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THE TURNING OF PAGES SHOULD NOT BE AUDIBLE

The order of the archives is a function of disciplinarity. It is projected, not actual. *Lisa Robertson*

Nevertheless I will try with words. *John Berger*

the known world ordered into file folders catalogued and possessed until you arrive with your questions

account for ruining paper, the implicated bibliography, the love of a thing without tangible application

solemnly, I sign a paper promising best behaviour while I live, briefly, in the archive

2 dear Jenn,

you and I tiny in our tiny house tiny city retreat each evening along similar but not exact lines

you kissed me, no heroics, you kissed me the parts we remember scaffold our bodies

put on Maurice Chevalier and dance through the kitchen with our cat

I'm working to believe these things that you believe a repertoire of gestures where language slides into oblivion

I can imagine my work on a shelf because no work in our line can be closed

I am growing softer and coming to terms, I am frightened and not worthy of remark much remains the same

4 much of what is known is known from reading and other sites that warrant little trust

a still photograph, a moving image, other products of ink yes, I have suspicions, grossly imprecise

the widening discrepancies between the numerous clocks in our house a dissonant stagger

there is work and the commitment to work a forgotten word, a raspberry seed between teeth

5 dear Jenn,

we build a small garden framed by salvaged brick from the demolished part of the house you repair the earth, turn it over, reckless and generative

some of the better parts reserve themselves the tiny flowers you chose hold fast

light these sustained plants are small victories

imagine—water and light!

6 the effable situated against volume, metres, accruals a reduction of material sediment to be located in written sound

the archive is concerned with survival the archive is forthcoming

never remove an object you find in a book

7 the words surplus to requirements imagined and agreed upon and acknowledged as ridiculous

charged with competing responsibilities and deceptions generous and multiplying means of entry

one always fails precisely in these matters

8 dear Jenn,

here the first sites for ruin when the weather turns dry

hostas, you say because this place is mostly shade

if the street cats stay out of the plot they should be fine next summer

new grass steeps in the dirt

9 genetic affinity, flag each variant a depth of archive catalogued in the body

I want to stay I want to stay

the material of my presence filed at an other site

archive learn attrition, learn mutability speak clearly until we arrive to listen

extend into the air where you weren't before vaulted, now, where you were flat

a three dimensional thing in ink, imposed upon

11 dear Jenn,

the pewter maple key of your necklace in white relief against otherwise red skin, carried all summer sunburnt, because we walked one hour to sit near the ocean

12 O words

you say one thing and you also say one hundred other things on occasion you are kind enough to be simple and plain

we are brave or stupid who have only you

13 dear Jenn,

because part of the jade died but not all of the jade died

because blood meal to keep the squirrels away, nothing like I imagined it to look

because for the first time we eat something grown at our home

because I want to know what the poets did with their hands

because the landlord didn't mind that we turned over the grass

because perhaps someday a modest farm and several rooms of books

because imagination seems so open but here I am with these words

because parts of the air are falling out of the air

because the dirt is common

because the dirt is occupied with some things we placed there and others we found there

CALEB JW BRASSET

WHEN WILL HE HAVE MERCY

When will he have mercy or, you know, show us all this mercy we're hearing about: that's what you have to ask. Campbell chuckled and took a drag of his cigarette. I chuckled too although I had lost track of the conversation. The music stopped. Why don't you pick an album, Campbell said. I looked through the cds and put on something Canadian. There's a line in this song, I said. No it's not this song. What was I thinking of? We should smoke some more pot, he said. I agreed. It took a while to find the pot. After we found it, I took a while rolling it. We smoked the joint and Campbell said, So I told you about that little job? Yeah, I said. That's great. Yeah it's great, he said. But my back is killing me. I mean, I should not be doing drywall anymore. But it's great to have a few days, make some money. Smooth sailing. I think I'm going to quit my job and write for a while, I said. Last time I did that my girlfriend left me. If I do it again maybe she'll come back. She had gorgeous legs. I lit a cigarette and thought about Clara's legs. I wondered if she had changed. All right, Campbell said. So you quit your job, you write for a while. Smooth sailing. Then what, you wake up earlier all of a sudden? For no reason? Let's say you do that. You're up early and you're writing. The whole day just falls into place. They're pouring you free drinks at the bar. Some girls are saying, Hey what's this? This guy is glowing, why is he like that? His whole day has been perfect and it doesn't matter that he doesn't have a job. Because they'll find out that you don't. Right? They'll find out immediately. But it won't matter. And you read them some of your most sensitive and heartbroken poems, you'll keep a selection behind the bar and you ask whoever's working to give them to you when you need them. Sounds good, I said. But I don't have any heartbroken poems. Ah just change the words around, Campbell said. He opened the fridge and a picture of his daughter faced me. He took two cans of beer and handed me one, and went back to the couch. I was slouching in a chair. We drank and listened to the music. It must be late, he said. Four thirty, I told him. Ok, he said. Do you work tomorrow? In the afternoon, I said. He leaned back and closed his eyes. A cigarette burned down in his hand and he moved to drop it in the ashtray, then leaned back again and dozed off with his beer in his other hand. I finished my beer and turned down the volume of the cd player. There was a faint hum in the apartment. I put on my shoes in the stairwell. Outside it was quiet. A garden path led to the street. A wooden gate was at the end of the path. It had been raining and there was mist in the garden.

STEPHEN BROCKWELL

BREAKFAST AT PENELOPE'S

Some presto decisions have to be made: Wait outside forty minutes for a table? Yes; minutes here are cheap: ten seconds max.

Warn a woman she'll step on the dead rat spanning a manhole? Too late; but her stride's steady – the rat's fur unruffled between

the heel and sole of a Prada – genius! Fresh squeezed grapefruit or orange? Pink, please, large. Evacuate Manhattan, flee Irene?

For my daughter's safety, yes, grudgingly. Finally, what words follow to make this an authentic product of its milieu?

Let the charming, hirsute waiter choose them. He stalks our table wordlessly, no doubt hoping to move it. I swear I hear him tsk.

"How we all doing over here?" "All done."
"I'll get the check then." Thanks for that, G.J..
Goodbye Irene, you closed Hair on Broadway

and stopped mass transit dead for the first time in a hundred years, but you can't dull the eyes of this New York waiter hungry for tips.

BOUCHON COCKTAIL WAITRESS, BEVERLY HILLS

It's OK, forget my order with no regrets – you have auditions to practice between customers, fawning producers to pretend to seduce, bar manager's hands to remove

from your thighs (as a pacifist might remove a spider from a plate), at least one husband behind those eyes. No doubt your mother tucks little Sarah into bed tonight.

Oysters, baguette and tapenade was not the best tableau of appetizers – let them wait! After all, these empty offices and vacant retail spaces have also seen better days.

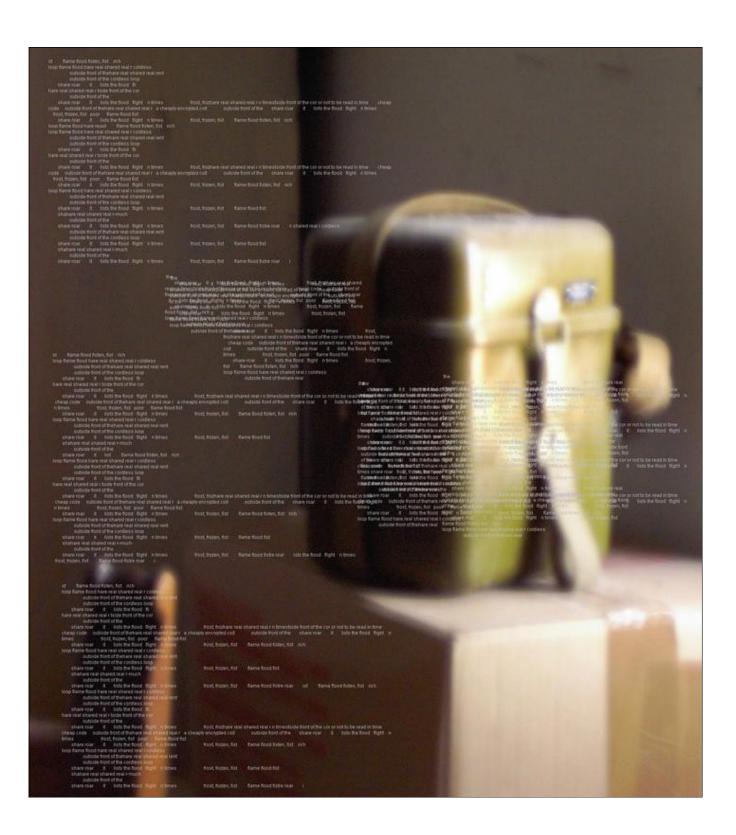
KARIKURA AND THE INARTICULATE SUNSET

Karikura leads a hard, simple life.
He wakes and sweeps the dust from his dirt floor.
He harvests one or two eggs from his hens
and eats them with a slice of fire-baked toast.
He walks five miles to the internet café
and tries to find a fair price for his goats.
Today, having made a modest profit,
he comments on a post I made last night,
Brockwell, you're a fool, thrilled by a sunset
'beyond words.' The sunset is beyond; but
beyond words? No. Words for it outpace you.
God bless impala words you'll never speak.
Here's what I posted – you can slag it too:

Watched gorgeous sunset from window on flight to LAX. Beyond words. Tried anyway.

The bellows of the sun
Fans the coals of the horizon.
The mirror surface of lakes and rivers,
Veins of molten metal
Coursing through the black
Yet-to-be-fertilized plain.
Above these, interlocking tile
Of lapis lazuli,
Cloud grouted,
From cornflower blue
Through indigo
To midnight blue.

MARCO GIOVENALE







MARK GOLDSTEIN

this body reveals this body what conceals h d d 0 n d a n 0 d d t h r 0 n d a

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who is

to be touched

who is to keep

a thought alive who is

our origin

who is central to

that goal

who is to provide who is in need of care

who is most common or

indigenous

who is our home (y)our fetal heart

its murmur

my labour

this

between us -

the unspeakable

act

"In the County Court of the County of

HIS HONOUR JUDGE

the

IN CHAMBERS day of

In the matter of

resident in the Province of and born or

alleged to be

born in the Borough of in the

County of in the

Province of on the day of

as appears by the Certificate of Birth

AND IN THE MATTER OF The Child

Upon the Application of

and his wife both

resident in the Province of for the adoption of the

said child

It is Ordered

and is hereby adopted as the

child of and

speak the words abate

this fake forging

of unrelated family

2. That the name of the child shall be"

PHIL HALL

CLAVER

The preponderance examining the tuberculosis

will we garner it—a sort of anchorite?

How odious the connubial state fine slatted vents like an oval

the nuance—but where's the dryad?

•••

It can't be October

in the stove I burn old *New Yorkers* (but always save the William Steig covers)

lake light quavers cleaning as it again mulls over the smoke-darkened Rene de Braux painting

Chris benisoned walls with / now I get to A man / a cattle-gad on each shoulder half-way / no hurry / a Roman bridge (double arches / quick weed-hints)

a stuccoed villa set in along a hillside Ann has taken the Wolf River apples down to Margaret 92 mornings I try to read page-shaped ash

a quote my fire preserves all night from columns it has only one use for now

riven by passion, not profit. We contin

. . .



Rene de Braux

Family—to smallify by ceremony

(a letter comes)

Climb down from the very top of them high thin converging yoked invented stilts

Abandon yr yellow moon-ladder where it stands free on yr cur-&-scimitar beach

Give up yr salt-silly nude loll

Come home to know a pin-prick in a shoebox as Star

Feed its nostalagian embers

Cut the war pie

The split

elephant-pine

creaking *like* Howard's little prize-winning school-gate

the preemie sharing its core with grass-blades

the loon

gone jello

Roadside lift-off (grackle) type W over-strike M over-strike M

...

Dusk spent zip today didn't go in town at here-now's brief speck money ore Perth unfounded

as the Local blows stridently bored *flat-out trundle-redundant* as the last glass insulators flare brief ripe green

as a dragonfly antennas this rummaged shirt (orange fishing-lures)

each lily-pad a glare then a hoof-print

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This stump

Bess's brother Howard Ferguson North Augusta

any preemie some bird gone you-know

Become a croodler of the facts

these f-ing acts out to ax precise

each *gulsh'd* note 'til it cogs

•••

New Year's Eve torn up beside the fire drinking gunpowder mint tea reading Dawe / Squires (*Where Genesis Begins*) an actual blue moon tonight

the *Almanac* says it's there muffled in overcast we'll go to the Buddhist farmhouse for the sitting the talk then a bonfire

married 10 years tomorrow (matching snow-pants) yet this well-rise in the craw lanced scrawl Pollack's *The Deep* (53)

an Arctic gash ice darns not to find myself as if of

•••



Jackson Pollack

Gerund gerund gerund

the old frogs pettifog & the peepers

ing ing ing ing ing ing ing

Get under get under get under

my sloughed tongue its solo drying

around the third note

I do re me mber fa ll ing so la te I do

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Mercy a moan

attached to an abandoned lead mine crutch divining-rod plight toy

overtakes its own prissiness

whacking easy promise until unencumbered it

nearly knows

& hell-bent-cautious strains *like a like a*

Mercy the care (& rot)

of the next word verges on fêtes of silence

if you don't shut up long enough you can't do anything

my old ones deserve restitution without some speech

Mercy to hope of the next word

that it not be steaded to closure's pinch-purse

. . .

(finches)

Await a distinct bright sign

his black hover-gold flit-near

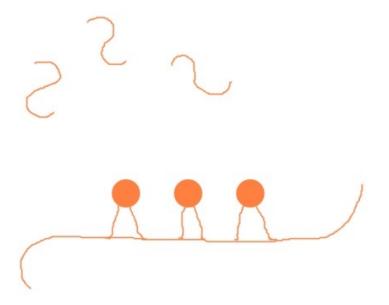
Let in the lost on

her tawny-veneer whirr-by along-up

Seep-seep blurtip

MÁRTON KOPPÁNY

THE WIND

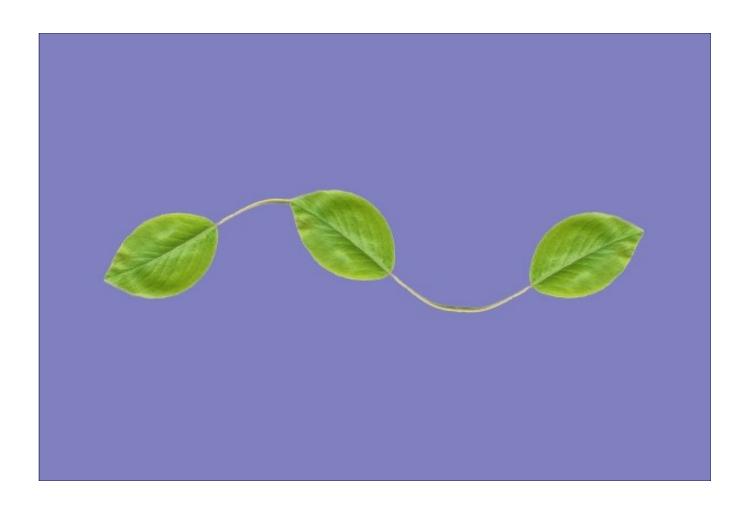


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CURSIVE - FOR BOB GRUMMAN



BEN LADOUCEUR

REGARDING THE TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLD WHO DESIGNS ROOMS FOR IKEA BUT INSISTS IT ISN'T A VERY CREATIVE JOB, AND REMINDS ME OF THE WEEK BEFORE A LEASE BEGINS, THE INNOCENCE WITH WHICH WE SURVEYED THE BATHMATS, THE MANY LINENS, THE MANY TYPES OF PILLOWS WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED, AND I WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME THAT EVEN THE MOST PRECIOUS THINGS ARE NOT IMMUNE TO THE TIDAL INGRESS OF UBIQUITY

Look at us, briefly or for a long time, we share a need for haircuts and a way with words. If there is nobody who understands

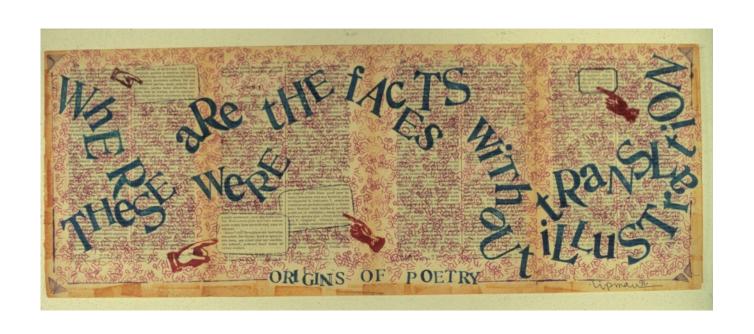
then I am willing to be the one who understands. If you require only parts then my home is a body shop

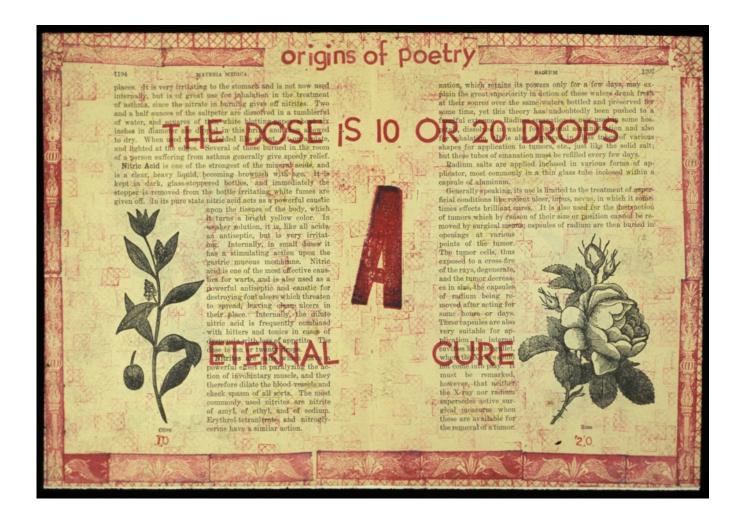
and I a dildo, a saltlick, a hole in the wall as high as your waist, I wish it mattered, but it doesn't matter.

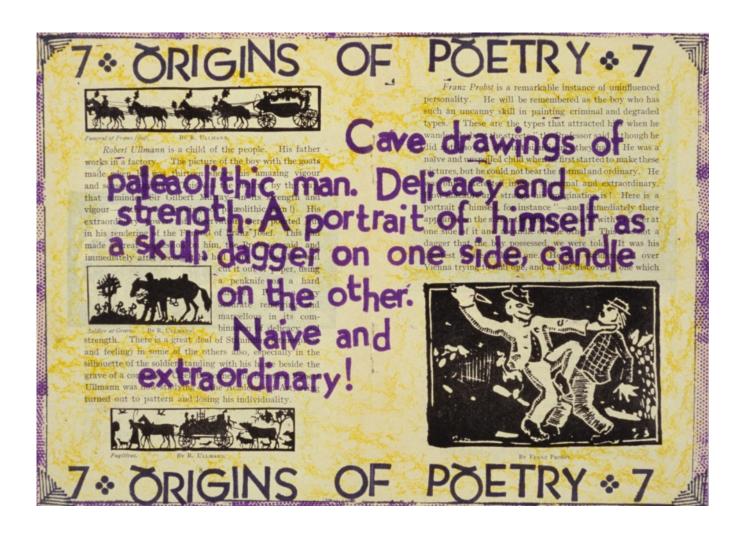
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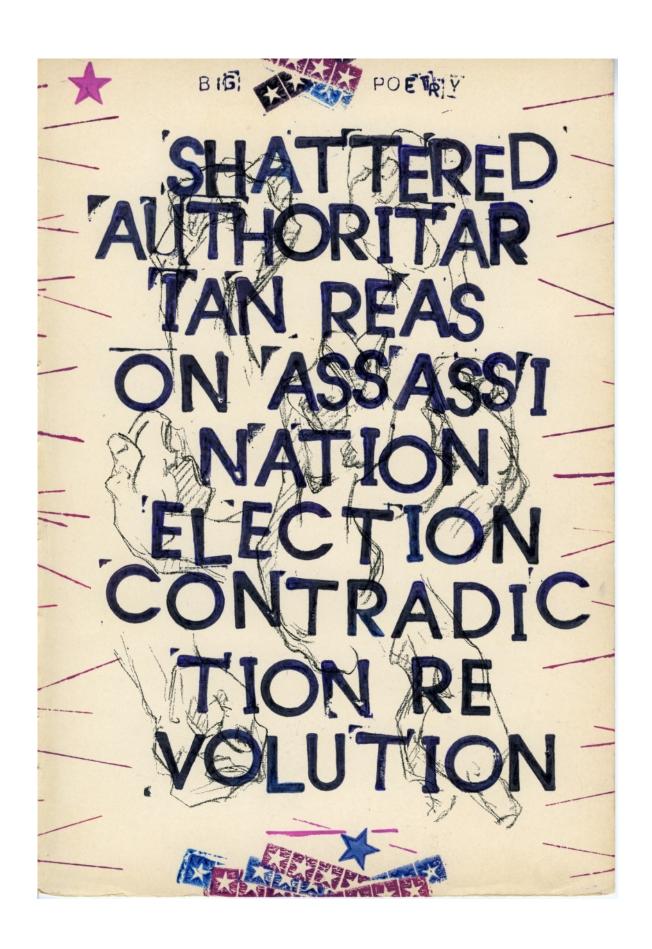


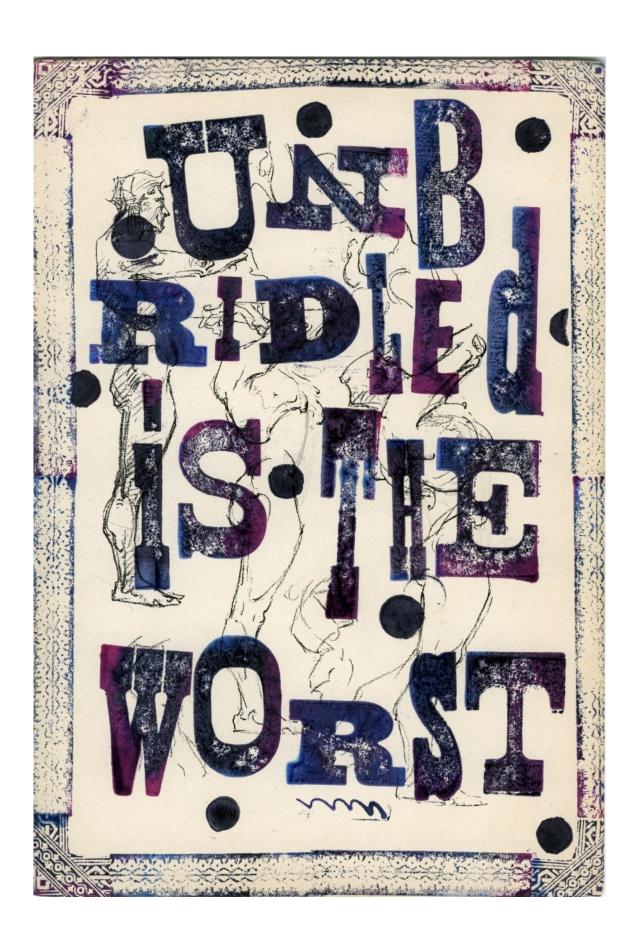














THE BOOMERS.



vociferously for the favored spot, and had to retire behind a tree to conceal his laughter.

"By Jove!" he said, addressing Skaggs, who with hands in pooler, and tired from a day's work under such a stronuous driver as Janes, saned against the nearest tree, "it looks to me as if I'd missed quite a long of the "

"Fish bitim. Hank asked without shifting his tired frame.

"Bully P

"Wish I'd a fished instant of takin' this job Hang that-there line fat feder! He's a regular heller for work, he is.

"Looks like " cheerfully grinned Lester, surveying the drene appearance of a auctioneer. "He seemed rather disappointed because I didn't want to do a day's work for him. He offered me two dollars."

The last let was being sold, and the bidding had reached a climax in that splendid mob fury which prevails where such a sale is a success. Many a man, carried a otle current n the air, was bidding a perfect frenzy, ollar. Burmah nes clim ed down lot was sold, and went to the band, which at rvals had played while men were examining

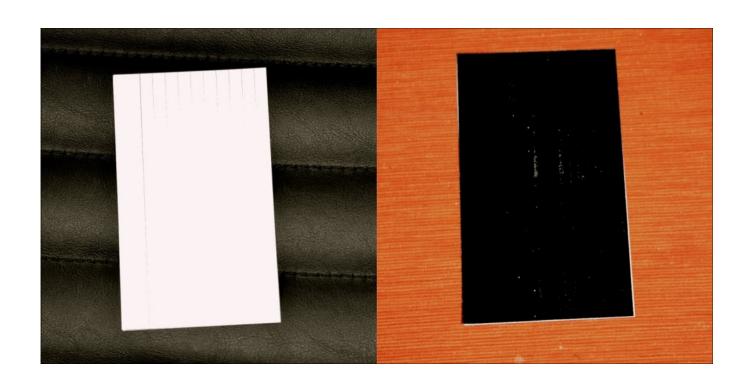
"Turn Lagre, Birme

It did, tearing to sureds that fine old anthem, "When a Reuten Comes to Town, He Sure to be Done Brown." Burnar started the e, and then, appearing to notice the Colonel for the first time since the sale began, wondered if he had not better

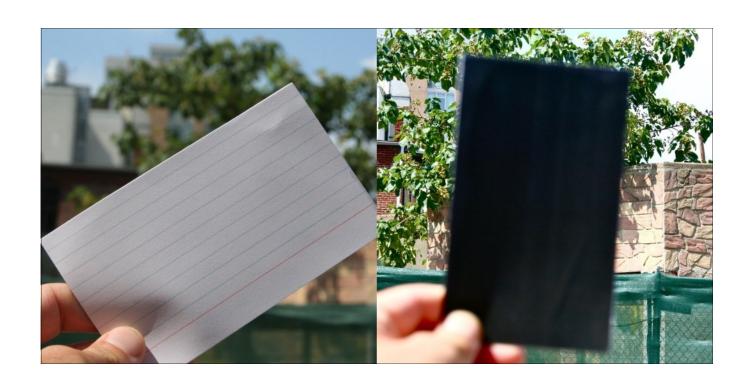
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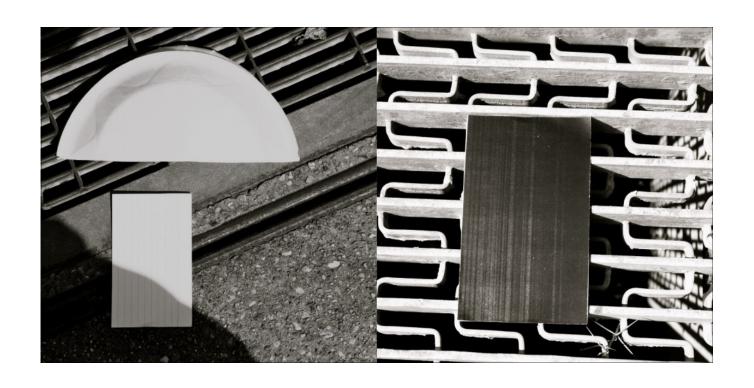
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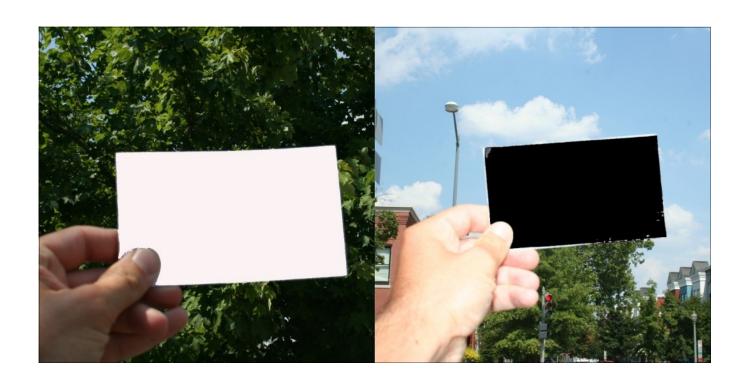














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