

honest as daylight.

togged out in

...lodged crosswise in his mind.

The past stretches from ^{him} ~~us~~ like a shadow, In one light,
it lengthens...another, a new shape is cast...

He knows too well he is alone here in ~~seeing~~
trials to be from no time to this.

Riley column: used

recognizable but mysterious

surprising

perplexing

in. shape

it takes.

The Indian tribes (Blackfeet after Marias Massacre) had gone to pieces under the white push...

white rural life similarly going to pieces now?

the plains, the West, as a field of maneuvers by greater forces (national, economic) ~~than~~ than any of the individuals trying to live there for the cycles of the land and seasons?

it takes tribalism--the Crows, the Navajos, the Mormons, the Hutterites--to survive in the West.

used

a Mariah file card in Eng Crk & Mariah storage box, under "misc.", has this from Jick:

They were all in memory and nowhere else now, the English Creek people of my younger years.

(did I use it in Mariah?)

This or such as this ...

Aboutface again, the next morning, back to...

Stewart ranch?
desert cabin

the pitchy night

WB

paperly existence

WB

whatever patient clock ticks out there in the night of the universe

How was it possible? (How was it not.)

Hugh to Darius?

That (argument) was a bit finespun for me.

..., on needles.

the wingbeats of...

to wherever they wanted to get to.

The enlivened OO...

the truth, or at least the hateful he was sure of.

History, that cross between magic and lunacy.

penumbra around the heart

a duel with peashooters

go by the albied cheaters' versions...

scrunched

all of a sudden older than Egypt.

Suddenly fractious, OO (climbed onto the bar)...

the tosspile of dreams

troika barn

4-horse troika

00's eyes hazed over.

one more time

ploughing sand (useless or endless ~~the~~ task)

(VH Collins, p. 178)

Why try? (possibly italicized, as interior thought?)

Hugh's line "All along the shores of Bohemia" cd be something like "the shores of
the Himalayas"

"You can purify yourself out of existence (little by little?)"--one of the other
Duffs to Darius in political argument?

Day 88 ?

WB

if the eye saw across time as it does distance...

(horizons) use a century-line ?

use amid Qn Chs, Swan looking at me?

unused in June '95 writing:

"Paint it all gold," Darius said airily. If he lived to be a hundred, he would never understand the whims of women. "I don't care," he added about the muss of the houseboat. "Hugh and Meg don't exactly live like grandee and grandora."

No, but they act towar

High dudgeon, Darius's favorite gear any more.

(attitude? Jealousy?), pervasive,...

(i.e., a usage where the modifier is simply unexpectedly amid the rest of the sentence)

The fact was

in front of their faces

Darius, abt. Dap'm to need /or radicalism.

Bucking

check to see if I used this w/ Karlsson and the Kolosh women in The Sea Runners:

--Those otter-smooth maneuvers of woman, tan breasts, brown buds of nipple,
the slickening, this and then this and yes this,....,

- He cd all but taste it, . top-of-mouth (sensation of . sexual
act coming)

rust: the rest (of a time, or of a memory) is rust (i.e., decline)

a season as a space (geography becomes time?) (earth is the calendar, the
clock the body knows)

Darius & radicalism?

He had had earlier goes at it.

Proxy?

working w/ Natl.

the whole schmier (everything, the whole bunch; check origin of schmier;
is schmierkase headcheese?)

9 March '94 work

the strident (sounds) of) damwork

high ideas

...with an exactness--the exactness still in her memory, hard-edged, unchanging--
like that of a...

see c Angels - Anna love scene?

~~the~~ white web of stars {above the Salmon River}

- earth caught in . mask of heaven

most secret

Night curtained off more than one stage of (Susan Duff's life.)

after life has had its say about our plans

(Something) did not have the good grace to...

The OO in him could wait no longer. (Hugh?) (ch. 2, when he goes downtown drinking?)

used in trilogy?

At least weather is a grievance capable of going.
that will pass.

plight

MT Lingo

brunt

took the brunt of it

Herself, Mariah was looking more impatient second by second.

used?

use with Mariah, looking at Riley:

"Doing that quick little toss of her head as if that would help sight in on him,..."

Montana women's rage (Mary Blew in Talking Up a Storm interview)

Mt M T

mine the scenery (current town of Twin Sulphur Sprgs is trying to do)

--the only thing left to mine...

Endings

the ghost of Dad's gestures in me: angling my index finger
across my mouth, or steeping forefingers together on mouth

HE phrasing

the two lines of my ^{his} family come together here in an
odd, unsnug knot--

..odd, untidy junction

use a fog ^{room} scene?

the hiding places of the brain -- numberless

Out of - numberless hiding places c. b. brain ...

. 00 swarmed

His

This was my parents at their best.

That torching (made him shy away)...

Argus - Anna
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period of time it takes eyes to adjust to dawn or dusk

Her beneath me, watching intently as we touched one another
the deepest way two people can. Night upon night I ^{had been opening} opened my eyes
to explode those scenes, driving sleep even farther away. Beside me,
Adair who slept as if she was part of the night; there in the dark was
the one place she seemed to fit the life I had married her into.

fidget

fired up with the idea of

But the war and all else came.

seeded in me ^{him} (i.e., a remark or comment takes seed..)

sd by Wyoming,
mockingly?

Jake's RN girlfriend says

big bruiser

the glance, not a moment longer than necessary, into...

Spoon:

a once over lightly

Running back over it in his ^{my} mind...

Rob says this (by
look?) in ch. 7.

RF

Never over.

It is not over. Changed, yes. But not over.

out of ready recognition, maybe.

(Angus after Anna's death, when Adair tells him at last that's over.)

Rob?

a chasing (adj) 00

- ... thought
- ... comment
- ... word

in the long riot of time

Monty is?

honest as daylight

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like a wolf among kittens

check star the
for this

As well try to unsort the stars (as...)

as even as velvet

00? That he had in plenty...

00? That he had less of...

of that, less.

The pleasures of each other.

head full of burlap

Monty @ Sales >

His

Her mind scampered to (keep up?)...

OO needed taking down a notch.

The OO took Rob down a notch.

the steps of nightfall

I must have looked white as a saucer of milk. (FIND)

Susan: Whatever chance this is, I'm not going to be the one to destroy it.

was, she was...

Bruno's

Something behind OO's manner followed him
started

Picnic,

Since when did Wes have a sentimental streak?

- or: he always did have...

It was little likely that...

Try as he wd, he cd.' even come up w/

He/she had an educated hunch.

what time was about.

Ben's room?
Angel's cabin? (after Anna?)

WINTER

Morning begins to pull itself from the night. The square of light from my window is a wedge between the two; as it disappears into daylight, OO is brought.

His father's face expressed again? but his voice stuck to...

abt Dolph's trip to
town?

skirtful of remedy

add to M's
writing ?

Had women of brawn and braids herded the Vikings across oceans like chessmen
in their day?

What a pallid start on the truth that was.

He supposed

Nothing was ever more true.

The choice was between numbness and hurt. You can only stay numb so long before that becomes a kind of hurt.

and now loss broke down his voice.

had not wanted...

had

She refused to give it any space in her head.

^

Now it was taking up all . space in the world.

life

room

Tabulating (m.)

Phoenix
BJazz

We've never tabulated ^{easily} ~~quite right~~ as a family.

--Dad so much older than Berneta when courting her.

--me as wild card, only child they could have

- Our colors were not crisp.

no crispier here than in...

the war had wilted us(?)

.state,

devoid: use in pointblank ink graf, such as "no longer devoid of her"?

the kind of index we veterans (of sheep) could savvy...

.
combat

hungry for fun (at Saturday night dances etc.)

Death gestates, too; lifelong.

" ...the unexpected inevitable.

His mind was ajar now. He asked, ...

taking the measure of

"New duds, too? Fits ~~su~~^Nng as a maiden's prayer."

--Zanzibar talk?

The next hope down the list

--imagination couldn't begin to keep up.

moods heavy as sandbags

the full particulars

Spare me

Another of his bolts of silence. You knew thunder was coming, but...

(it was relief -
pent-up air)

It would make a cactus weep.

Bill Reinberg?

Once in a while you can steer life, but it mostly steers you.

Ben

If OO was sure of anything it was that.

a hum of OO to dismiss that
Lohengrin?

✓

She knew she had no business falling in love (w/ Wes).

It made all the difference in the world.

dialogue: ... makes ...

RF
med

His face was tight as a drumhide, and I suppose my own was taut enough.

R#

winter

of all.

up-and-down chances in life

Carmelia @ 11/10/47

(she was) bubbling out of her dress.

Knocked dead by life.

roadhouse of the soul

Now there's...

"That excuse is as thin as skimmed piss."

Despite a warning tickle from her better judgment, OO...

just waiting her turn at him

Wes loves music, but has no aptitude for it.

--he wishes for some single talent which would have yanked him from his W'son family role

Car
--his view of Susan: she had been one of those who r^{ise} on one thing she could do well; would do well or burn to a cinder in the trying.

--when he was soldiering, he became aware that there were troops who were too brave(?) for their own good.

London? Bruno?

a squat man with a crumpled face, and a jabbing tongue. (used in Sky?)

Out of the numberless hiding places in the head

Fred Paul, Dupuyer, 28 June '83

--telling of speaking French on phone with French exchange student who lived with ~~Bob~~ Gloye's family, he was reminded of someone being asked "parlay voo fransay?" (and possibly "ci vous plais"*) and answering, "what did you say? Chevrolet coupé on the highway?"

--told me non-dairy creamer burns "with the prettiest flame"

--his habit of pulling his head back on his neck to laugh

OO had a way of...

patient as frost

decked out (in)--dressed up

see DARE I, 681, for "clean" to mean dressed up

walked his eyes all over me.

A chilling truth had been let into the room.

War waged (submarine)

to the roots of the ocean.

The early minutes of the day (i.e., dawn and just after)

put out--phrase of the time for providing sex

Much began adding up. (Mitch after Fritz tells him...)

as if to say, See, was that so hard?

that woman knew how to...

The matter of Duane, mixed in with Cass.

used?

It was something, how she could be bossy and persuasive at the same time.

Cars to Ben

"You're too much. 00?"

twitch of the heart

The hands on her.

(Ben thinks abt Cass. Or: she thinks abt him)

the best smile she had seen on him for weeks.

Ben has seen Cass's pic of her husband, but it's one of those rosy dress uniform ones.

Tries to imagine if he's seen the actual man in the grime of New Guinea combat.

Ben crosses paths with Pyle, Marguerite Higgns etc., and once saw Mauldin drawing.

upending everything contained within Susan.

Car

Maman

Her eyes were thinking, so to speak.

(check text in Lee Friedlander photo book about "thinking with the eyes".)

He did not believe in omens, or at least did not want to.

from Eng Crk day-by-day file cards:

22 Jul ('39?)--guest edit, Wolf Point Herald on wheat crop: "This is the 'next year'
we have read about and dreamed about."

character who prefaces or adds to something outrageous by saying "I used to lie."

Standing out like the richest panels of a quilt (the fields)...

Margaret Svec's friend's saying:

"What is to be will be, whether it ever comes to pass."

(Vaughn Junction) barely qualified as a wide place in the road.

It had a (general) notorious roadhouse

It was winter-spring, one of those points of the year when the weather could jiggle either way.

speech differentiations (used in Mtn Time)

one says "oh" as in "oh, hell."

other says "aw" as in "aw, hell."

one occasionally ends a sentence with ", how about."

other " " " " " ", why don't we."

one says "sort of"

other says "kind of"

Mt m T

Mitch (Lexa thinks to herself) is a sponge for language; handles lingo like a stream tumbling a rock.

--Pretty quick you hear yourself talking back from him (as he picks up your turns of speech).

animal

M/T
used?

~~M~~itch was so big she believed she could hear the air move when he turned (his body)...

MINT

Mitch: a St. Bernard bearing a flask of message?

(right-wing columnist called him that)

Sitting around reading Proust and eating cookies, I have formed the conclusion
the true taste of time is salmon done eleven minutes over a good charcoal fire.

Sitting around reading Proust and eating cookies, Reinking?

"Jacks are elevens, aren't they."

"What did you say?"

Divide

Mitch w/ broken leg:

--his sensation of the leg being separate, divorced, from him.

diary, 16 July '82: Havre stuff: flyways split there, "50,000 birds won't fly over Havre"; "2 overseas tours in a row"

Section Eight (discharge)

soupy (foggy flying conditions)

hitting skunk with car--smell stays

- Jim Bill Rango runs over skunk
w/ power backrake?

dialogue

Gwen's
superior; writes
in margins

Gisborne, 3-4, 4/25/45 memo:

--kicks in the pants

--"my ideals are whores de combat."

→ --dampfool

Penny?
or Darleen?

He about had a hemor. (or maybe a shit hemor)

--character who shortens occasional ~~ling~~ words, as hemor for hemorrhage.

saddler

a man who looked able to juggle sledgehammers

nickname "Skeet" or "Skeeter"

--"tension of opposites" letter/Jan Elpel

the working dead, they are, ones who instruct us...

- . preachers, who has strange but unforgettable voice

differentiate from Kenny
in March

Elmer Gwynn mannerisms: constantly in motion as he talks to you, swinging his arms, or walking in little circles backwards and sideways, or putting a hand up to rub the back of his neck, or looking out across fields to get his eyes into action with the rest of him.

thin as a rake, that runty head atop

Jick:

It maybe can be said that I have a drifty mind, though I prefer to think of it

as...

ugly as a plug

a wrathful man.

ØØ was just naturally a wrathful man. He could start getting mad while tying his shoes in the morning, and boil faster all day long.

the purr of ideas (in the pigeon-breeding doctor?)

used
(in HE?)

If he wanted to dwell on something--and being a worrying child, he did--
there was always...

Riley annoyingly stirs his coffee, tinkling spoon against side of cup while he thinks.

--Jick: I mean, when you don't even like the way a guy stirs his coffee...

character, for a bar or restaurant scene:

older man with a permanently stiff leg, which juts into aisle or out from under table.

or if it's someone Jick knows, he'll know of the horse accident or whatever, that caused it.

People weren't yet saying as they would during the war, "for the duration."

But Pete (looking at his ragtag haying crew) had a duration look on him.

One riddle after another, the Two country truly was to her.

characters

use?

possible name for the venture schoolmaster:

~~Lachlan Wilkie~~ Adam Willox

--a plump man, like a grouse; but sharp-tongued even for a Scots pedagogue.

He has no use for religious debate, the Scottish tendency for first-rate minds to fasten onto obscure arguments; rather he is in the clearheaded tradition of Scotchmen who left their small towns and became famous--except he does not leave.

fried spuds and bacon w/ eggs on top, & bread w/ peanut butter, & black coffee

(a Dell Stark 1940 diary entry)

A story, the proverb says, is like the wind; it comes from far away, and we feel it.

Some floozy.

Memory has a rainbow set of eyes.

This was going by (whichever character) in a blur.

You wonder how life singles you out for something like this. (used in earlier book?)

insert, during Angus's high spirits
of looking forward to Anna:

"I was in my best mood."

*or use in ch 3,
just before she
spurns him?*

What spooked him to the insides of his bones was...

Thesaurus, ftnt p. 169

The pilot cannot mitigate the billows or calm the winds.--Plutarch

Hello again, Charon.

old-timer.

baffling
a mysterious
previously unknown *there on, home bound bus*

soldier's
When a heart breaks, it falls into puzzling patterns. Among the remains, we don't know
out ventricle from our aorta, our OO from OO...
up *down,*

In the chambers of the skull, we tell the known tales, brood and laugh, retell.

It wasn't as if he was the (soldier notifying of ~~his~~ death). No, it was worse than that.

had worked on branding crews with him a couple of times, one of them on each end of a calf waiting for the hot iron...

--Alex was a stringbean, hadn't played football.

hardened
tough Depression schoolings
experiences

He was a knowledgeable young man and came trailing the OO of his generation. Practical

. Depression

. law of averages

That out of 10 million cements in - armed forces

ensemble - mouthpiece

Wary

DARE. 283--blindsight: guesswork

He wondered what he was going to write about Duane that he hadn't already written three times. It would have been four, but Pennington was killed at 00 before Ben was handed this.

emo was different. emo was Duane.

Sargasso Sea of smog (^{Antwerp}over a city), and Mitch all at once got it, analogy and
the environment (the world?)

Under the category of "bravery", and the sub-heading "fool-hardy, conspicuously"...

enter what came next.

Skin is deep (it goes to the blood core...)

(an administrative battle) It went on above our heads, so we did not pay that much attention.

used,

(life is) a sum of unlikelihoods

swelled up like a poisoned pup

The mad laugh of a mag pie.

Everybody was in the same boat, the USS DEPRESSION.

is

, . Depm.

scoreboard cd be a theme: ftball, the deaths

throaty

the rough cut of life

(don't point this out, probably, but it's a movie refce as well as ruralish saying)

love well-flavored with lust

(or the reverse?"

pure as a daisy

each to each

marrow-cold (of the bomber)

taking care of matters