

Swallowed Hole



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Because if he's brotherly, that's pretty fuckin' incestuous. **-Nomad**

I don't make her play guitar - so why should I have to dance? **-Computer Sales Guy**

I think it's sad when you are reduced to a toilet stall as the last refuge from your life. **-NotHopkins**

They were going to rage when Britney Spears came on. Then I was like, hey, peace, Rainbow Warriors. **-Computer Sales Guy**

What do you mean, sex isn't a vice? You haven't seen me have sex. **-Computer Sales Guy**

Happiness is a clean colon. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

I've orchestrated the deaths of many spiders. **-Pilates Artist**

She's frugal, but she does it in a big way. **-The Corporate Druggusher**

I just want to be fiscally fit. **-The Corporate Druggusher**

It's kind of tough to have a conversation because he talks all the time. That's why I don't talk to him. **-Mama Candid**

I'm Johnny-come lately. I come late, but when I come, I come all the way. **-The Corporate Druggusher**

Oh yeah? Just how down is your dog? **-Vibrance Contortionista**

Dude. You opened a wholesale mart on your soul. **-Perspective**

You can make a rack if you're crafty. You can be a kinky carpenter, it's a lot of fun. It's hard to hide, though. **-The Invasive Physical Therapist**

I can't explain how bad you'll feel if you kill someone. I know it's great in the fantasy, but it's just a bad idea. **-The Invasive Physical Therapist**

Amsterdam's fire marshal rule is that if you can't release someone from bondage in 30 seconds, it's illegal and hazardous. **-The Invasive Physical Therapist**

It only sucks it in when you turn it on. **-Nomad**

When they go offstage, they'll say "Whooh! I want to be with a girl!" And I'll be like, Shoot, you are; I've been with your boyfriend, honey. **-Biscuit Sopper**

All I'm saying is, I want the opportunity to be a jackass once in awhile. **-Nomad**

It's in case you will be looking at images that relieve the male condition, if you know what I mean. **-THE LOVE WARRIOR**

You look so fabulous! I bet you want to wear my hat and call yourself Madonna. **-Urban Cowboy**

So, I'm going to fingerpaint your boobs. But don't worry; I am a confirmed gay. Still, maybe we could take a photo for my mom. She'd really love to see me in this position. **-AllMadeUp**

What with all the pork and neon, I was looking at real estate. **-Nomad**

It blows my mind where women will let you lick them and where they won't. **-Computer Sales Guy**

I feel like an overripe tomato that's just been dropped from the fourth floor. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

You gave my garden ideas. **-Nomad**

This is miserably comfortable. **-Computer Sales Guy**

I don't know what kind of signs they have... Pedestrian cows or something. **-Nomad**

There's no force to the swirl anymore, you know? **-Pilates Artist**

Aside from things getting a little frosty after I causally mentioned that I think the Swiss have a culture of reactionary cowardice, it was all chocolate, watches, fondue, raquette and big bank accounts...

-The Queensburry Catcher

My hormones high-jacked the steering wheel of my proverbial ship today, tying up and gagging Reason and Patience. Passion and Emotion were given double shots of tequila and then were given the wheel. I have my period.

-Vibrance Contortionista

In democracy it's choice that's important, not action, right? **-The Queensburry Catcher**

That's the cherry on the gelato. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

But, you've got to admit that premeditated vacuuming is quite different from its impulsive cousin.

-The Queensburry Catcher

My happiness raft just drifted out too far for meaningful communication. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

It would be like Alaska without the dogs. **-The Latvian Fox**

I have a superficial vanity that's trying to get deeper.

-Georgian Queen

One of my greatest fears is that I will dissolve under a particularly dismal anyday. **-NotHopkins**

If I lost her, I would break somehow. I wouldn't be Broken, maybe, but I would definitely break. **-Johnny5**

The term "abyss," rather like "hovel," is I think a bit connotatively charged. **-Drago**

The wicked wench will be anally subjugated.

-THE LOVE WARRIOR

He was the kind of guy who would try to eavesdrop on conversations in sign language. **-the dark penguin**

I used to be a lot of things, from Jesus Christ to Hugh Grant. The world was full of possibility. Then I matured into Donnie Osmond. **-Nomad**

Just don't tell them the majesty of potential and everything will be fine. **-Nomad**

Why don't you shoot him? You can always shoot us anytime.
-Homina John

He wants love to be a controllable substance. Hm. Well, love is perhaps a guidable substance. **-Nomad**

What is a cranny? How do you distinguish it from a nook?
-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD

I haven't gotten any sleep in 3 days, and I have to belly dance for the Communist Party. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

I've been quite the Peter Pan of young womanhood.
-Vibrance Contortionista

It is a site of ill repute, developed by webmasters of the night. **-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD**

We all live by the illusions we make real for ourselves.
-Ian

It is not the future, it is the precipice of the Now.
-Zdenek Kralesian

The single most alarming element about the Pennsylvania-Delaware-New Jersey tri-state area is the wholly unchecked proliferation of the Wawa. **-Nomad**

How can a business bill itself as a convenience store when it does not accept debit or credit cards and does not sell gasoline? Are these not defining characteristics of both convenience and convenience stores? **-Nomad**

I saw some crackers and I just thought to myself: It's time to do something a little crazy. **-Jbrained**

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. **-constancy jones**

What is a kaboodle? **-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD**

Why do we get all our Canadians from up north?
-Miss Construed

That will actually provide me with a counterweight to the rice. **-Tex Van Dyke**

You may be confused but you've got great hair. **-Nomad**

The Chicago suburbs are a funny thing. You'll be driving along and suddenly you'll see a bulbous blooming Ba'hai temple, a leaning Tower of Pisa replica, or a glistening golden-spined Greek Orthodox cathedral poking out at you. **-Nomad**

Humanist by nature, Jewish by association, and Roman Catholic by background. Sheesh, sounds like a bad sitcom forming in my brain here. **-Nomad**

Music needs to be a warcry.
-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD

I needed a salve for my raging inwardness and burning, self-cannibalizing heart. Spirituality struck me as an opiate for the individual. **-Ian**

Give me one night, you and me. I'll take you anywhere you want to be. **-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD**

I must be full of dignity or something, but this sounds like some sick shit.
-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD

Every scene is a story. It's your choice to investigate.
-The Original M-CIW-D-CIW-I-i-Net+-MCSD

I need background meaninglessness to wallow in my depth.
-Nomad

I'm the kind of guy who does tai-chi to Kid Rock, okay?
-Nomad

Realizing death sickly excites us and makes us think that we are imagining or experiencing the most heightened state of living. **-Ian**

As long as someone goes on their knees, it's okay.
-Da Tuttle

There's nothing wrong with a good hankering once in awhile.
-Da Tuttle

I was witnessing how she became what the suggestions of his guiding moves had not yet dreamt. **-The Watcher**

Her expressions mirrored the emotion of the music and the fun he was attempting to achieve; her intensity and responses in fact escaped the cage of these things.
-The Watcher

And laughter. There will have to be a lot of laughter.
-Vibrance Contortionista

My thoughts are driving me crazy. I must not be allowed to think. **-Johnny5**

Having a full head of hair is a great start on life. **-Nomad**

I was alone, and I was in this place of such beauty - which was two curses, because I had no one to share the beauty with. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

'Cuz we don't like them modem smokers. **-Mont Jolly**

Give yourself a little braincool. **-Mont Jolly**

You don't want a color laser printer in your home. This thing falls over on Johnny printing his little homework project, you better hope he gets a good grade, cuz he'll be dead when you pull that thing off him. **-Okiman**

I throw random acts of humor in there just to see if you're paying attention. **-3COM Mountain Man**

It is interesting that so many women want confident men when they do so much to undermine confidence in their men.
-Ian

I'm basically a wine taster for cereals. **-Puritan Weaver**

Tomorrow we've got to strong-arm the furrier.
-Vibrance Contortionista

It's kind of like of starting hot turkey.
-Well-Marketed Jester of The Modern Age

Every place you've never been is a frontier. **-Nomad**

I am experiencing wired exhaustion. **-Nomad**

I am the guest of All That Is. **-Zdenek Kralesian**

It's like the Moby Dick of boars. **-Jannya**

Gnomes make the best codpieces. **-Varsulian**

Hey. Come over here. This old man's packin'. **-Agent Peludo**

Hey, be sure to remind me to hit some kind of substance tomorrow. **-Agent Peludo**

You haven't lived until you've milked a goat.
-Monkeyboy Floyd the Screw-tailed Shrimp

Bin Laden could end up being like Elvis. **-Gwok**

He's in a Gene Autry stupor. **-THE LOVE WARRIOR**

I see through your facade of dorkiness. **-Miss Construed**

Get on the stick with the panties, girl. **-Miss Construed**

You have two performances. One is the role in front of you.
The other is when you just turn on the metabolism of YOU.
-Sogni della Nebbia

It can be very liberating to be able to work from the toilet. **-Nomad**

There is fresh air; even when there isn't. **-Ian**

Convert work into pleasure. (It simply needs to go in a subfolder.) **-Nomad**

We are in need of sugar. **-Master Ai, the Elven**

I negotiate for a bunch of corporate animals. **-Shoe Queen**

Oh yeah, you think romance is easy? Well, just try getting a rose home intact on a moped. **-Nomad**

Don't take any wooden nickels & don't get your picture taken with any pseudo gladiators. **-Agent Peludo**

Show me the wisdom. **-Gwok**

It's a blessing for the tongue. **-Bejeweled**

You aren't squeamish about the squiddish, are you?
-Vibrance Contortionista

Quality is only quantity filtered. **-Master Ai, the Elven**

Mom, you've just shattered your masculinity.
-Young Texan Intellectual

I have asbestos hands and mouth. **-Frisky Frescobaldina**

I blew my intellectual wad today. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

I'm not allowed to be the Real Me with other people - it's offensive. **-Vibrance Contortionista**

Jingles are a mental casualty of capitalism. **-Ian**

I am in search of purity. Not clarity. I hope to delude myself in something not nearly so painful. **-Johnny5**

That dog was a truly born Venetian. He was like the Bruce Springsteen of poodles. **-Venetian Bearing Fruit**

I seem to value sleep too much to be of much accomplishment in this world. **-Nomad**

I feel like, as far as clothes go, I got a healthy Italian starter set from my good gay Florentine friend. **-Nomad**

I found out that cats are sympathetic vomiters. **-Da Tuttle**

You know, long walks, laughing, vacations all over the world, those are all great. But you missed something on your list. I can't wait to decorate with you.
-Wisconsin Castles

Guess we all have our purgatories. **-Shatterbox**

We've got to turn the corner to see another vista - it's like when you're seeing lots of beautiful places. You can't be sad about the one you just saw. You've got to go to the next one. ...And you've got to make the next one beautiful.
-Highland Dawning

I was told that the beauty of Tuscany's saltless bread is not in the taste but in the texture. And I thought, "What height of culinary prowess is required to make breadcrust hard enough to slice through your gums? Any European can do that. Couldn't it taste interesting, too?" **-Nomad**

Bond movies become exquisitely elegant with enough alcohol. **-Mr. Barleycorn**

That bold confidence so many women thrive on their men treating them with is so often a symptom of something else: indifference, jadedness, an urge to conquer for conquering's sake. I know this. **-vuurcatalyst**

Boy, you're in for a malty ass-kickin'. **-IDAMen**

I hate milling about in an ice cream parlor. It's like Hell for me. **-LA3**

There are no guarantees and the free lunch that you tried so hard to think of as not being free, and tried so hard to pay for - well it comes with a price, even if it's just a piece of your soul that no one wanted you to pay. **-Shatterbox**

You're going on a milk draught, buddy. **-Jannya**

That'll be a mammary memory. **-Agent Peludo**

In the end, it is more important for me to experience than it is to learn. **-Nomad**

I've just got to crash myself against the rocks of socialness. **-Shatterbox**

Listen, kid, it's not about the brand name. It's all about the lifestyle. **-Shatterbox**

It's like a butterfly knife. You just don't go fucking with it right off the bat. **-the dark penguin**

A voice keeps telling me, "Just put the memories down, mister, and nobody gets hurt." **-Shatterbox**

The developing world hasn't developed for you. **-Nomad**

I'm like a fish. Except I have slightly better verbal skills. **-the dark penguin**

Run away. I will only pollute you with uncertainty and make you more real. **-Shatterbox**

He kept hollering, "signore, signore!" And I thought, when did I become a signore? **-Nomad**