SO....
LET'S DO IT. TWO TIMES SIX IS....?
2 x 5
2 x 7

ANYBODY.
C'MON, YOU CAN DO THIS....

ANYBODY AT ALL....

RIGHT RIGHT, IF IT'LL GET US OUT OF THIS DRUDGERY.

TWELVE!

OKAAAAY... SO....

DOES ANYBODY WITH A MOUTH KNOW THE ANSWER?

PHOENIX CLAW! HOW ABOUT YOU?

HUUH?

OH ERR.... TWO TIMES SIX... ER....

SEV'N?

PFHAHAHAHAHA!

NO UH.... TWELVE. THAT'S UH....

THAT'S PROBABLY ENOUGH FOR TODAY. OVER THE WEEKEND YOU CAN ALL REVISE HEAVILY FOR HOMEWORK.

HAHAHA, SEVEN? NICE GON' CLAW YOU BIG IDIOT.

HEH HEH...

NEIL. I AM NEVER COVERING FOR YOU AGAIN. SQUEAK!

HAHA.... YEAH....

SNATCH THOUGHT IT WAS RIGHT....
Ah, leave her alone, Loki.

What’s the matter, Jinx? Don’t tell me you can’t count either!

I can count, if it’s any of your business.

Well don’t worry Claw, you’ll pick it all up soon enough.

Either that or you’ll fail horribly and make us others look good.

Meh, she’s better at maths than me. I didn’t even know seven was a number...

It’s not that difficult...

Stop talkin’ about maths!

So the weekend, ey? Anybody got any plans lined up?

Yeah, I have plans.

It’s the Gardenia Founders’ Festival in Mylenor!

The uh, wha’? Is it any good?

It’s pretty much great.

That and it’s not at school... Tha’ does sound great.
MYLENOR'S IN GARDENIA, SO UH-
YOU CAN COUNT ME OUT. I DON'T REALLY LIKE TO TRAVEL IN THAT COUNTRY MYSELF.
DHARK'S HERO SCHOOL IS SURROUNDED BY GARDENIA.
YEAH YEAH... CATCH YOU GUYS LATER.

THAT'S A WEAK LIE. WHY WOULDN'T SHE WANT TO GO TO MYLENOR, ANYWAY?
REMEMBER WE WENT THE OTHER WEEK?
FOR THE ELEMENTAL FESTIVAL, RIGHT?
GOOD TIMES!
NOT GOOD TIMES.

OH! CLAW! I JUST REMEMBERED!
WHEN I WAS IN MYLENOR I MET TWO PEOPLE WHO LOOKED A LOT LIKE YOU.
SAID THEIR NAMES WERE BEAK AND WING.
BEAK AN'-AH!
MY SIBLIN'S! AH!

YA DIDN'T TELL 'EM I'M HERE, RIGH'?! N-NO...
SORRY LOKI I AIN' GOIN' TO MYLENOR I'M HIDIN' IN MY ROOM FOR THE WEEKEND ECH!
CLAW!
HUUH?

EH. DOWN TO 6, STILL A GOOD NUMBER.
YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT COMING EITHER, RIGHT?
ALL YER MAD AT IS TH' TRUTH.
JUS' LOOK AT US.
BROTHER TALON--!
NONE'V US EVER HEARD PHOENIX! WHY'D WE HAVE SERVANTS HE DON'T USE?
AN' HE NOT ONCE ANS'RED A SINGLE PRAYER! NOT ONE!
TALON--!

DON' YOU DARE TALK LIKE THA'.
AN' WHY NOT?! ALL I TELL IS TRUTH! LOOK, EVEN TRAV'LERS GOT A BETTER CONNECTION TO PHOENIX THAN US - AN' BETTER MAGIC!
YER DON' REALLY BELIEVE THAT! TALON!
WHY NOT? YOUR BELIEF HAS NO PROOF AT ALL.

WE AIN'T IMMORTALS. WE JUST... HUMAN.
ENOUGH!

YER MAGIC MAY BE WEAK BUT MINE IS NOT!
PINION, NO--!
AH!
SNATCH: GREET CLAW. IS CLAW OKAY?

YEAH, YOU'VE BEEN MOPEY ALL MORNING.

I'M HAVIN' DOUBTS 'BOUT MY IDENTITY.

RIGHT, CAN SEE WHY YOU'D BE MOPEY.

IF I MAY ASK THOUGH, WHY THE DOUBT?

WELL, I JUS' DON' THINK I'M ACTUALLY AN IMMORT'L PHOENIX CLANNER, YA KNOW?

WHY'S THAT? YOU'VE GOT THAT NECK FEATHER THING AND THOSE WEIRD HETEROCHROMATIC EYES... WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

TH' WHOLE "BEIN' A SERVANT OF THE FIRE-GOD" THING.

JINX! WHY'D YOU ASK THAT? NOW SHE'LL BE LOUDLY MOPEY!
There’s no real proof I am... and so much proof I ain’t. I can’t even use Phoenix magic!

Oh, I—wait...

I thought you were a good mage? Eeh...

I may’ve lied about tha’... I c’n barely cast more’n the smallest cinder.

Hey Jinx, she’s really looking down...

We should sneak off before she starts moaning again.

Yeah, good idea...

Wha’ was tha’?

Huh??
BLUFF AND I NEED TO GO TO THE LIBRARY.

THE LIBRARY?

YEAH, PROMISED
THE LIBRARIAN
WE'D SEE HER.

NO, NOT THAT,
I JUST, ER...

WH'A IS A
"LIBRARY"?

ER...
WELL...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT
A "BOOK" IS?

YES...

A LIBRARY IS A COLLECTION OF BOOKS.
WHAT IS "BOOK"?

SSH, I'LL TELL
YER LATER.

LEMME CHECK
I GOT THIS.

A LIBRARY IS
LIKE, FOUR
BOOKS, YEAH?

FIVE
BOOKS??

UM-

HEY, WAIT
UP!

YA PROB'LY
THINK I'M AN
IDIOT, HUH...

N-NO....

REALLY?

NOT AN IDIOT, JUST...
THERE'S A LOT YOU DON'T
KNOW, BUT COULD LEARN.

SNATCH THINK
CLAW SMART!

I THINK SHE'S
AN IDIOT.
SO, ERR... THIS IS THE LIBRARY.

WHAI?! THIS WHOLE BUILDIN' FULL'A BOOKS?

PRETTY MUCH, YES.

WHOAH....

WOW, THIS'S AMAZIN'!

EH?? THIS BOOKS? SO MANY!

YEAH! WHAT'A THEY DO WITH 'EM ALL?

UM, WELL, IT'S A LIBRARY... YOU CAN READ OR BORROW THEM AND THE LIKE...

UH DUHHHH

C'MON SNATCH! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!

THESE ALL BOOK, YES?

TOO RIGH!

WHAT BOOK FOR?

THEY KEEP WRITIN' AND PICTURES AND SUCH.

WRITING?! EH? ALL THIS BOOK SAY THING?

HOW CAN BE SO MUCH TO SAY?

AH, WELL, BEEN A LOT'A PEOPLE, BEEN'A LOT'A TIME, GUESS IT ALL ADDS UP.

...CLAW?

WHAT THIS BOOK SAY?

PASS IT 'ERE, GIVE US A LOOK.
This book is great!

Eh?

Oh, book has pictures!

What means 'palmistry'?

Eh...

Ah...

Well, accordin' t' this book, it's a skill fr'm the god'a knowledge.

It's about palmistry.

Oh, sound great, yes...

By lookin' at yer hands, y'can see what's in yer future....

Do sound great!

Ere snatch, lemme try it on you!

Ah... I think yer hands are too hairy for this.

Eh...

Ereh, don' worry abolu' it.

Why not try on claw?

Hm?

Great idea!
OK, SNATCH! LET'S DO THIS!

NOW THIS LINE, THIS IS TH'... UH...

HMMMM...

PROSPERITY LINE?
AND IT MEANS...

IT MEANS I'LL BE REAL RICH!

HEYA, JINX. HUH?

WOULDN'T YOU NOTICE IF YOU WERE IMMORTAL? HUH?

PHOENIX CLAW! HOW DOESN'T SHE KNOW? OHH, UH, RIGHT.

WELL... THE MAGIC CLANS ARE KIND OF WEIRD...

MY UNCLE TOLD ME THEY'RE IMMORTAL SO THEY CAN'T BE KILLED PER SE, BUT THEY DO 'DIE' AND ARE REBORN WITH THE SAME SOULS AND SUCH WHEN THEIR GOD GETS BORED OR SOMESUCH.

OH SO... YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.
NOT SURE.

SEEMS THE SORT OF THING YOU'D NOTICE.

HEY! QUIT CHATTERING AND GIVE ME A HAND!

NOW THIS IS...

TH' LIFELINE...? AND UM, IT MEANS...

I WILL.... DIE YOUNG...?

WHAT IT SAY??

NEVERMIND!

LIFELINE, THE LOOK CONTINUOUS OF FLEETING TRUE LIFE.
LEADING TO A LONGER LIFE.
SQUARE SHORT OR BROKEN LIFELINES.
A SIGN OF A SHORT LIFE.
CURVE OF LIFELINE SHOULD BE ELEGANT, FLATTER, UPWARD, FINGER AND ROUNDED.
CONVOLVULOUS.
ACT'LLY, THIS BOOK AIN'T SO GREAT.

EH?

CLAW, PAPER FALL OUT OF BOOK.

AH! I HOPE I DIDN'T BREAK TH' BOOK! BET IT'S EXPENSIV'!

HUH? WHAT?

WHAT PAPER? IT'S.. A MAP?

A TREASURE MAP?? A WHAT?

LOOKS LIKE IT'S OF THIS SCHOOL...

WHAT IS MAP??
HEH, MY PALM DID SAY I’D BE RICH!

CLAW. WHAT IS MAP?

EHH? HAAA, LOOK SNATCH, THIS IS A MAP.

MAP’S REPRESEN’ A PLACE, YA KNOW, KINDA SIMPLIFIED, LIKE YOU SEEIN’ IT FROM ABOVE.

AND THIS MARK—

IT SHOWS THERE’S SOMETHIN’ REAL IMPORTANT THERE—LIKE TREASURE!

SO WE... UH...

WE GO FIND THIS MARK!
OK, we go... th' way.

Claw can read map? Eh? So smart...

Haha, you're too nice, snatch!

Any'lin can read a map, jus' need t' try!

Can tell much from pages...

Yeah, jus' a matter'a learnin' how to read it, really.

It looks like this treasure's not far.

So not long until we get it!
WHAT SEE ON MAP? CANNOT BE EVERYTHING.
NAW WELF, IT'S SIMPLIFIED.

HAS BUILDIN'S, SOME OLDER TREES, THE PATHS, YA SEE.
REALLY JUS' BIG THINGS THA' STAY IN PLACE A WHILE, SO YA CAN EASILY FOLLOW 'EM.

WHAT ABOUT STATUE? THEY MARK ON MAP?

STATUES? HM, NOPE, THEY AIN'T.
UNDERSTANDABL', SINCE THEY MOVE.

MOVE?? EH, BUT THEY MADE OF STONE!

AH, CLAW IS JOKING. FUNNY.
NO?
Yeah, statues at DHS move, didn't ya hear?

It's uh... magic.

I heard... the statues come t' life to defend studen's when they in danger.

I think that's right, miss Dharfi said so? I'm not sure...

Oh, I no hear that.

Appar'ntly there's a bunch'a protectiv' magic around.

But I dunno wha' half'v it is.

See snatch, this's th' stuff y' can learn if y' stay awake long enough in class.

Ah... yes.
HOW FAR TO GO?
EH, NOT FAR NOW...
UM...
UM...
YEP! WE'RE HERE!

IS HERE??
HERE! WHY ISN'T IT HERE?!

ACCORDIN' T' TH' MAP THERE'S S'POSED T' BE A BUILDING RIGH' HERE! RIGH' HERE!!
WHATTA LETDOWN...

USELESS WRONG TREASURE MAP!

EH... TIRED NOW. SIT DOWN A BIT.

WHAT THIS? SHAKING!

EH?

SNATCH?

I-I NOT DO ANYTHING!

...WHOAH.

A HIDD'N STAIRCASE! THIS TREASURE MUST BE GOOD! LET'S GO, SNATCH!
C’mon Snatch! Let’s go treasure huntin’!

Eee! It’s so excitin’!

Claw, it get dark down here.

Hm? Oh yeah...

Could use some light.

Lucky I got some phoenix magic, ey?

Eh, Snatch can see without. Look like stairs end ahead.

Good! Treasure must be close!

O-or... it could jus’ be a big empty room... Eh...
THIS SUCKS! WE CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR AN EMPTY ROOM!
NOT EMPTY.
OVER THERE. LOOK LIKE... IS STATUE.
A WHA'?
JUS' A RAND'M STATUE? HOW ODD.

HMM...
NOT MUCH'V A TREASURE, IS IT?
LET'S JUS' GO, SNATCH.
AH, HOW DISAPPOINTIN'... SO BORIN'...
Hey Snatch, did’ja hear tha’?

Garooooo!

What th’...?

Claw! Run!

Why d’ we need to run away? Snatch?

Smell danger! That creature... terrible! He frightening!

Huh?

Frightening? It looks like some kinda bunny-fox guy, tha-

Why is it chasin’ us?!
Snatch, it's really not that scary.

I don't think it's dangerous. It kinda reminds me of Lo-

Hey wait a sec...

It's a Dhark's school statue! An' they're here to protect students. We're fine. Snatch not sure that right...

Relax, would'ja?

Eh?

What? Monsters?

Eh! More statues! But why-

T-t't protect from danger...

What is this?!
GEEZ! THIS IS JUST THE WORSE' TREAS'RE HUNT!

...IF THAT'S NOT A STATUE THEN WHO-

HEAR ONCE, GOD TURN BAD MONSTER TO STONE AS PUNISH.

GOD?! WHICH GOD?! PHOENIX? CERAPH? LEVIATHAN??

NO...

THOUGH NOT AS PUNISHMENT, AS A TEST. HE EXPECTED ANOTHER TO WAKE HIM, YOU SEE.

ALLOW ME TO HELP OUT.

BROTHER, THAT DID NOT HELP.

NO?
There we are.

How embarrassing. I had forgotten I left Bade here all those years ago.

...Snatch?!

I thank you for freeing my servant.

Who—who are you?!

Who am I?
Hahaha hahaha!

Who are you... hee!

You know little for a servant of Phoenix.

I am Jude, God of Knowledge.

What? You're... but... a...

If you're the God of Knowledge, who's that?

Ummm...
He is a person of no importance. It is better if you just ignore him.

And this is my servant deity, Bade.

200 years ago I cast him into stone to be awakened as a test for a young hero.

So I am here now to take him away.

And I'm here early - got some business here next week.

Ah, do not worry, youngling. Your friend shall be fine.

He should wake up momentarily.

Bade and I shall take our leave. Farewell, phoenix clanner.
SO... HA! IT IS TRUE! INCREDIBLE!
...HUH?

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO I AM!

S—SHOULD I?

AH, NO MATTER. THERE'S A LOT YOU DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU CAN LEARN, EHEHEH.

‘TIL NEXT TIME - AND IT COULD BE SOON...

FAREWELL, PHOENIX CLANNER!

PHEW—

WAH! JUST HAPP’NED?
MURRRGHH...

SNATCH! YER AWAKE! ARE YOU OKAY?

YES, ME UH...

WHAT HAPPEN JUST?

I DON' KNOW, BUT...

I'M SURE'A ONE THIN'.

THIS WAS TH' WORST TREAS'RE HUNT EVER.
WHAT?!

YEP, APPARENTLY THEY FOUND THIS WEIRD SECRET UNDERGROUND CAVERN THING.

FOUND A DEITY ENSHRINED IN STONE AND SET IT FREE...

TURNED OUT TO BE A SERVANT OF JUDE, YOU KNOW, SO HE CAME ALONG.

TOOK HIS DEITY AWAY. IT WAS ALL VERY ODD.

APPARENTLY THE GOD OF KNOWLEDGE PUT IT THERE AS A TEST 200 YEARS AGO. SAY....

DIDN'T THIS SCHOOL CLOSE AND YOU VANISH 200 YEARS AGO? WEIRD COINCIDENCE, RIGHT?

OOF!

HAHA, WHAT A DORK. SO EASY TO WIND UP!

WHAT...
Dont'cha know it's rude to take my appearance in an illusion, trickster?

I didn't take your appearance, ya dork, I took your form. It's shapeshifting my body, not simple illusion magic.

It's...

It's what I do.

Well, I have to get going, see you around, Drake Piperion.

Th- the god of tricksters just impersonated me...

...that's so cool!
WHAT IS THIS?

NON-CANON TERRITORY, BROTHER! WELCOME TO THE END-OF-VOLUME BONUS PAGES!

SURELY THE GOD OF KNOWLEDGE KNOWS THIS?

AH- OF COURSE I DID.

YOU KNOW, AS THE GOD OF LIES, I CAN TELL WHEN YOU ARE UNTRUTHFUL!

HEYYY-

WHY ARE YOU TWO SUCH GOOD BUDDIES? AIN'T JAKE THERE THE EXILED AND DESPISED TRICKSTER GOD?

OH YES, HE IS.

OH YEAH, I AM.

DO NOT EMBARRASS ME, BROTHER.

JUDE HERE IS THE ONLY NICE GOD. ALL THE REST OF THEM? TOTAL JERKS.

IT IS KIND OF JAKE TO SAY SO-

WELL, I AM THE GOD OF LIES. I ONLY SPEAK THE TRUTH!

ISSAT SO?

AH YES, I SEE...
CHOC-CHOCOLATE CHIP BISCUITS

INGREDIENTS
- 125g butter
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ⅓ cup caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 egg
- 1½ cup self-raising flour
- ⅓ cup cocoa
- 1 cup chocolate chips

- cream butter and sugars
- mix with egg and vanilla essence
- mix in flour and cocoa
- mix in chocolate chips
- bake on greased tray in oven at 150°C for 10 to 15 minutes

SOFTENING THE BUTTER WILL HELP YOU CREAM IT AND THE SUGARS PROPERLY. I RECOMMEND CUTTING IT INTO SMALLER PIECES AND STICKING IT IN THE MICROWAVE FOR FIVE SECONDS OR SO.

WAIT, WHAT THE HELL JULIA? DELICIOUS!

IF YOU'VE MADE IT RIGHT, THEY SHOULD BE NICE AND SOFT. THEY'LL NEED TO SIT FOR A WHILE AFTER COMING OUT OF THE OVEN OR THEY'LL FALL APART.

HOWEVER THEY WILL STILL BE DELICIOUS.