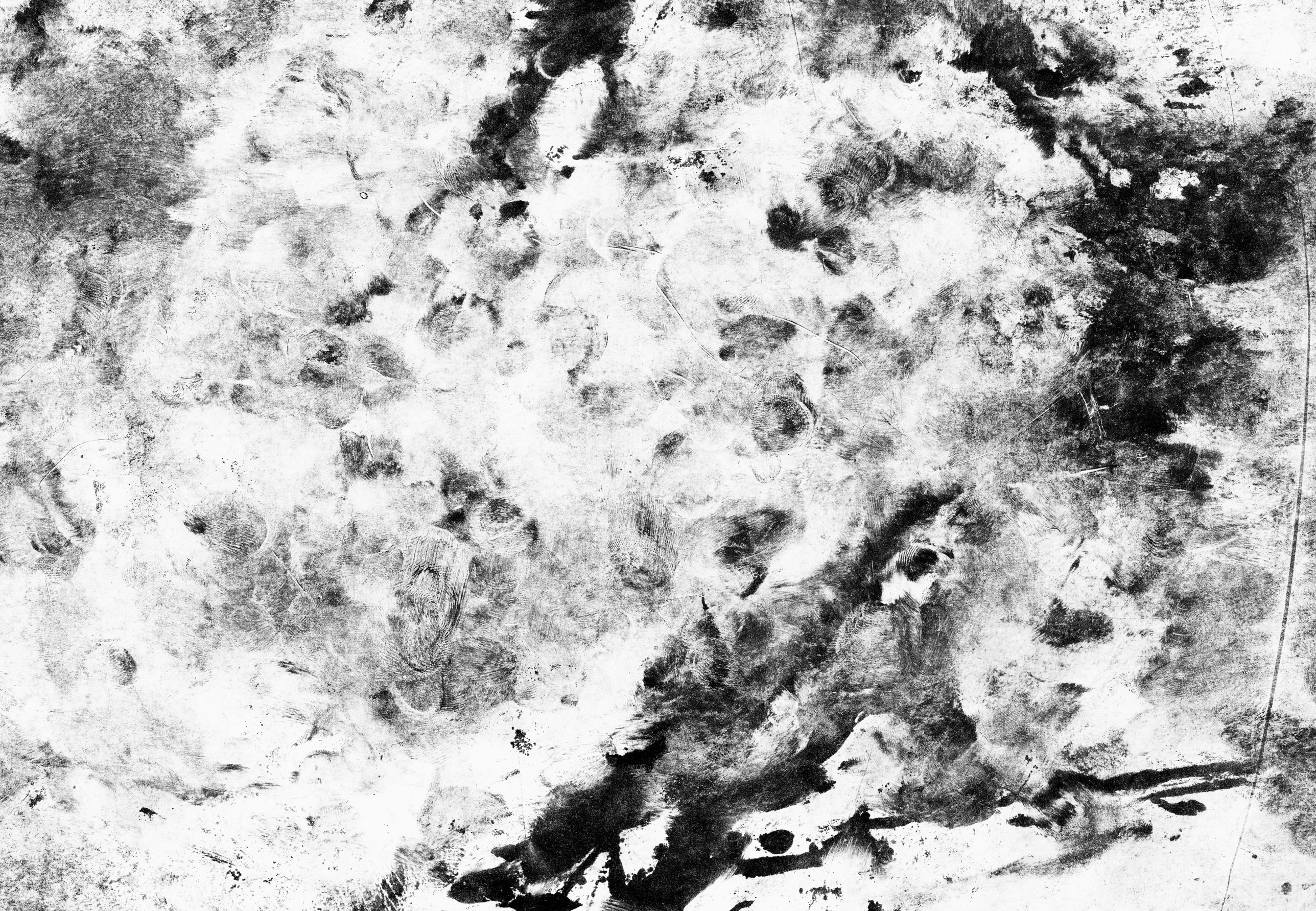
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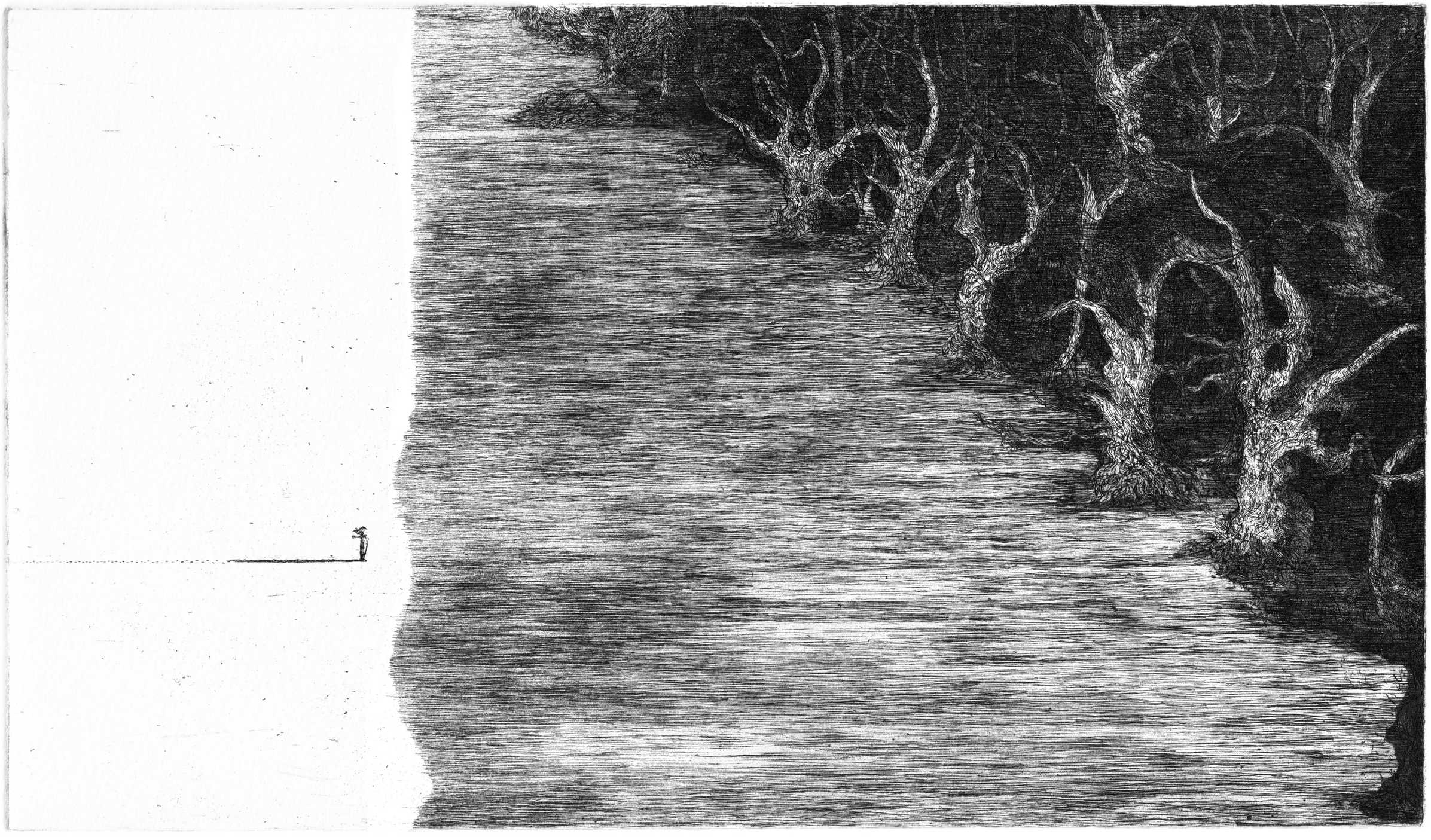
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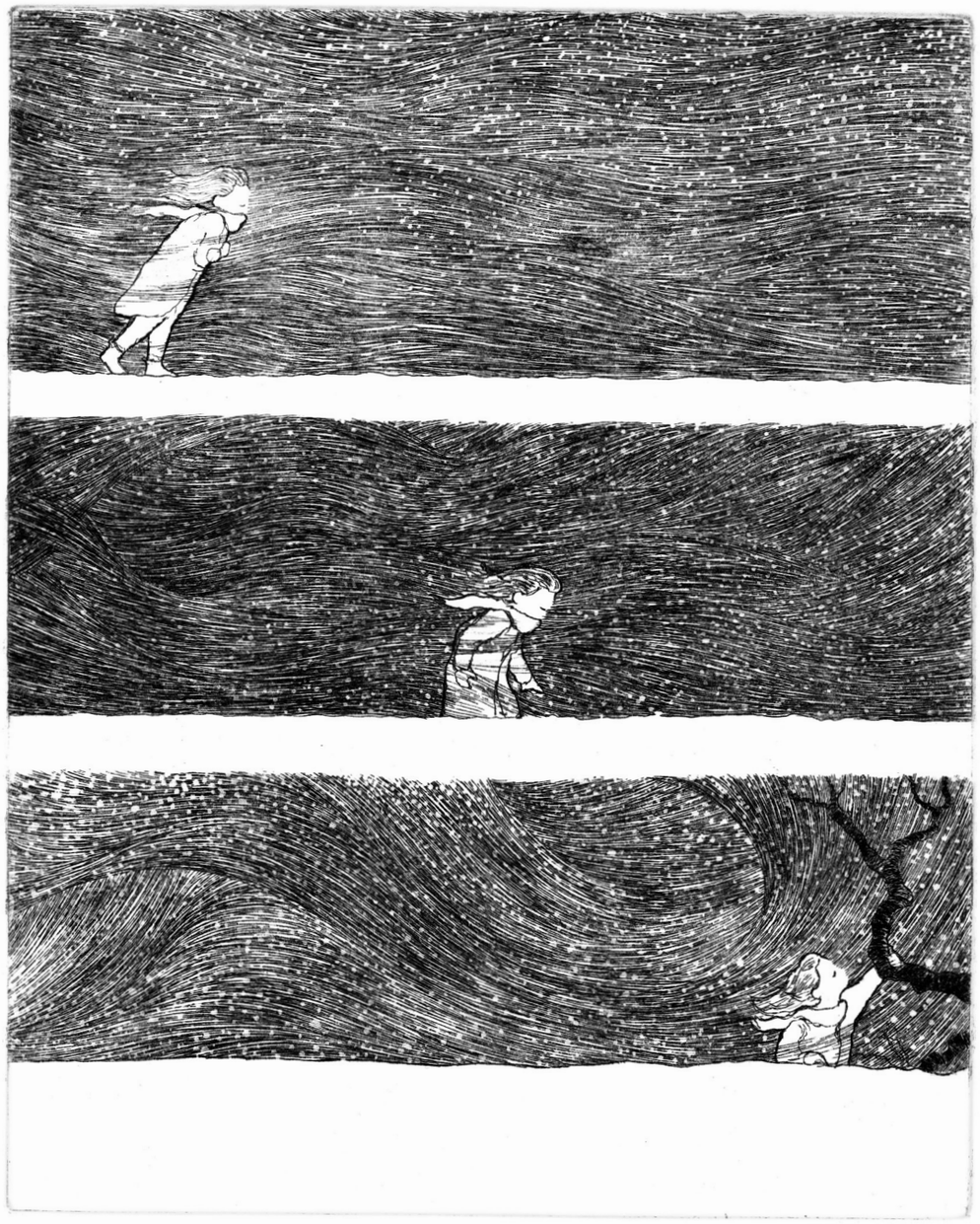
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In the shadows of November,



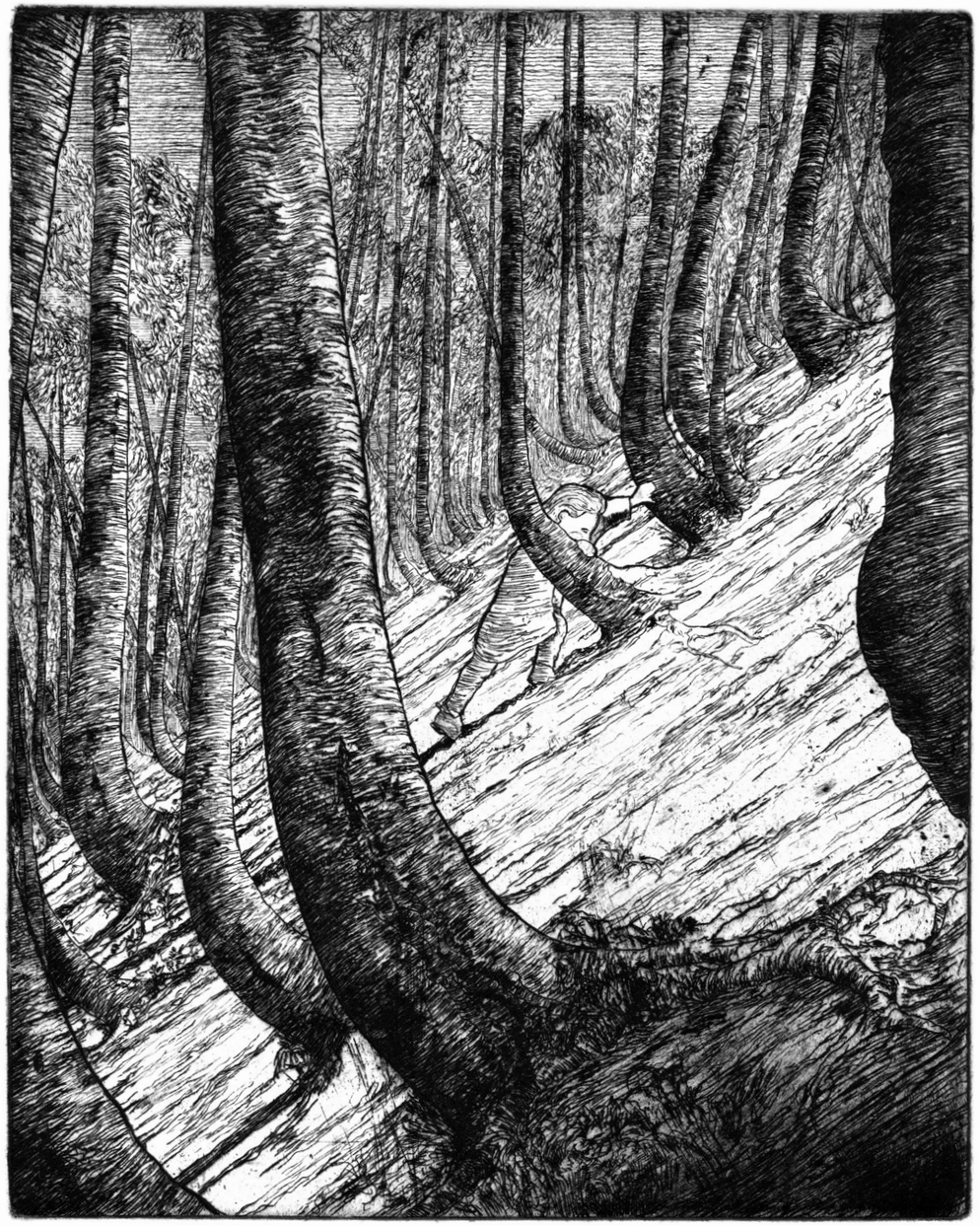
When the coldest wind is blowing,

In the darkness of December,



Through the winter's deepest snowing,

When the world is steep in camber,



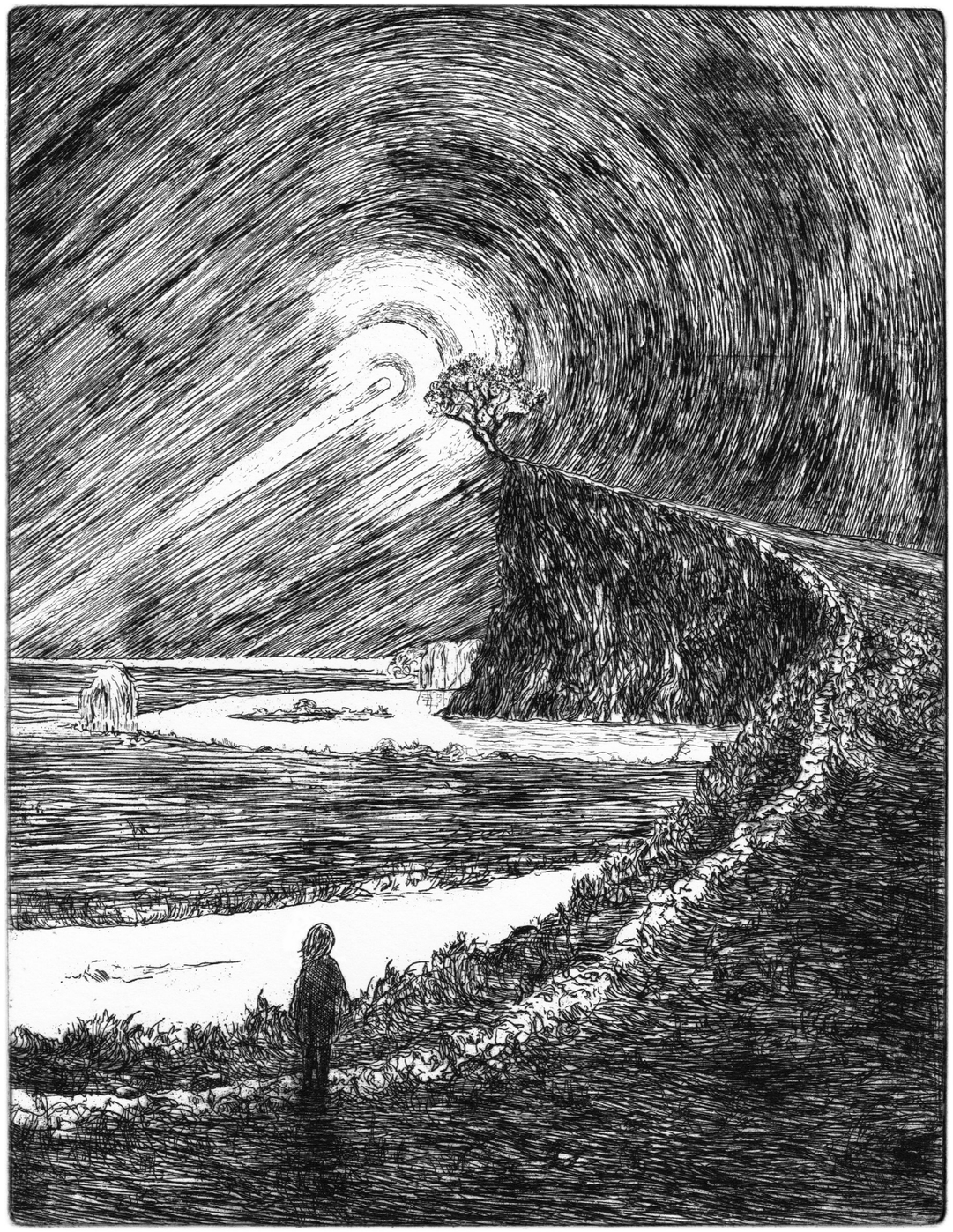
And all hope is downwards-flowing –

Then's the time to seek what's glowing;
Find and gather, bring together –

Stream's bright gleam and river's silver,



Rowan's berry, Saturn's glimmer,



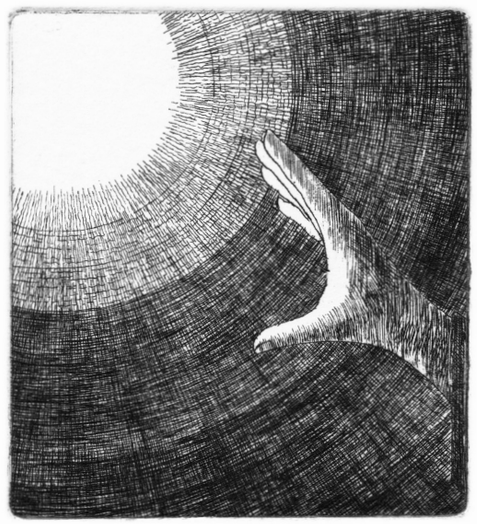
Snowdrift's shine and comet's shimmer.



But

then

comes – *oh!*

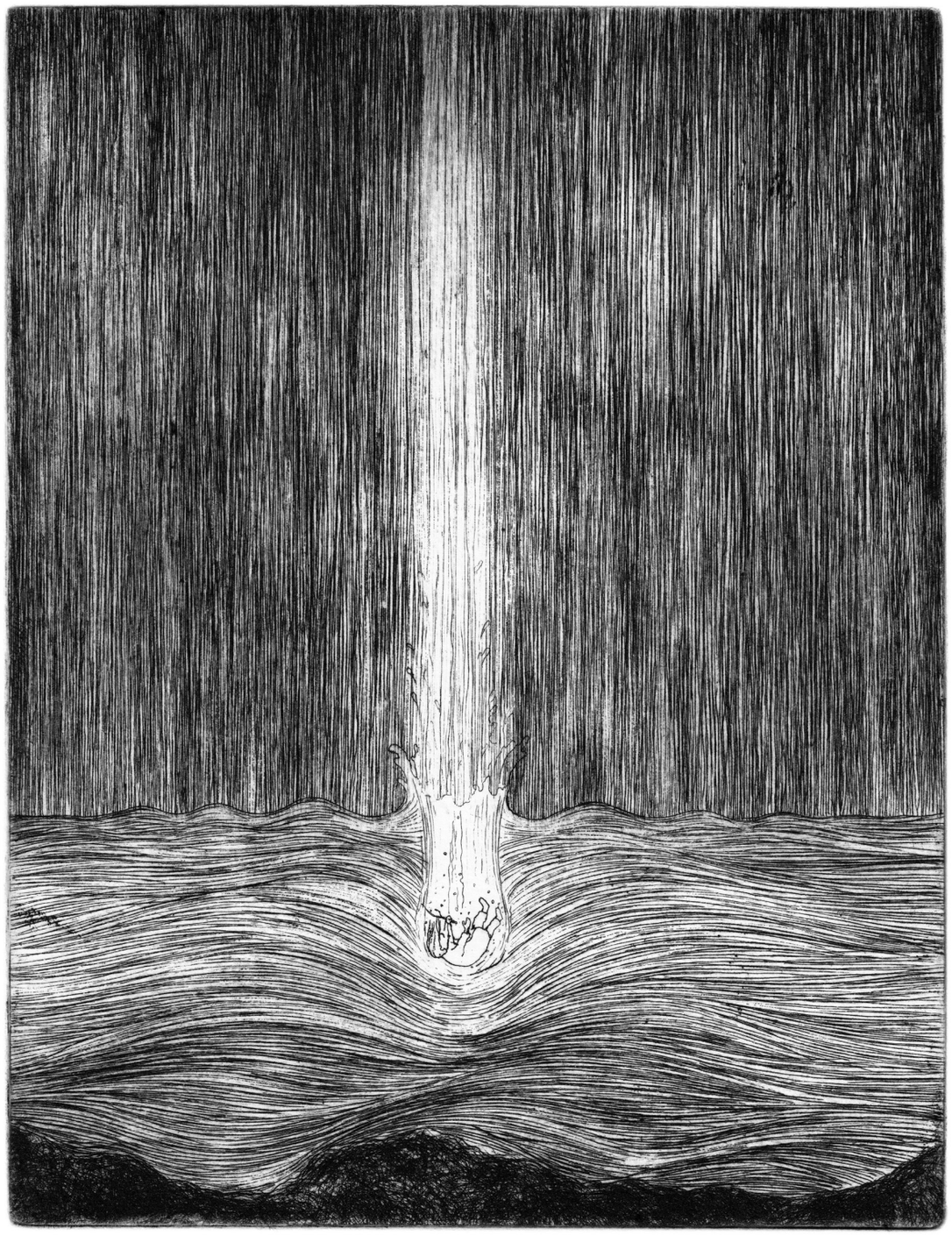




Slip and snap, stumble, tumble –



PLUNGE!



And plummet!

Hard, then, to haul up your heavy heart;
Find your feet, make another fresh start.



To Lily, Tom and Will, fireflies all

—R. M.

For Harry, Iris, and all light seekers,
may your light guide the way

—L. A. H.

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Meteors of the meadow grasses