

Dream On



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I dreamed that...



...I was running
across a flat land.



The trees were tall and thin, with long skinny twigs like fingers.



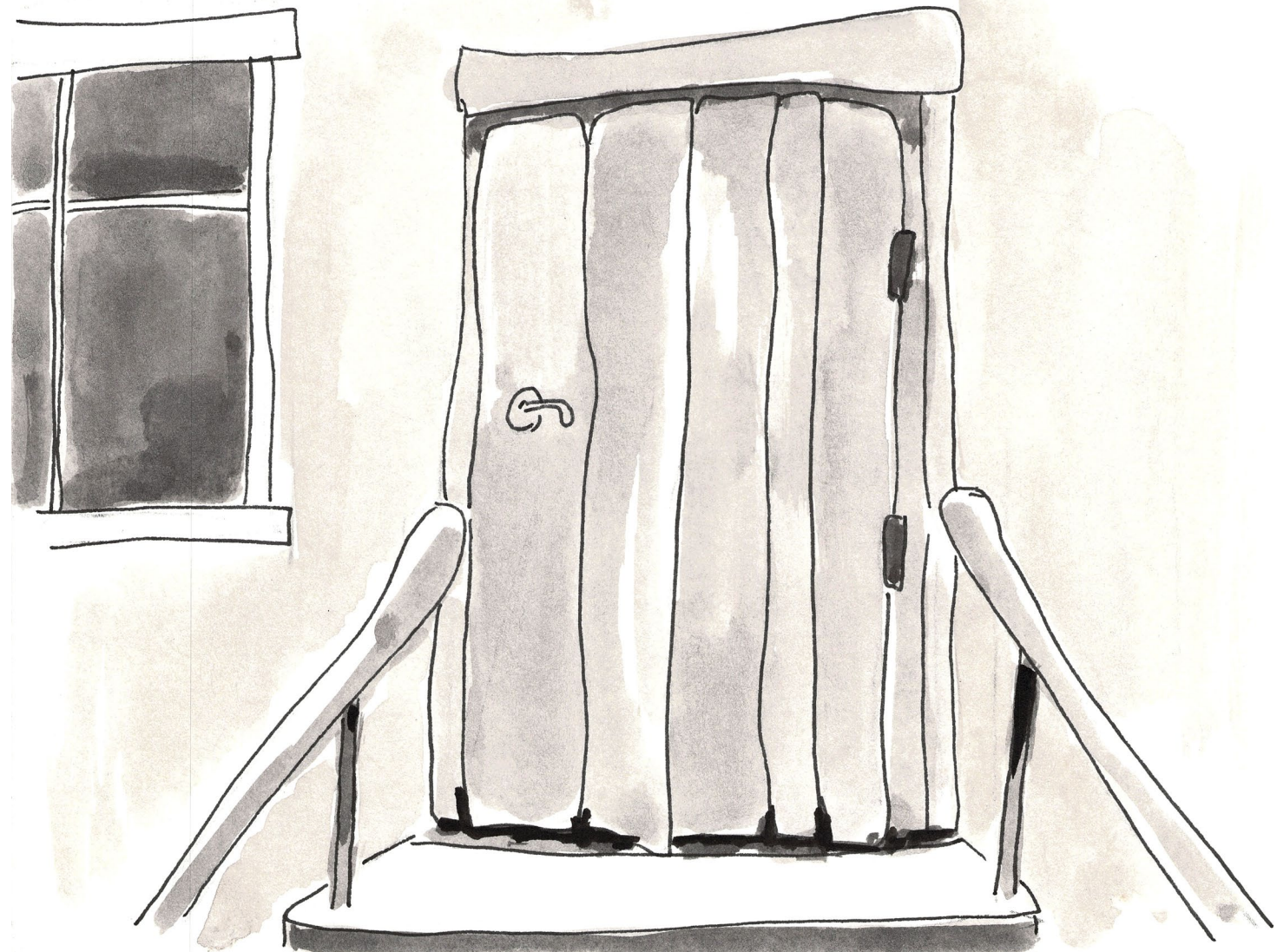
I ran and ran until I
could run no more.



In front of me was a
crazy house.



Very softly, I knocked
on the door.



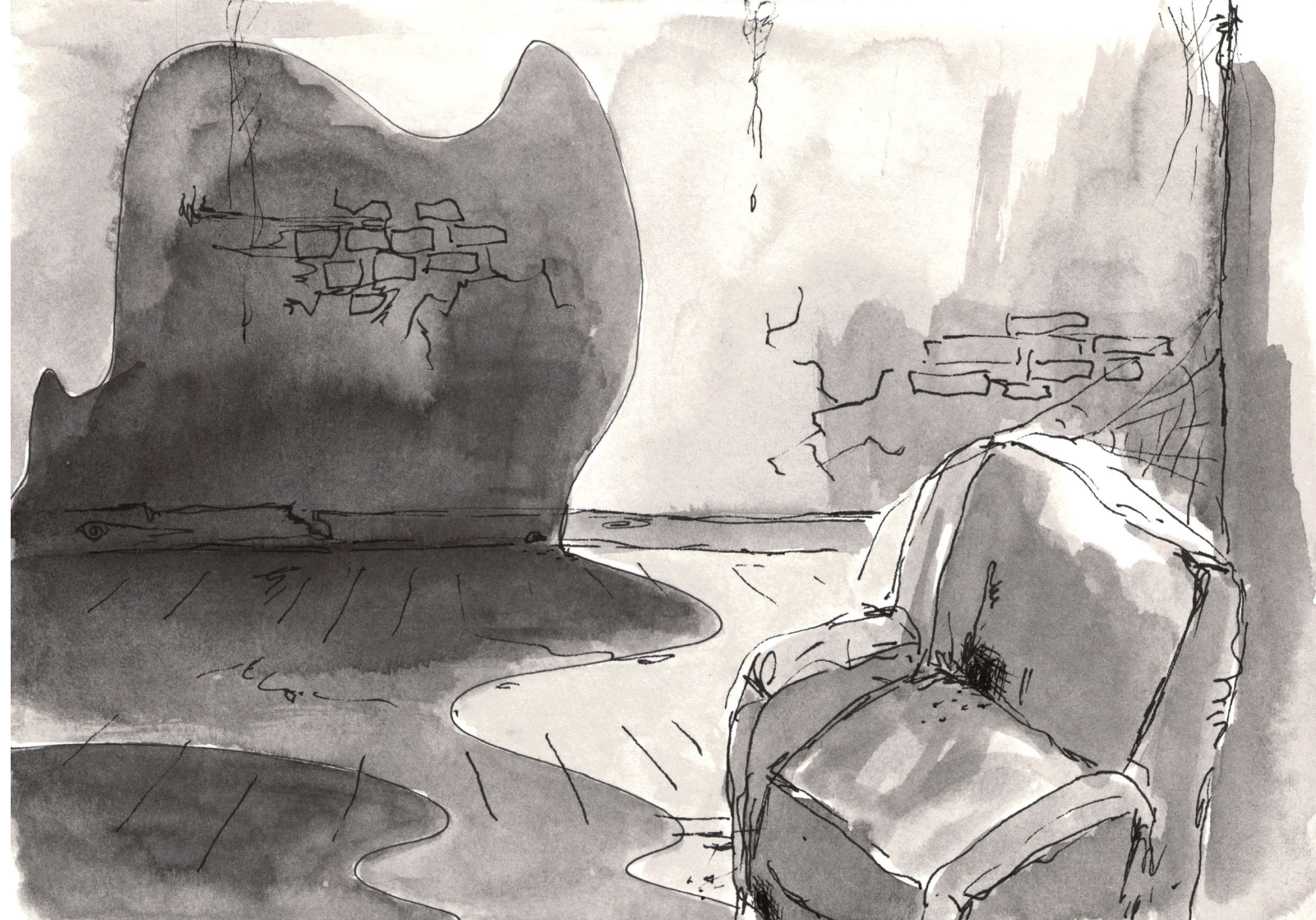
No-one came. I opened
the door a crack and
squeezed in.



The room inside was massive and very old.



Spiders' webs hung from
the roof. Mice had nests
in the old chairs.



I crept along the wall.



Then I listened.
Something was pattering
across the floor upstairs.



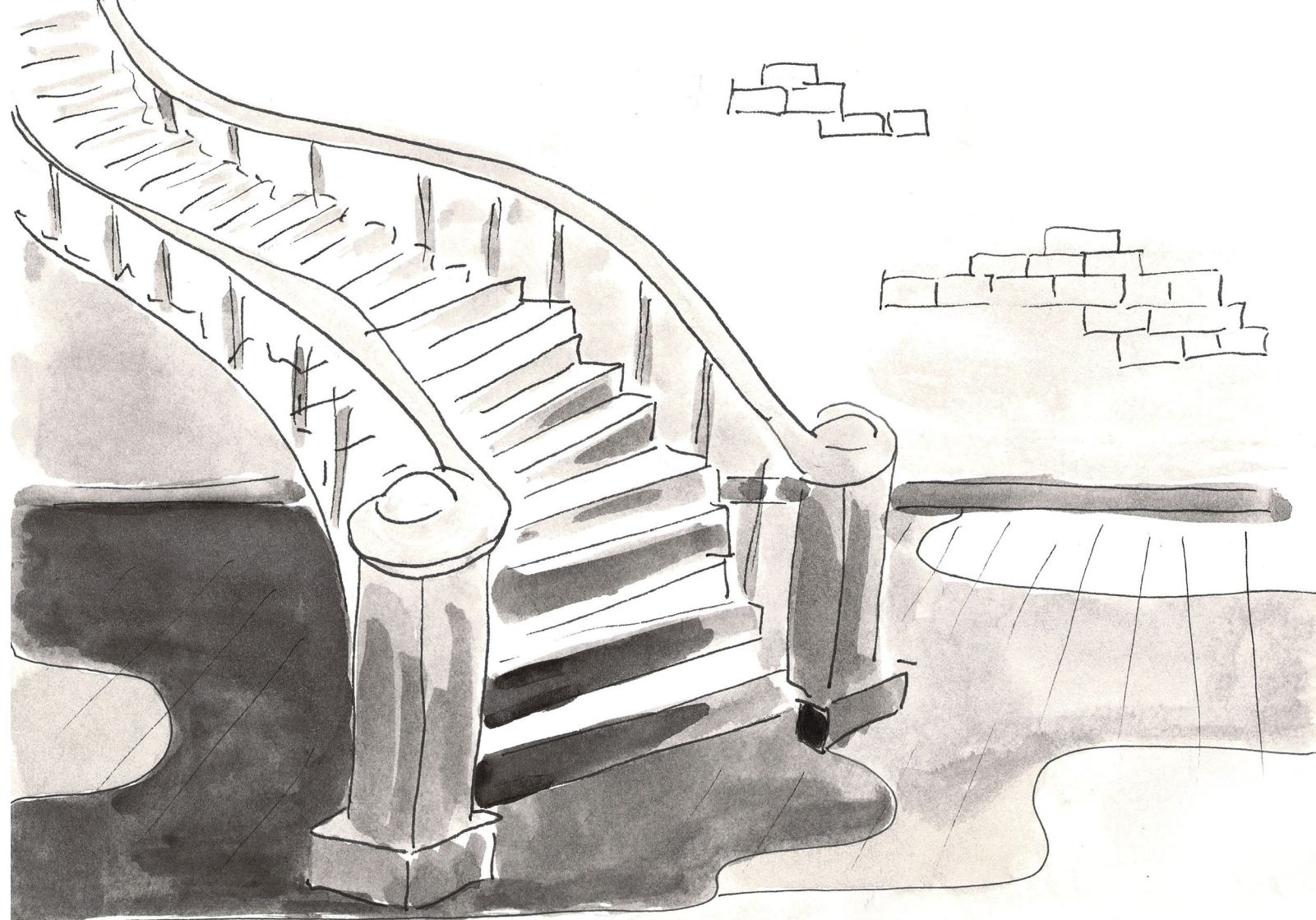
It did not sound like a mouse
or even a rat. It sounded big.



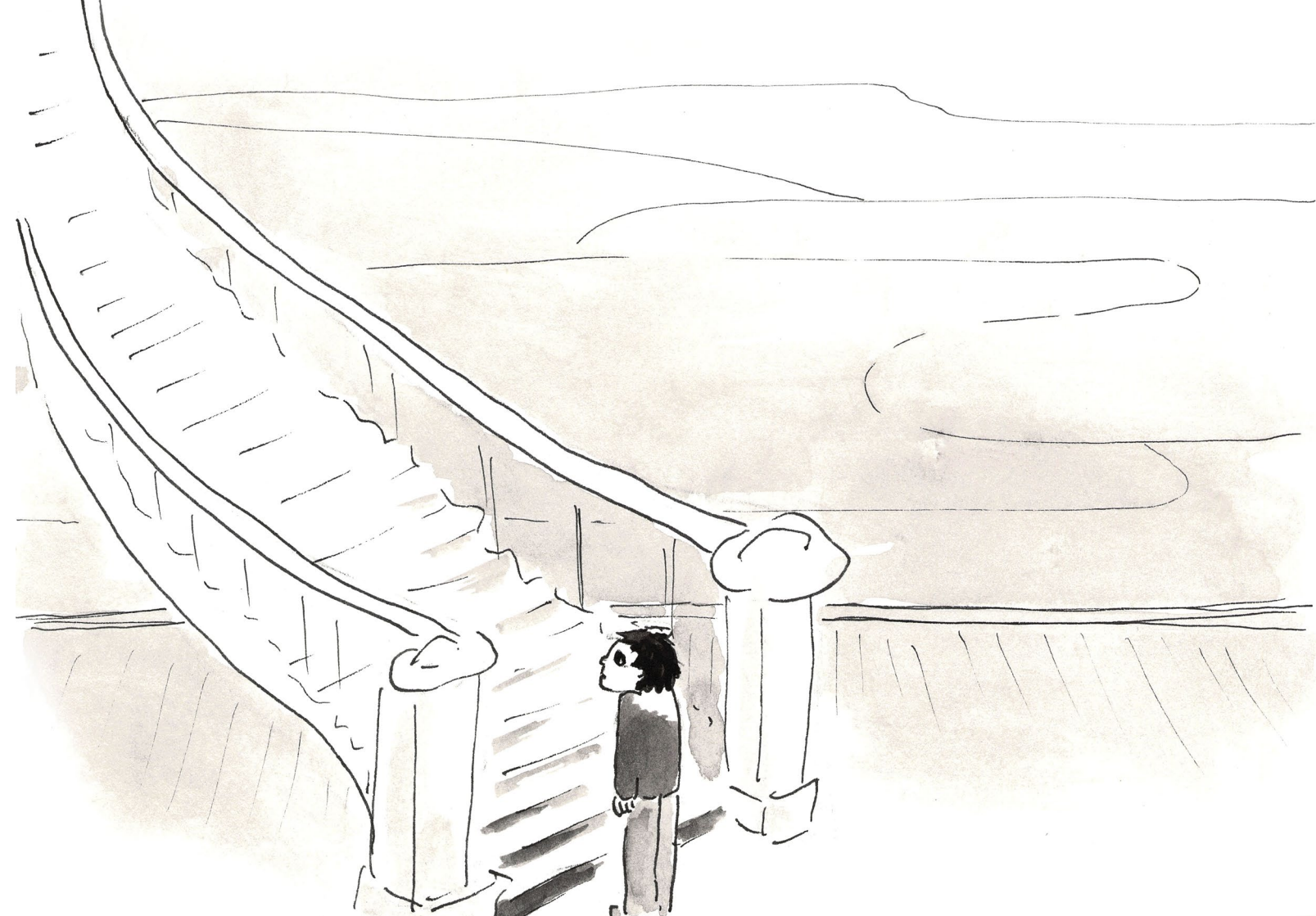
I stood very still. I listened more.
The thing upstairs stood still too.



I wanted to go upstairs.
I went softly towards the
bottom of the old staircase.



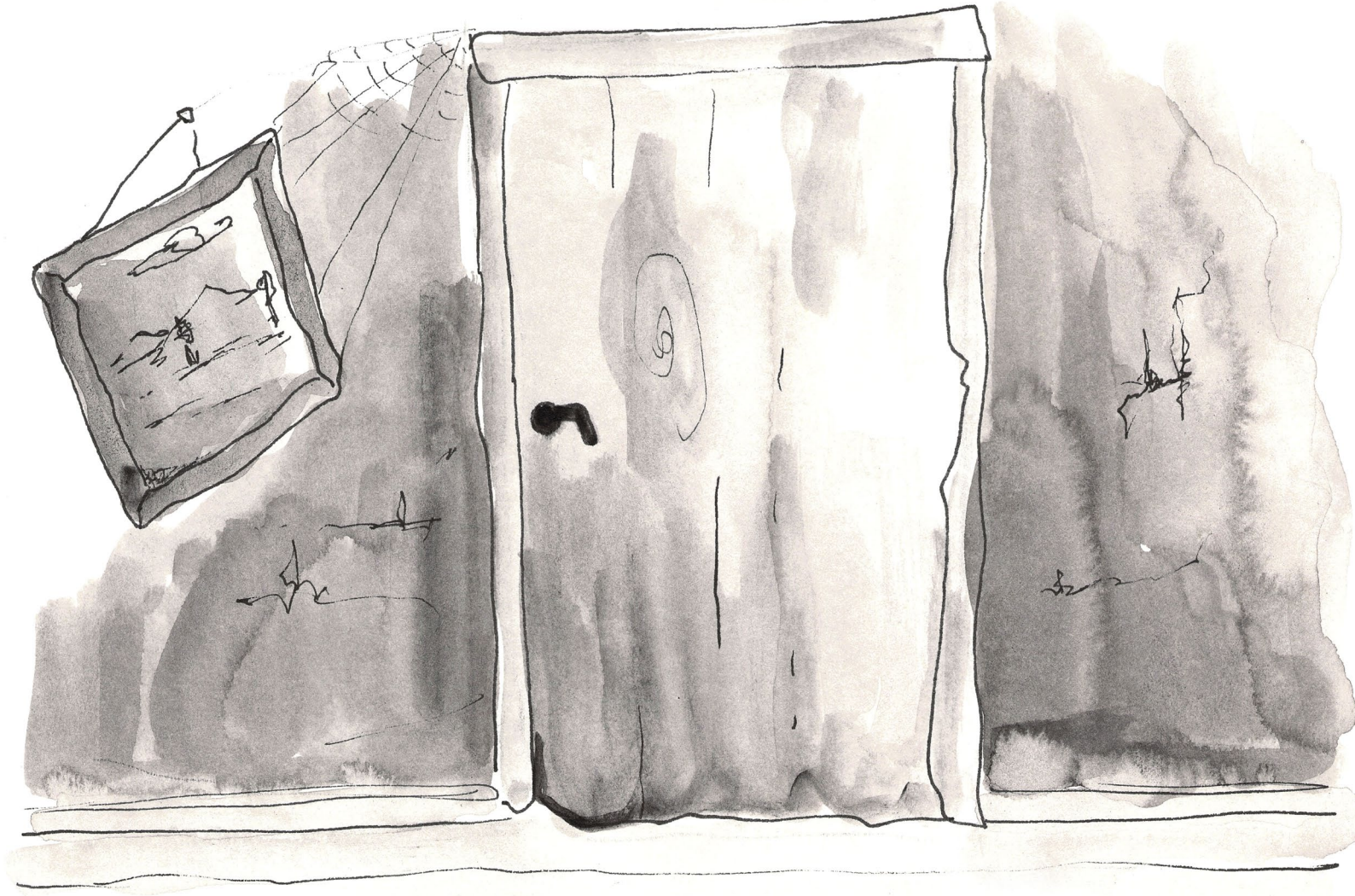
The thing upstairs
stopped pattering.



I crept up the stairs, one
at a time. My heart was
in my mouth!



At the top of the stairs, I stopped. There was a door to a bedroom. It was open a crack.



I pushed at the door.
It creaked.



I stopped. Something was
breathing softly in the still air.



I stood very, very still.
It seemed as if the thing
in the room was waiting,
standing very still too.



Then I made up my mind.
I pushed the door hard.
It banged open.



There was a flurry of soft wings.
Something big and pale soared
over me and out of the window.



I was so sad to see it go.
I wanted it to come back.



Then I woke up with a start!



I keep thinking about
my dream.



Sometimes I even go looking
for the flat land, the tall
trees and the old house.



But so far I have not found it.



I keep looking.



Sounds and letters
/c/ as c, /t/ as t, /a/ as a
/d/ as d, /g/ as g, /o/ as o
/m/ as m, /n/ as n
/i/ as i, /s/ as s and ss
/u/ as u, /r/ as r
/h/ as h, /l/ as l and ll
/e/ as e, /b/ as b
/f/ as f and ff, /sh/ as sh
/p/ as p, /c/ as k and ck
/ee/ as y, /p/ as pp (+ mm, dd, rr, nn)
/ee/ as ee, ea, e
/w/ as w and wh*, /ch/ as ch
/th/ as th, /ng/ as ng
/tthh/ as th, /v/ as v and ve
/oo/ as oo, u and oul
/j/ as j, /ar/ as ar and a*
/ou/ as ou, ow and ough
/or/ as or, ore, aw and a
/ay/ as ay, a-e, ai
/ie/ as y, ie, i-e, i and igh
/cw/ as qu/, /cs/ as x, /y/ as y
/oa/ as ow, o, oa, oe and o-e
/ooh/ as oo, ew, o
/z/ as z, zz and s, /g/ as, gu and gh
/er/ as er, ur, ir, ear and or
/s/ as c, se and ce
/j/ as ge, ge and dge
/l/ as le + tt, gg, bb
/ue/ as ew, u-e and u
/ch/ as tch, /oy/ as oi, oy

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