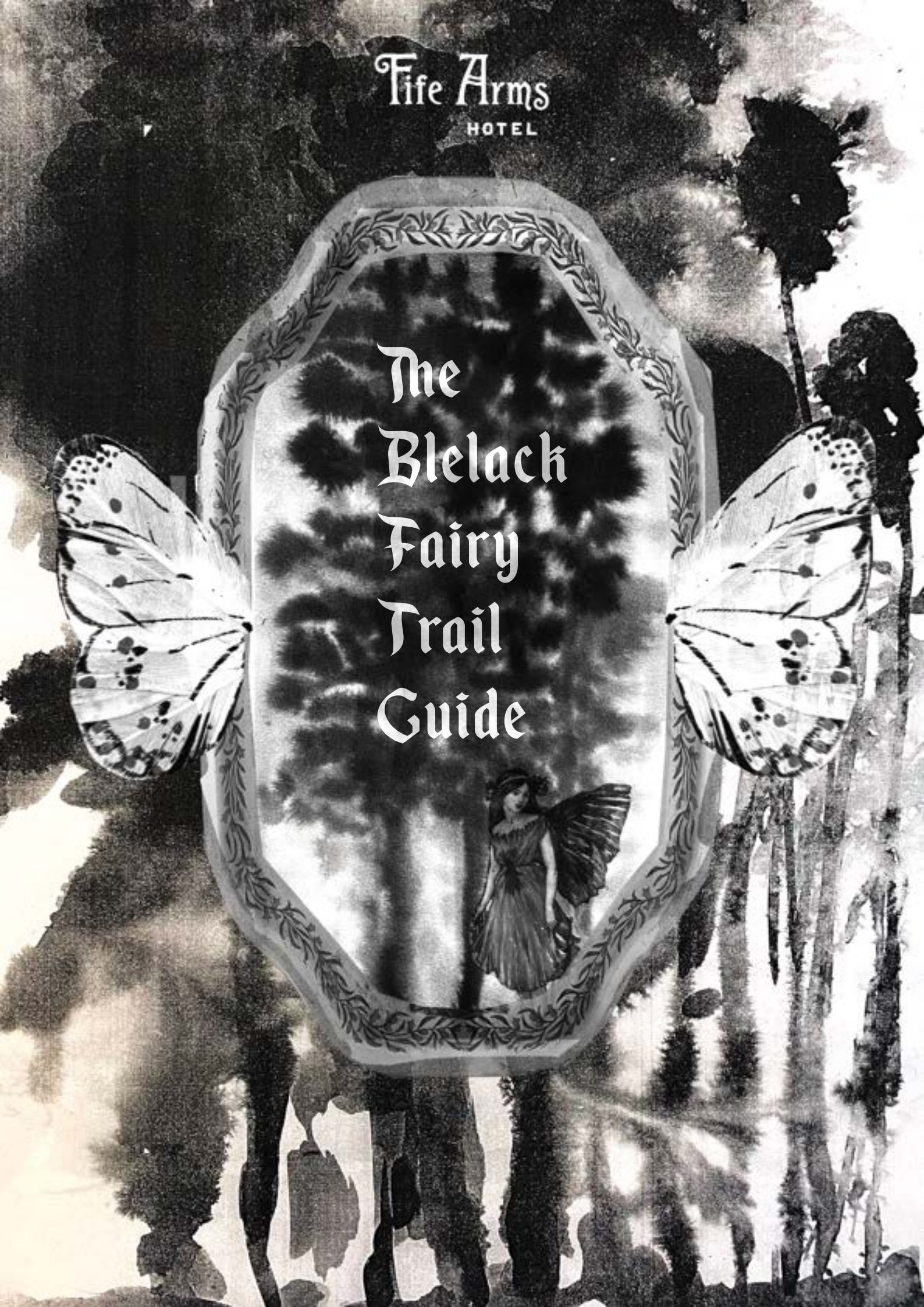
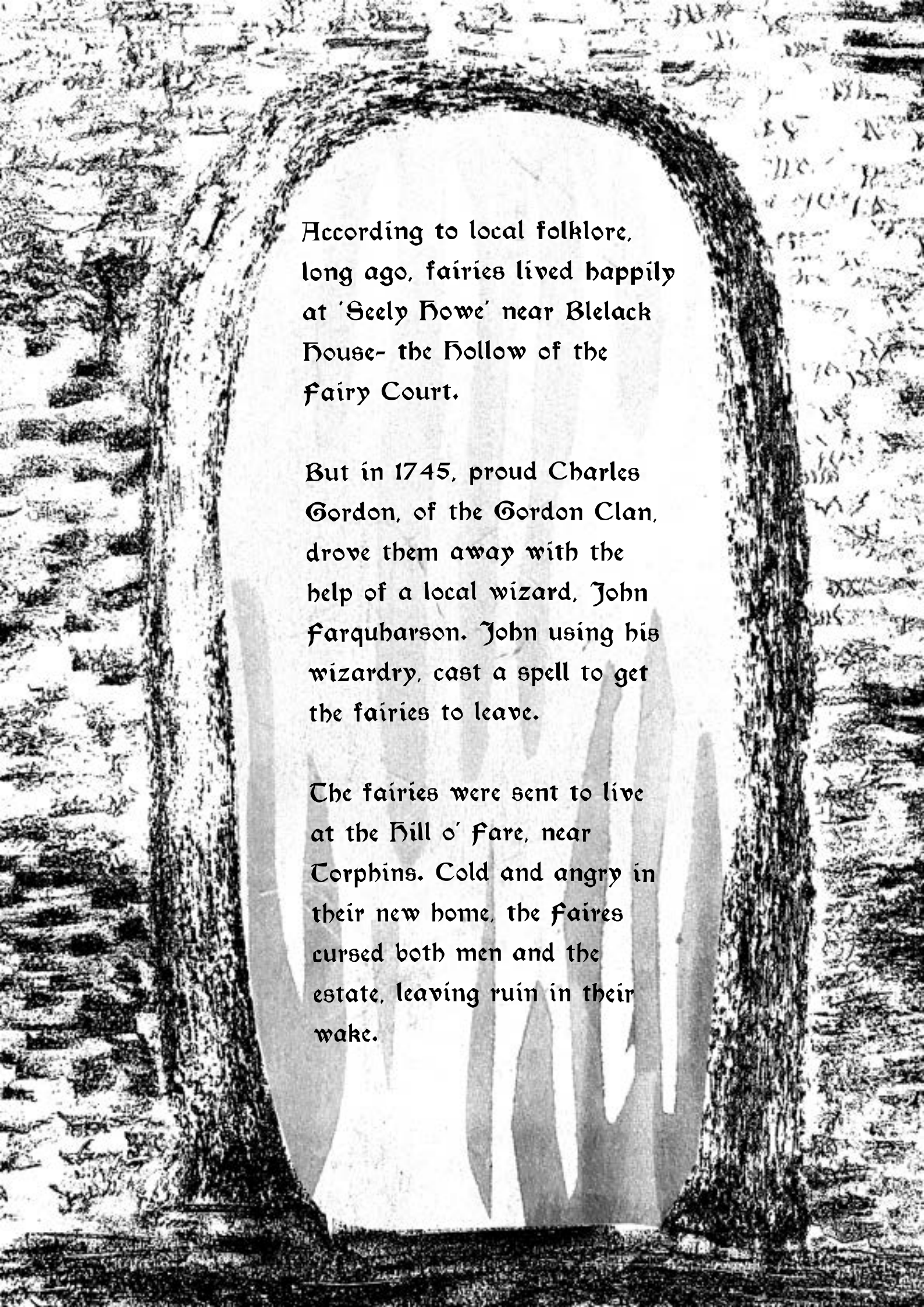


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The
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Guide

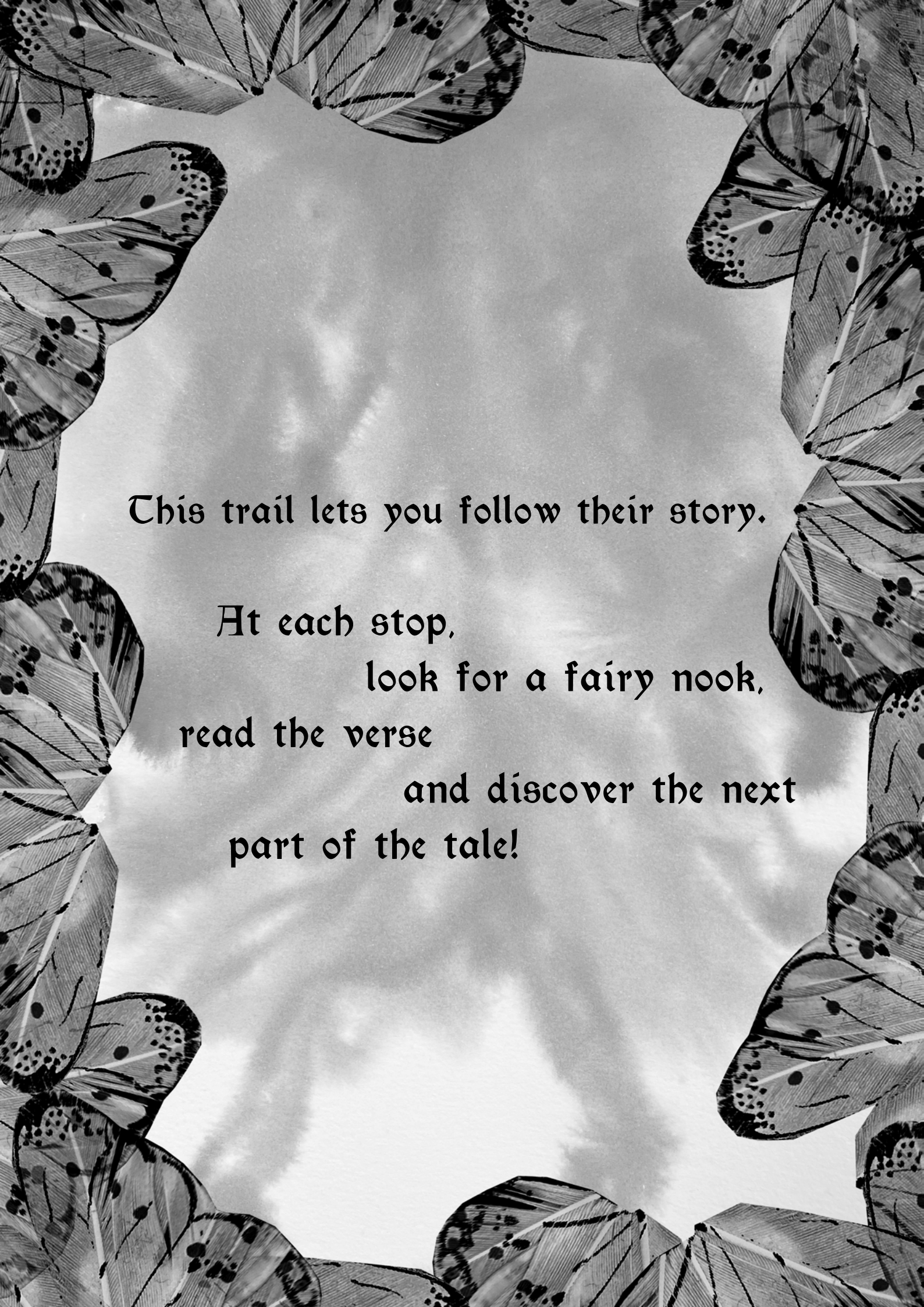




According to local folklore,
long ago, fairies lived happily
at 'Seely Howe' near Blelack
House- the Hollow of the
fairy Court.

But in 1745, proud Charles
Gordon, of the Gordon Clan,
drove them away with the
help of a local wizard, John
Farquharson. John using his
wizardry, cast a spell to get
the fairies to leave.

The fairies were sent to live
at the Hill o' Fare, near
Torphins. Cold and angry in
their new home, the faeries
cursed both men and the
estate, leaving ruin in their
wake.



This trail lets you follow their story.

At each stop,
look for a fairy nook,
read the verse
and discover the next
part of the tale!

Wishing Well: The Beginning



Here by the well the fairies stay, in Seely
Howe they laugh and play.

But man grew proud and sought them
gone- to the fallen stones you must walk
on.

Kíndrochít Ruín- 'The Ruín'

Bleack burned, its glory past,
The fairies' curse was strong and fast.
One year he lingered, then fled away
Go where the kirk keeps night from day







Kirk Church - 'The Curse'

Here in the Kirk,
the curse took hold,
'Dool to Blelack',
the tale was told.
Yet life goes on with drum and
cheer-
Seek the place of sport held dear.'

Highland Games Pavilion 'The Legacy'



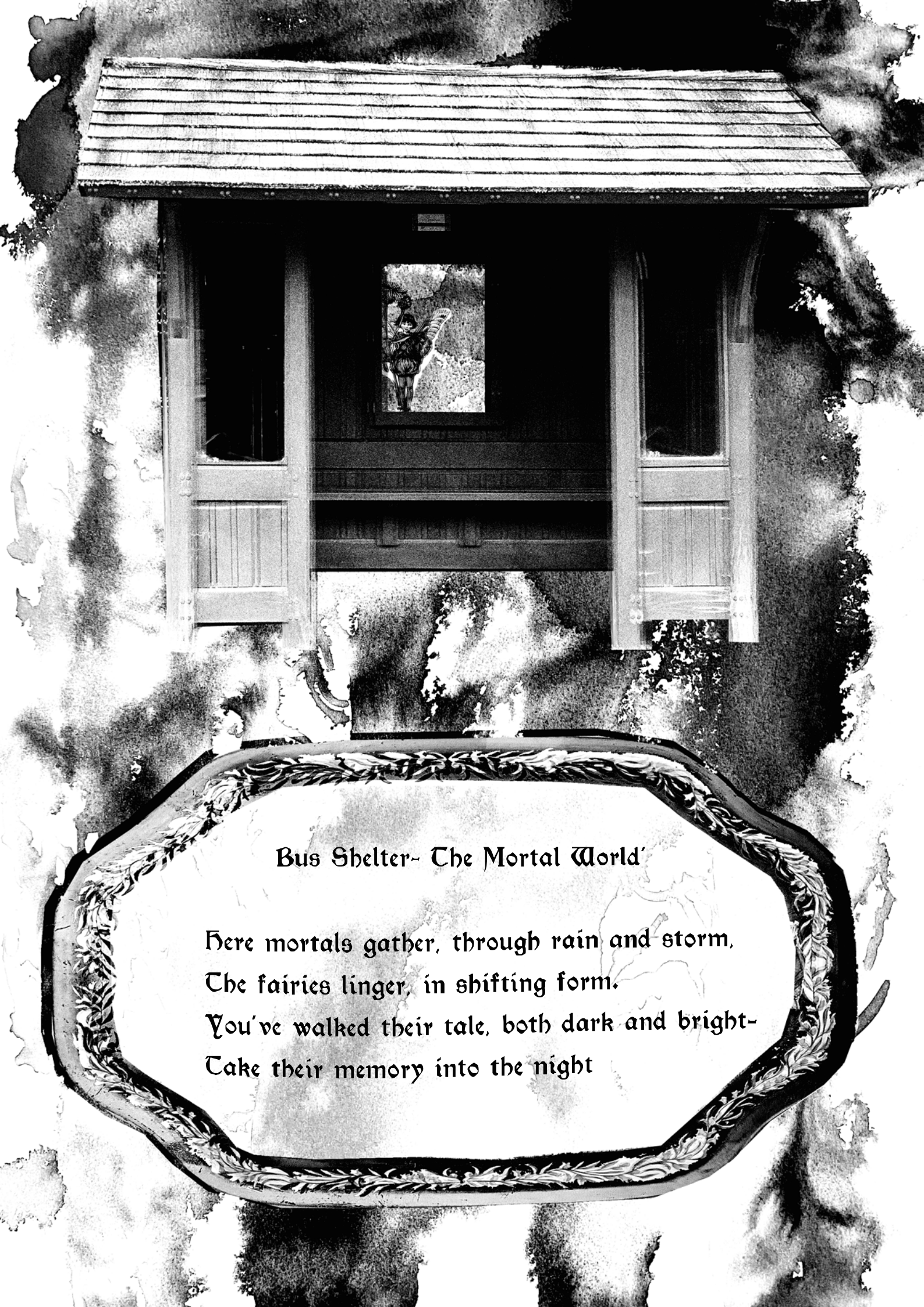
They march with Pipes.

They dance with cheer.

The fairies join though none may hear.

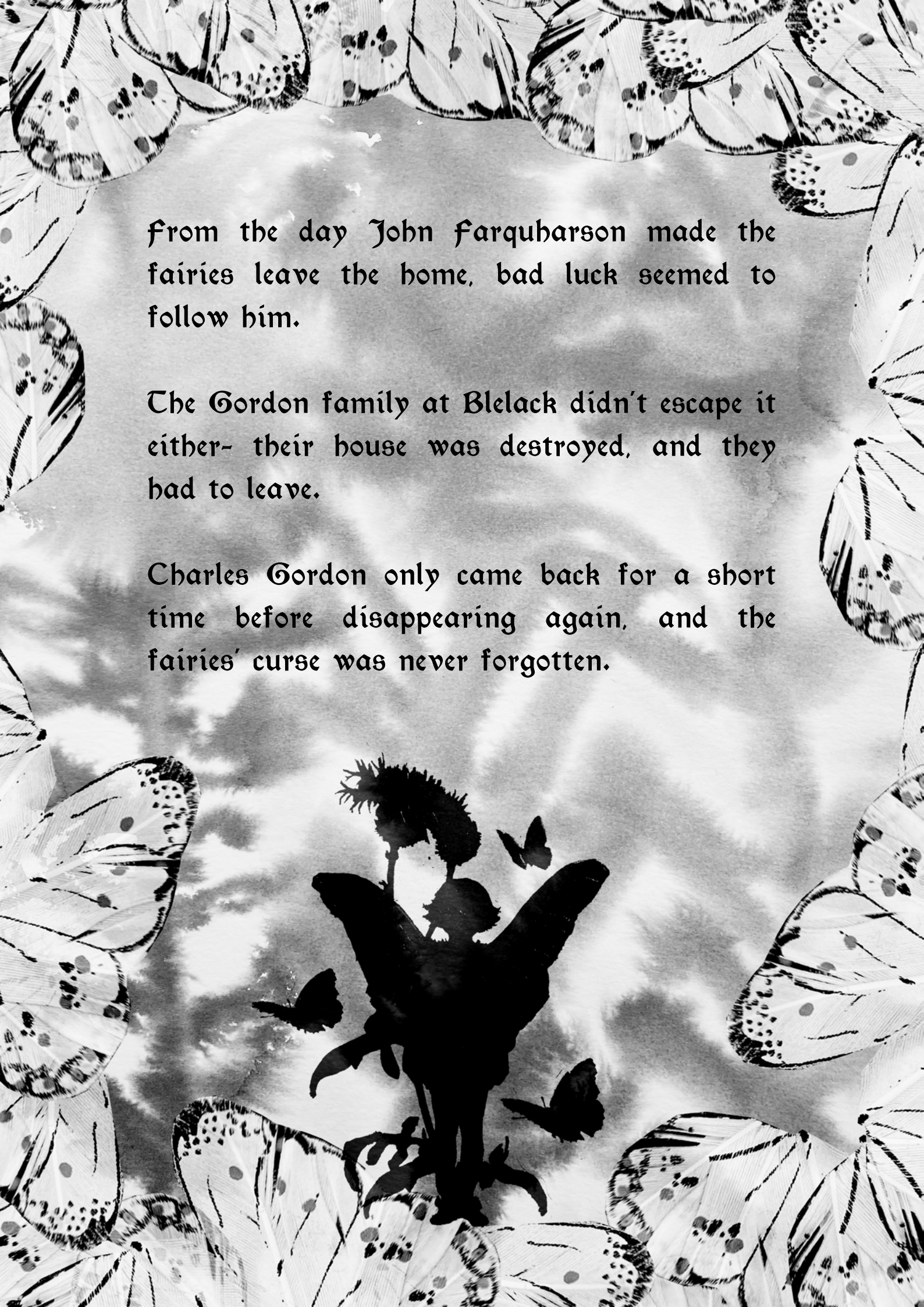
In sport and song their tale survives.

Now find the place where travel bides



Bus Shelter- The Mortal World'

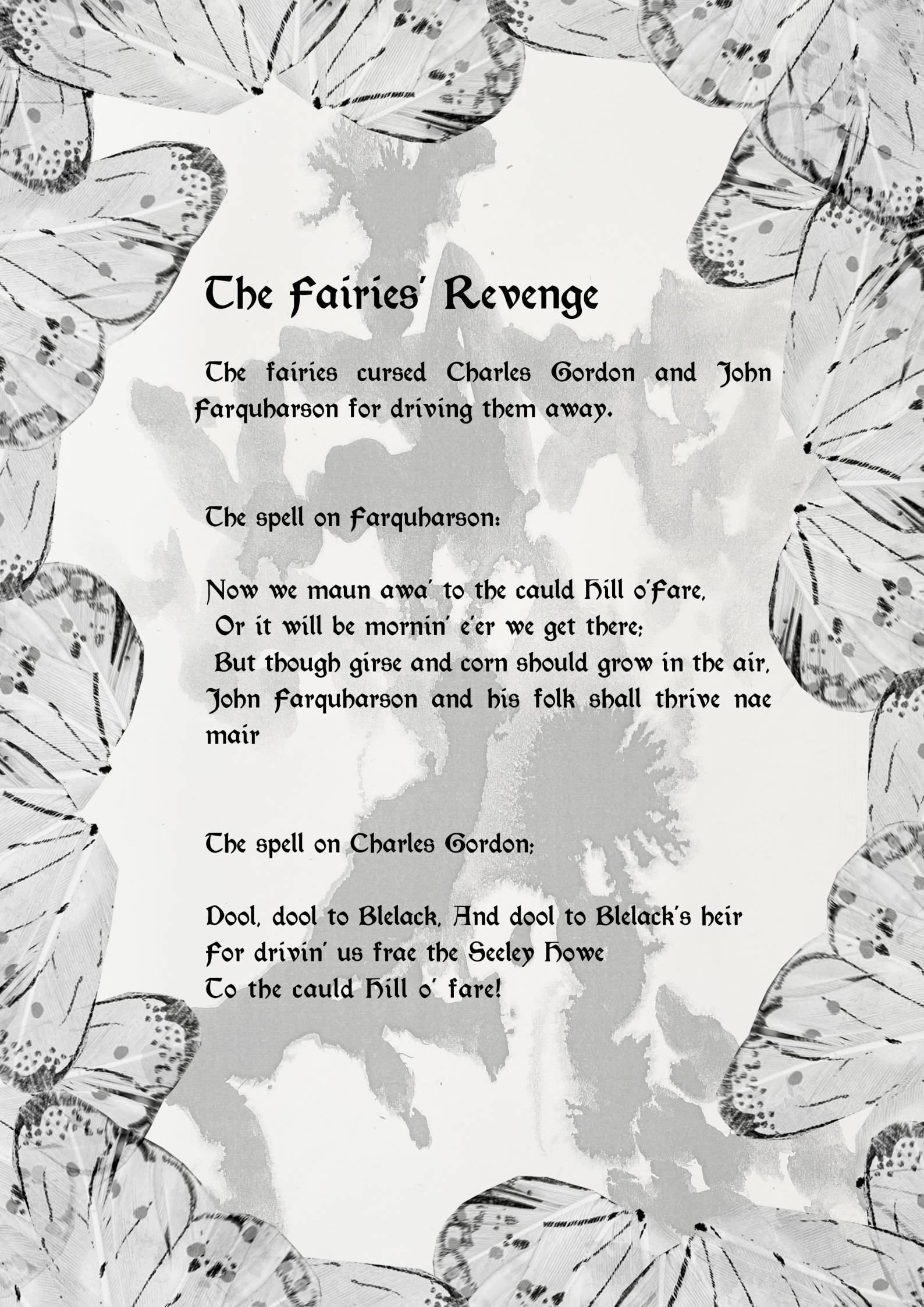
Here mortals gather, through rain and storm,
The fairies linger, in shifting form.
You've walked their tale, both dark and bright-
Take their memory into the night



from the day John Farquharson made the fairies leave the home, bad luck seemed to follow him.

The Gordon family at Blelack didn't escape it either- their house was destroyed, and they had to leave.

Charles Gordon only came back for a short time before disappearing again, and the fairies' curse was never forgotten.

The background of the page is a decorative collage. It features several large, detailed illustrations of butterfly wings, likely monarchs, with their characteristic black and white patterns and orange spots. These are overlaid on a light-colored, textured watercolor wash that covers the entire page. The text is centered within this design.

The fairies' Revenge

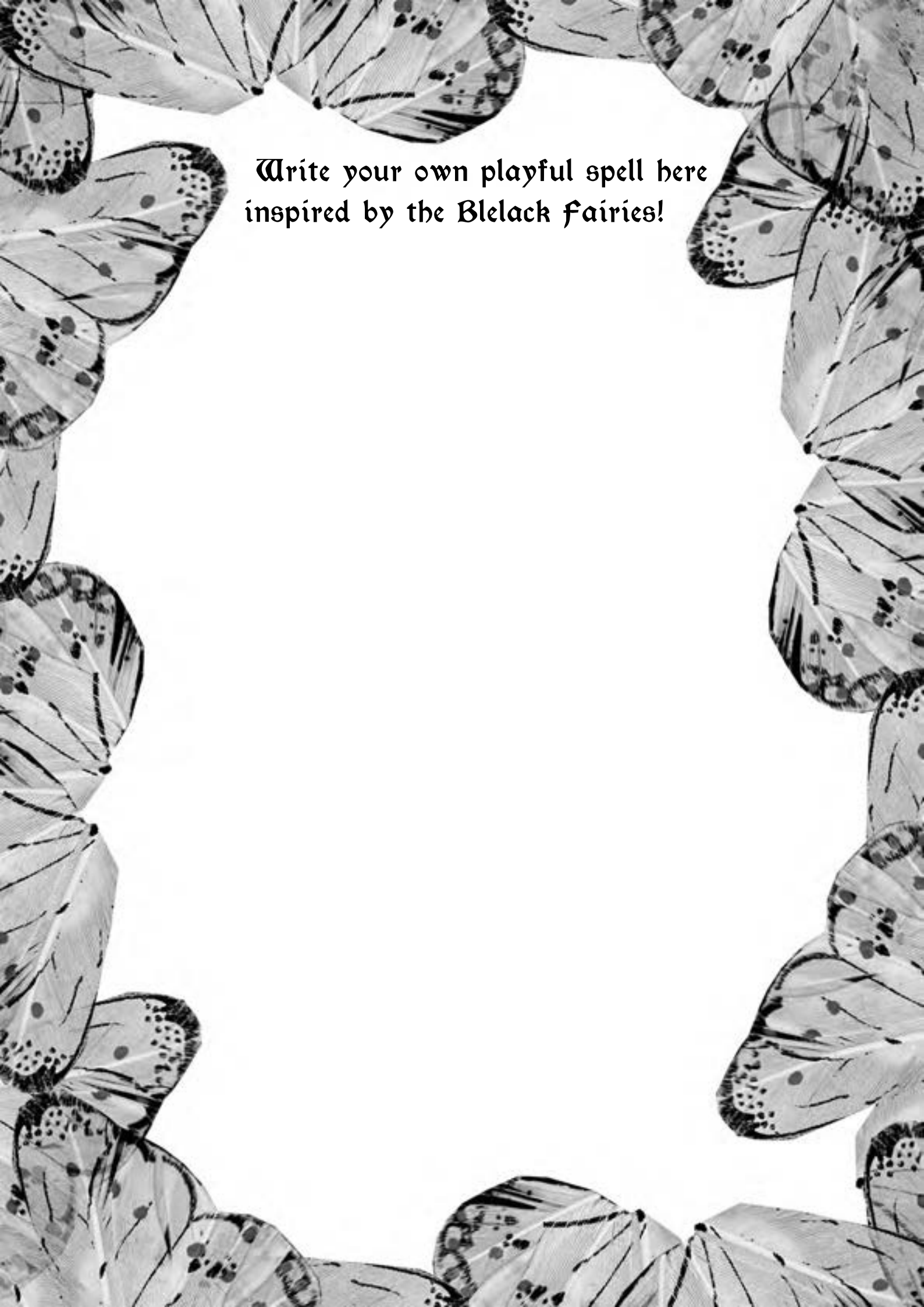
The fairies cursed Charles Gordon and John Farquharson for driving them away.

The spell on Farquharson:

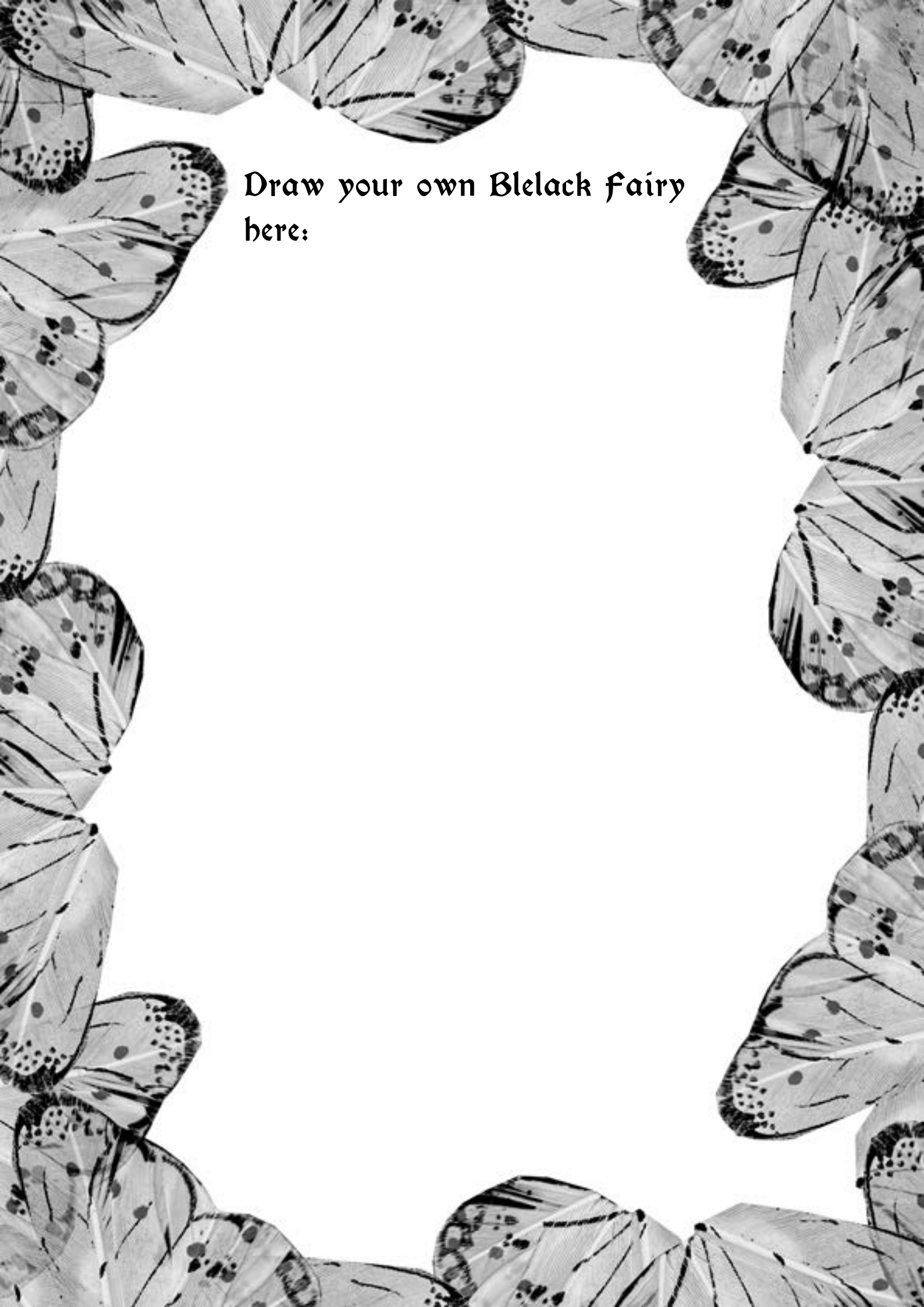
Now we maun awa' to the cauld Hill o' fare,
Or it will be mornin' e'er we get there;
But though girse and corn should grow in the air,
John Farquharson and his folk shall thrive nae
mair

The spell on Charles Gordon:

Dool, dool to Blelack, And dool to Blelack's heir
For drivin' us frae the Seeley Howe
To the cauld Hill o' fare!



Write your own playful spell here
inspired by the Blelack fairies!



Draw your own Blelack fairy
here:



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♣ The Blelack fairy Trail Map ♣

