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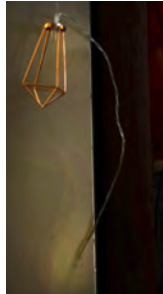
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear friends & fellow readers,

Welcome to McMurdo Home & Gardens' first literary issue, a celebration of the collected works of literature that populate a personal library, and the spaces designed to hold and showcase these special collections. How does one design a personal library within the limited real estate of Ross Island? We show examples of how to spruce up a nook, a corner, or even a cranny to highlight your prized books, whether they be first editions gifted by friends, or that quirky compilation of

vintage romance novels found in Skua Central. We talk about architectural and design differences between public and private libraries and how those spaces cultivate an air of learning and peace. Our feature article, *The McMurdo Library: A Safe Space For All*, is followed by a highlight of the cozy homes of Mary Kate Walrath and Katharine Smith, Ross Island's premier literary talent. We also include our very first literary review section, critiquing everything from classic literature to harrowing tales of adventure found on the 'Antarctica Section' shelves of the McMurdo Public Library. Imagine.

xoxo,
Kelsy



Two Wastie Households

by Antoinette "Toni" Traub

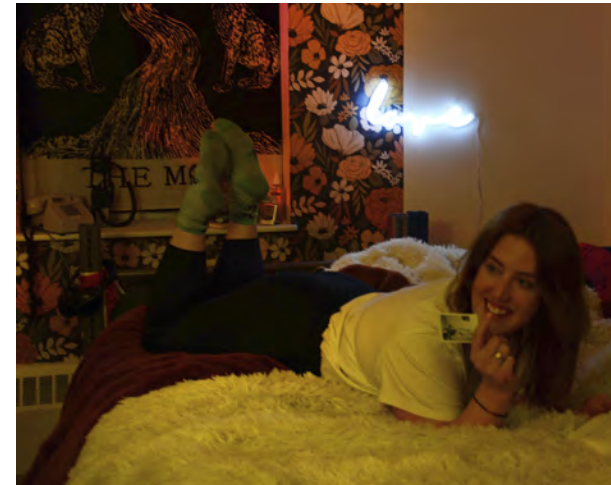
Two households, both alike in dignity, in fair McMurdo, where we lay our scene. Separated by three doors and hallway, Star-crossed lovers, Mary Kate and Katharine, Work together yet vibe so differently. One is sensitive, hopeless romantic, Lush and warm, with Bukowski influence. The other is dark, mysterious, and Made up of the harsh skua issuance.

Mary Kate had brought down a hundred pounds- Entirety of luggage allowance- On soft-core couture and whiskey abound. While Katharine, a creative soul, allows us Enough craft supplies to paint a small town.

Influenced by art these ladies consume:

Mary Kate's grandfather loved Jane Austen, Which is where her sensitivity blooms. One can see from her décor this passion; One passing can leave a note for her room. Katharine's passions come from somewhere blacken, Somewhere found online in the deep, dark art. One can google search Snowqueens Icedragon, And from there understand her truth and heart.

Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, And to each their own is a work of art. Both women give fearless efforts in their own, Like things in common, like hanging Carhartts. This above all; to thine own self be true, So to thy reader I bid you adieu, MK and Katfarts, what a fun int'rview.



The Hallway Not Taken

by Katie Kerpel

Two hallways diverged in B-155,
And with not enough time before work,
And be one contractor, long I stood at the
handwashing station
And looked down Hwy 1 as far as I could
To where the double doors stood.

Then took the other, down Hwy 2, just as fair,
And having perhaps a quieter claim,
Though is the way to Gallaghers & Southern,
The passing there had worn them really about the
same.

Stepping out of the galley, they equally lay -
Recently mopped by the Janos.
Oh! I kept the first for later that day,
And perhaps the other for later in the evening,
There is no doubt that I will ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh,
Over and over seasons hence:
Two hallways diverged in B-155 and I -
I turned and went back inside the galley for
another cookie
And that has made all the difference.

Sonnet 18: **McMurdo Edition**

Shall I compare thee to a winter's night?
Thou art less lovely and less temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling dorms
a'fright,
And winter's lease hath all too long a date;
Sometime too hot the eye of NSF shines,
And often is our gold complexion dimm'd;
And every mental health sometime
declines,
By chance or Denver's changing course
untrimm'd;
But thy eternal winter shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that pale skin
glow;
Nor shall sun brag thou wander'st in his
shade,
In eternal darkness no freshies grow:
So long as men wish they weren't
abstinent,
So long lives this cold, harsh, dark
continent.

by Antoinette "Toni" Traub

June Horoscopes

With *Madam Australis*

Cancer: Today is your lucky day. So that's one out of 364. while your cakes are definitely delicious, they are maybe a little dry.

Leo: Your internet security needs work. Stop using the same password for everything! This is how hackers got into your Neopets account and sold all your paint brushes when you were 10. The stars are just looking out for you. **Capricorn:** Stop itching it. I think you are just making it worse.

Taurus: Don't worry Taurus, we've all been there.

Aries: Tomorrow will be your lucky day. Today will be your penance for that lucky day. The day after tomorrow, you will feel a little bit lethargic.

Virgo: A penny saved is a penny earned. Now you just need like 10,000 more of those bad boys to afford a few days' worth of groceries. **Aquarius:** Don't let anyone tell you to "stop worrying." Fear is a reasonable response to life.

Libra: You are gonna eat pasta tonight. Listen, not every prediction is an important one. **Pisces:** Monday would like for you to leave it alone. It is not its fault you are emotionally unprepared for your own professional lives!

Scorpio: No horoscope today. Your fate is boundless. The world is yours. Sounds terrifying. Better you than me. **Gemini:** Current threat level: Salmon. Misery is still optional.

Sagittarius: The fates would like you to know that

From the desk of the Goldberg & Yurkewitz Law Firm:

Have you ever wanted to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Is there a hole in your heart that is roughly 24,000 sqft? Do you want to invest in something that is definitely NOT a Ponzi scheme? The well-established McMurdan Law firm turned real estate empire, Goldberg and Yurkewitz, is offering an exciting opportunity to invest in a cozy 8-bedroom, 12 bathroom starter home that has been on the market for just under a year at the affordable rate of \$100,000,000. The property, located at 142-203 Mahopac Avenue, Granite Springs, NY and currently owned by the cofounder of Calvin Klein, is used to raise prize winning horses which you can almost certainly dress up in funny hats or corsets. If every McMurdan were to invest a pittance of \$650,000 (paid out in monthly installments in Albanian Leks to a Paypal account owned by a man named

Croaky) then the firm of Goldberg and Yurkewitz could purchase this property on your behalf and you could bask in the financial rewards that come with definitely NOT having placed your money in a Ponzi scheme. This is a truly stable offer which should not be missed! For more information, please leave a downpayment in Albanian Leks buried in a box under a tree that resembles the one from the end of the Shawshank Redemption and our agents will be in touch.

