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PRESS RELEASE

Dena Yago

September 6 – October 18, 2014

Opening reception Saturday evening, September 6, 6 – 8 PM



Dena Yago, *cannibal of my own flesh*, 2014
Digital-C print, straw basket, 36 x 36 x 6.5 centimeters
Courtesy of Gasconade, Milan

White Flag Library is pleased to present an exhibition of new work by Dena Yago. The exhibition will open with a free public reception Saturday evening, September 6, from 6–8 PM and continue through October 18, 2014.

Based in writing and poetry, Dena Yago's work tethers objects and images to ground language in explicit everyday encounters. Thinking through co-habitation and survivalism in contemporary urban environments, Yago playfully inverts common metonymic usage. From the intimate, identity-forming use of proper nouns, to the detached ambiguity of common nouns, meaning slides between the specific and abstract, altering relational proximity.

Dena Yago has presented recent solo exhibitions with Cubitt, London; Eli Ping, New York; Gasconade, Milan; Malraux's Place, New York; and Sandy Brown, Berlin. Her work has been presented as part of numerous group exhibitions including *A Matter of Taste*, Dingum, Paris; *Revelry*, Kunsthalle Bern; *BLOOMINGTON: MALL OF AMERICA, NORTH SIDE OF FOOD COURT, ACROSS FROM BURGER KING & THE BANK OF PAYPHONES THAT DON'T TAKE INCOMING CALLS*, Bortolami, New York; *Bathrobe Baden Baden*, Staatliche Kunsthalle Baden-Baden; *Roman à clef*, Bodega, Philadelphia; and *Combine #1*, Cage, New York. Yago's work has been discussed in Mousse, Frieze d/e, and Rhizome. She received her B.A. from Columbia University and currently lives and works in Los Angeles.

White Flag Library is an auxiliary exhibition program of White Flag Projects.

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Dena Yago, *Do you ever feel like a plastic bag?*, 2014
Digital-C print mounted on aluminum, steel grate, 70 x 100 centimeters
Courtesy the artist

- WHAT: *Dena Yago*
- WHEN: September 6 – October 18, 2014
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Viewing hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12–5 PM
- WHERE: White Flag Library
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Saint Louis, Missouri 63110
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- COST: Admission is free
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