

#### A BIG GASH LANDS ME IN THE ER

by Brad Liening

While I wait I watch a woman on TV get buried alive.

1,000 years pass. When they finally

call my name, I get stitched together and am grateful for the obvious pains.

It's times like these that I feel most at peace,

surrounded by plastic that's easy to wipe up.

Art: "Picking Up Stems in the Woods" by Federico Federici unstamatic.info



#### LOST WEEKEND

by Laura Voivodeship

For the treatment of disordered hallucinations: disinhibit a coma, dose to keep from lying.

Trouble begins to bend across unnerving dreams of you.

Less a half-life, more a lost weekend.

Photo: "Directions to the West: Ojai, California" by Diana Lizette Rodriguez unstamatic.info



### HISTORY LESSON

by Samantha Madway

In the beginning, it was a matter of biology, of being predisposed.

In the middle, there was the meeting of mind and corrosive material.

In the end, you marched through like manifest destiny.

Did a chemical colonize me, or am I actually happy to see you?

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It's about a girl who lost her arm in a fun house—

chopped off by a poorly placed fan. She just walked

around bleeding, hypnotized by her ruptured reflection,

sliced already into broken girlhood, the loss of an

arm imperceptible amidst so much fracture.

Art: "Self-Portrait" by Yoojeong Choi unstamatic.info

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