



WATER REACHES TOWARDS THE HEAVENS
THEN FALLS DOWN TO ITS SHOES.
ASHIP IS HELD ATOP A BIG CREST
WITH BIG BELLOWING SAILS LIT BY THE MOON.

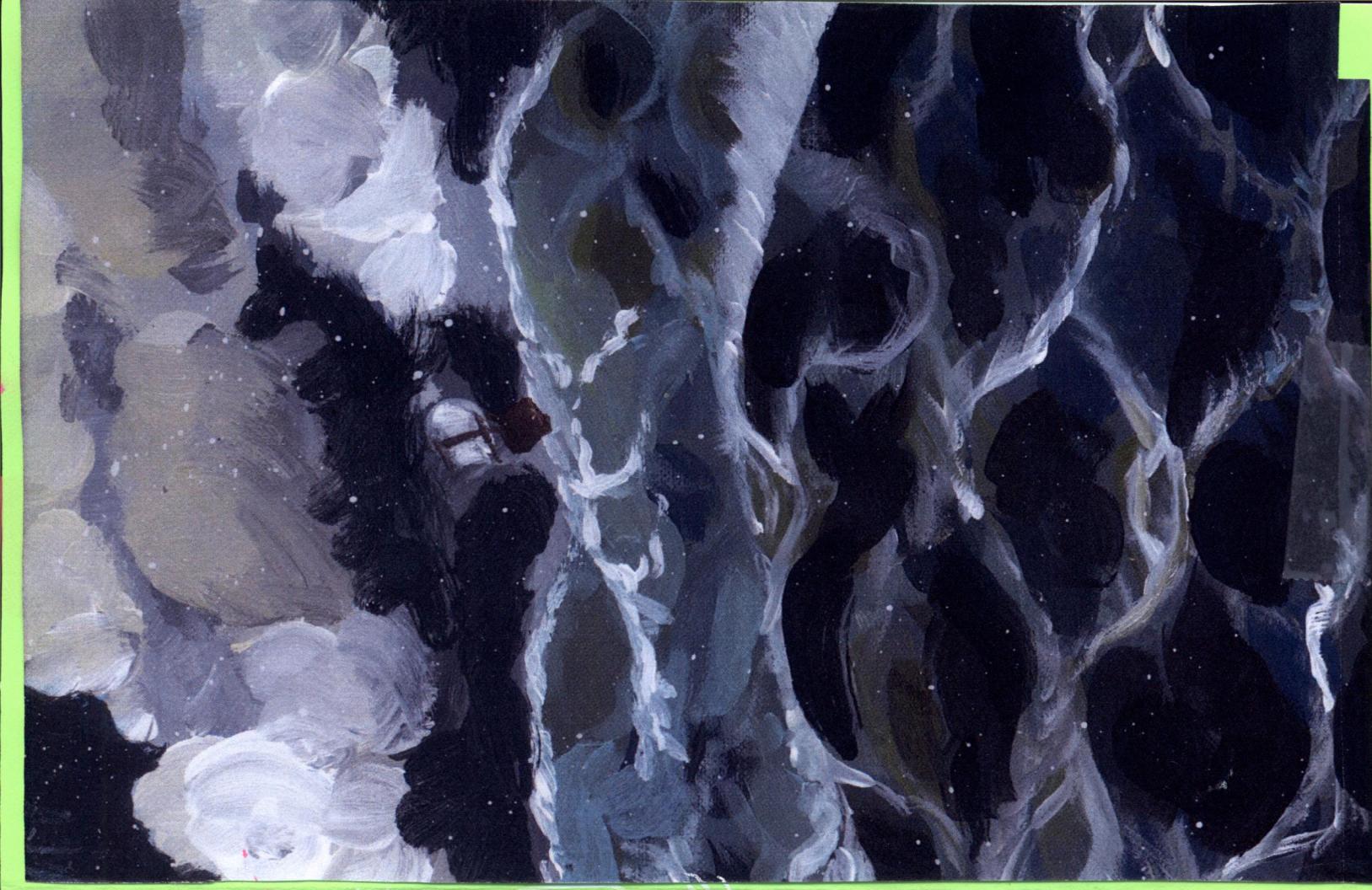
WOOD CREAKS WITH EVERY RIPPLE
AS SALTY SEA LICKS THE RAILINGS.

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BELLOW THE DECK IS A CAPTAIN
WITH AN OLD TRICORN AND A WRY SMILE.
HE CURSES WHEN HE LOSES THE GAME,
HE CRIES WHEN HE CAN'T SAVE HIS CREW.
THE CREW, A PATCHWORK QUILT ITSELF,
SEWN WITH FIST FIGHTS AND LATE NIGHTS.

"TONIGHT WILL BE DIFFERENT,"
CAP SAYS, "IT HAS TO BE."

A SILENT PROMISE BARELY HEARD,
ONLY BY THE EAR OF THE BLUE.



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A child's drawing of a pink snake with a blue head. The snake is coiled in a large, loose spiral. Its body is a solid pink color. At the very top of the coil, there is a small, dark blue oval representing the head. Two thin black lines extend from the head area, one pointing down and to the left, and another pointing down and to the right. The background is white with some faint, colorful smudges.