

Cubis Kingdoms

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WRITING SAMPLE

Genre: Fantasy

Format: Adventure Puzzle

Demographic: Men, Women & Young Adults

SET-UP

We were born lucky. Our kingdom was blessed with abundance. The forest bustled with life. Fish swam in the clear water, and deer grazed on the lush green grass. From the highest peaks of Yodelin' Pass to the tumbling waves of Boundary Bay, our people were happy. We lived without a care in the world; our every need met, nothing denied. For a while, ours was a perfect world. For a very long while, indeed.

It started in Capital City. As our king walked among the adoring throngs showering him with flower petals and praise, an unseen malignancy slithered in his wake. All of the kingdom had poured into Capital City for our millennial celebration. We ate rich cakes decorated in gold and cream and wiped our grinning mouths with velvet sleeves. The market overflowed with fish from the sea, fruit from the groves, and exotic trinkets to decorate throats, necks and wrists.

As we looked on, oblivious and resplendent in celebration, a shadow fell across the royal procession. The twinkle sparkled and faded from the King's eyes. They crinkled with growing worry as he cast a furtive glance skyward. Above our heads, a shadow was spreading. Soon it blot out every shred of golden warmth with a murky gloom. A dense fog emerged from its deepest recesses turning everything it touched to darkness and dust.

We panicked and fled unable to stop the swiftly creeping doom. It poured out from the city gates. It met the bay, and turned the water to soot. It dried the rivers and ponds and waterfalls. It devoured every green stalk and delicate petal, and where it passed, our once vibrant world fell into silent, barren despair.

It's been that way ever since.

EXCERPTS

Tag	StringID	Story Text	Context
tutorial	map_intro_txt	<p>Finally, a hero has arrived!</p> <p>Our land has fallen under a mysterious curse. Almost all the elements of life have been trapped by this darkness.</p> <p>You must free the elements to restore the land.</p>	<p>Message after Intro Cutscene, the Phoenix is talking to the player to give background on what happened.</p>
tutorial	map_start_level_tutorial_txt	<p>This curse has taken much of my power, but I can help you along your way.</p> <p>Let me use what magic I have to unlock your first challenge.</p>	<p>Message after Intro Cutscene, the Phoenix unlocks the first level of the game.</p>
tutorial	firing_tutorial_txt	<p>Make matches of three or more to collect the elements.</p>	<p>Tutorial message telling the player what to do to gather elements</p>
tutorial	firing_tutorial_02_txt	<p>Drag the Cube to the Arrow, and click to launch.</p>	<p>Tutorial message telling the player how to fire a cube</p>
boss dialog	boss1_level_explanation_txt	<p>Your little birdy can't help you here! Make matches, if you can.</p> <p>I bet I can steal the elements and block your moves before you collect them all.</p>	<p>Fat Gargoyle talking to the player to explain how the boss level works. This gargoyle can turn element cubes into stone cubes.</p>

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boss dialog	boss1_defeat_message_text	How is this possible? Gawh! The light! It's hurting my eyes. I'll return to the shadows, but you better not try to follow me!	Fat Gargoyle's message after being defeated
boss dialog	boss2_message_text	Yes. My brother has told me all about you. He's not nearly as smart as I am. Those elements are ours! Here kitty, kitty. Come and play.	Thin Gargoyle (Fat Gargoyle's brother) talking to the player. This other Gargoyle can turn element cubes into stone cats.
boss dialog	boss2_defeat_message_text	That...that's just unfair! Don't get too comfortable. I'll be back.	Thin Gargoyle's message after being defeated
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_1_description_text	All life flees before this cursed darkness. A little magic and the forest blossoms from roots to branches.	Description refers to a forest area with lots of trees
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_2_description_text	If you listen closely, you may hear the soft shushing of water lapping on mossy shores.	Description refers to an area with a river and a pond that has trees surrounding it
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_3_description_text	A sound filters through the forest like a lullaby babbling merrily and calling all to come have a sip.	Description refers to a forest area with trees and flowers
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_4_description_text	This well-protected meadow and rich earth could be a wonderful place to settle down.	Description refers to an area that can be cultivated by a human
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_5_description_text	A secret nook in a pleasant land for huntsman, woodsman, or any forest friend.	Description refers to an area that is a good spot for building a camp house
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_6_description_text	A cool oasis snuggled into a shady grove to the delight of all who discover it.	Description refers to an area with a bunch of trees clumped together that provides shade

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restoration ui	chapter_1_area_7_description_txt	In an ancient forest hides an ancient marsh where dragonflies and pixies play the livelong day.	Description refers to a marsh found deep in the forest
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_8_description_txt	There are memories of childhood spent lingering in cool depths, diving down or happily bobbing at the surface.	Description refers to a lake found deep in the forest
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_9_description_txt	Hay is for horses and cattle and oxen and all sorts of other critters, too.	Description refers to an open spot that has enough room to field a barn
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_10_description_txt	As the forest is reborn more magic is revealed and made ready to battle this lingering curse.	Description refers to a mystical area in the forest
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_11_description_txt	Human hands shaped this land long before you, or even I, were born.	Description refers to an area in the forest that have been cultivated
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_12_description_txt	More than one traveller has paused to share a curious tale over a cool pint or a hot bowl of stew.	Description refers to an area cultivated by humans and where a Tavern was built
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_13_description_txt	These paths lead one to another connecting the people of old to the mysteries of earth and sky.	Description refers to an area of the forest where a shrine was built
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_14_description_txt	Not all who toil suffer. Those who cultivate this fertile forest land live very well, indeed.	Description refers to a part of the land that tilled by a farmer
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_15_description_txt	If you breathe deeply, you may smell woodsmoke lingering in the air.	Description refers to a house built inside the forest
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_16_description_txt	A lovely place to rest and chew your cud, if you're into that sort of thing.	Description refers to a barn
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_17_description_txt	I never learned to swim, myself, but that's never kept me from fishing.	Description refers to bridges and a port built by humans on the lake

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restoration ui	chapter_1_area_18_description_txt	Perhaps a priestess or a goddess or a wood nymph has wandered this way?	Description refers to a magical or mystical tree which people visit
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_19_description_txt	No natural formation, this. Though it's been like this for so long the forest has reclaimed it.	Description refers to a rock formation
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_20_description_txt	Laughter lingers in the air long into the night.	Description refers to a tavern
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_21_description_txt	We mark the passage of seasons and celebrate all: birth and death, waking and slumber.	Description refers to a stone henge
restoration ui	chapter_1_area_22_description_txt	Old magic lingers here whispering of secret powers long forgotten.	Description refers to a forest shrine
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_6_description_txt	He stands alone, a watcher of time, long before the kingdom was a twinkle in the first king's eye.	Description refers to an area where the Sacred tree is
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_7_description_txt	This would be a wonderful place to dangle your legs above the water and dream the day away.	Description refers to an area where a bridge was built near a pond
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_8_description_txt	In times of celebration, this field becomes a joyous festival.	Description refers to an area where colorful tents are propped up
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_9_description_txt	People prefer to nest where forest meets foothills.	Description refers to an area with houses that are like Hobbit houses
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_10_description_txt	Come one, come all, to the greatest market in all the kingdom.	Description refers to an area where a market is
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_11_description_txt	Our village green may not be so green if winter whisks down from the mountains.	Description refers to the boundary between the foresty land and the icy mountains
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_12_description_txt	Round and round and round we go!	Description refers to a maypole

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restoration ui	chapter_2_area_13_description_txt	Fairies love to play where festive folk light the way.	Description refers to stone lanterns where fairies go
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_14_description_txt	Even the trees and field put on their festive best to celebrate the retreating curse.	Description refers to the Sacred tree
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_15_description_txt	Huzzah! Hurrah! The Kingdom is returning. A celebration is in order.	Description refers to a druid temple
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_16_description_txt	Come out with family, friends, and pets. Rest your feet, then rest your heads.	Description refers to a bonfire
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_17_description_txt	Place the banners high and low so all shall see the festival.	Description refers to flag poles with banners, lantern posts, and banners
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_18_description_txt	Curiosities, rarities, wonders and worries are all found in the tall branches of the trading post.	Description refers to a tree that's been converted to a trading post
restoration ui	chapter_2_area_19_description_txt	The soothing splish and splash provides brief respite for any who dare to brave Yodelin' Pass.	Description refers to a fountain in a village DO NOT TRANSLATE YODELIN' PASS.
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_1_description_txt	Unpredictability is the way of life in the shadow of the mountains.	Description refers to an area at the foot of the mountains
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_2_description_txt	Higher and higher we climb, but there are always some who can climb higher.	Description refers to rocky hills
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_3_description_txt	A place not fit for man nor beast so why do I hear grumbling?	Description refers to an area where a mountain cave is
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_4_description_txt	Only the very brave or the very foolhardy do their shopping on the edge of a cliff.	Description refers to a cliff that once had a trading post

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restoration ui	chapter_3_area_5_description_txt	Ice and snow and whipping winds, not even a river wants to flow in such conditions.	Description refers to an area where a frozen river is
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_6_description_txt	Everyone knows Solitude is the highest peak in Yodelin' Pass or, wait, is it the other one?	Description refers to an area where the village of Solitude has been established DO NOT TRANSLATE SOLITUDE OR YODELIN' PASS.
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_7_description_txt	Seclusion is the sister peak of Solitude. Sometimes in harmony, other times at odds.	Description refers to an area where the Village of Seclusion has been established DO NOT TRANSLATE SECLUSION OR SOLITUDE.
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_8_description_txt	Here be dragons and madmen, but then the latter requires the former.	Description refers to a part of the mountain where a dragon once resided
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_9_description_txt	The bridge to the Ivytown Brainerly is the most fearsome of all rites of passage.	Description refers to an area connecting the mountains to the Ivytown Brainerly via a long wooden bridge DO NOT TRANSLATE IVYTOWN BRAINERY
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_10_description_txt	A rocky outcropping is often a great place to take in the view.	Description refers to a rocky part of a mountain where a waterfall can be found
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_11_description_txt	Something tells me I should find another place to sleep for the night.	Description refers to a cave where a bear sleeps
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_12_description_txt	Daring George's Gorge Delivery. Daring is one word. Another is nuts.	Description refers to a blimp called Daring George's Gorge Delivery DO NOT TRANSLATE DARING GEORGE'S GORGE DELIVERY

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restoration ui	chapter_3_area_13_description_txt	The sign reads: Intrepid Industries - Supplies for the Unusually Undaunted.	Description refers to a trading post on the cliff called Intrepid Industries DO NOT TRANSLATE INTREPID INDUSTRIES
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_14_description_txt	The lower reach of Solitude is a slightly crowded place.	Description refers to the start of the village of Solitude DO NOT TRANSLATE SOLITUDE
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_15_description_txt	The people who live at these heights are surely a little ditzy...er...I mean, dizzy.	Description refers to houses with decorations at the Village of Solitude
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_16_description_txt	The shouted discourse between Seclusion and Solitude echo through the canyons.	Description refers to the Village of Seclusion DO NOT TRANSLATE SECLUSION OR SOLITUDE
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_17_description_txt	At the height of Solitude, one can keep an eye out for tumbling travellers.	Description refers to houses with decorations at the Village of Seclusion DO NOT TRANSLATE SOLITUDE
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_18_description_txt	Smouldering, smoking, snoring. Dragons prefer to sleep in the fresh air.	Description refers to the closed gate where a dragon is kept
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_19_description_txt	Daring George doesn't like to play it safe. Even his house dangles over the gorge.	Description refers to the headquarters of Daring George's Delivery service DO NOT TRANSLATE GEORGE
restoration ui	chapter_3_area_20_description_txt	The founders of Ivytown Brainery carved their likenesses into the gate as reminders they were here first.	Description refers to the stone statues that guard the entrance of the Ivytown Brainery DO NOT TRANSLATE IVYTOWN BRAINERY

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restoration ui	chapter_4_area_1_description_txt	The professors of Ivytown consider themselves masters of heaven and earth.	Description refers to a lake just outside the campus walls of the Ivytown Brainery DO NOT TRANSLATE IVYTOWN.
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_2_description_txt	Only the brainiest of brains and most scholarly of scholars may walk these hallowed halls.	Description refers to the campus walls of the Ivytown Brainery
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_3_description_txt	The best architects are often inspired by what is found in nature. Upon these pinnacles we have found the height of inspiration.	Description refers to stone formations found in the campus of the Brainery
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_4_description_txt	The horticultural students at Ivytown are so swift and sure with their scissors visitors often believe they're on the royal grounds.	Description refers to a well-maintained garden in the campus DO NOT TRANSLATE IVYTOWN
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_5_description_txt	An oasis sloping gently toward the sea. If you need me, that's where I'll be.	Description refers to an area where the other campus buildings are located
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_6_description_txt	This is a great vantage point to watch ships navigate the unpredictable waters of Boundary Bay.	Description refers to an area where the waters of Boundary Bay meet the lands of the Ivytown Brainery DO NOT TRANSLATE BOUNDARY BAY
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_7_description_txt	The isolation of Ivytown allows us to keep a lot of secrets. Yetis? Dragons? Mammoths? Indeed we keep those, too. Oh! I shouldn't have told you that.	Description refers to an area where a Mammoth pen is located DO NOT TRANSLATE IVYTOWN
restoration ui	chapter_4_area_8_description_txt	Ivytown terminates in the gentle waters of Cultured Cove where only the most refined shall find safe harbor.	Description refers to an area where Cultured Cove is DO NOT TRANSLATE IVYTOWN OR CULTURED COVE