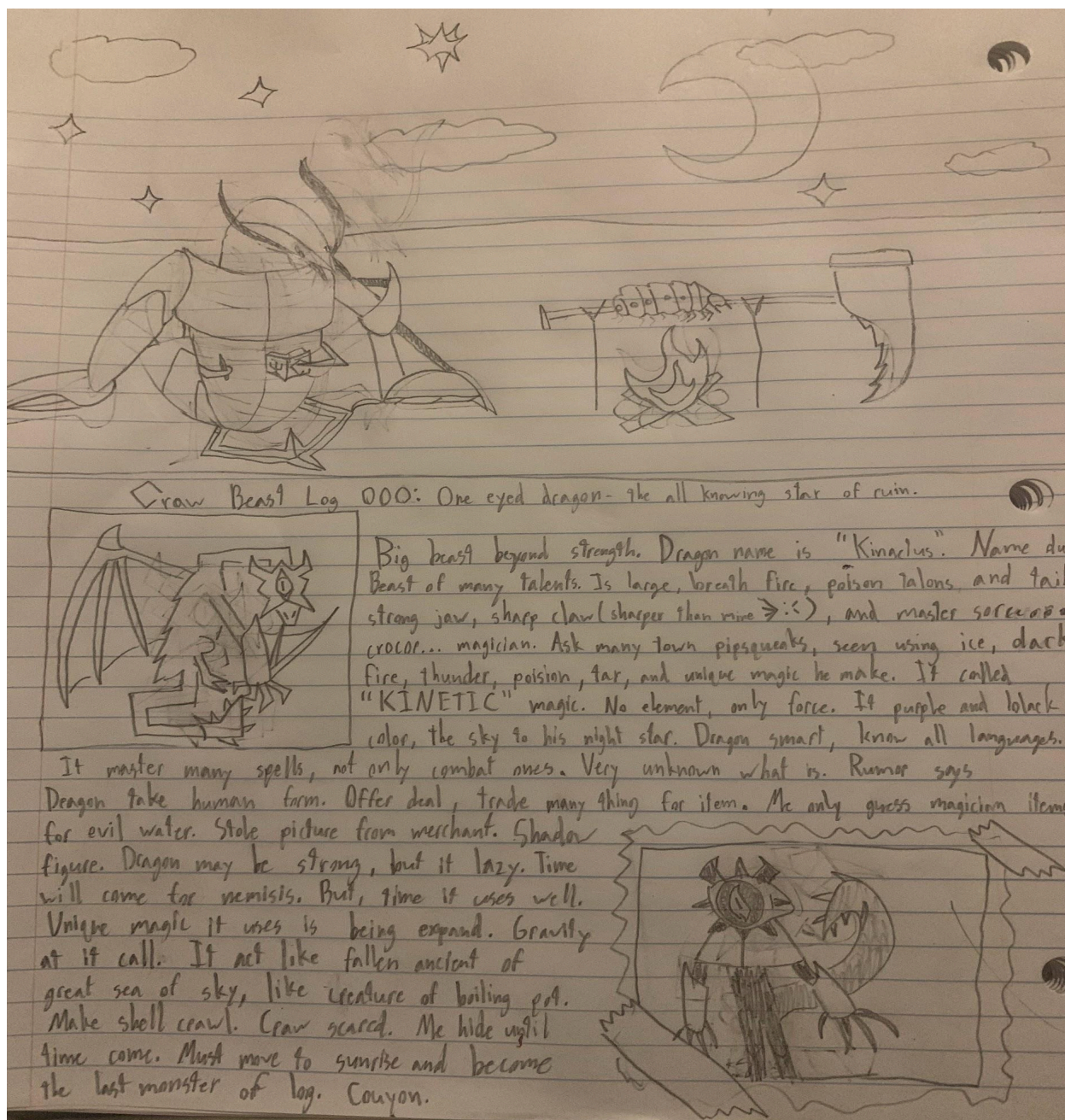


Tab 1

Chapter 1: New Beginnings, The Search For The Seven Star Of Ruin



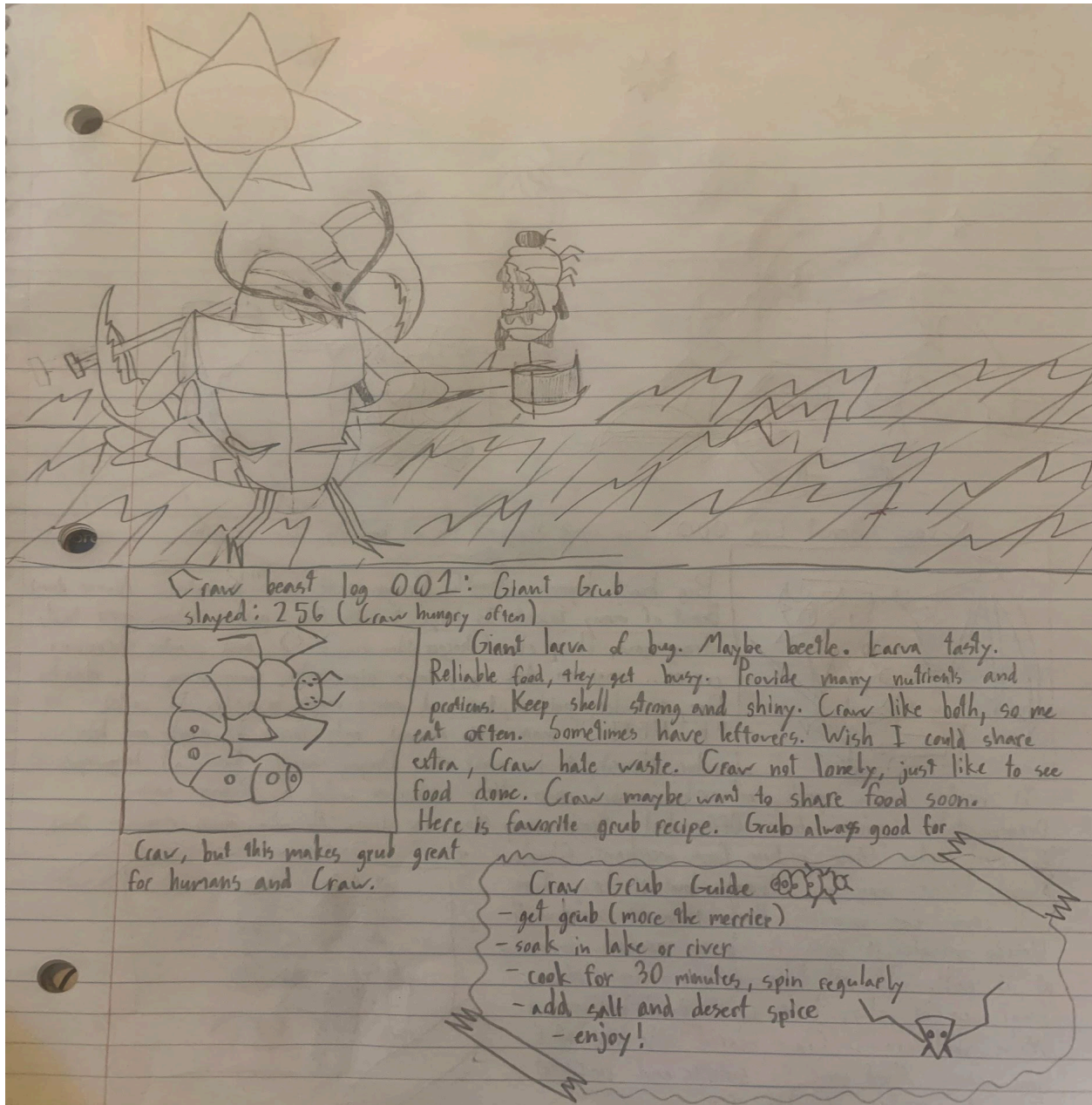
Craw Beast Log 000: Kinactus, the All Knowing 7 Pointed Star of Ruin
 Threat Level: 20+ star (Kinactus)

Another night of troubled sleep. Vile beast beyond strength. Name of dragon is "Kinactus".
 Name dumb. Memories of beast of many talents. Large as shadow of largest tree. Seven

twisted horn surround glaring eye of beast. One large eye like slash of purple over ultra dark night. Craw never forget stare. Beast have many capabilities. Breath fire, poison talons, inescapable maw, sharp claws (sharper than mine), and master sorcer... corner... magician. Pipsqueak humans also have stories of vile dragon. Tinies say dragon master of fire, ice, thunder, poison, tar, night, and dragon's specialty, Kinetic magic. Dragon said to be as smart as powerful. Dragon even has gravity under it malevolent heel. Writer of this is Craw, mighty Crawfish warrior. Ten year ago, Kinactus attack Craw and burn surrounding to ash. During attack, Vile Dragon cut arm off, and no able grow back, even after many molts. Wounded, Craw take what left of old arm and flee, while Dragon gaze at Craw with curiosity. Craw run, with fear in heart, and land in old cave. Craw hide for many day. After long time, Craw wake up with renewed purpose. First, Craw find old digging equipment. Craw take arm of machine and make new arm. Next, Craw take old arm and make new. Old Craw prideful, only use claws. New Craw logical, use weapon for range, and only material strong enough for Craw weapon is Craw own self. Craw turn old claw into hammer. Finally, Craw climb out of hole with new purpose, find Kinactus and put dragon in ground. Earliest thing Craw remember, been 10 years since day. Craw survive, and survive well. As night approach, Craw wonder through many lands, finally, Craw think Craw find area where vile dragon is. Dragon will haunt Craw no longer soon enough. When Craw reach continent, Craw ask local fishing village. After Craw find local not scared of Craw, local say Kinactus roams these lands often. Local even say Kinacus take human form to make deal like vile snake. Local also give Craw notebook for good luck. Craw decide to use book as beast log, so Craw no need remember how take down beasts. Need space for important thought, like how cook giant grub. Craw hope that once nemesis is put in ground, Craw will be mightiest beast in log. Or Craw just couyon.

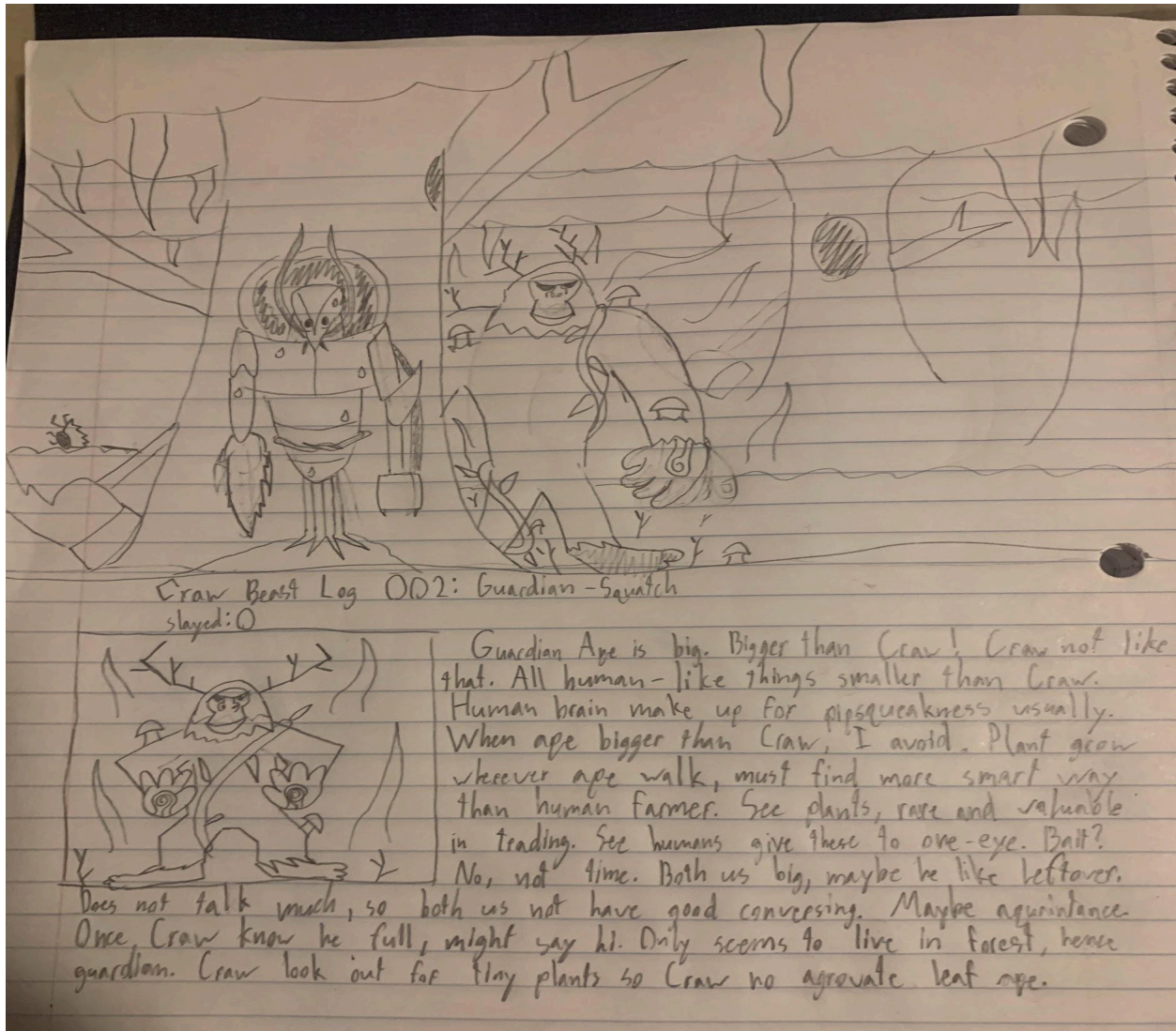
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Craw Beast Log 001: Giant Grub
 Threat Level: 1 star (neutral)
 Hunted: 432 (Craw hungry often)

Giant green larva of bug, maybe beetle, not sentient. Have many tiny legs on top of body, drag lower body on ground. Have large red spots on body. Slimy, yet very tasty. Reliable food, grub like rabbits, no explain further. Bug provide many nutrients and proteins. Keep shell strong and shiny. Craw like both, so eat grub often. Sometimes Craw have leftovers. Sometimes, Craw wish leftovers could be shared. Craw not lonely, Craw just hate waste. Bug too good to get wasted. Craw maybe try share food soon. Here favorite grub recipe. Grub always taste great, but this make grub taste best. Grub for everyone Craw says.

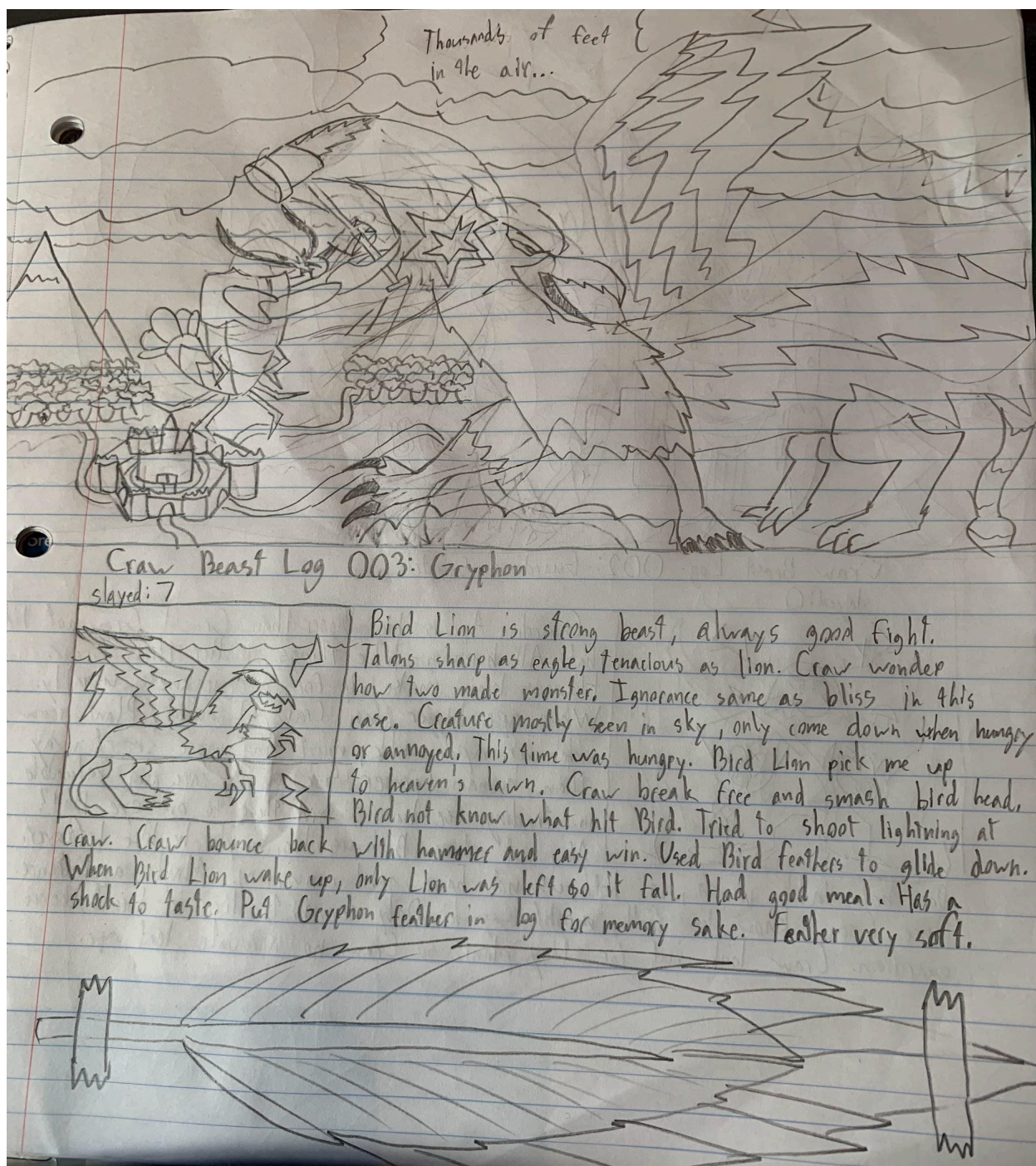


Craw Beast Log 002: Guardian Squatch

Threat Level: ? star (neutral?)

Slayed: 0

Craw enter forest after almost done with meal. Craw hear strange noise. Craw ready for fight, but primal fear take Craw over. Craw hide behind tree and see large ape figure. Once ape get closer, Craw get good look. Cover with white fur, shimmers like lake shined with moonlight. Strange symbols on hands, glows like running river. Many plants and mushrooms cover ape, extremely verdant. With every step, plants grow. Forest look like it bow to ape. Upon closer look, wood antlers adorn ape head. Craw look back at ground, Craw not recognize plants. Craw remember vile dragon go into human form to do faustian trades, maybe plant can be used as bait. No, too risky. Maybe talk to ape, us both big, have that in common. Maybe make sure ape is full first. Also seem quiet, not good conversationalist. Craw look back and see no more ape. No take any plants, angry ape not good for Craw.



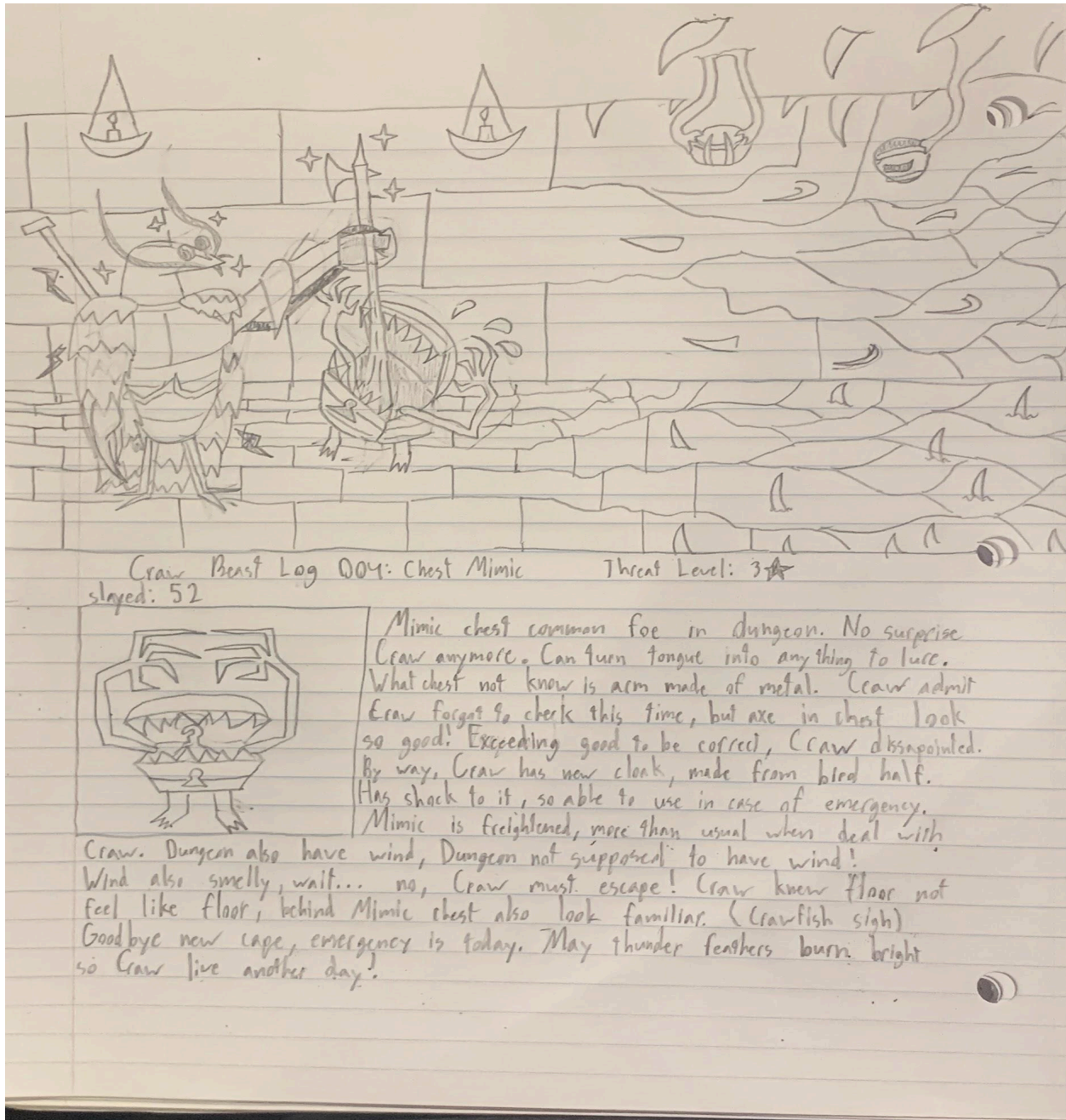
Craw Beast Log 003: Gryphon

Threat Level: 12 star (neutral)

Slayed: 14

Craw escape forest quick. All seem well, until sky shadow cover Craw. Craw think shadow cloud at first, until shadow get Craw and bring into air. Shadow turn out to be mighty Gryphon. Gryphon powerful predator of sky. Front half covered with feathers as white as clouds. Look like eagle. Front half also have sharp claws, great for grabbing CRAW WHO MINDING OWN

BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS. Craw lose temper, anyway, bottom half look like lion. Properly groomed and without single knot. Even half cat still cat Craw suppose. On back of bird cat is two powerful wings covered with large feathers. Craw note feathers very soft and fashionable, but also sturdy and practical. Feathers also have huge electric power, Gryphon command thunder like how Craw command blunt force. As Craw saying, Craw get lifted high into air. Craw know Gryphon well, so Craw act plan. Craw burst out of grip of Gyphon. Gryphon charge back at Craw, only to get knocked out by hammer. While Gryphon stunned, Craw swing to back of Gryphon and pluck all feathers from wings. Craw turn feathers into nice cape, and use cape to glide down safe. Once Gryphon wake up, bird cat realize no flight happening, then gravity do work for Craw. Once Craw land, Craw bury Gryphon meat for later, Craw not hungry now. Craw like new cape, not only look nice, but also have power. Gryphon feathers course with electricity, so if in pinch, Craw can use feathers to power up hammer for one mighty blow. Only bad part is once Craw use feather powers, feathers turn into ash, so Craw only use in life or death emergency. But Craw Confident that event like that not happen soon, Craw have good intuition.



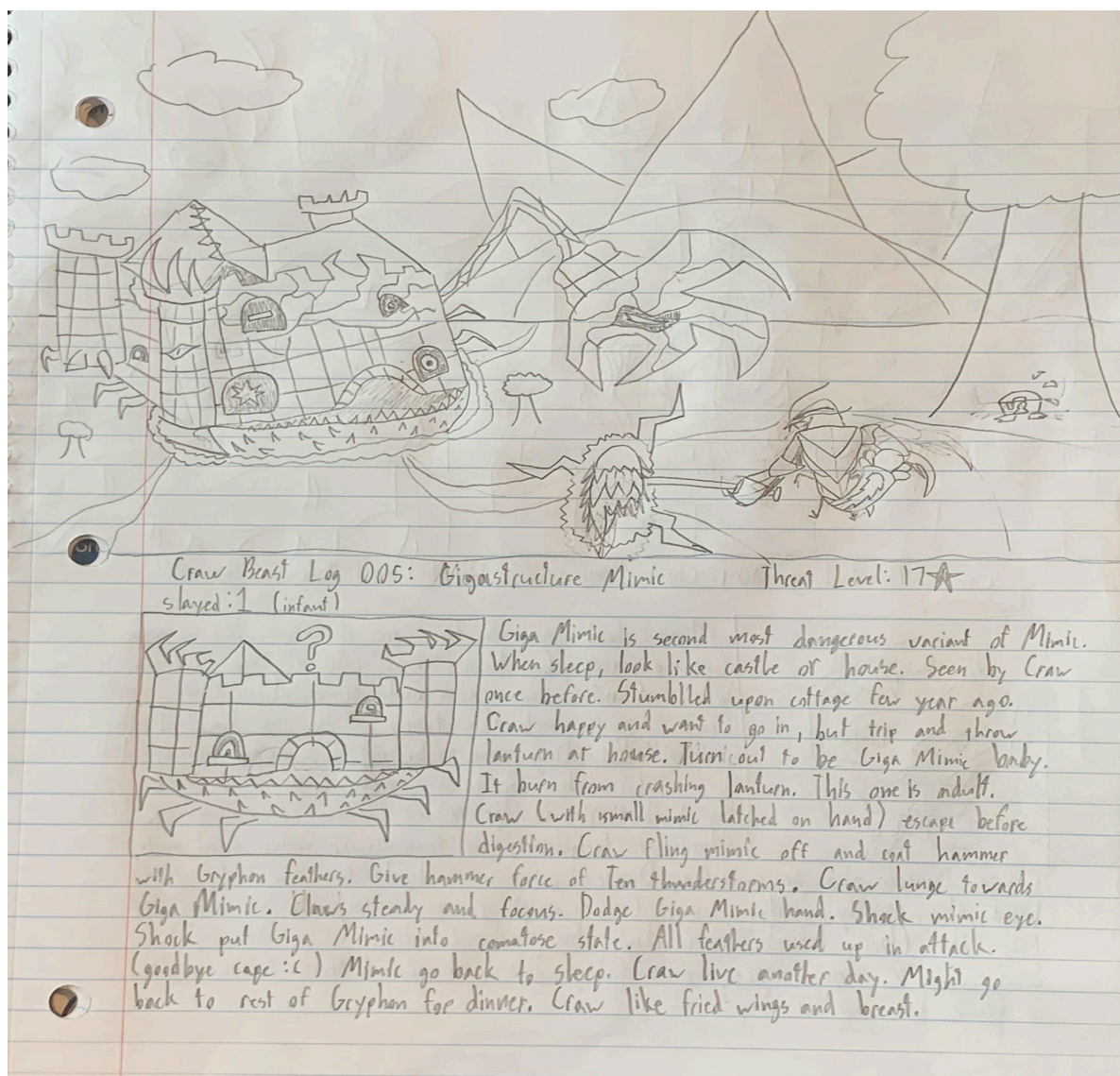
Craw Beast Log 004: Chest Mimic

Threat Level: 3 star (neutral)

Slayed: 52

Craw find self in dungeon. In middle of road, make sense people would build near public routes. Craw step inside. Craw must be prepared for adventure ahead, land clearly brimming with beasts. Craw not not like that, good meal variety, but also mean Craw must be best to get dinner. Since Craw already have dinner secured for next few nights, is best for Craw to explore and get new equipment. Hammer very good, but variety also nice. Dungeons like this have large amount of loot. Something seem off about dungeon little bit. Stone floor softer than Craw think

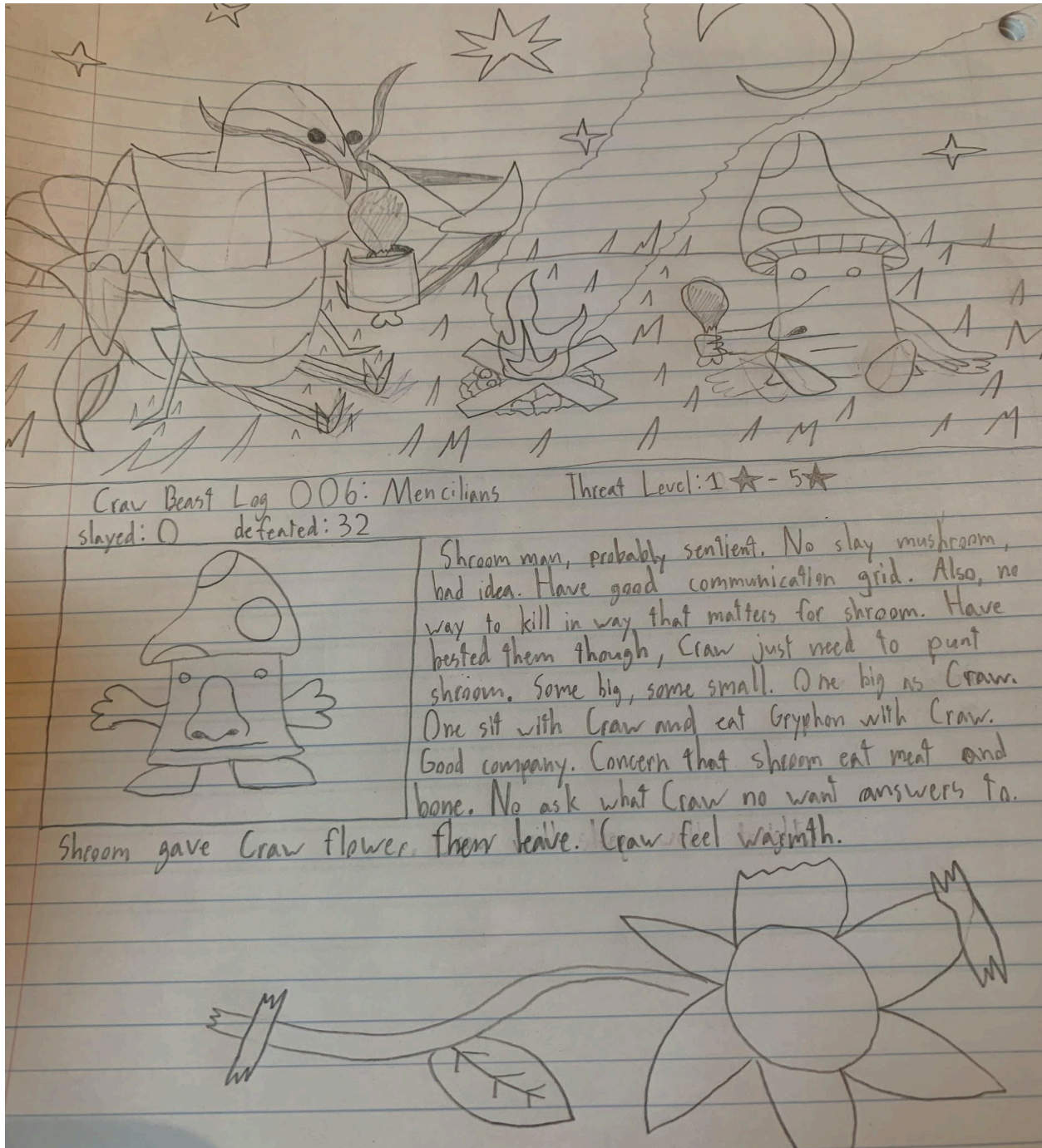
floor supposed to be. Guess lack of maintenance do that. Mold become enemy number one once this all done with in Craw house. Well, house probably made of mud, but still, moss not best. Anyway, Craw see large chest ahead of self. Not only that, but look like cool axe in chest. Usually, Craw be more careful, but axe look mint condition. Seem like great food tool. Craw rush forward and observe axe in air. Axe seem a little wet and soft, also Craw hear screeching downward. Turn out Craw duped by mimic. Oof, that not good look. First thing any warrior worth salt know is always check for mimic. Weak in straight up fight, but excellent ambush predator. Best way to tell if chest is chest mimic is to see if wood look right. Mimic only look like it made of wood, so skin texture not exactly match. Craw arm would have been mimic lunch, if arm Craw use not made of metal. Ouch, that what Craw call jawbreaker, with no flavor too. Craw know that mimic must have toothache, but mimic seem more stressed than necessary. Might be shock. Craw disappointed that no axe found, but go further always action. Except... wait. Dungeon have wind in halls, but no door or window in sight. Wall also seem to be... pulsing. Same trick with mimic wood also seem apply to walls and floor as well. Wait... Craw see this before. Craw must escape. *crawfish sigh* Goodbye new dapper cape, but life is at line. May feathers burn so that Craw's light burn another day!



Craw Beast Log 005: Gigastructure Mimic
 Threat Level: 17 star (Kinactus)
 Slayed: 1 (infant)

Craw run outside, safe and sound. Craw look back to see dungeon morphing into large creature. Craw have experience with this type of beast. This is gigastructure mimic. Mimic that hides as entire building instead of measly chest. Craw guess mimic filter feeds like whale. Craw see this one time before. Few years ago, Craw was wondering in dark forest in between village and pond. Craw have lantern to find way. In travel, Craw see small cottage. Craw was very excited and about to go into house to sleep, but Craw slip on mud. Craw's lantern flew toward cottage. Cottage scream and burn alive. Turn out to be infant gigastructure mimic. But this one no baby. This adult giga mimic. As Giga Mimic fully wake up, stone pattern become like veins, and window become hollow eyes with bright glare. Towers reach out and morph into large hand with eyes. Craw know plan well. Craw take off new cloak and wrap around hammer, this give

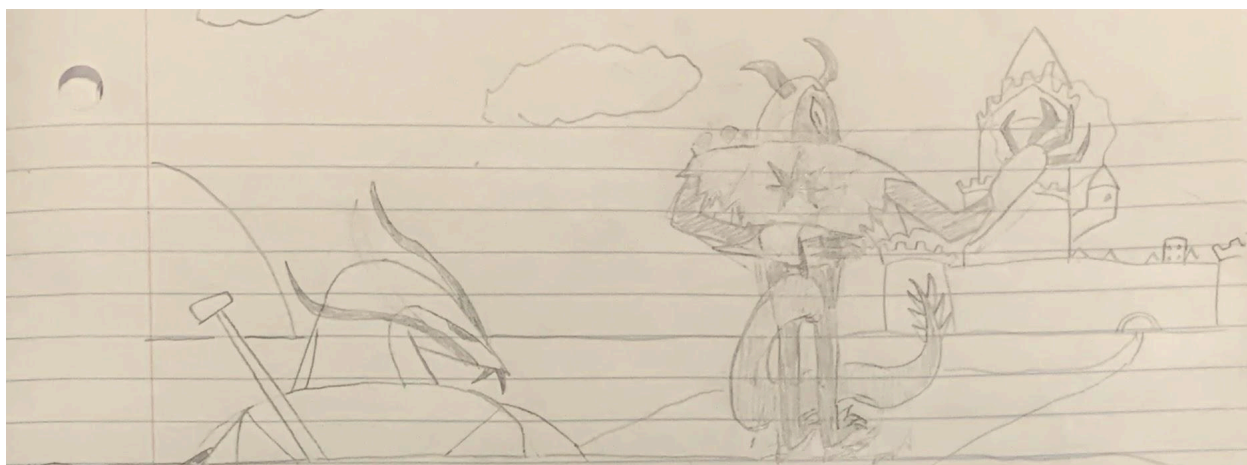
hammer power of many thunderstorms. As giant hand approach Craw, Craw juke hand and sprint towards Mimic face. Once Craw get close enough, Craw use powered up hammer to hit Giga Mimic in eye. This put giant mimic back into state of sleep. All gryphon feathers used up in big attack. Goodbye cool cape. At least Craw live another day, now Craw hungry. Gryphon would taste very nice, especially wings and thigh.



Craw Beast Log 006: Mencilians
 Threat Level: 1-5 star (neutral)
 Slayed:0 Bested: 32

Craw go back to spot where Gryphon meat was and prepare dinner. Cooking Gryphon is hard work, but work pay off well. By time Craw done, sun set and night begin. While Craw eat good meat, Craw see mushroom man approach Craw. Shroom man is known as Mencilians. Have white main body and colorful hat-like part. Have very small eyes, GIANT nose, and small feet

with roots shooting out. Probably sentient, but not entirely sure. Craw see mencilians few times before. Everyone know that it bad idea to kill mencilian. Mushroom have hive-like tetwork underground, so news pread around fast. Defeating one is easy though, mushroom men are very puntable. Craw dislike having too many leftovers, so Craw let Mencilian eat with Craw. Mushroom also seem to eat bone as long as meat. Craw no ask why mushroom eat meat and bone, best not ask question Craw not want answer to. After meal, mushroom give Craw very nice flower. Craw feel warmth.



Crow Beast Log 000-2: The Encounter

One morning Crow see mysterious man. Man is Kinactus in human form. Time is now for retribution.

C: Stop Dragon, time is now to even score.

K: Curious, a centurion that talks. Name your business with me, for it is not common that one recognizes the all knowing dragon, Kinactus, the mighty seven star of ruin.

C: Look with ugly eye again, you know Crow. Or, maybe lazy one eye not know all.

K: Hmmm... ~~right~~... that prosthetic, yes. It has been a while. Forgive my apathy, I had a day of royal deals ahead of me. It excites me to see you alive and moving. Any lesser creature would have keeled in a ditch after an encounter with I. I will make time for this, those worthless kings can wait with their o so self important, lopsided, offers.

C: No more words, time to die.

K: Ugh... I can't be bothered to fight right now, the miniscule amount of mana it would take to return into my true, superior form would not be worth one grudge match.

C: Then you meet end as pipsqueak, simple enough

K: Oh! It seems I have forgotten that you lack the certain skills required to read inbetween the lines of my intentions. I will put this bluntly, if we fight, I will burn down the entire kingdom over there along with the next capital over as I tear you apart in order to make it worth my energy being expended. I've been wanting to set an example for a while. You don't want that on your hand do you?

C: Fine, but if so easy to crush Crow, and want example, why stay lazy one eye.

K: Why, isn't it obvious! Curiosity. You have far exceeded my expectations for such an inferior species. While you do not hold a candle to me, your ability to fashion yourself an artificial arm, create tools, and strategize has elevated yourself above most aquatic life, heck, I would put you above most humans. A true anomaly, one I must examine with

great interest. It's almost funny, kings, sultans, mighty heroes, and famous scholars beg for me to acknowledge them, only for them to end up as my pawns or meals. Yet, despite all logic advising otherwise, I find my gaze fixed upon you. How does it feel to be acknowledge by pinnacle of intelligence, sorcery, biology, and all of creation?

C: I feel nothing

K: Once again you show me why I keep you alive, any filthy human would have folded to such acclaim! Yet you surprise me every time. You surprise me with that arm, that speech, that will to survive, even recently with that cunning against my ultimate mimic prototype.

C: Wait! Dragon make mega mimic!

K: Indeed, you really think those bugs could evolve on their own. I experimented on those living stomachs in order to make my ultimate enforcer, you incapacitated a failed attempt.

C: Well then, you make, Craw break. Now, what one-eye planning.

K: Hah! Your ability to make a demeaning nickname out of a phy...

C: Bistness! Now!

K: Oh, fine. I am simply in the process of negotiating a deal with this king. I only want his entire archive and to enslave his scholars as payment for I making his royal guard unstoppable through mutation. Also, that botanical baboon is nearby and active, so the mendicants may have some bartering material. Y'know, I was thinking giving you an offer to become my servant. I can ascend you to my level and give you a new arm. All I ask in return is your mind and free will. Take it or leave it.

C: Craw will be above you no matter what, Craw leave now.

K: See ya, Craw, can't wait to see you ripped apart by my mistakes and many, many successes while you fruitlessly try to slay me once and for all.

C: Living dungeons and beasts not only mistake you make. Kinactus think he all-knowing, but dragon will learn that most big mistake was

Messing with Craw!

K: We'll see C.



Craw Beast Log Special Event: First Encounter with Kinactus

Threat Level: 20+ star

Craw wake up in morning after hardy meal. Craw save small leftovers in arm. Craw start walking on main walkway, Craw hope that nearby town has information on Kinactus. As Craw walk through fields, Craw see mysterious man in small cloak. Craw almost give man no attention, until Craw see eye of... HIM. The eye that haunt dreams of Craw, this is Kinactus. Craw approach vile dragon that seem to be in humanoid form.

Craw: Stop Vile Dragon, time is now to even the score.

Kinactus: Hmmm, what is it inferior creature? Can you not see that I have business to attend to. Have your elders not told you stories of my destruction? You are dealing with someone far beyond your pitiful life. Name your business with me at once, or grovel at my heels if you wish to be spared.

Craw: Look with ugly eye closer, you have seen Craw before. Or maybe not-so-great Kinactus not so all-knowing as lazy lizard say is.

Kinactus: A talking crustacean? It has been a while since I've hunted the giant crawfish since... he he he he he... wait a minute. That prosthetic arm, and on the left one as well. I remember now, you were the one that ran away. All those other animals just attacked until I got what I wanted, but you. You were the one that showed an ounce of sentience that day. It really has been a while, hasn't it. Interesting. Ah yes, forget those threats from before, I had a day of royal deals and exchanges to deal with, *but that can wait*. To think that one little worm I let run away is back to try and kill me. Any lesser creature would have bowed in the instant they perceived me, but here you stand... defiant.

Craw: No more words, your time has come to fall.

Kinactus: hmmmmmmmm... I can't be bothered to fight right now. Transforming into my true form takes a very small amount of energy, and using that to deal with a slightly more impressive worm just isn't worth it. A single grudge match is barely worth my time, nevertheless my energy.

Craw: Then you end as a pipsqueak, simple enough.

Kinactus: Oh! It seems like I have forgotten that lower creatures such as yourself have a very difficult time reading in between the lines. To better help you understand, I will be as blunt as possible. If we fight, I will burn down the entire kingdom over there and the next one over simply to make this worth expending my energy. Making sure that all of those worthless human ants are either burned to ash, or captured to be used as one of my numerous experiments. You wouldn't want such carnage to be on your hand, would you?

Craw: Fine, but if it soooooo easy to crush Craw even like this, why you conversate so much?

Kinactus: Well, isn't it obvious? (Maybe for the likes of you its not) Curiosity is the reason. Every scientist, scholar, and sorcerer have this curiosity that they must satiate. And as the pinnacle of all three along with many, many other things. I too am filled with this curiosity. And you, Crustacean, have exceeded the expectation I had for you when I watched you run away all those years ago. I expected a lesser creature, such as yourself,

to keel over and die without a single trace, but here you are, in front of me, exhibiting behaviors such as speaking, comprehending, using tools, using a prosthetic, and having basic logic skills. Anomalies like that don't happen every day, and I want to see it through. While you do not hold a candle to a mighty dragon, such as I, you have elevated yourself above most aquatic life I have recorded and experimented on, heck, I would even put you above most humans. A discovery such as this peaks my interest simply. *Y'know... its almost funny.* Noble kings, rich sultans, brave heroes, and accomplished scholars have begged me to acknowledge their existence, only for them to end up as either one of my pawns, a light snack, or one of my many lab rats/ And despite all of the logic in the world advising that it should be otherwise, I find my gaze fixed upon a pitiful creature. How does it feel, crustacean, to be acknowledged by the star of ruin, who looks down at all? To have the brightest of all stars, shine upon you for but a moment?

Craw: I... feel... nothing.

Kinactus: You are full of surprises, crustacean. To be truthful, I have a little habit of keeping tabs on curiosities. Though my creations, I have eyes everywhere. You surprised me with that arm, you surprised me with that somewhat audible pattern of speech, you even surprised me by tucking in that failed ultimate mimic prototype yesterday.

Craw: Failed proto... yesterday? (realization) You reason for giant mimic?!

Kinactus: Indeed, did you really think those bugs could reach such heights on their own. I experimented on those living mouths for a while now. All for the goal of making my ultimate enforcer (my previous one has failed me far too many times). So yes, all of that might was to temporarily subdue *a failed attempt at perfection*. Don't worry, the project of mine was completed.

Craw: *humph* Dragon make, Craw will break. Craw have foiled and will foil anything you throw at Craw.

Kinactus: To think a creature like you even grasps the concept of a demeaning nickname, how ador...

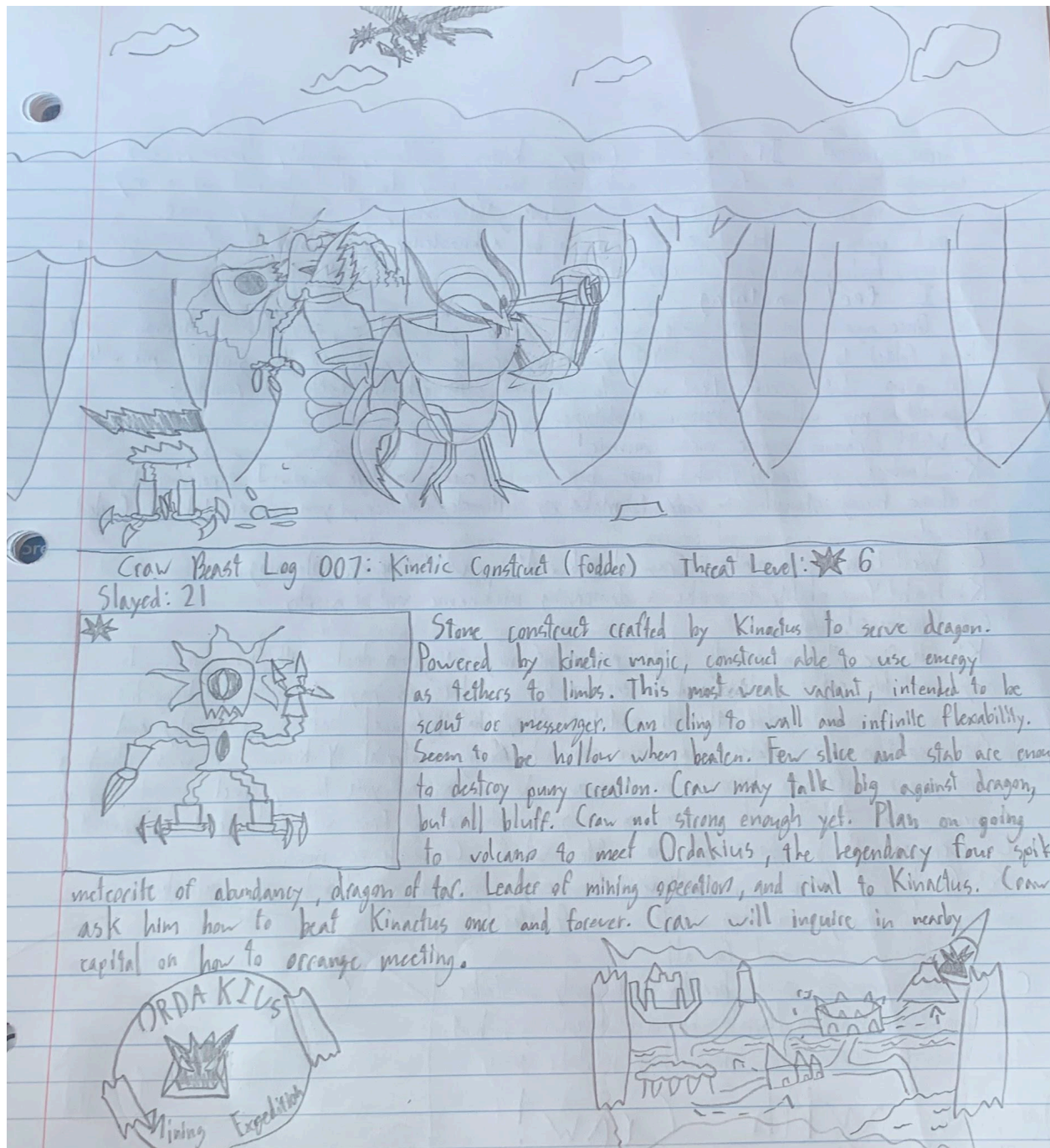
Craw: **Both us have no time for you endless blabber**, what dragon's business with king. You already know Craw's business.

Kinactus: hhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh... Sure, why not? If you must know, I am in the process of negotiating a bargain from the king of that city over there. The king wants me to make his royal knights unstoppable, which I can do easily through a bit of magic and a large amount of mutation and experimentation. All that I, the greatest of all dragons, ask for is to simply have possession of all of his archives and scholars. A perfectly reasonable deal, it keeps them in their place, and I get to see how far those humans got to my level. I can tell you are tired of this dribble, so I'll get going. Can't wait to see you ripped apart by the least of my creations. To think even my mistakes could have crushed you in an instant.

Craw: Living castles and beasts not only mistake you make, Kinactus. You may be "all-knowing" but dragon will learn that biggest mistake you made is **messing with Craw!**

Kinactus: *walking backwards* We'll see, crustacean, we'll see. *maniacal laughter*
(Kinactus turns into a cloud of smoke and launches towards the castle)

Chapter 2: Ordakius, The Four Pronged Meteorite of Prosperity

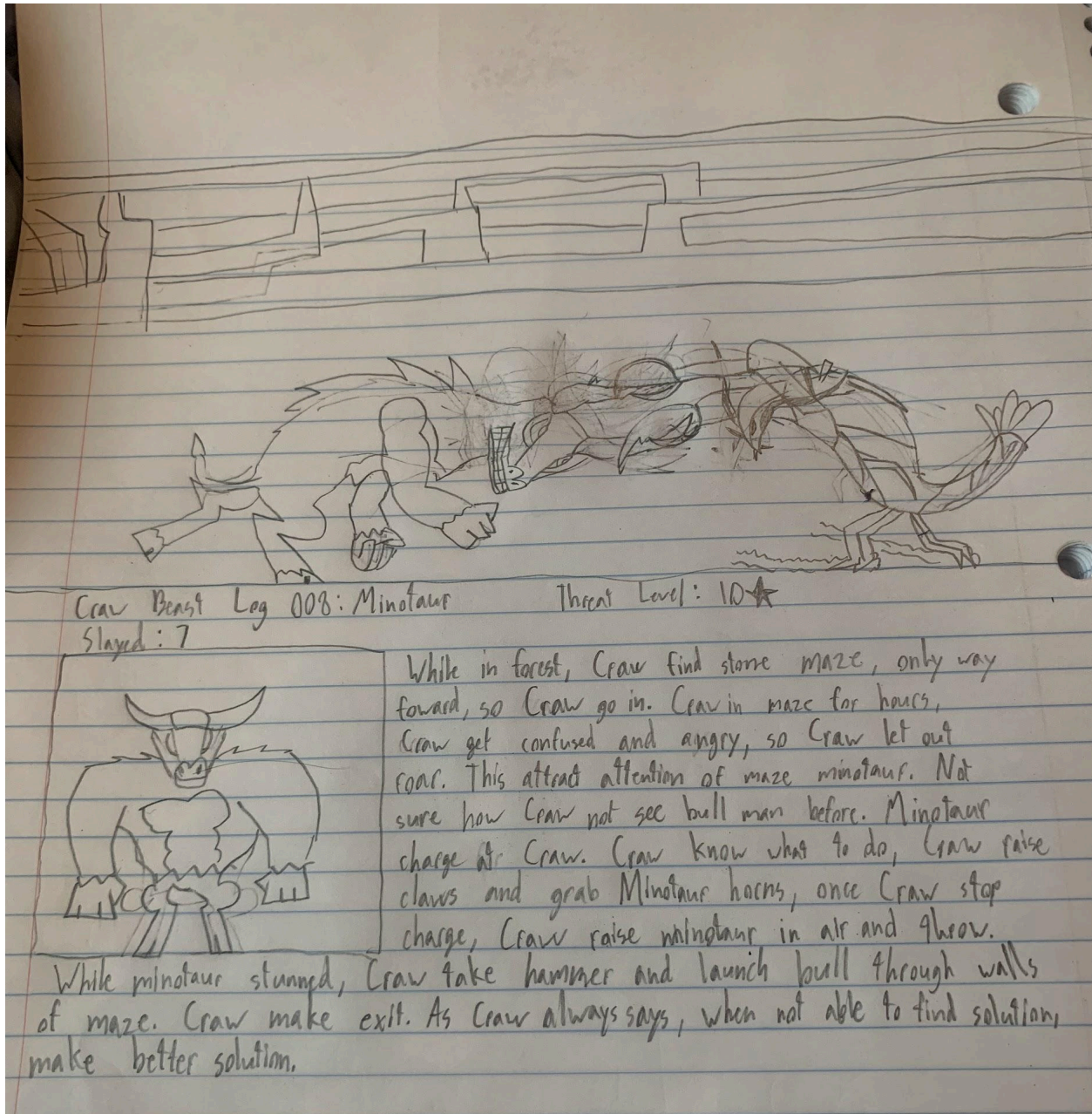


Craw Beast Log 007: Kinetic Construct

Threat Level: 4 star (Kinactus)

Destroyed: 327

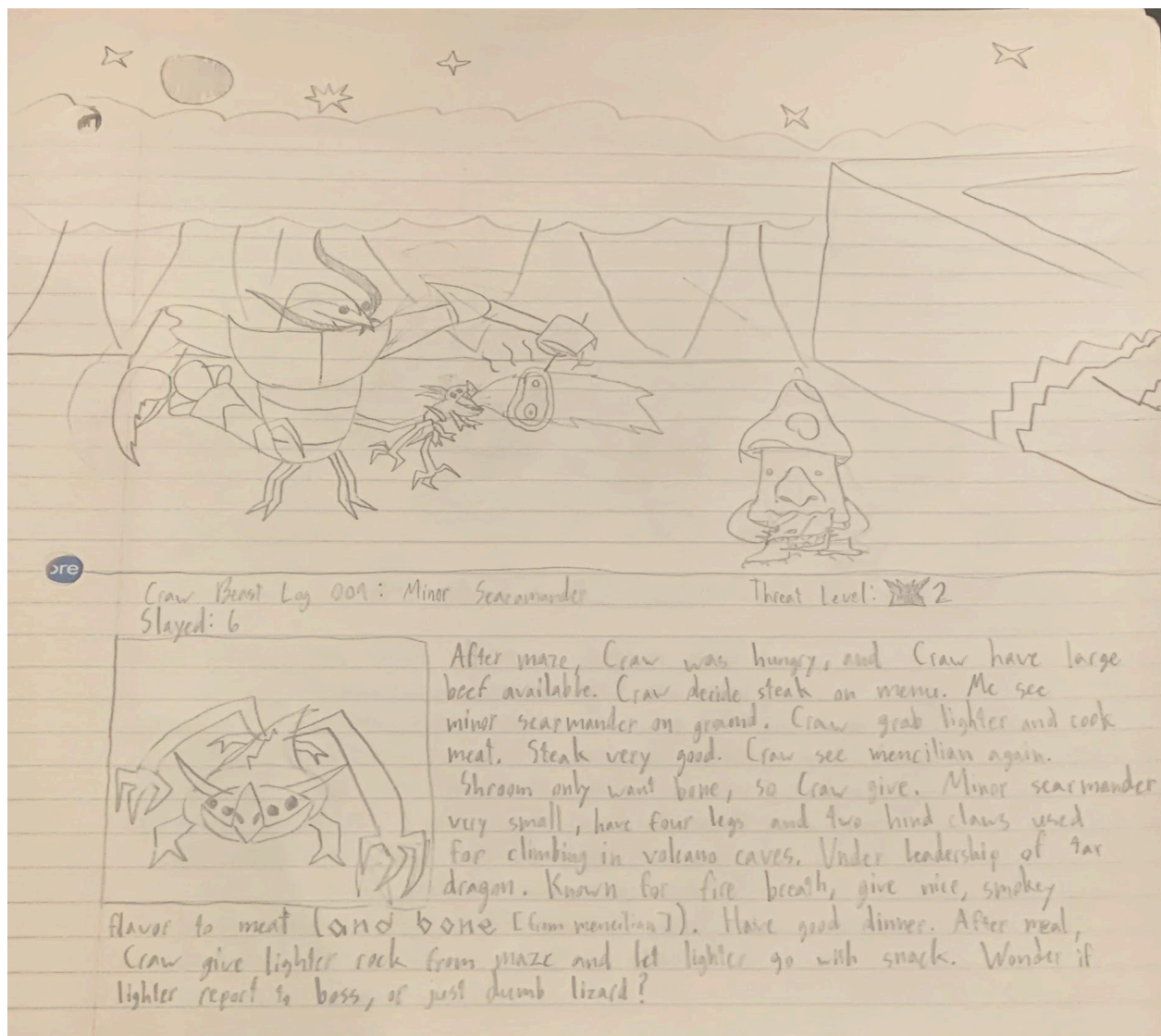
Craw go to forest after talk with nemesis. After calm down and thinking, Craw realize Craw almost met end there. Craw also realize even though Craw search for dragon and destroy minions for almost ten years, Craw not significantly stronger than Craw was on that day long ago. As Craw in thought, stone construct reveal itself from trees and attack Craw. This is minion of Kinactus. As many guess, vile dragon not often inspire loyalty, so Craw make army instead of recruit. Best guess is that dragon use special kinetic magic on raw materials, such as stone in this instance, to make moving creations with no soul. Creation like this referred commonly as "construct". One that attack Craw right now is fodder model. Craw destroy many during years of travel. Clear these used just to throw at enemy rather as big challenge. Craw think this mostly used at scout or rarely messenger. Construct mostly made of hollow stone, kinetic magic tethers hold body together. This have advantages, no joints to limit movement and provide enhanced speed. Weakness is that it decrease weight dramatically, so can be thrown around. Craw deal with construct easily, Craw simply slice bottom half then stab construct in core. Easy defeat. This help clear Craw mind, so Craw start think of next action. Craw decide that best place to go is Volcano. The Volcano is home of Volcano Company, which is run by dragon named Ordakius. Ordakius is known as "Four Pronged Meteorite of Prosperity" and "the Tar Dragon." Tar dragon is well known by people for employing miners and be business above all. Logic of Craw says that Kinactus terrorize land, and that hurt business, so Ordakius may help Craw with beating Kinactus. Dragons probably know about each other, so Ordakius probably have good info. Craw get this map while back. Plan to get to volcano is get through forest, follow river, go find Central Capital Town, then find ride to volcano. Craw hear that capital town is neutral junction town where all factions go through. If Craw go there, Craw can find fast way to volcano.



Craw Beast Log 008: Minotaur
 Threat Level: 9 star (neutral)
 Slayed: 7 Bested: 22

While Craw go through forest, Craw see strange maze. Maze very big, so Craw choose not go around. Craw walk through maze for many hour, very confusing. Craw see many dead end, very frustrating. After long while, Craw let out roar in frustration. After Craw calm down from reasonable reaction to circumstance, Craw see Minotaur walk around corner, look like bull man just wake up. Roar must have attracted bull's attention. Not sure how Craw not see bull man before, must be crazy coincidence. Minotaur have short, black fur, long horns that point forward, and huge hand like man but big. Also have relatively small upright bull legs. Minotaur look at

Craw and big eyes start look crazy. Craw confused why Minotaur so made, until Craw remember that self not wash in while. Definitely reason. Anyway, bull put head down and start to charge at Craw. Craw know what to do, Craw brace self and grab horns of minotaur. After Craw stop charge, Craw raise minotaur in head by horns and throw minotaur into maze wall. While minotaur stunned, Craw grab hammer and launch Minotaur through walls of entire maze. This make new exit. As Craw always say, when not able to find solution to problem, make better solution!



Craw Beast Log 009: Minor Searamander

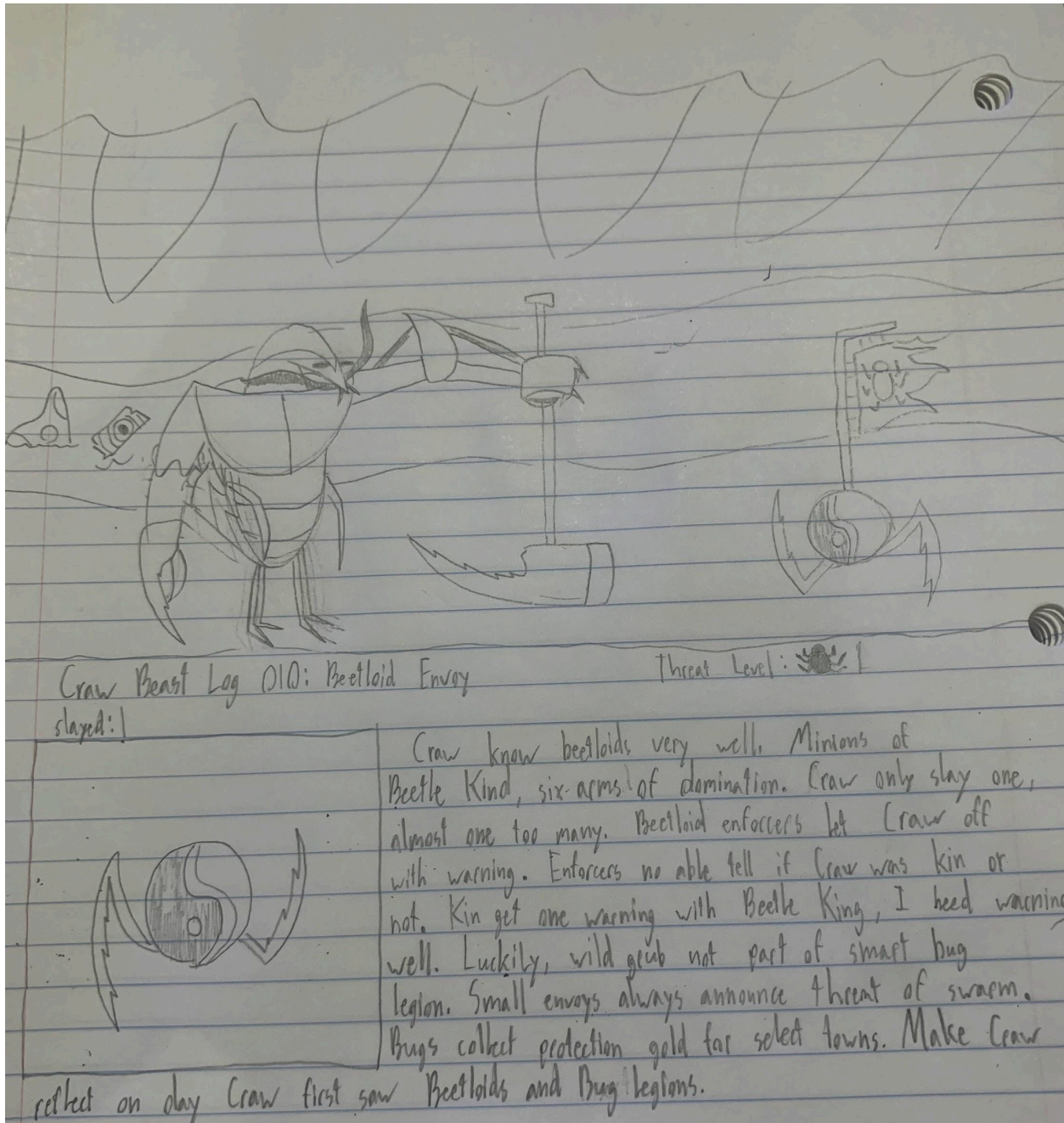
Threat Level: 2 star (Ordakius)

Hunted: 2 Bested: 18

After maze, Craw was hungry, and luckily Craw had lot of beef available. Craw decide that steak on menu tonight. Craw try to start fire, until Craw find minor searamander. Searamander is small red lizard with four tiny eye, large nose, sharp ears, bumpy scales, and two, large extra arm to help with cave climbing in home environment. Have fire breath for self defense. Craw grab lizard and use fire for cooking meat. After few courses, Craw see Mencilian again. Craw give Mencilian meat and shroom help self on bones. Craw look with caution. Craw must mention that lizard fire give nice smokey flavor to meat.

MENCILIAN: AND GIVE BONE NICE TAR TEXTURE

Both have good dinner. Craw give lizard big meat scrap and let it go back. Craw wonder if lizard report to tar dragon or is just dumb lizard.



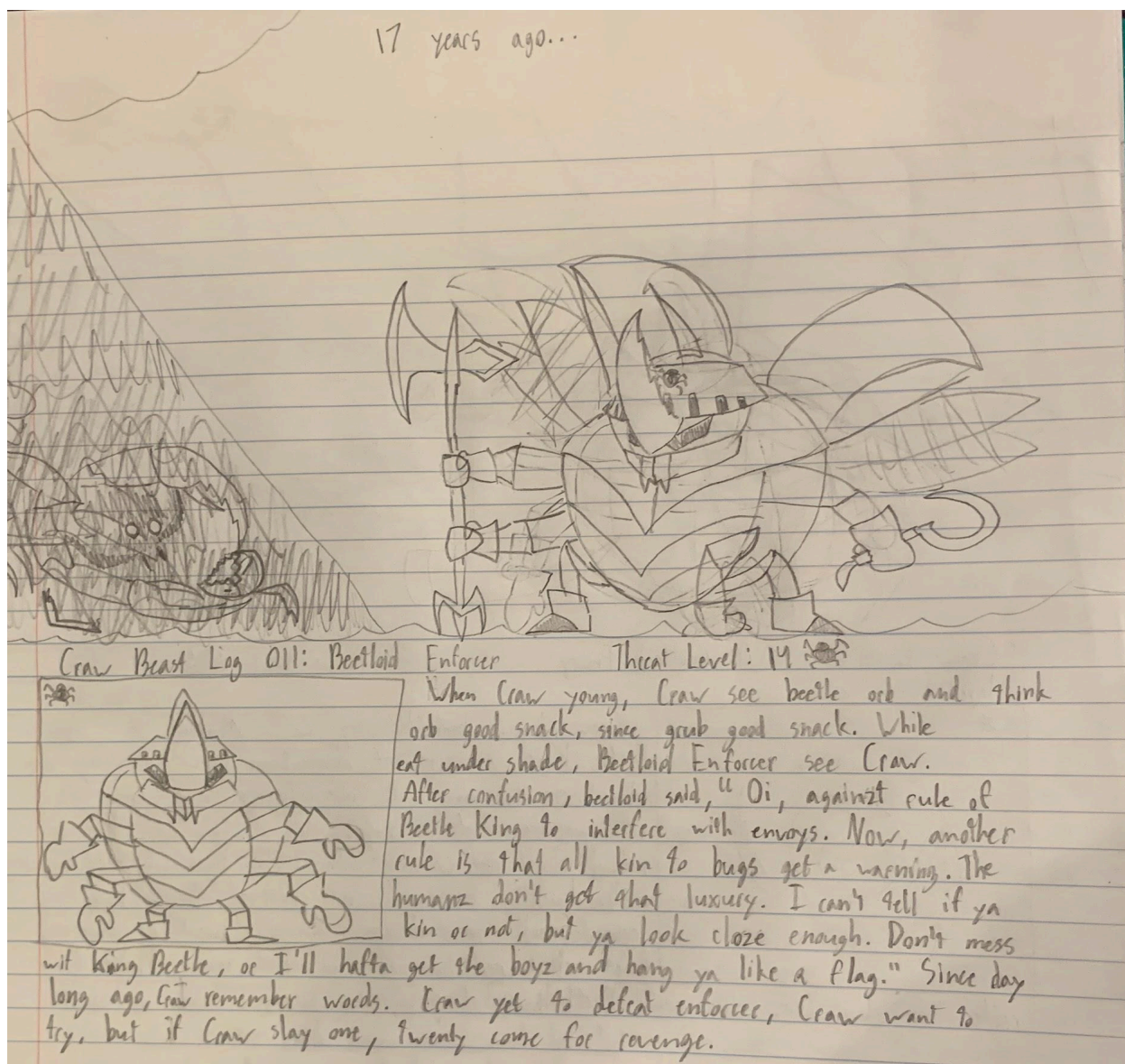
Craw Beast Log 010: Beetloid Envoy

Threat Level: 1 star (Beetle King)

Hunted: 1

After long sleep, Craw resume travel to capital junction town. Craw travel along river so food not far away. While tavel, Craw see beetloid envoy. Is round shaped with two sharp legs. Craw usually see envoy with banner of Beetle King, the six legs of domination. Beetle King is leader of organized crime faction in surrounding lands. Craw know faction of Beetle King very well, only ever slay one, almost one too many. Many year ago, in time before mind become clear, Craw eat Beetloid Envoy and meet Herculoid Enforcer. Herculoid leave Craw with warning because

beetle not able to tell if Craw kin or not. Kin get one warning with Beetle King, I heed warning well. Luckily for Craw, big grub not part of smart bug legion. Small ball bug envoy always come to town as announcement of swarm presence. Beetle King forces collect gold and money for select towns. Seeing bug ball make Craw reflect on that day 17 year ago.



Craw Beast Log 011: Herculoid Enforcer

Threat Level: 14 star (Beetle King)

Slayed/Bested: 0

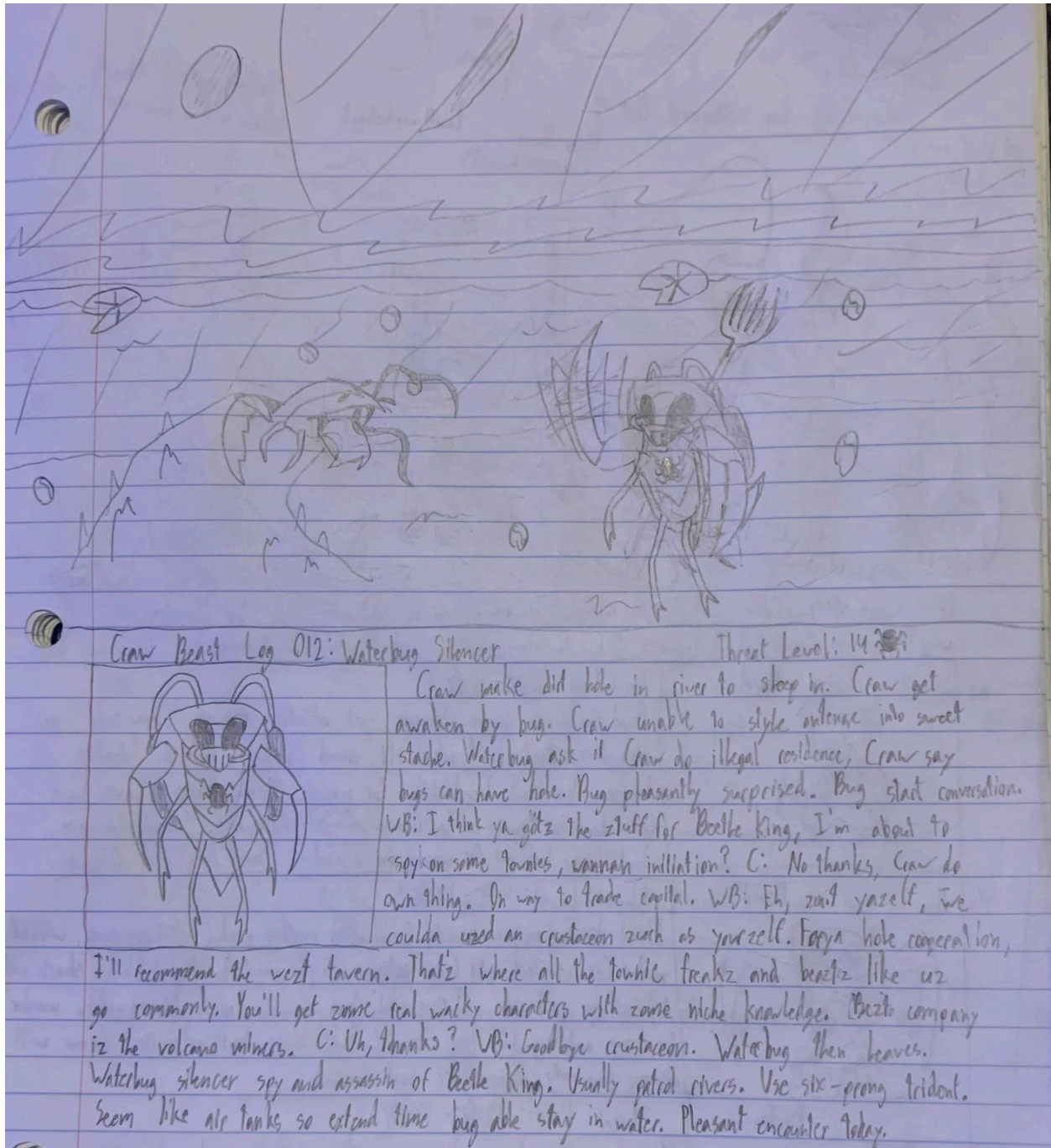
17 Years Ago...

When Craw young, Craw see Beetloid Envoy and Craw was hungry. While Craw eat orb under shade, Herculoid Enforcer see Craw and fly down. After visible confusion of beetle, Enforcer speaks.

Herculoid Enforcer: Oi, itz againzt ze rule of Beetle King to harm or interfere with ze envoys. Now, another rule of Beetle King iz zat all kin of insectoidz get one warning. The humanz and ozer skum don't get zat luxury. I can't exactly tell if you are kin or not, but ya look close enough, and za punishment for me wrongfully bamming kin iz a lot more zan letting a faker go once.

Remember dis, don't cross ze rulez of Beetle King, or I'll have to get ze boyz togetha and hang ya like a flag.

Since that day, Craw remember words of beetle. Craw yet to beat any bugs, Craw want to try, but if Craw beat one, twenty more come soon.



Craw Beast Log 012: Waterboid Silencer

Threat Level: 14 star (Beetle King)

Slayed/Bested: 0

Craw make mud hole in river to get good sleep after day of walking. Craw get awoken bug knocking on mud hole. Craw unable to style antennae in water, so Craw look messy when peek out of hole. Craw see Waterbug. Bug had two big airtank and trident. Giant black eyes of waterbug leer at Craw. Water bug say that residence in waterbug travel route, so Craw need to

go. Craw not plan on use mud hole after night so Craw give mud pile to bug no question asked. Waterbug surprised by this and become weirdly polite.

Waterboid: Oh, thankz for ze cooperation. Y'know we waterbug squad could uze a big brawler zuch az yourself.

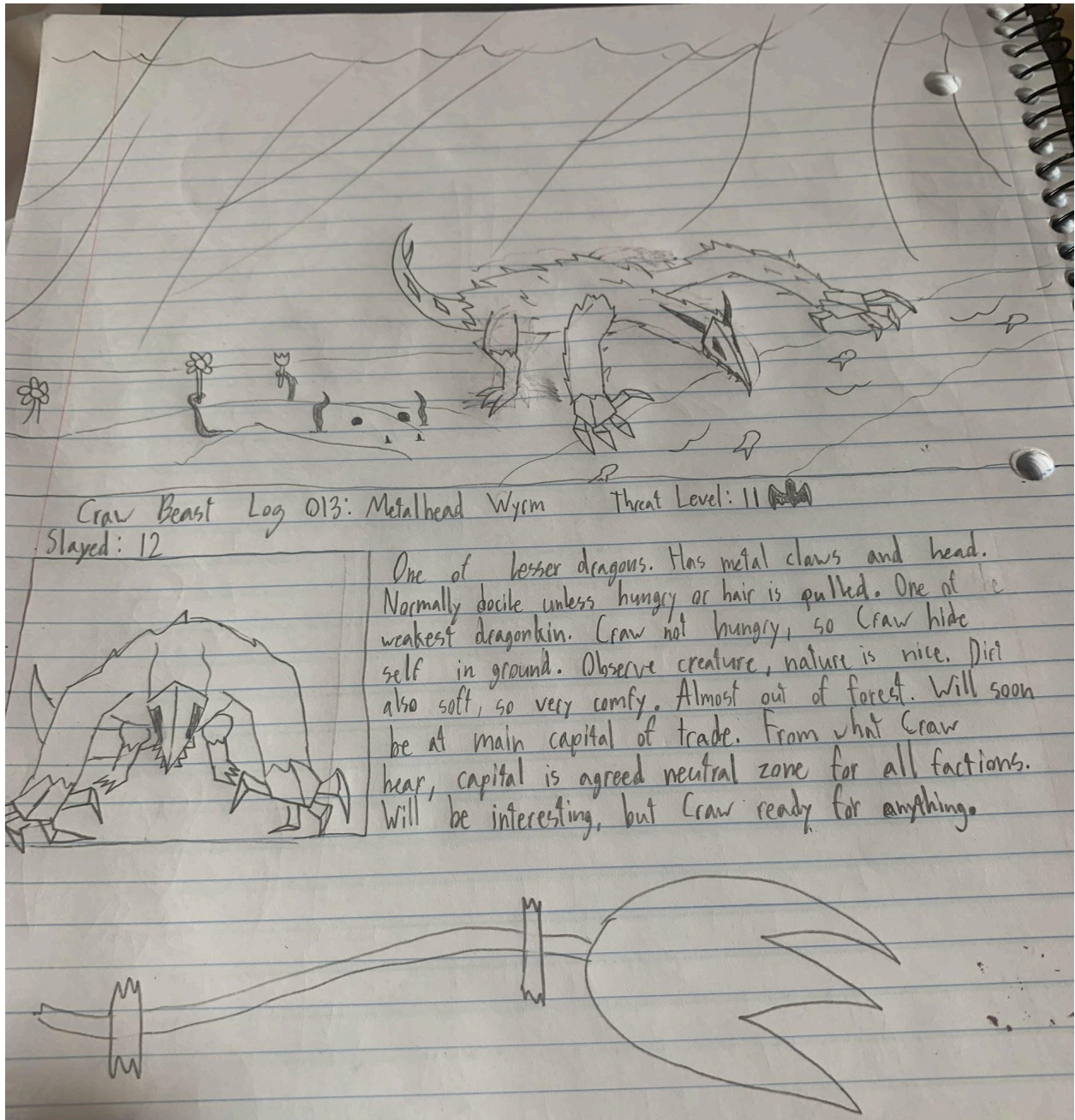
Craw: No thank, Craw go to capital town to find way to volcano. On mission.

Waterboid: Zuit yourself, for ya cooperation, I'll give ya some advice. I recommend going to ze west tavern. Zat's where all the townie freakz and non-humiez like uz go to have a snack so to say. Ze volcano miners frequent zat place often, zo you can talk to zem. Zeir great company.

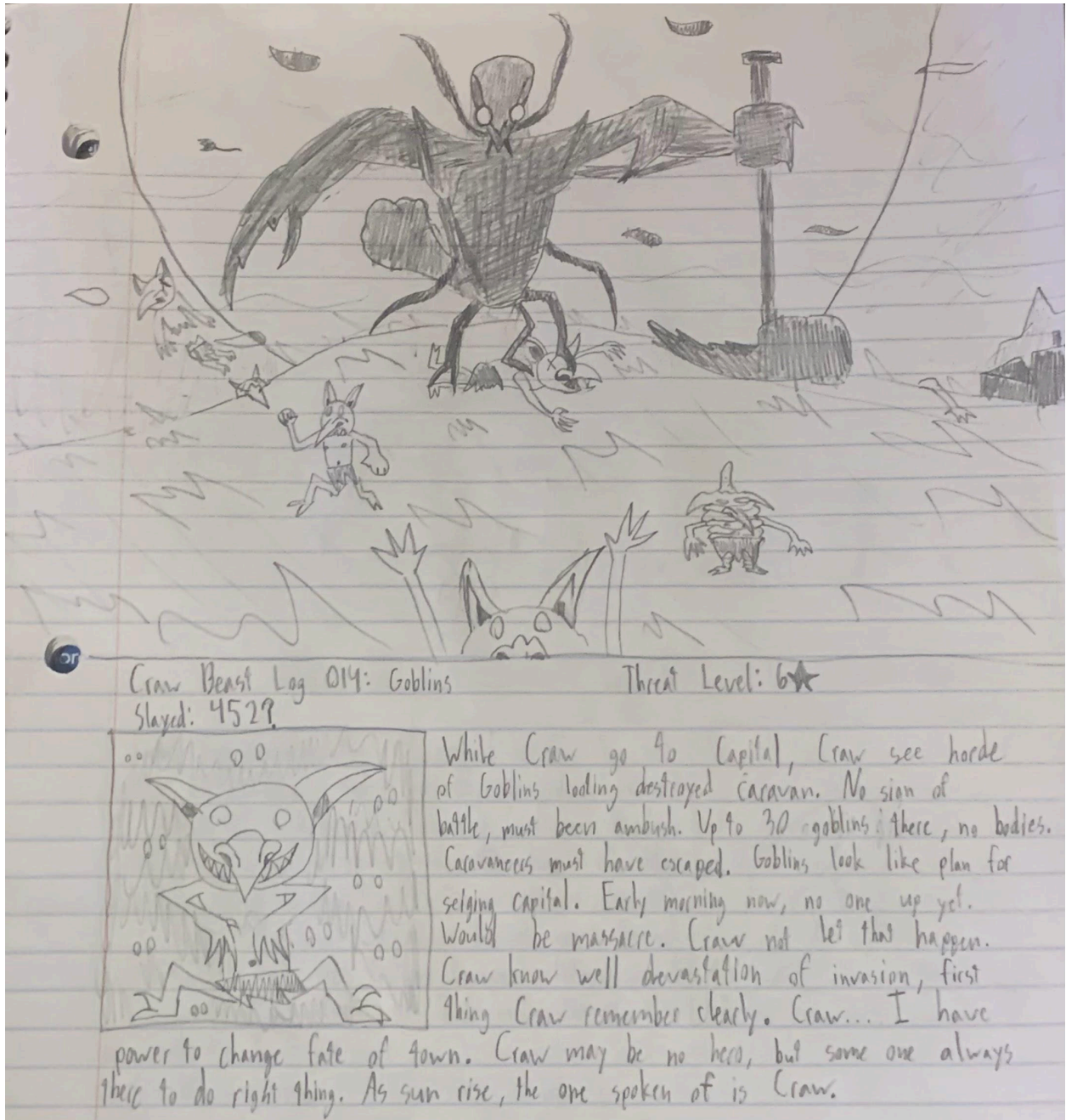
Craw: Uh, thanks?

Waterboid: No problamo, offer still ztandz after ya done. Goodbye crustacean.

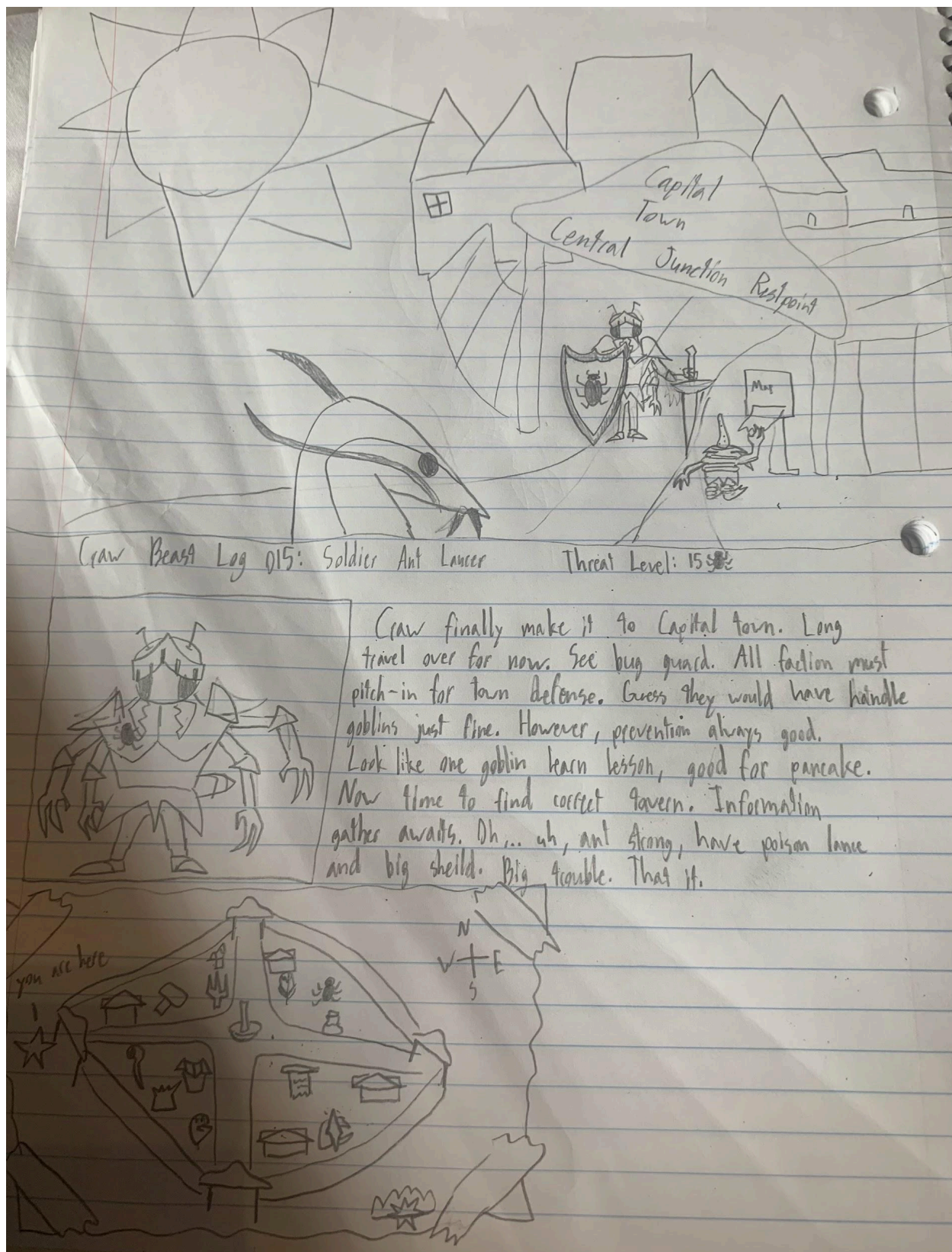
Waterbug then leave. From what Craw know, waterboid are aquatic spy and assassin. Petrol rivers and catch escaping enemies. Pleasant encounter today, very likely rare story.



Craw Beast Log 013: Metalhead Wurm
Threat Level: 11 star (Lesser Dragons)
Slayed: 12 Bested: 20

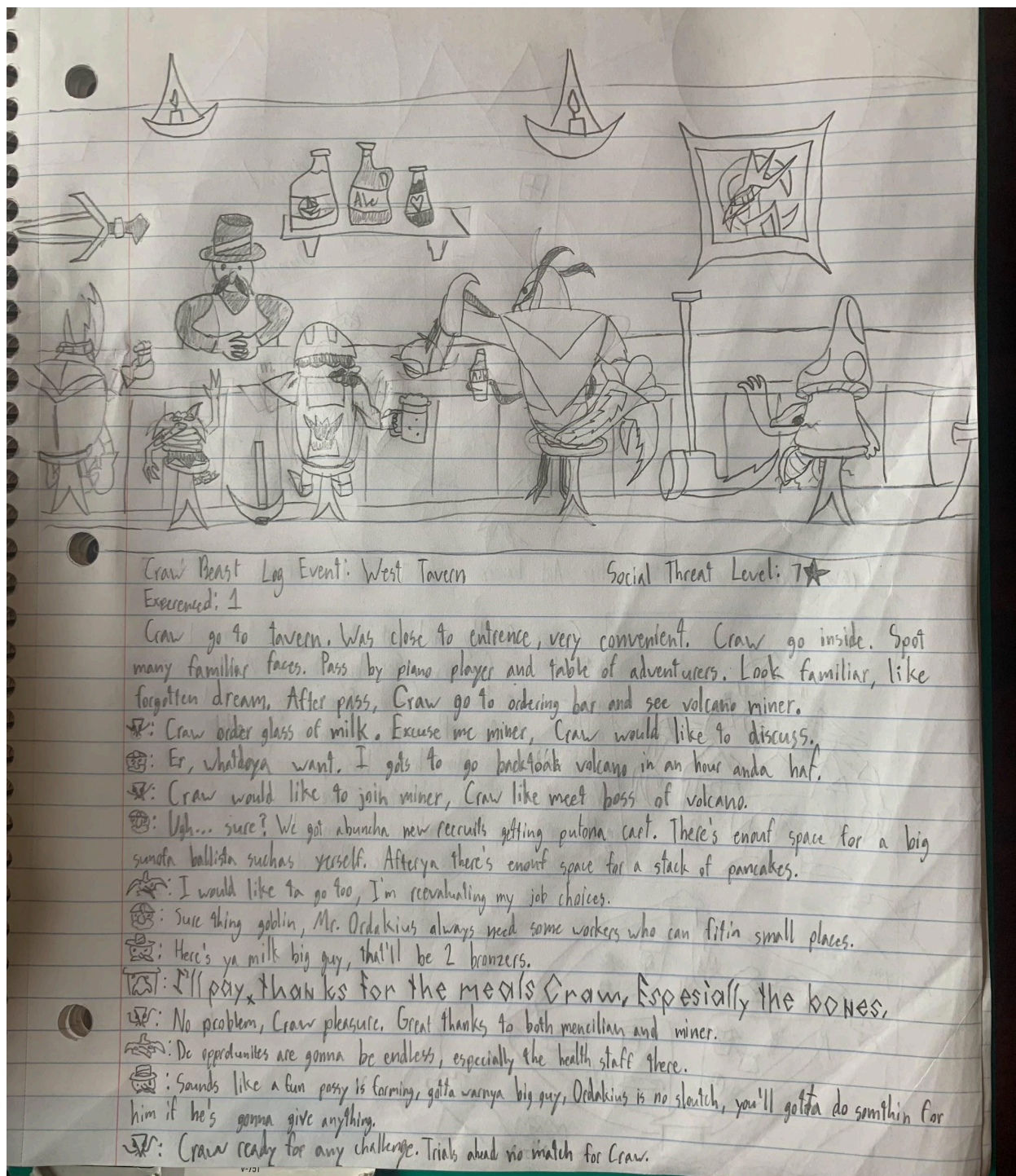


Craw Beast Log 014: Goblins
Threat Level: 5 star (neutral)
Slayed/Bested: 452?



Craw Beast Log 015: Soldier Antoid Stinger
Threat Level: 15 star (Beetle King)

Slayed/Bested: 0



Craw Beast Log Event: West Tavern

Social Threat Level: 7★

Experienced: 1

Craw go to tavern. Was close to entrance, very convenient. Craw go inside. Spot many familiar faces. Pass by piano player and table of adventurers. Look familiar, like forgotten dream. After pass, Craw go to ordering bar and see volcano miner.

✱: Craw order glass of milk. Excuse me miner, Craw would like to discuss.

☹: Er, whatdya want. I gots to go back to the volcano in an hour and a half.

✱: Craw would like to join miner, Craw like meet boss of volcano.

☹: Ugh... sure? We got a buncha new recruits getting put on a cart. There's enough space for a big sumo ballista such as yourself. After that there's enough space for a stack of pancakes.

✱: I would like to go too, I'm reevaluating my job choices.

☹: Sure thing goblin, Mr. Ordakius always need some workers who can fit in small places.

☹: Here's ya milk big guy, that'll be 2 bronzers.

☹: I'll pay thanks for the meals Craw, Especially the bones.

✱: No problem, Craw pleasure. Great thanks to both mercenary and miner.

☹: Do opportunities are gonna be endless, especially the health staff there.

☹: Sounds like a fun party is forming, gotta warn ya big guy, Ordakius is no slouch, you'll gotta do somethin for him if he's gonna give anything.


✱: Craw ready for any challenge. Trials ahead no match for Craw.

Craw Beast Log Event: West Tavern

Threat Level: 7 star



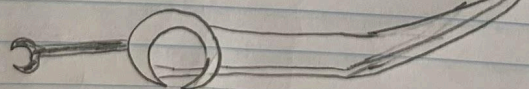
Craw Beast Log 016: Tarling Worker
slayed: 0

Threat level: 3 



While waiting, group go to central fountain of capital town. Fountain have visage of Chivalrus, moonlight blade of the King. Craw think dragon is overseer of the lands and personally made Capital Town. After while, tarling with tamed metalhead and cart appear. Heard tarlings follow Ordakius as leader. Seem like long trip, did not think of awkwardness with being with goblin. Wonder if feeling is mutual. Crazy to see metalhead worm tamed like that. Shows ingenuity of tar dragon. Must prepare what to say. Important information in need of gathering.

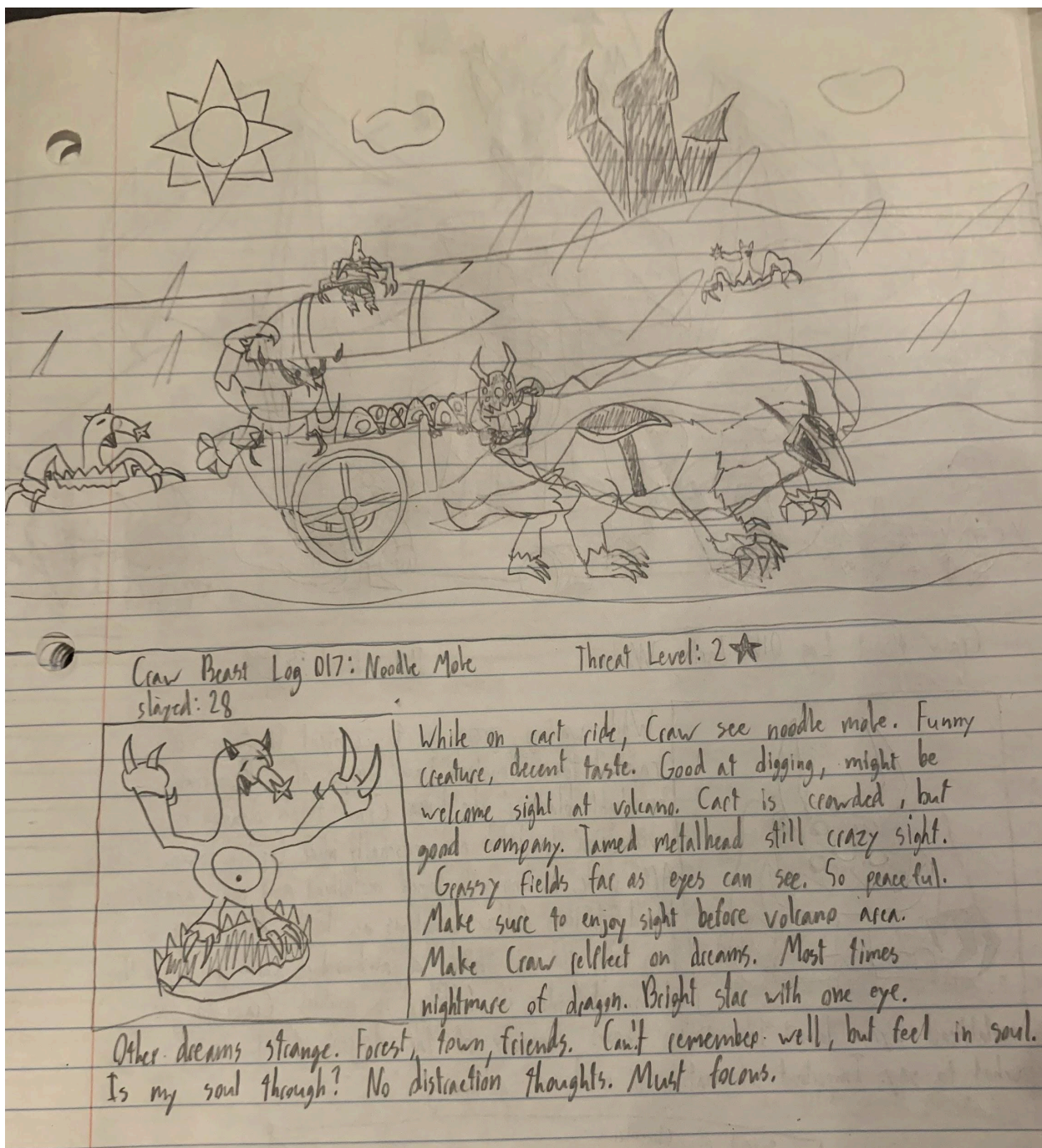
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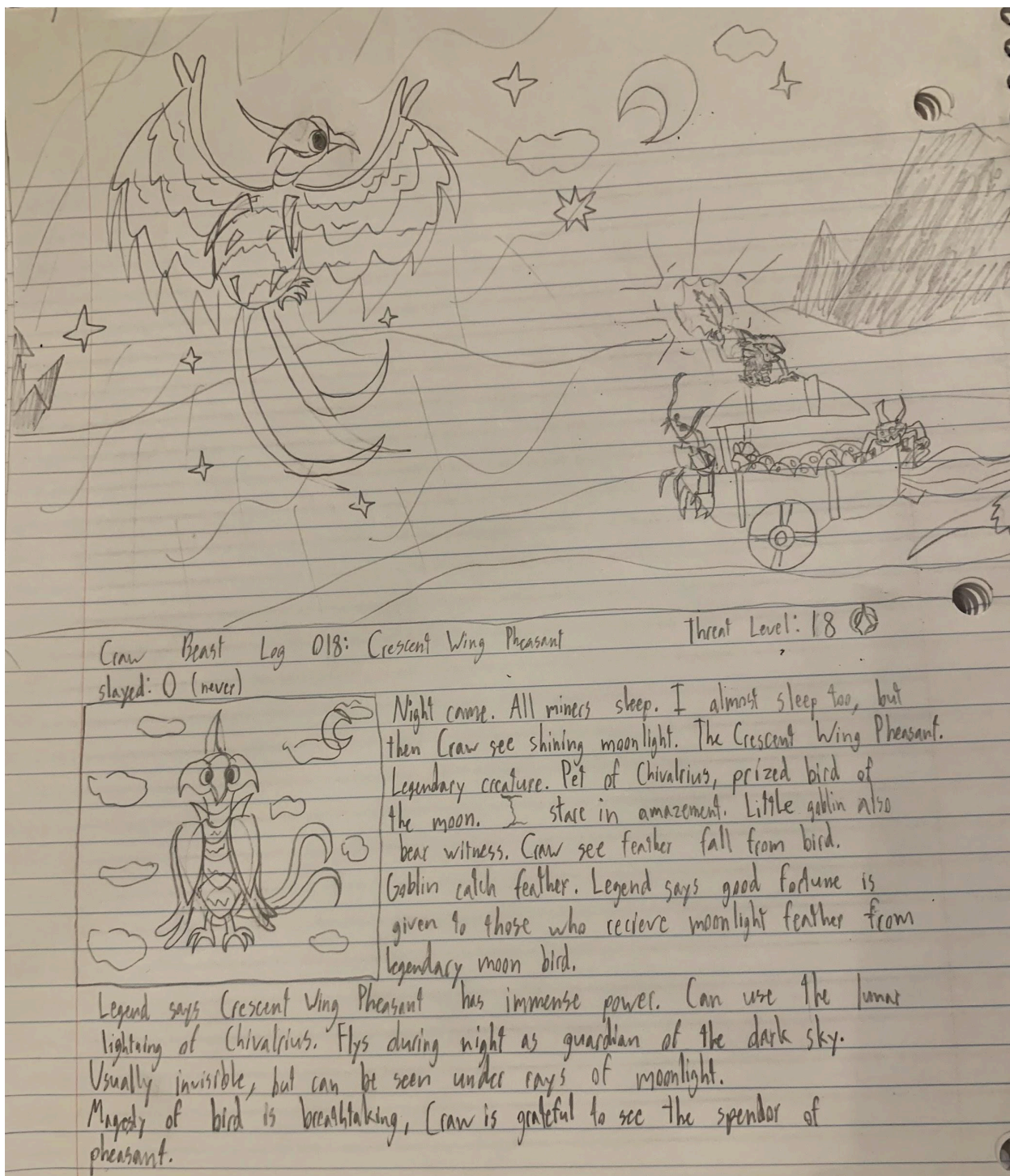
Craw Beast Log 016: Tarling Worker

Threat Level: 3 star (Ordakius)

Slayed/Bested: 0



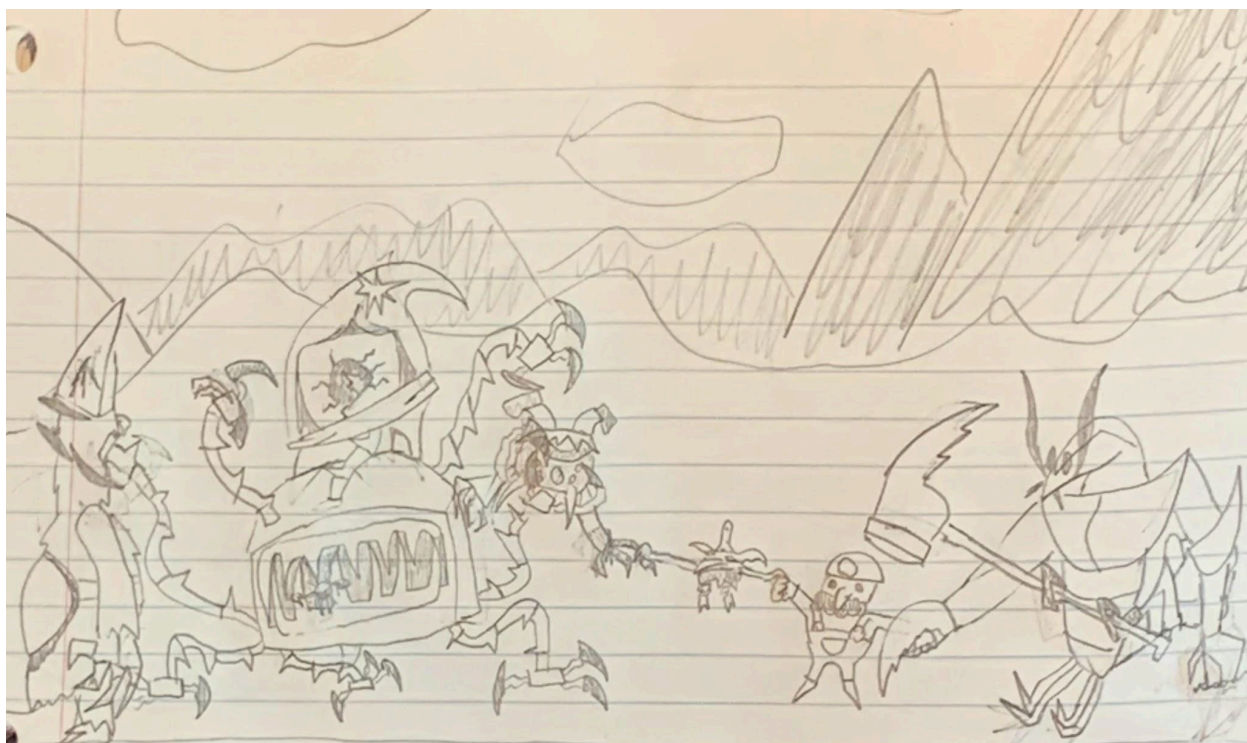
Craw Beast Log 017: Noodle Mole
 Threat Level: 2 star (neutral)
 Slayed: 28 Bested: 7



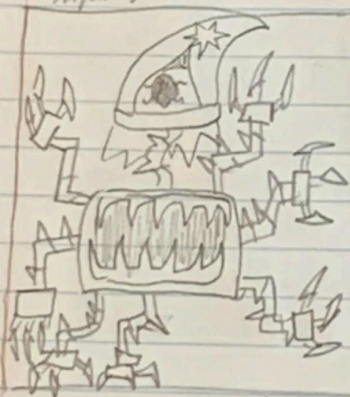
Craw Beast Log 018: Mira, the Crescent Wing Pheasant

Threat Level: 18 star (Chivalrius)

Slayed/Bested: 0



Craw Beast Log 019: Kinetic Construct (Collector) Threat Level: 12★
 Slayed: 3

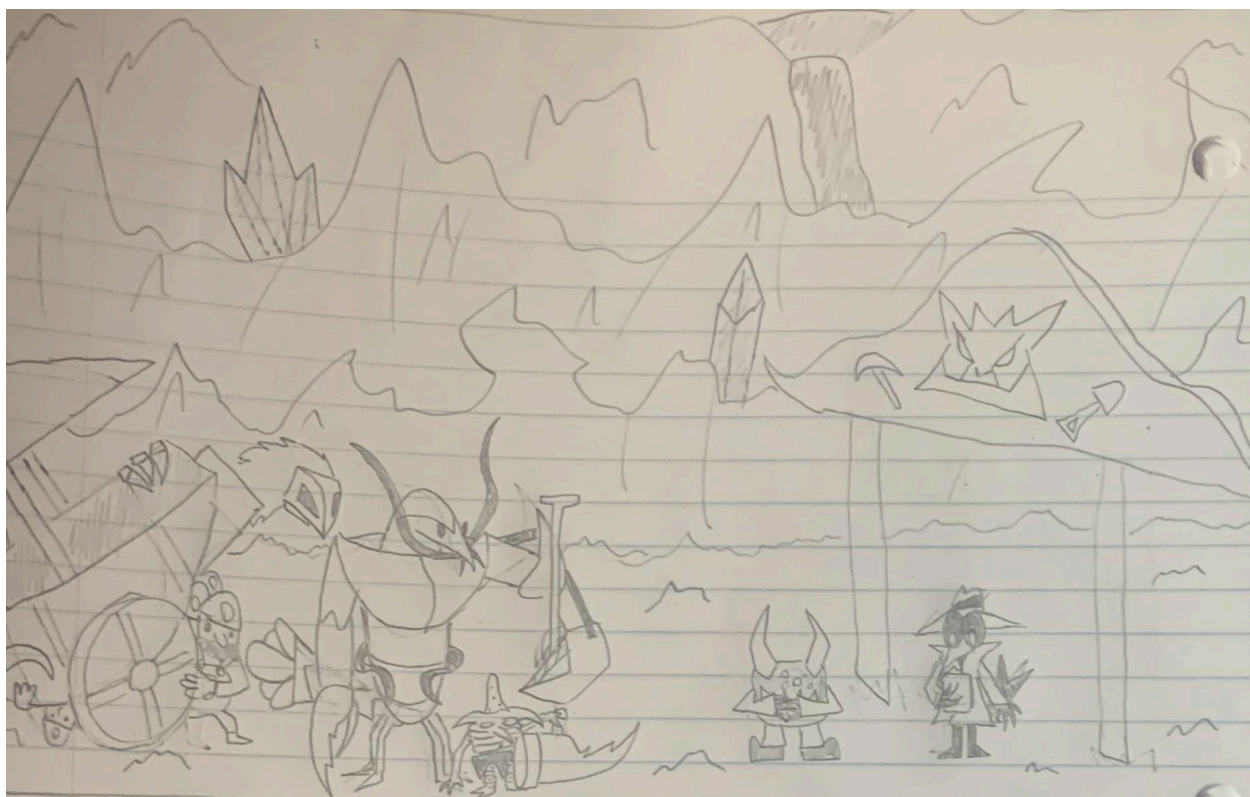


Early in morning, monster attack Craw and cart.
 One of Kinactus' creations. Used to steal travelers. Craw can only guess captives used for experiments. Construct seems to be made of bones and stone. Before Craw react, construct grab Tarling and fanned metalhead. Goblin act quick and grab Tarling. Miner and Craw back goblin up and become chain. Group pull Tarling away. When Craw see chance, Craw leap towards construct and lunge towards mouth. Craw goes in and smashes construct from inside. Construct become hundreds of pieces.
 Seems like dragon keeping tabs on Craw, must act logically on rest of trip.
 Clear Kinactus has stronger minions up not existant skeeve.

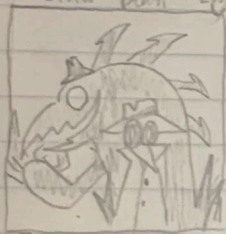
Craw Beast Log 019: Kinetic Construct (Snatcher)

Threat Level: 12 star (Kinactus)

Slayed: 18 Bested: 50



Craw Beast Lvs 020: Corefeit, Tarling Operations Top Manager Threat Level: 20 ~~XX~~?



Group reached entrance of volcano mining operations. When reach gate, Craw see unique looking tarling. Miner explain to Craw that this is Operations Top Manager of all Volcano operations. Essentially second in command to Ordakius himself. All the workers seem careful. Corefeit seems harmless, but I trust mi

✧: Nice to see you all! It was reported to me that a collector intercepted cart #108 early in the morning. That would have had to be the 58th one I would have had to deal with this quarter.

(small tarling mumbles) Oh! I see this crustacean and goblin prevented further actions taken. Can you confirm?

✧: Yes, Craw defeat pawn of Kinactus. For why we here. Goblin wish for employment and Craw wish to speak with Ordakius, I seek for dragon knowledge of star of ruin.

✧: OH, HOW BLUNT. Hmmm... Murky, lead the miners and our new possible employee to the main site. For you Craw, allow me to escort you to my office. It will be quite the walk, so we will talk on the way there. My boss is very busy so it is my pleasure to **INVESTIGATE YOUR INTENTIONS**. Y'know, to ensure my boss' time is not wasted on trivial matters. Do you accept these conditions? I will be lenient for you have done a great convenience for me and the company.

✧: Craw accept. No trial too daunting for Craw.

Craw Beast Log 20: "Corefeit", Volcano Company Operations Top Manager
 Threat Level: 20? (Ordakius)
 Slayed/Bested: 0



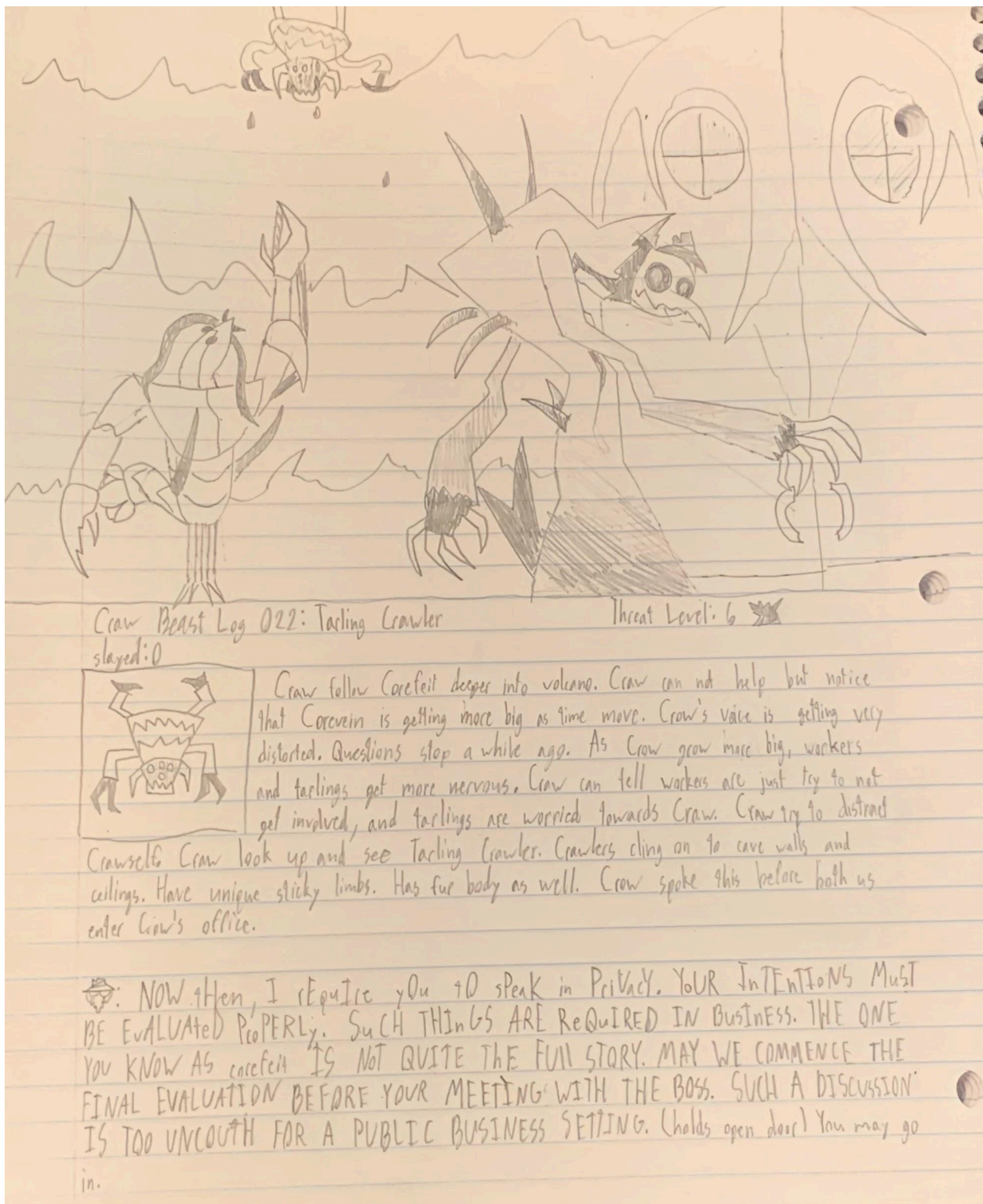
Craw Beast Log 021: Tamed Metalhead Wyrms
 slayed: 0

Threat Level: 9 ★



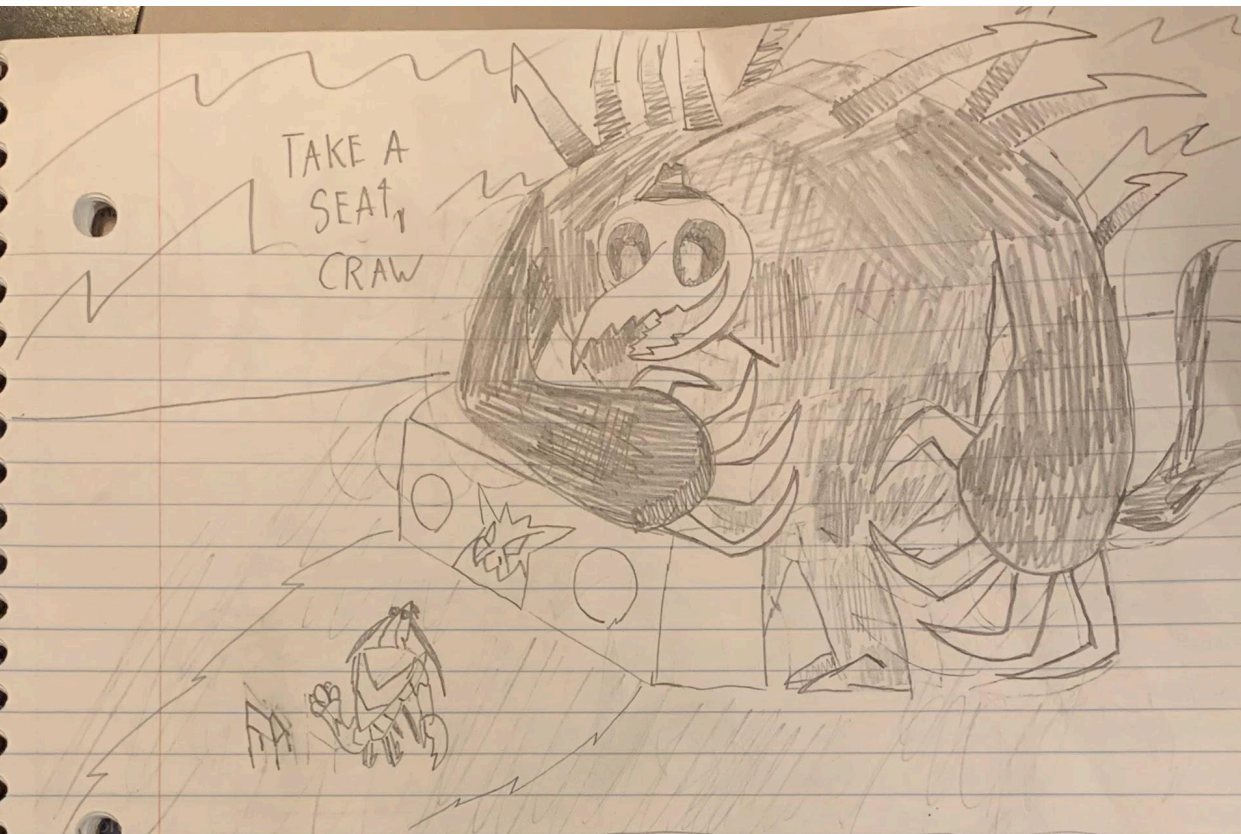
Craw tarling leads me towards office. As both us walk, Craw go past Metalhead Wyrms Ranch. Corefeit explain that volcano company raises domesticated metalhead wyrms for use in operations. Tamed metalheads are more docile and playful compared to wild ones. The tamed ones also have far more stamina and fluffier pelt than wild one as well. Corefeit look taller than before. Corefeit ask many questions, such as: who Craw affiliated with, where Craw come from, why Craw want Kinactus weakness, why Craw want Ordakius help, how Craw physically able to speak. Many questions with simple answer. Corefeit voice distort a huge amount. I feel bad omen. Craw always guess corporate types are double face, but Craw not think saying this literal.

Craw Beast Log 021: Tamed Metalhead Wyrms
 Threat Level: 9 star (Ordakius)
 Slayed/Bested: 0

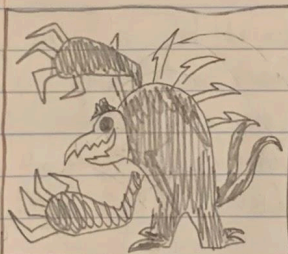


Crow Beast Log 022: Tarling Crawler
Threat Level: 6 star (Ordakius)

Slayed/Bested: 0



Craw Beast Log 023: Coreveld, Vice President and Tarling Champion Threat Level: 20 ~~!!!~~!



Craw go into office, very large. Craw soon see why. Shadow of Crow covers entire room. Most fear Craw feel since that day 10 year ago. Giant Crow tell Craw to take seat. Craw listens.

☛: NOW THAT WE ARE ALONE, I MUST ASK ONCE MORE WHAT ARE YOU HERE AND FOR WHAT REASON. RESPOND POSTHASTE.

☛: C... C... (Craw here to ask ordakius for info on kinaculus because

(regains composure) because Kinaculus take dignity and pride from Craw! Take arm and curse scars so arm can not grow back. CRAW WANT RETRIBUTION!

☛: I SEE, I MUST LEVEL WITH YOU, THE DECISION ON YOUR REQUEST WAS

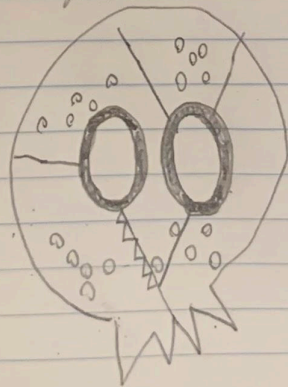
FINALIZED A WHILE AGO. ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF PROPERLY, my name is Coreveld, vice president of Ordakius' volcano company and champion of the tarlings.

Long ago, we Tarlings were starved, all the intelligent races considered us no better than animals. Adventurers far and wide constantly invaded our volcano for its bountiful ores and metals. While many of us were taken down, I alone was able to stand in their way. After many raids, us Tarlings were on the brink. As a last gambit, I ventured deep into the volcano in hopes that the legends of the far dragon were true. In the heart of the volcano,

I found the great Ordakius and pleaded for his help. Once he gained his bearings from his great slumber, he answered the call of me and my people and he claimed the volcano as his domain, therefore providing us his protection. Once he ensured that his domain was known, he taught us the common language. Our newfound communication allowed us to become an economic powerhouse in the lands. Our sentence was now respected, except for one. The kinetic dragon Kinactus still deemed us to be no better than lab rats... LAB RATS. Thousands of us have been taken to his wretched towers. My people have been turned into monstrosities. The amount of PROBLEMS THAT I HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH CAUSED BY THAT CYCLOPS IS BEYOND MY PATIENCE. I WOULD HAVE TRIED TO PUT THAT GLORIFIED MAGICIAN IN THE GROUND, but some loose business ties prevents me from doing so. Ordakius tries to maintain ties with the other dragons, trying to prevent any business embargos. While I have these corporate chains that saved my kind, you do not have such binds on you. I see the same fire of retribution in your eyes, I believe you have the potential to stop him for good. ARE YOU READY TO MEET THE BOSS, WHILE MY SUPPORT IS SECURED, HIS IS FAR MORE CONDITIONAL. I will try to put the good word in, but large trials are ahead of you. Ready to Proceed?

Craw: Craw always ready.. Craw see now evil of Kinactus go far and wide. Craw wish to cleanse evil of Kinactus from all sunrises to come.

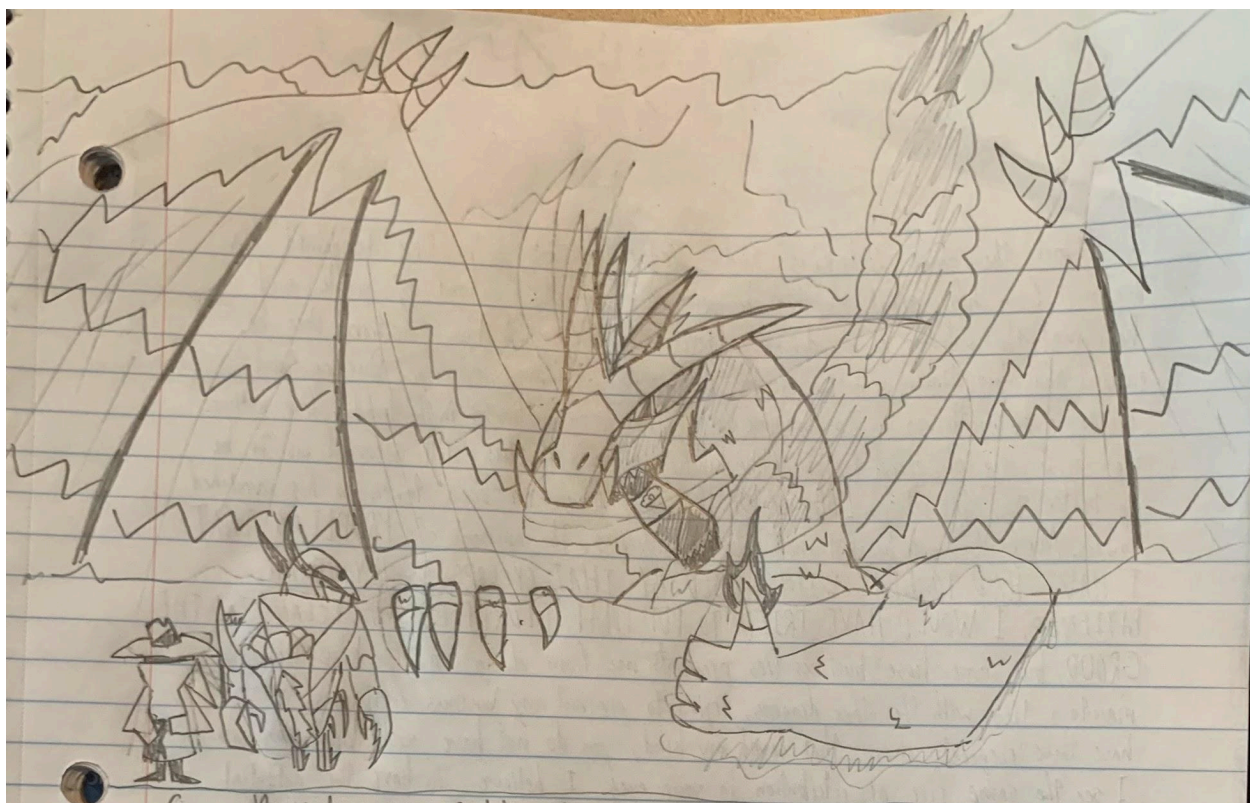
Q: Godspeed Craw, take this Crow. It is a medalion of the volcano operations company. Show this and people of the volcano will know you have the support of the Tarlings. Step into the elevator, and present your best case to President Ordakius, the four spiked meteorite of prosperity, the tar dragon.



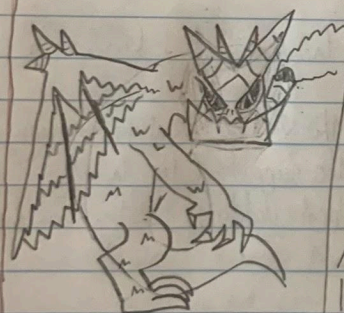
Craw Beast Log 023: Coreveld, Vice President of Volcano Company and Former Champion of Tarlings

Threat Level: 20 star (Ordakius)

Slayed/Bested: 0



Craw Beast Log 024: Ordakius, Four Pronged Metacrittle of Prosperity
Threat Level: 20+



Craw and Corvold go into elevator in office. Elevator ride takes long time, kinda awkward. Craw shrinks during elevator ride. Turns out Craw has power to hulk out and de-hulk. Craw offers Craw selection of drinks, Craw take milk. Finally get to tar dragon's office. It seem empty, until Corvold call Ordakius' name. Many splashes of lava happen, then tar dragon rise from lava. He shakes the leftover lava off and lights his cigar.

♣: Good afternoon Mr. Ordakius

♣: Good afternoon Mr. Corvold, I believe I've been informed that someone wishes to speak to me. Must be a special guy, most people turn tail at the front door, even more can't get past your evaluation. So, hug, wall... prawn? ... Crustacean, what ya got to say.

♣: Craw here wishes to ask you about your former cohort Kinactus.

♣: Corvold, while your summaries are normally appreciated, I wish to hear this little man explain himself. Given how strangely quick the evaluation process was this time, I believe Mr. Craw over here would be best to explain himself.

♣: Yes sir.

☞: Great Ordakius, Crow wish to have you to teach Crow weaknesses of Vile Kinactus. The seven star of ruin scar Crow long ago. Crow seek retribution for what dragons take. No challenge to much for Crow if mean dragon no more.

☞: Straight to the point, I'm liking this critter already. I see why Coreveld sent you right up here. (puffs) Listen here Crow, while your moxie is a cut above most, I can't be giving out info like that for free. You see, Ever since the four dragons split up, I've tried to maintain good relations with the others to make sure business runs smoothly. Ol' Kenny was a valuable business partner back then. He had an innovation every other day. However, for the past few decades Kenny's inventions have gone from practical to psychic. From my point of view, his well of good ideas have run dry. Along with that, all his shattering campaigns has had my valuable employees in the crossfire. And the ones who aren't yanked are hunted by his experiments. One time his castle mimic ate 50 of my best miners during a lunch break! I've been looking for a neutral party to put him to sleep. However, I can't be indirectly burning a bridge without you proving yourself first. Ya think you can handle my tests.

☞: Crow ready for any trial. Name your test and Crow will crush. Bring test on.

☞: (Puff) Ha ha ha! That's the type of spark I like to see. Here's a little laundry list for ya. It's tough as nails so ya better not blink. Corefeld will observe ya during these errands. If he has to step in to save ya tail, then I can't give ya anything. Got that?

☞: Yes sir!

Crow and Crow go back in elevator and Crow give me list. It is showtime.

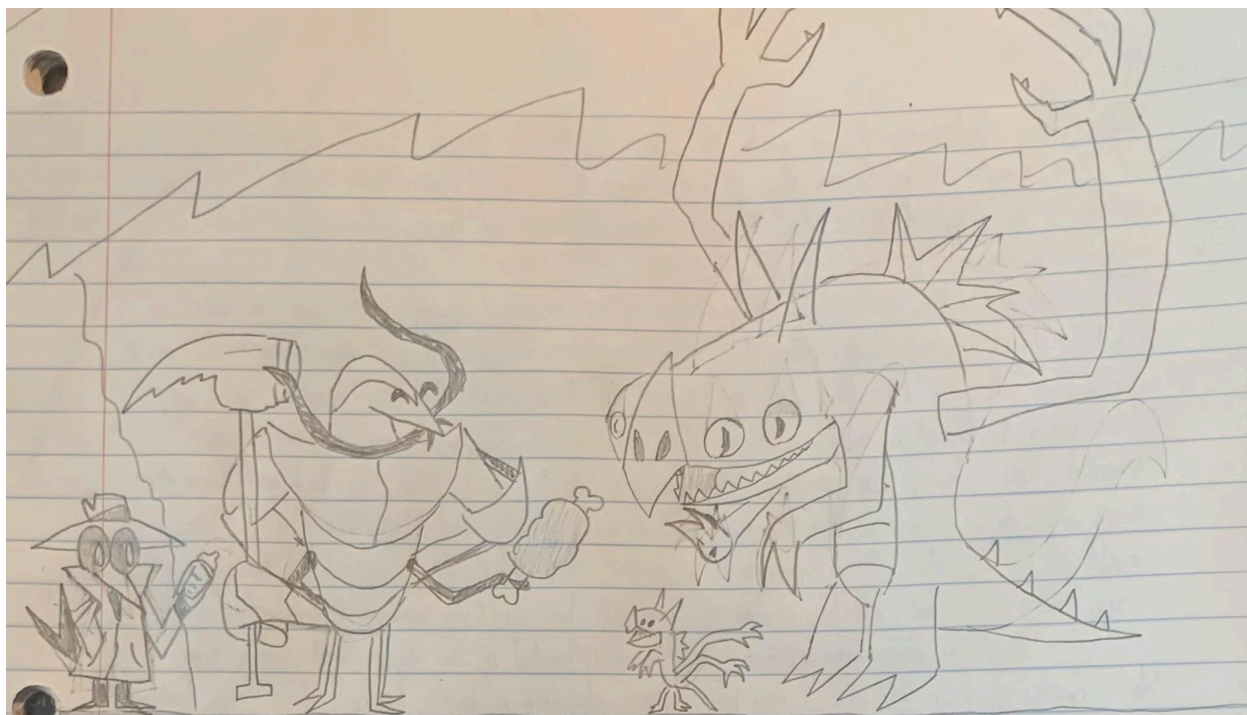
Ordakius Trials:

1. Repairify giant seacreature
2. Break down boulder blocking a valuable stone
3. Pick up my order of cigars.
4. Deal with the monster blocking important trade routes
5. Fix Locomotive Construct

Complete all of these and you'll get your info and then some.

Threat Level: 20+ Star (Ordakius)

Bested/Slayed: 0



Craw Beast Log 025: Giant Searamander

Threat Level: 12

slayed: 0 bested: 2



Task One: Pacify the Giant Searamander

Craw go with Crow into deep cave. Inside cave was rampaging searamander. Craw remember small one and remember meat is favorite food of lizard. Craw reach into metal arm pocket and pick out leftover minotaur steak. Craw put on approachable face and posture and offer meat. Craw use tail to hold hammer as backup plan. Meat entrance lizard. Craw calm lizard down and see what wrong. Thorn on hand. How unexpected. Craw solve problem and make new pal. Success for Craw!

Unprecedented success. Let us hope that this is more than beginners luck. I believe the company should invest in a meat locker. (I wouldn't mind a nice wyvern steak with a drizzle of truffle sauce every weekend)

What you say, Catefest?

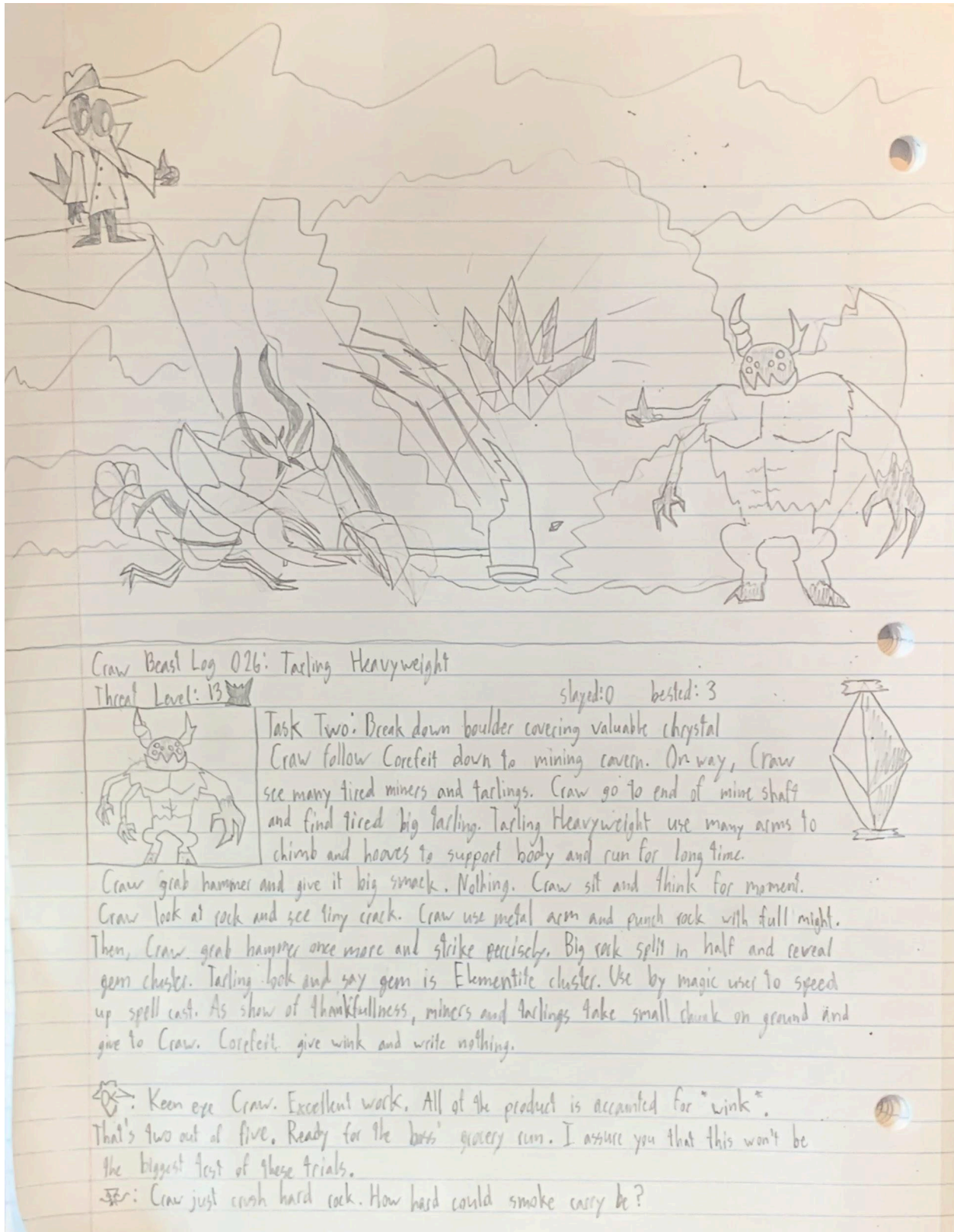
Nothin G, (cough cough) just business affairs.

Craw Beast Log 025: Giant Searamander

Threat Level: 12 star (Ordakius)

Slayed: 0 Bested: 2

Ordakius Trial One: Pacify the Rampaging Giant Searamander



Craw Beast Log 026: Tarling Heavyweight
 Threat Level: 11 star (Ordakius)

Slayed: 0

Bested: 1

Ordakius Trial Two: Break Through the Durable Boulder that is Blocking the Valuable Ore

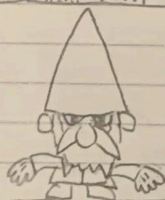


Craw Beast Log 027: Gnomes

Threat Level: 2★ (each)

slayed: 0

bested: 29



Task Three: Pick up cigar box from gnomes

Craw follow Corefeit far away from volcano. Take many breaks, many complementary meals. Craw confused at first, until Craw and Craw make it to forest. See legion of gnome.

Dozens carry box, all fall from exhaustion after legion gnomes drop box. After much discussion between Corefeit and gnome, Craw give thumb up. Craw pump Crawself up, then lift with might. Breaking boulder look like crawling-play. Box heavy, but Craw survive weight of nature for years. Craw never give up then, Craw never give up now. For one mile, Craw shake Earth with defiance against gravity. After long march, Craw put box at drop off point. Craw exhausted, all arm and leg and tail and everything ache beyond ache, but Craw never surrender, never forget...

☞: Wow, color me impressed. Even I choose to use a cart. I see your dedication to your mission. How about a lunch break? It's high noon and you need some rest. You can even check up on your goblin associate.

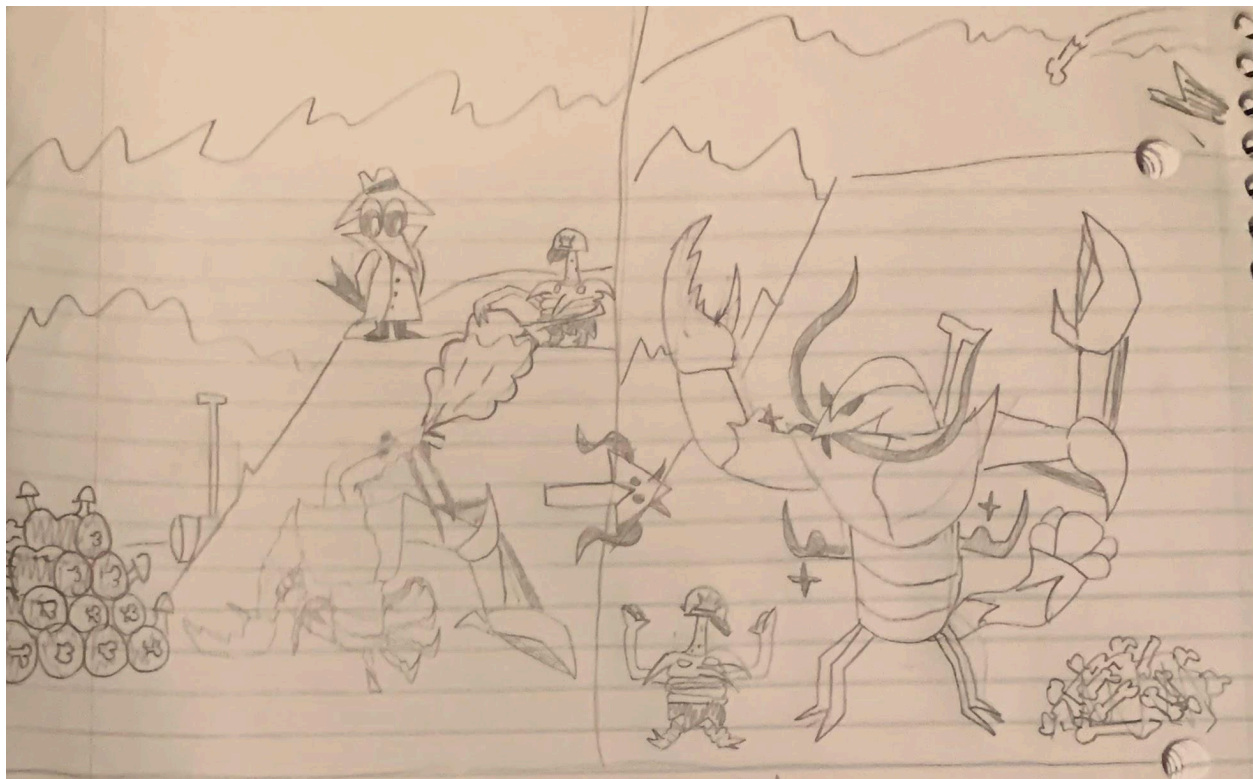
☞: (breathless attempts at communication) translation: yes. Craw would like that

Craw Beast Log 027: Gnomes

Threat Level: 2 star (each) (neutral)

Slayed: 0 Bested: 29

Ordakius Trial 3: Collect Gnomes Shipment and Transport it into Designated Area



Craw Beast Log Event: Lunch Break: between Volcano Trials
 Social Threat Level: 4★

Craw and Corcelit walk (and stumble for Craw) to lunch facility.

Corcelit: (spots the two) Oi! Ello Mr. Bessages, Ello Mista Cr... OH MY GODS, what happened to ye?!

Craw: Oh, now hire, Craw over here just finished a very arduous task, I am currently taking him to recuperate for the last two trials.

Corcelit: Would you allow me to help, a jug a water just came in, and I know a mean meal recipe for regainin a buncha vitality. Goblin cuisine, can use a few fungus to give it a kick.

Craw: Certainly, now hire, let us see it, this meal can rekindle his strength

1 hour later...

Craw: Craw ready now, thank goblin very much.

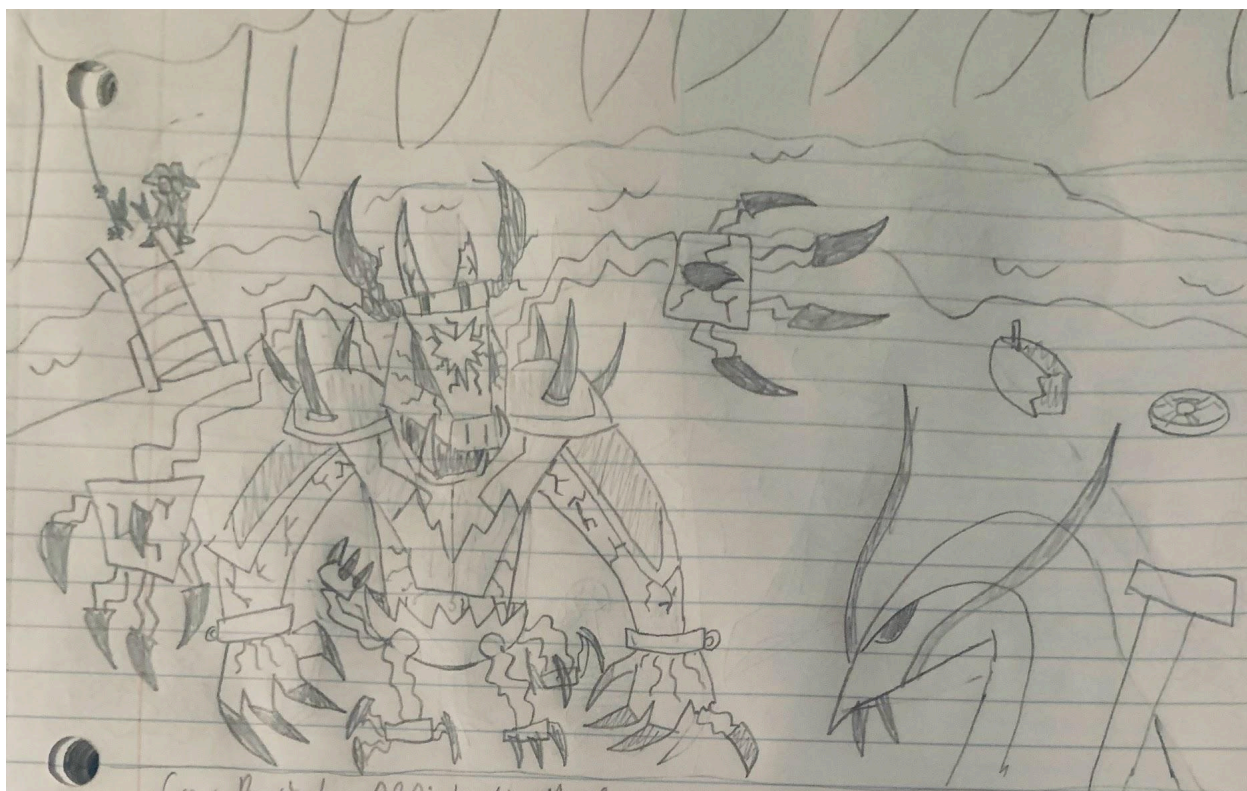
Corcelit: No problem mista Craw. This is payback for ya showin me meh lucky choice managin.

Corcelit: (munch munch) "nalla" now then, let us go to the rest of your tasks, Craw, You can join us, now hire, I may give you a promotion once this has concluded

Craw: Craw ready.

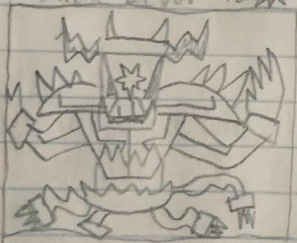
Corcelit: Iz ready too.

Craw Beast Log Event: Lunch Break Between Ordakius Trials
 Threat Level: 1 star



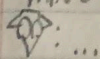
Crow Beast Log 028: Kinetic Minotaur
Threat Level: 12★

slayed: 32 escaped: 12



Once Crow finish lunch, group go to bridge right by volcano garden. Crow see kinetic minotaur on other side. This is monster that stop trade transport. Vile abomination of Kinactus. Regular minotaur that was captured, experimented and mutated. Body covered with bewitched stone. Horns twisted

upward to make room for magical skewers. Hands replaced by claws with shackles around wrist. Waist and hooves removed for grotesque kinetic limbs. Two large kinetic hand spring from back. Stone helm with hollow eyes and mouth. All honor and dignity stripped away. Duty of Crow to set poor soul free from grasp of foul dragon. Dangerous creature, but Crow handle victims of Kinactus many times. First, Crow use mud to disable four hands. Second, Crow slice spikes off creature, loss of life cause abomination to launch spikes, so Crow neutralize threat early. Last, Crow aim for neck. I have moment of silence for creature, give hollow mask to Crow and Goblin, move to final task.



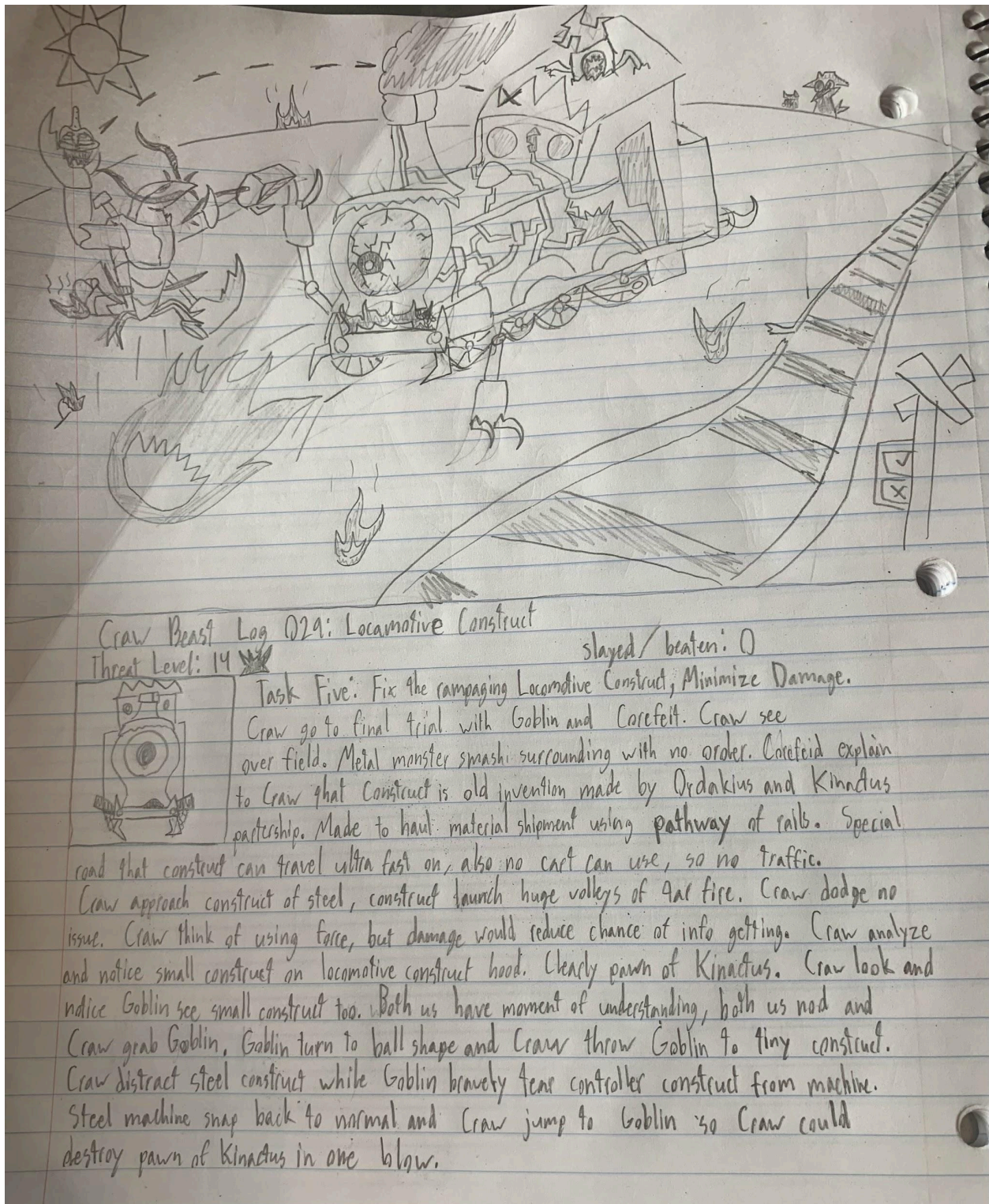
☞: Time for final task, to ensure future free from Kinactus' evil.

Craw Beast Log 028: Kinetic Minotaur

Threat Level: 12 star (Kinactus)

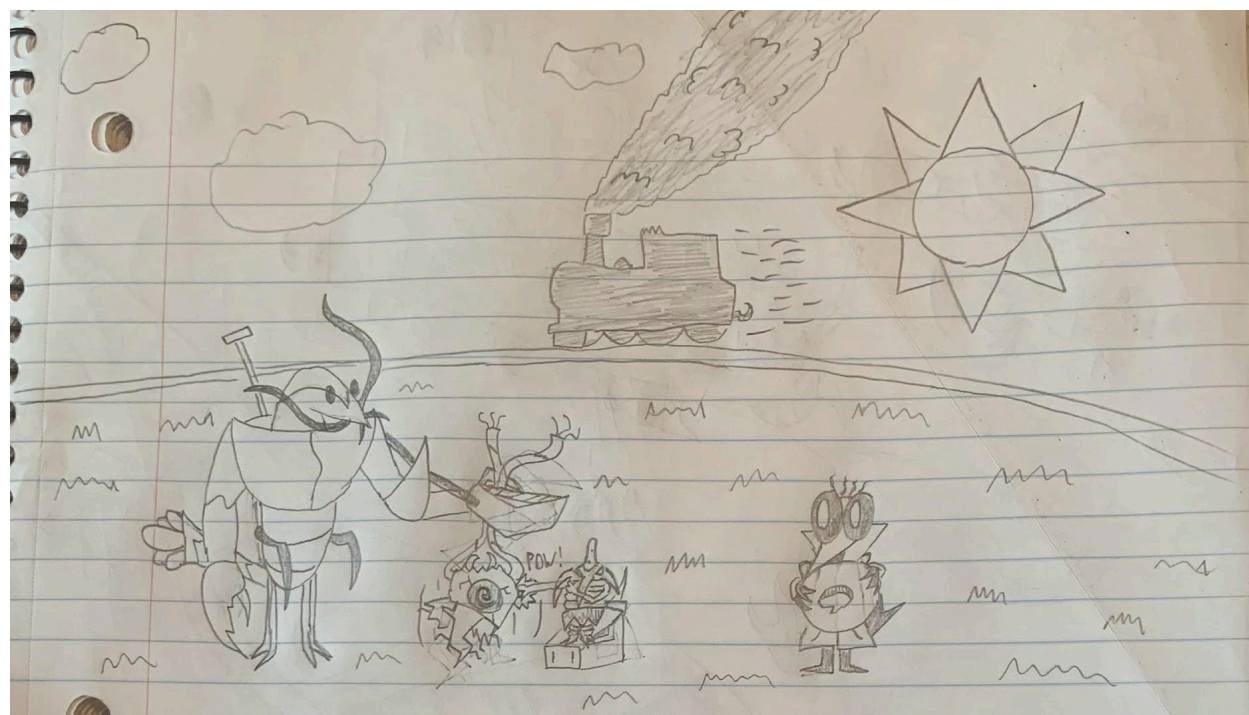
Slayed: 32 Escaped: 12

Ordakius Trial Four: Get Rid of Monster Blocking Trade Route



Craw Beast Log 029: Locomotive Construct
 Threat Level: 15 stars (Ordakius)
 Slayed/Bested: 0

Ordakius Trial Five: Fix the Rampaging Locomotive Construct (Bonus: Minimize Damage to Company Property including Construct)



Craw Beast Log 030: Kinetic Construct (Parasite)

Threat Level: 2 ★ (unattached) + 1 ★ (attached) slayed: 65

Craw grab kinetic parasite once Craw defeat machine. Locomotive Construct regain composure and go back to work. Craw see parasite before. Weak on own, but make strong beast more strong. Can infect animals, but better at control construct and machine. All tasks are done, also Goblin still worked up.

W: That's what yaz git ya stupid bug. (punching) Take this! Take that ya clanken!

W: Final task done at last. Coreit, may Craw take Craw to Ordakius. Craw ready for assessment of tasks.

W: *deep sigh* (takes off hat) Craw... I should tell you in advance just in case. I can't guarantee what Ordakius will do. He may give you everything you need, or he'll give you the location of a secret entrance. The level of use may not be all that helpful. Just so you know, I got your back. I now know that Kinactus affects a lot more than us farlings and employees.

W: Craw appreciate sentiment. Also... Craw have hair?

W: BUSINESS IS STRESSFUL, OKAY! *ahem* Let's go to the boss. New hire, you come to, a witness will help Craw's case.

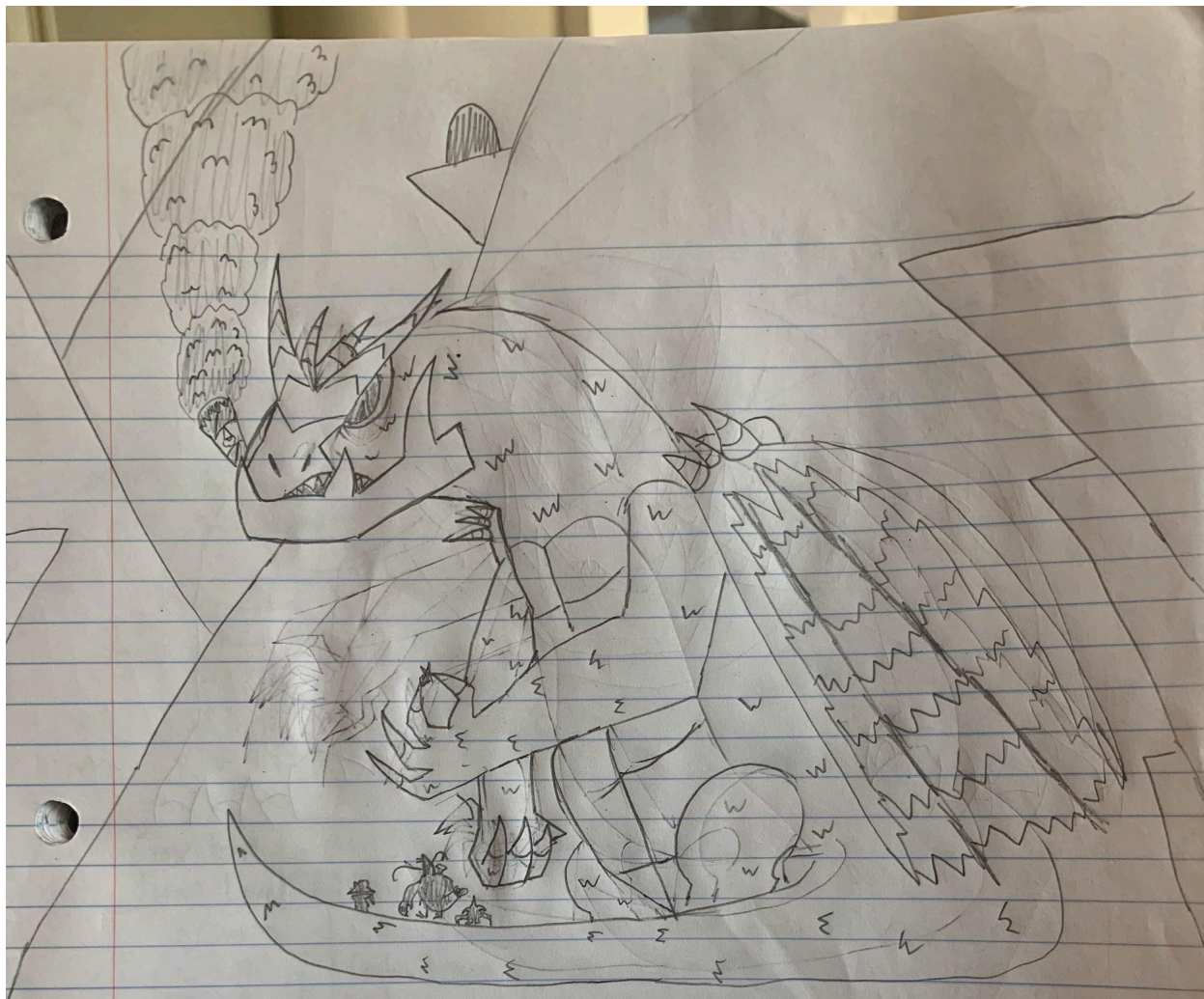
W: Yes gfr mista manager. Iz can't wait to meet mista boss man. He sounds cool.

W: Craw ready!

Craw Beast Log 030: Kinetic Construct (Parasite)

Threat Level: 2 star (unattached) + 1 star (attached) (Kinactus)

Destroyed: 65



Craw Beast Log Event: Ordakius' assessment of Trials.

Craw finish final trial and group go back to volcano. Group hear large roar and crash.
 [Dragon]: (crashes down from sky to group) *Puffs* Well, it looks like my little laundry list is done. I'm aware that this is a little *puffs* ahead a schedule, but your performance has gained my attention, so I decided to show a bit a initiative. First, Coreveld, report.

[Goblin]: President Ordakius, I am pleased to report that all five trials were completed to the highest standard. No damage was done to company property and I had not intervened. One lunch break.

[Dragon]: Alright, Craw, elaborate on the process of the trials. Coreveld, confirm or deny the validity of said descriptions. And Goblin new hire, add your personal testimony.

[Goblin]: Yes sir!

7 logs worth of explaining later.

[Dragon]: I see, your performance on the tasks were not only optimal, but beyond expectations when it came to strength, logic, and percision. You have more than earned your compensation, Craw.

W: Thank you, sir. Now, Crow ask Ordakius how destroy Kinactus once and for all.

W: *Large puff* Ah yes, ol' Kenny. Before I start, Mr. Coreveld, tell me any consistencies between both Kinactus based intrusions.

W: The trade route and locomotive construct were both related to Chivalricus business affairs.

W: I see, it was a calculated interference. I should've expected this, I suppose I was holding out hope things would turn out differently. *Puff* He was like a little brother to me. He was a bright kid, y'know, (lifts up kinetic minotaur shell) but I can't keep turning a blind eye to this. I'm no hero, not even a good guy, but I draw a line at defiling the soul itself, along with my business ventures. Crow, I'll tell you whatever you need.

W: First, Crow want know weakness of Kinactus.

W: Kinactus is a borderline impenetrable fortress. He's been a genius since he was a hatchling. Out of the four dragons, he was able to master the three of our elements and then some at the same level we were mastering our own elements. Don't get me started on the level of his own element. He is as powerful as he is versatile. To my knowledge, he has no obvious weaknesses, and any he does have probably have countermeasures for them. He's built himself a tower of excellence, however, he's so high he can't see the ground. His ego blinds him, he has tunnel-vision. Once you can exploit that, the tower will fall and his countermeasures will crumble. That is the way.

W: Noted, no simple way to defeat dragon. If dragon versatile, Crow must be versatile as well.

W: I can help with that. You didn't think I was just gonna give you a few words and send you on ya way. I've taken notice of that metal arm of yours. I see it's second generation digger repurposed into a claw. Nice, but it could be better. You see, if dragons are good at one thing, and they're good at alot, it's innovation. My best engineers have gotten ourselves to generation 25 diggers that turn the strongest stone into dust (too bad they forget to make it small enough to fit in caves). You got a fossil as an arm, and my best can turn it into combat innovation. It won't be enough to secure the win, but it'll give you an edge.

W: Crow thank you. Crow trust improvement will be well.

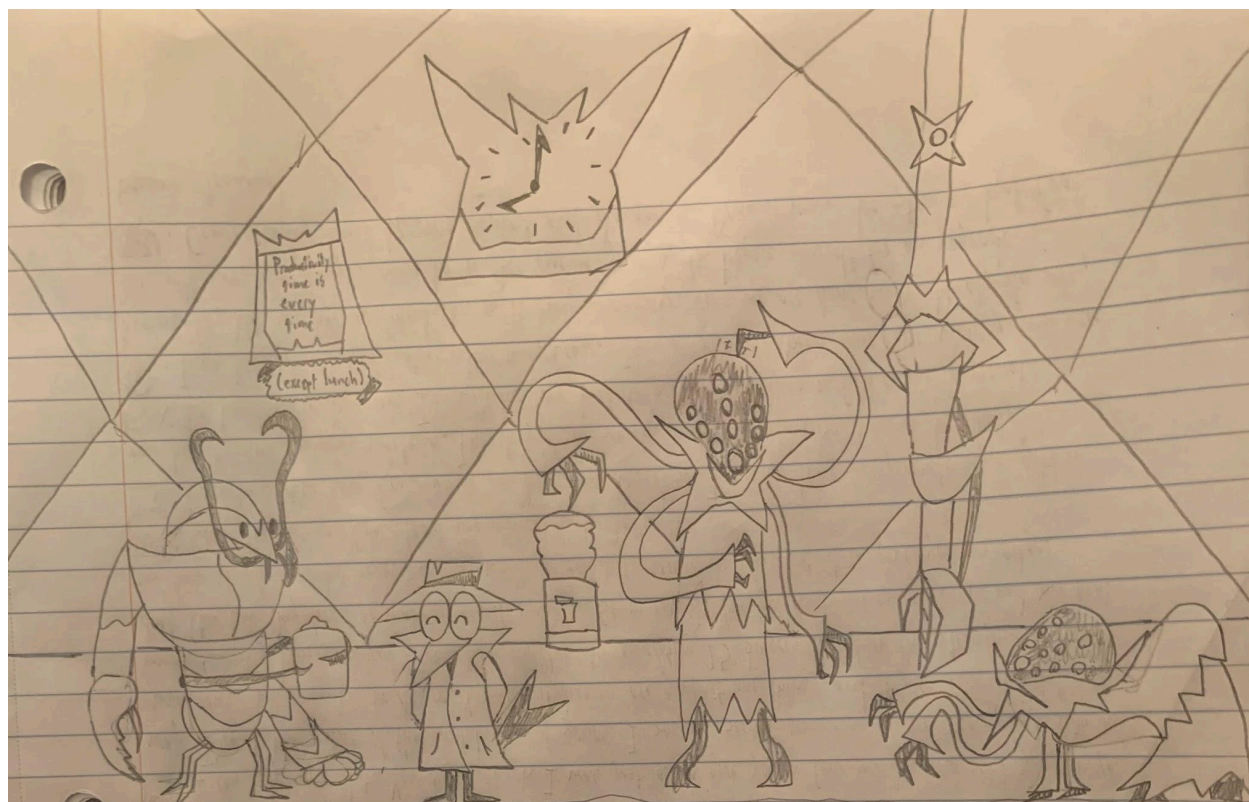
W: Coreveld, let's show Crow what our best can do. Also, I would like to promote our goblin now hire to the company cafeteria. The story of his unique cuisine sounds like it could be helpful.

W: Iz honored Mr. Bossman. Iz will doz my best to get those bellies as full as me appreciation.


W: Time to go to the innovation division, Crow. This may have been sure fire victory you were hoping for, but we are confident this will help immensely. Once we are done with the adjustments, we will give you many avenues to further pursue your goals. Prepare yourself for an upgrade.

W: Crow ready. Will become armed and dangerous. Dragon may be strong, but Crow become stronger!

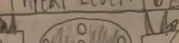
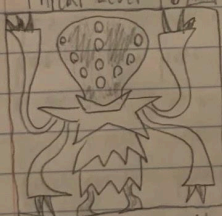
Threat Level: 15 star



Craw Beast Log 031: Tarling Visionary

Threat Level: 16 

Slayed/Bested: 0



Craw follow Coreveld into metal room of volcano. Craw see many tall tarlings. Tall ones have large head and many glowing eyes. Have four long arm. Very spiky body. Seem rigid, but actually very flexible. Coreveld explain that tall tars are smartest tarlings of volcano company. Visionaries come up and make volcano technology and work systems. Craw give Coreveld and Visionaries metal arm. Coreveld says things to Visionaries then turn back to Craw.

📌: Everything is going smoothly, Craw, they should have a finalized design by the start of the next business day. Let me give you a bit of insight on what we call "creative types." If you give them a room and all the decorations in the world, you'll get something above average. You give them a small amount of options, they will make something truly special. Although, if you give them a pitiful amount to find the balance that provides a truly good product. I believe the size and weight restrictions I gave will reach that pinnacle for your upgrade.

Star: Crow appreciate, but wax poetic not bring confidence up.

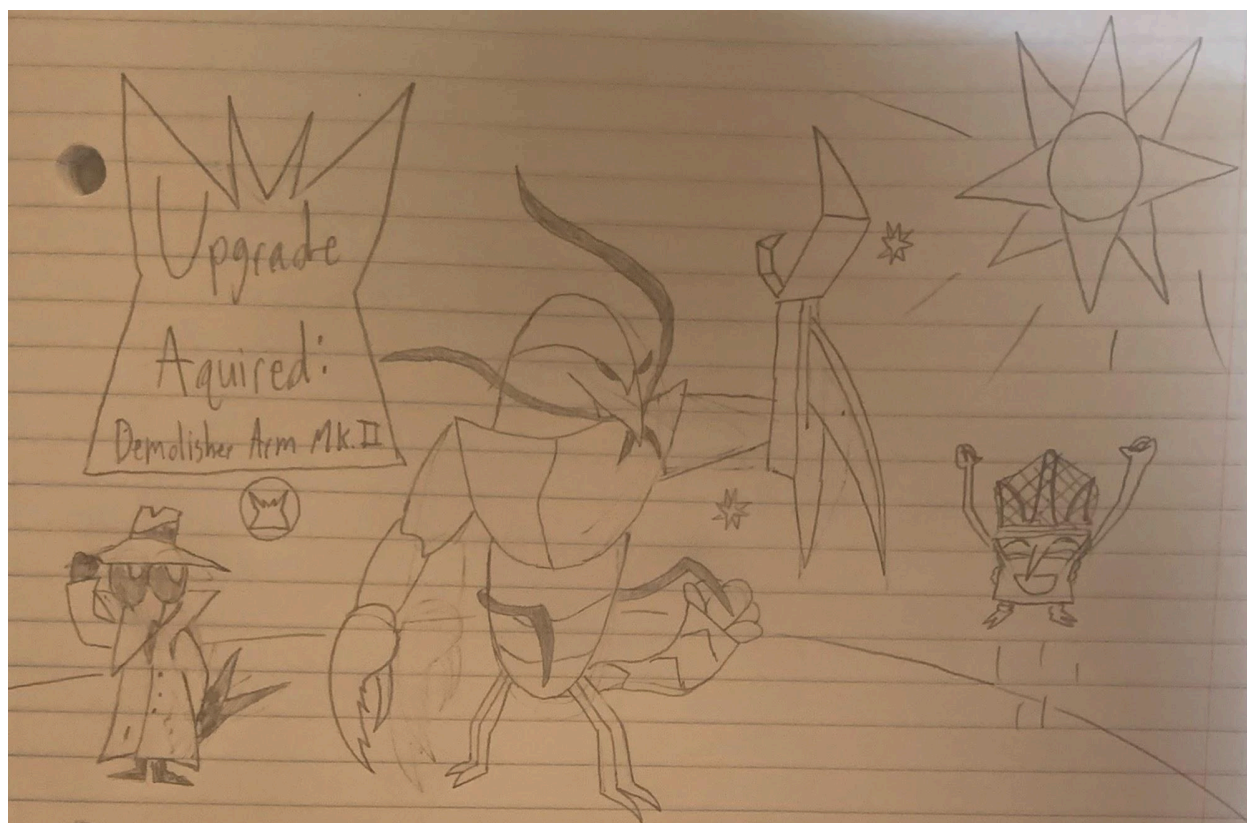
☞ Crow tell brainiacs to make claw good, light, same size, and better.

47: Now Craw excited!

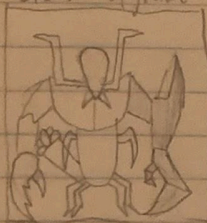
Craw Beast Log 031: Tarling Visionary

Threat Level: 16 star (Ordakius)

Slayed/Bested: 0



Crow Upgrade Log One: Demolisher Arm Mk. II



- more durable with elementally reflective surface
- retractable arm blade
- joints on claw for sharp and blunt attacks
- grapple hook: both whole claw and small hook
- launching mechanism in claw

: Looks like our best has done a good enough job. We have the old one in storage just in case.

: Youz gotz yourself a real turn up. I betz youz could give a real wallop or twoz.

: Crow thank you both. Wait... why goblin wear lack-of-hair net.

: Ie gotz promoted to assistant chef. This stuff iz company mandatedz.

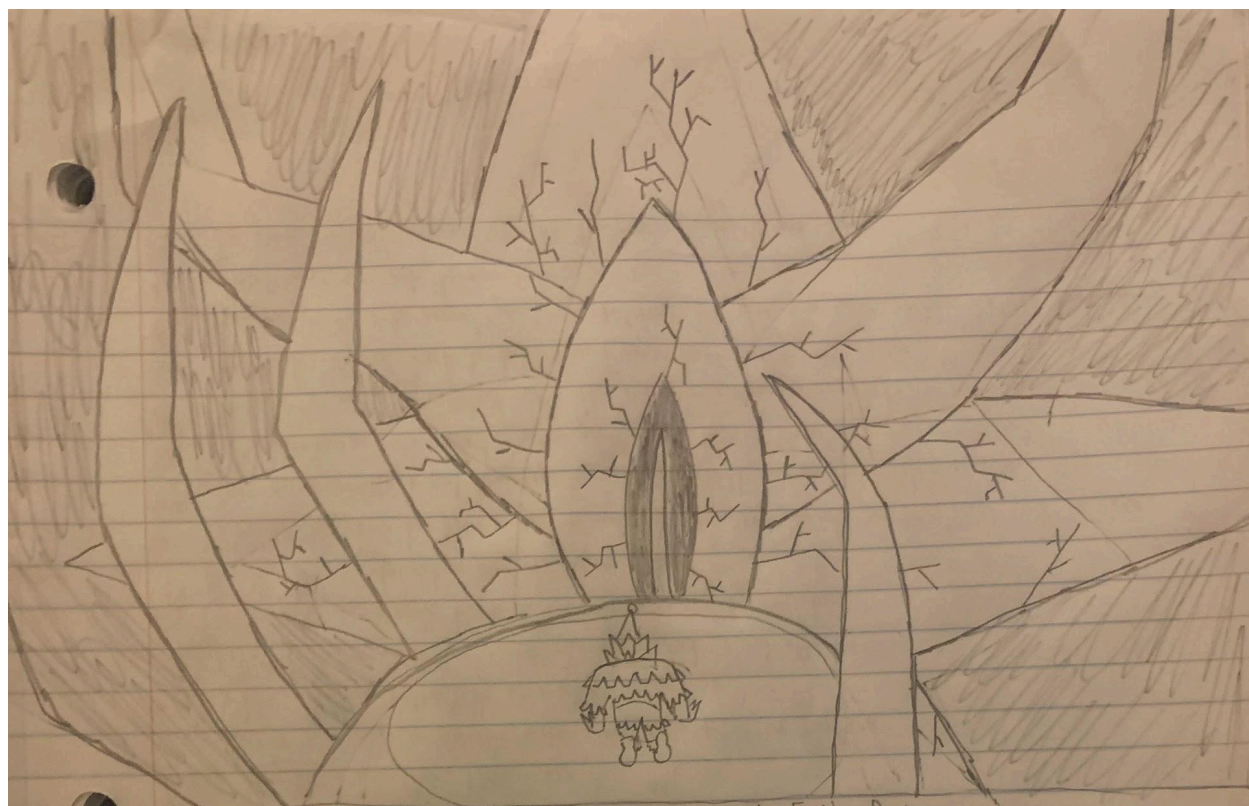
: Very good. Best of luck to both you. Crow have to go own way.

: I suppose its time to escort you to the entrance. I'll give you some recommendations on where to go next once we get there.

: Ie gonno comes along too. Yaz the reason why I'mz here.

Craw Upgrade Log One: Bemolisher Arm Mk. II

Chapter 3: Chivalrius, The Single Slash of Moonlight and Loyal Blade of the One True King



(Craw Beast Log) Meanwhile at the Ultimate Archives: The Fool's Prolegomenon
Far away at a stormy spire. Kinactus reigns over a hoard of knowledge. A fool rushes in to report..

☐: Lord Kinactus, I have come with the daily report of the dragons' continent.

★: State the report. Make the positive ones quick, there are certain draconic matters I wish to know.

☐: For the good news! Twenty new test subjects captured, seven new mutations and "conversions" and a record challenging one-hundred constructs created since last report. Now for the setbacks... Five Follower Constructs, four Snatcher Constructs (filthy tarling), one Parasite Construct, and one converted mindane were destroyed. Most shockingly, all but three of the snatchers seem to be dispatched with shocking efficiency. Hauntingly so.

★: *lolls up (unknown) to eye* Tell me... did this... execution... happen to be a red, upright, crustacean?

☐: Y... yes master. This crustaceon is another topic to get to. This "crow" has been seen traveling to Ordakius' domains. He was seen conversing with the vice-president and Ordakius himself. There is reason to believe Ordakius may be assisting him and vice versa, given that our attack on the trade route to "him" was stopped.

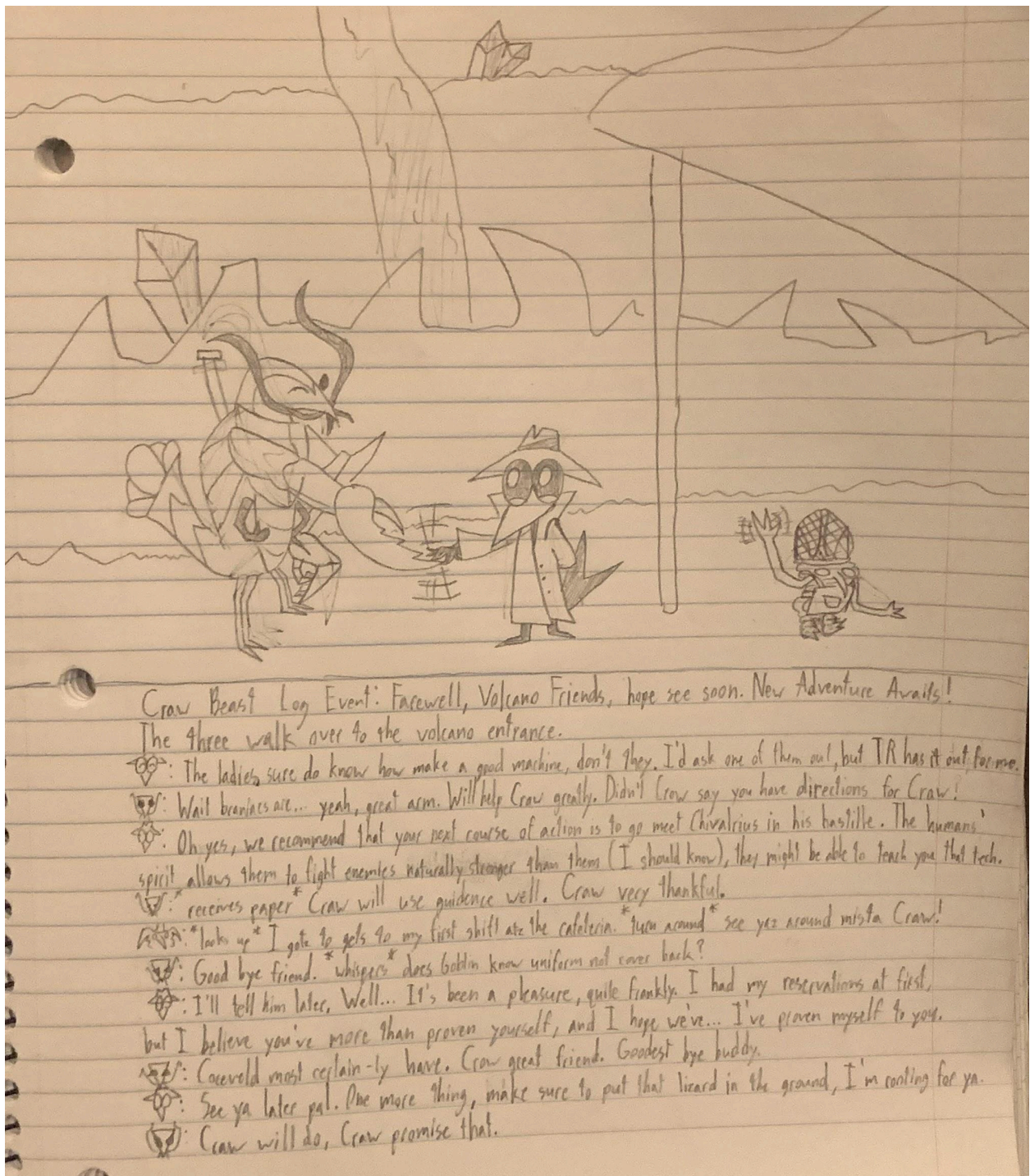
★: Heh heh heh... I see that shrimp is attempting to decrease the gap in power between us.

☐: Master, I don't see how those tarling could possibly help...

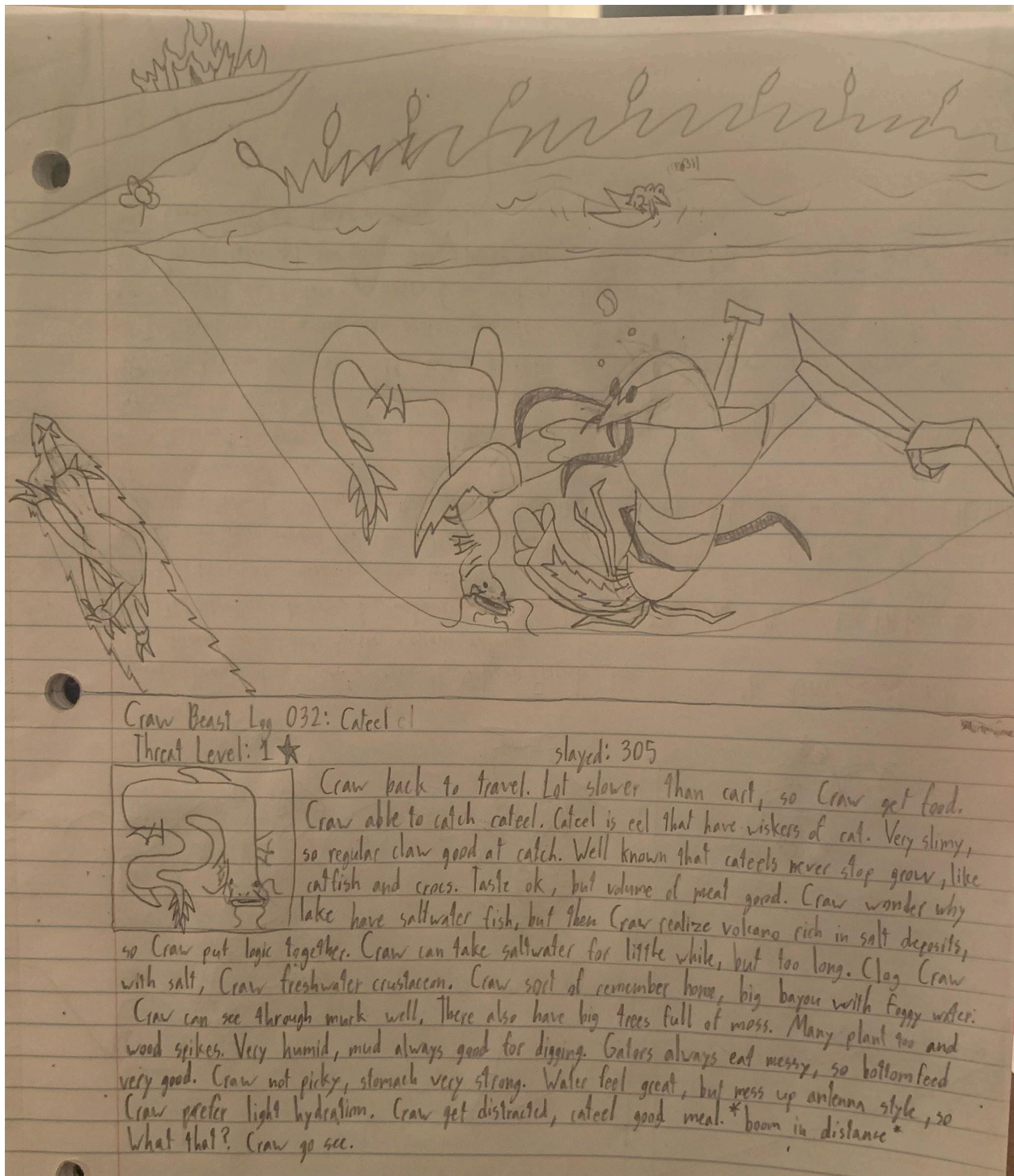
★: Fool! Do you not pay attention to the slightest details, did you need see that his prosthetic is a piece of digging equipment! They would easily be able to upgrade that piece of scrap. Fool, I order you to keep your eye on its progress and delay his plans. My current goal requires a few weeks. Rendezvous with my masterpiece.

☐: Yes master, your will is law. (mumble to himself: I'm above this kind of grunt work, especially with that abomination.) Farewell Master Kinactus.

(Craw Beast Log) Meanwhile at the Ultimate Archives, the Spires of Kinactus: The Fool's Prolegomenon



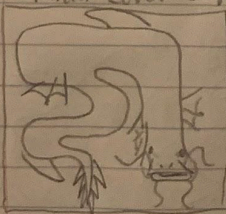
Craw Beast Log Event: Farewell Volcano Friends, A New Adventure Awaits!



Craw Beast Log 032: Cateel

Threat Level: 1★

slayed: 305

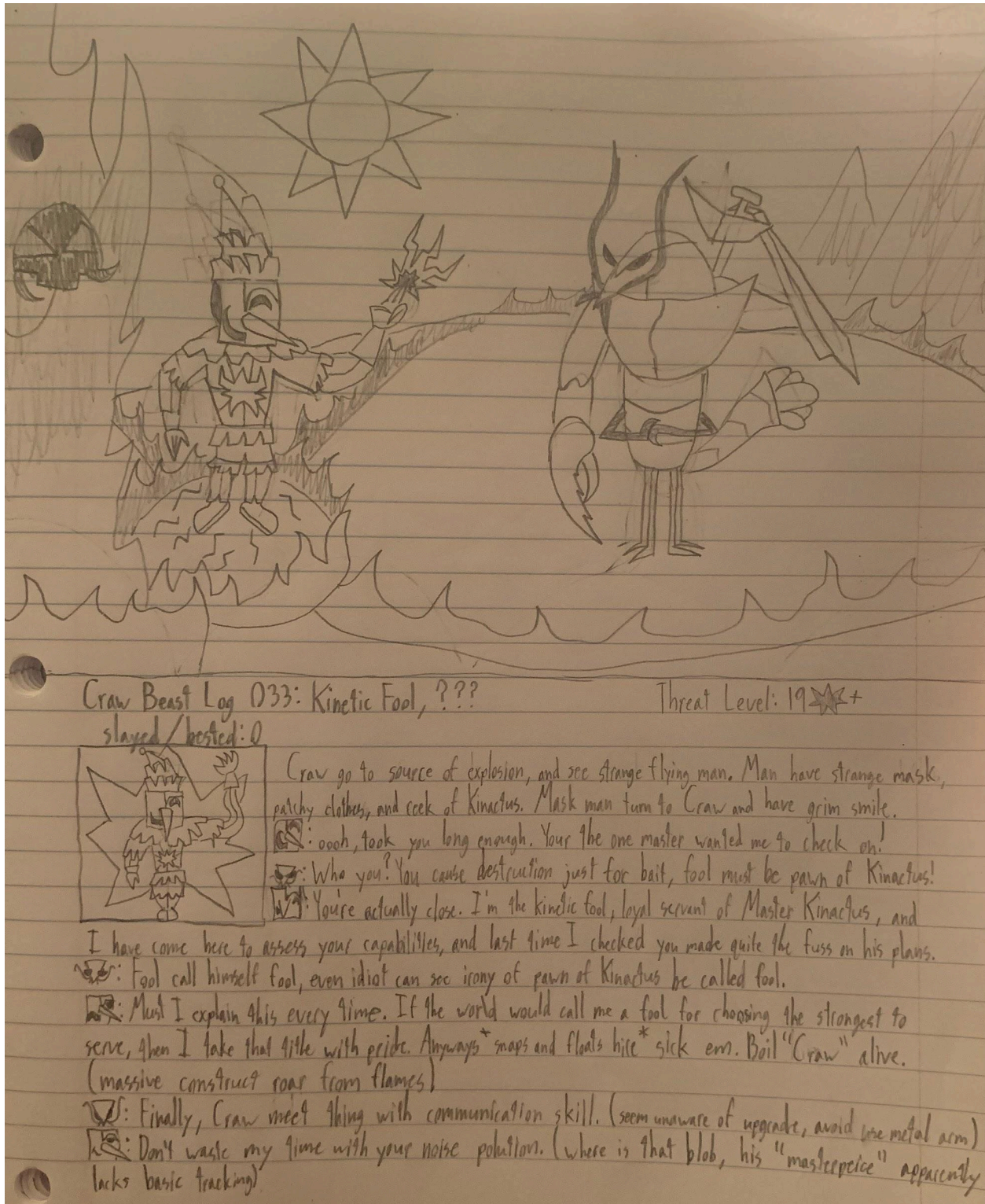


Craw back to travel. Lot slower than cart, so Craw get food. Craw able to catch cateel. Cateel is eel that have whiskers of cat. Very slimy, so regular claw good at catch. Well known that cateels never stop grow, like catfish and crocs. Taste ok, but volume of meat good. Craw wonder why lake have saltwater fish, but then Craw realize volcano rich in salt deposits, so Craw put logic together. Craw can take saltwater for little while, but too long. Clog Craw with salt, Craw freshwater crustacean. Craw sort of remember home, big bayou with foggy water. Craw can see through muck well, There also have big trees full of moss. Many plant too and wood spikes. Very humid, mud always good for digging. Gators always eat messy, so bottomfeed very good. Craw not picky, stomach very strong. Water feel great, but mess up antenna style, so Craw prefer light hydration. Craw get distracted, cateel good meal. *boom in distance* What that? Craw go see.

Craw Beast Log 032: Cateel

Threat Level: 1 star (neutral)

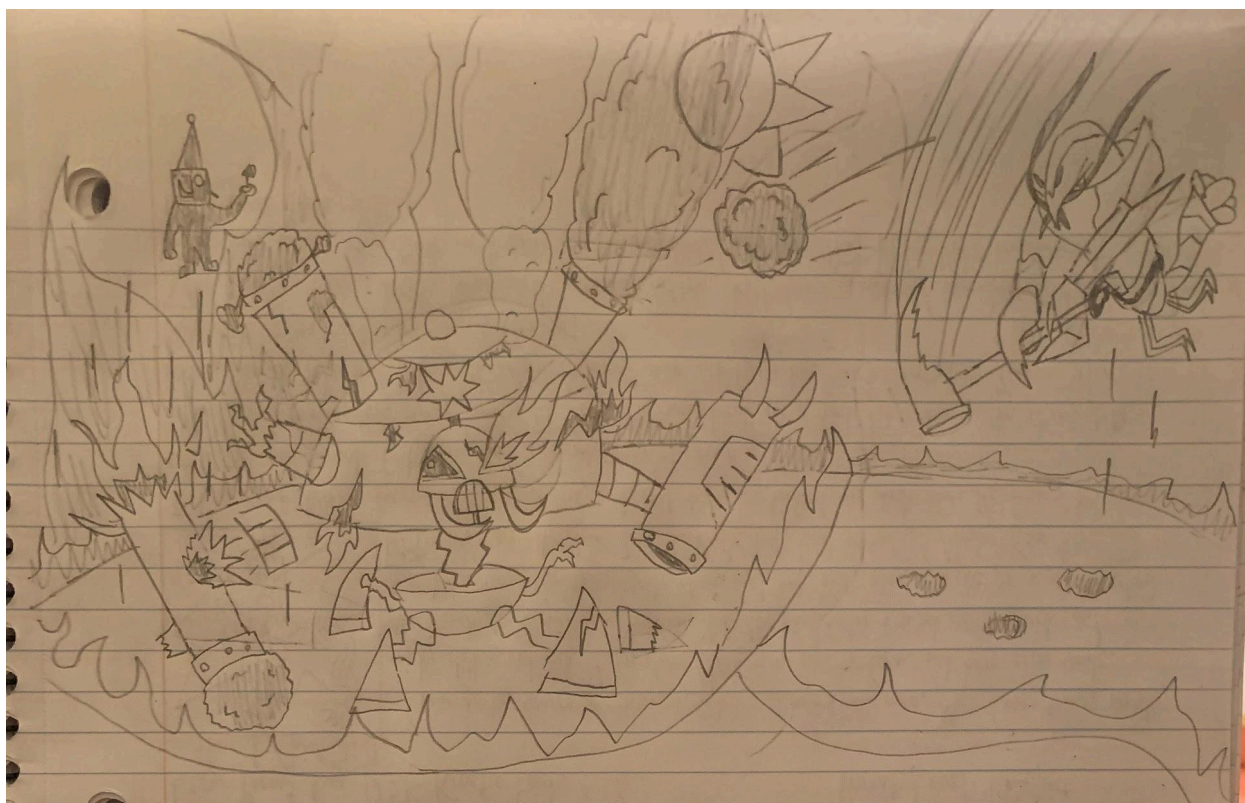
Hunted: 305



Craw Beast Log 033: Kinetic Fool, (???)

Threat Level: 19+ star (Kinactus)

Slayed/Bested: 0



Craw Beast Log 034: Kinetic Construct (Pyroflayer)

Threat Level: 14 ★

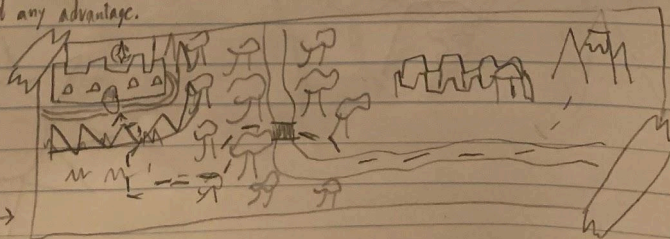
slayed: 37 bested: 11



Beast reveal self to be Pyroflayer, thing is giant furnace with legs and cannons. Construct made of brick and metal, kinetic leathers attach legs and waist, arms allow hands to launch fire and molten stone. Hatch on top to burn defeated enemies. Used to have trouble with furnace, but now Craw know how defeat easy. Craw act quick and launch rock balls to block pipe and cannon. Craw know that smoke burst when have lack of escape. Craw break one leg to impare movement for better aim, efficient tactic. This time, construct realize what going on and switch last arm to claw made order to hide last pipe. Situation now dangerous, but salvage able. Craw rush forward with hammer, dodge claw swipe, prepare strike while jump over surprise cannon shot, then hit head so hard it go into furnace body. Craw sprint away to dodge explosion. Craw look back and see fool fly away with smug smile. Craw need be cautious, now Kinactus more active in journey. River close, Craw can reach woods fast which let Craw hide better. Craw have long journey, so need any advantage.

Here visual to help.

Volcano → plains → river
→ (avoid capital) → forest →
bridge → more forest → plains →
high hills → bastille

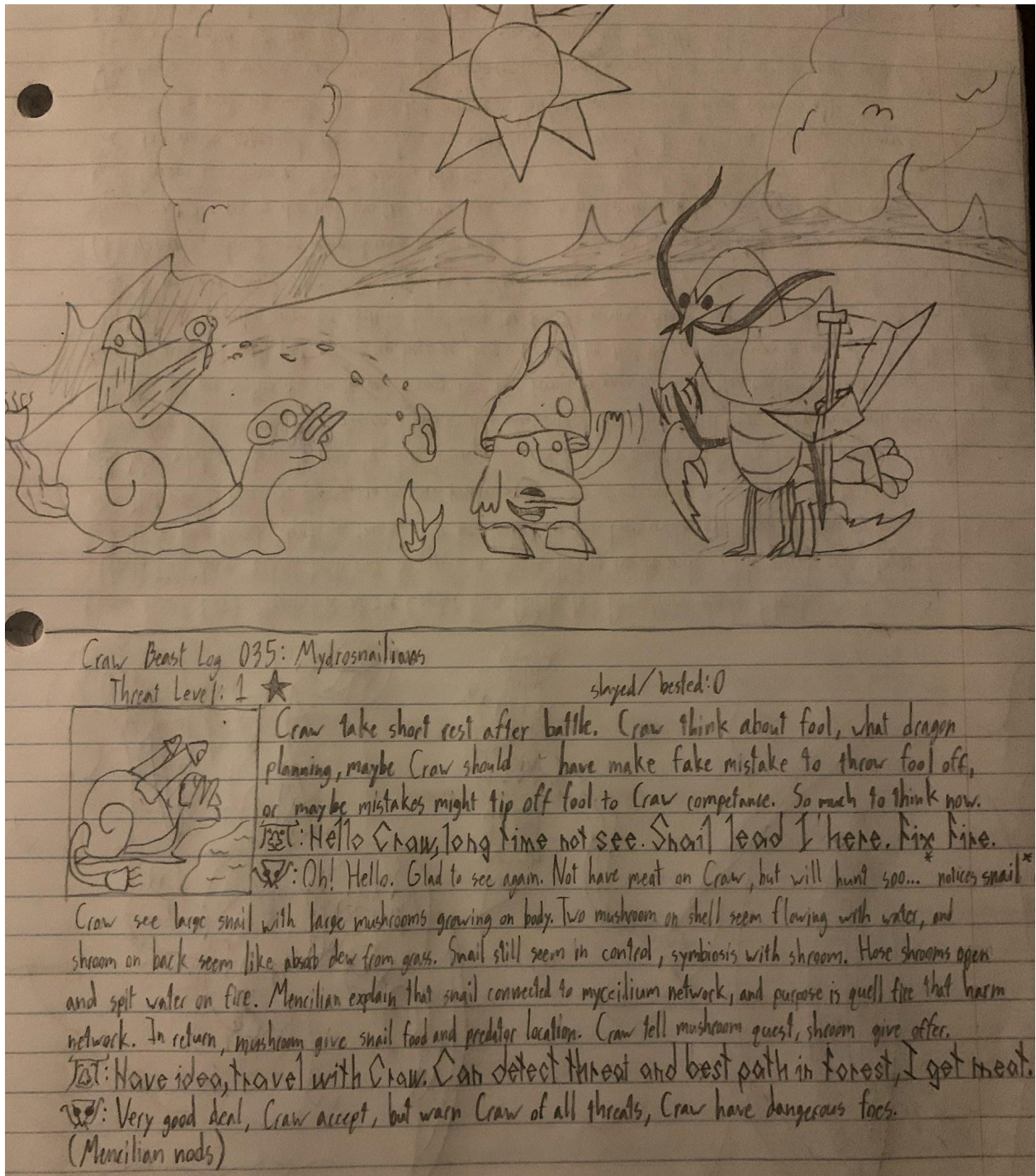


Craw Beast Log 034: Kinetic Construct (Pyroflayer)

Threat Level: 14 star (Kinactus)

Destroyed: 42

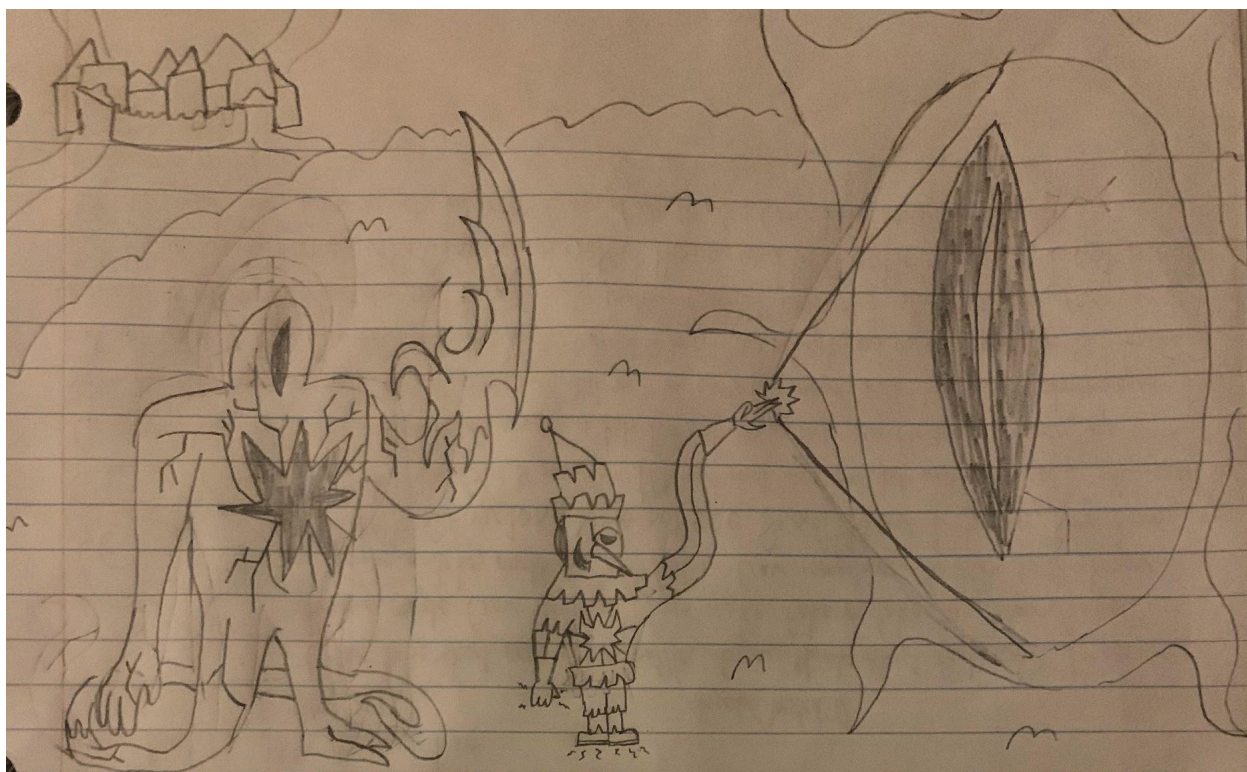
Escaped: 11



Craw Beast Log 035: Mydrosnailian

Threat Level: 1 star (neutral)

Hunted/Bested: 0



(Craw Beast Log) Meanwhile at the Capital Town Outskirts: Deception made Flesh

(Fool) lies down behind bush once he spots a strange looking noodle mole. Mole morphs into strange figure.

[S]: Took long enough, don't ya think. I've been looking for you. Even used a pyroflayer to signal my location for all to see.

[M]: That was to lure the enemy, in the worst possible scenario, one of us needed to survive in order to report.

[S]: Wow, what confidence in your ally, I'm touched. Any, the bug was under expectations, has no magical affinity.

[M]: Surface level analysis, the crustacean shows immense adaptability. His efficient kill shows experience with master's forces.

[S]: Now that you mention it, for the past 8 years there have been some gaps in reports, then big losses. I just assumed some village heroes or valiant knights just sprung up here or there. Could it be that the crustacean was the cause of all of those gaps?

[M]: Very much possible given his skill in dispatching the kinetic ranks. Also, what color was his metal arm?

[S]: I believe it was... silver-ish. With a bit of reflective grew. The miners and farlings probably just polished it.

[M]: Unlikely, when I was morphed as a noodle mole, I saw the enemy have an outdated, yellow arm. It was also strange that the enemy did not use the silver arm once in his battle with the pyroflayer. He is evolving.

[S]: Perhaps I oversaw a *few* details, let's report to master Kinnalus. (Projection spell cast) Greelings master.

[S]: You have assessed the crustacean, what is your report. I also see that you managed to correctly to meet up with the Ascended mimic. Notable improvement from previous attempts.

[S]: Anything to impress you master! The crustacean destroyed a pyroflayer in a notably short amount of time. It is also noted that the crustacean has an improved arm after he left Ordakins' domain.

[S]: Decent report, although lacks any substantial details on the arm, what are his new abilities.

KS: Well... I was unable to discern any notable new abilities, only more movement and enhanced durability.

A: The enemy avoided use of prosthetic, highly likely that significant additions added.

☆: Hmmm... for once your lack of results is justified, that animal can actually strategize beyond the moment.

KS: Now for further actions! I suggest making those turtles pay, especially that corvian aborn...

☆: SILENCE! Directly attacking another dragon will draw unnecessary conflict from Ordakius. Your grudge with his lapdog will compromise my plan. I will put this as discreetly as I can, both of you go around the bastille and inhibit Chivalrus and his allies. Directly attack only his acquaintances, such as the gnomes and the alicorns. I have further instructions for both of you later after you cause enough chaos. Also, put our forces into the path toward the bastille from here, the crustacean's progress can be delayed and worn down. I am curious how much this bug has grown to oppose me.

A/KS: Understood master Kinadus, your word is law and your evil is all-consuming.

☆: And for my finest creation, assimilate as much DNA as possible, you have yet to fully evolve.

A: I will do that gladly, the crustacean will fall under your supremacy.

(communication spell ends)

KS: Well... time to go, big guy. I suppose this is better than watching a mudbug.

A: You speak with such vigor in the face of our master, what has changed.

KS: Social rank, my acquaintance, you are so innocent in your career of servitude. Here a hint for later: your allegiance is branded to your soul. If only you knew.

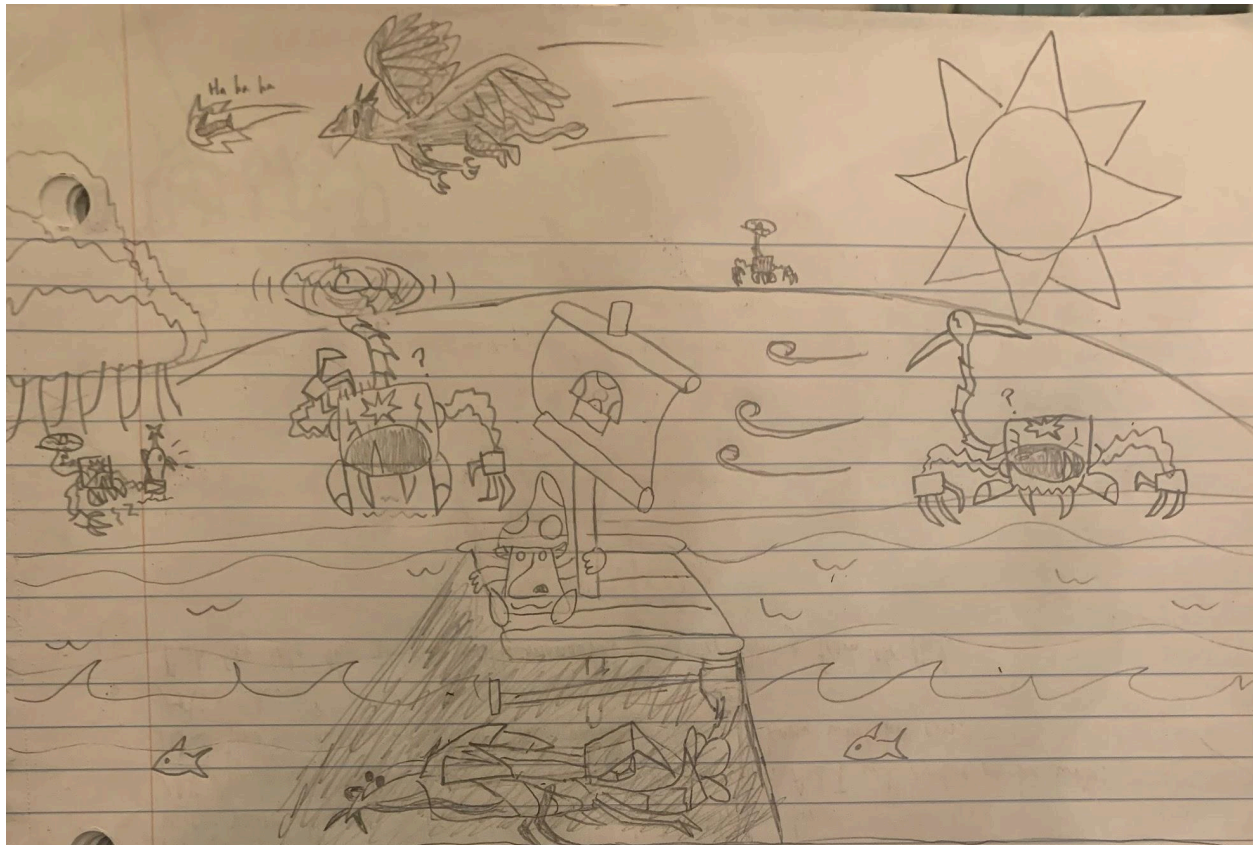
A: My loyalty to Kinadus is as unbreakable as my soul. And I will evolve as he wills.

KS: Time to cause some chaos, those paladummies won't know what hit em.

A: o... k... ?

Both fly into the distance with maniacal laughter coming from the fool.

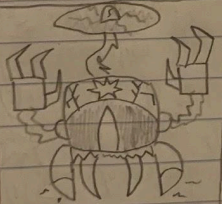
(Craw Beast Log) Meanwhile at the Central Capital Town Outskirts: Deception made Flesh



Craw Beast Log 036: Kinetic Construct (Seeker)

Threat Level: 3★

slayed: 310 berled: 22



Mushroom travel with Craw along water. Mushroom sense that many flying construct near forest, so Craw hide under mushroom's boat. Craw look up from water and see seekers. Kinetic seekers are scouts for other minions of Kinactus. When spot enemy, it make signal that lead other pawns to enemy. Seeker can also use jaw to launch stun jabs. Also can use fly tail as saw to

weaken enemy. Large amount of seekers around forest, so Craw assume strong forces in forest.

Luckily, forest is where mycelium network is most strong, so group prepared well.

Craw also notice purple spark in sky and gryphon, so sign of augmentation, so perhaps Kinactus have new "recruiting" trick. Mushroom give strange warning.

1251: Sense strong lifeform ahead, high magic, not Kinetic. In trees. Hidden.

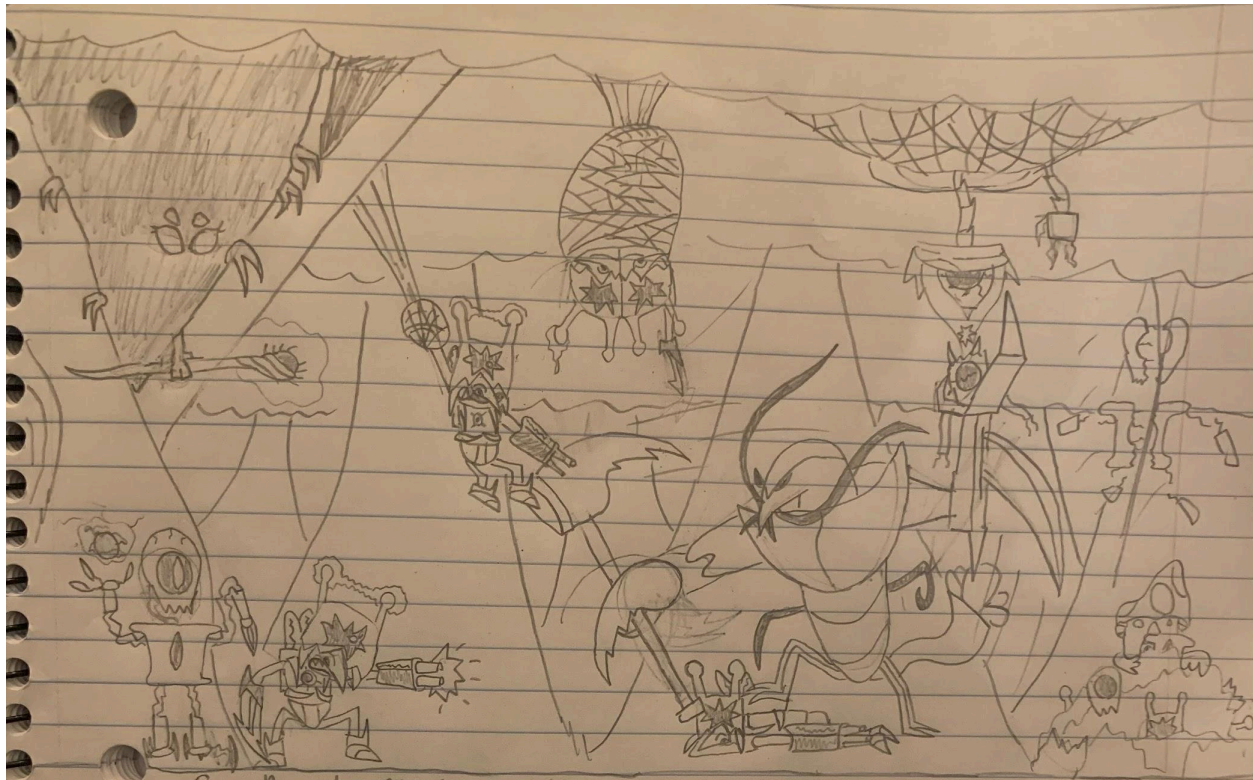
Craw not know how to feel. Craw know thing not forced pawn of Kinactus, but gryphon by maybe fool give Craw hesitation. But might of invasion may forge need of assistance. As for Kinetic army of Kinactus, let them come. New arm ready for action.

Craw Beast Log 036: Kinetic Construct 036: Kinetic Construct (Seeker)

Threat Level: 3 star (Kinactus)

Destroyed: 310

Escaped: 2

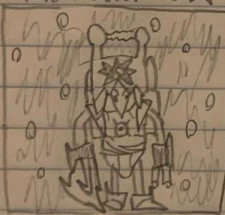


Craw Beast Log 037: Kinetic Goblin

Threat Level: 8★

Slayed: 267

Posted: 55

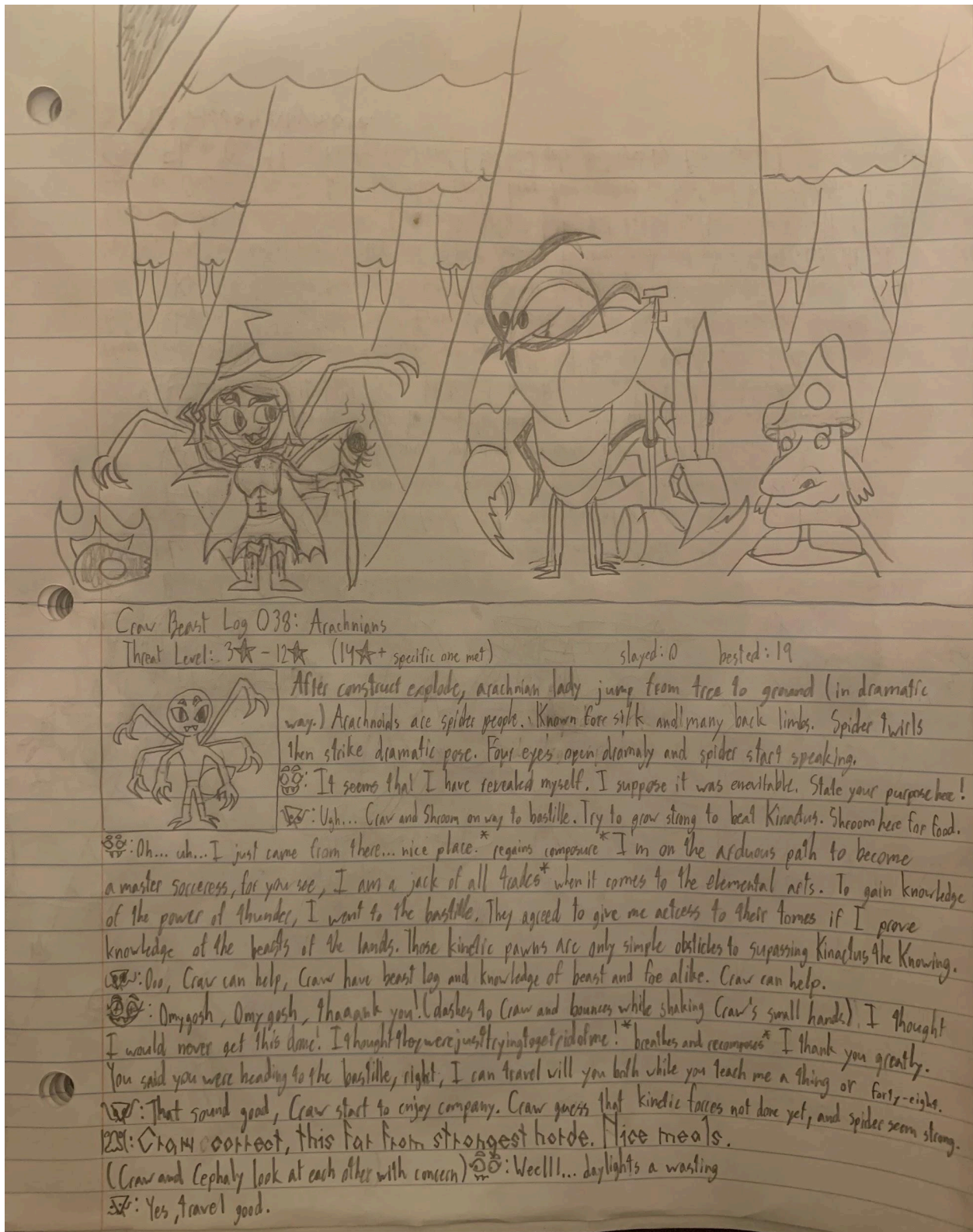


Craw go into forest with mushroom after river. Craw travel with caution, then shroom warn Craw of huge group of construct and kinetic goblin. Kinetic Goblin small, yet dangerous. Head covered with large stone helmet with one vile eye. Kinetic back generator hook on to goblin with four tooth jaw. Arms of goblin replace with kinetic magic blade and launcher. This make kinetic goblin dangerous at all range. Craw encounter other enemy too. Craw see many fodder and few parasite. As Craw battle through forest, shroom collect "leftovers" and Craw start to see webs in trees. Later, Craw see defeated forces of Kinadus hung on trees with web. Craw see last group of forces in area. Craw crush all easily, Craw use metal arm to slice and grapple enemies. Hammer crush and slice forces also. At end, Craw get shot at at two angle. Craw able deflect both, but fodder in back charge spell. Craw left open, so Craw prepare for hit, but then Craw hear two voices in front and by mushroom. ~~Flare Burst!~~ Flare Burst! (Kinetic Construct [Fodder] gets destroyed by fire spell)
 Not hidden anymore.

Craw Beast log 037: Kinetic Goblin

Threat Level: 7 star (Kinactus)

Slayed: 267 Escaped: 55



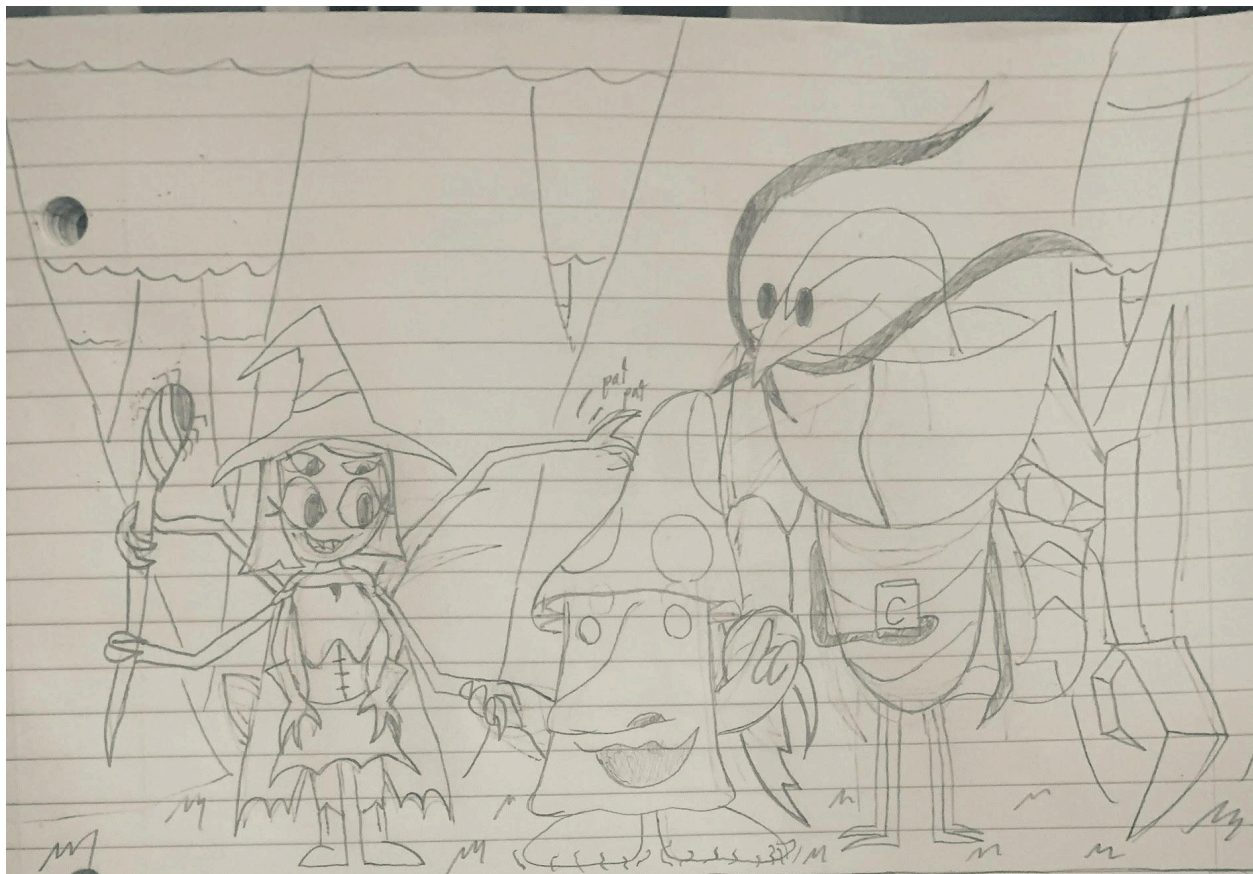
Craw Beast Log 038: Arachnians

Threat Level: 3-12 star (neutral)

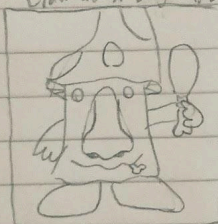
(14+ star [Cephaly specifically] {unknown allegiance})

Slayed: 0

Bested: 8?



Craw Beast Log 039 (Friend Log 004): Ghregal Fung, the Mencilian

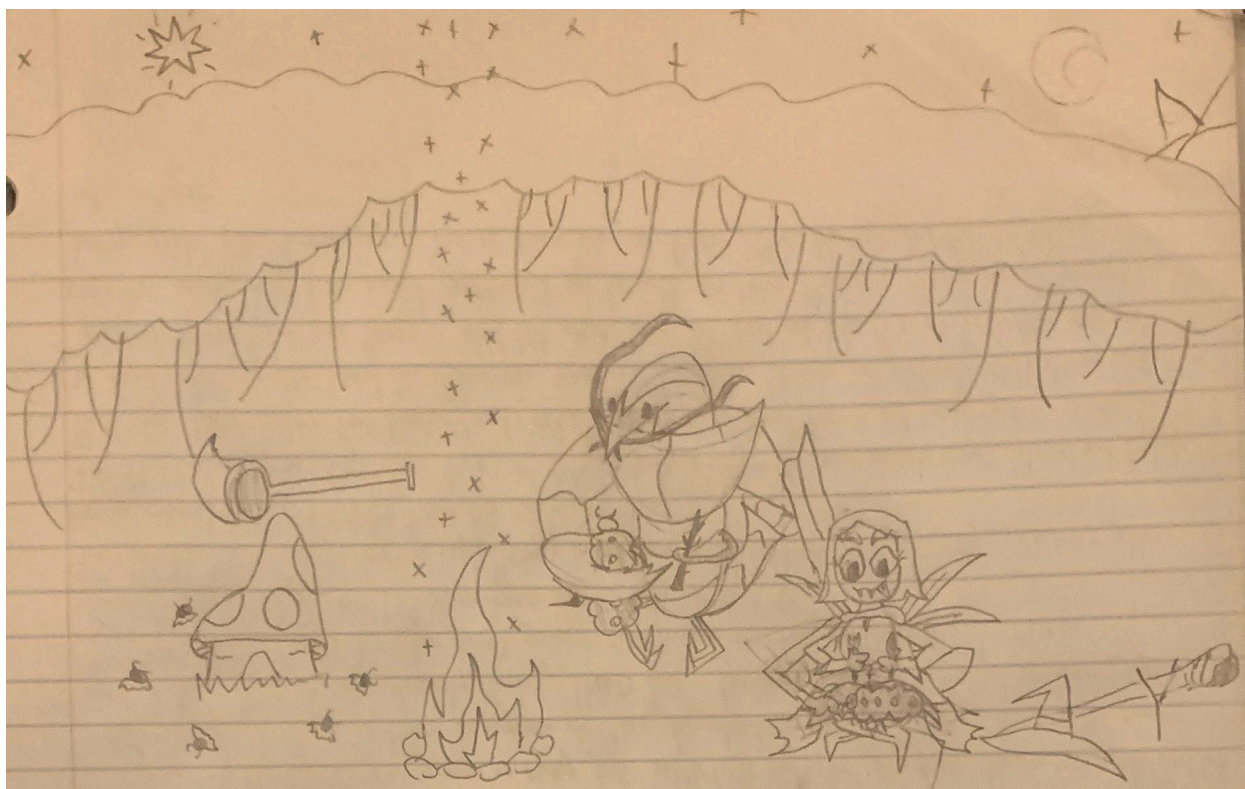


Craw and group go away from battlefield and start discussion. Shegam and spider st
 25: So team, I suppose its time for introductions! As for me, I am the spider
 socceress, Cephal, Cephal Thrax. I am familiar with almost all kinds of spells and magic
 25: Nice to meet you. I am mencilian named Ghregal Fung.
 25: Wait! Mushrom have name! Why not tell Craw?

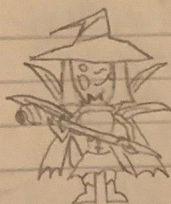
1001: Well, topic never came up. Never introduce each other and you say you say your
 name constantly. Never had to ask.

25: Oh, Craw suppose Craw have lack of talk experience. Nice to know names now, Ghregal and Cep
 That when Craw realize that having friends and allys as beast in beast log is not most polite thing,
 so Craw start specific friend log. Mencilian name is Ghregal. Strange yet pleasant. Well attune with
 "mycelium network" and sense things in plant fill areas. Love eat meat and bone (no ask). Craw appreciate
 mencilian much, help Craw avoid sockers and pay for milk one time. Mushro... Craw mean Ghregal
 funny speak give Craw joy. Sun is going low so Craw, M... Ghregal, and Spi... Cephal
 set up dinner.

Craw Beast Log 039 (Friend Log 001): Ghregal Fung, the Mencilian



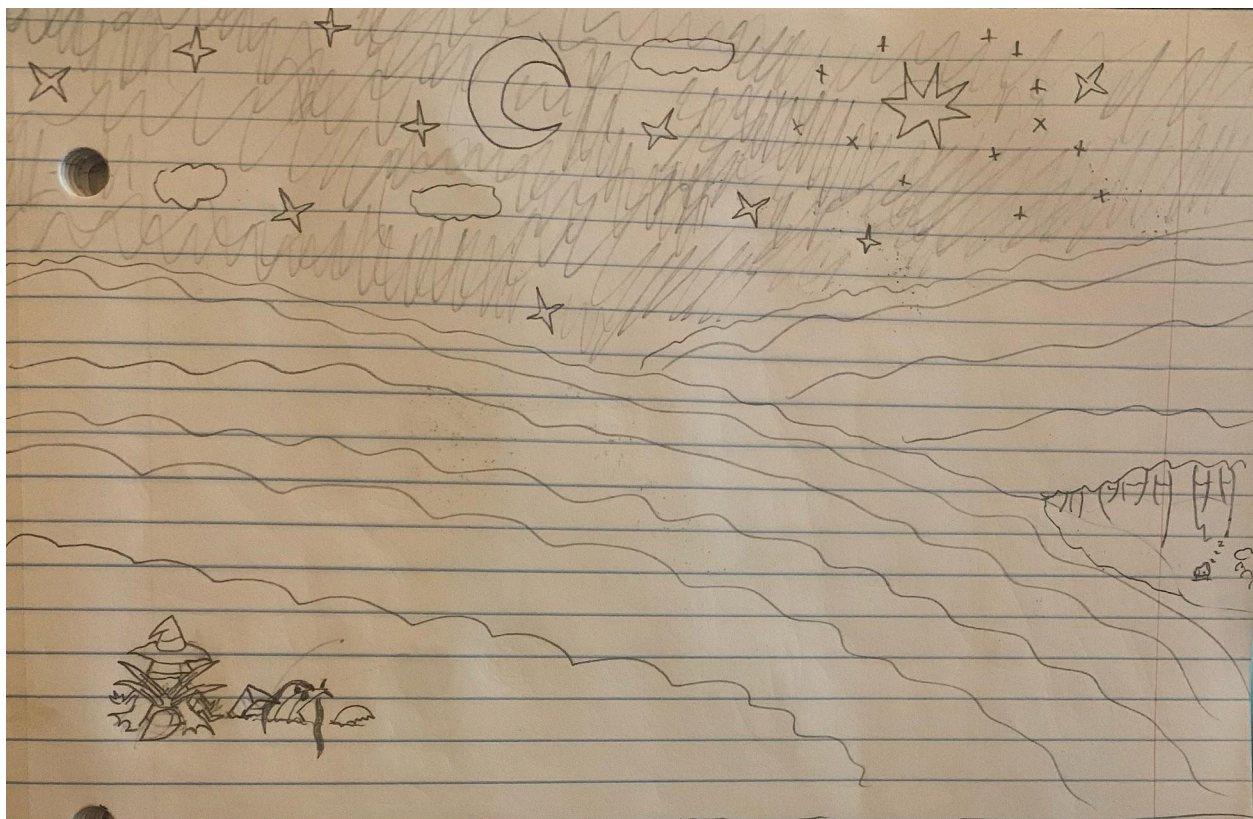
Craw Beast Log 040 (Friend Log 004): Cephalo Thrax, Spider Sorceress



Group go to clearing to start fire. As Craw get rock to start fire, Cephalo stop Craw.
 🕷️: Step aside, for you maybe be burned by this magical display. Feast your eyes on...
 Controlled Ignition. (Fire appears in spot staff was pointing at) This magical flame not
 only doesn't require an arduous ignition endeavor, but it also doesn't create a signaling smokescreen.
 both Craw and Ghregal applause

Group has dinner with one of Craw's favorite food, Giant Grub! Ghregal eat at concerning speed and fall asleep.
 Craw cook grub with special recipe, group like taste very much. Craw look at tools Cephalo use to eat. Craw grab stick
 to try and imitate. After while of dinner, Cephalo notice Craw improvise and giggle little bit.
 🕷️: Oh.. uh... you have a nice... utensil right there, wanna use mine? Helps chop the bug to small pieces.
 🕷️: Uh, Craw doing well with stick, Craw learn new eating technique. Live in wild for long time. You make fire well.
 🕷️: Oh, uh... thank you very much! It's one of the first spells I learned. If it wasn't for those gloves I would
 tear this bug apart with my hands, your cooking is excellent! ...
 Craw and Cephalo talk for while during dinner. Craw learn much about spider. Cephalo know many
 kind of magic: fire, ice, water, crystal, wind, poison, and much more. Spider go to bastille to get thunder
 tone, she know fundamentals, but Cephalo need better tone to read. Cephalo like theatrics very much,
 she say it cause fear in enemy, Craw think it cause confusion. Moon start to rise so Craw go to sleep.
 Craw think Spider will be good friend. Balance out Craw's practical-mess.

Craw Beast Log 040 (Friend Log 004): Cephalo Thrax, the Spider Sorceress



Craw Beast Log Event: Dreams Under a Starry Sky

Craw try to go to sleep for while, need sleep high to hide from kinetic monsters. Craw have difficult time go to sleep, not have comfort of mud hole. Craw hear rustle of leaves and climb to find noise. Craw get to top and see Cephaly.

☞: *yawn* Cephaly... why you up here? Time is late.

☞: Oh, hey Craw. I'm doing a bit of stargazing before I go to bed. It helps me calm my nerves. Wanna sit for a bit?

☞: Sure. (Craw pulls himself up and sits on the trees) *looks up* Stars look pretty. Does bring bit of peace. (many minutes pass)

☞: Hey Craw, if you don't mind me asking, why are you going to the bastille, and how do you know so much about those kinetic monsters? You were able to take em down super easily. Do you have some sort of mission or something?

☞: Goal of Craw is stopping vile dragon Kinactus once and for all. Craw travel to volcano to get stronger, now I go to bastille to learn power of human spirit. Kinactus permanently wound Craw. Do you have goal?

☞: I'm glad someone else doesn't like starface over there. But yeah, I also have a goal. I want to become the new master of sorcery. Ya see, I've always loved learning new things, and I want everyone to get the chance to get to feel that. But sadly, when the smartest guy in the world is the biggest jerk too, people start to look down on stuff like that, connect one thing to another. I want to show people that good can come from discovering things, break through the barriers, and I'm not gonna let that dragon be the pinnacle anymore.

☞: Craw think that good, very good.

☞: Thanks Craw! *yawn* its getting pretty late. Craw, wait a sec. (starts weaving something with web silk) Here!

(Cephaly gives Craw a makeshift pillow)

☞: Thank you very much.

(both go into tree and start to sleep)

Craw Beast Log Event: Dreams Under a Starry Sky