

## 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*