

ONE NIGHT WE SLEPT OUTSIDE

I sent them the scenic way,
where they will have to pass through a tunnel
that narrows in some places to around 2 inches
of breathing room on all sides.
And in another section, although not as tight,
it is cluttered with dead bodies
lying about in configurations that resemble Chinese characters.
It's long enough that they will have to spend one night
in those claustrophobic quarters,
enveloped by the velvety fragrance of decomposition,
and surely, they will have doubts
and think about turning back,
but by noon the second day
the tunnel shall open into a cave room
and the cave room into a large mouth
behind a waterfall
surrounded on the other side
by deciduous trees whose falling leaves are as diverse
in shape and color
as there are types of cookies in the world.

-Eliot S. Ku

The autumn light will filter through, and the air will be so fresh.
I wonder then if they will still be upset with me
once they have realized that
I finally brought them to this place.



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