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LIGHTLY
A LIGHT SKINNED WEST INDIAN WITH CINNAMON
EYES.

~~THIS CELEBRITY KNOWN AS SOAPHEAD CHURCH~~

A CINNAMON EYED WEST INDIAN WITH LIGHTLY
BROWNED SKIN. ^{ALTHOUGH} HIS GIVEN NAME, ELIHU
WHITCOMB, WAS PRINTED ON HIS ^{THE} SIGN IN HIS
WINDOW AND THE BUSINESS CARDS HE CIRCULATED,
HE WAS CALLED SOAPHEAD CHURCH. NO ONE
KNEW WHERE THE CHURCH PART CAME FROM, BUT
(PERHAPS SOMEBODY'S RECOLLECTION OF HIS ^{DAYS} ~~AS~~
AS AN ASPIRING PRIEST) ~~AND~~ ^{OR} HIS SUBSEQUENT
TRICKS AS AN ITINERANT PREACHER) BUT EVERYBODY
KNEW WHAT SOAP ^{HEAD} MEANT: THE TIGHT
CURLY HAIR THAT TOOK ON AND HAD A SIBBON
AND WAVE WHEN "POMADED" WITH SOAP LOTION.

A SORT OF PERMITTING PREACHER-WITH-A-PROCESS.

SOAPHEAD BUSINESS WAS DREAD. ^{PEOPLE} THEY CAME
TO HIM IN DREAD, WHISPERED IN DREAD, WEPT AND
PLEADED IN DREAD. HOW DREAD WAS WHAT HE
COUNSELLED. ^{IN DREAD,}
SINGLY THEY FOUND THEIR WAY TO HIS DOOR

Complex
Combinations of

WRAPPED EACH IN, ANGER, ^{miserable} WORNNESS, PRIDE,
VENGEANCE, LONELINESS, DEFEAT, HUNGER, THEY
ASKED FOR VERY SIMPLE THINGS: ^{LOVE} ^{HEALTH} ^{DO NOT} ~~HOW CAN I~~
MAKE HIM LOVE ME? ^{TELL ME WHAT} ~~WHAT DOES THIS DREAM~~
~~MEANS?~~ ^{HELP ME GET} ~~HOW CAN I~~ ^{GET RID OF THIS WOMAN.}
~~STOP~~ ^{FROM} ~~HOW CAN MY LEFT HAND~~ ~~STOP~~ ^{FROM} ~~SMOKING?~~
~~STOP IT FOR ME.~~ KEEP MY BABY'S GHOST
OFF MY STOVE. MAKE MY MOTHER GIVE ME
BACK MY ^{CLOTHES.} ~~ALCOHOL.~~ ^{BREAK} MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S FIX.