

Legend Of The Jamaican Dragon

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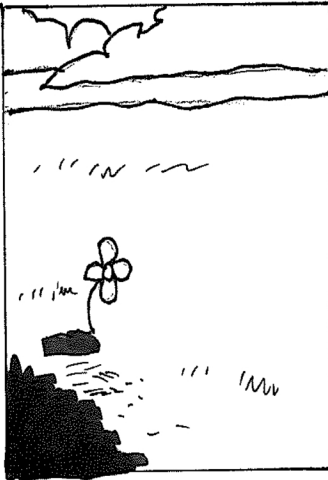
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Once upon
a time...



...On
young
Earth...

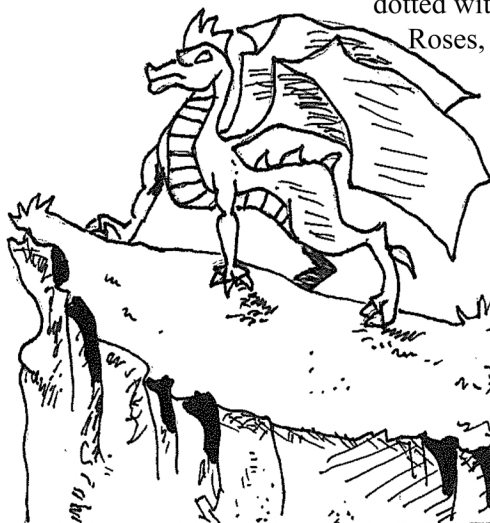


...there lived a land of luxury filled with peace and tranquility complete with its own untapped mystical creatures, magical mysteries and secret stories whispered by the **winds**. Such secrets that can only be heard by the purest of hearts and purest of souls.



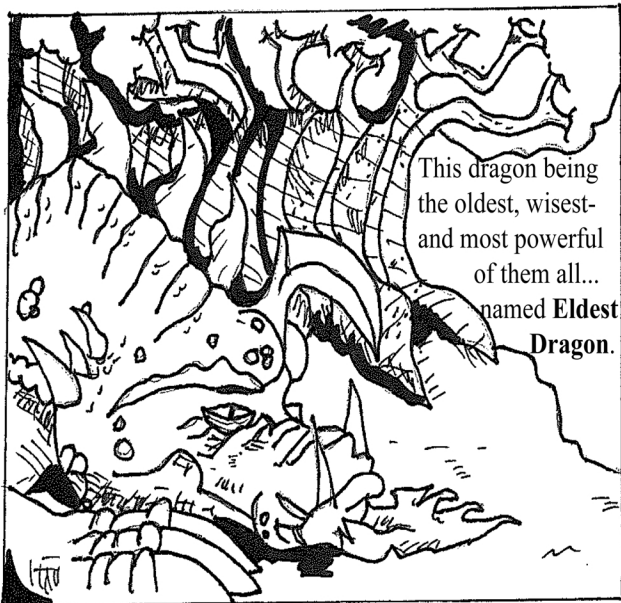
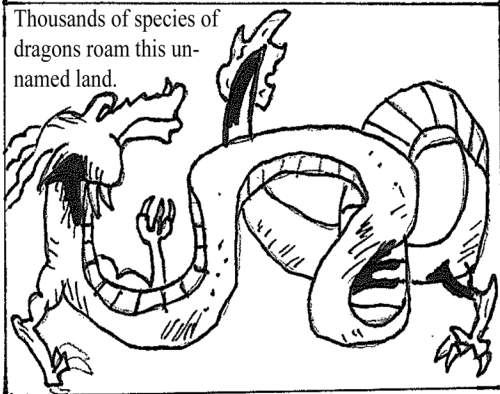
Acres of rolling grass
dotted with Dandelions,
Roses, trees and...

dragons.





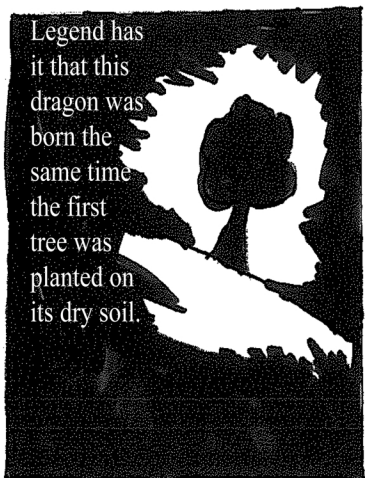
Thousands of species of dragons roam this unnamed land.



This dragon being the oldest, wisest and most powerful of them all... named **Eldest Dragon**.



Above all he is the kindest, gentlest, loving of the dragon species.

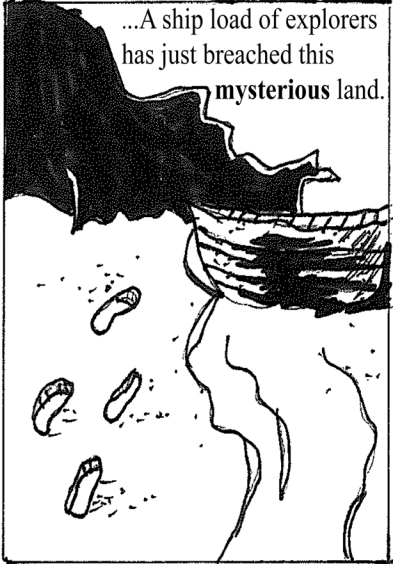
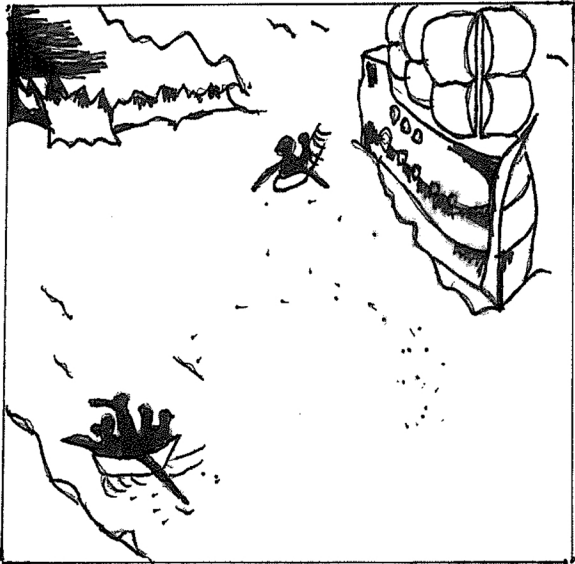
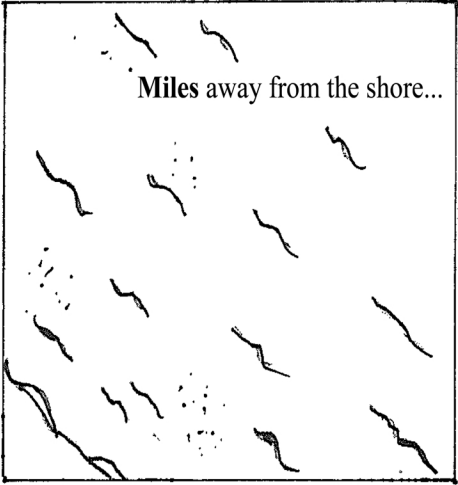
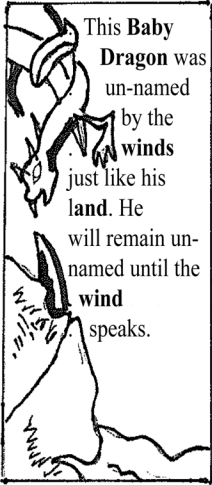
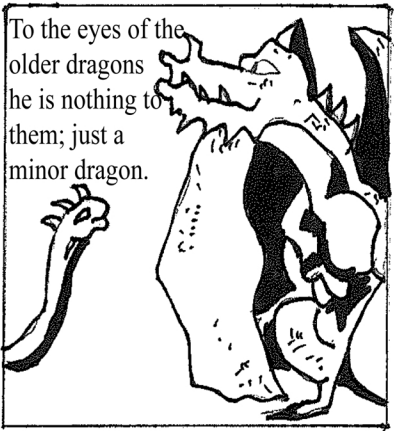
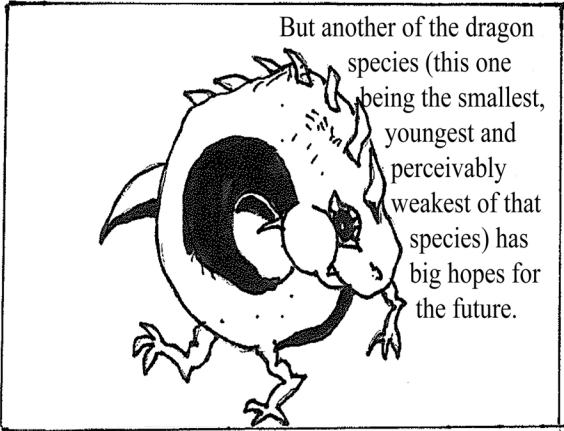


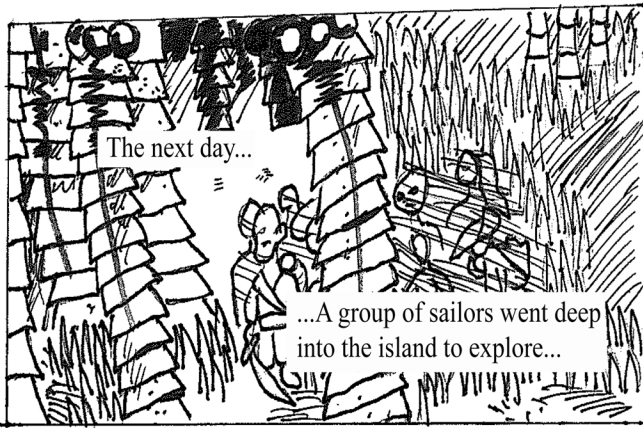
Legend has it that this dragon was born the same time the first tree was planted on its dry soil.

That as time flew by, the dragon grew, the land expanded, and the bond between the dragon and its land became stronger and stronger. The dragon would protect the land from countless waves of evil in exchange for food, shelter and comfort from the land. Of all the evil encountered by the dragon only one gave him the most trouble; named **Culden**, that evil he had to seal in himself.



Over the years, the dragon has used up most of his power trying to contain the evil dragon spirit within him.



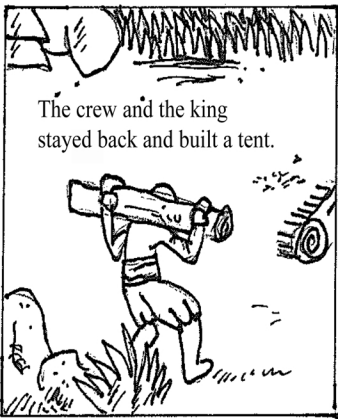


The next day...

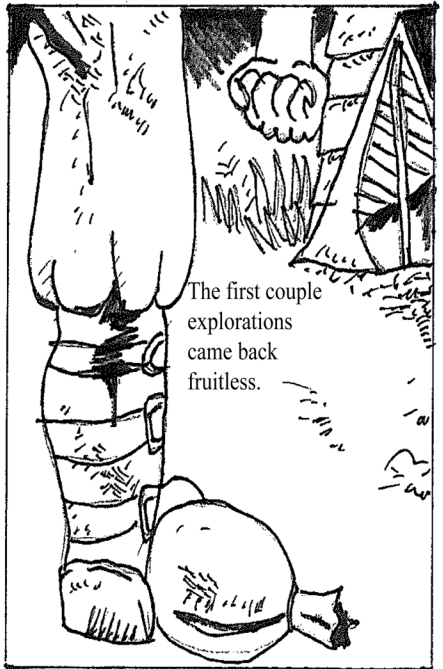
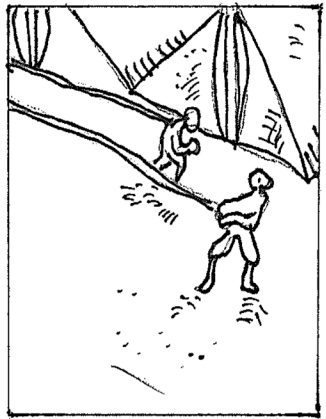
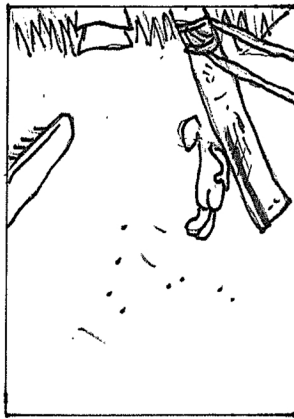
...A group of sailors went deep into the island to explore...



...including the captain

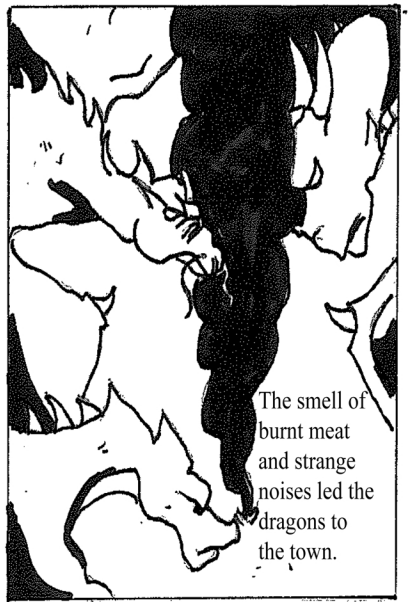
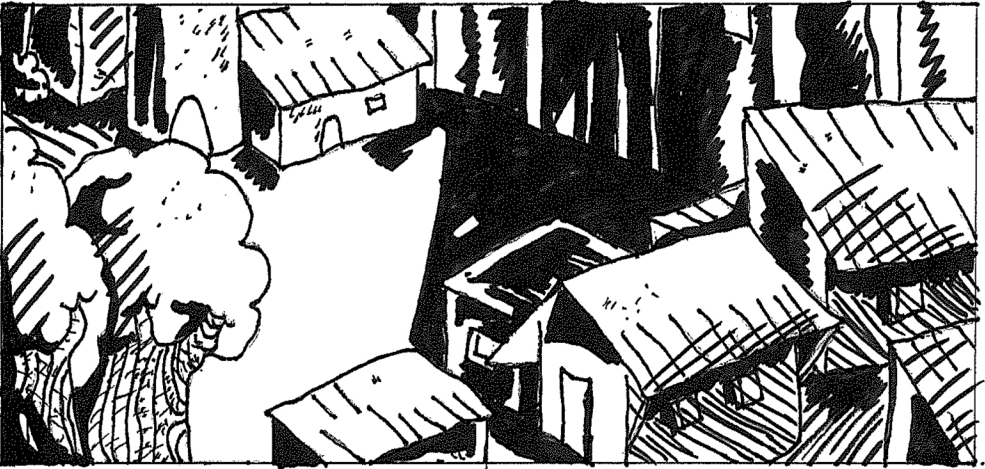
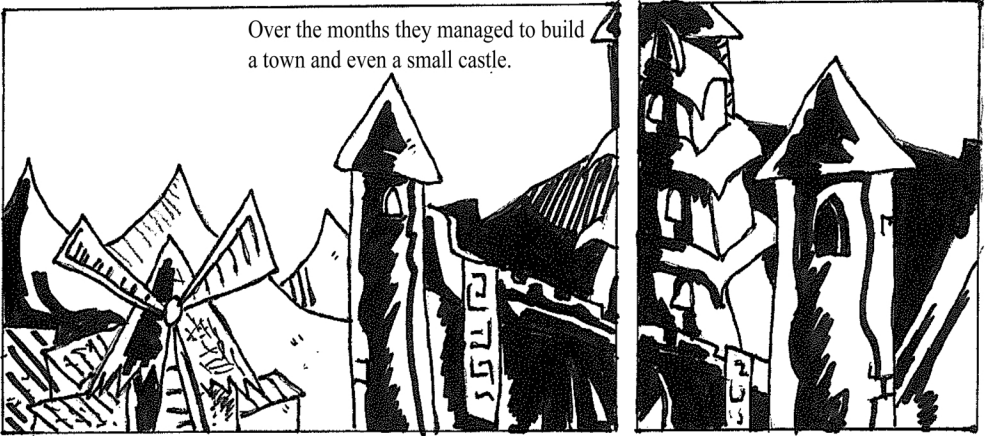


The crew and the king stayed back and built a tent.

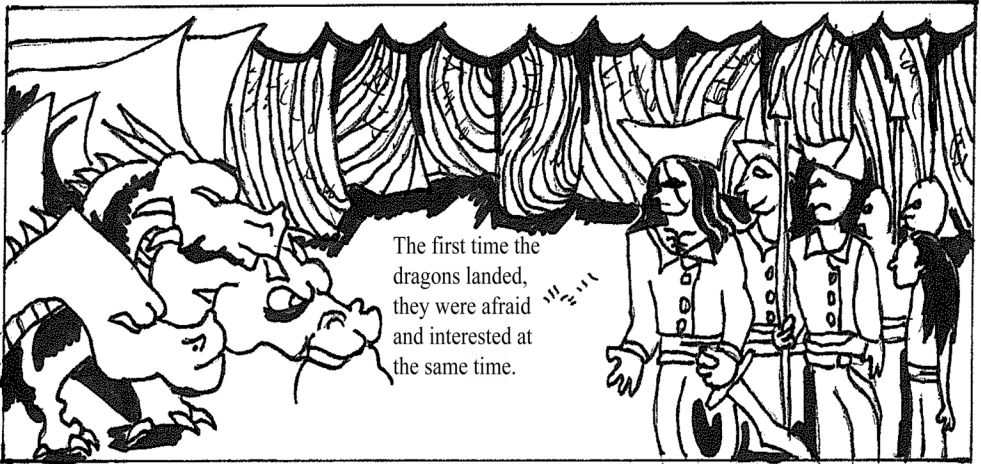


The first couple explorations came back fruitless.

Over the months they managed to build a town and even a small castle.



The smell of burnt meat and strange noises led the dragons to the town.



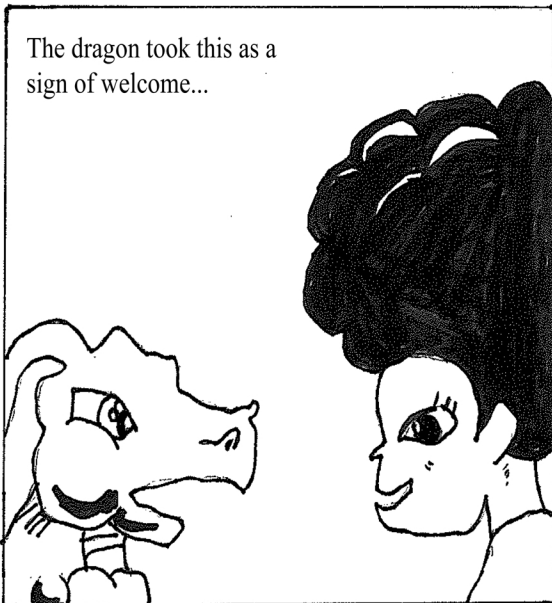
The first time the dragons landed, they were afraid and interested at the same time.



A child from the human side broke the tension...



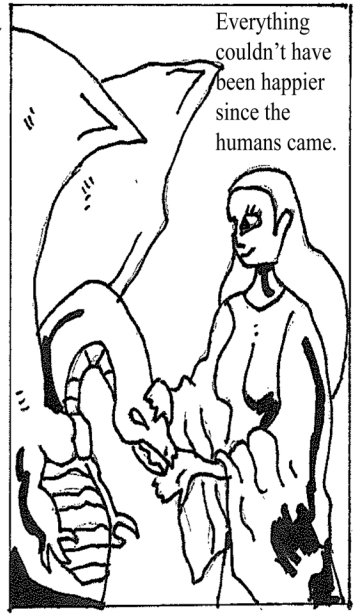
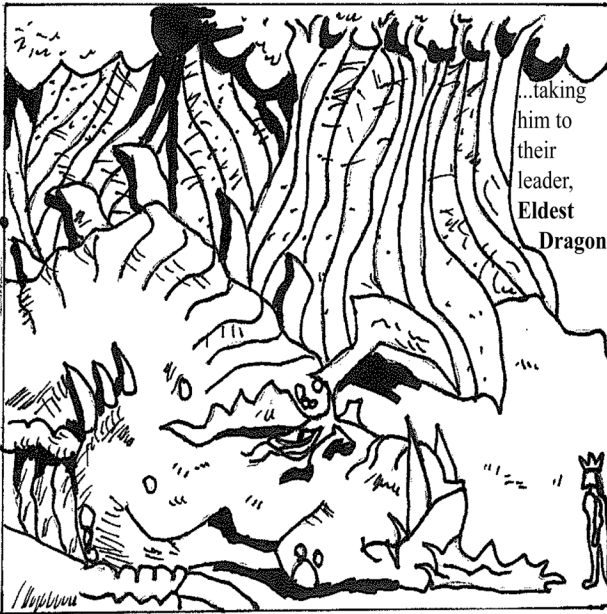
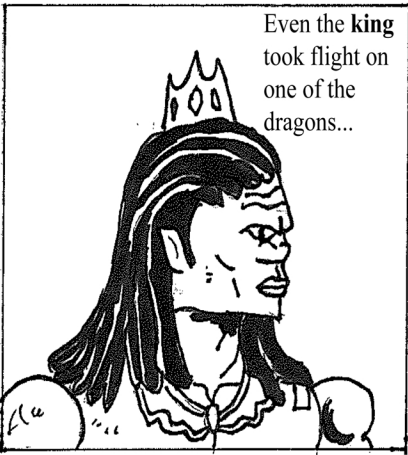
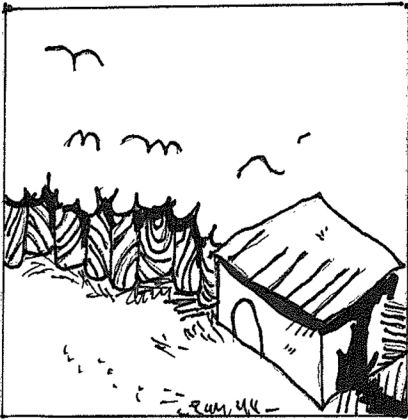
...by kissing the dragon



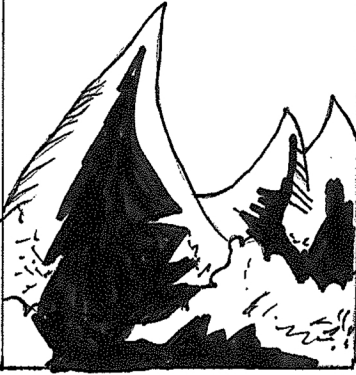
The dragon took this as a sign of welcome...



...letting the child fly on its back.



As the days went by...



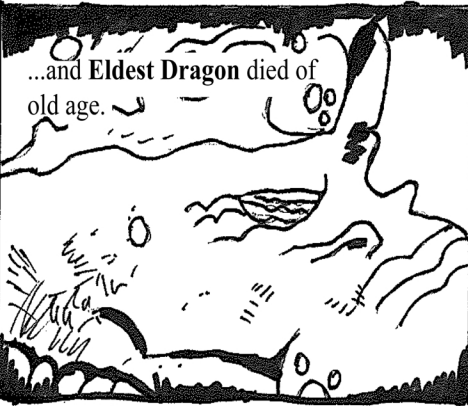
...Baby Dragon
matured...



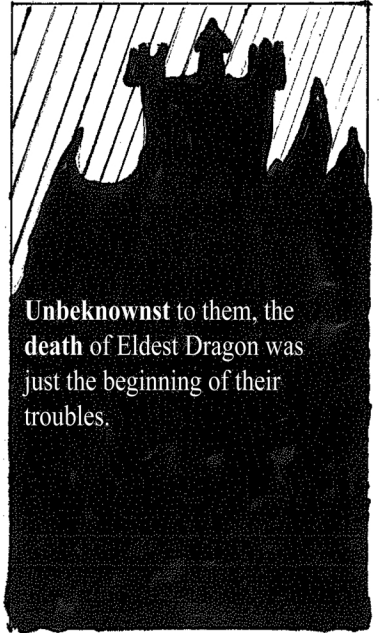
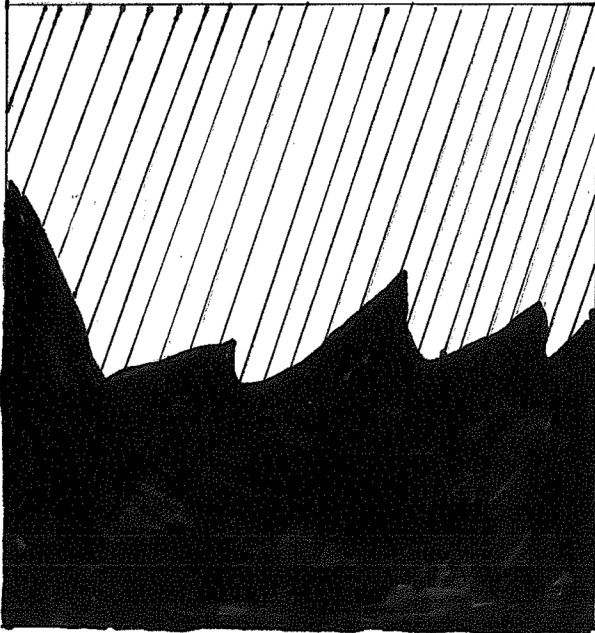
...the humans and dragons
came closer...

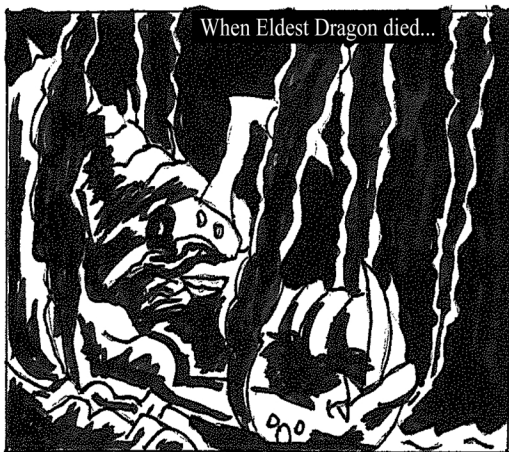


...and Eldest Dragon died of
old age.



Unbeknownst to them, the
death of Eldest Dragon was
just the beginning of their
troubles.

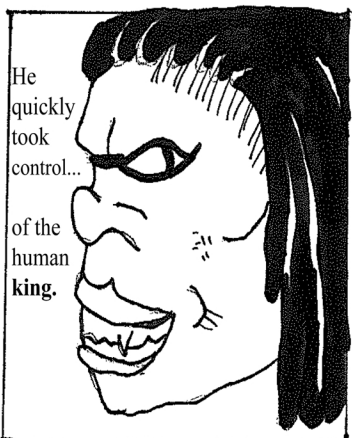
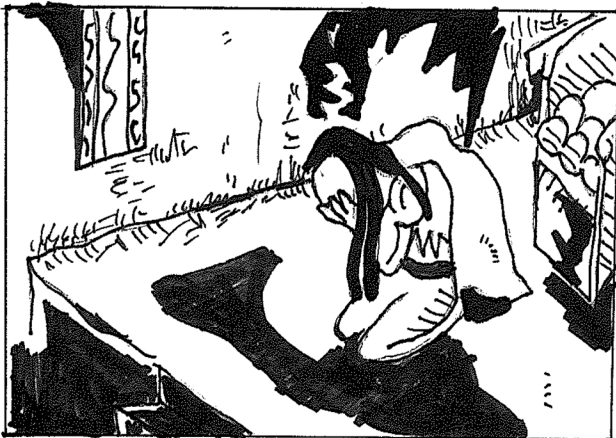




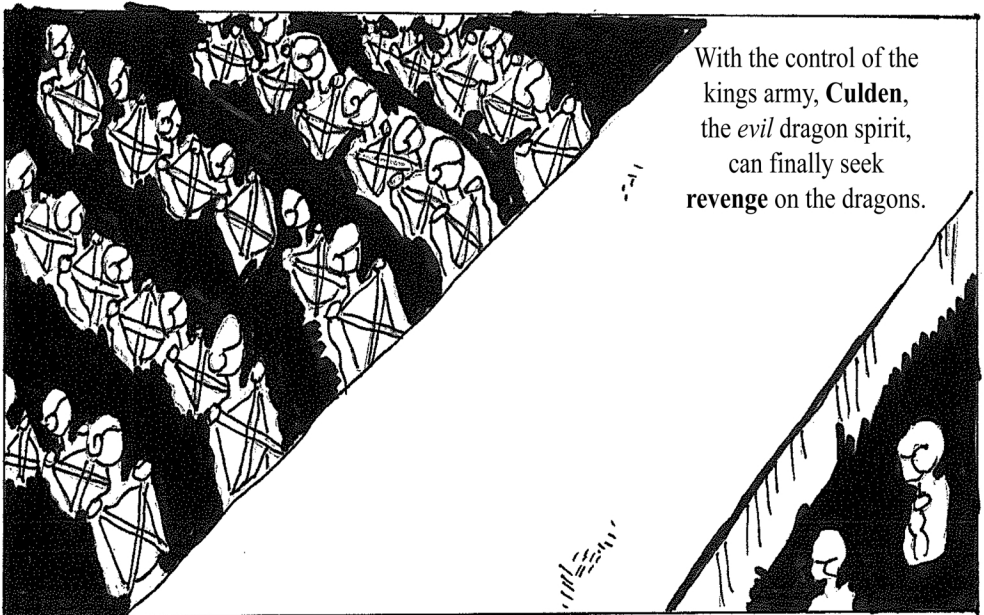
When Eldest Dragon died...



The evil dragon spirit was released.

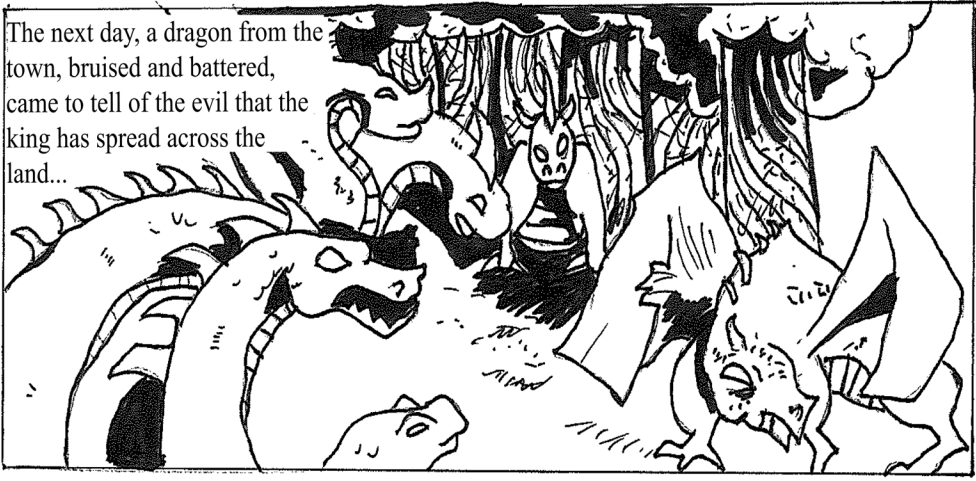


He quickly took control... of the human king.

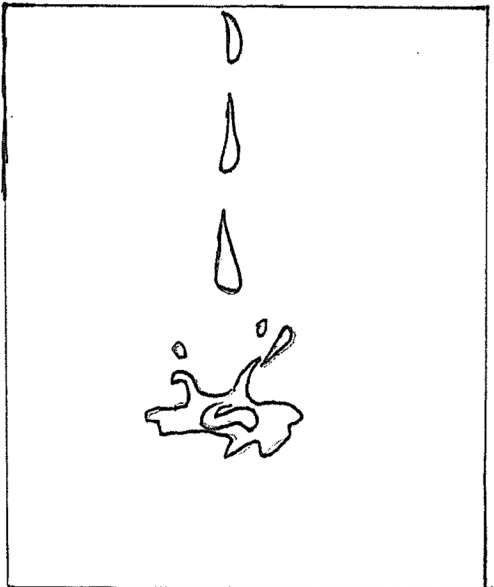
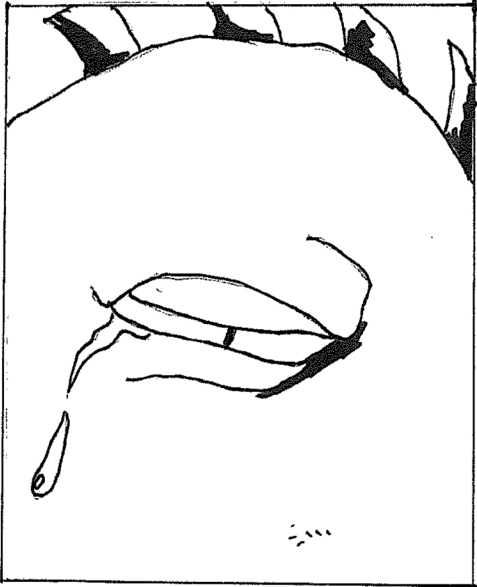
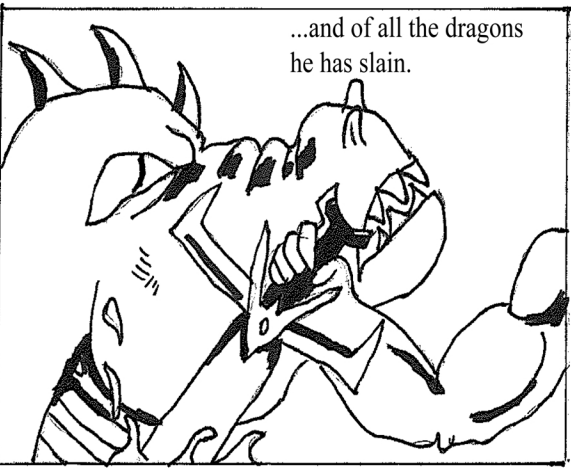


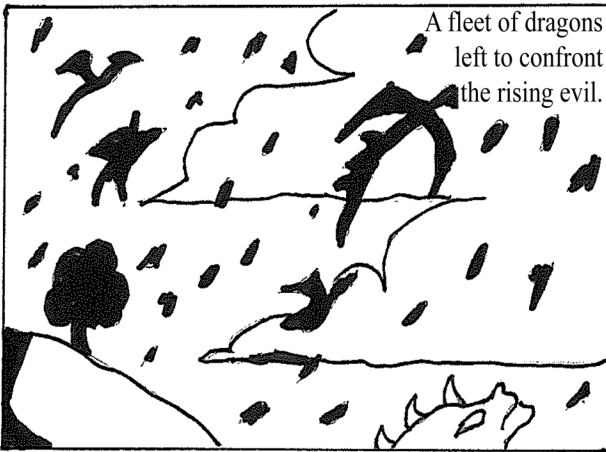
With the control of the king's army, **Culden**, the *evil* dragon spirit, can finally seek **revenge** on the dragons.

The next day, a dragon from the town, bruised and battered, came to tell of the evil that the king has spread across the land...

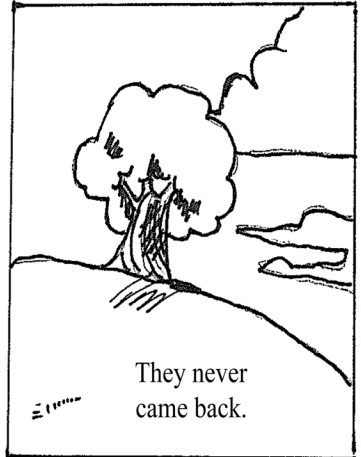


...and of all the dragons he has slain.

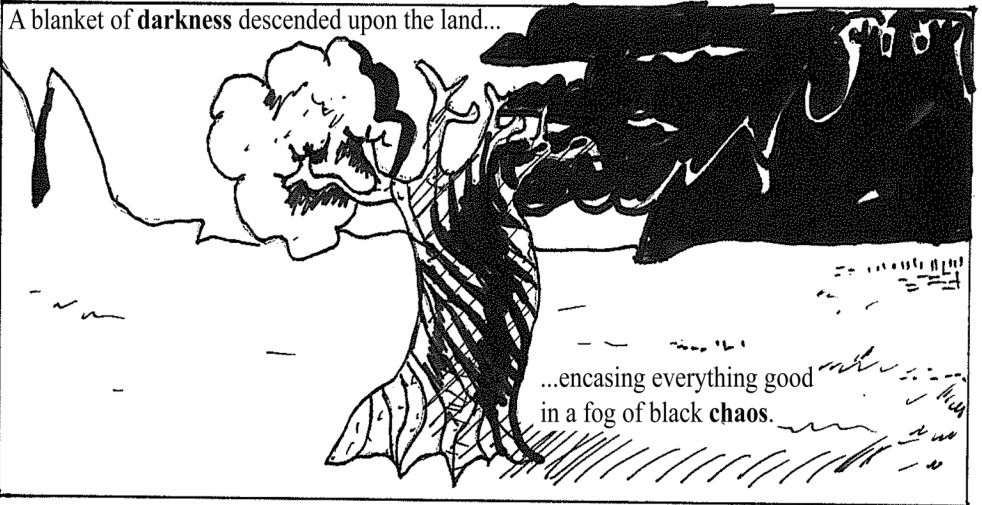




A fleet of dragons
left to confront
the rising evil.

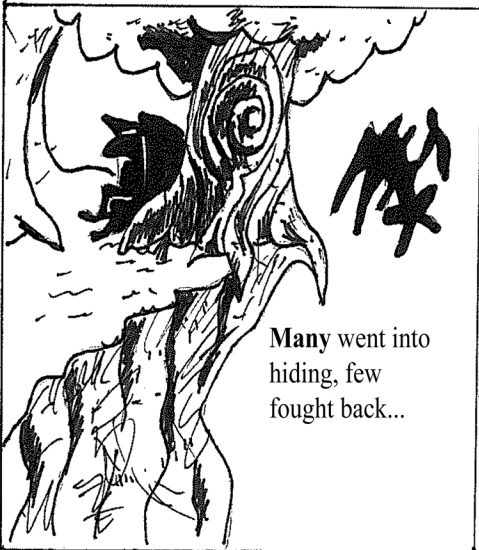


They never
came back.



A blanket of **darkness** descended upon the land...

...encasing everything good
in a fog of black **chaos**.

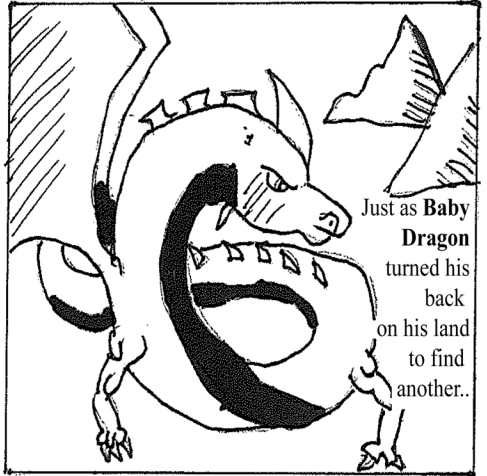


Many went into
hiding, few
fought back...



...none survived.

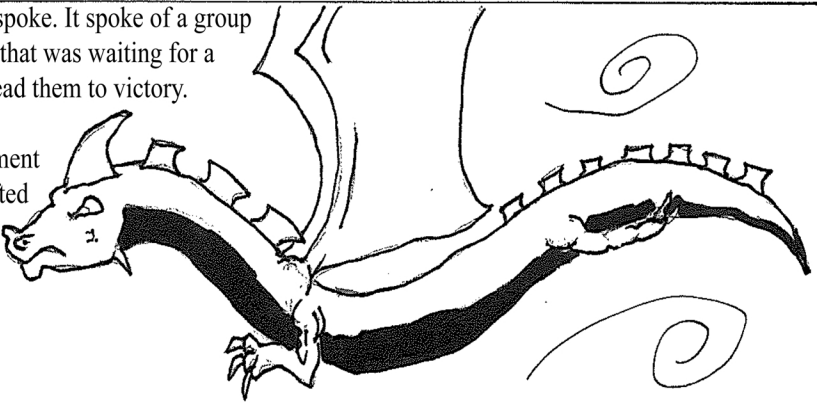
Only the much more mature un-named **Baby Dragon** was left.



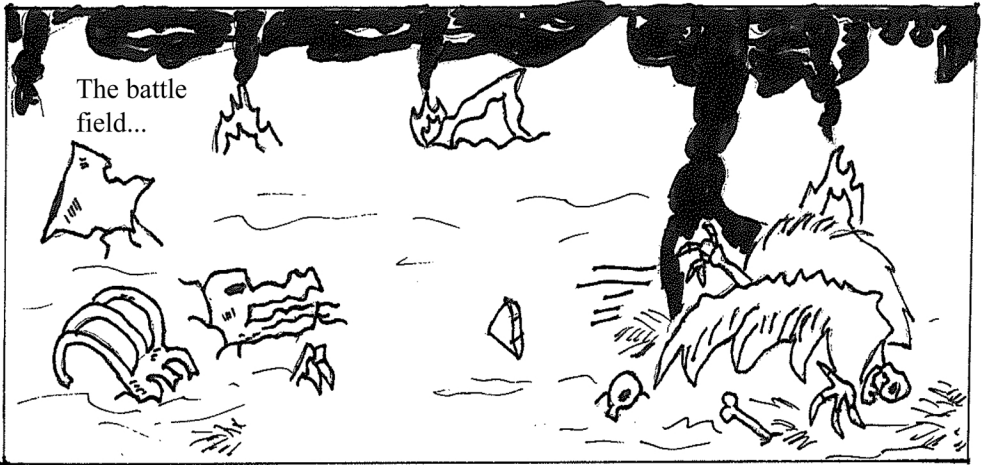
Just as **Baby Dragon** turned his back on his land to find another..

...the wind spoke. It spoke of a group of warriors that was waiting for a dragon to lead them to victory.

At that moment the wind lifted his wings...



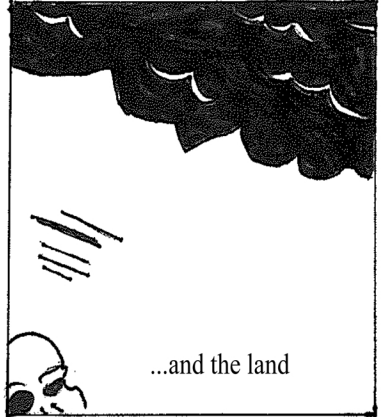
...leading him to the warriors.



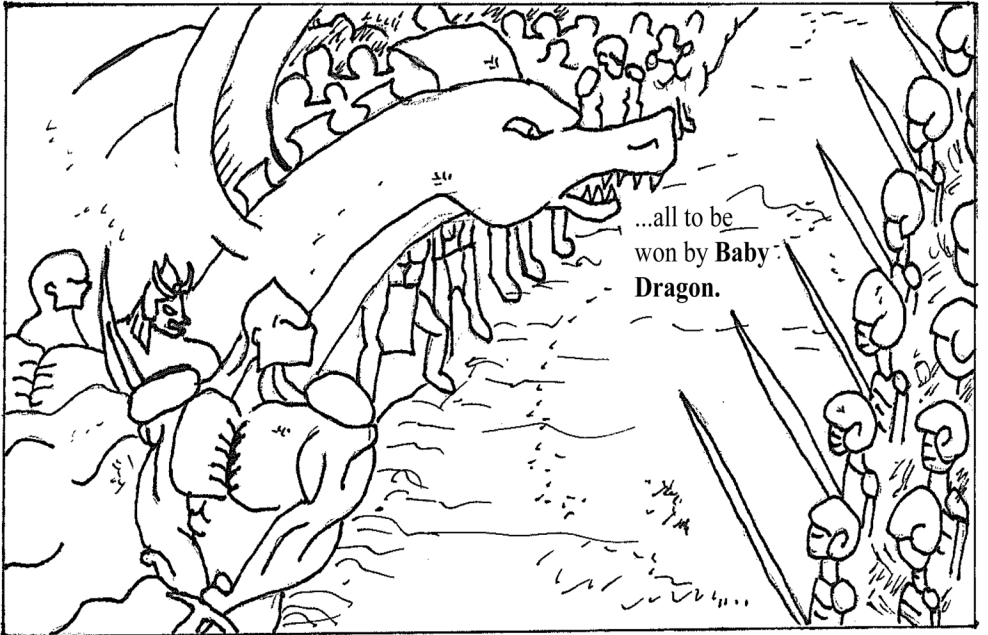
The battle
field...



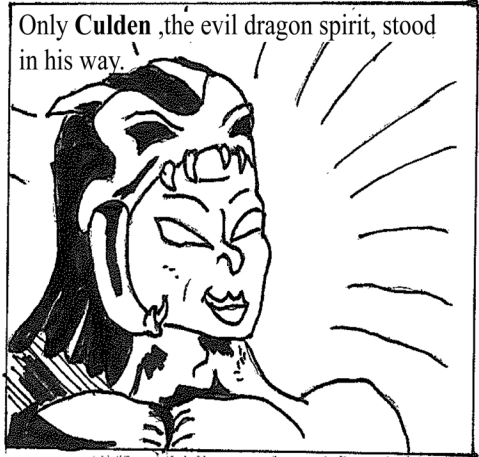
...a knarled mess of decaying
flesh and ruthless fighting...

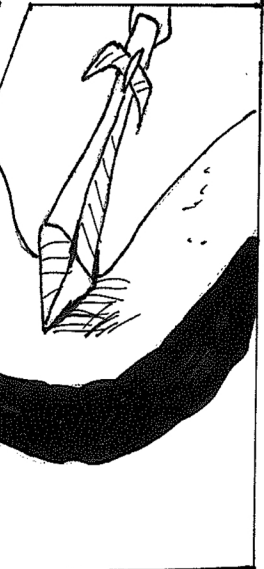
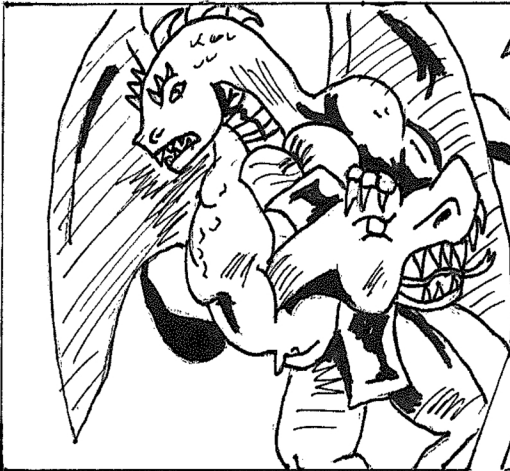
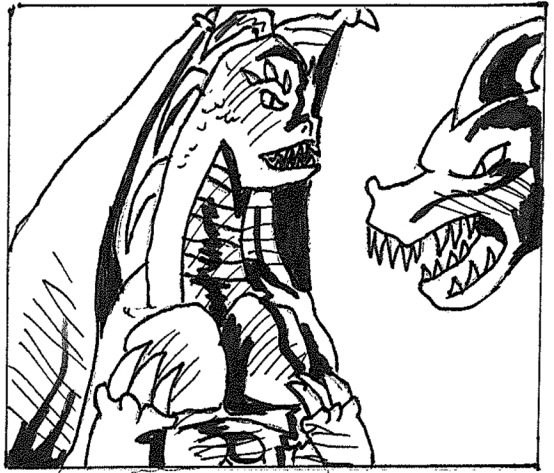


...and the land

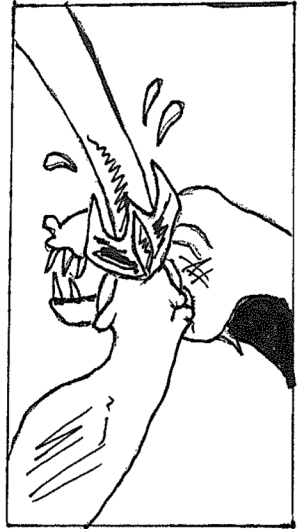
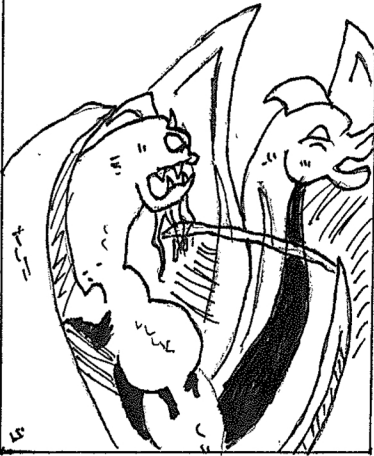


...all to be
won by **Baby**
Dragon.

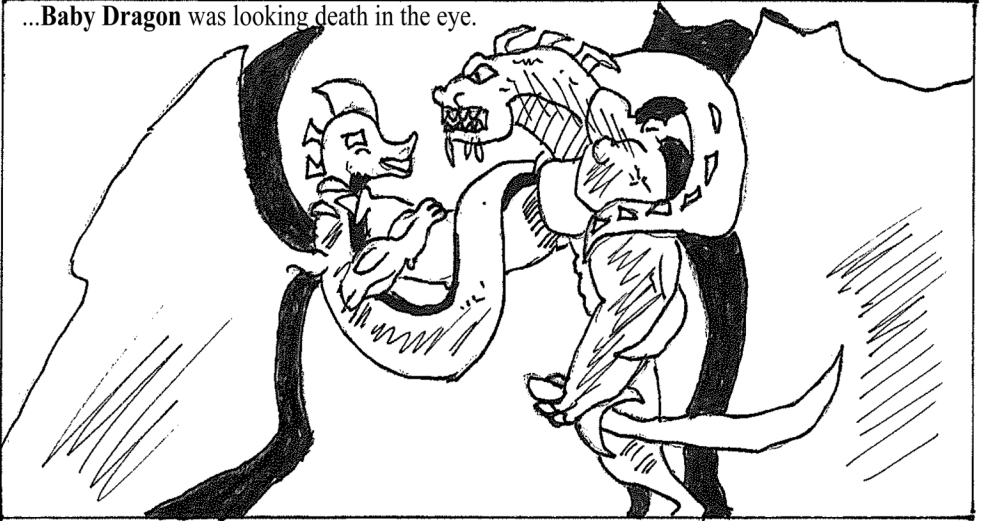




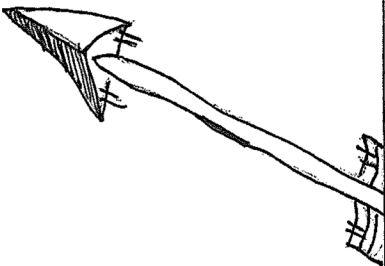
A few minutes into the battle...



...Baby Dragon was looking death in the eye.

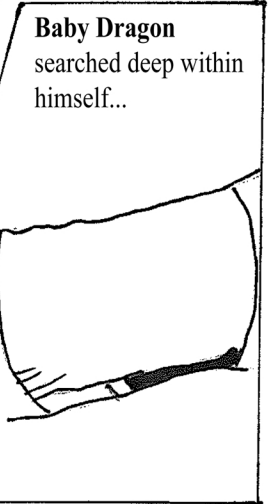
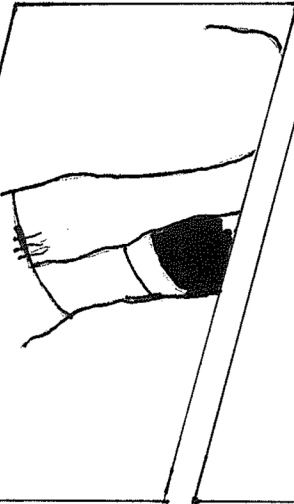
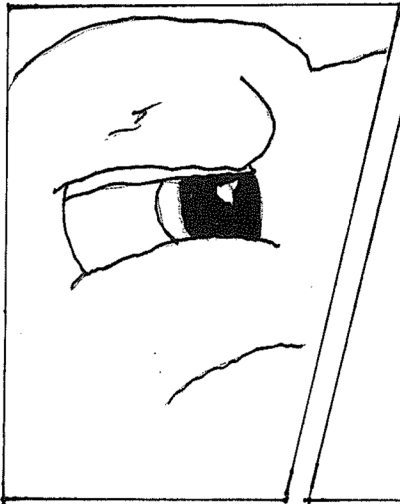
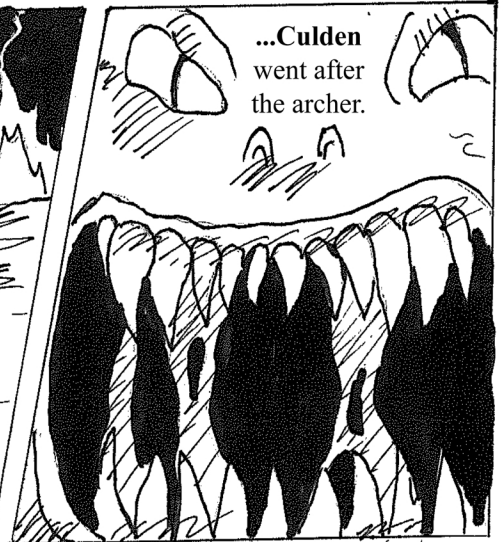
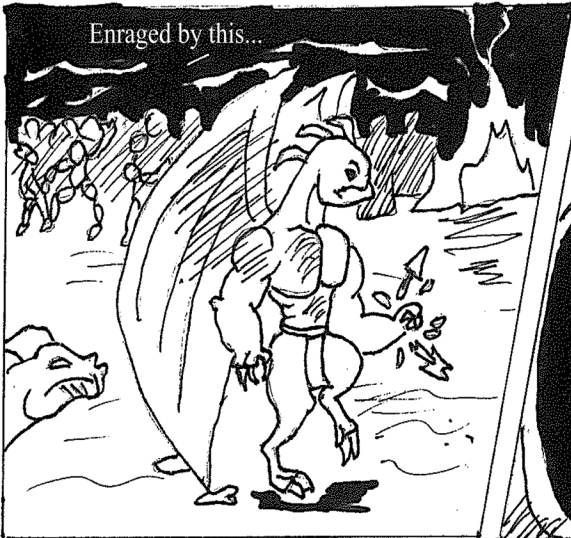
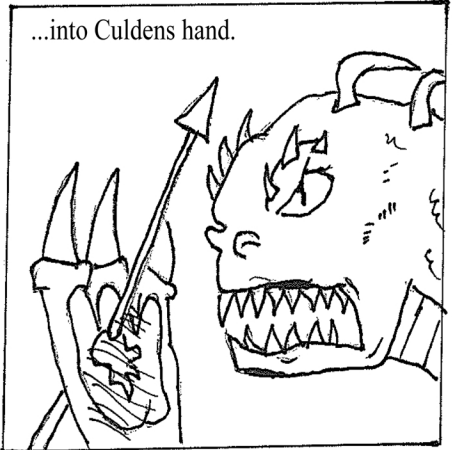
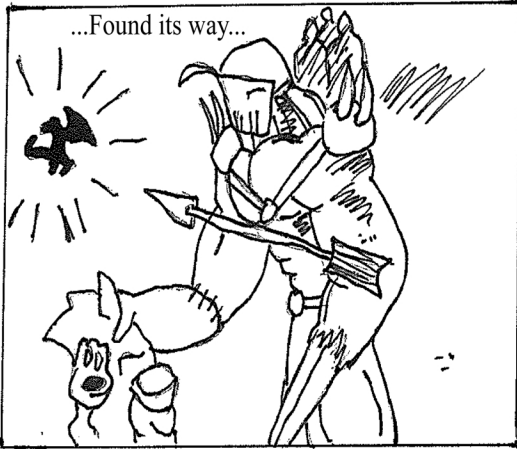


A stray arrow...

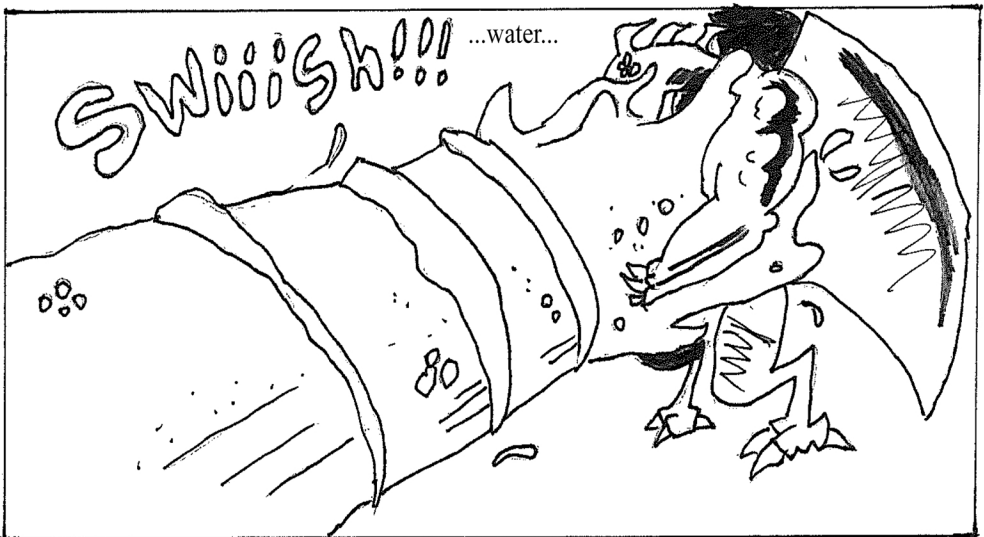
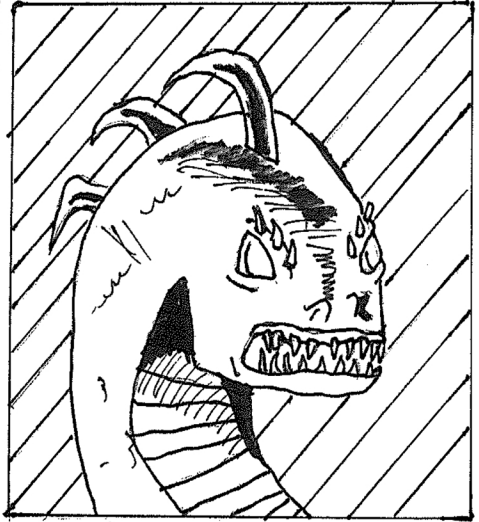
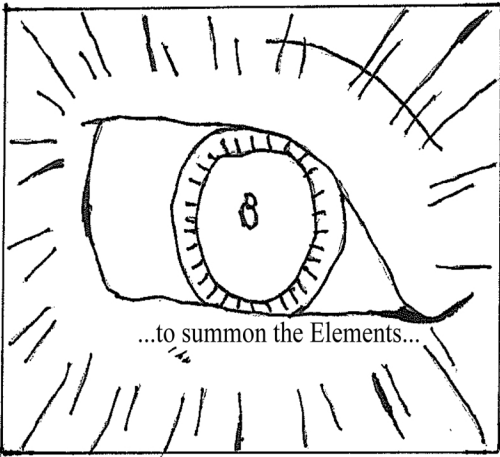


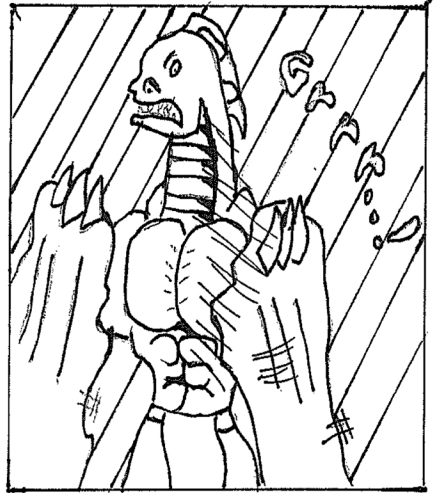
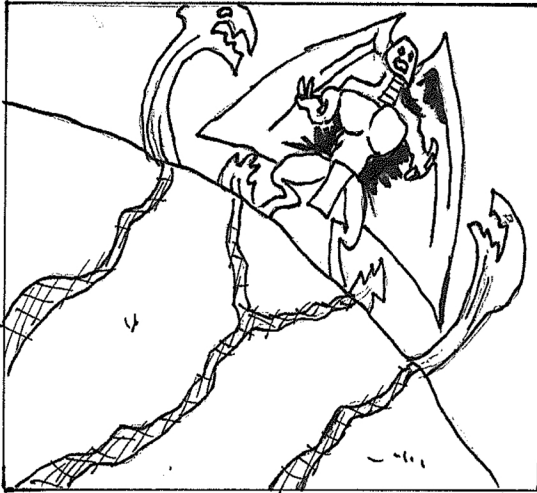
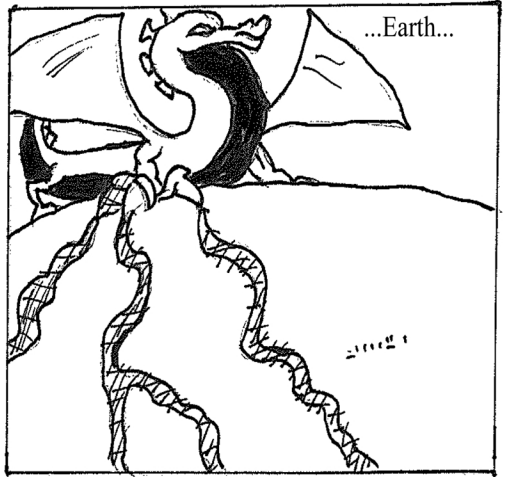
...from a friendly archer...

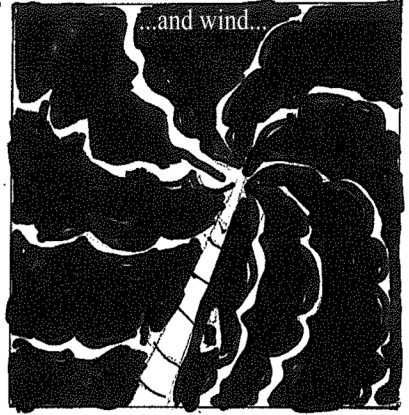
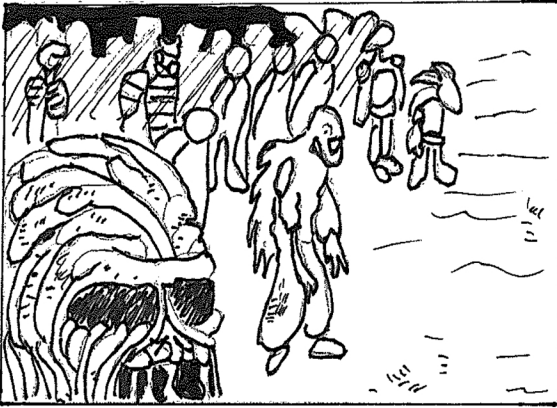




Baby Dragon
searched deep within himself...



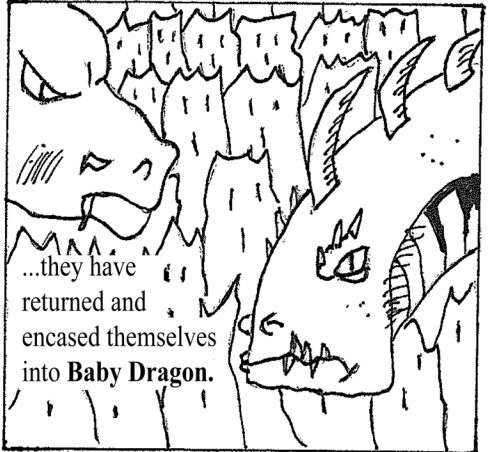




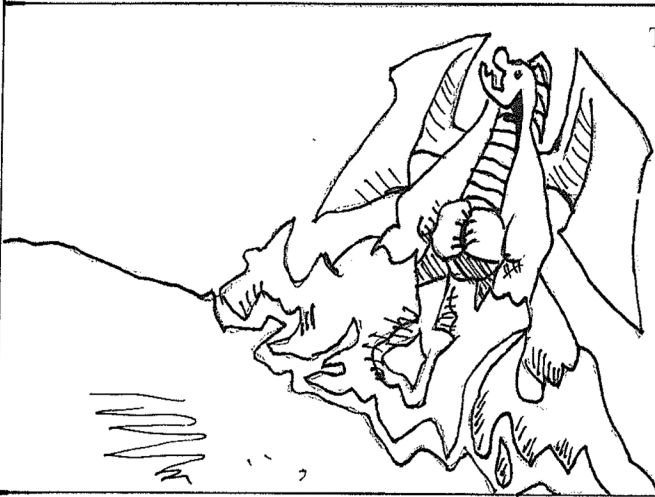
Culden knew now that for all the **souls** he had tortured and all the innocent blood spilled...



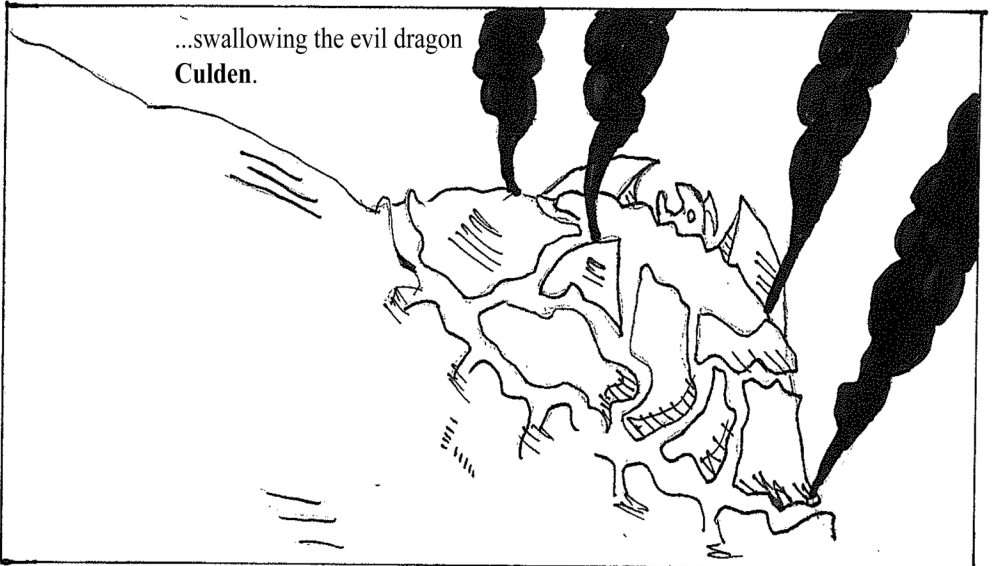
...they have returned and encased themselves into **Baby Dragon**.



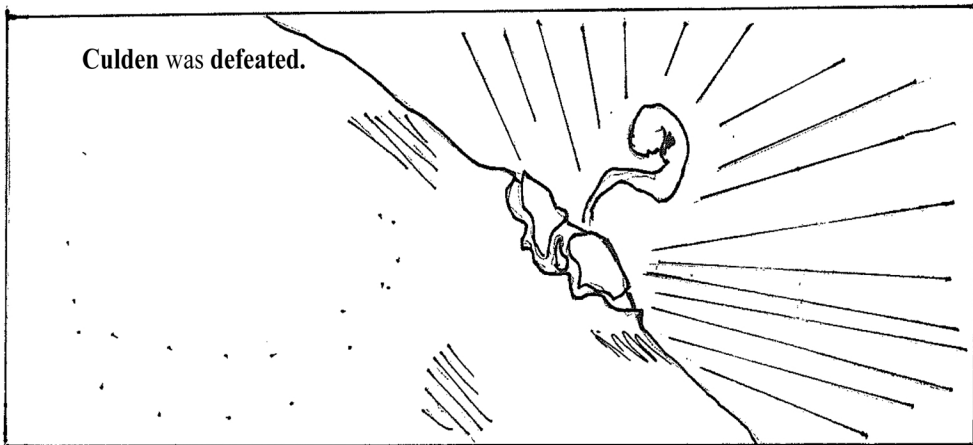
The Earth opened up...



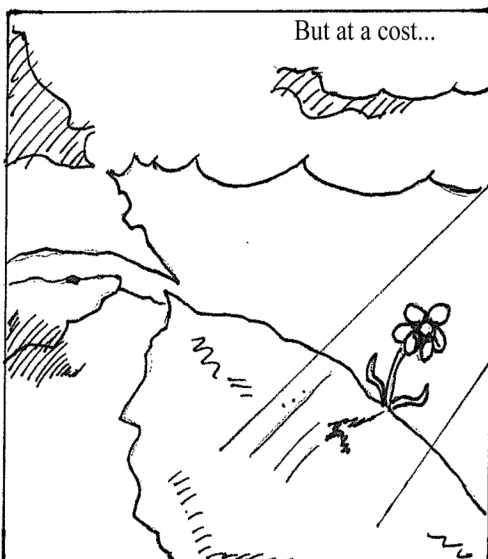
...swallowing the evil dragon **Culden**.



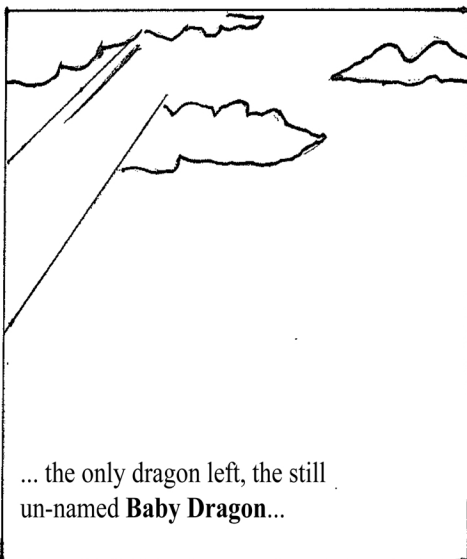
Culden was defeated.



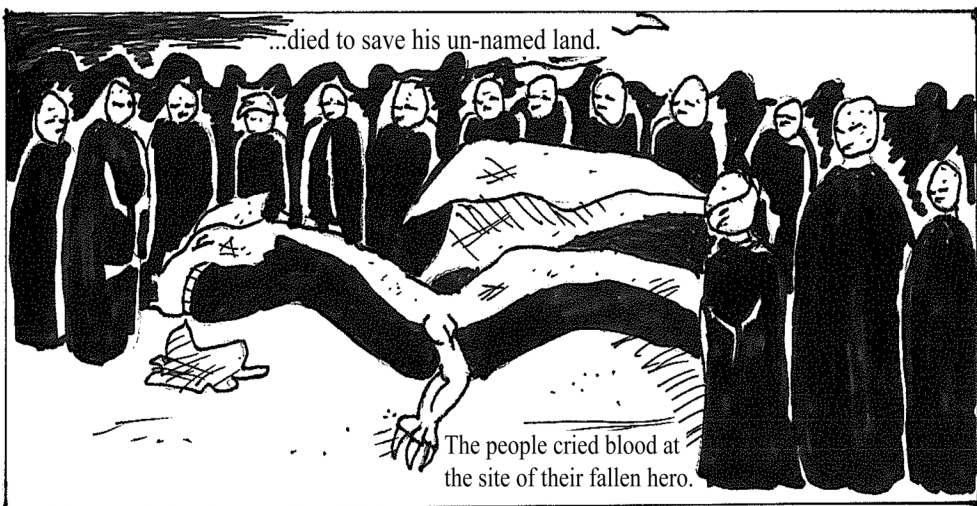
But at a cost...



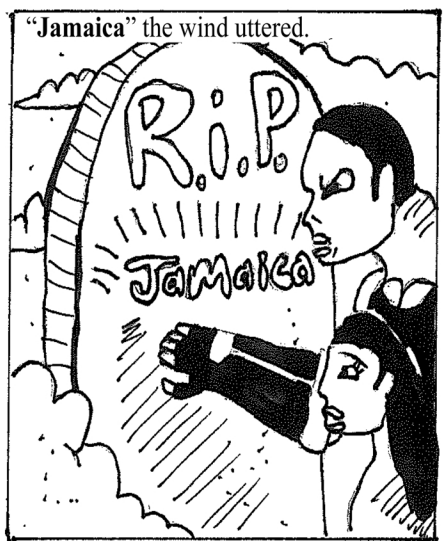
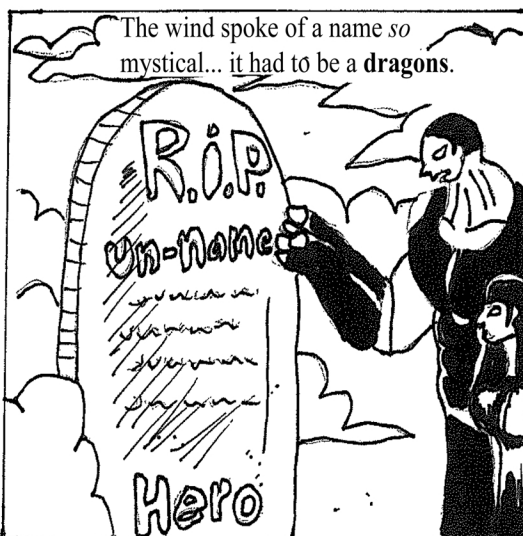
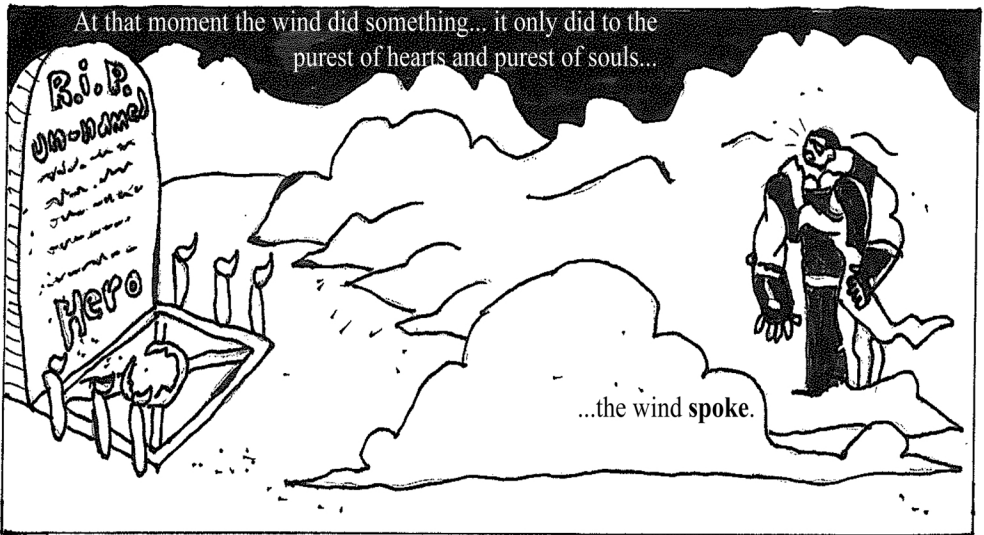
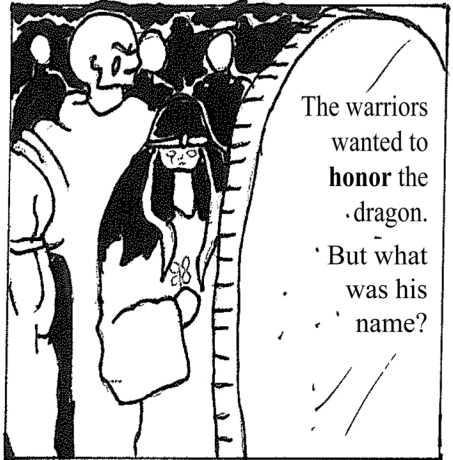
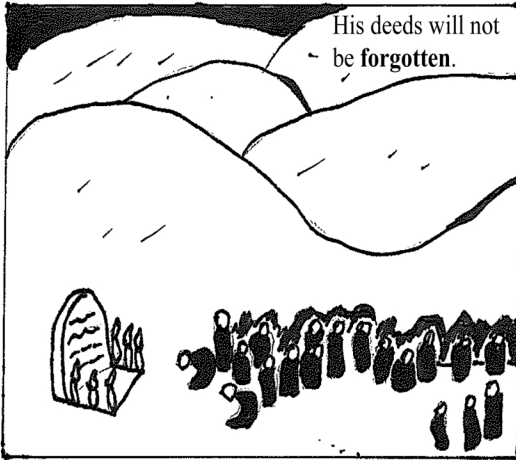
... the only dragon left, the still un-named **Baby Dragon**...

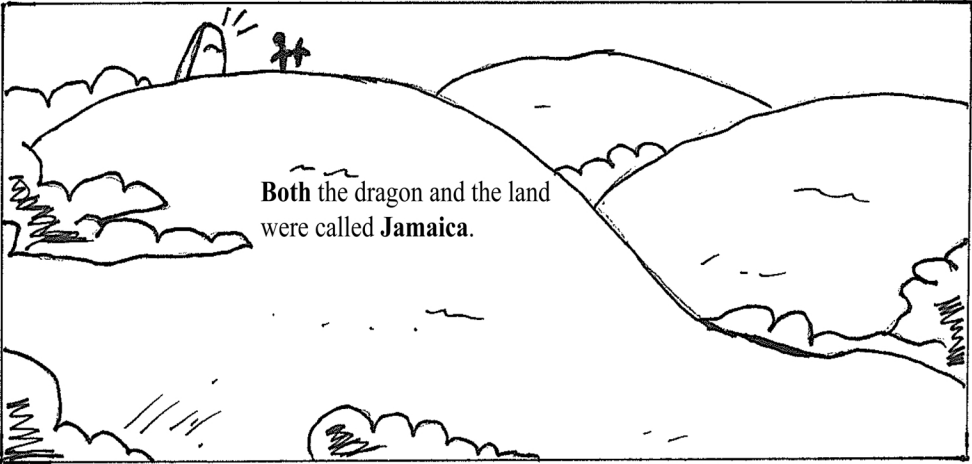


...died to save his un-named land.

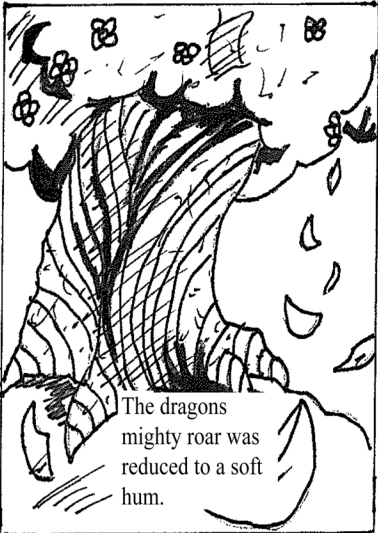


The people cried blood at the site of their fallen hero.





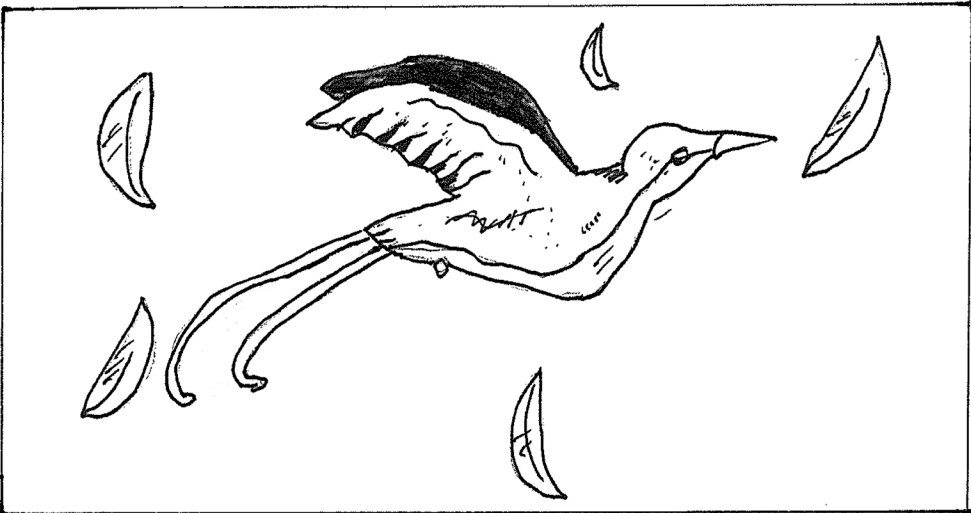
Both the dragon and the land were called **Jamaica**.



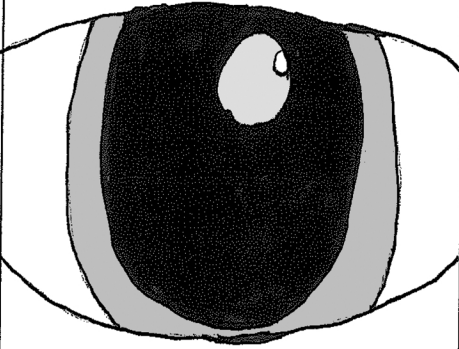
The dragons mighty roar was reduced to a soft hum.



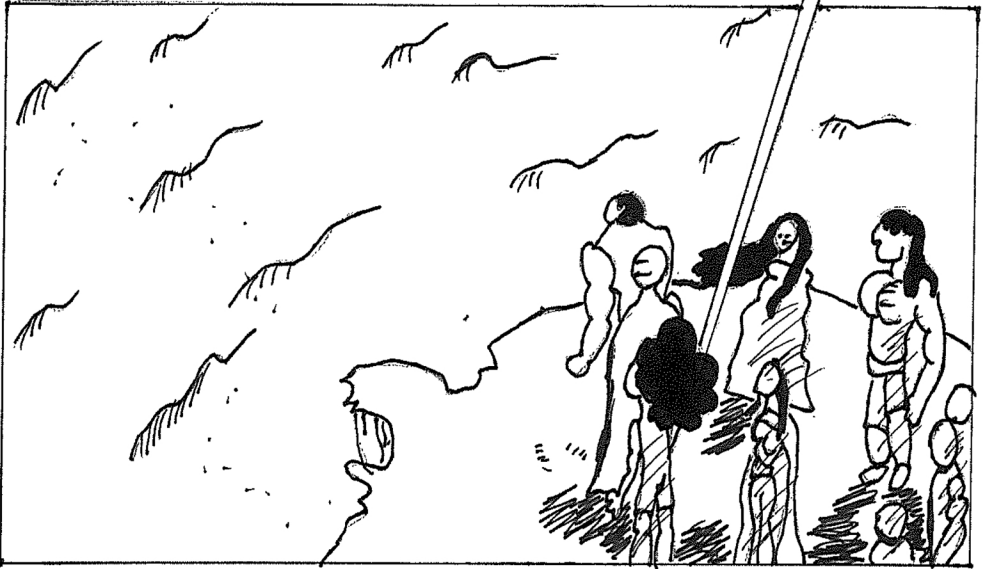
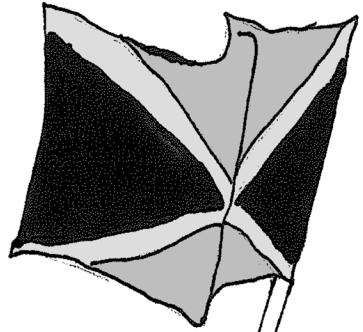
Its spirit reincarnated into the nations national animal... the **HUMMINGBIRD**.



The color of the dragons eye...



...lined the nations flag.



The land was restored to its glorious image; peace took over, until...

...the new century...

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