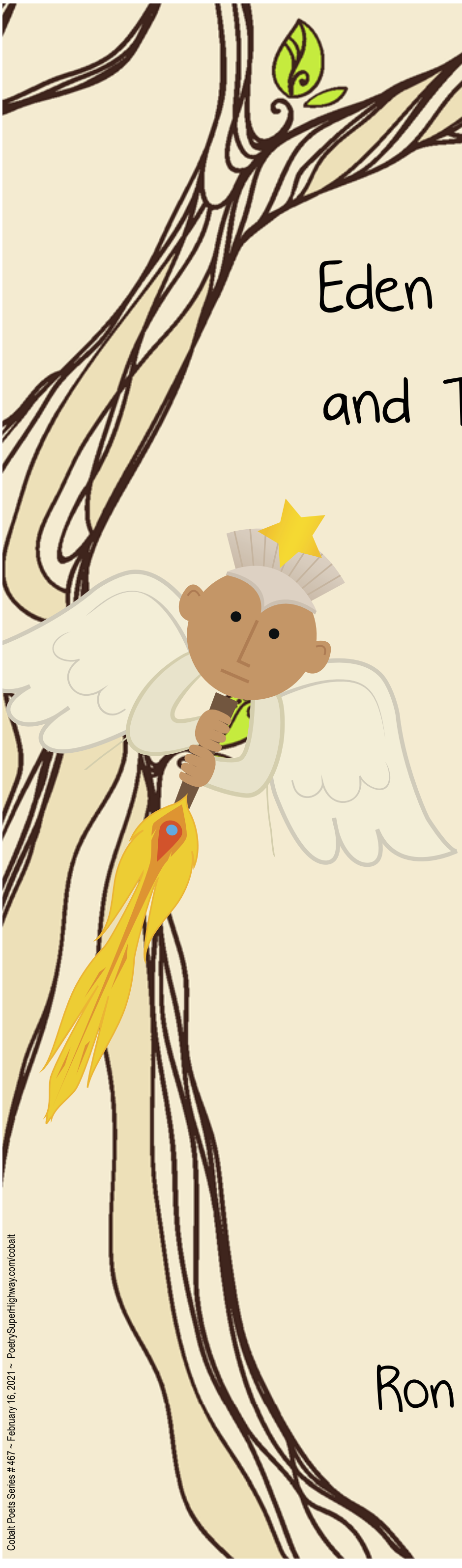
# Eden Now and Then



When the angel with the flaming sword disappeared,
we  walked into the garden at last

surprised, frankly,  at how much it looked like
Safari Park San Diego but without the convenience

of  the colorful trams.  Still, our feet hurt after an hour
on uneven terrain so we called it a day

despite being able to pet the lions and the lambs.

We realized what we liked about Eden was the angel
with the flaming sword.  He was better than anything

on HBO and that's saying something.  Now it's just
RVs, tents, and fires.

Even that famous tree has been picked clean,
its trunk ravaged by crudely carved hearts.

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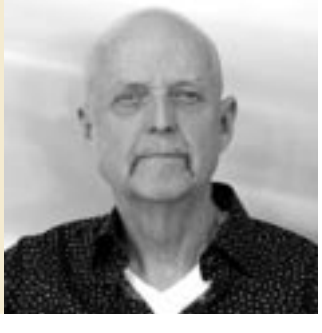

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