

« THE Thing with The Thing; it is what it is »  
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The whole Thing gets A LITTLE CRAZY  
SOMETIMES BUT-HEY-IT IS WHAT IT IS.

EXCEPT WHEN IT ISN'T,  
WHICH HAPPENS SOMETIMES, TOO.  
BUT HEY, NO THINGS PERFECT, RIGHT?  
AND THATS THE WHOLE THING, IN A NUTSHELL.  
SO TO SPEAK.

NOT THAT THE THING WOULD FIT IN A NUTSHELL,  
I MEAN, IT COULD, THEORETICALLY.

FIT INSIDE A NUTSHELL,  
OF COURSE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A SHELL  
FROM A PRETTY BIG NUT.

LIKE A COCONUT, MAYBE.

NOT A PEANUT OR A CASHEW NUT, THOUGH.  
THATS THE WHOLE THING.

SOMETHINGS ARE MINE - OURS, IN OTHER WORDS -  
WHILE SOMETHINGS ARE THEIRS.

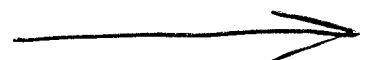
THE BAD THINGS, THAT IS.

TO SIMPLIFY IT ALL DOWN TO THE MAX;

US = GOOD.

THEM = BAD.

AND THOSE WHO CAN'T DECIDE = LOST IN SPACE.  
EVEN WHEN THEIR ON EARTH; STILL LOST IN SPACE.  
ONLY THEY DON'T KNOW THEY ARE,  
LOST IN SPACE, THAT IS.



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They ARE Those in The middle.  
SITTING ON THE PROVERBIAL FENCE.  
UNDESIDED.  
CLUELESS.  
IGNORANT.

AWASH IN THEIR OWN - AND OTHERS - IGNORANCE.  
AND THAT'S A WASH THAT NEVER CLEANS THEM.  
THEIR BEING AWASH IN IGNORANCE.  
IT'S THE KIND OF POOL YOU SHOULD NEVER  
WANT TO EVER TAKE A DIP IN.

The IGNORANCE Gene pool.

THAT'S A THING TO STUDIOUSLY AVOID.

JUST IMAGINE THE WORST SMELLING  
FOULEST POOL YOU HAVE EVER SEEN.  
AND SEEN IT YOU HAVE, REMEMBER?  
THAT INGROUND POOL WITH THAT FOOT  
AND A HALF OF STAGNANT FOUL GREEN  
SLIMEY ~~WATER~~ WATER IN IT.

THE ONE THAT HAD ALL THOSE TINY LITTLE  
SWIMMING WORM THINGS SWIMMING AROUND  
HAPPILY CAVORTING + MAKING OUT IN IT?

THAT'S THE POOL OF IGNORANCE RIGHT THERE.  
WANT TO TAKE A QUICK DIP NOW?

I DIDN'T THINK SO.

BUT THE IGNORANT WOULD JUST LOVE  
TO HAVE YOU OVER TO TAKE A DIP!



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Their JAST DYING TO HAVE EVERYONE  
COME TO THEIR BIG POOL PARTY!

JAST MAKE SURE YOU LET THEM PUT  
A PAIR OF <sup>THOSE</sup> ROSE COLORED GLASSES ON  
YOU WHEN YOU ENTER THEIR BIG FRONT  
GATE; THEN YOU'LL SEE TRUE REALITY  
ONLY AS THEY - THE IGNORANT - SEE IT.

WEARING ~~WEAR~~ THEIR ROSE COLORED GLASSES, THEIR  
BIG POOL OF IGNORANCE LOOKS OH SO VERY,  
VERY INVITING;  
COOL CLEAN INVITING WATERS,  
FLOATING POOL CHAIRS FILLED WITH  
BEUTIFULL PEOPLE SIPPING MARGARITAS,  
THE WONDERFULL DRIFTING SMELLS OF  
DELICIOUS FOODS BEING GRILLED ON THE BAR-B.  
SEEMINGLY A PERFECT SUMMER POOL PARTY.  
BUT WAIT - THEY ARE ALL WEARING THOSE  
ROSE COLORED GLASSES - NOTICE?  
OF COURSE YOU DO.

KNOW WHY THEY ALL HAVE TO WEAR THEM?  
IN ORDER FOR THEM NOT TO PERCIEVE  
THE DREADFULL TRUTH;  
THEIR BREATHTAKING MANSION?  
IN REALITY, A GREAT BIG OLD PLACE WITH  
BROKEN WINDOWS, GANG TAG GRAFETI  
ALL OVER THE WALLS, A ONE INCH →

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THICK COATING OF FEREL CAT SHIT  
COVERING ITS FLOORS, AND A COUPLE  
OF HOMELESS WINOS LIVING IN ITS  
BASEMENT THAT THE ROSE COLORED  
GLASSES WEARING IGNORAMOUSES  
LOUNGING AROUND THE POOL BELIEV  
ARE REALLY TWO BUTLERS, OR SOMETHING,  
AND THEIR BIG BEUTIFULL POOL OF  
IGNORENCE, WHAT IS IT ACTUALLY?  
IN REALITY, AN OLD BROKEN DOWN WRECK  
OF A POOL FILLED NOT WITH JAST A  
FOOT AND A HALF OF WATER BUT FILLED UP  
ALL THE WAY WITH STAGNANT VERMIN  
INFESTED WATER THAT WOULD GAGA MAGGOT.  
AND ALL THOSE "BEUTIFULL PEOPLE"  
LOUNGING AROUND ON THOSE FLOATING  
POOL CHAIRS?

IN REALITY, SKANKS, HO'S, AND  
GONORRHEA INFECTED POLITICIANS AND  
STOCKBROKERS AND BANKERS WITH THICK  
MATS OF HAIR COVERING THE BACKS  
OF THEIR SHOULDERS.

AND THAT'S THEIR WHOLE THING, MY FREANDS,  
THATS THE IGNORENT LEADING THE  
BLIND TO JAST SUCH PLACES.

HEY, IT IS WHAT IT IS - NOT WHAT IT ISNT.

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