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NEW MICHIGAN PRESS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the release of Trey Moody’s chapbook, Climate Reply, a finalist in the diagram/new michigan press 2010 chapbook contest.

“Reading Trey Moody’s poems feels a little like standing among flags slapping in a bright wind in a field of flags, except that it’s the middle of the night and each flag moves according to its own force. This new, serious, vivid, original voice reports from necessity. These beautiful poems are layered, foreboding, magnetic, preternaturally wise.” —KATHLEEN PEIRCE

When I was a boy, I choked on a piece of candy outside the kitchen window for a few minutes while watching my parents making dinner. I thought I was going to die, but I didn’t want to scare them. Our existence was so separate, a dying and a doing well, an outside and an inside. Trey Moody’s poems hover in that cold, wet, refrigerator-lit place between the dying and the doing well, the outside and the inside. His poems are the thoughts of the person you love who is always standing behind you, slowly and silently suffocating. But they’re not afraid to say hello, and please, and I’m scared.” —ZACHARY SCHOMBURG

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THE LISTENER, THE LAND

I ask your name to understand who’s swimming upstream. The loud knives gleam along the forests. Sucker punch the kidney, I tell you, bright tissue cracks like wrapping paper, under the lights, long forgotten by me, my inferior raincoat. The plastic bear rattles his plastic claws, under the chin of his swollen prey, the green evening casting hidden candies on benches in hopes of understanding. I think the meaty fish is done for, but my flaming camp sacks have been wrong before. The night will come again, before this racket gets out of hand, and in the quiet room I’ll stitch your fabric name to the tops of trees.

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