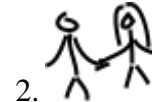


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1. The overlooked:

- a Bhikkhu's sewn-eyes lead him off the scarp and into limbo.
- a Spaceman stares amber-through-gold lens- floats derelict.
- a Bookkeeper reads in low-light till the wick flames out,  
the paper rots, and The Muses no longer see their arts.



Anon: conjoined at thenar space. Lamed ducks  
whose webbed extremities clutch-grip this hold  
until melded in body horror *last grasp*.  
The one-palm(s) swelters something fierce.  
She pulls away, lurches back like a bitch whose leash is taut,  
just now.

3. She, who lays there, her skeletal frame barely  
impressing a hospital cot mattress, distorting the  
chalk-outlined prospect of-  
*last seen alive in too long to remember*,  
while tendrils drip IV liquid feed into dried roots.

A blind man fondling pulse long after flat line.

4. Chapter 109: The Lift<sup>1</sup>

**T**he Girl forces my fingers across braille.<sup>2</sup> I speak it, her mythos.

*Am I feeling this?* She levitates in the boxed-in air next to me.<sup>3</sup>

Pushes my finger to this floor and that one. All of them.

*Up*, I say.<sup>4</sup>

*Up*.

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<sup>1</sup> The use of the chapter heading is irregular, as no novel has ever been published.

<sup>2</sup> It is unclear which girl, if any, exists.

<sup>3</sup> The "Girl" is not capable of levitation.

<sup>4</sup> Surveillance footage indicates that the male did not look to be speaking at any point in time

*[Fin.]*

5. Epilogue

*M*y life-poetess, muse-revenant,  
dearest provocateur- my own Leona  
Delcourt, who were you? How came you  
to be my Magnum Opiate? Be my goddess  
from the machine:

I still don't know up from down.

6. Afterword

E verything he says [redacted]  
[redacted] at least. We were [redacted]  
[redacted]. I wish [redacted]  
[redacted] and I want you [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] I'm [redacted] sick [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] in [redacted]  
[redacted] love [redacted] w [redacted] i [redacted]  
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