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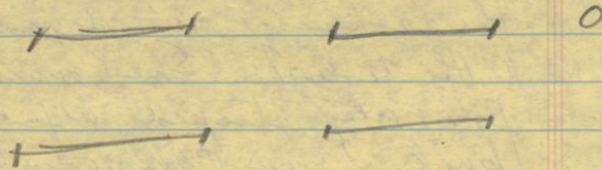
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"Look out, great! Deek's gunning for you. And when he comes back he'll throw ~~the bunch~~ ^{a sack full of} you on my clean floor and say something like "This ought to take care of supper." Proud. Like he's giving me a present. Like ~~they~~ ^{the} were already plucked, cleaned & cooked. If the kitchen was flooded with light so Olive could not see into

~~Olive waited for the kettle to boil.~~

The darkness outside, as she waited for the kettle to boil. She wanted to get her potion properly steeped before her husband got back. One of ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~preparations~~ ^{preparations} lay at her fingertips folded into a waxed paper packet. She thought it was midnight when Deek eased out of bed and dressed in hunting clothes. But when he ~~crept~~ ^{went} downstairs (in sock feet) she'd looked at the clock glow: 3:30. Two hours more of sleep, she thought, but it was 6:00 when she woke and she had to hurry. Get breakfast, lay out his clothes. But first her potion. Very much needed ~~to~~ now because things seemed to be breaking apart. Ever since the woman Connie ~~had~~ ^{had} worked for died. Or maybe ^{a supply of} earlier. When she had picked up ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~potion~~ ^{potion} X months ago and found a stranger in Connie's kitchen ~~although~~ ^{although} she ~~wasn't~~ ^{wasn't} ~~there~~ ^{gone} away when the woman died. Nobody would have known except for the fire Connie lit in the fields. X saw the smoke, drove out and got the news.

Olive ~~had~~ ^{had} to hurry then, too. Getting food from neighbor women, cooking up some things herself. She, Cloney and



ON Campus

paper

money

MEDICINE

CARE MARK

Blood drawn once a week
mail medicine

400
mil a
day



White Hart
Salisbury
CT
Washington

(Thet's daughter) Sweetie drone out there knowing full well there was no one to eat it but themselves. * Connie seemed broken, (strange) somehow and Clinic ~~added~~ ^{added} ~~more~~ ^{more} moved ~~what~~ ^{her} her to her list of people who worried her. K.D. for example. And Annette. And Sweetie. And now the Queen site was ~~making~~ ^{making} upsetting everybody in town. A few young ~~people~~ ^{men} had taken to congregating there ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~various~~ ^{various} with out of state liquor people said - but nothing more. Except the small children who liked to play there were ^{sometimes told to go home} ~~never~~ ^{or so their mothers said}. Then a few girls (who needed stopping) found reason to be there - including Annette and Billie Marie which ^{she supposed was} why K.D., ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~change~~ ^{change} ~~out~~ ^{out} whenever Deek or Steward let him alone, hury out there too.

Talks said they needed something to do. But there was so much to do. That wasn't it. Something else was going on. Besides the first ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~black~~ ^{black} with red fingernails painted on the side of the Queen. No body claimed responsibility - but, ^{more} ^{more} shocking than than collective denial was the refusal to remove it. The ones who loungeed there say said no, they hadn't put it there and no they wouldn't take it off. * Five days passed with the men in a rage far bidding anyone but the loungeers to ~~wash~~ ^{wash} erase it.

* Although Kate and Pat Best ^{with} ~~took~~ ^{took} a bucket, ^{Brillo} ^{water}, faint thinner and soapy water got rid of it

* Young hunsy ~~those~~ ^{those} too, because the women had to be shipped quickly up north. In ice.

The clenched fingers - red-tipped and thrust sideways (not up) hurt more than a blow and lasted longer. A nagging pain ~~that persisted in spite of~~ Kate's & Pat's scrubbing could not ease.

The steam ~~was~~ ^{burning} ~~was~~ the father caused her & Oline poured hot water ^{into a cup} ~~into a cup~~ ^{over} ~~over~~ the ^{little} ~~the~~ muslin bag of potatoes. ^{She put a saucer on top} ~~the saucer covered~~ it for steeping and let it steep.

Maybe they ought to go back to the way they did things ^{she thought}. The way they did in the fifties - twenty odd years ago when they were building up the place. Even Sunday School lessons. Before the first church (the Baptist) was finished, baptisms were ^{held} in the Sweet Water Creek. They drove off and finished the sacrament ~~and the driving of nails was~~ ^{and the driving of nails was} ~~took place~~ around the altar. The

Maybe they ought to go back to the way they did things twenty-odd years ago. When everybody was too busy building and stocking, harvesting to quarrel or think up sentiment.

The way it was before Mount Calvary was completed. When the baptisms were held in the Sweet Water Creek. Beautiful baptisms. Baptisms to break the heart full of chords and tears and the thrill of being safe at last.

Beautiful baptisms to break the heart - full of chords and tears and the thrill of being safe at last.

The ~~man~~ ^{pastor} held the women in ^{his} ~~their~~ arms, lowering them into the ^{now} holy water, never letting go. Breathless the others watched. Breathless the women rose. Their ^{wet} white robes heavy ~~and~~ ^{and} billowing in the sunlight water. Hair, face streaming they look to heaven before bowing their heads for the command ^{"Go, Now"} and the assurance "Daughter ~~of God~~. ^{You} ~~are~~ ^{be} saved."

The softest note ~~spoke~~ when it hit the water doubled, trebled itself. ^{then} before other notes ~~troubled~~ ^{from other throats} came and ~~troubled~~ ^{troubled} along with the first. Tree birds hushed and tried to learn.

~~Now~~ They waited slowly then, ^{hand} ^{heads on supporting shoulders} ~~each other~~, they walked toward the Queen. To dry, embrace and congratulate one another.

Now ^{the} Baptist Church had an inside baptism pool and the other ~~apostles~~ ^{vers, etc} ~~troubled~~ ^{for} dribbling a little water on a bowed head.

When Ray and the other two, Destiny and Aline, ^{asked} ~~asked~~ for a meeting ^{no one} ~~had called~~ ^{called} ~~in years~~ ^{asked for a town meeting} it was quickly agreed up, although Everybody, including Aline and Honey

thought the young people would first apologize and ^{then} ~~offer~~ ^{offer} some pledge to clean up and maintain the site. Instead they came with a plan - of their own. A plan that ~~was~~ ^{up} ~~tripped everything more than the first~~ completed what the first had begun. Ray took the floor and, without notes - gave a

speech perfect in every way ^{but} ~~except~~ comprehension.
Nobody knew what he was talking about
~~what~~ ^{and} ~~what~~ ^{parts} ~~things~~ that could be
understood were ~~masses~~ plumb foolish. ~~He~~
They wanted to give the oven a name,
to have meetings there and talk about
~~being black~~ ^{how} pretty they were ~~both~~
~~They kept~~ ^{while} calling themselves ugly names - like
black. Not-American. African. They talked
about white people as tho' they had just dis-
covered them. and seemed to think ~~that~~ ^{it was news}.
~~was~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{was} it was news.

Yet there was something more and
else in his speech, not so much what
could be agreed or disagreed with - but
a kind of accusation - a gainst whites, yes,
but also against them - the towns people
listening, their own parents, grandparents, the
luby grown folk. As though there was a
new and more manly way to deal with whites.
Not M.L.'s way but some African type
thing full of new words, new ~~color~~ com-
binations and new haircuts. Suggesting
that out-smarting whites was craven. That
they had to be told, rejected, confronted. Be-
cause the old way was slow, limited to a
few and weak. This ~~tato~~ last Swale
Deek's neck and had him blowing out
the hearts of Quail [on a week day] ~~go~~ to
keep his own from exploding.

with a ~~bag~~ ^{bag} of them
He would be pulling in any minute now
And Olive would have to serve up a
platter of the brown, tender halves. So
she ~~felt~~ contemplated rice or sweet potatoes

while she ~~unwrapped~~^{unfolds} the waxed paper and poured its contents into a cup of hot water. By the time ~~she~~^{she had} she had swallowed the last drop, the kitchen door opened.

"What's that?"

She liked that smell. of him. Windy - wet and grassy. "Nothing."

He tossed a sack on the floor. "Can I have some of it?"

"No. How many?"

"Six. Gave six to X." ^{Deek sat down and before taking off his}

"K. D. go with you?"

"No, why?" He grunted with the effort of ^{his boots.} ^{getting his feet out of}

Olive took ^{them} away ~~the money~~ and put them on the back porch. "He's hard to find these days. Up to something, I bet."

"Like what? You put coffee on?"

"Can't tell, exactly. He has too many reasons for wearing thin shoes."

"Chasing tail, I expect. Some gal dragged herself in town and was staying out to that Convent."

Olive turned to him. "Why you say 'dragged'? Why you have to say 'dragged' like that?" You see her?"

"No. But others do."

"And?"
Deek yawned "And nothing. Coffee, baby. Coffee, coffee."

"So don't say 'dragged'."

"Okay, okay. She didn't drag in," he laughed ~~while~~ dropping his outer clothes on the floor. "She floated in."

"What's wrong with the closet, Deek?" She stooped to gather the waterproof pants, the black and red jacket, the flannel shirt. "What's that supposed to mean?"

"I heard her shoes had six inch heels"

"You lying"

"And flying"

"Well if she's at the Convent, she must be all right."

Deek ~~managed~~ ^{massaged} his toes. "You just pastoral to those women out there. How many of them now? Four?"

"Three. The mother died, remember?"

"Right. Yeah. Roger got to use his big new van."

"Ambulance," said Olive.

"Brought three payments in. Hope he ^{can keep} ~~keep~~ it up. Not enough hospital, mortuary business around here to justify ~~expensive~~ that over-priced thing he got."

The coffee smell was striking and Deek rubbed his palms.

"Is he hurting?," Olive asked.

"Not yet. But since his profit depends on the sick and the dead, I'd just soon he went bankrupt."

"Deek!"

"That's the one in trouble." He stood at the sink and lathered his hands.

"You keep saying that. How come?"

"Mail order."

"What?" Olive poured the coffee into the big blue cup he preferred.

"You all go to Denby, don't you? When you want a toaster or a x. And if you don't, you order out of a catalogue. Where's that put him?"

"He never has much on hand. And what he has been there too long. Lounge chair changed color 3 times sitting in ^{that} ~~sunlight~~ ^{sunlight} so long."

"That's why," said Deek. "If he can't move inventory he can't buy new."

"He used to do all right."

Deek poured coffee into the blue saucer. "Ten years ago." The dark pool rippled under his breath. "~~My~~ ^{the} Bay coming ~~from~~ ^{back} ~~from~~ ^{from} Vietnam, getting married, setting up. Farms doing OK so everybody doing OK." He sucked at the saucer rim and sighed his pleasure. "Now, well . . ."

"I don't understand, Deck."

"I do," he smiled. "You don't need to."

She had not meant [that] she didn't understand what he was talking about. She'd meant she didn't understand why he wasn't worried enough by their friends' money problems to help them out. But Oliver didn't try to explain; she just looked closely at his face.

Smooth, still handsome after twenty-six years and beaming, now, with satisfaction. Shooting well that morning had ^{re-}organized him and re-turned things to ~~this~~ the way they ought to be. Coffee the right color; the right temperature. And later today quail without their hearts would melt in his mouth.

Oliver was right
Deacon Morgan

normally drove $\frac{3}{4}$ fourths of a mile.

to work from his own house on St Peter

Street, right at the corner

on to Central past Luke

Matthew John and Paul to

park before the bank. The

~~for~~ ^{obvious} silliness of driving to

where he could walk in less
time than it took to smoke a cigar
was ~~outweighed~~ ^{eliminated} by the

weight of the gesture, ~~provided~~

he owned a big car and

did ~~big~~ ^{little} things in it. He

laughed along with his friends

at his ^{own} vanity and knew they

were delighted by his weakness.

but it was a weakness for

John
Paul
Matthew
Luke

power.

This morning, ~~as~~ ^{he} ~~deared~~ ^{deared} with his
guata ~~shooting~~ and ~~not~~ ^{rather} fired at all
than fired from no sleep, ^{Deek} he
decided to drive by the
Over first ~~and~~ before going
to the bank. So he turned

left at Central and

passed the school ~~house~~
several ~~times~~ Except for a
and the houses. The ^{few} ~~Queen~~
was ~~just there~~ ^{was blank.}

No fist, no lousgers bottles
the fist was gone and Soda
can

He was about to turn
around when he spotted
a ~~single~~ woman's figure
ahead

Chapter One = Ruby
July 1974

Chapter Two = Morris

October 1968 (Sept, Oct. Nov.)

Chapter Three = Grace

May 1970

~~July~~ Annette

Chapter Four = Seneca

~~October~~ 1973

Boys' dead
5 years
home from
college.
to marry
K.D.

- ? Seneca's visit to prison
- ? K.D.'s stalking Gogi; insert chapter 3
- ? Smetie overnight in Convent

hearing baby cry makes her jealous
S. p.v. - approaching house (white blanket of snow)
- what Seneca says! her name person visit.
- ~~others delirious~~ women make her sleep - she views convent through this fear.

2 days later Morris drives her home
meets Fleet etc on the way, ?

It is my pleasure to ~~recomm~~ ^{recommend}
Sh. Tate to you for quick and
favorable action acceptance into
~~the~~ ^{your} Graduate School. Although
my knowledge of ~~her work~~ is based
exclusively on her work in ~~an~~
~~State~~ one class, ~~on~~ it ~~was~~ I

^{little or} ^{acquaintance} could not have needed more
certain ^{that will be of interest to you,}
to draw ^{conclusions}. She
has
an extraordinarily ~~gifted~~ fine
critical and analytical mind,
is a ^a capable reader. On one
of her papers I remarked
on her ability to ^{critique} ~~elevate~~ and
and complicate ~~her~~ ^{Scholarly} ~~theses~~ ^{theses}
~~her~~ ^{key} ~~Scholarship~~ ^{other} ~~Scholarship~~
~~long~~ ^{considered} ~~uncomplicated~~
~~and~~ ^{the} ~~self~~ ^{theses of} ~~Conventional~~ ^{Scholarship}

But Miss C. was singular, however.
in one ^{very} ~~simp~~ way.

I am accustomed to [bright]

Students ~~who~~ who ^{have learned} know
how to ^{put on} display what they

know. I am less accustomed

to [bright] Students who know

^{how to} put on display the process

of learning. It was this facet of
my experience with Mrs. Cate that
brought her to my attention.

Watching, listening to and
reading Mrs. Cate, I ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{greatly} ~~impressed~~
particularly ^{impressed}

me; her ~~at~~ skill at making
freshening "taken-for-granted"
concepts; & re-applying them

so they yielded new insights.

(her ^{intense} ~~insatiable~~ curiosity)

I found her curiosity intense,
her scholarship impressive, able
her ~~writing~~ articulation of her ~~theses~~.

1899-70 Home friends in Oklahoma Territory
criticism elegant and persuasive.

1900
~~I encouraged~~ am convinced

that
a favorable response to her
application will prove
beneficial to the Graduate
School of her choice.

1889-90 Haven founded in Oklahoma Territory

1910 Grand Tour I

1914 Big Daddy enlists.

1920 - Roger Best b.
b. Roger best Armaments.

1924 b. Steward & Deacon; Embezzler arrested

1925 b. Sargeant; b. Fleetwood

1926 Mansion becomes ^{Catholic} school for Apache girls; Mable born

1931 b. Oline; Grand Tour

1932 Grand Tour II; Duins see 19 Negro women

1934 Pat Best b.

1941 - Manis born

1942 Haven buys enlist; Big Daddy's bank fails; Elder killed in war

1946 b. Jefferson

1947 b. K.D.; Thurgood Marshall & NAACP in Norman OK.

1949-50 Founding of Ruby; Duins marry Oline & Doney; Senece b.

1952 - Ruby dies; husband MIA

1953-4 horse race K.D. (7) wins; Roger's wife dies; Jeff & Manis

1955 - Annette b.

1956 - Patrice - Marie b.

1962 - Gas rig sold

1963 Jefferson and Menus enlist (Jeff marries) garden rivalry and \$

1964 - Steward + Doney can't have children. Jeff

1965 - Jeffersons back home from Vietnam.

1965-6 b. defective babies (Jeff & Senece)

MLK assassinates

1966 - Menus back from Vietnam.

1967 - Senece b.

1968: Manis arrives in September

③ November Oline's sons on furlough

① June Roger buys new van (loan from Morgans)

1969: Jeff Oline sons (Bryan and Easter) K. I. A.

Steward's head shot
1 year
off
sit in
in OK City

Grand Tour I 0191

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Said they were
Out of date
there's had more
been gain on
all run the
last change
everywhere
but

Grand Tour I 0191

1. Isolation of Ruby - invisible to the casual eye. Up-close jewel-like.

Chap. one

2. Ruby (neo/tonn) remains.

Steward's flag is clean and bright but the pole is broken

Bank full of \$, Vault locked

(which is to say out of business deck - a pussy bank) Darty ~~Whitaker~~ has driven back from a 150

miles with his package of financial Journals - which were out of date the day he bought them. Doesn't mean

July anymore. Phone never rings -

He arrives on time every day Has a gun to protect his \$

Sargent is moving away.

Steward was agreeable to Dorey's staying in town as long as he believed he allowed her to. But when he understood she was cheating with or without his permission - he felt

After the
assault.
Chapter last
Ruby Report

K. U.

Food is
with dog - ~~not~~ dead - He cries
and believes it as though he is burying
~~father~~ and mourning a woman ~~who~~ was
drone him quite out of his mind.

Before assault - it I mean

Men talk - but do not say:

Roger - ~~is~~ his politicization

K. U. - being rejected - 9/14
Angelle's misrepresentation

Steward - Dorey's separation from him

Jack - Grand nephew

Thet - His "grandson" (supposedly
Smelter's baby)

Jeff - the tales Smelter told (lies)

Menus - without focus - "something to do"
Sergeant reluctant (his shame at healing
among women)
but thinks they will
just run them out of the area

④ After
finding
frozen
family in
the spring

⑤ Anne
meets away
to a meeting
re: politics
has not see
over
light

abandoned, overruled. Now they are
separate as well as separated. Each
has their own keep to the other.

Oliver's revolt at the shooting turns
her against Dick - her efforts to
calm him before the shooting he sees as
betrayal and faults the medicine from
Carnie for her change.

Roger is learning - did he participate in the
shot to win men's approval - for genuine
for "forgiveness" his up? from Carnie
Billie - Marie returning with tale
of insurrection - takes it to her by
Joe, Seneca

3. Steward examining land in 1850
(water can etc) while remembering
by Daddy's

[

Misses look every day for the frame
Can't find them. Wants to know
he also some time.

[1973]

Anna Flora's store - while / when
strangers (lost) stop for directions

Leo.
Mama?

Where is
Pattie-Mama? - Anna was short with her and now
is ashamed. Tells M. about it.
Both comment on what and why
things are being changing for the
worse.

blizzard?

Since 6 & 7 when milk died?
Billie's
Info re grandfather and mother.

Sister of cousin to the Morgan's
(my ~~father~~ ^{grandfather} married one of their cousin's
my father was a cousin of theirs)

Queen activities - kids do more of
what we did - but in the open, with
too few choices - women rather have
cars or X instead of babies.

When strangers about blizzard.
Strangers; Blizzard coming to East West (1940s)
Steward stops by for / Blue Boy

— who all is that outside?

— "no law" re Pattie.

— Dick says he saw Smoot
Jeff's wife just walking.

"Chin" women want their men to stay single
Don't encourage his and Anna's relationship
Anna is under their watchful eyes

Anna's story - buzzard coming
(1973 when Denise is nervous)

Opie's
Denise
1975
Miner's sermon which engages some
of his congregation (1975)
theme of love → over

Over when men Congregate to plan
assault 1976

- what saying
- what not

(end of
Consolation)
Chapter

Jack driving home with newspapers
1976-7 After the Assault
(Redux)

Miner searching for game 1976-7
(Redux)

K. O.'s wedding 1974-5 (his memory in
1976 at Over) / 1st view is 1974/5 (when
Denise is nervous) is from Oliver and
Drum's p.v.

l.e.

l.e. Let me tell you about Love that
silly word you believe is about whether
you like somebody or they like you or
You can put up with it or else do something
or please you want or else has to do
with how your body responds to another
body (like flies or beavers) or else

How fierce or nature or K is benign
to you in particular - not maiming
or killing you - but if is doing
it for your own good.

Love is none of that.
There is nothing in nature like it
Not robins or hois or the bargen -
foots & dogs - not blossoms or swabbling
whales. Love is human - only
difficult - always. If you think it's easy you are a fool
" " " " " " " " " " " "

You do not deserve love - regarding the
the suffering you have endured. You earn
the right to express it and leave him to
descent it

It is a learned application
without reason or machine except that of
the God.

Cheyenne

Ellis county Arnett (\$, 5⁹⁶)
Woodward (21,000)

Senary Taloga

Roger Mills

Shaffuck

Alus.

Freedom.

1975 Jimmie = wedding

1973 Susan = blizzard = lost people.

1968 Maria = war dead and mental

1970 Grace = Secrecy = misalliance

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Label
Video

50/50
Chester Music

I can hardly stand it
when he is away for a
night

When he's away for a
week I nearly go
mad

And when he comes
back

I cry like a baby

[⑥ I guess that is what is
meant by being in love]

1 1/2 cups flour
1 pk yeast

2 Tbsp water
1 Tbsp olive oil
Salt

Blanche arrives

Stella — a (Stanley) home

Stella — b (Belle Bone) home
c (sister home)

Blanche flirts

Poker night

The fight

Stanley and the furs

The Decision

The Confession (Blanche)

1968 March = war dead and denial

1970 June = sexuality (liberated) and misalliances

I see your weedy smile of pleasure given
I feel [but] your fingers cold hold me

I hear caroling of ghosts craving
the dream's return

I could not leave you fast enough
To find my living life there

Where ghosts crave the
dream's return
their carols through the
burn

1968 Mavis = war dead and denial

1970 Grace = sexuality (liberated) and misalliance

1973 Seneca = lost people (blizzard) → Sweetie's
P.V. of Consent
including Seneca's
story

1975 Devine = love (wedding) via Mavis's sermon.

50-60

(After wedding, Annette goes looking for her baby
sees & picks up Devine & Balance is the
disarray of women - Grace's fear of K.D.'s stalking
gone now that he is married to Mavis & Seneca
close - Connie wakes up when Seneca comes.

Opening of "Consolate"
Connie finds the frozen people - (1975) decayed skeleton's
Her recollections
of last 8 years. Knows she is going to die
soon.

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Chap. ends with gathering of men: their
grievances.

with:
Mavis's visit
preg. Annette
Billie Marie
visiting (lost)
whites.

186
100
280

She could tell Mavis and Grace
The women didn't like each other at all.
and so she ~~gave~~ ^{her} equalized Ennells and
~~agreeableness~~ ^{complements} - making peace with

If one cursed and joked, S. laughed
When the other rolled her eyes in
disgust, Seneca shot her an 'under-
standing' look.

It worked ~~all~~ through breakfast. And
then an old woman in ^{her} sunglasses
came in. Suddenly all three ^{including herself} were
warring ~~children~~ - claiming firsthood.
Until the woman ^{they} called ^{her} Connie got
tired of it and left them alone.

You'll have to stay till the ~~front~~ road's clear.

If you don't mind?

~~What~~ What a question.

Seneca roamed the house a little ~~but~~ then
went back to ~~the~~ ^{her} bedroom. She lay back on the cot
~~gratified~~ She picked up her duffel ~~and~~

Seneca started ^{the ceiling} at * from the little box, ~~the~~ ~~thought about~~ ~~V.K. (bedroom) desk. TK des~~

The bible was heavier than the shoes. Like all first offenders, he wanted bath right away ~~and~~ ~~the~~ Seneca had no trouble with the size 11 Addidas but X Indiana didn't sport bookstoves, religious or ^{regular} ~~disrespect~~ Seneca travelled to Bloomington and found ^{and} found ~~only~~ a ^{big} family ~~book~~ with color pictures ^{but lots of} and ^{and} ~~pages~~ ^{and} ~~for recording~~ ^{births} ^{and} ^{deaths} ^{dates} marriages, baptisms. She chose it. He was angry, of course, so much it dimmed his pleasure in the extravagant black and white runners.

Can't you get anything right? Just a small bible"
Not a G.D. Library

She'd known him ^{only} six months. He was guilty as charged but already he knew how hopeless she was.

He ^{accepted the bible} ~~took~~ it nevertheless. Told her to leave bath items at the desk with his name and his number, Made her write the numbers down as though she couldn't remember five numbers in a row. She'd brought home sandwiches too ~~for~~ (his letter said they could have a picnic-type lunch in the visitor's room) but he was too nervous to eat.

The other visiting visitors seemed to be having a lovely time with their prisoners. Children ~~have~~ ^{tease} played with each other. Sat in the arms of their fathers playing with

Some thin
called the
having Bible
and another

his face, his hair, his fingers. Women and girls touched the men; whispering laughed out loud. They were the regulars - familiar with the dressmaker's guards and coffee wagon personnel.

The prisoners' eyes were soft with pleasure - noting everything, commenting on everything. Report cards ^{if the boys} brought to them in fat brown envelopes; the barettes, ribbons in the little girls' hair; the state of the women's coats. ~~and~~ ^{and} they listened carefully to details of friends and family not there; had advice and instruction for every piece of ^{domestic} ~~renew~~ ^{renew}.

They seemed terribly manly to Seneca - leader-like in their management of the ~~person~~ ^{from} visitors' visit. Where best to sit, where put the paper wrappings, to ^{medical} ~~medicine~~ advice and books to send. What they never spoke of was other prisoners - they did not even acknowledge the presence of other inmates. ^{Maybe} ~~Attica~~ was on their minds.

Maybe Turtle would be like that, she thought, as his sentence wore on. But on this first visit he was angry, ^{whispering} ~~petulant~~, accusatory. The bible so big it embarrassed him. Mustard instead of mayo on the ham sandwiches. He didn't want to hear anything about ~~Margaret~~ ^{her} new job at a school cafeteria, ~~only~~ ^{only} Sophie and Bernard. ~~the~~ ^{the} interested him. Their diets. Was she letting them out at night? They needed a good long run.

Eddie

- She left the ~~store~~ ^{four} with promises
① to send pictures of the dogs, ② sell the
stereo ③ ~~visit~~ ^{his mother} and get her to
~~transfer~~ ^{cash} the Savings bonds ④ ~~call~~ ^{call} the lawyer
the money man.

~~She~~ Send, sell, get, and call. That's how
she would remember it.

Heading for
~~the~~ bus shelter, Seneca
tripped and fell. A guard stepped forward
and helped her up.

"Watch it, there, miss."

"Sorry. Thanks"

"Why you girls wear those things
on your feet don't know."

Supposed to be good for you

He laughed, pleasantly <sup>showing two rows
of gold teeth</sup>
Seneca <sup>adjusted her
string bag and</sup> asked him. "How far is Wichita from
here?"

"Depends on how you're traveling. In a
car it'd be oh 10-12 hours. Bus,
longer."

Oh.

You got family in Wichita?

No. Yes. Well, my boyfriend does. I'm
going to pay his mother a visit."

The guard removed his hat ^{to} smooth
his crew cut.

"That's nice," he said. "Good barbecue
in Wichita. Make sure you get your share."

Somewhere in Wichita there ^{probably} was very good barbecue. But not in Mrs. Turtle's house. Her house was strictly vegetarian. Nothing with hooves, feathers, shells or scales appeared on her table. Seven grains and seven greens, ^{eat one of each, and only that} she said, and you lived forever. Which she planned to do and no, she wasn't about to cash in these Savings bonds her husband left her for anybody let alone somebody who drove a car over a child and left ~~the~~ it there. even if he was her only son.

"Oh. He didn't know it was a ^{little} kid. Eddie thought it was a

"What?" asked Mrs. Turtle. "What did he think it was?"

"He wouldn't do that, Mrs. Turtle. Eddie loves kids." He asked me to bring him a Bible

"Little ^{him} sure you've known ^{him} less than a growing season. I've known him all his life.

Yes mam

"You think I'm going to let him put me in the poor house so he can ~~pay~~ ^{dumb} a lawyer ~~times~~ can stay rich?"

No. Mam

Well. then. Don't say another word about it. You want some supper or not?

He'll sell it.
He's sold it
by now.
Sawyer
looked
away

1973
Skyline
84 days
Attended out
Went to
Abortion legal
Sepico
Hacks "Killing
me softly"

"Yes ma'm"

The grain was wheat bread; the green was Kale. ^{Strong} tea washed ~~it~~ ^{them both} down.

Mrs. Purtille did not offer a bed for the night so Seneca walked hitched her duffel and walked toward the center of town. in

Wichita; ~~air was~~ ^{soft air} smooth.

She had not quit her job to make this trip, but the supervisor made it clear that an absence of 2 days ^{soon was not} ~~lastly was~~ ^{was not} to Seneca's advantage.

Seneca sat in the bus station thinking of her junky, junky life: a ^{hit and run} ~~hit and run~~ boy friend; who left a child to die three maybe four flakey ~~and~~ friends in the house they shared; ~~no~~ No money, no prospects until she completed night school for her GED. ^{at} which her friends ~~groggled~~