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# A SHANGHAI POETRY ZINE PERCEPTION

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#### Trompe-l'oeil Rossella D'Andrea

Trompe-l'oeil lo rifletto il vuoto dell'uomo di niente, Più s'annulla in me più niente si vede, E più annulla me, più si vede un niente. lo rifletto un vuoto, Niente.

#### Trompe-l'oeil Rossella D'Andrea

I reflect the void of the man who is nothing, The more he's annulled in me the more of a nothing is to be seen, And the more he annulls me, the more one sees a nothing. I reflect a void, Nothing.

#### **The Spectator** Peter Niu

Brittle hollow bones, And this kaleidoscopic life Seen atop the wall, where raindrops clung to windows like peeping ghosts and dull lights bounced back to the pedestrian lives below. Between the twinkle of the spectacle and the celestial dome was you.

Perched atop the wall catlike, observing, recording the motley crew of midnight faces Below. Hollow. You never managed to cut a word in. Those people don't obey the two-minute principle.

They talked at you, muttering heretical thoughts, confided in you, blathering implausible dreams, Touched you. Hugged you. Took comfort in you. Ruffled the plastic that kept you cold. Around you their drama unraveled.

Wrathful hands snatched you from atop the wall, Taut fingers dug deep, rough nails bit, Soft palms that turned to rock, Flung pieces. And suddenly you could see. All.

You fell among them. Gave them the soft bits cradled between clavicles and they devoured it, raw, because your staccato was new, and because of the curious way you stacked up words like you ain't supposed to; because these are not your words after all.

And they found their own rhythm stale.

Now you are a subject in their show. If only a scoundrel.

#### June Awakening Pip

I watched the sun eat the mist away, As light and dew welcomed in the day

I, seized by this strange euphoria, Was pushed to the green, green floor Hot and cold, and panting from the fall I lay there breathless, held suddenly Between the blades of grass, they blinking Winking at me as though to say: "Where did you go? Surely, you have Missed us, missed this?"

Quietened then by grief and gladness. I, who was I, to answer, to justify my cold departure Towards those eastern skies that never turned so blue But offered me a fury that then, I knew I needed.

> Held close, like the love of a former lover Their familiar musk sinking in through pore And vein, gripped I was then by something Close to shame, but closer still to ecstasy.

You had given all, when I gave nothing, no Demands, but just to stay a while longer And when I turned, you stroked my back Your sorrow held for after, falling with a downpour

That would meet the wings of Etihad Airways And I would see them as a sign, that it was right To go and I would smile with the expectation of S weaty days, in linen dresses, yellow, orange but

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Never black. You had stayed serene in the face of Violence, that I opened up to you with a Cowardly silence, delivered blow by blow In the absence that from hours grew to years.

How could I leave you? How could I walk With a certain step, that this was what I Had to do, to know myself before loving you With a true and absolute affection.

There is no perfection in love, just bubbles Of feeling that here, now make world feel whole And I a part, of that completeness, Observing with another who sees that same

Entirety and loves, admires it with the same Distant closeness, yes I have felt this twice And lucky, for feeling more than once, So lucky that this day, it has crept back in.

## Alice in Lalaland Sergiu Roman



#### Still Frame Lucilla Trapazzo

The Libeccio descends upon the red dressed city, drenched with sand. Far away a train is blowing its greeting. In this field of fog, time stops, the mind goes gray, the vision expands as it dilates, rolling and flowing along, obscuring the yellow of the fields, leaving all things to search for the valence of their being. A chair is essentially a chair, also in a picture on a wall. A rose is still a rose, if in the head Liretain its features. Constant nexus is the idea. Shaping synapses. Nothing else. At the bus stop an old man is sitting and smoking a pipe. He is waiting for evening to come, perhaps, or just for his tram.

Freedom and chaos Yijun Yao

#### 邻居的狗

王俊晓 Wang Junxiao

他没有养狗 男人不能养狗 这是他的人生信条 他觉得至少掌握了一条真理 并且还非常鄙视那些不知道这个真理的人 很不幸啊 他搬家到一个邻居养狗的地方 说是邻居其实都在一个院子里 没有办法 在上海生活就是这样 这条狗却觉得他侵犯了它的领地 只要他有任何动静 比如刚讲院子大门 比如一声咳嗽 比如翻开书本 狗就狂吠不止 狗没有扑上来 狗是被拴着的 他大为恼火 当邻居不在家的时候 他用吃剩的喂狗 他发现狗并不咬人 他去抚摸它 想尽了一切办法 狗还是看到他就狂吠 呵斥也没用 于是他开始经常做梦 成千上万只狗 长的一模一样 他记得就是邻居的狗 那个眼神他记得 充满了复杂的眼神 那些狗从街上拥进了院子 在他的门口狂吠不止 成千上万只啊 竟然排列整齐 叫声此起彼伏 然而前排的狗却没有要冲进屋里

他非常的害怕 颤抖着伸手要拿棍子 一着急就醒来了 Issue 10: Perception



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