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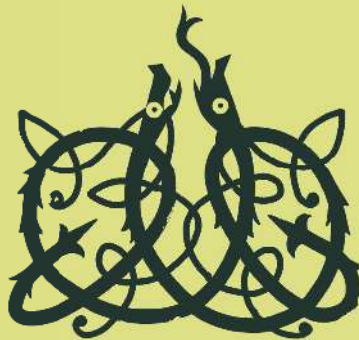
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For all the mythological creatures living among us.

Thanks for the stories. ~ E. C.

For my folks, Nick & Rose –
the source of all my magic. ~ S. McC.



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Everybody in Ireland knows that banshees are supernatural harbingers of doom. But what most people don't realize is that young banshees, who are called "bansheenies" by the way, don't just appear – they are grown in pods on the underside of a fairy bridge.

When their pod becomes transparent, the bansheenie will bond with the first human they see.

And now the bansheenie knows everything about that person, including ...





when they will die.

And then the bansheenie's only job is to appear in front of their person and howl the banshee's howl at them.

This might sound a bit creepy, but Irish folk know all about banshees and are generally grateful for the heads-up, which gives them a few days to give farewell hugs, or do that one job they've been meaning to do for ages, or reconnect with someone they fell out with over something silly.

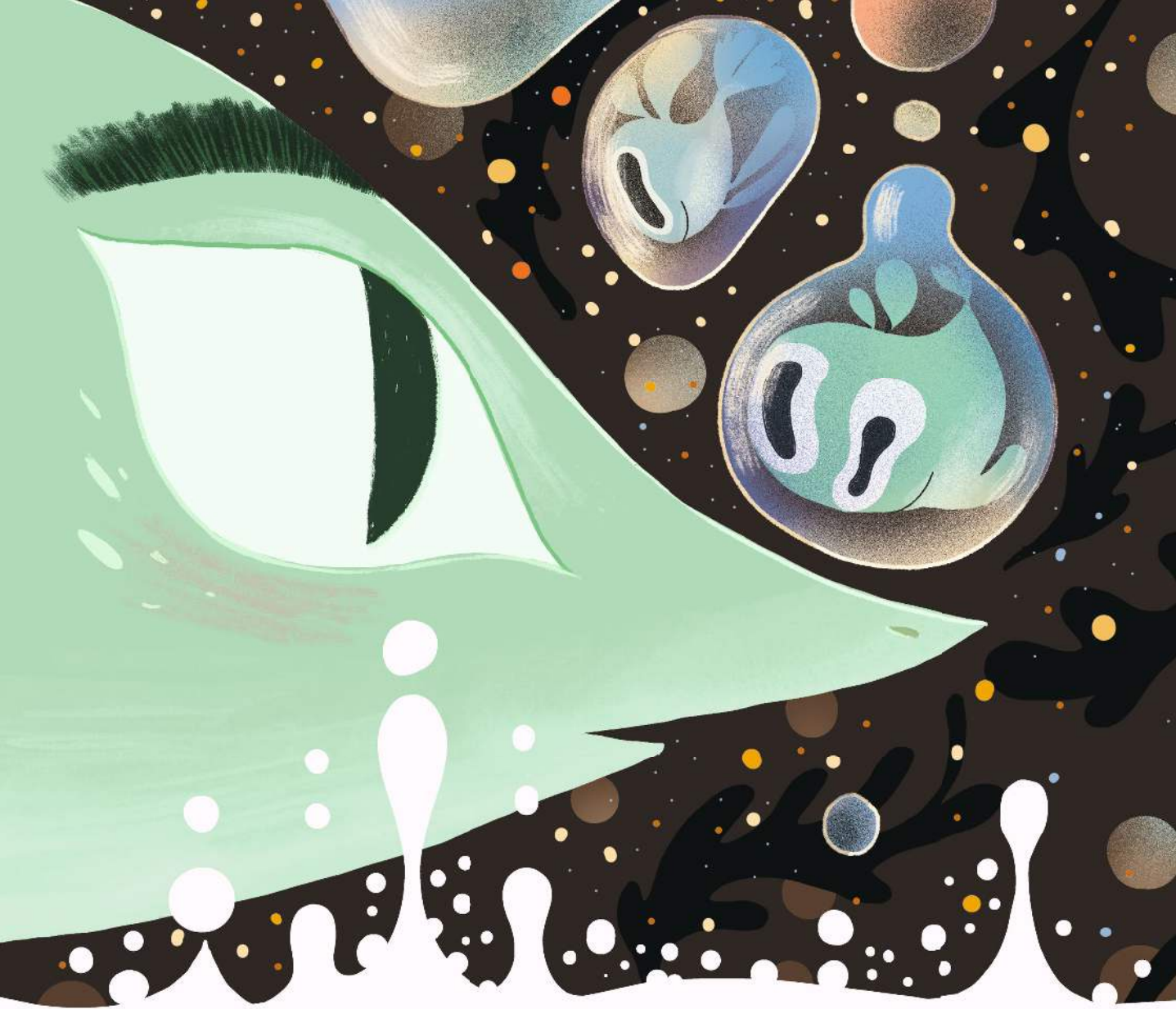




Unfortunately, at the very moment the bansheenie from this story spotted her human, a girl with a red streak in her hair called Rose, her pod was knocked loose from the fairy bridge and it dropped into the water-logged ditch, all before the bansheenie could bond with her human and absorb the information she needed.







The bansheenie bobbed in the water for weeks before she grew big enough to hatch out of the pod.

Occasionally she caught sight of the girl, Rose, through the thicket, but mostly she saw only water.