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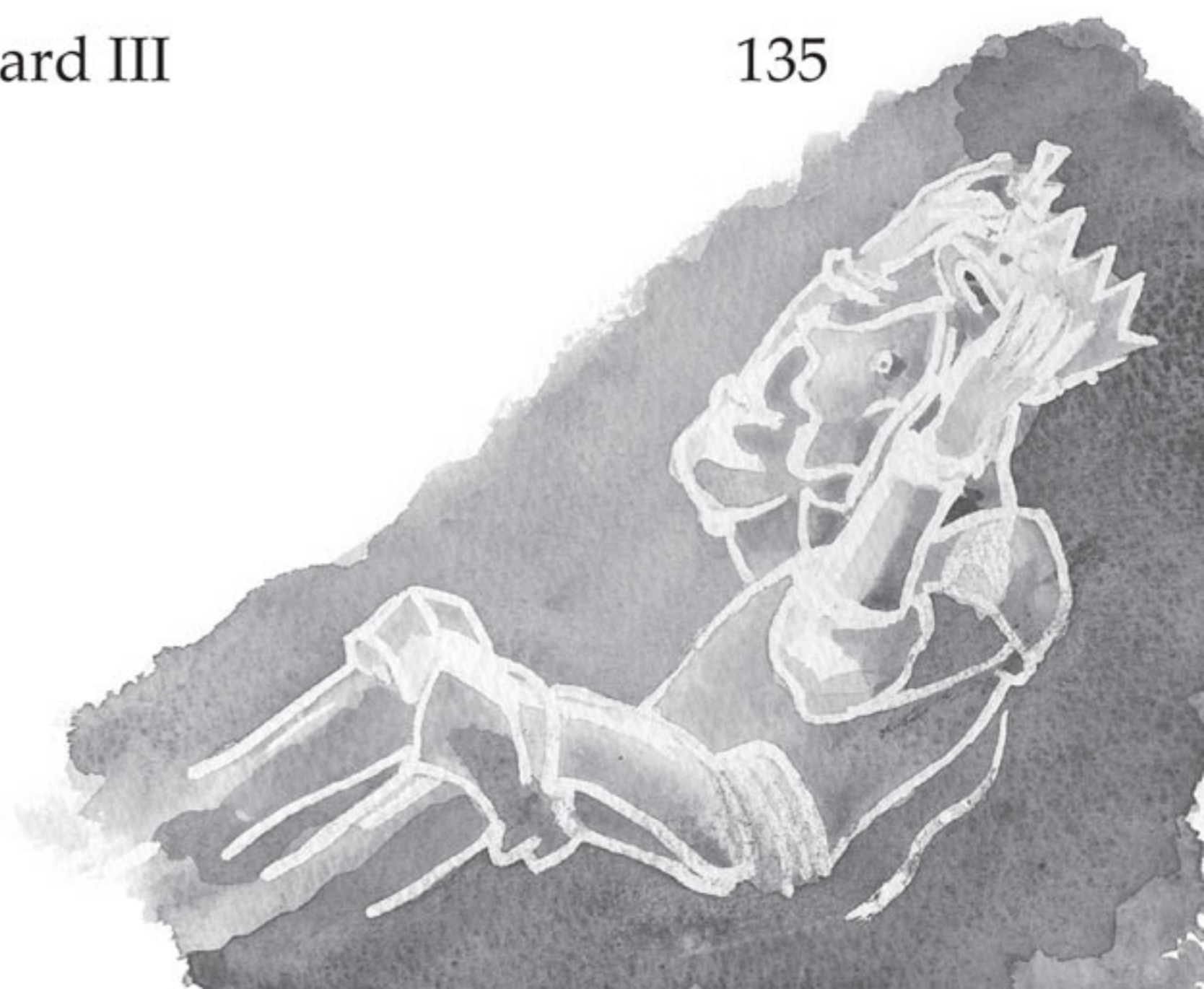
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# THE *LEICESTER ECHO*

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## *LEICESTER'S LUCKY FOXES*



This season a foxy  
football fan seems to  
have become a regular  
at the Leicester City

ground. There  
are reports that  
several fans have  
seen him leaving



the ground after evening matches. And there have even been possible sightings of him during daylight matches too. Sometimes he comes alone, but more often these days he brings a cub along with him. And whenever the cub comes along Leicester seem to win. Fans are always delighted, of course, to spot

them, because with every game Leicester City play they seem to be getting better, scoring more goals. The more the foxes are seen together at the ground, the more the players and fans believe they can win. They have become Leicester's Lucky Foxes.



~ Prologue ~





**O**n moonlit nights we still often get together. We usually meet on the football pitch, after a match, because it's quiet, no one about. That's how foxes and ghosts like it. It's only when all of us are together again that I



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can really believe it happened, that we really did make not just one but two impossible dreams come true.

I have to pinch myself – sometimes even then – to believe it happened. But I was there. I saw it all with my own eyes, heard it with my own ears, smelt it with my own nose.

Honest. Cub's honour. Dib, dib, dib!