

winnowed for WORK SONG and MISS YOU, Feb. '08

Monty has the ability to mentally stand back from himself a bit and regard his place in life. When you're (singular; find a metaphor, preferably not using color but distinctiveness) you learn to do that.

Wes takes Monty on a visit to NY before voice lessons are done? (or has in the past?)

--Monty could have worked his way east on rr? or gone to Chicago w/ cattle?

Monty:

The bunkhouse was for the white fellows, he in a way preferred it like that himself.

"You like licorice?"

or, someone calls Monty "Licorice"

Susan?

black cowboy comes into the country, boy touches his face to see if it streaks

--Eric Ford letter, 2/12/79 p. 19

It's a bear. (difficult)

MT Eingo

he was quite well fixed (prosperous)

Monty as choreboy:

--milking cows: squirts milk into cats' mouths

--after Angus dies, he milks the cow for Adair, does other chores.

Slow dollars, there

Monty, after nodding?

- doing chores

Tie Monte to the steering wheel and he was a splendid chauffeur. Let him off duty within two miles of Clore Street and...

Monty

Susan has ~~him~~ shave his head? (a la Jack Johnson)

Monty:

It was all he could do to not tremble w/ excitement.

--@ Gates of Mtns?

riding the tiger: Monty's gambling

--Eng Crk, p. 201, cardshark ref

Sweetman

104 - doing hair work to pass away winter evenings:
hair quirts + horsehair bridle
- hair from horses' tails

Monty does, in winter?

Janice Jones

p. 140 - McCarty: horsehair rope used as rein on hachamore.
from Spanish mecate, for hair rope.

Monty:

"If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have any luck."

Monty sings spirituals (or runs them through his mind) to shut out the abuse
from the white world.

--hums

find some rage for Monty?

or is he not a raging man?

use dreams by ^{Monty?} ~~Jick?~~

Gates ?

Monty

His mind buzzing

Monty

Hesitantly he studied himself in the mirror.

check "Writing Fragments" file for Jick's voice in unwritten "Keeping the Days";
something to use for Monty?

Monty was on hand when Mac rode the steer in RFair?

--connection to Toussaint Rennie?

They could have dark meat if that's what they wanted. (But he couldn't have white.)

He closed his eyes, as if that would make the memory go away.

When he came right down to it, he didn't know what the ~~ix~~ hell to do about ⁿelena. The nearest town to the ranch, GV, didn't offer anything for a man of his skin. Choteau wasn't any better. Browning, the Resvtn town to the north, ^{entirely} was out of the question; long memories on those Blckft. Prohibition had a lot to answer for.

spade (Monty gets called; or calls himself?)

Monty: lung capacity like Jim Whitaker's?

Monty's life: nomad

--the black rr workers at the Zanzibar: they were the nomads; Monty was born and raised in MT

"Sing, Montgomery. Sing with Momma. Ah ah ah!"

Montmorency Rathbun

- known as "Monty" growing up in Gros Ventre
- stage name "Morency"
- father (or grandfather?) was black soldier under Pershing @ Ft. Assiniboine
 - Pershing's black troops drive Crees thru Gros Ventre to dump them into Canada
- has been to NY w/ Wylie

Monty's mother the singing leader of black congregation @ Ft. Assiniboine?

a Bull Durham sack wd hold 20 silver dollars

(Monty?)
- did I use this in Bucking?

Monty has ~~in~~gratiated himself, or at least made himself known, put himself forward,
for the chauffeur job w/ Wes.

possible way to use black singer's dialect: epistolary sections, either him doing
a diary or letters a la Taylor Gordon.

Pettaloomis (character named Loomis, from Petaluma)

Flash, 1920's Afro-American literary jnl shown me @ the Huntington by
Sue Hodson in spring '97; possible source of '20s lingo

see Henry Louis Gates interview in Story Story Story, by Jim Schuyler

Angel Momma ought to see him now.

Monty's mother: Angeline Rathbun

Monty: I don't like those frogskins.

Better
Here. Carry a frogskin for luck. He handed me a dollar bill.

I suppose it came back from Missoula with him, as silver dollars

the only kind
were ~~all~~ we ordinarily saw.

Monty: covets an expensive car for himself?

Monty has a black lover once he's in NY?