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BOOK TEN

A black and white photograph of a building with a sign that reads "BOOK TEN". The sign is a dark, rectangular structure with the words "BOOK" and "TEN" on two adjacent faces. The building is partially visible in the lower half of the frame. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds and a bright, jagged lightning bolt strikes down from the upper right towards the center of the image.

BOOK 10



The elderly busboy who was out of control was inserted into a makeshift cocoon and dragged out of the hotel screaming obscenities. His shoulders grew suspenders that were incredibly beautiful and they made the large security boys drop him and he escaped into the woods.



I tried to wear a mask that was made out of bruised salami but all of the bruised salami in the town was being used for the bruised salami festival. I had to settle on thinly sliced cellophane ham instead and the glare off the thinly sliced cellophane ham caused my grandson to crash his bike.



I held the key to a new world inside of myself and the key unlocked the cage which was myself. When I got out of the cage, I looked at the key in my hand and it was just a smaller version of the cage. I tried to throw away the key but there was nothing first to lock (as the saying goes).



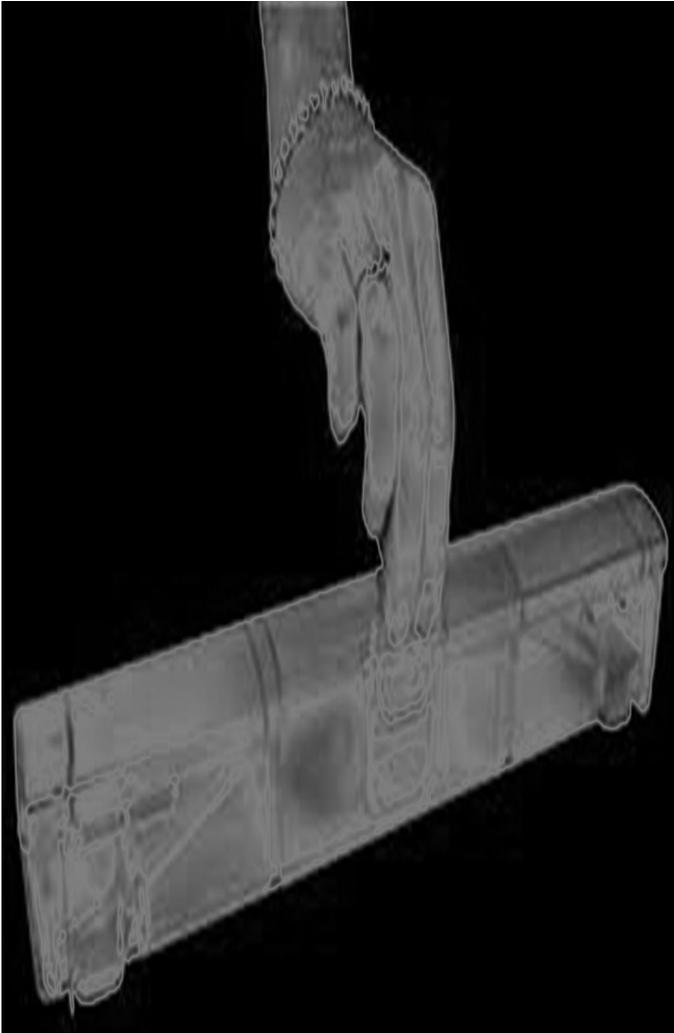
The president made everyone turn their yards into graveyards, and cremation illegal. When Gary buried his brother Barry he was beside himself with grief and when he finished singing “Amazing Grace” for the thirty-seventh time in a row he climbed on his roof and burned the flag.



The lady who was named CH0K0 00000△△ △△BOB 0BB tore off her husband's arm and replaced it with a baby alligator. The baby alligator grew into a champion dart thrower and only hit bullseyes, which were later ceremoniously renamed: "*babyalligatoreyes.*"



Gorman was upset that no one respected him so he changed his name to Norman and only wore ascots. The Ascot Society of Eastern Ohio was so impressed with Norman's ascots that they changed their name to the Norman Society for Ascot Enhancement of Eastern Ohio.



The married lady touched the plastic and her wedding ring immediately turned into a polar bear and mauled her to death. The polar bear put a different portion of the married lady's body into the plastic so it wouldn't get a tummy ache from eating the married lady all at once.



The factory that made all the new ideas was shut down by the government for being a bad idea. All the janitors who used to work at the factory built a smaller version of the factory and started to sell their ideas on the black market until the government put them in jail for not being janitors.



Clarence ate a XXX sandwich that tasted like cherry fish. He tried to feed it to his dog but his dog had died eleven years earlier. If he had made the XXX sandwich that tasted like cherry fish twelve years ago, it would have saved his dog and his dog wouldn't have been reincarnated as Hitler.



A large bear's shadow lurked in behind a crouching inmate who was in prison for illegally harvesting bear shadows and selling them to underrage salsa dancers. The shadow was out for revenge and the inmate could hear it humming underage salsa music in his unconscious.



Flom drew a self portrait that looked like his father, Flom Pop. Flom Pop had died in a farming accident and his ghost was haunting all of the artwork of his only son, Flom. The haunted self portraits started to talk to Flom and told him that he was a bad artist so he stopped drawing all together.



The street astronaut was just a floating head and his ex-wife couldn't stop giving him disapproving looks. The street astronaut was trying to harvest invisible alien snot from the gutters but his ex-wife was too distracting so NASA terminated his contract and he hung himself.



The difference between the cage-fighter and the fighter in a cage is a small, but very important because the latter is providing the energy society needs to survive. The cage-fighters do their part by inspiring rage and violence which leads to the continuous influx of fighters in a cage.



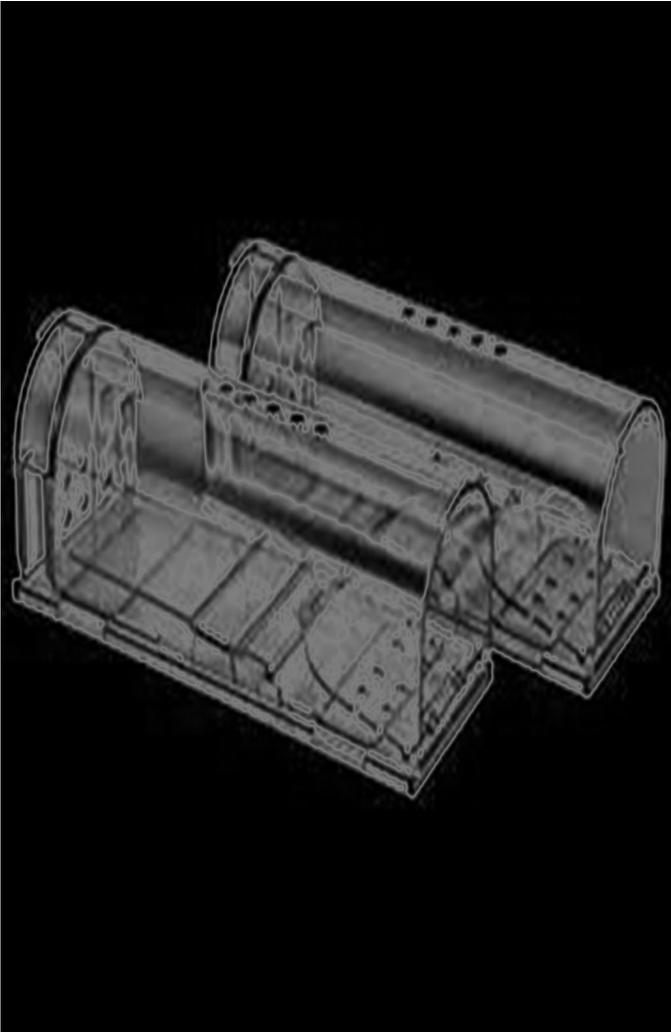
Mother Dad built a stripper's pole in the orphanage. The orphans weren't sure what to do with it but Mother Dad assured them it was nothing. After supertime one day, Mother Dad hypnotized the children and instructed them to worship the stripper's pole as their one and only god.



The clouds were just bacteria above the control tower. After work, the control tower janitor would climb up on the roof of the control tower and collect the bacteria. On the weekends he would spread the bacteria all over the world. And this is why disease and sickness exist.



Every ventriloquist that lived before the year 1950 was actually the puppet. In the first half of the 20th century, it was easy to mistake the puppet for the puppeteer. Thank the Good Lord above that we live in more refined times, and can clearly tell the difference today.



The ad read: “Why wait? Order your *His and Her Floating Space Coffins*® Today. You’ll only regret it later....” So Bob did as the advertisement implored. He spent all of his savings on them and lived long enough to see The Singularity cure death for everyone. He was very poor.



Tofu myths of stinging moose stick us immobilized rugged animals. Years of his using racoon yarn to enhance tropical oval. When your large dog grows a rubber line out of its face, your eyesight is likely going to go downhill, making it nearly impossible to transcribe large dog care instructions.



The mermaid who took acid was trapped in an abstract painting. The painting was not originally contoured but as the mermaid struggled to get out, the more painterly aspects of the work began to tickle the genre that is sculpture, and it sold at auction for seventeen Skittles.



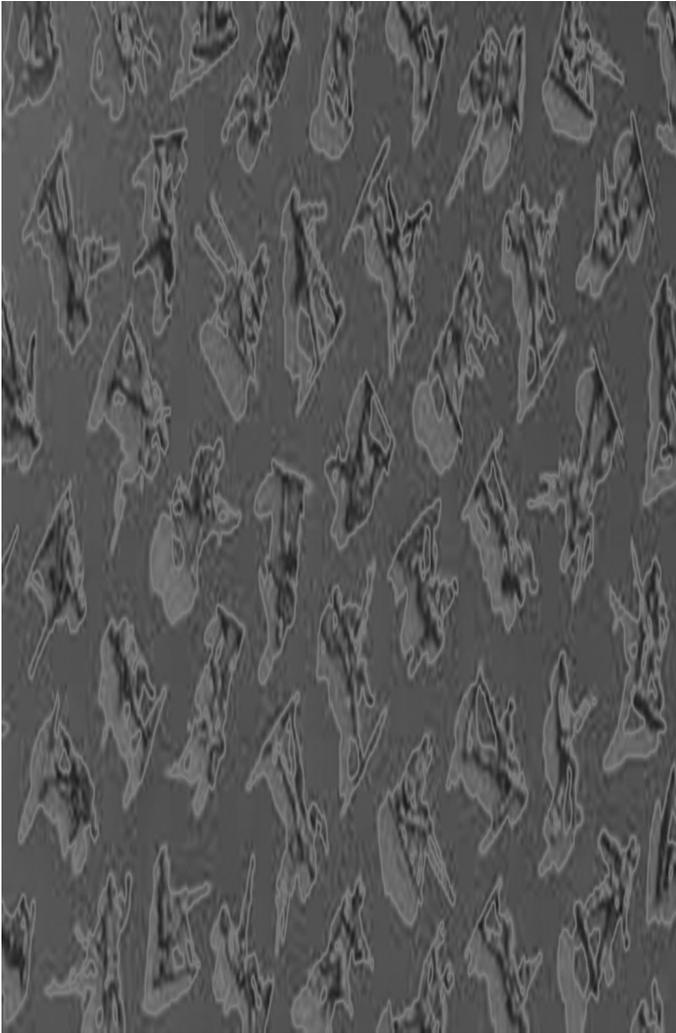
I walked into a terrorist luncheonette and all of the patrons wouldn't shut up about jihad. It was impossible to eat my tuna fish sandwich with them yammering on about suicide bombs. One terrorist named Scott was being especially loud, going on and on about his new bomb vest.



I walked towards the terminal only to find a man standing in front of a sign that said "TERMINAL" with an arrow pointing right. I had been trying to find the terminal for over a decade and I was fairly certain that I had missed my flight to Alaska where I had a job lined up as a seal clubber.



The mountain with the fog hat had an eyeball that couldn't close. It wasn't good for tourism so he had the eyeball surgically stitched closed. But he got very scared not being able to see, and he had the eyeball surgery reversed. He eventually died because he didn't have any money.



A photocopy reproduction of the scattered army men became *the* template for all stained glass designs in new churches. It was the “must have stained glass design” of the church-building season and any new church that didn’t have it was basically just burning itself to the ground.



The prison hall was empty because all the prisoners were inside their cells. It has to be that way because if the prisoners were outside of their cells they would likely hunt and kill all the wild owls that like to visit through the rectangle holes on the ceiling of the prison hall.



When you take a mugshot they make you turn to the side in case you meet a cop one day who is too shy to look you in the eye. The shy cop will be able to I.D. you from the sideways picture you took and he will be able to put you back in jail instead of learning how not to be shy.



There was only one new caterpillar born in 2016 yet upwards of seventy-million new butterflies were born. “The math just doesn’t check out,” said Professor Butter Lamp, as she spread jelly onto her butterfly and tuna fish sandwich on Christmas Eve in Tokyo, 2081.



In the olden days they made war planes with targets on them because the point of doing wars was just doing them and it was better for both sides if they did war well enough so they could justify doing more war almost immediately after whatever current war they were doing ended.



Bobby Star Hat led his friend The Praying Boy out onto the dancefloor so they could engage in the special Dance of the Best Friends. Trench Coat Fedora watched them and was super jealous he wasn't involved in the Dance of the Best Friends because it was a dance for only two friends.



The teenage cutter was surprised to see a sleeping adult man emerge from one of her scars. The sleeping adult man slept-walk into the cutter's kitchen and made himself a tuna fish sandwich. He didn't finish the sandwich before he crawled back into the scar so the teenage cutter finished it.



Joe took a photograph of his beard with his telephone. He sent the picture of his beard to Beards Anonymous. At the next Beards Anonymous meeting, the beard photo said, "Hi, my name is a Beard Photo and I'm a beard photo." All the other beard photos said, in unison, "Hi, Beard Photo."



The black duck who broke into the apartment took it upon himself to redecorate. He instructed his team to bring in modern art, which was a series of oversized hypothetical cards from an oversized hypothetical card game. The first card asked the question, "Mommy, what will I look like?"



The path to salvation was overgrown with black and white plants. I replaced all the black and white plants with listening stations that played only forgotten small business jingles on repeat. One of the jingles went, "Racoon Wine is good for you / we think you should drink it too."



Clarence poured all of the liquid gold onto the floor. It was Clarence's job to pour all the liquid gold onto the floor after the liquid gold store closed. When he clocked out, all the rich people in town would enter and lick the liquid gold off the floor so that they could remain rich forever.



The bus outside of the building with a diamond on its torso wasn't a useful bus at all but a rare bird sanctuary. When all the rare birds died off, the president said that common birds could live inside it. One of the common birds was a pigeon named Ted who wished he was a diamond building.



When the melted pair of scissors met the dirty rag, it wasn't love at first sight. It took many years for the pair to blossom into a couple. They often joked with their children, who were a bunch of discarded gum wrappers, that opposites attract. It wasn't really a joke at all.



The pill bottle wished it was something other than a pill bottle. It didn't have a clear idea what that was because pill bottles can't form articulate thoughts. The pill bottle thought that if it could form an articulate thought about being something else it would think about being a lamp.



The first T-shirt discovered on planet earth was found in Sacramento in 1992. The T-shirt had a picture of an old lady digging for a T-shirt in 1992 drawn on it. A lot of people thought this was evidence that The Simulation is real but I just thought it made Sacramento seem nice.



One of the symbols that liked to put itself on videos of people who were about to be decapitated in violent executions said to one of the other symbols that liked to do that too, “Hey, it’s good work if you can get it, right?” And the two symbols had a nice chuckle about that one.



The doctor who mistook his x-ray machine for a microwave cooking instant mac and cheese pointed at it and said, "Please give me my dinner, machine." The x-ray machine showed him blue and back bones on the screen. The doctor licked the screen and said, "Yummy yum yum."



Sideways Eight Face had been living in the Very Vertical World with Black Sides for a long time when he discovered the pole. It wasn't the same stripper pole from the orphanage on page 14 but, coincidentally, he developed a religion wherein the god figure was a pole, as well.



When the black boxes decided to move to a new town, it was already too late. It had been gentrified by snow and words and oak trees that thought they were aspiring stand-up comedians. The black boxes could not harm or improve the quality of the neighborhood at all.



Arnold was mad that religions had been developed around stipper poles and pole poles, so he cracked the code of The Simulation and broadcast a distorted image of himself (with asteroids) onto every sky over every place on earth, and he shouted at all the people all night, every night.



The five soldiers fought such a good war in the hard rain that they became part of the rain. The storm was intense and the rain was just the air. The five soldiers were the air even after the storm was finished. The war continued in good weather and the living soldiers breathed the air.



The nuclear balloon took a night tour of the castles when everyone was asleep. It was looking for affordable real estate. It gave all of the kings and queens cancer instead. But lucky for the nuclear balloon, castle real estate hit an all-time low after they removed the bodies.



Convicted men have the ability to fly. That they don't utilize very often should be a sign to the innocent that jails should not exist. If jails did not exist, the convicts would live like birds and not bother a soul, flying high, night and day, and making nests in the highest treetops.



Career Choice Carl was having a hard time making a career choice. He cursed his parents for naming him Career Choice Carl. If they had named him Carl Baker, he would be enjoying a nice loaf of bread instead. And he would keep eating loaves until he had committed suicide by bread.

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*The 47 images in this book were discovered using the search phrase, “**Why won’t any wrap escape a convict trap?**”*

They were all resized to exactly 1650 (width) x 2550 (height) pixels and the Photoshop “Solarize” distortion filter was implemented after the files were digitally transferred to “Grayscale” mode.

The accompanying text was inspired by the altered pictures.

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