

The hardest thing to bend, is the truth
Because the moment it's bent, it's broken
But beyond those walls lies a place in between
Where ruckus runs rampant with rules unspoken
Green envy curdles putrid, Pandora's box is opened
A grotesquely beautiful place I regret to have seen
This is the place where gossip grows

On unsteady legs wings are spread
A queen selects her pawn, and the game begins
Teeth are bared and first blood is drawn
But first, a taste or a well-placed slip
Before venom drips from lip after lip
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High above on her ethereal plane
The messenger unfurls a convoluted skein
Unknowing or omniscient, each thread is twisted

Until only scraps of the garment remain

But as clever as a fox and quick as a rabbit

Gossip seizes the opportunity to wreak chaos and havoc

Unruly and turbulent, addictive and elating

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A whisper here and a flutter there

People whirl through the halls like maple tree twisters

Planting seeds of scandal into gasping embers

Sparks fly with ears set ablaze

A drought-plagued forest greets a trigger-happy lighter

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As the parasite leaches off its tainted truth

And claws sink only deeper

The final wisps of morality slip beyond reach

The virus has reached its peak

A spider's web trapping anyone who dares critique

Altering all life it touches

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It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt

Realization hits hard as a semi-truck

Pouncing on the opportunity to make a lesser man pay

You're a caged lion coiled tight as a spring, yet unable to leap

The helplessness sinks bone-deep

Lungs calcify, throat constricted, feet turned to lead

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And so, the battle comes to a close

Wounded warriors dissipate into the waning night

Victors gleam radiant with a freshly won fight

Lions recalled; pieces reset

A blank slate -

Spare the Devil at your shoulder

Sowing the seeds for next year`s harvest

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