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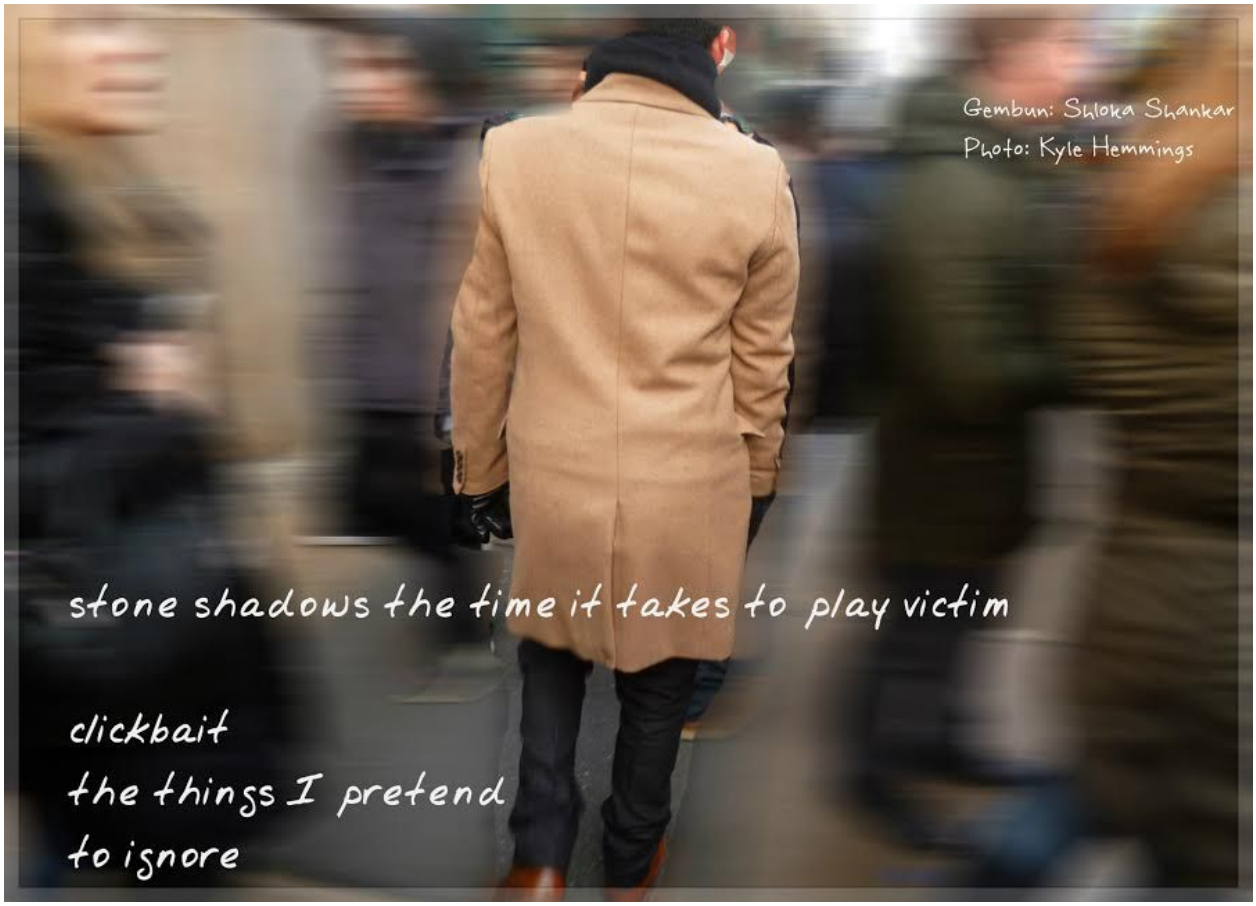

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not looking
ahead too far
autumn fog

falling leaves
a boy plays catch
with the wind

I critique
the winning poem
fire pit

———

Venn Diagram

He introduces me to his teacher and I'm shocked by how young she is. She's closer to his age than mine. After we chat a few minutes, I notice him tuning us out.

"Adult talk", he later explains, not knowing the breadth of his grouping.

tetherball
we circle around
the middle

On Ice

The annual polar bear plunge was cancelled after Skinny Ed got the chills and died in the hospital. A group of us snuck out a few more times, but it was never the same. You know what they say - one case of hypothermia kills the fun for everyone.

evening frost
only the snowman
smiles

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iridescent the holes in our future
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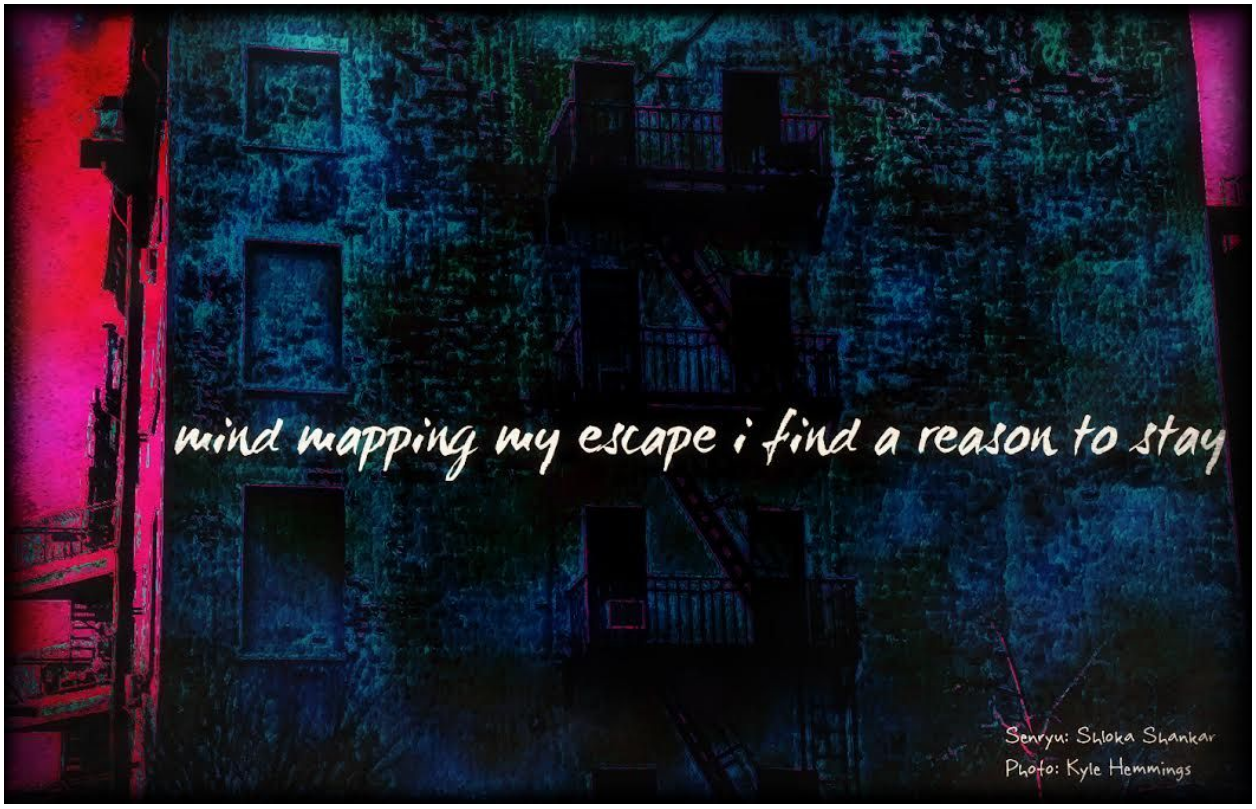
mind mapping my escape i find a reason to stay
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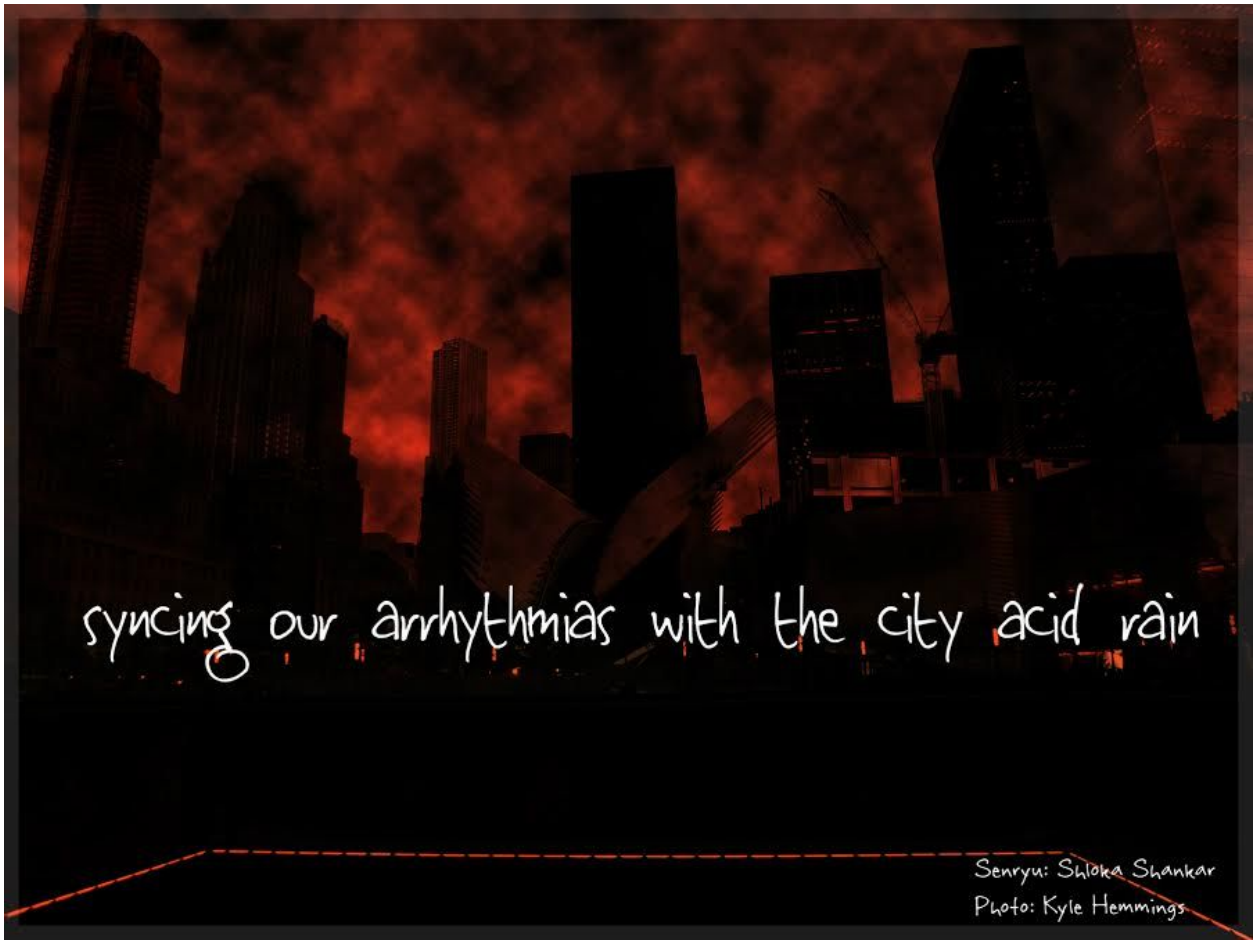
syncing our arrhythmias with the city acid rain
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this poem fissured like everything else before you
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Shloka Shankar and Kyle Hemmings

food -
my neighbor and the dog
the same look

Antonio Mangiameli

without you
the granola jar only
half-empty

time-and-a-half
perusing the works
of Alexis Rotella

nightclub loo
i reconsider the capacity
of my bladder

clickbait headline
subject and verb
disagreeing again

cognac sazerac
even the sinners want
to be in that number

Kelly Sauvage Angel

haiku fever…
my afternoon visited
by spring rain

only me…
the mimosa
folding

street cafe…
the chef's version
of miso soup

old pantaloons
the sun carries a load
of history

Willie R. Bongcaron

dusk
our shadows
depart

your last breath
after sundown
still the day breaks

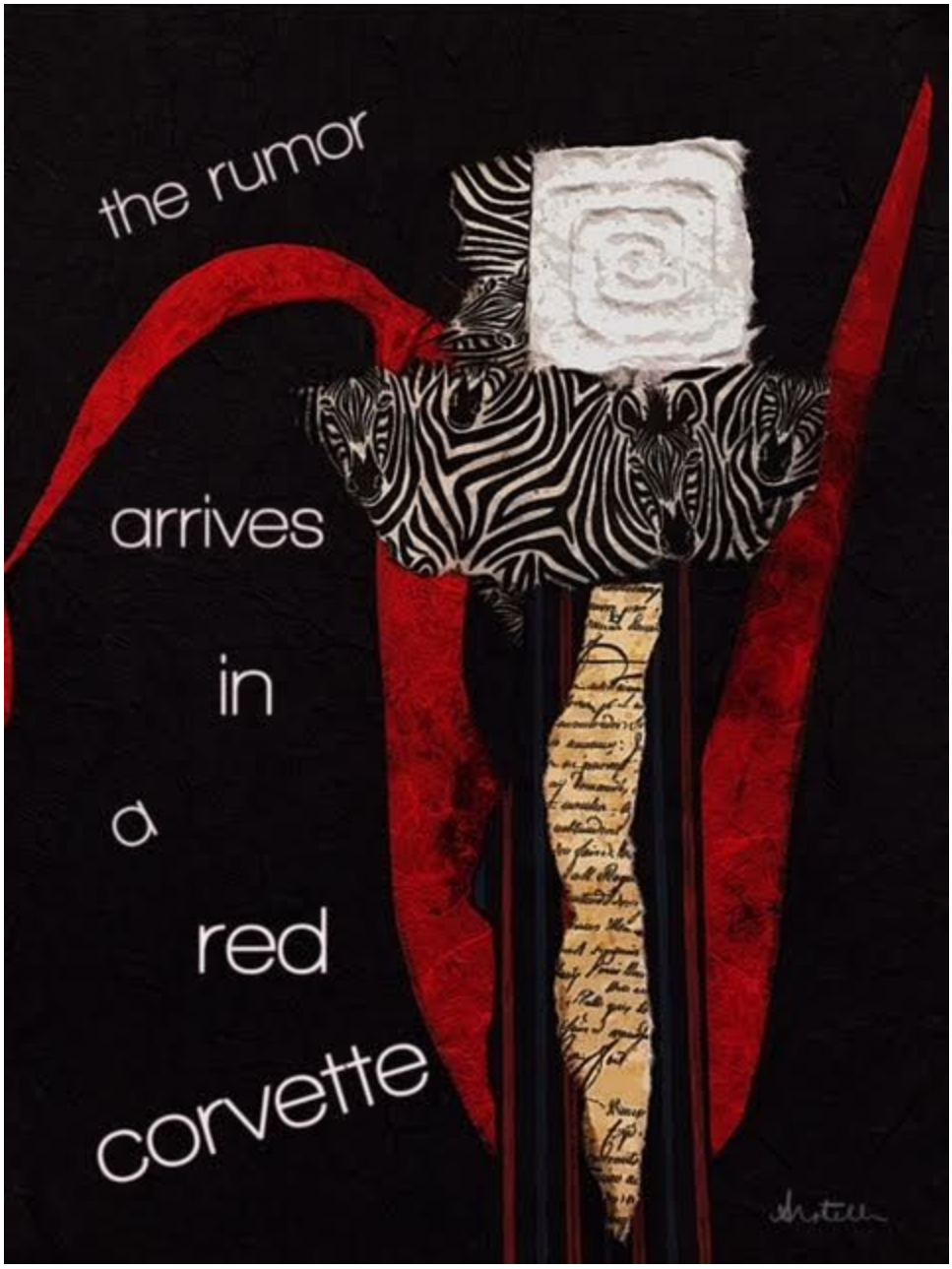
still visiting
after all these years
moss on the headstone

morning haze
lasting all day
her mind now

Rachel Sutcliffe

Third date
he points out the pistil
on every flower
Alexis Rotella

BIRD SONG
RISING
WITH THE MIST
ALEXIS ROTELLA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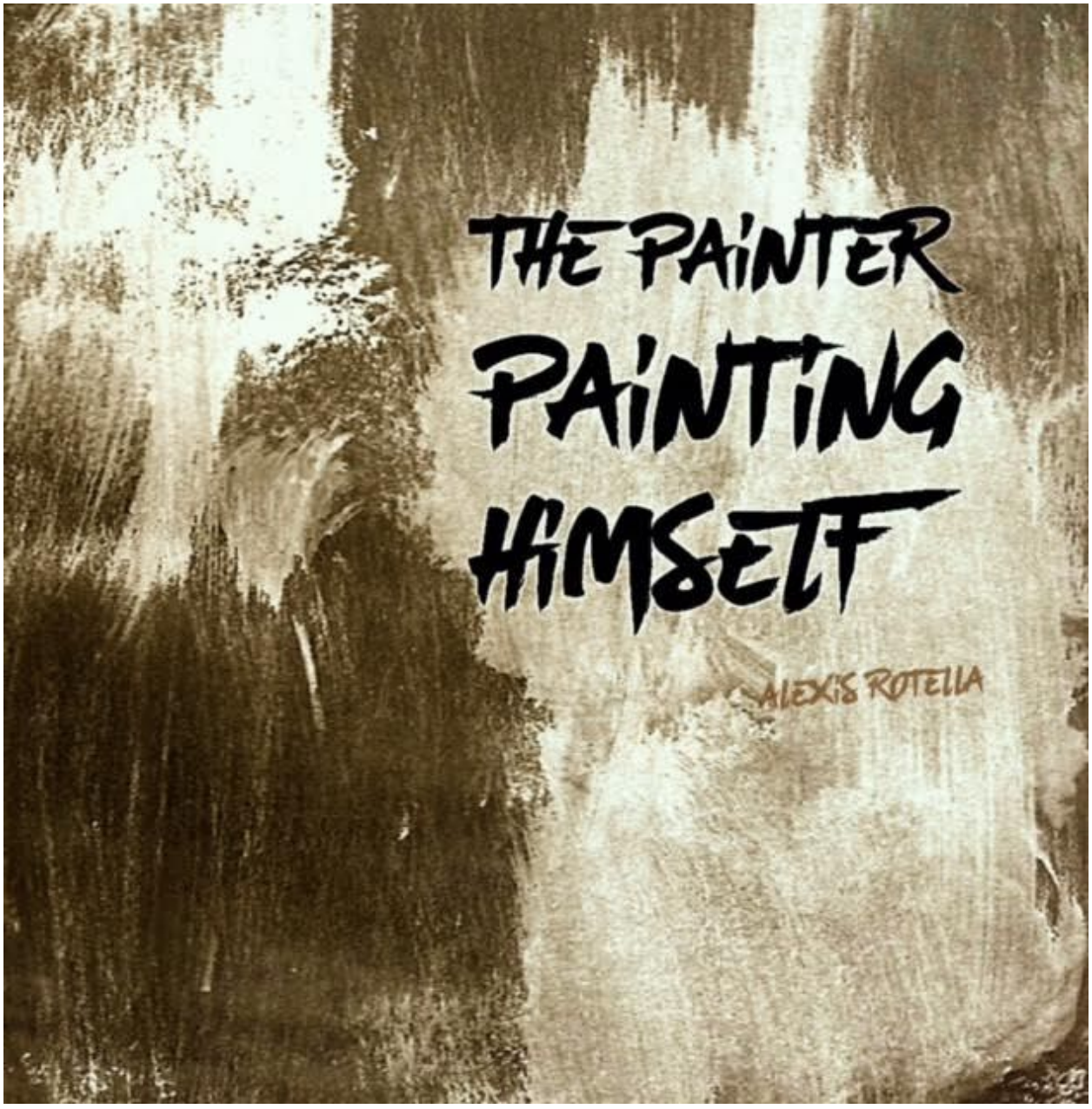
arrives
in
a
red
corvette


THE PAINTER
PAINTING
HIMSELF
ALEXIS ROTELLA

HEY
WE'RE
STANDING
UNDER
THE SAME
CLOUD
ALEXIS
ROTELLA