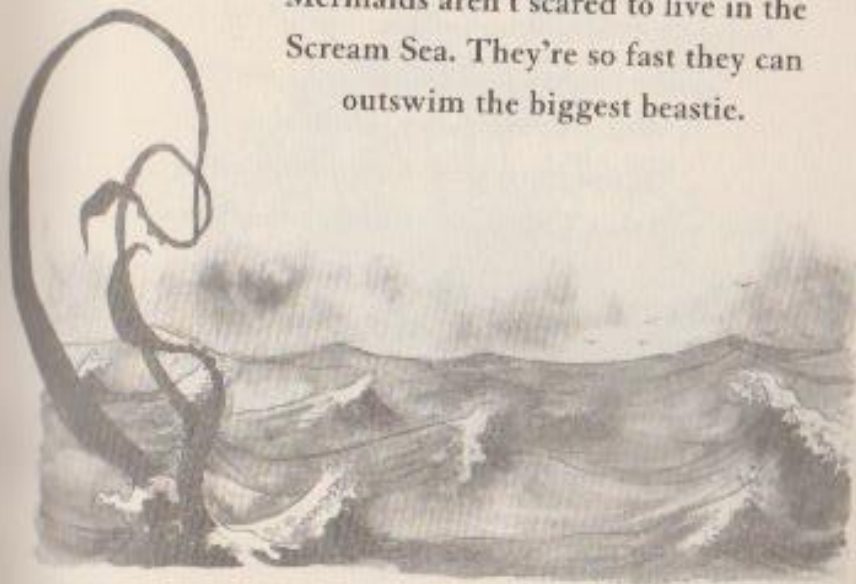


Let's read Chapter 11 and see what is happening to Raven Boy and Elf Girl!



ELEVEN

Mermaids aren't scared to live in the
Scream Sea. They're so fast they can
outswim the biggest beastie.



Raven Boy woke up.

That was the first surprising thing,
because the last thing he remembered was
plunging underwater for the hundredth time,
thinking he was about to drown, along with Elf
Girl and Rat.

He blinked.

The second surprising thing was that he
was dry. Bone dry. A little too warm, if anything.

And thirdly, he was sitting on a sandy beach.
He blinked again, like a bird, and turned
to see Elf Girl looking at him.

She blinked like an Elf Girl.

'Well, that was lucky,' she said.

Rat squeaked from Raven Boy's other
side, and then hopped up onto his head. Just to
say hello.

'Where are we?' asked Raven Boy.

'On an island, I think.'

'Not Blackheart Isle?'

'No, I don't think so,' said Elf Girl. 'It
looks too small for that.'

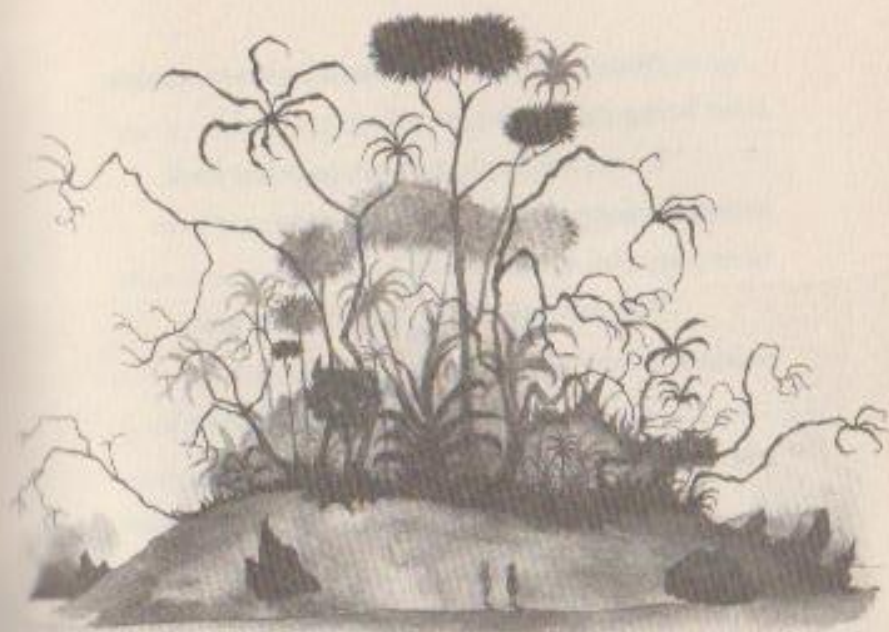
Raven Boy stood up and looked about.

There was the sea, still wild and rough,
and Raven Boy gasped as he saw the waves were
almost red in colour.

'Look! It must be the waters of Scream
Sea,' he said.

Behind him was a small island, small
enough to almost see all around. The middle of
the island was covered in a jungle of sinister-
looking trees.

'Let's explore,' said Raven Boy. So they



did, setting off along the beach, and half an hour
later, they found their own footprints again.

'It's an island!' said Raven Boy.

Elf Girl groaned. 'We knew that!'

'Anyway,' said Raven Boy, 'what are we
going to do? We've been washed up on a desert
island; we could be anywhere!'

'Maybe it's time to blow Molo's whistle
now.'

'No, I feel sure that's for something more
serious.'

'More serious! What could be more serious than being marooned on a desert island?'

'Look, we ought to have another look around before we panic. Maybe someone lives here – maybe someone can help us.'

'Where?' cried Elf Girl. 'We've just walked all around it.'

'Yes,' said Raven Boy. 'But we haven't tried in there.'

He nodded at the jungle that covered the middle of the island.

'At least, I might find an animal to talk to, work out where we are and how to get away.'

'And how are we going to get away? Ask a big parrot to carry us?'

'There's no need to be sarcastic,' said Raven Boy. 'Maybe we can build a raft! There are trees, after all!'

Elf Girl rolled her eyes, but Raven Boy ignored her and set off up the beach, towards the trees. Rat scampered along after him, excited to be back on land, with lots of new things to sniff.

Elf Girl rolled her eyes again and then

felt it was a waste because no one was there to see it, and trudged after the other two.

They hadn't got far.

The trees were packed so tightly together that it was difficult to force a way through.

'This is stupid,' moaned Elf Girl.

'Elf Girl,' said Raven Boy, 'you are not being very positive today. Maybe you could say nothing, if you can't say anything helpful.'

Elf Girl muttered something that he didn't hear.

'Pardon?' he asked.

'Nothing,' said Elf Girl. 'You're right. It's just that we're stuck on this island, and I've lost my bow and then there's the Goblin King thing.'

'What?' asked Raven Boy, who'd been crashing through a branch and hadn't heard.

'The Goblin King! We still don't know what to do, or where to go, or anything.'

Raven Boy agreed, but he didn't want to upset her any more, so he just



nodded, and pushed on into the jungle.

'We might find some fruit to eat,' he said. 'That would be a start.'

And then, they stumbled out from the trees and found themselves in a clearing.

There, stood a funny little shack.

'You were saying?' asked Raven Boy, feeling pleased with himself.

Elf Girl sighed.

'All right, Smart Beak, you win. Let's have a look.'

Raven Boy nodded.

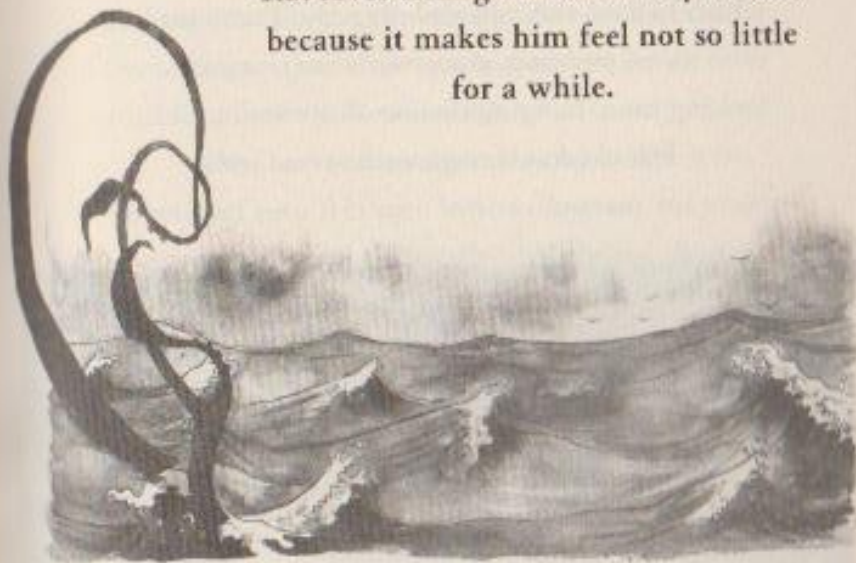
'But Raven Boy! Be careful! It could be dangerous.'

He nodded again.

As it turned out, Elf Girl was, as so often, right.

TWELVE

Rat loves sitting on Raven Boy's head,
because it makes him feel not so little
for a while.



The shack had a single room, and even that had only two walls and a roof. What kept the roof from falling down was a wooden post in the corner where the two missing walls would have met.

It had a wooden floor and even a tatty piece of carpet on it, and standing on the floor was a very old and beaten-up armchair, a table, and a bed pushed against one of the walls. One

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

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V What does the 'marooned' mean?

I How is Elf Girl feeling in this chapter? Find one or two quotes to support your idea.

P What do you think will happen next?

E Explain why Raven Boy was surprised.

R What did Elf girl say that was sarcastic?

S Summarise this chapter in 3 points.

VOCABULARY LABORATORY

Explain meaning / Definition:

Use in a sentence (add picture too):

Modifications:

Modify to past tense, present, plural
singular, add prefix or suffix etc.
How many forms can you think of?

agree

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Synonyms

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