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THE STORYTELLER


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I like the heebie-jeebies. It's a great phrase, I don't know where it came from, but I do know what it conjures up for me: a creeping feeling of dread, coupled with a sense of bemusement. A cross between the unknown and the familiar. It feels so weird. It's great.

Most of my free time is consumed by my need to seek out this strangeness, sometimes capturing and transforming it into new things that others can enjoy. Or un-enjoy. That's kind of the whole thing.



My work for this project consists of two parts:

My writings and my animations.

The writings are available as part of the Tufts Digital Library;
the animations will be available digitally and will be announced
on my Instagram, @localbogmonster.

Here, I have provided you with a showcase of my stranger stories,
ideas, and feelings.



I. By the Fire

When strangeness
becomes safety.

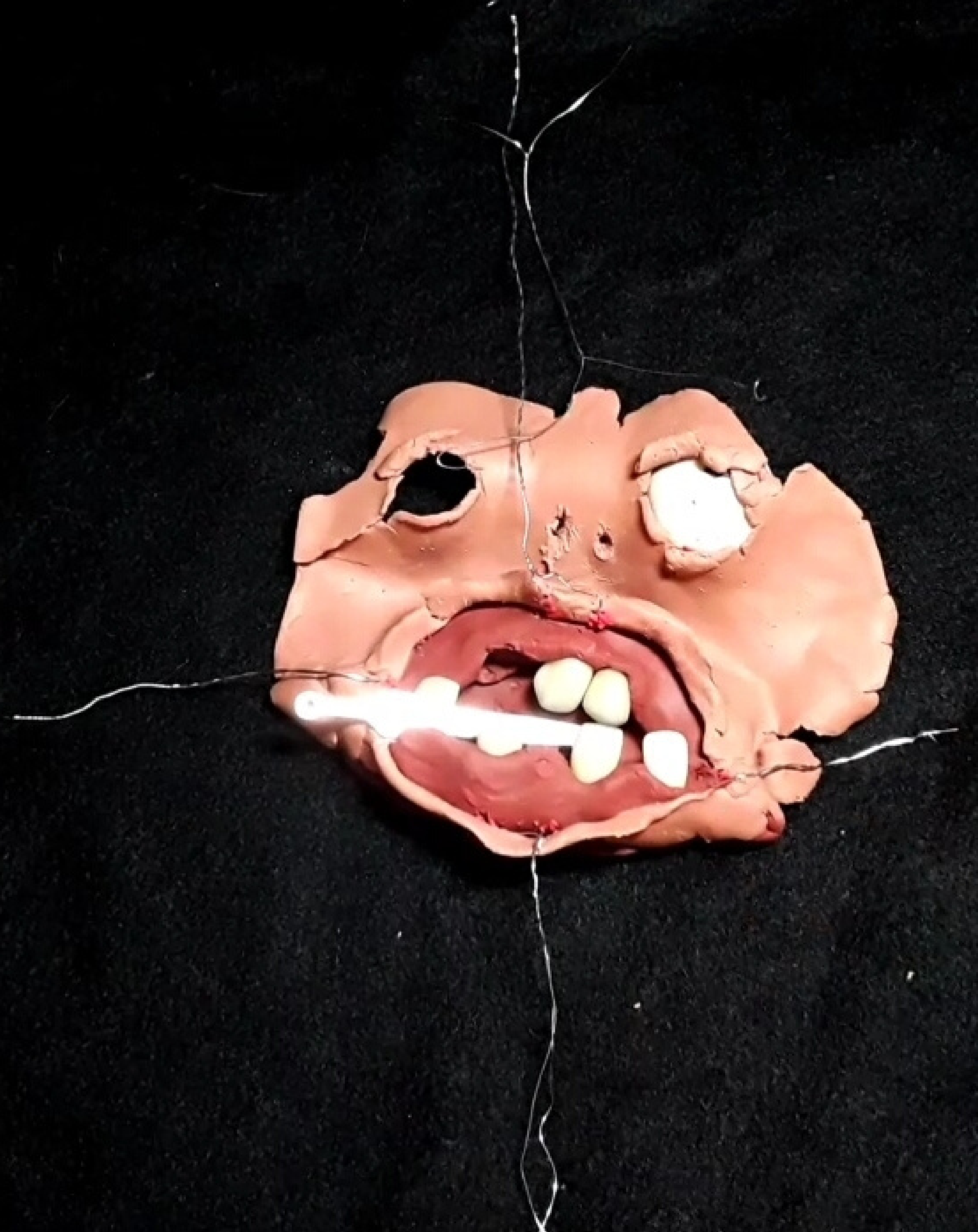
Why are we afraid
of what we don't
understand?

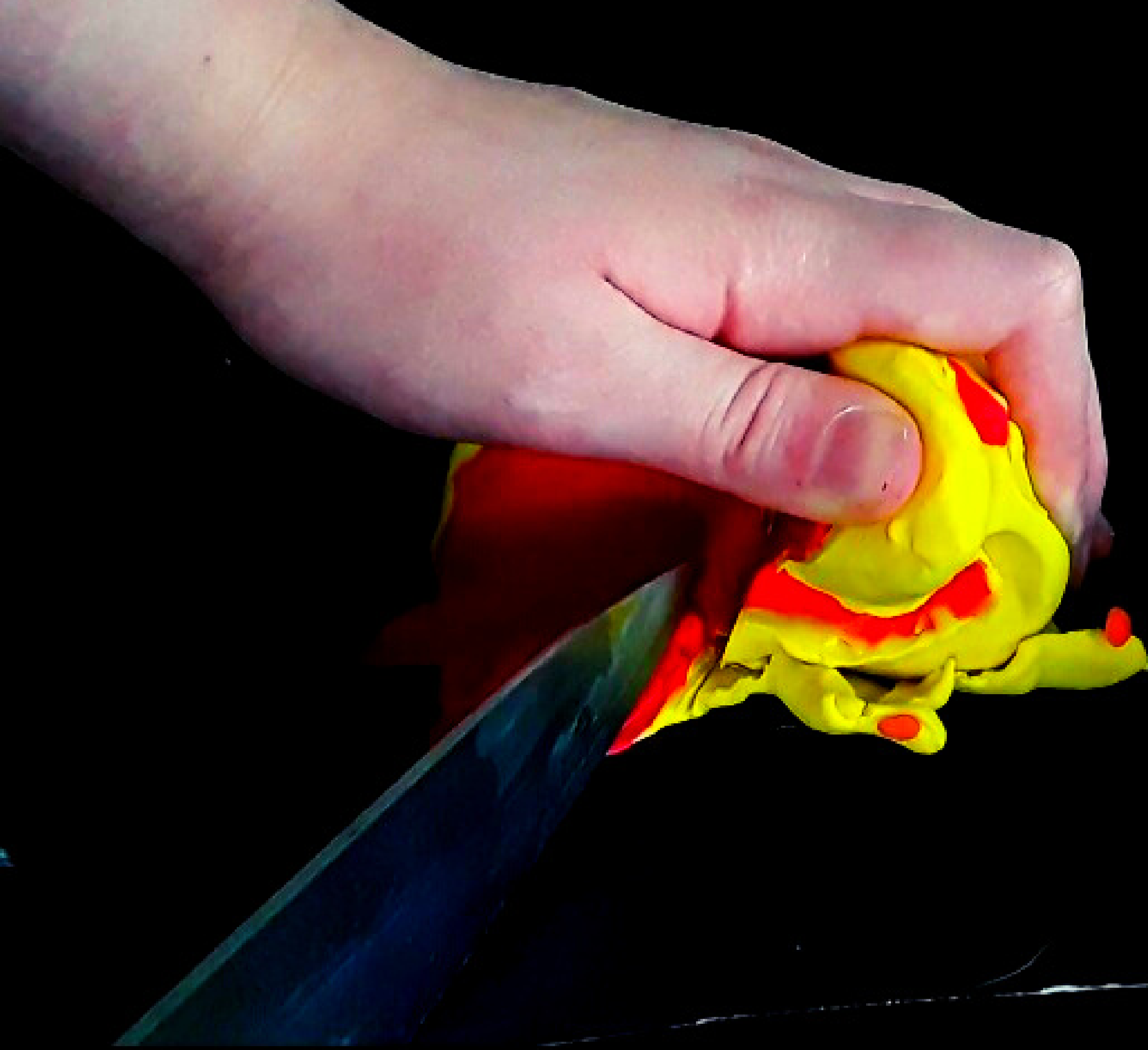


By the Fire. Still from animated short. I.B.J.A. 2020.

II. Dental Plan

Anatomy is not as simple as it should be. Things that should not happen still happen every day, will they happen to you?





III. Don't Touch the Clowns

Let's take a
cathartic trip to
the circus!

IV. Come Away to the Water

What you
think is best
for someone
else is not
always what
they want, or
need.





Come Away to the Water. Still from animated short. I.B.J.A. 2020.

A Farewell Note

I think a lot of us exist, those who seek out the weird and the macabre, even if we don't outwardly show it. And I'd like to help us find each other, even if it is only through narrative.

As Rod Serling said, "There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. It is a dimension as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge. This is the dimension of imagination."

I hope some of you choose to visit this dimension with me.

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concerns, or just to say hello

Be on the lookout for a novel! I'll get there someday soon.