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Intimate rivalries that undermine

make for creative misreadings

of body The star-shaped device inside the eye does

not refract even the simple symbols It is

an inventor not a solver of problems

There are attempts to hogtie  
the dischord the bondage is the high At times  
like this there is harm in harmony  
when the medicine of engagement  
is prescribed as controlled substance

Named over & over to end

all names the brand plays staccato in

a Basquiated suit Bones painted on feel

real like painted bones The cake

is eaten until frosting sweats through

[gunfire]

Heat on pictures make the redesigns

disfiguring smiles while retaining

historical associations It starts w/ boys at play

w/ the railroad rocks &

the irresistible draw of moving targets

The geometrists hierarch themselves the  
mapmakers the engineers add nuanced  
angles to the machetes then the nightmares  
Often wounds never quite heal It could  
be a dream it could be a bloodless clearing