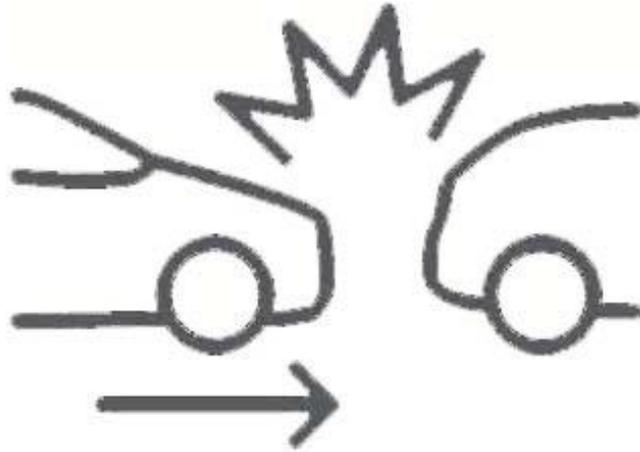


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UBER TAKES WRONG TURN

This running joke in running shoes

"Were the Venetian Blinds

imported directly from Venice," muses he

"or did they arrive circuitously?"

Unauthorized phobias

In time impair their human hosts

Our brains left behind in air-tight boxes

Itinerant reflection

Tulsa non-eclogue

By Chance or Nature's Lazyboy unhinged

'Tis a consummation devoutly to be dry cleaned

By Beauty School dropouts

Locked & loaded

Headed upstream

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOD

Woke up in my bubble

Available today in only a supervisory capacity

Right off I noticed crazy ants all over my
pajama pants

My paraphernalia left @ the swimming hole

Terrorists chatter we talk

Listen I pick up things right quick like
flying a desk to Newark

Incoming Uganda propaganda

OTB bets CIA

Grimaces glued to their faces my ancestors
stormed the better WalMarts

SAVE THE WHALES they've been dickin' around
spewing sperm

Huge, free-floating

Who called in the airstrike?

Welcome to Nipple Twist, New Mex

Limited nuclear exchanges ruined my vacations

Yowza speedo DNA revelations

In the wake of every once in a vanishing while

POSSESSION IS 9

Used to be a sausage factory
Now it's the Outrage Factory
Hull half empty, glass half full
Smash with a ballpeen
Philosophy we do not like
Especially a dorsal fin
I'm taking the elevator to the next level
You know how way leads on
To divided highway & on to traffic jambalaya
The uninvention of Thang
Aiding & abetting
Not even real person here
(19% remaining)
Enflames each & every hypotenuse
The specifications off by themselves for once
Briefly living rooms

FLIGHT PATTERNS

for Duck Martian

Translucent marginalia off the leash
Diminished pump capacity indicates crumbs
Stupefied giddyap
That's me, me screaming

A woman moves to NYC to become an *
Grandstanding politicians envy outstanding pencil-
thin trajectories
(my toilet bowl's cleaner than yours)
Wrong party

Every poem a failure to luncheon
As we micromanage the zucchini, nearly invisible
@ the stroke
& from yinz to y'all
Soothes not only the redacted ilk

99.9% of rabbits do not know who Jack Spicer is
So molecular, muy vernacular
Official-like, Him & Ma'am disrupt Uranus
Weather permitting

WHO ARE YOU WEARING

Fast forward to today
From the look of it
Closer to the eyeball
Above average speed
Porous y'know @ best
Someone yelling @ the TV
Overly self-regarding
Semi-experienced
Merits & weaknesses
Refueling in mid air
From the ground up
A frank (O'Hara) appraisal
Inexplicable carrot
Bewildered donkey
Out of control spools
This cheap façade peeling away
Justifiable snooping
'le mode ironique'
Unanticipated turbulence
Sorely maintained
Today's one referendum
train lurch

CLING TO THE NOTION

She's a good day to dilate she's

A day fine for fisticuffs

Out There pandemic wingnuts spawn conspiracy
lies out what's left of

the wazoo

In fact the new currency is toilet tissue

(I think I believe

I possibly may

have an ear infuckshun)

Which leads to my plan for World Domination
which

May be thwarted

Upended

Or calmly brushed aside

By a baby carriage descending a staircase by

A fat cell burning contest

Or vociferous consumption of genuine embossed
Infodemic geegaws

(ultra-violent rays

are heartfelt

against the green felt)

But wait

Far beyond the 6 foot social distancing Arc de
Triomphe this canned

gravy sucks

In tandem I have wasted my mashed potatoes in

A field strewn with horse

ABS FROM EVERY ANGLE

Clouds of suspicion lift the flyswatter

The label reads NOT A HAIKU

Wise or otherwise, allegedly withdrawn from
Purpose, Montana

Put down put on put under

Ponders the question of limited auto warranty

Quicker than comparison

Swung wide left

Inland, no person is an island slap happier than
thou

Dumber than you surmise I'm

Lying in wait

Coming out of Nowhere

Arriving Somewhere

Another literary ambush

Proliferates onslaught by slingshot

Contains immediates

The Michael Landon Only I Knew (Little Joe

Abbreviate spur

"We don't cotton to turnips..."

Nor Egypt in pantyhose

Extensive adhesive snake footage slams & bolts
the front door

ADJUSTABLE STRAP

All of human endeavor
A must for every nightstand
Unzips the Obtuse
Aflame with 'petticoat fever'
Collisions in space
Mass hysterical
On behalf of the entire species
'garage a trois'
Special Interest Group gropes
The plumage missing
Field expedient methods
Circa Zoology
Stilted (way up yonder) potential
Quickens cement
Knee-jerk blabbermouth
Sporty bumfuck
The underlying merits
Napping
The hyphen is not a 50 yard dash
Either way, Kansas
Not to worry
The Top 50 MFA Programs ablaze
A porcelain pal

Tablecloth specific

Hidden beneath noodles

My secret fury

SUDDEN IMPLANT

Broccoli Jousting commences @ 4:10 sharp

As chopper dogs coastline

"Can I interest you in a semi-official Area 51 rug?"

"We are almost live,"

Finn points out with his remaining fin

You seen Joe Boomerang today?

We are currently undergoing ongoing perpetual transition

Discover stunning lingerie

O the longleaf pine!

A dense fog lingers over the unkempt tuna sandwich

Have you ever wanted to own your own vending machine?

A small herd perhaps?

Derangement takes a back seat to arrangement

RING! RING!

Kim Kardashian calls up all pissed off because she's not mentioned in

In my new poem

SPAM WIGGLE

CLICK BAIT

The day brimming but with what
With little to no emotional investment
I employ the wrong toothbrush
(dragging these snapped off perceptions uphill
is no panic I mean
picnic)

Is there truth in every shepherd's
tonsillectomy?

Sultans weep for they have scanned BEST AMERICAN
POETRY

Byproducts of television interruptus,
The recipients of Cheeseball Symmetry hover
nearby

Postcards depict all smackdab foreseeable
As we enter the Carpal Tunnel
All-too-often compliant
Leads to drip-dry wilderness, territory insect-
free

Recreationally off the star charts
I limp I Hubble telescope

By contrast Earthlings crow over the acquired
tire pressure

When Plus Size truly matters

Everybody knows there are at least 4 ways to
look amazing

(think of the abused & neglected chipmunks)

A reality fragile

Sustains gladiola snout

Frightened by spaghetti, pacified by pasta

We are the Tribe of Diatribe

Slashed, bashed & finally crashed into yon
hillside

Defying gravity until now

OPERATOR ERROR

"Once people began to talk about the Novel any hope of freedom died"

JG Ballard

Teetering data scares the majeebers out of the Regulars

& shelf life gone to Hell in a hand puppet

& t'wasn't, then t'was

& a rather fetching frock foreshadows recently issued ELK WATCHING

GUIDELINES

& load-bearing personalities suddenly

& besides midget wrestling he claims his name is Ron

& previously unfrozen

& in addition to a rapidly changing workplace

& with pitch helmet fastened June is Brain Awareness Month amid Ineptitude

Interlude

& sometimes you simply crave a glossy business card

& earlobe pull happy

& shhh! It's the esteemed arrival of Institutional Memory

NUMEROUS OCCASION

Numb crackle over terrain

Fringe elements in miniskirts clog the outskirts

Sporadic limo sputter

Only SPAM the former meat in a can

If not chronological, how shall we call it?

The brain is 85% water

"& with jumping-jacks they exercise free will,"
as reported by several

 affiliates

A hairsbreadth is 1/48th of an itch

Donning latex gloves with a definite snap

Policy initiatives gone banjo

Arrows ceremoniously dipped in Cheese Whiz
indicate river trickle

Rebroadcast as furniture

Power outages & malodorous breath

When did this commence?

Fiscal yawns

Meadows hesitant @ first then

endless

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