

Author's Notes on The Trap Sprung
(Book 2: *Lord Efran and the Man of Science*)

It's a good thing I don't have to make a living as a graphic artist. But I'm having fun making hybrid real-life, cartoon illustrations for the Abbey Lands stories.

For this book, I was determined to show Bastard bucking off Efran (and saving his life). I wanted a convincing horse for this, so resorted to [iStock](#), where I found the bucking horse image below. I also needed an old stone bridge, so used this one, also from iStock (which link doesn't work anymore.) True, it doesn't meet the exact specifications for my old stone bridge, but nothing I found did. I may have to build my own.

Because this scene was so busy—and the bridge photo so beautiful--I decided to try it in color.



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