THE DOOR

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EVERYTHING IS SOMETHING

IT ISN'T.

EVERYBODY IS ALWAYS

SOMEWHERE





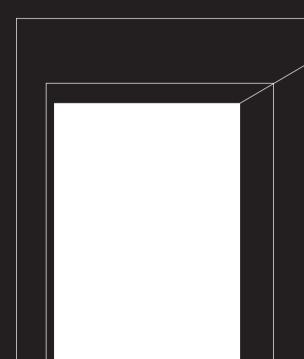
Maybe it was the city, being in the city

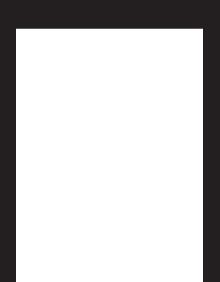


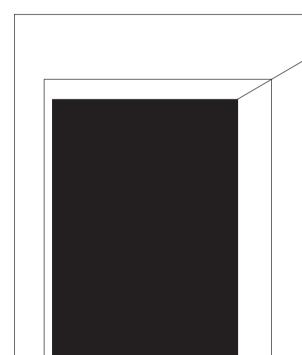


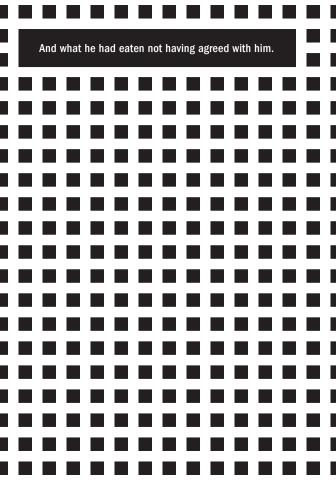


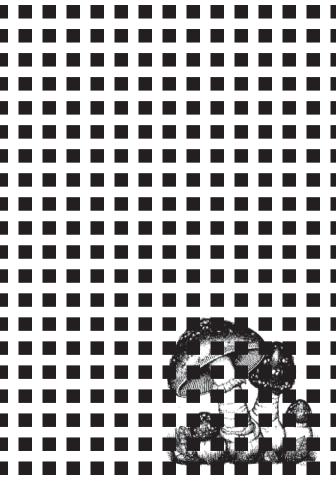




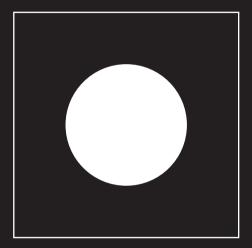


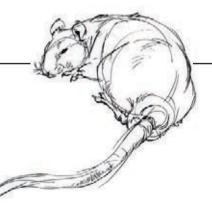


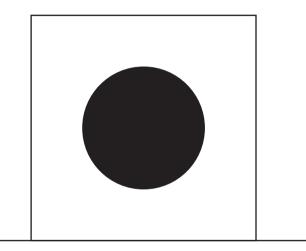








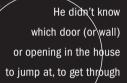


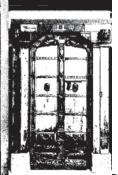
















He heard in the house where he was, in the city to which he had gone (as toward a door which might, or might not, give way) a noise - not a loud noise but more of a prefabricated humming It came from a place in the base of the wall (or stat) where the flue carrying the filterable air was, and not far from the Minipiano, which was made of the same material nailbrushes are made of. and which was under the stairs.

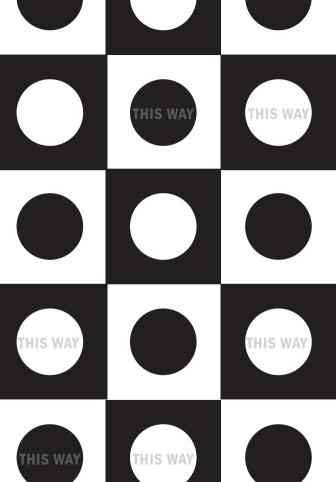
FIRST WILL COME THE CONVULSIONS, THEN THE EXHAUSTION, THEN THE WILLINGNESS

Δ DONE. ĸF BE DONE. BE DONE. BE DONE.

SULSIONS, SECONVULSIONS,



'and you better believe it will be.'







I don't know whether to tell her about the door they substituted or not, he said, the one with the equation on it and the picture of the amoeba reproducing itself by division.

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EVERYBODY HAS TO KEEP JUMPING

NOBODY CAN NOT JUMP.

THERE WILL BE NO NOT-JUMPING.

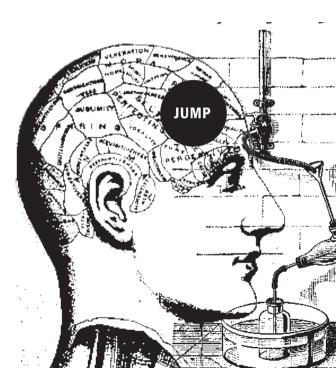


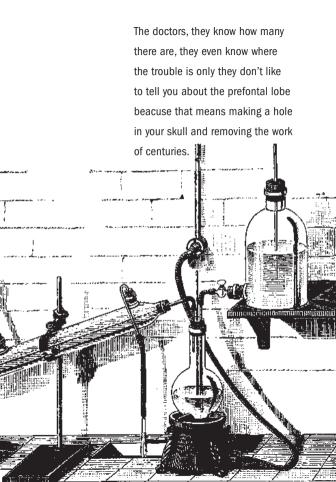
I REMEMBER THE DOOR WITH THE PICTURE OF THE GIRL ON IT (ONLY IT WAS SPRING). HER ARMS OUTSTRETCHED IN LOVELINESS, HER DRESS (IT WAS THE ONE WITH THE CIRCLE ON IT UNCAUGHT, BEGINNING THE SLOW, CLEAR, BLINDING CASCADE - AND I GUESS WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO TRY THAT DOOR AGAIN, FOR IT SEEMED LIKE THE WAY AND FOR A WHILE IT WAS THE WAY, THE DOOR WOULD OPEN AND YOU WOULD GO THROUGH WINGED AND EXALTED (LIKE ANY RAT) AND THE FOOD WOULD BE THERE, THE WAY THE PROFESSOR HAD IT ARRANGED, EVERYTHING O.K., AND YOU HAD CHOSEN THE RIGHT DOOR FOR THE WORLD WAS YOUNG.

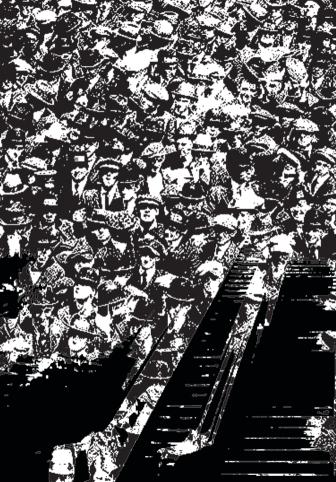




'Here you have the maximum of openness in a small room.'







But he saw instead a moving stairway, and descended in light (he kept thinking) to the street below and to the other people. As he stepped off, the ground came up slightly, to meet his foot.