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Hello, and welcome to my world!

For as far back as I can remember, myth, folklore, and fairy tales have served as my inspiration. Anything—books, art, films—that had its roots planted deep in the forest of our collective imagination became my mother’s milk. As I grew older and gained some hard won drawing skills, I was always happiest drawing scenes set deep within that elemental greenwood where fairies, giants, mermaids, and dragons all became my best friends and have remained so to this day.

What you’ll see here in these pages are the preliminary pen-and-ink drawings (or in some cases highly finished pencil renderings) that I spend most every day creating at my drawing board. The finished paintings that grow from these simpler beginnings become book jackets that you might see on the shelves at your local bookstore or interior illustrations for those same books or even posters for music festivals and literary events far and near.

I love reading, so I especially love working with writers that I admire. I find that the better the writing involved in a particular project the better my art will be as it has to rise up to meet the quality of those words. Over the years I’ve had the pleasure of picturing literary worlds created by, among others, Neil Gaiman, Alice Hoffman, Charles de Lint, George Martin, Susanna Clarke, and even Mr. William Shakespeare. In the pages of this book you’ll be able to join me in that process.

Have fun!

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PS: Also, you might like to remember that each piece in this book is signed and dated so if you pay attention you can see my work grow and mature over a 40-year career.





The LOST DAY

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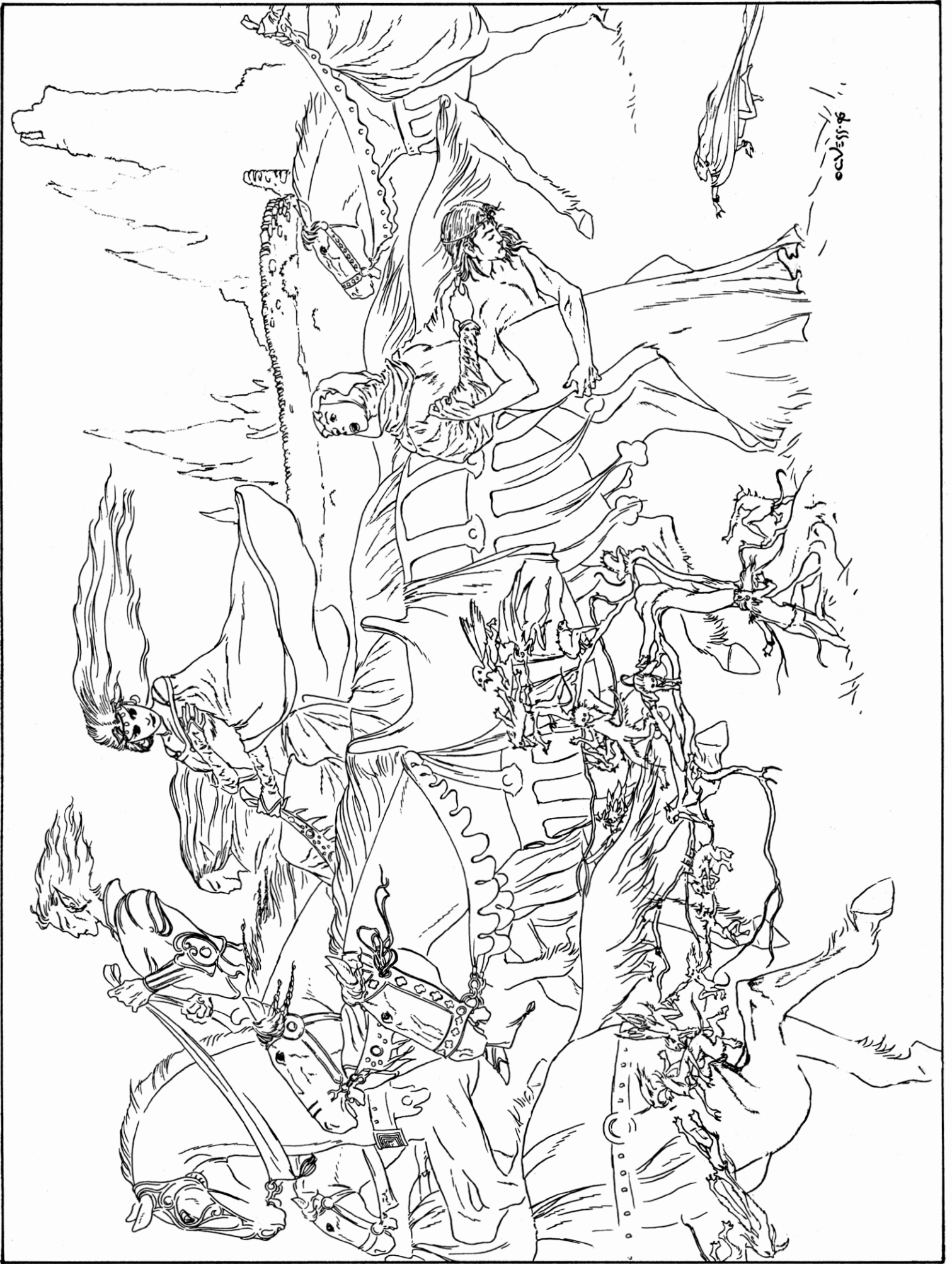




She Stood Resplendent as the Morning Sun



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Just Good Friends



The Bear's People Valley





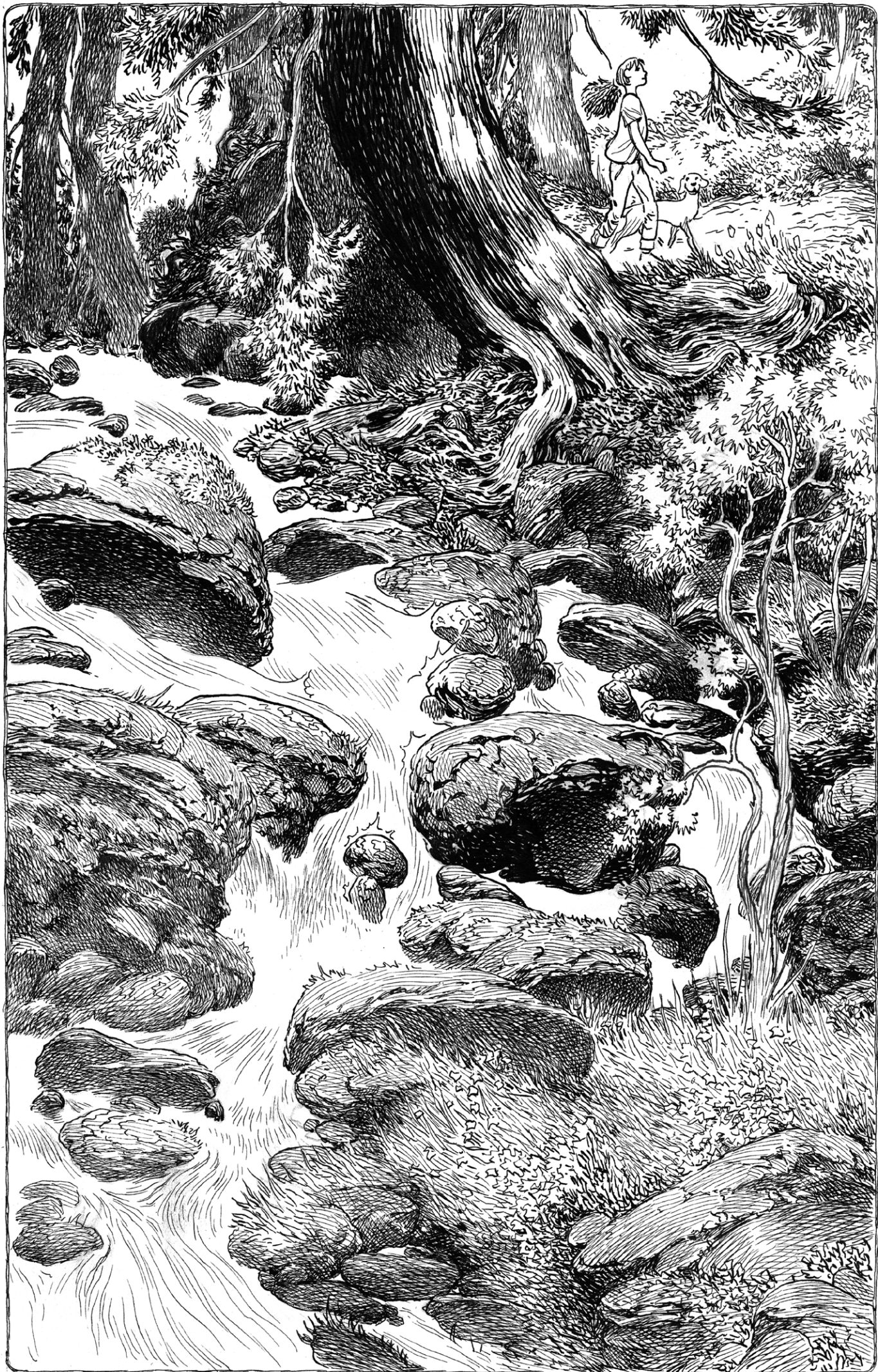
Invocation

The CHRISTMAS REVELS





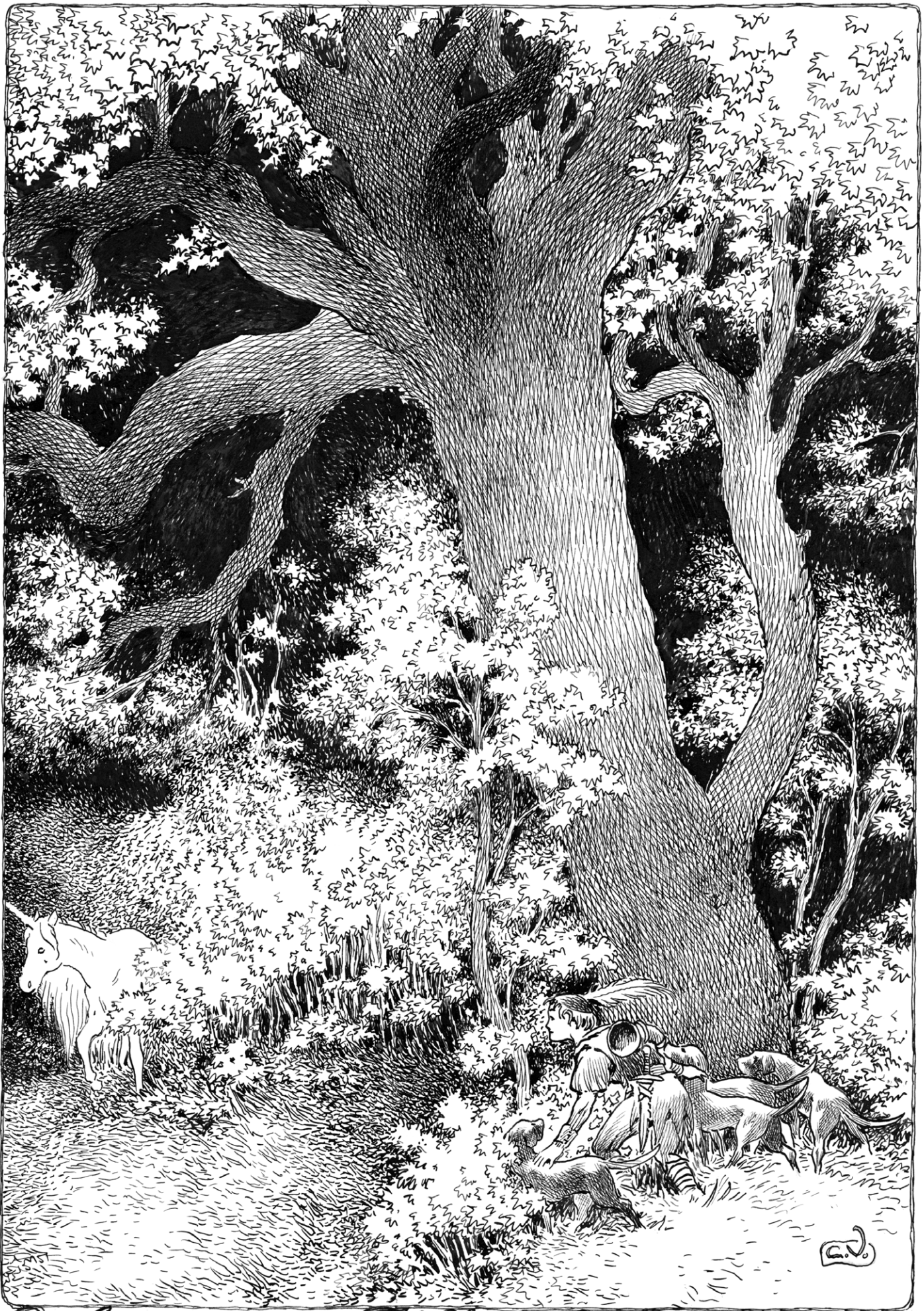
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Sarah Jane and Roof



Those Dillard Girls



The King of Elfland's Daughter





Old Mother Possam and the Cat

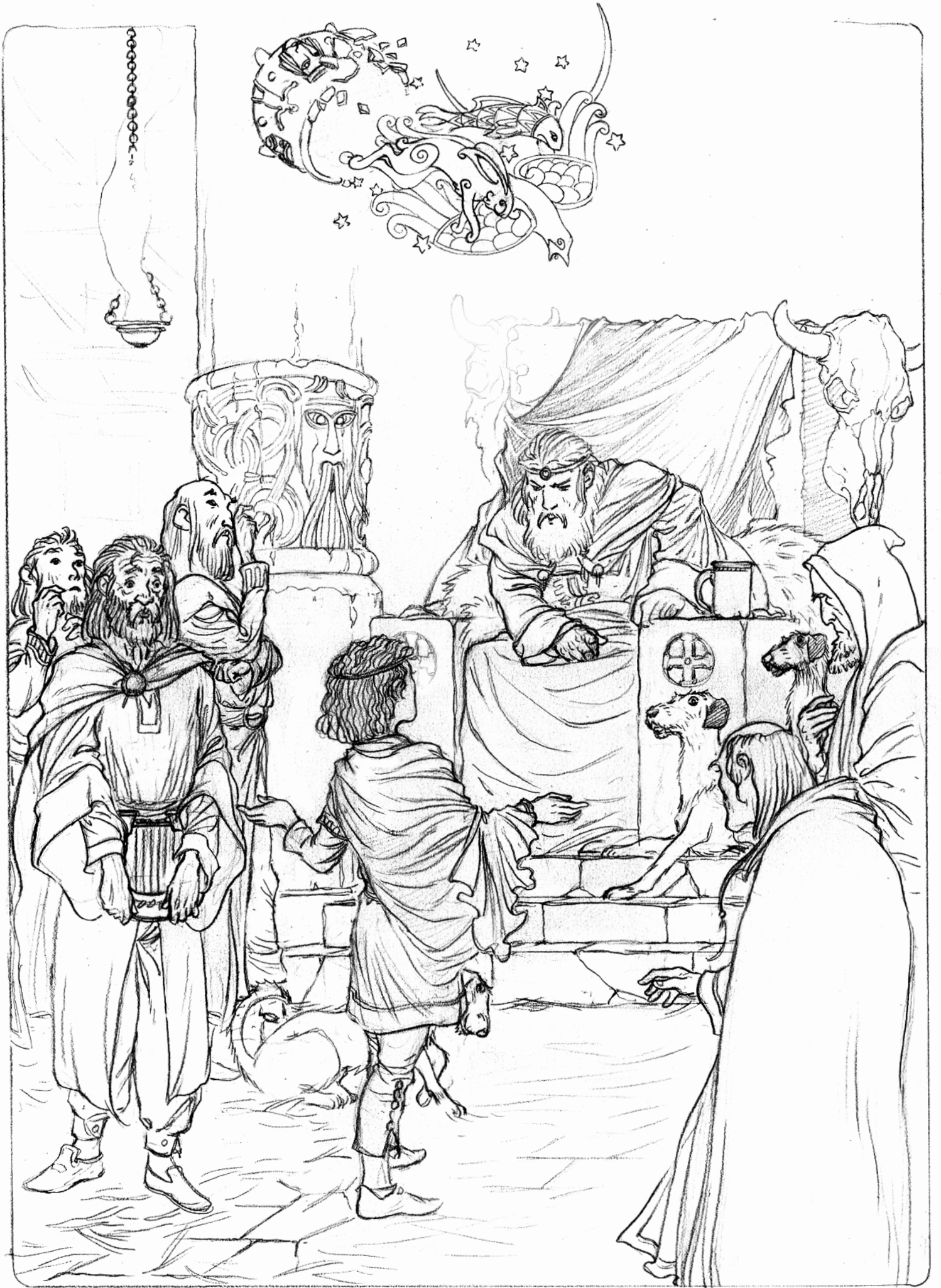


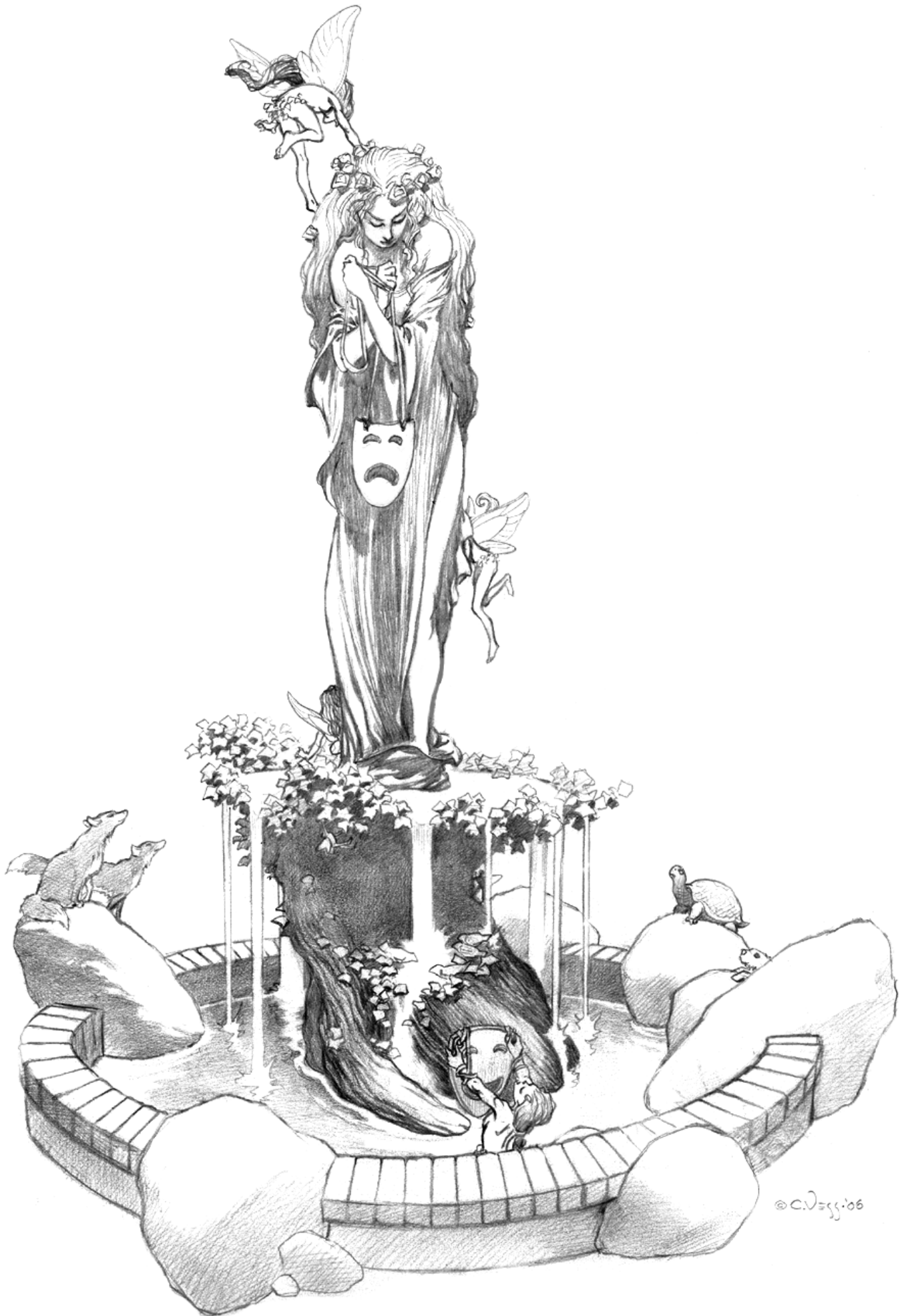


Jilian in Old Mother Possam's Home



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Queen of Dragons



Mother of Dragons



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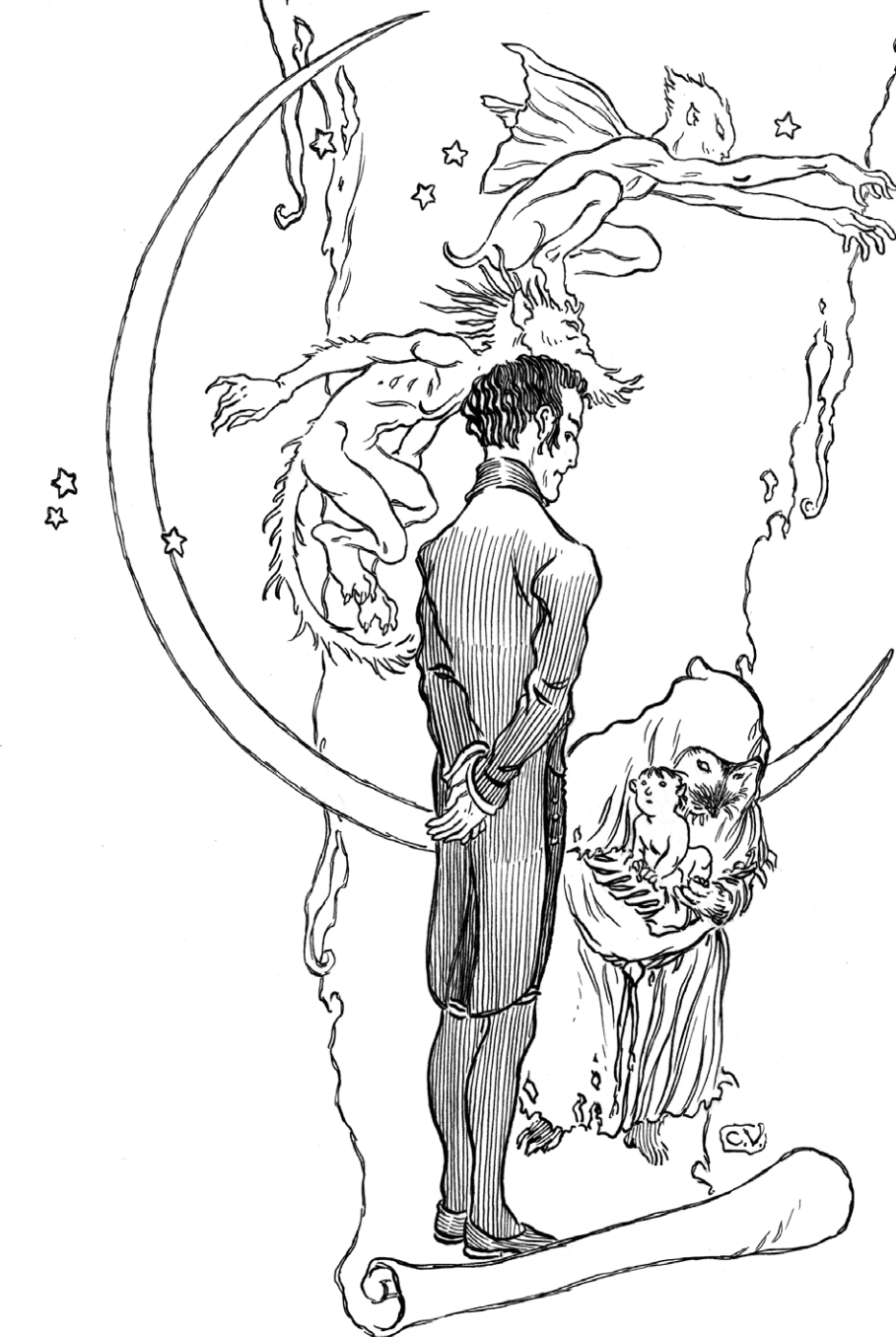


An Unexpected Visitor

MRS MABB



MR
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or
The FAIRY
WIDOWER









Beastly Bride

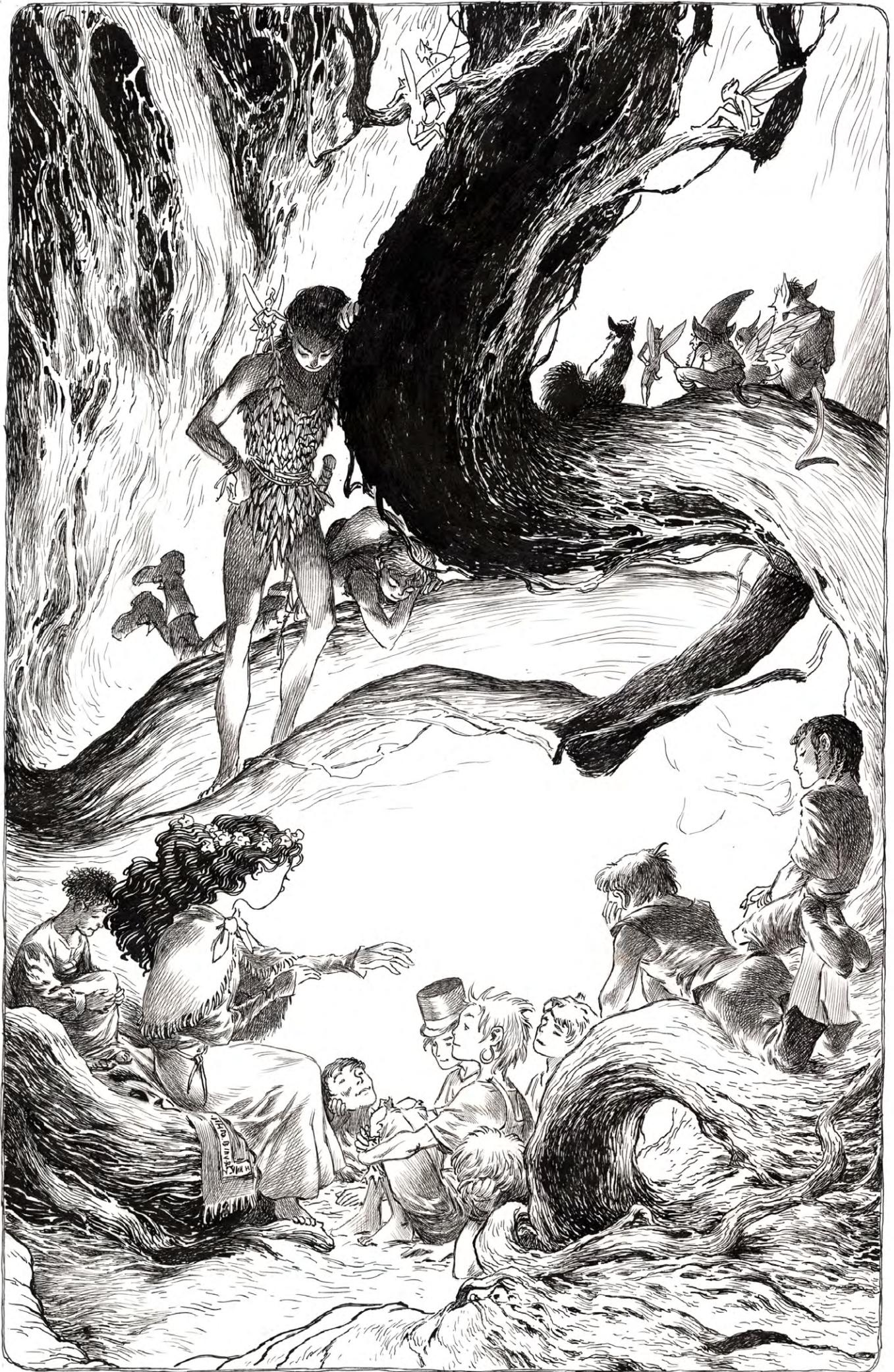




The Croc ~ The Book and Tinkerbell



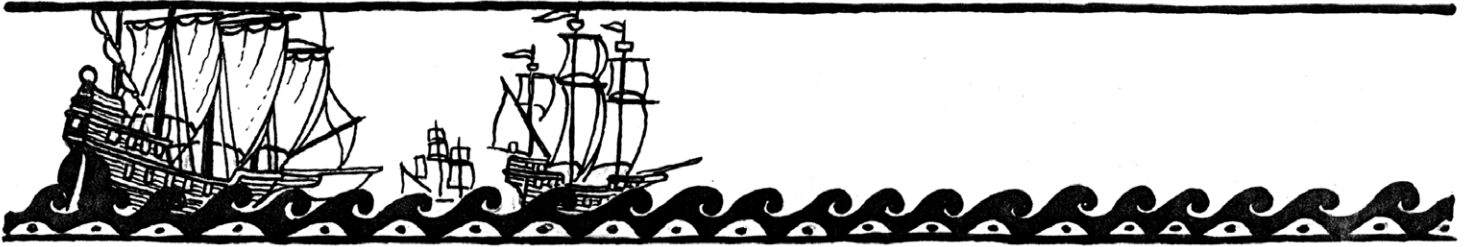
It's Peter and Hook



Wendy Tells a Story



A Dream of Apples



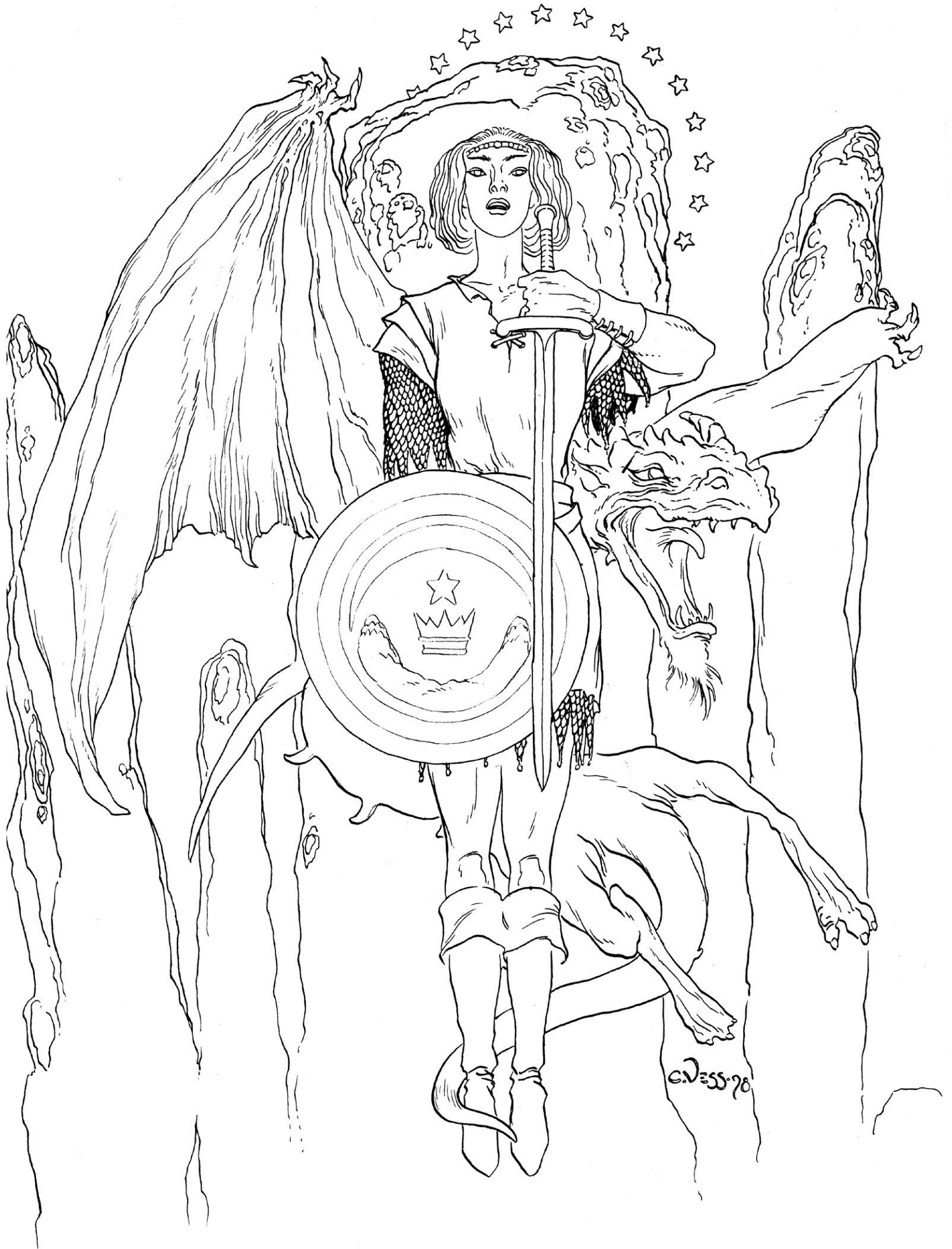




The Merry Dancers Bookstore and Emporium



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Red as Rose



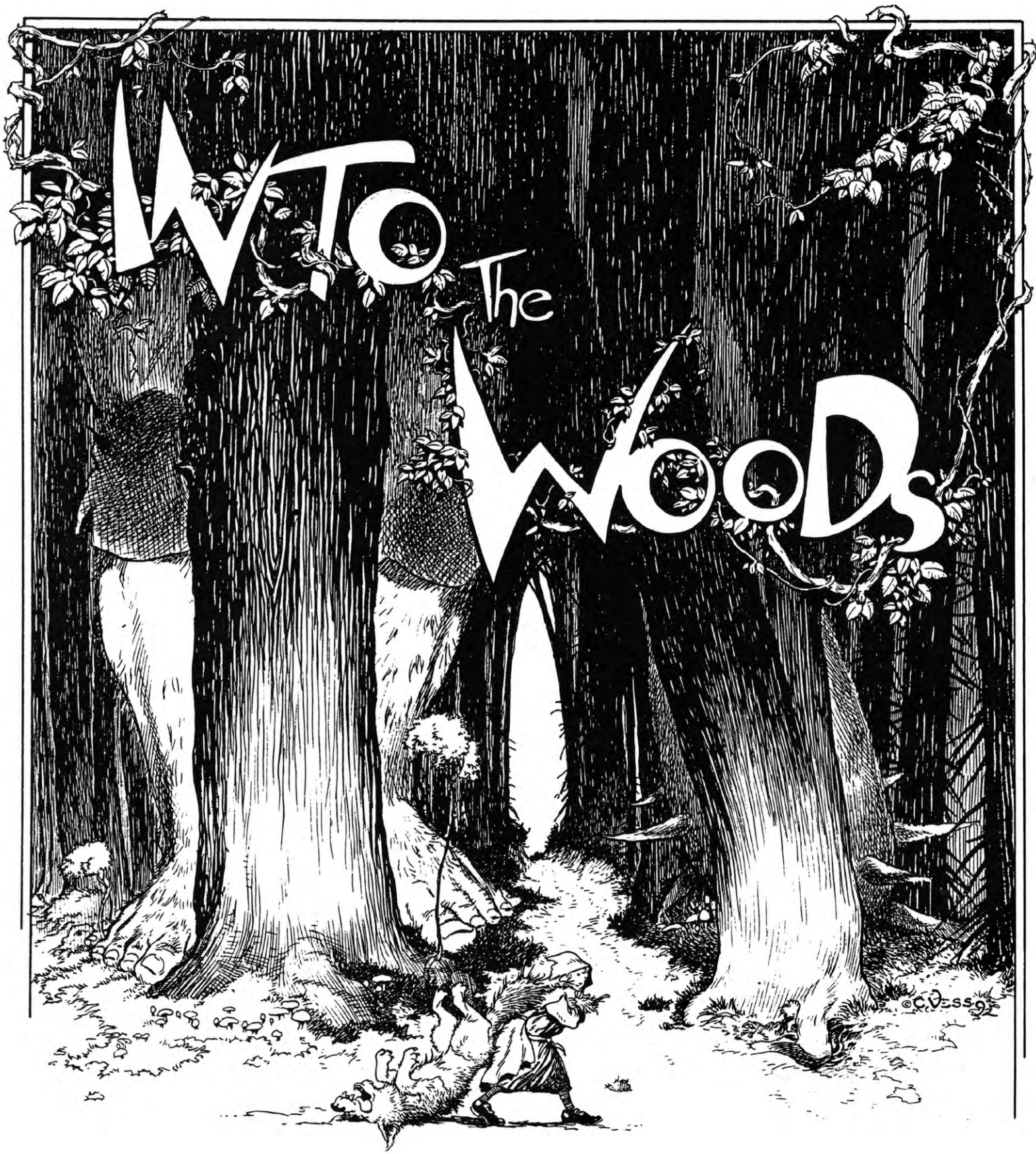
The False Knight on the Road



Thomas the Rhymer



With a little help from his friends



WTO The Woods

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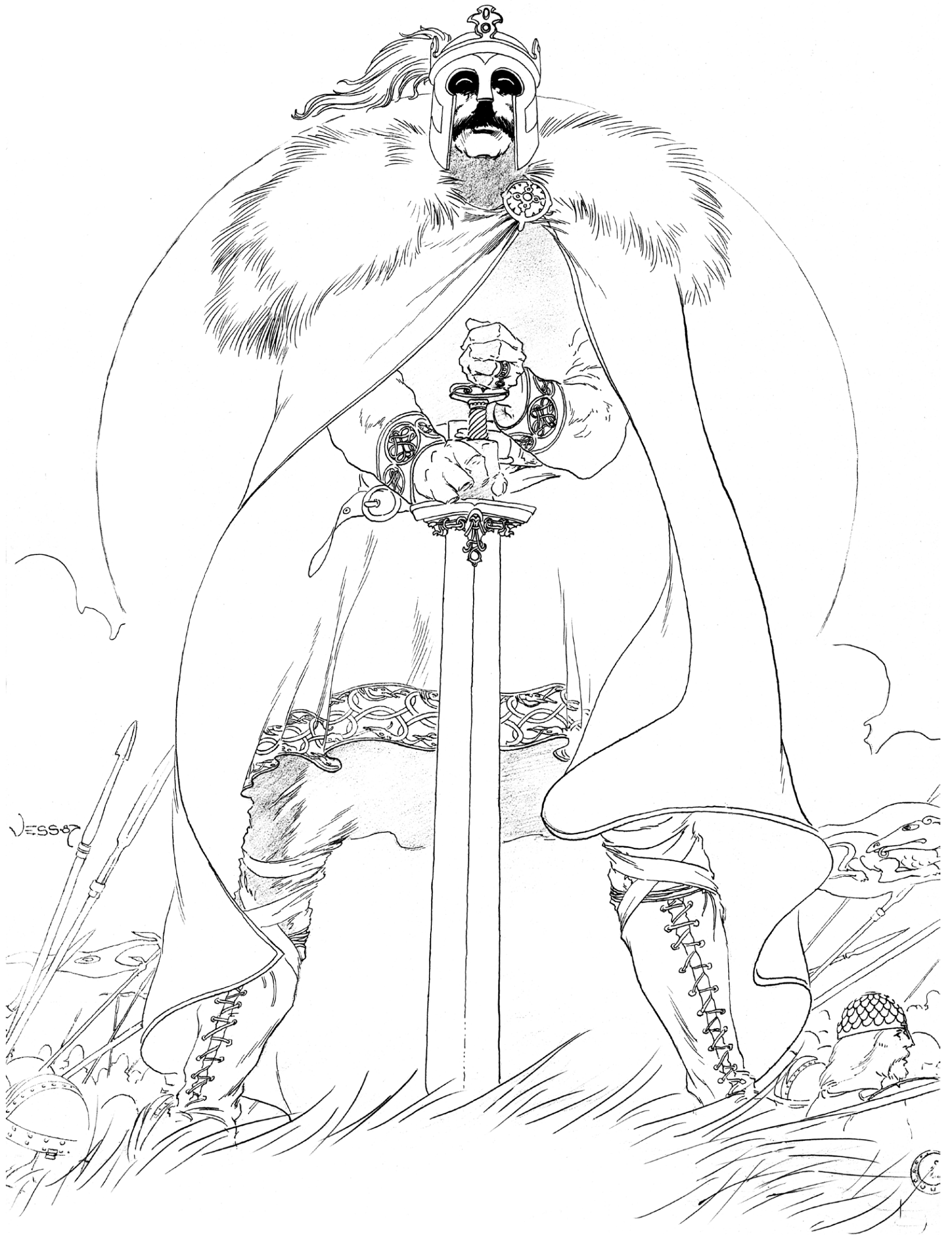
Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp



I don't know ~ what do you want to do?



On Her Way to Grandmother's



Arthur the Warrior



Her Majesty, Queen Titania



"To dew her orb upon the green"



"Never so sweet a changeling"

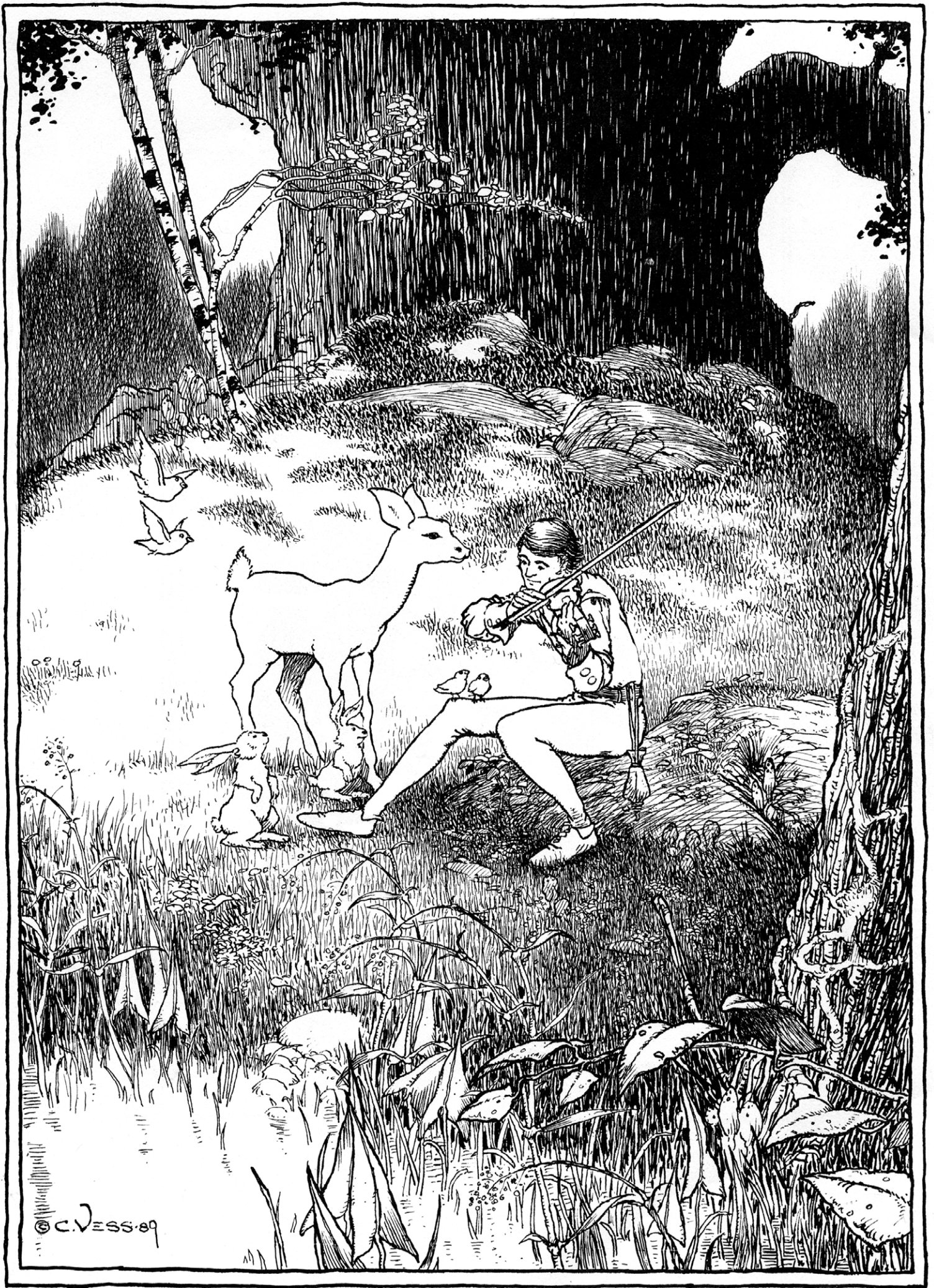


"Hand in hand with fairy grace"



Journey to an Innerworld





He Played so Sweet



Alice Through the Looking Glass



Dancing the Circle Round



In the Beginning

