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ANOTHER DIMENSION

Plague Victims Catapulted Over Walls Into Besieged City

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Early germ

warfare. The dead

hurled this way turn like wheels

in the sky. Look: there goes

Larry the Shoemaker, barefoot, over the wall, and Mary Sausage Stuffer, see how she flies, and the Hatter twins, both at once, soar over the parapet, little Tommy's elbow bent as if in a salute, and his sister, Mathilde, she follows him, arms outstretched, through the air, just as she did on earth.

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