

Florence Observed

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Topiary, Hotel-Sign-Writings, and various correspondences.



FLORENCE OBSERVED

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HOTEL SIGNS & TOPIARIES

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## TOPIARIES

*Excess*

P1400687	1	premium (?)
P1420066	2	basketry, candles, reflection
P1410422	3	rain, puddles, debris
P1420070	4	pale between dark rectangles
P1400737	5	composed window display
P1400689	6	child, chucks, ice cream
P1420860	7	ENGEL&VÖLKERS
P1420064	8	a preponderance of material, arranged
P1410468	9	MG.K
P1400709	10	greenhouse (not allowed)

*Prison*

P1420865	11	three bars, off-centre
P1410116	12	———
P1410437	13	(upon return)
P1410048	14	cushions and stool
P1420817	15	identified gathering place
P1400731	16	protective bag on bike seat
P1400736	17	corner vegan; seating cube
P1410274	18	generous amounts of barbed wire
P1420036	19	many windows, various sizes
P1400900	20	downspout, balcony, closed shutters

*Confrontations*

P1400893	21	exposed masonry, wet spot
P1410365	22	paper enclosed, glass case
P1420142	23	deep shadows
P1410329	24	small step
P1420907	25	landmarks displayed
P1400733	26	tables and seats
P1400877	27	grass
P1420110	28	paper, cracks, welcome mat, purses
P1420109	29	paper, cracks (repeated pattern)
P1420826	30	bike parking, storm drain on rainy night

*Architectural*

P1410050	31	stalwart turnstiles
P1420875	32	lion-face door
P1400899	33	columns, round and square
P1420034	34	trapezoidal light from sky
P1400727	35	. . . di mandata . . . autopompa
P1420045	36	nothing
P1400897	37	downspout
P1420046	38	taller towards the left, two white awnings
P1410271	39	Bar Gelateria
P1420032	40	two chairs, six windows

*Skulking*

P1410109	41	asymmetrical distribution of black and white
P1410065	42	ticket, stool, stool
P1410342	43	strikingly blue wall
P1420063	44	trash, two ways
P1420878	45	white marble with veins, vertical and horizontal; unclaimed neck
P1410110	46	spotlight and reflection
P1420100	47	ENGEL&VÖLKERS—coded world map
P1410099	48	famous entranceways
P1410366	49	I wish it were a downspout
P1400726	50	barred window, white grate

*Dejected*

P1410059	51	shadowy entranceway
P1410198	52	masonry three ways; Piazza Della Cisterna* → *San Gimignano
P1420098	53	0–24: NO
P1400909	54	garland of plenty
P1410439	55	Attacco di Mandata per Autopompa
P1420780	56	Vendesi × 2; Affittasi × 6, U.P.I.I.
P1420030	57	two chairs, eight windows
P1420122	58	a fridge in a store
P1410314	59	wall in need of repainting
P1420788	60	big mess of rock

*From Above*

P1410105	61	metal edge
P1410318	62	reflection of city
P1400890	63	wet stains
P1410354	64	herringbone with discoloration
P1400967	65	timepieces
P1410063	66	Chievo Verona/H:21,00
P1410309	67	four sections: pinstripes
P1400888	68	white wall
P1420072	69	arrows of herringbone
P1420073	70	slant and masonry

*Boxes*

P1410400	71	wet spot; sneakers in motion
P1400914	72	gum smear (?)
P1420886	73	dining time
P1420877	74	soaked and stained
P1410401	75	sneakers in motion
P1410369	76	wrinkled curtain, subtle reflections
P1420085	77	scarf, bags, etc
P1410289	78	mesh behind bars (study in texture)
P1410269	79	multidirectional spoons on display
P1410285	80	thermometer in house with boots, three flourishes

*Unruly*

P1410107	81	canvas bag, leg truncated
P1400734	82	white van
P1420876	83	PUCCI and pavement
P1420074	84	slant and masonry
P1410057	85	door, box, door, curb
P1410357	86	herringbone; no discoloration
P1400738	87	eyes and fingers
P1400892	88	exposed masonry in white wall
P1420790	89	grass
P1410056	90	hooks

*Going In*

P1420833 91 assigned parking  
P1400806 92 windows in white wall, herringbone  
P1400805 93 windows in white wall, herringbone  
P1420791 94 gate and winding road  
P1400804 95 one-point perspective (Brunelleschi!)  
P1400732 96 slats on chair and ground; corner table  
P1420040 97 white shoes  
P1410427 98 four windows  
P1410348 99 umbrella in section  
P1410350 100 temporary division

*Unusually Round*

P1400740 101 large bottles (photographed), small bottles  
P1420882 102 southwest herringbone  
P1420544 103 crate wrapped in plastic, crossed with tape, ready for shipping  
P1400730 104 meat column  
P1400963 105 pigeon in motion  
P1400690 106 circle + strikethrough × 2  
P1420111 107 paper, cracks, welcome mat  
P1420081 108 cake display case, candy-striped walls  
P1400446 109 dots, stripes and hatching  
P1410317 110 small shelter, large shelter  
P1420781 111 staircase, staircase continued

INDEX OF RELATIONS

*In a Row:* 14, 15, 36, 37, 38, 52, 76, 80, 79, 80, 91, 93, 95, 102, 103, 110

*Not:* 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 33, 34, 35, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 78, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 92, 97, 98, 104, 105, 106, 108

*Three or More:* 14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 35, 37, 38, 52, 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 90, 91, 93, 95, 96, 102, 103, 110

*Twins:* 2, 4, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 39, 40, 48, 49, 60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 79, 82, 88, 94, 99, 100, 101, 107, 109, 111



## HOTEL SIGNS

Hotel Signs



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## APPENDICES



Appendix 1:  
Water Reports from Andalah Ali

*05/05/2019*

- poured water into plastic cup
- moved to take a sip
- missed mouth, poured water onto floor
- water, on floor

- poured water into plastic cup
- spilt some over top of cup
- drank half whilst returning to bedroom
- drank other half whilst in bed

*05/05/2019*

- poured water into plastic cup
- drank one mouthful in the hall between washroom and bedroom
- drank remainder without noticing
- cup empty

*05/05/2019*

- used to wash my face

*05/05/2019*

- balanced plastic cup on drain in sink
- turned on faucet
- stream of water knocked cup over
- held cup and filled conventionally
- still working on drinking water

*06/05/2019*

- it's in tea

*06/05/2019*

- warmer than usual
- let one drop fall on my foot

*06/05/2019*

- poured water into plastic cup
- drank all whilst standing by sink
- left plastic cup by sink

*06/05/2019*

- gulped it down like no tomorrow

*07/05/2019*

- fell short

07/05/2019

- drank at sink
- cold
- teeth hurt

09/05/2019

- neglected

11/05/2019

- long term

11/05/2019

- on the other side of the room
- why

12/05/2019

- spilt on self
- wandered from room to room

12/05/2019

- no cup in sight
- straight from the faucet, then

15/05/2019

- lemon

15/05/2019

- a different cup

15/05/2019

- filled the cup
- different cup
- two

15/05/2019

- filled with one hand
- better than expected

16/05/2019

- night
- splash

17/05/2019

- metal bottle
- spilt

22/05/2019

- cup missing

24/05/2019

- awaited

26/05/2019

- twice

26/05/2019

- took my time
- water was warm when finished

Appendix 2:  
Page Reports from Andalah Ali

04/05/2019  
3

05/05/2019  
2.75

Appendix 3:  
Doppelgänger Reports from Andalah Ali

05/05/2019  
sampling

05/05/2019  
disaster

05/05/2019  
uhhhuuhhhghh

05/05/2019  
better . . .

07/05/2019  
new beginnings

08/05/2019  
about town

09/05/2019  
ideal . . .

12/05/2019  
new

13/05/2019  
here he comes . . .

15/05/2019  
hmnnn

17/05/2019  
around

18/05/2019  
here

19/05/2019  
glad

25/05/2019  
shhh shhhhhhhh

25/05/2019  
friendship

Appendix 4:  
Miscellaneous

Doubles of note: sign and sign drawn

Faces of note: buzzer × 3, shower tile, light switch, outlet

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The sound of planes from the airport sounds a bit like thunder and it's raining.  
The plants smell good.

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A confrontation/a taste of things to come/a pal/the only one found/that sign  
you couldn't read before

Appendix 5:  
Key to Hotel Signs

abramovic balcony (across) blue fin legible towards cc nero shirt(s) striped shutters brown wall across white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

accompanied fin windows

accompanied angels balcony (across) car(s) red crest fin flag(s) garden greenery illuminated legible towards cc medici nero park scalloped shutters grey topiary white windows 100+ 200+ 300+ 400+ 500+ E (reversed) L (reversed)

balcony (across) fin legible towards cc white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

bins (beside) fin windows

accompanied bins (beside) bicolour fin flag(s) legible towards cc nero orange shirt(s) striped shutters brown topiary tourists white windows

blue fin nero white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

balcony (across) bins (beside) cameo car(s) red crest fin flag(s) greenery groin vaults legible towards cc portico scalloped shirt(s) striped shutters green stars four tourists white windows 100+ E (reversed) L (reversed)

accompanied canon european fin windows

car(s) red fin greenery scalloped white windows

balcony (across) car(s) red crest fin flag(s) greenery legible towards cc nero scalloped white windows 100+ E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin windows

fin flag(s) white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

accompanied fin garden greenery legible towards cc nero scalloped white windows 100+ E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin greenery windows

balcony (across) bins (beside) cameo car(s) red crest fin flag(s) greenery groin vaults legible towards cc portico scalloped shirt(s) striped shutters green stars four tourists white windows 100+ E (reversed) L (reversed)

accompanied car(s) red fin greenery illuminated nero scalloped white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin legible towards cc white windows

accompanied bins (beside) blue car(s) red fin greenery illuminated lion(s) nero scalloped shutters brown white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

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accompanied bins (beside) canon european fin greenery purple rosso shutters grey windows 100+ 200+

bins (beside) fin greenery rosso windows 100+

fin scalloped white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin shirt(s) striped windows

fin shutters brown windows

fin shutters green windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin shutters grey windows 100+

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accompanied fin flag(s) legible towards cc nero scalloped shutters green stars three wall across white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

accompanied fin flag(s) legible towards cc nero topiary white windows

fin legible towards cc tourist white windows

fin legible towards cc nero wall across white windows E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin white windows

fin windows

fin shutters grey windows yellow 100+ E (reversed) L (reversed)

fin windows 100+

accompanied fin greenery shutters grey windows 100+ 200+

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