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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting: August 18, 2017

At 10:30

at:

The L.I.E. premises

3, rue de Monthoux

Assignment: Age

Leader: Marlene

We were again fortunate to meet on a beautiful summer's day with the nights getting longer. We met in the Reading Room of the Library for our scheduled July Writers' Workshop meeting.

Those in attendance were **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zinat**. A guest from Canada, only here for the summer, **Valerie Sacchetti** joined the meeting.

We received apologies from **Sally-Anne** and **Maureen**.



Business:

Rose welcomed our visitor **Valerie**, an English teacher at a high school in Canada

Marlene brought news to the group of the death of **Marianne Gunther**, one of our founding members who before her illness had been an active member of the group.

With no further business to discuss we proceeded to reading our different submissions of the optional assignment, **Fear**.

Reading:

Zinat began by mentioning that there are many types of fear including that of ghosts and spiders. Her initial fear was of spiders making her cringe and call hysterically for help. That fear has now subsided, but has

been replaced by falling from heights. On a walk, she lost her footing and only with the help of her husband did she manage to regain her balance. This event brought this new fear home and made her want to write 'goodbye' messages to her children and sisters. The psychological aspect of this type of fear did not escape her.

Rose followed with *The Shadow on the Wall*. She brought young Ian's fear to us as he saw the shadow of a monster creeping along his bedroom wall. His mother tried to placate him by assuring him that monsters did not exist. As an adult, Ian took a different view and encouraged his own children to use their imagination to defeat their 'monsters'. **Rose** ended her piece with an 'Author's Note' explaining the aspect of fantasy in literature.

Marlene read her experience of being caught in a heavy snow storm on the way to Valais. The fear of Julia travelling with her was infectious. When she pulled into a truck stop to wait out the storm, her own demons surfaced to paralysing effect. The storm's relentless onslaught finally lifted and they could go on their way to the safety of their overnight stay.



Future Dates & Assignments:

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below, before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for 2017:

Dates and assignments planned for **2017**:

Aug 18: Age - Marlene

Sept 15: Open

Oct 20: Habits - Marlene

Nov 17: Dialogue: 4 Characters

Dec: No Meeting

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