

ER! FEH! CHIRUP!  
MY MURDERLINGS! JOIN  
THE SHIVERING ARMY OF  
REMORSEFUL SOULS THAT  
WERE NEVER THE SAME  
AFTER A PEEK INSIDE...

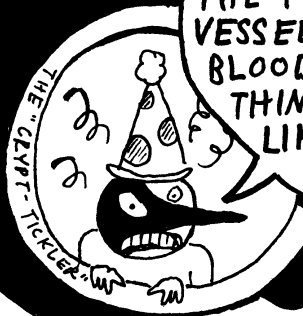
# THE BASKET OF BLOOD!



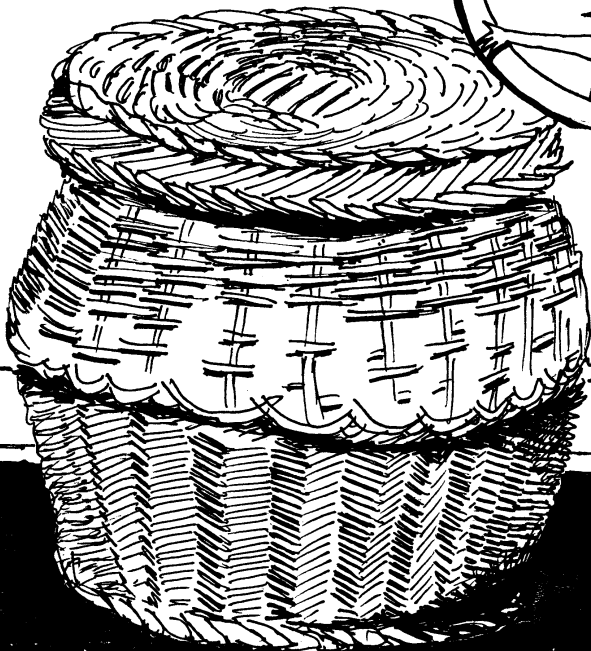
"It's my  
basket  
and it's my  
blood"

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THERE STANDS THE BASKET--  
THE BASKET OF BLOOD! IT'S JUST  
OOZING WITH IT! ALL OVER THE CARPET,  
THE FLOOR,-- TALK ABOUT AN UNWORTHY  
VESSEL! WHO EVEN NEEDS THAT MUCH  
BLOOD ANYWAY? UNLESS IT'S SOME-  
THING INSIDE THAT'S LEAKING BLOOD,  
LIKE A WOUNDED RABBIT, OR A  
HOUSECAT? NO WAY A SINGLE  
ANIMAL COULD HOLD SO  
MUCH THOUGH!



WELL, DO YOU DARE TO  
LIFT ITS LID? WAIT-- YOU WOULDN'T  
WANT TO GET YOUR FINGERPRINTS ALL  
OVER IT NOW, WOULD YOU? WHAT IS YOUR ROLE  
IN THIS DRAMA, ANYHOW? DOES ANYONE APPROACH  
THE BASKET OF BLOOD SERENE IN THEIR INNOCENCE?  
MAYBE THIS IS WHAT PAID FOR YOUR PIANO  
LESSONS! IT'S GATHERING INTO THESE WEIRD  
LUMPS-- CURDLING! DON'T LET YOUR HEM TRAIL  
IN IT! USELESS TO PRETEND THAT YOU SOMEHOW  
STAND OUTSIDE IT, THAT YOU'RE OBSERVING  
YOURSELF IN THE ACT OF OBSERVING IT--  
IT'S A BASKET OF BLOOD, FOR CRYING  
OUT LOUD! RIGHT THERE IN FRONT  
OF YOU! ALL GUSHING AND DRIPPING!  
YES, I MEAN TO HAVE  
EXTREME GOTH  
CONVULSIONS!



THE SAME HAND FILLED IT  
AS WOVE IT! THREE KINDS OF FANTA,  
HEATED TO A ROLLING BOIL! I'VE GOT A  
CHICKEN WING OUT IN THE RAIN! HOW MANY  
DROPS ARE IN IT? WHOSE IS THAT SNEAKER  
PRINT ON THE STAIR? E-MAILS, WITH NO SUB-  
JECT HEADING! THAT WHITE-FACED RAT MAY  
BE AN OPOSSUM! OH SEEPING BASKETFUL OF  
BLOOD! OF ALL THE THINGS THEY SAY ABOUT  
THE NIGHT, JUST TWO ARE TRUE! IT'S A  
RAVAGED CAVITY! AN ANCHOR AROUND THE  
NECK OF A SWAN! THE MONSTER AT THE END  
OF THIS BOOK IS AN-  
AND ITS SPINE IS  
GULP! YOU GUESSED

BLOOD! UNHOLY AND  
UNFRIENDLY GHOSTS,  
I ABJURE YOU! AND THE  
TABLETS IN GOD'S  
BEDSIDE TABLE!

WE ATE A  
SNACK FROM  
ITS SURFACE  
AND BUT ONE BONE  
ROLLED AWAY--  
NOW IT'S DEEP INSIDE--

DEEP INSIDE--



A-TISKET-- A-  
TASKEE-- THE BASKET  
--THE BASKET OF

BLOOD!  
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