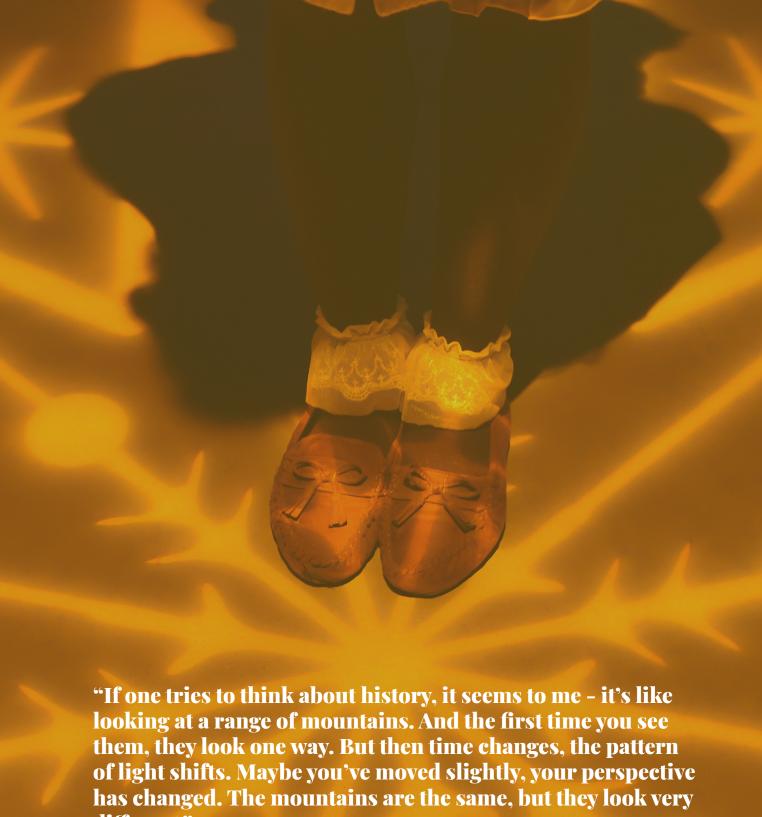


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Robert Harris

Dear Reader,

Each year this magazine serves as a snapshot, representing a collection of thoughts, ideas and inspirations from this campus. Throughout the fifty years of this publication, the goal has always been the same - to create a platform for the arts. Yet each year the magazine is completely different. From the content to the design, each cohort of students, staff, and editors weave a myriad of distinctive art pieces to create the final publication that you are now holding in your hands.

As you look through this year's magazine, focus on the layers that have been woven together. The sentiments of the artist are overlaid with the designer's interpretation. And you, the reader, add another thread by viewing it through your own personal lens. The result is a collection of topics, themes and thoughts that become a part of something new - a unique piece created by you.

Art is built from art. Each of us creates a story, and over time, they are all woven together to create a masterpiece. Carry this masterpiece with you. See. Learn. Reflect. Through your experiences in life, revisit this magazine and see how this art has changed.

In the next fifty years, I have no doubt that this platform will continue to expand and blossom. As I leave my mark in Erato's story, it is my turn to step away and reflect on the exquisite piece we all have created together. Thank you all for being a part of my journey, and I thank you for weaving Erato into yours.

With Love,

Gautami Chennur Editor-In-Chief

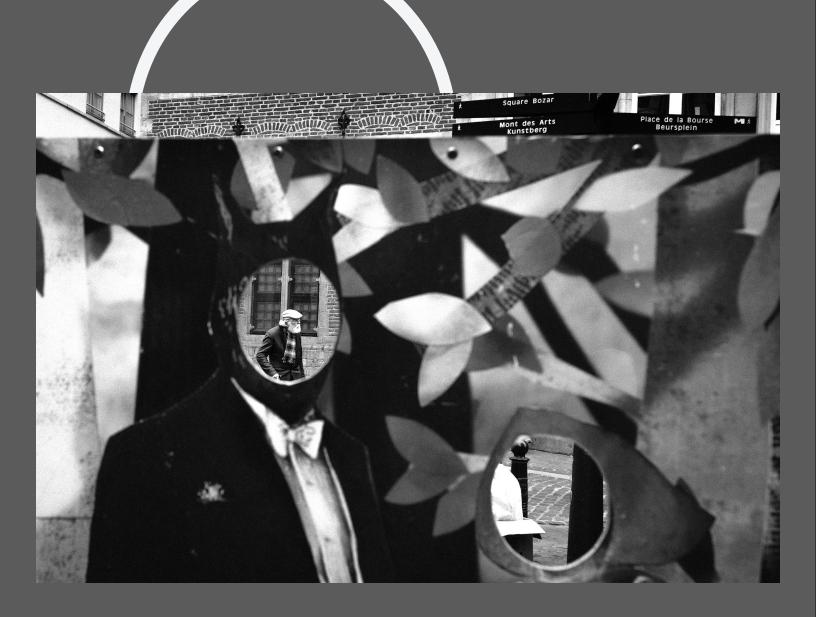
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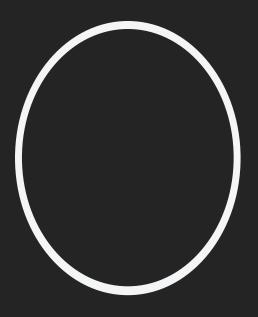
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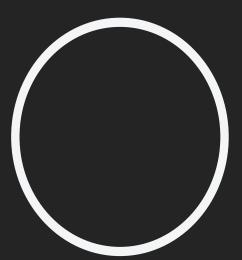


my arms are heavy against my side weighed down by unruly bones

they slip and slide against each other dust flurries invade my veins

they prick and stick my fingertips elastic skin erupting out

if you would like to help me please shake off this white dust all over your gloved hands take these bones within your hands and pull them out for me please so i can move again do not be afraid for me please take them out.



Sails on the Water

M.V. Hromiak

The sails of drowning boats are visible above the murky surface of the green spinach ocean. They

Jumpjump-hop up and down like hungry dolphins, Making cackling sounds as they splash around Like when leaves brush against each other.

Such is an aftermath.

The slow, graceful swing of gargantuan necks Scattered along the horizon frames the pink Sunset landscape while evening's light gently Paints the scene; Odysseus' men abandoning Their subdued vessels and tackling the miles of Flesh between them, trying to beat back each Hungry chimera jaw that thrusts and snaps, Frothing at them, landing blows that cause—

Seeds to fall from each of the hydra's kinked heads.

I shift my legs as I watch from the bench, Restless.

And, avoiding a dying gorgon's gaze, the Squirrels jump down off of the trees into the vast Spinach ocean again, their tails like the sails of Drowning boats, swaying side to side,

Side to side



TranquilJennifer Ternullo

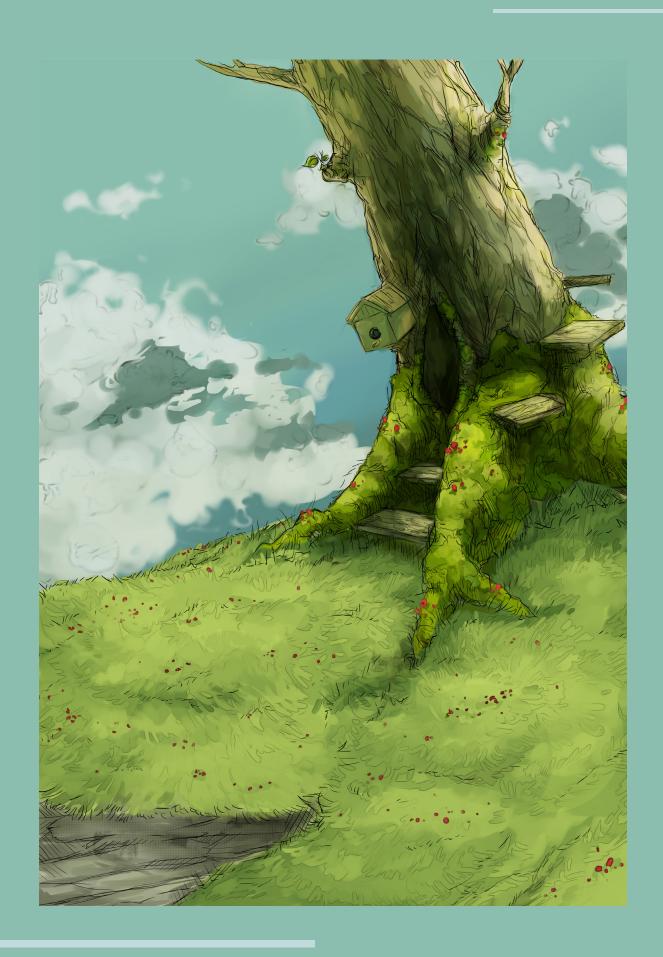


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More Rose

John Jajeh

From the precipice A single chance

Thought to reprimand Maybe for a dance Take a second glance Into foreign lands

And she drifts to the sound Regardless of me And she lives for the sound Beyond you and me

Untitled (left)

Andrew Dai

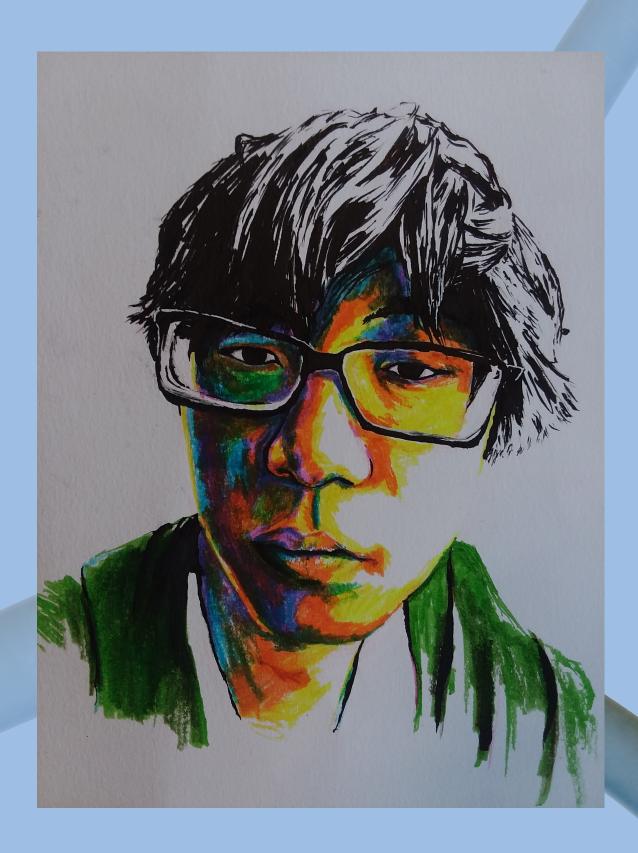
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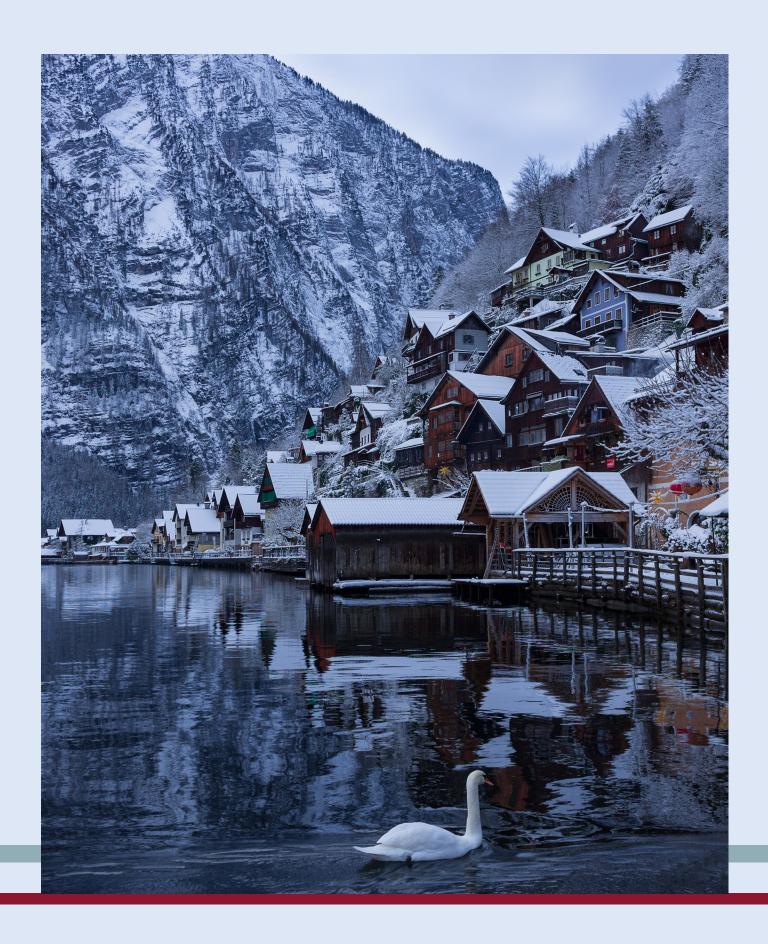
A Winter Sonnet

M.V. Hromiak

Winter knocks the breath out of my lungs
In satisfied sigh, a tempestuous bliss;
The bright warm sun through shining trees of bronze
Crisps frozen fruited leaves upon the earth,
And Swans dancing princess' last pavane
Fly overhead, a flurry of white-black snow.
I wonder to where those graceful Swan have gone,
But you, my love, are here with me, I know.
The evening hangs beneath the moon my dear,
And softly does the tempered snowfall rest
A newborn lamb, with warmth in every bleat,
As we two stroll, in arms, through quieted street.
Your pale soft lips remind me of a Dove;
Emitting breaths cooing softly with love.

Swan Lake (right)

Messina Cole



The Tempest

Bryan Ong

I trust myself to you because otherwise I have nowhere else to turn Is this what you wanted?

Ι

Grolux the golem, peaceful as he was, a lonely soul. Born of Exceptional craftsmanship was He. Consider his plight.

Every morn he would travel down his mound to visit the village children.

Every morn the village elders would chase him away with pitchforks and torches. Every night, dejected, he would lick and patch his wounds with inferior clay.

For generations he would visit the children and patch his wounds.

But one day.

As he descended his mound.

He found himself collapsed in a pile of rubble, unable to walk.

And there he watched the children play.

II

It's down the avenue of lights and sin where you can find a raggedy body slumped over in an unfortunate stupor just barely in sight. His fingers stained black and his shoes worn with weariness. Where did he come from? This raggedy man. What has he endured? How many "Poor guy"s and "He's just down on his luck"s have been uttered in his presence, just out of reach. Like a road-side altar that has crumbled. The world works to erode away its own transgressions. This strong man has lived and will live on. Far into the future when the lengths of human corruption have surpassed its indulgences. When countless merchants and concubines and kings have come and gone. When all the prayers have been answered. The lonely man, with bottle in hand, comes and picks up the pieces. To rebuild again. Where is your God in Him?

III

Autumn is my favourite season you know
I love the vibrant colours that seem to decorate the streets just for us
The way the breeze blows just right
Not too warm
Not too cold
Doesn't it invite you to just
appreciate the outdoors every once in a while?

I never asked

But the thing that I like most is

It's the most romantic season.

Did you know that?

Sure, when winter comes, you can cuddle up against your beloved,
But in the fall you can play amongst the leaves

And have a grand ol' time while looking into their eyes.

Isn't that just so wonderful?

I don't really care

Isn't it crazy just how much we share in common?

Just how much this world seems to align with what we want?

Sometimes I just think that

There just has to be someone looking out for us.

Isn't that just too perfect?

I smoked an angel

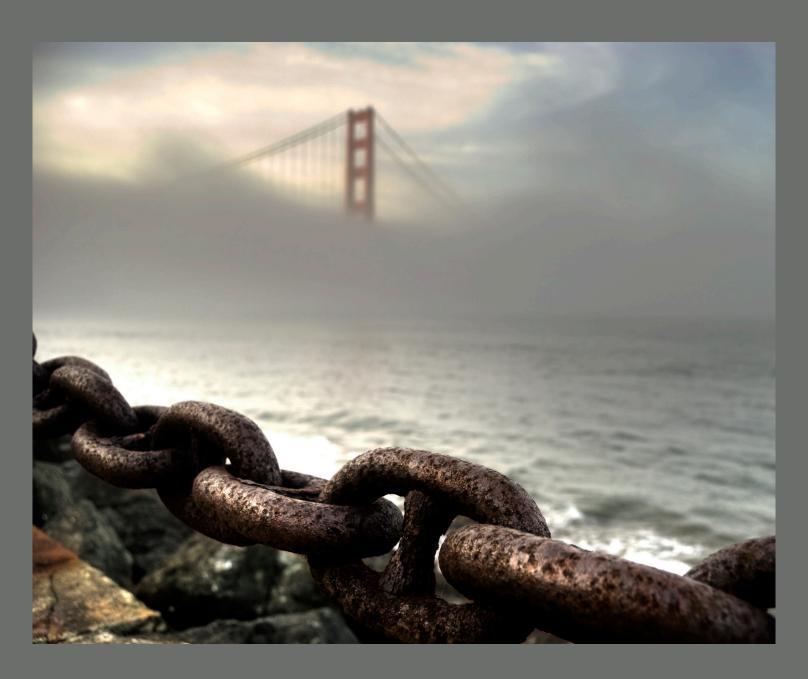
Mael-Sanh Perrier

I smoked an angel

This one's tender and dark, She embraces me like Cuban smoke. I inhale her aromas, I'm sick of Not knowing what she's trying to say.

Travelling with the clouds,
The moon stares through the vapors, and
Night all around coaxes
My breath to a slow beat.
Thank you for the head rush, but I want it all.
Wrap me tighter, fill my mind with coffee notes
And stars before black skies.

When the scaffoldings disappear,
Everyone else vanishes,
The sun is gone,
At least I've got a smoky halo for company.



GerpStephen Haviland

Lego Man

Grace Oberst

I'm a Lego man, you build me up

ears first, so I can listen to your voice feet next, so I can walk along side of you then eyes, so I can see you when we're together hands, so I can hold yours as you guide me,

just a simple Lego man with an off-kilter gait, stumbling upon crooked columns of plastic bricks stiff stride weighed down by your thoughts

you're off to school, I'm left in a corner fumbling with unsteady fists trying to piece together enough blocks for a heart, so I can begin to feel

but Legos are not forever and what you and I build is easily undone when I no longer suit your fancy, back to the box in bits I go

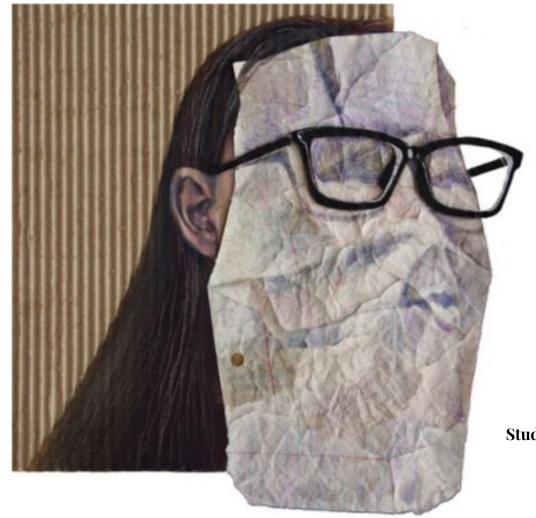
I'm a Lego man, you take me apart

My Point of View (right)
Karen Taub





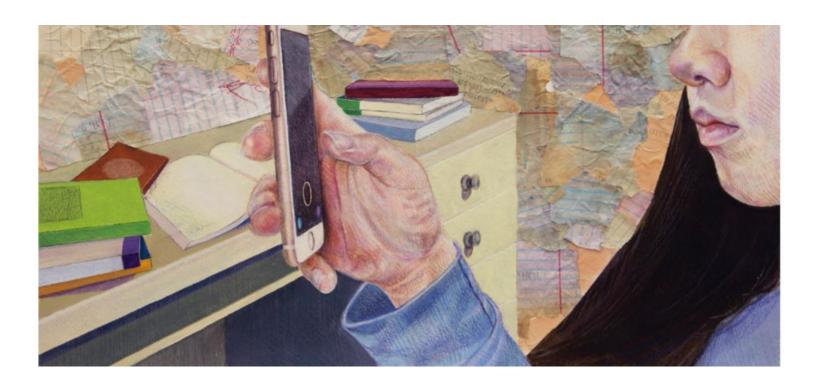


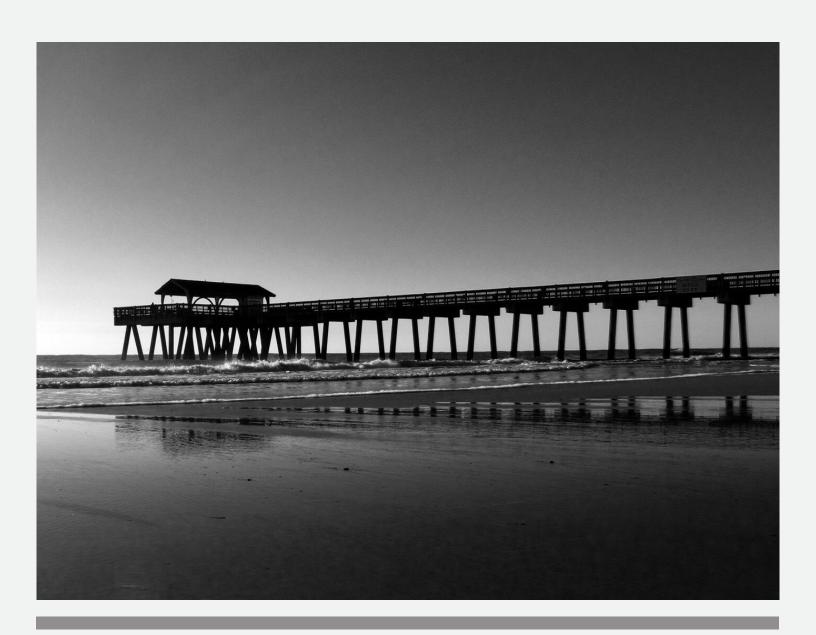


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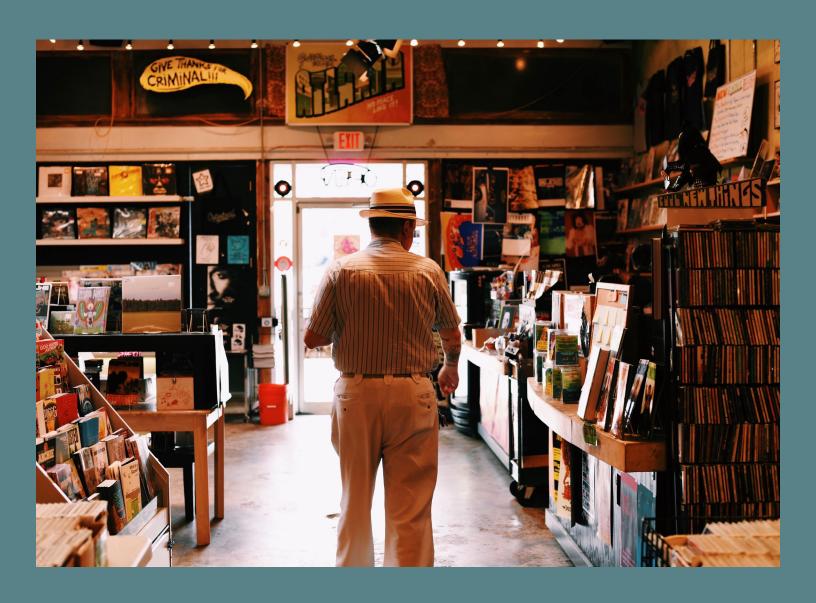
Sadie Abernathy

there has always been a force pulling at her soul something deep and primal it draws her away from safety and sanity whispering pretty words in her ear and filling her head with dangerous ideas she's been kissed by too many silver tongues they make her knees weak before they take her to the nearest edge and tell her to jump calling it a leap of faith

there has always been a shadow watching over her at night when she was a child he stood in corners and alleyways but she's older now so he extends his hand to offer a dance and smiles like an old friend

there has always been a desire to burn inside of her something wild and hungry a destructive whirlwind dousing bridges in gasoline and handing her the matchbox but she knows better than her demons these days so she uses them to light candles and cigarettes because it's better to set fire to temporary things

there has always been a force pulling at her soul she stands in the ocean on a quiet morning balancing on the line between here and there between a place she can come back from and a place she can't between safe and unknown toes clinging to sand the waves pushing pulling pushing pulling but she stands steady unmoving because there has always been a force pulling at her soul but she is a force all her own and nothing can move her feet once she has planted them



Vinyl Shop Sandy Xie

The Path

Ansley Fowler

There was once a path, Plain and worn, Left behind by wrath, Found by the torn.

On it I met many: Young, old, Weak, meek– And even the bold, All told never to speak.

There once was a path Where I met a ruler, Fair of face with silver hair. Loved by all, lover of none

On it, I met a romantic With eyes as unruly as the sea, Surrounding a splintered heart; Bound by loss, never to be free.

There once was a path Where I met a ghost. Her eyes like mine. Her fate the same.

And in this land,
On the path they traveled,
I now stand.
Our fates unraveled



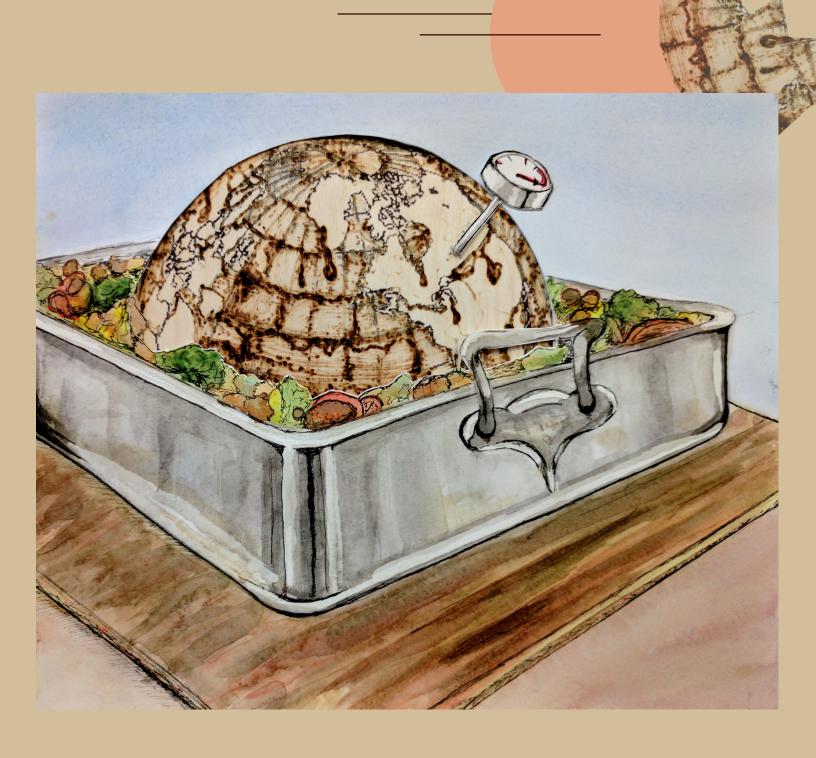




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A Good Morning

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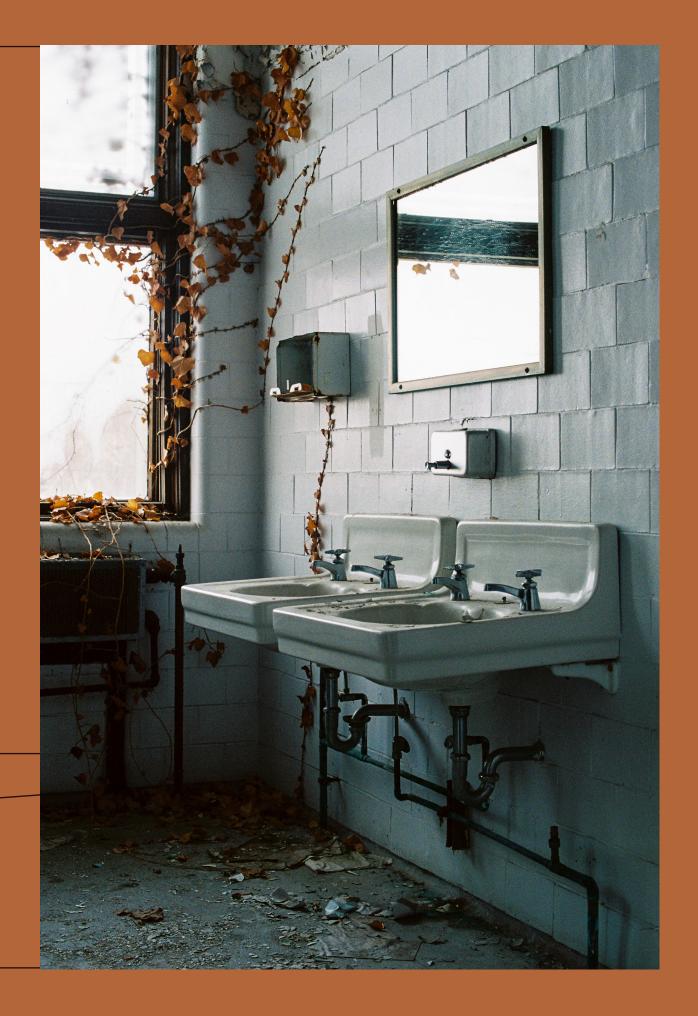
My tentmate calls through A-framed fabric that it is time for breakfast. cold hands like bricks falter against the tent's door, until autumn floods my two-man shelter

With a stream of off-orange leaves, chased by a nibbling morning breeze. We stack clumps of buttered peanuts on hard bread. We sit together – one part groggy, two parts pleased.

It is a good morning.
Birds nearby warble over the river's rumble. He claims the birds are happy, and I wonder why they wouldn't be.

Permanently Closed Restroom (right)

Geoving Gerard



Island

Grace Oberst

towards the Island.

Today I sail uncross uncharted waters, feeling the sting of salty sea breeze as my boat drifts lazily with the gentle waves

Today I consider the inky black storm beckoning me from across the horizon choppy waters, anxious thoughts, rough winds the jagged cracks and tears in my vessel.

Today I remember that you are still trapped on the Island with the wild beasts, treacherous jungle, and unforgiving elements: ourselves, our minds, and our ill-fated thoughts.

Today I ask

for a safe passage, casting out my nets at sea fishing for your worries and daydreams, but I can only catch driftwood, please never drift away from me.

Today I hope

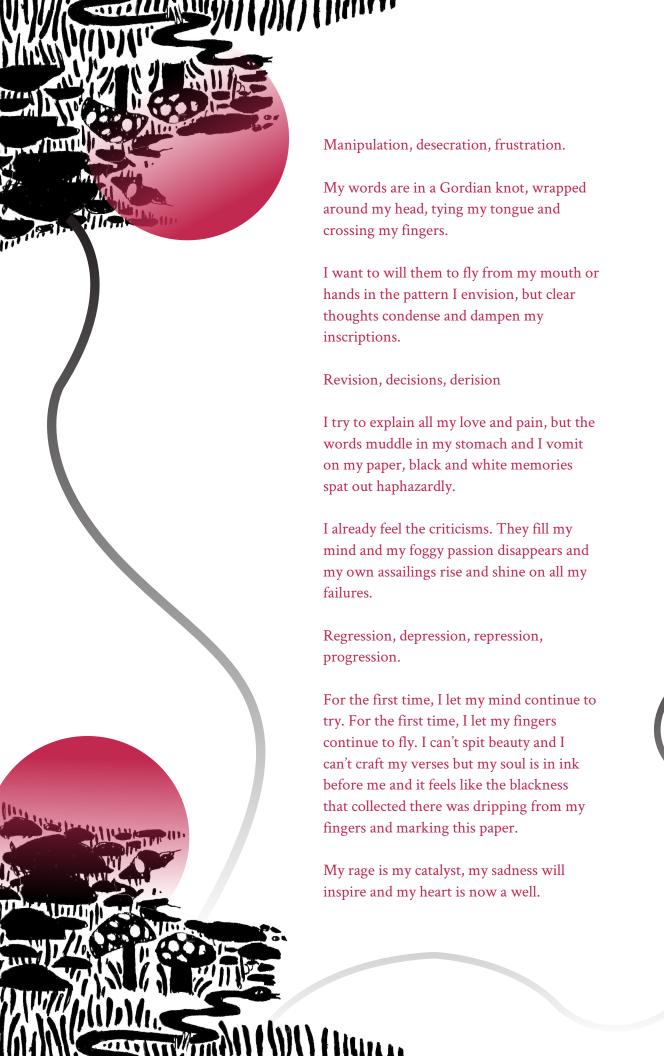
to find you on the northern shore, lifting your battered anchor, ready for a new voyage; I would help you carry that which has kept you close.

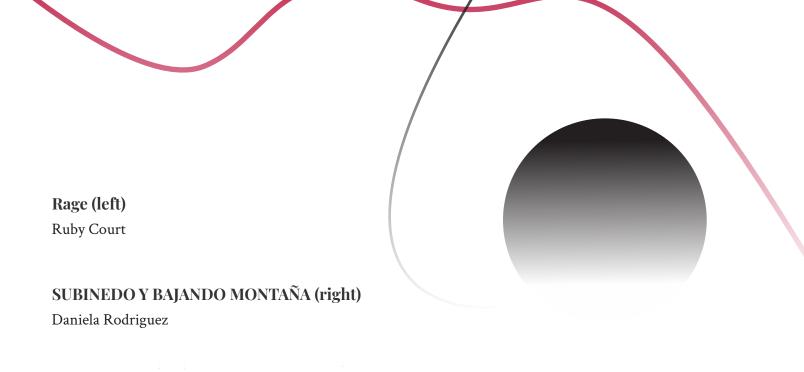
Today I forgive myself for embarking on this journey, bailing away tirelessly, this sinking boat of mine who always carries me.

Today I sail for me timidly, daringly, adamantly; you should, too.



Venice Shannon Ke



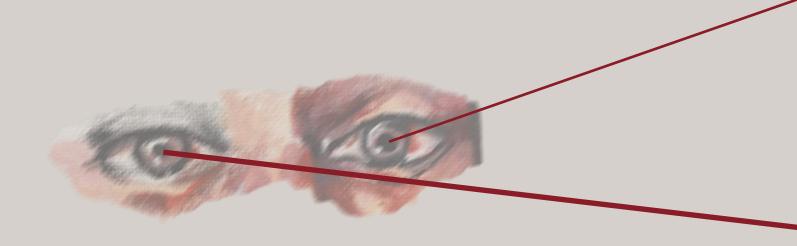


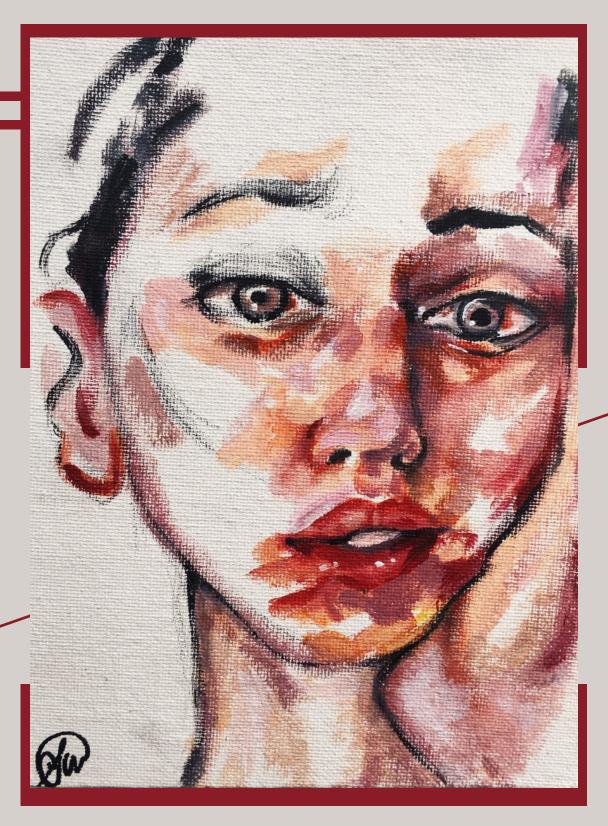


Pioneerspecies

Sadie Abernathy

the smoke starts to clear and she's standing in the ruins the glass in her hair catches the light from the sun and it's a crown meant only for a rebellion like her the people are on their knees, dust streaked cheeks and trembling hands they look to her, the girl with Restlessness pounding at her ribs and Chaos under her skin "the Gods are dead," they mutter, "this world belongs to her" she grins with split lips and chipped teeth and the people think "this is what hunger looks like" and the sun sets and the sun rises and Time keeps marching forward endlessly endlessly the people awaken from sleepless nights and they think "this is the other side of the End" they think "this is the Epilogue of the Forsaken" they think "there is nothing left but to live" the street lamps have teeth and the hills yawn with wide open mouths ancient trees grow fully formed out of the asphalt doors refuse to open and dirt roads shift and change unseen the people turn their fading eyes to the empty heavens they teach themselves to hear the Stars speak and how to untangle the yesterdaytodaytomorrow of Their stories creatures made of shadows move silently through the forests and the crumbling buildings She walks barefoot across the earth, blood staining Her hands and prophecies carved in Her bones the people are on their knees, fruit in their bellies and magic ringing in their ears "the Gods are dead," they sing, "this world belongs to Her"





A Battlefield Stephanie Webster



Boughie Sea Lion Pup Dmitry Bershadsky

Donkey at the Cabin Christopher Lindbeck



Cadaver

Ruby Court

I need to open my mouth.

Let the moths that have been flying around

In my stomach out.

The atoms have been bouncing off my

walls.

Colliding, gliding, fighting, igniting

Such sparks that I think I'm burning from

The Inside.

I can't breathe.

They're in my throat.

Flapping their ominous grey wings

With eyes that see what I don't and

Hold what I can't.

Carrier pigeons with cries for help

Tied around their ankles,

And bees with the sweetest notes of pollen,

Honey ready to be made in your ears.

But the membrane my cells have created

At the back of my throat is coated in

Self-Preservation.

And the moat in my stomach is filled with

acidic Fear.

My tongue is blue,

That Yellow Ribbon is tied tight,

And I'm shut off.

The Power is out.

They never paid the bill.

Pry open my wired jaw.

Let the sun pour over my lips and light this

Vessel of potential.

Let the rusty cages break apart

And the fluttering feelings fly,

Break the silence and

Speak!

Because I wonder

If I will either explode in a firework of

Fiery, colorful candidness

Or choke on the words

Clogging in my neck,

Splitting my esophagus,

Leaking the toxicity back into my blood

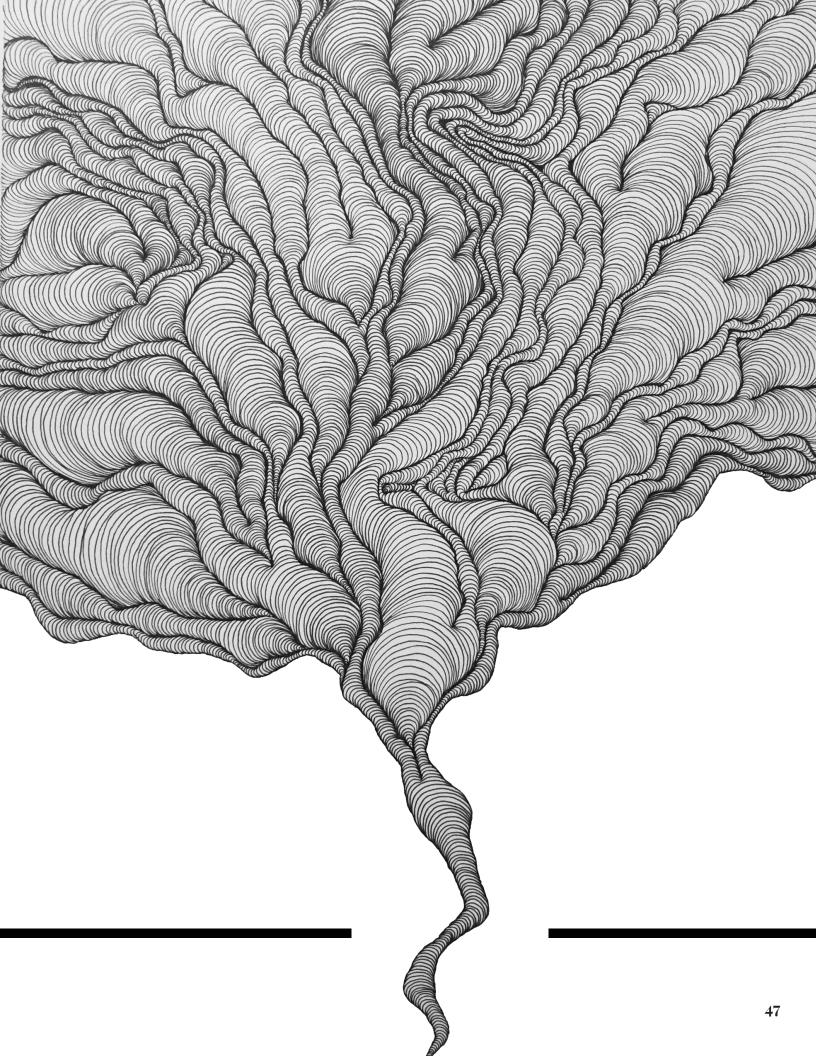
To circulate around my body

And rotting me from the inside

Out.

Arbre (right)

Anna Starr



Orange Slice

M.V. Hromiak

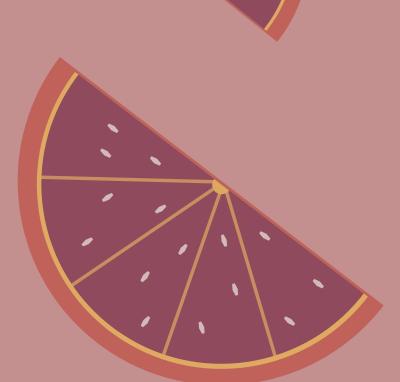
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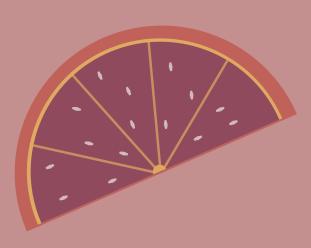
of a quarter of a dark chocolate orange sunset

sliced by a warm, white plane wing

served on the Earth's horizon

eaten by eyes through an oval window





Botanical Quartet (right)Robin Glefke







Green Flash (left)

Christin Unachukwu

Untitled (right)

Nicole Harris

No Happy Endings

Amy McGaughey

I remember fairytales from childhood

Not the sweet ones told as happy bedtime stories

But the originals from years ago

That I would greedily read

With blood and pain and so many going blind

Those were the ones that made sense to me

Not a rustling princess in pink

But a girl whose every step was agony

Though she could not make a sound to scream

To tell the world of her hurt

I fell in love with her lack of happy ending

Because finally someone was telling me

Juvding just

For being a good person

Instead you will suffer and anguish

And sometimes the witch will win

Leaving you alone

Trying to fix your own ache

Because so many of us

Will never have a fairy godmother

To grant our heart's desire

Or a magic tree to watch over us

So we must struggle on the best we can

So I thank those old tales

For telling me the truth

All that time ago

And preparing me for now

Where the good don't win

And all I am is a lonely girl

Watching the witch sail away

With the happy ending I thought

Would be mine

The Lost Bride in New York City

Mishele Ijaz





The City Through Fresh Eyes (left)

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Unsure of Their Dreams (right)

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