

John Kennedy Toole

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you can always tell employees of the government by the total vacancy which occupies the space where most other people have faces.

~John Kennedy Toole

Having once been so high, humanity fell so low. What had once been dedicated to the soul was now dedicated to the sale.

~John Kennedy Toole

I am at the moment writing a lengthy indictment against our century. When my brain begins to reel from my literary labors, I make an occasional cheese dip.

~John Kennedy Toole

You could tell by the way he talked, though, that he had gone to school a long time. That was probably what was wrong with him.

~John Kennedy Toole

Oh, Fortuna, blind, heedless goddess, I am strapped to your wheel,' Ignatius belched, 'Do not crush me beneath your spokes. Raise me on high, divinity.

~John Kennedy Toole

with the breakdown of the medieval system, the gods of chaos, lunacy, and bad taste gained ascendancy.

~John Kennedy Toole

Apparently I lack some particular perversion which today's employer is seeking.

~John Kennedy Toole

This liberal doxy must be impaled upon the member of a particularly large stallion.

~John Kennedy Toole

Stop! I cried imploringly to my god-like mind.

~John Kennedy Toole

Jail was preferable. There they only limited you physically. In a mental ward they tampered with your soul and worldview and mind.

~John Kennedy Toole

The human desire for food and sex is relatively equal. If there are armed rapes, why should there not be armed hot dog thefts?

~John Kennedy Toole

I refuse to "look up." Optimism nauseates me. It is perverse. Since man's fall, his proper position in the universe has been one of misery.

~John Kennedy Toole

employers sense in me a denial of their values...they fear me. i suspect that they can see that i am forced to function in a century which i loathe.

~John Kennedy Toole

My life is a rather grim one. One day I shall perhaps describe it to you in great detail.

~John Kennedy Toole

The day before me is fraught with God knows what horrors.

~John Kennedy Toole

When Fortuna spins you downward, go out to a movie and get more out of life.

~John Kennedy Toole

When my brain begins to reel from my literary labors, I make an occasional cheese dip.

~John Kennedy Toole

Oh, Fortuna, you capricious sprite!

~John Kennedy Toole

Mother went out again tonight, looking like a courtesan.

~John Kennedy Toole

Is my paranoia getting completely out of hand, or are you mongoloids really talking about me?

~John Kennedy Toole

Canned food is a perversion,' Ignatius said. 'I suspect that it is ultimately very damaging to the soul.

~John Kennedy Toole

I mingle with my peers or no one, and since I have no peers, I mingle with no one.

~John Kennedy Toole

Had that poor Reilly kook really been proud of Levy Pants? He had always said that he was. That was one good sign of his insanity.

~John Kennedy Toole

Veneration of Mark Twain is one of the roots of our current intellectual stalemate.

~John Kennedy Toole

Leaving New Orleans also frightened me considerably. Outside of the city limits the heart of darkness, the true wasteland begins.

~John Kennedy Toole

Mothers got a hard road to travel, believe me.

~John Kennedy Toole

Oh, New Orleans is such freedom.

~John Kennedy Toole

"I bet you cook good, huh?" Darlene asked. "Mother doesn't cook," Ignatius said dogmatically. "She burns.

~John Kennedy Toole

I suspect that I am the result of particularly weak conception on the part of my father. His sperm was probably emitted in a rather offhand manner.

~John Kennedy Toole

My mother is currently associating with some undesirables who are attempting to transform her into an athlete of sorts, deprave specimens of mankind who regularly bowl their way to oblivion.

~John Kennedy Toole

Once a person was asked to step into this brutal century, anything could happen

~John Kennedy Toole

It will all end very badly, Gus

~John Kennedy Toole

I recommend Batman especially, for he tends to transcend the abysmal society in which he's found himself. His morality is rather rigid, also. I rather respect Batman.

~John Kennedy Toole

The heart is important at any age, I'm afraid.

~John Kennedy Toole

"It's not your fate to be well treated," Ignatius cried. "You're an overt masochist. Nice treatment will confuse and destroy you.

~John Kennedy Toole

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