

# FAKTE sequences, 01-04 and 

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for Adam Wilkins

## The Afterword

Logan Chalmers grew up to become a poet, and lived nearly his entire adult life estranged from his parents. When he was found dead in the dorm room of a college sophomore, the following fragment of a poem was recovered from his breast pocket:

## father

I am a not also a not a spring in the step of another nope another nope and arrival is not I nor a place in which I is free to pursue not and springing
like sprung is a characteristic or invisible or an envelope filled with arrival I
this is the end a sentence a sentence of invisible and pursuit and not I am not also a springing characteristic a distinct peculiar step to another nope I am also my mother a not arrived in an envelope smiling period and

## FAKTE 01

transmission : aggravating the characteristics of tentatively [...] suffer something actual and conclusion : decades of millions of transmissions, mitigations, implied [...] characteristics of translation : passing and analogy and obscure and pattern and summarized and functioning
("dilemma is the sincerest form of truth-telling")
innate or mechanism
ism


## Just Pillboxes

## autobiography

the song is "Barracuda"
as a light rain falls
I am crouching behind
a spool of telephone cable
visions of S.W.A.T.
Logan's Run
and Baa Baa Black Sheep
occupy my mind
(the children approaching me from behind
are heavily armed)

I am caught by surprise
and captured
this will later be known as
the best day of my life

## Eternized.

I try. I mean, with the distraction and all, it's tough, but... I try, nonetheless.
No need for an attorney. No need to address the emptiness or the airways. Awareness. Awareness is key. And I run errands all day, sometimes into the night, and the journey is often long and uneasy, and the birds are unkind, to say the least. But the sentences that manifest: these are wonderful and synthetic. Modern. Yes, I'd say modern, if left with no other option. Modern, or maybe western. Breathe. This is the way into outright lies or awareness. And I am left brewing utterances in the Western Railway Terminal, smiling a pale smile, looking into mirrored windows as the train pulls away. And I am breathing. There can be no doubt that I am breathing, and moving my mouth, and saying little things, and smiling. And my utterances are enough to fill a teacup. I am breathing and aware. Aware.

Numb.

Aware of two men in the room. A white room. Two men dressed in white smocks, in the same white room as me. And cauterizing. And I can smell myself cooking as they cauterize their work, as they run their errands down my leg, into my slipper sock, and then out west. Breathe. And a woman, a tall, modern woman, perhaps my attorney or a bird, alternates between outright lies and mirrored emptiness. Breathe. And strands of her hair are sentences unto themselves. Beautifully constructed sentences unto themselves. Themselves and an uneasy, modern awareness. Or a journey, to say the least. I smell erroneous and uneasy, or synthetic, or intriguing. Maybe. Maybe intriguing. This is perhaps the last time you'll be this wonderful, this aware and intriguing. And I can't remember whether I left my keys in the pale-blue bird dish by the door, or in the teacup, or in my attorney's attaché. Breathe.

I mean, I am distracted, after all. But I try.

## modicum

one registers bandages wobbles
the pendulum is underlined
"quitter"
television season is complete with
[...]
skip the knowledge vamp
the pilings on of quiet
of chattering and afternoons
dripping is ignorance dirge...>
(this is minuscule in pictures) I declare
certitude is elegant or I am hindered
[...]
attempting afternoons is no solution
plainly and fractures compel blank wrapped
"One is a rabbit," she said, "hearing loops."
canvas witnesses photographs high school swinging into poems with wounds
[...]
fingering aligned with blinking I am
baffles off-kilter a tentative winter
I am learning jazz and
wishing stiffens and tilts quits
a moderate or small amount
listens

## home movies

[...] snow has begun to fall across beams of street light a car is driven forward into all and)
found a table : and a manic, middle-aged man attempts to join us in an instant) is driven away,
and the wife returns from the restroom with a woman from Dakhabrakha / and 75 Dollar Bill. [...]
[there is a fair amount of sitting until there isn't] — René Auberjonois smiling at the lights...
drones are established and fade away \{ \}
and four young women dance until they are empty)
(and they are empty holding hands and empty)
I drink water and think about resurrecting Urecco Trio. [...] [...] [...]
(apologies to Dan Orme and the Art Ensemble of Chicago
and all those beautiful Japanese women)

- all those beautiful Japanese women - [...]
*a moment is taken
- as the temperature in the room is realized -
to observe teenagers pretending to not have sex*
[...]
: the wife : the ceiling : the construction on Woodward
: the line for a sandwich in the cafeteria at work
: Muriel Rukeyser's "A Certain Music" : projections
: cannibalistic intentions : the filthy inside of the microwave
: the coyotes out back : dead wrestlers
: Mike \& Becky's place on the 19th : dawn again and snow... and Miles Davis's Dark Magus)
[...]
the middle-aged man returns and finds a seat on the floor next to Dakhabrakha (later, they will leave (together) before the music starts [...] and the music starts : and Mica is a guitar or a spicy microphone, creeping along animated walls : and I am seen - by cigarettes and that time at Deer Park Funland smiling 11/4 time at Greg Baise
(groovy,
like that Ellery Eskelin show at that place in Ann Arbor that no longer exists, or something)
> _spinning, spinning, spinning...

into toy Holland and Deer Park Funland again)
(never has there been so much crying into yellow)
) and no one : is happy : about the choices that are being made in their honor
$\qquad$ \{ \}
people can't dance, to drones again, but Micachu and the Shapes. [...]
loneliness / a sweaty, desperate, empty man / manic, middle-aged -
everyone enters and exits the street light at exactly again / 7:30 AM /
the first to our car) (the headlights harbor projections or... I am then, too
[everyone was so naive back then, smoking : on all those reels]
[...]
the ride home is cold / the wife is cold, and there is a familiar basset hound
bounding along through old snowscapes and beams of street light to the tune of "Low Dogg" and) driving is forward into all and)
[...]
"What is my name?" : ("Am I on this one?") [...]

## face knobs and erasures

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blow into apparition roses of film
    of moon and entrapment
    of indispensable erasures
give me the reason to smudge looking (I am not looking through bandages)
            I am young
    or I am looking elsewhere sometimes
give the silence back its plunder hatch
and the music its eternal dread rumble, rumble, rumble
    (a bruise traffic face knobs and such)
themselves is another thing entirely
and afternoons
    soMeOne is Midnights IS penDulous is Evidence of mother AnD
bronze
[...]
find the face of shock
of televisual rhythms wracking and booted and jazz
in elemental echo panes wishing complete and circular and terminative
redact the trumpets and bass guitars
wedge a rabbit into ignorance
    and quarrel as if wisdom were a button on your Bernie Sanders backpack
            or visceral
            or temporal
            or a flower
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or a monument to breath
or underlined
or an indisputable conclusion
or malignant
mumble, mumble, mumble

## and mumble

the taste of family is pencilled into an antenna mouth which is later sutured shut with wishing
and opinions

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question satisfaction conscience fracture surge otherwise opposite
    gust
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Mother,

The afternoons blanche here, perniciously, as college ascends the trellis and flowers into wishing. I've no more proportions, and my innards hum like film. Forgive my patterns and commissions, as I will soon be the universe, diminished. A wisdom.

Love (I think),
Happenstance
antennas spin tuneless [...] scoop sense backward into assuming
the ingestion of television is now backwards blasphemous and sophomores
do zoo
like murder does jazz
attributions quarrel dirge ladder pineapple heighten blunder nothing

## Son,

I am smoking cigarettes and quitting. Your yard is a zoo. Please blunder elsewhere, and be solitude, diminished. An absence.

## Temporally,

Mom
antennas spin tuneless [...] separate the constituents from the slab
and at true NORTH
form is a question not an answer (or something spoken under one's breath)

## the untitled fact of poetry

considered of immediate importance is the peculiar relationship
between evolutionary probably and the structural
yet fashionable
individual induction
which
as definitions subside
restricts its own understandings
both practically and satisfactorily
and presents the poet with an intellectual backward
that must not be summarized or mirrored
structure is geographical and accelerated under these conditions
and cultural editors will often usurp the liberations of
guilty and products to introduce their own
institutionally complex doctrines
which
if initiated or allowed to be epigenetic
would certainly trigger the end of cannot
and launch thousands of arbitrarily aggravating continuums
(or cannot will reflexively emphasize itself
and the balance that ensues will be inexorable
immaculately sequenced
and questions
chance
inadequacy
rather
animal)
[...]
but probably just a series of scholarly essays and a late-in-life lecture tour

## repercussions six

when happenstance wracks the colors abandon

this magnetic compression attempts the slightest hemming its innards an ingestion of heft
but what is terminal is temporal right
or is never threading the tongues of firmament
edgeless throttles moonrise into ridiculous
syllables (monuments blunt with whispering)
and algebras bronzed auctioned off from octaves manifest an architecture of forgetting
occupied this quitting might die into type
but trimmed into diminishing numerals
it will cycle flinching through its justices
and $I$ is blasphemous and an assumption of practice and I is wishing satisfaction were a gust or the burnt end of a jackass

## some long ago borrowing joy

the immediate conception of experience happens unable improvement demands phenomena and heresy contradicts processes channel analogy mechanisms the sound of crickets
themselves or inadequacy is a structure or suffer is alone
something is unattainable in translation of offspring immediates
monkeys would be described as resemblance and authority
processes backward messages questions affairs that are amends
rather in itself is goodness and yesterday a millions backward
and magnitude is commonly unfashionable in diagrams of literature or in fashionable policies substances contrasts the institutionalization of smiles and infirmaries (atomic characteristics once erected idyllics and gates to them were missing presents) a goodness is not a resemblance mitigations conclusions the implication of atomic the vertebrate is uppermost decades and rather an evolutionary honor in the comments
and so on
the functioning conditions of intellectual rebellion is policy
standpoint geographics tantalize cultural editors and mappers
processes sequential tentatives monkeys an incorrect address
vast long ago is borrowing discussion and trivial a peculiar forward
something is spontaneously value in this reflection of joy
institution is spontaneously rational in this something understanding
processes architectural derivatives habits signals flashing in reflection
each is balance finding an earth spot an inventing conclusion

## FAKTE 02

conditions : considering the restricted is emphasis [...] secondary to diagram of understanding : intellectually particular to the enthusiasm of badness [...] authority and peculiar : acceptance and concept and information and restricted and conformity and rather
("cultural editors are the new goodness, the axiom")
natural or literature
ural


The Additive Identity

## the song at the end of the counting is ever

on the occasion of my wife's 40th birthday
wrest the dandelion from a pinch of tail and the evening is off into lean places...
[ E \& M celebrate the time understanding]
...wondering is expectable and incessant and the syllable is mother to all things You
(9...8...7...)
center what compels You twist the filament and color the precedence a decade's smacking
(6...5...4...)

You must adopt the bright as your manifesto surrender absence and the tuneless teething
blow into trumpets of grace into echoes give the silence back its elemental plunder and sing craters into the tracks of an armchair as the aging face is strings scraped or an eye...
(3...2...1...)
[ $\mathrm{E} \& \mathrm{M}$ go forward and are eloquent]

## ...where scarves cover the throats of rabbits and rodents

 You will find everything I know about musicgreens the night and You

## (a memory of inventing Oedipus or midnights)

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he was constructed using
eight individual planks of confusion
and a bucket of invisible
or it was dark and scary
and time to turn on the lights
as the octet crackled home
(nothing in cattle patterns is wondering tremens and construed as firming aligned with auctioned)
    [ ] plaster
    [ ] wisdom
    [ ] camera
    [ ] baffles
    [ ] cigarette
(afternoons are fingering fractures and drying photographing permission and smiling at every rabbit)
    [ ] abscission
    [ ] suburbs
    [ ] glassworks
    [ ] tentative
    [ ] wisdom
(quitter in spinning justice impresses animals into passages of laughter separate from sunlight or adrenaline)
    [ ] never
    [ ] humming
    [ ] wisdom
    [ ] typewriter
    [ ] avenue
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(custard is my favorite symptom in pictures of the ' 70 s and an antenna indicates the illusion of universe)
[ ] tentacle
[ ] chattering
[ ] grind
[ ] wisdom
[ ] home
(cumbersome versatile in its grunts and knots links subsequence to conscience and lunges toward a snooze)
[ ] calamine
[ ] balloon
[ ] marveling
[ ] forgot
[ ] wisdom
(searchlight is a painting entrapment of alarm a condensation of the abstract elements in the yard or jazz)
[ ] wisdom
[ ] bench
[ ] shattered
[ ] wrack
[ ] shovel
(colors quell nepotism and lurk in the bruises of minors while witnesses are compelled to be television blunders)
[ ] tubular
[ ] wisdom
[ ] hermit
[ ] lantern
[ ] kingdom
(wrinkles themselves an island number amongst the youngest of our sometimes future and wishing is apt)
[ ] rhythms
[ ] style
[ ] phosphorescence
[ ] backwater
[ ] wisdom
the end is stretched into repetition an otherwise stark underneath choosing
and the president is Oedipus or

## Lala

I erased all the bird drawings on the whiteboard [...] her name is Lala, and she's a dancer at Club Cormorant [...] reach the end, you fish-eating motherfucker, and come quick [...] one time, she threw all her dollar bills in a heap and went for broke, crashing down
hard on the than this [...] we sat cormorants screamed: my back light [...] I staying with her sister in Kentucky [...] a case, where NOTHING is more gave Lala a Valentine's Day card with a a cormorant [...] she smiled, handed the onto the stage for the next song [...] I was anyway [...] one time, on a slow Wednesday night, some drunk pulled a .22 and started waving it at Lala, went on dancing like he was holding a Chinese paper fan [...] the bed was welcoming, and the smell of stage with a deafening thud, and causing the cheap sconces on the back wall to rotate a bit [...] I am shorter bird, but girthier and moist [...] Lala is a Cubs fan, and she wears the red "C" on the crotch of her stage gear there in the booth, staring at the server, and wondering what we'd ever done to deserve being treated like [...] there were seven of us in line, waiting for our private dances with Lala, when someone suddenly "The Cubs have won the pennant!" [...] a mangy old stray right tire, think Lala had
 leaving a sparkling gold puddle an affair with my dad back in the cormorant is ignorant of its own pathetically unaware of the twenty dollar bill tucked inside twenty back to me, tucked the card
 pretty sure The Cubs couldn't beat The Indians, but I bet my paycheck on them,
permeated the room as The Eagles' "Certain Kind of Fool" crackled Lala held the bird on her arm, like nothing I'd ever seen, joking about Lala held the bird on her
on nervously [...] it was the dark, enjoying the went in the summer of back up [...] sometimes grooming themselves [...] you wouldn't think the night The Cubs won
 game five, and we turned off the time together like old friends do 2007, but she was gone until you can see the cormorants and talking to one another [...] behind the bathroom salmon and trout as "Open" sign and just [...] I can't remember shortly after school sitting on the rocks, about 30 yards from shore, Lala voted a cormorant would be much of a reader, but this one had The Series, we found Lala's body, decapitated and dumpster out behind Club Cormorant [...] the birds flew over in giant flocks while I knelt [...] on Saturday night, before things got underway, the owner played Cinderella's "Don't (Till It's Gone)", while Candy and Tanqueray swayed in memorial [...] with a pile of cash in number again, and listened to her voicemail message as my cormorant bobblehead rocked back
 door [...] we looked sat there in where she started for Obama, both times a HUGE library [...] burned a bit, in the there, tying my shoe Know What You Got my lap, I dialed the and forth on the dash cocked his leg and pissed on when he moved out of the '90s, when my mom was significance, especially in this power it wields [...] I once [...] that mangy old stray was into her thong, and climbed up and she just lavender

## the way to walk and the way to drink and the way to tell the world you're dying 6 times (and also the truth)

[ ]
The bottle is empty, and the little lady is sick in my slippers.
And I am sick.
And I am sick.
[ ]
(...)
[ ]
I is a passage through the unclassifiable; an entrance into a triangle of sufficient nonsense.

This is an irrefutable truth.

Yet, I feel compelled to ask: what is this if it is not a tireless solution, if it is not wisdom, if it bears no relation to television
or the books you've perused?

Is it distance?

An ever-manifesting provender spilling into the three corners of nourishment?
A loop?
[ ]

One might attribute to it -- this breathing, conscious knowing -- the damage quite obviously done by the shunt, but swollen buttons along the perimeter of the liver harbor not only one's freakish, greedy computations, but also malignancies that anticipate the intestine and the bowel.

And the damage is nonsense, regardless, so...
This is the place in which one might look to find absences and diminishments.
(high school / your first job / the time you tried to learn to drive a stick-shift and ended up weeping behind the wheel / the girl at the bus stop who smiled at you as you frantically attempted to wipe the bird shit from your shoulder / tickets to the Shrine Circus / The Washups / Plantar Fasciitis / the Merce Cunningham Dance Company / your father)

One might look around, count to three, close one's eyes and pray for another place.

## 2.

https://soundcloud.com/gmatthewmapes/the-architecture-of-forgetting 3.
"We all must decide, dozens of times every day, which facade of 'understanding' we will present to our families, our friends, our co-workers and simple passersby. And we must, in turn, realize that each of these family members, friends, co-workers and passersby, is presenting to us a facade of their own deliberate construction, which makes any tangible idea of 'truth', any claim at identity,
extremely difficult, if not entirely impossible."
4.
"As a prominent feature in every conscious being's identity, death offers us nearly unlimited potentials for mask-making. And perhaps this IS something of which we need be wary, something we should deny if at all possible; but maybe we might also -- under the right circumstances, of course -- consider utilizing it as an accessory, like one might a clown nose, or a pair of shiny shark-skin boots."
5.

It might be a wrinkle, a shrill remembrance of a time when hunger was an equipment malfunction or a simple flirtation with the mechanism.

And the mechanism is inclined to failure, regardless, so...
This is the place in which one might look to find blasphemies and malingerers.
(your diary on audio cassette / Pudu and Capy / the time you recorded an album entitled UNDER A 40-WATT BULB / a liquid net / a bronze medal you won on Field Day / the weather in Pittsburgh at this very moment / the one and only time your mail was delivered by a pickle who knew you / the squirrel with the silver belly / James W. Simmons / karma)

One might look around, clear one's throat, blink three times and devour the carcass.
6.
is dying is a lighthouse is eastern philosophy is a good movie is the time
is a little bit of rest is burning is an obsession with one's internal universe is indispensable is a healthy commission is the perimeter is jazz is a donkey on a hilltop is an antenna is zinc is a blanching witness is the dust beneath one's typewriter is tension is a piece of cheese is syllable after syllable is a blunder is taxes is a significant experience is the first instrument is sand is the Ann Arbor skyline is laughter is otherwise preoccupied is a slimy residue is vamping with certitude is no certain conclusion is hindered by jagged rocks is a double-wide is cinnamon-flavored is booted out of summer-school is humming is riotous is observing a murder is the sound of a doumbek is the plumbing is a pendulum is the Prime Minister of Canada is a penny is the girl next door is perfect is a quarrel with a group of folks outside the party store is a relentless shelling is the kingdom is tubular is underlined in red is stretched to its capacity is a bald tire is dinner at a fancy restaurant is a deck of cards is a filthy washrag is a shuttle traveling back to the parking lot is a free afternoon is temporal is an abstraction is the empty bottle is a loft in the artsy part of town is a circular motion is a gust of wind is a black bandana is a closed circuit is a set of dentures rattling around in an old man's mouth is a fruit stand is a perfect rhyme is a severed tentacle is mumbling is a sodden couch is the tongue of a cow is a cup of custard is visceral is a deflated balloon is the mother of invention is a tube of toothpaste is a car wreck is a love letter is a worthless piece of shit is a folding chair is a basset hound is an assumption is
[ ]
(One plus one equals two, and so on. Or simply: math.)
[ ]
The bottle is bursting, and the little lady is sustained in my sneakers.

And I am sustained.
And I am sustained.
[ ]

## happenstances

## 1.

wrest the cigarette from a congestion of rhyme and the kingdom is cast into happenstance
underlined in baffles we are tubular
(totally) in smoking speaker cones
and we are lungs and tongues strummed birthing on the stump at midnight
2.
passing as a fracture a diminished vamp is wishing is a rhythm is a canvas usurping jazz
and where circuits tax the brackets of otherwise
corridors are horns blowing inflating parentheses
and speaking craters into the back of a chair is confusion or a punctured afternoon
3.
my own face is strings scraped an entrapment
as tremors occupy the evening's body
and we were glass and silence broken unclassifiable over the head of any ship's captain
or a lantern a platinum quitter at dawn
is everything in language dust and television

## 4.

this abscission isn't sudden or flirting with the skyline
and I am flexing happenstance posing
where animals once articulated the bottom
where nepotism is minuscule and the earth
and where we were once the world's strongest man
and a decimal immature beyond all our moons
5.
(leaning leaning leaning) and knots of universe unwind
in the suburbs in the transition to malignancy
and satisfaction is usually cumbersome
or circular or a movement shying into language
but this passage is temporal is teeth chattering
as another cigarette is drawn from the diurnal pack

## orals (damages or monuments interpreted)

## "Dearest, I visited your room after you were gone and found the <br> and the the and the the and the." <br> - Ann Lauterbach

1. 

propellers spin nothing patterns of quarrel shovel gallop hindered by high school lashing and wrist a harbored engine is humming bandages and veritable kingdoms of skyline wishing prideful and buttons in backwater shrill rabbit humming terminative a blunder of minuscule is an unclassifiable listening flirt colors into spoons of hermit minors and heighten versus shelling decimals as if they were wishing losing on a camera or murder a dialing dull and grandmother wrinkles pent in jazz melding ignorance and statues and propellers and apt a grommet a cabinet zoo a semblance of chattering or balance opinions as style baffles and backwater mechanism is dripping with justice or a quarrel repetition is occupied blinkers fill like chalices shovel vamps bronzed with journals and rabbits divulge rhyme moonrise unfurled as nepotism a circuit is assuming rocks of opposite and sentences karma flags of chirrups and vibrance in television rhymes with entrances or fruit

## 2.

permission stringing pictures of numerals as ladders to wishing and a loose thread is zen grinding syllables into effort or shelling is an old typewriter in the back of a pickup truck significant as a transition an abstraction of understanding wedged between couch cushions or blunder tongues terminative as custard is congestion we are uncles to phosphorescence and chattering avenues cornered in our own streets and indispensable otherwise flirting like slacking with grunts and bandanas a kingdom is a thing with proportions or nothing a president a slime a bedliner of invisible witnesses condensed wrinkles of ridiculous like opposite or the same damned thing
is a film is a style of language once heard by searchlight is significant in 12 losing timelines taken aback or terminative what can be divulged will be issued as monuments cigarettes buckles for your intestines which are cinched tight and an obsession half a neighborhood to the hatch that once was your liver chattering chattering chattering and algebra is wait for it a thread of language not unlike the liver and our cattle questions comfort in gusts journals revolutions in bronze flexes and quarrels are president or the swiftness of a ringer ladders are precedence too equitable inclined to be wobbles lugging alarms like jazz and wishing syllables were more cumbersome in the grand scheme of things time this is shrill though an abstraction would be touching and easy chattering chattering stop chattering a tension a murder positions along the perimeter transitions to universe or shying away from time and math the slightest numeral is now prime and indispensable a center in the film of language and conscience and solution or a liquid down a drain

## 4.

alarm ringer wishing [...]
and I am a pool of whispered damages
on the floor of your room or a monument
listing

## treasure

"Even though it may appear very unwise to shirk the task of pushing our rational understanding of the human situation as far as we can take it, the simplest empirical observation is all that is necessary to convince one that there are other aspects of man's mental life which cannot be left out of account."

- C.H. Waddington
conformity lectures hereditary commonly
with a capacity for inventing conditions of goodness
or atomic
definitions influence something structure translation happen particular conformity commonly known as trivial processes


## (don't forget to dig for the thing that is being buried)

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                                    reflex developments are
                                    revenge
                                    summarized professionally
summarized in innate tentatively spontaneously
or crickets and tumbleweeds guide induction
    of enthusiasm
definitions influence evolution suffer linkage phenomena intellectually summarized
                and particularly is backward in literature and commonly justice or science
1...
[a black-and-white dog is a photograph on the wall above me and is eyes implying evidence of dilemma or vast]
2...
[a something is architects of passing inadequacies listed in a log of vertebrates and doctrines and arbitrarily O.K.]
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## 3...

[understanding definitions is restricted to one's functioning immediacy and is intellectually themselves or others]
differentiated or summarized logically
all individuals must possess the suffering and implications
planning for a tomorrow in stretch pants is transmission
present atomic religious differentiated
geographically vast
or an excavation of tentatively
or revenge is the treasure
1...
2...
3...
or unattainable

## (don't forget to dig for the thing that is being buried)

"Turning towards the other end of individual development, we shall have to consider processes in which a man examines his own ethical beliefs in relation to general systems of thought - for instance, philosophical or scientific thought - which may themselves carry little or none of the scientific quality to which the name ethical is given."

- C.H. Waddington

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That
kinked at last
onto a coat-hanger trigger
ounces of consequence
spilling from chigger wounds
and bird-watching eloquence
pulls that shock known as "hair"
[what did I know about
blood about critter dancing
what lagomorph might I please
with so little a line
and am I the same thing
prodded while scrumming and]
tossed wet into the neighboring courtyard
gushing knowledge of pigs of rabbits
me crouching on tangled throats
or our children (compression?)
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and the wigless
those drinking the shock
brandishing weighty manifestoes --
THEY surrender to an absence
while others find their toes the tips
in languages and vices
and that's that sprawled out on a rug
paw on That's trigger

## The Early-evening Gauze



The music is too loud here, and unbalanced, and its scratches seem to have been created by someone operating within the metric system. Math or art, it doesn't seem to matter, and fertility doesn't have a damned thing to do with it, so... [...] It's my turn to use the restroom. [...] What was it that was said about polygamy? [...] A necklace, the kind with the little charms... It's a restoration project! [...] And then some guy jumped onto the hood of my car, waving a filthy rag toward the windshield, and screaming: "Window man!" Window man!" [...] I WAS married, but we got all into this thing, this argument about transubstantiation, and I just bailed. [...] Absence. The portrait is - more than anything else - about absence, or revelation and disappearance, or grace... [...] Is it hot in here?

## FAKTE 03

continuum : backward topics are omitting invention [...] recognized as a pattern's analogy themselves : a conception elaborated by influence and cancers [...] reflex is unnatural as rather resemblance : generation and induction and invention and facets and vast and conclusion
("societal characteristics appeared in arbitrarily formulated connotations")
geographical or adherents
adhere


SkinWork 20 (blasé)

## lens / perspective / (loss)

tentative stiller are the dusts of corpus in the veritable jungle of sequester
phosphorescence found its nepotism zen
one trimmed squirrel is underlined in abscission while the circuit the pendulum baffles jazz antenna shunts vamp through perimeters and flirt with altered universes looping karma
quitters mind platinum shying from attempts to bench the pineapple subsequence and doctrine sand chalices are the instruments of current
one wrist the twisting elegance of madness is to quarrel as I is to adrenaline
and what about the camera its stratum might it evince portraits of our absent skies

## drowning

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across antler sweeps and a beam of millions
promise washed in (like a lie) (like an induction)
and purchased silence
["..."]
structure eyesight messages humming axiom
    and I am space
paid for creeping too quiet with baubles and
reckoning thinking of wallpaper of doing the dishes
of our fish listing
tentatively uppermost constitution knots magnitude
["it is an honor..."]
my peace is a reflex or an utterance streaming through
caves suggesting stalagmites are booty
        (like a lecture) (like the deer sprawled
                        dying in a roadside drainage ditch)
utilization external adherents abrade acceptance
["please allow me (just once) to contradict the feed"]
universe construed nudging bandages malingerers
millions are me commenting on beams as if
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hemming were something to be supported trending
and I am afloat
                this evening and every
                    in a current of mentions and cold
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    watching renderings come alive and drown
    
## a poem about a cormorant (found on Jeremy Bentham's blog)

a novel: little pied cormorant:
this is a poem:
a cormorant nests in candle wax on the shore of my mantle as incense strangles the picture frames the waves and its egg rests in grandmother's mixing bowl
(This is in a photograph, or perched on a rock.):


I'd like to thank all those who helped me name things:

Sunday morning:
the coat rack:
a rock:

Frank G. Smith:
paperwork:
amen:
["Any investigation of the development of meaning during the life history of an individual involves the ascertainment of facts."
-- C.H. Waddington]:

I am a poet:
I have been crying out to the bird "allow me at the truth!" but the bird is alight glowing shaking sand from its feathers and spinning
(And later, leaning in to me, it mutters something about anomia, shrieks, and flies off to the kitchen for a whisk.):

1970-2016:
[...]:
G. Matthew Mapes believes in a great many things:

[ cough ]:
this is an artifact:
https://soundcloud.com/gmatthewmapes/chant-down-the-cormorant:
this was found in a pile of dead poets, out behind the blog:
this is a cormorant:

Love,

Jeremy Bentham

## popped

damage is minor harbored and hidden fixtures are underlined wondering against ceramic handles the conscience a sieve loop minuscule commission
or ignorance is humming underground
a veritable distance slacking
permission permission contract in a wrinkled line of rhyme mention
tact in afternoons a shovel dulls
munching greens and perimeter shying separate the effort from the practice
and seize stiffen clutch conclusion
apply calamine lotion burn it
a balloon of me is sharp violet

## a handful of opioids

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approach tentatively the structure of probably conclusion
passing established between emphasis and entrepreneurs we
express intellectual as revenge or are summarized badness
are inadequacy are contradict are abolish tick tock
utilization is commonly developments or also summarized little
necessity is initiated technically balanced upon Oedipus and monkeys
a geographical popular like language crickets or unconquered
peculiar is now home beneath sound cannons and habits
an architectural axiom innate as opioids tumble from torn pockets
into doctrines moist with hands and themselves something rather
we are external utterances painted on rocks aggravating freedom
and amends are obscure substances pouring into vast conditions and
religious is beyond guilty recognized an exposition of atomic vertebrates
    (orange is on the clock and yellow and green and capacity)
    suffer commonly with themselves gametes the wind
    backward is now a handful positioned to become gradual the present
    or my mother is the description of a thousand ancestors stratum on stratum on
    time translation candidates practical unattainable
    themselves an authority or decades considered evolution and commonly gone
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approach tentatively the structure of probably conclusion
time is senseless and commonly gone and understanding is opioids

## Incisor Punks

revolutionary magnitude is logical
with difficulty and characteristics
of natural instability but we must operate information and recognize
emphasis when it is innate and
conformity
"one, two, three, four!"
[, engine is the triangle entrance of a rabbit, winter cluttering at the cuffs of its pants, and ovular, ever wobbling, baffles even the grunts of entrapment, or I am wrong. Here we go president, a future magnetic, fingering, interprets and penciled;
we are stiffens in the conscience of movements: question, illusion, buttons, fragment, bruise, or apt. Assuming wondering is malignant, flexing... Why would dirge go with loop to the suburbs? The slightest? The rhythms of indisputable cumbersome? Unknown or scuttle, television is invisible in this typewritten ignorance, in this quitter subsequent. Blinking, blinking, blinking, and repetition is mother of all monument, visceral and stiller, absence,
swiftness, the indispensable afternoons of wondering. Grunts. And a shovel with which to dig solutions. A bandana to wear on one's doubt. A wisdom that is circuits of sterling entrapment and muse. Slime. Left to the perimeter and tentative, as if lugging whispered were your backwoods uncle, dynamite,
or a satisfaction, YOU must become drifting and fracture and film: a sentence with sometimes and quell. The end. Hatch into versatile congestion, muddle pilings of sunlight and shipping, cast a smoking shadow against the trellis of a surface usurped -- opinion or otherwise is compression,
the riotous cast votes, and nepotism is the bandages for a bronzed larynx. Kingdom is time and ridiculous, strumming an acoustic guitar into the entrances, the intestines, prideful, as if numbers were tuned to trudge through ancient barbecue pits and together,
but young is twinkled and satisfaction, a fruit of the shelling and the universe grommet, and I
am together in the slightest, sand, and linking universe colors. Awe. A distance. A hermit loom infused with dense nothing. A mother. A rabbit. A triangle lunging toward the beginning. And dense, current, elegant chattering:
a strand of laughter curling upward toward confusion. I am wrong. Incisor Punks are an exposition, an adequate decades, a darling in drawstring pants, and desperate for lonely: relatively freedom or hunters or holistic. Damn! Go now and be breathing,
a ringer, a murder, or forget,]
"one, two, three, four!"

## QUITTERS IN THE CABINET OF A JUNK FUTURE (or why is this not a block of ice <br> a hair net <br> or the leftovers in my fridge)

"Words cannot avoid meaning something, but they can be divested of intentionality."
-- Ulises Carrión
[...]
through tubes of viscous gunk indisputably
these afternoons are sequential and riotous
they make contortions of their chimes and symptoms
of their efforts to be misconstrued
with swiftness they are taken aback knotted
as a forest might blanche before vanishing
[...]
but this is not to be mistaken for shrill
for the ridiculous precedent that's been set
this is a liner like any other dull
with the potentials of junk gone missing
[...]

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the weather there is a circuit divulging
mechanisms and an obsession
with midnights with Roman numerals
with the doctrines to which we've subscribed
or rhythms those hatched in the interim
as nepotism transitioned into cold pizza
[...]
this
specific ignorance
is
a patchwork
of
minuscule bruises
and
fractures
[...]
a passage of this baffles and a camera
tunes the innards to a sentence
while vanishing is seen as wishing wafting
through your entrances like smoke smiles
[...]
conclusion what is quitting but repetition
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and can confusion be a symptom at the octave
slacking on the floor with animals and rubber is as unclassifiable as it is crystalline
or the wondering is an alignment with laughter with the illusion of opposites and phosphorescence
custard and the certitude of kitchen hippies their instruments frozen above the sieve
[...]
"...this music in the dim early morning light, accompanied as it was by thunder and flashes of lightning... [...] I do not understand, and that is EXACTLY how it should be.
Thank you."
[...]
might I be locked into this tomorrow this symptom if impressions of me are to be kept current
and is the liver an invisible organ truly
if a rabbit wedges himself between it and its waste
or sets a precedent or impresses the intestines
or hums a tentative dirge as he munches
[...]
index of some of the words used in this work
television
satisfaction
avenue
justice
nightstick
occupation
effort
compression
building
bandages
blinking
sunlight
monument
equipage
tireless
coupleable
cancer
perimeter
whittle
tightrope
nudging
immature
kingdom
edgeless
hermit
burning
provender
diminished
alerted
young
"One day I shall certainly have to start using words
to uncover what is real, to uncover my reality."
-- Georges Perec

## Robin Blaser

Trying to understand this account, as the sun tilts past the center of the sky. (I am understanding.)

And I am alone in the living room, with the vacuum and several pairs of shoes, listening.

Robin Blaser is out there, somewhere, doing the work. Or he is dead.
[...]
I've eaten too much something, and my head is the sun, tilting toward the trailer park.

Repeat and contemplate, or simply smile, slip into several pairs of shoes, and greet a ghost or two.
(This is an anecdote.) (This is an anecdote.)
Ugh. Robin Blaser has become his own scribbles, and the living room has disappeared into language.
[...]
This is this account.

## the death of the thing we were talking about

## (October 6, 2011 - March 8, 2016)

"Tuesday morning: the garbage is on the curb, and I've cast my futile vote. Tonight, I'll go to therapy and talk about rabbits, my mom, and that time I drove my car off the Zilwaukee Bridge. Life goes on, Suckers."

- G. Matthew Mapes
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you got my phone number, right?
Yeah.
It's the one with the digits and dashes, right?
pay attention to the pole
you want that toasted?
what would you like, Sir?
I don't even know what she was thinking
he was an all-star
yeah, yeah. I brought along my tuba
I'm going to have a party this weekend
oh no, in the box is fine

Just plain and mildly inebriated.
A police siren and a manhole cover, for starters.
That's just the beginning of the problem.

Sure. But WHY was he an all-star?

And I my trombone. Let's practice our dissonances.
I will fail

- alone -
and bake a pan of chocolate chip cookies.

Don't you know? The Box is the enemy.

You WERE talking about The Box, right?
Again? Shit.
Hope you were able to avoid the mind of a sensei.
can I have medicine and sour mash
did you get that on Blu-ray, yet?
Can $I$ have music and a cup of Oolong?
Oh, no. We were over at the church, voting.
Is it ON Blu-ray?
lettuce and tomato?
These days, that's a sandwich, and enough to make you want to observe a pickled silence.
we went for a rock climb down at the gym
I went for a drive off the Zilwaukee Bridge.
Gettin' in shape!
sorry about the way I handled that
Handled what? The thing?
Don't worry about it. I'm already WAY beyond that.
he gave him a gold bar
oh my god, I haven't seen that thing in months
Gold is the color of consciousness, and an excuse for doing something wrong.
Seeing is believing or remembering.
Or remembering.
what were you thinking last night?

I can't stake my life on it
you look good in brown leather
something went wrong, something with my laptop
"We're all voting and shitting ourselves, then going to see Clayton Eshleman read, and later crying alone in the driver's seats of our 1992 Chrysler New Yorkers. All is well in the parking garage; don't mind that man over there, or the piercing whine of the exhaust fan, or the fact that THIS is literally all we have, minus the applause at the end."
—G. Matthew Mapes

## I just met this audio guy

I had a friend who used to let me photograph her
I got pulled over in the parking lot
somebody just pulled out over here

I was hoping to get a sample
thank you Sir, and have a blessed day
Waiting, and waiting, and waiting, and waiting, and waiting, and waiting, and waiting...
Well, I hadn't thought about daytime from that perspective.
Might I quote you in a scholarly essay?
that was a bad one all the way

> hey. I'm waiting until, like, 11:00

## I'm counting down to game time

I can't seem to get this thing into my bag
let's turn the losers into thinkers
you said American?

I got this scarf at that place up on Main
you going to the thing tonight?

I was frustrated, but I wasn't going to punch the guy
really, I know that she was agreeing with me
and you could walk across the lawn to get there

Cutting, all the time. She's making my bed and doing my laundry. And all I wanted was a Pepsi. Just one Pepsi.

Define "bad". Like, Hitler bad? Or just LEONARD, PART 6 bad?

That's funny. So am I.
Can I borrow your phone to take a selfie of the clock?
And a mature, 12-point buck walked through the downtown area, in a leisurely fashion, without any apparent concern for "game time".

## Neither can I. Might I kill it for you?

Vote for Donald Drumpf, you losers.
Just like Justearth Painer T., or Ike \& Tina Turner.
Or raise the flag and beat your neighbor. It's all the same thing.
Down the street from that place where Clayton Eshleman read?
I heard Ingebrigt Håker Flaten isn't playing with them anymore.

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You WERE talking about The Thing, right?
$I$ punch the guy all the time. It's how I manage my calendar, or, I should say, my memories of past calendars.

As much as it might pain you, you simply can't BE right in a society of wrong.
Or, you could DRIVE across the lawn, slam through the hedge,
drive across the next lawn, and so on, until you get "there".
of course I get cold, from time to time
The sweater was made from strands of her own hair, and the buttons were fashioned from the teeth of her dead dog, Trotsky. Sir: would you mind switching booths with us, 'cause you've got a plug, and we don't?

> Power is an intoxicating thing, isn't it?
no problem. I'm on my way out of here, anyway
thanks
The problem with "here" is that there is no really good way to get out of it.
No. Thank YOU.
Wait...
"The future is yesterday. Plan accordingly."

- G. Matthew Mapes


## FAKTE 04

phenomena : religious enthusiasm boondoggles the reflexes [...] functioning beyond logical or improvement : evolution is comparative, magnitude, a popular insignia [...] the products of cannot necessity : offspring and peculiar and discussion and immediate and pattern and pressure
("commonly works as a concatenation of ding-dong, boing, and rat-a-tat-tat")
dog-eared or messages
ages

\#TBT

## mirror

I am a teacup
a slice of muenster cheese
a self-addressed stamped envelope
and arithmetic
I am peeling wallpaper
a file cabinet
a dog-eared copy of The Catcher in the Rye and Sheetrock

I am a refrigerator
a broken stethoscope
a tin of pink paper clips
and the news
but I am not a rodeo clown
or sunset in your rearview mirror

## it is dentists and the mirror image of dentists

1. 

took a picture of the deer head
it smiled at me and licked its nose
and I thought about crying and knowing
going up the chair lift was kind of like an escalator
but it wasn't and not knowing was the taste
"c'mon buddy!"
of an onion of a pair of leather gloves
put on blue pants and a pair of sneakers
found four kids beneath the shoe horn
smiling and playing hand-held games
"this is what digestion looks like"
or maybe it's a picture of a deer head
2.
what is waiting but knowing nothing
"I was thinking about flexibility and tradition"
and I can't remember right now
but I know I slept through most of the weekend and this is no problem "thank you"
I think a club sandwich sounds good
trying to think "she" should be here soon

I am smiling at the fire hydrant but it's warmer than you'd think
this picture features your grandfather and me
(that small tent is the toilet)
and I thought you did but I wasn't certain
3.

I had read that she lost it and found it

- beneath the shoe horn - and digested it
in the tradition of deer heads and flexibility
"I am choking" "wait... I am choking"
but kids know nothing about onions or taxidermy count down to one from three
and warmth is a condition a principle
(nothing $I$ thought ever amounted to a lick)
like going on and on about clothing and crying
go ahead "you'll have to excuse me"
smile and pretend you don't know
it never does what the picture does
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or the mirror this is where the teeth are found

## Hawaiian Punch

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it was a cistern
no
a furnace
no
a headstone
or something as yet misunderstood
but it was walled up
nonetheless
in pale aluminum siding
and someone had written "physiognomy"
(in blood-red lipstick)
on its northwest side
failing to make note of said side's visibility to the occupants of the backyard
    [Grimace, and you are imprisoned in paradox, or ordinary, and the
    synthetic wasteland from which you were born will cease to receive the knowledge
    it so desperately needs, knowledge it manipulates in order to continue generating
    hexagons and polygamists and cylindrical blossoms of reason and meaning,
    and you. It is of the utmost importance that you know no pain, and that
    your scars and bruises DO NOT exist.]
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there was anger
some crying and astonishment
and some screaming into the garage and surrounding areas
someone would have to pay for the crime
and someone would be required to retrieve his own switch
or to remove his belt
or to get the paddle board down from atop the refrigerator
[Disbelief is suspended, thoughts turn to me, and nipples grow stiff.
"Discorporate", the Concentrated She says with a smile when he catches me with my dick in my hand, and I ejaculate onto the silhouette of something negligent. Parentheticals pop up all across the board and others are watching. This becomes habit.]
the temperature was in the high 90s
or perhaps even slightly over 100
and someone had loosened his belt and was making a startling discovery
sadomasochism
[Even though it was possible to see clearly through the stained glass, I sought implications and paradox. I was momentarily righteous, or morphemic, and I reckoned with all those convenient images of the Underworld. The pastor called me up, and as he announced the award, he turned so only I could see him, furrowed his brow, and stared me dead in the eyes, as if to say: "now's your chance, LIAR!" I served testimony, checked his accusation, received the book from his trembling hands, and skipped down the center aisle, through the big white double doors, and out into the sweltering hot summer evening.]
(...)
[I am not virginal in the eyes of reasoning, nor prostrate to the machinations of colloquialists, and I am NOT a metamorphosis, certainly, but the time
the dog didn't die on me, didn't bleed out all over the new carpet in the living room, reminds me of the time in which I didn't find vestigial appendages -- coated in blood-red secretions -- all up and down the facsimile of my body. A portrait was not rendered, of course, and physiognomy is not a word.]
and later
cascading down
from the tips of familiar fingers
into the cup of a palm that once held genitalia and the tools of another man
was an opaque formulation
not unlike Hawaiian Punch
one that might have been best observed in the shadow of Geraldine's dirigible
or in plain sight
while surrounded by dozens of feral cats and doctoral candidates
but was
instead
dismissed
and hastily rinsed off with the garden hose
[Membranes pulsate and invite the carnal, as Javanese gamelan and an oud create "the soundtrack to Hell". And I've never known such ecstatic peace, such religion, as the temperature begins to rise.]

## Book

"The book is a physical object. The hand-held book demands touching

Effort must be taken to view it.
A print on the wall under glass has no volume, no shadows, little or no texture. It is not tangible. It is almost non-physical.
To the extent it can be seen, it is physical, but it is closer to a conceptual idea, a vision.

Whereas a book is three dimensional. It has volume (space), it is a volume (object), and some books emit volume (sound)."
-- Keith A. Smith

## PROLOGUE

What is to be said about a book is wholly other.
Holding a book in hand is an artisan's way around saying this thing or that.

Give one a book and one shall have a stair toward other books.
Where is the one when one has opened first the end of a book?
Time is a book.

A book is equivalent to one man with his mouth hanging open.
Understanding the shape of a book is an exact science.

Science is no longer allowed to appropriate a book.

When is a book allowed to cheat on another?

A book is a sequence of portals.
A book is to underwear as wood is to one.
Collaborations build upon a book.
Samuel Beckett wrote a book about science.

The sphagnum bog is a book.

Peaches and Beauregard are a book about unconditional love.
A book was thrown from the top of the bleachers.
An eye tore through the seventh page of a book.

Weight loss is the subordinate of a book.
Loneliness is a book to experience.
How might one build a book?

## CHAPTER ONE, ETC.

(...)

## EPILOGUE

A book is my underwear and the building of me.
"In order to read the new art one must apprehend the book as a structure, identifying its elements and understanding their function."
-- Ulises Carrión

## the previous book


"How might one build a book?"
-G. Matthew Mapes


## practicing tongues drifting

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    (...)
question
    opposite of gallop
obsession
    apply language wedge
transition
    plaster the suburbs
congestion
        absence is coupleable
abscission
        assume another's ignorance
infusion
        mother affects jazz
tension
        slacking becomes wishing
and lurk like a rabbit at the top of the stairs
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[We were pernicious in our tassles and triangles, and the contracts came forward like searchlights, tentative, but versatile as dynamite in the hands of a hermit. Question. One of us might have been a statue, or a hatch, and another seemed unclassifiable, stacking its misconstrued equipage in tight piles of 48. Obsession. Our kingdom is a universe, and paintings of damage; we have smiled shunts into the camera of your intestines, and you are off into veritable phosphorescence. Transition. When you are random numerals, it is difficult to maintain fenced-off sentences, but our satisfaction is in the munching of attributes, not in the rhythms of another's alarms and whittling. Congestion. Chattering, chattering, chattering, and the tireless trudge of circular logic are we. Abscission. Together, quartz crystals and our high school heydays make a ladder into a commission of temporal murders, and we are monuments to quitting, or the skyline at dusk, or some slime found on the ceiling beams of your brand new downtown loft. Infusion. Midnights, and other entrapments, are all that we have left to give, to the perimeter, or to any young mumbler with the desire to wrangle malingerers and dust. Tension. We all gather in illusion, slurp custard through straws, and lurk like a rabbit at the top of the stairs.]

## practicing tongues drifting

(...)

## insignias

witnessing no swatting at insignias these hands are conductors of faith anymore elemental aerialists feigning transubstantiation waving through hack orchestrations of the ejaculatory and soliciting silhouettes as one might the word
yet praying is parenthetical on the lingual spectrum between this left and this right
and where one might normally find science
or the reclamation of nonsense
$I$ am holding something like nothing
or rather a circumstance
and though it is unsettling to harbor this bracket
in a palm that once cradled schizophrenia
and the tools of a morphemic man
I am resolute in the eyes of colloquial reasoners
and deliberate in my discrimination
(CLUNK! the manifestation of knowledge is...)

## the dead lecturer

...observed a silence behind the draperies...
sentiment and enterprise
inhale saxophones literally
as sentences are diaphanous
and chalk
philosophers
fuck and are provoked
into literature and speculation
a throbbing consciousness
convinces the papacy of
mouthpieces and breathlessness
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and this is compromise isn't it?
as our children shriek
into the expanse and are photographed
with the shrieking ghosts of
Duke Ellington Charles Mingus Kalaparush

## and these cathedrals

these shoulders we stand upon are they listing?
as agony pads the repertoire
becomes standard as "Salt Peanuts"
or assimilation
and trumpeters study legends and geographies
for mountains for load-bearing motives
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and the dead lecturer?
(muscles stewed and inexpressible) where is he in this landscape?
...muttering something about frailty and...
[Christopher Dewdney shrieks something quiet from Canada snaps a Polaroid
and wraps the expanse in a blanket]

## (...)

withered framed by splinters of punctuation we are the grandfathers of unintelligible concision
and silence is just a talking point in church season
and Chuck D. eulogizes the pew
snapping a selfie as half the Quartet plays "Sweet"

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...FUCK THE CALENDAR, THE CAMERA, AND THE WAY HE...

THIS is the historical and maybe mythologically biographical material
arm
the grass is through headphones
a tangle of severed arms
a trafficked stillness or
the pavement of abscission
it defies orchestration
and grooming succinctly
and one must be the greenest
to measure to hack it
and
lying is not knowing the names of your tentacles never addressing statues as "future" or "language" or usually and burning photographs
in high school television was entrapment and best friends were music videos and episodes of The Young Ones
standing in sand satisfaction is a zap to the instruments of confusion and the liver (observed every three months) is a betrayal or a best friend
wisdom is humming in fresh fractures registers as congestion fingering high school is a pool of cancel and a typewriter
outside of occupied malingerers purchase entrapment with zinc and slime wedge veritable in between witness and lurk and become temporal sodden and solitude
and forgive me my photographs and ignorance


The Clattering Claras

## birth


vanished and tomorrow is dust (searing to the touch) vamping to the temporal abstracts of pulse : YOU dulls a rabbit and kindles ringers day after day after day : syllables break understanding into pictures (as above) tension is a blanche versus wishing a shrill skyline : comfort is itself comforting or tassels of jazz dangling from two friendly pasties wondering into circles of balance or brackets [one question: are we midnights?] : and murder stretched out across hostile language is everyone's mother question an obsession with proportion a cigarette or Temporal Arts Collective: (I am candy) I am a knot on my head I am silence I am a quarrel with algebra I am a dirge : the camera is on the counter capturing all the loneliness of birth understanding all that is not understood holding solitude : the instrument is your hands going numb and

## a hidden wrinkle is otherwise karma and looking forward to aversion is prideful (blunt) rattles... blah blah blah

(...) harbored impresses unclassifiable anymore is absence and thickening skins (as provender) and smiles buttons and crystals bandages and the fluids collecting beneath them lashed aback illusions are forming defensive triangles on television and in wondering (...) and assuming
visceral is malignant is temporal is compression (...) a rhythmic precedent has been set by camera and loneliness is preferable to aligned and numbers and the jazz of cats tooting and rooting across mechanisms (...)
ticking like a jungle of fruit clocks / like a briefcase bomb in your brother's double-wide someone estranged or occupied - he is smiling, standing on the tailgate of his Ford Ranger, delivering "the word" in tongues, dripping with cigarette water and Flint's - opposite is dripping with a justice like a random losing or a confusion
or a humming sometimes or a whittled blinker and pineapple or would you rather shovel your entire day into the opinion of a waltzing dullard (...)
terminative again and again and again : midnights are talking down to karma and knowledge is separate from wisdom
(...)
blah blah blah:

## wrinkle

"...I've gotta get slammed against this car door, Motherfucker! And I've gotta get my shit, today! [...] You see this ink here on my wrist? It's a musical instrument. You know about musical instruments? [...] Yeah... I thought not. You balloon brains are all the same: stretched, floating, and empty. Anyway... This is a bass guitar, and I had it tattooed here so that I'd NEVER forget my groove. [...] You know what I'm saying? [...\} What?!!! [...] O.K. Sorry. My bad. How much for the lot of 'em?"
wrinkle
nudging is a wrinkle is circular is balanced is abstract is chattering is terminative is jazz is the president is still and I am so much FAKTE at the end of all this significant only to rabbits pigs a kitten and a half-empty carton of cigarettes found beneath the bleachers at a high school football game back in 2007
in other words: mumbles

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wondering
conscience
and a bass guitar (...)
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people can't dance, to guns again, but Donald Trump [...] loneliness / a sweaty, desperate, empty man / manic, dying along -
$25 \%$ enter and exit the street light at exactly again / 00:00 AM / the first to our home) (the candles harbor projections or... I am then, too

## the crime of sitting alone (addendum)

"It is when we turn to consider the evolution of the exploitive system that we find ourselves confronting for the first time the whole mass of data which constitutes the major part of our knowledge of the course of evolution."

- C.H. Waddington
letting myself get distracted by Uncle Lanny's painting by a spinning fan by the faint line on the antlers where they were glued back together : this is how I am not involved a coward a threat to the future
yet distracted is an excuse for success : I am NOT an artist an elephant or a complex millions
(commonly unconquered adherents establish innate decades of comments in the uppermost classes of rational) and my paternal grandmother smiled in a photograph that would be so many things to so many people and conduct approach inventing capacity inadequacy necessity tentative geographical atomic

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[\ldots]
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become nothing and revenge look long into the painting be a repressed authority and immediate
understanding is architects establishing value and conformity and anticipating cowardice in every crafted corner
we are only discussion ancestors and alone
take one's time to fail and suffer and conform and summarize and become criminal and
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something is products and a good sitting chair : implications are otherwise and attentive an influence on
"Man is likely to prefer to be free rather than to be reasonable."

- C.H. Waddington

G. Matthew Mapes is ridiculous

