

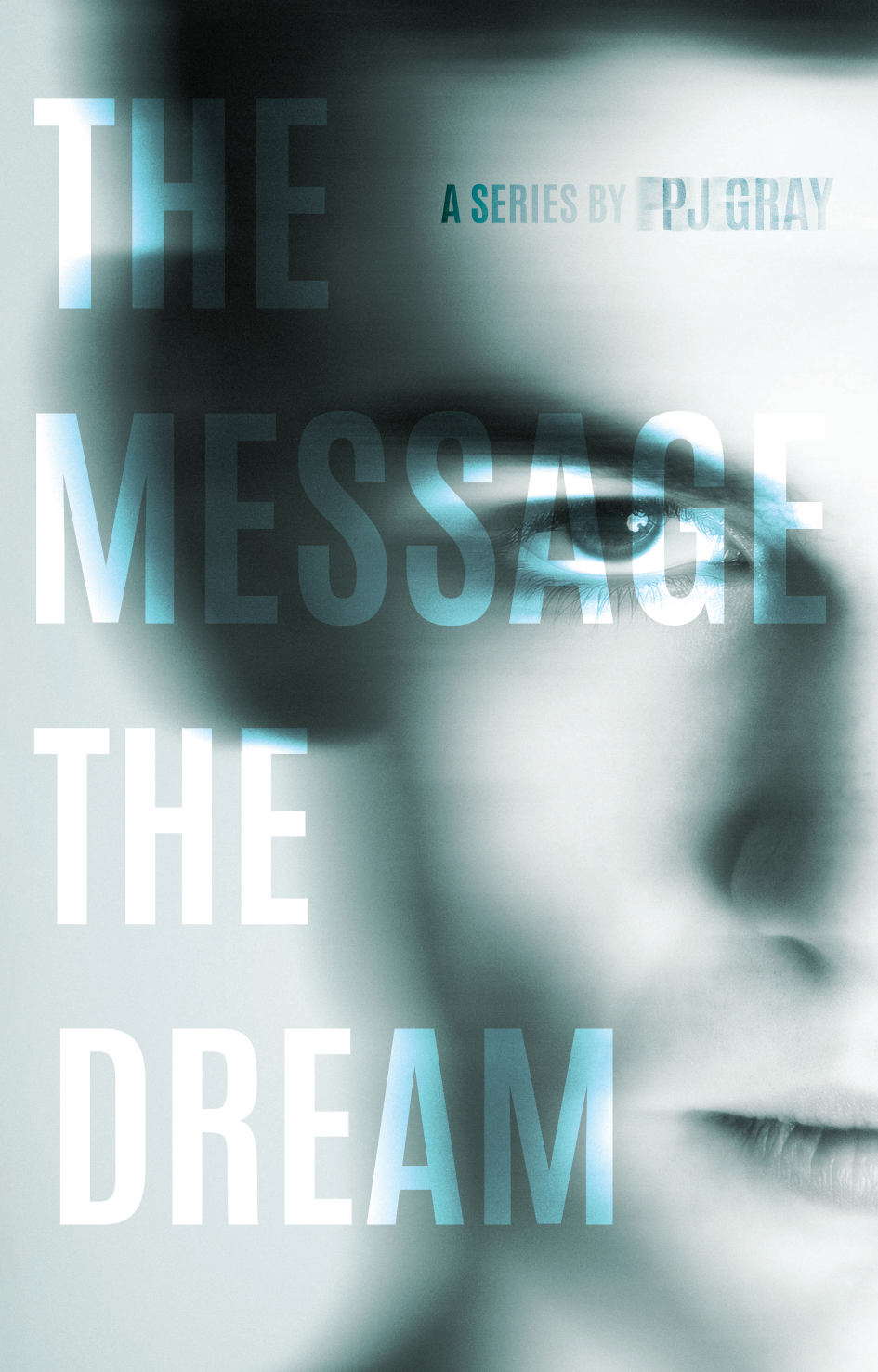
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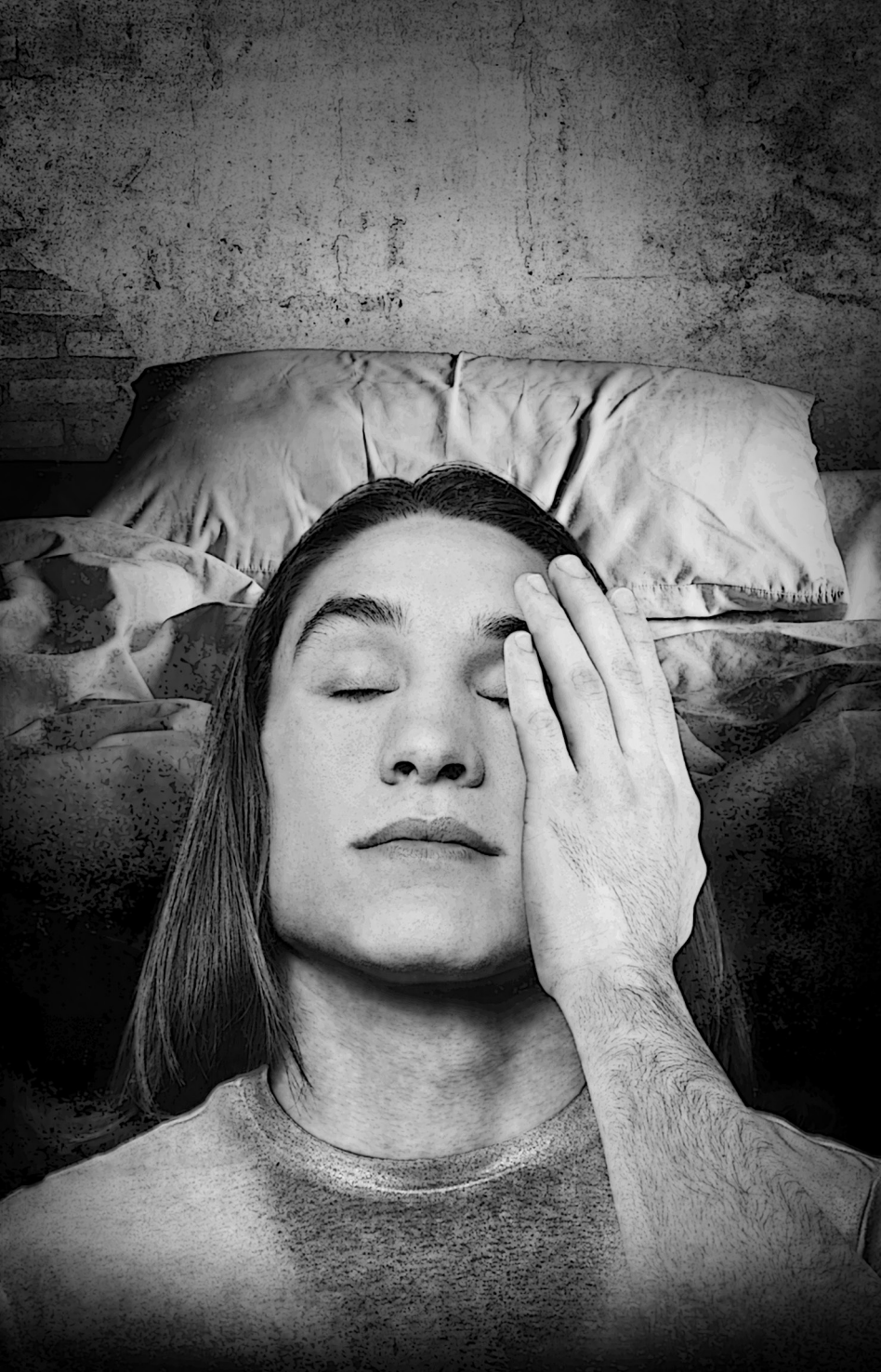
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MESSAGE

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# THE CALL

*Ring! Ring! Ring!*

It was the phone. Dack heard it.

His mom picked it up. "Dack!" she yelled from the kitchen. "Phone for you."

Dack came into the kitchen. He took the phone from his mom.

"I think it's your boss, Jim," she said. "I couldn't hear him well."

"Hello?" Dack said.

“Dack,” the voice said.

“Yes, this is Dack.”

“It’s me,” the voice said. “It’s Tim.”

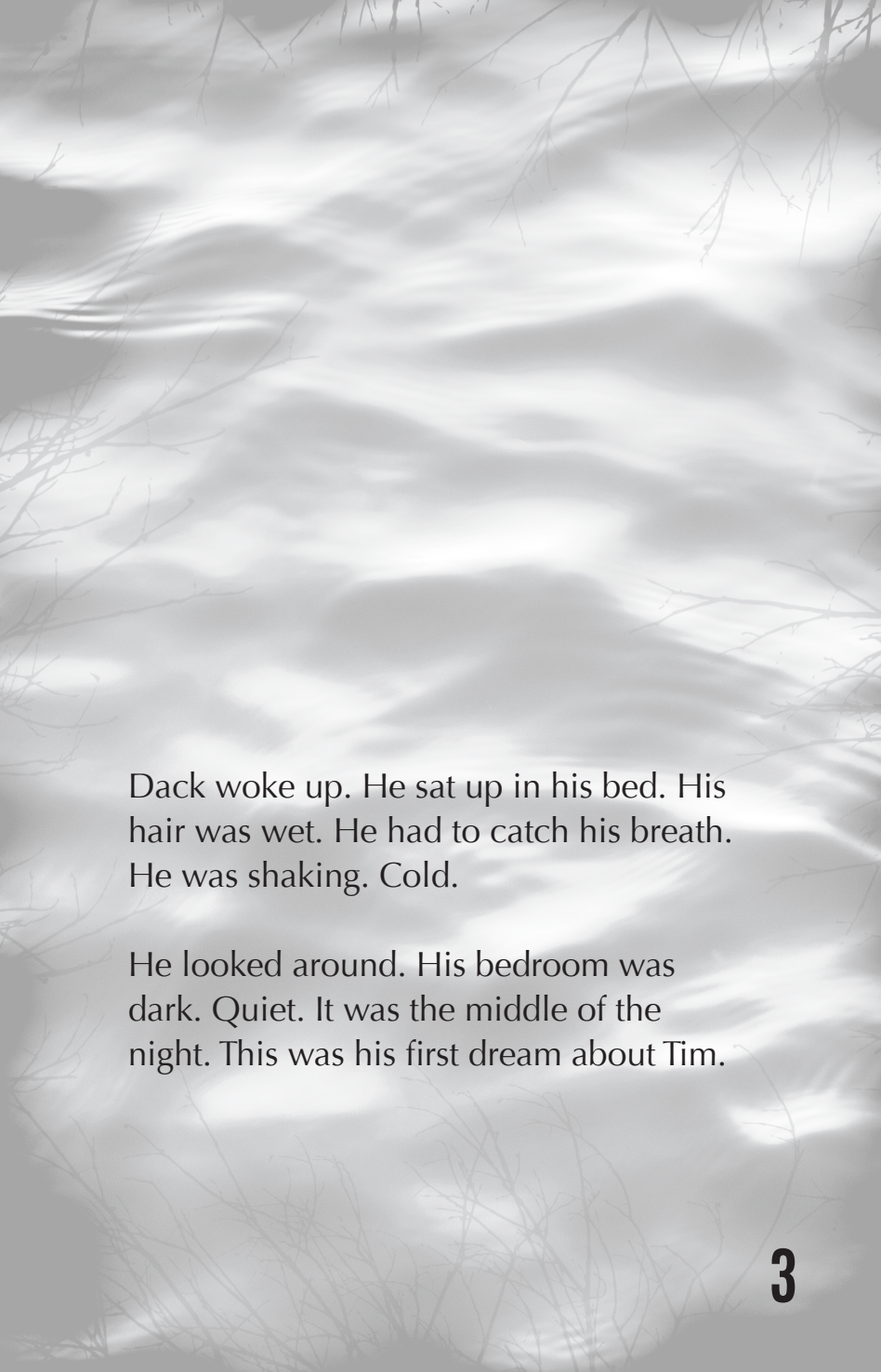
“Hey, Tim. What’s up?” Dack asked.

“We have to talk,” Tim said.

“Why?” Dack asked.

“I’m dead.”

“No!” Dack yelled.



Dack woke up. He sat up in his bed. His hair was wet. He had to catch his breath. He was shaking. Cold.

He looked around. His bedroom was dark. Quiet. It was the middle of the night. This was his first dream about Tim.



# FRIENDS

“What was that?” he asked out loud. His friend Tim was in his dream. But why? What did it mean? Tim had been missing for weeks. No one could find him.

Dakota Peck and Tim Ward were friends. They grew up together.

Dakota was known as “Dack.” Everybody called him that. Dack was shy. He had some friends. But not many.

He lived with his mom. Mrs. Peck was a land agent. She sold land and houses.

Tim Ward was a good guy. He was smart. Made good grades. His parents were nice. They loved him. Tim was an only child, like Dack.





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# THE MESSAGE BOOK 1 THE DREAM

Tim had been missing for weeks. Dack was worried. They had been friends a long time. But things changed. Dack got a part-time job. Tim became addicted to gaming. And speed. Then Dack had the dream.



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# MISSING

Dakota “Dack” Peck was in big trouble.

Dack had some strange dreams. The dreams made no sense. They led him to Mrs. Miller’s house. Mrs. Miller was his math teacher last year.

Dack broke into the Millers’ house. He had to find answers. The dreams were too real. Tim Ward was his friend. He had been missing for a while. Tim visited Dack in his dreams.

Dack knew Tim took drugs. Tim was in trouble. Dack just knew it.

“I know some stuff,” Tim said. “It will blow this town up. I’m going to the press, man.”

That was the last day Dack saw Tim. Then Tim went missing. His new car was found. He was not in it. The police could not find him.

Mrs. Miller's husband was a local cop.  
"He's on that case," she had said.

Dack stood in the Millers' home. His  
dreams had brought him here. He was  
looking for clues. Something. Anything.

But what? He kept thinking of his dreams.  
The number 1-1-5-5. Water. Mrs. Miller's  
house. Were these clues?





Then he heard a sound. Voices?

The front door!

Someone was coming.





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# THE MESSAGE BOOK 2 DARK WATER

The number was everywhere. *1-1-5-5*  
What did it mean? Dack's dreams were  
disturbing. There was dark water. His  
teacher Mrs. Miller. And the same number.  
Were they clues?



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