

## **VENTURA THE BLIND**

*The hunter looks through the sight of a rifle.*

*He sees the person that put the pigeons in the city park.*

He had been through so many rains, warmth, suns, winds, noise, music, birds' songs, night silences, contacts with wood, with metal, with bed sheets, and nostalgias of kisses by looking only at the stars in the sky of his eyelids after rubbing them, that Ventura the blind can no longer even see the dreams in his sleep.

He imagines seeing with eyes in all of his pores, all of his members, all of his senses, all of his feelings.

He is covered with dried sheets in the city's central square. He doesn't have one eye. He bursts in tears. He cries waterfalls from all of the holes of his being.

Look at this man, how he's sweating.

- Can't you see I'm crying? I'm crying! You don't know how to look. I see that you are not seeing. Those who look can't see! Look, look everyone, I was crying! I wasn't sweating. You can't see. Ventura the blind can see.

He stopped rubbing his eyelids, he no longer needed their stars, and he could see the dreams in his sleep and even dream awake. He could see everything, he simply could not look.

Blind Ventura, where were you?

- Seeing.

But, you can't see.

- What are you painting?

A roofless house under the blue sky.

- No, you are painting a house that once had a roof under the blue sky.

Wow, Blind Ventura, you can see.

- Of course I can.

When did you start looking?

- No master painter, I can't look, but I see.

I want to paint you.

- What are your paintings like?

The breezes that you feel are gray, a crepuscular gray. The earth' s crackling, an ochre path. The whisper of the air is green, from green leaves moved by the wind. The horizon is almost as the color of your sight; the night is falling. Our steps...our steps. What color do you, Blind Ventura, see our steps?

- I see that they are the opposite color to my sight.

"His painting was a product of seeing, he reached those who saw and helped those who could look, to see".

*The color of our steps*

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