

MICHÈLE MÉTAIL

FROM EARTH'S HORIZONS

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An observer limits her point of view to the line

OF A FOLD BORN FROM TORSIONS OF A GEOLOGICAL AGE
TOO ANCIENT TO RESIST THE TRANSITIVE EARTHQUAKES
CAUSING PLATES TO TREMBLE UNTIL INVASIVE UPLIFTS
RESIST PRESSURES FROM A TERRAIN VERY TERRESTRIAL
OF CRUST WHOSE SMOOTH BENDING STRETCH FORCES THE
DOME OF THE BOW INTO AN INFLECTION AND GLACIALLY
SUPERPOSES THE MOTIONS OF ARCHING AS THE REVERSE
STRATIFICATION MOVEMENTS OF INTERLACING ELEMENTS
BIND THE INCONSTANT AGGLUTINATES INTO DISCORDANT
DEPOSITS UNDER LATERAL PRESSURE IN THE TORMENTED
ZONE OF STRIATIONS IN WEIGHTY LAYERS OF REPLICAS
AND FLOOD WAVE-CUT PLATFORMS THAT ACCENTUATE THE
FLEXURE WITHOUT BREAKING ITS LAYERS CONSOLIDATED
AT THE BASE BY A PROFUSION OF INVISIBLE ORGANICS
THAT INSUBSTANTIAL AND TRANSITIVE PROJECTIONS OF
TURBULENCES CONCENTRATE IN SOMBRE FRAGMENTS THAT
DETACH UPON CONTACT WITH THE CRYSTALLIZATIONS OF
THE DIVIDED GLOBE THAT THE SLOW START DISMANTLED
CAUSING SUFFERING THROUGH FAST TRANSLATION AFTER
TEMPORARY FLUCTUATIONS AFFECTED BY UNPREDICTABLE
DEFORMATIONS WHOSE CRASHINGS CEASE JUST WHEN THE
PEACEFUL SIMULACRUM OF A REMISSION COMMENCES NOT
LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN EQUILIBRIUMS RUPTURED AT THE
ABANDONED SPACE IN A DARK FRACTURE OF ITS PLINTH

AND THUS COMMENCES THE METAMORPHOSIS OF A RELIEF MODELLED AT THE WILLS OF CONTRASTS FOLLOWING THE MONOTONOUS CYCLE OF PROFOUND EROSION UNDER DENSE ACTION OF FRAGMENTING PROCESSES ALTERING WITHOUT SHATTERING THE WEAK FORMS BLUNTED BY THE ATTACKS OF TORRENTS IN WHICH EFFLUENT REDISTRIBUTES NUDE CRACKED SLOPES THAT DISPERSE UNTIL AN UNDERLYING MATRIX OF RARE INTRUSIONS DETACHES ITSELF FROM A DEPOSIT AND IS LEVELED WHILE SMOOTHING THE ROUGH SURFACE OF A SEDIMENTARY STREAM THAT ACCUMULATED ON TOP OF THE PROVISIONAL FOUNDATIONS OF A LAYER OVER WHICH A NEW PILE IS HOLLOVED BY A ROCK FALL THAT THE TUMBLE NO LONGER HOLDS SOLID AND SHIFTS IN ENORMOUS OVERTHRUSTS ABANDONING THE RESIDUALS AS LONG THREADS THAT DETACH AT THE SAME LEVEL AS TRUNCATIONS OF WHICH AN IRREVERSIBLE DEGRADATION EFFECTED BY TOPOGRAPHICAL CONFIGURATIONS ALREADY EXCAVATING AN UNLEVELING THAT AN UNCEASING BASIN WORKED OVER BY CORROSIVE ACID ERASES IN FAVOR OF A PERISHABLE LAPSE WHICH GUARANTEES IN DISTENDED INTERVALS A HYPOTHESIZED DURATION WHICH MOBILITY REFLECTS IN AN UNCERTAIN TIME FRAME THAT RETURNS AN ILLUSIONARY EVENTUALITY OF A DEFINITIVE STATE ALTHOUGH THE MASSIF CONTINUALLY RECOILS FROM THE

PRIMITIVE EXTENSIONS THAT CULMINATE ON IDENTICAL SIDES OF AMPLE SUMMIT RIDGES WITH ROUND OUTLINES INCLINED NORTH TOWARD DEPRESSED AREAS OF ERRATIC CONVERGENCES OF SCREE THAT MOUNTAINSIDES ABANDON TO THE PROFIT OF CRESTS MORE ACCIDENTAL IN THEIR CREATION AS THEY DIVIDE EXUBERANT WATERS FRAYING OVER TERRACED FOOTHILLS WHERE UNDULATING HEIGHTS CLUMSILY DRAW TRAILS THAT DISAPPEAR ON THE FLANK OF THE VALLEY'S OPAQUE AND MYSTERIOUS NORTH SIDE COVERED BY THE EYRIE OF FIERCE VEGETATION ROOTED IN THE STONY ARIDITY OF INCANDESCENT SCRUB WHICH SUDDENLY IGNITES THE FIREBREAK WHEN A DESSICATED FOOTPATH DEFEATED BY ITS OWN MEANDERING TURNS IN THE DIRECTION OF RAVINES CRISSCROSSED BY FURROWS THAT EXTEND PRECIPITOUS GRADIENTS DOWNWARD ALONG THE SURFACES OF OCHRE-COLORED WALLS WITHOUT SOIL TO COVER AND CONCEAL THE ROCKSTREWN DEBRIS WHICH DOMINATES THE RAWBONED PHYSIOGNOMIES REMINISCENT OF DESERTS OF WHICH EVERY EXTREMITY POSTULATES A HORIZON BECAUSE AT THAT DISTANCE A MIRAGE OF THE LANDSCAPE WILL NOT CONTINUE BEYOND THE GRADUALLY INCREASING FUZZINESS OF THE FROZEN ELEVATIONS AT THE FLOWER OF THE BORDER ON THE TRENCH'S EDGE OF EPHEMERALS TORMENTED BY THE ABRUPT WHERE OBLIQUE

STRIATIONS OF EXTRAORDINARILY FINE BEVELLING ARE TWISTED AFTER THEY PLUNGE INTO THE WHITE OF WORN LIMESTONE AND WHICH THEN DISINTEGRATE INTO LEVEL GROUND WHERE THE SCATHING SCAR INITIATES A NOTCH AT THE FOOT OF THE CONGLOMERATE WHICH APPEARS ON THE HORIZON OVERLOOKING THE RUPTURES OF VERTICAL AND OPEN LIPS WHERE ATMOSPHERES RUSH WITH SHOVELS REPEATEDLY VIVACIOUSLY INTENSIFYING INDENTATIONS OF VALLEYS OFTEN INVADED EPISODICALLY DURING THE ASCENT BY INNER SEAS TO THE GAPING DOMAIN OF THE TEAR THAT WIDENED EXISTING CHANNELS THAT OXIDIZE CURIOUSLY REDDISH COULEES FOR MERGING WITHIN THE INTERSTICES OF THE PRECIOUS RUST ADDING COLOR TO THE WESTERN HORIZON THAT SUDDENLY INTENSIFIES IN EXTREMELY INTRICATE CONFINES OF SMALL AND STEEP-WALLED INLETS SO JAGGED THAT EACH OF THEIR ROCKY BRAIDS STICKS UP ABOVE THE TURBID WATER WHICH IN OVERFLOWING SUCCESSION SNEAKILY INFILTRATES TINY NETWORKS OF FISSURES AND AT THE SAME TIME DROWNS EACH TRACE OF FOUNDATIONAL ROCK WITH IMPRESSIONS OF FOSSILS STRANDED BY THE MAGMA INTRUSION WHILE NARROW CREEKS PERPETUATE A CONTEMPLATION OF ORES AND ALREADY MILLENIAL FACE ARCHAIC TRANSGRESSION OF THESE ENCLOSED TERRITORIES PETRIFIED BY DENSE

HAZARDS OF INDENTATIONS SWALLOWED BY WATER CLOSE TO AN EMERGENT LAND MASS WHERE AN OBTRUSIVE CORD TIES ITSELF INTO LESIONS WROUGHT BY OBSTACLES OF BLEACHED DROSS ON THE BUTTE OF THE STARK COASTAL DECOUPAGE CUT BY THE MATTER OF OTHER CONCRETIONS OF MULTIPLE MINERALS SWEEPED AWAY LITTLE BY LITTLE BY VORTEXES ALONG AN ERODING SHORE WITH A POROUS AND TROUBLED CRUST DISPERSED BY AIR WELL AND FAR AWAY WITH ITS WEIGHT SUPPLEMENTED BY A LABORIOUS GRAVITY OF RUSHING WAVES THAT FOLLOW A POTENTIAL TRAJECTORY OF SUBSTANTIAL SHOALS ASCENDING ALONG A PRECIPITOUS ESCARPMENT WHERE THE CONTINUITY OF INDECOMPOSABLE MATERIALS IS THUS DISTINGUISHABLE LIKE A SINGLE BODY THAT CAN NOT HINDER INCESSANT LIQUID IN SPITE OF THE MECHANICAL AND REPETITIVE UNDULATIONS WHOSE PROPAGATION IS REINFORCED BY A METEORIC INFLUENCE THAT PRECIPITATES AGAINST THE CLIFFS WITH THE SPEED OF FORTUITOUS CHRONOLOGIES PASSING WITHIN EXPANDING REFERENCES WITHOUT EVER MOLLIFYING EXCEPT WHEN THE EVAPORATION SATURATES THE HYDRATION OF FROTHY AND UNVARYING NEBULOSITY DURING ITS PROGRESSION OVER THE FORESHORE AT THE JUNCTION OF TRIPLE SPHERES EXHAUSTING THE SPRING

UNDER THE TERRAIN OF WAVES OF WASHED-OUT ABYSSES
INSCRIBED BY SEAS SURROUNDING A FALLOW CONTINENT
WHOSE ENVELOPING SHORES DISINTEGRATE UNTIL SMALL
STATIONARY OBJECTS RELEASE UNEXPLORABLE CADENCED
AND CONCENTRIC VIBRATIONS THAT ARE NEITHER ALIVE
NOR PLACATED AND THAT RETURN A UNIQUE SONAR ECHO
OF HYPOTHETICAL DENSITIES SOLELY VERIFIABLE THRU
EXPERIMENTAL CONJECTURES AS EVIDENCED BY EXPANSE
OF LAND WHICH MANIFESTED EARLY OVER AN ENGULFING
MANTLE AT THE TURNING POINT OF COAGULATING TO AN
EQUILIBRIUM OF REACTIVATED ALTERNATIVES REJECTED
AT PROFOUND DEPTHS AND REMODELED WITH THE PROPER
INVERSION OF MECHANISMS FROM AN ANTERIOR TIME OF
A GASH WHICH EXUDING AND ENDURES VOLCANIC MAGMAS
WHEN THE DORSAL IMMERSION ATTACK ON THE SECTIONS
THAT ARE ACTIVE TEARS AT THE BORDERS OF WIDENING
GRAVES THAT REFORM THEMSELVES AS ABYSSES PUSHING
UP TO THE SUBSOIL VIA THE NODAL PROPAGATED UNDER
AN IMPETUS OF ACOUSTICS AND COMPLICATED REMANENT
MAGNETIZATION THAT PERMITS DISCOVERING AN ISLAND
HOVERING LIKE A SHIPWRECK PRIED OUT OF THE EARTH
SO THAT PROXIMITY'S BEACON IS TOUGH TO DETECT ON
SUBMERGED SHOALS WHICH DURING THE NIGHT MASK THE
ANXIETY OF A WORLD HELD BETWEEN GROUND AND WATER