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The Exiles

PRAISE:

"This small, frozen, frightening world, this gapped, intense, ferocious world, this world of tremors, of shiverings, of longings stripped bare and desires reclothed, this world of muted visions and vivid nightmares, of terrible tenderness, this world of exile, *The Exiles*, by Matthew Kirkpatrick, this strange and powerful work, this world."

— LAIRD HUNT, author of *Kind One*

ABOUT THE CHAP:

The Exiles charts a known world through a cracked lens, begging the question of whether the characters or the universe itself is unreliable. An alienated young boy believes that his father is imprisoned in the basement and devolving to a subhuman state. A teenage girl suffers constant surveillance by her paranoid parents, caged in the claustrophobic interior of her house; her only escape is hours of compulsive exercise on the front porch. When these neighbors become aware of each other's suffering, intimacy and honesty ignite, offering a possible escape.

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