A Bouquet of Mispers

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Mirage

Maybe my masticated messiness is just a map of moments measured by memories and me, missing my mom's meals.

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When you opened your mouth and let me in You fed me back my life In perfectly shaped bubbles

On

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ledge

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of

mythical floor.

Your lips tasted like the nothing I've always yearned for And the everything I never knew.

Clasping unto you under the sheets Felt as free as reading an Anais Nin book Naked in the wind

Air never tasted this good We gulped it like new born children And exhaled like dying adults.

There are days I miss you Days where I yearn for nothing and everything Days where I climb into an elevator

And search for the 13th floor

And remember it is

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in

my mind.

the violin soundrack to violation

Crunching sawdust numbs the apathy, Thumbtacks on tongues bleed gradually.

Trust is given in shards, And taken away with blades.

Such nights where I am your tongue, Your beast, Your little slut.

Those nights where I shut out what is human To survive what is not.

Such mornings where I swallow two more nails With a shot of your indifference.

Love is given in tastes, And taken away by bulimics.

I binge on adrenaline, And wake up to a deafening emptiness,

Hungover from the dreaded masochism That courses through my veins.

And just like a broken record, We do it again.

(In a desert

In a desert of dry thoughts Under rays of what is sought Your mirage I have caught So my thirst for you is fought.

combating a whirlpool of clickes

(a.k.a Sculpting The Everlasting Honeymoon)

We once bathed on the moon Me and you in a crater The lukewarm water filled with gems and musk salt The color of your eyes.

The crisp sound of your fingers Plunging into the water Kept us alive On the stone planet we worshiped.

I painted the shadow your right shoulder blade Left behind, With frosted love that I kept For those special moments.

You turned around to love me And your gaze Like freshness Baptized me.

You looked so beautiful Wrapped in that blue vapor blanket With the stars' shadows painting your skin With silver white silhouettes.

And once you unwrapped yourself You sat naked on the crater edge, Legs dangling, As though you were five. My eyes devoured The outlines I knew so well And fell in love again,

In love with the child playing in your mind In love with the emaciated man that haunts your saddened eyes In love with the lover that stands In announcement of his manhood.

After we dried off each other's bodies, You sucked out my spirit And made love to it On a sea of marbles,

Each defiantly containing The words I could never find, Words for each time I wanted to say "I love you" Without the cliché.

scented surrender

He stood tall with his dictator whip Lashing out with subtle sadism.

Never had someone tied me up so sweetly And scarred me so softly.

I lay patiently Holding upright a candle fed to me By my lover,

Wrapped up in plastic passion A river of excitement trickled down my legs As warm wax trickled down my chest.

With leftover wax chips in my mouth And the scent of vanilla in every pour,

Blind-folded And paralyzed (with him in my mouth),

l never saw freedom So clearly,

(And it never tasted this good)

He came, Having quietly discovered that which made my subservience possible.

ertomy Be

Dear Beloved,

I feel you closer. You seem to be able to collapse time like an accordion and get close enough to make me giggle and blush.

I wonder what adventures we've already been on.

Have we danced through the cosmos as stardust? Have we swam through the oceans of another planet? Have we shared jokes in another language Laughing so hard we cry?

Have we smelled flowers with scents beyond our wildest dreams? Have we giggled through sonic vibrations across the universe? Have we traveled to each others heart and back A million times already?

the vanquished beginnings

The vanquished beginnings That never ended Sit in the closet Not breathing Trying to be unheard

And she sits in the middle Of the white room Gasping for the breath That beginnings cannot find

Trying to erase The ends that Cannot exist

Trying to reclaim The final reprint of hope.

the ravens daughter

she let me kiss her eyes today and the charcoal that outlines the sordid owl in her.

in them I saw traces of a naked body underneath a sheet of lavender dust underneath black fishnet stockings.

I knew her eyes were adopted by the raven flying overhead,

in circles it flew,

invisible to the others.

I saw

the pale white that powders her exhaustion the persistent gaze of one who pains for the shelter of hidden crevices.

she did not hide.

her hair blackened by the candle's mark jasmine blossoms trailing down the strands. her lips shone red swollen, by the consistent biting of Human Presence.

she smelled of olive oil and eucalyptus her eyes her mouth her hair. the warm moss of forest beds is where she lay beside the wild lilacs that fed off her skin's tranquility.

in circles, she walked.

I felt like a child struck by the raven's secret as she undressed me slowly.

only her eyes and me Naked With the Raven as our only witness.

delightful snacking

I pick up a fig And think of you.

As my fingernails dig into its pale green skin I remember my hands clutching your hair while our tongues danced and our breathing stopped.

The roundness bursts open Exposing the hundreds of seeds inside to my hot breath.

l squeeze it And my mouth takes it in.

It feels cold and moist And I remember the warm feeling of you in me.

As the seeds delightfully pop under my teeth I think of you And your delicious mind.

l swallow And feel satisfied.

As I deliberate this intense fulfillment, I smile And realize that I eat a fig The same way I want to devour you.