

NEVER AGAIN

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This is the title of a novel of approximately 40,000 words in which no word is repeated; the full text can be found on ubu.com/contemp/nufer/nufer.pdf. It relates the adventures of George Raymond ("When the racetrack closed forever I had to get a job" is the first sentence). The book is filled with vivid word-pictures using language reminiscent of James Joyce. For instance:

Eightballing lawyer holds court, recollects Baby-breaking Boa Case. Dateline: moving day, Anytown, USA. Six-foot pet's disappearance commandeered otherwise-preoccupied movers. Hierlings' herpetophobia, packbubbled underbrush, time-pressured itinerary mitigated against searched thoroughness. Rushed exiters haphazardly canvassed crannies, attic, cellar, closets, snake-friendly nooks. Cage-slipping reptile unfound, decampers relocated. Newlyweds arrived. Dreamhoused copulations eventually impregnated wife, engineered nightmarish litigations outgrowing embrangled sequence ensuing classic catastrophe: hugely pregnant woman putters happily stirring soup, whereupon fumely resuscitated appetites release ceiling light's encircler. Kerplop! Divebombing serpent causes miscarriage.

George, shaving at a public bathhouse, is joined in this activity by a better-dressed patron. .Ah, he thinks, here 's a way to upgrade my wardrobe:

Sharply nicked blood-brothers negotiate fragile truce. Parasexual vulgarizations imprecate confessional airing toward engaging bipartisan satisfying pacts. Dirtier outfitted, clean-shaved brother poses perversely non-intergenderal crossdressing idea, id est, shavers'd swap clothes, underpants-to-outerwear.

Scantly pausing, similar-sized dudes don each other's skivvied personality, armpitted empathy, colorscheme patchworked quilty pleasures. Sweaty redolence exudes pheromones laundered cloth lacks? Eager vigorousness animates otherwise-civilized habitual bathgoer. Antistriptease caricatures lusty quavering rapture. Piece-by-piece, sleaze enslimes goosepimpled ecstasy; snappy dresser's latent cologne subsumes slob's trenchant odors, rendering glueplant aroma cultivations free-associating carcass blooming peeyootunias.

Stolid, sterile-fibered businesswear's cotton Oxford shirt, drycleaned slacks, snakeleather belt, cowskin wingtips, off-white boxer shorts, off-black hose tingle alienating agitations. Crablice, allergic reactions, homophobic cooties interweave finer threaded fashions? Larceny's incipient accomplishment unnerves.

Surreptitious breakneck zippering outpaces clothespin-pal's languidly delectable one-leg-at-a-time pantlegging. Tantalizingly moldy triple-E Thom McCan "winos" foot-fetishize wallower's degradational completeness; freshly shined D-width straitlace streetshoes imperil stealer's transdressional heist. Quadruplecrossed toeholds impact podlike feet. Walking's impractical; nonwalking's unacceptable.

Still-writhing ecstasizer doesn't notice pickpocket strolling awaywardly, wallet enclosed.

Examining the man's wallet, George decides on a new name, Terrence Rafferty. But it contains only three dollars, necessitating a visit to an Army-Navy store to procure more comfortable footwear. As he enters, he is sent sprawling by a fleeing shoplifter. The proprietor, former Master Sergeant Stanley Sinkiewitz, fearing a lawsuit, offers him various free merchandise, but Terrence wangles a job instead.

Simpleton orientation indoctrinates procedures. Operating cash register (tax-evasive skimming unmentioned), S.S. puritanically pleads accounting's Methodism requires keeping tapeless totals. "Free-sovereign" declarations secede; cutting nationalistic fiduciary IRS-tied "indentured servitudes" inform retired NCO's commentary co-explicating unusual bookkept practices. Allegedly "robbery-preventive" strongbox receives unrecorded receipts.

Duty commences. Two smallbacked perches enroost catbird sitters focally centered withal convex corner-posed looking glasses refracted floor-to-ceiling-to-counter...

Armory show-quality inventory's dummy gunnery Zippos, defused grenades, megacaliber shell ashtrays, firingpinless Tommyguns, stens, Mausers, Manlichers, M-series riflery artistically state war's thematic continuity. Loosely war-related items (bivouac equipment, mainly) assault senses: snakebite suctioncups, sewer purifier tablets, icefishing tackle, bedrolls, tarpaulins, trampolines, roundball slammajammas (8-foot hoops), ABA-style (patriotically colored) basketballs, Uecker-endorsed softball bats, tetherball maypoles, odd-ended 2-wheeler componetry (28" spokes, non-metric spindles, freewheel cogpullers, odometers), X-C ski-skates, C-rations, porta-shovels, portosans, female-adaptable urinary appendages, tent-size trousers, trouser-pack tents, amber insect tomb keyrings, quartz ID-kits, novelty micecubes, Groucho-style x-ray specs, vacupac spam-carved maggot farms, Armour Star Cookbooks Vols. XIII-XIX, claymore mindreading palmleaf teacups, Sherman tankards, saltpeter, WWII-era pin-ups, CO2 cartridges, dogfighter modelsets, elephant glues, squid-flavored inkstain gums...

Terrence is shanghaied aboard a yacht by drug dealers and ends up in their secret lair on the Washington coast. However, he manages to escape from them with a complaisant doxy, Hannabelle Trexler, They decide it would be prudent to change their names to Matthew Peretz and Margarite Youngblood, and decamp to Mexico, financing the trip through petty larceny:

Matteo/Margarita emigrated Estados Unidos toting coined moneybags: sacks bundling small-billed big-change conversion totaling \$16,574.25. Lowtech coinslot buggering screw-drove wrenched Laundromat strongboxes, sodapop dispensers, newspapers' vendomatics, parking's metered plenitude. Intensive caretaking hospitably monitored arrestment authority's side-effectiveness counterindicating pettily self-administered proactive mendications. Proscribed cautionary doses, everlastingly repeatable, counseled moderated (negligible) amount-taking; nickling/diming, immediately perceivable, demurred. Longview's Warren beavertowns meagerly outskirted Multnomah's richer tenderloin. Immoderate midcity pry-by-night crowbarring gouged pawns' ransom, multiplically. Salem's, Eugene's, Roseburg's Greyhound-stopping destinations handed outgone grabbed smashes presupposing Frisco's golden-stated Fargowellian bonanza. Southbay metropolises anteed mintfresh pots, folded; unseen bluffers bumped, ran (rambler gambler metaphor sinks: subway turnstile slotsuckers legitimately represent meter-eater ancestors). Densening populaces, overburdened coffers hastened retirement's hasta luego. Disemboweling pilfered meters, piggybanks, etslotera became dangerously high-profile...

The last half of the book details their adventures in Mexico, culminating in a forty-page description of racetrack shenanigans punctuated by an insurrection!