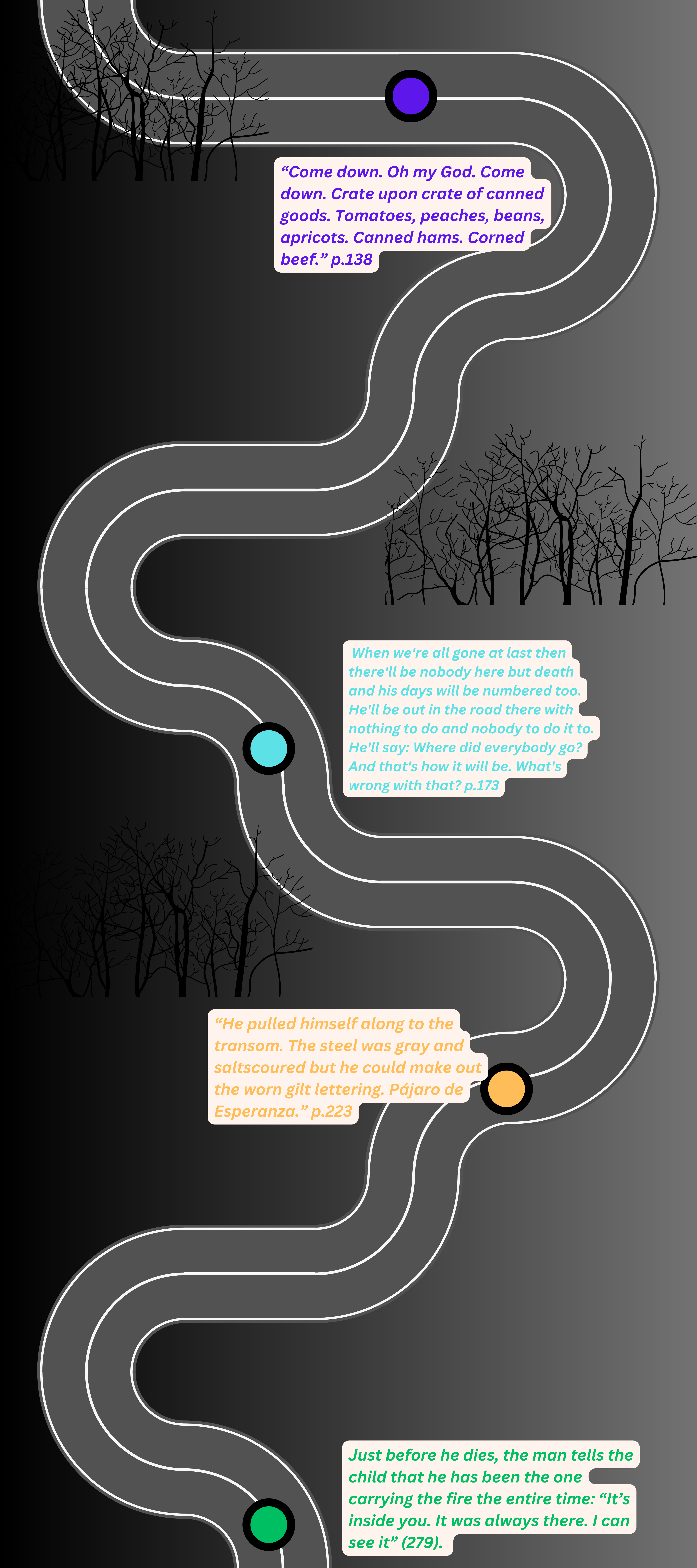


*"My job is to take care of you. I was appointed to do that by God" (77).*

*They lay listening. Can you do it? When the time comes? When the time comes there will be no time. Now is the time. Curse God and die. What if it doesnt fire? It has to fire. What if it doesnt fire? Could you crush that beloved skull with a rock? P.114*



*"Come down. Oh my God. Come down. Crate upon crate of canned goods. Tomatoes, peaches, beans, apricots. Canned hams. Corned beef." p.138*

*When we're all gone at last then there'll be nobody here but death and his days will be numbered too. He'll be out in the road there with nothing to do and nobody to do it to. He'll say: Where did everybody go? And that's how it will be. What's wrong with that? p.173*

*"He pulled himself along to the transom. The steel was gray and saltscoured but he could make out the worn gilt lettering. Pájaro de Esperanza." p.223*

*Just before he dies, the man tells the child that he has been the one carrying the fire the entire time: "It's inside you. It was always there. I can see it" (279).*