

## Dead of Night

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stark day drops into night almost imperceptibly  
seared senses are balmed and soothed in its visually quiet softness  
in night only does imagination assist with perception  
as its screen allows for amorphous, unconscious shapes,  
real projections entwined with corporeality

in this mix where artists and magicians dwell  
walking comfortably in deserted streets,  
dimly lit lanes and tracks in foreboding forests,  
phantoms also dwell but those phantoms  
are not objective tho they appear so

they are created on occasion when moonlight  
plays with shadows and shapes to produce  
spirits, the essence of something, and when engaged  
and given some vitality they are able to converse  
and become familiars

imbued with more vitality they are able to perform  
simple tasks like affect the dreams of others in sleep  
too easy, and if given more precious vitality  
they are able to kill  
tho no doctor is able to determine the cause of death

it is quite the art in the night,  
moonlit forest clearings offer theatres  
were naked sylphs dance and engage  
those able to see

other spirits not of one's making  
also populate these places but  
should be watched as they do not issue from  
the seer's imagination their corporeality is of another's making  
so cannot be trusted, they seduce and suck vitality  
for transfer and harm tho they are easily recognised  
by incongruity in the harmony which has been created

if fear is strong then the victim succumbs  
if no fear exists then invisible shields protect,  
it is the art of the magicians of old  
that disguised their art with all manner of complexities  
to dumbfound the uninitiated

beware of what u see in the night  
as only fools tempt the moon  
and its fantastic creations

tonight another drama wraps its spell  
around me and itself

only the day-deluded imagine the night is dead

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