Purdey Lord Kreiden

Children of the Bad Hour

This first collection of Kreiden’s poetry takes its name from a nineteenth-century commemorative tattoo (“ENFANT DU MALHEUR”) shared by former child inmates of the Mettray Penal Colony, where Jean Genet spent part of his childhood. “To be locked at sea is much fun,” as this work of irrepressible freedom attests.

“(H)er work proves true the Blakean proverb, ‘To create a little flower is the labour of ages.’ Children of the Bad Hour is that flower—that flower is our hymen—and our species has been crafting it for millions of years. We might finally be ready.”

— Jane Gregory and Sara Nicholson

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