



## issue 6 streetcake

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sand, spiraling

by john patrick ayson

i was two seagulls dismembered  
from flocks since hatched  
cemented in flying v's  
fragmented scattered  
laid sail while mourning

winds waned in lateral we  
flee one hundred eighty degrees

down as

beaks chatter click as

tops bottoms stretch

shroud breasts as

slits maroon swell

from sucks nibbles

by lovers

in public & in secret

tails will spin wings  
withdraw talons  
tame write passion  
off piss on  
love pity  
none

**Existentialist**

**I examine lists:**

Latest text limit

is lame.

Mentalist

lists,

itemises

Isms,

as talent e

xits.

**I examine *slits*:**

Late email teases male's senses.

Nameless initials smile, stains

taint text in line nine: similes

steam as intimate item tenses.

Male satiates – aimless

missile initiates.

Lenses mist.

Animalist.

## extract from The Benholm Potato Growers

## The White Queen's Rook

I could see four miles but I'm not. I shook a black rook from the tree the rookery this cold heaven where the major fell & from Persia via Italy on the chariot can I get down please? I've seen the lines & listened, looked, Caissa, swindled, I rooked. The familiar guesthouse, the Corvus Blackwell, the primaries close tightly, slightly, the horseshoe-shaped alopecia 'I'M BALD' I cawed, this is the rook lane chapel in Fro(o)me not F-rome & I slept for 31.8% of the day while my eyes moved.

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Why is pawn gone?  
 Affordable trees my quixotic search  
 a lemon tree of my own  
 playing your mad love game  
 until I can be free  
 from the animation tree  
 pawn fathers love the guitar  
 and I've already killed the tree  
 with the shrimp pawn broker  
 bishop pair exploiting extra pawn  
 get behind me, santa  
 there are 13 trees in the forest  
 Thomas's reaction a typical reaction  
 my uterus is not a pawn

colin herd

**YOU REALLY ARE A FIRST-CLASS**

GRUMP. i know a couple of people to be honest  
and nothing is written on their faces, even though  
i think they look a little older than they are. i'm  
assured garrulousness is not just fear, that the flavour  
of ephemera is not nonsense that cannot be spun  
into sense or maybe upgraded. i echo my mother  
when i say i'm hungry and that dieting sucks,  
i echo my boyfriend when i reassure myself it's  
not so bad, but look askance when i reach for a  
biscuit. my forehead is dry as a biscuit, but rain-  
water has collected in the dip of my hat.

**with two tails this incredulity**

mermaid ↔ alligator reconnoiter

loiter

coital quarter

quoit

texture mesh rough ready burly prep plush pearl purling purloin

coping prana

pump inquisitive strain

flubadubdub

flummox flummery disparate dispute repute

reputations (at stake) stokery strike

tales toss tough fusing millennial musing

telluric tickle

bumps protuberance integument

belly slippery slink jawing horizon-ship ://: sea horse breastr(w)ise angularity angling

ang(und)ulations gildering calyx

[border posses

foreign affairs

fireside chats

a species trapeze      interdiction trapdoor      the

commingling imperative      kin in *tailspin*      splash shimmering incandescent

glitter coils

breezing to

juxta-posit-IOning

{cocktail hour

shall we dance

getting to know you

if loving you is wrong, I don't want to be right

mermaid bobbing benzedrine bait

shorelines

lapping

THE GAY GENE

thumb, tiki-tiki (tē-kē- tē'-kē,	against an alley
<i>clip</i> );	
<b>crush</b> ;	
<b>crutch</b> ;	<b>ginzel,</b> <b>gonsel,</b> <b>gunzl</b>
also	
camp.	
Camp	the gooser!'"")
time	<b>*Greek</b>
to	
gather	argot and cant.
genitals, anus, toes,	corrupted to
the	<b>anormalis</b>
anal	
tissue.	and tenancies)
the	as
asymmetrically	
corresponding	adepts to
<b>true</b>	grasp
<b>confession</b>	
admitting	a generic theory

(Sample # 1. Using text from *Gay Talk: A (Sometimes Outrageous) Dictionary of Gay Slang* by Bruce Rogers; *Homolexis: A Historical and Cultural Lexicon of Homosexuality* by Wayne Dynes; and The Civil Partnership Act 2004)

### Foot

I grabbed my notepad and keys off of the night table. I decided to quickly flip through it to see if I had started anything I could further daydream about while away from my desk. Also, although I was not in the habit of doing so, I wanted to make sure I had not jotted down any important errands associated with today's date.

"Albino in the steam room." I had written it at some point during the night and no longer knew what I meant.

Everyone was taking their lunch. I sat in the Luxembourg Garden by my favorite statue. I had been sick and wanted the sun to hit as much of me as possible. I took off my shoes. Something had bit my foot; I scratched it several times before squeezing the raised flesh. My one moment of self control, I leave the blood which has welled up. One ruby the size of a pinhead, briefly, glinting with its newness in the sun.

People walk by, my feet now resting on the rail before the lawn. No one notices my sudden wealth.

The heat has not worked its magic yet. I am still restless. I read but look up with each passing body.

She is pretty; the truth is in her eyes though. They are lacking the necessary immorality. Beyond that though, I want a woman with a protean appetite.

Belle is visiting her aunt in Vence, but there are plenty of tourists among whom, in between imagined conversations with myself I can search for cross-eyed prophets and chartreuse eyed tigers.

**palestinian synonyms**

be . become

hire . engage

label . hit on the crown of the head

move like a hen . show impudence

die . draw a long bow

go to manchester . deliver dry goods

learn . take warning from

be equal to . capsize

strike a cord . grow roots

go slightly mad . avoid parents

absorb . drink sherbet

stupify . make flat

be . become

saint . nomad