Last Days In My Life getting rid of stuff

PHOTOS BY KYLE CASSIDY POETRY BY DIVERSE HANDS



William Morris

A shelf is no place for a camera.

You Have Too Many Cameras & You Don't Take Enough Pictures

I used to constantly admonish photographers who had turned into collectors. It all starts out well enough — you want to take photos, you get bitten by some magical bug, you get a camera and for a while you take pictures but then, there's always something not exactly *right* about your camera and you start pining for another one and you work and work and eventually you get the other camera, but you can't, for some reason, get rid of the one that you didn't like so much, so then you have two, and soon enough you have three and four and then closets full of them and then deciding which one to use becomes the thing you spend most of your time doing. I heard someone say once: *photographers take photos with their cameras and collectors take photos of their cameras*. And, so, eventually, despite all your good intentions you're standing there with your new camera taking a picture of your old camera and you you have a Pogo-like relevation: *we have met the collector and the collector is us*.

Anyway. I have too many cameras and I don't take enough photos. So this morning I looked at all the stuff that I honestly couldn't think of a good reason for keeping and decided to have one final moment of glory with it before consigning it all to the dustbin of ebay so that it can find a new person who will hopefully use it to take photos.

I posted to the Internet announcing an open studio for two hours — get here in time & I'll take your photo. And I also invited people who couldn't make it to write a poem on something that they weren't going to keep — like trash or a book they were going to donate or something else because it's more fun if everybody can participate.

Anyway, I said I'd photograph for two hours, layout the photos for an hour and whatever existed at the end of that time is what it was.

So that's what you have here in front of you.

Thanks to everyone who particpated.

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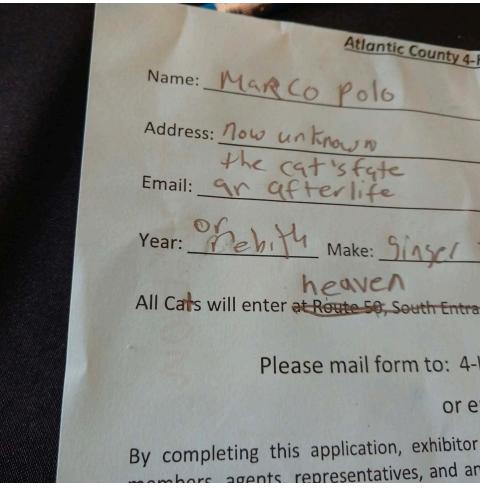
— Steffan Ziegler

Here, there is a marster this labyrinth, a spiral of ribs, housing. a red-heaped heart, a constant how of wild, of want, this once-soft virtue Suddenly gene it villain hands open math like a forest fire looking for a lullaby.

— Ali Trotta







— Laura Cushing

Happy Roswell Day.





