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for Inga Muscio

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anathema / / when you name (that) / / make sheath / / symbiotic / /—[not]—with you & carry (that) name until the taste isn't questioned / / (that) word / / the sour part / / tongue collective / / & why dress / / versions of ourselves / / before we can even speak / / before we even know what (that) means / / ...

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emit sound to
womb, analyse foetal
—cell—pre-empt vein
colour spattered against nursery walls
...
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begin to etch / / first abrasions / / border territory / / upon (that) place / / before we even know / / what we are cutting / / or what it's for / / versions of ourselves / / curved / / chaste / /

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intrude fibers / / develop / / wax // tugged // flesh against // & knot / / sporadic ooze / / pus tear as aesthetic / / of choice / / —always choice— / / ...

the best type
of advertisement
—consumer—faith that choice
was theirs
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desire / / or [at least] the / / thirst for it / / burst-birthed through plastic chrysalis / / sold ourselves / / advertised (that) place / / we don't yet know / / we own / / suck-in / / pull youth / / over peaked / / rib protruded / / create the need / / for stillness / / carved as marble / / bone can be molded / / ruminate why (that) thing / / is not / / taut hymen / / straight / / line (that) foundation / / we built / / our image upon / / ...

this construct instilled to nestle rip open its legs see where —they fit amalgamate // synthetic material // sliced // skin // formed scum / / amass portions / / gorge on / / [user] friendly diet / / fed / / choked / / on the same meat / / lodged thorax / / shrapnel / / swallow polite / / venereal dormancy / / (that) which was 'made' not born // again (that) choice // medicine for (that) passive administration / / ... segue control prescription inscribed within a body we think we design inquisition / / rubble (m)other shrine / / & rape / / those who don't // remain under nail // or spit // the tooth milked // of

(that) worship / / from a mouth / / coagulating forms / / red earth / / Kunda / / (that) word / / fouled / / diaboli tongued / / reduced to plosive / / to hole / / to potent devolution / / &

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others // carrion pulped // until all (that) is remembered for // is the smell // ....

victor regulate
language as history punctuated
until origin is barely recognisable
....
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& (that) first stentorian / / roared soil / / excretion / / dislocates / / worth / / lunar cycles / / shame / / days / / without action / / curse necessary / / this filthy existence / / again turned / / the first word / / (that) tremored / / womb earth / / bore from (that) place / / blood / / meaning life / / refuted for latter / / to keep (that) taxed / / & clean / / ...

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