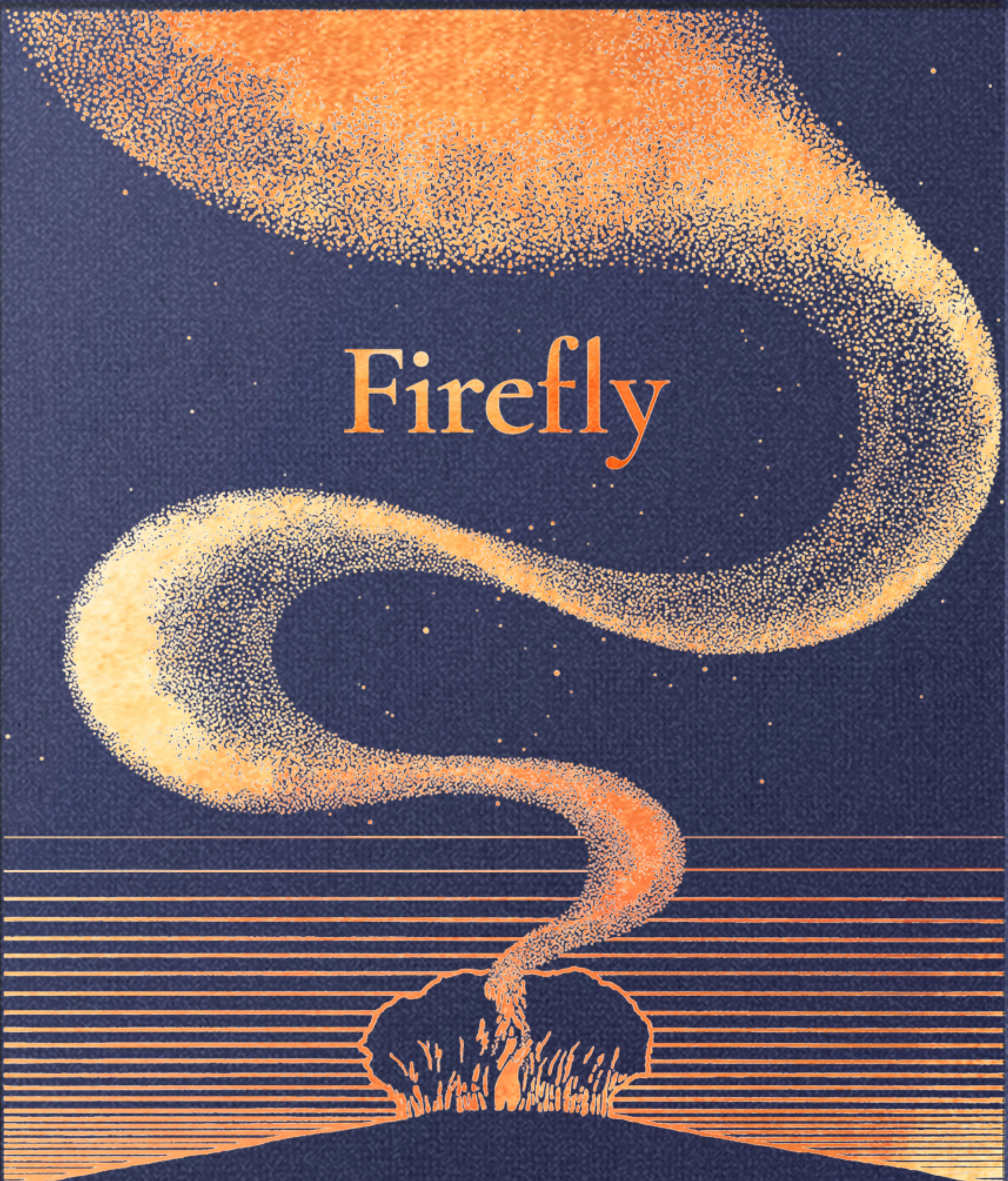




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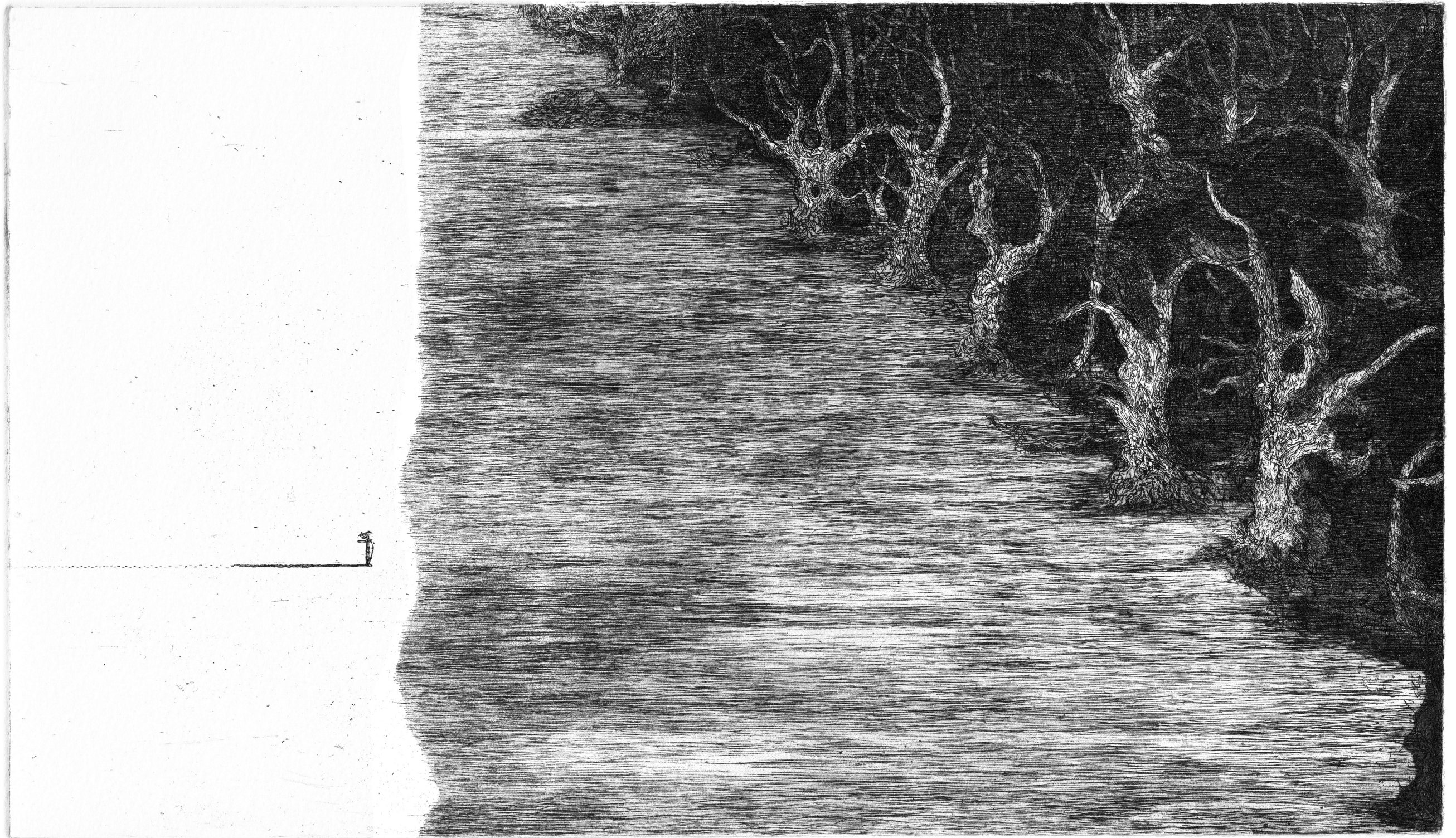
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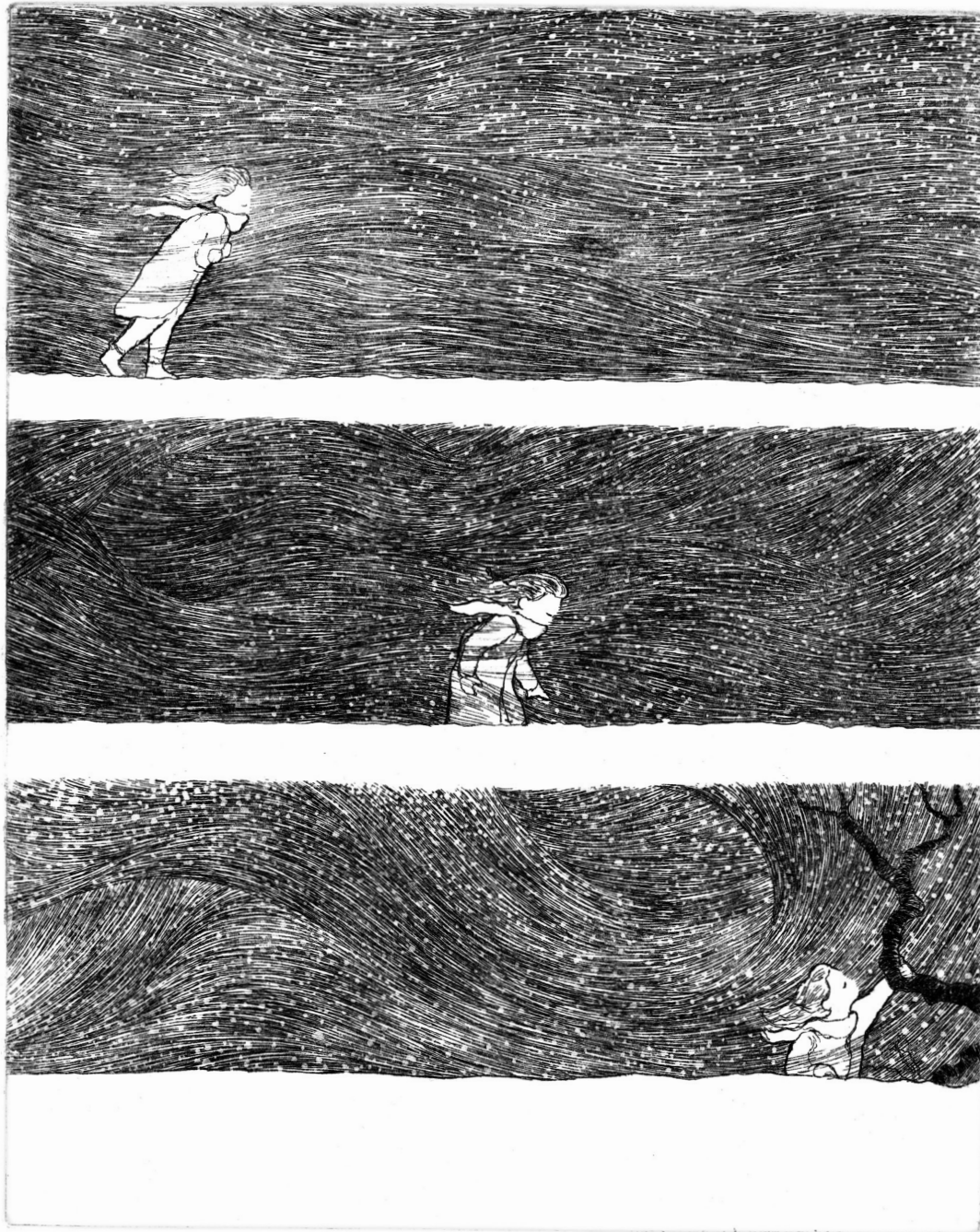
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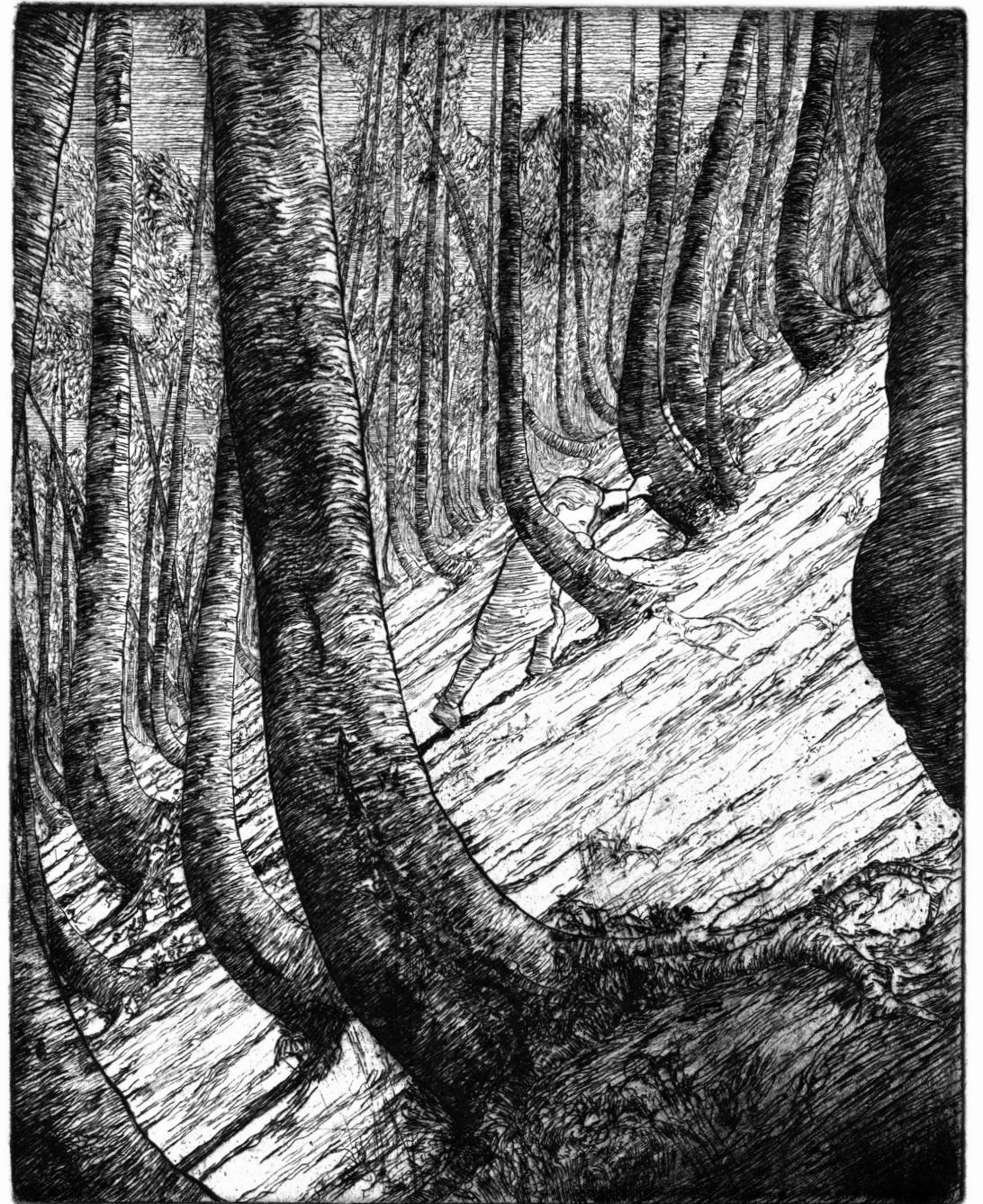
When the coldest wind is blowing,

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,



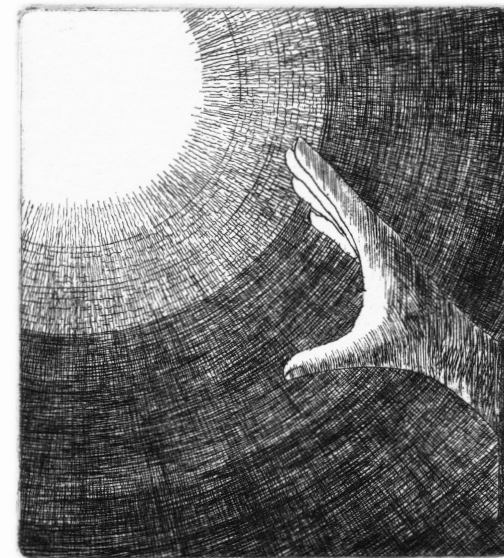
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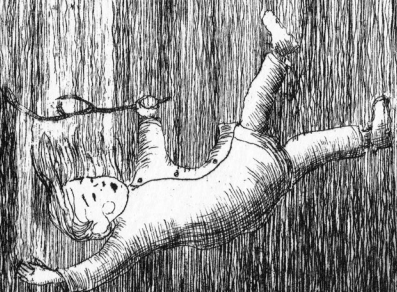
Snowdrift's shine and comet's shimmer.



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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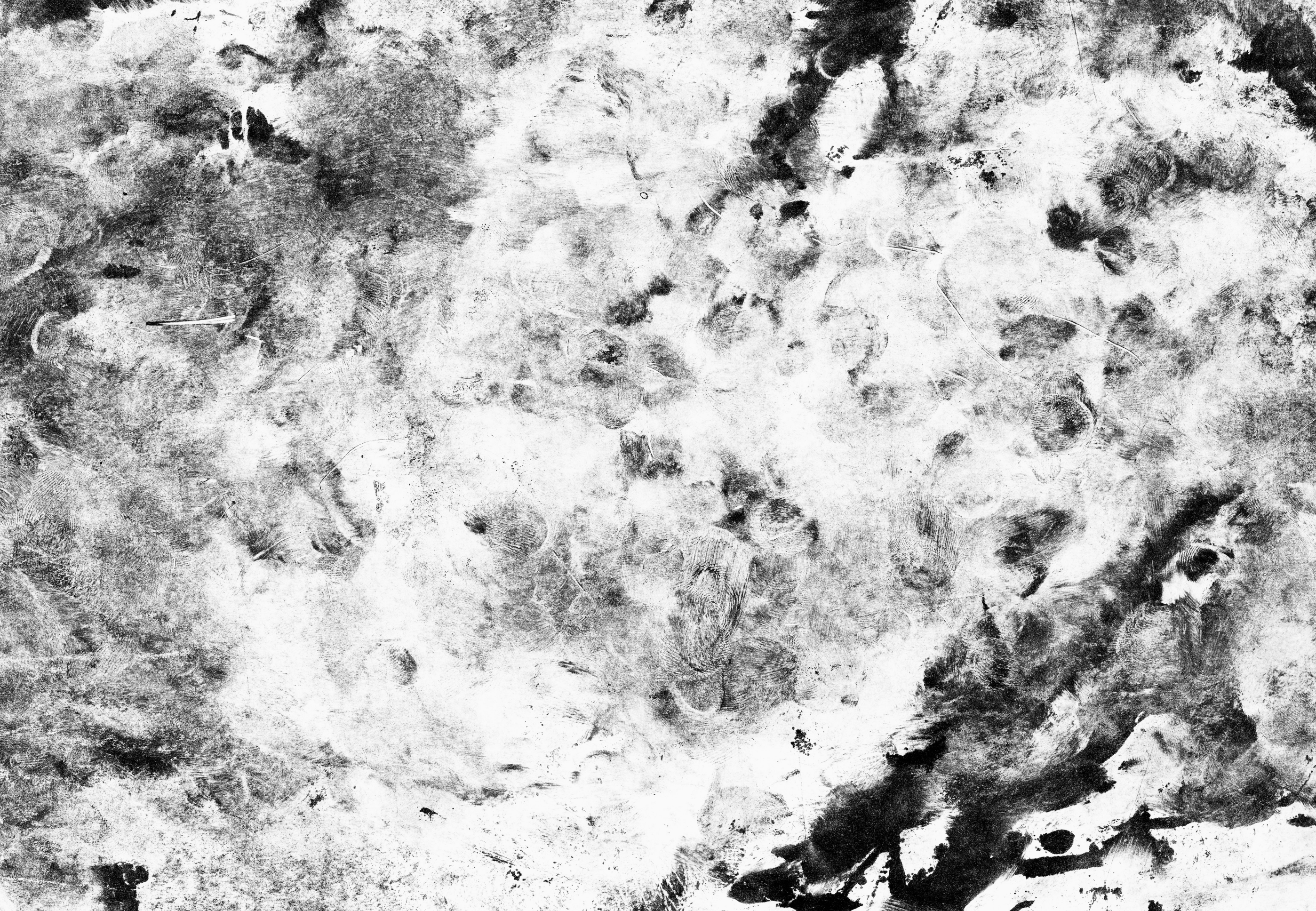
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That's the night to dream of fireflies —

Meteors of the meadow grasses