the world of art is worried about the theft of art but it misses the chronologic and factual truth. art is theft to begin with. the artist stealing the art of the artists before them and the artists around them. in the beginning there is talk about the influences. in the middle there is talk about how the art world is being transformed. in the end so much has been stolen cleverly stolen and the sources are so mixed in alchemical magic. the new genius exists as a new substance. no one wants to believe the vision was carried home by a sewer rat who fed off the dying and dead and when that ran out turned on the voiceless and weak. if the artist falls out of favor becomes too familiar becomes too boring to be worthy of gossip confuses the rules between the patrons and the arts then the publicist must go to work rehabilitation redemption or the sordid details of the descent. the business end of things understands the business. for the artist it is the progressive disease that cures.

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