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Default Perpetua

Spinning around  
the mind  
the search for meaning  
spinning around  
the mind  
looking around  
for meaning, meeting  
the me-thing of the minds, company  
you see  
you see me, actually

clouds could serve to create problems, foggy  
hair style is the limit,  
ostracized gestures in the valley of the meeting of us  
ecstasy, unexpressed  
it's not about creation, male action  
but discovery

creating discovery escape  
it's not about  
that which  
that which it is not about, layers  
affinities business, associates  
finish the meeting  
go for a drink, I think

clouds could be, could be problems  
not before, never after  
clouds could be clouds, meanwhile  
during the action only  
run into bodies  
escape from a body  
body escape, bodies bodies  
dance on the dance floor

spinning around  
the mind, use-image, after-image  
image  
it's a bit  
it's a bit hairy in here  
thinning  
thinning hairy in here

I actually see you  
anonymous, ideal  
I see faces in the clouds  
a profile in the mold  
twisted assaults  
the room gets emptier and emptier, and more exciting  
bottle over

clipping, cutting, scissor extraction costumizing hand gesture, gesture  
of a different hand  
digestion  
backspace, shift agony and lust shampoo  
setting up, the set-up, get up  
like choosing what to wear, choosing with care what goes together, what  
to put on, put up, put together  
group action, like a band, hair style  
waving hand

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Celestial perspectives, an hyperbolic privacy, orgies and decor equal a desert.

The beautifulness of horror is never simply surreal. In front of these works, different forms are to be undertaken but as if they came across passages unknown to us, and with superficial allusiveness, like accidental apparitions. The human tout-court acquires substance in anonymous physicality. But why do we need this tout-court idea? Tout-court means very short in French. It can be a reduction process coming from the wish to evade organic vitality, an exigence of self-alienation. Abstraction like a negative empathy: I identify myself into inorganic forms, into forms not yet deduced. Images are taken away from their natural context to become intellectually imperceptible, yet in other ways available.

If we look, we look until we see something.

Want it or not, any audible among elements has a more or less effective double - from a vaguely prohibited analogy to a formal identity. Potentially, all the intuitions and our imagination can liberate two unconscious matters: what is seen and what was seen already. A representation or a deceptive perception are brought to the surface of a consciousness. Sometimes metaphors and keys can open and close doors, sometimes they can't.

Abdomens, ample skin's surfaces, more intimately those unexpressed ecstasies that take broad locations in our fantasy. Aesthetic enjoyment. A strong spirituality can be erotically concrete without alluding to an idea of art only, but to its possession also. In a way, the arrangement of these forms, the graphic guise of these pictures, could be everything. But as well, every single frame seems to shout against its location, as if style did not successfully infringe discipline, but instead it ostracized gestures in the valley of recovery, excluding further discoveries. So, are those clouds there in order to create problems? Yes. Like triumphal reason against randomness: the attempt of jeopardizing stylistic tensions and destabilize methods, trying to encroach repetition.

This series of etchings is the continuation of a formal challenge, a synthesis of the most controversial force.

The energy implied in order to make grooves is what reveals the traces of something that is, by Schaulfer's hand, at the same time denied. China lines that are precise and budged, fevered by a wrist's intentionality. It's a face to face between possibility and control. And it's a tough battle, a chain of relationships, reports, contemplation. Then a space is identified but not bordered, and the way a picture is dropped on top of another one, or the nature of colors, are clues to accede the progressive mutation of this work.

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