

THE CATALYST

A vibrant watercolor illustration of a woman's face, rendered in a stylized, almost abstract manner. The face is the central focus, with large, expressive eyes. The left eye contains a sun-like symbol with rays, while the right eye features a crescent moon and a star. The woman's hair is depicted with long, flowing strands in various colors, including purple, green, and yellow. The background is a soft, light-colored wash of watercolor, suggesting a sky or a dreamlike atmosphere. The overall style is artistic and evocative.

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FLY WHILE FALLING

BY RICKY BARAJAS

There's power in the act of choice,
Manifest your will; use your voice.
Change the world from where you came,
But note your soul remains the same.
Feelings change at times from growth—
Stay true to you, uphold your oath.

Take a leap on the count of one—
Any longer is stalling.
Hear the wind roar in your ears,
Learn to fly while falling.

YOUR ONLY PAIN

BY ASHLEY FERNANDEZ

Fernandez
simple, not original
cliché on names
better known than anything else, a child without doubt.

Fernandez
a knife churning in my heart
vomit bubbling in my throat
pain, broken heart.

Fernandez
nineteen years, still no call.

today, Fernandez is said with pride
small hopes that you see it one day
on a
newspaper
book, perhaps
see the name you let slip away
your name, but not really yours
your daughter, but not really yours
your pain, but only yours.

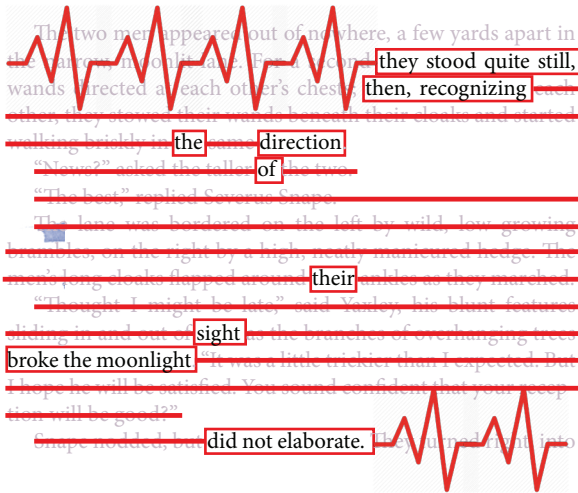
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The Dark

Lord Ascending

By Sarah Wilson

Pulled from an excerpt of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J. K. Rowling



The two men appeared out of nowhere, a few yards apart in the darkness. They stood quite still, their wands directed at each other's chests, then, recognizing the direction of the "Name?" asked the taller of the two. "The Lord," replied Severus Snape. Their heads tilted slightly, and they stepped back a few inches as they marched. Their sight broke the moonlight. He did not elaborate.

The New Pioneers

By Ricky Barajas

Pulled from an excerpt of Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor

the scholars are the leaders. when the chance arises. change

the American philosophy be interested in the welfare of the people. They're capable of great things.



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