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> behind in the formation of national identities and speak to the limits of the contemporary discourse of democracy. Cannibal Democracy tracks

its central metaphor's circulation through the work