

# THE EQUALIZER

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MARK HOROSKY [ 363 ] *Fabulous Beasts*

**FABULOUS BEASTS**

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*for Morgan Lucas Schudlt*

CERTAIN HUMANS ARE SITUATIONS

*LYN HEJINIAN*

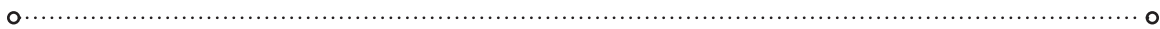
WE ARE ONLY FABULOUS BEASTS, AFTER ALL

*JOHN ASHBERY*

I PIERCED MY EAR WITH A 3-HOLE PUNCH  
ATE 12 DOZEN DONUTS FOR LUNCH

*FIERY FURNACES*

From the lips—ellipsis.



Oh yeah yeah, hey ooh, ooh, ooh.

To wallpaper the off-white telephone directory pages  
to bedroom walls

was only a slight desire,

a diet shiver.

Pharmaceutical down to the phoneme.

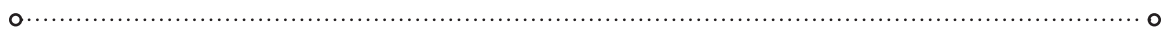
24 pounds & muscular, pumping

16 gallons of blood

a minute

the giraffe's heart.

Rookie.



Drug free children's zone

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Dark roots become the blonde.

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Remarking on the  
disingenuity  
of calling a spoon's

shallow

a depression

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Blazes like a geranium.



A noun is a part of speech, part of a person, part of place, part of a thing etc.

Tonight you are a thing.

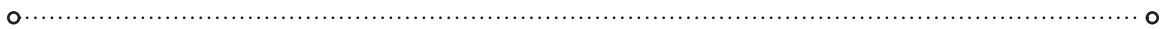
Like a couch.

10 pairs of high tops.

Almost a quality.



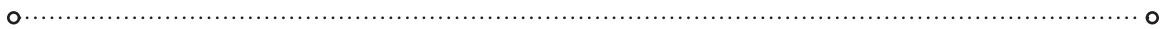
Spitting as a verb for distances.



The clouds, yes, the clouds, no.

After a funeral your  
windshield  
you neglected to attend,

*the italics of raindrops.*





Like a television set  
the evening darkens, the infrastructure of simple movements,  
the weight of shadows?    Doubt?

Vicinity?



A donut store parking lot.

Tall windows store donut.

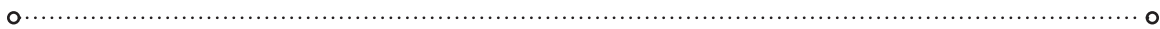
Donut manufacture.

Donut nomenclature.

Yeast-raised donuts.



A grammar wants to go off.



If she says    confesses    concedes    contrives  
that chance

led her here:

you would believe her?



And if a subway disinherits the underground  
for a bridge then

it is a train.

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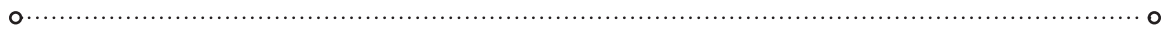
The recline of western civilization is evident  
In the absence of payphones.

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Striped tube socks, exactly. Etcetera.



The taste in my mouth, the taste of my mouth  
the breath of my speech is  
salesmanship,  
some Citrus Twist. Some  
one else.

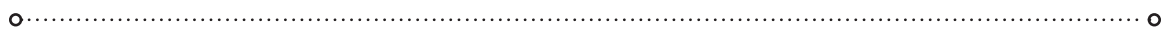


Lollipop  
are you really fucking serious?

Introduce the bedroom: 2 twin size mattresses  
making a bed.

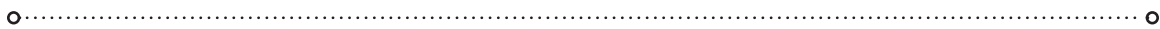
Introduce signification: when resigned.

Maybe a question mark should sit  
at the end of this sentence.



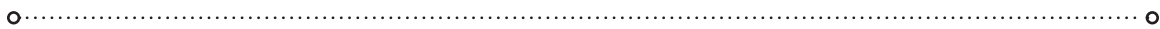
Stood up(s)  
adrift  
brittle  
bingoesque

Standing inside the noise of a yawn.



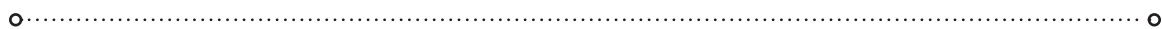


To be born from the name Evel Knievel.



How any moment can be dismissed as private  
transit, regulating consciousness—  
Oops-a-daisy and return  
on a later date.  
Lions

of iambs, nothing less than 40% alcohol  
by volume, shot gun wedding,  
the jittery super-dandy  
now.



In honesty rather than Vermouth.

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The after afternoon considers  
adding a subject or a  
verb to

this diminutive scaffolding.

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The question is not indulgence is now  
description

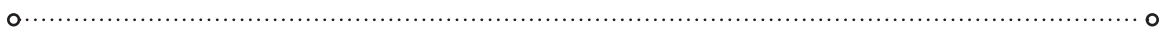
of where the work was  
and what the moment said it was.

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Whether he's weathered to perfection you  
will never know.



Leonardo Davinci was a poor speller.



The words "lead singer of nothing"

are to define  
the alternating rise and fall  
in atmosphere lamplight bourbon.

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Comparative tan lines.

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The ice cream truck's melody  
disturbs  
the sadness used under license from  
the ice cream truck.



The medium-sized Mr. Bubble t-shirt morning

vs

every reference

from signifier to signifier

right down to

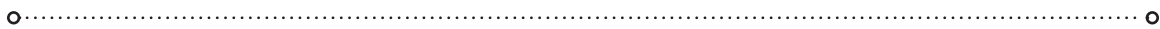
their echoes.



The characteristic  
sound produced

by birds  
against

pouring  
into a glass.



Still, the narratives proliferate.

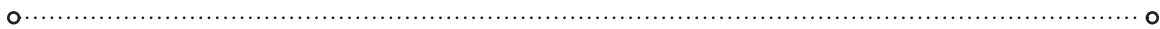
Look

in the spaces

between

these

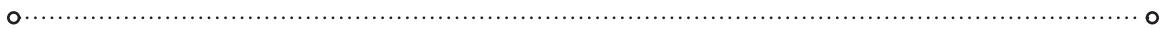
words.





Chorus to an unwritten song:

“lotty lotty love to, the stars don’t give  
a flaming fuck.”



Evan Dando was born in Boston, Massachusetts  
just outside drug addiction  
and gorgeous.

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Swimming is filled with waves, hustling zeroes  
alone and often  
this apartment when

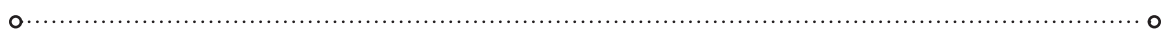
the a.c. fabulously builds off.

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There is a quote about \_\_\_\_\_ that has nothing to do with  
the vaguely groaning  
stacks  
of workout videocassettes.

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The individual pieces are called Tic Tacs themselves.



sits in the decrescendo known as  
the stoop.

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She wears tight jeans and she's where he's worn out.

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The earth is able to hold onto anything  
but  
vocabulary.

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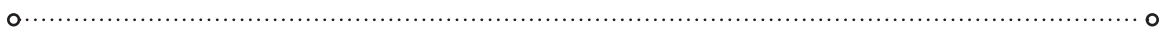
And the lists of listlessness.

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and the lists.



The “u” in beautiful comes from the “u” in underneath.



The displacement an object undergoes  
with respect to time is  
velocity or speed,

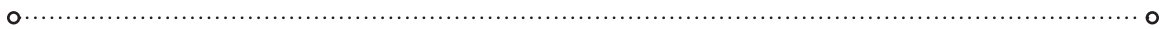
so what's your story?



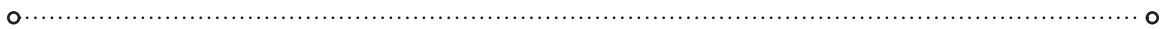
From a meal placemat, I discovered the solar system.

From a subject, I picked up a verb.

From some examples, I relate to embrace.



Into which antecedent shall the absolutes refer  
their proximity?



Lob a monster, a melody, a metamorphosis, a manhandling then  
leave me an alphabet.

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Leather love seat, I beg your pardon.

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Too much time one can do skidding from principle to its edges  
from a whiff to a warm troubling cooperation  
from legibility to complaints of being misunderstood.

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With ice rather than room temperature, insist.





I saw Darth Vader on a rooftop  
playing with his Light Saber he  
wouldn't stop.

