

A LI(S)TANY OF PAIN

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For the woman whose domestic violence story and head injury were said to have caused her mental illness and aphasia, and for people whose pains fester for inadequacy of language.

Him, Trove. Him, Boxes. Him, Sugar. Him, Teeth. Me, Girl. Me, Dove. Me, Dolphin. Me, Dream. Me, Fifteen. Him ~~Groomer~~ Lover. Me, Hymen. Me, Blood. Him, Suitor. Me, Flower. Me, Family. Family, Belly. Belly, Hollow. Family, Consent. Him, Groom. Me, Bride. Him, Husband. Me, Wife. Me, House. Me, Ladle. Me, Broom. Me, Sink. Me, Omo. Him, Cash. Him, Provision. Him, Seat. Me, Floor. Him, Feet. Me, Knee. Him, Bottles. Him, Drugs. Him, Weed. Weed, 'ctivator, Months, Bump. Months, Boy. Him, Wines. Me, Breastmilk. Morning, Him. Him, Exit. Home, Roost. Rooster, Him. Night, Roost. Rooster, Absence. Absence, Day. Absence, Days. Morning, Him. Him, Roost. Me, Questionnaire. Him, Checkmarks. Me, Silence. Me, Relief. Hotel, Him. Him, Woman. Woman, Lady. Lady, College. Sight, Lady. Sight, Friend. Friend, Me. Me, Friend. Friend, Photo. Photo, Proof. Me, Water. Him, Roost. Me, Projector. Him, Roar. Him, Command. Command, Alarm. Alarm, him. Alarm, Provider. Alarm, Roots. Alarm, Place. Roots, Me. Me, Slum. Place, Me. Place, Mud. Me, Knees. Him, Gnash. Him, Exit. Him, Roost. Him, Woman. Him, Woman. Woman, Harlot. Woman, Bedroom. Bedroom, Lock. Bedroom, Moans. Me, Wilderness. Son, Wilderness. Me, Cat. Cat, Paw. Paw, Maul. Maul, Harlot. Night, Him. Him, Eggplant. Me, Portal. Portal, Dryness. Him, Gorilla. Me, Banshee. Gorilla, Grab. Gorilla, Toss. Gorilla, ~~Rape~~ sex. Gorilla, Banshee. Gorilla, ~~Rape~~ Sex. Gorilla, Banshee. Banshee, Slug. Slug, Fever. Slug, Vagina. Vagina, Itch. Vagina, Flames. Vagina, Pus. Vagina, Fish. Slug, Silence. Silence, Capsules. Time, Treatment. Time, Healing. Time, Him. Him, Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Me, Rag. Bedroom, Stink. Bedroom, Condoms. Me, Horror. Me, Tributary. Tributary, Plea. Tributary, Trash. Wedlock, Year. Wedlock, Years. Son, Mummy. Me, Hug. Son, Daddy. Him, Push. Me, Carriage. Me, Mother. Mother, Petting. Mother, Scroll. Scroll, Reference. Reference, Father. Reference, Decades. Reference, Loyalty. Loyalty, Key. Reference, Camel. Camel, Key. History, Change. Change, Clock. Clock, Faith. Me, Acceptance. Me, Roost. Me, Maid. Me, Bondswoman. Him, Roost. Him, Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Me, Cassock. Me, Seat. Cassock, Seat. Cassock, Counsel. Counsel, Patience. Counsel, 'orgiveness. Cassock, Prayer. Me, Acceptance. Me, Roost. Me, Prayer. Me, Fasting. Him, Roost. Him, Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Me, Counsellor. Counsel, Business. Business, Support. Support, Key. Me, Acceptance. Me, Roost. Him, Roost. Him, Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Me, Friend. Friend, Reference. Reference, Hubby. Reference, Boredom. Reference, Spice. Reference, Mint. Reference, Style. Me, Acceptance. Me, Roost. Roost, Him. Me, Kiss. Me, Tease. Me, Nightie. Me, Perfume. Me, Grope. Me, Nectar. Him, Orbs. Him, Smoke. Me, Shards. Me, Gravel. Him, Exit. Him, Roost. Him, Woman. Him, Woman. Woman. Woman. Woman. Me, Aunt. Aunt, Scroll. Me, Father. Father, Snaps. Father, Invite. Invite, Him. Him, Ears. Father, ~~Begging~~ Advice. Father, ~~Praise~~ Wishes. Him, Nod. Him, Cash. Cash, Father. Him, Roost. Him, Fireball. Fireball, Me. Him, Whip. Whip, Me. Him, Janitor. Me, Prisoner. Him, Slam. Chokeslam Chokeslam. Choke. Slam, Head. Head, Shadow. Him, Door. Me, Blue. Me, Dying. Me, Sparrow.