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## Chapter 1: TYPICAL DYSTOPIA



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way too many guns

lack of cooperation

one person alone

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**NOTE: To avoid dystopia, work together with others to make things better.**

## Chapter 2: AGE



<https://pixabay.com/en/old-photos-paper-document-nostalgia-3054903/>

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**I used to be young.  
How did I become so old?  
What happened to me?**

**Chapter 3: *IL FAUT SOUFFRIR POUR ÊTRE BELLE***



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-hair-drying-girl-female-586185/>

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**One must suffer in  
Order to be beautiful;  
Or, no pain, no gain**

## Chapter 4: COOL



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-model-lovely-nice-fashion-3054750/>

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**Effortlessly cool**  
**Look at this cool attitude**  
**Why can't I do this?**

## Chapter 5: FEMALE ARMOR



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**Typical armor**  
— in some games designed by guys —  
**For females only**

## Chapter 6: THE INNER ME



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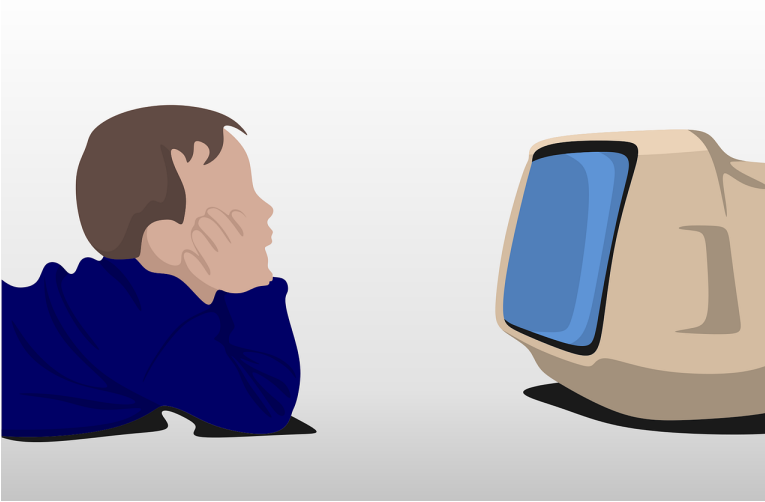
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### THE INNER ME

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**the inner me is  
a lot like the outer me  
but a lot darker**

## Chapter 7: WASTED HOURS



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**So many wasted hours  
Anything good on tonight?  
Yes, of course there is**

## **Chapter 8: CONTENTS OF MY BRAIN**



<https://pixabay.com/en/nature-landscape-dock-water-ocean-2576542/>

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**Puddles of knowledge**  
**Great oceans of ignorance**  
**Contents of my brain**



## Chapter 9: REBELS



<https://pixabay.com/en/women-friends-friendship-helping-1577910/>

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**We're rebels against  
A self-imposed loneliness  
Get out, do something**

## Chapter 10: LAS VEGAS LIGHTS



<https://pixabay.com/en/vegas-casino-gambling-game-play-1235539/>

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**Lights in Las Vegas**  
**Something even Zen masters**  
**Would enjoy seeing**

## Chapter 11: AFFORDABLE HOUSING



<https://pixabay.com/en/shed-shack-hut-rustic-building-402608/>

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**it's just what we need  
some affordable housing  
now own your own home**

## Chapter 12: VOTE



<https://pixabay.com/en/pollution-factory-industry-smoke-2575166/>

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**will you have health care?**

**politics is important**

**will you have clean air?**

## Chapter 13: SOME PROBLEMS ARE FACTS



<https://pixabay.com/en/person-human-female-girl-face-1169810/>

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**Straight hair: a problem**

**Curly hair: a problem, too**

**Some problems are facts**

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**NOTE: If you have straight hair, learn to like straight hair. If you have curly hair, learn to like curly hair. Problem hair solved.**



## Chapter 14: DIRTY HOUSE



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-glasses-mop-cleaning-clean-1531575/>

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**Why should I clean now?**

**I need some motivation**

**I'll throw a party!**

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**Note: Knowing that people are coming is excellent motivation to clean.**

## Chapter 15: COURAGE AND FEAR



<https://pixabay.com/en/fire-fighter-rescue-baby-held-hard-2098461/>

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**courage can't exist**  
**— courage is facing down fear —**  
**unless fear exists**

**Chapter 16: WEALTH COMMENCED TO POUR ON  
ME**



<https://pixabay.com/en/money-job-danger-bankrupt-2700212/>

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**WEALTH COMMENCED TO POUR ON ME**

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**Some times are good times**

**Wealth commenced to pour on me**

**What did I do right?**



## **Chapter 17: LESSON OF MOVING WATER**



<https://pixabay.com/en/river-forest-green-nature-water-1206579/>

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**Avoid obstacles**

**Go around that which blocks you**

**Seek a clear passage**

**Chapter 18: DIE YOUNG? LEAVE A GOOD-  
LOOKING CORPSE? HELL, NO!**



<https://pixabay.com/en/tree-dried-lonely-loneliness-3030038/>

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**Leave a young corpse? No!**

**Die old, leave a dried-out corpse.**

**Suck life out of life.**

## Chapter 19: WHAT THE HELL!



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**Where did this come from?**

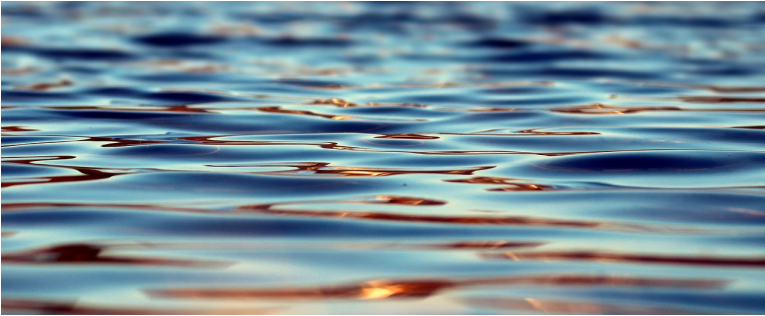
**Why would anyone think this**

**Is acceptable?**

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**NOTE: We don't get good art without bad art. That is a good reason to be against censorship. Much of the artists' other work is excellent. Certainly, some of my haiku are worse than my other haiku.**

## Chapter 20: MOVEMENT



<https://pixabay.com/en/lake-water-wave-mirroring-texture-2063957/>

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**the water now moves**

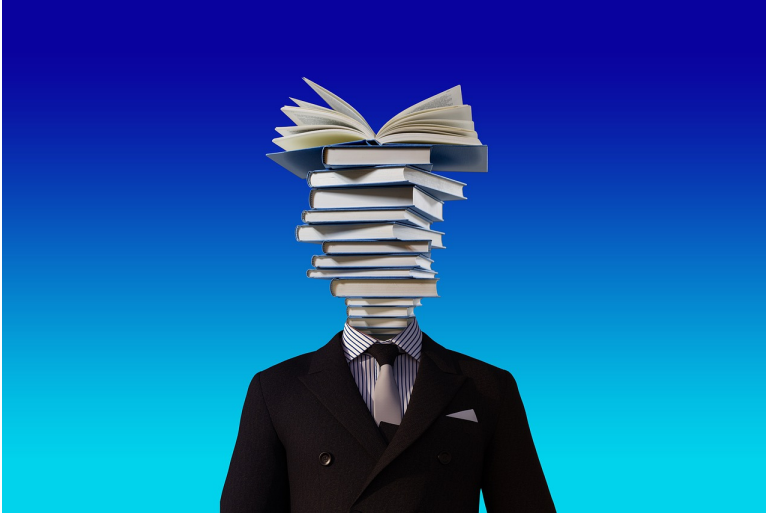
**the dappled top now reflects**

**the color now moves**

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**NOTE: The artists behind this wonderful photograph  
are the same artists who created the WHAT THE  
HELL! artwork.**

## **Chapter 21: WE ARE PRISONERS OF OUR OWN MINDS**



<https://pixabay.com/en/books-man-person-businessman-3071110/>

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**Prisoner of mind**

**Why read oh so many books?**

**Furnish prison well**

## Chapter 22: NATURAL BEAUTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/leaves-fall-colors-rainbow-1051937/>

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**natural beauty**  
**the most amazing colors**  
**seen in autumn leaves**

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**dull brown and grey wood**  
**a foil to serve as contrast**  
**heightens leaves' colors**



**Chapter 23: SUPPOSE COFFEE BECOMES  
ILLEGAL**



<https://pixabay.com/en/coffee-food-grain-caffeine-3076961/>

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**Coffee illegal?**

**“Got any Columbian?”**

**I’m a drug addict**

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**NOTE: If coffee becomes illegal, I would start making  
visits to the bad part of town.**

## Chapter 24: SATURDAY NIGHT



<https://pixabay.com/en/fruit-food-apple-delicious-wood-3074848/>

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**a little something  
one person to another  
pass some DNA**



## Chapter 25: A BLAZED PATH



<https://pixabay.com/en/nature-girl-outdoors-wood-young-3076877/>

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**a path has been blazed  
those before us went there first  
made things easier**

## Chapter 26: ROBIN HIGGINS



<https://pixabay.com/en/excited-smiling-smile-kind-tender-3079073/>

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**ROBIN HIGGINS**

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**Guess what my work is  
Fun stand-up comedian  
You can't be surprised**

## Chapter 27: LIBERTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/sky-stature-sculpture-art-travel-3074528/>

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**keep liberty safe  
the greatest generation  
despite Donald Trump**

## Chapter 28: MEANING



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-figure-cup-coffee-3080523/>

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**What is the meaning?  
Morning coffee is sexy?  
Art has a message**

## Chapter 29: EVENING MAKEUP



<https://pixabay.com/en/paint-makeup-cracky-girl-cosmetics-2990357/>

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**Makeup for evenings**  
**Heavier than day makeup**  
**So say the experts**

## **Chapter 30: PERFECT EXERCISE**



<https://pixabay.com/en/architecture-city-people-travel-3077568/>

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**Santa goes skiing**  
**Find the perfect exercise**  
**Find what works for you**



## Chapter 31: JESTERS ARE NOT FOOLS



<https://pixabay.com/en/jester-city-middle-ages-costume-1714117/>

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**JESTERS ARE NOT FOOLS**

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**wisdom and bad puns**

**a jester is not a fool**

**a king's advisor**

## **Chapter 32: ENJOY THE BEAUTY**



<https://pixabay.com/en/art-people-ornament-3077961/>

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**Let this be itself  
Beauty is its own meaning  
Nothing else required**



## **Chapter 33: PEOPLE SAY**

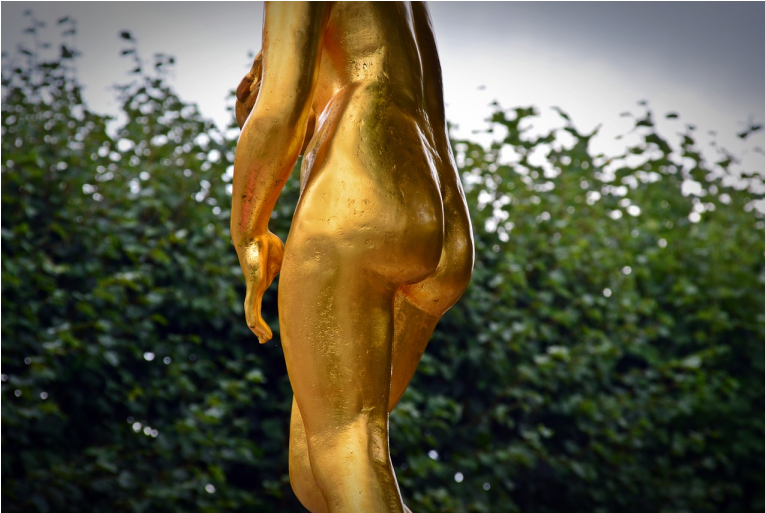


<https://pixabay.com/en/pumpkin-pumpkin-farm-halloween-1572868/>

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**People say that breasts  
Come in all shapes, all sizes  
I like the square ones**

## Chapter 34: SOPHISTICATES



<https://pixabay.com/en/statue-figure-butt-1557439/>

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**Readers of *Playboy***  
**Male sophisticates who pay**  
**To see naked butts**

## Chapter 35: THE POWER



<https://pixabay.com/en/flame-smoke-dark-man-fire-3082341/>

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**I got the power  
to set my hand on fire  
Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow!**

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**NOTE: I say “fire” as two syllables.**

## Chapter 36: TOUGH GUY



<https://pixabay.com/en/baby-perfecto-rock-punk-1387709/>

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**I'm bad, really bad  
You want a tough guy? I'm him  
Look at my outfit**

## **Chapter 37: WHO CREATED THIS?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/tree-tree-top-trunk-conifer-3082795/>

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**Who created this?  
God, or the photographer?  
Both create beauty**



## Chapter 38: NAKED



<https://pixabay.com/en/wallet-cash-credit-card-pocket-1013789/>

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wallet, money, keys  
without these, I am naked  
like forgetting pants



## Chapter 39: LOOK AT ME!



<https://pixabay.com/en/human-man-guitar-carnies-music-3081464/>

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**I got to stand out**  
**— And hey, why not, I ask you? —**  
**I must be noticed**

## Chapter 40: BUSTLE



<https://pixabay.com/en/sunset-woman-bench-lantern-lamp-3079017/>

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**Completely useless!  
Why would anyone invent  
Such stupidity?**

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**What useless clothing  
Do we wear in public now?  
How silly are we?**

## Chapter 41: FAMILY PHOTO



<https://pixabay.com/en/art-portrait-human-old-antique-3084798/>

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**family photo**  
**the family member whom**  
**we don't talk about**

## Chapter 42: NOT HUMAN



<https://pixabay.com/en/idea-teamwork-thinking-working-3085367/>

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**You are not human  
You are just an employee  
Make money for me**

## Chapter 43: CROP YIELDS



<https://pixabay.com/en/farmer-tractor-agriculture-farm-880567/>

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**Only so much food  
Scientists make yields bigger  
Support scientists**



## Chapter 44: FARMING



<https://pixabay.com/en/agriculture-asia-cambodia-1807498/>

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**the most crucial job  
growing food for us people  
no food, no people**



## Chapter 45: ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE



<https://pixabay.com/en/desert-sky-nature-landscape-dry-3086719/>

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**She really is a  
God-awful guitar player  
No one wants her near**

## Chapter 46: PABLO PICASSO

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<https://pixabay.com/en/picasso-signature-pablo-picasso-39592/>

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**Live long and make art**

**Fifty thousand works of art**

**Lived ninety-one years**

## Chapter 47: PICASSO



<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=41477833>

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**Art includes drawings,  
Paintings, sculptures, ceramics,  
Prints, rugs, tapestries**

## Chapter 48: ORDINARY OBJECTS CAN BE BEAUTIFUL



<https://pixabay.com/en/picasso-flower-pot-cup-pottery-320760/>

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**Humble flowerpot**

**Normally ordinary**

**A thing of beauty**

## Chapter 49: SEXIST SIGNS?



<https://pixabay.com/en/wall-brick-concrete-cement-3087292/>

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**Separate sexes!**

**Is this sign misogynist?**

**Or informative?**

## Chapter 50: A SCARE, OR A CHALLENGE?



<https://pixabay.com/en/empty-canvas-blank-white-painting-629127/>

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**Make the first brushstroke**

**Just a blank sheet of canvas**

**From scare to challenge**

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**NOTE: To some people, a blank sheet of paper (or computer screen) or a blank canvas is scary. To other people, it's a challenge. To turn something scary into a challenge, write the first sentence or make the first brushstroke.**



## Chapter 51: A SCARE, OR A CHALLENGE? #2



<https://pixabay.com/en/laptop-macbook-home-office-switched-2838917/>

\*\*\*

**Write the first sentence**

**Just a blank sheet of paper**

**From scare to challenge**

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## Chapter 52: “I’LL JUMP IF YOU WILL.”



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-summer-nature-people-3086456/>

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**“I’ll jump if you will.”**

**“I know another way down**

**“Slower, but safer.”**

## Chapter 53: HIS AGE



<https://pixabay.com/en/middle-finger-finger-gesture-finger-2790310/>

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**Emotionally**  
**He is this many years old**  
**Most people can tell**

## Chapter 54: THE MOST IMPORTANT



<https://pixabay.com/en/girl-young-pretty-fashion-female-3081820/>

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**Very possibly**

**The most important person**

**A future mother**

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**NOTE: Very good reasons exist for the rule “women and children first.”**

## Chapter 55: HOME DECORATING ON A BUDGET



<https://pixabay.com/en/bahamas-shack-signs-old-holiday-1982413/>

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**This cost a nickel  
I found this in someone's trash  
I stole this thing here**

## Chapter 56: HARD TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP

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Homer's Iliad: A Retelling in Prose	B00ANDT4KQ	1	0
Homer's Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose	B00AB4AVQS	3	0
Nadia Comaneci: Perfect 10	B004E3Y1A4	1	0
William Shakespeare's "1 Henry IV," aka "Henry IV, Part 1": A Retel...	B00HT9V9UK	1	0
William Shakespeare's 5 Late Romances: Retellings in Prose	B071LBS6G3	1	0

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### HARD TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP

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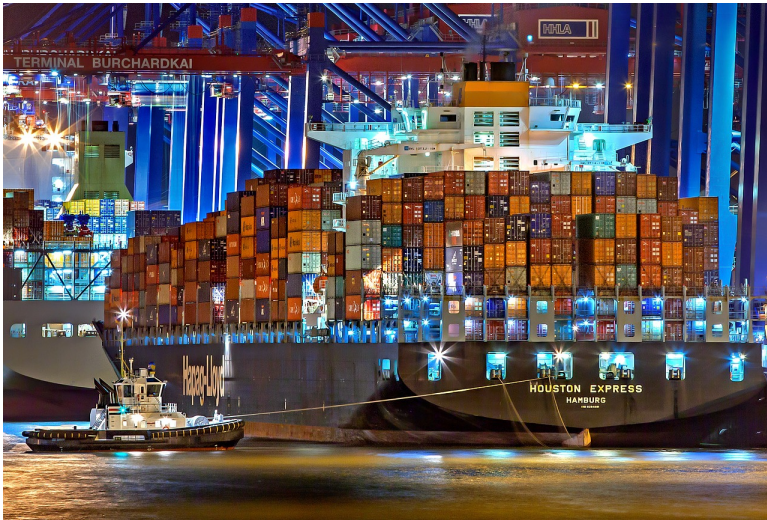
Over one hundred

Books for sale — it is hard to

Make it to the top



## Chapter 57: BEAUTIUL COMMERCE



<https://pixabay.com/en/hamburg-port-of-hamburg-3021820/>

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**BEAUTIFUL COMMERCE**

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**Beautiful commerce**

**Container ship in Hamburg**

**Port in Germany**

## Chapter 58: CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT?



<https://pixabay.com/en/dance-little-girl-twirling-twirl-2432909/>

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**Christmas ornament?  
I want to hang her image  
On my Christmas tree**

## Chapter 59: GENE LOTTERY



<https://pixabay.com/en/portrait-woman-blond-girl-face-3089486/>

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**Look at this woman**  
**She won the gene lottery**  
**Beautiful woman**

## **Chapter 60: OPPORTUNITY?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/life-suicide-leaving-reaching-3089646/>

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**Opportunity?**

**I'm not sure this is freedom**

**We all need a home**

## Chapter 61: BLAME



<https://pixabay.com/en/bullying-child-finger-suggest-3089938/>

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**Quick! Let's blame someone!**

**Who is the weakest here, now?**

**We have our patsy!**

## **Chapter 62: FINGERNAILS**



<https://pixabay.com/en/intimacy-love-two-people-romance-3087134/>

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**Tip for lesbians**

**Keep your fingernails well trimmed**

**Like this woman does**



## Chapter 63: NUDE DANCERS



<https://pixabay.com/en/adult-nude-people-man-two-art-3087193/>

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**Some dancers are nude  
More often, nude leotards  
Is what you see real?**

## Chapter 64: APPEARANCE VERSUS REALITY



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-body-painting-art-body-design-3089980/>

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**Part is appearance  
And part is reality  
Is her clothing real?**

## Chapter 65: DANGER



<https://pixabay.com/en/people-man-woman-couple-love-2589811/>

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**Love: Fraught with danger**  
**Some couples avoid landmines**  
**Love keeps happening**

## Chapter 66: SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL



<https://pixabay.com/en/christianity-candels-man-christ-432076/>

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*espiritual  
muy, muy espiritual  
y emotivo*



**Chapter 67: HOW WILL *YOU* ANSWER DEATH'S QUESTION?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/window-wall-home-old-man-tv-3092213/>

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**Death asks a question:**

**“What did you do with your life?”**

**“I just watched TV”**

## Chapter 68: CONVENTIONAL BEAUTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/woman-girl-portrait-young-nice-3096734/>

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### CONVENTIONAL BEAUTY

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**She is beautiful**

**Many beautiful women**

**Just blend together**

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**It is hard to write**

**A truly new poem about**

**Beautiful women**



## Chapter 69: UNUSUAL BEAUTY



<https://pixabay.com/en/picture-woman-paint-bright-girl-3092413/>

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**The unusual  
Can inspire something new and  
Be written about**

## Chapter 70: OTHELLO



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Wikimedia Commons. Charles and Mary Lamb, *Tales  
from Shakespeare* (Philadelphia: Henry Altemus  
Company, 1901)

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Evil men exist

Are you manipulated?

Such things have happened

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**NOTE:** Othello murders his loving wife, Desdemona,  
because Iago manipulates him into thinking that she  
cheated on him.

## Chapter 71: SMOKING

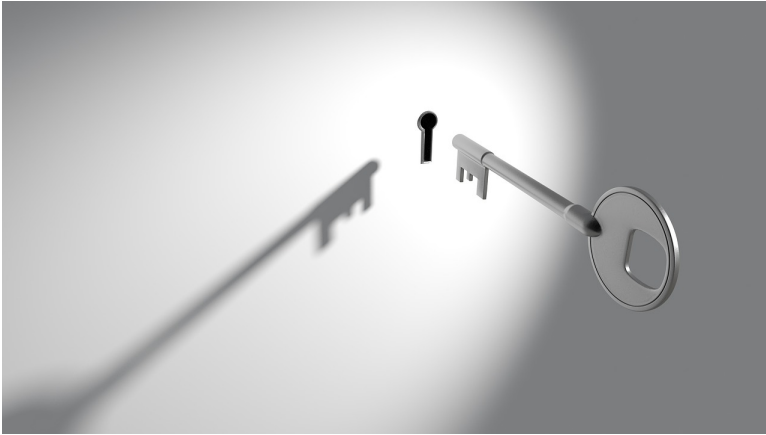


<https://pixabay.com/en/smoker-addict-addiction-fatal-2685003/>

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**Lots of good effects**  
**Relaxation and pleasure**  
**But then there's cancer**

## Chapter 72: SAFETY



<https://pixabay.com/en/key-keyhole-lock-security-unlock-2114046/>

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**Please keep your doors locked  
Many good nights may follow,  
Then one real bad night**

## **Chapter 73: TO DO**



<https://pixabay.com/en/depression-sadness-man-2912424/>

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**Do forgive yourself**  
**Avoid the nasty night thoughts**  
**That keep you awake**

## Chapter 74: NICE TO TOUCH



<https://pixabay.com/en/person-woman-girl-bed-hair-sexy-1281777/>

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**Something to enjoy**  
**A favorite sex organ**  
**Soft and silky skin**



## **Chapter 75: EITHER OR?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/night-city-evening-sunset-sky-3084237/>

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**Apocalypse, or  
Civilization? Maybe,  
Family resemblance?**

## Chapter 76: A GOOD LIFE



<https://pixabay.com/en/background-woman-room-young-girl-3092085/>

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people, art, nature  
— necessities for good life —  
meaningful labor

## Chapter 77: IMAGE



<https://pixabay.com/en/performance-music-woman-fashion-3093578/>

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**I got the image  
Pouty, pretty, and skinny  
But my feet hurt bad**

## Chapter 78: SEX DOLL?



<https://pixabay.com/en/red-light-red-light-district-299710/>

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**Is she a sex doll?**

**Do you want to look like this?**

**Be more real than this**

## Chapter 79: WHAT DO I SEE?



<https://pixabay.com/en/portrait-fashion-one-model-people-3090384/>

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**Bunches of photons  
From electrons displayed on  
A computer screen**

## Chapter 80: HER SPACE



<https://pixabay.com/en/bed-ringtone-naked-woman-body-3093813/>

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**No shame needs be felt**

**Totally comfortable**

**This is her own space**



## Chapter 81: IS IT POSSIBLE?



<https://pixabay.com/en/child-the-little-girl-anger-1548229/>

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**Is it possible?  
Do you really believe that?  
You must be kidding.**

## **Chapter 82: MY DATE OF DEATH**



**Source: David Bruce**

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**Twenty-four April**

**Two thousand and twenty-eight**

**Is when I will die**

**\*\*\***

**NOTE: I looked it up online. (Yes, there are sites that use actuarial tables to tell you the date that statistics say you will die.)**

## Chapter 83: OLD MAN



<https://pixabay.com/en/old-man-male-face-beard-portrait-3102577/>

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**The longer I live  
The longer I will be old  
Will it be worth it?**

## Chapter 84: NO!



<https://pixabay.com/en/man-people-athlete-adult-shirtless-3101181/>

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**Admirable man**  
**Very strong in his mid-fifties**  
**Says NO! to decline**

## Chapter 85: ROLLER DERBY



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Not all can triumph  
Leap over the fallen two  
Dash to victory

## **Chapter 86: BUSINESS # ME TOO**



<https://pixabay.com/en/shaking-hands-handshake-hands-3098690/>

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**It's an agreement**  
**The blonde's yours; the brunette's mine**  
**Men work together**



## Chapter 87: YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE



<https://pixabay.com/en/tarot-cards-card-prophecy-dark-2114403/>

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**You are a psychic**  
**You, too, can see the future**  
**Visit a graveyard**

## **Chapter 88: BEAUTY AND COMFORT**



<https://pixabay.com/en/people-flower-nature-floral-3105398/>

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**Beauty and comfort**  
**Flowers, sensible footwear**  
**Good combination**

## **Chapter 89: WHAT IS THE MEANING?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/no-one-one-sculpture-statue-art-3106105/>

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**What is the meaning?  
Am I supposed to react?  
I don't know how to**

## Chapter 90: NO MISTAKES, EVER



<https://pixabay.com/en/morocco-fez-shop-mannequin-woman-3108614/>

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**Attempted nothing**  
**Never made any mistakes**  
**Never lived a life**

**Chapter 91: CAN YOU SAY NOTHING AND MAKE  
IT SOUND LIKE SOMETHING?**



<https://pixabay.com/en/businessman-plan-quality-strategy-3105873/>

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**word soup and jargon**

**People get paid for this stuff?**

**buzzwords and hokem**

## Chapter 92: ROLLER DERBY GIRL NAMES



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<https://tinyurl.com/yalqhh4o>

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### ROLLER DERBY GIRL NAMES

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**Iron Butterfly**

**Tequila Sheila, Big Red**

**Wreck the Halls, Zombie**

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**Bonnie Thunders, Shock**

**Dollface Smasher, Pepper Spray**

**Cinnamon Roller**



## Chapter 93: ROLLER DERBY GIRL TEAM NAMES



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Girls of Fury, Pwned

Slammin' Jammin' Roller Babes

Ladies of the Fight

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Angels of Anger

The Slaughterhouse Derby Girls

Queen Bees, Pinup Punks

## Chapter 94: HELP FROM HEAVEN



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**Guardian angel**  
**Here to help open your mind**  
**Not what you wanted?**

## Chapter 95: VIETNAM



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**This is Vietnam  
It doesn't match the image  
I have of this place**

## Chapter 96: WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?



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**Who are these people?  
They are all my relatives  
Your relatives, too**

## Chapter 97: FOCUS



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**What is important?**

**“Women” is a good answer**

**“People” is good, too**

## **Chapter 98: WHY IS FASHION IMPORTANT?**



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**There is a reason.  
Why is fashion important?  
We have eyes to see.**



## Chapter 99: ADVANTAGES OF DIVERSITY



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**Bright colors, bright sights**  
**— Why we need diversity —**  
**Bright beauty, bright blooms**

## Chapter 100: PURSUIT OF HUMAN EXCELLENCE



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**Can be done in art**

**— Pursue human excellence —**

**Can be done in sport**

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**NOTE: The model, Artemis Fauna, pursued human excellence as a gymnast. The photographer, Studio-Dee, is pursuing human excellence as an artist. The pursuit of human excellence, of course, can be done in life as a whole.**

## **Appendix A: SHAMELESS COMMERCE**

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*Dante's Paradise: A Retelling in Prose*

*Dante's Divine Comedy: A Retelling in Prose*

*Famous Victories of Henry V: A Retelling*

*From the Iliad to the Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose of Quintus of  
Smyrna's Posthomerica*

*Homer's Iliad: A Retelling in Prose*

*Homer's Odyssey: A Retelling in Prose*

*Jason and the Argonauts: A Retelling in Prose of Apollonius of  
Rhodes' Argonautica*

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*Tarlton's Jests: A Retelling*

*The Trojan War and Its Aftermath: Four Ancient Epic Poems*

*Virgil's Aeneid: A Retelling in Prose*

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*William Shakespeare's 12 Comedies: Retellings in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's 38 Plays: Retellings in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's 1 Henry IV, aka Henry IV, Part 1: A  
Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's 2 Henry IV, aka Henry IV, Part 2: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's 1 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 1: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's 2 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 2: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's 3 Henry VI, aka Henry VI, Part 3: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's All's Well that Ends Well: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's As You Like It: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Coriolanus: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Cymbeline: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Hamlet: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Henry V: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Henry VIII: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's King John: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's King Lear: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Love's Labor's Lost: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Macbeth: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Othello: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Pericles, Prince of Tyre: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Richard II: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Richard III: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's The Tempest: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Timon of Athens: A Retelling in Prose*

*William Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus: A Retelling in Prose*

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*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 4: 250 Anecdotes*

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*The Funniest People in Families, Volume 6: 250 Anecdotes*

*The Funniest People in Movies: 250 Anecdotes*

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## Appendix C: ABOUT THE AUTHOR

It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a cry rang out, and on a hot summer night in 1954, Josephine, wife of Carl Bruce, gave birth to a boy — me. Unfortunately, this young married couple allowed Reuben Saturday, Josephine’s brother, to name their first-born. Reuben, aka “The Joker,” decided that Bruce was a nice name, so he decided to name me Bruce Bruce. I have gone by my middle name — David — ever since.

Being named Bruce David Bruce hasn’t been all bad. Bank tellers remember me very quickly, so I don’t often have to show an ID. It can be fun in charades, also. When I was a counselor as a teenager at Camp Echoing Hills in Warsaw, Ohio, a fellow counselor gave the signs for “sounds like” and “two words,” then she pointed to a bruise on her leg twice. Bruise Bruise? Oh yeah, Bruce Bruce is the answer!

Uncle Reuben, by the way, gave me a haircut when I was in kindergarten. He cut my hair short and shaved a small bald spot on the back of my head. My mother wouldn’t let me go to school until the bald spot grew out again.

Of all my brothers and sisters (six in all), I am the only transplant to Athens, Ohio. I was born in Newark, Ohio, and have lived all around Southeastern Ohio. However, I moved to Athens to go to Ohio University and have never left.

At Ohio U, I never could make up my mind whether to major in English or Philosophy, so I got a bachelor’s degree with a double major in both areas, then I added a Master of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy. Yes, I have my MAMA degree.

Currently, and for a long time to come (I eat fruits and veggies), I am spending my retirement writing books such as *Nadia Comaneci: Perfect 10*, *The Funniest People in Dance*, *Homer’s Iliad: A Retelling in Prose*, and *William Shakespeare’s Othello: A Retelling in Prose*.