

Day 29

Deliver a gift somewhere, somehow, with or within your writing today—to a character or figure inside it, or maybe a kind of hidden easter egg for the reader to discover. The gift needn't be an object. Maybe the story makes a gift of itself, passes itself on somehow. Maybe the story gifts something back to you, or maybe the way you choose to write today—what you allow yourself to embrace, what you allow yourself to ignore—is a step in a process of giving yourself what you need out of this whole weird endeavor. Think expansively about what could constitute a gift and what the verb *to gift* entails. Once you've found your gift, don't rely on a shitty package delivery service with terrible labor conditions. Reward the deliverer for their work too. Take the prompt exuberantly.

Warmup: Minute Lists

Choose five. Make your own or try these: words for parts of human anatomy, words that signal understanding or misunderstanding, words that belong to a particular zone of expertise, names you could give a hothouse flower, words that rhyme with your name.

Tuning: Mind Tenants

Write a list of seven things that are occupying your mind today.