

"It's all fun
and games
until someone
loses an eye..."



**That's what
your parents told
you when you
were a kid.
Shouldn't you tell
your children?**



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After Sextuple Bypass Surgery

"You requested a visitation," the chaplain said, hovering doubtful and black-garbed beside my bed.

"Wrong room," I said, not unkindly.

Then noting his collar, added

"I'm old and sick,
not Catholic."

He looked forlorn

so I said he could stay,
even offered him my Jell-o,
which he ate, by the way.

"I have nightmares," I mentioned.

"Is it the morphine?" he questioned.

"Maybe. Still, every night I'm standing
on an empty stage.

The audience has left.

I'm alone. I'm afraid."

"Are you a person of faith?" he probed.

"A mathematician," I said, "brought low
by angina and clogged arteries."

"I never had a head for numbers,"
the chaplain confessed. "It must be nice
not to roll the dice,
to work at something sure."

"That's where you're wrong."

I painfully scribbled out
a theorem, rather long.

"Mathematics solves a lot of problems,
but the catch is it only solves 'em
if you're willing to accept
certain premises."

He smiled a bit. "On faith."

"On faith," I agreed. "That old nemesis."

Contemplating the final curtain,
we gave a nod in recognition
believers both and both uncertain.

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