2025 RBC/PEN Canada New Voices Award Edie Reaney Chunn | 2025 Finalist Selection from *The Letters of Puppet and Clown* 

The First Letter from Puppet to Clown (One night after Lunar Eclipse)

## dear Clown,

When I firs tsa wyou inthe Night Box, I fel tmy body ente r the mischie f stance.

I saw your hands move,a ndt hey made the airs wim.

I had forgo tte n how, like m agnets, your skin can draw the air in.

You spoke -Iheard yousay
tha tper formance
can le ad tothe re al,
if you le arn ho wto
pla yyour part;
and thatyour
favourit e love story is
ROM EO & JUL IET.
wh oar eyo u? in
the play. did you know,
Ihave beenboth.

i mustap ologize for any orthograp hical err ors in thi sle tter I amstanding onthe space bar ofthe maker's typewr iter I jump fro mke y to key writing thi sle tter. Writin g is h ard, though speaking is mor eso, because of the breath required, and I am all runout of that.

sig ned,

P uppe t