Notes on “The Heart is a Lonely Hunter”

PART 1:

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Spiros Antonapoulos: the Greek one. In summer he wore a freen or blue polo shirt. If it was cold, he added a gray sweater. He worked for his couisin in a fruit store. He loved food and he cooked. He listened. Love drinking but learned to play chess. Became ill.

John Singer: soberly dressed. Intelligent expression. He worked as a silverware engraver at a jewelry store. He clean after Antonapoulos cooked. He spoke. Love chess. He started to pay the bills from Antonapoulos. He disliked Charles Parker. Now he was alone.

Charles Parker: Antonapoulos’ cousin. He did not help with the troubles, not at all. He made the arrangements to sent Antonapoulos into an asylum 2000 miles away. He did not know much about the American language, but he understood the dollar.

John Singer: Antonapuolos in gone. He had been deaf since he was an infant, but he had not always been a real mute. He was left as an orphan and placed in an institution for the deaf. Before 9, he could talk American with 1 hand, but he also could use both after the method of Europeans. He did not wanted to speak with his mouth, just with his hands. “Always silent and alone”.

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Biff Brannon: “stood behind the cash register of the New York Café”. He was silent. “Being around that women [her wife] always made him different from his real self. It made him tough and small and common as she was”.

Missis Brannon: Alice. Brannon’s wife. Described by Brannon as “a complete, unbroken figure”. She was a teacher of a group of boys in the Junior Department at the church.

Jake Blount: he appeared on May 15. The drunk. He usually wore filthy linen suits, but this time he wore those blue overalls. He got so drunk that he got hurt, the police came but did not take him.

Mick: girl about 12. Khaki shorts, blue shirts and tennis shoes. Looked like a young boy. She was from the Kelly’s family: good-size family in number. She asked for cigarettes. Her house is where Singer had rented the room. She said: “he’s been with us three months now”.

Willie from the kitchen from Brannon’s restaurant. A boy.

Negro doctor: Brannon said that he was related to Willie.

John Singer: people said about him: “His eyes made a person think that he heard things nobody else had ever heard, that he knew things no one had ever guessed before. He did not seem quite human.”.

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Mick Kelly: she pulled the wagon for 8 blocks. “This was the place where everybody wanted to stand. The very top. But not many kids could do it. As they were sacred of death”. She says she cannot have peace because of Ralph. 14 people in their family. Against religion.

Mister Singer: usually reading the paper on the porch on Sunday mornings.

Ralph: she put a clean dress on him. Baby

Bubber: Goes to Sunday school.

Miss Brown: boarded with them.

Hazel: 18 years old. She was the older.

Etta: all about she thought was movie starts and getting into movies. She wanted to go to Hollywood. For Mick: “Etta wasn’t naturally pretty like Hazel”.

Bill: has the best room. Very big foots (46). “He was different entirely from what he used to be”. Mick “used to think Bill was the grandest person in the world. She used to follow after him every place he went”.

Bubber:

Mama: “As usual she looked as though she had a lot on her mind and didn’t have time to ask her any more questions”.

Dad: “Dad could never get off his mind how much he had lost by not keeping up his accident insurance until the time he broke his hip”.

Portia: dark brown skin. Plantation of cotton. “Not white houses…”). Husband (Highboy) and brother (Willie). The plantation was her favourite topic. “colored farm was the very White House itself”. Grandmpa, 4 sons, wives, children and her brother Hamilton. “my Father is a colored doctor right here in town”. The grandfather is Mister Kind but the Father is so different. “Portia’s voice was going up and down like a song”.

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Jake Blount: he started to work in the cotton mill. He asked about the strikes, there was in the town 6 years ago, as worker wanted 20 cents per hour (the bastrds who own these mills are millonaires). He said he has been angry for 10 years. “But what I’m getting at is this. When a person knows and can’t make the others understand, what does he do?”.

Patterson: owner of the 4 big cotton mills (plantations).

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