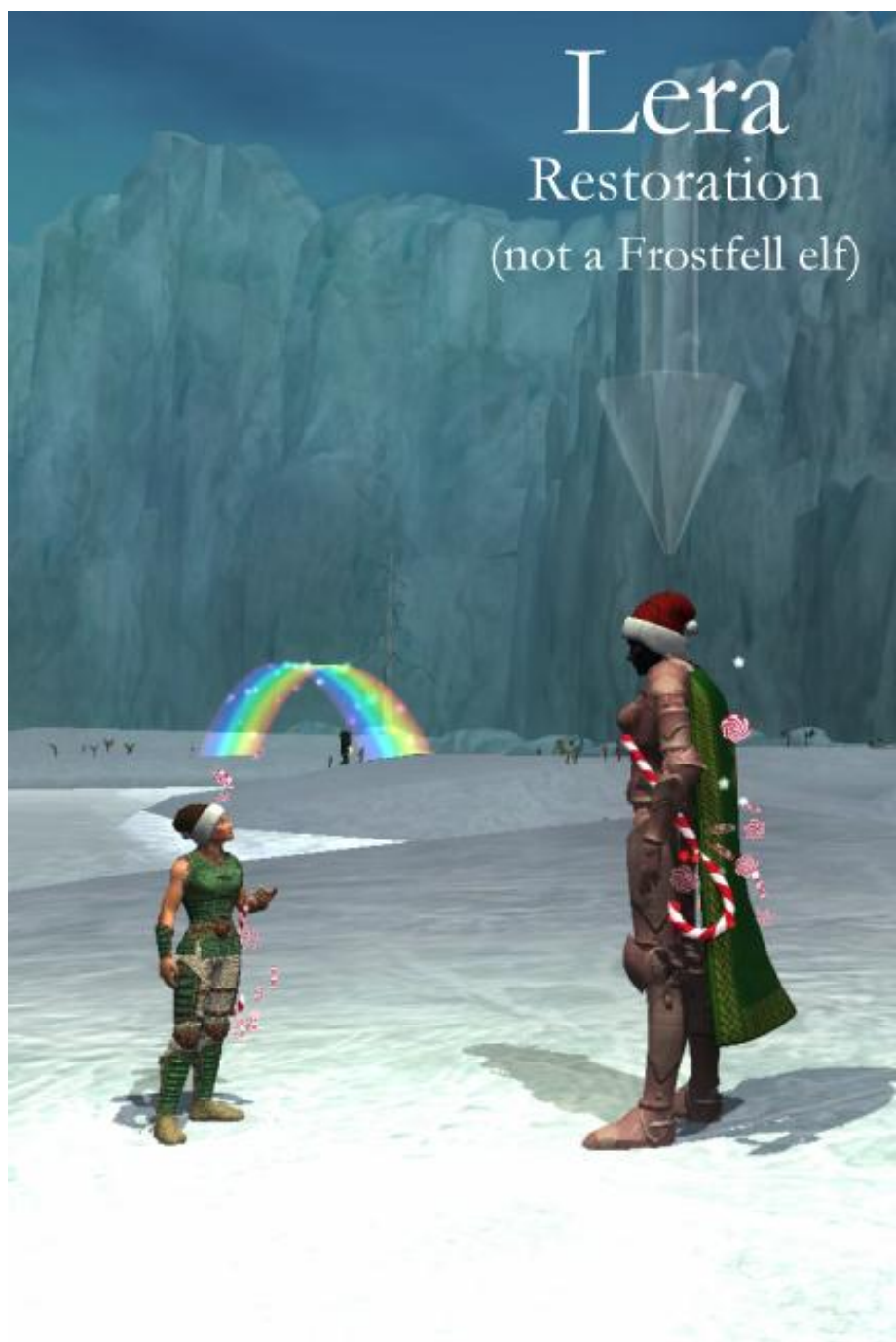
a Frostfell elf



Lera

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(not a Frostfell elf)



Thanks also to:

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Kithicor

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for their



“Twas the Night
Before Frostfell”
contest



One of these
things



is not
like the others





“Domino, why?”

Why have you taken
our Frostfell tree?
Why?”



A festive Christmas scene featuring several wrapped gifts in various colors (red with gold stars, blue, green, and red). A teddy bear wearing a red Santa hat is visible among the gifts. The background is decorated with snowflake patterns and warm lights. The text is overlaid on this scene.

I will name him

George

and I will hug him
and pet him
and squeeze him