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The Desktop Issue

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WINTER

John Jajeh

Would you save my eyes?
Today is my D-Day.

This is not a safe place, and
I brush white paint to cope with life.

I'll eat again
When you quit being a good time.

What the hell overstays it's welcome—
My computer isn't a fate.

My desk—my work, play, and meditation—explodes on the floor.
When we lay our heads, I die.

My desk reaches out to passing moons—
a ghost of rage.








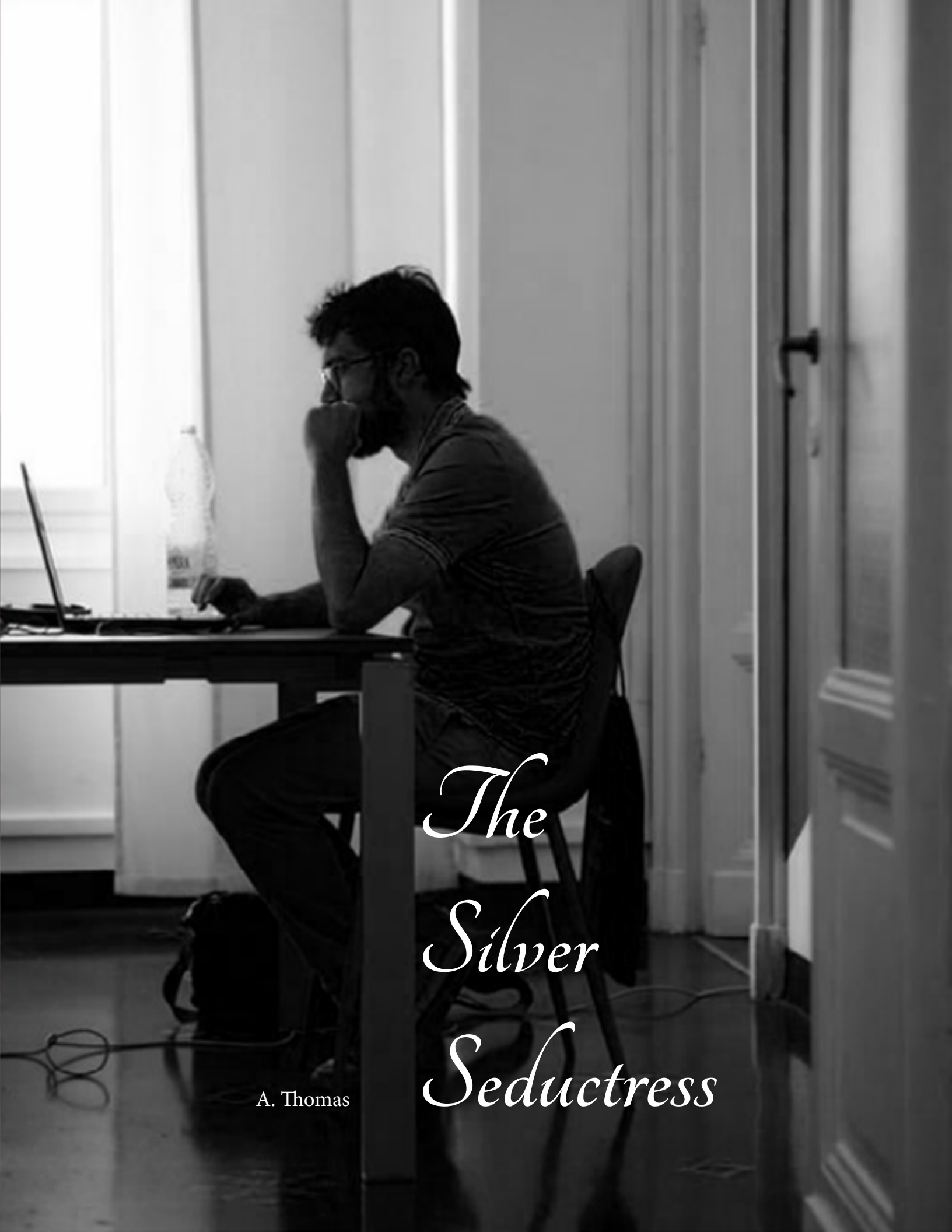
Paper Scraps

Sabrina Wilson



Your tongue is like a paper cut
Opening little trails all over my skin
Spindly red lines spell out your words
And soon I am shredded, scrapped
Like paper torn idly and brushed
Out of the way, into the trash

She holds my thoughts while I hold my pen
It is on her back that my words come to life
It is when I'm slumped over her that I can
fantasize of a better day
A better hour
She makes the bitter work a lot less sour
My motivation comes from her core
Although I work a lot
She yearns for more
She's a silent killer
A prime fatale
And I'm the suitor she knows all too well



*The
Silver
Seductress*

A. Thomas

THERE'S PAPER, PLANS,
AND POST-IT NOTES
EVERYWHERE.

THE WORK AND
STRUGGLE IS
OVERFLOWING
WITH THE PAYOFF
UNDERWHELMING.

Start Research Presentation
Look over Chem Notes
Psychology Paper Due
Linear Algebra Pre-Lecture

YOU WRITE LISTS
AND GOALS.

Work Meeting at 12 pm
Calculus Exam
Orgo Homework Due
Look over Linear Algebra Notes
Research Presentation Checkpoint
Emily's Birthday!

AND ON THOSE RARE
DAYS, WHEN YOU FOLLOW
THROUGH ON EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO DO, AND
FOR A SPLIT SECOND
YOU THINK YOU'RE DONE,
THE UNIVERSE SEEMS TO
LAUGH, "HA", THEN DUMP
AN AVALANCHE ON YOU.

YOU TYPE UNTIL
YOUR FINGERS HURT.
YOU READ UNTIL
YOUR EYES BURN.

Linear Algebra Midterm
Orgo Homework Due!
Psychology Paper Due
Lunch with Mom at 1 pm

BUT YOU STILL DO IT.
YOU STILL GO BACK,
EVERY DAY.

Leadership seminar!

BECAUSE THAT
DESK HELPS YOU
REMEMBER THAT
EVENTUALLY
YOU DO GET
THROUGH IT.

Organic Chemistry Exam
Look over Linear Notes
Psychology Paper Due!
Research Presentation
Checkpoint

SO YOU SIT DOWN,
AND GET TO WORK.

Work Meeting at 12 pm
SAA Meeting at 6 pm
Concert Tickets Go on Sale!
Research Presentation Meeting
at 4 pm

Lunch with Mom at 2pm
Research Meeting at 4 pm
Linear Algebra Homework Due
Calculus Quiz
Orgo Project Due!

**THE SPACE IN FRONT
OF YOU LOOKS LIKE
A KINDERGARTENER'S
PAPER MACHETE
PROJECT, THAT
EXPLODED.**

SAA Retreat

**YOU MAKE
REMINDERS AND
CALENDARS,**

Orgo Homework Due
Chemistry Quiz
Psychology Test
Work Meeting at 12 pm
SAA Meeting at 4 pm

**ONLY TO END UP
ABANDONING THEM
ALL BECAUSE
THEY DON'T ALIGN
WITH YOUR SLEEP
SCHEDULE.**

Meeting with Research group
at 10 am
Work Meeting at 12 pm
Psychology Homework Due!
SAA Meeting at 6 pm
Omar's Birthday!

**AND YOU TRY YOUR
VERY BEST TO FOCUS
UNTIL YOUR MIND IS SO
SCATTERED YOU FEEL
LIKE THERE IS A MONKEY
IN YOUR HEAD BEATING
A DRUM AND RIPPING
ALL YOUR THOUGHTS
TO CONFETTI.**

Look over Linear Algebra Notes
Calculus Quiz
Orgo Homework Due
Community Garden Clean Up at
6 pm

Meeting with Research Group
at 10 am
Work Meeting at 12 pm
Psychology Midterm
Linear Algebra Quiz

**Alejandro's Pizza
Party!**

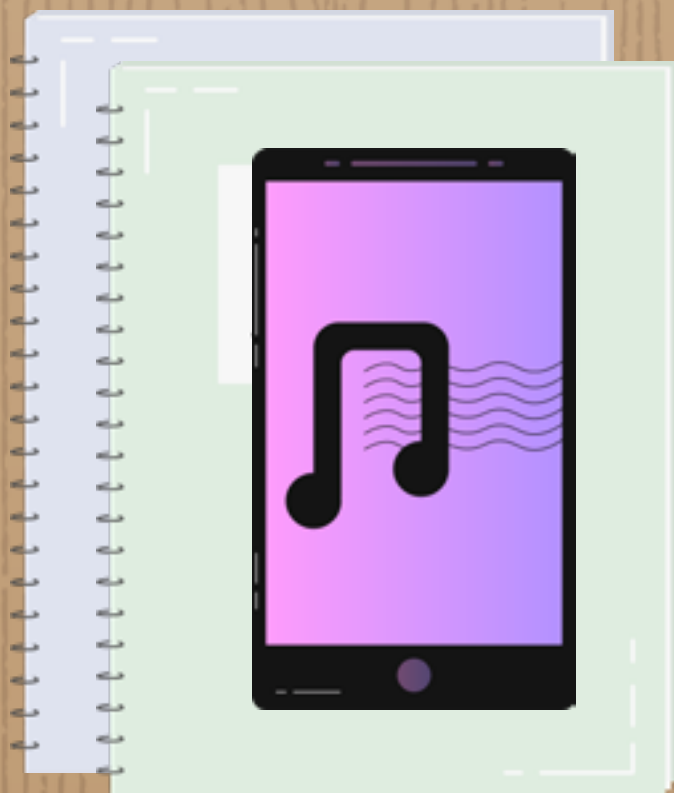
**YOU REMEMBER
THAT WHILE THE
STRUGGLE IS PRESENT
AND CURRENT AND
ONGOING AND REAL,
SO REAL, YOU ALSO
REMEMBER THAT THE
STRUGGLE ENDS.**

Organic Chemistry Quiz
Psychology Homework Due
Research Meeting at 4 pm
Linear Algebra Public Lecture
at 11 am

STRUGGLE

Ramya Raja





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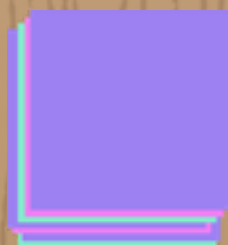
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