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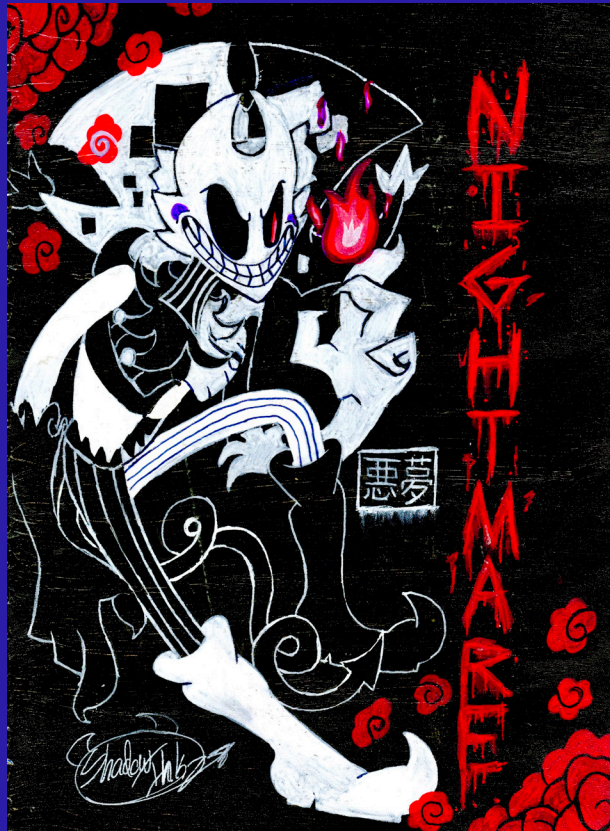
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Thick, damp air rises to the ceiling  
The jester has the courtroom reeling  
Toes break through to the surface  
Why today, what is its purpose  
The jester likes to laugh and poke  
Suffering always the butt of his joke  
Fingertips prune-like raisins  
Clear water meant to wash away sins  
The Jester pries into dark green eyes  
That are red and worn from all their lies  
Lies of joy and contentment  
The lie that they appreciate the sentiment  
He gets beneath the peach skin  
Sees the truth that lies within  
Within the heart and soul  
He sets it ablaze with a match and some coal  
The King and his court point and laugh  
The witch is dead, in her red and boiling bath



*Nightmare Ink,*  
Victoria Garcia