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“They’re covering my mullet.”

— Chad Brown

“They fill the cherry pies with magma.”

— Mike Chaney

“Go home, Ken.”

— Ken Cliffe

“I thought that was an orc.”

— Rich Thomas

“Hey, shut up. We’re listening to banjo music.”

— Dean Burnham

“There’s a fairy in your booth.”

— Laura Foutz

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I cannot just heave everything I know into the abyss. But I know it is coming. And when it comes, when I have made my sacrificial offerings to the gods of understanding, then the ruptures will cease. Healing waters will cover the land, giving birth to new life, burying forever the ancient, rusting machines of my past understandings. And on those waters I will set sail to places I now only imagine. There I will be blessed with new visions and new magic. I will feel once again like a creative contributor to this mysterious world. But for now, I wait. An act of faith.

— Margaret Wheatly, "A Simpler Way"

Formerly, when religion was strong and science weak, men mistook magic for medicine; now, when science is strong and religion weak, men mistake medicine for magic.

— Thomas Szasz