

### Gonna be a bear

By Carolyn Meade

In this life I'm a woman.  
In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear.  
When you're a bear, you get to hibernate.  
You do nothing but sleep for six months.  
I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid.  
I could deal with that too.

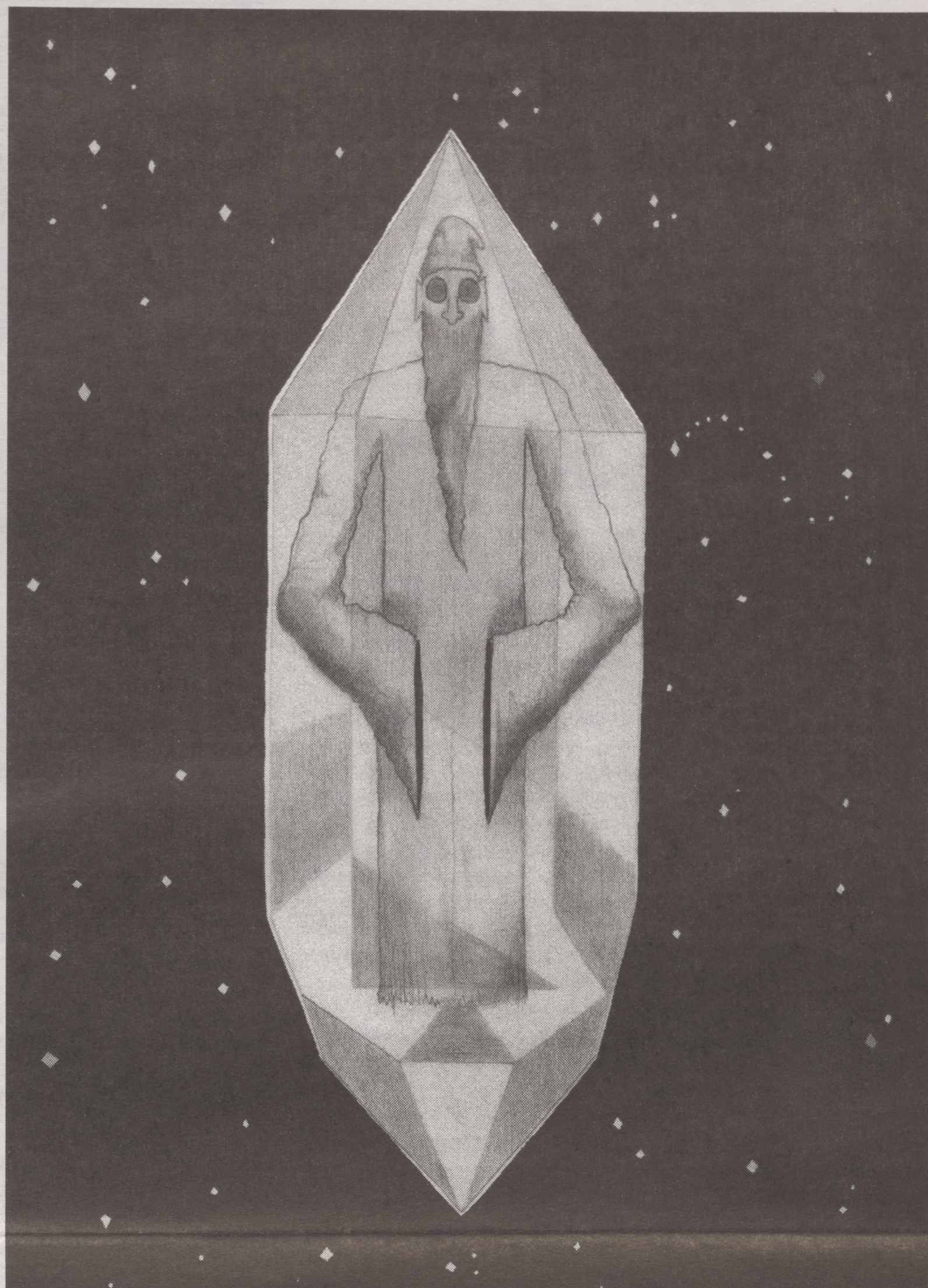
When you're a girl bear, you birth your children  
(who are the size of walnuts)  
While you're sleeping.

You wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs.  
I could definitely deal with that.

If you're mama bear, everyone knows you mean business.  
You swat anyone who bothers your cubs.  
If your cubs get out of line, you swat them too.  
I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate expects you to wake up growling.  
He expects that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear.



By Jon Cornelison

### Inspiration from the streets

By Pawly

Grateful for today  
Hurray!

A newfound friend  
Strong and kind  
A rainbow smile  
In his eyes  
We stand by our sides  
I'm gay, and he's straight

There's no hate  
And we sure as hell don't hate.

We both are strong in different ways  
But strong is strong  
It's such a song  
He knows he's free with me  
To be at peace

### Flying away from home

By Eric Bradley

Walking, running, will make my flight  
Standing, waiting, late, not a plane in sight  
The wind, jumping, hopping, turbulence, fright

Hours of sitting, wondering how much longer  
Staring out of the window, mind begins to wander  
Missing where I came from, my heart grows fonder.

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