

3rd - Reaper

In the dark

While the moon shone onto the tops of the trees, the way beneath them laid in deepest darkness. The dense walls of leaves swallowed every sound. Anyway, there wasn't any sound at all. The whole forest was completely silent. Not even a bird was flying around.

A shadow began to stand out against the gloominess. Slowly he became bigger and bigger and put on human-like shape.

Cen was carefully shifting from one foot to the other. It was about midnight while he was walking home from a party. To be home faster he took the way through the forest, but now he was regretting it.

He tried to distinguish the different shadows from each other, but it was just too dark. He could only rely on his feet to stay on the way home.

Suddenly a tree appeared in front of him. At some point a lightning had created a knothole now looking at him like a yap full of canines.

A scream came out of his mouth, breaking the silence for a moment, then vanishing slowly and painfully.

He was trying to compose his mind. What was he in fear of? Slowly he started to walk on again, looking around even more. From somewhere a raven cried with a sad and dolorous voice. Cen turned his head into the direction the scream came from.

Suddenly another raven cried, now from behind him. He closed his eyes and began counting. Then he took a decision. He began running, not looking back and not trying to think about anything. And after some minutes of running the trees became less and less and he arrived at the end of the wood. In front of him he could see his house with light coming out of the window.

He ran up the hill, straight into this light when he heard a noise from behind. He turned his head and saw the trees chasing him. One of them was catching his leg and he fell to the ground. But where once has been the ground was now a dark hole.

He fell deeper and deeper, the hole above him was as of now only a point in the dark sky, covered by dozens of trees. He fell and fell and fell until the whole world around him was completely dark and he woke up.