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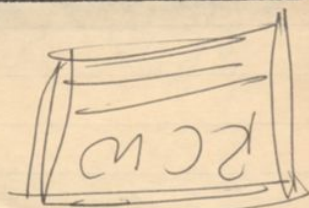
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She said "Where will you bury them?"  
He said "Bury who? What you talking?"

So she sat in the back yard and,  
right on time he came.

What do I do. What do we do now?

My father <sup>got</sup> ~~has~~ a farm. <sup>over</sup> Yonder

A farm?

His fields ~~are~~ green all the time

He had a friend named  
Corrie, <sup>she</sup> had green eyes.

Yes. Like that.

Does it rain there?

Yes. ~~But~~ Only when the sun shines. <sup>The</sup> Rain falls from a blue <sup>Papa's place</sup> ~~blue~~ sky.

Merle's belly button poked out and ~~where~~  
~~kissing it~~ ~~she kissed it~~ he laughed

Kissing it made him laugh.

Grace - forgot road she had  
ever seen. A farm just ahead

a man a woman touching

Sereca

The door swung open and there she  
was. (Hadn't changed her dress ~~set~~ either

Sounds lovely. Papa  
you'd like him  
Sure + maybe  
I believe you.  
(over)



You go back much?

Yes mam.

Honey smiled,

What else is there?

Lost things. Can you find them there?

Every thing you ~~was~~ lost is there

Is it  
~~It's~~ a finding place?

Oh Yes mam. It's a finding place.

You ~~would~~ like it

A real finding place.

I believe you. I really do.

puca



I W "Nowhere in Sight"

the next morning

Rev. Misner

Slept poorly - which surprised him

was surprised by how well he

Slept. The evening's meeting <sup>the night before</sup> with the Morgans and Fleebwoods had made him uneasy; ~~Some~~

back There was a grizzly in the guest, invisible but making it impossible, <sup>deft movement</sup>

Upstairs he'd made the women laugh well make anyway - Young mother Sweetie <sup>smiles but</sup> stayed <sup>straight</sup> and no wonder. Her eye was ever on her children. A lean, a

such of air - she made quick practiced

K.D.  
1970  
Grace



adjustments. But ~~her~~ her  
eyes were accusatory. What  
~~Jay~~ <sup>could she</sup> ~~was there~~ <sup>like</sup> to ~~be~~ <sup>amused</sup>  
about? And why would  
he try?

He had better luck with  
Mable F. — who ~~seemed~~  
was delighted enough with  
his remarks to prolong their  
conv. Still he believed she  
was hiding something  
downstairs — <sup>were</sup> the men  
~~was~~ he had assembled once  
He learned what happened  
at the Oven. — And the  
grizzly.

He fought his pillow for  
a moment and convinced



They were nagging thoughts  
the thought would keep him  
awake - put in the

Amra -  
Army. he wrote as if  
from the next life  
refusing him sleep in

himself that the end was  
Satisfactory. Tempers banked,  
a resolution surfaced - peace  
declared.

Jefferson's <sup>skin</sup> ~~temper~~ was  
thin and thinning. But  
it was K. D. who made him  
X. Too ~~aggressive~~ <sup>quick</sup> to agree?  
Apologize.

Devious, <sup>males</sup> <sup>who hit women - and a 15yr old?</sup>  
Then later, as Rev. Musner

warned the X the Amra Flood  
brought <sup>him</sup> for his supper.

Let <sup>him</sup> washed out of the window  
And seen him <sup>(Speeding down Central in</sup>  
uncle's Impala.] - Guinny.

What, wandered, M,  
Could he expect to  
find on the road at  
30 at night

What  
does he  
think he was  
doing?  
his  
relations  
with  
Dech & St.  
Wounded  
Protect head  
but it was  
hard to  
like a  
man who  
relied  
on that



~~As a whimper.~~ insert p. 163

Mavis  
Grace  
Seneca  
Divine

When  
Anna Flood said "See. Look at him."  
~~as~~ sleek's sedan circled the oven  
and cruised slowly by her store.

Why does he have to hover like that?

↑ He's just checking on things) <sup>to save.</sup>  
Mesmer. ~~I looked up from the~~ <sup>said</sup>  
~~that he went back to arranging~~ <sup>laying</sup>  
the fire. He's got a right. It's sort of his  
town ~~wasn't~~ <sup>wasn't</sup> you say?

- "No. it aint. What makes you say that?"

- Well he and Steward - they sort of  
founded it, didn't they?"

- Who ~~has~~ you been talking to? \* Fifteen  
families founded it. Fifteen. One was  
my father; another my Cousin -

You know what I mean.

I do not - "Anna peeped into the darkness  
under the stairs. trying to see the bottom."

The money. <sup>said</sup> The Morgans had the  
money. I guess I should say they  
financed the town - not founded it.  
The Cat snarled at her while Anna looked so  
You wrong there too. Every body  
pitched in. That bank idea was just

\* Anna slid a pan of sloppy meat leavings and  
cereal near the back stairs. The vicious cat,  
turned vicious ~~and~~ by motherhood, stared at her.

A. James  
to R.M.



Coffee on stove

Small Electric heater



a way of doing it. <sup>Farrell's</sup> bought  
shares in it, <sup>you know</sup> instead of <sup>just</sup> making deposits.

Messier nodded and wiped his  
hands. He didn't want another argument.  
Anna couldn't ~~refused to~~ <sup>understand</sup>  
the difference between investing and  
cooperating. Just as she refused to believe  
the woodstove gave more heat than her little electric heater.

"They had the resources, that's all," she  
said. ~~from Big Daddy's~~ <sup>their father's</sup> bank in  
Panama. He was my great uncle. We called  
him Big Daddy, but his name was -

- "I know," Messier said. Rector  
Rector Morgan. His bank failed, but he  
didn't.

I mean they had enough so  
we could start over. ~~I know~~ <sup>I know</sup> what  
you're thinking - but can you <sup>can't</sup> honestly  
say it didn't work? People prosper  
here. Every body.

"As long as there's credit  
Every body's riding on credit, Anna.  
That's not the same thing.

So?

So what if the credit ~~seems~~ gone?

It can't be gone. We own the  
bank - the bank doesn't own us.

Of course  
down - bank  
in the 30's  
But it  
wasn't  
close out

Anna



"Aw, Anna." You don't understand.

+ Richard  
Thurmer I own <sup>this</sup> store. My daddy died -  
it's mine. I don't pay <sup>no</sup> rent - <sup>no</sup>  
mortgage. town fees. I buy ~~things~~ <sup>things</sup>  
I sell ~~at~~ things - the overcharge is  
mine.

You're lucky. <sup>What about</sup> the <sup>farm?</sup> ~~farmer?~~ <sup>may not</sup>  
~~be~~ ~~surpassing~~ ~~it~~ ~~crop~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~farmer~~ ~~say~~  
2 years in a row. Does X get to  
take his share out? Borrow on it?  
Sell it to the bank? What?

I don't know but I do know  
Whatever he does ~~the~~ it's no  
gain to the Bank for him to lose it.  
So they'd give him money to buy  
seed guards whatever.

You mean lend him the money.

Richard making my head ache.  
Where you came from all that might  
be true, Ruby's different.

Hope so

Is so. Any problems brewing  
~~is~~ is not with credit money. ~~its~~  
~~something else.~~



The re-engager

New commitments had been

Suave - but something valuable  
had been pawned and ~~remained~~  
the claim ticket lost



What is it?

Can't put my finger on it. But I don't like ~~the way~~ <sup>Peck's face looks when he's</sup> ~~the way~~ <sup>prodding around</sup> ~~here~~ <sup>checking</sup> ~~the Over~~ <sup>every day</sup>

They're just kids.

He should ~~talk~~ <sup>talk</sup> to their parents - not go hunting for them like he's a Sheriff. Kids need more than what's here.

<sup>you</sup> <sup>told me</sup> <sup>the murder of Martin Luther</sup> <sup>that's why you left.</sup> ~~that's why you left.~~

~~Yes that's why.~~ Yes I don't regret it <sup>one bit</sup> ~~either~~ - even tho' it didn't work out.

Well I <sup>am</sup> glad it didn't.

Anna returned his touch and ~~I'm worried about the~~ <sup>Brother</sup> - ~~Marie~~ <sup>Marie</sup> we have to think of something <sup>more than</sup> youth picnics, and choir <sup>practices</sup> and Bible class

~~Of course we do.~~ What about her?

She came in here and I knew she had something on her mind - but the truck was ~~late~~ <sup>late</sup> with my goods so I



3. felt obliged to pick up a little  
something before they left.



was short with her.

Which is to say what?

She's gone. At least I think so.  
Nobody ~~has~~ has seen her.

What'd her mother say?

Shrugs Pat's hard to talk to, ~~But~~ ~~Kate~~ Kate  
asked her about Billie-Marie. She  
just ~~answered~~ answered the question with  
another. "Why <sup>do</sup> you need to know  
that?" ~~She~~ She and Kate are close too.

You think she's courting harm? She  
couldn't just disappear without anybody  
knowing.

I don't know what I think.

Roger should know. He's her  
grandfather.

You ask him. Not me.

What is all this feeling about Roger.  
I've been here 2 years (?) and I ~~can't~~ <sup>can't</sup> make  
out why ~~somebody~~ people freeze around  
him. Is it his mortuary business?

Probably. That and well he



(2)

She kept hog head <sup>cheese</sup> in the  
cooler as her father had along  
with <sup>local butter</sup> ~~A~~ and X. ~~But~~ <sup>her</sup> canned  
goods, <sup>rice</sup> dried beans, sugar, syrup,  
Baking soda, ~~salt~~ <sup>flour</sup> salt, <sup>catnip</sup> ~~all~~

The goods nobody wanted to  
make at home — took up  
space. <sup>once used</sup> ~~kept~~ for  
cloth, work shoes, light tools,  
Kerosene.

Now, <sup>and</sup> Sargeant sold the shoes, tools  
and ~~the~~ <sup>along with seed</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>and</sup> the rest.

Concentrated on ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> home-made  
the smaller

Comfort and  
flexibility. <sup>because</sup> she let

X <sup>cut</sup> ~~the~~ hair in the back sometimes,  
on Saturday, ~~the crowd~~  
shopping increased. Because

she had a nice habit, she got  
~~the~~ incidental trade customers who

mayonnaise  
paper products  
needles  
thread  
patterns  
~~stitch~~

X's  
Drugstore  
Said <sup>thrice</sup>  
needles  
thread  
cottons  
medicine  
Santary  
Napkins  
Stationery  
pushing alcohol



prepared his own wife.

Oh.

That's something to think about.

Still.

~~I believe~~ You know you ~~do~~ <sup>right</sup> smart  
~~something~~ about weather. ~~It really is~~  
~~going~~ This is the 3rd time I disbelieved  
you and ~~you were~~ <sup>was proved</sup> wrong.

The  
The  
The  
Nani  
Nani  
Nani

~~Messier~~ joined her at the window  
~~The temperatures~~

Just touching the pane. ~~they~~ could tell? had  
dropped suddenly into the teens.

So ahead  
Light it, she said laughing,  
~~I'll put the pot~~ ~~It'll keep a pot~~

happy to be wrong  
if it made this man she adored right.

~~There were~~ <sup>who</sup>  
~~Warren~~ disapproved of his  
interest in her - nobody else -  
But Anna thought they just didn't



Strange, silly, invasive.  
She felt as tho they were  
~~discussing~~ ~~asking~~ questions  
her pubic hair, arm hair.



like the way she ~~was~~ kept hair.

Unstraightened

The conversations <sup>been forced to have</sup> she had <sup>when she'd come back</sup> <sup>↑</sup> ~~this~~ <sup>↑</sup> she had walked but naked down  
As subject raised more passion  
As tho' she were

they would have commented  
on her hair.

solicited more opinions,  
~~most~~ summoned more anger.

She probably would have changed  
it again + straightened it ~~it~~ ex-  
cept it clarified so much for her  
in the days when she was confused  
about so much. <sup>else</sup> Instantly she could  
identify friends, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> those  
who weren't and recognize the well-  
<sup>managed - the</sup> hypocrites, <sup>the threatened</sup> and the insecure. Like a  
geiger counter <sup>she believed</sup> not registered the  
intensity of deep down rumble  
a rumbling, deep-down disorder.

I'll make coffee, said Anna.  
This might get serious.

TK ↑ ①②③

A car drove up and  
parked so close to the door  
they could see the ~~face~~  
fear in the baby's eyes  
hair for the ~~face~~ face.

it wasn't a  
permanent choice  
or a statement

- Nancy  
Morgan  
loved it;  
Pat hated it.  
Beck and  
Stanward  
shook their  
heads -



1 Ace Flood <sup>had kept</sup> ~~had~~ more larger quantities  
~~was~~ in his store than ~~Anna~~ his  
daughter did. But what Ace's groce

lacked now in amount - it gained in  
variety and style ~~of Anna~~ <sup>she</sup> said

her own candy <sup>and pies</sup> as well as the lots  
she picked up in Lemby. She had

3 kinds of Soda instead of one.

Some <sup>families</sup> She thought ~~about~~ <sup>sold</sup> settling the  
black-as-eight-oak poppers the  
Convent grew - but they went so  
fast and getting <sup>way</sup> but there wasn't  
always any.

She'd offered free coffee on  
cold days. Put out two chairs and a small  
table for those who drove in from  
farms and wanted to rest a while,

And since adults never frequented  
the Oven next to the store - unless it  
was a celebration - she catered  
to young competitors.



The driver, ~~a white~~ a city-dressed  
man in his 40's, got out and  
entered Ace's Groc.

Hello there

Yes, sir?

We ~~seem to be~~ lost <sup>some</sup> ~~some~~  
back. Looking for 21 West.

Misner stepped forward and  
gave directions.

Don't expect there's a doctor  
~~or there~~ around here.

No, sir.

Somebody sick

The baby. We've well supplied  
but ~~the~~ cough medicine.

Drugstore'll have it.

I didn't see no drugstore.

Tell me what you want, I'll get it.



You all can come in to warm  
but no place to sit,

No thanks. We'll keep the  
motor on.

You got far?

West Texas

Better far up on 21 - Blizzard  
Coming.

The man laughed. Blizzard?

The wife honked the horn. He  
went out - ~~rubbing~~ his arms against  
the cold - and returned ~~to the~~ <sup>with</sup> place  
an order: peppermints, peanut butter  
Crackers, <sup>3</sup> Royal Gums

When the family was settled,  
having distributed the snacks - Mission  
returned - with the Cough Syrup,  
~~followed by~~ Steward followed close  
on his heels looking ~~for~~ for Blue Boy



"Who is all that?" he asked  
pointing to the van.

Just some lost people, needing  
directions.

"Lost whites, or lost people"

Oh Steward, please, <sup>Anna handed him</sup>  
<sup>the large tin of tobacco</sup>  
"Big difference Anna. Big. Right  
Reverend?"

God has one people, Steward.  
<sup>I've heard you say things</sup> <sup>out of ignorance</sup>  
<sup>But this</sup> <sup>that's</sup> <sup>is the</sup> <sup>first time I heard</sup>  
you say something based on ignorance."

Misner smiled and was about to answer  
when the man came in to pay what  
he owed.

Steward, looking closely at the van -  
<sup>its occupants</sup>  
the condition of its tires - said, "You  
"Blizzard heading this way. You might want  
to ride it out somewhere - Gas station  
on 17. Won't go no further than that."



only to see about  
Dorothy and  
pick  
pumpkin water, milk  
down and storing up since  
it was in for  
to back, syrup, and few other items

Man laughed. Blizzard? Out  
of Texas? I doubt that. I'll gap up on it  
~~to be on the~~ <sup>crossing the</sup> ~~border~~ <sup>state line</sup> ~~tonite~~.

He thanked Miss for his  
help, paid him and ~~got~~ <sup>drove</sup> his family  
away.

"They never listen," said Steward.  
He had been storing hay, &  
Say Steward, have you seen Roger's  
Granddaughter, Bertha Marie? Anna  
said nobody's seen her.

Uh uh. What should I see her for?  
Of course I haven't asked her  
mother.

You want get nothing there, I said  
Thinking No boy loss. "That" Reminds me, ~~he~~  
he continued

Leech told me he saw Sweetie  
this morning - just walking, on out of town?

Sweetie? Missie asked.

Out the house, Anna sounded disbelief  
Out of town? Asked.  
~~Not Sweetie~~, Missie

Leech swears it was her.



Must have been

Saw her this morning

Looked to me  
Lily <sup>^</sup> ~~She passed~~ by my house  
I thought she was going to knock  
but she turned around  
and headed back toward center.  
~~I thought~~ she was going ~~to~~ home.

~~Must not have~~ <sup>didn't</sup> She h said  
she was way past Sargeant's -  
walking marching like a soldier  
didn't he stop her?

~~Would have~~ but <sup>he</sup> was  
opening up the bank. "When he  
~~went~~ looked back out, <sup>couldn't see</sup>  
her.

Misner frowned; Anna <sup>interrupted</sup>  
any thing he might <sup>be about to</sup> say with  
"Coffee's Ready. Want some?"

Both men did.

Somebody better speak to Jeff.  
~~the~~ <sup>They turned then and looked out the side</sup> a tiny part of the sky <sup>with some orange</sup> flashed  
a water-color palette - orange, peach,  
minty green - pearlescent blue - the rest  
of the sky, ~~was~~ pewter, seemed to  
brighten this sweet/odd sunbreak



But it lasted ~~for~~ a full minute.

~~and~~ <sup>before</sup> the lead solidified  
~~over~~ <sup>over</sup> a relentless wind.

The first snow was <sup>stinging</sup> pellets.  
~~to stinging~~ not melting } popping  
~~around~~ with the wind.

After ~~(less than)~~ an hour <sup>or so</sup> it ~~changed~~ <sup>began</sup>.  
~~to~~ covering every thing. There was

it  
stopped  
its  
popping  
and  
began to  
lie down  
~~and~~

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Dean

1 A