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FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Moss Puppies,

Welcome to the first issue of Moss Puppy Magazine, a project born out of my love for all things creative and a tiny creature, the Moss Puppy. The original Moss Puppy made herself known to me on the pages of an old sketchbook and has evolved into so much more, her little howls and barks yipping and yapping until I finally listened - thus, Moss Puppy Magazine came to be, and I am so thankful to her for that.

Moss Puppy, of course, lives in a swamp, and I thought it only fitting for our first issue's theme to be dedicated to just that: SWAMPLAND. This is her home, and I hope you enjoy your stay - from prose to poetry to paintings and photography, this issue includes all of the weird, muddy, and messy our minds produce. Don't be afraid to take a swim - we'll show you what's in our swamp if you show us what's in yours.

Stay muddy. Stay mossy.

Much love,
Melissa Martini, EIC

We Are The Kids of The Swamp

by Justin Morales

We stagger through the bog, mud squelching beneath us
We feel the tips of cattails tickling our knees as we stride

We are the kids of the swamp, we are the kings and queens
We are the rulers of this land and we protect it with our lives

We breathe the marsh's misty air basking in its musty stench
We sense life flowing through its thick green and brown vines

We stay out at night and listen to the cicadas sing their melodies
As we lay in the mud like beetles counting the stars that envelop the sky

We are the misfits of the mire and we will stay evergreen



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