*The Rest is Silence*

Plot (The answer to the question “What happens?”)

(17) Narrator meets Art, who is hunting

(17) Narrator thinks about a robin hitting the window of his parents’ house

(22) “Naivety can be both uplifting and heart-breaking”

(29) “guaranteed not to biodegrade”

(36) Dance at firehall

(36) Homophobic episode with Art

(37) Lina enters the story

(42) Radio report on plastic-eating bacteria

(44) “My father killed himself”

(47) Narrator caught swimming

(56) Art can’t kill Emmet

(65) Bacteria that eats plastic

(65; 77; 191) Is plastic a social or a technological problem

(71) The narrator “left New York”

(83; cf. 315) We tell stories to make sense of our lives

(104 & 105) Raccoon episode

(111-12; 113) Mom left

(117) Dad’s affection stops

(174) Dad dies

(193) “keep running”

(210 ff.) First time Lina spends the night with Charles

(227) Leach takes Benny’s work & gives to Jonathan

(227) Misogynistic conversation between Leach & Jonathan

(250; 301) SRY gene

(257) Narrator’s knowledge of anatomy re: Art’s accident

(257) Art shoots himself

(260-1) enzyme released

(261) Benny melts plastic petri dishes

(262) After effects Benny melts plastic petri dishes

(266) Benny releases the bacteria

(270) Art’s cancer

(287-88; 295) Benny jumps ship

(290 & 291) Art’s shunt

(293) The reveal

(298) “We’re all buggered and perfect”

(301) SRY gene

(307) “Nothing more to say . . . the rest is silence”

(310) Art’s suicide

(315) “We tell stories to make sense of the suffering”

(315) “I say nothing”