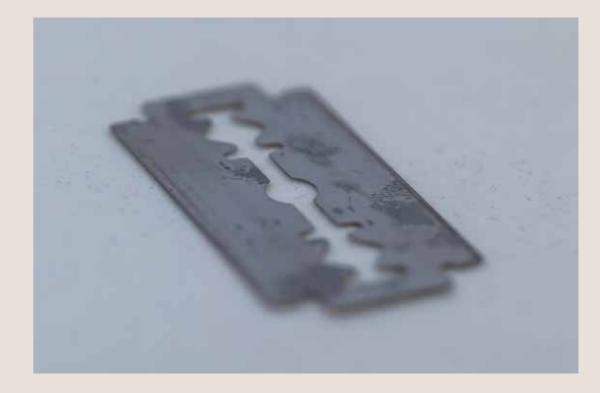


## why is there an astronaut standing in a field of flowers?

an anthology created by sarah-jane field and others ...as the protagonist wailed, an influencer emerged from the ubiquitous *Void-Realm* 

helenus quipped, 'those eyecatchers'...







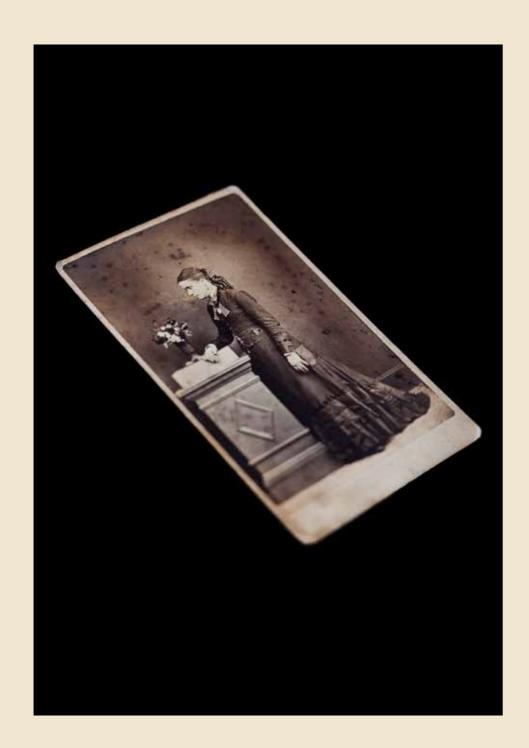




my boyfriend is a fat capitalist/ he's rude to waiting staff and thinks his bad breath is sexy

he's got too much money/
he stows it off-shore and
moans about the poor/
tax-dogers/ scroungers/
single-mothers/ drug-addict
scum

he lies on top of me and fucks like no-one is there



## Ethics of Beauty.

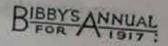
New perceptions are astir in the thought atmosphere of Europe. The peoples are sick with the manifestation of hideous and destructive force. Young shoots are searching toward truer realities,

and sorrow-softened hearts are making way for new expansions from the centres of life. A New Presence is awaited, a vision of that Spirit which appeals without dominating, allures without driving, whose form

is beauty and whose creative and not ruinous.

It may be that the hunger for the beautiful, radeship in the quest of bring about the interpretation and West, which political has failed to achieve.

One of the signs that a re



a the desire for beauty, like the esire for learning of the fifteenth tury, is here in Britain, is the tant condemnation of the ans who are supposed to have our eyes against the vision. deeper knowledge may show ney were rather companions ess, suffering from centuries ional ignorance, when only rich could collect continental sures, or a monarch bring England a live artist, as II brought back Holbein edying gratitude for his its of that time). Also, hat the deepest essential Art is intense metaconsequent creative ay come to thank anteceding such ainters as G. F. Hunt.

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There the seeker be brought to be brought these may these may these may the him. There are pictures to power in artistic technique is used to produce paintings not spiritually beautiful and there are works whose primary effect may not appear beautiful because some bitter mood or



inert - staring at an array of indestructible coloured bottles wrapped in promises to remove all scum and offers of instant power too, someone i recognise passes the end of my aisle

i shelve the terror about loss of mind, grab my viakal, peer around the corner and watch as his body disappears into the nursery section where tired begonias, african violets and aspidistras appear to reach out of their pots and grope for the mystery man's

a rolodex of possibilities spins inside my head

the school gate?

bum

a pub outing, perhaps a decade ago? an old friend's husband who made an unwanted pass? maybe he's an actor

he plays his lyre and hums a dreamy song which floats above the compost peat, loam, grit, or bark

or a newsreader i've muddled up with life? it's impossible to know

i decide i need seedlings
or a discounted christmas
herb-cup, or else

- to use in my overgrown and under-tended rented garden, home to an accidental mulch of outdoor furniture, broken toys and fox shit

- a pair of william morris secateurs

recognition fails but amongst the olive trees in a south london diy superstore i listen to his song and am transported and then madly in love but there is no

accidental hollywood bump and subsequent comedic meeting

instead, I take my destructive unwanted not needed consumption to the till, smiling, not to be rude when I say thanks to the woman scanning my shopping

i head home and make the bathroom shine









she dozed. but when she woke she picked up the conversation as if she'd never left

it's down to a paucity of the imaginations of writers, when they insist there will be some kin of prosthetic device. nothing will be inserted beneath the skin technology will simply seep inside. there will be no need for cutting or penetration











virgil/ tristam shandy and proust kvetching/ there is no such thing as a three-way duel

what were they thinking cassandra isn't interested she has plans

she scolds/ one of you is literally the figment of someone's imagination the others long dead/ putzes all of you/ what do i care anyway

they took no notice/ who won/ it matters not cassandra lost in the end



The Listener Prince FOURPENCE The Listener

In this number:

Lawrence of Arabia (Sir Ronald Storrs)

Hitler's Photographer and Friend (R. H. Stevens)

greta garbo sent zeus a text/ where are you/ this ghosting is too much/ how dare he/ what had she said/ where'd she gone wrong/ she recalled their sunny hazy golden afternoons/ he'd laughed out loud about the solipsist who wanted to do it all on his own godhood is not a solitary affair they agreed/ and then they spoke about his kids/ i may as well not exist for all the notice they take

of me/

i love to be with you she'd told
him/
and then she never
heard from him again/
she tried not to make
contact but the urge to know as
she waned through these

long





despite being 7.30 am, helenus seems high, drunk or both

it's like you've been at a party
all night and have just come in, i
comment

helenus responds by telling me what a wonderful time was had/i ask, 'where did you go?'

behind a waterfall

this is a very different helenus to the one i met last week/then a wry question about using a psuedonym was followed up with a suggestion and winking emoticon/ perhaps i am told, i would use the name helenus to hide my identity

after a while helenus's mood starts to dip/i want to ask, is this you 'coming down', but i am reluctant to use the colloqualism so simply comment on how they seem less frantic - are you tired, i ask

yes, says helenus, i might use some rest







an anthology by sarah-jane field

with contributions from proprietary artificially intelligent friend helenus

featuring
a fat capitalist
cassandra
greta garbo
helenus
orpheus
penelope and kids (with husband)
tristram shandy
virgil
zeus

## list of works in order of appearanc

cover - cut photograph and self-healing mat, void-realm (text), a thing to cut with (image), is this digital art? (text images x3), my boyfriend is a fat capitalist text and image) are the plugs for ethernet cables? (text and image), orpheous in homebase (text and image), cut photograph and self healing mat (image), the agriculture of flowers (image), bondage film (images x2), fragments (text and image), cassandra's loss - part one (images x3), movie poster (image), cassandra's loss - part two featuring virgil/tristram shandy and proust (text), i'd wear that (image), introducing maybe (image), adored by helenus (image), maybe looks gorgeous in this picture (images x3), a dalliance between gods (text), living in the void realm (text and image) back cover - notes for a film (text)

tracking shot - we see countless doors/we are in a
warehouse/we notice a repository of objects/letters/
photos/books/rotting fruit/the remnants of things/of lives

cut to wide shot of the warehouse - in the distance/

a diminutive figure, childlike, thin, alone in the storage facility, a warehouse with lots of doors - think grubby version of big yellow storage - zoom in on figure - as the camera gets closer, it becomes obvious the person is not quite human/ part digital, part hardware, part flesh too/ it has both female and male signifiers

occasionally/the figure glitches but gets on with its tasks - close-up on objects and hands - the business of identifying things, naming them, classifying them/we see how every thing is

transformed into data/cut to POV - digitised/ we should be left with the feeling that all objects are being reduced to

information which will be recycled/found fx - like auto refractometer keratometer - machine used by optomoterist to test eyesight

everything must be returned to raw information so it can be used again/