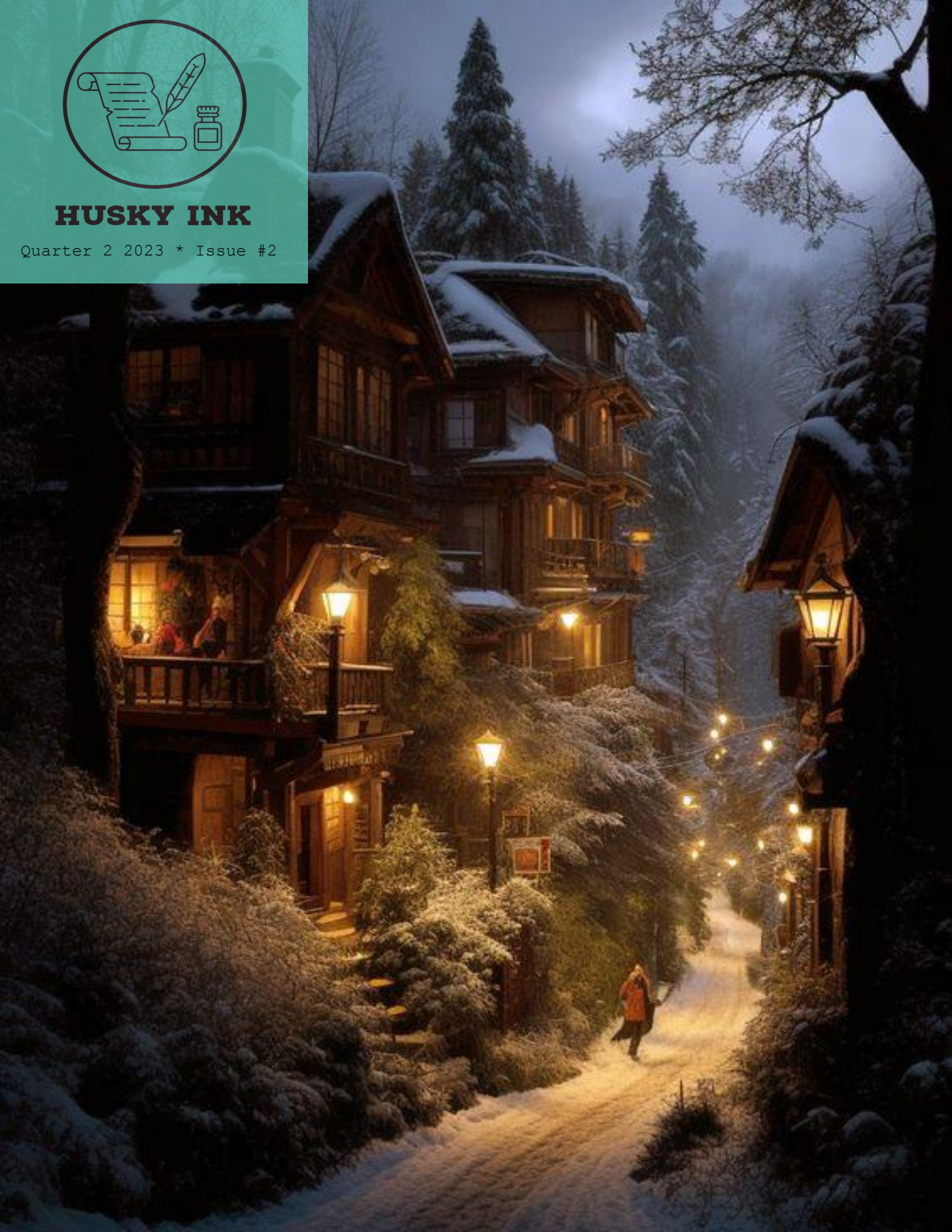




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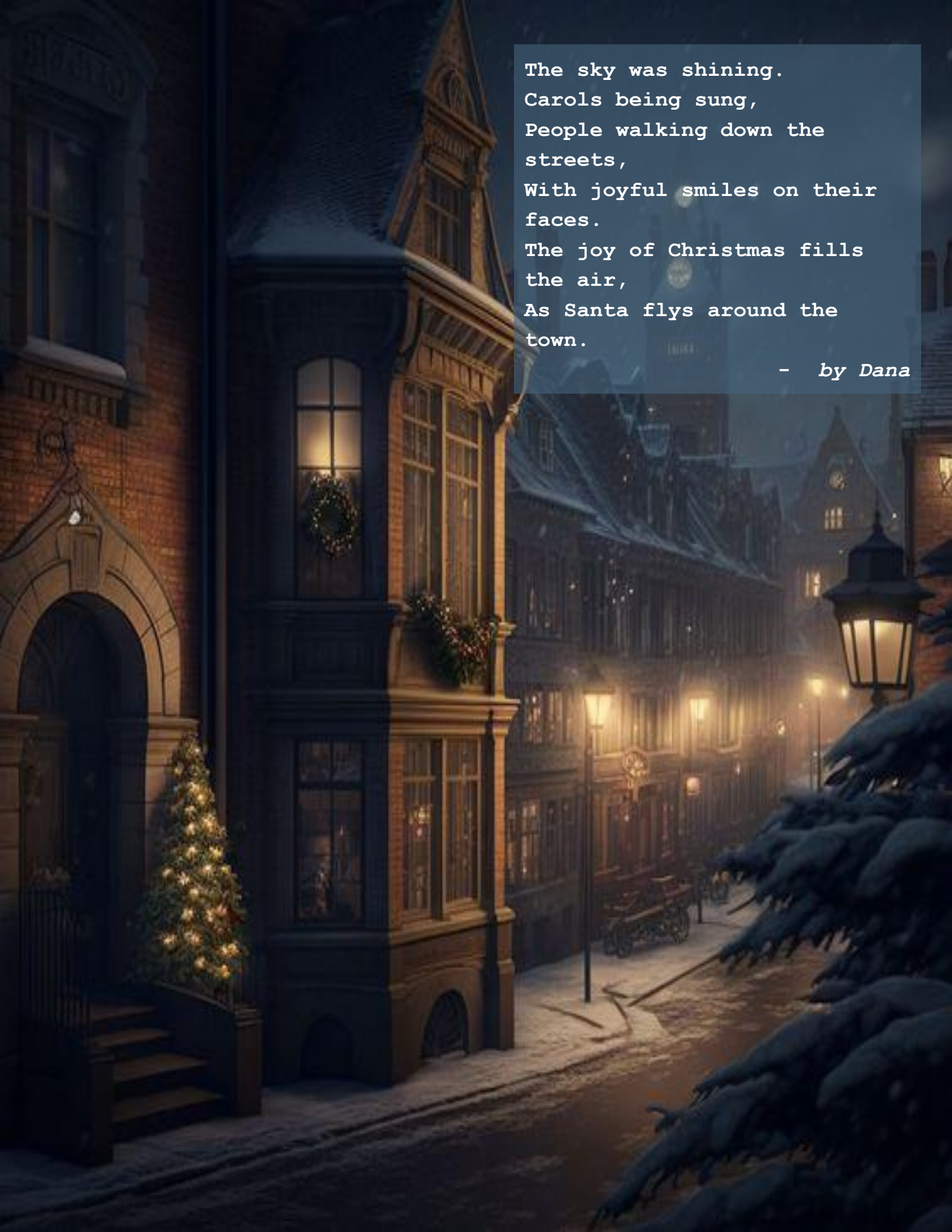
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# The Dog-Eared Pages


There is a hidden Husky! The first ten people that come to Mrs. Kalafatis and show her get a prize :)





The sky was shining.  
Carols being sung,  
People walking down the  
streets,  
With joyful smiles on their  
faces.  
The joy of Christmas fills  
the air,  
As Santa flies around the  
town.

- by Dana



Days of snow and cold,  
The sun only for moments,  
A glimpse of spring.  
The first frost on the ground,  
As winter slowly sets in,  
A time for memories.

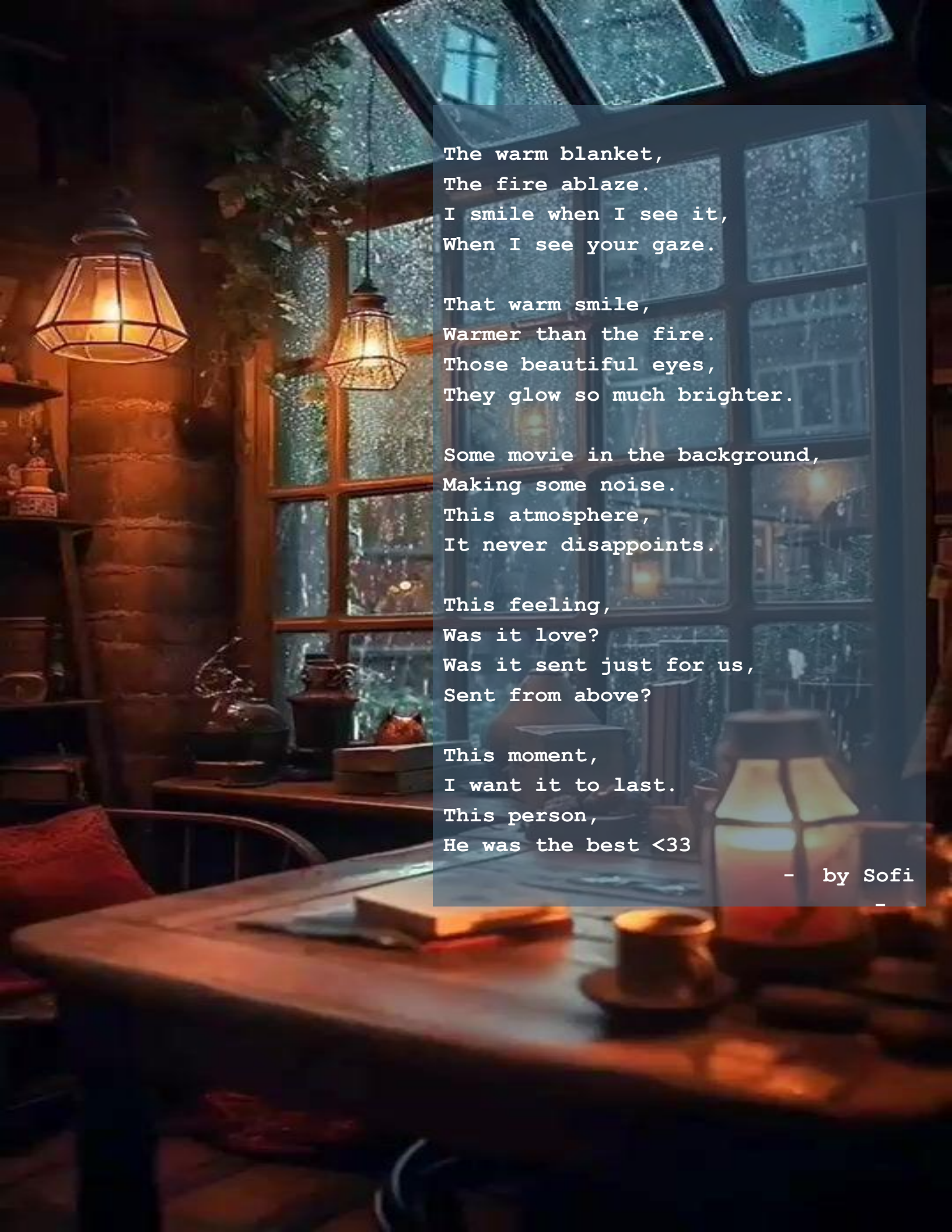
- by Ivy



Christmas lights glowing,  
Ornaments shining,  
Cookies baking,  
Hot cocoa steaming.

Covered in blankets,  
Watching Home Alone,  
The smell of Christmas and eggnog in the  
air,  
Candy canes and marshmallows and whipped  
cream sitting in a cup of hot cocoa  
smelling like Christmas.

- *by Miriam*

A cozy, dimly lit room with a large window, a fireplace, and a table with a cup of coffee. The room is filled with warm, golden light from a fireplace and several hanging lanterns. A large window in the background shows a view of a city street. The overall atmosphere is warm and intimate.

The warm blanket,  
The fire ablaze.  
I smile when I see it,  
When I see your gaze.

That warm smile,  
Warmer than the fire.  
Those beautiful eyes,  
They glow so much brighter.

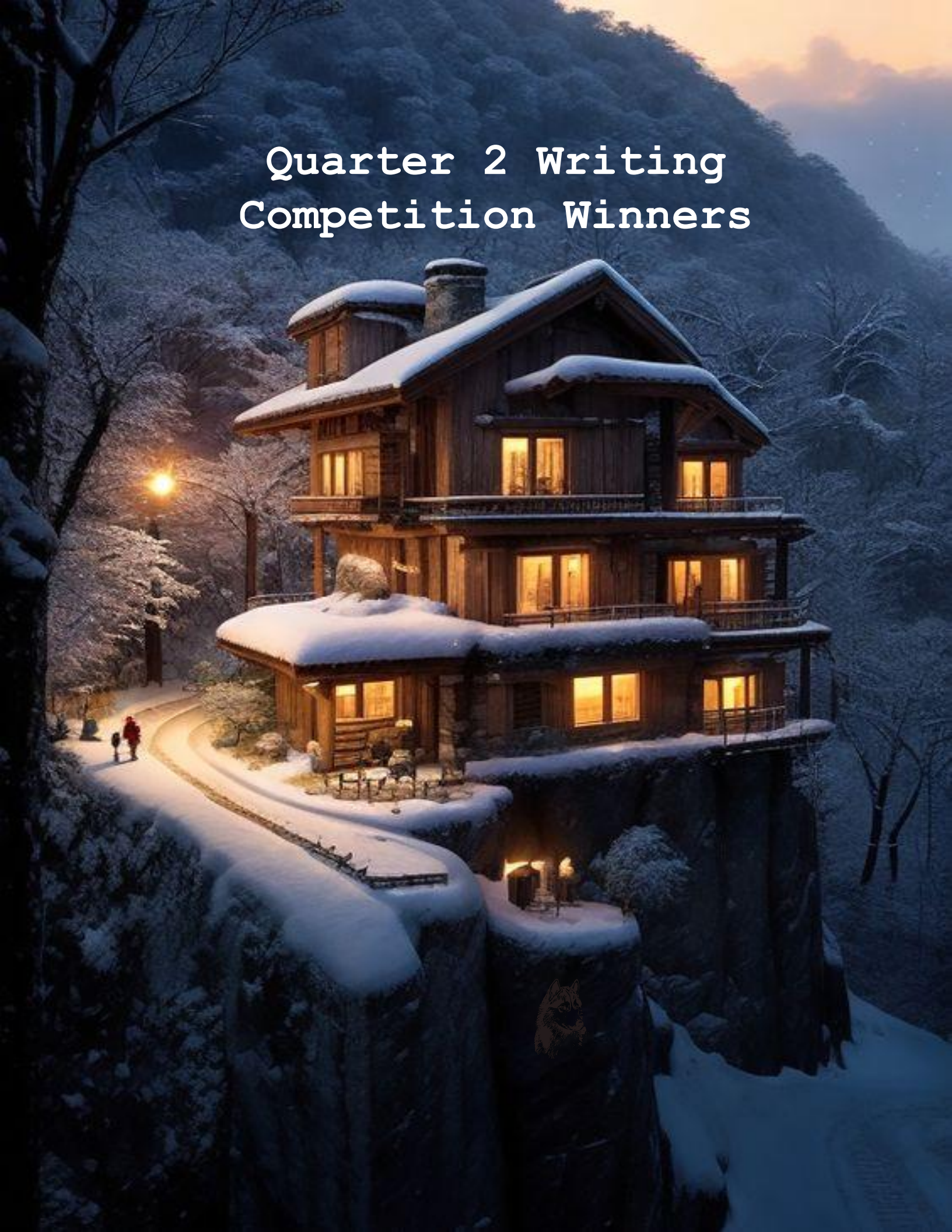
Some movie in the background,  
Making some noise.  
This atmosphere,  
It never disappoints.

This feeling,  
Was it love?  
Was it sent just for us,  
Sent from above?

This moment,  
I want it to last.  
This person,  
He was the best <33

- by Sofi

# Quarter 2 Writing Competition Winners



## Mr. G Becomes the Grinch

By: Anthony Hernandez

"Mr. G our beloved teacher has turned rogue and has become a green, fluffy, cold heart- wait he was already pretty heartless and mean but the rest still apply" said the TV of the Husky News, all the students were saddened by the fact that, Mr. G, favored by all the students hearts has become the Grinch. Things haven't been the same since that day when everything happened, it was dreadful. It was a day in October that news was around that the Grinch was looking for someone as cold hearted and mean as he was, the 7th grade students all laughed when Mr. G said that he was considering it, but regret even wanting to even smile at that news in present days.

October 31st it was said Mr. G quit teaching at COA and that he had applied at a different job, when students heard it was as if he died some students cried and others couldn't believe it but they had no idea that things would get much, much worse in the upcoming days. It was Thanksgiving and no one had heard anything about Mr. G it wasn't like they could know anything else anyways we were only students we had no way of hearing about it other than what other teachers said and what our principals knew, even after a full month no one could believe what Mr. G got the job.

December 1st it was said that someone saw Mr. G walking around the school but he looked sick, naturally green and possibly fluffy? "So tell us what did you see? Well like I said I saw what seemed like to be Mr. G. I was walking around the school at night riding my dirt bike and I turned my flash and saw a shadowy figure that looked exactly like Mr. G but when the light started to barely hit him I could see like green fur on him or as if HE was green it was so crazy I didn't know what to do so I just yelled 'Mr. G IS THAT YOU?'. He looked and just disappeared out of thin air, I don't know man it was weird."

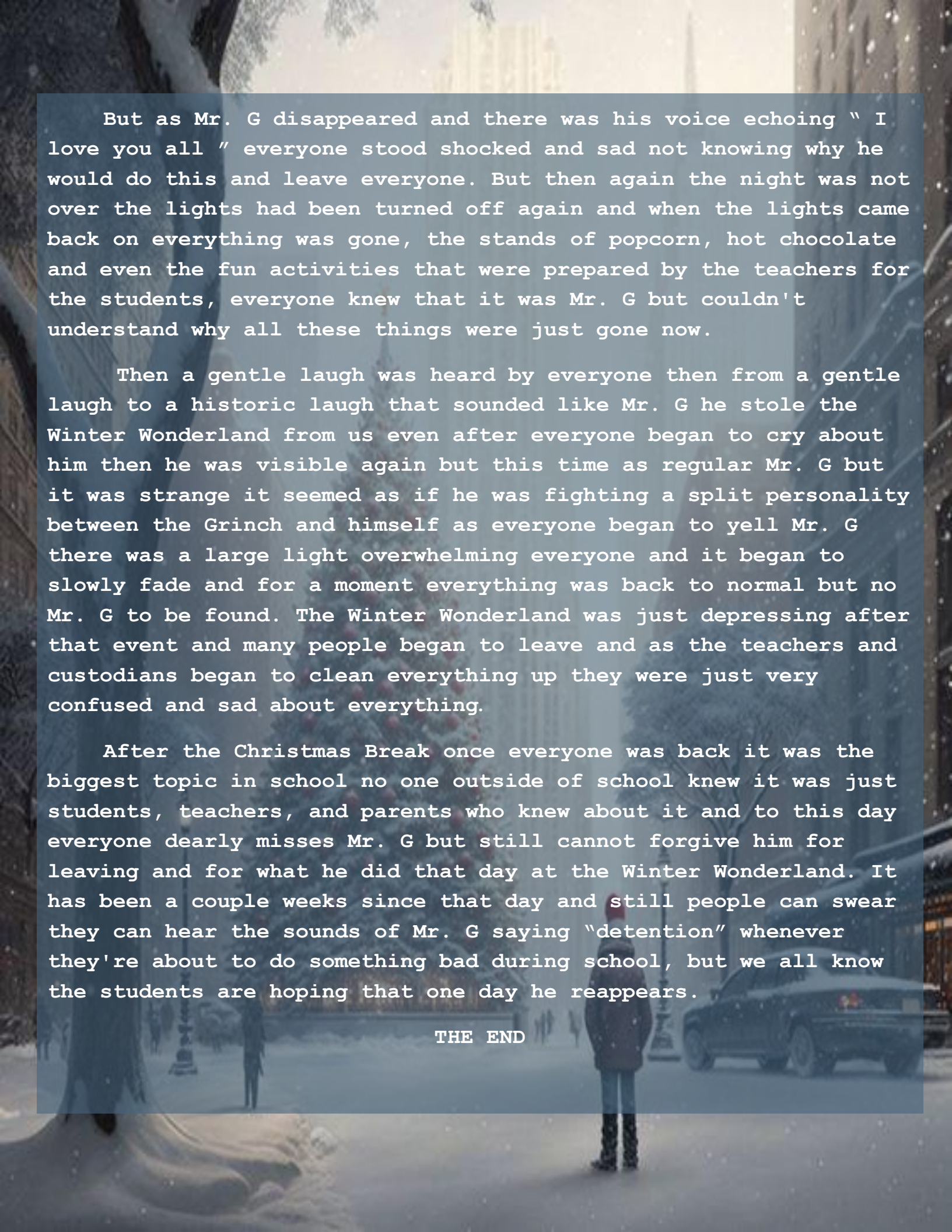
"Well folks you heard it here on the Husky News... Mr. Keane back to you."



The Husky News got the very first student on December 1st but the numbers kept rising, "YEAH I SWEAR I SAW HIM HE WAS RIGHT BY THE SCHOOL." - "BRO I KNOW IT WAS MR.G JUST KNOW IT WAS HIM." "At this point most of the school has seen him whether it was at night or during the day if you haven't seen him just be aware of it look for the dark and he'll be the light of it." All these students thinking they saw Mr. G but who's to say that maybe it isn't the same Mr. G we knew and were just mistaking a creepy man that was just likes standing by our school or maybe it is him but we could never know and the odd part is why doesn't he come inside the school to see? Why is he hiding away from everyone?

December 20th, COA decided that there would be a teacher hosted Winter Wonderland during the Christmas Break and it was much better than what Leadership class could ever do since well this one was run by actual adults and not literal teenagers, but as everything was going well there was a strange noise. No one knew what it was or where it was coming from but suddenly everything went dark with no lights until everything was turned back on. "ITS MR. G... wait Mr. G why are you gre-" A student was suddenly grabbed by a Grinch looking Mr. G everyone began to panic but the adults began to try to slowly approach Mr. G- well the new Grinch and tried to talk the Grinch into letting go of the student and everything would be fine. But then the cries of students and even some teachers were being heard now by the Grinch. " Mr. why would you do this to us? Why would you take a student captive and hurt all of us by leaving?" was said by a student and then everyone began to cry even the adults seeing how their own children feel about a teacher who once was a great joy and an inspiration to their children.

Then the Grinch looked around and tried yelling but his throat was being caught like a pinch being held on his neck not letting him talk and soon he fell to the ground and began to weep gently then to a full cry he was no longer the Grinch he was Mr. G again, his skinned turned back into his regular color and his clothes began to change as well, from a Christmas suit to his old button up shirt and black jeans as he sat on the floor gently weeping he stood up and was overwhelmed by hundreds of students trying to hug him but he then disappeared as the first child who saw him had said.

A person wearing a dark winter coat and a red hat stands in a snowy street at night. The street is illuminated by streetlights, and a car is visible in the background. The scene is set in a winter wonderland, with snow on the ground and trees. The person is looking towards the camera, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and reflective.

But as Mr. G disappeared and there was his voice echoing " I love you all " everyone stood shocked and sad not knowing why he would do this and leave everyone. But then again the night was not over the lights had been turned off again and when the lights came back on everything was gone, the stands of popcorn, hot chocolate and even the fun activities that were prepared by the teachers for the students, everyone knew that it was Mr. G but couldn't understand why all these things were just gone now.

Then a gentle laugh was heard by everyone then from a gentle laugh to a historic laugh that sounded like Mr. G he stole the Winter Wonderland from us even after everyone began to cry about him then he was visible again but this time as regular Mr. G but it was strange it seemed as if he was fighting a split personality between the Grinch and himself as everyone began to yell Mr. G there was a large light overwhelming everyone and it began to slowly fade and for a moment everything was back to normal but no Mr. G to be found. The Winter Wonderland was just depressing after that event and many people began to leave and as the teachers and custodians began to clean everything up they were just very confused and sad about everything.

After the Christmas Break once everyone was back it was the biggest topic in school no one outside of school knew it was just students, teachers, and parents who knew about it and to this day everyone dearly misses Mr. G but still cannot forgive him for leaving and for what he did that day at the Winter Wonderland. It has been a couple weeks since that day and still people can swear they can hear the sounds of Mr. G saying "detention" whenever they're about to do something bad during school, but we all know the students are hoping that one day he reappears.

THE END

## Mrs. Claus Runs Christmas

By: Artem Shambra

Mrs. Claus was the unsung hero of Christmas. Mrs. Claus was the hero of the North Pole and Santa's trusted assistant. She seamlessly organized the elves and made sure that all the gifts were crafted to perfection before she carefully wrapped them to be delivered on Christmas Eve.

But, Mrs. Claus was sick and tired of her monotonous job. She wanted to have a hand in delivering the presents and decided to take a night off from the North Pole for once. That night, Mrs. Claus went to her closet, grabbed an old red coat, and snuck out the backdoor.

Armed with a magic bag full of presents, Mrs. Claus flew around the world on her sleigh, delivering presents to kids and adults alike. She even got to take part in the Christmas celebration, flying over houses and seeing the looks of joy on the faces of those receiving her presents.

When it was all over, Mrs. Claus returned home just in time for the elves to finish up the last of their preparations. Santa was surprised to find his wife at the dinner table, but he quickly realized what she had done. He thanked Mrs. Claus for allowing him to rest and enjoy himself for once, knowing she had run Christmas on her own.



## The Pursuit of Gifts

By: Sviatoslav Kusmii

It was a good afternoon on December 24, because all the people from low city Markree Castle know, that tomorrow is Christmas. For a younger boy who lives on the outskirts of the city that is a good day because he helped at his church on that day and after two hours he knows that Gordon Ramsay will come to his city, on the main square.

That is good news for small Paul Daughter because he thinks Gordon Ramsay is so fun. After that time was 6 PM he ran home and took the bike, he got his bike and broke through all the small squares to go and see him.

After that, he drove through a small street and he stopped by his friend's house, went into the house, the doors closed when he opened them. When he opened the door one more time he saw all the land made of candy, he went in and thought, where is he? At one point a gingerbread man jumped out and said.

"Who are you? What's your name?" said Paul.

"My name is Gordon Ramsey a gingerbread man, what's your name?"

"My name is Paul, Where am I?"

"You are in Candy City." said, small Gordon Ramsey.

"What should I do to get out of here?" said Paul.

"Are you are from another dimension?" said Gordon Ramsey.

"Yes," said Paul nervously.

"WHAT! You need to go to Mr. and Mrs. Claus." said Gordon Ramsey.

"Why are we still standing here? You need to go to them." said Paul.

They set off and passed through many places they had to cross the Chocolate River, and the Jelly Mountain and they finally arrived.

"They approached the guards and they let them in."

They entered through the back passage and changed into Santa's elves, they saw that there was a room with the sign "Do not enter". They entered and he seemed a sleeping Mrs. Claus and sitting on the chair Mr. Claus.



Paul asked, "Santa what happened to Christmas?"

Santa said that Christmas would not happen because he had not yet read all the letters, even though Mrs. Claus delivered all the gifts.

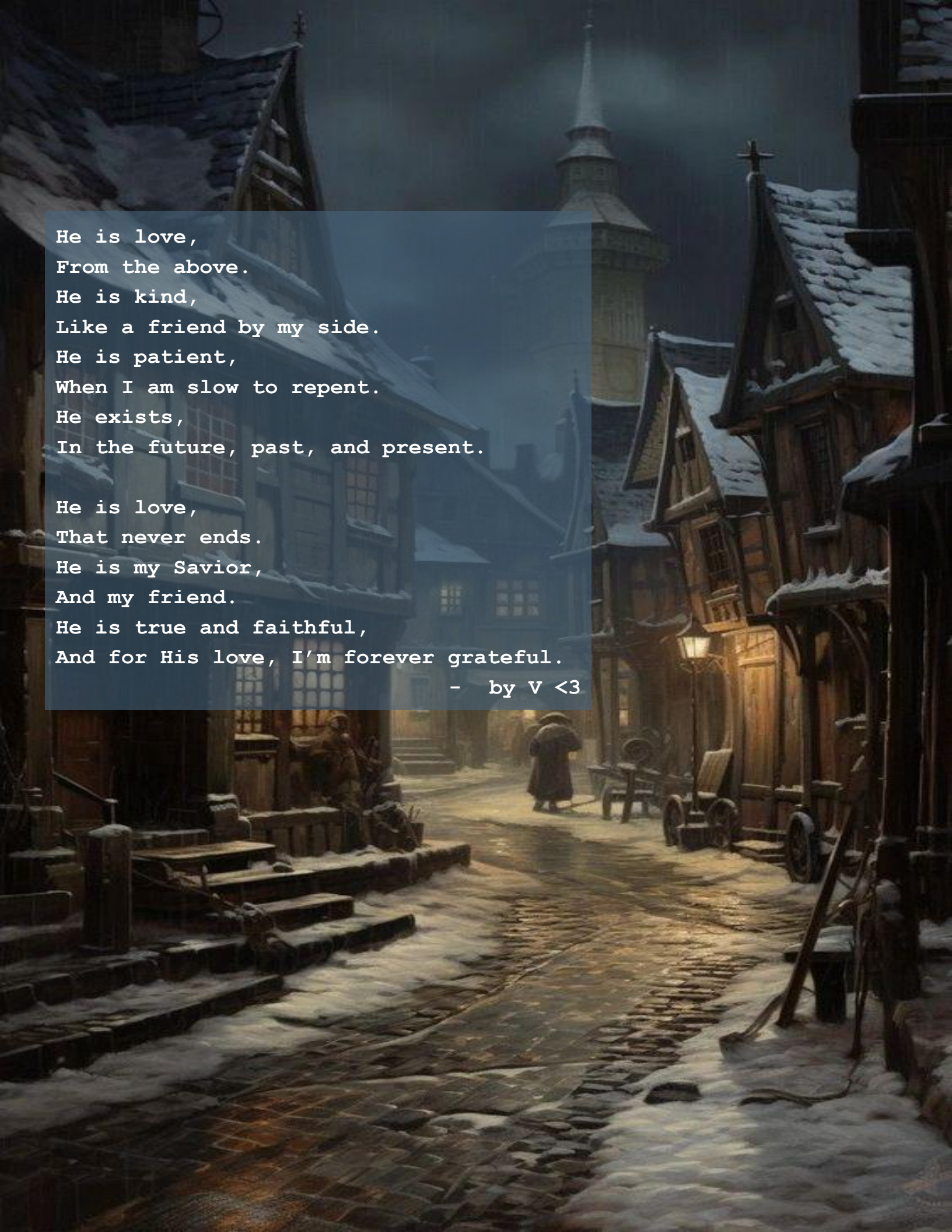
At one point, little Paul thought to steal Christmas like the Grinch, so that everyone could live as he did and endure the pain in their hearts that Santa did not bring them a present.

But he changed his mind and said I won't help anything, I'm an ordinary person who accidentally fell into this dimension. From the fright when Mr. and Mrs. Claus woke up. Claus, who was also scared. Mr. Claus said "I will transport you to your dimensions," she said.

They approached the door in the closed corridor. She said close! and he moved to his house in the morning. The little one, Paul, was happy because he saw gifts under the Christmas tree.

So small Paul ran to the city for dinner and saw his idol because he was the worst cook in the world and he was happy because he shook his hand.


So little Paul saved the whole city, thinking of becoming a Grinch and preventing the new year from happening.



He is love,  
From the above.  
He is kind,  
Like a friend by my side.  
He is patient,  
When I am slow to repent.  
He exists,  
In the future, past, and present.

He is love,  
That never ends.  
He is my Savior,  
And my friend.  
He is true and faithful,  
And for His love, I'm forever grateful.

- by V <3

A detailed illustration of a snowy street at night. On the left, a multi-story building with lit windows and a balcony is visible. The street is covered in snow, with several people in winter coats walking. On the right, there are snow-covered trees and street lamps. A string of lights hangs across the street. The sky is dark with falling snow.

The falling snowflakes.  
Falling all around the  
trees.  
Falling with the breeze.  
- by Aulket

## Chapter 1

### The Middle Child Ruins Christmas

It was Christmas Eve and a family of four, oh no wait five were getting ready for Christmas. The mom made all of the food with the oldest sister, the Dad got the Christmas tree ready, the youngest brother tried looking at the gifts and the middle brother, Mike, just tried to help with anything. When he went to his mom she said, "Go take out the trash, oh wait you are Michael's friend?"

He said, "I am your son!!!"

And went to his sister and asked if he could help but she said, "No you don't know how to cook." he went to his dad and said, "Can I help?"

Dad said, "Aren't you Micheal's friend?"

He said, "I am your son!!!"

The dad was hanging up the lights and one of the lights went out so he got up and switched the light when the dad asked for the lights he got up and chipped and the tree went flying out the window and the dad was chasing him around the house with a broom. And Dad was yelling, "Get over here Mike's friend!!!"

After that, he went outside and got the tree out of the window and went to the youngest and said, "What are you doing?"

The youngest opened up one of the gifts and started to open another and he yelled, "Mom Mike's friend opened all of the gifts!!!" The mom ran into the room with a broom, chased him around, and told him to put the gifts back and he said, "But the youngest did it!"

She didn't care and grounded him with no gifts. The middle child was so mad at everyone he went outside with the tree and called the family and in front of them burned the tree. The mom and dad grabbed the brooms and started chasing him around the backyard and the neighbors took videos and they got a lot of views.



## Chapter 2

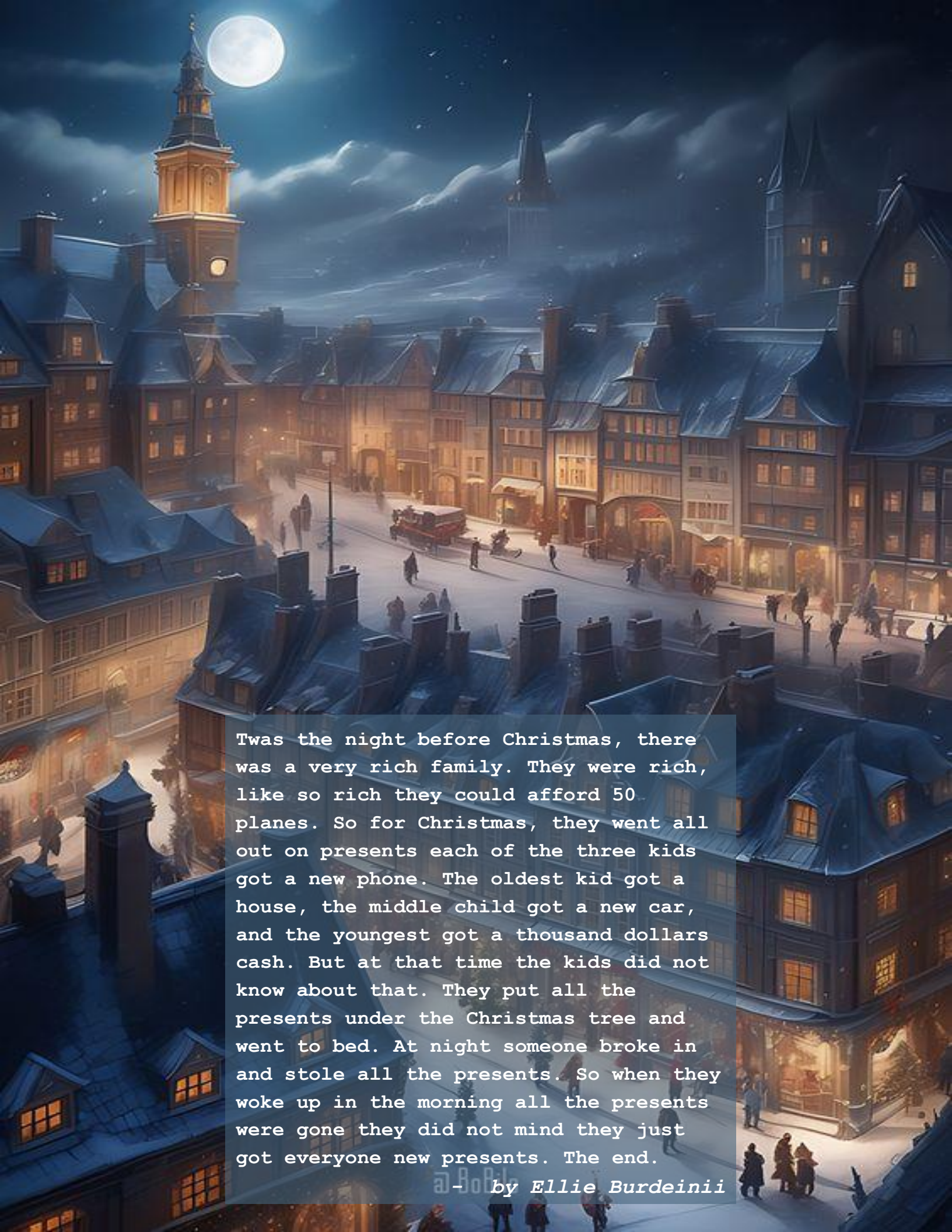
### Christmas Tree Gets on Fire

After the middle child burned the Christmas tree the parents sent him to go to the forest and get 2 more and he went after 2 hours of walking he saw a perfect tree and another to the left of it but he wanted to get back at them for hitting him with the broom so he went home with the 2 trees and saw the 2 brooms they had so he grabbed them with the 2 trees and went outside again and burned the brooms with the trees the parents saw that and grabbed 2 buckets of water and started putting out the fire after that they went to grab the brooms but they we went so the mom looks at the dad and nods and the dad takes of the belt and starts the Mario run. Mike ran to the forest and hid in the little cavern he made earlier. There were close calls but he couldn't find him.

The dad ran past him and after 5 minutes he went home to get the tree ready. Once he got out of the cavern he saw a snowman but it was standing on two thin branches and it had rocks to make a mad face Mike was wearing an elf hat so he started tip-toeing away but stepped on a twig and the snowman was gone and once Mike turned his head he saw it right in front of him and it was about to eat him but his dad throws a rock at it and Mike runs to give a hug to his dad but he got the belt out in the woods and the neighbors thought it was a bear. After that, Mike went to fix the window and get a tree and then he went to his room and played games.

TO BE CONTINUED

- by Mark Dalekorey



Twas the night before Christmas, there was a very rich family. They were rich, like so rich they could afford 50 planes. So for Christmas, they went all out on presents each of the three kids got a new phone. The oldest kid got a house, the middle child got a new car, and the youngest got a thousand dollars cash. But at that time the kids did not know about that. They put all the presents under the Christmas tree and went to bed. At night someone broke in and stole all the presents. So when they woke up in the morning all the presents were gone they did not mind they just got everyone new presents. The end.


— by Ellie Burdeinii

## Give Jesus Everything Now Not Later

There was a man and he built himself a mansion. There were ten rooms, five on the top and five on the bottom. During the evening he gets a light knock on the door. He wondered who could knock at this hour. He opens and sees Jesus and says, "Jesus I heard so much about you and that you healed people and a lot more". Jesus says, " Can I stay in your house?". The man said yes and gave him the best room and bathroom and at twelve he heard a hard knock on the door and wondered who that would be at this hour.

He opens and sees the Devil and says, " I know you, you are the Devil, you do bad things". He tried to close the door but Devil squeezed through and made the man do bad stuff and when the sun came out he came out the back door. Then Jesus goes down the steps. The man says, " Jesus why did you not help me?" Jesus says, " You gave me one room but you still have nine rooms.". The man says, " I give you five on the top and the other five are mine.". At twelve he hears a hard knock on the door and he doesn't want to go open the door but has to and he sees the Devil again and he makes him do very bad things and other stuff.

When the sun comes up and the Devil goes out the back door and leaves. Then Jesus comes down the stairs and he says to Jesus, " Why did you not help me with the Devil, Jesus?". Then Jesus says, " you gave me five rooms and you still have five rooms.". The man says, " I will give you nine rooms because my room has stuff that is not good. I didn't close some tabs on my computer and other stuff." And later in the evening there was a hard knock on the door and the man didn't want to answer and he had to go and answer the door and there was the Devil and he fought the Devil and the Devil forced him to do bad things and other stuff and in the morning when the sun came out the Devil ran out the back door and Jesus came down the stairs and the man said, " Jesus why did you not help me out". Then Jesus said, " you gave me nine rooms and you still have one".

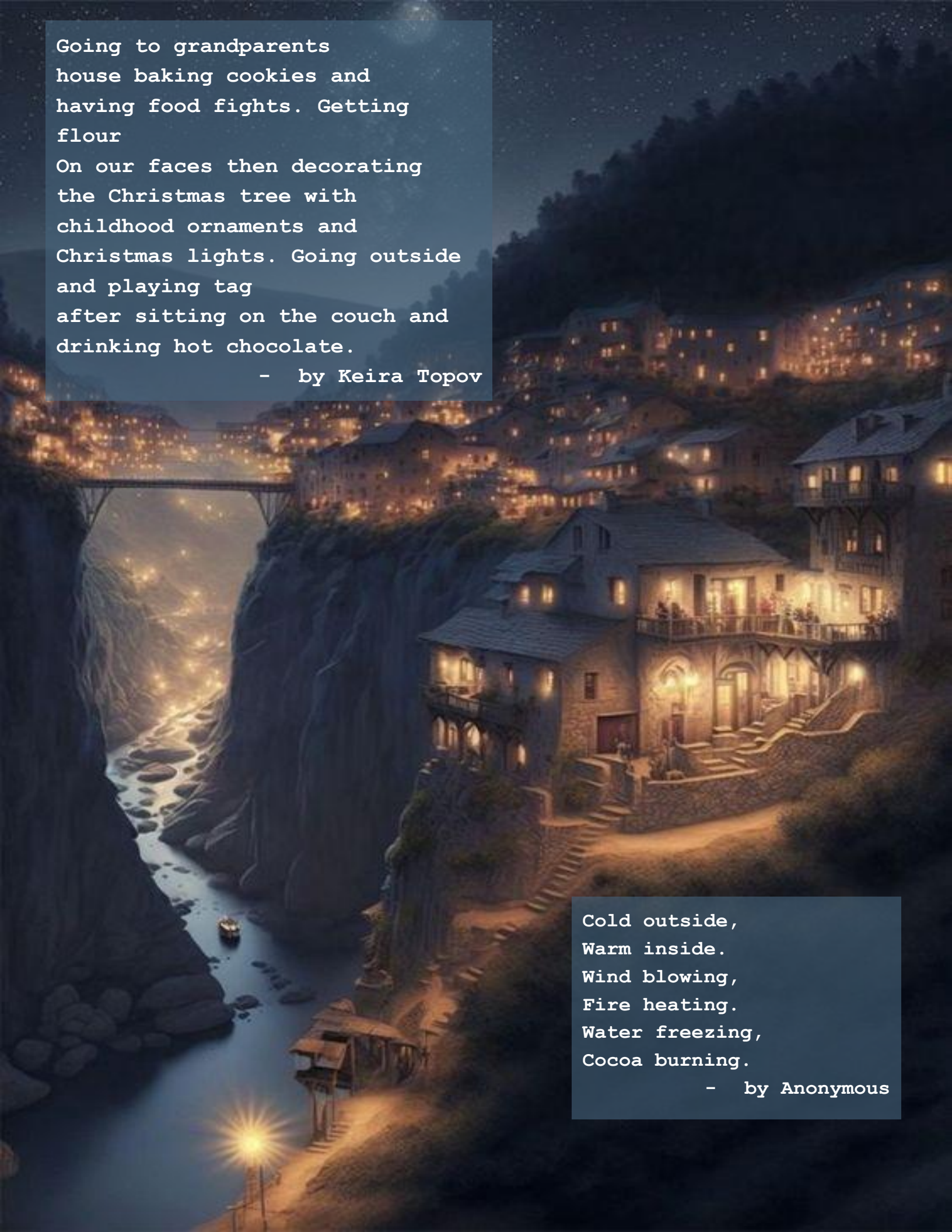


The man said, " Jesus, I will give you the whole house. Then Jesus said, " Now you can be my guest". Later in the evening he hears a hard knock on the door and he is about to open the door but then Jesus stops him and says, " This is my house now". And Jesus Christ opens the door and the Devil sees Jesus and he looks at the address, then Jesus, then the address, he says, " Sorry I must have mistaken the house.". And the Devil ran away. The man said, "Thank you Jesus for helping me out!".

Lesson give Jesus everything right away and not later.

- by Anonymous



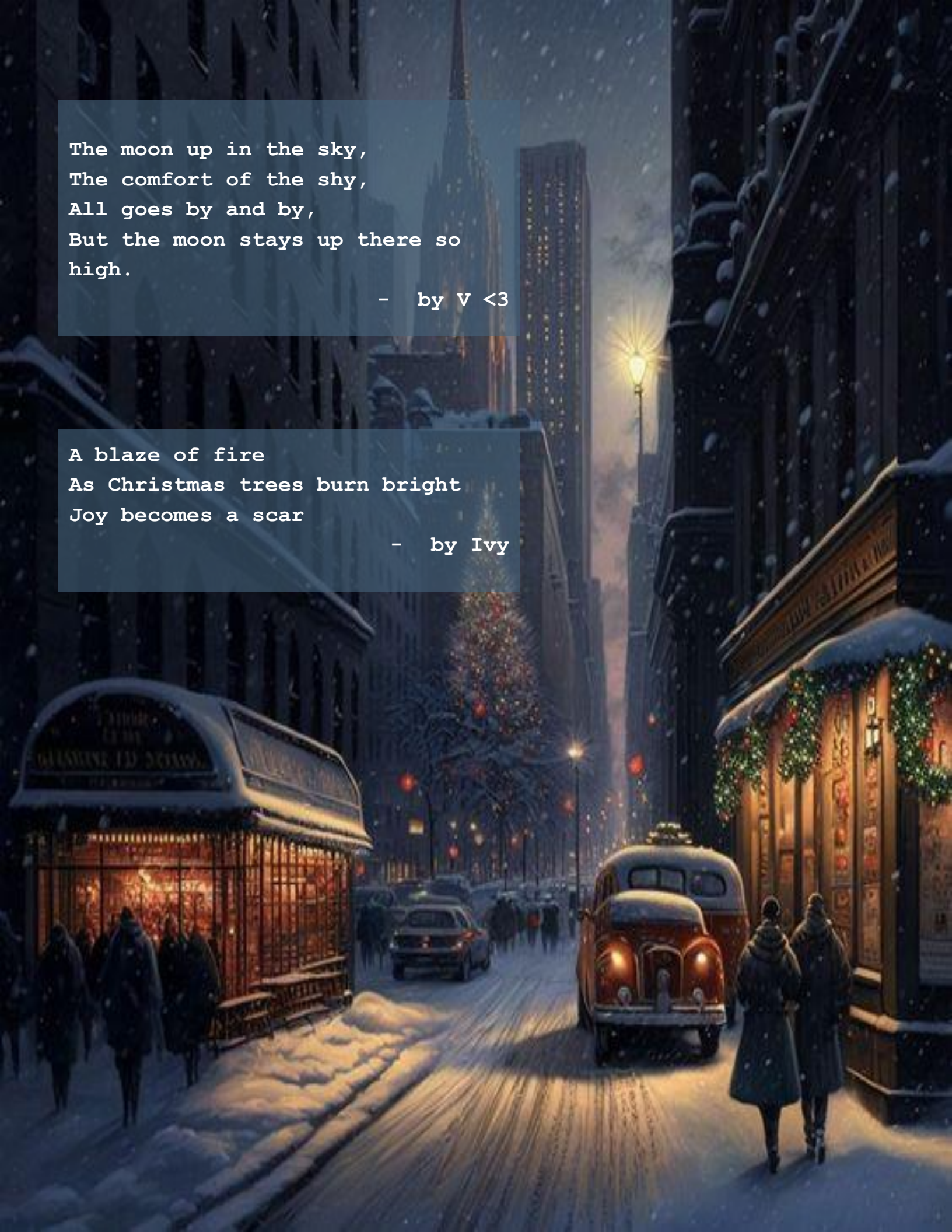


Going to grandparents  
house baking cookies and  
having food fights. Getting  
flour  
On our faces then decorating  
the Christmas tree with  
childhood ornaments and  
Christmas lights. Going outside  
and playing tag  
after sitting on the couch and  
drinking hot chocolate.

- by Keira Topov

Cold outside,  
Warm inside.  
Wind blowing,  
Fire heating.  
Water freezing,  
Cocoa burning.

- by Anonymous

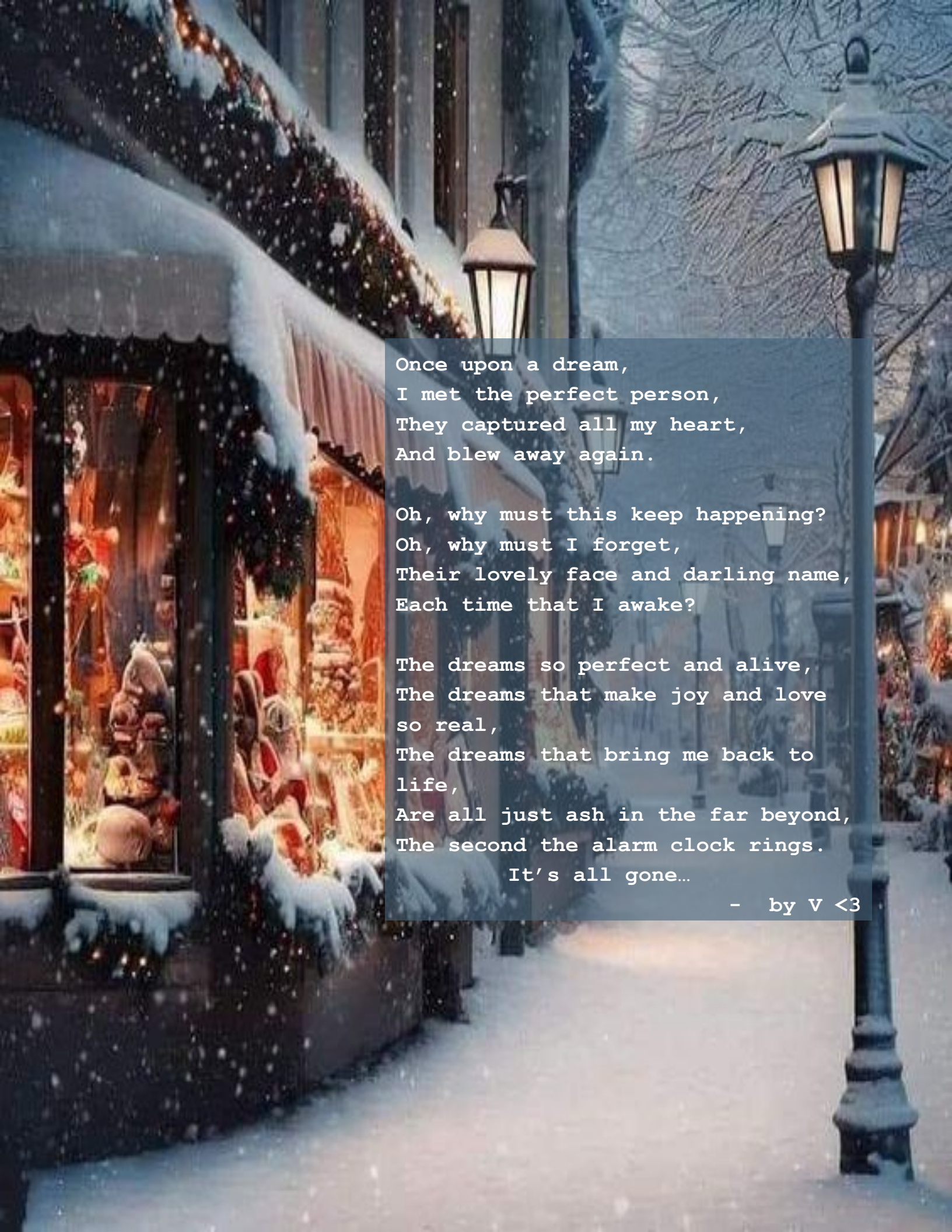
A detailed illustration of a snowy city street at night. The scene is filled with falling snow and illuminated by warm streetlights and building lights. In the foreground, a vintage red car with a taxi sign on its roof is driving towards the viewer. To the left, a group of pedestrians in winter coats walks along a snow-covered sidewalk. On the right, a couple walks away from the viewer. The background features tall, dark buildings, some with lit windows, and a large, brightly lit Christmas tree in the distance. The overall atmosphere is cozy and nostalgic.

The moon up in the sky,  
The comfort of the shy,  
All goes by and by,  
But the moon stays up there so  
high.

- by V <3

A blaze of fire  
As Christmas trees burn bright  
Joy becomes a scar

- by Ivy



Once upon a dream,  
I met the perfect person,  
They captured all my heart,  
And blew away again.

Oh, why must this keep happening?  
Oh, why must I forget,  
Their lovely face and darling name,  
Each time that I awake?

The dreams so perfect and alive,  
The dreams that make joy and love  
so real,  
The dreams that bring me back to  
life,  
Are all just ash in the far beyond,  
The second the alarm clock rings.

It's all gone..


- by V <3



Some say that Christmas is all about presents.  
Some say Christmas is all about decorating the Christmas tree.  
But Christmas is about spending quality time with your family.  
And gathering around to sing Christmas carols.  
That is what Christmas is truly about.

- *by Anonymous*



A serene night scene of a snowy village. The houses have thick thatched roofs covered in snow. Warm, yellow light glows from the windows and doors of several houses, contrasting with the dark, cool tones of the night. Street lamps cast a soft glow on the snow-covered paths. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and cozy.

Cookies baking in the oven.  
Kids singing joyful song,  
As they sit around the Christmas  
tree.

The presents open with joyful  
smiles,  
The scent of Christmas fills the  
air.

- by Dana

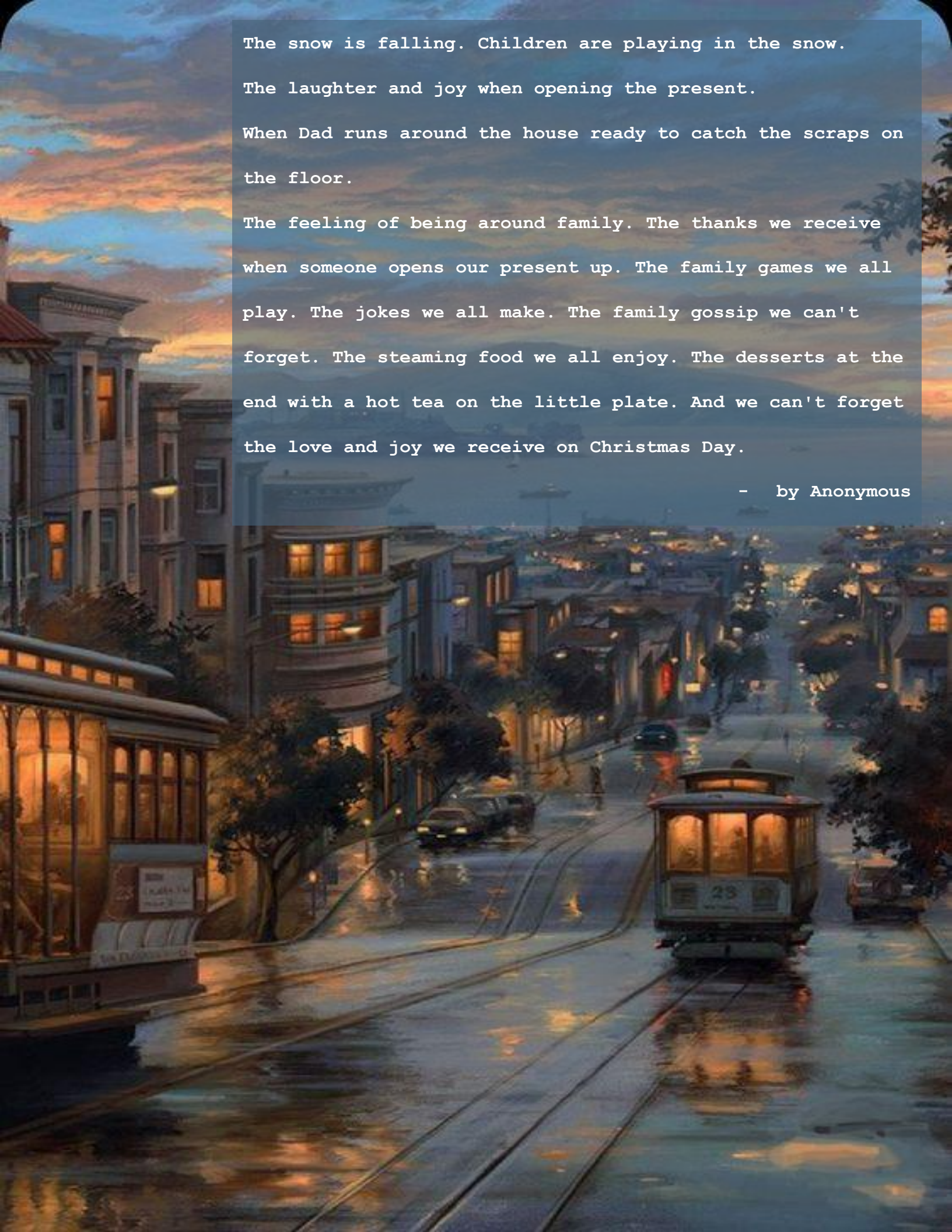
Beautiful and bright  
The lights shining all around  
Their smiles so bright.

- by Sofi



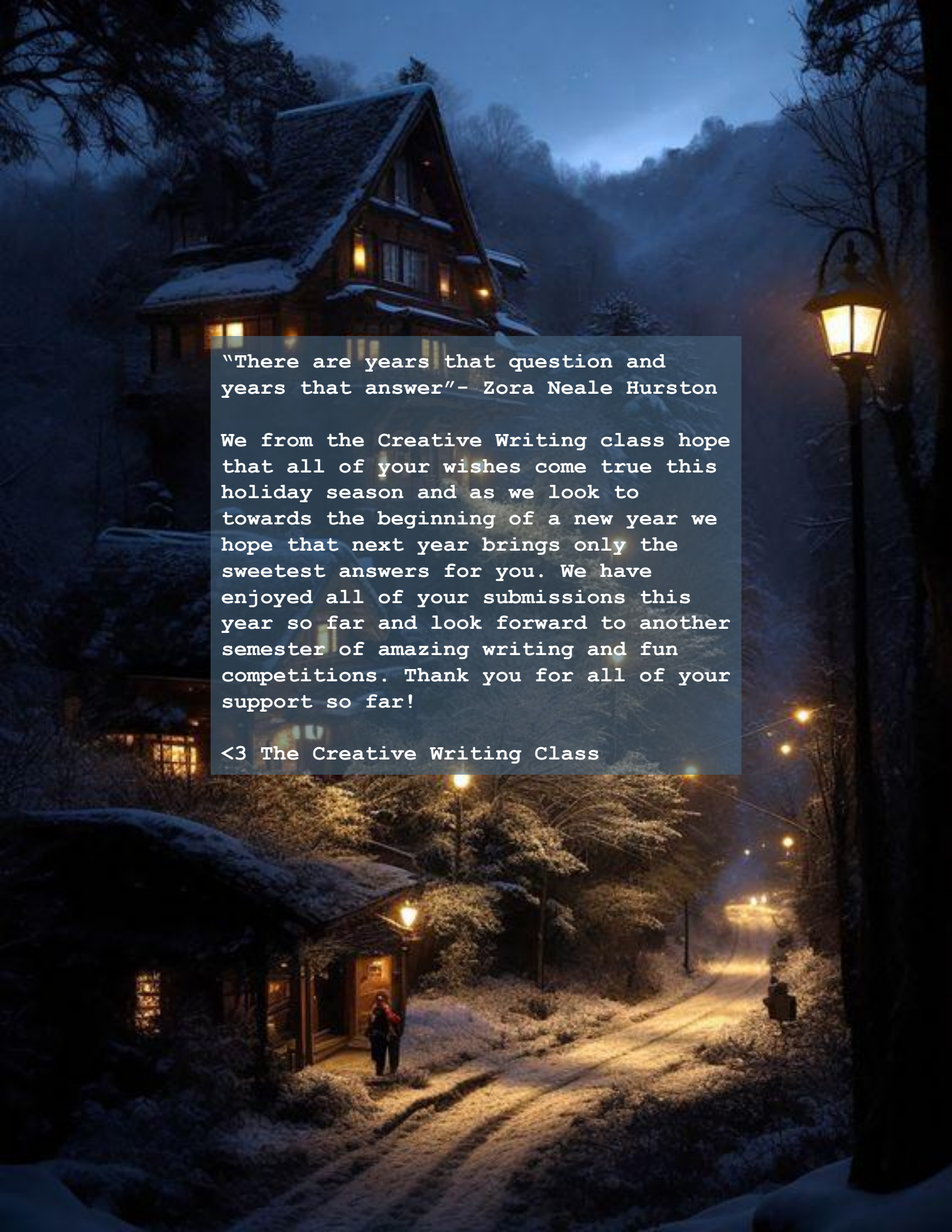
Christmas is not all about presents,  
It's about spending time with family and  
friends,  
It's about giving not receiving,  
It's about spreading love and kindness,  
to everyone around you.

- by Dana

A scenic view of a city street at dusk or dawn. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow. In the foreground, a cable car with the number 23 is moving down the street. To the left, there is a bus stop with a sign that says "PUNYA 14". The street is wet and reflects the lights from the buildings and the cable car. The buildings are multi-story and have many windows lit up. There are trees and cars on the street. The overall atmosphere is warm and nostalgic.

The snow is falling. Children are playing in the snow.  
The laughter and joy when opening the present.  
When Dad runs around the house ready to catch the scraps on  
the floor.  
The feeling of being around family. The thanks we receive  
when someone opens our present up. The family games we all  
play. The jokes we all make. The family gossip we can't  
forget. The steaming food we all enjoy. The desserts at the  
end with a hot tea on the little plate. And we can't forget  
the love and joy we receive on Christmas Day.

- by Anonymous

A snowy night scene featuring a large, illuminated cabin with a steep roof and a street lamp on the right. The cabin's windows are lit, and the surrounding trees are covered in snow. The sky is dark blue, and the overall atmosphere is cozy and serene.

"There are years that question and  
years that answer"- Zora Neale Hurston

We from the Creative Writing class hope that all of your wishes come true this holiday season and as we look towards the beginning of a new year we hope that next year brings only the sweetest answers for you. We have enjoyed all of your submissions this year so far and look forward to another semester of amazing writing and fun competitions. Thank you for all of your support so far!

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