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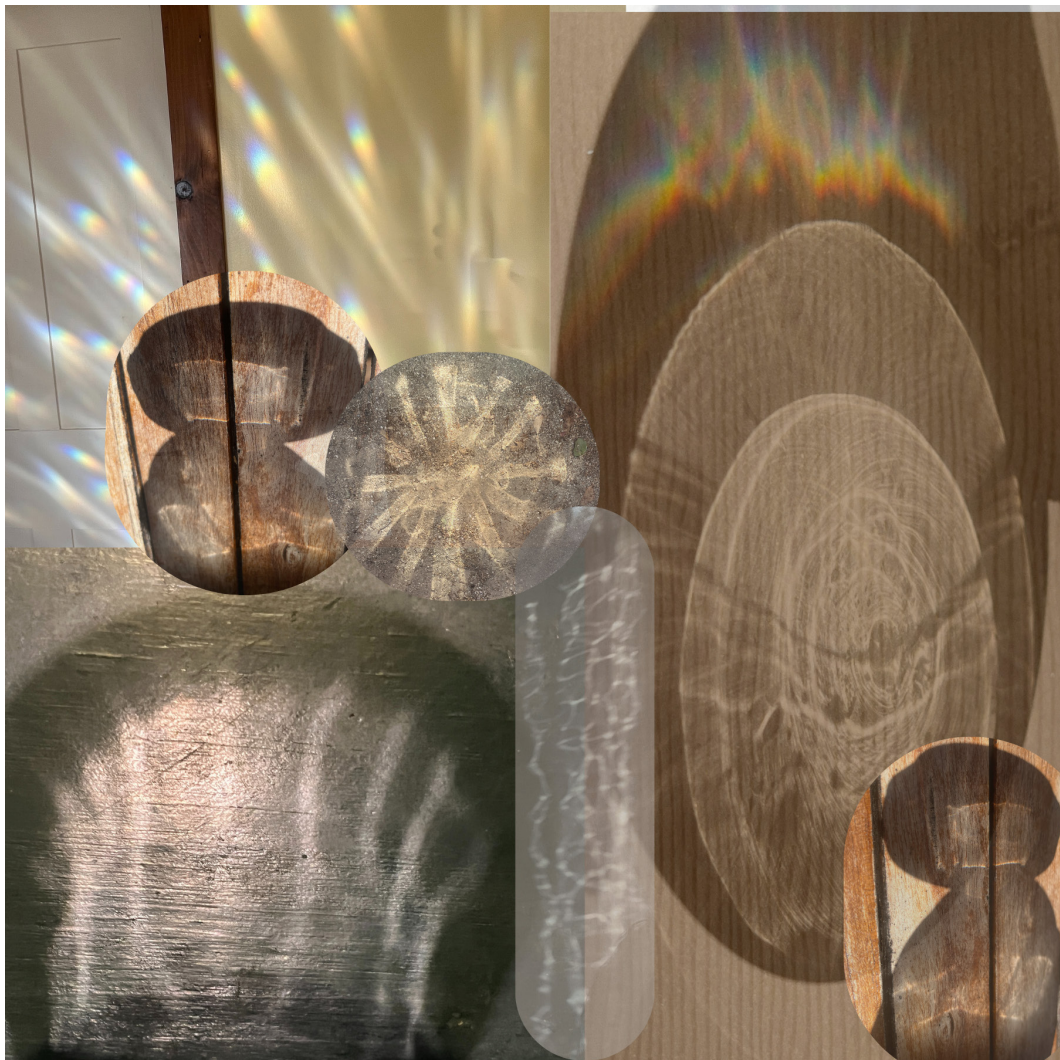
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rapt in awe

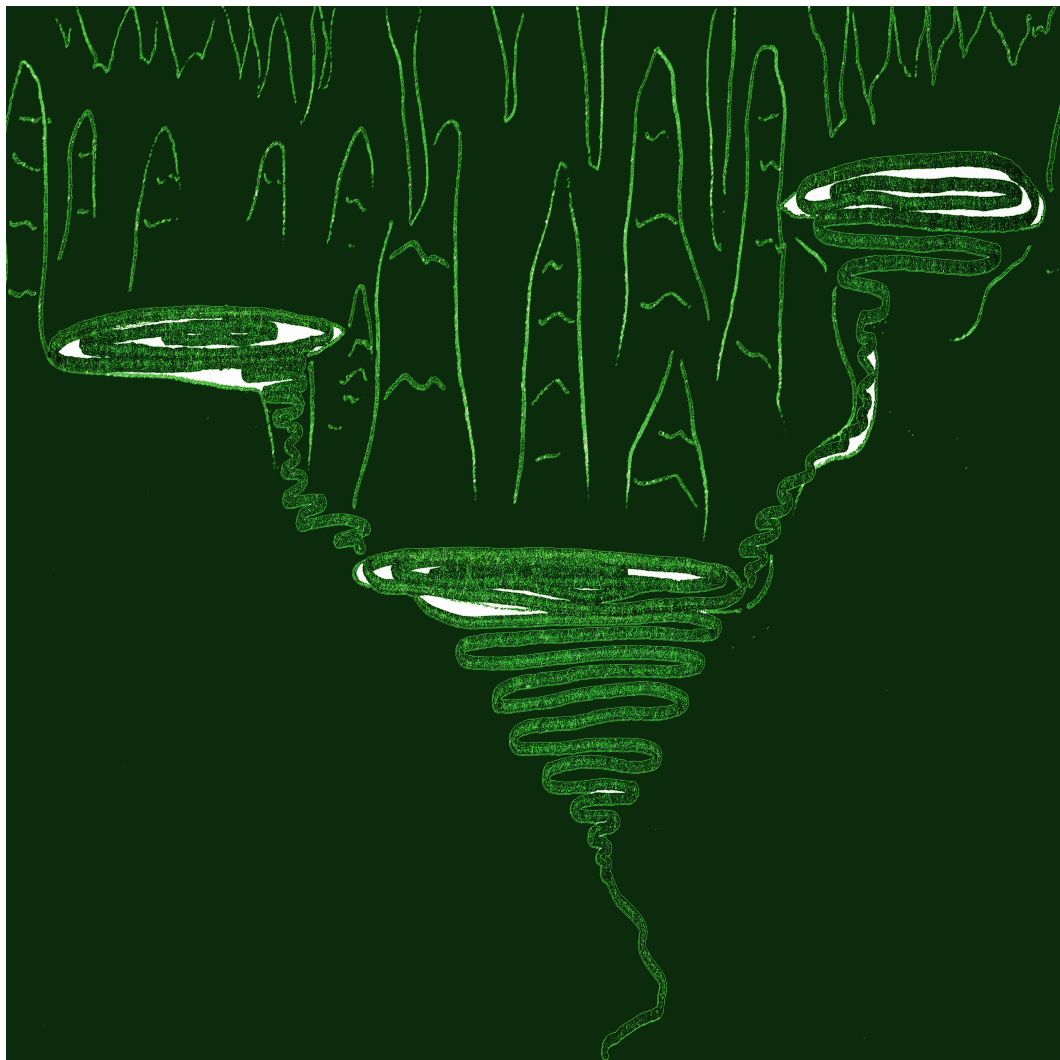
as i witness
the world passing by



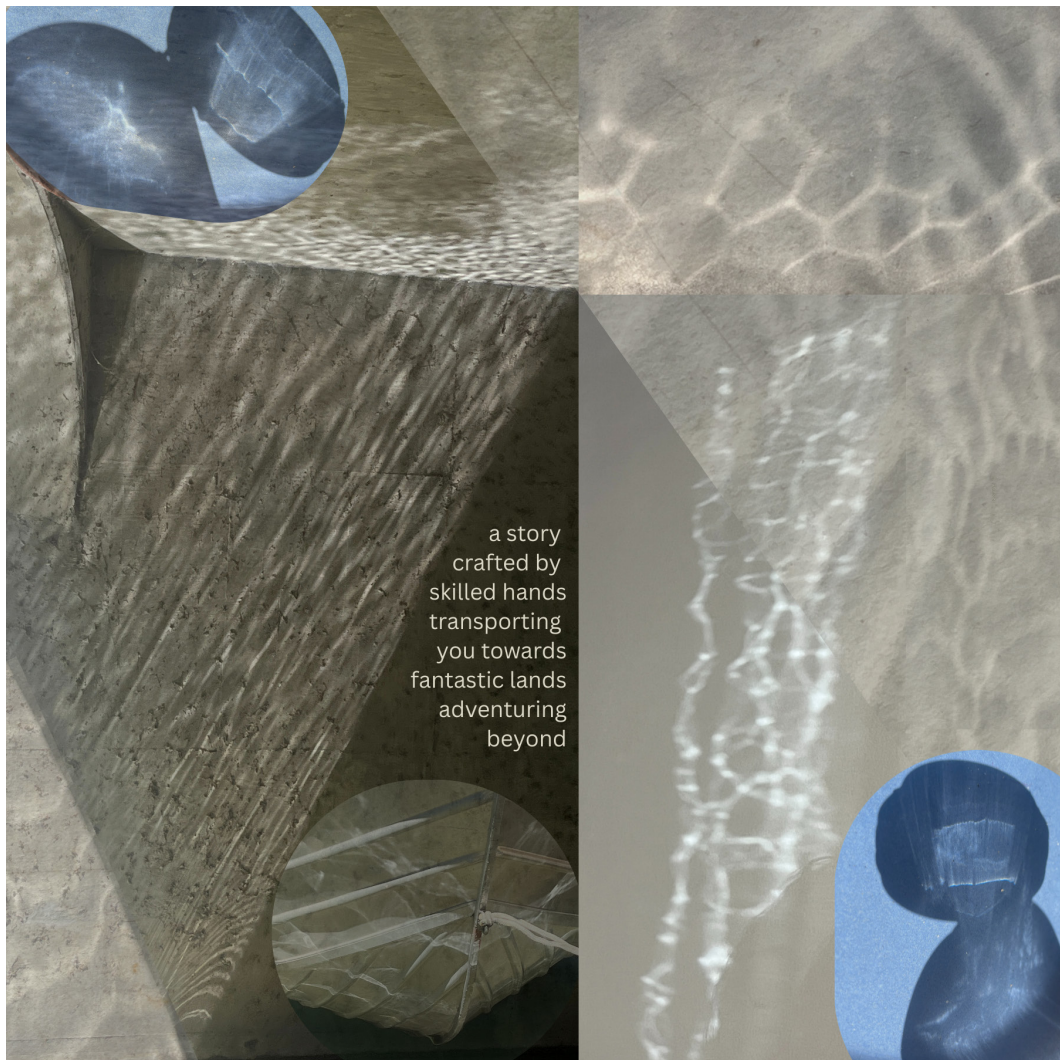


green world, Hayden Wilkinson, digital photo





cave pools, K. Stalker, oil pastel and digital



a story
crafted by
skilled hands
transporting
you towards
fantastic lands
adventuring
beyond



ace of cups.

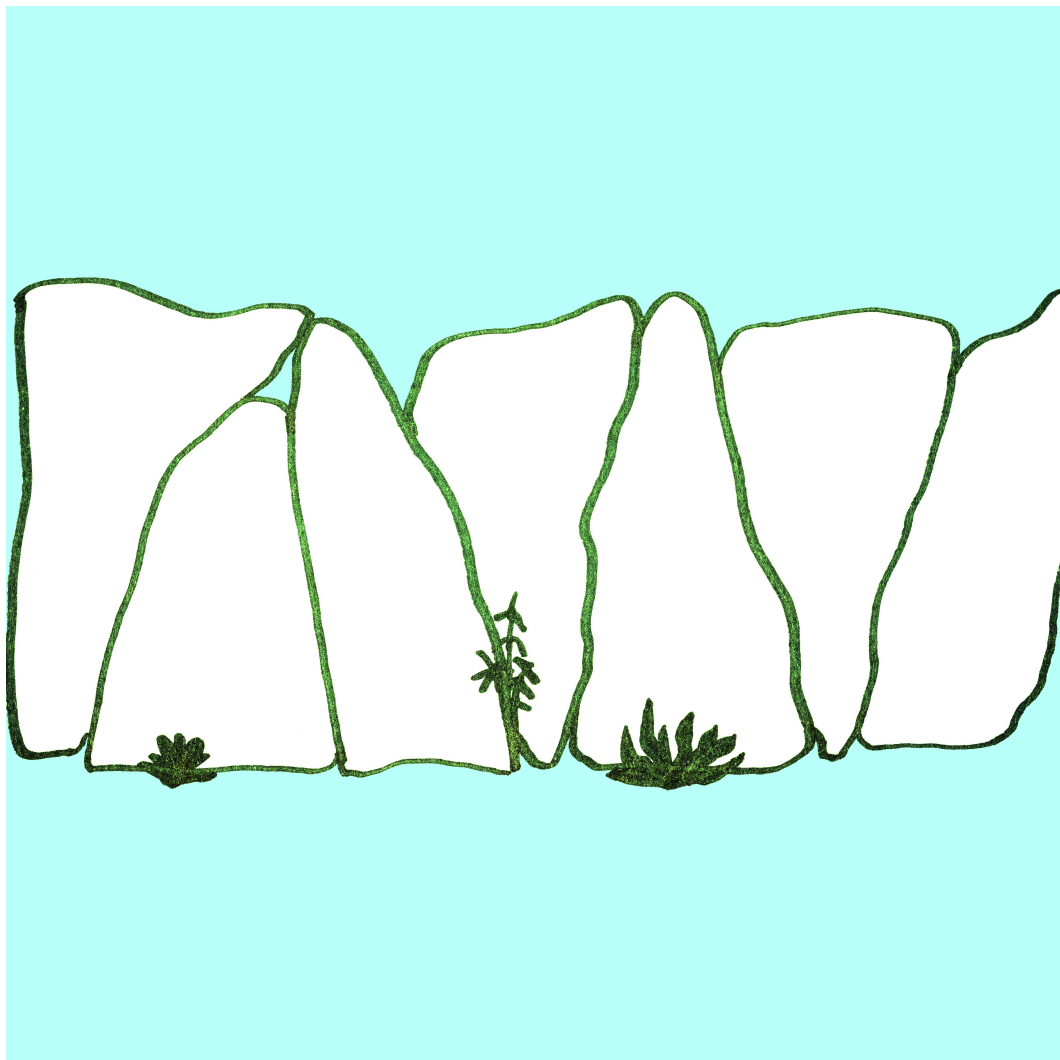


the magician.





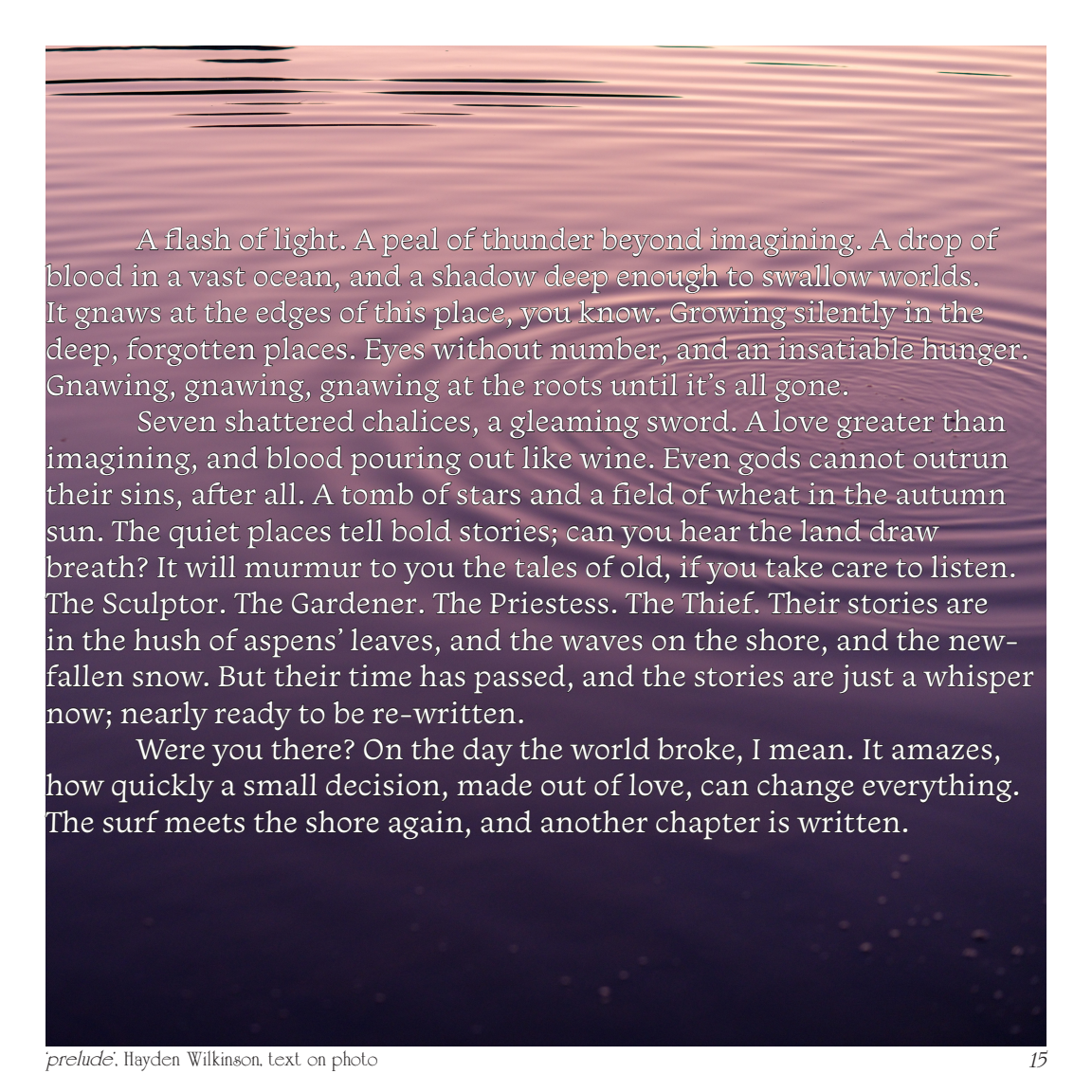
'otherworldly fantasy', Audrey Adamchak, multimedia collage





'hope', Audrey Adamchak, watercolor





A flash of light. A peal of thunder beyond imagining. A drop of blood in a vast ocean, and a shadow deep enough to swallow worlds. It gnaws at the edges of this place, you know. Growing silently in the deep, forgotten places. Eyes without number, and an insatiable hunger. Gnawing, gnawing, gnawing at the roots until it's all gone.

Seven shattered chalices, a gleaming sword. A love greater than imagining, and blood pouring out like wine. Even gods cannot outrun their sins, after all. A tomb of stars and a field of wheat in the autumn sun. The quiet places tell bold stories; can you hear the land draw breath? It will murmur to you the tales of old, if you take care to listen. The Sculptor. The Gardener. The Priestess. The Thief. Their stories are in the hush of aspens' leaves, and the waves on the shore, and the new-fallen snow. But their time has passed, and the stories are just a whisper now; nearly ready to be re-written.

Were you there? On the day the world broke, I mean. It amazes, how quickly a small decision, made out of love, can change everything. The surf meets the shore again, and another chapter is written.

