



## Chapter VII: The Gape and the Creation

In the seventh segment of his travels, Mendelovitch climbs to the top of Mount Tabor. At midnight, he encounters a growling bird that opens for him a new chapter in his search for the Queen.

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English translation (scroll the image from right to left):

Up from Seed Valley,  
Mendelovitch ascends Mount Tabor,  
Far from nearest friends  
And near faraway fields.

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**Donkey:** "Eyy eyyyy!"

**Mendelovitch:** "Ah, a braying donkey!"

**Dogs:** "Out out! Out out!"

**Mendelovitch:** "Ah, shouting dogs!"

And so comes Mendelovitch  
To the living mountain's peak  
Upon the midnight hour.

**Mendelovitch:** "Once had I felt myself a man,  
Erecting in my woman,  
The fair Gwendolinda,  
As I compared tractates  
Of ploughing and sowing,  
Devouring plates of herring  
And spuds from the ground.  
For my transgressions I have now  
But one and only Queen."

On the mountain's bald top,  
Bound between its temples,  
Stands a **Holey Ruin**.

**A sound rises from the ruin:**

"Kumkumkumkum  
Gey gey!  
Avek! Avek!"



Kumkumkumkum  
Gey! Gey!"

**Mendelovitch:** "What is this sound  
'Tween call and screech?"

And Mendelovitch stepped through  
The ruin's gates  
And beheld a common growling pigeon.

**Pigeon:** "Kuuuum! Kuuum!  
Gey gey gey avek!"

**Mendelovitch:** "I no longer know  
Your migrants' tongue.  
What is your command,  
My common ground pigeon?"

And the growler burst  
Through the ruin's roof  
And her raiment became shining  
Like that of the common sky pigeon,  
So as no fuller on earth  
Can white them.

**Pigeon:** "N ne nem es avek!"

**Mendelovitch:** "Hear me, for in this world  
I have seen the flesh,  
And in me an egg was laid,  
And a desire to touch  
Enkindled in my aged heart!"

The wind rises and roils  
Shrouding Mendelovitch  
Between near and far,  
Warping through the flames  
**Sense into sight.**

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