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After the campaign in the Summer Isle, Isabella rides out the winter storms by studying the godly magic under Mother Lembu, in the process learning about the origins of the old gods.

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Christopher Nuttall has been planning sci-fi books since he learnt to read. Born and raised in Edinburgh, Chris created an alternate history website and eventually graduated to writing full-sized novels. Studying history independently allowed him to develop worlds that hung together and provided a base for storytelling. After graduating from university, Chris started writing full-time. As an indie author he has self-published a number of novels, but this is his tenth fantasy to be published by Elsewhen Press. *The Ancient Lie* continues the story of Isabella and Reginald in the next instalment of *The Unwritten Words*, set in the world of his bestselling *Bookworm* series. Chris is currently living in Edinburgh with his wife, muse, and critic Aisha and their two sons.

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