

# Kingdom of the blind

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*the story of Rodrigo Rosenberg*

Rodrigo Rosenberg had blindness in reverse.

He saw everything: corruption, greed,  
murder, its escalation in between the ears,  
it caked around cops & Constitutions.

His passion was practicing law, he had few  
acquaintances but one good friend,  
a client he knew was honest, Khalil Musa.

Learned & wealthy but slowly going mad  
from seeing, he did the only thing he could,  
he turned to love, fell into Marjorie.

Made Marjorie his country & inasmuch  
he miscalculated; blindness in reverse was a gift  
from his country Guatemala.

& there is an old adage:

*In Guatemala, the kingdom of the blind,  
a one eyed man is king.*

An accursed gift—Justice is meant to serve blind  
& a sighted lawyer is truly cursed.

The poor bastard turned to love,  
his country, jealous, to old reliable murder.

They killed Marjorie, killed Khalid Musa,  
upturned the balance of his scales.

Rodrigo went searching for justice  
where there was none. Guatemala, traded  
for love, laid down the filth & made felt  
just how dead deep justice was.

As a lawyer he knew solid evidence  
wouldn't keep in a crooked court.

What could the poor bastard do?

Rodrigo arranged his own assassination,

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supplied a DVD postlude to the masses  
via YouTube & social media, begged  
his country, Enough Guatemala, Enough!  
In due course everyone was outraged,  
the United Nations sent their heroes—prosecutors,  
Lancelot for Camelot, but didn't they know?  
Guatemala's underbelly,  
picking the flesh from its teeth howled:  
*Venid, ustedes tambien son bienvenido, tenemos lodo  
hasta para sus caballeros blancos.*

