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Her lonely lips, born of an unrequited love, whisper to the trees. Secrets only known, by the falling leaves. She paints herself with color, stolen from laboring hands of Summer's harvest. Met with scowls for this rapacity, but how else is she to be noticed? Defined by darkness she sows, and a sauntering cold she herds from pasture. The intimate undertaking as the Bringer of Death, Exhausts her, exhausts Mother. She sends Earth's children. into the arms of Morpheus. For him, For her beloved. For Winter. But he only melts for Spring.