

# I MISS THE COLD WEATHER

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Benedict Abbit is an artist who specialises in illustration & poetry.

his work explores a mixture of fantasy and fear, describing the obscure,  
the liminal and transient.

this book reflects on four months of his life. a summer of loss, heartbreak  
and change.

dark & sordid, yet he designs hope on the tongue.

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in loving memory of molly

[gardens grow with shit]





out of sight

in the capillaries of city

i long to feel seen





[i hope you haven't changed a bit]



[i had to grow, so i did]



i'm hedging my bets;

gambling with love, lust & limerence

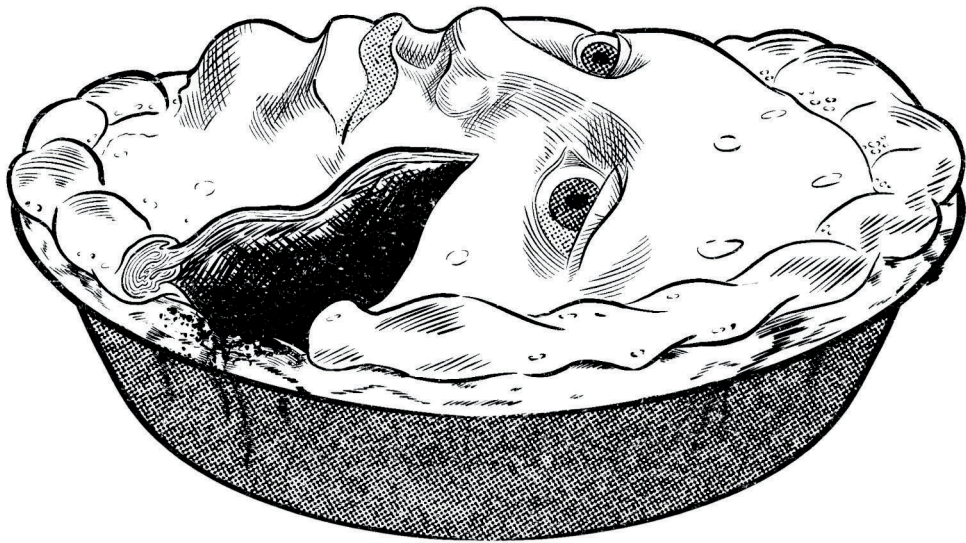
with no safe investments in desire,

why be any different?





we never think we make the right choices  
until they work out



because of you i'm too nervous

to smile back at strangers







god forbid

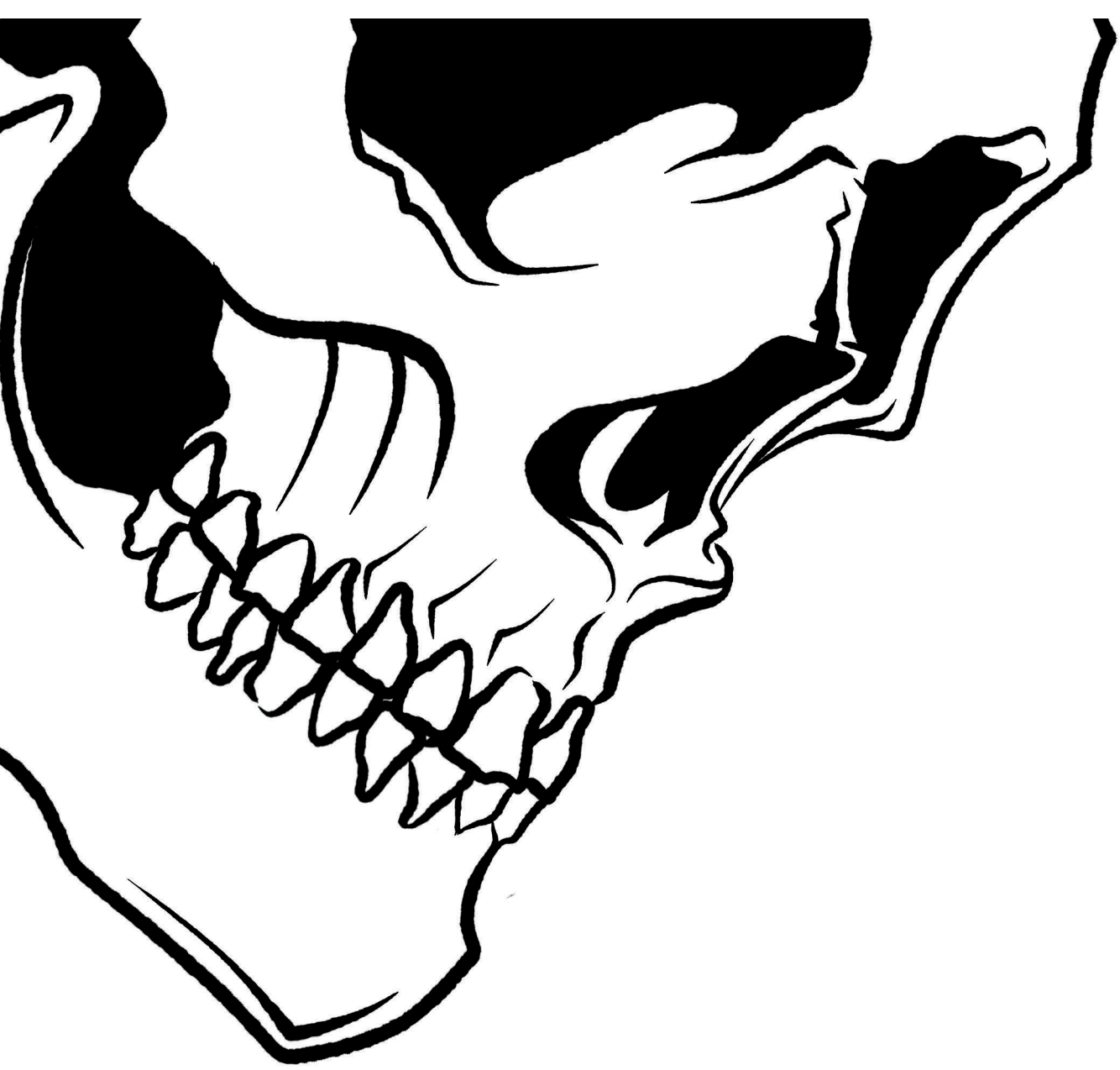
you form

some attachments

or you care

for anything at all





i spend my time like currency

but currently i don't earn enough

unless i subside the spite in me

i can't afford to be in love

i wish

your love

felt

like

you think

it does





as a child  
i would unconsciously  
bite my tongue



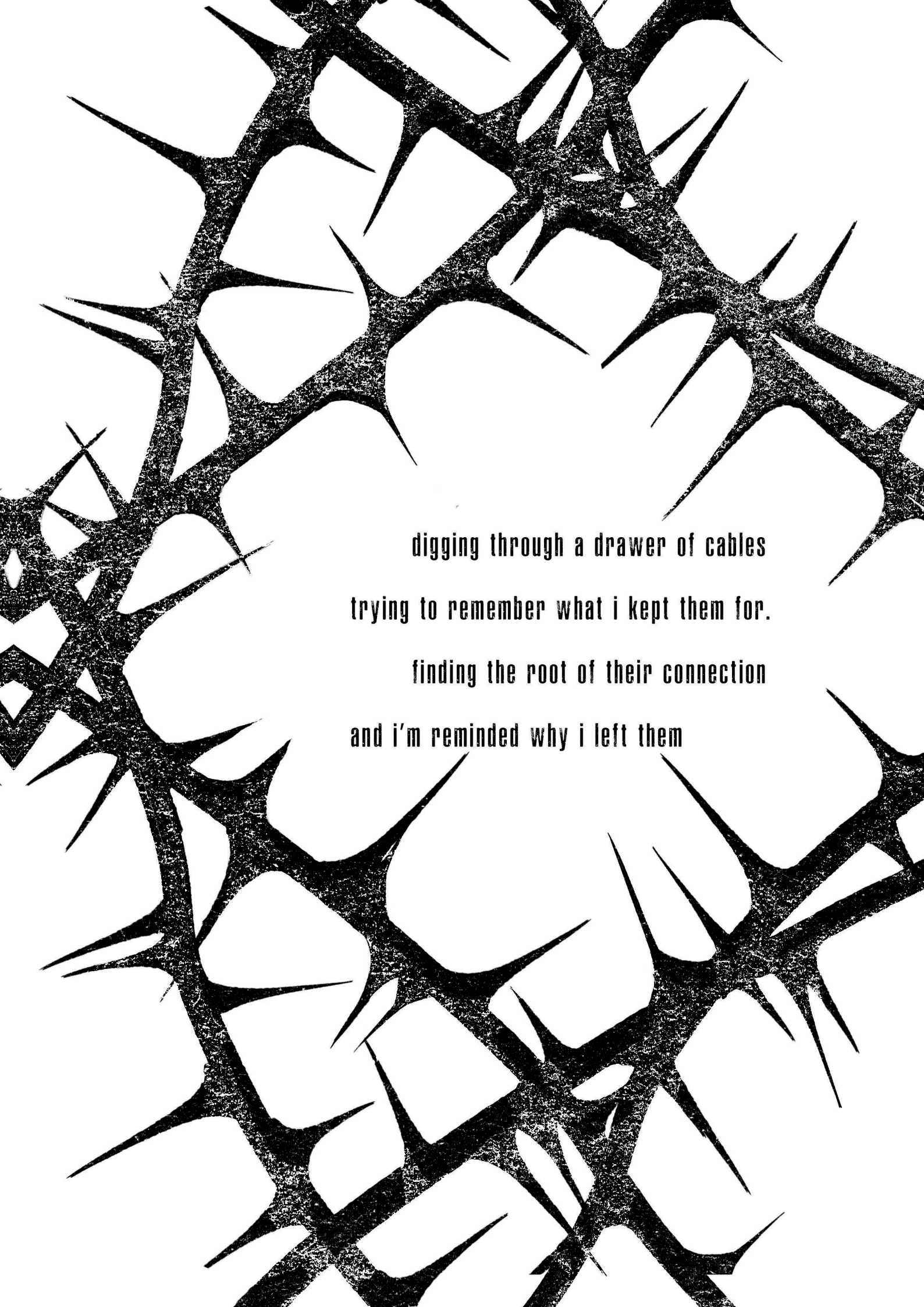
even after all these years  
i [still] crave the taste of rust





i long for a place  
cold, dark and safe  
cocooned in these sheets  
next year  
you won't recognise me





digging through a drawer of cables  
trying to remember what i kept them for.  
finding the root of their connection  
and i'm reminded why i left them



my youth is a stolen relic

i've been digging

in the dirt

since





i could      change my name

move away

but I can't outrun our blood





you were like a sister to me

even when i disappeared

i wish i'd been a better brother

i should've been there

i'm so sorry





when the fire in my belly goes cold

i fear i won't be able to feed yours



charming but  
devoid of  
love

glutton for  
every drop of  
blood



insatiable  
with an empty heart



if i don't make it to winter  
bury me with the seeds  
so i can be the root of something  
bigger and better  
than me



long talks, longer nights

Fall Out Boy & bags of wine

i'll never forget you

friend of mine





i've been drinking  
like this is the end



as long as my hands keep working  
who cares what happens to my head?



i'm still under construction



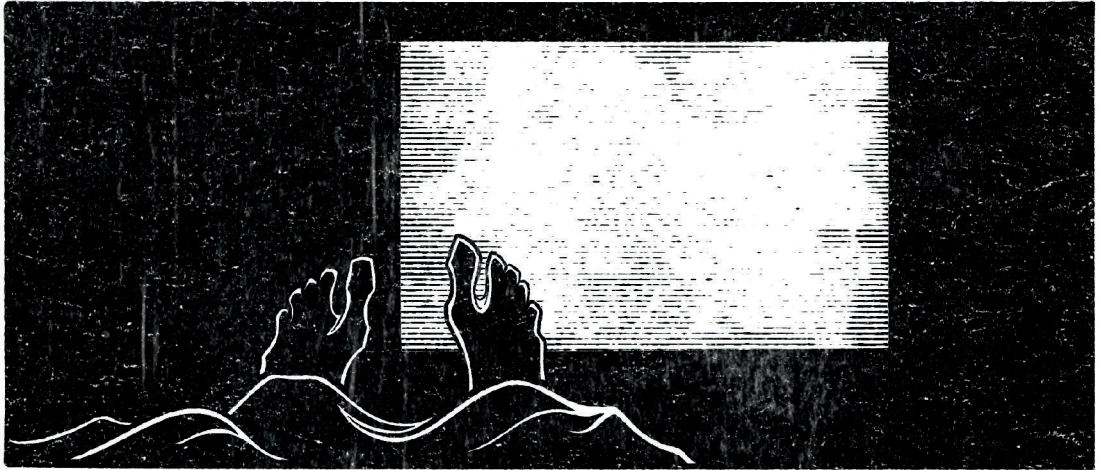
we

all

are



struggling to sleep



listen to a tv

it stops me from thinking



in moments of desperation



that you can hear me



you tell me to stand tall

yet you constantly gnaw at my ankles





think of me like a hotel

just another step to climb



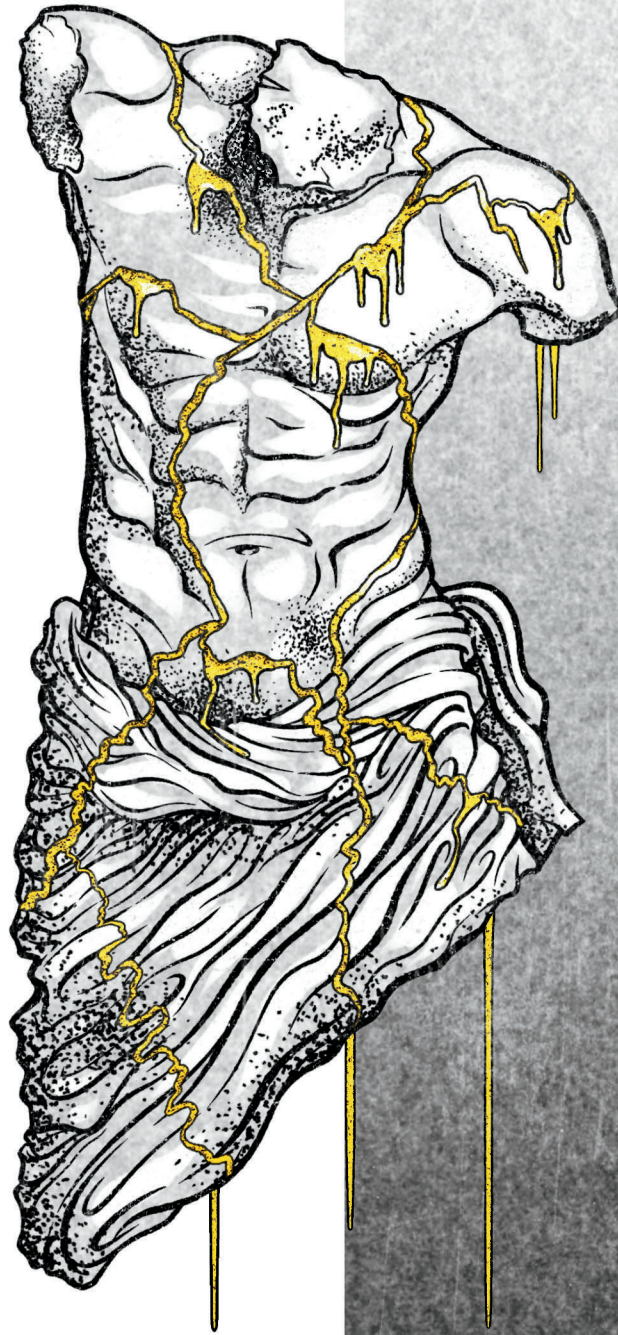
remember me like a thursday morning

or all those nights I thought you were [mine]



tarnished,

regardless.



i am worth my weight in gold.







a summer of loss, heartbreak and change. longing for the familiar dark  
chill of winter.

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months of his life.

themes of melancholy, horror, hope and liminality are explored here and  
delivered through Benedict's signature neo-gothic artwork and his blunt,  
yet carefully crafted words.

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