

Chicago Open Literature 2010: So, uh hey guys, can we tossup Genzo Murakmi Yet?
Round 4

1. **One character in this story always recites from Apollinaire whenever he passes by the Hotel de Lauzun. Another character witnesses a cat perched on the roof of a public urinal. The narrator concludes filaments of "angel spittle are also called devil-spit" at a pivotal point. It begins with the narrator debating how to tell the story "in the first person or in the second, using the third person plural or continually inventing modes." This short story sees the narrator, who is currently translating a work of Jose (*) Norberto Allende into French, walking along the Seine and capturing an image of a blond woman seducing a little boy for a voyeur in a car, then he returns home and produces the title enlargement. For 10 points, name this story about Robert Michel that forms the basis for a Michelangelo Antonioni film, written by Julio Cortazar.**

[Ike] ANSWER: "**Blow-up**"

2. **It contains a description of polar bears that "lie down with us, its arms about our necks, murderously," as well as a poem addressed to the ghost of Marjorie Rawlings. One poem in this collection describes "the alert mind dissatisfied with what it is asked to and cannot do," while another poem complains about how a group of people are lacking red, and that group is "beggars leading each other diagonally downward." It describes how "some boys are swimming bare-ass" in a work beginning "this is a (*) schoolyard crowded with children." It also contains a poem that sees "a farmer [who] was ploughing his field, the whole pageantry of the year was awake tingly with itself," before describing "insignificantly off the coast, there was a splash." For 10 points, name this collection that describes *The Parable of the Blind*, *Children's Games* and *Landscape with the Fall of Icarus*, written by William Carlos Williams.**

[Ike] ANSWER: **Pictures from Brueghel** and Other Poems

3. **This character claims that "not being well married" is a good excuse "for me hereafter to leave my wife." He jokes about how "the noblest deer hath" horns "as huge as the rascal," and claims "the forehead of a married man" is more honorable "than the bare brow of a bachelor." He remembers breaking his sword upon a stone while in love and the "kissing of her batlet and the cow's dugs that her pretty chopt hands had milked." When we first meet this character, he talks of a knight that (*) swore by honor "they were good pancakes" and "the mustard was naught." After he cavorts with goats in a forest, he talks about the seven degrees of lying. Eventually marrying Audrey, he serves under Duke Frederick and openly insults Corin while in the Forest of Arden. For 10 points, name this fool from *As You Like It*, whose name is taken from a material that is used to detect precious metals.**

[Ike] ANSWER: **Touchstone**

4. **The death of one character starts a three day long funeral which culminates with the widow's eyes weeping blood into the gold and silver coffin that he is buried in. In one scene, a bunch of pages use footstools and benches to repulse an army, but when they come back with reinforcements they are all slain except for Dankwart. It begins with a dream about two eagles killing a falcon. One of its characters is made nearly invulnerable by soaking himself in dragon's blood, except for a spot on his back where a leaf had covered it. Its first part is set in the midst of the (*) Saxon War, while in the second part, its female lead marries Etzel, the king of the Huns. She loses her son to Hagen, who with Gunter had also killed her first husband. Chronicling in part the death of Kreimhild's husband Siegfried, for 10 points, name this anonymous German epic poem, which partially provided the plot for four of Wagner's operas.**

[Ike] ANSWER: **Song of the Nibelungs** or **Nibelunglied**

5. **This author gave a lecture at Amsterdam on what graphic imagery disturbed her in a novel describing the torture of Hitler's close assassins, Paul West's *The Very Rich Hours of Count von Staffenburg*, only to find its author at the same symposium. She wrote a work that is a reimagining of a Hugo von Hofsmantal reimagining, in which Elizabeth Chandos carries on a dialog with Francis Bacon. Her lecture at Appleton College on Animal Rights is very similar to another author's *The Lives of Animals*. Her most notable work is a rewriting of (*) *Ulysses* from Molly Bloom's side, and she has written a reworking of *Robinson Crusoe*, from the perspective of Friday called *Foe*. For 10 points, name this fictional author of *The House on Eccles Street*, a creation of J.M. Coetzee.**

[Ike] ANSWER: **Elizabeth Costello** [accept either]

6. This work's author recalls its creation by citing the influence of "Ode to the Rosemary" by Henry Kirke White and two similarly themed poems of Robert Blair and Bishop Porteus. One entity in this poem "treads upon" "the sluggish clod." It speaks of "complaining brooks," "vales / stretching in pensive quietness" and "hills rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun." This work notes "the gay will laugh, "the solemn brood of care / will plod on" and "each one as before will chase his favorite (*) phantom." Urging its addressee to be "sustained and smoothed by an unflinching trust," its author was seventeen when he submitted it to the *North American Review* to get it published. Also mentioning the "Barcan wilderness," it urges for its subject to go "like the quarry halls of night," when he joins the "innumerable caravan." For 10 points, name this William Cullen Bryant poem that is a meditation on death.

[Ike] ANSWER: "Thanatopsis"

7. This work's protagonist finds that his wife dallied with Captain Bracegirdle during their honeymoon, and one demands records of "Always" be played so she can talk to Daphne. Late in this work, its protagonist is nearly seriously injured when he realizes he is on a ladder sawed in half, and another character nearly slips and falls on stairs because axle grease is on it. The protagonist of this play is trying to get material for his new novel *The Unseen* and hence invites over Bradman as well as a character who solves the play's central problem by using the maid (*) Edith. The protagonist's second wife, Ruth, dies in a car accident brought about by his first wife, Elvira, though Madame Arcati manages to expel both their ghosts. For 10 points, name this work that ends with Charles Condomine free of his former spouses, a play by Noel Coward.

[Shantanu] ANSWER: Blithe Spirit

8. Bernard Pares's translation into English maintains its rhyme scheme, while Anthony Burgess' is notable for titling it after the hero. A notable speech in this work describes a worthy roisterer trading his servants for three borzoi hounds. The fifteenth scene of the third act consists of Mr. D and Mr. N conversing about the protagonist's insanity. The character of Repetilov in this play is notable for joining every secret society he can, while the central patriarch of this play, who works at a government office, wants his daughter to marry Colonel Skalozub, even though she loves (*) Molchalin. Many sources, like Karlinsky's study, agree that it is the most quoted piece of Russian literature. For 10 points, name this play in which Famusov's daughter Sonya is eyed by Chatsky, the foremost Russian comedy of manners, written by Alexander Griboyedov.

[Ike] ANSWER: Woe from Wit or Wit Works Woe or a lot of other things, [if they think their answer is right, the moderator should tell them they should protest.]

9. Livius Andronicus rendered this poem into Saturnian Verse. One of its characters speaks of a king who blinded Metope and forced her to turn grain into flower so she could regain her sight. Its protagonist is fed wine by Pontonous and visits a palace guarded by Golden and Silver dogs made by Hephaestus. One character in this work is Elpenor, a man who fell off a roof and died, while its protagonist was compared to a scene from Genesis in which Isaac is nearly sacrificed in Eric Auerbach's *Mimesis* in a chapter titled after his (*) scar. Leucothea gives the protagonist a veil when he throws his clothes away. Among other things, Laestrygonians cannibalize the protagonist's friends, and he is given moly to combat a witch who turns men into swine. When he returns home, the protagonist is recognized by his dog Argos, who then perishes. For 10 points, name this epic poem that is a sequel to *The Iliad*.

[Ike] ANSWER: The Odyssey

10. This work uses a clipping from *Mayfair* to relate a honeymoon on the *Queen Mary*, and in the section "Xanadu" one character dresses up as the Abyssinian maid from "Kubla Khan." That character befriends Myra Sturgess, the daughter of the cook Rennie who helped raise her at the palatial estate Avilion. The frame story consists of memoirs left for Sabrina by her grandmother, a daughter of the button magnate Captain Norval. An affair with Alex Thomas inspires the central manuscript, in which two lovers invent a tale about a man from (*) Sakiel-Norn that falls in love with a tongueless virgin from Zycron. The narrator releases that manuscript to get revenge on her husband Richard Griffen, thus avenging his rape of her sister Laura. For 10 points, Iris Chase publishes the title science fiction novel in what work of Margaret Atwood?

ANSWER: The Blind Assassin

11. This work puns on the word pensive by using its original Latin meaning of hanging. This work's images include "the genii of the stream," and it uses the phrase "with many an ardent wish." It notes that "purple ... betrayed a golden gleam" and its central subject is served by Tom and Susan. Declaring "a favorite has no friend," "Malignant fate, [who] sat by and smiled / [as] the slippery verge her feet guiled," This poem begins "Twas (*) on a lofty vase's side, / where China's gayest art had died," and it is the source of the phrase "not all that glisters is gold." For 10 points, name this poem that describes the "pensive Selima reclined / gazed on the lake below," which describes what happens when a kitty thinks it's a good idea to stick its head in a tub of goldfishes, written by Thomas Gray.

[Ike] ANSWER: "Ode on the Death of a Favorite Cat, Drowned in a Tub of Gold Fishes"

12. After one character digresses about the constellation Bootes, another character in this work describes seeing a personification of Death as a surfer on waves under the full moon to describe the storm at the beginning of this novel. A deacon impresses a bunch of sailors by taking the longest piss in this novel, which he attributes to his enormous bladder given to him by God. Lunald eventually flies to the moon in this novel, and the central hardships in it are set into motion when the Duke of Forojuli, Rodgaud, rebels against a man that conquered King Desiderius, the title figure. Set during the reign of Charlemagne, it was the primary reason why its author won the Nobel Prize along with (*) Harry Martinson. For 10 points, name this historical novel by Eyvind Jonson.

[Ike] ANSWER: The Days of His Grace or "Hans nådes tid"

13. Frank Lee tries to make it look like Bully Vanderlove is still alive after he died in the midst sex with his mistress in one of her novels. In the other novel by her she compares two people kissing as "Eve and Eve loving one another as they would not be able to once they ate of the fruit and knew themselves as they truly were." That first work written with Victor Gold is called *The Body Politic*. Her first novel is a historical work set in (*) Cheyenne, which led Wolf Blitzer to interview her for its lesbian overtones. For 10 points, name this author of the novel *Sisters*, who is married to a Dick that shot Harry Whittington in the face during a quail hunt.

[Ike] ANSWER: Lynne Cheney [accept Victor Gold early, accept *The Body Politic* early]

14. In this work, the protagonist encounters a house where Georgia has made a museum of the life of her husband in one room, while her husband has made a museum about the life of Georgia in another room. Late in this book, its protagonist hears a weird tale about a man who can jump from Manhattan to a Sixth Borough. Its narrator lives in an apartment below the 103 year old Mr. Black, who joins him on a quest set in motion when he finds a key in a vase in a closet, prompting him to find its lock while spewing off random facts like how many locks are made in New York City in a day. The last pages of this work consists of photographs of the guy who jumped from the North Tower of the World Trade Center, because nine-year old Oscar thinks it might be his dad. For 10 points, name this novel written by a man that appears in *Everything is Illuminated*, Jonathan Foer, the second novel of Jonathan Foer.

[Ike] ANSWER: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

15. One speaker in this collection recalls its addressee "dragging out long roots from the soft mulch," and rhymes "to see" himself, "to set the darkness echoing." Another poem in this work describes "milk in a bottle, corked sloppily with paper" and describes "the cold smell of potato mold, the squelch and the slap of soggy peat." The title poem compares a slap and plop to "obscene threats" and describes creatures "poised like mud grenades." Those creatures are (*) frogs that are "great slime kings" whose encounter with the narrator leads the speaker to undergo the title transformation. Also including a poem that ends "Between my finger and thumb the squat pen rests" it was the first collection of the author of *District and Circle*. Including "Personal Helicon" and "Mid-Term Break," for 10 points, name this poetry collection that includes "Digging" written by Seamus Heaney.

[Ike] ANSWER: Death of a Naturalist

16. **The protagonist of one of this author's novels is partially based on the man who first explored Carlsbad Caverns. One work by this author chronicles a man who had murdered Corinne Vogel and Lillian Schaad, two of his six former wives. In one of this author's plays, Barblin has her head forcibly shaved once Andri is killed by the Blacks, peoples from an anti-Semitic nation that invade the titular (*) co-principality.**

Bohnenblust is the attorney to one character in another of his novels, who believes he murdered Julika Tschudy and that he is James White. In another of his novels, the protagonist travels to Guatemala with Joachim after crashing in the Sierra Madre. For 10 points, name this author of *Andorra*, as well as *I'm Not Stiller*, who wrote about Walter Faber in his novel *Homo Faber*.

[Ike] ANSWER: Max Frisch

17. **His most notable work chronicles the changing of the name of Mount Wallaston to Merry Mountain. That work also contains John Robinson's letters addressed to his brother, as well as a description of a cow, two goats, five sheep and a turkey being thrown into a giant pit because Thomas Granger had committed bestiality with all of them. A different work of his imagines a conversation between "Young Men" and "Ancient Men" who are from New England and Holland respectively. The aforementioned first work by this man chronicles how John (*) Carver became a governor and describes the signing of a document on November 11th 1620. Also chronicling the Massasoit Squanto's relationship with settlers in the namesake colony, for 10 points, name this man that kept a history of Separatists in Massachusetts, titled *History of Plymouth Plantation*.**

[Ike] ANSWER: William Bradford

18. **One character in this work sneaks into a movie theater to watch a film about a scientist named "the Eye" and a second movie about the Devil's Island Penitentiary. One character steals a shriveled mummy from a museum and beats up an actor to steal his costume for Gonga the Gorilla. Letters collected in *Mystery and Manners* suggest this novel was influenced by Robert Fitzgerald's Oedipus translations. The protagonist uses his Essex to run over Solace Layfield, who was hired by Hoover Shoats as a replacement for the main character. Sabbath (*) Lily tries to seduce the protagonist after he stalks her father Asa Hawks, who is a preacher who claims to have blinded himself to prove his faith. The boy Enoch Emory becomes devoted to the protagonist of this novel while he preaches about the "Church Without Christ." For 10 points, name this novel about the godless prophet Hazel Motes, the first novel of Flannery O'Connor.**

ANSWER: Wise Blood [TG]

19. **Going to church in this work is similar to an alien rite in the House of Rimmon, and it ends with the main character making himself another piece of toast even though he only tells whom he dubbed "The Woman" he only likes toast sometimes. Its main character asks the title figure to repeatedly "Do one thing for me," and he is described as someone whom a doctor determines is not going to live for more than five more years past the age of fifteen. He describes the title figure as someone whose (*) "enemies called for peace, but he brought them death." The titular god is given powdered nutmeg, red flowers and scarlet berries, and is in a woodshed along with an Anabaptist hen owned by Mrs. de Ropp, the protagonist's cousin. For 10 points, name this short story about the child Conradin that worships a ferret god, a bizarre story by Saki.**

[Ike] ANSWER: Sredni Vashtar

20. **One character purchased his wife for twelve dollars, and that wife has no name and dies slumping against a counter because of chest wounds, while a German doctor recalls thow she had just treated an eighteen year old woman covered in blood in her wedding gown; she tried to commit suicide in a palanquin when forced to marry a brute. One character in this novel buys forty birds and a pet sets them free in Valerie's room. It begins with the protagonist killing a man for a document to gain access to some arms that will be aboard the (*) Shantung, and then going to a phonograph shop owned by Hemmelrich. The Russian Katov gives his cyanide pill after being rounded up by Konig, and this novel also sees the death of Kyo and the terrorist Ch'en. For 10 points, name this novel about a revolution in the time of Chiang Kai Shek in China, written by Andre Malraux.**

[Ike] ANSWER: Man's Fate