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Writing Fiction

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Persistence

Ramsay B. Tarrow

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Mr. Tarrow,

I understand that you have submitted to our magazine numerous times—we have received and read all of them. Your continued persistence in submitting is admirable. However, your writing style as well as the genre of your pieces is not congruent with what we normally publish. Our magazine typically prints poetry and prose that is of a more positive persuasion than your submissions. Personally, I enjoyed your short story *Numbness* a great deal. Unfortunately, its premise is just far too bleak for our readers. It needs to reworked and polished a bit more before I would consider submitting it again. I have enclosed the addresses of several other magazines/publishing houses that you might want to consider submitting to in the future that publish prose and poetry more in line with your particular style. I wish you the best in your pursuit of becoming an author.

Kind Regards,

Kathryn Andars

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The letter was quickly crumpled in his trembling fist.

“She hasn’t read anything of mine. A cough out! A knee jerk reaction to get me to shut up!”

Ramsay’s cat stretched out in the midday sun, completely unconcerned by his master’s yelling. His PC was already on, ready to write a reply to this letter.

“She’ll have to listen eventually. I won’t give up. I *will* be published in *Lexicon.*”

Gordon meowed at nothing in particular as Ramsay typed away.