

CHAUN WEBSTER

BODIES OUT OF PLACE

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GeNtry! fication: a 21st century disappearing act

negroes, surrounded.

surrounding:

a business district

industrial

a gold coast.

like a stain

a sea, venereal disease.

negroes somewhere

in your pants.

somewhere down under,

not fucking-

fucked.

negroes.

fucking negroes

land full of borders

illegible inhabitants of the uninhabitable.

negroes, legible when danger.

negroes, a fairy tale-

a magic trick.

negroes, now you see them...



SHAZAM!!!

...now you don't.

i don't remember...

you leave one summer. do you remember? that new space,
the dark matter of your body? you left, not many miles,
you moved a bit further north & then to university, do you
remember? that new space, the dark matter of your body?
not thinking of return yet you return do you remember
can you remember a time when you did not feel alien, in-
between borders, fabricated...something was robbed but you
weren't there, do you remember? can you remember the
theft? the compulsory leaving & returning & leaving again.
you leave one summer. you ? that new ,
the dark matter ? you , not many miles,
you moved north & then , do you
remember? your body? not
thinking of return you do you can you
not feel alien, in-between
borders, fabricated...something robbed you
do you remember? the theft?
leaving & leaving again. you
leave do you ? that space,
your body? you left,
further do you
remember? that space, dark matter ? not
return yet return
you feel alien, in between
leaving & returning
that dark
body? left,
do you remember?

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like high voltage. cloud on your back. see
Shango. faster now. past history - herstory. see
the whole thing play out from a high place. insert
Tubman, Sojourner, Assata. faster now. feet meet
earth in repetition, union - insert bre'r rabbit.
diggin'. roots. as in Baker, Lorde, Davis, Semenya.
outrun gender. faster now. through an escape
route. faster now. mississippi under your feet. break.
free. faster now. become lightning. ~~strike twice~~