

About this issue's cover: Trans Anarchist, Ecowarrior, Political Prisoner, Artist

In 2009 Earth Liberation Front activist Marius Mason was sentenced to twenty-two years on thirteen counts of arson and property damage targeting a research lab engaged in the genetic modification of plants; logging equipment; suburban homes under construction; and a mink farm operation. The sentence is completely out of proportion to the 'crimes' committed (there was no loss of life), but it reflects the lengths to which the United States' (in)justice system will go to repress the defence of Mother Earth. Marius has penned a poem, *Lion*, that speaks to being caged by the State and the inculcated denial of our natural being that makes this caging possible:

I have been a lion on the plains of Africa
Matching sinew against sinew,
Timing, speed, all considerations
In the meditation of the possible
Measuring the balance,
Risk and resource,
Gain and gamble,
Life and death.
Now I am a lion on a fabricated rock,
Dozing in and out of dreams
Golden eyes reflecting faces
Indolent and gazing,
They at me,
Me at them,
Shadows of ourselves
No longer wild.

I got to know Marius many years ago and recall their creative verve and commitment to the planet. You can express your solidarity by sending a letter or a book to Marie (Marius) Mason #04672-061, FCI Danbury Route 37 Danbury, CT 06811, USA

Be sure to consult Marius's Support Committee for instructions related to sending a letter or book: <https://supportmariusmason.org/support-solidarity/>

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