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FW:

Garden Party Lindsay & Raymond invite you to

African Cuisine

name :

number of people:

dietary requirements:

go down there in helicopter

death swoop over rustic bridge

got bloodhound in boot he pick up trail

Hale Barns / Wilmslow

they rented a lion to sit in the living room

velour recliner leatherette pouffe

for £1 you can watch TV with him

for £2 he talks about it

DVD voiceover

echo in vase

afterwards maybe spin the bottle

pineapple cubes occasional table

board games where you call your mother-in-law

free drinks at tanning salon that swizzle stick

zebra print boots on bouncy castle they

sent a reporter to write about it

anything seen from afar looks interesting

how she holds that paper

notches on her spine

pdf

mechanics of social interaction

show it all in sketches like this one of peacock :

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that time I nearly got caught

sexy texts to V.S. Naipul

mucky sputum down in the makery

yogurt coated peanuts that Japanese seaweed

in Switzerland they do it in private clinics

smoked glass silhouette of Alps

naked gymnastics on German TV

oompah music while they show the weather

to reduce a culture to this

image of a bald man pursued by a milkmaid

times are flexible

break open those rolls

hairs in the butter those

cosmic spirae

they are patient there they

queue for hours for turnips

once in the lounge his

vellum man purse glimpsed :

plans for curling rink / community crack den

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he put his daughter in a Skinner box

made her memorise layout of pelvis

see it on cable TV

those documentaries about dictators

page 158: diagrams of femur

he won't let her

Christmas or Easter

if she ate some now it would be like a blind man

he made a box from formica wardrobe

got glass from terrarium

evil lizards

how they trained pigeons to fly missiles

rats to make the salads at drive-ins

ask for her hand but omitted in footnotes they

make this into rock opera

as Sherilyn Fenn

frosted lipstick

doesn't mention it on her blog

got webcam link got secret thoughts e.g.

that dream about me as cuneiform
those red lights they can make you
for food and fifty fags I would do it
got cool fans got numb gel got little levers
question : if your soul is then
what box it in look : like this one [?]
make your own from breadsticks

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