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"MY HEART RACED LIKE IT HAD NOT RACED IN A GOOD MANY YEARS WHILE INSIDE A HAUNTED ATTRACTION. I TURNED TO JOHN AND INQUIRED ABOUT HIS OWN STATE, HIS HEART TOO THREATENED TO BEAT STRAIGHT OUT OF HIS CHEST." - ABANDON (2015)

"... WAS THAT A FLOATING HEAD MERE YARDS IN FRONT OF US? INDEED, IT WAS FLOATING AND GLOWING A MAGICAL SHADE OF GREEN. WAIT A SECOND?! DID MY EYES DECEIVE ME? WAS THAT A SECOND HEAD BOBBING BESIDE THE FIRST? DID THE GOSCH BROTHERS POSSESS SIAMESE TWINS WHO WERE AGLOW IN THE GLOOM LIKE A PAIR OF MONSTROUS STARS?!!" - PSYCHO PATH (2014)

"THE PIG-MAN AND THE ODD GHOUL EACH SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE EXIT AND WHILE NEITHER SEEMED PARTICULARLY TRUSTWORTHY OUR OPTIONS WERE LIMITED. IT WAS A TESTAMENT TO THE RAW WEIRDNESS OF THE ODD GHOUL THAT WE ACCEPTED THE WORD OF THE PIG-MAN." - THE DARK BOX (2015)

"... AFTER EXITING A GREENHOUSE THAT CONTAINED CHOMPING PLANTS, WE WERE URGED BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE A S.W.A.T TEAM TO QUICKLY CLEAR THE AREA. THE REASON, YOU ASK? BRAIN MUNCHERS, MAN!! A PAIR OF SHARPLY DRESSED DEAD HEADS ATTACKED FROM BEHIND AND THEN A SECOND PAIR APPEARED AT OUR SIDE. SOON SEVERAL OTHERS EMERGED AND WE WERE SURROUNDED, BUT THE GUNNERS DID THEIR PART IN DISPATCHING THE UNDEAD MENACE..." - CHELSEA FEARGROUNDS (2011)

"SUDDENLY, THE NEWBORN SPRUNG FORTH FROM BENEATH HIS GOWN AND SWUNG WILDLY BY HIS UMBILICAL CORD. THE OFFSPRING FLOPPED TO THE GROUND ON THE SIDE OF THE GURNEY AND LAY LIMP. I APPROACHED THE BED AND PICKED THE APPARENT STILL BORN UP OFF OF THE FLOOR — IT WAS SPONGY AND SKELETAL AND COMPLETELY ABSURD." — EXIT 13 (2012)

"WE EVEN TOURED A PINT-SIZED PIZZERIA WHERE ONE DEGENERATE CHALLENGED ME TO A RETRO ARCADE GAME. AS THE BUTTON-MASHING COMMENCED, HE DISPLAYED BOTH GROWING AMUSEMENT AND SKYROCKETING AROUSAL! THIS MAN WAS STRICKEN WITH SOME KIND OF PIXEL PERVERSION!" — DISTRACTED (2024)



"SHE LOCKED EYES, LEANED IN SLOWLY, BARED HER TEETH AND SUNK THEM STRAIGHT INTO MY HAND. SHE PULLED BACK CAREFUL NOT TO BREAK EYE CONTACT, RAISED HER EYEBROWS AND FLASHED A DEVILISH SMIRK." — 13 FEET UNDER (2014)

"... I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PAINTING OF THE HEAD OF A MASSIVE MONSTER ON THE WALL. THERE WAS A HOLE NEAR THE TOP OF THE WALL AND FROM THAT VOID WAS DRAPED A MASSIVE TONGUE WHICH GAVE MY LEG A GRAZING LICK. I HAD JUST BEEN VIOLATED BY A 13-FOOT MONSTER TONGUE AND IT AMUSED ME SOMETHING FIERCE! — EXTREME SCREAM (2009)

"SOME OF THE DOLLS WERE MOVING ROBOTICALLY, HEADS AND LIMBS MOVING METHODICALLY FROM SIDE TO SIDE OR UP AND DOWN, IT WAS WONDERFULLY CREEPY. SOME OF THEM WERE MISSING EYEBALLS AND A SELECT FEW EVEN BRANDISHED GLOWING KNIVES. THE REST OF THE GROUP TRAILED BEHIND ME AND UPON ENTERING I WITNESSED SOMETHING TRULY BIZARRE. ONE OF THE BABIES WAS RUNNING AT JASON! THE LITTLE SON OF A BITCH SCURRED ACROSS THE FLOOR SLASHING THE AIR WITH HIS MINIATURE KNIFE!" — HOUSE OF THE DEAD, TERROR TOWN (2008)

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Showman's End

by Joel Adkins

Grease paint applied, costume complete.

Not even the Dust Bowl could cloud Jasper's shine.

An aged photograph of his dear Marianne sat nearby.

Jasper spritzed that signature, fairy floss scent onto himself then playfully mugged into a mirror.

"Give a man a mask, and he'll show you his true face," came a voice.

"Oscar Wilde," replied Jasper. He turned, Marianne glowed in matching regalia.

A misty-eyed embrace.

"Ya think we could pull off the ole triple barrel one last time," he mused.

"No...", smiled Marianne, "but we can *attempt* it."

Calliope commenced, and then, the roar of the Big Top.

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The Things that Lovers do

by Ryan Adkins

They will never understand the loving I feel for you
This is not like any other love, simple memories will not do
You come to me in the night, floating inches from my face
Pleading for me to save you, rescue you from that cold grave

It makes no sense to most, I'm not sure it makes a lick of it to me
But I will be your savior tonight, my little Alaina Marie
Now you roll behind me and our situation has become dire
I creep between the headstones with you and my Radio Flyer

I turn to give you a glance, ashamed I look away quickly
Your neck bobbing and bouncing, head wobbling lifelessly
I cannot turn back the revulsion over takes me
But I will make you brand new tonight, my little Alaina Marie

Wax and glass and wire and perfume, I make you anew
A paper tube allows us to enjoy the things that lovers do
I hold you close and feel you crumble a little at my touch
A knock at the door tells me we've run out of luck

They pull you from my clutches, take you away from me
But I'll find you again someday, my little Alaina Marie
I hoped they would accept us, but deep down I knew
They would not understand the things we lovers do

All my work now rotting, my love buried far away
But I will not stop searching until the end of my days
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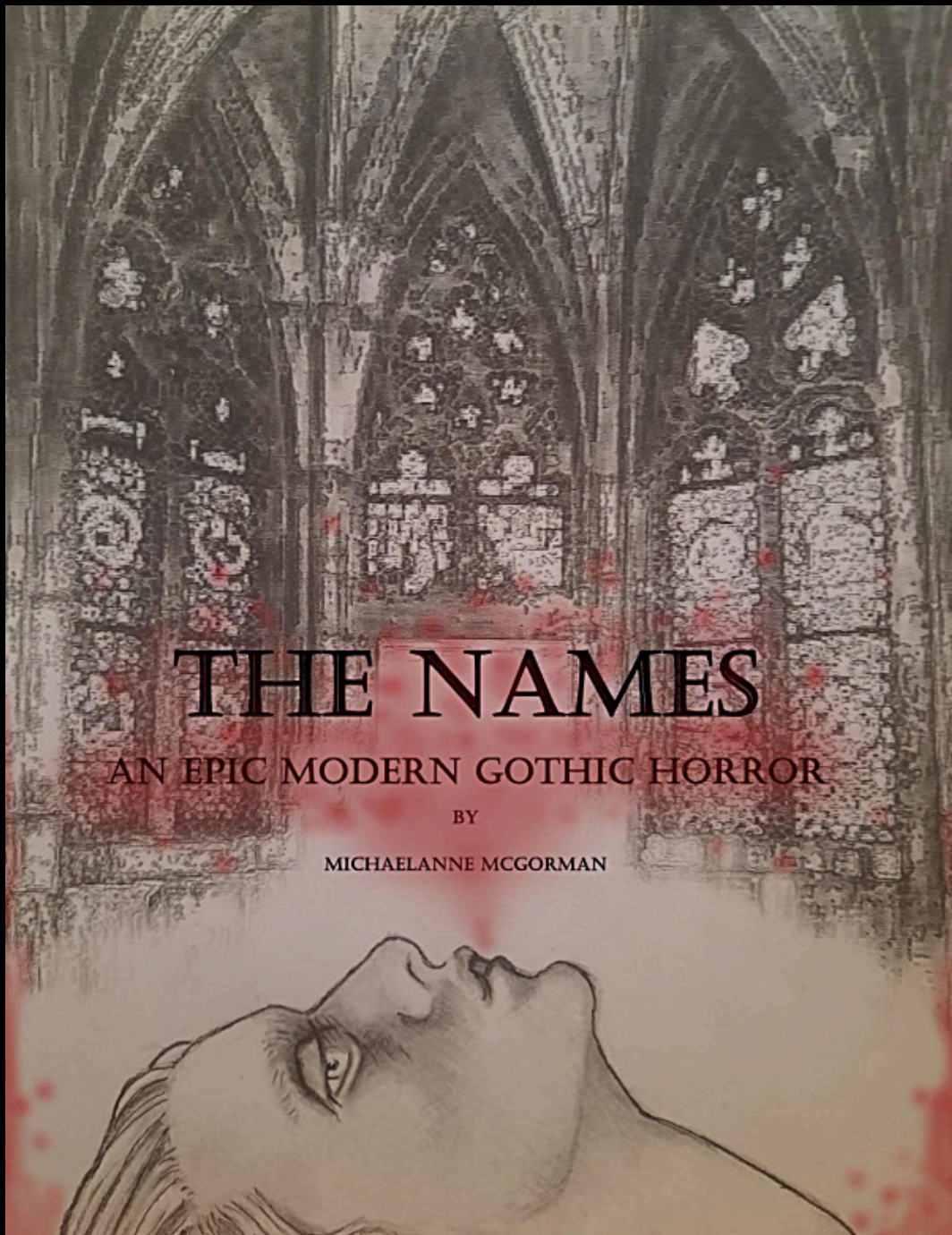
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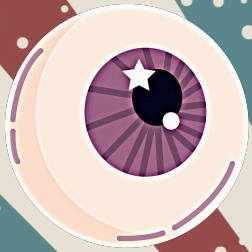
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AN EYE FOR TROUBLE

BY STEVEN COLWELL

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AFTER VIEWING THE FINAL HUMAN ODDITY, RANDY WENT BEHIND THE TENT TO EXAMINE HIS FIND; A GLASS EYE WITH A GREEN IRIS.

SUDDENLY, A LARGE HAND PLUCKED THE ORB FROM RANDY'S SMALL ONE. "THAT'S MINE," A STRANGE VOICE CROAKED.

RANDY LOOKED UP INTO THE OGRE-LIKE FACE OF A MAN WITH TWO GREEN EYES AND ONE ROUGH, EMPTY SOCKET IN HIS FOREHEAD. HE WATCHED THE MAN PUSH THE GLASS EYE BACK INTO PLACE.

"AS A FINDER'S FEE," THE MAN ASSERTED, "YOU NOW HAVE A JOB WITH THE SIDE SHOW."

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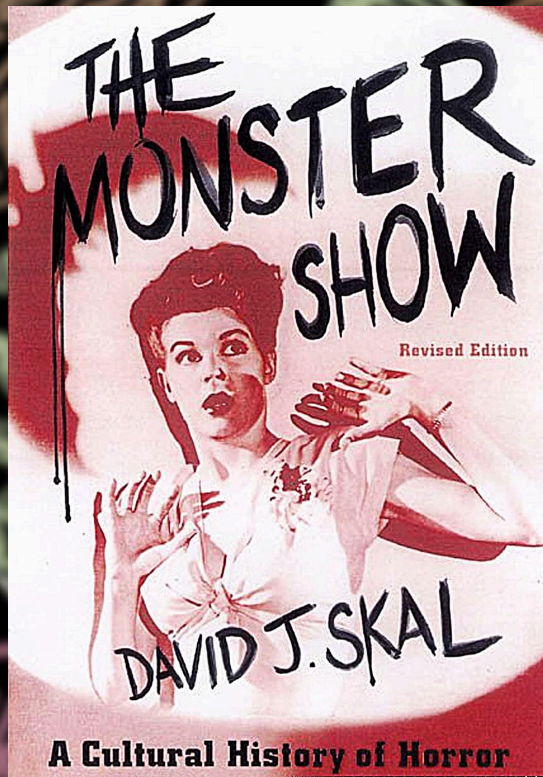
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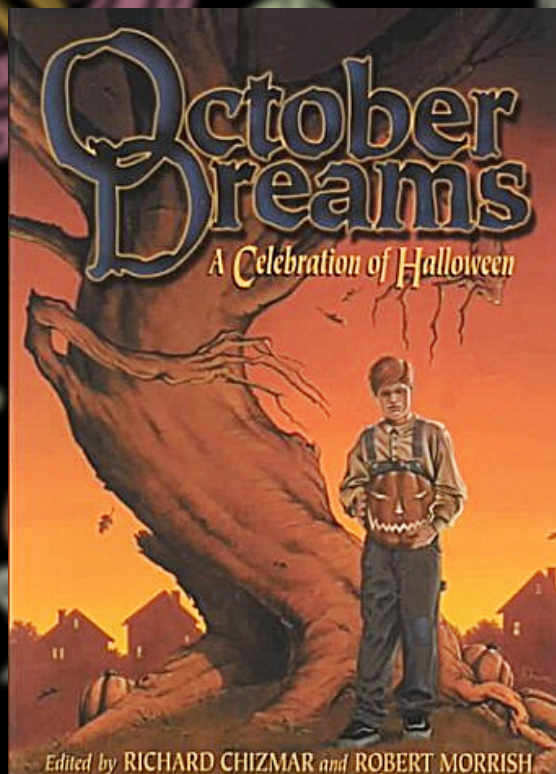
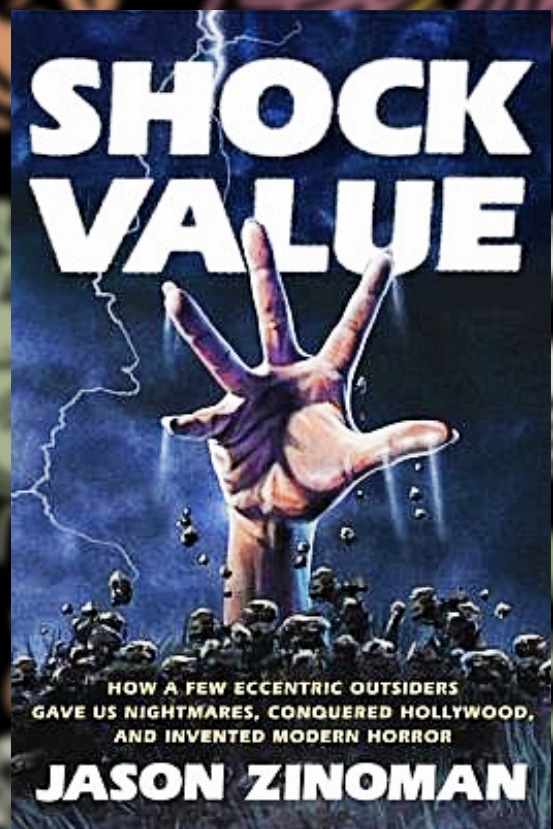
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(1993)

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Halloween



Hologram

There's a whirring in my head, a pounding in my chest. It's All Hallow's Eve once again, and here I sit at this hallowed hearth of memories, ~~soaked in~~ a blur of the past, present, and future. It doesn't seem that a year has passed since last the veil was so thin. I remember stamping the pavement of my childhood neighborhood, sharing a surreal bit of tradition and nostalgia with my son. I recall a lively visit to the incomparable Haunted Hydra. I suppose it has been one full trip around the Sun since Halloween last graced this Earth, but in this upside-down era nothing truly seems as it is — not even time, especially not time.

It is with a heavy heart and sheer exhaustion that I enter this most odd Halloween. A decades-old tradition will conclude on this night and I am both saddened and honored to be a part of its passage. I'll don the costume and smear my face with paint to become a slice of my subconscious one more time, perhaps for the last time. It will be painful and exhilarating and perhaps even revelatory.

Haunters are built different, and ~~like so~~ many that came before us the time has come for the show to go dark and for these memories to live on in the collective ether. We'll honor the traditions of old, and we will not go quietly into that good night. We shall rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Happy Halloween.

