

1 INT. BOMBYX, VAINGLORIOUS ROOM - HALF-LIGHT 1

Vainglorious, a dwarf with Michael Fancourt's head, stands with Bombyx/Quine in a dungeon-like chamber.

They watch a pale young woman, chained to her desk, typing endless pages.

VAINGLORIOUS

Effigy? Read your words aloud.

The young woman picks up her latest page. As she turns to read, we see she is Ellie Fancourt. The woman we earlier saw commit suicide by gas oven.

Branding irons lie in a fire, becoming white hot.

EFFIGY / ELLIE

"Her love for him was like that of a pertinacious gudgeon, hooked on a line made entire from--"

VAINGLORIOUS

The words are no good! We must give her new words!

Effigy weeps sorrowfully and returns to her typing.

Vainglorious seizes an iron from the fire. It bears the word "besotted". With a thin, reedy laugh Vainglorious presses it into the flesh of Effigy's back.

She SCREAMS even as she types onwards.

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INT. BOMBYX, THE CASTLE - HALF-LIGHT

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Daniel Chard, as Phallus Impudicus, stands over the body of a freshly-murdered young man -- light seeping from his wounds -- knife is Impudicus' hands. A great rotting phallus swinging from his belt.

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INT. BOMBYX, THE CASTLE - HALF-LIGHT

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Bombyx is carried, SCREAMING, into the Castle's great room, by HOODED MINIONS.

His belly is swollen, as if he is heavily pregnant. He is stripped bare on the command of PHALLUS IMPUDICUS, whose bald headed mask is only slightly-less grotesque than the pendulous rotten cock protruding from his crotch.

ROBIN (V.O.)

Bombyx has been on this big adventure and met all these people and now he finds they've all gathered in a castle.

Five other guests move towards Bombyx.

Leonora the Succuba is one of them and the Tick -- unmasked as Liz Tassel -- is another. HARPY is also unmasked as Kathryn Kent.

Of these five, only THE CUTTER, wearing a mask with horn-rimmed glasses and the male dwarf VAINGLORIOUS are anonymous.

ROBIN (V.O.)

Bombyx is sort of pregnant with, well, I think it's meant to be his talent, or maybe a book. And they cut it out of him and pour vitriol on him.

They overpower Bombyx with ropes, place him on a platter and slit him open. A ball of supernatural light is lifted from Bombyx's belly, leaving his body eviscerated of its guts.

They pour a jug of smoking liquid over Bombyx who -- still alive -- screams.

Then the six begin to eat him, feasting on his flesh and bones until Bombyx is dead.

31 EXT. BOMBYX, THE ROAD ONWARDS - HALF-LIGHT 31

Bombyx lies exhausted, defiled and asleep at the side of the road as a CARNIVAL OF GROTESQUES parade past him.

Only now instead of wearing masks Bombyx and Succuba are played by Quine and Leonora respectively.

From a silk thread, a woman-sized TICK now lowers itself onto Bombyx's sleeping body. It is played by Liz. It buries a knife-like straw into Bombyx's shoulder and begins to sup on his blood.

Bombyx wakes and half-turns, groaning in distress.

BOMBYX

No! My blood is my own blood!

TICK

I will leave you enough to live on.

BOMBYX

Tick, I beg you! I owe you nothing.

TICK

Your future is my food and my drink. I will suckle the best of your days, the choicest cuts of you, and only then can I let you sleep.

The Tick digs its straw-like weapon deeper into Bombyx's flesh and he SCREAMS in agony.

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Vainglorious/Fancourt seizes an iron from the fire.

LIZ (V.O.)

We both wrote but, as he kindly
pointed out, my work was horribly
derivative.

With a thin, reedy laugh Vainglorious presses the iron into
the flesh of Effigy's back -- only in this telling, Effigy is
played by Liz. She SCREAMS even as she types onwards.

VAINGLORIOUS

She has no talent!

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EXT. BOMBYX, THE ROAD ONWARDS - HALF-LIGHT

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From a silk thread, Owen Quine as the TICK now lowers himself onto Liz Tassel's sleeping body. He buries a knife-like straw into Liz/Bombyx's shoulder and begins to sup on her blood.

STRIKE (V.O.)

Owen Quine had a price for keeping your secret. He blackmailed you for nearly thirty years. He forced you to choose him over Michael as a client.

Liz/Bombyx wakes and half-turns, groaning in distress.

BOMBYX/LIZ

No! My blood is my own blood!

TICK/QUINE

I will leave you enough to live on.

The Tick digs its straw-like weapon deeper into Bombyx's flesh and she SCREAMS in agony.

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EXT. BOMBYX, THE ROAD FORWARD - HALF-LIGHT

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A masked young man, BOMBYX, walks towards the lights of a distant city.

His passage is arrested by a masked woman in a whore's get-up -- SUCCUBA. Her mask features an owlish pair of spectacles that are redolent of those worn by Leonora.

BOMBYX

I only wish to continue my journey.

SUCCUBA

And I wish to arrest your passage.
All your passages. Your mouth, your
arse and the hand, cock-curling
into a cramp of fingers.

Bombyx backs away hesitantly, but the succubus is upon him.

She parts her wide exaggerated mouth and tongues his face, chipping the paint from his mask.

SUCCUBA (CONT'D)

I will make from your body a new
body. My own child.

Succuba presses Bombyx face down into the ground, easily suppressing his attempts to struggle free. With one hand she claws down his trousers, revealing his naked rump.