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AUDITION FOR THE FOX ∞ MARTIN CAHILL ∞



To survive the challenge of a trickster god, a quick-witted woman rallies her ancestors with cunning subterfuge and outright rebellion.

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Martin Cahill has published short fiction in venues including *Fireside*, *Reactor*, *Clarkesworld*, *Lightspeed*, *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*, *Shimmer*, and *Nightmare*. Cahill’s stories “The Fifth Horseman” and “Godmeat” were respectively nominated for the Ignyte Award and included in *The Best American Science Fiction & Fantasy 2019*. He was also one of the writers on *Batman: The Blind Cut*. Cahill, who works at Erewhon Books, lives just outside New York City.

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