

CREATIVE SPACE

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
	There silently, lie the
Outwits	Footprints of
Ethical rules	A bogeyman.
Through coercion,	
Cajoling,	
Or a seemingly benign	
Kickback	

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