A dubious gift

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Without a sound, Only to
Sight or scent, Stand tall
It creeps down As an equal
The pages Among owners
Of the manuscript Of the craft

A gate-crasher, Ready to jump
Eats credits From one to another
For starters, Jungle of words
And claims And body of evidence
For dessert For a newer claim
With not even a lick
Of the well prepared If we look closely
Main course Into the tangle of research
Through coercion, There silently, lie the
Cajoling, Footprints of
Or a seemingly benign A bogeyman.
Kickback

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