

The Land of Scholae Domum

By Anna Lozano

Sun salutations, my sister!

I am writing to tell you about my experience at the queer Land of Scholae Domum.

I was traveling to work on my bicycle as I always do, when I hit a small bump on the road and was thrown from my seat. I sailed through the air for what seems like hours when I finally landed on a blanket of soft pillowy bedrock. I stood up to find myself at the fork of two roads. Down the left road was a small yet bright and busy town full of light and people. Down the right road was another town that was much quieter and more still as if everyone was inside all the time. Behind me there was a large castle overlooking both towns. It almost seemed split in two with one side lit up and inviting and the other side darker and more foreboding. Deciding that the castle would be the best place to delve into first, I climbed up the tall set of stairs and knocked on the door.

“Come in, come in, come in! And do hurry up and take your time! I am a very busy man and I still have to work in time for an educational nap!” The man who opened the door talked in such a backwards manner I nearly laughed out loud! Everything he said was contradicting himself. It was as if he had been taking with two different personalities at the very same time—one busy and hurried, the other one lazy and sloth-like. He introduced himself as King Tardum, the ruler of all Scholae Domum; a small kingdom that consists of two small provinces: Occupatus and Otiosum. After conversing with him for a little while, I became slightly vexed by his way of talking and I asked him why he spoke in the manner that he did. This was his reply:

“(heavy sigh) My kingdom is cut into two sections both with two completely different ways of seeing things. I adore both so I must try my best to satisfy each side. I do this but acting under both personas at the same time.”

Then he decided that I should see both provinces for myself. He called his butler, Auxilium (or Auxi as we call him), and sent Auxi and me on our way. So off we went. We visited Occupatus first, stopping at all the shoppes and visiting various people. Everybody was so fast and everything seemed perfect. One of the people that I met was named Prudens. Pru owns a instrument shop, gives music lessons to all the children in Occupatus, has an art studio, and still makes time to teach me the ways of the inhabitants of Occupatus. I was much disappointed when the day was over. Auxi and I returned to the castle for the night. I went to bed right away so that I would be energized for the next day.

Turns out that nobody needs energy in Otiosum. I entered the town with high expectations for another full and exciting day, only to find that everybody was inside doing nothing in particular. Auxi knocked on a door to reveal a young man who introduced himself as Levis Corde but asked me to call him Lux. Lux invited us in to spend the day playing board games and baking cookies. Lux was really funny and lighthearted and a delight to be around. Although I wasn't expecting it, I really enjoyed the laid back afternoon.

Although both towns were so different, they were fun and special in their own ways. I soon came to love both of them and all the people within. Occupatus was bright and busy while Otiosum was quiet and sedentary. But then one day I woke up and everything was gone. I was back in my own bed with no Pru, no Lux, no Auxi, and no Scholae Domum. I was a little disappointed at first, but soon became adjusted to life again. The funniest thing is that no time passed while I was there, so no one missed me. I hope that you enjoyed my story.

Yours sincerely,
James Wildwood