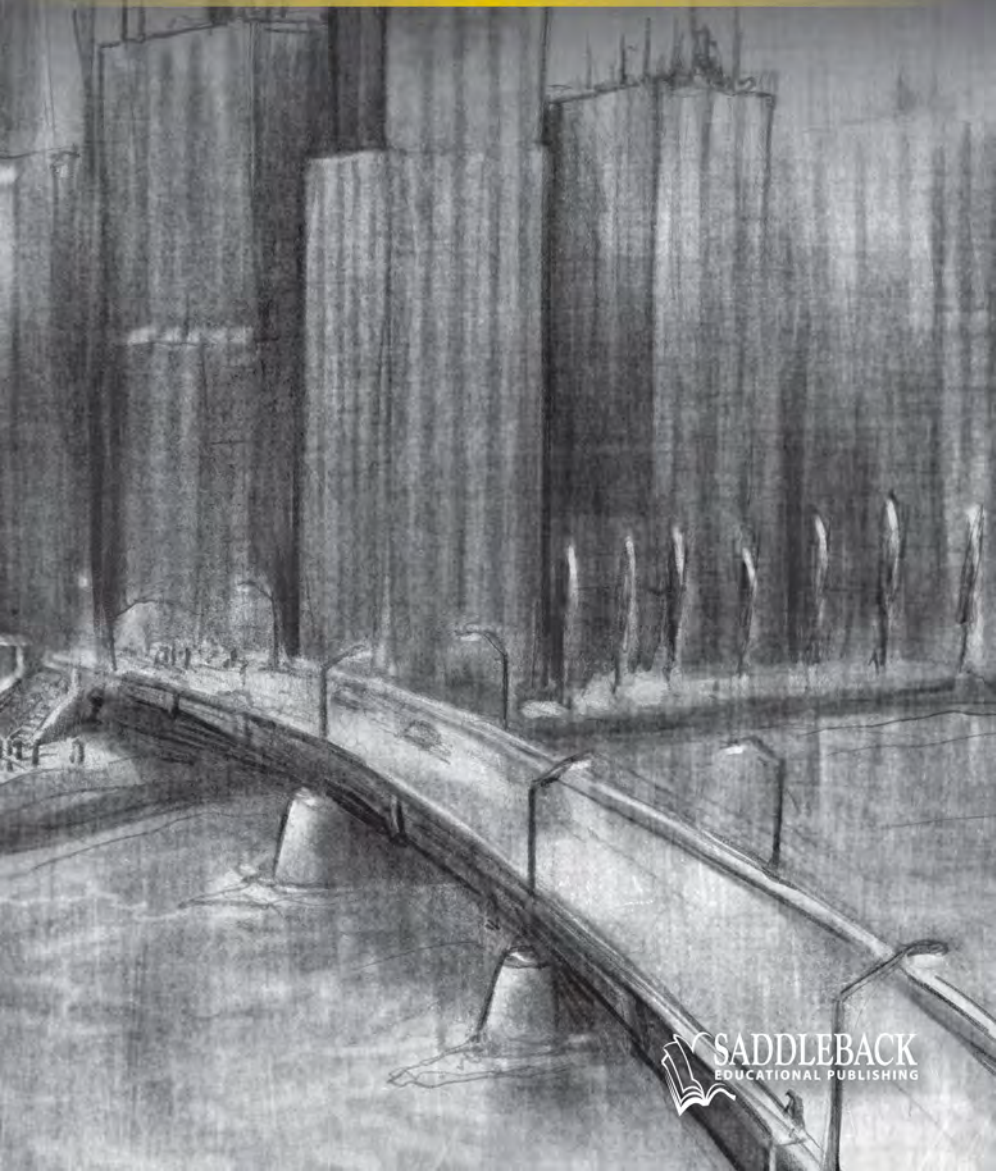


DARK MAN

THE BRIDGE OF DARK TEARS

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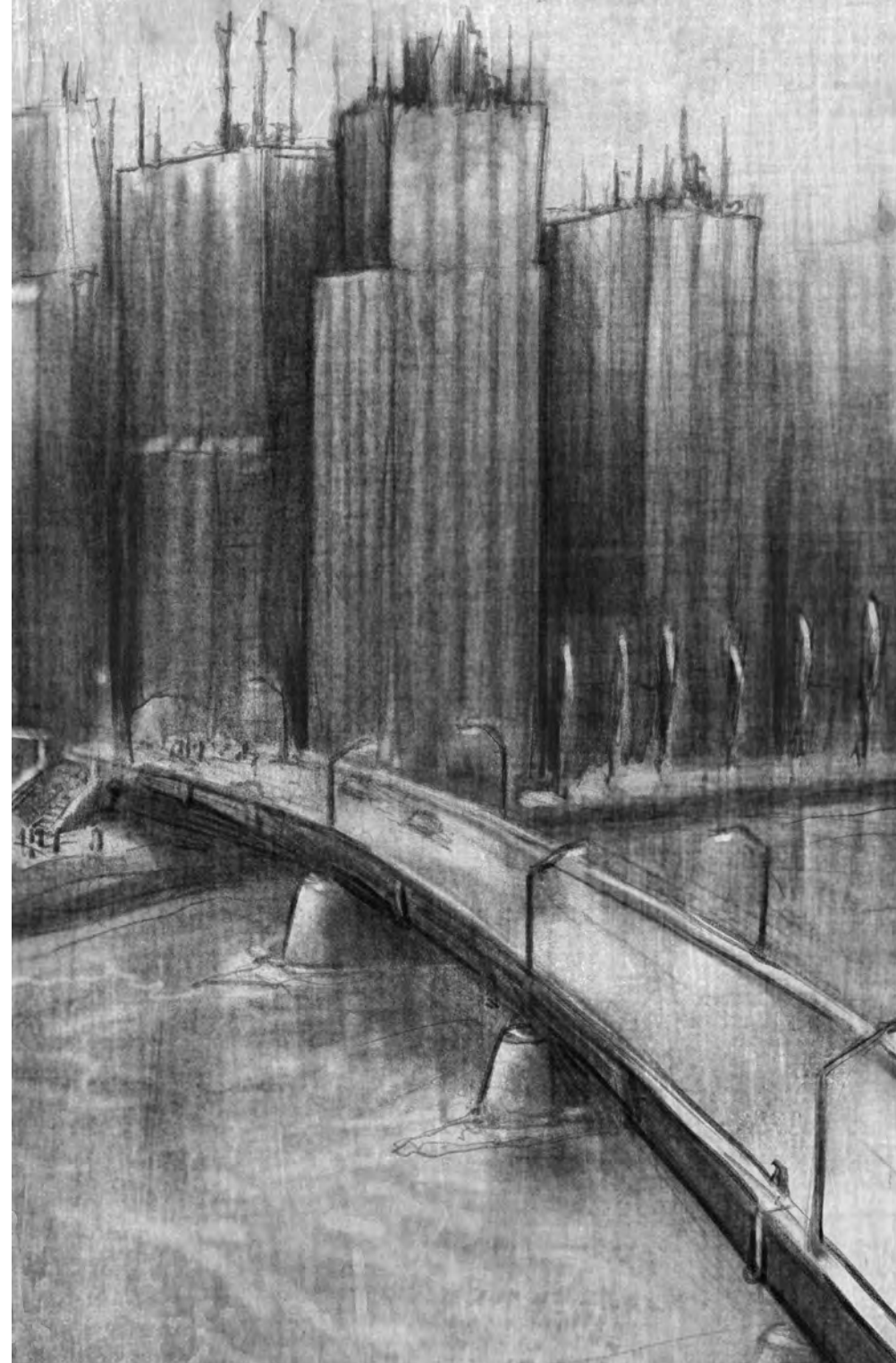
Chapter One: Beautiful but Sad

A river runs through the city.

The waters are black and thick with waste.

Late one night, a girl waits alone on a bridge
that crosses the river.

The girl is called Josie.



She is beautiful, but she is always sad.

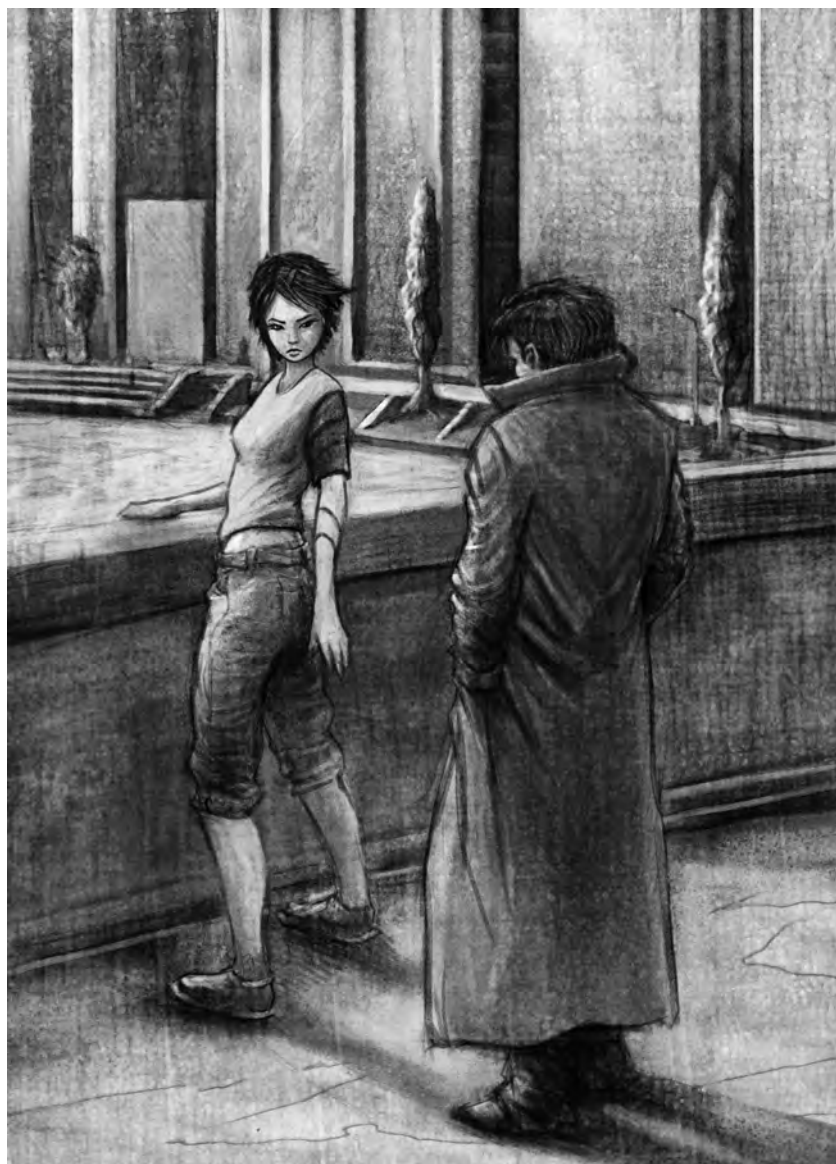
Tonight, she is waiting for the Dark Man.

As she looks down into the poisoned water, a voice comes from behind her.

“The Old Man told me that I would find you here. You must be Josie.”

Josie turns to see the Dark Man.

“I did not hear your footsteps,” she says.



The Dark Man smiles. "It pays to move quietly after dark."

Josie nods.

"The Old Man has asked me to help you. He thinks that I can find something that most people cannot see."

The Dark Man sees the sadness in Josie's eyes.

"The Old Man is usually right about such things," he says.

He takes Josie by the hand.

“Come on,” he says. “It will be safer to look during the day.”