



## Ask the Brindled

**No'u Revilla**

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Truth spoken by poets matters more simply because the poet settles for nothing but the truth, so help her Veritas, daughter of Saturn. Such vigilance is arduous, and as a queer, Indigenous Hawaiian, No'u Revilla is as singular a voice as can be found. Recently, *Ask the Brindled* was selected as a winner of the National Poetry Series by Rick Barot. As an assistant professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, No'u champions ʻŌle literature in her creative writing courses.

*Don't have sex with gods*

*they hand me Bibles  
build church pews between my legs.  
do your rosary.  
do your rosary, baby.  
but Father, forgive me—  
I use my rosary as rope  
the way Maui hauled the sun,  
the way Maui hauled islands.*

*if ʻŌle is that which feeds,  
if aloha ʻŌle is love and lover of land,  
then she who feeds is she who fucks.  
ʻŌle will fuck back.*

*what happens when the rope breaks?*

*do your rosary. don't do your rosary, baby.  
we've always had sex with gods.*

MATT SUTHERLAND (July / August 2022)

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