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# Foreword

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## " A Tale That Grew in the Telling "

When we invited a group of artists to collaborate on the ninth edition of the Henna Page Calendar, we started with “Great Queens” as our theme. However, as the artists developed their ideas and the mood boards grew in size and number, we found we had enough material for several future editions and the scope of the project had expanded beyond queens to beings of great power and ability; spirit creatures, gods and goddesses and warriors, both male and female and their stories, which come to us heavily embellished as they were retold, generation after generation. Over the next several years, through bodyart, photography, graphic design and poetry, we hope to delight the eye and the imagination with stories and images inspired by history, myth and legend.

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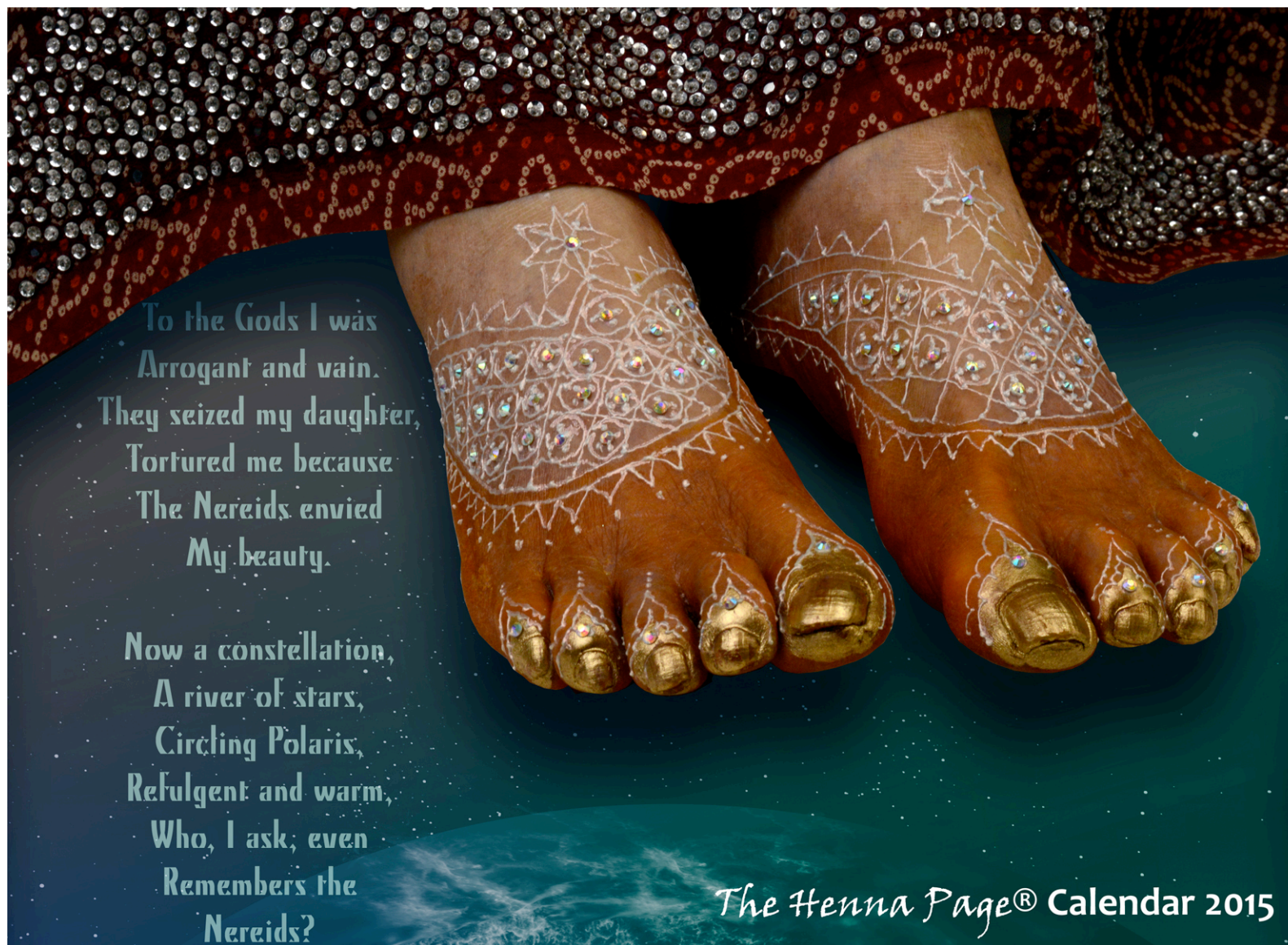
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Catherine



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## Cassiopeia

To the Gods I was  
Arrogant and vain.  
They seized my daughter,  
Tortured me because  
The Nereids envied  
My beauty.

Now a constellation,  
A river of stars,  
Circling Polaris,  
Refulgent and warm,  
Who, I ask, even  
Remembers the  
Nereids?

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ओम नमः शिवाय

Mahadeva,  
the greatest of all gods  
Rudra,  
the god of the roaring storm  
Mahakala,  
the destroyer of time  
Bhairava,  
the leader of ghouls

Shiva

He opens his third eye  
A conflagration of purity  
He raises his arms  
A dance of Creation

Om Namaha Shivaya

## February

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**Boudicca**

I am not here out of pride,  
Or to recover my kingdom  
Or to regain  
My plundered wealth.

I take this field to avenge  
My scarred body,  
My ravished daughters.

The vindictive gods  
Are now at hand.  
The Romans, even now,  
Recoil in terror.

Behold: the warlike spirits  
Consider: the avenging  
sword.

On this spot,  
We will conquer  
Or die.

**March**

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## Clotilda and Clovis

You must have faith, my love,  
That He will grant you  
Honor and glory.

I will not.

You must pray, my lord,  
His Grace will bring  
Victory over the Alemanni.

I will not.

You must, my leige,  
Embrace the one true God,  
Or you will surely die.

I will not.

You must, my king,  
Be baptized,  
Lest our people perish.

I will live.  
I will be victorious.  
I will be baptized.

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### Catherine the Great

They forced me to marry  
That drunkard from Holstein.  
No matter. My will was ever  
Stronger than his.

They tried to make me  
Biddable, but I seized  
Their stratagems,  
Their arrangements,  
And made them  
My own.

A marriage, a coup,  
An assassination.

Born Princess Sophia.  
Died Ekaterina Alekseyevna

## May

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**By the Shore of the  
Shetland Sea**

Walking along the strand,  
He comes upon  
A wondrous sight.  
He watches, amazed,  
Enthralled, captivated.

They dance and dance  
By the light of the  
Gibbous moon.  
They finish their  
Measure and  
Take up their skins.  
Sliding into them,  
The selkies  
Plunge into the sea.  
The sea!

Again and again  
He returns,  
Wracked by love and desire,  
Then melancholy,  
Then longing,  
Then loathing.  
All he sees is a herd of  
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Candace of Meroe

Something seems familiar.  
In the rear,  
light infantry and archers.  
In the middle,  
a phalanx of heavy infantry,  
On the left and right flanks,  
Heavy cavalry  
and more light infantry  
Front ranks of skirmishers  
stand firm between light  
cavalries.  
It mirrors his own.

The desert silence is shattered  
by the crash of arms.  
Hail the Queen!  
She rides to the fore  
On a massive war elephant.  
Alexander the Great  
Runs away.

July

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## The Dervish's Tabarzin

Listen.  
Be.

Listen.  
Whirl.

Listen.  
Meditate.

Listen.  
Know.

Listen.

## September

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## Black Swan

The White Swan beckons  
And gets whatever she wants:  
Attention, glory, princes...

But I am never far away.  
Look for me in the shadows,  
In the graveyard of delight,  
Where mirth  
Becomes melancholy  
And restive cats  
Pace to and fro.

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## October

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Everything he touches  
Turns to gold:  
Oak and stone  
Plates and goblets,  
Food and water.  
Even his daughter.

Now, she follows him  
Everywhere,  
Laying her hands on  
The stricken,  
Absorbing the gold,  
Waiting for Midas  
To repent,  
Hoping Bacchus forgives him  
Before the gold reaches  
Her heart.

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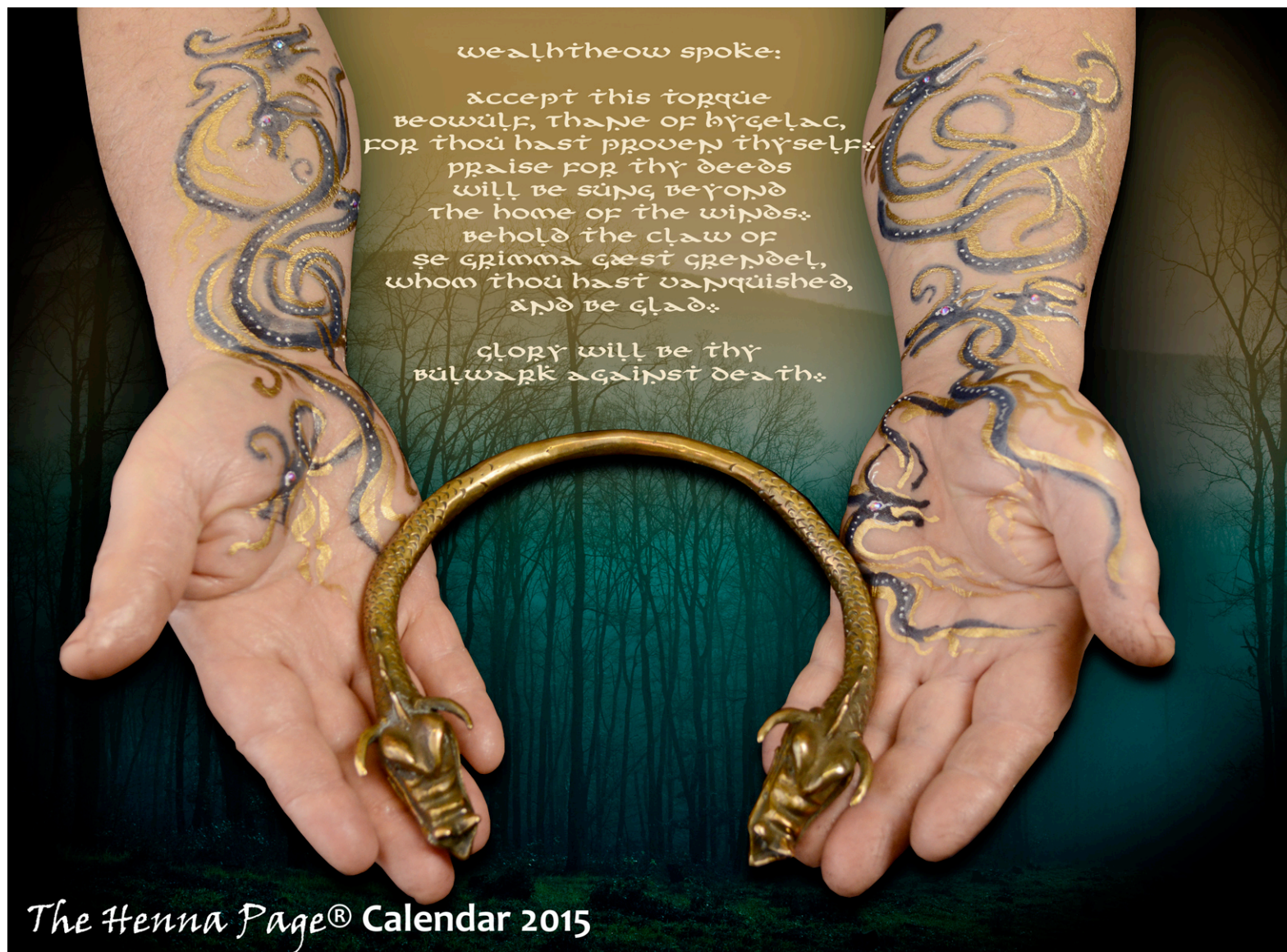
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## After Grendel

Wealhtheow spoke:

Accept this torque  
 Beowulf, Thane of Hygelac,  
 For thou hast proven thyself.  
 Praise for thy deeds  
 Will be sung beyond  
 The home of the winds.  
 Behold the claw of  
 Se grimma gæst Grendel,  
 Whom thou hast vanquished,  
 And be glad.

Glory will be thy  
 Bulwark against Death.

## December

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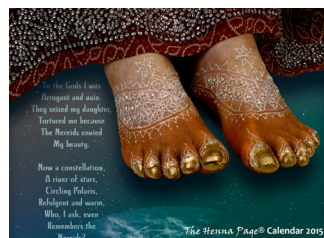
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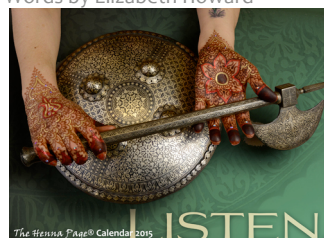
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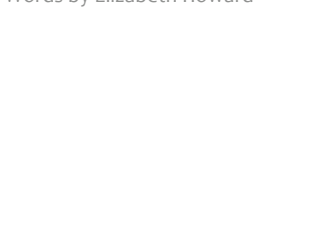
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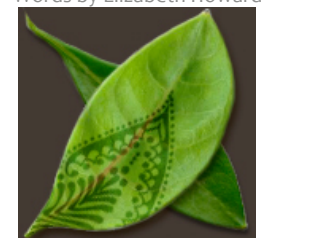
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