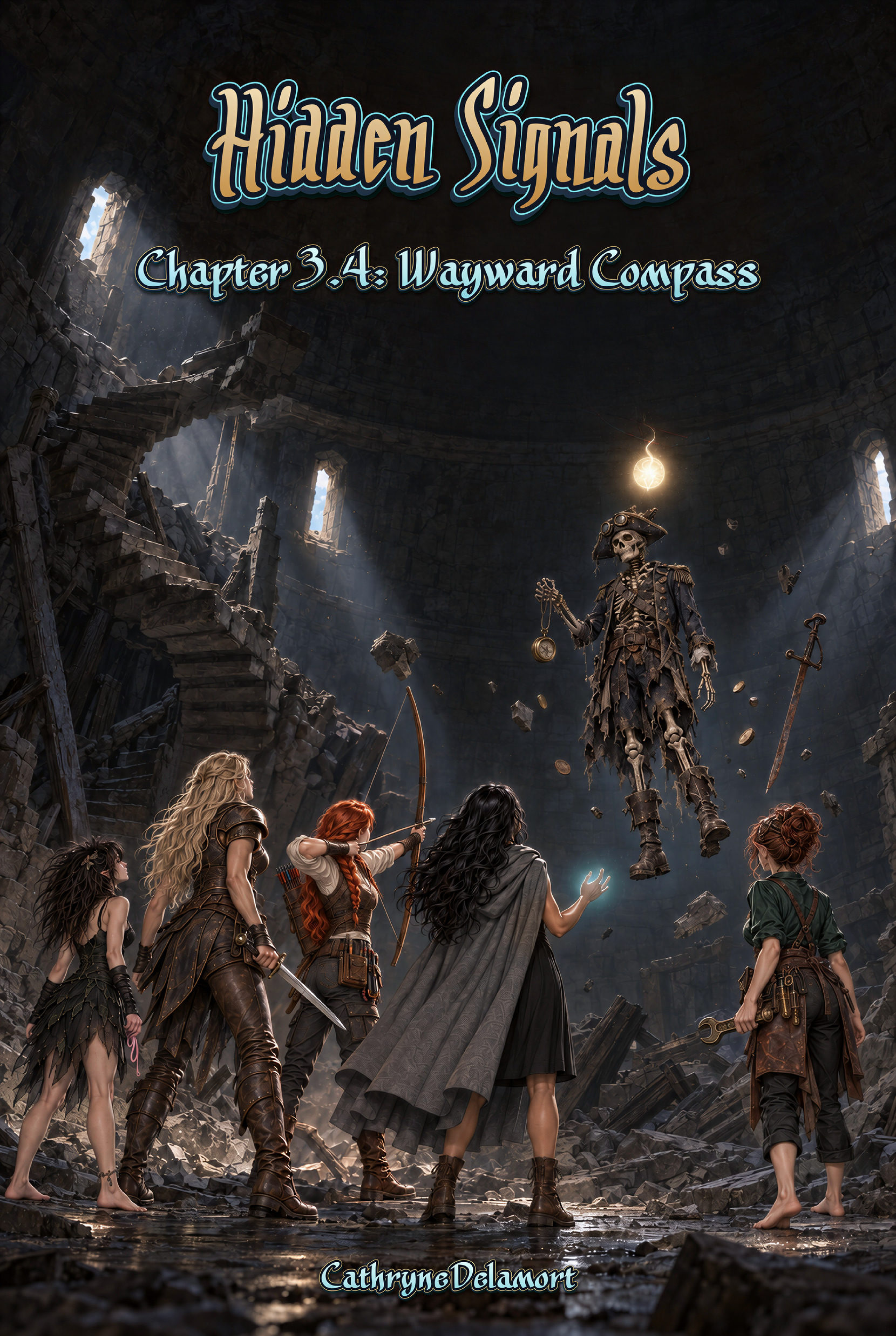
Hidden Signals

Chapter 3.4: Wayward Compass



Cathryne Delamort

IN MY DEFENSE, THE STOVE RUNS ON GEARS.

FWOOMP

TSSS

OW. OW. OW.

SPLOOSH

I HAD IT.

YOU HAD A TOWEL.

SHE USED TO DO BREAKFAST.

YOU BURNED MY KITCHEN.

ONLY PART OF IT.

I SUPPOSE YOU MAY STAY DESPITE THE VANDALISM.

WE WEREN'T ASKING.

AND YET I'M ALLOWING IT.

SHE SAID SHE KNOWS THE WAY BACK. WE'RE STAYING.

THE HOLE I FELL THROUGH IS STILL UP THERE.

WHERE?

SO HOW DO WE GET UP THERE?

WELL DON'T LOOK AT ME!

FINE. I COULD BUILD A SHIP.

BUT IT NEEDS SOMETHING TO LIFT IT. AND SOMETHING TO STEER BY.

THE LAST MAN WHO TRIED FLEW ON A STAR THAT FELL FROM THE SKY.

POP

HIS SHIP CAME DOWN AT THE OLD WATCHTOWER.

THEY SAY SOMETHING IN THERE ATE HIM.

SO THE LOOT'S STILL THERE.

HOLD HER STILL.

TIK TIK TIK

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL MY FRIEND CI—

... RIGHT.

IF YOU'RE FROM MY WORLD. HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW MAGIC?

THE FAE. THE ONES WHO TOOK ME IN.

DON'T ASK ME HOW IT WORKS. IT JUST DOES. HERE.

OK, FIRST LESSON. MAKE IT A SALVE.

FSHH

YOU'RE YELLING AT IT.

IT'S NOT LISTENING.

HOLD STILL. FEEL FOR IT.

NICE.

MUCH BETTER!

I MADE IT. HAI SHOWED ME HOW.

AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO BLOW ANYTHING UP THIS TIME.






KSSH

A WHOLE QUARRY OF GOLD...

...AND EVERYONE CAN DO IT BUT ME.

YOU'RE COUNTING AGAIN.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HAVE, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE ONE COIN MORE.

AND THAT ONE'S FROM ME.

MY LORD. THE MANOR WAS EMPTY.

NO SIGN OF THE SORCERESS.

YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS.

SEE WHAT?

CIPHER'S LAB

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DEAD PEOPLE DON'T RUN UP A POWER BILL.

NOBODY TOUCH ANYTHING.

IS THAT GUY... FLOATING?

QUIVERING CUBE.

IT'S GOT MY ARM!

SHLUK

OKAY. ARROWS: BAD.

FWOOM

SPLATCH

IT ALL GOES BACK TO THE LIGHT!

MEANWHILE...

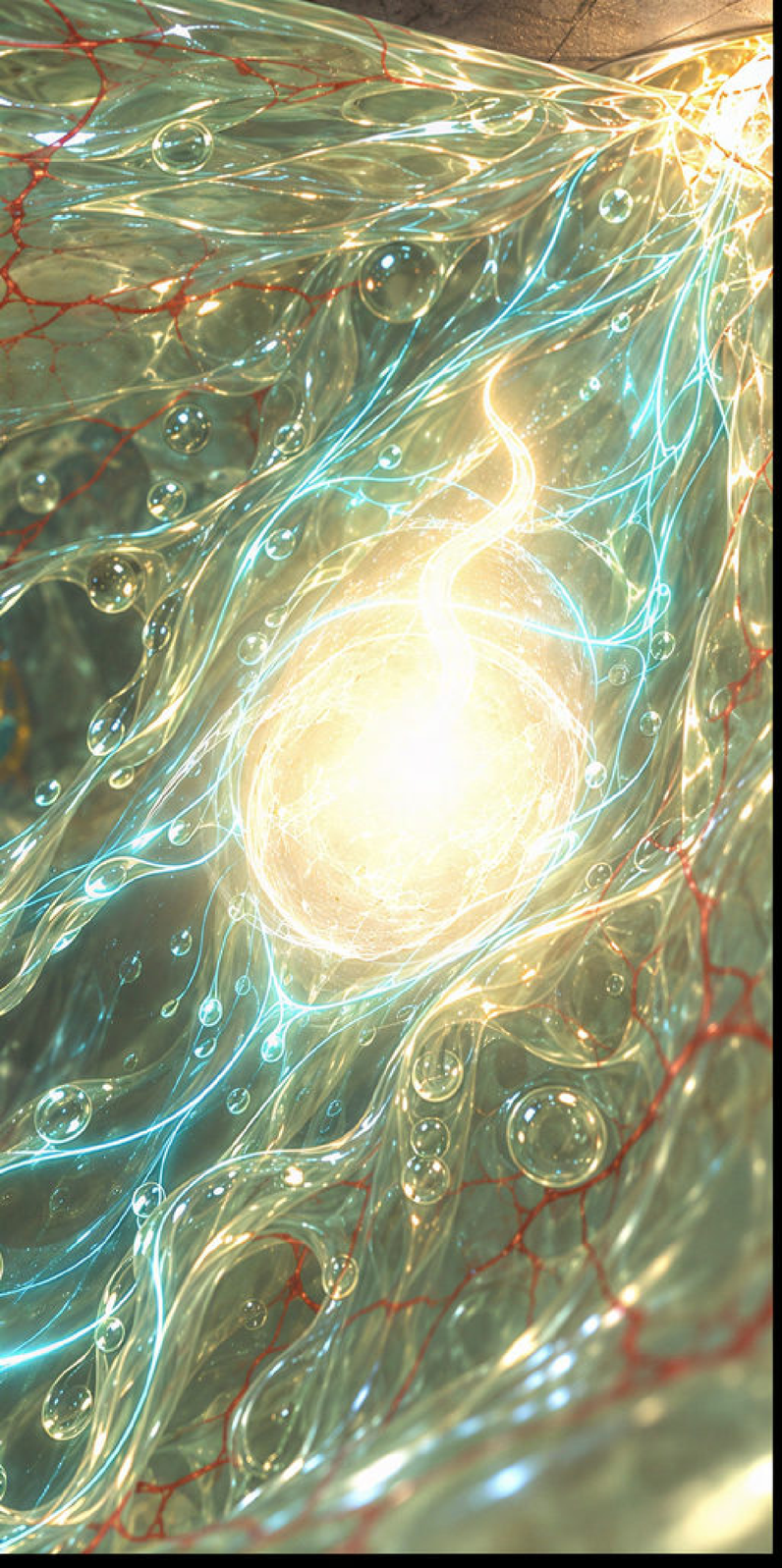
JUST LET ME IN!

LOCKED

KZZT

LOCKED

SHANTI. HOLD IT STILL.




SHLOOP


BLORRP





MEANWHILE...

LOCKED

ELLA

THEY'RE OK... THEY DIDN'T NEED ME.

THAT'S NOT NORTH.

HE GOT CLOSE.

THIS LIGHT IS PULLING UPWARDS.

WELL.

IT'S A START.