

It was 0800, two hours into ^{worthless} yet another day at 00 AFB, and I was guarding the tool box as usual.

--It didn't matter to the USAF that I had a master's degree (in the writing program at the U. of Montana), or that 00... We were being trained, supposedly, to be propellor repairmen.
--00 and I were the only reservists in the tech school class; the
eight regulars...

--We had been up since 0300--that's right, 3 a.m. in the (normal world).

1st person narrator, Jens Keith

--UW English major, studied under Roethke

--nicknamed "Professor" in AF, often prncd "Perfessor"

--from Ballard; father married into fishing family. "From the time I was 13 I fished with him in Alaska... (the plush days before the Kenai was fished out)

--he's strong enough not to be intimidat@d by the Texas Aggies; when OO grabs his chest hair, he grabs OO's hat and walks into shower with it, squares off against OO under the water. (OO, w/ a class to go to, doesn't dare get wet)

--the sgt chooses Frew as the rainbow rope and Keith as colonel of the urinal.

--barracksmates don't know the $\frac{1}{2}$ of it about "the Prof"--he's writing poetry (?)

out there(?)

last part of the

~~intensely~~
twice ^{last} a minute

On what passed for a hill in Texas, a radar dish ~~endlessly~~ pivoted as if
slapped back and forth by the wind.

the shooting off of the mouth, almost as regular as reveille.

use for Adair?
early in ch. 4?

R#

↓ missed

the rites of water. (ocean - use on Atlantic voyage?)

Keith missed

Keith managed a ^{neaped} glance at his ^{wrist} watch. Fourteen minutes had worn by.

Norman Schleiter

1:54 p.m. 1354 hours at OO AFB and training instructor Sgt. O OO was drunk as
a tequila worm.

possible lead for THE LAST RAINBOW

--"Nother thing you [^{bunch} raggedyass ~~is~~ ^{airmen} of teebirds, had best remember is about number one main snakebite. If you get ~~you~~ snakebite, ~~the~~ ~~main~~ thing is don't go running around like no wildass Indian. Just sort of set down...

OO moved his khaki sleeve enough to see his watch, Frew glancing at it at the same instant. 1:58 p.m. and Sgt. OO was drunk as a hundred dollars.

OO yearned for the radio (with news of Cuban missile crisis)

*- of fishboat.
waters. Puget Sound,
any water*

--from the same TI: "Presdent Kendy says the youth of the nation is in pisspoor shape. I'm shamed to say, you dragasses are the youth of the nation."

--TI's verbal mannerism is to use "ass" at end of modifier: "kersplickety-ass" for "quick, sudden~~m~~" for instance.

--his other mannerism: "nother" for "another"

Rainbow

"My names are Man & Slaughter," drunk sgt began. "I guess, ones, whatever (by goddamn hell) y's bunch of (come-oss) mamas might of give you, are t- birds. Do you ~~want~~ hear my talking, airman?" ^{gross-oss} _{pretty little aporn-dressed} _{dolly-aporn}

- Manville Slaughter

"hadn't better ever forget it."

Rainbow

Frew's sidesick steals his bullets to keep him from shooting .sgt.
(connect this, implicitly, c his article o battleships & shells)
(also, it implicates him? he now has to decide whether to give shells back.)

- Frew's pistol - target model from Monkey Ward, not a sixshooter - is hidden
in colonel of urinal's supply cabinet; inside toilet paper?

Left-Handed Rainbow

Hero's history prof, Flanagan, sees that the hero is able to make connections in historical thinking, and so pushes him along in the seminar paper: battleships as extension of body armor; rifling which brought long-range accuracy; aircraft engineer seeing how to build a heavy bomber; earth-circling B52s as circumnavigators sprung from Cook and Magellan etc.

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too complex?
Book could be done by days, going back and forth through time: days, even hours, of the missile crisis, back to day before WWI when Lloyd George comes up with taxation (every time a duke dies, we can buy a dreadnought) to pay for battleships.

Could refer to the President and the General Secretary without ever naming JFK and Khrushchev.

Rainbow

Town or AF base is named Herdinger; troops call it Third Finger
Hufferinger
Hufferinger
The Finger

Figyoo - Figaro - Fuckerow

* base atmosphere

- seemed to eat molecules out of him

Rainbow

final scene:

hd speaker announces a stepdown from Condition 3, "Rms have turned the ships back, etc."

... Son turned gun from two of them, ~~to~~ put it to his right temple & so hd speaker said "I repeat: no base is no longer in Condition 3," he said.

Ending scene:

The sgt. has gotten their pistol away from the two airmen, somehow, and is holding it on them. Radio in his room gives news the Cuban missile crisis is over. The sgt. puts the pistol to his own temple and fires.

Rainbow

lame-ass

TI: What's this writing on outside of envelope, Frew?

F: They're initials - sir.

TI: Initials? [initials] of what, airman?

F: A joke - sir. Between my girl & me.

TI: Tell us all it, Frew.

F: (Shouting - in small caps) Meet Me Under The Old Oak Tree And I'll Kiss You Under The Croton - sir.

TIs & troops everywhere on drill pad stared our direction. Scuh us red-faced, murderous.

F

X: I really don't care to say...sir.

TI: Then we'll just stand out here in this nice Texas sun until the whole lame-ass platoon fries its nuts off. (at attention)

Frew's deliberate pause before "sir" at end of each sentence to the TI is deliberate 3-beat, same time it would take to say "Scuh-rew you."

(3 beats)

Rainbow

T1: Kingvaldsen. What kind of a squad name is that?

J: Swedish, sir.

T1: Did I ask you? Can't a man think out loud in middle of his own drill pad?

J: I'm sorry, sir.

T1: You're sorry, all right. You're as sorry a SOB as I've ever had in a squad.

T1: Frew? You sure you ain't got that all end to? Wery sounds to me like a reader name. You agree, Wery?

F: No, sir.

Schultz stopped & stared.

On what passed for a hill in Texas a OO blinked.

The obstacle course was a planned Hell

--the night march: cadence counts

Wife of crab boat sailor wants him "to get a job with ground under him."

²
narrator's mother

I wasn't worried,

OO did not have the attention span to hold a grudge.

title just "The Rainbows" or "Rainbows"?

narrator sits on the crapper after lights-out crxing the galleys of his article.

possible lead:

On what passed for a hill in Tx, a radar ^{dish} ~~OO~~
swung ^{endlessly} around & around like a OO in the wind.
~~swiveled~~ ^{endlessly} pivoted as if ^{spindle} swatted back & forth y. wind
as it slapped y. wind

- are they still in civvies? i.e., raincoats. Or in a classroom
- OO had never known Sept. cd be this hot.

Frew takes Jack hunting jackrabbits