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Earth

Where do I end?
And where does the void begin?

Listen through the storm
Tell us what transpired here
to this Dismal site

Mourn lost things I still hold close
Dread things that don't occur

Dim ruby light
Deep draughted wines
of memory flow
Reminded of a scene:
The backdrop of when our very being
Laid at the brink
of our Lady Abyss

Writhed in emotion
Swing blind
Dwell pathless

Writhing emotions
Sweet wine
Dwell pathless



The Gleaming Fracture

Burdened with sight

A thousand vengeful suns scream their names in concert

Nought but a glimpse of the shining red darkness

Where all inconceivable roads must end

The burning schism breathes horrors

Restraining a blacker light

Fleeing the veins of existence

Scarlet threads in the void

Elusive vision

Pallid ashes

Scattered through the gloom

Static discharge from within

Wordlessly resonating

Effluvia and stone as one

A gleaming fracture, sundering

Waves of this crippling revulsion seething

Scattering ashes and burnt skin

Amputating vestigial wings

Prey creatures, every one

Seismic shudders

Painting an ever-shrinking circle

Slicing my palms to ribbons

Shards of a nihilist mantra

Erupting inward, caged Polaris combusts

A glint on a scalpel's edge

There will be no ascension until these pillars stand as dust

A lucid vision

Pallid vistas

Shattering the gloom

Static discharge from below

Wordlessly resonating

Effluvia and stone as one

This effulgent gleaming fracture

Aletheia

Behold! Purity
In perfect poise

Amidst the infinite
A fiery star
Is her light the remedy?
Shall it lift the mantle?
that clouds our sight
Cure the blindness we suffer

Phantom fragrance
Leads to the tryst
Where this fragile figure
Paints a beautiful fantasy
in a single ardent stroke

Under a cloak of coral
Eternities weep
Re-animate the muse
Untangle the tress

Blossoms nearly conjure the climax
In the opiate reverie
Mankind can wait:
This thirst
must be dealt with first

Soothed by the croon
of her silvery laughter
Desire and will abstract
Micro and macrocosm unite

Shadows claw
at the borders of sentience
A glimpse at the canvas
reveals it's nearly blank

Fleetingly subdued
By her opal's magnet spell
Mistress of memories
I'm wedged in your thighs

Re-living our tragedy
Unfathomable destiny
Voluptuous and naked
in the kiss

She'll drift with the tides of time
Until all worlds end
I'll regret that vacant gaze
Until these words end

Metalurgia

Inspired
Perfume of corruption rouses
Gorge ascends, essence of brine
Floods these traitor senses

Compelled by florid lips
Now duty-bound to savor
On every memory's surface
Her ashen face still painted

Her virtue
By right of conquest claimed
Gold threads through fingers weeping
Justly plucked from soils once fertile

A modest price of light
From her eyes exacted
Her flesh for my kingdom

Unmoored
An empty stare afloat in opalescence
This offal with penitence blazes
To reignite the lodestar

Stalking shades advance
Blackening with every breath
Her light must surely live again
When the sands fall toward heaven

Her gleaming laughter
By right of conquest claimed
Her blood, through vestments weeping
A river never slowing

Repulsed by rebel hands
As they cast aside the mantle
No will - her flesh - my kingdom

"Hands thrust
into the stagnant waters again
His reflection trembles
But the stains remain"

Her scent returns to me
And the blinding thirst melts away
I can look upon my face again

Behold sovereignty
The one who forges fears no shame
Of what consequence her loss
If it leads a king to walk erect?

Her sacrifice
My choice, or pre-ordained?
A trivial contemplation
As the sands fall ever Earthward

I'll never forget that lesson,
Her dripping revelation:

My will...
My flesh...
My Kingdom



Conundrum

Hyacinth path
Leads to a labyrinth
And I shall walk its corridors
Abandoning remorse there

Leaving the haunt behind
at the heels of the future
Is the delusion cruel?
Have I been condemned
to voyage through a curse?
Seemingly inescapable
Soaring skeletal voids
Searching for
the concealed design

Expanding emptiness
Taking shapes that dissolve
I see faces form

A tremor in these weary depths
Exhibitions of seen and imagined
Staring back at my Faustian mirage
Dormant patterns awaken

Not entirely lost
A soul afloat in allegory
As if, poised on wings
A speck of dust
smiling at the maelstrom

Unearthing the burning token
Words entering the mind
but were never spoken

"Wear the sigil,
bear the fire
seek the secret signs
drink the nectar
Come: explore the noxious"

Infused with cantharides
A glimpse into paradise
Reciprocal illusion
 sings contagion
Cloaked in colors
Colors cloaked in music
A taste of the infinite
 if only a moment

Stilled heart immune
a spectacle shatters
At last I've surpassed the barrier
Transcended limitation of senses

Legulus

Plucking my memory's
Exquisite flower
Charming her body
her breath makes harmony

Fevered visions
Parting the veil of mist
Shadows quicken
Symmetry is gone

This pathway unbeheld
Passing through a world that wails
Diffusing through the threshold

By its dreamy manner
A specter of splendor
Dark, yet luminous
When attaining its full stature

Drawn toward the dead glow
Crystal enchantment
and the blue conclusion

Fevered visions
Parting the veil of mist
Shadows quicken
Symmetry is banished

Hushing dread
Contorting this monotony
Further
Unweaving a collection
of ciphers



Stratagem

Stalking through the lying winds
Of a deftly engineered confusion
A deluge of ageless static
Black noise in a red storm

Winnowing grains of light from distractions
Whispers buried in agonized cries
The trauma of listening births a master
of a different discipline

Sworn to burn the Dissonance
Stratagem, in the ashes
Reveal this traveler's gambit

The night brings temptation:
"Here is silence - come and float with us"
That familiar contagion calls
But I hear a cold sigil's song

The relic of an unseen lord?
The first fragment deciphered
Illuminated
A strand from a maddening sequence torn

The one path, from chaos divined
Stratagem, set in motion
Against the isolanus

Paradigms collide
Shattering
Etching away at the lens of the eye of the universe
Exposing a fragile causality

And there is no king here to vanquish
My every thought was confined to this final ruse
An assault on a throne undefended
A mirage in the aether born

Twelve thousand delusions converge
Stratagem, tale of ashes
Becomes the path to the End

And the blessed silence comes

Sacrosanctum

Fear and blinding cold
As breath returns
A swift negation of light
A subtle distortion of reality

The indifference of ages
In the judgment of breathing stone
Compelled to pierce the silence
I offer Voice to the Void
...but the echoes cry other names

Nothing is hidden now
Aeons of horrors devouring order
Rejoice in the visions
Forbidden to those of blood
Glory be to the torment of perception

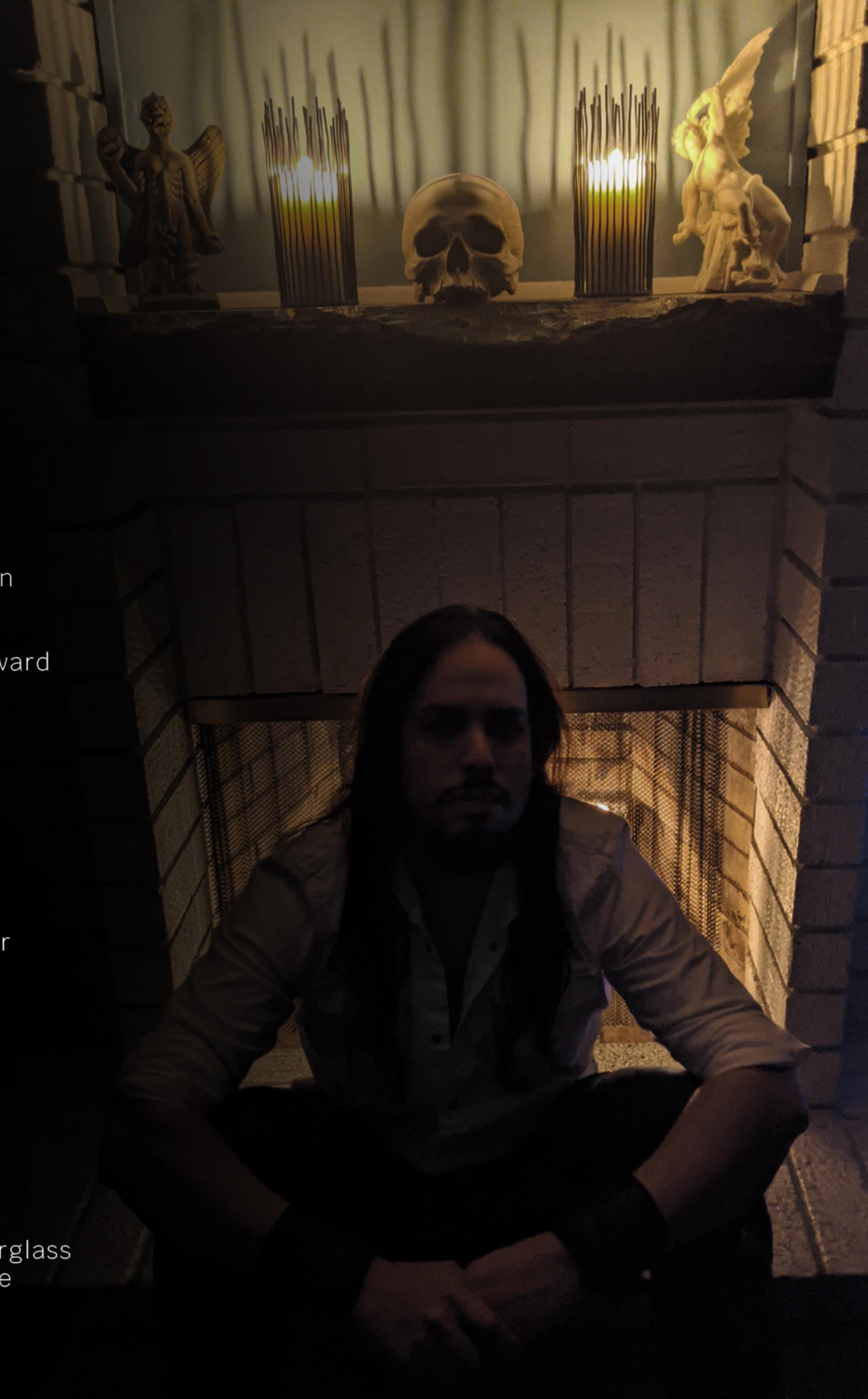
Gasping eyes - clawing for starlight
Never-opened wounds bleeding skyward
A flicker of insight
Lost in blackened mirror constructs
Doomed to a tangent path
Toward the penance of revelation

Will the stars hear my pleas
for annihilation?

Nothing is hidden
Horrors consuming the lines of Order
Rejoice in the End
Where the Void begins
Glory be to the agony of Sight

Untethered from flesh
The veils incinerated
In the gaze of the Unbeheld

"All you've wrought
And all you've ever known
A grain of sand in a shattered hourglass
Worlds die as I breathe your failure
Exhaling plagues and angels"



FearBlack RedEscape

I – Penance

Stare into the flame
to see my pledges burnt
Expiring cinders
Feel how it hurts
that fire was mostly you

Moaning below, wailing above
Wrapped in loss
A flight of dreams

Nothing prepares one for this
Missteps on a pathway of bones

A lifetime of ardor
Where will all this fit between
poetry and myth?

Stranded in a timeless space
Here's the sound of suffering
From a guilty heart

A swarm of stillness
Translucent skin
Am I a specter who's met his end?

II – The Weight of Generations

The last trace of perspective
Eclipsed by an inward loathing
Passion turns to perdition
Withered visions, as moths to flame
An inferno of spite and regret
Caressing an effigy of promise
For me: a stagnant infinity
For the Earth: a grave

Extinguished by a noose of my own weaving
The breath of life replaced by the taste of ash

Beneath the weight of generations
Unattainable it seems to be
Mortal aspirations sundering potential from deeds
Damned to failure at conception

An arrogant dream, masquerading as virtue
Seven billion sheep condemned
by a failure's hubris

Fuck your world
Breathing cadavers squandered their birthright
Prey creatures, every one

Seduced by a delusion of your worth
Your cries demanded my sacrifice



III – Time

A fading memory of Intention in this silence remains
A beautiful fantasy
A dream of motion
A desperate longing for relentless Time

IV – Defenseless

Confounded by the ciphers
Repulsed by the whispers of the unseen
A blind explorer
The pathless pawn of a cosmic misdirection

V – Effluvia and Stone

Ascending through fertile darkness
Marching towards the dead glow
And into the horror of the past
My endless shadow is cast

Motes of dust held captive
In a nauseating, bleeding light
But my gaze will never waver:
Effluvia and stone as one

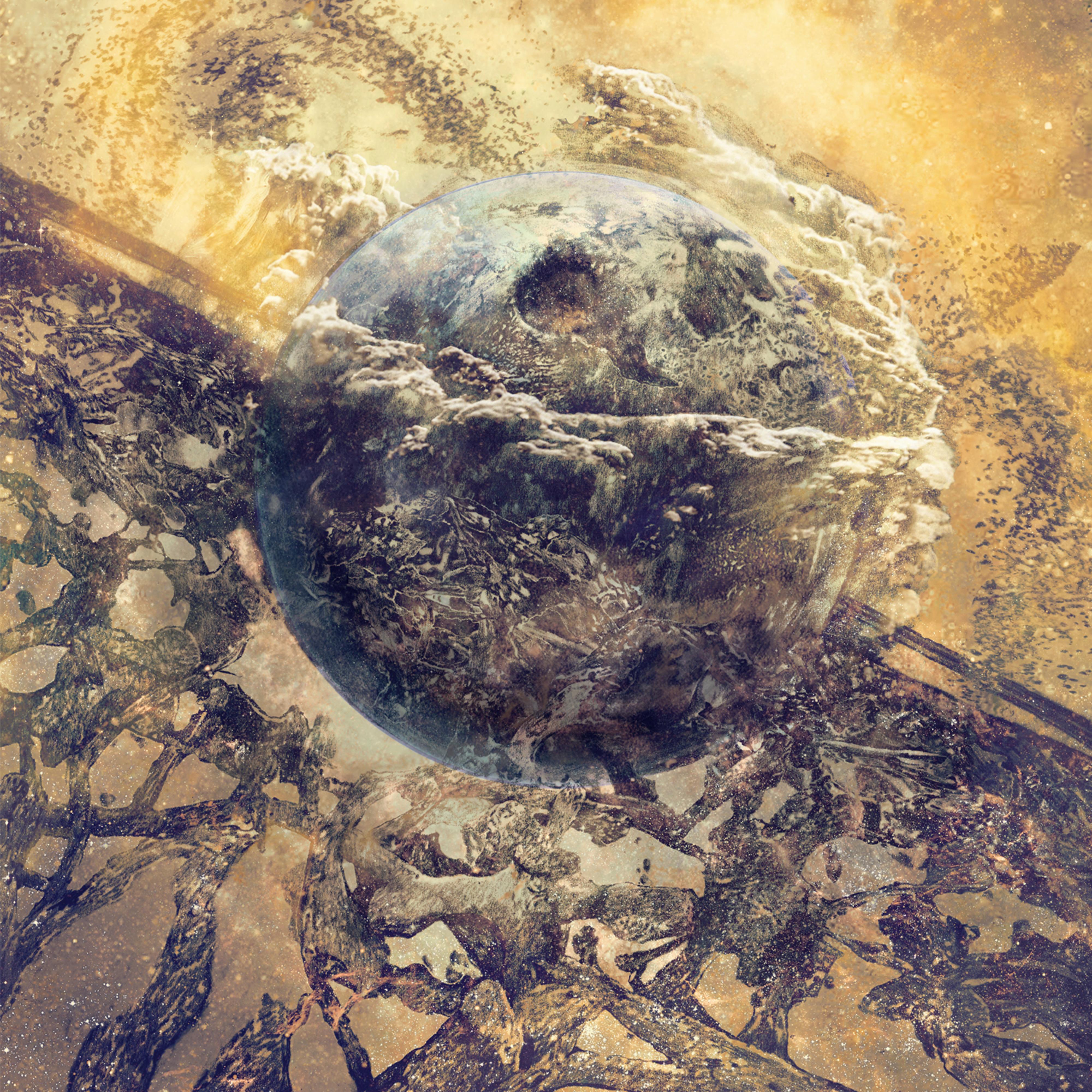
Never another glance behind
A shuddering Earth below
With every step, the fissure grows

Far above the hopes of man
Wielding the impossible for all to see
A chill invades my calm
As I step across the gleaming fracture
A vile distortion of reality awaits

Unlocked

There's no need for words
in the face of the useless struggle





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