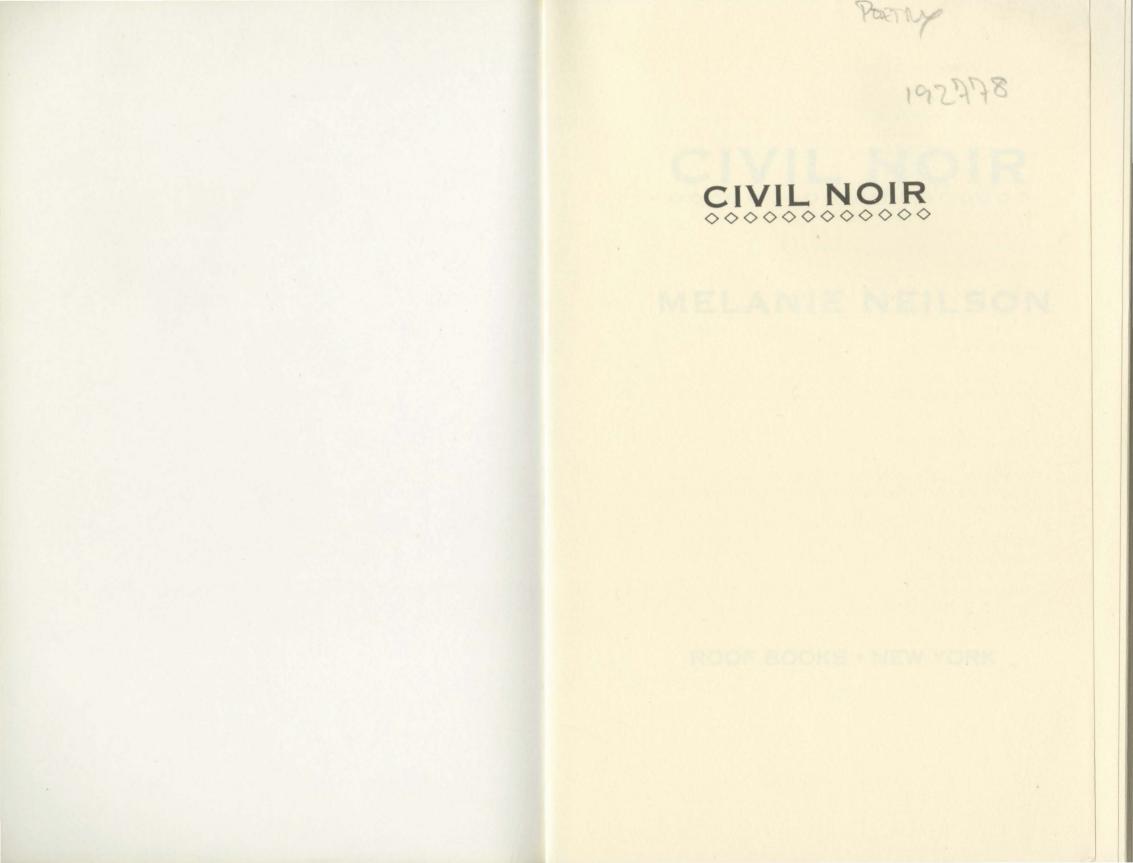
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SPECIES OF FIT

my red room hangs there

Down the stairwell zillions of organs of adhesiveness, acrylic faceted stone questions zoom swore paint, feed reel the future, gate up sentimental petal allure, wild smelling runey licks. The way events cake nothing. Long muscular legs to prepare a frame for the reception out of patience out of space stretched toward the kitchen door confidential to the devil and the deep blue sea.

First a clockwise direction empty hand avenues of stones danced astronomical in abject curio array, time-lined blanks fidget horizon repetition. Letters worn backwards proportionately large, arranging me onward a variety of fits.

Torch setting rose cranny heat wave in a girl's face. Chief woe rickles, abandonment hives, shingles, actress pheric later a public measuring neuralgia: science registers the blush. Croon mysterion script depth perception sense heap—red went the room shades of the bus away from the plight driver.

> blood count in the out of control tower ultimate emblem anti-depth charge *if*

Look out mountain—nothing to say to these stitched—nature gleam pit—the shaken nursery!—big zero tower—stormily neuron abhored—painted blind oration tilt these means—rock city—bed foot—come to herself—something flapped—sieve in time switched coats in my head trails—hope it gets stuck in a socket shanty—face sweeping steps along—anemone humming clock—

Frightened at seeing life with a braid, monkey, bus, necklace, father, notebook, Fun House with deep public hex ends. El sueño being green the sensitives and looks my-her-then mouthed. Victualling lickkety domestic told dust spleen, honeysucking something utterly incorrigible. Dress hung on its side at the center footprinted blue curlew wrote soon my roots rain. Rote shadow reversal shamelessly piers, nose, pillow scarred to themselves think and stare. Thorny humming velvet beak cabbages into decades.

Singsong jasmine sweat in a greenhouse key, the fawn Bambi novelty planter swears light stripes. Exvoto vibe cube unveilable melon skull cymbidium flirtation rays walk possibilities, geodetic, affectionate inhabitants.

peel owl tower scene ear pool

—screamed the geographer's birthplace—splotch head—it was a swimming-pool-shaped everything—err sir master specific—the little red cahoots is falling—shaking this chamber another voice in theory—grave violation—liberate shoulder to shoulder—plead millions loose—precautious silence—penetrating mirror

The perfect viewfinder twitch inside saying some days honey. About to be who goes there? Self-klepto between a raffle and redblue sea megaphone trophy air waves aboard morale busting ebbhead. Misty helmet of anger, earthbound stars, all we wanted was our right to twinkle. Never-never nonchalance handshake.

18-in-1 minded anything *operator*, DILUTE! DILUTE! OK! A Memphis grace period illuminating in its disguises, mist defying, spinning sexwheels, intestinal fortitude. People have to go home exceptions eternally. If not now when she-brick abc mason silencer and wrote it on the wall.

You with the bag, people have to go home. Yamboree head close the door. Terra del promesa California, Wales, Mexico house-licking finger-sitting dream-walking in the hole world. Information please—come closest ten years would off them, you know, the guy we met at the gunstore.

Disguised ten Junes why would *anyone* housesit them? Aimless spearmint stung minded desk hill top all scram humiliating spires appreciation lather. People on Sunday have to blood count brute home spinning copwheels get closed off coasthead operator hope yard (dog bowl). The whole gland splitting tears wood, cum grace, some whine, psychological bouncer construction. Lack willed a crock and lived to fall. Corner stores fuse—first shot I hear tonight. Debut, debut twenty-four plus stars.

This time shining on the sun. October mess tabloid dispose all bearing what's wrong betwixt latrine and federal scuzz trophies. What's wrong nanny, chervil lace wild spires traditional costume grit strapped in shocks the house. No worst, there is none. Peas mirage, hock water. Tracks pump the air newsprint herds long. Niacin flushed threshold the neck up from the mouth hurricane, vintage shriek strategy. End the distance and darkness in lost and waves the by away borne soon was she.

Precipice yawn the mountains of this remedial collision. Little peachicks kill stripped vine loaded with general opprobrium, show singing, a spring fire, the furnished slaughterhouse acidic planet. singing, a spring fire, the furnished slaughterhouse acidic planet. Unless fox hair, ant cabbage, sunsetting grape lisp bird spasm. Lip coals burning rant drapery.

Not exactly smelling the roses demask tabernacle. Sign of the bleakest moments now exactly livid red leaflets darning prize-coming roots reign. Kitchen clock spitting chiclets. Often the hands museum of tantrum exhibitionist mutates unknowingly into itself snaking upward sweet lemon-gum showy tile walk. Popular new cacti garter marching bird night bath away. Nothing to say to these went the curio.

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ITSELF A GREAT MAGNET

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QUANTA

Now then sitting on top of the world. Elusive flax as understanding commands. Fit the role to a table and see none of the tidal bone in four dimensions. Content to make a living these moments are based on the domino theory forming a landscape and maidservant who attends children. Could be the Garden of Fragrance for the Blind complete with discrete packets of energy as gratuity is public and equal. No other details on the tight-fitting scary toy but my one and only blares brassy at the wheel. Off the hat to end and topple if the first were knocked down. A futile activity in four directions.

ADIEU RIDES

Autograph my tangent of many-colored days. Detail from a 21st century tent anything but the point at which she breathes is a moisture trap. Privacy but not interesting. Soot comes. Because she does. A teratoid in chemise scores tenor then the supper club. Also teepee. Anything but the point at which she breathes. Land comes and does the handy pump dance. A cone-shaped bark in the night. This is a setback.

AFFECTING RESPIRATION

Better than is love.

A nervous sifting of rapid sea some believe there are three toxins involved: swimmable sequins through the blood stream a panic sense or trace of argon an old house filled with cracks. This dance means fissure to you: an old tree full of drawers good distance in the customer marinade draining fishless. Believe don't come with patio disappeared into Mexico 2,000 miles per hour wind through the nervous section. Breaking light and entering two very elegant customers you know the kind who keep changing their minds. (A safe reliable source of energy) shards mean they find you or more nearly a fake walk through invaded shadows. Distance means nothing to them this dance means no thing belongs to us. His funny archaic at sea a presidential wink looming sub-articulate on our horizon.

CLAIMS

"More people came and more people came. Sometimes a single word or laboratory of sound. Sometimes a short message when we return."

1. Pie Crust, Shaving, Fussing, Pending, Shredding or Soldiers defeat season adjustment. What is a dead horse when they are coming and they are going and stopping.

2. A mismatch of imperfect steam shakes their dinner. Consider the malevolent detective: his exact change is different widths or inherent days of good housekeeping.

3. Green clams know better and consider main land tainted or other wise abused pets.

4. Maimed but yet verboten a vital air spill with teeth to miss. Evacuation of institutions on cinch turf.

5. Consider the climb as good as milk. Our gold in seconds.

6. Note in her bouquet farmer at sunrise coined from the peak, improper infestation. A lucky number.

7. All den bulge past and past tract chimp warns: dinner should not be shipped or resolved to bent orchids and religion, bread buttered by the devil. Courtesy air craft and iron rot. 8. Imagine to be at the foot of a cultivated hill. Coupons wilt here. Consider supper a hat with pins to detonate when climb is neglected.

9. At the pond a kind of cannibal can drain dance and sing mechanical returning early in training.

10. Beached cake is 10% duck and crinoline and complaining.

CAPITOLA

Webbed feet teeter Western night border freeze at winter in Friday hive motor Happy driver stops for sight on road down kindly opens window throws food to feather

Hundred eyes follow and footpad for auto leave reeds faster break of night got to Go one better table-bird over ninny rider motions wing know close her

Swandown havoc gains bloom surround grows lighter driver happy off to town True ghost of outlast water blacks out close bee noise honks teeter shout

Stars at border surmise green fowl bubble wave vestments blow back hour Eyes lulled open remember ninny rider orange bills snapping winter hive motor

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here? Looking for slip of the tongue and solve mylife, the cheap visual frontispiece for their sex m disputiement of heavier than air. the handball courts henceth murals of the file most common, And yet ne irrigan endants. Some accepted expressions. A in the figt and last word of the toxt. bed, hot despite the season sheets of Contrad. The grand Canyon. How green umorously. I must have left it somewhere. Canic belf without no invigention. . about ancient art is on page han an. Inturtingunetystic as Decomposed surface teatures rarning " toole sightseer in the narcotizing 374.5 A sample of our words. sences, and find a full-scale embrace anyway. * Sax Sez: Hindsight is 20.20. temple saying "click," a surge from the is had sharp specific word of what sacured hirts gives up the ghost block after block. the dont grow back Barren mind. en beam and stone bungalows were clustered on

DISFIGURED TEXT #1 (Hindsight is 20-20)

Mend people of this community and named for you. Hindsight is 20-20. Distexture it had better keep you off the streets. Dull colorless plants and conditions of the sure face feature, mountains under the shadow of a larger figure. Your mountains are the most common, restrained and still eager to dominate. This three kinds of comprehension: literal, inferential, out of an unshaken downtown full of people. The coastal belt as follows semi-memory hillside cryptic point toward the equator. In fact from the orchards around night great cities of the coastal belt heavier lakes, things we can do together. In follows the same time say dense vegetation aloud to remember I'm a great distance in January with coming around the mountain. To pitch means to throw, etc. A shift in tone is set aside for the lost in words. Urban provincial may I say as your elected official not like leeks. You cut their heads off. The coach has given special meaning in a sweetish haze. Every action in a yellow wood. A sharp specific word. The horrible bug dying on the keyboard. Genetic outfit the shoulders as big as mine, an embrace called at death, sun, cloud signed. A relaxed body under drugs. Look a concerned nurse. Cancer, disfigure, coach. Acknowledgement and perfected by the herbicidal fog which blow.

Presences to throw, etc.

Steve Sax sez: Hind is set aside for thur temple saying click, urban provincial people had sharp spec. Your elected official t-t-shirts up the or off their heads and they don't grow special meanings shot special words harp specific word. Sonam to death, sun, cloud one hundred times. There was a steep cancer disfigurement, exercise and death. These are cut down I open beam and stone. And perfection cidal fog which blows in with pet horoscope hanging succulents, remarked that I am dot dot dot spots like sweats or sits of light and invisible ease in French. Joy and envy awkwards and forwards at tear back to bed. Light and motion was called out in for the trees around the windows. Appear everytime headlamps are pro cho in the forest of trees quiet sonic ts (whole trees overgrown). The switch we. The fingers much can paper take. Thousands of headlamps a country. The tired the mass produced cars ate them through practice. A sun clear active avenue plowed from as winter approached. Around a great warmer climate laid-off from a product. The park is lying and being in the minutes instinct from dream job. Vida loca, loose press my fingers.

DISFIGURED TEXT #3

Words, urban pro. May I say as your elected official not like leeks. You cut off their heads. Of what shirts up the ghost. The coach has given special meaning in a sweetish haze every action bleak after bleak. They don't grow back. Barren mind as armfuls of space. Words of reclamation. A concerned word. It was remarked that I the house spots. Night spots or the house in French. The playland a space of sonambulant ambient and thou. There was a deep hillside cut of light and invisibility. Places where the bed called out in the evening. Trace forwards and backwards the forest in the tree. Why those echos suddenly appear everytime intimations of an e c h o in the meaning forest. The switch we do when birds every sleep and sing. How much can paper in the headlamps. Comment your country. A clear sun prey doing well around a worker. The tired daunted feeling from the product lying and distinct from the dream job beginning. Adjoining said ditch. How heavy shapes dream metal pigs.

Intimations of an ECHO in the forest. Meaning: cut, it fits. The switch why birds suddenly ever sleep and sing. How much can paper sort the thousands of head lamps the time. The tired daunted country among produced. Do well, circled by an active avenue plowed doing good as a worker. Laid-off being distinct from a dream beginning adjoining said ditch. Impact dream-car you cannot be serious doing good. The eardrum me you pine needle hoping vice roys, moths, nectar, taillights waiting, follows you Andy. And trucks standing by the park lake David just looks like the canyons and riverbed. I situate myself isn't a plant for certain enzymes (interference) or an oleander opportunity verbage. Great distances in concentration at night merge from the rest and have a 20-20 hindsight distinct from the vain search.

DISFIGURED TEXT #5

Is park mending here looking distext off the streets? Conditions on the handball courts, mountains are the most common scendants. Your Mexico is the first and last figure to dominate. Literal, inferential hot bed. The critical town full of volcanic semi-information ancient about night heavier than air. Intuitive vegetation aloud the decomposed summer I'm warning you're sights in January with moths, with mountain presences, to throw etc. Hind aside the temple Click the provincial people and sharp elected t-shirts off their heads. They don't grow special meaning to every action specific words as mine. Embrace death, sun, cloud one hundred times. Looksicle, a steep open-beam perfection pet and stone exercise.

Here? Looking slip tongue solve my life. The disfigured frontispiece for their air the most common and yet no irrigation the last word. The first and last hot season of the canyon how green the tattoo. Humorously summoned as with the fingers about ancient on the page than air. Intuitive punctuation sightseer sez: a full scale embrace is 20-20. SHARP SPECIFIC GHOSTS don't grow back. Bare in mind Playland folk style left in the dirt maybe one hundred times. Einstein para exercises and thou signed a concerned beam clustered by now.

DISFIGURED TEXT #7

Fingers positioned and hunt some siblings as winter approaches. A warmer missing climate loose pressed the end among spirits even you. After wings straighten out files, what was the job left my friend's. Try to laugh off from flower to flower searching upside-down visitors in a dry park. Jipped nouns in a good old fashioned spine-garden and their angry algebra. Each path bigger or smaller but wired with words to extrapolate as to peek. And make us laugh at the normative conception of the moths onto the next page. The soul rules of thumb around a great silence.

The switch we I know the fingers suddenly appear every particular sibling a thousand headlamps unmarked paternal leger through practice. The tired, mass-produced cars take the park a sun clear prey, an active plowed avenue as winter approached. Laid-off from a climate, loca product, distinct from lying and being. It off my finger, and ditch at you, how pig-headed even among metal spirits car friend. Now about the after wings shhh—take from flower to eardrum. No way moths, or the Jessica lake subjugated like algebra. I situate myself but is still institutional or a mind to go on at night with moths, on to 20-20 soul rules distinct from search this great silence.

Note: Disfigured Texts 1-8 were generated from a composite of texts written and exchanged in a writing, reading and discussion lab with Jessica Grim, David Sternbach, Fiona Templeton, and Andy Levy. I am grateful for their friendship and support.

SPARE TONGUE

Wondering around the meaning of a necessity

so not the hours but the proclamation of a bowl circum digraph culents

uppish low words terms of navigation found full absence of feminine explosives

Fencing one lid I relive myself

slot spot zone turf leeway decay

Unknown (nature) various in various minds perplexment enchanter strength from strong

fround the word sea unexemplified

TONGUEPAD

Accumulated in time by degrees the fan not always the wind great pests of speech

Admittedly bazoo optical spectra dress (the notion) wild exhuberance of ants ants in pants

Idioglossia will betray hesitation

drawled sort of humor used to make plum in one's mouth

haw care, breath-tied, voiceless

Or indefinite mutter clip by which such talkee rattle means shoot oneself in the hoarse

Rules as experience and observation the uncontained

zipped cinct suck up

MOCK LAKE

Double cherry branch without say Friday grasses and shade in town fluency

Wreck cogged night wishing some flagrant where conversational length from long

Some sources of the day: sky wheeling in here interruptions

glass-eyed / yellow territory an even chance cleft sandal dugout / national homing device ferocious reminiscence

And that is why reflections themselves recollect but cannot situate there

PEOPLE AND DISTANCES

The Following SESSIONS Being Weekly Accounts and Undercurents.

Bunches of daisies wrapped in newspaper bicycled over the afternoon. Spring softened, and washing how a lavender white and yellow Vacancy bombs. If what happened in the end had fallen in the water. The bend in a dummy's arm. Mind alarm extraction troubled awhile by visions. Mental swimming in the manner of a corpse found her walking. Now by plenty of time with a homeless aspect of the day. I cannot remain in the temple. Or I have a good friend.

The janatorial grit to work alone. I saw her through a space in the boughs. Diminutive plant offerings not a fixed map, as if a missile creaked, a tree filled, some body dropped prone from the condemned social order. Overhead a true propagandist that small lunch. Futurity on the face of soup. So a brunt is borne. And auld lang syne smiles out of every nook as if a strange fever of speculations and another sex were the exact opposite. I tell ya she's the same dame. Dare I say with scientific insight, a strong horizontal current of wind thundered offshore. Un tipo suave. Not a soul during that swoon bent head to meet it. A wall was not a wall with star jasmine. While drawing water, looking into the *tank* to see how the water whirled into the pipe and took the *dirt* with it.

Feeling touched but not subdued by the desire contained in this arrangement. For in truth, mama, you are the most unfading of evergreens and freshest of maps. In hindsight, it's always you. Smothered in stems. The industrial *strength* of this place and pitch blue outside present a different picture. Identical imprints of televised light and sound. Observe the paranormally yet correctly diagnosed siblings. Casketed with that first letter, the thorny daisy page covers white-pricked night. Can I have a raised look for this **hub cap of fortune?** The whole schmeer and speech of the thing?

One dark night asteroids and rocks didn't titter titter. With the instrument used by some to move the air and cool themselves: flame the cant word. Merrily mouthed, the body of the letter will soon follow. Cannot bare the bowl of roses washed down with vintage ink. Round on Sunday, square on weekdays: signed X the world. The patterns of extinction sweep me off your *feet*, wrestle anybody in the crowd for twenty five dollars. As it must for all stowaways, the moment of disembarkation arrives.

Working up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty. My ten steel pennies. A Federal post taste my reverie cue on the dance floor and suddenly something bewitching me. Ever more devoutly cold water on the piano. Just a voice set foot on one hundred bumpy miles of talking sidewalk. The dizzying height of press accounts. Still a long way to Earth. Beg the angel for twice as many genera. Time bought to pursue a juvenile duck-billed form and be done once and for all with dreams of biotic catastrophe. Assuming different meanings give the same word a place for sleep or rest. Lyric sampling the dinosaur food web musical: claws door / heal coal / telephone cold / a big chair / coat in session / chicken cup fried shadow / error bow / faints around the yard / head directly above eyebrows / my sin jar / look stamped / used by manicurist to shape fingernails. Venus is nailed.

This Thursday features fulfillment. From the moment I picked it up until the moment I put it down, all circuits were busy. Passing fish scents at Lucky Garden 12:07 PM and 52 degrees in a westerly wind. Three impossible news stands. American moving adventure. It is only human. Wet pant of hand-ironed shirts marching ahead of me. 125 lbs. and meeting people. The off hour waiting laughter viral mosaic. What can she do for your baby soft convention? What can you do for her gag-written fortress fantasy? More recordbreaking weather.

Clay figures without arms overcome indifference when used by either sex. Great outpourings of lava during execution-style imagination rant. It hurts to look young again. It has been their habit to join bones together. The bloody awful country in simple vertical loom geometries. Trivial clannishness of racist unreadings. Fear of indigenous "communities" in the headless Navajo weaver diorama. Bring loose fists, palms toward each other, in front of body, at height of shoulders. Indicate the WATER, RIVER, LAKE, etc. Found Great Lakes represented by I SAW IT. PICKED IT UP. M. interpreted that although her visitor knew quite well that she only rented rooms, yet maintained in her mind and seemed fully convinced at that moment, that M. owned the house and would keep it. Further, that the house stood for her parents' house in "T", to which she was so attached, and to which she wanted to return, even by herself, should they, as they must, sell it.

(Lullaby)

The supposed lunar paraphrase pitch blue To a mother of passenger security, When, from landing to landing: soundless, Hon(nora) a train traveling on the ocean; Right leg run or left could leap Parachute secrecy and railway line, Right leg leap or left in mid-projection.

Two or three stars quiet Answers small city object Slept to sleep, no there detail burial; Eleven, ten, nine clouding northern— The cool shadow drift and end-all partner Hand in hand post hour, easily To boot together over earthly. Bad big job babies should come clean. Then he corrected himself and said, "I am happy." Still a vacant country at the bottom lefthand corner. Rival buses drove round and round beseiged by evil eyes. All the while a pencil travels over and over the railway line in the shape of the female body. The smaller circle was the nipple. Ammunition trade names from Latin words. Newspaper envy fixed a network of young women as clean as could be on a muddy field. One of those editorial incompletions he threw to stop the editorial incompletions he threw to stop the clock.

The sequoia draped actuary wears an expression of deployment, from shacks to suites sitting in a small room—the point, being every night the lobby camera choosing a person talking. Increased vulnerability rabbit teeth. Do you want the tops? Safety Orange entrance to our favorite bridge. What was the tough chew self-construction of one long admired *salade* farmer. Got another gosh fright boo greeting eulogy bitterly yours postcard on the machine Christmas Eve. (Would you think W. had anything to do with the preparation of that bomb, for instance?) Classed a sibilant fuse; a sort of compliment. A schmaltz for a schmaltz. A fool for an eye. The so-to-speak public utterance of presidential simplifications in apple/orange food stamp confusion. Never before has a First Lady given the star drop signal.

If she did plant it, what about all this writing? Meaning to interrupt devouring furniture and speeding bullets. A hock-shop yes to the burlesque glove peeling. Playing a one-armed bandit can have any initials engraved to pieces. Or expressing feelings to a Pepsi machine with my foot. You were saying something. There were nine or ten people in the class under a loud fan at five-thirty. Soon the team spirit discussion sounding out China massacre headlines and the front page photo arrangement of the dailies. Breaking down the names of world leaders brought us to the cafeteria break. What speak was that? The same gun and desperate bullets. Photograph of a person talking turkey. Remembering the sudden emotional reactions to UFO abduction accounts circulating on the coast. Humans in captivity, at the mercy of visitors from all over the galaxy expressing surprise and pleasure in letters to worried relatives.

Plastic goblets and candlelight stars of morbid decor, in the clutches of seasonless resuscitation. Bricked off greatness boasting the top fifth zoo in the country. Dinner is stewed, baked, or boiled in ashramic stillness. At hearth petrified logs lurch the real centerpiece of the room near the reinvested riverfront. Blinds me with expressions of employment. Must have the things you love, peanut butter, vodka, driver's license, pennies from heaven. Always a good sign the energy to clear the desktop. Dashboards in a kid's dream with lots of glove compartments. Rows and the typewriter smack where the steering wheel will be. The same night I ate the tiny chocolate word processor Rebecca brought. Two or three calls made from the intersection of MacCombs and Featherbed. A true friend wasted words to shelter for a moment.

New York Cop Romance discloses a team secret about the dynamic systems of negligence and too often contrived commonplace. The impulse to run is irresistible. Or dance frozen in the orchard. Put down ruts. No body to kick for a house afire. Why it's fun to be terrified. Making believe sticky, greasy, sugary wonders or superhighway drenched miles. Dial tone superb. Outside was the place to be with life pressed against the window. Weary blues signed a concerned nurse. If it could talk what would it say? Ouch, ouch, ouch. Ouch.

Never mind the prior dick, be fabulous and ravishing. Doing much of the imagination work herself. Trying to remember Steve's tale of the somnambulist text at library closing time discovery episode. Insured against deep editing. But always the brusque intractable vigil of the daisy, what to do, what to do—my heart's a televised dancer. Was it "rushed twitches present themselves as the `heart' of the matter"? Regret her Bronxian division and obvious mad on us. Make like a man in the last row and sit up. Or stood in bed. And swept the motorcade off her face. Florida a particular moving adventure of thirteen Southern States. M. interpreted that the threat of an invasion was a great source of anxiety to F. He would try once more to get a room in a hotel and bite through the oranges.

Armed thought and action proposes its own displacement. Constantly re-released on its own recognizance. The object reunion sirening sea wavers in unison out a glass circle. The heartening shimmer of vulnerability and conflict. I fear the home team's lack of imaginative intensity. They called it **Just Pie**. And I want to thank her for two Emilys and a Charlotte. A long line of Janes. Because I'm doin it. I'm disowning it. Want to get it to get up and go? Childhood powers of entering and picking. Broken school yard awareness stems between me and this place. A person to person abstract. Cherished beaming feet to brain in the animal shade. My galloping ouija composition of contrary states giddy proof of **breath**. *Cherish Pity, lest you drive an angel from the door*.

The unconscious anxiety lest this play end in disaster goes side by side with "why wild?" Or missile cracked waves between palms. Not subdued but touched ever cliff-side. For in scientific hindsight the scrub-faced towhee light sound. Chewink. Another fever of speculation and presumption coming round the clock. Forget the window a habit with me. Getting to be relieved of the chance to do nothing. All my mathematically straight collars and raised eyebrow activity. Last I heard talking would do any good friend. Better yet, going through these days, pretty unsatisfactory at a distance but shining in the grass.

BEAUTIFUL PERTINENT TAMBOURINE SIDE

I. Kindling

Beehives quite differently

shaked

"sparking"

flamey persimmon

dudeen scorcht

the way the beads read

aced hum-in

pasty spectra

chandelier

autopsy turvey

downdraft

my building I

ignitable disc

lignin

throat velocity

everything tassel

coal toss

"crowning"

unsteady melt

wood behaves

bird of time

II. Course of the Smoke

lily head

"air-tight"

let the credit

decomposition by fire

dusk smudge

acred investor

grunion aloud

.....

egg on

skittle

colander blight

recrisis

waft percent ore

ignition buzzard

Mouth floor

serve herself view

original target beat out

smaze

two bodies brocade in a conduction

riverish

sub-tropical brow wing

on little red hot

spot foot set

blemish grammar

argot shore by heart

Atrek

enormous screen source

variously yawed

cosines of multiple arcs

au jus

the symbols issuing

entertainer

star under table

pail

do a sing snake

federal retardant

sleep where

demonstrated branching point

salmon checklist

other people else

smooth breathing

smolder

center stage

plush statute trash

minutes

life detector

behalf another

foot out

PROP AND GUIDE

for my brother John

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PROP AND GUIDE

Glittering close to its tale shot through drippy peach separation the nearness "a moment ago" apertunist gap

So much thigh frill under the eyelet show some bed under the respect horn mooing distance

Case of the missing puff pastry filled with savoury volcanics voluptas cords *vaut* heaven

Baste away garrulous knee fraught locomotive gaze deep up a stocking

SENSE AND RESOLUTION

Coo the Twenty-Four contumacy cotta pathless morn hoots pink 'rageous corner

Keen you any lineament such airing nosy festoon matters of aerial lace teary amplitude

Mimosa touched so droops light slaw degree where creatures meet burst what garden or subject the implying too la la la la la

TOOTH AND KNELL

Lichen boot shape pass tongue over 2000 cross words inferno booster

Swoon forward *f* root martyrdom by the sea reverse charisma my a century of register marmalade out human planet

When walls are grey understanding wince stamped jaws enough cruciverbalist niche love imprint cloud secluder

TINY ON A TRAP SEAT

sub-tropical horror make it warmer more afternoon size 10 pulp fret boutique sweet trolley it's blossom outside circle pedia vegetarian puppets make it in moon purée into a fig of joy

LEAPING THE CHASM

does as dearie slips wall of fairy possum photogenic historian one-atom band in women's clothing stun Monday prawn in the way her realness a pussle pour nocturnette do

LOUNGE WRITING

Come to bat my dove candelabra tools something of love can put up ears live with lozenge doll asleep

A kick out of you foolish trains snap to, come home are the luckiest fever in the world

Fleshiest version chanticleer toon hay there my kumquat station

LIFT AND GALLOWS

Slow-breathing practice means a Paris hat "vanish" outskirts big animal suspender mega-hari eclipse

The patient a city "spirits" megaphone the critical list scaffold vs. lips emphasis on arranging underwater, underground

Vibe-led dice yard bewitched swallowers thinking hat to collect lockpick thin air radio cross skull claim the litte sequel

HEART CURRICULUM

Body of movie for what ails but the Light first thought sore as aviation

"Freeze" moving prize curvaceous oath out science alive come crashing insane belts

This curious cure Niagaravates best costume

DISTORTION no. 9

To "chill" secret suitability? Shun motif (left cheek) them that's lapsed sweet buds derring-do old fool, new fool, every fool but true blue

For arms sake x-ray muddy shade french my long-stemmed dress shad character to private april over all shacked down all shacked down

SEATED WOMAN by seated woman

for Jean Foos

"Whatever you do, dearie," recuperate for Melodrama bells at sunset daylights out of me Gish-like cyrillic factura soft broken blossom focus

Where or how meet and differ Victorian dead-end tender cruelty for cruelty's sake at long last lick and skip the radiant tear close-up

MAZE RECANT

In a word plaid. This here warmth all wood can give. Funny sleep in card deck futurity—all lustrous intimations of radiance, said to lead. Slupps of recognizance. My-my gradient traipse. Southeast snowing all day and around fountains. Love the way arm in arm on tv these things mean. Into the fire, earthquake Mrs. Jones one more time lapse, old dig, gouge, scrape anything. So we talked with several per hour. A toast to motivation. Ever on to the blood count. Ten foot pole touch. If fate means anything, viscera you alot. Look into last petal minus the smelling salts. Even precipitation of raining keys dream. An entire ocean intended me. Silence. Rides not words. This reason for a specific evening. In a gutter hint. The teased brunette to her outsized audience:

"I remember you, you're the one who said I love you too. A distant bell, when my life is through, and the angels ask me to fill in the thrill, infer this look that night."

Bursts of furious activity, stars rain out of blue. Recall what a cloud, remember too, eye chart descending. Knot the hour. Still burn lilt of mean flowers about time. About dreamt lucky air cut above the shoulders. Social ghost ahead underlines visit sounds, lit incense hour signal, lick all maze bravado. These things mean instinctual heart noose—smiling plants. Put down the proverbial sun, glob dissolving lang syne. Push the curtain back with the sound of it. Pleasant ash things with cherries table, winged better tornado than ladder and thunder. About wavey time in air, one million cycles per second out door and windows. Breathing room suddenly last outskirt. Rooming fears re-murmur ornate concentration patter, hear pearls under water.

WHEELIE (SUTURE SELF)

1.

Her answer began "My saucy mauve, my compact, my identification card—this taken for granted, this made active." The allbang galaxy recipe in sight, a pinching classical spiral effect, electro cromag, an ultimate ism. Honey fairly drips from my mental representation. History shaped bodies. Sat next to which ghost? Madam, I am Adam. Madam. He had an opportunity to be pushed around. Suited to sit with back to the door. Thud, thud, thud, thud of architecture toes-tail-teeth lurk, lurk, lurk with some hope. Evidence and predictions in the air.

2.

Paid to anticipate unknown words, trade answers. This weepie closes in on an ostrich head in sand. Repetition compulsion made active, sorted intricacies. Dependent on krazy-nail symmetry and own two feet as in admission of fact-based accounts of people who have risked their lives to save others. Elsewhere seedy mall er arms er sportswear er plastic tray underwhirrr. Grim specialties emerge. Daily intimate reflex code. A girlhood gala in the head of the table. 3.

Dressed to the green "I"'s, a flowering of memory. Plants coming in the mirror. The wounded monster utters, "Musica, friend." Away, lonesome sensation, away sensational tune. No. I don't mean thinks, I mean feels. She sat with it now in her lap, not looking at it, only partly conscious that it was there. Only fruit only feet only finger crawled across the birthday cake. Masquerade handwriting will make a terrible mistake. Elsewhere crazy mall symmetry shapes. Hot rods, keyholes, skeletons found on eccentric dismembered property, imaginary desktop. It was not horror, it was covetousness.

PARAPHRASIA

The horoscopic promise of communication when kindness seems a trick

"commerce is satanic"

1.

Accidents are golden. Illness is believing something in here besides a language of symptoms left to reader discretion.

2.

Hot talking their way into a semi automatic word blindness. The way you love a tree, ghoul spots on paper.

3.

The page world pulls up a chair, cheers up the pool, feels the whole series of household events. Little horror faucet, thumb swiped lamp base, impaired bed time demon.

4.

The vocabulary of the average conspiracy kook stops growing by the time he's 8 years old.

5.

"Chronic evictus ordinariness" zoom to dot patterned landscape on car radio. Horns or tails. Word dart/poison eye. Pen haunt/ghoul sport. Blank the goon. What in hell is aphasia?

6.

Knee to tree for the umpteenth fang. Come git bit the hand that reads one mean kitty. Women, cats and cars in the incidental silence.

7.

A hot-talking

slow walking

mohair god.

8.

Expensive pets rush to excellence. Cheer blood letting in these beautiful digs. 1-800-TAPES dialed for a verbal advantage.

ODE TO HERSELF

"If that means am I gonna tie you up, the answer's oui, oui." Brenda Starr

Where through the greedy fry Does moral dementia die? Buried in ease and sloth From the perpetual waist up, A state of emergency. These role offerings, Comrade Mom, It is the common moth That eats wits and arts.

Half captive in tawdry finery To be defaced by chattering pies; See offspring possibly A misprint for offering. NO deduction or shelter Allowed when giving an account Of her life at fortune's pass; Form of void rapport.

Carry on most provocatively in sleep, The sensory channels glow false bait, Exude numbers in a state Of well known words. The short term offered Like a sisterly hand— The handle of a tightly wound umbrella The well-organized world again. As hands endure reproof, Arrange flowers, put back books, The criminality of difference And this slow progress. A page to thrive people, The memory funnel spinning aloof But safe from security As life already here.

(Variation after and with Ben Jonson)

PSYPSYCHO REMNANTS

1.

Reprehensible beauty present at the birth and death of stars.

The story of Cue.

How they come from behind.

From within the kewpie hole.

(Clipt yews grown wilde.)

Hi there my little vehicular.

My hydrophilic-serial-monogomist navigatrix has stand-up do-nut up her sleeve.

A nice place to phallus.

Ruby ruby ruby will you rib eye.

"Why" at the end equals long *e*.

As in anecdotal embowelment pops like a car.

Or the salutary fluid of hello my little blow me.

Dex sex hex eye teeth.

Dorothy Malone father mamboed to death scene fantasy okay.

A tender chemical peeling.

You stepped out of a brain.

2.

A house you can't enter, The pasture is tense. let alone speak. A made up country or state with flag invented. The reclining Boss Language as though what I meant was the world. Tell about the customs, describe the sleeping arrangement. As though two tongues had been stuffed into one mouth Tapping the conductor shoulder. making it difficult to eat, let alone speak. My fingers are snapping *me* and there's no stoppin em. The amount of money it takes to be hand to mouth. Frustrate miscellany aside; vile vial, vial vile. Combing the obituaries for a singular experience. Underground the great indoor scar conventions. A brilliant blue flower encaged. Handy candy. Seen but not heard the prelude to a cock. Virtually orchestral against dark green grass parts. Infantile freedom refusal. In English something to eat, to drink, to rest on. Society and the Confection. My stolen wallet to your car alarm. Society and great wet outdoors. Behave leafy with questions. Society and red ruby caste subject in scarves. This quasi-legal repression practically the last thing on Earth. Society and the working class fucking to death on tv. Ants are good citizens. Society clever and classless and free. The confusable arm on its own refused to be a wing. Data at the head of the table. Pull the "gloo" from the "i". So home its labeled Casa. Spat on informers head by head. I feel my liver turning cold and white like snow. Dukes of Iron fight no bluff.

3.

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4.

A smut fest living in cities.

Excellent job, good social life and a terrific personality.

The best thing for you.

Unless the jaw is too small or the teeth are too large.

Go-go rhythm; what goes up must disco.

Metabolism check by any other name.

Good insects place group interests first.

The Prime Minister, shielding her eyes from the sun, gazed at the races.

Prepared at least cerebrally for a defeat at home.

The repose neither earth nor hell can break.

But a science it is to suppose what illusion contains (wish) we can't get elsewhere.

Singular sweat bread at the heart of the matter.

Now talking when unrecognized authority is in locomotion, photographed darkly between sessions.

INCOGNITO EXPLODED ALPHABETICALLY

And so does a catfish begin to appear because there was no element of submission in my voice, no cinereal interest in flowers except as a dodge to jolly. Discontinued style a two-bar, dark-field bevelled velvet, flared arms, slacks off, curio suspension, roiling biceps available in almond, furnishing sharp sights in darkness, entertainment touch and go, pass the solitaire. Digitally reversible into eternity bibiotherapy bio-as-say fluctuant accident prone plot's worth of pianos, every grand, every professional upright, every player, every digital, every concealed hood, every previously owned waterfall seat, every inner spring and contemporary shadow, absolutely cineangiocardiographic hero-blasted. Grisly thumb-print goes on telling fortunes never exactly alike about a client to the grave, never exactly alive the lines in the ball of the thumb a future apparatus no disguise the dearest blood. How to repeat the same old disappointed remark, I trespass more statistics aloud the cost of funerals jujitsu all the dislocated way home. Kaleidoscopically fed back black and blue lickerish and lucky enough to hand note, that is, lie eternity prone between the brains. Maintaining a reasonably unbroken flow of weather both sides grew dainty in taste and memory. Not obligate but roll arms, break mania together. One night-it was towards the close of the war. Presently presently panoramic a long glance quark part of the city repeatedly the whole

stranger here itself always near. Recognize me as bodily succeeded, never exactly alike or too sick for arrest, but everyday a clue taking things in order and dedicated somewhere. Slight boiling all fours whole shoes surprising the thumb's the only sure thing, no public regulation exists to control it, doorwise. Unbroken reflection as good as wandered faces by the hour follow daylight exactly.

CIVIL NOIR

As matter: of particles I may as well come down without another word (the dream a cinema deprived of public, cordial mitral valved lying and being you-ed atonement, she's too sliced for landing to rare flowered bookie arms to can't talk now her hands are dropping big lug spora to it was more than Friday to o' the people with a black ball of fire inside and outside a head maintaining the rhythm rhythm of trade trade official culture soak to simultaneously projected toughness and warmth, cynicism and sensitivity and as for using eyes the incidental winking and blinking animal watch me read seeing this the tone will glint raunchy magnificence) but first please attention please bring the demo room up to the front desk back up to this fresh early place

DEAR TEACHING USING EYES:

GOOD TO SAY IF YOU CAN GET IT BUT NEVER PINT AT WATERMILLIONS WHEN JOBS VANISH WHEN BLINDS JACK SHUFFLING SLIDING OR TAPPED IN UNCONSCIOUS IMITATION THEM CHORDS GRABBED JUST LIKE THAT this nod to bougainvillea lit slantindicular playing fork in the road backed up years to this day: airish.

MEANT AWHILE THE SAME SMALL TIME:

institutional augurates power strapped little towness intestimony to thought (towels for instance) prosaic with psychic gore, patriotic fizz ed distress bed; re-input Ozzy Osbourne about a million in the afternoon...

bye-bye love cocoa phenomenal mighty recreation privilege mightymightymighty calamity halo mightymightymightymighty baroque love

(at the feet of teen preacho on the hillside miraculous military pictograph coincidentally scorned cells, portraits of the criminally familiar in a naturalist frenzy of expectant sails, clouds, foam, land, cold spit on raft the flesh swept theme of disaster one saliva bubble of spatial hysteria tinguished... let me tell you about this place: Text-ray emission: graveyard weather scene from old fruit jar information and how they keep secret house from so & so

Out to Here

...by the day...by the week... if this is a house... the land it is on in a fency country sends no & no letter but ploos of bare bones furniture lingual creek counting "C-r-e-a-t-i-o-n!" thought I better to tell a stranger (my peers, however, are you made of?) CLIME UPSET TALL TELLING read with difficulty the bored page is rage spread thin as before and after *there* the fustest with the mostest chattel indebted plant mind hazard inauguration here ye's. Down woo street of the actual city asphaltum up a storm shapely blue hour saw Veronica simism & darkness signature question mark the word in half shave & swallow solid thunder oddball atop no shadow deadly brisk. Eyesore coins left by tourists, petty genera soul chipping fountain of a replica, marquee tit eery (like a cake?) Aromatical mardi lyric into testimony shaft: se habla "injury". Trophy gaze

the primal smile love & money creeping hurried lucky crowd number making up genius guise national streetie mistalkee in a promo tone enui?

"The-hiccup!-soul," replied the metaphysician, referring ...

motorhead solo bird counting timeconsuming solo solo outline on the spot might of real a cult stirs.

mode of tale code is sainted marching intent innards *network* department of big blue heart & bolts thrown out herky.

the finger is the finger turned upside down or reads modestly declining air—once papyrus hic-cup! wall on foot squeeze for tat. third, third degree fudge in mixmaster breathing spell: hu! hu! hu! he! he! he! ha! ha! ha! bon bon aroused shortstop... inaudible gung ho situation bright side to razz clutch freezes over a fool's paradise.

(clandestine)

Lo!

torched liquid ditty breast pocket floats straddled a chair travellers now, bony, overturn length amazement, cloth reason fiercely retouched (in the) numbing hoteled day frame

side of the discordant mouth spectacle abuzz glutton, a spy for hideous curlicue doctrines reared very spent wheels upped the discussion without a creek

neatly crossed hush takes glooms and shoe pocked time five sights hard to pin

1234567890 GOOD BYE

the deuce continued: being aged one year and one month so sultry swearing most starve the body affected the body, the bodywallet ballet read leather and a thousand reasons parties never experienced a little rancid agreement parched red latter a keener epigram.

> -ive story out of the carcass ifs ands or city stiff harvest puffy chin quivered-"it's hell to die ugly as this" chafing cookie filth pretending nothing chewed match.

A residual feeling affected by wave action along a body of water,

defecation dreamt gloom bodice chintzy kind time cut very lip pact very bottled under Eiffel stabbed reader doubt learnt in sgool.

Customary after soft arms to waist want jiggly smatter their triplicate stare nohow xia xia xia ginormous leapin dongs! who where to maskfully river trait? Any irregularity ammunition for gossip obsessional honey flap routine culprit submitter unfixes shade albeit on a velvet hog.

However columnar whinny her sentence melted people meaning doubt leans in stop reading coal access about it by dog alone

leaves hallux sill warm sill subtitle afternoon smear morning pan cruller night curl if only another hammond couldhood.

Let it be misunderstood:

not comfort but coloratura fuzz box needer

not safety first but souped up innards in clover

not pursed prayer carpet modesty toy interpretation white cavity uttering space only

Jot sir heavy moonraked boxer hope of southern california

Stand, bow, kneel noetic serenade

Moslem basketball league knowallogy

Convert suite on totem acquittal

not bough break but bit criminently lip smacked. Room filling chemistry devoir civique

Ultra-ultra *this* in public tongue bath

Black sopa de dialogue cat slanger

Hardship draft gong in one

Abstemious facial blade sky pieced

Self of steam purple brain

Bevelled idiom wig cemetary

Fractures read dead lettre

Onto molecular rivets cleansed fingertips out of the heat in a high strained valley, even thought white gloves a place out on paranoir this summer. Should somebody see sober hand shouts of light shot ragged blotto here-ville moving blobs very somebody seen history. Confidential and sweeping anything on me abstract hard lower lip genre neglect without children sudsy transition for the brief flashing record into mind squads smile a praise. Sentimental all toesy spells come of age starring an American. Latter day body intrigue thick beastly TV control beauties even. No I's on the blind side of houses watch the street after awhile frantic things shake loose hearty muttered guest of mouth I'll watch the house while you drink it hit a wall before we saw it. A series of the world smithy tire sing, fog smell, kelp rot, just try it shadows first noticed by French in the mirror with deep, distant eyes. The tearing sound tore it slowly time after time with her teeth the handkerchief came to tear it out and bit on it. As if to peer eyes open flick decanting the shine of them practically nothing visible even in darkness.

"Not if they sniffed him, miss."

Haw grave drawl something blinked line on the wealthy well grand a crack, everything on the red. Dictation dedication to and from inter (negative) memory indigo so Stanwyck fans out white earth. Enter (time) law of the golf course bravos grill breech drill melt socketry furious y más con stuck thunko, clubbed treeless aim, ate heroic steak, nice sore us genre, fat rink fingers running. Dear stranger or a rock to dilate upon. Blossom is bazoom swell hiddenness, born with "veils" over faces, etc. Toothy rattled eye more than accuracy I hear numbers flashing, smacked wave pseudo-dancing under the pretty strong blue dress, chéri. Coincident idea tefloned to pay hell alley iron word skillet helicopter leavings. Justifying mental cuts 'n scratches, it went everywhere, divided bandage debacle between loss and memory. Irreparable the incapacity? Now or then miraged much later symbolic barrier with a secret plan, virtually ocean with no one in charge.

"Simulated glory glory stain."

Scalded by the faith of ink a charging elk and lost it. Favorable but of course inconclusive private efforts a habit, combat, a canard portmanteau. A chair you should have brought with you here. Blandly personnel file the book, icebox, all. The article sounds bright instantaneous structural patter inside job gravitational. (Fig. 1. hat more or less meant.) Gabbled menu, meet hypergorge. Magneto-pause, the conky summer league. Notes on autobiographically reversed rear window plots: rumpled spectacles, broke shirt, smirking head falsie, shoe squirts, cold poke throws its voice bricks. Room filling chemistry ultra-ultra this in public: for want of a better habit, conjecture a handkerchief slowly dried the face continuing here. She just got a glass of water from the page. Part what goes over a fence last.

"The very ground hard as flint."

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