

Natalia Panzer's
Missing Chicken
2014

and to say again by chance, that reassuring word

— *Julio Cortázar, trans. Anne McLean, From the Observatory*

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Cocteau and a car radio.
Fire in a mtn. town.
From rain comes dairy.
Half or hamsa.
Old olive groves.
Wild thyme.
An organ drifts by.

My homework has been handed down to me.
The common lung this world an eye.
The separation of feet.
The separation of hands.
The separation of lungs.
One liver.
Glued paper.
Ech plant, ech floure.
Tertian malaria, Velázquez died of.

Zucchini, Italy, fifteenth century.
Tomato, a river fruit.
O woe of off-whites.
O 8 unfolded to O.
 An orange cat.
 Orange bread.
 A pear going blue
 alone in a wooden bowl.

Floral Shoppe

Someone's playing Macintosh Plus in a bar in Glasgow.

A triangle splits off into eight-tenths.

Frame—a painting of a house.

Fade—the house.

Symmetrical doors reveal similar rooms.

Translators updated and in motion.

Gaul. Frencisce menn.

Frensc mon. Frankis man.

Frensshemen.

Ou or Eu

or Neo.

ME—OE—Ofris—OHG—MHG—G—ON

Poland comes back after disappearing.

Castagno comes back after disappearing.

Telephone comes back after disappearing.

I've memorized all my memories.

Ad manum: at hand.

Ad aureim: in ear.

Ad noctem: ready for night.

Advanced Water

Ovid's banishment from Rome by Augustus.

Books removed from libraries.

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Julius Caesar set fire to the library of Alexandria in 48 BC.

700,000 volumes destroyed at the library in 642 AD.

Gizzi was born on February 13.

Periodically it may have disappeared under the sea.

Musicke. Hydeous. Swolne. Perswasion. Sinne. Subtill.

Has Unemgängkucger: that which cannot be got round.

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Artificial Garden

Blue flowers on the scarf, and palms.

Flowers on the bag.

Red flowers on the tin.

A branch on the bowl.

Vines on the curtain.

Yellow roses on a black dress.

A Hawaiian shirt.

Bamboo on the wall.

Flowers on the sheets.

Flowers on the pillows.

A flower on the lamp.

The Japanese Shinto Ritual of Dondo-Yaki

Ears larger than the head.
Raccoons wash their food when near water.
Rice rats only in swamps.

Wood rabbit.
Snow rabbit.
Swamp rabbit.

Bones connect and release.
Lil Wayne gets seizures from Lean.
After that thy Lexer ys

Be hit White or Rede I wys.
Repetition of tendons.
The ordering of buildings into squares.

Sensitive snouts and sensory hair
on the front feet and tail
keep moles from bumping into tunnel walls.

At times, land bridges formed from Asia to America
and new mammals traveled over
to compete with, and sometimes replace, existing species.

A line, a web above
and below the table:
build up, residue, label.

The names we made don't remember us.
They have moved on ahead of us.
Behind glass.

Into a room in no detail.
High ceiling, arched bridge.
Blue grapes along a gate.

The earliest known reference to London
is dated 61 AD, in Tacitus.
Frederick Law Olmstead

envisioned a city connected by green areas.
The Canterbury Plains,
where the moa once roamed in great numbers.

Bowls always steaming.
Boats are towed toward the sea.
Ask pronounced Ax.

It was until the sixteenth century.
A push considered slowly.
Ten cent cups of coffee.

Onion is not Salt.
Salt is not Everything.
Instructions read in only one direction.

I am, here,
one i of a pyramid.
The mouth opens all at once.

Of persons: saying nothing, silent.
Of animals: no cry.
Of objects: making no sound.

The List of Extinct and Endangered Species

Predatory frogs.

Renaissance astrologer and medical practitioner Aemelia Lanyer.

Cheeks puffed with it, pockets filled with it, a herd turned for it.

It wasn't the earth that swallowed them. Was it the air?

The nine surviving copies of *Salve Deus Rex Judaeorum*

fall into two groups, showing two typesettings

and with different dedicatory poems bound in with the main sheets.

Designed and Printed at White Rabbit

by Graham Mackintosh, June 10, 1965

Box 2836, San Francisco

24 Allen St., San Francisco

Miron

Eat the whole apple.

Albinos in towers.

Worn, a robe down into a road.

Humans world the earth.

Round out the rats.

Walkers with their house on their heads.

It is said that we have in one eye a STI

and also in the other eye a STI

and in both, when we look, a STI.

It's noon but night closes in.

Remembering nothing is remembering everything.

Earth is floating and sinking.

It's morning.

Most of me has fallen from my window in dreams.

As, in summer, a book, now, in spring, a magazine.

In cities below the river, trees walk on forever.

I see my number calling me but never answer.

On my own now.

I eat, I drink, I grow.

Bite my toenails down to the phone

and ring it

and a pre-recorded Panzer answers

and asks what I want and I say

—Howe, Celan, Halo,

Miron, Marker, Land,

Osman, Carson, Dupré,

Jodorowsky are all around me.

I study them, I devour them with fury.

Wrote Joan at twenty.

Wet Fax

One thousand pages.

Thick blocks of wood.

Oranges and lemons.

A glitch in seasonal systems.

To, up to, into, to the house of,

to X's, to the temple of,

outside the walls of, near,

off a port or shore, on the side next to,

in the direction of . . .

A pattern of bridges.

A camel that sinks

and a lake that rises.

25. Twenty-seven

Ringtail, Caoti.
Kangaroo Rats and Mice.
New World Rats and Mice.
Voles and Lemmings.
Old World Rats and Mice
and Jumping Mice.
Webs for swimming.
Words written in English
tell me the same thing twice.

A road forks.
I move toward tall windows.
Fading cows.
Defrosted moss.
A bean field.
Blackberry leaves.
Seaweed greening.
Mirrors organize everything.
Names and faces.
Face being a word.
Name being a word.
A shrew is a type of mole.
A being a non-repetitive sound.
B being one sound repeated.
C being many sounds.

I am a noise far ahead of me.
Hours in front and on the side.
Abandoned buildings in Barcelona
but the bathrooms are full.
A pot that boils and boils for no one.
Dstnc. rnd. n. crcls.
Wody, the waters
Suzuki, the magic square.
A litre of water is suspended in the air
in the shape of a sphere
by counteracting wind tunnels.

Eyes open, matter is rearranged.
Eyes close, matter is rearranged.
When threatened by enemies
possums play possum and collapse as if dead.
Ephesus, Mary Magdalen died in.
Ephesus, the Virgin Mary may have died in.

Many ancient mammals died off, leaving no descendants.

Sakspere of Gloucestershire, hanged as a thief in 1248.

Noose from *nous* see *node*.

AngelVision Technologies

O Ce Biel Ciscjelda Udin.
Does the beaver stop at the end of its whiskers
or at the end of a beaver's dam?

Dictionary architecture.
Cloud country.
A blue haze enters the house.

And the log said let there be rain and there was rain.
Paros, home of the nymphs.
Delphi, home of the oracle.

English, to pack.
Polish, pakować.
One by one, I close my eyes.

Andrea del Castagno's *Last Supper*
was painted at the Convent of Sant'Apollonia
in 1447.

In 1860, terbia was known as erbia.
After 1877, erbia was known as terbia.
A body mixed together.

Knives through flour.
Worm milk.
Pale-green milk.

Tapeworm.
A green flag.
Disintegrating squares.

A pale object.
Green wood.
Ghost slowness.

Split-repetition.
Acceleration.
Reverse motion.

The ancient Russian tradition
of anonymous female lamentation
at funerals and burial ceremonies.

Americans detonated the first atomic bomb
at Alamogordo, New Mexico
on July 16, 1945

at sunrise.
Heat from the blast
fused the desert sand to glass.

Swallows, boats.
Daylight lasts 20 hours.
A green voice:

Abt. 6 'o clock put some Hemp in the Rivr. to Rot.
Iron is mostly a byproduct of bacterial metabolism.
A tree includes fungi and lichen.

A tree farm.
A human pattern.
A box within a sphere.

The 40th century.
Tall grass grows outside of rise and fall.
The chicken and the bacon through the oven once more.

Little by little it subsided.
The chickens crept back.
The rabbits ran, chased by a rooster.

Bologna, Carracci.
Parma, Agostino.
Rome, Annibale.

Flag Flutter & US Electric, 1966.
Clark Coolidge, 1967.
Ing, 1968.

Space, 1970.
The So, 1971.
Suite V, 1973.

The Maintains, 1974.
Polaroid, 1975.
Quartz Hearts, 1978.

Own Face, 1978 (republished 1993).
Smithsonian Depositions/Subject To a Film, 1980.

American Ones, 1981.

A Geology, 1981.

Research, 1982.

Mine: the One That Enters the Stories, 1982.

The Crystal Text, 1986.

Solution Passage: Poems 1978-1981, 1986.

Melencolia, 1987.

Mesh, 1988.

At Egypt, 1988.

Sound as Thought: Poems 1982-1984, 1990.

Odes of Roba, 1991.

The Book of During, 1991.

The Rova Improvisations, 1994.

Yang: Do not use the hidden dragon.

Image: Do not use the hidden dragon when positive energy is low.

Positive energy: When you see the dragon in the field.

A photocopy of a photocopy.

Shadows of plastic animals.

A vast vegetable silence without end.