Selected Value: Perseverance

Green and Black Poison Dart Frog

Coated in charcoal blotches, mint toothpaste, its gummy gelatin shin stretches on its nimble limbs. Its tongue leaps, sticks to and curls around insects, stealing toxic alkaloids like how a soiled puddle collects water drops, drip by drip.

This receptacle of bitterness is filled up not by grudge, but by labour, the labour that shuts the jaws of a hungry snake, the labour that crowns them the king of poison in the land of rain, the labour that orchestrates its heartbeats.