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Hughes used Baskin's birds to illustrate his books, like *Crow*, as he wrote between his suicidal wives.

Plath dedicated "Sculptor" to Baskin, about the bronze dead men scattered through his house, writes, "Bronze dead dominate the floor."

*Domination*. Sounds like *damnation*.

Baskin was a Jew, who maybe understood them both. While

Hughes ate crow, two wives who turned on gas breathed in, lay on the floor like bronze, dead men.