

Return of the Death Kid

in a vegas bar
we sit around the table
in a U shape

there are dancers
doing dancer things
like grinding on inanimate objects
and sticking things in their mouths
fingers, toes, loose change, dollar bills
anything they can get their hands on

they'll suck your soul
right out of your mouth
one of the boys
tells me

he knows because
it's happened to him

the frenchkiss
is how they do it

everyone orders
drinks
except the death kid
he orders a soda water
and sips it
like he's mulling
something
over

big time.

there is a pound on the door
the bouncer
looks through the hole
and opens up

a gorilla walks in,
big mother

the music is spiraling
downward
down into a hole
none of us can see

but the death kid
hears the sour note

and he stays calm
like a wolf
behind a
hair

the big gorilla
takes a seat at the bar

one of the dancers
walks over and starts
working him

but the big gorilla
isn't dumb

he grabs her by the
wrist and pulls
her to his
big gorilla mouth

he whispers something
none of us can hear

the death kid's
ears are going haywire

he's a curious
type
of
guy.

the look on the dancer's
face grows grim

maybe he's

telling her the ways
he's going to
cut her up
s e v e n
different
ways.

the death kid
walks over
like a bulldog
in a pinstriped
suit

he sees the
pistol in the
gorilla's
trousers

we all
w
a t
c h

the death kid
grabs the gorilla's
shirt collar
and spins him
around

the gorilla
goes for his gun

one of the boys
says to me

“what's he doing?!
he's going to get himself
killed!”

“nah! he's the death kid,
don't you know?”

the death kid

looks down the barrel
of the gun
and winks

he's a
curious type
of guy.

the gorilla
goes to squeeze
the trigger

but the bartender
smashes
a water pitcher
over his head

the dancer
s c r e a m s

the death kid
walks outside
for a smoke

one of the guys
says to him

*"what the hell
where you doing in there?
you could have gotten us all killed!"*

he stares forward
with a deadliness
and recites

"how do you like you're blueeyed boy, mister death?"

god,
he's a handsome
man.