



Sumaya Durrani, Alice in Boozistan 1986-2023 Decolonial Text 43.18 x 63.5 cm

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Down the rabbit hole to Boozistan it's a slippery slope. The streets are paved with stolen ideas and the booze is made from melted down copyright infringement. Ah, yes, the good old 'Land of Booze' - more than enough to make one go off their deep end. In Boozistan, your status is determined by your liquid assets. To become respected and successful all you need is some capital and a little bit of booze. The bigger the bottle, the greater the honor. Here, booze is the giver of all things good and the source of self-actualization. The state funds lavish feasts of spirits so that citizens become drunk with pride. The inhabitants, Hoover up booze in prodigious fashion. The light from their bottle of booze guides them through their murky nights. A concoction of morality and mayhem, Boozistan is a place where rules come to die a slow and painful death. In this most peculiar place, robbery is lauded, and booze is seen as a mark of distinction. Those at the top of the pecking order get gold badge sincerity and social status whereas the folks at the bottom of the pile are awarded with cardboard replicas of their ill-gotten gains. The prevalence of theft is unparalleled. It flourishes with no retribution. Power mongers turn a blind eye to those who pocket their neighbours gold. Local customs dictate that larceny is an expected virtue. It is no longer vilified and receives the full patronage of the state. So, if you're looking for a party and don't mind a few pickpockets as company, then look no further. Booze up. You've found a home in Boozistan. Upon arrival, you'll notice that even the laws of gravity seem to be turning on their head as large creatures shrink, and little critters become titans! Here, reverse logic is the new normal. Things may appear in unlikely forms. It is where left is right, and right is wrong. But if you're cool with that, you're already well on your way to fit right in!