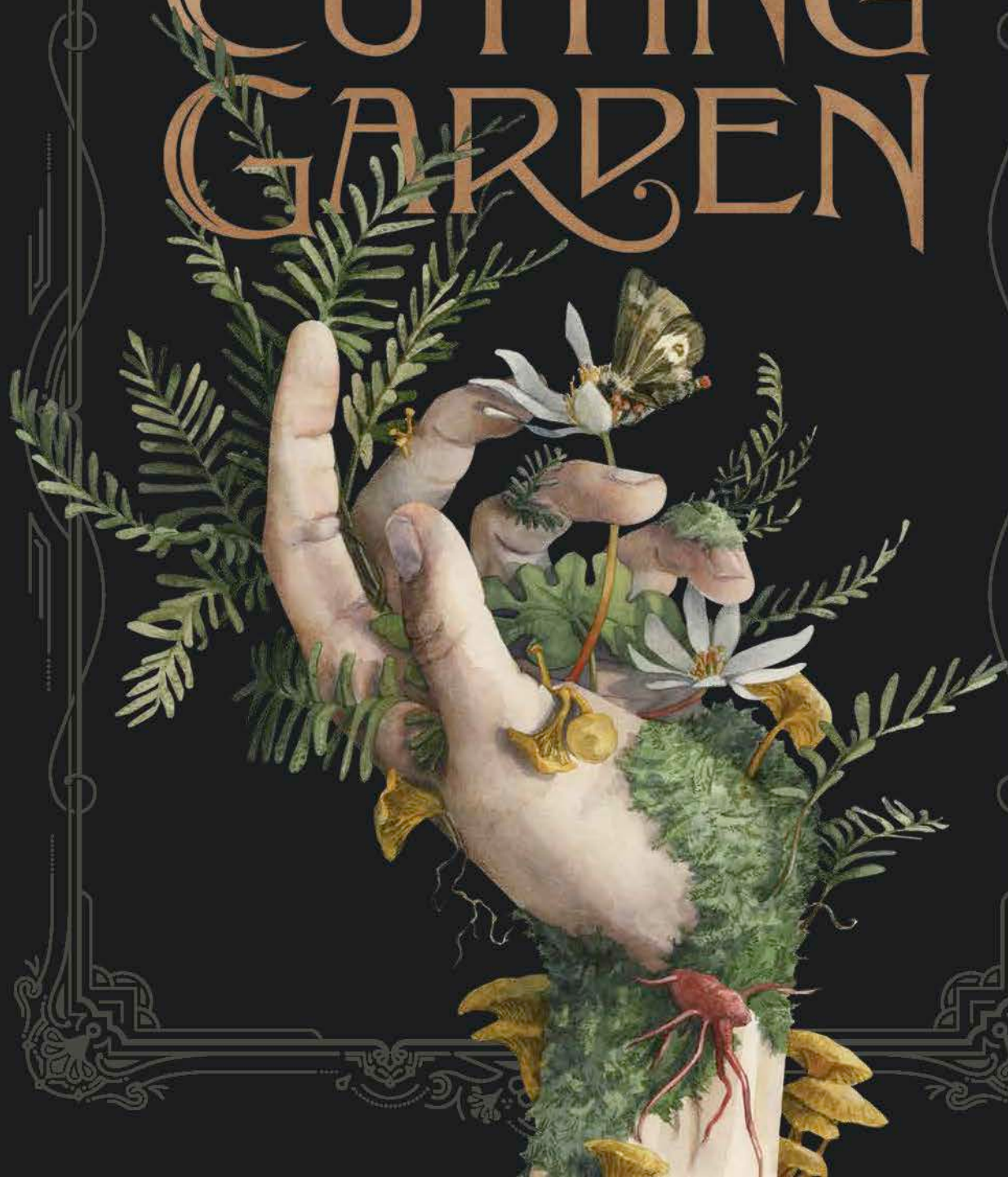


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The CUTTING GARDEN





ADEIL...
THAT YOUNG
MAN WE MET ON
THE ROAD...HE WAS
WAITING FOR
ME AT THE
STATION.



I MEAN,
I THINK HE
WAS AND...

...AND IT
HAPPENED
SO FAST.

DON'T CRY,
JOSETTE.

WE WERE
NEVER AT THAT
STATION.

WE WERE
NEVER IN NEW
ORLEANS.

IT WAS
ONLY EVER
US, AND THIS
HOUSE.



But the home
needed more
than the living.

More than clean
windows and
a warm hearth.



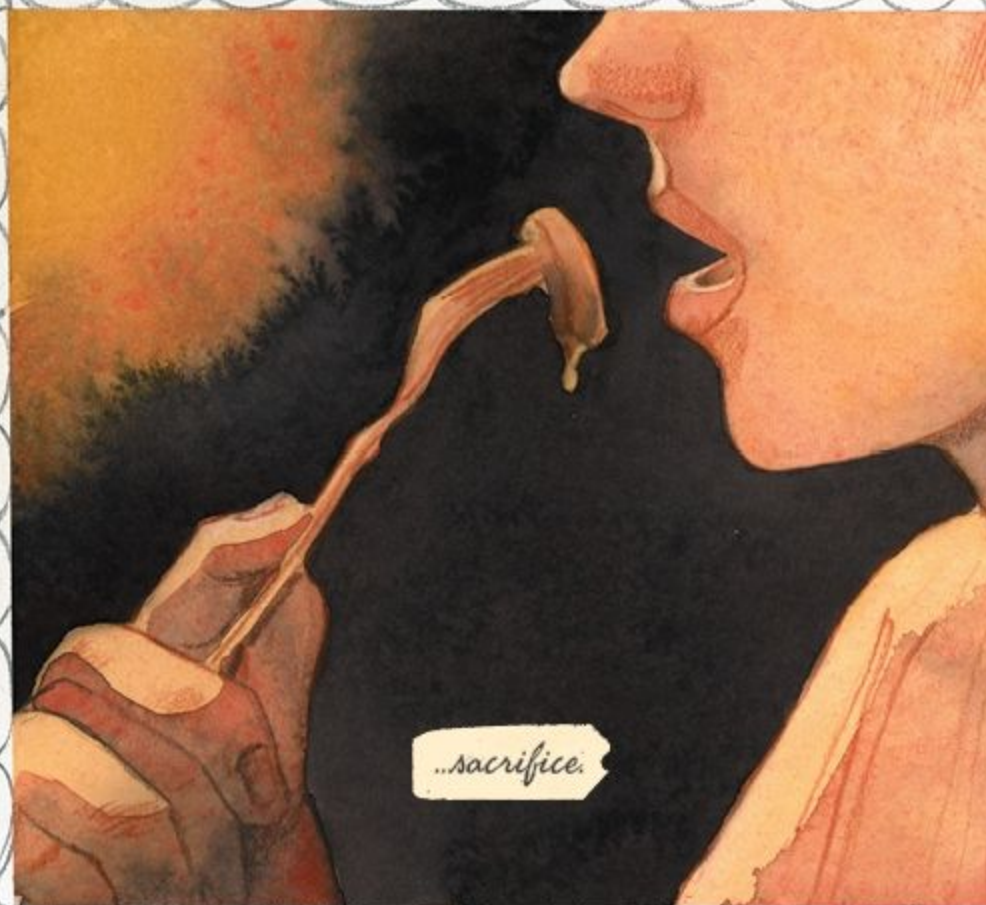
For with life, comes
the unfortunate
consequence of hunger.

I'M
SERIOUS,
BEST RABBIT
I EVER HAD.



And with
hunger...

YOU
CERTAINLY
ARE **FULL OF**
SURPRISES,
AREN'T
YOU?



...sacrifice.



High above, the trees rattled and whispered ancient secrets of solitude.



Josette shuffled through the grass toward Adeil.



Cradling a river cane basket full of still-warm eggs in the crook of her arm.



The long bluestem grass bowed to the wind in great waves of reverence.

...and you
are just
a mother.

