

Dermographia: (Desire)

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a)

More than some accounting of notches, scrapes?
This birthmark, that mole. More than description
(decorative script).

To stray, surface. Dig a little.

Become floozy, flimsy: dermatographer?*

[i]

Mosquito, fireweed. Whiskey and hairpulling. Biting, lucent.
Skin reeling: meteorshower and thumbtack. Tender, teethmarked:
spit tarnished—

*(dermatographer): skinwriter. Charting
desire's force, skin's text? *Tête-à-tête*.
Untrustworthy: doodler, doodling ...

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b)

surficial surgical
not k(not)
superficial sacrificial

surface
(but not limited to surface)

necessarily sketchy*

[i]

Salt air and pine. Finding footholds, diving.
Bracing. Breaststroke and tug. Undercurrent,
clamber. Rock, warm body. Skin burnished:
sunkissed, burning—

*(sketchy): skin's evocation. Tricky.
Never the whole _____. (Seemingly,
infinitely) pliant. This impressionable
surface: elastic, restrained. The brain
plastic: gappy, gaper. Keep it together.

c)

Want skintight. Want floodlight. Watertight.
Want high and dry. Want waterlogged. Hammered.
Want waterproof. Floodgate. Want moonshine.
Want want.

[i]

Expectantskin: blue vein and collarbone.
Unpeeled, articulate. Overfull: _____.

fracture friction fiction refraction
resistant resilient refuel
rapture rupture wrap-it-up

wrench

[ii]

Electricsskin: falter. Rewire, _____.

refraction a fraction distraction
ruckus fracas fuckthis
languor sordid

wrench

d)

Cityskin, scrawling: asphalt and tar, double and single yellows, white lines, red. Joined brick: shit-painted, feathered common (crow, seagull and starling.) Concrete walking path, overpass. Turf, riot of thistle. Razor wire, rat skid: skunked.

[i]

Marked pen-ink tattoo,
ballpoint fly-on-the-wall:
that skin's vernacular of

belt and
vein, tedium and

(keep it opaque):
resist scab-picking

(keep it raw-boned)*:
eke it threadbare.

*(raw-boned): desire's skin. Force,
forward motion. Impulsion, consumption—
Capitalize on (skin's charming) neediness,
necessity. Improvise: swap and sway. Riff.

[ii]

(scar tissue): lacks
skin's elasticity: different,
lamine: scar tissue
can't stretch

move

e)

cicatrization: decorative scar-
ring, (mark characters); knife-
edge, ink; parse
phrases, gun whole
words

dermograffiti*

*(dermograffiti): skin littered, lettered,
lexical. Tagged: solipsistic. Sloppy
pas de deux: medium and meaning.

[i]

skin = noun (verb):

hide (cover, conceal)
pelt (assail, assault, attack)
coat (smother, spread)

membrane (shell)
film (filter)
bark (peel)

[ii]

skin = verb (noun):

peel (rind, husk, wrapping)
graze (scratch, scrape)

pare (skin)

i)

Need permeability. Superfluity. Need possibility.