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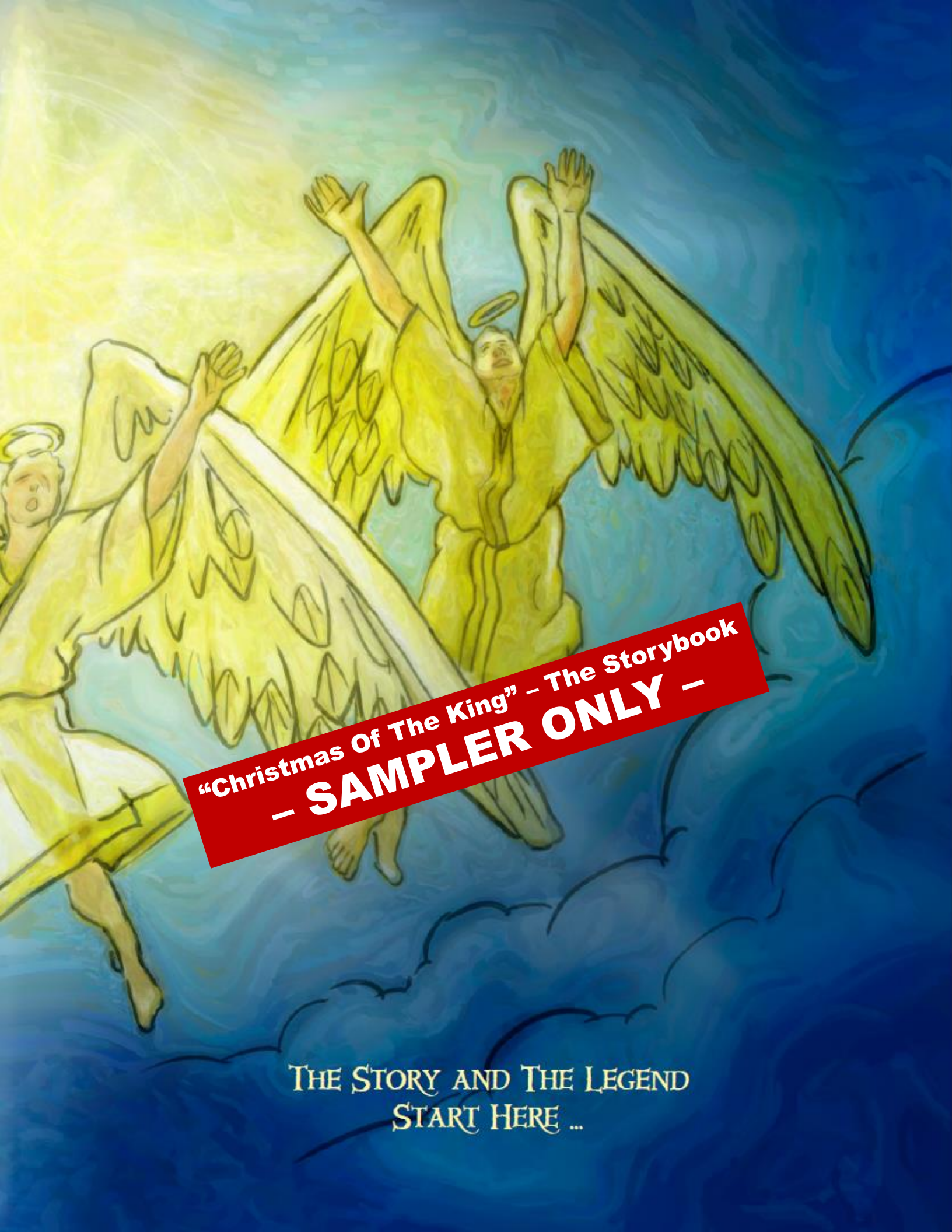
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PROLOGUE

Come gather 'round, Children
the tree is near' trimmed
the rooftops are

Snuggled

In the Tale of

A Christmas Eve
long, long ago

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THE LEGEND BEGINS

'Twas way and away
way far away in a Land
never touched
by Time

There once lived a King
just a Legend some say
with a story for your Heart
and mine

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'Twas deep in the Mountains
deep in the Past and deep
in the depths of
Despair –

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Their Gladness would grow
to a feverish pitch as
The Grand Celebrations
drew near

And Everyone knew as
The Good King did too
'twas the most precious
Time of the Year



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But –

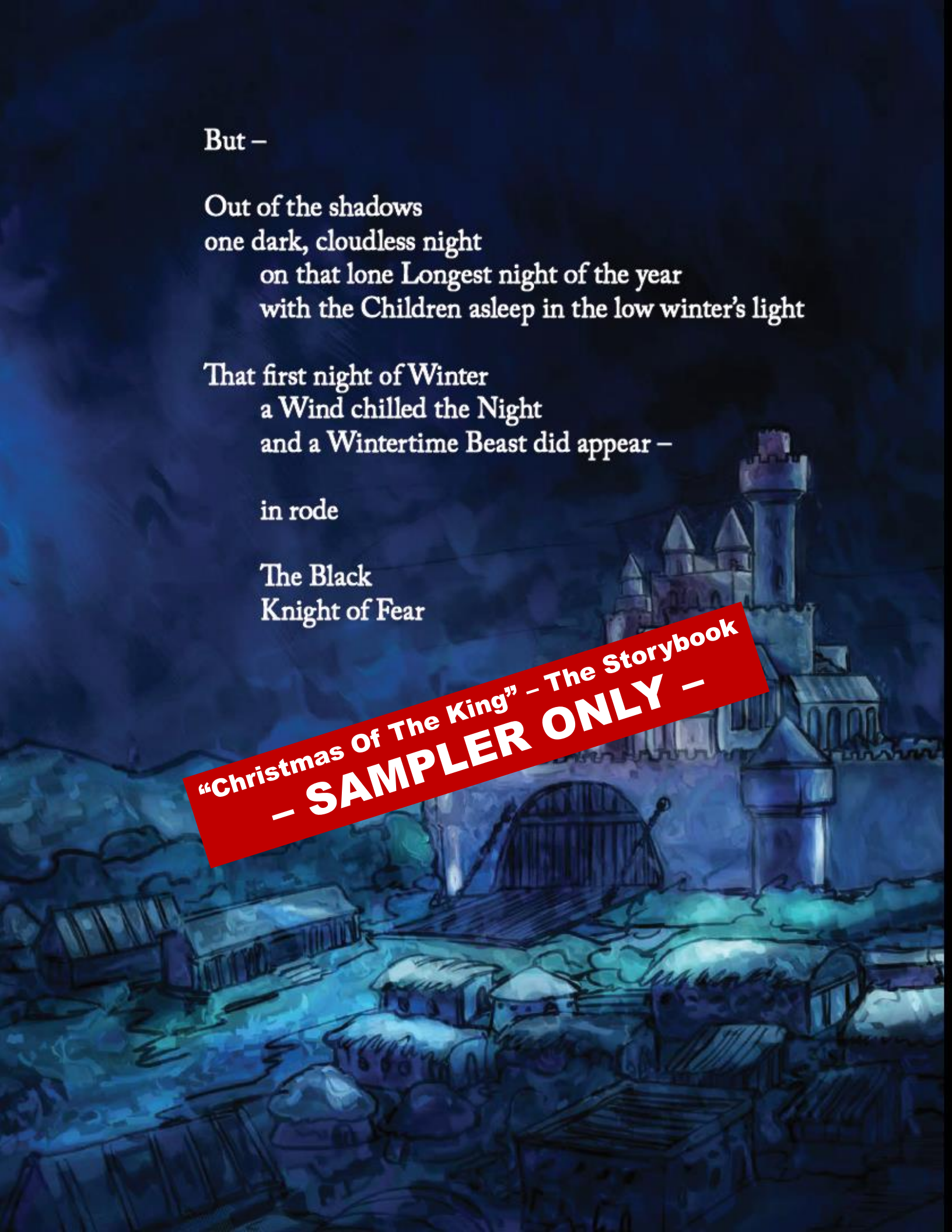
Out of the shadows
one dark, cloudless night
on that lone Longest night of the year
with the Children asleep in the low winter's light


That first night of Winter
a Wind chilled the Night
and a Wintertime Beast did appear –

in rode

The Black
Knight of Fear

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There midst the brilliance
a Child appeared
as the Babe
in the

Manger of Olde

And a Voice
could be heard
which spoke loud a word
and The Word
which it
spoke
was

“Behold!”

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“Here is my Son
who well pleases my Heart
and who all His Life
I have Loved

Like you,
I’m a Father
who once lost
My Child

and I feel your Pain
here above...”



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– that very
same Moment the
King’s Heart was changed
and never again
was the same

He gathered his
Children and hugged them
with Joy – then to his whole
Kingdom proclaimed:

“The Winters may come. The Winters may go.
And the Snows and the Seasons depart!
But I’ll ever hold dear this
One Day of the Year –

*And keep Christmas here
in My Heart!”*