"It makes another mouth, a small red one, like the mouths painted with thick brushes by

kindergarten children. A child's idea of a smile. [...] These are not snowmen

after all.”

“Moira was like an elevator with open sides. She made us dizzy."

“Falling in love, we said; I fell for him. We were falling women. We believed in it,

this downward motion: so lovely, like flying, and yet at the same time so dire, so

extreme, so unlikely."

"How I wasted them, those rooms, that freedom from being seen."

“It’s an oasis of the forbidden [...] It’s as if he’s offered me drugs”

“What we prayed for was emptiness, so we would be worthy to be filled: with grace, with love, with self-denial, semen and babies.”

 “Nothing changes instantaneously: in a gradually heating bathtub you'd be boiled to death before you knew it.”

“My name isn't Offred, I have another name, which nobody uses now because it's forbidden. I tell myself it doesn't matter,

your name is like your telephone number, useful only to others; but what I tell myself is wrong, it does matter.”

 "I almost gasp : he’s said a forbidden word. Sterile."

“I thought someone had made it up. I suppose all children think that, about any history before their own. If it's only a story, it

becomes less frightening.”

“We lived in the blank white spaces at the edges of print. It gave us more

freedom. We lived in the gaps between the stories.”

“Sanity is a valuable possession...I save it, so I will have enough, when the time comes.”

"I would like to believe this is a story I’m telling. I need to believe it. I must believe it...If it’s a story I’m telling, then I have control over the ending.”

“Then we had the irises, rising beautiful and cool on their tall stalks, like blown glass...and the bleeding hearts, so female in shape it was a surprise they'd not long since been rooted out.”

“You wanted a women's culture. Well, now there is one.

It isn't what you meant, but it exists.”

“Ignoring isn’t the same

as ignorance, you have

to work at it.”

"I\_ m\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_, a s\_\_\_\_ r\_\_ o\_\_, l\_\_\_ t\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_
k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A c\_\_\_\_'\_ i\_\_\_ o\_ a s\_\_\_\_. [...] T\_\_\_\_ a\_\_ n\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_
a\_\_\_\_ a\_\_.”

“M\_\_\_\_ w\_\_ l\_\_\_ a\_ e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_ o\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_. S\_\_ m\_\_\_ u\_ d\_\_\_\_."

“F\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_ l\_\_\_, w\_ s\_\_\_; I f\_\_\_ f\_\_ h\_\_. W\_ w\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_. W\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_ i\_,
t\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_: s\_ l\_\_\_\_\_, l\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_, a\_\_ y\_\_ a\_ t\_\_ s\_\_\_ t\_\_\_ s\_ d\_\_\_, s\_
e\_\_\_\_\_\_, s\_ u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

"H\_\_ I w\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_, t\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_, t\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_."

“I\_’\_ a\_ o\_\_\_\_ o\_ t\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [...] I\_’\_ a\_ i\_ h\_’\_ o\_\_\_\_\_\_ m\_ d\_\_\_\_”

“W\_\_\_ w\_ p\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_ w\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, s\_ w\_ w\_\_\_\_ b\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ t\_ b\_ f\_\_\_\_\_: w\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_, w\_\_\_ l\_\_\_, w\_\_\_ s\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_
a\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_.”

“N\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: i\_ a g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ y\_\_'\_ b\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ t\_ d\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ y\_\_ k\_\_\_ i\_.”

“M\_ n\_\_\_ i\_\_'\_ O\_\_\_\_\_, I h\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_, w\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_ n\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_'\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I t\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ i\_ d\_\_\_\_'\_ m\_\_\_\_\_,
y\_\_\_ n\_\_\_ i\_ l\_\_\_ y\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_\_, u\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_ t\_ o\_\_\_\_\_; b\_\_ w\_\_\_ I t\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ i\_ w\_\_\_\_, i\_ d\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_.”

"I a\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_ : h\_’\_ s\_\_\_ a f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_. S\_\_\_\_\_\_."

“I t\_\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_ h\_\_ m\_\_\_ i\_ u\_. I s\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_, a\_\_\_\_ a\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_ o\_\_. I\_ i\_'\_ o\_\_\_ a s\_\_\_\_, i\_
b\_\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“W\_ l\_\_\_\_ i\_ t\_\_ b\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ a\_ t\_\_ e\_\_\_\_ o\_ p\_\_\_\_. I\_ g\_\_\_ u\_ m\_\_\_
f\_\_\_\_\_\_. W\_ l\_\_\_\_ i\_ t\_\_ g\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

“S\_\_\_\_\_ i\_ a v\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_...\_ s\_\_\_ i\_, s\_ I w\_\_\_ h\_\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_, w\_\_\_ t\_\_ t\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_.”

"I w\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_ t\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_ i\_ a s\_\_\_\_ I’\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_. I n\_\_\_ t\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_. I m\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_...\_\_ i\_’\_ a s\_\_\_\_ I’\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_, t\_\_\_ I h\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_ t\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_.”

“T\_\_\_ w\_ h\_\_ t\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_, r\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_ c\_\_\_ o\_ t\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_, l\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_...\_\_\_ t\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_, s\_ f\_\_\_\_\_ i\_ s\_\_\_\_ i\_ w\_\_ a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_'\_ n\_\_ l\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_.”

“Y\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ a w\_\_\_\_'\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_. W\_\_\_, n\_\_ t\_\_\_\_ i\_ o\_\_.
I\_ i\_\_'\_ w\_\_\_ y\_\_ m\_\_\_\_, b\_\_ i\_ e\_\_\_\_\_.”

“I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_’\_ t\_\_ s\_\_\_
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