

Salt ^{on} the Slugs

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PHOTO 12-1. Conformity in dress and appearance often suggests conformity in attitudes and beliefs as well.



WELCOME

to the first uninhibited
issue of SALT ON THE
SLUGS, an alternative
to the generic. We hope
you enjoy it.

Love & condoms,
the Editor



UNFINISHED

in the glow of a candle
beneath the humming, vibrant wings of the soulmother
we shared our hearts, minds, souls, visions, love and pain
smiling as we smashed icons with a thought
staring across the abyss
at shallow people laughing and stumbling stupidly

i reached out for a dream
and cooled my burned hands with a glass of beer

Rich Leonard

Good wishes statistically kill more.
Masochistic maidens, therefore, show
yourselves to the demons that be.
Love's venom must have its while
To form into infinity.

Amy Jackson

GIVE TO TAKE

The subtlety of evil intentions
Draws and holds as an incantation
Delivered over circles and spheres.
This mesmerizing maleficence binds fast
With sticky strands, making the game
Of fly and spider easier. I expose my veins
To the rending of black fingernails, unable
To cut them myself.

Suspended by your emotions
higher than your reason
The time is fresh, beautiful,
prone to twists and kinks.
Understanding isn't the key;
happiness would be ideal,
considering the moment.
Wondering of the future, and
actually knowing the end,
is better than not.
The momentary lifetime we live,
afterward to become a memory,
or maybe a dream.
A world where love is free,
happiness is sadness, and
regret doesn't exist.
I now know what was missing
and what I will continue to
look for, waiting as long as
needed.

Anonymous

i dreamt once, for an eternity
of a warm, lavender place
with satin sheets and candles
and your lips

a burning dagger plunged blindly into my mind's eye
my dream turned dark
heaven was engulfed in flames and my heart's blood

yet innocence prevails



Rich Leonard

COWS

Once again
the world we know is
created before us.

It's newness given away by
orange brilliance that
will fade with use

We sleep standing up. When
the world disappeared we
were left standing thoughtless as
monuments to yesterday's life.

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For so long I wanted to
erase the events of
yesterday and be a newborn baby.

I pretended that that was
someone else and last night
was kept awake watching
my relations (Partial
reflections of me).

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This morning a calf ran away from
the herd after its mother told
it to be quiet.

The youth was thinking how great
it would be to be self-reliant-

to not conform or upset those
with whom he wanted to share his
feelings.

He will be back. So much
insight will explode in one
body. Those who will take him
to heart will bring him back.

I know. Our paths crossed as I
was coming back into the fold.

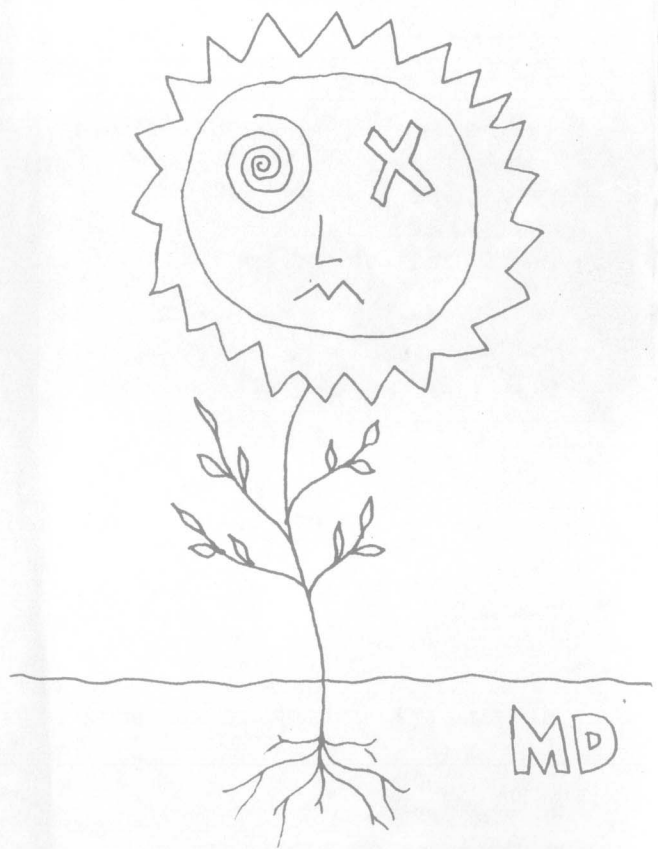
Jimmy had noticed the man's beautifully strong arms early in the tour. He continued to stare but evaded the gentleman's glances to keep from being embarrassed. Later the guide turned into the corridor on the right. Jimmy, however, took a left and arrived at the stairs which took him down to the ground floor. There he found and entered the men's room then proceeded to masturbate. "What beautifully strong arms," he thought. "Strong and magnificent."

opened to rear and front
a big gaping wind-whistling hole
stands out of the way and
in the middle of it...
the hole.
in.
out.
slowly ever so slowly so slowly that
you'd miss it if you didn't
know that it was moving so
slowly.
through the hole.
in
out
or is it
out
in.
mass immaterial
audio inaudible
tactile cold
like the metal railing outside
the front door that wakes
you up so you can find
the paper on Christmas morning.
cold.
like the snow.
tunneling
in
out
and
out
and
in
SLOWLY
like the fjord.

Robert Bruns, jr.

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KLING KLANG
jesus knocked
i pissed my pants
oh shit! my crystal is spotty
and i've got waxy yellow buildup
on my soul
praise the lord
and surpass the inhibition



"indians scattered on dawn's
highway bleeding,
ghosts crowd the young child's
fragile eggshell mind..."
T. Morrison