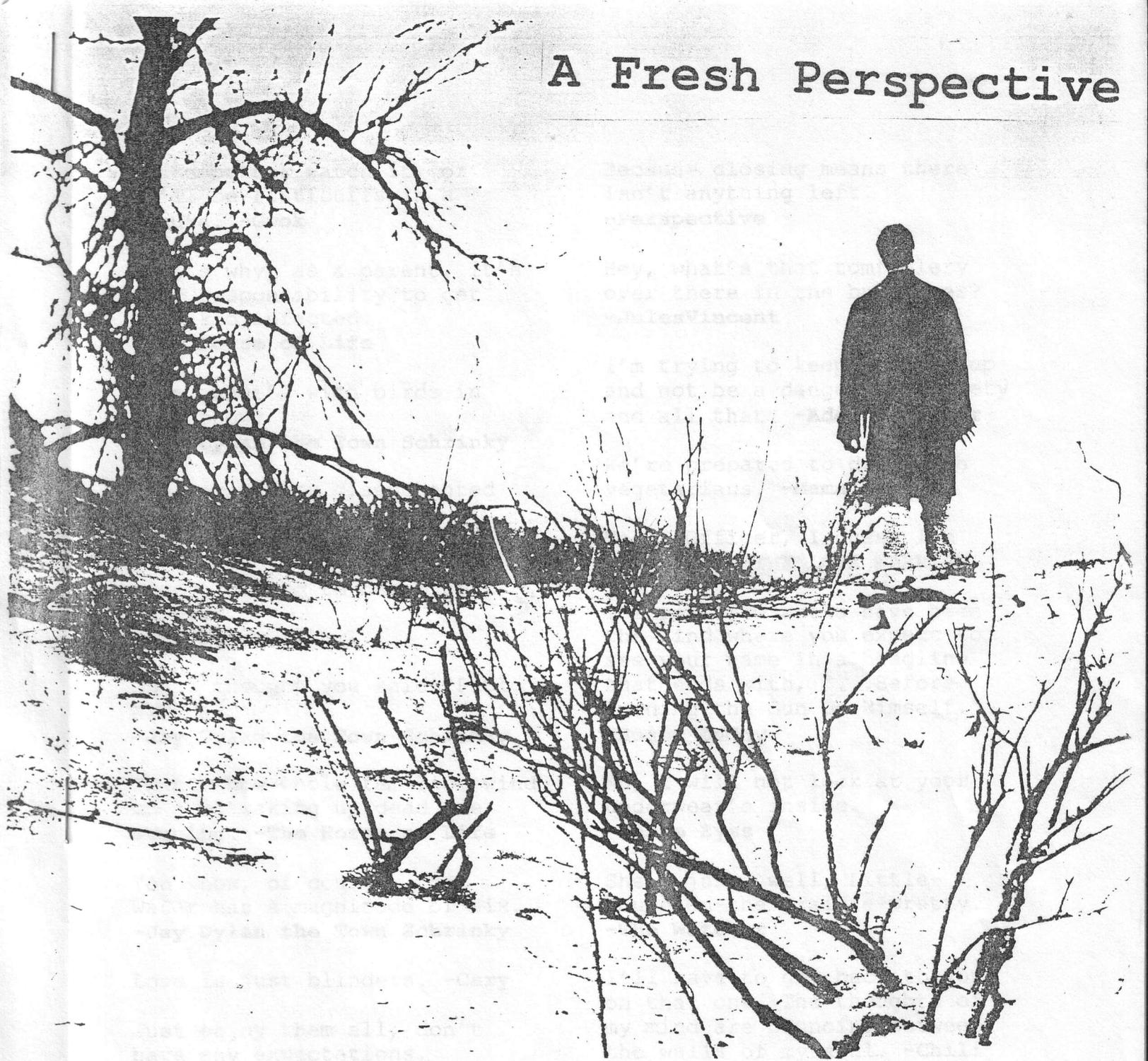


A Fresh Perspective



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You'd better watch it, or it'll be fisticuffs in a minute.

-Gwok

That's why, as a parent, it's your responsibility to get your kid infected.

-The Horse of Life

Geez, what's with birds in this show?

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

She was pretty disenchanted with my existence.

-the dark penguin

Honey, I need to get myself waisted.

-The Ember

OH. I thought you said "Pablo Neruda?"

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

That's how whole families wind up just waking up dead one morning.

-The Horse of Life

You know, of course, that water has a magnitude of six.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

Love is just blinders.

-Cary

Just enjoy them all, don't have any expectations.

-Mr. Mayhem

Orapronobis inmediate pronto subito, baby.

-Gwok

Um... That would be Arachniaslovia.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

I had mixed emotions about eating my friends.

-Agent Peludo

Because closing means there isn't anything left.

-Perspective

Hey, what's that tomfoolery over there in the bulrushes?

-JulesVincent

I'm trying to keep powered up and not be a danger to society and all that.

-Adem Vanzomer

We're prepared to deal with vegetarians.

-Mama Charity

Well, Officer, I guess I'm pregnant.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

The past few weeks have been the kind where you expect to see your name in a headline that ends with, "...Before Turning the Gun On Himself."

-Sugardaddy

No, I will not look at your underwear's inside.

-Snake Eyes

She's just, well, Little-House-On-the-Prairie-pretty.

-The Watcher

I'll have to get back to you on that one. The thoughts of my mind are bouncing between the walls of my soul.

-Chili

Bondage is a pasttime, not a relationship.

-Jongen Valentino

Thank God for the alphabet and that there are enough letters to go around for everybody.

-Steal

One man's gas is another man's dialogue.

-Principle

Did you know that some of the greasiest guys are the nicest?

-Nickel Weed

You'd look pretty good -- like, with no head.

-The Azure Follicle

He's certainly an interesting piece of human flotsam.

-Slimjim Victim

Nevermind. I'm just talking to myself out loud, using your name.

-Man Chi Chi

Well, you know when the Battle of Hastings was? No? Well, if you had, you'd have known it was 1066. But that's not my number, except it is if you subtract one from it.

-Jay Dylan the Town Shrinky

You own La-La Land, but you don't let it control your life.

-Your Jackal

It's like when you shove your head in a clean toilet. It still tastes like urine.

-Duke Schtuke

Because for the schizophrenic, EVERYTHING IS LOUD!

-D. Homie

You know, mom, love is a big money-spreader.

-Nickel Weed

All I'll have will be, like, a dress, and a ring, and some purple napkins and shit.

-Chili

If all goes well and the chain saw is working, I'll be knee-deep in dead fish tomorrow.

-Agent Peludo

Generation X just describes the trait of being too cool for your own past.

-Adem Vanzomer

Yes, but what about the lipids?

-Mister Boat

I have neither the time nor the spare energy for my libido.

-Adem Vanzomer

You know, my brother, the President can't afford a bad hair day.

-Nickel Weed

Anyone else, when asked for a fruit, would say, "Apples!" or "Oranges!" - but, Nooooo, you have to say avocado and papya.

-Eyes O' Night

Where is it? If it were up your ass you'd know.

-Perspective

With friends like me, you just need better friends.

-Man Chi Chi

Stop wiping your ass with your own tears.

-the dark penguin

There are no friends, only enemies. It's just that some are nicer than others.

-Perspective

Oh, she retorts with a gluesticks cut.

-djosan

Don't you think that you can do whatever you want with me just because I got a little carried away.

-The Bird Bath Baptizer

I think it's bad when your urine smells like coffee.

-Your Jackal

You're always in my room, you can always get a piece.

-Mother Theresa

Guys are supposed to jump around, alright? They just go around jumping.

-Inigo

In my country, we have a saying: If you go to sleep with a baby, you will wake up with shit on your arms.

-Fractalito

Music is like cheese; it makes everything better.

-the dark penguin

Women are like baseball cards.

-Stinger

Because it's just easier to get help when the sun is shining.

-Renault

The pronunciation of Macedonia does not a smart man make.

-the dark penguin

You're a hell of a gal, Bob.

-Your Jackal

I'm just going to lay on your little warm spot here.

-Inigo

Sometimes it's just hard to make out.

-Perspective

No matter how hot or how great you think she is, someone somewhere is sick of her shit.

-StallTalkist

If you want her, you'll have to cross my crack.

-p49

I'm serious. I AM excited about your vegetable garden.

-Nobebe

I ride on rage.

-Your Jackal

Is that a painting in your pocket, or are you just happy to see my monkey brains?

-Hart

Because, when I'm in the room, the sun is always shining.

-Sunshine

I'm sorry my chest isn't any bigger. I'll have to start working out. Till then you'll just have to share.

-p49

I think everyone is somewhat enigmatic; lustrous and confusing in some way we cannot expect or grasp.

-Ian

After the first inch, it doesn't matter.

-Agent Peludo

But how do you take the blood pressure of a giraffe?

-Nobebe

Alright, now everybody get a separate piece of him and pull.

-Inigo

It's never too late for retribution.

-Your Jackal

So do you want a penis yet?

-Sunshine

Sex is for everyone. Just like flushing toilets.

-CO

The seasons do not matter. I just like it whenever things smell fresh.

-Your Jackal

I'd found the Apathy Party, but it's not worth the trouble.

-Captain Apathy

The implications of your existence are... Dramatic.

-Your Jackal

I role-play a lot. In my mind.

-Inigo

Is environmentalism like rabies?

-Your Jackal

Listen, you sociological nightmare, you can not be your own subculture.

-Stinger

Breasts come in so many different shapes.

-Monsieur

Every bit of skin feels. The precise edge of control.

-Your Jackal

A book without pictures is like a woman without all her appendages.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

Once a social butterfly, always a social butterfly.

-Perspective

The night may be young but I am not.

-Gwok

I was going to be unattractive, but I realized it would be too much work.

-Inigo

Rugby is great. Did you know that when they get injured, they just leave them on the field and keep playing?

-Solar Unholies

If a company sells me bad water, I don't buy from them again. Yes, but suppose I'm dead. I have no recourse.

-Mahatma Econ

I can't go three pages without having sex.

-Sunshine

Fried Chicken forever, my brother.

-The Brass Duck

I may be lying in the gutter, but I'm looking at the stars.

-StallTalkist

I think it is going to rain; did I hit it?

-Monkeyboy Floyd the Screw-tailed Shrimp

You're going on a trip? But your room isn't even clean! You are really living on the edge, without any insurance policy.

-Mother Theresa

What's your baggage?

-Hart

For the first time in history Ireland is... completely irrelevant to this conversation.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

There's something kind of sexy about a woman who really loves her family.

-Lawrence

We all just need to be little Fonzies.

-Your Jackal