

# Password

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some of spring's small teeth shall be my own

Grant Hackett

until she smells her name there is no spring

Joseph P. Wechselberger

This Morning

is brought  
to you by

maranatha

&

J Dilla's donuts

cat  
at the door  
meowing

Francis J. Weeks

summer sky  
blue jay carries  
a bluer jay

Dan Bodah

robins returning the color orange

Dave Bonta

## **Solitude**

A throat  
coloured  
blue.

It is grass.

It is able  
to say

anything.

Ryan Di Francesco



i go up the mountain to hunt  
i see no deer  
the mountain comes back with me

Luther Allen

### **Eye contact**

The deer looks back at me  
before it runs away

How deep is the wood?

Daniel Cartwright-Chaouki

## **THE FAUNS**

Let's become moss together,  
you and I,  
in the wound.

Ryan Di Francesco

rewriting the season's lyrics brittlebush

Shloka Shankar

my eye on the wrong sparrow

Bob Lucky

typing  
a  
flush  
of  
sparrows

Sabine Miller

the sky moving too rapidly  
for the birds to enter

Bob Heman

a swan's breath the unsayable

John Pappas

a bird  
by the window—  
a universal postman.

Partha Sarkar

geese return new wishbone

Mark Jackley

wing  
split  
spike  
beak  
sky  
bolt  
pel  
i  
can  
dive

Jean LeBlanc

burying yesterdays inside the blue swirl of swallow sky

Adrian Bouter

what I can't see in my crow

Victor Ortiz

is that who I apparition

Tim Murphy

three dark days  
in the whale  
another wrong turn

Randy Brooks

concrete Christ high and dry the waters of March

Adrian Bouter



burdock pod  
stuck to my coat  
what is holy

Dan Bodah

my hyacinth of faith it'll grow will it

Adrian Bouter

the mountains  
give the clouds agency  
deepening autumn

Beverly Acuff Momoi

prayers

god

scattered

to

in

clouds

no

particular

Bryan Rickert

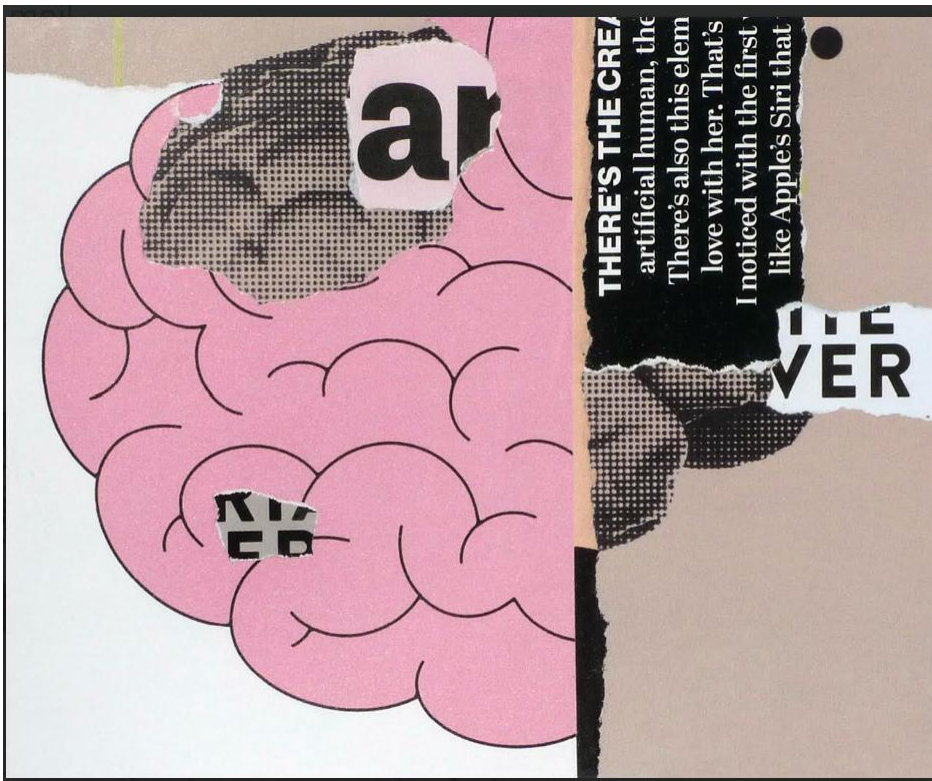
the howling nightwind's intransitive verb finds me my self a common noun

between you and me more like virgule than the andiron ampersand

(the parenthetical volume to which we are syntactical) period.

Ron Scully

## Gyri and Sulci



Cherie Hunter Day

coughing in the night  
forgetting the word  
*wasabi*

Sheila E. Murphy

happiness...  
the word kettle  
spoken by anyone

Robert Hirschfield

a fledgling shaking off the old mathematics

Michelle Tennison

division by zero is undefined lavender clouds over blue mountain

Joshua St. Claire

all grown up  
the meadow I wandered  
as a cloud

Sarah E. Metzler

lupine field  
lying down and looking at  
a different sky

pole łąbinu  
leżenie i patrzenie  
w inne niebo

Urszula Marciniak

hawk ascends  
in its talons  
almost nothing

Dan Bodah

even without my glasses, a hummingbird

Kegan Swyers

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LIVES

Elmedin Kadric

winter night fragments of a broken doll

Olivier Schopfer

corn husk doll  
as if  
all I need  
is a little  
string

Sarah E. Metzler

ignored the ghost in him

Olivier Schopfer

reading Bashō  
I lose my place after  
*withered fields*

Mark Harris

in the dark  
the dark is  
all there is

Bob Heman

humoring darkness  
a tunnel prefigures  
a train

Jonathan Humphrey

the snow began  
before it  
was understood

Bob Heman

winter rain  
can I write  
how light it is

Sonam Chhoki



winter night afraid of the dark algorithm

Bryan Rickert

a killing frost—  
the sentient hibiscus  
howls

Sondra J. Byrnes

**Aletheia**



Sabine Miller

the regional train  
turns green—  
it's springtime...

il regionale  
diventa verde:  
è primavera...

Maurizio Brancaleoni

the train departs  
and the old linden tree  
smells the same

odjazd pociągu  
stara lipa na dworcu  
pachnie tak samo

Urszula Marciniak

third rail of a Lenten moon

Cherie Hunter Day

fingerprints of an uninstalled poison ivy

Ravi Kiran

wee hours awaying the war

Matthew Markworth

spring dark    bombs are us

Mark Harris

## One for Los Angeles



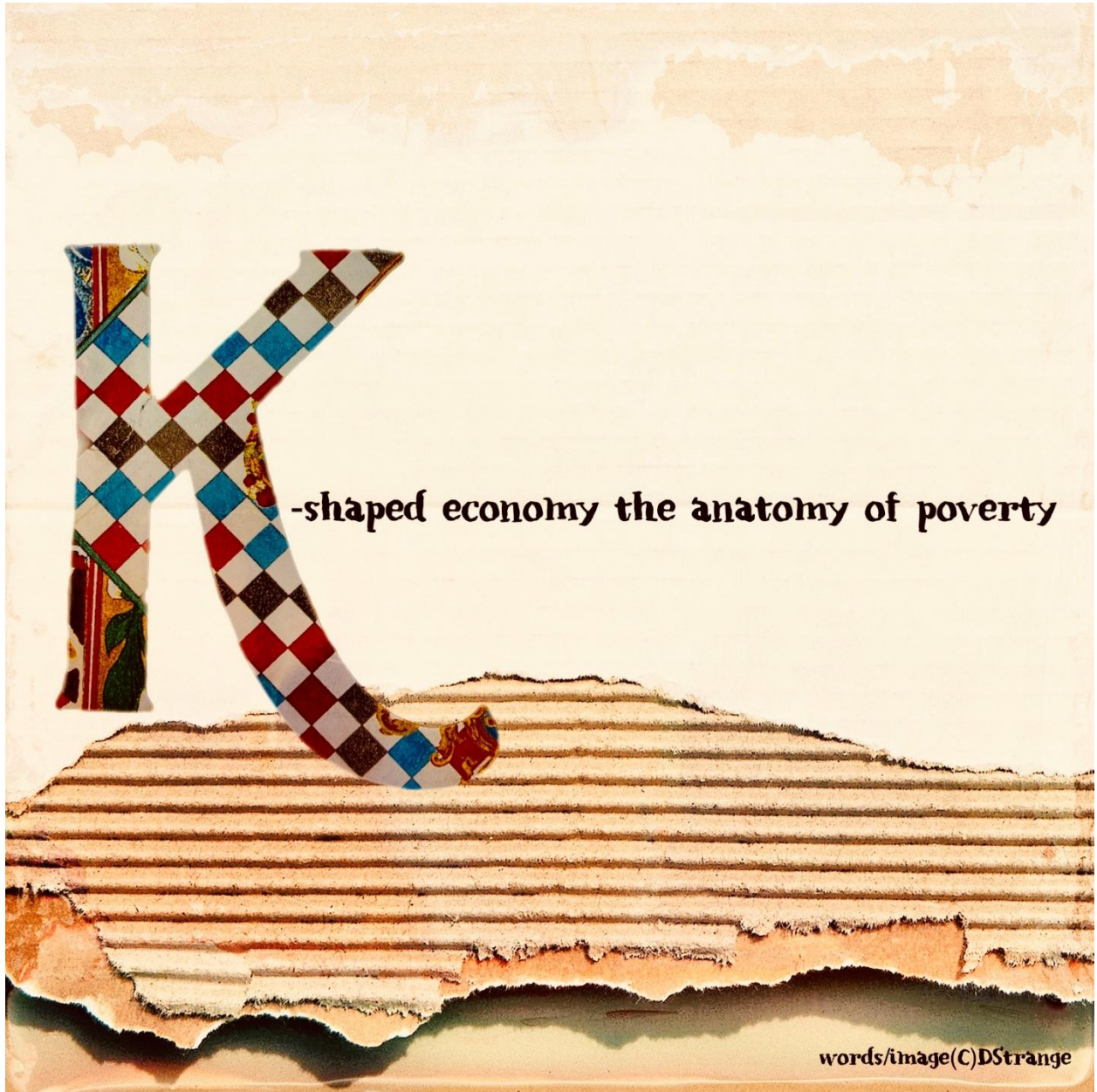
Sabine Miller

globalization it's called America

Elmedin Kadric

voting maps the spreadsheets with eye holes

Dan Schwerin



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**K-shaped** / Debbie Strange

in the rain no one asked for the soft rain

Elmedin Kadric

all souls  
trapped in your CAPTCHA test  
algorithm rain

Jennifer Hambrick

speaking my motherboard tongue

Isabella Thomison

a bruised peach  
in her text message  
evening snow

Jacob D. Salzer

as the technology has sadness peels an apple

Tim Murphy

after the apocalypse someone sweeping temple steps

Vidya Premkumar



insomnia hours at the gun of listen

Cherie Hunter Day

the year ends—  
a funeral is held for  
the old cellphones

finisce l'anno:  
si fa il funerale a  
tutti i vecchi cell

Maurizio Brancaleoni

wrong long lo gging wrong long log lo

g

belong be long lon ing

g

written rotten ri ht write

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g

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g

Yoon Kim

## Poetry as Tiny House

Nothing is allowed in here  
unless it has a story  
or I can eat it.

Lola Haskins

torn screen  
I hate  
how gently  
you let evening in

Michael J. Kolb

at the gauging of don't



Cherie Hunter Day

fireflies...  
she wants to know  
who I used to be

Robert Hirschfield

at the cinema  
alone and my heart pounding  
like that summer

sama w kinie  
a serce bije szybciej  
niż w tamto lato

Urszula Marciniak

washed-up log  
on its way  
to where I wonder

Peter Newton

## **Driftwood**

wo das wasser  
die brücke berührt  
sammelt sich treibholz

where water  
touches the bridge  
collecting driftwood

Ulrike Titelbach

humming what was sung  
long ago the future  
is softly awaying

Jonathan Humphrey

I am  
in ancient Greece  
herding prairie dogs

Mark Gilbert

dahlia  
if you dance  
in dark red petticoats

Sabine Miller

dandelions farthest from the lullaby

Cherie Hunter Day



spinning a home galaxy of scars

John Hawkhead

summer troubles  
I stare questioningly at  
the face in the moon

letnie kłopoty  
wpatrzona pytająco  
w twarz na księżycu

Urszula Marciniak

a continuum. The snail gets out  
of its own  
way

Jonathan Humphrey

morning cumulus my larval form

Dylan Stover

sunrise at once  
two things

Ella Aboutboul

dawn

each

eye

exiting

its

own

night

mare

George Swede

how handsome this ampersand spring

John Pappas

first plum  
if I pick it  
if I don't

Carolyn Hall

urging us  
to stay lost  
tulips

Roberta Beach Jacobson

## **Verge**

Ox eye daisy  
One pink campion  
Artemisia  
Red light  
Green light  
Something new

Daniel Cartwright-Chaouki

starting from scratch again  
the moon  
mending

Francine Banwarth

half the moon i was before the clouds cleared

Thomas Powell

x-ray of my alphabet  
a shadow  
on the I

Peter Yovu

where three rivers meet

the

id

ego

and

super

ego

George Swede

dollar-store comb  
straightening out  
my detachment

Nicholas Klacsanzky

dusting off  
an old *déjà vu*  
slow planet

Tim Murphy

rescued from today's news bird in a puddle

Sandra Simpson

***Aesculus***

The first into leaf  
every time  
swallow tailed sentences  
stutter in the breeze  
I have no fear  
or anxiety  
about today

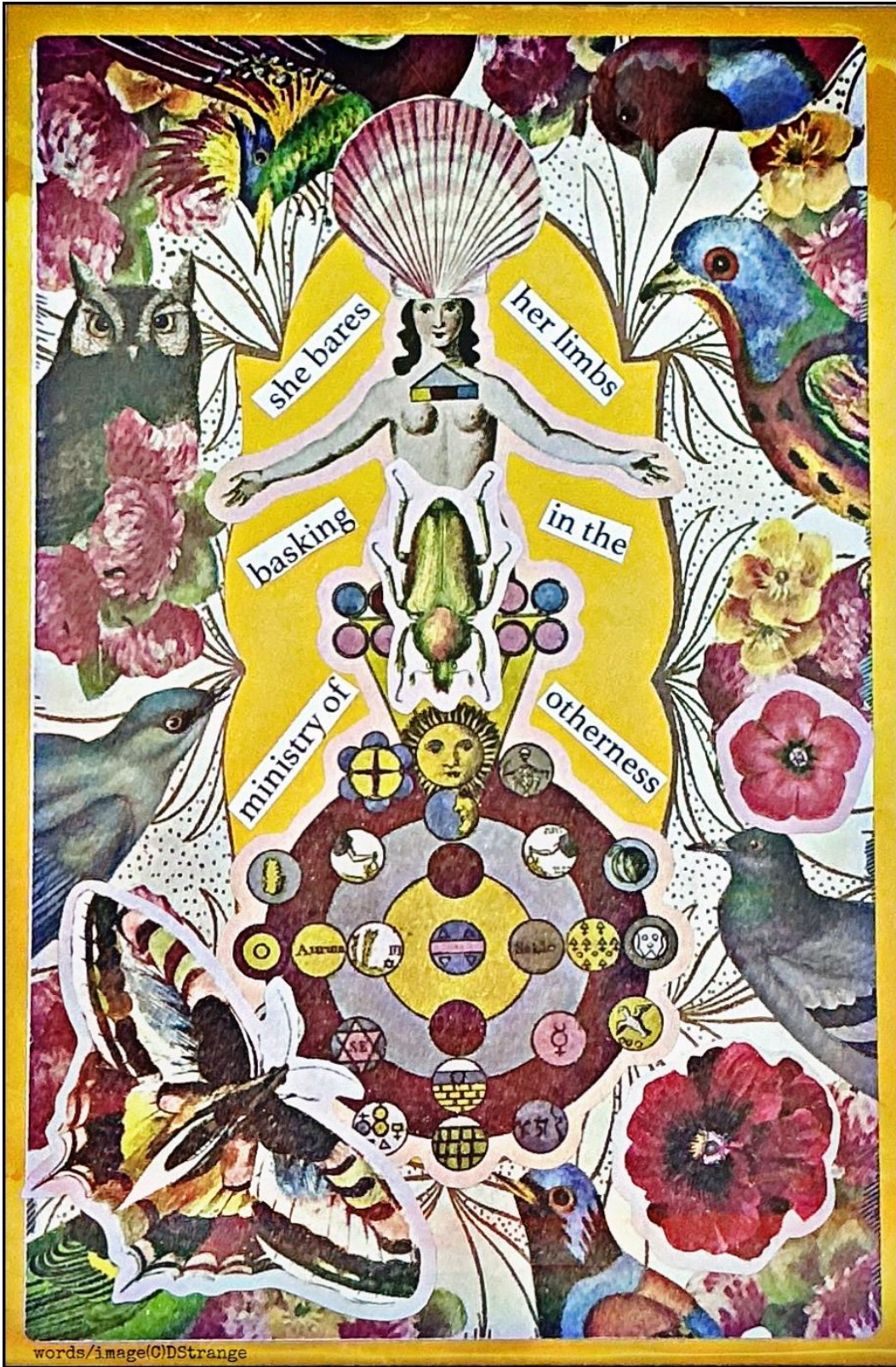
Daniel Cartwright-Chaouki

Black Friday moon sold separately

David McKee

Moonlight doesn't console.  
It itemizes:  
fencewire,  
a lamp left on low.

Scott Burau



the beetle in her belly / Debbie Strange

slight morpheme addiction fuck

Lorraine A Padden

for a woman's body how many fruit flies on the black market

Rowan Beckett Minor

I paddle  
the river the river  
paddles me.

Scott Reid

morning by the stream has all summer

Ella Aboutboul

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