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Co-op Poet Publishes

A Norse Myth for the Waning Moon

The moon is a young apple in the sky.
 Each night a great bear,
 a black-furred, black-tempered bear
 bites the apple.
 Nibbles each night
 at the succulent fruit, the white
 flesh gnawed by pointed teeth.
 Pierced to the core,
 seeds scattered to blackbirds and mice,
 the apple is devoured.
 Giant fangs flash like stars against the void.
 Trees whisper the black bears hunger
 as he browses a barren field.

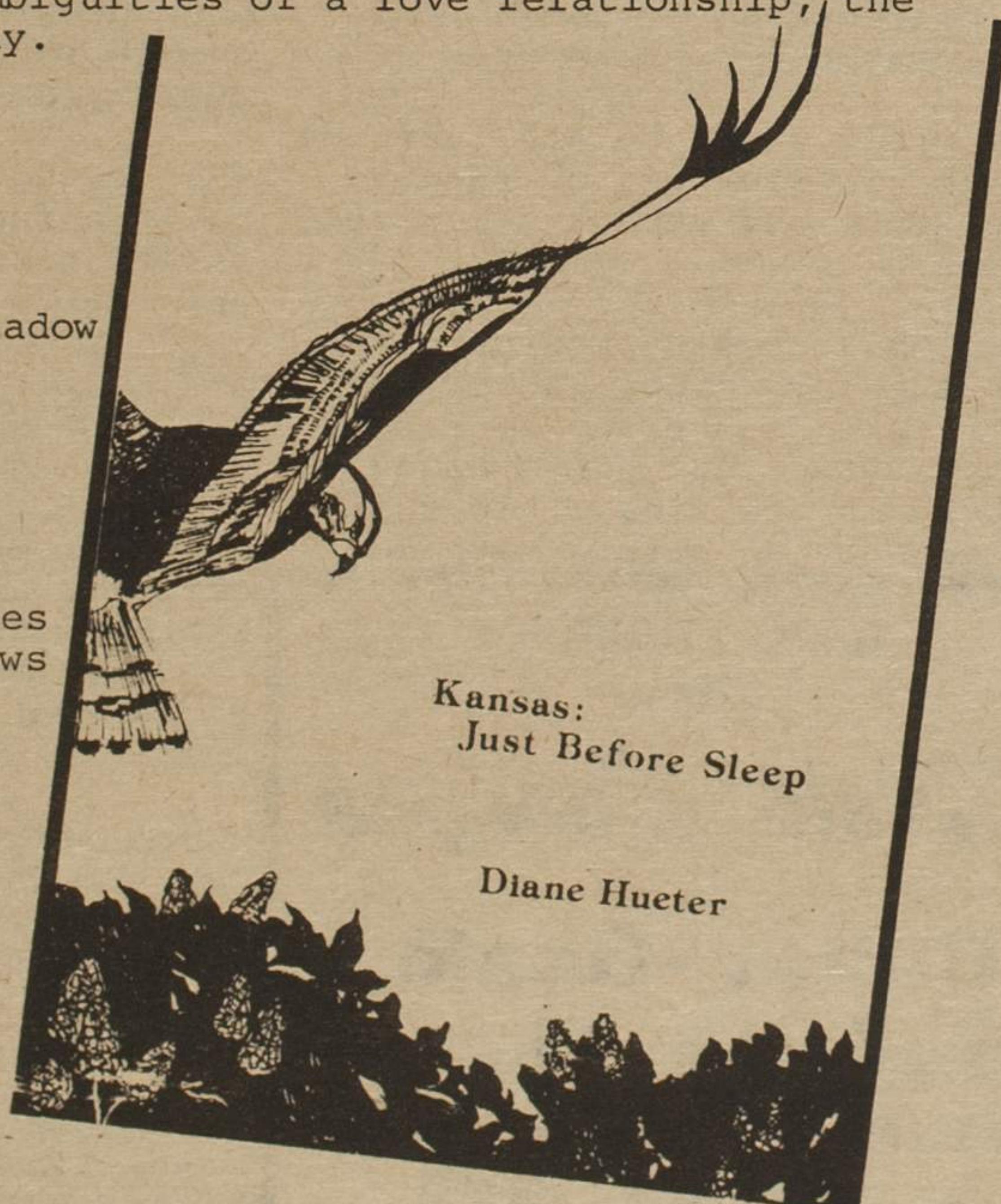
Kansas: Just Before Sleep by Diane Hueter is a fine book both to read and to hold. The poems are solid with no wasted words. They tell us how it is to be connected; connected to two daughters, a husband, and the natural world surrounding them. That Kansas wind blows through here, the ambiguities of a love relationship, the exuberance of the night sky.

Josie's Poem

Mother
 wash your face
 let loose your hair
 and come with me to the meadow

Up the hill to the pond
 We could take off
 all our clothes
 glide like snakes
 through the water
 We could sit on our haunches
 like frogs in muddy shallows
 and trap the tiny ones
 between our fingers

Mother
 wash your face
 take the tired knots
 from your hair
 now before the sun
 goes down
 we must see the cornfields
 sparkle
 one final wave of green.

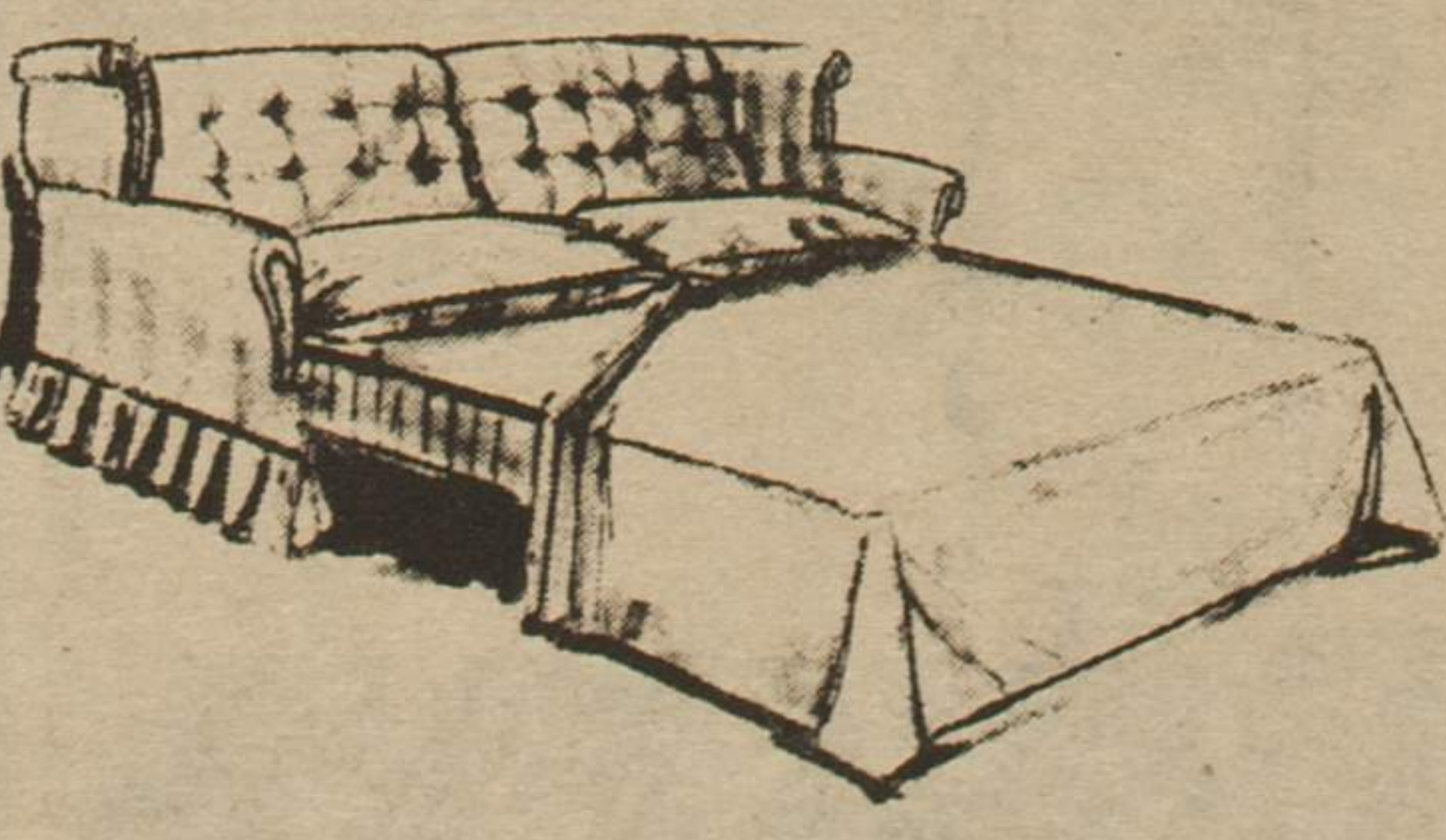


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