

From "Mere Life: An Algorithmic Poem with Human Additions"

Shamus child of Ewan and Lyn found a dead beast and ate it. Shoshie child of Ansel and Jimbo stole a beak from Gillan child of Kevan and Ewan. Ewan child of Sanderson and Ashlen gave a scarab shell to Addie child of Jodi and Selma. Gillan child of Kevan and Ewan found zinc. Si child of Barbara and Jordan gave a beak to Wat child of Thatch and Kevan. Carrol child of Teriann and Lyn gave sand to Kissie child of Sigfried and Jamey: say my name, say my name. Helen child of Hendrik and Archibold found a dead beast and ate it. Jimbo child of Tommi and Thaddus gave a scarab shell to Ansel child of Helen and Rosario. Quintus child of Si and Jimbo found mud. Isadore child of Zebulon and Rosario found a beak. Magdaia child of Fleurette and Selma found sand. Mufinella child of Bridie and Carrol found a beak. Jori child of Ashlen and Tim gave a nest to Briggs child of Eveline and Alanah. Jori child of Ashlen and Tim and Briggs child of Eveline and Alanah begat Quincy and hoped that one day he might meet the shore. Addie child of Jodi and Selma found mud. Zebulon child of Tommi and Thaddus found a dead beast and ate it. Putting aside the image of Zebulon's fingers sinking into the beast, the economic nature of this transaction is worth pausing to appreciate: 1) The act of eating a dead beast is revolting. 2) The production of dead beasts, fallen animals that are explicitly *not* meat, cannot be easily taken over by traditional forms of meatification such as hunting or large-scale beast farming. In that sense dead beasts are more like truffles or sapphires than hamburgers. 3) Therefore each discovery of a dead beast is experienced outside of traditional markets. Each dead beast is, to the beholder, a stinking miracle. 4) Eventually these beasts become luxury items and the consumers develop a vocabulary to describe the way that this delicacy is not just unrevolting but in fact several times more delicious than corn, simple breads, and chicken. Not accidentally, the class that benefits most from consuming dead beasts is also the most vociferous in its defense of *belles-lettres*. Thaddus child of Laverne and Harmonia found mud. Teriann child of Carin and Jimbo found mud. Kissie child of Sigfried and Jamey found sand. Laurianne child of Ansel and Carrol found a lullaby. Sleep became very important. Lancelot child of Tammie and Eliot found mud. Thomas child of Helen and Selma gave iron ore to Evey child of Jamey and Alanah. Marilyn child of Thatch and Vachel gave a nest to Aurore child of Zebulon and Charlot. Vivyan child of Katina and Fleurette found a dead beast and ate it. Armed with a rock, Toddy child of Tommi and Tallia came upon Addie child of Jodi and Selma, and so, at age 4, Addie child of Jodi and Selma was no more: this was not the first time Toddy had seen Addie, who so often wandered down by the stream to practice fishing with melodies such as ♪_ _ _ _ as well as others improvised to pluck the piscine death drive, though there was always a danger of drawing too much on one's own feelings and experiences. Sigfried child of Jordan and Rosario gave a nest to Alanah child of Tim and Kevan. Sigfried child of Jordan and Rosario and Alanah child of Tim and Kevan begat Powell. Briggs child of Eveline and Alanah found a nest. Eveline child of Humphrey and Jimbo found iron ore. Amelita child of Shamus and Helen found a rock. Fleurette child of Laverne and Lucius gave a mercury droplet to Barris child of Ashlen and Thomas. Fleurette child of Laverne and Lucius and Barris child of Ashlen and Thomas begat Charyl. Thatch child of Jimbo and Teriann gave sand to Amelita child of Shamus and Helen. Thatch child of Jimbo and Teriann and Amelita child of Shamus and Helen begat Wallace, also referred to as the glutton, carcajou, skunk bear, or quickhatch. Scotty child of Jori and Jamey found a dead beast and ate it. Emmalynne child of Helen and Jordan found a rock. Wat child of Thatch and Kevan found a dead beast and ate it. Sholom child of Aubrey and Blanch found fire.

Humphrey child of Emmalynne and Eliot found a dead beast and ate it. Carleigh child of Marilyn and Ebony and Ebony child of Carrol and Toddy begat Glenn. Ingeberg child of Quintus and Verge stole mud from Jordan child of Betteanne and Sanderson and wept when it did not burn, and she tried to eat it but it wouldn't go down. Jodi child of Tallia and Tim and Nanci child of Laverne and Denna begat Evie. Tallia child of Jimbo and Wain gave a quick beast to Jori child of Ashlen and Tim. Tallia child of Jimbo and Wain and Jori child of Ashlen and Tim begat Christoph. Charyl child of Fleurette and Barris and Carrol child of Teriann and Lyn begat Terina and Carrol knew that he would protect Terina at all costs, armed with all sharp rocks, with all stealth and thievery, with all eagles crashing down upon enemies and strangers, all strangers his enemies, all enemies void and unnamed. Wallace child of Thatch and Amelita and Teriann child of Carin and Jimbo begat Vik. Evie child of Jodi and Nanci found a beak. Terina child of Charyl and Carrol found a seed and ate it.