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Natural-light photographer *Holly Sisson* likes to mix it up and keep it real. Whether playing on swings in the park, or lounging at home, there are no staged shots in this photographer's gallery. Everyone is having fun—and it shows in the relaxed and genuine smiles on their faces.

These are images to share with family and friends, and to cherish forever. To be hung on walls and passed down to future generations.

Holly's variety of packages & options includes private sessions, photography parties and photography mini-sessions (get the perfect picture for your social media identity!) Visit [www.hollysissonphotography.com](http://www.hollysissonphotography.com) for details on all of her packages.

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## Nilli Salonspa makes every day a great hair day

The change of season can be the cause of many bad hair days. Winter is especially tough on your hair with colder temperatures, windy days, and dry indoor heat. *Nilli Salonspa* provides specialized care to keep your hair healthy, shiny and strong—all ingredients, along with Nilli's skilled hair cutting and colour, for fabulous-every-day hair.

As a long time client we can tell you that Nilli has made us love our hair, with a cut and colour that suits us to a tee. What's great about Nilli is that she works with your own natural hair tendencies, for a cut that enhances your features and also fits your lifestyle. Her talent is creating haircuts so easy to maintain that, even when left to air dry, they fall naturally into place.

If you have short hair you'll especially appreciate Nilli's skill with the scissors—because while Nilli can cut any length/style of hair, she is a master when it comes to short hair styles. Nilli is also a hair colour expert. She uses a different process for colouring and highlighting hair that actually conditions your hair and makes it healthier—in fact, the more you colour your hair with Nilli the healthier it gets!

We also love the Kérastase styling and product line used exclusively at the salon at all stages of your visit. Our favourite is the Age Premium line, which infuses our hair with body and suppleness.

Learn how beautiful your hair could be—call for a FREE consultation appointment. *Nilli Salonspa* is now available for evening and Saturday appointments—call for details.

This winter give yourself the gift of great hair. Visit for a **cut and highlights (and/or colour) and save 20% off your entire bill.** Offer expires January 31, 2012.

Nilli Salonspa | 521 Eglinton Avenue West | 416.487.1762 • [NilliSalonspa.com](http://NilliSalonspa.com)

## Power Institute: Accelerated results, your first session is FREE

Celebrities like Hillary Swank and Sting, as well as professional athletes like Serena Williams and Mike Weir, all love the fast results and targeted training they get from **Power Plate** workouts. You can experience this unique workout yourself at *Power Institute*.

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It allows you to target the areas you most want to work on. Using highly experienced personal trainers, *Power Institute* develops personalized programs just for you. Call to book your **FREE trial session!**



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INSIDE: The best of the season from your local shops plus home improvement & personal services  
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## Winter spice and everything nice

Shifting from everyday routines to all that glitters & shines, the holiday season inspires us to put a little extra care into all that we do, from wrapping presents for children to cooking dinner for loved ones. Many holiday gatherings are centred around food and *COBS Bread* has a wide variety of products that are perfect for entertaining. Make your holiday moments extra special with one of these delectable ideas.

- Gingerbread Buns are a great accompaniment to afternoon tea. Try either the White Chocolate or the Cranberry variety, toasted and topped with butter.
- Pane di Casa, Turkish and French Baguettes are the perfect base for dips, spreads and sauces.
- Turkey stuffing takes on a new twist when made with an Apricot Delight Log. The apricots, raisins and currents make it sweet and moist.
- Fruit Mince Tarts and Butter Tarts are holiday classics. Try them warmed and topped with whipped cream or ice cream for an after dinner treat.
- Leftover turkey sandwiches are elevated to the next level when made using Cranberry Sourdough.



Whatever the celebration, *COBS Bread* has lots of yummy additions for your holiday gathering.

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Vapor is an advanced travel experience from Tumi. It offers an ultra-modern style that defies definition, the protection of a hardside case and a surprisingly light, and easy-to-manuever design.

Constructed from a super-light, triple-layer, high-performance alloy of ABS and polycarbonate, Vapor sets the new standard for strength, durability, mobility and aesthetics—for luggage built to last.

Vapor is available in a selection of colours and sizes and two-wheel designs. With Vapor, Tumi continues its tradition of bringing travelers the best in innovation, functionality and durability. *Taschen's* flagship store at 29 Yorkville Avenue has the largest Tumi shop-in-shop in Canada.

Also this winter find new seasonal collections from all *Taschen's* brands, which include famous brand names LeSportsac from the USA; Rimowa, Bree, Porsche Design and Offermann from Germany; Bric's, Mandarin Duck and Piquadro from Italy; and Lacoste from France.

Find lots of beautiful and practical gift ideas for your holiday list, including tote bags, key chains, wallets, luggage tags, change purses, and more. Gift cards are also available.

Visit to see more of *Taschen's* extension collection of products, or shop online at [www.taschen.net](http://www.taschen.net).

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29 Yorkville Avenue | 416.923.2322  
162 Cumberland St. (Renaissance Ct.) | 416.961.3185  
65 Yonge St. (at King) | 416.363.3663

## Julia West Home has seasonal home decor, accessories & gifts

Since 1998, *Julia West Home* has been bringing the best of past design traditions into the present. Famous for furniture design and construction, free parking just south of their building makes visiting easy.

Inside their large showroom find a wide selection of beautiful items, including aprons, bed linen lines, soft home furnishings, seasonal decor items—including *Julia West Home* designed Christmas stockings, their now infamous HO HO HO/Bah Humbug and Carpe Diem Pillows, and *Julia's* trademark furniture.

Also find letterboards in dozens of designer fabrics, or made to order with your own fabric—they are perfect for keeping you organized.

*Julia West's* custom design service creates projects ranging from custom-made draperies or an armoire designed and made just for you, to whole room and whole home design build projects. Work directly with *Julia West* and the in-house design team for items perfect for you.

Visit, pick up a few new items, a throw or a pillow or two, some holiday items, and instantly update your decor for the season. Mention *Just Around the Corner* and they'll pay the tax on your next showroom purchase!

Julia West Home | 140 Kendal Avenue | 416.324.7500 • [JuliaWestHome.com](http://JuliaWestHome.com)



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## Diane Kroe—The Endless Top to Bottom

Introducing *Diane Kroe's* latest creation—The Endless Top to Bottom. If you're looking for the perfect item for your next vacation, that's as fun and interesting as you are, then the Endless Top to Bottom is the piece for you. With an elegant scarf and classic poncho as your basics, the Diane Kroe Endless can be worn summer, winter, dressy, casual, sexy, subtle, day or night...with endless possibilities. It also makes an unforgettable gift, one size fits all, and the best part is that it looks great on everyone!

Like all pieces in *Diane Kroe's* collections, it is made from a luxurious jersey blend fabric, which is light weight and comfortable. Easy to care for, it requires no ironing, making it a favourite for travel.

Committed to the highest standards in design, fabric and workmanship, *Diane Kroe's* collections offer innovative style, quality and value. All are designed and manufactured in Toronto.

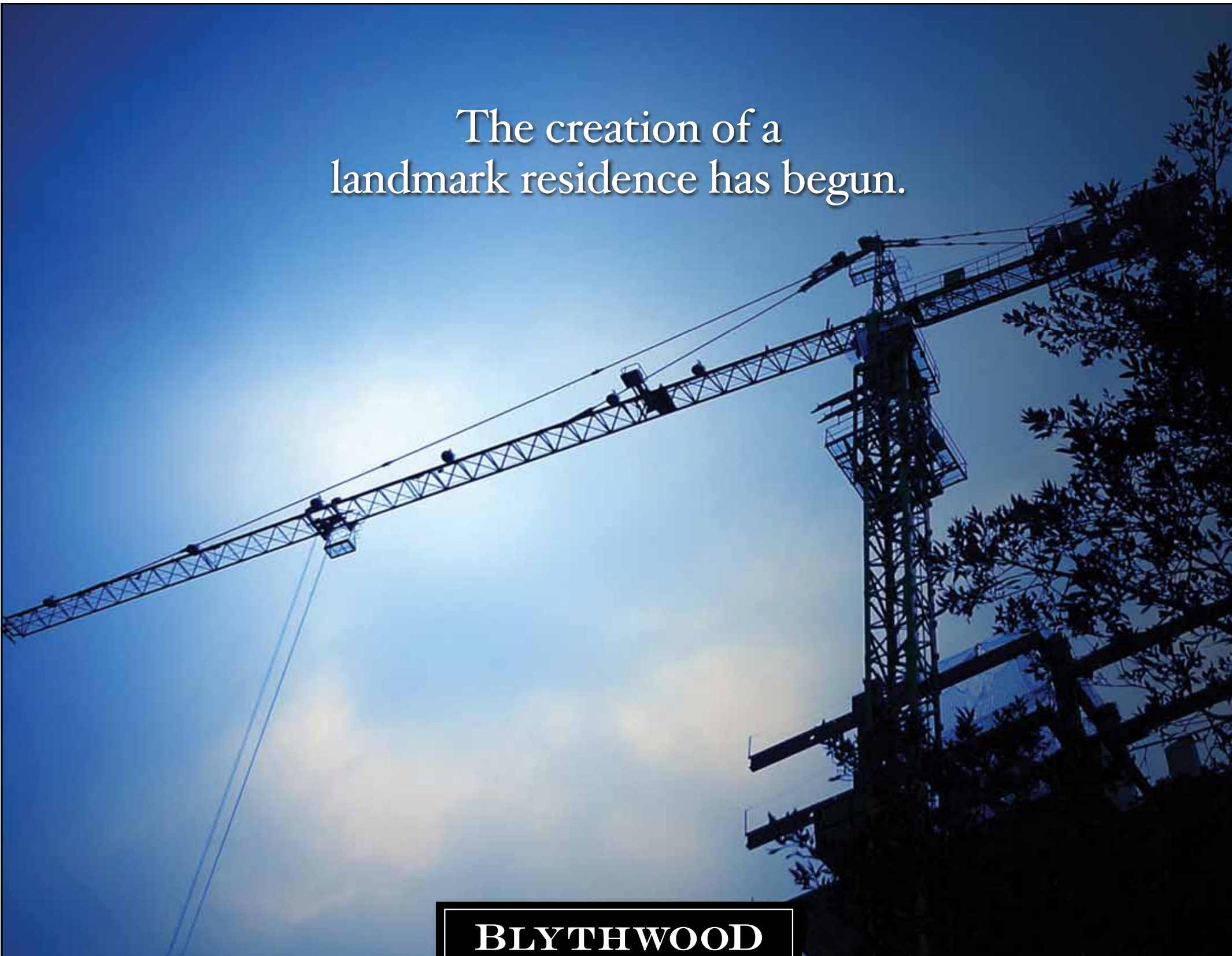
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# The creation of a landmark residence has begun.



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## Warm up to winter with a new fireplace from Easy Fire



Whether it's remodeling an existing fireplace or starting from scratch with a new modern design, *Easy Fire Fireplaces* is your answer! Centrally located at Yonge and Eglinton and serving the community for 48 years with all the major brands and custom made mantels to suit each and every home. Let *Easy Fire* add that extra touch of warmth to your living space.

Have a modern space? Put in a modern fireplace!

The newest trend in fireplace design is the "linear flame". With a very contemporary look, and different media options, such as driftwood and river rocks, these fireplaces will perfectly complement your contemporary space.

A little more conventional? With a true realistic look, traditional fireplaces will give you that extra heat, and keep your home cozy and warm.

With one of the biggest showrooms in Toronto, featuring both gas and electric, modern and traditional fireplaces, *Easy Fire* is your one-stop fireplace shop! Located four blocks south of Eglinton off Yonge Street.

Easy Fire Fireplaces | 416.482.5528  
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## Tafelmusik's Sing-Along Messiah—a Toronto holiday tradition!

"Tafelmusik owns this town when it comes to Handel's seasonal classic."  
—The Globe and Mail

Let your voice ring out at *Tafelmusik's* 25th Annual Sing-Along Messiah, along with the *Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir* and a stellar group of soloists—Karina Gauvin, soprano; Daniel Taylor, countertenor; Rufus Müller, tenor; and Brett Polegato, baritone—all directed by George Frideric Handel (magnificently garbed as usual!)

The sheer joy you will feel as your voice joins a mass choir of 2,700 to sing the choruses of Handel's Messiah may be the best holiday gift you receive. The event is festive, exciting and exhilarating, and you'd swear that the rafters are literally raised during the final "Amen"!



This year's Sing-Along Messiah takes place on Sunday, December 18 at 2pm at Massey Hall. Feel free to bring your own score or purchase one in the lobby before the concert. Seating is general admission by voice part, and of course we always welcome non-singers—do come and simply revel in the glorious sound.

Join *Tafelmusik* for a rousing afternoon of music-making—it will be the highlight of your holiday season. Herr Handel is sure to have something up his voluminous lace-trimmed sleeves to make this special 25th anniversary Sing-Along memorable. Call 416-872-4255 or visit [www.tafelmusik.org](http://www.tafelmusik.org).

Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir | 416.872.4255 • [Tafelmusik.org](http://Tafelmusik.org)

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## What's on the menu this winter at Boland's Open Kitchen

Chris Boland, formerly of Tasting Rooms Restaurant, Trapper's Restaurant and Telfer's—opened his newest establishment on Mt. Pleasant Road in the summer of 2010.

Offering a diverse menu with a flair for both healthy and indulgent, visiting *Boland's Open Kitchen* is like visiting Chris' home for dinner.

Diners are always welcomed with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Then, to start your meal, choose from appetizers including pear salad with eight year old cheddar, candied walnuts and a light port dressing; cream of kale chowder with crumbled Stilton; and roasted beet & goat cheese salad.

Next select from main course menu items such as duck confit glazed with clementine jus & fresh cranberries, served with spy apples and pickled pearl onions; roast beef, slow roasted New York striploin with cast iron layered potatoes; wild west coast halibut with cauliflower puree, mushrooms and vin blanc; and seared Ontario trout filet with pineapple, pomegranate, grilled apple, lemon and fresh herb salsa.

For the foodie in your life, *Boland's* has the perfect gift with their **Food & Wine Adventure Nights**. Dinners will start in mid January and run every Wednesday for three months, and will feature 5 courses served with six wines. Themes include *Slow Cooking & Wine*, *Sustainable Canadian Fish & Wine*, and the *Diversity of Cheese & Wine*. **Price is \$75 per person all inclusive—makes a great gift!** Email or call for details and more information on gift certificates.

Visit *Boland's* for dinner Monday–Saturday, closed Sundays (always available for private functions).

Boland's Open Kitchen | 575 Mt. Pleasant Rd. | 416.482.2424  
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## Speaking of Dogs—rescuing all breeds of dogs since 2001

*Speaking of Dogs* announces their online Basket & Gift Store. Just in time for Christmas, they've launched an online store featuring unique and novel dog-themed gifts that are different, distinctive, fun and feisty! Their pet Bereavement Baskets are a special line they felt would bring comfort to the guardian as well as honour the late pet. In time of loss and grieving, a basket with a personal touch can help ease the pain and reflect how much you care.

Through *Speaking of Dogs* online store they have created a **Give a Homeless Dog a Christmas**. As the holidays approach many abandoned dogs will be spending the Christmas season in the shelter, so they have designed their new "Give a Homeless Dog a Christmas" package to help provide a bit of cheer to a shelter/rescue dog. A gift bag with cookies and toys may be purchased in your name or for someone else to give to a dog at a shelter or rescue of your choice. Delivery included within the Toronto area.

Visit the online store at [www.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.ca](http://www.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.ca)

*Speaking of Dogs* Foster Program: There is no Christmas vacation for animal shelters or pet rescues. In fact this is the time of year when they need additional foster homes to help their regular foster parents take needed time off. Foster homes provide a loving and safe environment where a dog can unwind and blossom. For those of you who enjoy a quiet Christmas, perhaps with time off work, it may be the perfect time to offer your home temporarily to a needy dog. What better gift could a helpless dog get than a second chance? *Speaking of Dogs* provides food, veterinary care and supplies. For more information about fostering a dog, or to receive their Fostering Manual please contact [Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com).

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