

Maake Projects

Christina Van Der Merwe
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A traveler passes by
holding a weathered mollusk.

Light streams down
through a gray glass
skylight in an otherwise
barren room.

Her calendar ready to fill,
a prophetic formulation.

But at its center
a spiral of dunes
without depth perception.

When we look closer
there are imprints
on the days,
a cloth pressed
behind the knife.

Weeks with inlays
of Atlantic craters and
phosphorescent midnights
back behind.

An emerald bottle
catches the golden hour
becomes a lighthouse—
floats.

Time keeps covering a field
ever vast
as it moves away.

Still, she sees these supposed duplicates
somewhat lighter,
engraved twice.

—Alex Baker

Christina Van Der Merwe (b. Pretoria, South Africa, 1984) lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. She is a self-taught artist and has had exhibitions at *Painting on Porch* with @sueravitz, *Behind the Times, Chapter 5*, an online group show with Alyssa Davis Gallery and Abby Lloyd, *Biophilia*, a group show at UnPaved Gallery in Yucca Valley, CA. Her work has been published in *ArtMaze*, issue 16 and *The Concern*, issue 1 and 2.