



## Onboarding

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**S**ound the elite boots made of  
rosemary leather.  
Onboarding leaves you  
beneath  
the crunching leaves, crushing tradition  
gently.

My new password didn't make it.  
She was weak and had to start over  
with a symbol.  
She has nothing left to give,  
I'm afraid.

My cursor is also flashing alarm;  
the session's timing out.  
I just want to sit in the rose garden  
and  
inhale white hybrid tea sugar moons,  
exhale sessional faculty positions.

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I refresh the page too soon,  
lose my work.  
This portal is pedagogical,  
whispering warnings and workplace safety  
but I am already learned in  
this place  
housed |between borders| we're told are  
stronger  
than the roles we keep warm.

This is to say:  
let me light a fire here,  
cowards.