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## Chapter 1 : What's so funny about Americans anyway? - The Boston Globe

*"Discipleship: deference and difference -- Femme maison (Woman house): what's so funny about fetishism? -- He disappeared into complete silence: phantastic reality -- Personages: the work of mourning -- Double negative: the death drive turned against death -- Femme couteau (Knife woman): art objects as part-objects -- Epilogue: Spider.*

Thornton plays a Texas oil tycoon besotted with a femme fatale. The lawyer is sure that the tycoon is an idiot. And so he comes to the sort of end that usually comes to supercilious lawyers in the movies. If only he had read the work of Constance Rourke! The author of "American Humor: In fact, she would have prized him as a national treasure. It consisted of Americans themselves -- the funny ones, anyway. To explain the rise of these three archetypal American characters, she quoted the philosopher Henri Bergson: Rourke considered that her "comic trio" of archetypes "must for lack of a better word be called a folk-lore. Folklore has traditionally been defined as culture passed on by word of mouth; one imagines peasants gathered around a hearth. In contrast, most of those who purveyed the culture that interested Rourke were literate, many were urban, and not a few were out to make money. Her sources were pamphlets, joke anthologies, newspaper anecdotes, sporting weeklies, burlesques, unrevivable plays, and comic almanacs. Today we would probably call what she found popular culture. Nonetheless Rourke claimed for it virtues associated with folklore. She believed that it expressed something authentic and unique about the spirit of the United States and that it could be the soil out of which serious literary art might grow. It had already been that soil in the cases of Whitman and Melville, she believed, and had nourished even fastidious writers like Emerson and Hawthorne. His speech was quirky by design. Rourke insisted that minstrelsy was more than a white theft of black culture -- or rather, she insisted that it really was a theft, not just a travesty, and thus the goods that had been stolen were authentic. Like the frontiersman, the minstrel exaggerated. His special contributions to the American character, in her opinion, were a taste for nonsense and a "tragic undertone. It was this mask, and the way they played with it, that she most appreciated. Unfortunately, she herself never managed to be as careless as her heroes or, for that matter, as rebellious. Born in Cleveland in , Rourke was raised in Michigan by her mother, a kindergarten teacher who had studied with John Dewey and whom a friend recalled as "formidable. After studying at Vassar and touring Europe on a fellowship, she taught briefly and then lived for the rest of her adult life with her mother, who survived her by four years. Perhaps she never broke free; perhaps she was economizing in order to survive as an independent scholar, which seems to have been as grim a life then as now. As it happens, money was a force she failed to inquire after in "American Humor. To be popular, in America, is to make a living -- every now and then, to make a killing -- and American humor has never been above it. Her archetypes were moneymakers in their day, but she never wondered what the customers were paying for. This failure made it difficult for her to link antebellum popular culture to the high literature that came later. In fact, except for a few cases, the link between high and low was impossible to establish, no matter how hard she might have labored. In America serious literary artists have long defined themselves in opposition to the marketplace. Literature could never accept such a gift without hedges and qualifications. And it is in film and television, much more than in highbrow literary fiction, that her trio has survived, prospered, and multiplied. In Hollywood an army of joke men and dialect fixers continue her beloved traditions. In addition to black minstrelsy, there are now Asian and gay varieties. The frontiersman was launched long ago into outer space. And Katherine Hepburn perfected the movie Yankee, the attempted smothering of whose emotions was as crucial to her success as her fine enunciation. She simply mistook the inheritors. Caleb Crain teaches at Columbia and is the author of "American Sympathy: Men, Friendship, and Literature in the New Nation.

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*Chapter 2, "Femme Maison (Woman House): What's So Funny about Fetishism?" extends this reading by looking closely at the question of female fetishism, in particular, examining how Bourgeois's vision of the feminine was elaborated by her femme maison (woman house) drawings of the s that graft architectural forms onto female anatomy.*

Orâ€ the biggest threat they remember their parents following through on when they were kids. I wanted to hear the stuff family legends are made of. This, after we drove from LI to NJ and could almost see the roller coasters. When my four year-old exclaimed once again that the ball was HIS and he would NOT be sharing it, I pulled the car over, walked back to his door, peeled the ball out of his hand and threw it as hard as I could into a nearby yard. I got back into the car without a word and kept driving. My oldest punched his sister. Just like I said we would. I had always just bagged them up, but they knew the bags would just go in my room and they would eventually get everything back. They learned to keep toys off the floor after that. They never tested me after that! It never happened again. When they woke up, they had an empty room with empty shelves. But it totally backfired. They thanked me for cleaning and then played in the empty room with their blankies. It was about 6 months before they even asked about the stuff I had taken away! She told me that was fine, but if I wanted to leave I had to leave her world exactly the same way I came inâ€. When she demanded I take off my clothes and go outsideâ€. I sluggishly made my way right back to my roomâ€fully clothed. No party and no toys. I got to sit inside by the glass door, watching my friends play and eat my cake. All the presents went back to my friends too. I had packed everything up in the car to take them and we were on our way out the door when they started behaving badly. It was meltdown city but at 7 and 5 years old they were definitely able to grasp the concept of consequences. Needless to say, they were much better behaved after that and were able to go the next day with much corrected attitudes. I felt bad, especially because I knew her friends would be disappointed and I knew I was possibly changing their parents plans for the evening. I finally stopped giving the warnings and just sent out the message to the other parents. I told her X to stop. Even took her shoes. I told her if she kicked my chair one more time, we were turning the car around. We had even made it to the parking lot and were meeting friends there. I get mad just thinking about it. I could still do anything I wanted, as long as I was home every night to do the dishes. She was so upset, begging to be allowed to go back upstairs to get dressed. For a 15 year old girl, it was pretty devastating. As we were leaving, the ponies dressed as Unicorns showed up. Yes, we still left, but those horsicorns upped the consequence to a crazy and unexpected level. And yes, the birthday party was at a mansion and over the top. I just kept telling myself to stay strong. She no longer hits. When the present opening was over, I had to go up to my room until it was clean. I just lay on my bed crying because I could hear my brother running around downstairs playing with all his new toys. By the time my mom brought up my breakfast, my room was clean. My 5 year-old was behaving badly and I threatened to leave him behind. I clearly remember being 5 years-old and watching her chuck it ALL out the 2nd floor window of our house. I knew my mom meant business after that. Want to weigh in on the next big parenting question? Follow Mommy Shorts on Facebook! Want Mommy Shorts delivered directly to your inbox?

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*House): What's So Funny about Fetishism?" feminine was elaborated by her femme mai son (woman house) drawings of the s The femme maison was invented.*

We plunder their lives or untimely deaths to give shape to their art. Yet recourse to the biographical is disproportionately pressed on these female artists, particularly the presumed intimacy between their art practice and their fraught personal circumstances. What to do, then, with an artist like Louise Bourgeois, who, despite her share of sadness, suffering, and struggle, is still sane and thriving well into her nineties? Neither, though, does Nixon think either term should be completely discarded. Instead, she explores the significance of the death drive at the beginning rather than at the end of life: She suggests that the art "extends, and at times contests" the vast but neglected theoretical terrain of child psychoanalysis p. Bourgeois herself has remarked on the familial origins of her sculpture: When the figure was done, I started cutting off the limbs with a knife. I see this as my first sculptural solution" p. Sculpture, with its dimensionality in space, its surrogacy, its scale, and its bodily effects, tells us something about intersubjectivity; the bread-and-spit father makes that much clear. In chapter 1, "Discipleship: Nixon engages in readings of archival photographs, such as one from in which Bourgeois kneels alongside a seated Miro, to demonstrate how Bourgeois burlesques the idea of "discipleship" at the feet of her Surrealist masters in order to transform it within the terms of feminism. Nixon maintains that Bourgeois is both an astute reader and a reviser of Surrealism. These are not simplistic equivalences, however. Nixon refuses to say that Dora had an impact on Bourgeois in any straightforward way. The case study of Dora is juxtaposed to the narrative offered in *Child Abuse*, that is, it asserts a logic of adjacency rather than influence. What is more, Bourgeois, as she reflects on, theorizes, and narrates these experiences, becomes "as much like Freud as she was like Dora" p. Chapter 2, "Femme Maison Woman House: The femme maison was invented, according to Nixon, to "portray the predicament of a woman artist and mother, homesick in exile-carrying her house on her head-trying to make it as a surrealist in New York" p. The chapter then jumps ahead several decades to investigate how Bourgeois further mined these issues in her sculpture *Fillette*. Nixon undertakes a close reading of the piece, a defiantly fleshy, oversized cock and balls, delineating how it productively slides between penis, phallus, and baby. From hyperbolic female fetishism to maternal aggression: If free association and dreams were pivotal for Surrealist artists such as Andre Breton, generating text works differently for Bourgeois. Phantasies are unconscious drives stimulated by physical awareness of hunger, of pain, of pleasure ; ruled by sadistic drives and oral aggression, they are distinct from Freudian fantasies. Nixon further posits that the suspended animation of the manic personality bears on the halted mechanics in *The Large Glass*: In effect, she suggests that latent in the autoeroticism of the bachelor machine is auto-aggression, a death drive" p. Nixon returns to sculpture in chapter 4, "Personages: The sculptures "functioned as figures" p. Somewhat obscured in this chapter is the wider political context of the era; Nixon asserts: But did these sculptures merely "invoke" this economy? The thrifty reuse of scraps, as well as these haunting forms, could be understood as a rather more forceful response to the war than the one Nixon discerns. Here, as throughout the book, Nixon treads delicately when it comes to delineating cause and effect. She is careful to avoid "proving" conscious influence between Bourgeois and Klein, instead evoking interlocking discourses. As mentioned, this associative logic seems to have been drawn from Freud, with a chain of related thoughts triggering unexpected insights. The strengths and value of this method of argumentation by parallelism are that it avoids overly simplified models of influence or pat base-superstructure explanations. However, even as it aims to displace what might be limited empirical models, it is occasionally frustratingly elliptical. What kinds of assumptions lie behind this refusal to assert causality? Georges Bataille reigns over chapter 5, "Double Negative: The Death Drive Turned against Death. Her obsession with inconstancy in art is related to the malleability of the infant mind. If the emergence of art and the emergence of subjectivity are linked, then questions of process can be productively rerouted through

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children and their stirrings of psychic life as analyzed by Klein. Nixon also closely examines how instability figures in the work of Eva Hesse. As in chapter 1, Nixon again writes on parallel tracks, asserting that the split between Breton and Bataille over the importance of the death drive was echoed in the rift between Anna Freud and Klein over the self-preserving role of the ego. Nixon generates her binary lists: But in chapter 6, "Femme Couteau Knife Woman: Art Objects as PartObjects," these columns prove tricky to separate, as the argument returns to Duchamp and investigates the legacy of the "part-object" in Bourgeois as well as other twentieth-century artists. In rage, die mouidi cannibalizes the breast, and so incorporates an object that is at once sustaining and menacing, an object of love and of hate" p. If part-objects at once symbolize and obviate die porous boundary between self and other, when wielded in art practice, they might also make room for alternative gender politics beyond the masculinity of the heroic avant-garde. For Nixon, this erosion of phallocentrism indicates the "fledgling gender politics" of Neo-Dada p. Nixon likewise hews to a dynamic of equivalence and leveling. Often she goes from art to psychoanalysis in alternating paragraphs, toggling back and forth between description and Kleinian case study and letting die reader make the associations. Her art thus "counters Klein, inventing maternal ambivalence as a psychic position of potential imaginative power" p. Bourgeois is famous for her aphorisms. To contradict this impulse, Nixon doles out personal anecdotes sparingly-one could almost say timidlyoffering biographical information tucked away within parentheses or bracketed by dashes, weaving relevant details into the texture of the analysis. Some biography is shunted to the notes, including potent quotes from Bourgeois on motherhood. While this is a necessary corrective to the overwhelming impulse to psychoanalyze the art as if it were a person, the absolutely pivotal fact that Bourgeois wanted to be a child psychologist and thought seriously about entering graduate school to study it is at times treated almost like a casual aside. Nixon does not completely throw out the biographical baby with the bathwater. In so doing, she acknowledges diat biography need not be stricdy opposed to social, political, or historical analysis. Feminism, of course, is what gives us a way out of that false binary of thinking that the personal is opposed to the political. Such a feminist framework might be pushed further. Nixon mentions diat botii Klein and Bourgeois combined parenting and dieir professional endeavors but does not elaborate on the tensions and difficulties of such a situation. How might tiis have worked economically, given the gendered division of labor? What particular class and social circumstances might have enabled diese dual roles? Such questions are only glanced at. Robert Storr claims that there have been times when Bourgeois "has stopped making art at full throtdie. Specifically, this happened in die early s, when she attempted to be a conventional wife and mother; and in die mids, when she briefly took courses on psychology and French literature with the intention of changing careers. The blurred line between modern and postmodern comes up several times; the part-object "cuts across the history of the modern and the postmodern," for instance, and Duchamp and Bourgeois share "bodi a modernist and postmodernist history" p. Perhaps these statements admit die very exhaustion of these categories. More important, the very terrain of canonical modernism is currendy being rewritten by feminism. Moving beyond an exclusive focus on women artists, this larger shift allows questions of parenting to drive theoretical and art historical inquiry beyond the Oedipal, making the whole history of twentieth-century art look different. This language helps animate the works that are otherwise slightly dulled by the lack of color reproductions. Clinical observation is, of course, not the same as ekphrasis, but it is tempting to draw a parallel. It also makes Bourgeois central to readings of Klein; indeed, the book is at its most successful and exciting when it demonstrates how Bourgeois exceeds Klein. Confronting Lacan," in *Reclaiming Female Agency: Feminist Art History after Postmodernism*, ed. Norma Broude and Mary D. Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, , I am indebted to Carrie Lambert-Beatty for helping me think through these issues. *Writings and Interviews* , ed. Designing for Free Fall Zurich: See Rosalind Krauss, "Louise Bourgeois: The Architecture of Art-Writing Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Robert Storr, "A Sketch for a Portrait: Phaidon Press, , Lucy Lippard, "Sweeping Exchanges: John Phillips and Lyndsey Stonebridge London: Routledge, , Only fair use as provided by the United States copyright law is permitted.

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