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Special thanks to Mary Gardner for the photographs. Based loosely on the song "My Father's House" by Bruce Springsteen.

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Pain (p)

Reverie (r)

Comfort (c)

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You feel some draw back to the house that you grew up in. You hit the road, headed towards your old town, but you are not entirely sure where you are going.

Roll 3d6

You've forgotten where your house is (-2c)
You have a vague sense of the street you grew up on (+1r)
You remember the house (+1p, +1c)
You don't want to go back, but drive towards it (+2p)

Reverie (r)



You arrive in the town you grew up in, and memories flood your mind. You pull over downtown and walk, reflecting on:

Roll 3d6

Where your childhood friends are (-2r)
3. What businesses are still open (+1r)
4,5. if your favorite teacher is still around (+1c)
6. If you should be here at all (+1p)





Later, you walk in the woods near the house that you grew up in, pondering what has drawn you to this place. You vaguely remember that you had a dream a few months ago about these woods, a figure, and your childhood home.

Roll 3d6

- 1. You decide to head towards your childhood home, positively (+1c, +1r)
 - 2, 3. You start to feel negative emotions from somewhere (+2p)
 - 4, 5. You feel anxious and nervous, but up for the challenge (+1p, +1c)

6. You want to leave, but stay anyway (+1p, +1r)

Comfort (c)	Pain (p)	Reverie (r)



As you are headed towards your childhood home, you run into someone you know.

Roll 3d6

Your favorite teacher from High School (+1c, +1r)
2, 3. An ex (+1p, -1c)
4, 5. A friend you used to play board games with (+2r)
6. Your old babysitter (+1c, +1r)





After talking with them, you continue on towards your childhood home. It is dusk, and you approach with hesitation.

Roll 3d6

- 1. the lot where your house stood is empty, you go to the house next door (+2p, -2c, -1r)
 - 2, 3. your house looks worn, and needs some care (-1r, +1p)
 - 4, 5. your house is exactly as you remember (+1c, +1r)
 - 6. You take a seat on the front steps to rest (+1r, go to the back of the book)

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You walk up the steps and stand on the front porch. Someone you don't recognize speaks to you through a chained door. You tell them your story and who you'd come for, they say:

Roll 3d6

 "I'm sorry, no one by that name lives here anymore." (-2c, -2r)
2,3. "I bought the house from them, they live in ______ now." (-2p)
4, 5. "They moved just down the block, they would love to see you." (-1p, +1c)
6. "Are you they're child? They asked me to give this to you." (+2c, +2r)







You get dressed and, determined to resolve things with your family, you drive to the house you grew up in. From the road, you can see the windows shining brightly.

Roll 3d6

You don't want to go to the house, but are determined (-1p)
You sit in the car and listen to "My Father's House" by Bruce Springsteen, because this all feels earily familar (+1r)
You pace up and down the street (+1c)
You walk up to the sidewalk without fear (-1p)

Comfort (c)	Pain (p)	Reverie (r)



You awake and imagine all of the things that have torn your family apart. (-1r)

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You keep running, looking for your home. Brambles and branches are tearing your clothes and scratching your arms. But then, in your dream, you find one of your parents, and fall into their arms.

Roll 3d6

Your parent comforts you (+1c, +1r)
You tremble in your parents arms (+1c, +1p)
You look at their face and it withers away (-1c, -1r, +1p)
You realize no one is holding you as you fall to the ground and wake up (-2c, +2p, go to the front of the book).

Pain (p)	Reverie (r)
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You start through the forrest, in your dream, and come upon a field.

Roll 3d6

You hear ghostly voices coming from the field (-1c, -1r)
Something grabs you from behind and you wake up (+1p, go to the front of the book)
4,5. You feel the devil at your heels (-2c)
You see the lights of a house and you run towards it (+2c)

Comfort (c)	Pain (p)	Reverie (r)



Last night I had the strangest dream... I was a child, lost in the pines, and was trying to make it home before the darkness fell...

Roll 3d6

You wake up (+1p, go to the front of the book)
You get your bearings and start to run towards where home should be (-1c)
You hear something behind you, and run in a random direction (+1p)
You see a shadowy figure and run away from it (-1c, -1r)

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