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How does one hack the Anthropocene? Nature, masked as COVID-19 virus, did for itself what humans have been incapable of doing. This submission comprises two intertwined parts: prose and an artwork of interactive fiction. The prose explores the unleashing of the virus on the Anthropocene, the mediating digital infrastructure and Nature's caution to care. The interactive fiction provides a portal: an imagining of the universal experience of mortality in a pandemic during the Anthropocene. It is a story of personal loss and the author did not get to say goodbye.

Several images from the graphic animated memoir are below. For the full graphic animated memoir by Kavita Gonsalves please follow this link: <https://majickat.itch.io/sapienshack>

Content Warning: death, grief, COVID-19 pandemic



welcome to the anthropocene.

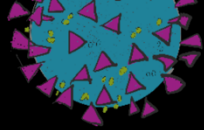


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along
came
a
virus

along came a virus
wild and feral
transgressing extents
between the man and other,
man and creature-
between man and better.

along came a virus
shutting
imagined lands



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this virus, this hack -
separates us-
into the
helpless, dread & fear
of the unknown.

will we,
the un-satiabile gobbling sapiens,
ever learn ?



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22 January 2020.
850 COVID-19 cases.
And they multiply...

we see them.
we take time to see them.





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we hold them in our memory
and everything we know about them
tighter.

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