A Vision for 1977 Envisioned by a Blakean Cat

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IT IS LONDON, 1809

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THE ONLY REVIEWER, ONE OF THE THREE HUNT BROTHERS, ROBERT

FUNNY PLACE TO HAVE AN EXHIBITION, OVER A STOCKING SHOP, I SUPPOSE BLAKE IS EXHIBITING GOUT STOCKINGS

THE EXAMINER

ON SEEING THE "ANCIENT BRITONS" PICTURE, ONE OF THREE NUDE MEN

HUNT MADE NO BONES ABOUT CRITICISING WHAT HE SAW, IN "THE EXAMINER"

AN UNFORTUNATE LUNATIC, WHOSE INOFFENSIVENESS SECURES HIM FROM CONFINEMENT

HAS PUBLISHED A CATALOGUE, OR RATHER A FARRAGO OF NONSENSE...

... THE WILD EFFUSIONS OF A DISTEMPERED BRAIN

THE COLOURING OF THE FLESH IS EXACTLY LIKE HUNG BEEF

SEYMOUR KIRKUP SAW THE EXHIBITION, AND LATER WENT TO AUSTRALIA

HENRY CRABB ROBINSON WENT, FOR A GERMAN MAGAZINE

Saw it when I was an art student - his most powerful work - now, alas! lost, and certainly worth seeking

I was deeply interested by the catalogues as well as the pictures. I took four, telling the brother I hoped he would let me come in again...
OVER 150 YEARS PASS, DURING WHICH THE PICTURE OF THE "ANCIENT BRITONS" IS LOST....

ARTHUR HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SCHOOL, AFTER LEARNING ABOUT BLAKE.

LATER THAT DAY

I WONDER IF OUR ANCESTORS STOVED THOSE THREE NUDE MEN INTO OUR ATTIC?

WHO?

THEY ARE THE "ANCIENT BRITONS", THREE NUDE MEN, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, MOST STRONG AND MOST UGLY, OVERTHROWING AN ARMY OF ARMED ROMANS.


IT WAS NOT GREAT IN CHARACTER AND WAS 10 FOOT BY 14.

BUT WHY DON'T YOU JUST LOOK AT MODERN NUDE PAINTINGS, LIKE OTHER HEALTHY YOUNG LADS?

BECAUSE MODERN MAN IS LIKE A CORPSE.

OUTSIDE THE TATE GALLERY

HURRAH! HERE COME BLAKE'S LOST BRITONS!

IN THE GALLERY .........

I GUESSED IT HAD BEEN STOWED AWAY SOMEWHERE, EVER SINCE 1810, AND FORGOTTEN.

YOU MODERN BRITONS COULD MAKE THIS VISION TRUE. SEARCH YOUR ATTICS AND CELLARS.

YOU COULD DO THE NATION, BLAKE, AND YOURSELF A FAVOUR: FIND THE PICTURE.

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