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To the Editor

My "Cautionary Tales: The Sled" appeared in your issue *Wisecracks & Poems* [**THEMA** 24:2, summer 2012]. Lots of laughs, but I most liked James Scruton's "Looking at Oaks in Early April." It's humorous, and also a serious statement about our writing: "We say it anyway."

> — Robert Funge San Carlos, CA



Authors' Notes

My image, titled "Dictionary of Film Quotations," is a part of a series I have been working on for over a year – "I Just Don't Read Like I Used To." These portraits are created by my cutting the pages of books into strips of text and collaging them on wood panels. For more examples, visit my website at: *www.cherylhicks.weebly.com*.

- Cheryl Hicks

This story ["Dunken"] is one that I wrote a while back, and have not submitted. One interesting facet of this story is that I sat down at 7:00 am one morning and had no idea what I was going to write that day. I opened the Word page and wrote, My name is Robert Philmore Dunken, and this, among other things, is a war story, and in one continuous marathon sitting, by around 10:00 am the next morning the first draft was composed. When I saw your November theme ["eyeglasses are needed"], I immediately thought of this story.

— Kemp Pheley

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