







enlightenment, darkness-eating, upward-tending, invisible egress. clean blood. heat  
of friction, skin on skin. lens-light, white spot of small deaths. the surge, the rage,  
the cleansing climax from earth to ether. sneezing into sunlight. scent of singeing  
iron. warmth of nurturance, feeding, feeding. flaring of spring, arousal and ardor.  
appetite and avarice, in the belly, in the eyes, in the loins. lifeblood of lifebloods:  
deathbringing liquor, distilled from the waxings and wanings of stars.



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