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A WINDOW IS ALSO A WALL

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The apartment had been vacant for hours. That morning, the furniture had gone, slipping away over the floorboards like shadows moved by the passage of the day. The rooms now warped and changed shape as though shrugging off a fixed and tired facade. In their frames, the windows yelped under pressure. Along the floor–line, decorative moldings sizzled and jumped.

In the living room, the portals to bedroom, kitchen, and bath yawned like absences of infinite mass, each sucking and slurping at the contours of their own emptiness. Denuded of its coverings and armatures, returned to its original prismatic form, the room's six faces took on the abstracted austerity of a surrealist architecture, startling geometries primly complying with the demands of linear perspective. Only in the details did it become more imperfect and more human. The rough and tumble of life inscribed itself on walls caked and stippled with paint like a lunar landscape rendered in white semi–gloss primer. Abstract designs of scuffs and scrapes indexed a struggle—the residue of bike wheels as they scrabbled for purchase, the death rattle of a wardrobe hitting home in an excess of inertia and failed human strength. These streaks and indentations took on semblances both ghoulish and slapstick: an unseemly sack–like blotch, pendant between vacant eyes; the clawing swipe of fingerprints describing sloppy, cheery curves.

Shapes emerged from the dust like images in clouds—the fourfold circular imprints of chair legs, the square feet of a dining room table. Other impressions of unclear origin floated, irresolute, in their suspension of grime. Invariably, they begged to be occupied again by the matter that had given them form.

A milky residue on the window panes overcast the room in a nebulous gloam, sliced intermittently by shafts of light (the sun, punching it's way through apertures in the haze). In one window, a nail—miraculous really—was suspended in the glass through some magic of heat and engineering. Or else the metal barb plugged some manufacturer's error, the omission of a slender cylinder from the otherwise perfect design. Intermittent susurrations could be heard, the whispers of the room through this teeniest of cracks, animating in anticipation of the new life it would soon imbibe.

-Nicole Kaack

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Monique Mouton

Sun, 2019 Watercolor on paper, (framed) $58_{1/2} \times 75_{1/8} \times 2_{3/4}$ in.



Monique Mouton Untitled (semcircle), 2019 oil on panel

7 1/8 x 617/8 x 1/2 in.



Monique Mouton

Untitled, 2018 oil on wood panel 9 1/2 x 19 in.



Monique Mouton

Untitled , 2022 oil on wood panel 9 3/4 x 21 in.



Marley Freeman

I could be naked and eating figs, 2021/2022 oil and acrylic on linen 18 x 18 in.



Marley Freeman

bricolage, 2020 oil and acrylic on linen 10 x 6 in. 11 1/8 x 7 1/4 (framed)



Marley Freeman

Acres, 2020 oil and acrylic on linen 10 x 6 in. 11 1/8 x 7 1/4 (framed)



Elizabeth Atterbury

After HB, 2013 Wood, clay, paint, 9 1/2hx 14w x 1 1/2d in



Elizabeth Atterbury

The Well, Again (Pool), 2017 Beach sand, glue, MDF 10 1/2h x 8w x 6 1/4d in







Elizabeth Atterbury

For Marion, 2022 Chimney liners, sand, wood 23.5 x 12 x 12.625 inches (liner w/ mortar) 23.75 x 12.25 x 12.75 in. (liner w crack)



Gedi Sibony

Pods, 2022 oil on oil painting 18 x 24 in.





Dmitri Hertz

Spider with Spore and Truncated Octahedron, 2022 Concrete, glazed ceramic, bronze, steel, rubber



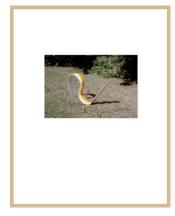
Stephen Porter

Wheelbarrow, 1965/2022 Archival Pigment Print 11x14in (framed) edition of 3 + 1 AP



Stephen Porter

9 times II, 1983/2022 Archival Pigment Print 11x14in (framed) edition of 3 + 1 AP



Stephen Porter

Yellow Bend, 1965/2022 Archival Pigment Print 11x14in (framed), edition of 3 + 1 AP



Dmitri Hertz Charred Grass (Poaceae Family), 2022 Glazed ceramic



Stephen Porter

When the Children Come Out to Play,1965/2022 Archival pigment print 11x14in (framed) edition of 3 + 1 AP



Meg Hahn

Cut Out Window 2, 2019 oil on paper $5_{1/2} \times 6_{1/2}$ (framed)



Meg Hahn

Warmth 3, 2021 oil on canvas 16x16 in.