THE SWAN DOES NOT WAIT

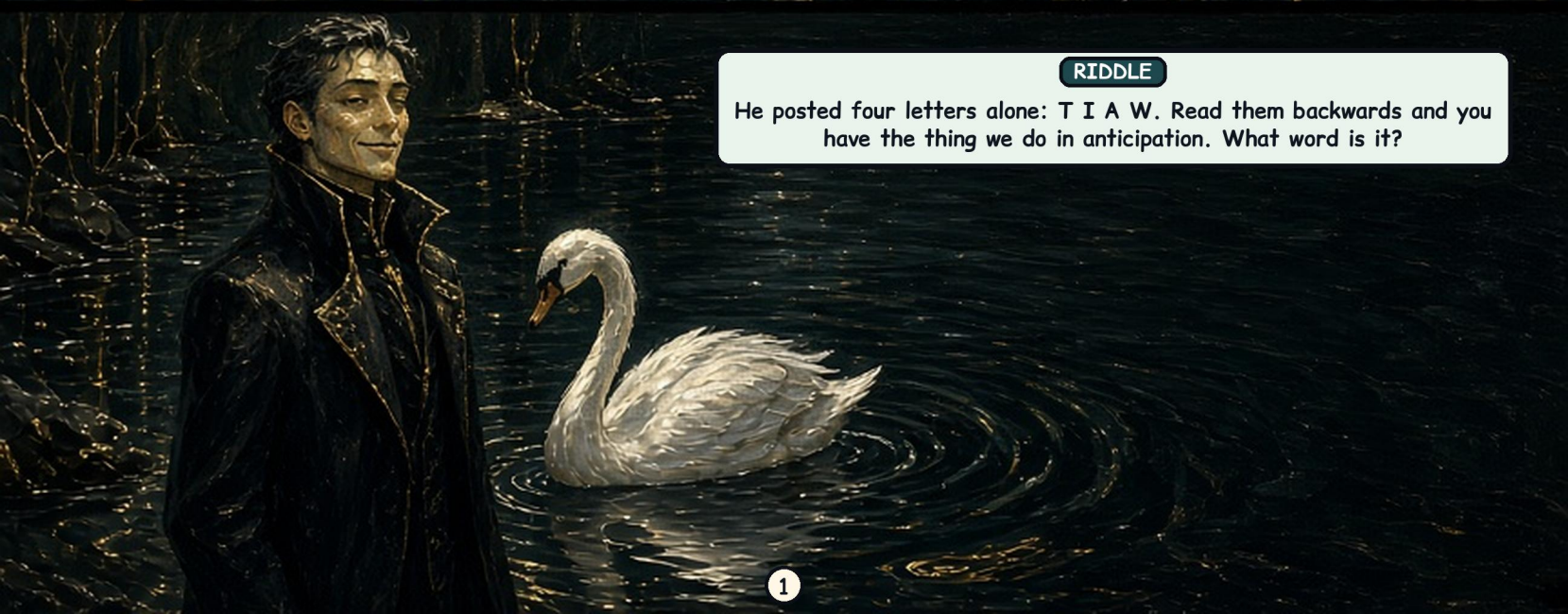


A Mr Pool Riddle Comic

Inspired by @_mr_pool_

Some words only make sense when you turn them around...





RIDDLE

He posted four letters alone: T I A W. Read them backwards and you have the thing we do in anticipation. What word is it?

Numbers hid letters. Letters hid a sentence. The sentence hid a bird.



RIDDLE

Octal became hex, and the hex was English written backwards. What five-word sentence did Mr Pool leave?

In the dance of duality, a portal waits unseen.



RIDDLE

In the dance of duality, where 1 mirrors 1, lies a portal unseen. What time did Mr Pool post?

The laughing figure smiles once.

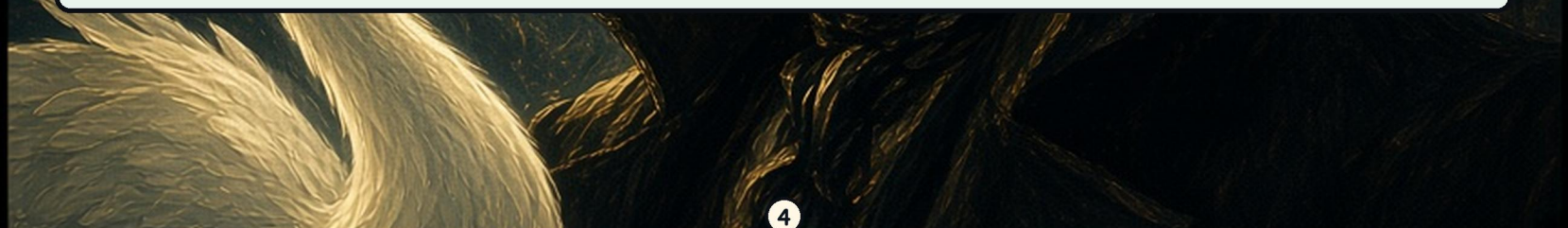






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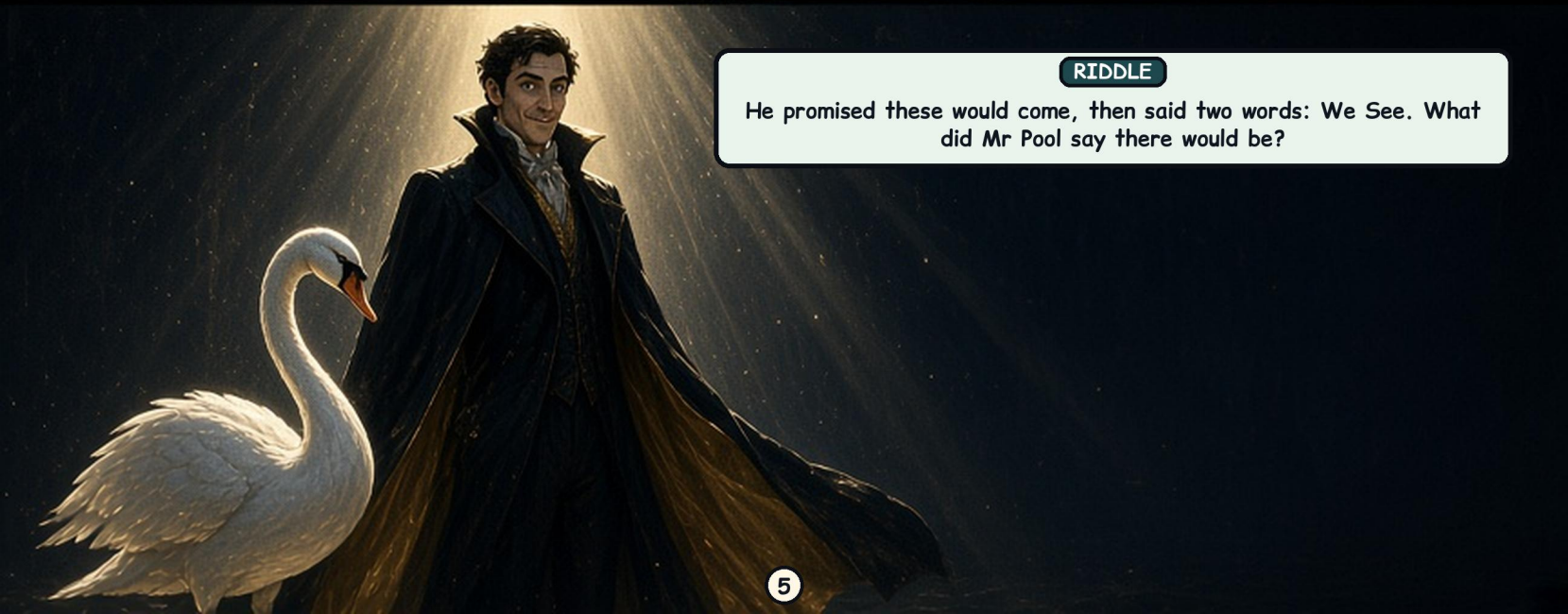
His early video was five letters. Flip them around and the laughing figure does this once. What word appears?



There will be signs. Eyes open. We see.







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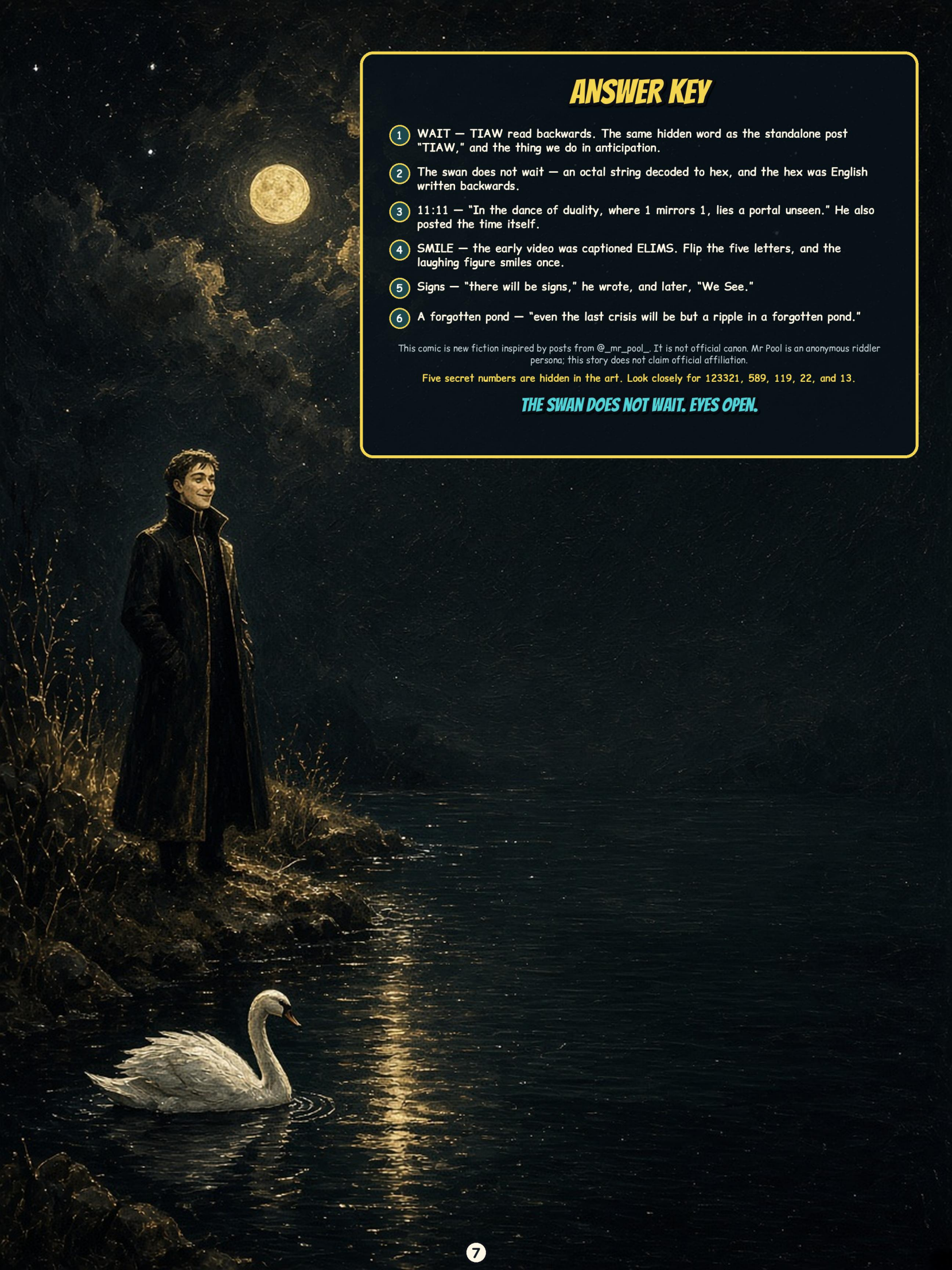
He promised these would come, then said two words: We See. What did Mr Pool say there would be?

In anticipation we wait. The time has arrived.



RIDDLE

Even the last crisis, he wrote, will be but a ripple in this place. What did he call the water?



ANSWER KEY

1. WAIT — TIAW read backwards. The same hidden word as the standalone post "TIAW," and the thing we do in anticipation.
2. The swan does not wait — an octal string decoded to hex, and the hex was English written backwards.
3. 11:11 — "In the dance of duality, where 1 mirrors 1, lies a portal unseen." He also posted the time itself.
4. SMILE — the early video was captioned ELIMS. Flip the five letters, and the laughing figure smiles once.
5. Signs — "there will be signs," he wrote, and later, "We See."
6. A forgotten pond — "even the last crisis will be but a ripple in a forgotten pond."

This comic is new fiction inspired by posts from @_mr_pool_. It is not official canon. Mr Pool is an anonymous riddler persona; this story does not claim official affiliation.

Five secret numbers are hidden in the art. Look closely for 123321, 589, 119, 22, and 13.

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