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7. Episode SEVEN (27 pages, from 169 to 195)

Full FW Text	FW Line	
FW169		
Shem is as short for Shemus as Jem is joky for Jacob. A few	1	
toughnecks are still getatable who pretend that aboriginally he	2	
was of respectable stemming (he was an outlex between the lines	3	
of Ragonar Blaubarb and Horrild Hairwire and an inlaw to Capt.	4	
the Hon. and Rev. Mr Bbyrdwood de Trop Blogg was among	5	
his most distant connections) but every honest to goodness man	6	
in the land of the space of today knows that his back life will	7	
not stand being written about in black and white. Putting truth	8	
and untruth together a shot may be made at what this hybrid	9	
actually was like to look at.	10	
Shem's bodily getup, it seems, included an adze of a skull, an	11	
eight of a larkseye, the whoel of a nose, one numb arm up a	12	
sleeve, fortytwo hairs off his uncrown, eighteen to his mock lip,	13	
a trio of barbels from his megageg chin (sowman's son), the	14	
wrong shoulder higher than the right, all ears, an artificial	15	



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another when lovely wooman stoops to conk him, one of the	14	
littliest said me, me, Sem, when pappa papared the harbour, one	15	
of the wittiest said, when he yeat ye abblokooken and he zmear	16	
hezelf zo zhooken, still one said when you are old I'm grey fall	17	
full wi sleep, and still another when wee deader walkner, and	18	
another when he is just only after having being semisized, an-	19	
other when yea, he hath no mananas, and one when dose pigs	20	
they begin now that they will flies up intil the looft. All were	21	
wrong, so Shem himself, the doctator, took the cake, the correct	22	
solution being — all give it up? —; when he is a — yours till	23	
the rending of the rocks, — Sham.	24	
Shem was a sham and a low sham and his lowness creeped out	25	
first via foodstuffs. So low was he that he preferred Gibsen's tea-	26	
time salmon tinned, as inexpensive as pleasing, to the plumpest	27	
roeheavy lax or the friskiest parr or smolt troutlet that ever was	28	
gaffed between Leixlip and Island Bridge and many was the time	29	
he repeated in his botulism that no junglegrown pineapple ever	30	
smacked like the whoppers you shook out of Ananias' cans,	31	
Findlater and Gladstone's, Corner House, Englend. None of	32	
your inchthick blueblooded Balaclava fried-at-belief-stakes or	33	
juicejelly legs of the Grex's molten mutton or greasilygristly	34	
grunters' goupons or slice upon slab of luscious goosebosom	35	
with lump after load of plumpudding stuffing all aswim in a	36	
FW171		



swamp of bogoakgravy for that greekenhearted yude! Rosbif of	1
Old Zealand! he could not attouch it. See what happens when	2
your somatophage merman takes his fancy to our virgitarian	3
swan? He even ran away with hunself and became a farsoonerite,	4
saying he would far sooner muddle through the hash of lentils	5
in Europe than meddle with Irrland's split little pea. Once when	6
among those rebels in a state of hopelessly helpless intoxication	7
the piscivore strove to lift a czitround peel to either nostril, hic-	8
cupping, apparently impromptued by the hibat he had with his	9
glottal stop, that he kukkakould flowrish for ever by the smell,	10
as the czitr, as the kcedron, like a scedar, of the founts, on moun-	11
tains, with limon on, of Lebanon. O! the lowness of him was	12
beneath all up to that sunk to! No likedbylike firewater or first-	13
served firstshot or gulletburn gin or honest brewbarrett beer either.	14
O dear no! Instead the tragic jester sobbed himself wheywhing-	15
ingly sick of life on some sort of a rhubarbarous maundarin yella-	16
green funkleblue windigut diodying applejack squeezed from	17
sour grapefruice and, to hear him twixt his sedimental cupslips	18
when he had gulfed down mmmmuch too mmmmany gourds of	19
it retching off to almost as low withswillers, who always knew	20
notwithstanding when they had had enough and were rightly	21
indignant at the wretch's hospitality when they found to their	22
horror they could not carry another drop, it came straight from	23
the noble white fat, jo, openwide sat, jo, jo, her why hide that,	24



jo jo jo, the winevat, of the most serene magyansty az archdio-	25	
chesse, if she is a duck, she's a douches, and when she has a	26	
feherbour snot her fault, now is it? artstouchups, funny you're	27	
grinning at, fancy you're in her yet, Fanny Urinia.	28	
Aint that swell, hey? Peamengro! Talk about lowness! Any	29	
dog's quantity of it visibly oozed out thickly from this dirty	30	
little blacking beetle for the very fourth snap the Tulloch-Turn-	31	
bull girl with her coldblood kodak shotted the as yet unre-	32	
muneranded national apostate, who was cowardly gun and camera	33	
shy, taking what he fondly thought was a short cut to Caer Fere,	34	
Soak Amerigas, vias the shipsteam <i>Pridewin</i> , after having buried	35	
a hatchet not so long before, by the wrong goods exeunt, num-	36	
FW172		
mer desh to tren, into Patatapapaveri's, fruiterers and musical	1	
florists, with his Ciaho, chavi! Sar shin, shillipen? she knew the	2	
vice out of bridewell was a bad fast man by his walk on the	3	
spot.	4	
[Johns is a different butcher's. Next place you are up town pay	5	
him a visit. Or better still, come tobuy. You will enjoy cattlemen's	6	
spring meat. Johns is now quite divorced from baking. Fattens,	7	
kills, flays, hangs, draws, quarters and pieces. Feel his lambs! Ex!	8	
Feel how sheap! Exex! His liver too is great value, a spatiality!	9	
Exexex! COMMUNICATED.]	10	



Around that time, moravar, one generally, for luvvomony	11	
hoped or at any rate suspected among morticians that he would	12	
early turn out badly, develop hereditary pulmonary T.B., and	13	
do for himself one dandy time, nay, of a pelting night blanketed	14	
creditors, hearing a coarse song and splash off Eden Quay sighed	15	
and rolled over, sure all was up, but, though he fell heavily and	16	
locally into debit, not even then could such an antinomian be	17	
true to type. He would not put fire to his cerebrum; he would	18	
not throw himself in Liffey; he would not explaud himself with	19	
pneumantics; he refused to saffrocake himself with a sod. With	20	
the foreign devil's leave the fraid born fraud diddled even death.	21	
Anzi, cabled (but shaking the worth out of his maulth: Guarda-	22	
costa leporello? Szasas Kraicz!) from his Nearapoblican asylum	23	
to his jonathan for a brother: Here tokay, gone tomory, we're	24	
spluched, do something, Fireless. And had answer: Inconvenient,	25	
David.	26	
You see, chaps, it will trickle out, freaksily of course, but the	27	
tom and the shorty of it is: he was in his bardic memory low.	28	
All the time he kept on treasuring with condign satisfaction each	29	
and every crumb of trektalk, covetous of his neighbour's word,	30	
and if ever, during a Munda conversazione commoted in the	31	
nation's interest, delicate tippits were thrown out to him touch-	32	
ing his evil courses by some wellwishers, vainly pleading by	33	
scriptural arguments with the opprobrious papist about trying	34	
to brace up for the kidos of the thing, Scally wag, and be a men	35	



instead of a dem scrounger, dish it all, such as: Pray, what is	36
FW173	
the meaning, sousy, of that continental expression, if you ever	1
came acrux it, we think it is a word transpiciously like canaille?:	2
or: Did you anywhere, kennel, on your gullible's travels or	3
during your rural troubadouring, happen to stumble upon a	4
certain gay young nobleman whimpering to the name of Low	5
Swine who always addresses women out of the one corner of	6
his mouth, lives on loans and is furtivefree yours of age? with-	7
out one sigh of haste like the supreme prig he was, and not a bit	8
sorry, he would pull a vacant landlubber's face, root with ear-	9
waker's pensile in the outer of his lauscher and then, lisping,	10
the prattlepate parnella, to kill time, and swatting his deadbest	11
to think what under the canopies of Jansens Chrest would any	12
decent son of an Albiogenselman who had bin to an university	13
think, let a lent hit a hint and begin to tell all the intelligentsia	14
admitted to that tamileasy samtalaisy conclamazzione (since, still	15
and before physicians, lawyers merchant, belfry pollititians, agri-	16
colous manufraudurers, sacrestanes of the Pure River Society,	17
philanthropicks lodging on as many boards round the panesthetic	18
at the same time as possible) the whole lifelong swrine story of	19
his entire low cornaille existence, abusing his deceased ancestors	20
wherever the sods were and one moment tarabooming great	21



blunderguns (poh!) about his farfamed fine Poppamore, Mr	22	
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Humhum, whom history, climate and entertainment made the		
first of his sept and always up to debt, though Eavens ears ow	24	
many fines he faces, and another moment visanvrerssas, cruach-	25	
ing three jeers (pah!) for his rotten little ghost of a Peppybeg,	26	
Mr Himmyshimmy, a blighty, a reeky, a lighty, a scrapy, a bab-	27	
bly, a ninny, dirty seventh among thieves and always bottom	28	
sawyer, till nowan knowed how howmely howme could be, giv-	29	
ing unsolicited testimony on behalf of the absent, as glib as eaves-	30	
water to those present (who meanwhile, with increasing lack of	31	
interest in his semantics, allowed various subconscious smickers	32	
to drivel slowly across their fichers), unconsciously explaining,	33	
for inkstands, with a meticulosity bordering on the insane, the	34	
various meanings of all the different foreign parts of speech he	35	
misused and cuttlefishing every lie unshrinkable about all the	36	
FW174		
other people in the story, leaving out, of course, foreconsciously,	1	
the simple worf and plague and poison they had cornered him	2	
about until there was not a snoozer among them but was utterly	3	
undeceived in the heel of the reel by the recital of the rigmarole.	4	
He went without saying that the cull disliked anything anyway	5	
approaching a plain straightforward standup or knockdown row	6	
and, as often as he was called in to umpire any octagonal argu-	7	



ment among slangwhangers, the accomplished washout always	8
used to rub shoulders with the last speaker and clasp shakers (the	9
handtouch which is speech without words) and agree to every	10
word as soon as half uttered, command me!, your servant, good,	11
I revere you, how, my seer? be drinking that! quite truth, grati-	12
as, I'm yoush, see wha'm hearing?, also goods, please it, me	13
sure?, be filling this!, quiso, you said it, apasafello, muchas	14
grassyass, is there firing-on-me?, is their girlic-on-you?, to your	15
good self, your sulphur, and then at once focuss his whole	16
unbalanced attention upon the next octagonist who managed to	17
catch a listener's eye, asking and imploring him out of his	18
piteous onewinker, (hemoptysia diadumenos) whether there was	19
anything in the world he could do to please him and to overflow	20
his tumbletantaliser for him yet once more.	21
One hailcannon night (for his departure was attended by a	22
heavy downpour) as very recently as some thousand rains ago he	23
was therefore treated with what closely resembled parsonal viol-	24
ence, being soggert all unsuspectingly through the deserted village	25
of Tumblin-on-the-Leafy from Mr Vanhomrigh's house at 81 bis	26
Mabbot's Mall as far as Green Patch beyond the brickfields of	27
Salmon Pool by rival teams of slowspiers counter quicklimers	28
who finally, as rahilly they had been deteened out rawther lae-	29
tich, thought, busnis hits busnis, they had better be streaking for	30
home after their Auborne-to-Auborne, with thanks for the pleasant	31
evening, one and all disgustedly, instead of ruggering him back,	32
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and awake, reconciled (though they were as jealous as could be	33	
cullions about all the truffles they had brought on him) to a	34	
friendship, fast and furious, which merely arose out of the noxious	35	
pervert's perfect lowness. Again there was a hope that people,	36	
FW175		
looking on him with the contemp of the contempibles, after	1	
first gaving him a roll in the dirt, might pity and forgive him, if	2	
properly deloused, but the pleb was born a Quicklow and sank	3	
alowing till he stank out of sight.	4	
All Saints beat Belial! Mickil Goals to Nichil! Notpossible!	5	
Already?	6	
In Nowhere has yet the Whole World taken part of himself for his	7	
Wife;	8	
By Nowhere have Poorparents been sentenced to Worms, Blood and	9	
Thunder for Life	10	
Not yet has the Emp from Corpsica forced the Arth out of Engleterre;	11	
Not yet have the Sachsen and Judder on the Mound of a Word made	12	
Warre;	13	
Not yet Witchywithcy of Wench struck Fire of his Heath from on	14	
Hoath;	15	
Not yet his Arcobaleine forespoken Peacepeace upon Oath;	16	
Cleftfoot from Hempal must tumpel, Blamefool Gardener's bound to	17	
fall;	18	



Broken Eggs will poursuive bitten Apples for where theirs is Will	19	
there's his Wall;	20	
But the Mountstill frowns on the Millstream while their Madsons	21	
leap his Bier	22	
And her Rillstrill liffs to His Murkesty all her daft Daughters laff	23	
in her Ear.	24	
Till the four Shores of deff Tory Island let the douze dumm Eire-	25	
whiggs raille!	26	
Hirp! Hirp! for their Missed Understandings! chirps the Ballat of	27	
Perce-Oreille.	28	
O fortunous casualitas! Lefty takes the cherubcake while	29	
Rights cloves his hoof. Darkies never done tug that coon out to	30	
play non-excretory, anti-sexuous, misoxenetic, gaasy pure, flesh	31	
and blood games, written and composed and sung and danced	32	
by Niscemus Nemon, same as piccaninnies play all day, those	33	
old (none of your honeys and rubbers!) games for fun and ele-	34	
ment we used to play with Dina and old Joe kicking her behind	35	
and before and the yellow girl kicking him behind old Joe,	36	
FW176		
games like Thom Thom the Thonderman, Put the Wind up the	1	
Peeler, Hat in the Ring, Prisson your Pritchards and Play Withers	2	
Team, Mikel on the Luckypig, Nickel in the Slot, Sheila Harnett and	3	
her Cow, Adam and Ell, Humble Bumble, Moggie's on the Wall,	4	



Twos and Threes, American Jump, Fox Come out of your Den,	5
Broken Bottles, Writing a Letter to Punch, Tiptop is a Sweetstore,	6
Henressy Crump Expolled, Postman's Knock, Are We Fairlys Rep-	7
resented?, Solomon Silent reading, Appletree Bearstone, I know a	8
Washerwoman, Hospitals, As I was Walking, There is Oneyone's	9
House in Dreamcolohour, Battle of Waterloo, Colours, Eggs in the	10
Bush, Habberdasherisher, Telling your Dreams, What's the Time,	11
Nap, Ducking Mammy, Last Man Standing, Heali Baboon and the	12
Forky Theagues, Fickleyes and Futilears, Handmarried but once in	13
my Life and I'll never commit such a Sin agin, Zip Cooney Candy,	14
Turkey in the Straw, This is the Way we sow the Seed of a long and	15
lusty Morning, Hops of Fun at Miliken's Make, I seen the Tooth-	16
brush with Pat Farrel, Here's the Fat to graze the Priest's Boots,	17
When his Steam was like a Raimbrandt round Mac Garvey.	18
Now it is notoriously known how on that surprisingly bludgeony	19
Unity Sunday when the grand germogall allstar bout was harrily	20
the rage between our weltingtoms extraordinary and our petty-	21
thicks the marshalaisy and Irish eyes of welcome were smiling	22
daggers down their backs, when the roth, vice and blause met the	23
noyr blank and rogues and the grim white and cold bet the black	24
fighting tans, categorically unimperatived by the maxims, a rank	25
funk getting the better of him, the scut in a bad fit of pyjamas	26
fled like a leveret for his bare lives, to Talviland, ahone ahaza, pur-	27
sued by the scented curses of all the village belles and, without	28
having struck one blow, (pig stole on him was lust he lagging it	29



was becaused dust he shook) kuskykorked himself up tight in	30	
his inkbattle house, badly the worse for boosegas, there to stay	31	
in afar for the life, where, as there was not a moment to be lost,	32	
after he had boxed around with his fortepiano till he was whole	33	
bach bamp him and bump him blues, he collapsed carefully under	34	
a bedtick from Schwitzer's, his face enveloped into a dead war-	35	
rior's telemac, with a lullobaw's somnbomnet and a whotwater-	36	
FW177		
wottle at his feet to stoke his energy of waiting, moaning feebly,	1	
in monkmarian monotheme, but tarned long and then a nation	2	
louder, while engaged in swallowing from a large ampullar, that	3	
his pawdry's purgatory was more than a nigger bloke could bear,	4	
hemiparalysed by the tong warfare and all the shemozzle, (Daily	5	
Maily, fullup Lace! Holy Maly, Mothelup Joss!) his cheeks and	6	
trousers changing colour every time a gat croaked.	7	
How is that for low, laities and gentlenuns? Why, dog of the	8	
Crostiguns, whole continents rang with this Kairokorran low-	9	
ness! Sheols of houris in chems upon divans, (revolted stellas	10	
vespertine vesamong them) at a bare (O!) mention of the scaly	11	
rybald exclaimed: Poisse!	12	
But would anyone, short of a madhouse, believe it? Neither of	13	
those clean little cherubum, Nero or Nobookisonester himself,	14	
ever nursed such a spoiled opinion of his monstrous marvellosity	15	



as did this mental and moral defective (here perhaps at the	16
vanessance of his lownest) who was known to grognt rather than	17
gunnard upon one occasion, while drinking heavily of spirits to	18
that interlocutor <i>a latere</i> and private privysuckatary he used to	19
pal around with, in the kavehazs, one Davy Browne-Nowlan, his	20
heavenlaid twin, (this hambone dogpoet pseudoed himself under	21
the hangname he gave himself of Bethgelert) in the porchway of	22
a gipsy's bar (Shem always blaspheming, so holy writ, Billy, he	23
would try, old Belly, and pay this one manjack congregant of	24
his four soups every lass of nexmouth, Bolly, so sure as thair's a	25
tail on a commet, as a taste for storik's fortytooth, that is to	26
stay, to listen out, ony twenny minnies moe, Bully, his Ballade	27
Imaginaire which was to be dubbed Wine, Woman and Water-	28
clocks, or How a Guy Finks and Fawkes When He Is Going Batty,	29
by Maistre Sheames de la Plume, some most dreadful stuff in a	30
murderous mirrorhand) that he was avoopf (parn me!) aware	31
of no other shaggspick, other Shakhisbeard, either prexactly	32
unlike his polar andthisishis or procisely the seem as woops	33
(parn!) as what he fancied or guessed the sames as he was him-	34
self and that, greet scoot, duckings and thuggery, though he was	35
foxed fux to fux like a bunnyboy rodger with all the teashop	36
FW178	
lionses of Lumdrum hivanhoesed up gagainst him, being a lapsis	1



linquo with a ruvidubb shortartempa, bad cad dad fad sad mad	2	
nad vanhaty bear, the consciquenchers of casuality prepestered	3	
crusswords in postposition, scruff, scruffer, scrufferumurraimost	4	
andallthatsortofthing, if reams stood to reason and his lanka-	5	
livline lasted he would wipe alley english spooker, multapho-	6	
niaksically spuking, off the face of the erse.	7	
After the thorough fright he got that bloody, Swithun's day,	8	
though every doorpost in muchtried Lucalizod was smeared with	9	
generous erstborn gore and every free for all cobbleway slippery	10	
with the bloods of heroes, crying to Welkins for others, and	11	
noahs and cul verts agush with tears of joy, our low waster never	12	
had the common baalamb's pluck to stir out and about the com-	13	
pound while everyone else of the torchlit throng, slashers and	14	
sliced alike, mobbu on massa, waaded and baaded around, yamp-	15	
yam pampyam, chanting the Gillooly chorus, from the Monster	16	
Book of Paltryattic Puetrie, O pura e pia bella! in junk et sampam	17	
or in secular sinkalarum, heads up, on his bonafide avocation (the	18	
little folk creeping on all fours to their natural school treat but	19	
childishly gleeful when a stray whizzer sang out intermediately)	20	
and happy belongers to the fairer sex on their usual quest for	21	
higher things, but vying with Lady Smythe to avenge Mac-	22	
Jobber, went stonestepping with their bickerrstaffs on educated	23	
feet, plinkity plonk, across the sevenspan ponte dei colori set up	24	
over the slop after the war-to-end war by Messrs a charitable	25	
government for the only once (dia dose Finnados!) he did take	26	
government for the only once (dia dose Filmados!) he did take	20	



a tompip peepestrella throug a threedraw eighteen hawkspower	27
durdicky telescope, luminous to larbourd only like the lamps in	28
Nassaustrass, out of his westernmost keyhole, spitting at the	29
impenetrablum wetter, (and it was porcoghastly that outumn) with	30
an eachway hope in his shivering soul, as he prayed to the cloud	31
Incertitude, of finding out for himself, on akkount of all the	32
kules in Kroukaparka or oving to all the kodseoggs in Kalatavala,	33
whether true conciliation was forging ahead or falling back after	34
the celestious intemperance and, for Duvvelsache, why, with his	35
see me see and his my see a corves and his frokerfoskerfuskar	36
FW179	
layen loves in meeingseeing, he got the charm of his optical	1
life when he found himself (hic sunt lennones!) at pointblank	2
range blinking down the barrel of an irregular revolver of	3
the bulldog with a purpose pattern, handled by an unknown	4
quarreler who, supposedly, had been told off to shade and	5
shoot shy Shem should the shit show his shiny shnout out	6
awhile to look facts in their face before being hosed and creased	7
(uprip and jack him!) by six or a dozen of the gayboys.	8
What, para Saom Plaom, in the names of Deucalion and	9
Pyrrha, and the incensed privy and the licensed pantry gods	10
and Stator and Victor and Kutt and Runn and the whole mesa	11
redonda of Lorencao Otulass in convocacaon, was this dis-	12
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interestingly low human type, this Calumnious Column of	13
Cloaxity, this Bengalese Beacon of Biloxity, this Annamite Aper	14
of Atroxity, really at, it will be precise to quarify, for he seems	15
in a badbad case?	16
The answer, to do all the diddies in one dedal, would sound:	17
from pulling himself on his most flavoured canal the huge chest-	18
house of his elders (the <i>Popapreta</i> , and some navico, navvies!)	19
he had flickered up and flinnered down into a drug and drunkery	20
addict, growing megalomane of a loose past. This explains the	21
litany of septuncial lettertrumpets honorific, highpitched, erudite,	22
neoclassical, which he so loved as patricianly to manuscribe after	23
his name. It would have diverted, if ever seen, the shuddersome	24
spectacle of this semidemented zany amid the inspissated grime	25
of his glaucous den making believe to read his usylessly unread-	26
able Blue Book of Eccles, édition de ténèbres, (even yet sighs the	27
Most Different, Dr. Poindejenk, authorised bowdler and censor,	28
it can't be repeated!) turning over three sheets at a wind, telling	29
himself delightedly, no espellor mor so, that every splurge on the	30
vellum he blundered over was an aisling vision more gorgeous	31
than the one before t.i.t.s., a roseschelle cottage by the sea for	32
nothing for ever, a ladies tryon hosiery raffle at liberty, a sewer-	33
ful of guineagold wine with brancomongepadenopie and sick-	34
cylinder oysters worth a billion a bite, an entire operahouse	35
(there was to be stamping room only in the prompter's box and	36



FW180	
everthemore his queque kept swelling) of enthusiastic noble-	1
women flinging every coronetcrimsoned stitch they had off at	2
his probscenium, one after the others, inamagoaded into ajustil-	3
loosing themselves, in their gaiety pantheomime, when, egad, sir,	4
acordant to all acountstrick, he squealed the topsquall im Deal	5
Lil Shemlockup Yellin (geewhiz, jew ear that far! soap ewer!	6
loutgout of sabaous! juice like a boyd!) for fully five minutes, in-	7
finitely better than Baraton Mc Gluckin with a scrumptious cocked	8
hat and three green, cheese and tangerine trinity plumes on the	9
right handle side of his amarellous head, a coat macfarlane (the	10
kerssest cut, you understand?) a sponiard's digger at his ribs,	11
(Alfaiate punxit) an azulblu blowsheet for his blousebosom	12
blossom and a dean's crozier that he won from Cardinal Lin-	13
dundarri and Cardinal Carchingarri and Cardinal Loriotuli and	14
Cardinal Occidentaccia (ah ho!) in the dearby darby doubled for	15
falling first over the hurdles, madam, in the odder hand, a.a.t.s.o.t.,	16
but what with the murky light, the botchy print, the tattered	17
cover, the jigjagged page, the fumbling fingers, the foxtrotting	18
fleas, the lieabed lice, the scum on his tongue, the drop in his	19
eye, the lump in his throat, the drink in his pottle, the itch in his	20
palm, the wail of his wind, the grief from his breath, the fog of	21
his mindfag, the buzz in his braintree, the tic of his conscience,	22
the height up his rage, the gush down his fundament, the fire	23



in his gorge, the tickle of his tail, the bane in his bullugs, the	24	
squince in his suil, the rot in his eater, the ycho in his earer,	25	
the totters of his toes, the tetters on his tumtytum, the rats in his	26	
garret, the bats in his belfry, the budgerigars and bumbosolom	27	
beaubirds, the hullabaloo and the dust in his ears since it took him	28	
a month to steal a march he was hardset to mumorise more than	29	
a word a week. Hake's haulin! Hook's fisk! Can you beat it?	30	
Whawe! I say, can you bait it? Was there ever heard of such	31	
lowdown blackguardism? Positively it woolies one to think	32	
over it.	33	
Yet the bumpersprinkler used to boast aloud alone to himself	34	
with a haccent on it when Mynfadher was a boer constructor and	35	
Hoy was a lexical student, parole, and corrected with the black-	36	
FW181		
board (trying to copy the stage Englesemen he broughts their	1	
house down on, shouting: Bravure, surr Chorles! Letter purfect!	2	
Culossal, Loose Wallor! Spache!) how he had been toed out of	3	
all the schicker families of the klondykers from Pioupioureich,	4	
Swabspays, the land of Nod, Shruggers' Country, Pension	5	
Danubierhome and Barbaropolis, who had settled and stratified	6	
in the capital city after its hebdomodary metropoliarchialisation	7	
as sunblistered, moonplastered, gory, wheedling, joviale, litche-	8	
rous and full, ordered off the gorgeous premises in most cases on	9	



account of his smell which all cookmaids eminently objected to	10	
as ressembling the bombinubble puzzo that welled out of the	11	
pozzo. Instead of chuthoring those model households plain	12	
wholesome pothooks (a thing he never possessed of his Nigerian	13	
own) what do you think Vulgariano did but study with stolen	14	
fruit how cutely to copy all their various styles of signature so as	15	
one day to utter an epical forged cheque on the public for his own	16	
private profit until, as just related, the Dustbin's United Scullery-	17	
maid's and Househelp's Sorority, better known as Sluttery's	18	
Mowlted Futt, turned him down and assisted nature by unitedly	19	
shoeing the source of annoyance out of the place altogether and	20	
taytotally on the heat of the moment, holding one another's	21	
gonk (for no-one, hound or scrublady, not even the Turk, un-	22	
greekable in purscent of the armenable, dared whiff the polecat	23	
at close range) and making some pointopointing remarks as they	24	
done so at the perfects of the Sniffey, your honour, aboon the	25	
lyow why a stunk, mister.	26	
[Jymes wishes to hear from wearers of abandoned female cos-	27	
tumes, gratefully received, wadmel jumper, rather full pair of	28	
culottes and onthergarmenteries, to start city life together. His	29	
jymes is out of job, would sit and write. He has lately committed	30	
one of the then commandments but she will now assist. Superior	31	
built, domestic, regular layer. Also got the boot. He appreciates	32	
it. Copies. ABORTISEMENT.]	33	
One cannot even begin to post figure out a statuesquo ante	34	



as to how slow in reality the excommunicated Drumcondriac,	35	
nate Hamis, really was. Who can say how many pseudostylic	36	
FW182		
shamiana, how few or how many of the most venerated public	1	
impostures, how very many piously forged palimpsests slipped	2	
in the first place by this morbid process from his pelagiarist pen?	3	
Be that as it may, but for that light phantastic of his gnose's	4	
glow as it slid lucifericiously within an inch of its page (he would	5	
touch at its from time to other, the red eye of his fear in	6	
saddishness, to ensign the colours by the beerlitz in his mathness	7	
and his educandees to outhue to themselves in the cries of girl-	8	
glee: gember! inkware! chonchambre! cinsero! zinnzabar! tinc-	9	
ture and gin!) Nibs never would have quilled a seriph to	10	
sheepskin. By that rosy lampoon's effluvious burning and with	11	
help of the simulchronic flush in his pann (a ghinee a ghirk he	12	
ghets there!) he scrabbled and scratched and scriobbled and	13	
skrevened nameless shamelessness about everybody ever he met,	14	
even sharing a precipitation under the idlish tarriers' umbrella	15	
of a showerproof wall, while all over up and down the four	16	
margins of this rancid Shem stuff the evilsmeller (who was	17	
devoted to Uldfadar Sardanapalus) used to stipple endlessly	18	
inartistic portraits of himself in the act of reciting old	19	
Nichiabelli's monolook interyerear Hanno, o Nonanno, acce'l	20	



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puzzonal to the wrottel. Smatterafact, Angles aftanon browsing	7
there thought not Edam reeked more rare. My wud! The warped	8
flooring of the lair and soundconducting walls thereof, to say	9
nothing of the uprights and imposts, were persianly literatured	10
with burst loveletters, telltale stories, stickyback snaps, doubtful	11
eggshells, bouchers, flints, borers, puffers, amygdaloid almonds,	12
rindless raisins, alphybettyformed verbage, vivlical viasses, om-	13
piter dictas, visus umbique, ahems and ahahs, imeffible tries at	14
speech unasyllabled, you owe mes, eyoldhyms, fluefoul smut,	15
fallen lucifers, vestas which had served, showered ornaments,	16
borrowed brogues, reversibles jackets, blackeye lenses, family	17
jars, falsehair shirts, Godforsaken scapulars, neverworn breeches,	18
cutthroat ties, counterfeit franks, best intentions, curried notes,	19
upset latten tintacks, unused mill and stumpling stones, twisted	20
quills, painful digests, magnifying wineglasses, solid objects cast	21
at goblins, once current puns, quashed quotatoes, messes of mot-	22
tage, unquestionable issue papers, seedy ejaculations, limerick	23
damns, crocodile tears, spilt ink, blasphematory spits, stale shest-	24
nuts, schoolgirl's, young ladies', milkmaids', washerwomen's,	25
shopkeepers' wives, merry widows', ex nuns', vice abbess's, pro	26
virgins', super whores', silent sisters', Charleys' aunts', grand-	27
mothers', mothers'-in-laws', fostermothers', godmothers' garters,	28
tress clippings from right, lift and cintrum, worms of snot,	29
toothsome pickings, cans of Swiss condensed bilk, highbrow	30
lotions, kisses from the antipodes, presents from pickpockets,	31



borrowed plumes, relaxable handgrips, princess promises, lees of	32	
whine, deoxodised carbons, convertible collars, diviliouker	33	
doffers, broken wafers, unloosed shoe latchets, crooked strait	34	
waistcoats, fresh horrors from Hades, globules of mercury,	35	
undeleted glete, glass eyes for an eye, gloss teeth for a tooth,	36	
FW184		
war moans, special sighs, longsufferings of longstanding, ahs ohs	1	
ouis sis jas jos gias neys thaws sos, yeses and yeses and yeses, to	2	
which, if one has the stomach to add the breakages, upheavals	3	
distortions, inversions of all this chambermade music one stands,	4	
given a grain of goodwill, a fair chance of actually seeing the	5	
whirling dervish, Tumult, son of Thunder, self exiled in upon	6	
his ego, a nightlong a shaking betwixtween white or reddr haw-	7	
rors, noondayterrorised to skin and bone by an ineluctable phan-	8	
tom (may the Shaper have mercery on him!) writing the mystery	9	
of himsel in furniture.	10	
Of course our low hero was a self valeter by choice of need so	11	
up he got up whatever is meant by a stourbridge clay kitchen-	12	
ette and lithargogalenu fowlhouse for the sake of akes (the	13	
umpple does not fall very far from the dumpertree) which the	14	
moromelodious jigsmith, in defiance of the Uncontrollable Birth	15	
Preservativation (Game and Poultry) Act, playing lallaryrook	16	
cookerynook, by the dodginess of his lentern, brooled and cocked	17	



and potched in an athanor, whites and yolks and yilks and whotes	18	
to the frulling fredonnance of Mas blanca que la blanca hermana	19	
and Amarilla, muy bien, with cinnamon and locusts and wild bees-	20	
wax and liquorice and Carrageen moss and blaster of Barry's and	21	
Asther's mess and Huster's micture and Yellownan's embrocation	22	
and Pinkingtone's patty and stardust and sinner's tears, acuredent	23	
to Sharadan's Art of Panning, chanting, for all regale to the like	24	
of the legs he left behind with Litty fun Letty fan Leven, his	25	
cantraps of fermented words, abracadabra calubra culorum, (his	26	
oewfs à la Madame Gabrielle de l'Eglise, his avgs à la Mistress	27	
B. de B. Meinfelde, his eiers Usquadmala à la pomme de ciel,	28	
his uoves, oves and uves à la Sulphate de Soude, his ochiuri	29	
sowtay sowmmonay à la Monseigneur, his soufflosion of oogs	30	
with somekat on toyast à la Mère Puard, his Poggadovies alla	31	
Fenella, his Frideggs à la Tricarême) in what was meant for a	32	
closet (Ah ho! If only he had listened better to the four masters	33	
that infanted him Father Mathew and Le Père Noble and Pastor	34	
Lucas and Padre Aguilar — not forgetting Layteacher Baudwin!	35	
Ah ho!) His costive Satan's antimonian manganese limolitmious	36	
FW185		
nature never needed such an alcove so, when Robber and Mum-	1	
sell, the pulpic dictators, on the nudgment of their legal advisers,	2	
Messrs Codex and Podex, and under his own benefiction of their	3	
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pastor Father Flammeus Falconer, boycotted him of all mutton-	4	
suet candles and romeruled stationery for any purpose, he winged	5	
away on a wildgoup's chase across the kathartic ocean and made	6	
synthetic ink and sensitive paper for his own end out of his wit's	7	
waste. You ask, in Sam Hill, how? Let manner and matter of this	8	
for these our sporting times be cloaked up in the language of	9	
blushfed porporates that an Anglican ordinal, not reading his	10	
own rude dunsky tunga, may ever behold the brand of scarlet	11	
on the brow of her of Babylon and feel not the pink one in his	12	
own damned cheek.	13	
Primum opifex, altus prosator, ad terram viviparam et cuncti-	14	
potentem sine ullo pudore nec venia, suscepto pluviali atque discinctis	15	
perizomatis, natibus nudis uti nati fuissent, sese adpropinquans,	16	
flens et gemens, in manum suam evacuavit (highly prosy, crap in his	17	
hand, sorry!), postea, animale nigro exoneratus, classicum pulsans,	18	
stercus proprium, quod appellavit deiectiones suas, in vas olim	19	
honorabile tristitiae posuit, eodem sub invocatione fratrorum gemino-	20	
rum Medardi et Godardi laete ac melliflue minxit, psalmum qui	21	
incipit: Lingua mea calamus scribae velociter scribentis: magna voce	22	
cantitans (did a piss, says he was dejected, asks to be exonerated),	23	
demum ex stercore turpi cum divi Orionis iucunditate mixto, cocto,	24	
frigorique exposito, encaustum sibi fecit indelibile (faked O'Ryan's,	25	
the indelible ink).	26	
Then, pious Eneas, conformant to the fulminant firman which	27	
enjoins on the tremylose terrian that, when the call comes, he	28	



shall produce nichthemerically from his unheavenly body a no	29
uncertain quantity of obscene matter not protected by copriright	30
in the United Stars of Ourania or bedeed and bedood and bedang	31
and bedung to him, with this double dye, brought to blood heat,	32
gallic acid on iron ore, through the bowels of his misery, flashly,	33
faithly, nastily, appropriately, this Esuan Menschavik and the first	34
till last alshemist wrote over every square inch of the only fools-	35
cap available, his own body, till by its corrosive sublimation one	36
FW186	
continuous present tense integument slowly unfolded all marry-	1
voising moodmoulded cyclewheeling history (thereby, he said,	2
reflecting from his own individual person life unlivable, trans-	3
accidentated through the slow fires of consciousness into a divi-	4
dual chaos, perilous, potent, common to allflesh, human only,	5
mortal) but with each word that would not pass away the squid-	6
self which he had squirtscreened from the crystalline world	7
waned chagreenold and doriangrayer in its dudhud. This exists	8
that isits after having been said we know. And dabal take dab-	9
nal! And the dal dabal dab aldanabal! So perhaps, agglaggagglo-	10
meratively asaspenking, after all and arklast fore arklyst on his	11
last public misappearance, circling the square, for the deathfête	12
of Saint Ignaceous Poisonivy, of the Fickle Crowd (hopon the	13
sexth day of Hogsober, killim our king, layum low!) and brandish-	14



ing his bellbearing stylo, the shining keyman of the wilds of	15
change, if what is sauce for the zassy is souse for the zazimas, the	16
blond cop who thought it was ink was out of his depth but	17
bright in the main.	18
Petty constable Sistersen of the Kruis-Kroon-Kraal it was, the	19
parochial watch, big the dog the dig the bog the bagger the	20
dugger the begadag degabug, who had been detailed from pollute	21
stoties to save him, this the quemquem, that the quum, from the	22
ligatureliablous effects of foul clay in little clots and mobmauling	23
on looks, that wrongcountered the tenderfoot an eveling near	24
the livingsmeansuniumgetherum, Knockmaree, Comty Mea, reel-	25
ing more to the right than he lurched to the left, on his way from	26
a protoprostitute (he would always have a (stp!) little pigeoness	27
somewhure with his arch girl, Arcoiris, smockname of Mergyt)	28
just as he was butting in rand the coyner of bad times under a	29
hideful between the rival doors of warm bethels of worship	30
through his boardelhouse fongster, greeting for grazious oras	31
as usual: Where ladies have they that a dog meansort herring?	32
Sergo, search me, the incapable reparteed with a selfevitant	33
subtlety so obviously spurious and, raising his hair, after the	34
grace, with the christmas under his clutcharm, for Portsymasser	35
and Purtsymessus and Pertsymiss and Partsymasters, like a prance	36
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of findingos, with a shillto shallto slipny stripny, in he skittled.	1
Swikey! The allwhite poors guardiant, pulpably of balltossic	2
stummung, was literally astundished over the painful sake, how	3
he burstteself, which he was gone to, where he intent to did he,	4
whether you think will, wherend the whole current of the after-	5
noon whats the souch of a surch hads of hits of hims, urged and	6
staggered thereto in his countryports at the caledosian capacity	7
for Lieutuvisky of the caftan's wineskin and even more so,	8
during, looking his bigmost astonishments, it was said him,	9
aschu, fun the concerned outgift of the dead med dirt, how that,	10
arrahbejibbers, conspuent to the dominical order and exking	11
noblish permish, he was namely coon at bringer at home two	12
gallonts, as per royal, full poultry till his murder. Nip up and	13
nab it!	14
Polthergeistkotzdondherhoploits! Kick? What mother? Whose	15
porter? Which pair? Why namely coon? But our undilligence has	16
been plutherotested so enough of such porterblack lowneess, too	17
base for printink! Perpending that Putterick O'Purcell pulls the	18
coald stoane out of Winterwater's and Silder Seas sing for Harreng	19
our Keng, sept okt nov dez John Phibbs march! We cannot, in	20
mercy or justice nor on the lovom for labaryntos, stay here for	21
the residence of our existings, discussing Tamstar Ham of Ten-	22
man's thirst.	23
JUSTIUS (to himother): Brawn is my name and broad is my	24
nature and I've breit on my brow and all's right with every fea-	25



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place (plunders to night of you, blunders what's left of you, flash	12
as flash can!) and now, forsooth, a nogger among the blankards	13
of this dastard century, you have become of twosome twiminds	14
forenenst gods, hidden and discovered, nay, condemned fool,	15
anarch, egoarch, hiresiarch, you have reared your disunited king-	16
dom on the vacuum of your own most intensely doubtful soul.	17
Do you hold yourself then for some god in the manger, Sheho-	18
hem, that you will neither serve not let serve, pray nor let pray?	19
And here, pay the piety, must I too nerve myself to pray for the	20
loss of selfrespect to equip me for the horrible necessity of scan-	21
dalisang (my dear sisters, are you ready?) by sloughing off my	22
hope and tremors while we all swin together in the pool of So-	23
dom? I shall shiver for my purity while they will weepbig for	24
your sins. Away with covered words, new Solemonities for old	25
Badsheetbaths! That inharmonious detail, did you name it? Cold	26
caldor! Gee! Victory! Now, opprobro of underslung pipes,	27
johnjacobs, while yet an adolescent (what do I say?), while	28
still puerile in your tubsuit with buttonlegs, you got a hand-	29
some present of a selfraising syringe and twin feeders (you know,	30
Monsieur Abgott, in your art of arts, to your cost as well as I do	31
(and don't try to hide it) the penals lots I am now poking at) and	32
the wheeze sort of was you should (if you were as bould a stroke	33
now as the curate that christened you, sonny douth-the-candle!)	34
repopulate the land of your birth and count up your progeny by	35
the hungered head and the angered thousand but you thwarted	36



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the wious pish of your cogodparents, soph, among countless	1
occasions of failing (for, said you, I will elenchate), adding to the	2
malice of your transgression, yes, and changing its nature, (you	3
see I have read your theology for you) alternating the morosity	4
of my delectations — a philtred love, trysting by tantrums,	5
small peace in ppenmark — with sensibility, sponsibility, passi-	6
bility and prostability, your lubbock's other fear pleasures of a	7
butler's life, even extruding your strabismal apologia, when	8
legibly depressed, upon defenceless paper and thereby adding to	9
the already unhappiness of this our popeyed world, scribblative!	10
— all that too with cantreds of countless catchaleens, the man-	11
nish as many as the minneful, congested around and about you	12
for acres and roods and poles or perches, thick as the fluctuant	13
sands of Chalwador, accomplished women, indeed fully edu-	14
canded, far from being old and rich behind their dream of arri-	15
visme, if they have only their honour left, and not deterred by bad	16
weather when consumed by amorous passion, struggling to pos-	17
sess themselves of your boosh, one son of Sorge for all daughters	18
of Anguish, solus cum sola sive cuncties cum omnibobs (I'd have	19
been the best man for you, myself), mutely aying for hat natural	20
knot, debituary vases or vessels preposterous, for what would	21
not have cost you ten bolivars of collarwork or the price of one	22



ping pang, just a lilt, let us trillt, of the oldest song in the wooed	23	
woodworld, (two-we! to-one!), accompanied by a plain gold	24	
band! Hail! Highbosomheaving Missmisstress Morna of	25	
the allsweetheartening bridemuredemeanour! Her eye's so glad-	26	
some we'll all take shares in the —— groom!	27	
Sniffer of carrion, premature gravedigger, seeker of the nest	28	
of evil in the bosom of a good word, you, who sleep at our vigil	29	
and fast for our feast, you with your dislocated reason, have	30	
cutely foretold, a jophet in your own absence, by blind poring	31	
upon your many scalds and burns and blisters, impetiginous sore	32	
and pustules, by the auspices of that raven cloud, your shade, and	33	
by the auguries of rooks in parlament, death with every disaster,	34	
the dynamitisation of colleagues, the reducing of records to	35	
ashes, the levelling of all customs by blazes, the return of a lot	36	
FW190		
of sweetempered gunpowdered didst unto dudst but it never	1	
stphruck your mudhead's obtundity (O hell, here comes our	2	
funeral! O pest, I'll miss the post!) that the more carrots you	3	
chop, the more turnips you slit, the more murphies you peel, the	4	
more onions you cry over, the more bullbeef you butch, the	5	
more mutton you crackerhack, the more potherbs you pound,	6	
the fiercer the fire and the longer your spoon and the harder you	7	
gruel with more grease to your elbow the merrier fumes your	8	



new Irish stew.	9
O, by the way, yes, another thing occurs to me. You let me tell	10
you, with the utmost politeness, were very ordinarily designed,	11
your birthwrong was, to fall in with Plan, as our nationals	12
should, as all nationists must, and do a certain office (what, I will	13
not tell you) in a certain holy office (nor will I say where) during	14
certain agonising office hours (a clerical party all to yourself) from	15
such a year to such an hour on such and such a date at so and	16
so much a week pro anno (Guinness's, may I remind, were just	17
agulp for you, failing in which you might have taken the scales off	18
boilers like any boskop of Yorek) and do your little thruppenny	19
bit and thus earn from the nation true thanks, right here in our	20
place of burden, your bourne of travail and ville of tares, where	21
after a divine's prodigence you drew the first watergasp in your	22
life, from the crib where you once was bit to the crypt you'll	23
be twice as shy of, same as we, long of us, alone with the colt	24
in the curner, where you were as popular as an armenial with	25
the faithful, and you set fire to my tailcoat when I hold the	26
paraffin smoker under yours (I hope that chimney's clear) but,	27
slackly shirking both your bullet and your billet, you beat it	28
backwards like Boulanger from Galway (but he combed the grass	29
against his stride) to sing us a song of alibi, (the cuthone call over	30
the greybounding slowrolling amplyheaving metamorphoseous	31
that oozy rocks parapangle their preposters with) nomad, mooner	32
by lamplight, antinos, shemming amid everyone's repressed	33



laughter to conceal your scatchophily by mating, like a thorough-	34	
paste prosodite, masculine monosyllables of the same numerical	35	
mus, an Irish emigrant the wrong way out, sitting on your crooked	36	
FW191		
sixpenny stile, an unfrillfrocked quackfriar, you (will you for	1	
the laugh of Scheekspair just help mine with the epithet?) semi-	2	
semitic serendipitist, you (thanks, I think that describes you)	3	
Europasianised Afferyank!	4	
Shall we follow each others a steplonger, drowner of daggers,	5	
whiles our liege, tilyet a stranger in the frontyard of his happi-	6	
ness, is taking, (heal helper! one gob, one gap, one gulp and	7	
gorger of all!) his refreshment?	8	
There grew up beside you, amid our orisons of the speediest	9	
in Novena Lodge, Novara Avenue, in Patripodium-am-Bummel,	10	
oaf, outofwork, one remove from an unwashed savage, on his	11	
keeping and in yours, (I pose you know why possum hides is	12	
cause he haint the nogumtreeumption) that other, Immaculatus,	13	
from head to foot, sir, that pure one, Altrues of other times,	14	
he who was well known to celestine circles before he sped	15	
aloft, our handsome young spiritual physician that was to be,	16	
seducing every sense to selfwilling celebesty, the most winning	17	
counterfeuille on our incomeshare lotetree, a chum of the	18	
angelets, a youth those reporters so pettitily wanted as game-	19	



fellow that they asked his mother for ittle earps brupper to	20	
let him tome to Tindertarten, pease, and bing his scooter	21	
'long and 'tend they were all real brothers in the big justright	22	
home where Dodd lives, just to teddyfy the life out of him	23	
and pat and pass him one with other like musk from hand to	24	
hand, that mothersmothered model, that goodlooker with not	25	
a flaw whose spiritual toilettes were the talk of half the town, for	26	
sunset wear and nightfallen use and daybroken donning and	27	
nooncheon showing and the very thing for teasetime, but him	28	
you laid low with one hand one fine May morning in the Meddle	29	
of your Might, your bosom foe, because he mussed your speller	30	
on you or because he cut a pretty figure in the focus of your	31	
frontispecs (not one did you slay, no, but a continent!) to find	32	
out how his innards worked!	33	
Ever read of that greatgrand landfather of our visionbuilders,	34	
Baaboo, the bourgeoismeister, who thought to touch both him-	35	
mels at the punt of his risen stiffstaff and how wishywashy sank	36	
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the waters of his thought? Ever thought of that hereticalist Marcon	1	
and the two scissymaidies and how bulkily he shat the Ructions	2	
gunorrhal? Ever hear of that foxy, that lupo and that monkax	3	
and the virgin heir of the Morrisons, eh, blethering ape?	4	
Malingerer in luxury, collector general, what has Your Low-	5	



ness done in the mealtime with all the hamilkcars of cooked	6
vegetables, the hatfuls of stewed fruit, the suitcases of coddled	7
ales, the Parish funds, me schamer, man, that you kittycoaxed so	8
flexibly out of charitable butteries by yowling heavy with a	9
hollow voice drop of your horrible awful poverty of mind so as	10
you couldn't even pledge a crown of Thorne's to pawn a coat	11
off Trevi's and as how you was bad no end, so you was, so whelp	12
you Sinner Pitre and Sinner Poule, with the chicken's gape and	13
pas mal de siècle, which, by the by, Reynaldo, is the ordinary	14
emetic French for grenadier's drip. To let you have your plank	15
and your bonewash (O the hastroubles you lost!), to give you	16
your pound of platinum and a thousand thongs a year (O, you	17
were excruciated, in honour bound to the cross of your own	18
cruelfiction!) to let you have your Sarday spree and holinight sleep	19
(fame would come to you twixt a sleep and a wake) and leave to	20
lie till Paraskivee and the cockcock crows for Danmark. (O	21
Jonathan, your estomach!) The simian has no sentiment secre-	22
tions but weep cataracts for all me, Pain the Shamman! Oft in	23
the smelly night will they wallow for a clutch of the famished	24
hand, I say, them bearded jezabelles you hired to rob you, while	25
on your sodden straw impolitely you encored (Airish and naw-	26
boggaleesh!) those hornmade ivory dreams you reved of the	27
Ruth you called your companionate, a beauty from the bible, of	28
the flushpots of Euston and the hanging garments of Maryle-	29
bone. But the dormer moonshee smiled selene and the light-	30



throwers knickered: who's whinging we? Comport yourself,	31	
you inconsistency! Where is that little alimony nestegg against	32	
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our predictable rainy day? Is it not the fact (gainsay me, cake-	33	
eater!) that, while whistlewhirling your crazy elegies around	34	
Templetombmount joyntstone, (let him pass, pleasegood-	35	
jesusalem, in a bundle of straw, he was balbettised after hay-	36	
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making) you squandered among underlings the overload of	1	
your extravagance and made a hottentot of dulpeners crawsick	2	
with your crumbs? Am I not right? Yes? Yes? Yes? Holy wax	3	
and holifer! Don't tell me, Leon of the fold, that you are not a	4	
loanshark! Look up, old sooty, be advised by mux and take your	5	
medicine. The Good Doctor mulled it. Mix it twice before re-	6	
pastures and powder three times a day. It does marvels for your	7	
gripins and it's fine for the solitary worm.	8	
Let me finish! Just a little judas tonic, my ghem of all jokes, to	9	
make you go green in the gazer. Do you hear what I'm seeing,	10	
hammet? And remember that golden silence gives consent, Mr	11	
Anklegazer! Cease to be civil, learn to say nay! Whisht! Come	12	
here, Herr Studiosus, till I tell you a wig in your ear. We'll do a	13	
whisper drive, for if the barishnyas got a twitter of it they'd tell	14	
the housetops and then all Cadbury would go crackers. Look!	15	
Do you see your dial in the rockingglass? Look well! Bend down	16	



a stigmy till I! It's secret! Iggri, I say, the booseleers! I had it	17	
from Lamppost Shawe. And he had it from the Mullah. And Mull	18	
took it from a Bluecoat schooler. And Gay Socks jot it from	19	
Potapheu's wife. And Rantipoll tipped the wink from old Mrs	20	
Tinbullet. And as for she was confussed by pro-Brother Thaco-	21	
licus. And the good brother feels he would need to defecate	22	
you. And the Flimsy Follettes are simply beside each other.	23	
And Kelly, Kenny and Keogh are up up and in arms. That a	24	
cross may crush me if I refuse to believe in it. That I may rock	25	
anchor through the ages if I hope it's not true. That the host	26	
may choke me if I beneighbour you without my charity! Sh!	27	
Shem, you are. Sh! You are mad!	28	
He points the deathbone and the quick are still. <i>Insomnia</i> ,	29	
somnia somniorum. Awmawm.	30	
MERCIUS (of hisself): Domine vopiscus! My fault, his fault,	31	
a kingship through a fault! Pariah, cannibal Cain, I who oathily	32	
forswore the womb that bore you and the paps I sometimes	33	
sucked, you who ever since have been one black mass of jigs and	34	
jimjams, haunted by a convulsionary sense of not having been	35	
or being all that I might have been or you meant to becoming,	36	
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bewailing like a man that innocence which I could not defend	1	
like a woman, lo, you there, Cathmon-Carbery, and thank Movies	2	



from the innermost depths of my still attrite heart, Wherein	3
the days of youyouth are evermixed mimine, now ere the comp-	4
line hour of being alone athands itself and a puff or so before	5
we yield our spiritus to the wind, for (though that royal one	6
has not yet drunk a gouttelette from his consummation and the	7
flowerpot on the pole, the spaniel pack and their quarry, retainers	8
and the public house proprietor have not budged a millimetre	9
and all that has been done has yet to be done and done again,	10
when's day's woe, and lo, you're doomed, joyday dawns and,	11
la, you dominate) it is to you, firstborn and firstfruit of woe, to	12
me, branded sheep, pick of the wasterpaperbaskel, by the	13
tremours of Thundery and Ulerin's dogstar, you alone, wind-	14
blasted tree of the knowledge of beautiful andevil, ay, clothed	15
upon with the metuor and shimmering like the horescens, astro-	16
glodynamonologos, the child of Nilfit's father, blzb, to me	17
unseen blusher in an obscene coalhole, the cubilibum of your	18
secret sigh, dweller in the downandoutermost where voice only	19
of the dead may come, because ye left from me, because ye	20
laughed on me, because, O me lonly son, ye are forgetting me!,	21
that our turfbrown mummy is acoming, alpilla, beltilla, ciltilla,	22
deltilla, running with her tidings, old the news of the great big	23
world, sonnies had a scrap, woewoewoe! bab's baby walks at	24
seven months, waywayway! bride leaves her raid at Punchestime,	25
stud stoned before a racecourseful, two belles that make the	26
one appeal, dry yanks will visit old sod, and fourtiered skirts	27



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