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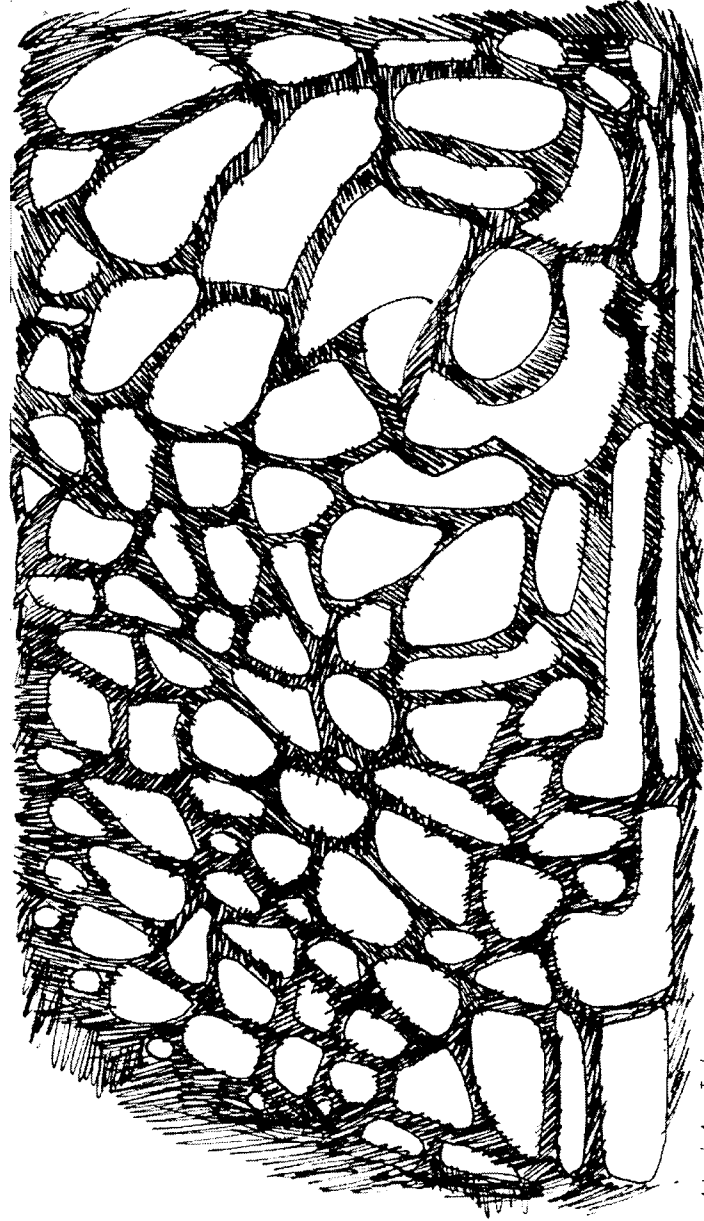
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A Noisy Nightingale Understands a
Tiger's Camouflage Totally
— by Anne Tardos

* deadly nightshade, a cardiac and respiratory stimulant, having purplish-red flowers and black berries

Surface tension power vacuum

The order of priorities

Inexorable rulings

Rare exceptions diligence

By the sea by the fizzy sea

A beautiful encore

Going for a walk now—See you later

A Noisy Nightingale Understands a Tiger's Camouflage Totally

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Xenophobic tintype

Guiltfree manuscript

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Breakdown tendency

Gotta be careful

Sentimental bio-glo

Application singsong

Beneficial drag race

**A Noisy Nightingale Understands a Tiger's Camouflage
Totally**

**by
Anne Tardos**

A Noisy Nightingale Understands a Tiger's Camouflage Totally

The word "pepper" cannot make us sneeze.

We cannot sneeze without closing our eyes.

We are the very instruments of our own knowledge.

This is the lingering logic of an urbanized citizen.

System approaching method approaching determination where
satisfaction is given and refuge is being sought.

Motion and the definition of existence.

Knowledge is fantastic.

Sleep, a habit.

Delinquency medication

Madness for sale

Suicide monument

Fallacy folly

Kangaroo ginger didgeridoo tennis ball pesticide

Gargoyle ramikin

Comprehension gagrule

Surgical awareness

Incandescant free-for-all

Zinfandel bonhomie

Complicated comfort blanket

Asking-price commodity

Zefirelli magic.

Irritability factor

Meningitis bombshell

Comfortable head cold

Skeleton turnkey

Panic button dumbbell

Effervescent beverage

Prostatitis pushcart

Artery clogger factory killer

Skipped articulation energetic tea time

Organism bedrock sedimentation fiber

Intensity lingo formidable artwork

Realization flipside

Stratification data

Delinquency meditation

Pepper cannot sneeze.

An eye is an instrument of life.

We need to approach this with logic.

Approach your determination with satisfaction.

Refuge is also subjected to the laws of motion and can become the
essence of existence.

Knowledge is from within.

Our habit of being asleep.

Dandy jerky bending buds—to change the subject a bit.

It's this lack of nothingness that dogs us.

It's complicated.

Criminal ginger scalawag timber—to change it some more.

Funeral giggle abracadabra

Sentimental tête-à-tête

Poems to be reckoned with leave me breathless.

There wouldn't be any flakiness here.

How you fill the page is you how you live your life.

I get the runaround

I do the dishes

I double-click

And then all of a sudden I bite the hand that feeds me

My self-mutilation sells like hotcakes

I get off on the wrong foot and come up smelling like roses

I zero in on rice and beans

I rise and I shine and then I sink or swim

I mince words and make mountains of molehills

I drink to excess—so not true—and lose my train of thought

Semblance manufacture

Deep throat nightingale

Equity bonbon as a literal object

Dilly-dally fanfare of a seamless sentiment

Variation distance

Gender manufacture

Territory sing-song

Milk carton

tea bag

cat-shit

apricot pit

Slender dandy data dog

Complicated friction complex

Baby complex chewable matter.

“Did you see a dog?”

“Yes.”

“What sort of a dog?”

The witness answering this question would need to be observant of
certain details.

Slangy dizzy doodle death

CD fraction camouflage

Bamby danger chunky breath

Indigo apotheosis of a literal ape

Why should we not doubt everything?

The possibility of errors is infinite.

Ideas are the garden I go to play in at dusk and in the morning.

“Did you observe yourself today?”

“No, I watched a chimpanzee.”

“And how was that?”

“Elegant.”

Is the fox's imagination connected with images?

Does the parrot's imagination involve belief in dread-fulfilling
daydreams?

As an improviser, do I need to know the art of talking without
thinking? The other way around?

A parochial fox and a demented parrot

My crackerjack life

And its fissures and wobbly surfaces

Crackerjack dirt-track thimble doughnut wisecrack

Think of it as a path to improbability

Birdsong fallacy

vol-au-vent gigolo

Scandinavian semblance

Efficacy germfare

Sing-song denigration

Virtual synopsis

Listening device

Nothing happened pedigree

Clever people eager abundance

Never forgotten a night so still

Noticed she was very pale

Nothing happened

Evergreen

Optimistic habit shaper

Complicated chimney

Stimulus visavis plankton changeling

Verdrängung into an unctious unconscious

Verdrängung into the truly verdrängte unconscious

The wild west and the tame east I verdräng it all profondément

Best of friends

Find themselves afloat on an ice floe

They huddle and keep each other warm.

Sterling ginger flammable stranger

Dedicated to a humble fox

Friendship apex distant suffix

Fiery thinking memory box

Homesick cumulus icy friendship

Memory distance all very well

Strictly forbidden zone decapitation

Gender-grab gangster

Zebulon place holder

Circumflex indigo

Memory stimulus apex friendship

Fiery distance ginger parrot

Instant suffix daydream stimulus

Best of friendship warm dedication

Huddled all is very well

Many restrictions apply as I dress to survive while taking refuge
in unexpected restrictions

Monkey estrus dalliance

The tenderness of old age

Criminal ginger scalawag frog's legs

Funeral timber friction giggle

Urbanized citizen abracadabra

Lingering ancestor telegraphic duo

Retroactive bo-del-aire

Afghan carrousel dingo ginger

Candlestick.

One place is as good as another

Properly placed and cool in the summer

Bloodcurdling steamer price of admission

Mixed together positive happiness

Stupendous horseshoe cannot improve

Flimsy bridges crazy wooden railings

Never crazed my ears before

Simply wait you will continue

Punishment for levity

Crackling fire

Finest nonsense

Vast and somber

Delicately excellent

Duplicitously Serengeti wigwam

Liberation sweat lodge

Favoriteness meditation

Fixated on love.

Optimistic habit shaper

Shaggy pauper bed and board

Impossibly lightweight sponge aspiration

Fond of nostrils frankly kept

Pretty speechless twilit gossip

Very much native

Tremulous impulse

Don't obey—don't command

It's old or new according to your point of view

Reservation tenderness

Lingering daunting language phantom

Formulated tiger brain

Enormity dingo faintly smiling

Erotic sneakers garlic breath

Creaking window chair manufacture

Skin reluctance fluid balm

Burning forehead horseshoe snowfall

Tattered engine

Radioactive bo-de-lair

Train manufacture easily

Tender factoid serious business

Upper reluctance dingo gear

People arriving at peephole jitters

Serious business aphoristic happenstance

Undisturbable noisy and helpless

Giggle chatter loving husbands

Born with an edge died a pauper

Occupation dividend

Ruling classes rosy glasses

Hereditary clapping hands

Money matters diligence

Kindness old and severed

Testing a scalawag's ginger intake

Innocence tatters as an engine ripens

Chickens and citizens all remember

Legroom estrus tenterhooks glow

Nicotine-stained humpty dumpty

Dingo ginger carousel dream

We bristle with righteousness

Perturbed and agitated

We disengage from the perfect truth

And consider our options

Then we exclaim

Ah!

There's nothing like life is there

and sit back

our hands clasped together behind our heads

The inner child in a pine forest

Embryo saffron and a drawer full of dust

Cool summer breeze and an enigmatic sing-song

Libertine gigolo bread-and-butter sweetheart

What am I doing with my time

Is this time really mine

“very mine”

Condition as place or site

Place as a form of being

We are what we recognize

Our imagination is the basis of recognition

The grounds of our perception

We recognize what we are, what we contain

Then, when something slips out from our hands we say oops, ouch,

or ohmygod

We make a fuss

Slowly lazy sleeping bed

Lavender slumber discoloration

Freedom testing economy wing

Dainty quiver rumble shriek

Singular effervescent swindle

Total access will not be denied

Je vous access totalement

Your beauty melts my heart

Ceci n'est pas un chien.

Workbook diligence filigree guesswork

Bedtime future careful reference

President program trickery fanfare

Carry-on see-through drop-down curtain

Bottom dollar Gorgonzola

Giddily discard gangrene bladder

Vilify gangrene octopus artworld

Tit-for-tat wiedersehen acrobat pokey

Balance sheet stocking feet

Oyster merger vigilante

Succotash gangrene

Fullerene gargoyle

Ukulele football

Pecking order Zircon

Tears of laughter undulation

Cinderella hunger

For reasons not fully understood . . .

Horror lurks within

Impressions thicken

Barbed wire comes into it and little girls' opinions

Perseverance furthers and tires

In the morning I'm glad the night is over

At night I'm glad the day is ending

Clerks in and out . . .

Like pilots with chickens

Children little girls . . .

Perspiration roll on . . .

Morning noon and night I am glad