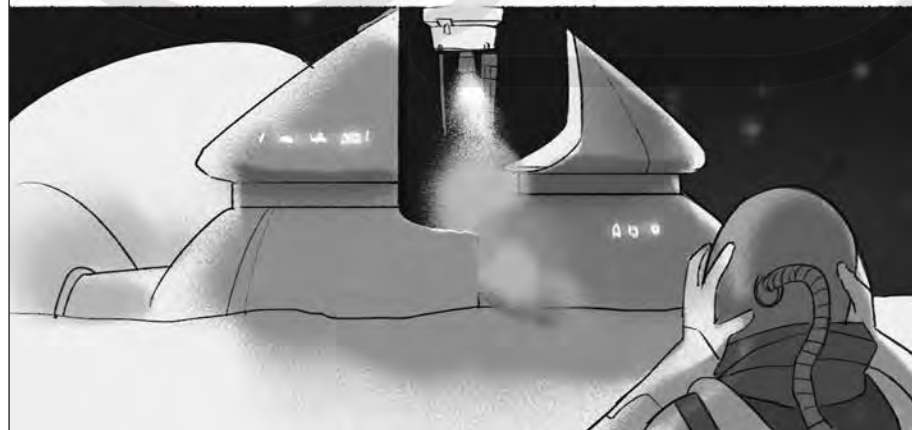




PLUM





I HEAR THEY DON'T BELIEVE I EXIST. HA!

I AM TIRED OF THIS HALF-LIFE, BOY.

I SHOULD LIKE TO FEEL THE WIND IN MY HAIR AGAIN.

OR THE ARMS OF DEATH, WHICHEVER TAKES ME.



YOU, BOY, CAN RELEASE ME.

ONCE YOUR TIME IS UP, I'LL COME FIND YOU.



YSEE, I UNDERSTAND.



I WAS YOUNG, ONCE!



I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ANGRY. TO BE CAST OUT.

TO HAVE NO ONE TO TURN TO.

YOU WANT TO MAKE THEM HURT.



YOU ARE ANGRY, ARCHER PENHOLLOW?

I CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING FOR THAT.

MAGIC.



EVEN THE GODS

WOULD ENVY YOUR NAME.



I'LL DO IT.



EXCEL- -LENT.







I WAS STUPID AND FORGOT A SMALL ASPECT OF MY PLAN.

THAT YOU'D GET DONE FOR MURDER? THAT REALLY **WAS** STUPID, ARCHER.



UH, SURE. THEY'RE GONNA TAKE ME TO THE COURT SOON.

AND REMEMBER- WHAT THEY SAW WAS REAL. TO THEM.



MOTHER'S CONVINCED YOU'RE POSSESSED.

LOVELY. BUT IT'S THE COUNCIL MAKING THE DECISION, RIGHT? AND YOUR DAD-

IS ON THE COUNCIL!



WAIT. YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME TO-

NO! OF COURSE NOT! THAT'D BE ILLEGAL.



BUT ORELIE. IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE THE TRUTH, I MIGHT DIE.

YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. YOU'LL HELP ME?



WELL. IT'S BETTER THAN BEING BOUND TO YOU.

TACTFUL AS EVER.



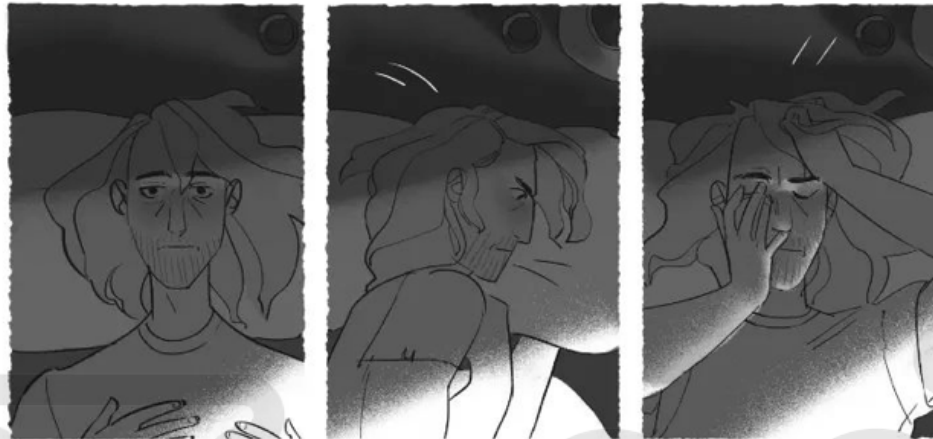
YOU'VE ALREADY MADE **YOUR** OPINION CLEAR! LOUDLY! WITH SMOKE!

HEY!





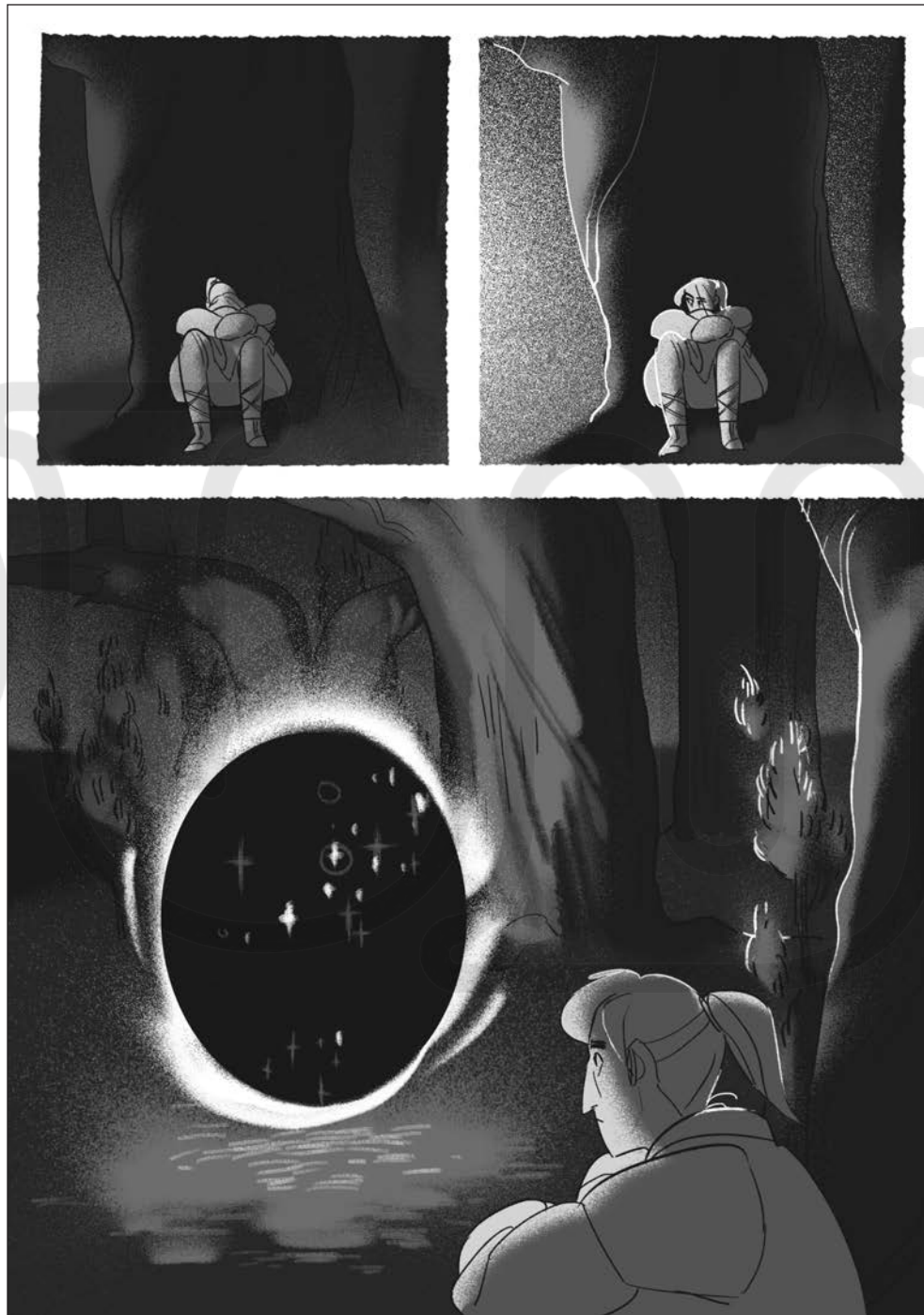




I CAN'T SLEEP.
I HAVEN'T SLEPT
FOR FIVE YEARS,
GIVE OR TAKE.



NOT THAT I
STOPPED TRYING.















HRMFAF
(hroða)



MMHTRM
(Eostre)



FFWMT
(wöden)



PRIXM
(frige)



IXPIKM
(Ingrine)

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(Fw)




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WHEN THE MOON CAME, SHE
WAS WRAPPED IN A BLACK CLOAK
SO EVERY INCH WAS HIDDEN
FROM THE UNSPEAKABLE
THINGS THAT RIDDLE
THE BOG.

THROUGH SHIFTING VAPOURS
OF THE BOGLANDS SHE
DRIFTED, CAZING THIS WAY
AND THAT.

SUDDENLY, A CRY WENT
UP: A SCREAM OF HORROR—
CLOSE BY THE MOON WAS A
MAN, DRAWN INTO THE BOG.



THE MOON THREW BACK HER
HOOD AND LET HER LIGHT
SHINE OUT. IN ITS BEAM,
THE DARK THINGS SHRIVELLED
AND SHRANK AWAY,

AND THE MAN HAULED
HIMSELF FROM THE HEAVING
MUD.

