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0. Introduction

up stealth

[to ward off the tracker] [to escape the sensor] [the reader] [the machine] [shallow breath] [stealth] [holding breath] [transponder] [skimming] [eavesdropping]

as they work their way up Shallow breath Holding stealth

1. Skimming

... -. - . . - - - . . -. - .

[dit dit dit

Dah dit Dah

dit dit

Dah Dah

Dah Dah

dit dit

Dah dit

Dah Dah dit]

as they work their way up Shallow breath Holding stealth

2. her heart

her heart

like swallows

leap

through the solar system

to earth

her heart

like swallows

like energy

leave her

a leap through to earth

In clothing...

Once attached...

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3. Skimming.2 / ad bits

... -.- .. -- -- .. -. --.

as they work their way up

Shallow breath Holding stealth

In clothing,

...luggage,

...passports, credit cards...container ships...cattle—

Once attached...ready...transfer...entire history...reader.

4. She feels

She feels...an energy

A leap through the solar system

She feels...earth

She feels...swallows

She...swallows

...Skimming

...eavesdropping

5. Skimming.3 / ad bits.2

In clothing,

in luggage,

in passports, credit cards, on container ships, in cattle—

Once attached, it's ready to transfer its entire history to a reader.

as they work their way up

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6. The only sound

The only sound...

as they work their way up the mountain,

hoping to make it above the treeline...

before dark.

The only sound...

as they work

their way up

the mountain

before it's too dark

is

their

(But for their) breath.

Shallow breath and stealth. Holding breath—

But for their breath.

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7. Interrogation

Are the lights on in this room?

Are you now sitting down?

Did you ever make a promise that you had no intention of keeping?

Did you participate in placing that bomb near the road?

Did you

participate in

placing that bomb

near the road?

Once attached

hidden

ready

embedded

waiting

within

tag

8. Skimming.4 / Advertisement Final

Objects can communicate with each other, thanks to radio frequency identification tags.

Once a tag or transponder's attached to an object (or hidden within), it's ready to transfer its entire history to a reader. It's an embedded sleeper cell waiting to be awakened.

The reader energizes the tag, the mesmerizing signal curve.

Object to object, reporting on the subject. Skimming and eavesdropping.

All it wants to do is send its information payload through the oscillating waves to the machine.

In clothing, in luggage, in passports, credit cards, on container ships, in cattle— all it wants to do is to send its information payload through the oscillating waves to the machine.

[shallow breath and stealth] [holding breath] [to ward off the tracker] [to escape the sensor] [the reader]

as they work their way up

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9. She feels.2

She feels...

her heart

She feels...

like gulping

She feels...

an energy

Once attached

She feels...

the solar system

The reader energizes the tag,

the mesmerizing

She feels...

gulping swallows

10. Interrogation.2

[mesmerizing signal]

Are the lights on in this room?

Are you now sitting down?

Did you ever lie to take advantage of a friendship?

Did you ever blame someone for something you did?

Object to object

Did you plant that bomb near the road?

mesmerizing signal curve

Did you ever bring shame upon yourself or your family?

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[shallow breath and stealth] [holding breath] [to ward off the tracker] [to escape the sensor] [the reader]

11. Before it's too dark

they work

before it's too dark to see.

She feels her heart rate like gulp

centrifugal twister,

She feels her heart rate like gulping swallows down to the wristwatch,

as they work their way up

Shallow breath Holding stealth

A leap through the solar system to the monitor on earth.

energy leaving her solar system

Once attached... it's ready to transfer its entire history to a reader.

before it's too dark to see.

She feels her heart rate like gulping swallows down to the wristwatch.

centrifugal twister,

The reader energizes the tag,

the mesmerizing signal curve.

like an energy leaving her.

All they had to do was sign on the dotted line
and disappear into the sunset, onto the horizon, over the rainbow, into
complete silence.

hoping...to make it above

hoping...to disappear

...into the sunset

...into the mist...