

Cat's Anus 2010, Amelia Saul

my eyes cross paths
with a black cat
in a shadow
slinking behind a dead tree
grey trunk stuck deep in frozen winter muck

and like light sabers
a spark erupts

I jump
the cat skedaddles
but not before sending me a psychic message:

*your eyes extend all the way
from your armpits through your neck and out
from your armpits
they bond with an energetic hose
that's other, danker end
ties directly into my anus
from this loop onwards
we are bonded with the entire earthly animal kingdom*

puzzled and moving
my eyes left and right to see behind
a burnt spot on my cornea
where the light sabers sparked
I followed the cat
under a rain spout
into someone's backyard
which was completely covered
with concrete and had no features

I spotted the cat's tail
disappear into a car port
just before the garage door
banged shut

outside in suburbia with no car
I considered my predicament
and knew I
a male
with a baseball hat on
in someone's backyard
must have looked like a sex predator

which is amusing considering
I, unlike the black cat disappeared into the bungalow
the one with the cosmic anus
do not have
spines along the length
of my penis

mine is smooth and made of human flesh

a curtain moved in the house
white with yellow tulips printed
I knew I had been spotted

I immediately got a hard on
and turned nervously to the right
the black cat lay before me
on his back

I was struck that this animal
could be designed like an accordion
but still be paradoxically
one of the most elegant creatures

but when he opened long
I felt betrayed when I saw
the pure white belly he stretched open
this was no black cat
merely a tuxedo

the cat said psychically just then,

*this is the way I digest
all the grass, mice, birds, cat food, blood, and tap water
I've ingested today
when I shit
you will feel a slight throb in your armpits
nothing to be alarmed about
it's only energetic*

I asked him psychically

if your anus attaches to my armpits
where does my anus go?

*universally?
he asked
I could be wrong
but it might fit quite nicely into
the ears of the common housefly
but it's best to test it out
anyway
everyone is different*