Local recurrence is relatively common, with borderline cancerous and malignant cases seeing 36.3 percent and 40 percent respectively seeing a tumor reappear after a partial mastectomy to remove a margin of tissue around the first incidence. Beyond that, medical professionals know very little about what causes phyllodes tumors because they have not been prevalent enough to allow for much research. In my creative nonfiction piece, I explore the concept of being diagnosed with such a tumor well outside the statistical norms of most breast cancer patients in my early 20s, along with the emotional and psychological ramifications thereof. Based on my personal experience, I also incorporate the concept of facing serious illness as a young person at a time when mortality is not something most people seem to seriously consider.