

Work Period: 30 April 2018 - 6 May 2018

The restaurant's din was louder than the sound made by a quartet of sledgehammer musicians striking the towers of a suspension bridge. All the patrons sat around their tables staring into their smartphones while they talked about the probability of a third world war. The blue light emitted by this throng of digital devices created an eerie glow that could be seen by the bombardier in the B – 17 flying fortress soaring overhead. I am the only person who knows we are all going to die but am not able to utter a single word. I recently lost my ability to speak as a result of violently shaking my head to punk and heavy metal music for eleven straight years. I also suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. This condition was triggered by a terrifying incident I witnessed when I was ten years old. Of course, I only make my condition worse when I read books on such events as the Holocaust, the Second World War, and the murder of Emmett Till. I am not the makings of a hero. Or am I? I know the flying fortress well because we fought nose to nose over Hiroshima when I begged her to let the successful detonation of a nuclear bomb remain a test. I lost once before and am willing to fight again because now I have been further hardened by a painful number of errors driven by power, money, greed, prejudice, and hatred. I see these five things as related. You really do need money to gain power. Then after you believe you

have an upper hand on God and more money than Wells Fargo you grow ever gluttonous. On the day your influence and wealth fade, you will blame, persecute, and destroy an entire race because your total collapse has nothing to do with you. In the end, you are a hatred machine. But all machines eventually wear down and it will be your first victim who adds these tired scraps to a mound of rubbish. So here I am wrestling in the sky with a flying fortress to save an inventory of smartphones and the people attached to them. This mute dinosaur is going to win so the smartphones below can use their people to stop the third world war.

Work Period: 31 August 2020 – 6 September 2020

I sit as still as the dead
In the booth closest to the emergency exit
Of the little diner on Bank Street

The waitress walks over
With a pot of hot coffee

She is dressed in black and white

I am wearing grey
And this makes her angry

Because she wants to figure me out

You know
Define me
So she can play it safe
And move on to the next patron

But I am dead
And I am grey

No one can render me in black and white

I am the one
You don't want to look at
Because I am ugly

I am the one
You don't want to listen to
Because I am worse off than you

I am the one

You don't want to pay
Because I have more money than God

I am God
Because you are misguided
By advertisements telling you I am

This is why I sit in the booth
Closest to the emergency exit
Disguised as the dead

Because I want to escape
From the likes of you

This piece is going to disturb the persons
Who misunderstand my art

The same individuals who liked the other stuff I did
Before more facets formed on my life
And transformed my art

But my art needed change
And I didn't have the courage to let go

I admit

I don't have the strength
To move continents

But this makes me human
And drives me to produce

I want to make art that pushes me to pain

Not the pain I feel

When I hit my elbow
On the corner of a piece of furniture

But the kind of pain I feel
When I stand face to face
With something so honest
I am not worthy to say it is mine

Work Period: 22 February 2021 – 28 February 2021

Boris Karloff's suspenders

Cynthia Wade's Twinkie

Cicely Tyson's awareness

Helen Frankenthaler's apron

George Farmer's stopwatch

Iggy Pop's microphone

Gene Simmons's codpiece

Robert Caro's notes

Woody Allen's typewriter

Joseph Hanson's photographs

Wallace and Gromit's teeth

Elissa Zelman's Peanut

Georgia O'Keeffe's hands

Grace Fisher's bible

George Washington's thighs

Leonardo's notebooks

Maija Reed's collages

Jonieka Graham's office

Robin Miles's voice

Kevin David's chains

Elwyn Hutter's laugh

Jennifer Brehl's humility

Charlotte Schulz's details

Peg Taylor's tenacity

Jane C. Wright's compositions
Cesar Castroverde's calves
Cloris Leachman's everything
Cleone Hanson's macaroni and cheese
Kimberly Miller Bronner's salutatorian speech
Neil O'Leary's record collection
Cynthia Knox's social responsiveness
Harvey Hutter's eclectic interests
Bebe Hutter's ironclad will
Maria Abonnel's uncommon flexibility
Mark Barth's latissimus dorsi
Peter Moretti's arched roofs
Jean Moretti's escarole soup
Pat Brigham's reading glasses
Edie Ellis's art collection
Robert Oppenheimer's porkpie hat
Genevieve Fisher's sewing machine
Vincent Fisher's salted beer
Thomas Fisher's little skeleton
Peggy Weiss's pink house
Wonder Woman's invisible plane
Suzi Quatro's bass riffs
Madeline Kahn's singing voice
Natalie De Surrey's portrait paintings
Ray Lowery's yellow book

Marjie Zelman's shadow boxes
Richard Hanson's religious experience
Amanda DiGiacomo's tiny handwriting
Lou Tangorra's diverse projects
Beverly Army Williams's missing thesaurus
Abby Cross's maternal grandmother
Linus van Pelt's security blanket
June Boyle's interior designs
Cathie Perry's Precambrian period
Jenya Hutter's passionate dynamism
Timothy Lang's Renaissance man
Kay Jackson McGuire's tote bag
Diane Leach's biology notebook
Victor Borge's punctuation marks
Katharine Livingston's innovative athleticism
Jeanne and Gary Shaw's X-mess Cards
Rochelle and Bob Hanson's family reunions
William L. Shirer's sense of humor
Charles Fisher's tool and die
Mary Ellen Keefe's shrunken head story
Sally Barnes's balloon handling skills
Joyce Moretti Fisher's Playtex Living Gloves
Marcy B. Freedman's sixteen opening mats
Hallie Wolfe's 2008 fitness goal
Big Bird's teddy bear Radar

Victor Bianchi's 1986 Leonardo machine
Carla Rae Johnson's screwdriver ignition key
Lucia Belci's water tower paintings
Denise Martin's little clay sculptures
Amy Goldsmith's 45-set workouts
Gary Plotch's World of Soap
Elizabeth Fairbanks Fletcher's rock star stance
Eugene Bullard's white dress shirt
Victor Littlejohn's paper shredder artwork
Dr. Ashley Cross's library of books
Fred Gillen Jr.'s silver cat eye glasses
Linda Cooper's binders of fitness programs
Karla Grimaldi's 20 gage shot gun
Dana Capobianco's walk up the staircase
Scott Davis's painting-a-week assignment
Medgar Evers's enforcement of voting rights
Amy Cabot's don't try too hard
Robert Shaw's Quint the shark hunter
Michael Corbitt's impersonation of Diana Ross
Martha Mesiti's library of music theory books
Felicia Catalano's fur mouse from Lincoln Center
Shanitra Brinson's gallery of Wonder Woman collectables
Daniella Dooling's skeleton of the thorax drawing
Arda Hutter's bike rides with Karen Henes
Jim Rollins's Taekwondo kicks over percussion instruments

Lauren Gottschalk's School of Visual Arts graduation photo

Jude James's 1970 purchase of Norman the Doorman

Jannette Barth's 13 minute and 31 second floor plank

Linda Jean Fisher and the Fletcher 6100 Computerized Mat Cutter

Work Period: 10 May 2021 – 16 May 2021

Are the overdose deaths by opioids a crisis? Is it true that Dylann Roof considers psychology a “Jewish invention”? Do you think Julius Rosenberg’s execution was based on a phony charge and that Ethel Rosenberg was entirely innocent? Was it necessary for the United States to drop two atomic bombs on Japan? If you could choose between getting cancer or dementia, which disease would you pick? Did you have the good fortune of knowing your grandparents? I think my wife has a superb derriere. Does this mean I am a shallow person? I make art every day. Am I disciplined, privileged, or both? I love reading non-fiction and listen to books to accomplish my research goals. Does listening to audiobooks have the same value as reading electronic, hardcover, and paperback books? Is a person who regularly attends religious services more spiritual than a person who does not? Do you get impatient standing in line at the grocery store, pharmacy, or hypermarket? My mom likes to relax and clean. What does your mom do to unwind? In 1981, my taxed Social Security earnings were \$2,063. What were your taxed Social Security earnings when you were sixteen years old? Have you ever been involved in a road rage incident? If so, who was the aggressor? There is a troll living under the Bear Mountain Bridge. He claims the Holocaust was invented by Jews as part of a plot to advance Jewish interests. Okay, okay. There is not a troll

paying property taxes on land under the Bear Mountain Bridge. But there are monsters who deny the Holocaust happened.

Work Period: 1 November 2021 – 7 November 2021

Is **ANGER** just a word or is it a feeling? Is Linda Jean Fisher a human **BEING** or an alien being? I wear my *CREATURE from the Black Lagoon* mask when I take a tubby. Does the thought of **DEATH** make you uncomfortable? **ELECTROFISHING** uses a direct electric current to attract and temporarily stop fish for easy capture. Is this fair to the fish? A **GLAMOROUS** person lives imaginatively, dresses stylishly, and moves gracefully. Does a person also need a kind heart to be glamorous? Are you tempted to press the **HOT BUTTON**? I find books on English usage **IRRESISTIBLE** and wear them around my neck because they are priceless **JEWELS**. Do **KNUCKLEHEADS** have lumpy craniums? I love **LAMB** Chop the sock puppet and shun anything in the meat department labeled with her name. The nouns **MONSTER** and money each have two syllables. Mike, the first fusion bomb, was tested by the United States on **NOVEMBER** 1, 1952, and an **OCTOPUS** has eight muscular arms endowed with two rows of suckers. I played with **PRETEND** friends during most of the sixth grade. Investigate the answer to a **QUESTION** if it fits together perfectly like the pieces in a jigsaw puzzle. The selection committees for the grants I reapply (and reapply) for are not **RIGGED** You and your time are valuable, and the scale of your **SALARY** does not change this. I went for a sleigh ride on the top end of my **TROMBONE** case when I was in the fourth grade. It didn't end well.

I am the **UNDERDOG** who surprises the competition. The *Winged VICTORY of Samothrace* is a hair model, and the Big Bad **WOLF** is a successful realtor. A cactus survives with little water and is characterized as a **XEROPHYTE**. Who would you rather have as a **YOKEFELLOW**: a cactus or a cow? **ZOOTECHNICS** is the technology of animal husbandry. What do you call the technology of human husbandry?