# The Hearth

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Summary

At the hearth’s center, stillness awaits the bone-weary.

—*Pop*.

A jolt.

—*Crackle.*

Stinging lids snapping open.

—*Hiss.*

Scrambling upright—

“Gran?”

Ground swaying; you capsize.

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Pop.

A breath.

*Crackle.*

Warmth—arms encompassing you.

*Hiss.*

Coolth—the silky brush of metal.

Heavy eyes prizing open.

Shadows breathe with each dance of the hearth.

“Easy, honey.”

Two voices.

One caress.

“You’re—”

—*Cuckoo…*

Gran’s clock splitting the hush; you flinch.

***Time pressing in…***

“Gran’ll need—” Heaving yourself up. “Since the dementia—”

“Whoa, gran’s fine.” —Steve.

“Thor’s regaling her with Asgardian tales.” —Bucky.

“Dinner—” Your heart stuttering. “Chores—”

“Shhh.” Thumbs sweep your sore, shadowy lids.

*Pop.*

Bucky’s kiss.

*Crackle.*

Steve’s embrace.

*Hiss.*

***Home.***

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