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WHERE JUNE MEETS JULY:
II
On a Road Trip
That Summer's Day...

*"There is in each person...
...a star which mirrors, matches or is in some sense
the same as a star in the heavens."*

-PARACELSUS

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"Astra inclinant..."
JUNIUS 27TH 1AD (2008)
U.S. ROUTE 41
-WINE-

I“IN THE HEAT OF THE LATE MORNING SUN, JUNE PACKED FOR THE ROAD WITH HIS BAND; THEY'D DRIVE TOWARD THE MIDWESTERN VERGE FOR THE MIDSUMMER DITHYRAMB.

...THOUGH WHAT BLEW IN THAT DAY WOULD EVER THE CLOCK REARRANGE...

2 FOR AS THE HOUR CAME, TO FLEET THE ROAD JUNE KNEW THERE CAME FROM BEHIND AN ECHO CALLING “CUCKOO”

... AND IN A MOMENT IN TIME, ALL FUTURES THE MOIRAI CONSIGNED, REALIGNED...”

3 “Room for me?”

“...Who is she?”

Lo Gemini!

“COME ON IN!” CHIMED A FRIEND
“...JUNE, MEET JULY...”

4 JUNE FORGOT TO CLOSE HIS MOUTH... HIS FRIEND NUDGED HIS SIDE: “...SHE'S FROM A SCHOOL IN THE CITY -A WRITER TOO EH, JULY?”

5 JUNE COCKED UP AND CLEARED HIS THROAT AS SHE RATTLED ABOARD:

“Um... Won’t you come pitch a tent and we’ll talk in the present tense?”

Present tense...

6 “SPRITELY, AND PIQUANT WITH DOUBLE THE CLAW -HE WAS NERVOUS IN AWE... HER WIT... SHARP LIKE A PEN THROUGH LETTERS SHE'D DRAW KNOWING EVERY GREEN THING BY A NAME, LIKE “APLECTRUM HYEMALE.”

7 SHE KEPT UP AS THEY RAN THROUGH GEORGIA WHERE THE FIREFLIES JIVE IN GLORIA, AND THEY'D FLY ON AHEAD WHERE THE ACRES OF CORN NEVER END...

8 ADMITS HER FEAR OF HEIGHTS ...WHILE THEY'RE UP IN A TREE... CHARMED BY HIS UNTAMED AUTONOMY, AND THEY PLAY “KEEP OFF THE FLOOR,” AS THE 14TH BROOD CROONS THE ROAD THROUGH KENTUCKY.”

9 “Onward to the Land of Lincoln!
Set camp upon the eve of gala!”

10 “THAT NIGHT OUTSIDE...”

“...I Couldn’t hear a word in there....”

“SHE POINTS UP:”

“you know the dipper’s
just a part of a larger bear?”

“...TEASING HE PLAYS LIKE HE ALREADY KNEW.
THEY BOTH BREAK LAUGHING ‘CAUSE SHE SAW RIGHT THROUGH...”

II "You know... the truth is,
though I've read all about them...
I've never seen stars like this firsthand.
I may know well the names of "Castor" and "Pollux"
...but you've known them....

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