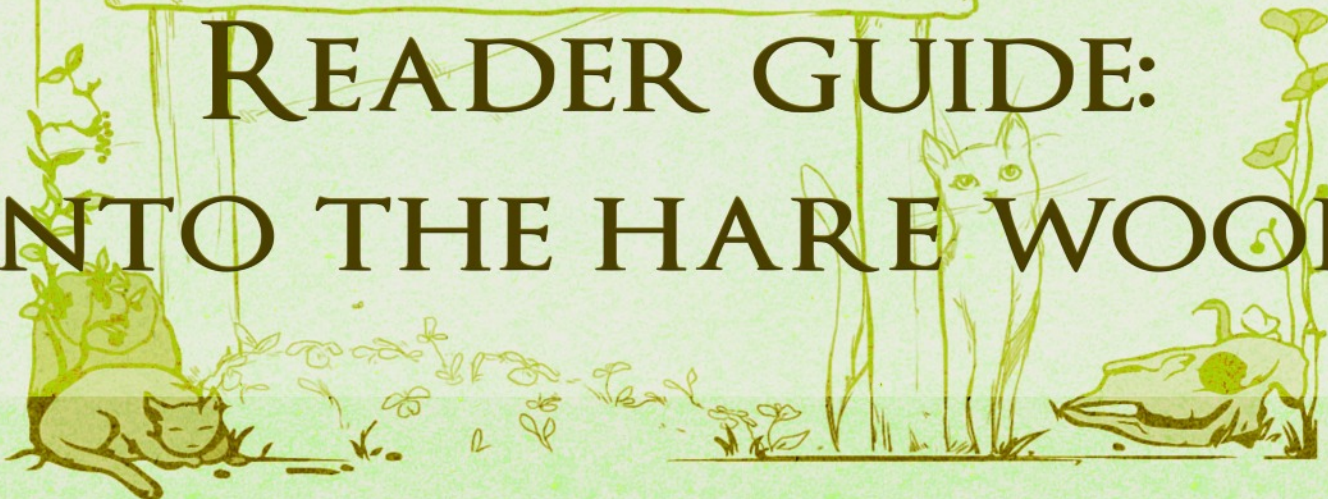


# The Gates of AURORA



READER GUIDE:  
INTO THE HARE WOOD



# Discussion Questions

## Into the Hare Wood,

Book One of The Gates of Auróna Series

written by Tonya Macalino illustrated by Maya Lilova



Something spooky is coming to a backyard in Hillsboro, Oregon...

Today is the first day of summer! But instead of trips to the pool and hikes in the mountains, Hannah and Cameron Troyer find themselves solemnly guarded by ranks of neighborhood cats and haunted by a mad man from the woods.

Could there be something their Italian father forgot to tell them about their ancient heritage?

*"CLANG, CLANG, CLANG:  
THE SWORD AGAINST THE GOLDEN GATE.  
THE TREASURE WAITS WITHIN."*

The following pages are for you, dear reader.

Each of us connects to the world in our own unique way.

Some of us gather to chat over tea or on a walk. Some of us sit in our hidden bowers and write or draw out what is in our minds. Others of us create with Legos™ or clay or Minecraft™ or digital paint or video or camera.

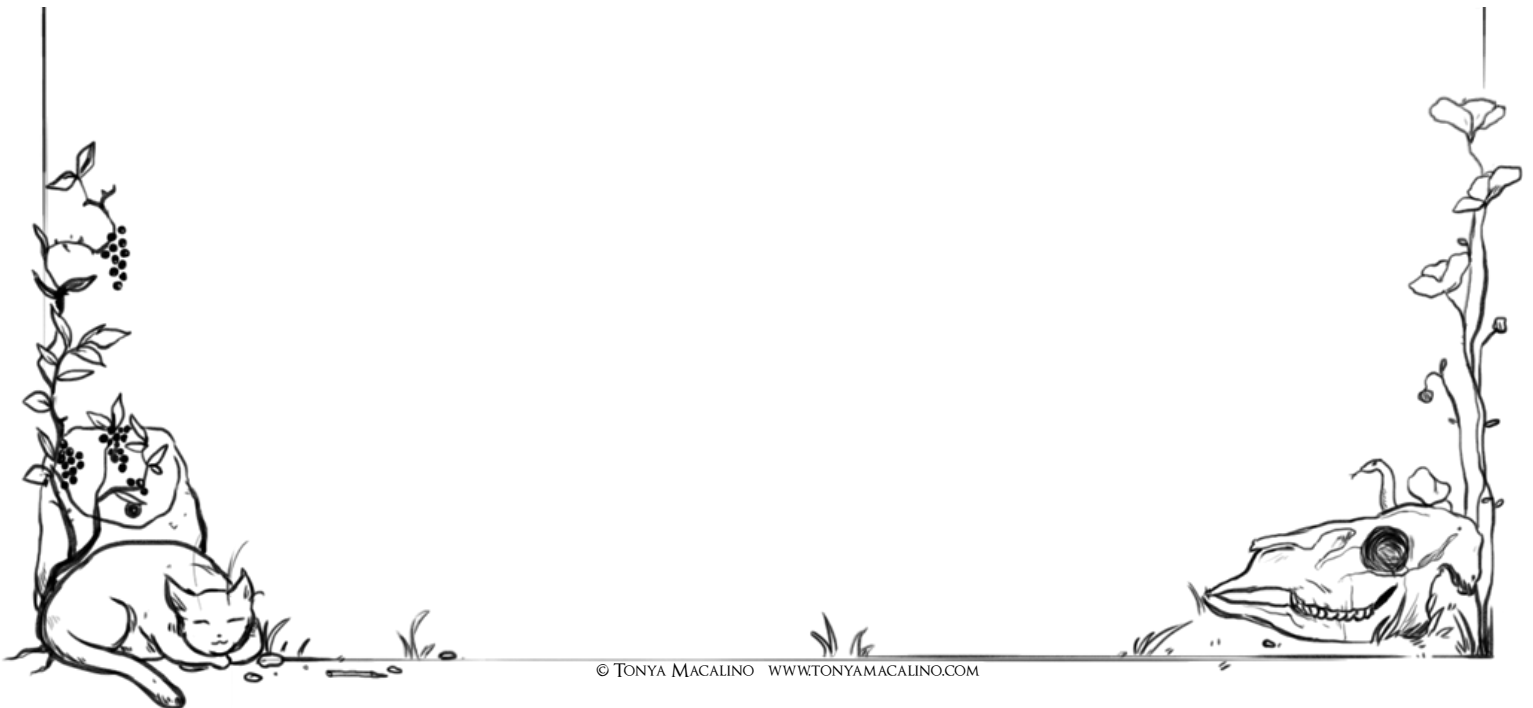
The discussion questions on the following pages can be used for book clubs; amongst friends, family, and classmates; or all by yourself.

Fill these pages with the wild, wild, imaginings of your own creative brain. Maya and I are so excited to see what you discover!



# Question One:

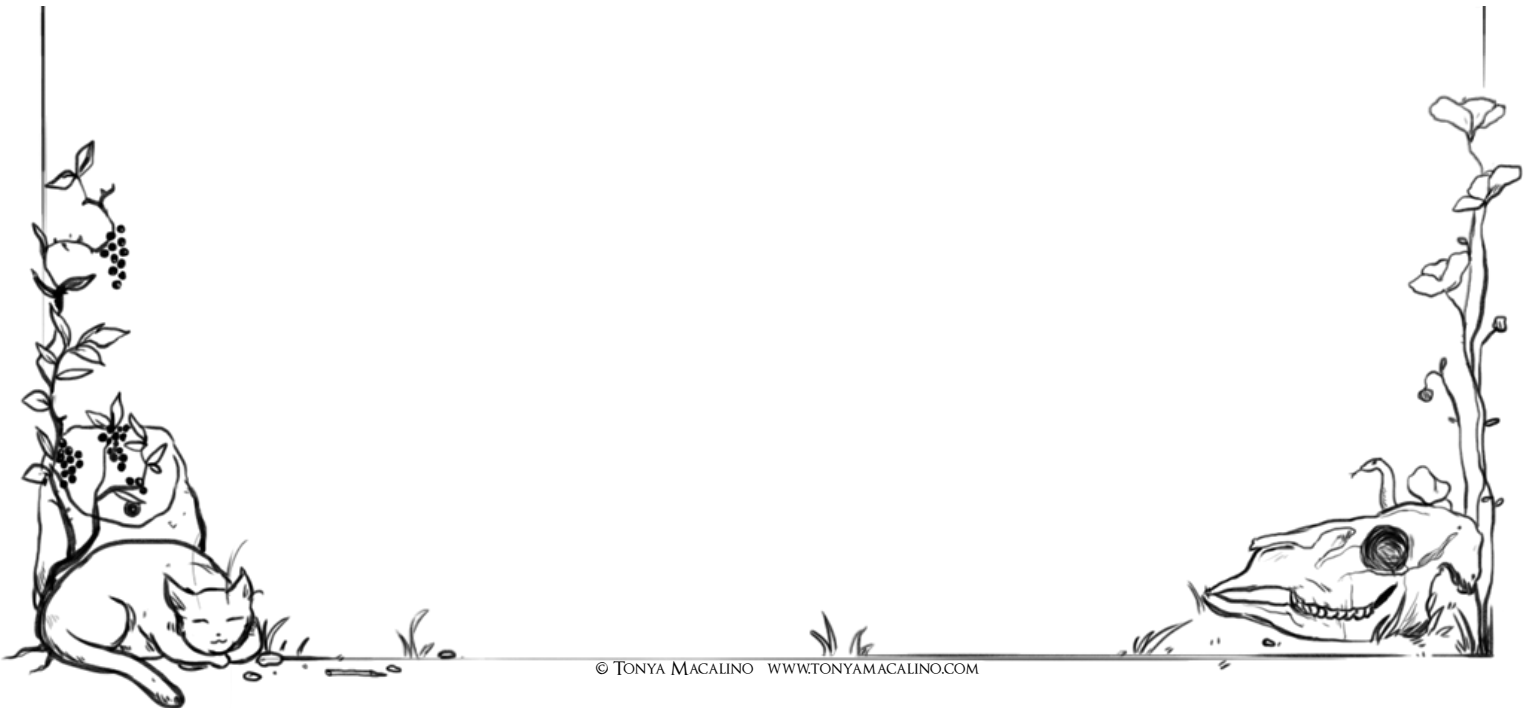
HANNAH IS VERY LONELY IN THE BEGINNING OF THE BOOK. WHEN YOU ARE LONELY, WHAT DO YOU DO TO FEEL BETTER?

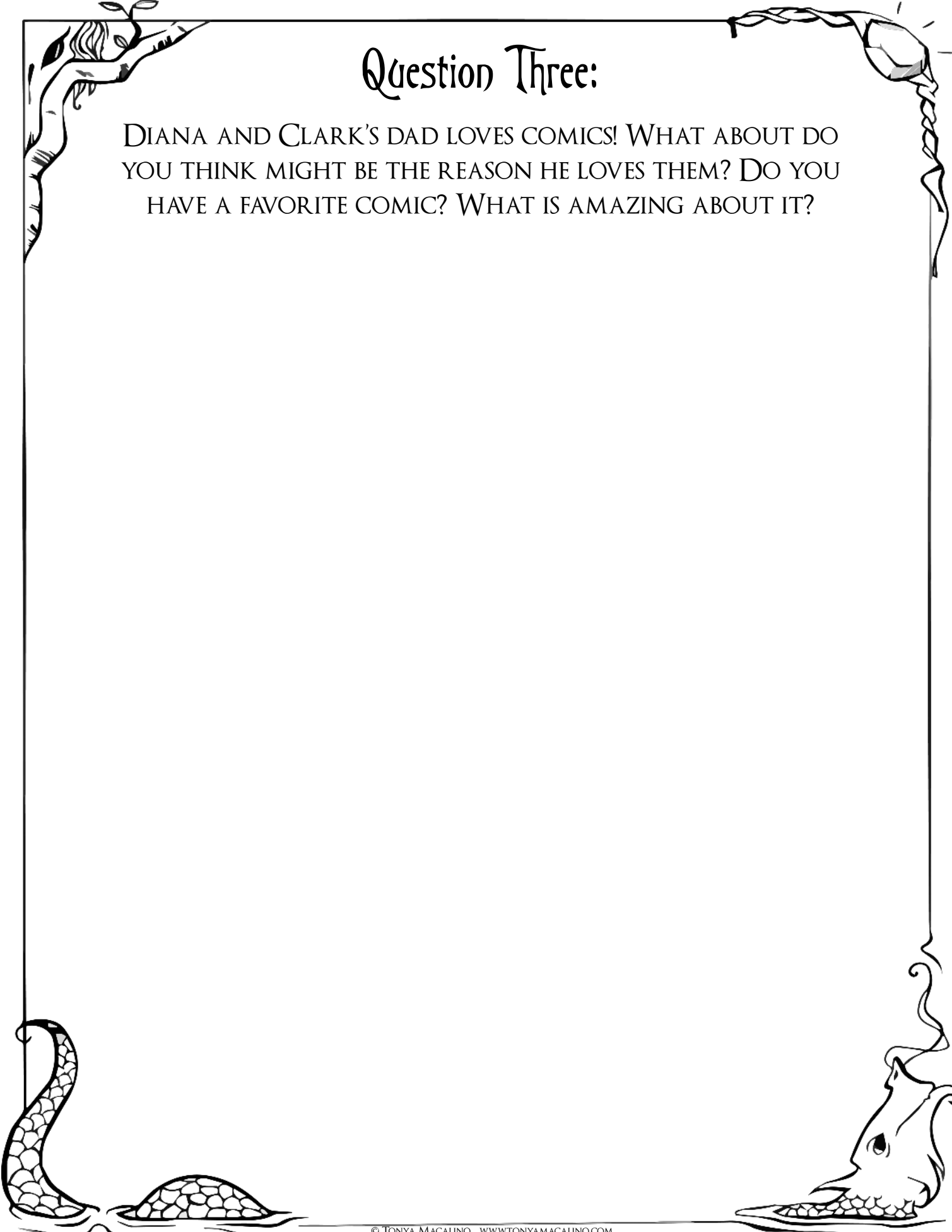




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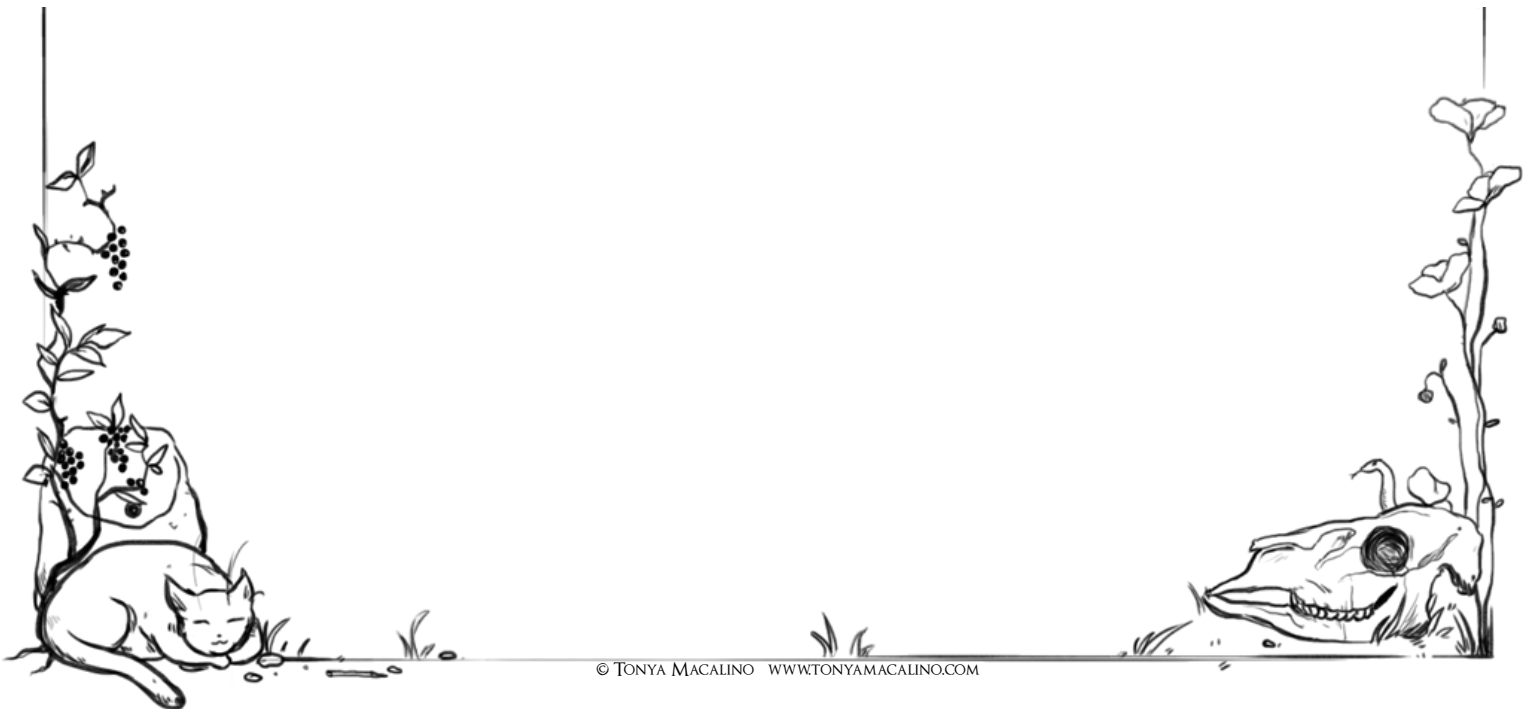
HANNAH AND CAMERON LOVE FEELING  
CONNECTED TO THE OLD MEMORIES IN THE  
SCHOOLHOUSE. IS THERE AN OLD BUILDING OR PLACE  
THAT YOU FIND COMFORTING? WHERE AND WHY?





## Question Three:

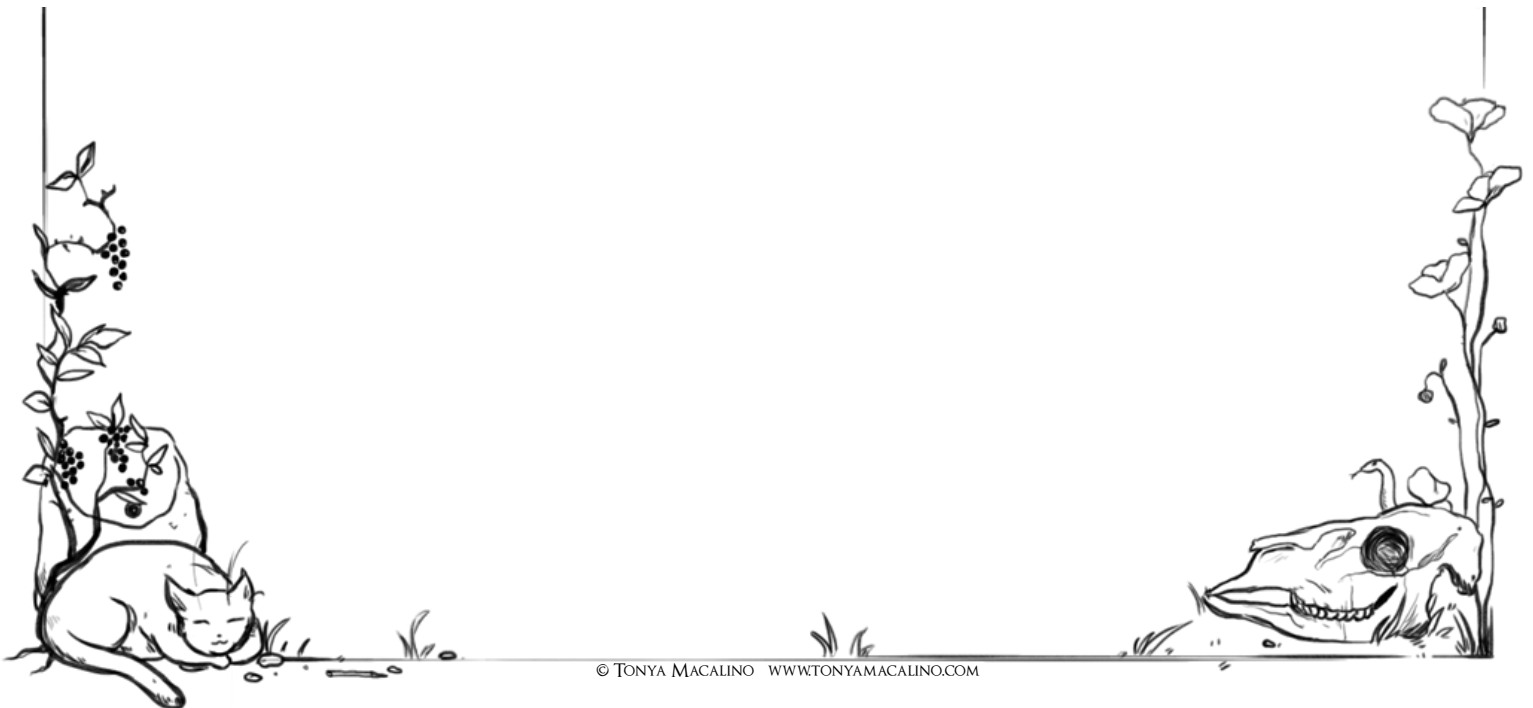
HANNAH BUILT A BOWER IN THE BLACKBERRY BRAMBLES AS A PLACE WHERE SHE COULD BE ALONE AND THINK AND DO HER ART. DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE ALL OF YOUR OWN? IF YOU DO, WHAT IS IT LIKE? IF YOU DON'T, WHAT WOULD YOUR BOWER BE LIKE?





## Question Four:

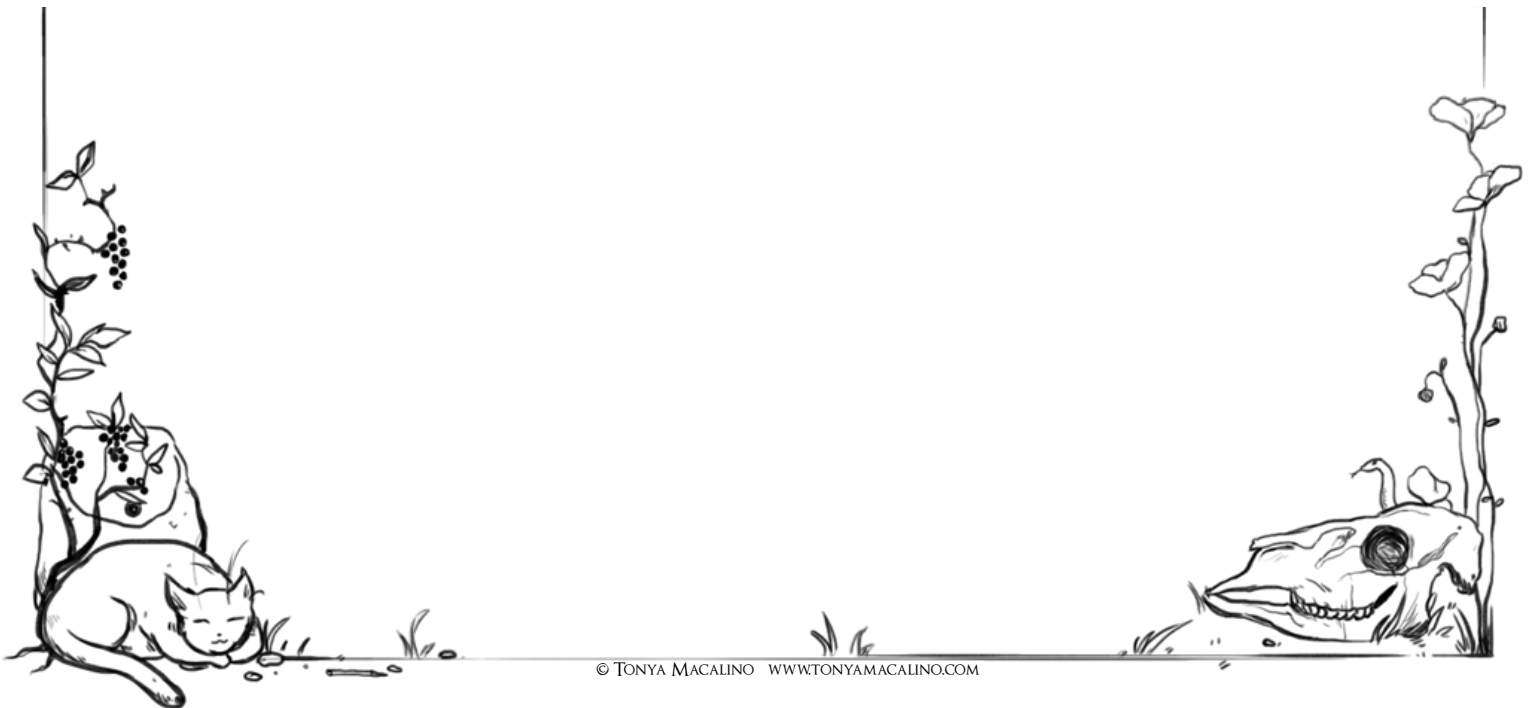
WHEN HANNAH AND CAMERON CAN'T SLEEP IN THE STORM, THEY USE THE MAGIC WAND AND THE DREAM STONE TO HELP CLEAR AWAY THEIR FEARS. DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL OBJECT THAT HELPS CHASE AWAY YOUR FEARS? WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU CAN'T FALL ASLEEP?





## Question Five:

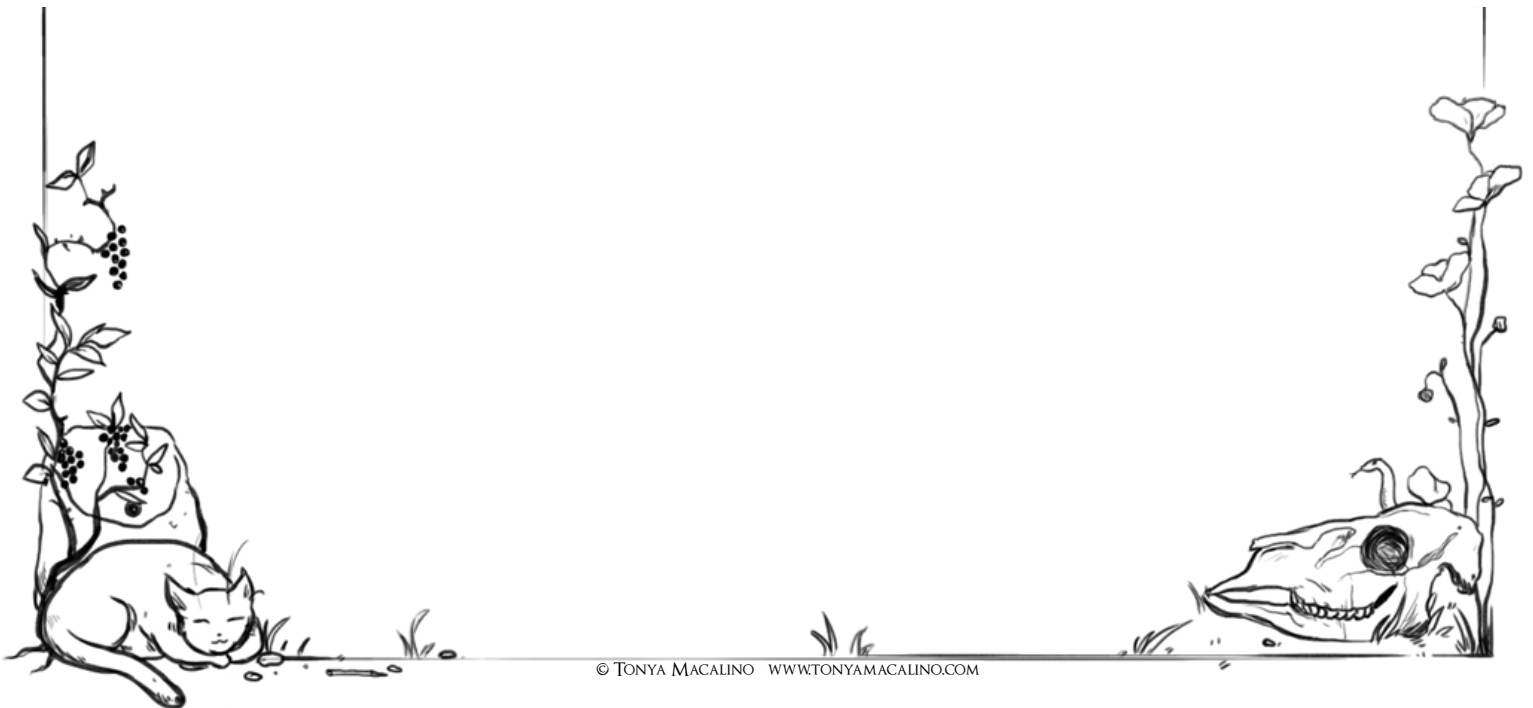
DO YOU KNOW WHAT COUNTRY / COUNTRIES  
YOUR FAMILY COMES FROM? DO YOU KNOW HOW  
YOUR FAMILY ENDED UP LIVING WHERE THEY ARE  
TODAY?





## Question Six:

DO YOU KNOW ANY STORIES OR LEGENDS THAT WERE SPECIAL TO YOUR ANCESTORS? HOW MIGHT YOU FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE STORIES?

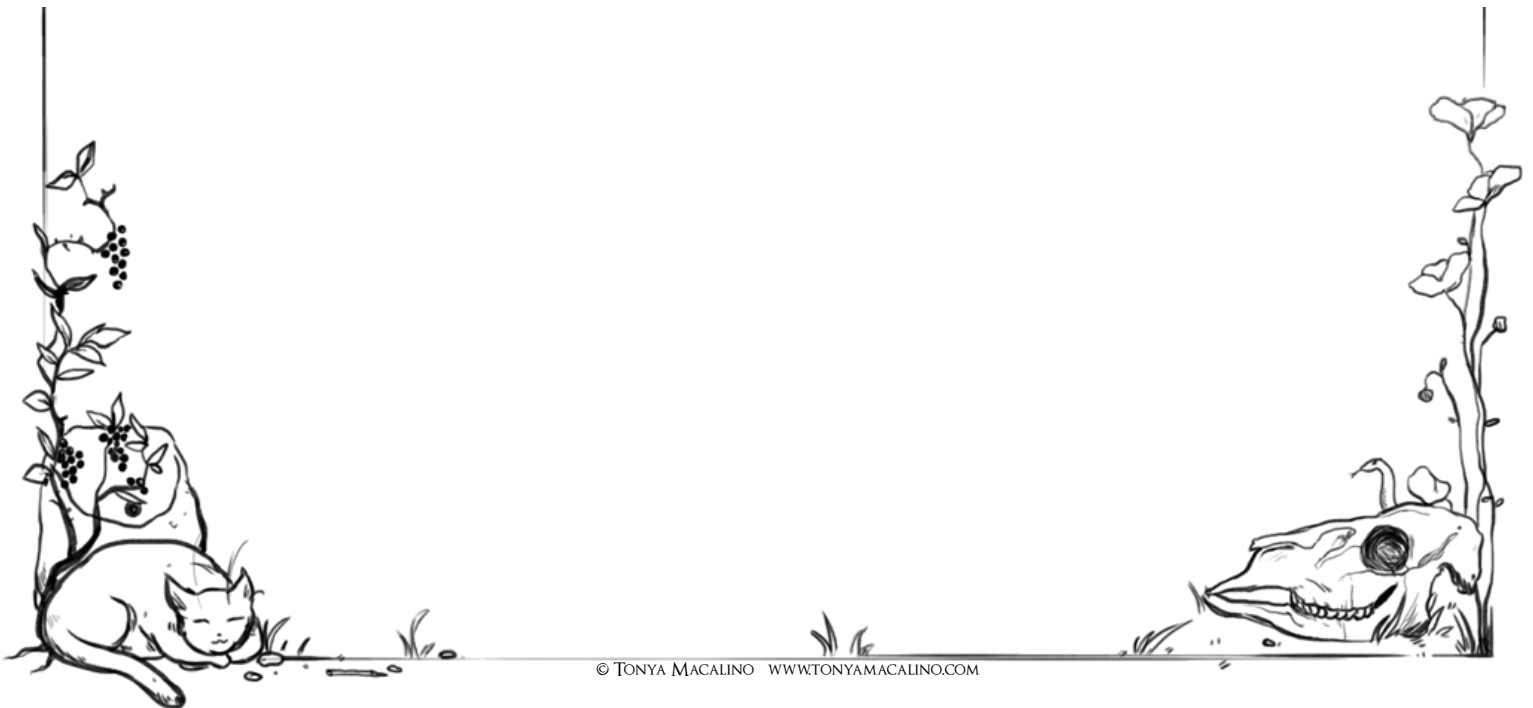






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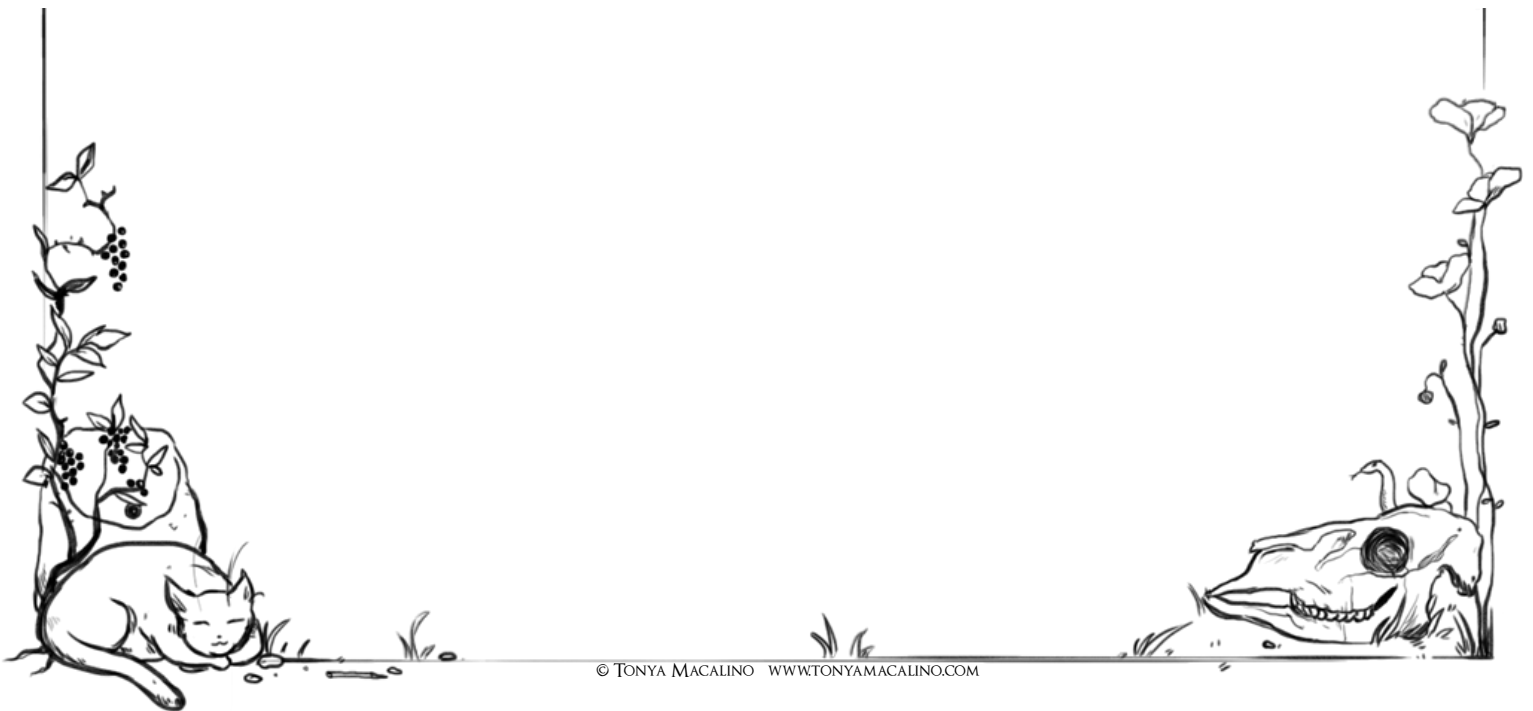
WHY MIGHT HANNAH THINK THAT HER MOTHER IS MORE SCARED ABOUT THE SCARY GUY IN THE WOODS THAN HANNAH HERSELF IS? IS THIS TRUE?





## Question Eight:

SHOULD THE TROYERS HAVE FOLLOWED LION KITTY  
OUT INTO THE BACKYARD WHEN SPINA DE MUL  
ATTACKED? WHY?





## Question Nine:

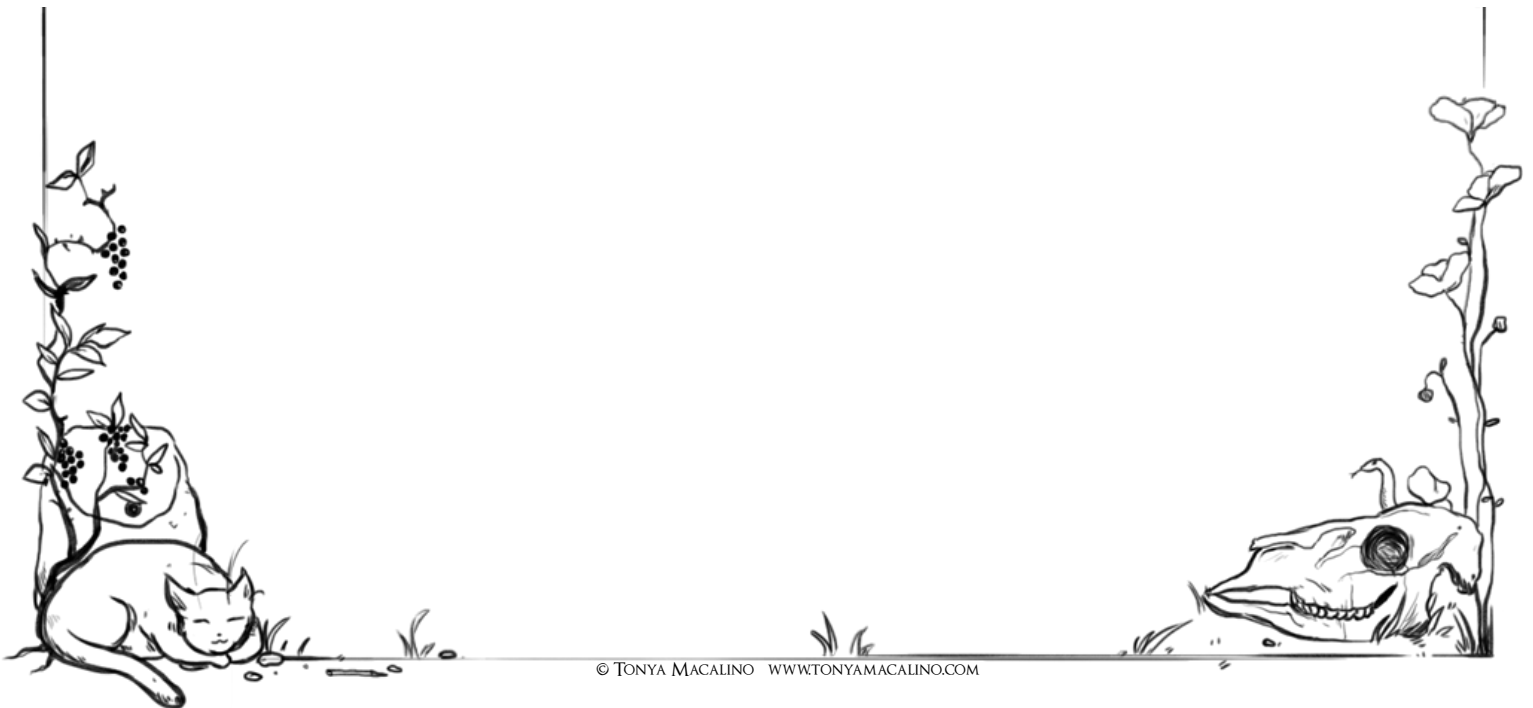
THE TROYERS JOKE THAT NO ONE REALLY WANTS TO BE ORDINARY. IS THIS TRUE? WHAT MAKES YOU EXTRAORDINARY?



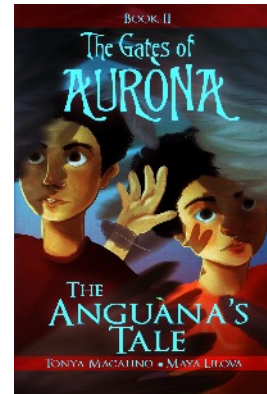
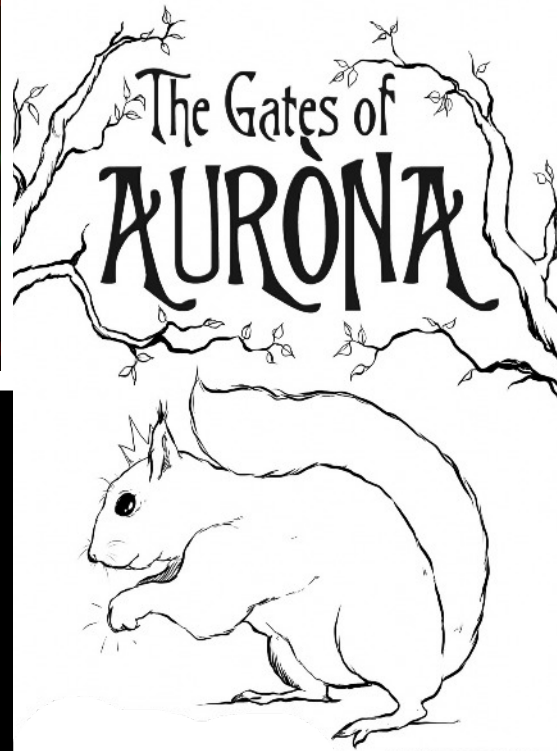


# Question Ten:

WOULD YOU WANT THE MAGIC TO BE REAL? WHY  
OR WHY NOT?



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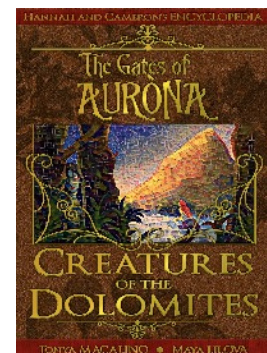
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