

transmogrification

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SHIPMATES SEARCH FOR THE CREATURE. FRANTIC. PANICKED.

ME CALM. QUIET. SLIP INTO SECLUDED AREA.

LANTERN SWAYS ON HOOK. SICKLY DIM LIGHT. FLAME WEARY.

REACH POCKET. RAT. SMALL, STILL LOOKS

DEAD.

BUT KNOW BETTER.

KNOW WHAT LIES ~~WITHIN~~

STROKE ONE. KILL RAT. STROKE TWO. SLICE THROAT. BELLY

~~INSIDE~~

WORM EXPOSED. UNDULATES. VIOLENT.

ME ALIVE

NEW HOST

WORM LATCHES HAND. BARE FLESH. BURROWS SKIN.

NO SCREAMING.

INSTEAD, BEGIN RECITING

WORDS OF BEAST RITUAL.

SOON, I WILL BE NOT FULLY IT.

I WILL BE NOT FULLY SELF.

I WILL BE SOMETHING UTTERLY, GLORIOUSLY NEW.

WRIGGLING

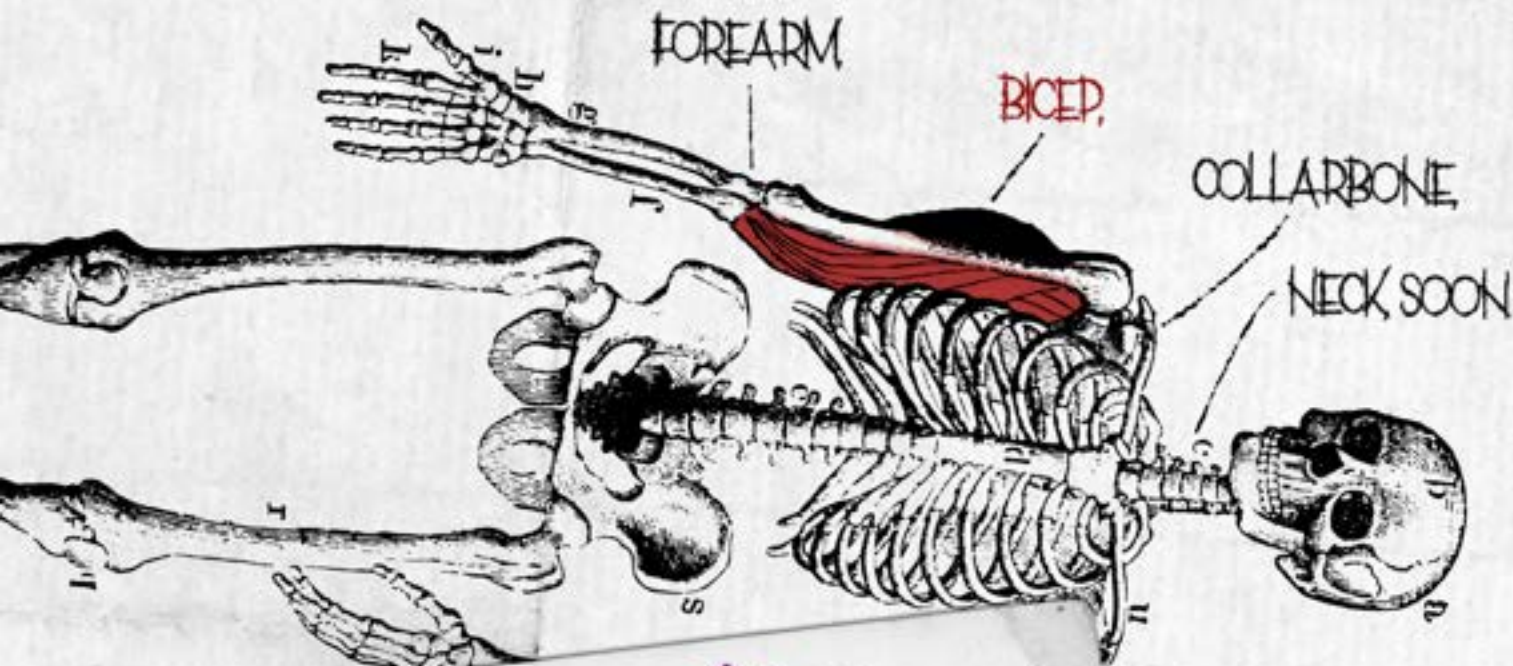
PROTRUSION
UNDER SKIN

FOREARM

BICEP

COLLARBONE

NECK SOON



BRAIN



WORDS OF **RITUAL**

SPILL FORTH, STEADY, SUN-WOUNDED
SALT-CHAPPED LIPS

FINAL WORD SPOKEN
PROTRUSION DISAPPEARS

WAIT

NOW IS THE TIME FOR SCREAMING

AGONY

SPINE EXTENDS NEW VERTEBRAE POPULATE

SKIN STRETCHING TORTURE

'SUDDEN ELASTIC BENEVOLENCE

COLUMN EXTRUDES FOUR NEW

ARACHNID LEGS

TWITCHING PRESIDENT

ACID BLOOD

IN VEINS

SEARING

COMPLETENESS

HUMAN EYELIDS

BLINK

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NEW MEMBRANES

TEETH, ONCE SMOOTH

WEAK SQUARE

SMALL PLAQUE-

COVERED LOOSE

DECAYING

NOW STEADY

JAGGED

ELONGATED

POWER

LIPS CURL

BLINK

SHIFT

AIR

YES, NEW, AND

DELIGHT IN NEWFOUND

BUT SOMETHING FAMILIAR

ONLY NOW AMPLIFIED. STRONGER

HUNGER WONDER WHERE SHIPMATES WENT...