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## Writers' Workshop



Next Meeting: February 16, 2018

\*\*\*Time: 10.30 a.m.\*\*\*

at:

The L.I.E. premises  
3, rue de Monthoux

Assignment: How on earth can you do this?  
– Leader: Zinat

The meeting was chaired by **Rose** who also acted as secretary during **Marlene's** convalescence after her accident. Also present were **Zinat** and two prospective new members, **Caitlin Spahr** and **Eva Kupfer**. Apologies were received from **Marlene** and **Nancy Hasley**, another prospective new member.



**Business:** **Rose** reported that the meeting scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> will clash with the Library's Spring Booksale. Members will be informed of the new date in due course.

There being no further business to discuss, members' contributions were put forward.

The topic 'Writing without the use of the verb 'To Be' proved to be a difficult exercise.

**Rose's** contribution, *The Cage*, was adapted from a piece written for a previous Workshop. It was an unspoken dialogue between two women with telepathic capabilities during their imprisonment and their fear that their gift would fall into the wrong hands.

**Zinat's** story, *The Verb To Be*, was inspired by a recent family tragedy, the untimely death of her brother-in-law under suspicious circumstances.

**Eva's** piece, entitled *F-you, b-word, said the deciders*, was a

lighthearted look at the reactions of the b-word personified to its being ostracised and excluded from the dictionary at an international meeting and forum for grammar.

**Caitlin**'s contribution, *Carnage*, was speculative fiction inspired by Philip K. Dick and Neil Gaiman, which told of a shieldmaiden, Vedas, and the aftermath of a battle in a dystopian world.

A lively discussion followed each submission.



### **Future Dates & Assignments**

Please note the optional assignments and dates, with leaders:

**March 16:** Letters - Rose

**April 20:** Open – to be re-scheduled

**May 18:** It's a Small World - Rose

**June 15:** What If? – Zinat

**July 20** A Personality – Marlene

**August 17:** Crossing Boundaries – Rose

**September 21:** Open

**October 19:** A Play – Marlene

**November 16:** Nature - Zinat

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