

ISSUE 1



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Tales of the GOLDEN ACORN

The Running of the Acorn



WHERE IS SHE?



UH OH ...



WHOA!



THERE IT IS !


THE **OAK** AT THE HEART OF **SQUIRREL WOOD** !

NOW IF I CAN JUST GET TO IT!



CAROLINE ?

I'M HERE
IORA!



HAVE YOU SEEN
THE OTHERS ?

NO! DO YOU THINK
THEY'VE BEEN
CAUGHT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT
WE MUST BE GETTING CLOSE.




IORA ...

WATCH OUT!

WHAT!?


WHERE DID HE
COME FROM!?

JUST
RUN !!




I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSED
TO DODGE THEM WHEN WE GOT
CLOSE TO THE ACTUAL TREE
WITH THE ACORN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK
WE'RE DOING!?



I DIDN' THINK THEY'D
SNEAK UP ON US
LIKE *REAL* PREDATORS!

WHY DO YOU THINK
DAD SPENT SO MUCH
TIME
TRAINING US?



THE *POINT* IS TO MAKE IT
TO THE OAK WITHOUT BEING
CAUGHT AND "EATEN"!

GOT IT!



I THINK WE'VE
LOST HIM ...



OH NO!!



THEY GOT CHOOVE!

NOW WE KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE OTHERS!



RUN!!



HE'S RIGHT BEHIND US, CAROLINE!



BUT THE TREE IS
RIGHT THERE!

ONE MORE BIG JUMP
AND WE'RE HOME FREE!



WAIT!
IT'S TOO FAR!




WE CAN MAKE IT!



CAROLINE!!!



SHE MADE IT !



I JUST COULDN'T
MAKE THE JUMP, DAD.

IT WAS TOO FAR!

HOW'D SHE DO IT?

YOU HAD A GOOD RUN, SON ...

BUT YOU'RE **CAUGHT** !

HERE AS THE LIGHT FADES FROM THE YEAR
HAS CAROLINE WON ...

THE GOLDEN ACORN !

WELL DONE,
MY GIRL!

WE RUN A GAUNTLET FOR THE ACORN EACH YEAR
AS THE SEASON OF PLENTY FADES INTO WINTER ...

FOR IT IS AN EMBLEM
OF LIFE AND HOPE

WON BY OUR *SWIFTEST* AND *BRAVEST*,
IN A WORLD BESET BY *DARKNESS*.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS TOO SCARED
TO MAKE THE LEAP!

COME ON, SON.

LET'S GET BACK
TO OINYA AND YOUR MOTHER.

LATER

THAT WAS AMAZING!

I HONESTLY THOUGHT IMIYORE
WAS GOING TO GET THERE FIRST ...

BUT HE WASN'T EVEN CLOSE!

DAD?

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE'S A TIE?

IF TWO SQUIRRELS GET THERE AT THE SAME TIME ...

DO THEY SHARE THE TROPHY?

I DON'T THINK THAT'S
EVER HAPPENED.

IT ALMOST DID TONIGHT.

I KNOW.

BUT THE *RUNNING OF THE ACORN*
IS ABOUT MORE THAN WINNING
A TROPHY.

THAT'S RIGHT!

IT'S ABOUT LEARNING WHAT IT MEANS TO SURVIVE
WHEN SO MANY PREDATORS ARE HUNTING US!

MOM!

OINYA!

HOW AMAZING
WAS *THAT*?!





AS I SAID, IT'S NOT REALLY ABOUT THE ACORN. WOULD YOU LET YOUR BROTHER FALL TO A REAL CAT?

BUT MOM ...



... I THOUGHT IORA WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO LEAVE HIM.



I KNOW, DEAR!
AFTER ALL,
IT'S JUST
A RACE!

AND YOU WERE FASTER AND STRONGER THAN ANYONE!

THANKS, MOM.

MOM ... ?



... WHAT'S GOING ON?



COME AWAY, IORA.

THE ARDVAHIR IS MOST LIKELY CALLING A *SQUIRREL MOOT*, AND YOUR FATHER WILL BE NEEDED WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE *FEE'N*.

YOU THREE SHOULD PROBABLY GO HOME.

THE MOOT WILL PROBABLY GO LATE, AND YOU'VE HAD QUITE A DAY!

WHY CAN'T WE STAY AND LISTEN IN?

WE RAN THE ACORN, PASSED THEIR TEST ...

THIS THING IS SERIOUSLY AWKWARD!

WE'RE NOT KITTENS ANYMORE!

"RULES ARE THE BRANCHES THAT SPREAD FROM THE TRUTH WE FOLLOW THE RULES OR ...

"WE FALL TAIL AND TOOTH."
I KNOW, OINYA!

I DON'T THINK ANYONE REMEMBERS SHANAVAR'S RHYMES LIKE YOU DO!

HONESTLY, THIS THING COULD ...

UH OH!



JUST BECAUSE
THE **RACE** IS OVER,
YOU DIDN'T THINK
THE **RUNNING** WAS DONE,
DID YOU?

WE'RE **NOT** LETTING A BUNCH OF MISFITS
LIKE YOU TAKE THE **PRIZE** THIS YEAR.

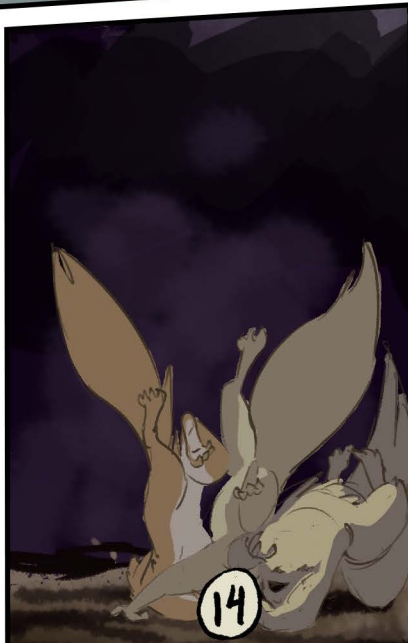
I WON THIS
FAIR AND SQUARE
CHOOVE!



YOU WANTED TO RUN THE ACORN
THIS YEAR?

OH NO YOU **DON'T**
CHOOVE!

OH YEAH!
LET'S GET 'EM!



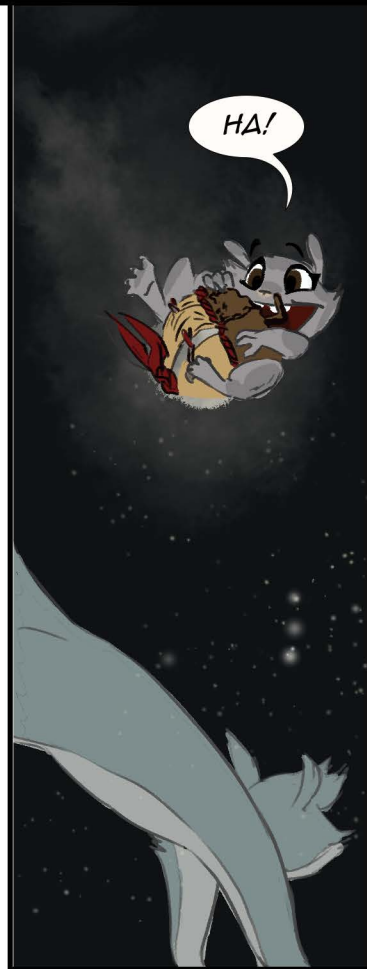
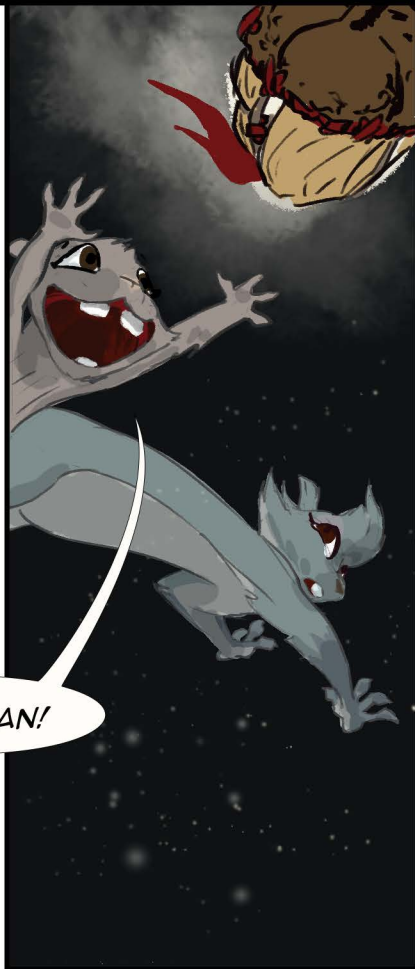
HEAD'S UP,
GUYS!



UH OH!

I'M NOT GOING
TO MAKE IT!

BUT I CAN!



HA!



OH

DON'T WORRY OINYA!

I'VE GOT YOU!



THANKS BIG BROTHER!

I WOULDN'T LET
YOU FALL, KIDDO!



TIME FOR A LITTLE
"KEEP AWAY?"

HA HA HA!

YES!!

WATCH OUT!

HERE THEY COME!



HOLD ON TIGHT
OINYA, AND MAKE SURE
THEY DON'T SNEAK UP
ON US!



OOP!



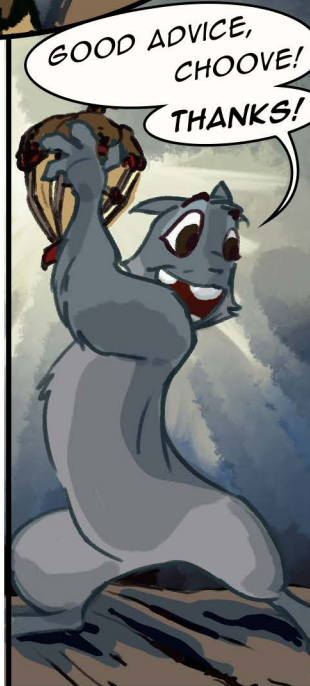
HA-HA!
WE GOT IT!



IT JUST GOES TO SHOW
CAROLINE! **NEVER** STOP
RUNNING OR YOU'LL LOSE
WHAT YOU'VE FOUND!



WHOOOF!



GOOD ADVICE,
CHOOVE!
THANKS!

NOW CAN WE JUST CALM DOWN FOR A MOMENT?

I WON THIS FAIR AND SQUARE!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK
YOU CAN JUST TAKE IT?

BECAUSE WE CAN!

THE RUNNING OF THE ACORN
IS ABOUT STRENGTH, SPEED AND
CUNNING!

IF YOU CAN'T GET IT HOME SAFELY,
THEN YOU DON'T DESERVE TO KEEP IT!

THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS
AND YOU KNOW IT!

LET'S SHOW THESE GUYS
JUST HOW WE WORK.

WATCH IT!

THEY'RE ON THE MOVE AGAIN!





NO!!

YOU GOT THIS, OINYA?

I GOT THIS!



meanwhile..

RACCOONS AND CATS HAVE OFTEN ENCROACHED ON SQUIRREL WOOD IN THE PAST, AND EACH TIME WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY LURED THEM AWAY FROM OUR HOMES!

THIS IS TRUE
THOUGH WE HAVE OFTEN
SUFFERED LOSSES FROM
SUCH FORAYS.

THE SAFETY OF SQUIRREL WOOD
AND EVERY SQUIRREL IN IT
MUST COME FIRST!

BUT THERE IS *NO*
INDICATION THIS BEAST
HUNTS ANYWHERE *CLOSE*
TO SQUIRREL WOOD

THIS IS NOT
ALTOGETHER TRUE
NAWVA!

THE BIRD, KEEZIC BRINGS NEWS
FROM THE PERYON MARCHES.



IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF CHOOVE
AND HIS CRONIES BURNED DOWN
OUR TREE ...!

YOU DON'T **BREAK** THE
SQUIRREL MOOT!

AND HERE I THOUGHT
THIS NIGHT WOULD IMPROVE
OUR REPUTATION.

DAD?

WHY WAS A BIRD SPEAKING AT
THE MOOT, AND WHO WAS THAT
OTHER SQUIRREL?

NEVER YOU MIND
WHO WAS SPEAKING
AT THE MOOT!

MAHIR AND I TRY
TO KEEP YOU AS **SAFE**
AS POSSIBLE ...

...SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT WHAT THE MOOT DISCUSSES.

A dark, atmospheric illustration of a massive, ancient tree with gnarled, purple-tinged bark. Several glowing yellow eyes are visible in the tree's hollows and branches. A group of small, stylized characters, including a white rabbit-like figure and several smaller animals, are gathered on a thick branch to the right. The background is a dark, misty forest.

YOU'RE LATER THAN EXPECTED.

...

UH OH ...

WHAT'S HAPPENED?



WE'RE IN TROUBLE,
AREN'T WE?

IT'S OK, OINYA
YOU KNOW DAD
NEVER STAYS MAD FOR LONG.



DON'T WORRY
YOURSELF, OINYA



NO SQUIRRELS LOVE THEIR KITS
AS STRONGLY AS YOUR PARENTS LOVE YOU.

THEY WOULD GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR YOU

NO MATTER WHAT!

IF THEY ARE ANGRY
IT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE WORRIED FOR YOU
NOT BECAUSE OF YOU.

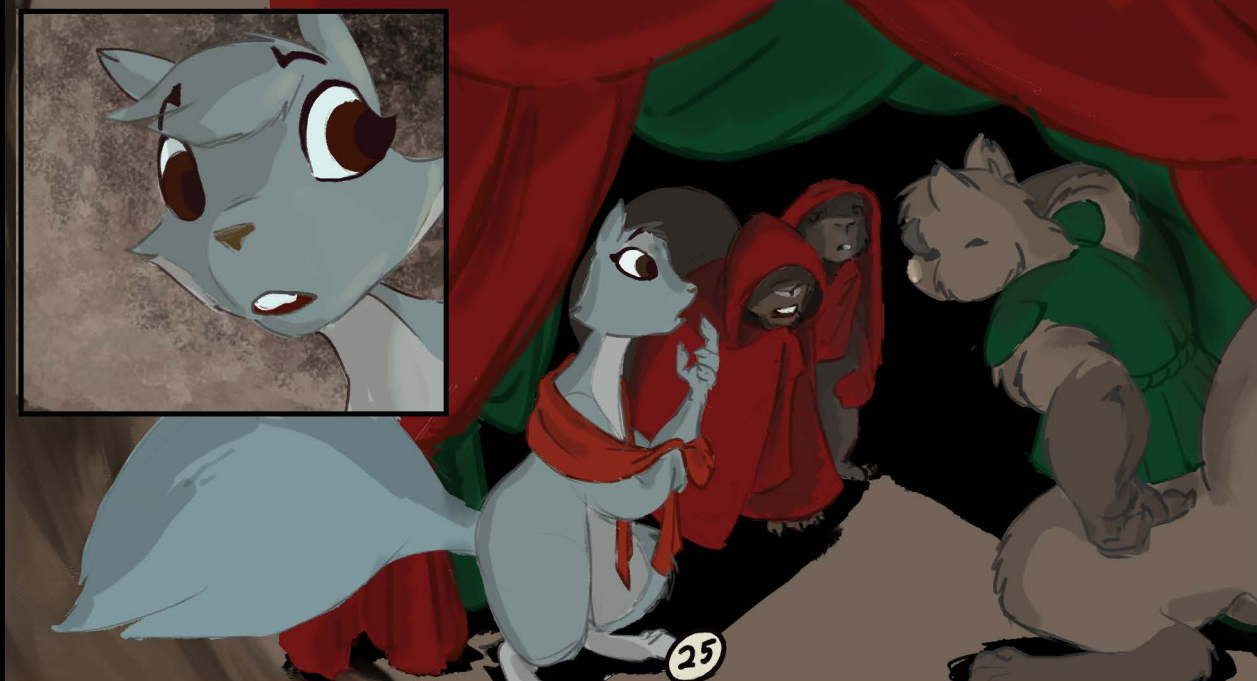
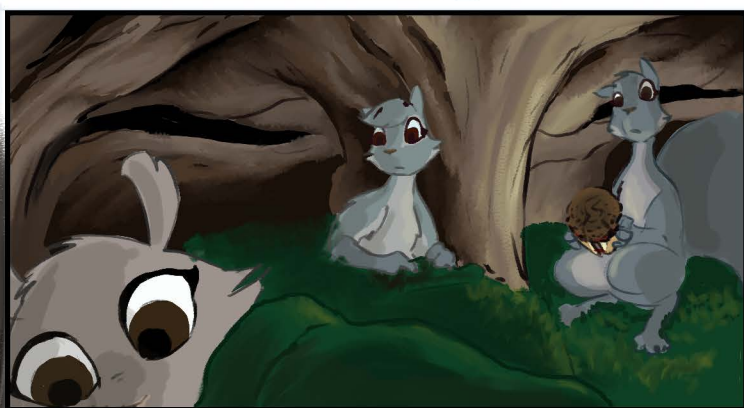
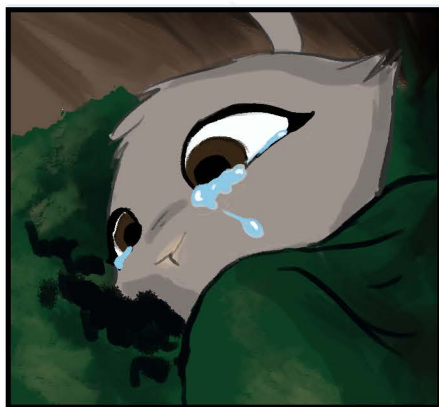


CAN YOU TELL US ANOTHER
STORY TONIGHT, SHANAVAR?



I THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT
FOR ONE NIGHT, MY LOVE.

YEAH, BESIDES ...







HERE, OINYA.
YOU SLEEP WITH *THIS* TONIGHT.

IT WILL MAKE **EVERYTHING** BETTER.





WHAT DO YOU THINK
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?



NO IDEA!

AREN'T YOU EVEN
CURIOUS?



NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST!



HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED
ANYTHING TODAY?



IT'S NOT ABOUT
WINNING THE PRIZE



YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TELL THEM
AND SOONER WOULD BE BETTER THAN LATER



I KNOW.
BUT IN THE MORNING



WITH ALL THAT'S HAPPENED TODAY
THEY NEED TIME TO REST.



FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, THEN
WE NEED TIME TO PLAN.

I KNOW
BUT FOR TONIGHT ...

LET'S JUST ENJOY
BEING TOGETHER

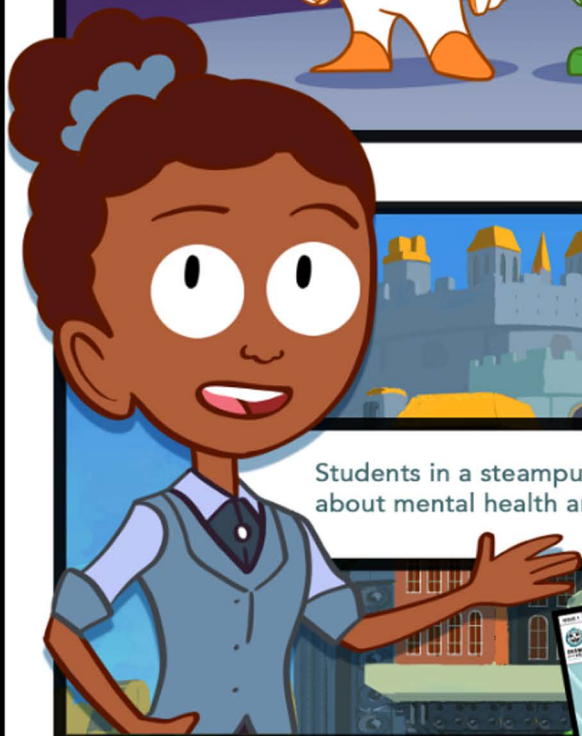




Kara goes on an adventure with Beastie and the RedBlooded Knight to learn about Type 1 diabetes!

Adventure and emotion IN SPACE!
Embark with each crewmember to learn more about yourself!

EMPOWERNAUTS



Students in a steampunk school learn about mental health and solve mysteries!





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HOW YOU CAN HELP

IN ORDER TO GIVE FREE RESOURCES TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM, WE RELY ON GIFTS OF FUNDS, CO-PRODUCTION RESOURCES, AND VOLUNTEER HOURS.

BEING FOR-IMPACT, WE ARE DRIVEN BY THE LOVE OF OUR CAUSE. OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T PAY OUR ARTISTS, DEVELOPMENT TEAM, DESIGNERS, AND WRITERS.

DONATIONS ARE WHAT MAKES THIS ALL POSSIBLE, AND THE GREAT NEWS IS THERE ARE SO MANY COOL WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE, FROM SHOPPING ONLINE TO PRE-ORDERING DFV MERCH TO OFFERING IN-KIND OR CASH DONATIONS THAT ARE FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

IF YOU'RE ANOTHER STUDIO, ORGANIZATION, OR BUSINESS WE ARE OPEN TO PARTNERSHIP AND CO-PRODUCTION IDEAS.

EXPLORE THESE WAYS TO DONATE:

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WE TELL STORIES WITH OUR CONTENT THAT
HELP KIDS AND GROWNUPS HAVE MORE FUN WHILE
DISCOVERING ACHIEVABLE WAYS TO MANAGE THEIR HEALTH.

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