Stephanie Strickland: Poem [1]

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Islands (Invaginated by Saltwater Bays with a Stream and Another Both Flowing All Through Them along Enfolded Paths)

Every bit lies on the border of three countries, is a 3-country corner.

Swamp, as it stands between the land and the water, delta drained by a river-tree, water/water-shed.

Properties of parts?
Or their articulation: Eiffel Tower airy strong, keys of strength in the branch points.

Worn away, like coral, like reef.

entirely worn that body vanishes, all innerness outerness: rules invent this

on the plane, in space.

Mandelbrot . . . not want to waste any data, plotted all we had. Distressing.

Our eyes—
we found it hard to discriminate landscapes
we knew to be significantly

different We should have remembered . . . to assess motion, one needs rest One needs that standard

and the same is true of roughness.

Every bit
on 3 frontiers: on the banks of the branchy

Bronchiole, the swollen Artery and that bluest, darkest river, Vein.



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• Mandelbrot language in italics is from *The Fractal Geometry of Nature* by Benoit B. Mandelbrot (Freeman, 1982). Sentences have been excerpted and slightly paraphrased.

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Stephanie Strickland has published eight books of print poetry, among them *True North* and *Dragon Logic*. Her latest, *V : WaveTercets / Losing L'una*, is accompanied by the Vniverse app for iPad, created with Ian Hatcher. She has collaborated on ten digital poems, most recently *House of Trust* and *Hours of the Night*. A member of the Board of Directors of the Electronic Literature Organization, she coedited *Electronic Literature Collection Volume 1*.

For more information about her work, see Stephanie Strickland's website [4].

Stephanie will read at TW's panel <u>"Wild Equations: A Math Poetry Reading"</u> [5] for the AWP 2016 conference in Los Angeles.

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