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~~It~~ ^{wasn't} smoking although when
X ~~let himself smoke -~~

he and ~~Shank~~ first entered the
Chapel. He felt like it, ~~because~~ it was
true: they ~~did~~ worshipped idols.

Men and women in ~~various~~
robes and capes of various
Colors stood ^{tiny} on shelves ~~all~~

Cut into niches in the wall,

Candle had ^{abnormally} burned at these feet
and ~~the~~ food. had ^{probably} been opened as

will just like Rev. — said

Whatever the differences among the
Congregations in Fairly they agreed
on the necessity of the action.
Do what you have to ^{rather} the Convent and not
the women ~~must~~ ^{can} ~~not~~ continue

Once it had been a ^{friend of distant} neighbor. 7 miles

through — The Mansion was there
long before Fairly, ^{the last} boarding Indian girls

had already gone ~~in~~
when they arrived ~~in 1958~~

Only the M.S. with her
servant lived there while
the ~~blacks~~ or the ~~See~~ or

Somebody ~~wanted to see if~~
~~anybody would~~
~~wanted what to do~~
~~with the property:~~

tried to find a buyer.
There were none

~~They found none~~
~~here~~

Eventually the additional women
came. Real men, no but Novices
~~to~~ they thought or lay workers. Nobody
knew but it wasn't important to know.

The new women like the M.S. and
her servant used to still sold

honey & ^{good bread.} ~~vegetables~~ and ~~some of the~~
~~fattest~~ ~~sweetest~~ hottest peppers

For a
pricey
piece in
the whole world: ~~Purple-black~~
They sold ~~the~~ whole pepper or a
relish made from it. Either took

the cake for pure burning power.
The Relish lasted years with

proper attention - And tho' many
planted & ~~nourished the seeds~~
~~tried to grow~~ the pepper seeds - it

There may be things
left from when it was
a slave.

grew nowhere but ~~in~~ ^{the} Convent
Kitchen Garden behind ~~Harmless~~.

Strange ^{neighbors} but Harmless - More than
harmless - ^{even} helpful on occasion.

They took people in -
~~folk who got lost~~ folk who just wanted a rest.
By all reports, ~~these~~ ^{Guests} reported kindness, ~~more~~
~~By all reports, these guests~~ profound
silence and good food. A complete
which everyone knew now was a
lie, a front, a carefully planned
disguise for what ^{was} really going on.

~~The~~ Congregations of ~~Fairly~~ all
met ~~at~~ the Over because they
couldn't agree ^{or} which ^{of them} would host
an All-Fairly Conference deciding
what to do about the Convent.

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They agreed at the Over ^{X was there} ~~and could~~
easily make out ^{on the stone} ~~the words~~ that divided
them: the FURROW of His Brown.

That much was clear. what was
less so were the words ^{according to some the} for words
that began the sentence

The oldest woman in town — had said
when she was a girl in Old Town

See
the
Pr. Comp

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120
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----- slept in the sun

Sargeant Theodore (~~Called~~ Sargeant Although
he was mustered out a private
3rd class. He was called
Sargeant which ^{served} became him
from the time ~~since~~ he was ~~at~~ 10 years old
in B. living in the ^{old} house of
his grandparents. He was
not hard to persuade
to join the ~~other~~ veterans
and other men to try ~~and~~ to
repeat what the old folks
had done. Lessons had
been learned after all. TK

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Who could have imagined
that ^{25 years later} a Convent would beat
out the ~~_____~~ and become Fairly's
only enemy?

Sargeant ~~stepped~~ ^{Steps} back into the
kitchen. He moves to the long
table and ~~picks~~ ^{lifts} the pitcher. ~~of~~ ^{of} milk

~~He~~ he sniffs first and then
~~has~~ ^{the} pistol ~~spending~~ to the floor (in his ^{right} ~~left~~ hand)

he uses
the left
to raise

~~the~~ the pitcher to his mouth -
Taking ^{Such} ~~long~~ measured swallows
the milk is half gone (by the time he
Smells winter green)

Directly above
Ups stairs

with a name
on it:

~~Above on the second~~

On the floor above Roger and
X walk the hall & examine
each of the 4 bedrooms. They
~~are startled~~ exchange ~~stall~~
~~but knowing~~ looks when they
learn each woman sleeps
~~in a~~ not in a bed like
normal people, but in a hammock

That except for a narrow desk
or End table there is no
additional furniture. No clothes
no shoes. But strange things nailed
or taped to the walls. A 1963
Calendar X's through various dates.

most alarming but what
alarmed them most ~~were~~
the series of infant ~~st~~ booties &
~~shoes, and~~ the attached in
ribbons to the ~~hanging~~ cord
of a hammock in ~~one~~ the last

bedroom they enter. Fleet tells Roger
to start looking in the four additional bedrooms ~~that~~

* astrology charts, a whip, a high
school year book and for people who
swore they were Christians - Catholics
at that - not a cross of Jesus anywhere.

and nothing you
could call
real shoes.
No clothes of course
because the women wore
dirty white dresses.

the whip of pity ~~that~~ flicking
in his chest.

What, he wondered, could do this
to women? How ~~do~~ ^{can} their
plain brains think of such things:
~~abnormal~~ ^{disgusting} sex, ^{the} ~~shy~~ torture of children
deceit and

~~Even~~ In a quiet community
tucked away in a ~~big house~~
mansion — no one to bother
or assault them, they ~~still~~
managed to call into question
the — of almost every woman he
had known. Here, in this place.

Well it was true that Fairly was
having ^{few} problems like every other
place in OK and the ^{country too} ~~world~~ for that
matter. ^{The last 10 years etc.} But Fairly was ^{still} proud
of its people. ^{It neither had nor needed} ~~no~~ faults ~~and~~ ^{for into} ~~no~~ criminals
had ever come from this town.

on the other side of the hall. He himself
moves closer to the
'bouquet of ~~infant~~ baby shoes
looking for what he isn't sure.

Blood? a little toe maybe
left in white calfskin? He
slides the safety and joins
Roger's search. These rooms
are normal. Messy, ~~one~~ piled
~~are~~ with food encrusted dishes
~~and~~ ^{dirty} cups and ~~a~~ ~~trashed around~~
clothes covered bed, . Another
sports two rocking chairs full of
dolls, a third the debris
~~on a~~ heavy
of drinker. But normal at
least.

Heut's saliva is bitter and tho' ^{he} knew
~~the corruption~~ diseased ^{this}
~~the danger he senses~~ all around ^{place}
him is + he ^{was}
he is startled by

no

1 And the one or two who acted up
were taken good care of

But no ^{grumpy} wild women —
~~fairly~~ It had always been so

From the ^{beginning} ~~very first years~~ when he
was 12 years old

a sleepless woman
etc.

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The ceiling high as a barn's.
More shelves than ^{the} Ace grocery store

The table is 12 feet ^{long} if an inch and
~~on it~~ it's easy to tell that the
women ^{they want are hunting} have been taken by

surprise. Four bowls of ~~cream~~ ^{Good} Shredded
at one ^{and} a full pitcher of milk stands near Wheat

At the other ^{vegetable chopping} ~~Someone~~ has been
interrupted.

Stock remains on one of the
eight burners, a dozen loaves
of bread smell under white cloth
a stool is overturned.

~~One man~~ There are no windows

~~He steps to the window signalling the~~
~~other one to open the pantry door~~

One man ~~He~~ signals the other ~~man~~ to open
the pantry door while he ^{goes} ~~steps~~ to
the back door. It is ^{closed but} ~~open~~ ^{unlocked} ~~but~~
peeking out he

around ~~the~~ No foot prints disturb the dirt
the store steps

for
guessed delivery
4 099
She must be Christened
with a bloody swollen tail.
Among the chickens
an old hen
sees

He closes the door and ~~looks~~ joins
~~at~~ his partner at the pantry
dusty mason ^{hus and} what's left of
together they scan ^{to} last year's
garring
tomatoes, green beans, peaches.
Slack, he thought. August just
around the corner and these
women have not ^{ever} ~~begin~~ washed
the jars.

X turns the fire off under the
stock pot. His mother bathed
babies in a pot no bigger than
that. In the Old House, that is.
The one in Baley that his grandfather
built.

* He remembers the ~~over~~ ceremony
when the iron lip was ^{at last} ~~finally~~
~~cemented~~ ^{set} ~~fastened~~ into place and his grandfather
the ~~work~~ ^{polished}
letters ~~polished~~ for all to see.

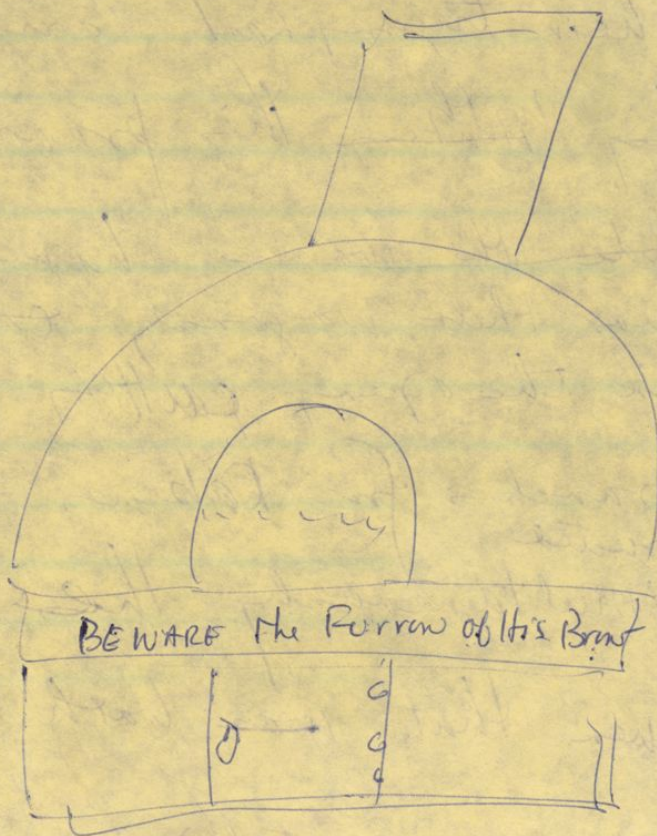
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Cleaned of 62 years of
As ^{Carbon and the words} Animal fat, ~~it~~ shone
almost as brightly as they did in 1888.

When the Oven was built.

Then It ~~had~~ stood at the edge of
A. ^{then} ~~hey~~ Round as a head
deep as ~~(Ming)~~ desire
And the ~~original~~ ~~to~~ stone
Who founded Boley sealed
their triumphant arrival
by ~~making~~ this priority.

While the women hiving in or
near their wagons, ~~cooking~~ ^{boiling} meal
in the open, pitting sod and
branches for bakes — they
^{constructed} simultaneously the huge
Oven that ~~was~~ both nourished
and monumentalized what they
had done.



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When it was finished: each
pole brack perfectly pitched; the
Chimney wide lofty, the
~~was~~ pegs and girth secure

the draft pulling steadily from ^{the opening} ~~below~~ ^{at} back

The ~~coal~~ fire door hanging
straight. Then the iron

manger did his work: fashioning
from barrel staves and busted
axles, from pot handles —

he fashioned ^{an iron} ~~a~~ plate 5 feet
by two ~~and~~ ~~placed~~ set it
at the ^{base} ~~open~~ of the ^{rain} ~~mouth~~

It is not clear where the

~~got~~ the words came from . .

Something he heard, invented
or something whispered to him, ~~has~~

His name was Morgan and
who knew if he could ^{even} read?
Still he forged the ^{half dozen or so} words he forged
& that ^{words} seemed at first to
later ^{sometimes} to confound them &

By the 1st winter, during which only
three died, they built a
the ~~area~~ roof sheltered
and
people gathered under it for ~~warmth~~
fairs, Society and the comfort of ^{off} hot
game. ~~prairie~~

later when prairie became a ~~real~~
water when ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~town~~ ^{had} ~~s~~
with roads

and good houses, a church, ^{a school}
and stores, the citizens ^{still} ~~gathered~~
gathered there. They pierced turkeys! P. 7

Bounty inside
Single lemon ^{yellow,} petal outside.

