

WRESTLERS FINISHED

Straddle : knee and wrist
pinned wrestlers weary
of the neutral cut loose
to keep wrestling. No

time now to ride time
to close the body folded
into that final position :
one back points blends

into a unified shadow
the other arcs across
lifted leg sartorius hooked
under quad and groin

a hand slides up a thigh
fingers indent skin a firm
grip on a clavicle a palm
caught under a chin

the head pushed turned
away. The shaved scalp
strains its curve cranes
away from its shadow

bleeds into a heaving chest
lats intersecting abs
as phallus approaches fallax
that orgasmic splash

of ink curls on a white
page the leaps in black
script : pen frottage gray
stroke unbound wash

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Duncan Grant's pen and ink wash series from the early 1920s