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G Curled Ribbon

a split

A Quonk

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#### Gut

What is most striking about giants Is the length of their ears.

- Francis Picabia

Down in the tubes like corridors of blood he lived. His name was Gut and his body had many rooms.

To the right was the Giant's room and his name was Git. Is Git a short giant? If Git and Gut have children it will be a miracle as they don't eat together. This would be the gustatorium. A windy palace of gables and false starts. Huge butterflies hung from Eve.

To the left, near St Pancras, Git swept the furniture room, which was bare and nearly naked of furniture, the odd fruit bowl which we now understand to be a type of quince. A few hung hams from the ceiling, a Bombay Bad Boy in the cupboard, a runaway from a poem which could be India by Slim Whitman.

When Gut moved he took his house with him. The underground and he were twins. This academics call travelling or motility. He followed the map of life for hours hoping to arrive. Plutarch arguing that some animals are more intelligent than others.

Space is a place in point. Maybe it's the extremes that keep us going. Git has copulated and seeded many times. Gut just keeps on growing. Marx tells us that Man has become denatured. My mind is nude on a carousel.

The mercredoir has sugarloaf walls and plasticine furniture, inflammable at high temperatures. Git almost always seeking the Comrade perfect.

### Reg of Orleans

Jeanne was not a common termagant, not a harlot, not a witch, not a blasphemer, no more an idolater than the Pope himself

The vanished limbless on vermicelli millet fields, splayed cysts, cracked bone and tar-oil

golden wheatless

perhaps a copper-green in oil or the mordant gold of a halo-lamp

there are forensic traces of red on purpled lips

perhaps a burning of books

Reg went to Rome maybe on the 12:18

got ill on Milanese salami and applied ointment (healing balm oil)

wearing a rayed hello with a star

sustained on bread dipped in milk or wine

The Snow White car backfires in revolvo Spotty faced with a Glock 17 Stripped in the waste, near Barearsed A golden winged Nike on his fleet feet

His victim's head laid halo upon his lap

Other views... gold trimmed with ermine in rings of flame

to the left

lemon trees

and to the right bright Orange

a bird with two coats one male the other gives a spotted appearance

the tunic the hats the dress and the blue of a river

the Volvo has a decorative trim a horizontal of wheels and crescent moons (moans?)

apparently the trees refer to  $m \not \odot f$ 

tattooed on a forearm

Egg Foo Yung in Poplar the hills behind (calendar wall painting month of April)

are flooded (terraced) with the light of an eastern dawn the sky ultramarine (Genoa) – pupil of Pisano

#### Other meals:

Jeanne's bread dipped in wine with silent letters Jimmy's stifado (Soho) Jerome's habit, cape and ungilded halo the leaves picked out in malachite and tin lead yellow

there seems to be a pentimento in the oculus

hot green chillies lemon grass

tiny fish hatched and swimming pool in the soup

stuffed

pimento and octopus

Ray's light from March with intermittent roundels of blue with white palm

head of haired beardless man

head of a haired bearded man

much of what I thought

first one fin and then another he counts up his 'sins' on mini hands

a dish of dauphinoise

blue belted above the waist birds with tiny wings (robins with scraves!) flock in a field of carnations (dianthus)

his hair cute parted

MOST WANTED MAN

or Jeanne 1431

rays gilded with blue spots in hot water tub

a star on her shoulder and the rings on her finger in what appears to be a red lake

 $raindrop\ sprays\ appear-transparent$ 

am I too

in green underpants

showing the Man of (constant) Sorrow

This time mussing / musing about hair

sit and do nothing gaze into silence

she wears a black shirt

over a robin redbreast vest

which is buttoned at the neck

the weather too is fair
to golden-chest-nut brown
with many knots and floors
in her face

Line one: your earlobes and wen

a baby's skin a fine waist

to be continued

fitter, trimmer, flatter

the bird

flies

out of her mouth

flames

Jeanne hangs her vest to dry 1430 near the end now

egg on wood - snow on bare trees

the bed head and the bed end (the good beginning) are decorated with music makers (angels) under an arcade of possible ways to live – given the circumstances

there is scattered flake loss in the fire place

aesthetes moving from the city and going into the desert

from above we cross patchwork fields tiny florists (birthdays, weddings and funerals) and small castellated towns

the mountains are peeped snow-capped Snow White and ethereal on the horizon

roses grow from bud to flower fairly light (fairy alights?) on the tree

a dove coming out of Ray's Salmon dancing weaving (rays don't dance) pink on top of the cake platter

blood red icing sugar-----one method of writing here is to re-use composition(s) and motifs for example the bed its removal is usually of great significance to torture (Hunger, L'instinct de mort, Jeanne la Pucelle etc)

*lettieri* (night beds) and *lettuci* (day beds) are decorated with intarsia

Anne's bed has a blue canopy with golden stars

hers is the birth of a boy the window open onto a fenced garden

flames lick from the sun

Ray's face alight

while another enters with a terracotta potty on her head