**EVAN VENTRIS** 

Awaiting oil on panel

## CAMERON FRASER

## Matricide

Where there was once a gleeful child, such pain has taken hold. No more does he frolic, only lurch on broken toes.

Crippled by a heavy burden—the guilt and shame and pity—for once he had been a son, now an orphan of the city.

His mother's eyes burned into his soul, the cause of so much pain. A young boy turned murderer, with only himself to blame.

Regret stalks him like a shadow, ever a reminder of his sin.

Never again will he see his mother, only her eyes etched beneath his skin.

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