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No thanks to the Bostonian Society who sold us a photo of Paul Revere's
"Boston Massacre" for ten dollars, continuing a tradition started by
Revere himself.

NB: the symbols attacking the text are ideograms of the language of a
newly emerging utopian society called "Bolo-Bolo".
More on this society in the next issue.

GAUGUIN

D'où venons-nous? Que sommes-nous? Où allons-nous? 1897
Boston, Museum of Fine Arts

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The dead remember everything,
 why should they need to forget?
 Remember the blue box of subscribers' addresses,
 remember the tears and pushing on the stoop,
 just remember the shadows of cups after
 the final devious meeting.

The dead can be such a drag.
 They cry at their impotence,
 stretch their hands out to us so imploringly,
 so dramatically,

"O if only we could tell you."
 Stroke our arms
 then just laugh and laugh
 since they don't need to care.
 They are so emotionally immature,
 shadowing our gestures an inch to the left
 of them,

humming over our talking,
 just can't keep themselves from smiling at
 our naivete,

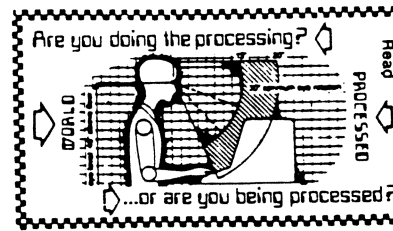
as we so seriously stumble into abysses
 we don't even know we've fallen into.

The dead are sick of our defeat
 foretold and retold
 word for word

from each of the once loved comrades mouths
 that are now so hated,

the very thought of folding lip into lip
 turns them grey and cancerous.

The dead finally lie with us
 in our lonesome beds
 to rise on an elbow
 putting a palm
 on the long nightmare of dawn.



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Piovra

Sleazy, conniving, stretching her tentacles
 to the remotest cells of your flesh
 comes the piovra
 savoring in her contortions
 the feast of blood promised by your shaking limbs.

Persistence is her virtue
 the relentless persistence of a cannibal
 who knows your life is the only meal
 he'll ever get.

Nothing can put her off,
 all retreats
 deliciously wetting her inexhaustible appetite.

She lays relaxed only when sure
 she's got you in her reach.
 As your veins open and, drop by drop,
 your blood is spilling,
 she even assumes a detached posture,
 eating you up with the casual
 indifference of a well-fed god.

At last, when of your head, arms, entrails
 nothing remains but a big belch
 she closes, momentarily satisfied,
 her innumerable eyes.

She then sprawls, to blissfully digest
 the precious juices of your self,
 restoring in her acquired oblivion
 her infinite will to kill.

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