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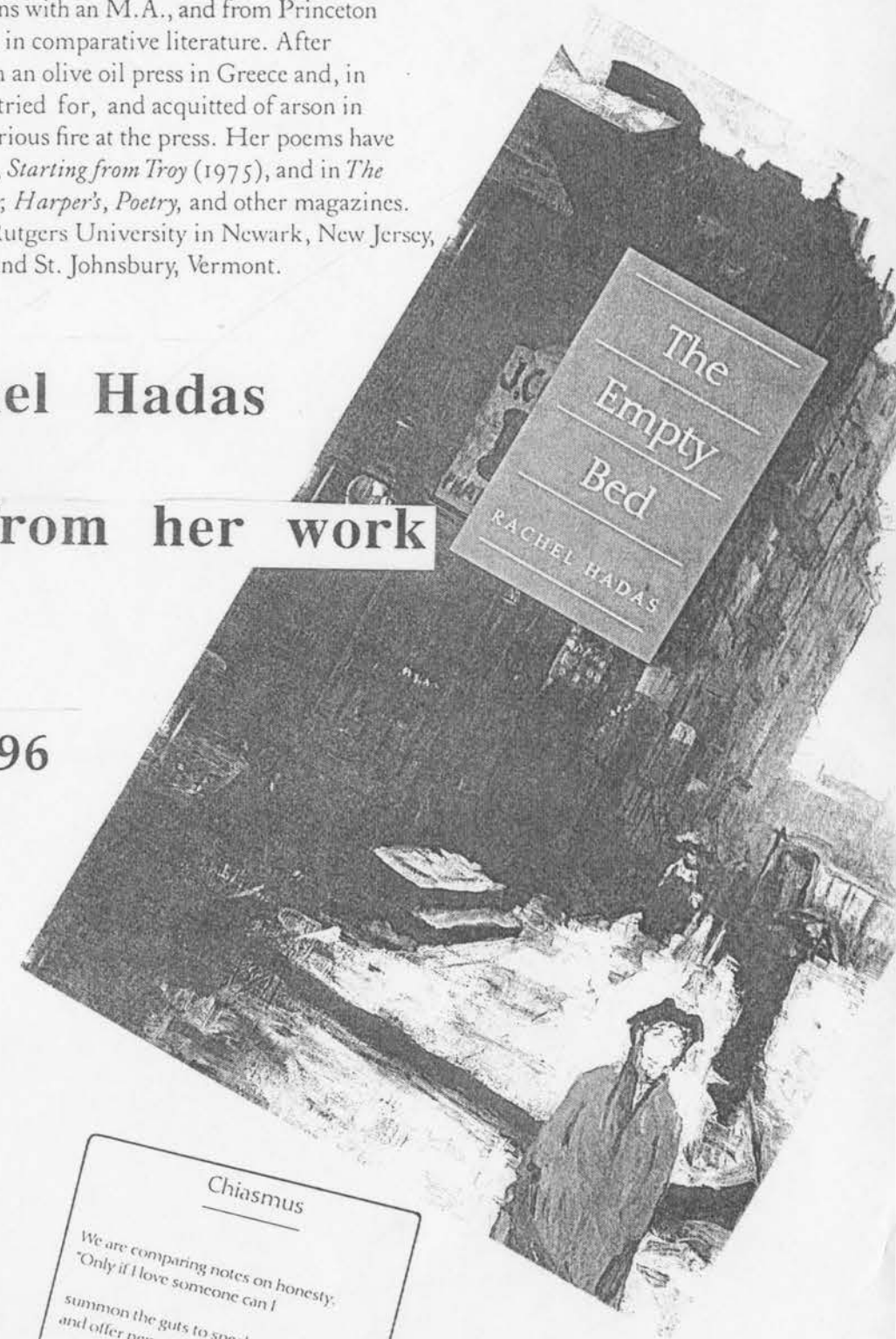
Rachel Hadas was graduated from Radcliffe College with a B.A.; from Johns Hopkins with an M.A., and from Princeton University with a Ph.D. in comparative literature. After Radcliffe, she helped run an olive oil press in Greece and, in 1974, was indicted and tried for, and acquitted of arson in connection with a mysterious fire at the press. Her poems have appeared in a chapbook, *Starting from Troy* (1975), and in *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *Harper's*, *Poetry*, and other magazines. She teaches English at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, and lives in Manhattan and St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Rachel Hadas

Reading from her work

Thursday, September 26, 1996
8:00 p.m.
Deane Carriage Barn

Reception to follow



Rachel Hadas
STARTING FROM TROY

Chiasmus

We are comparing notes on honesty:
"Only if I love someone can I
summon the guts to speak the truth," I say,
and offer nervously.
"I guess that's normal." "On the contrary,
people confide in strangers," you reply.
So that it's to their loved ones that they lie?
is my reaction (uttered silently).
Reading the stilled thought, you glance at me
fondly, wearily, illegibly.
We all are implicated either way,
your muted gaze both says and doesn't say.