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by Cole Rachel

it's exhausting pretending these dinosaurs are real, accepting
that volcanoes can happen in our back yards, watching bruce willis throw
himself out of skyscraper windows and allowing him to live. it's tiring
believing in the possibility of identical cousins and bionic women
with perfectly feathered hair, but we must do it

it's a skill best learned early in life, whether it's on the wooden pew
of a country church or in front of a rabbit-eared zenith, sometimes
you have to let yourself be duped, feigning belief
without actually believing, pretending

that they actually will call you tomorrow, that things can't really get any worse,
that the tedium of daily life is more than a carefully orchestrated dance,
designed, choreographed, and computer enhanced to distract us
from the ground we stand on, from the few things in life we think are real

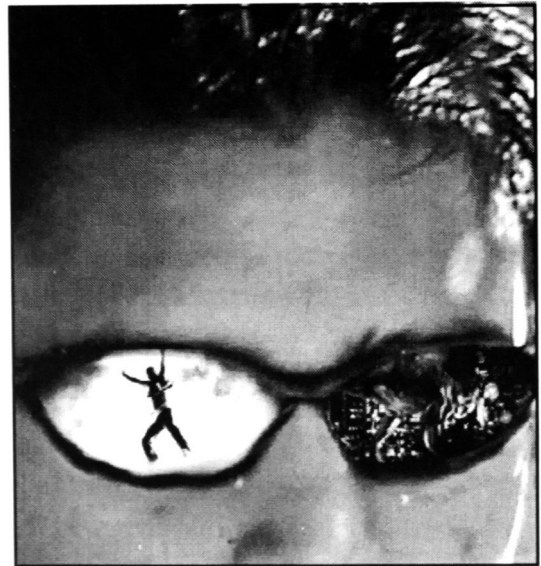


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