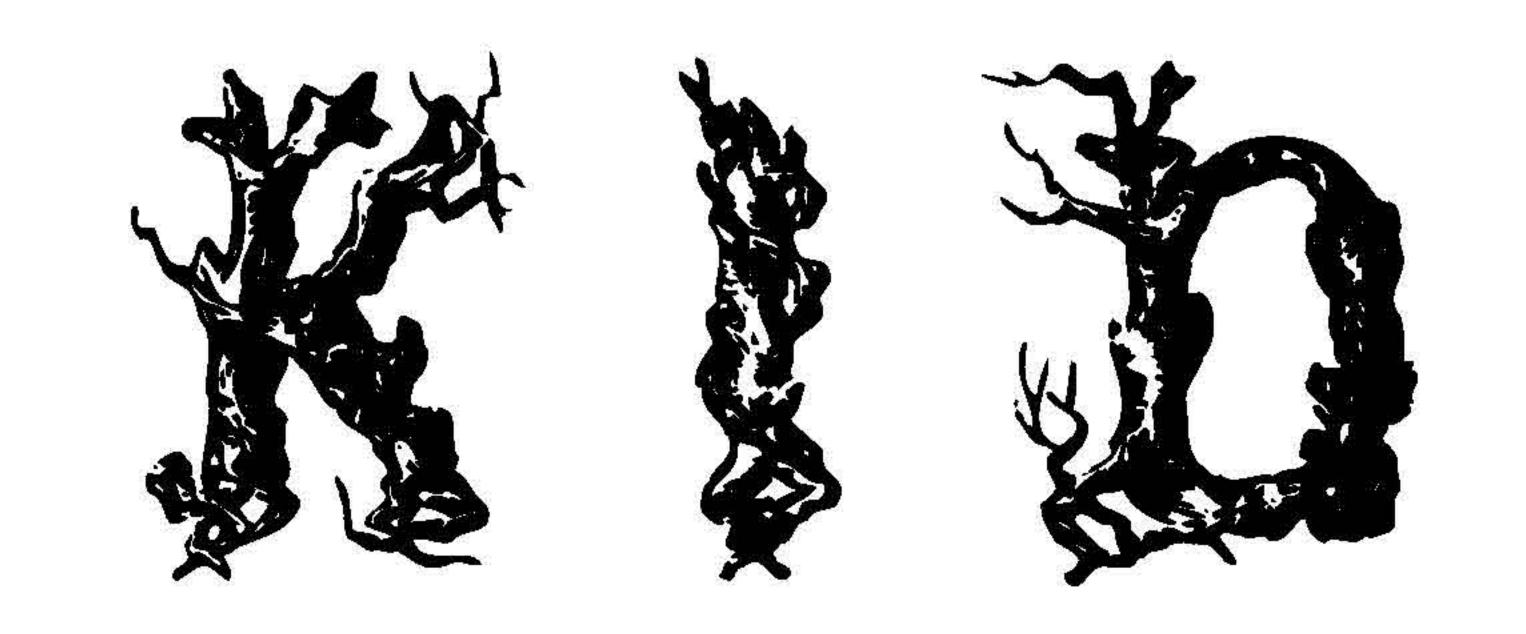
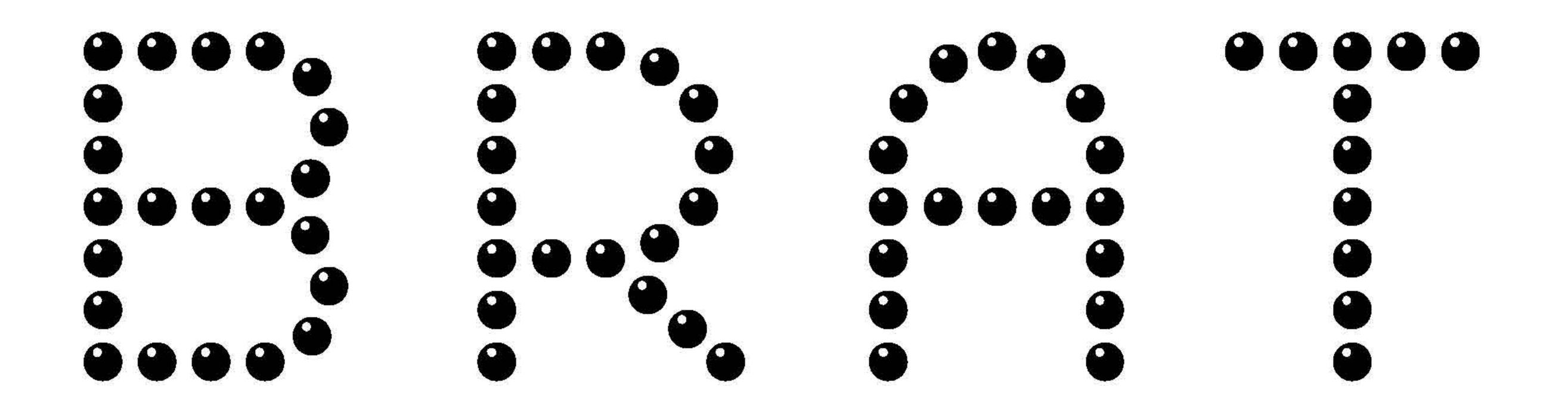


## BAB

THE DARK SEA JOURNEY TO DAWN'S LIGHT ALLISPEE AND SUCKING APPETITE EVERYTHING HE SEES IS HE BABY CRIES AND IN HIS SLEEP HEDREAMS OF FALLING FROM THE SKY HUSH, HUSH NOW LULLABY



FIRST THE GRASP THEN CRAWL TO WALK AND WALK THEN RUN TO SCHOOL AND FUN THE WORLD'S A ROOM AND MOM AND DAD ARE SUN AND MOON CHILDREN ARE THE LAST TO TALK THE TWITTERING LANGUAGE OF SONGBIRDS SQUAK AND KNOW THE WORDS OF FAIRYTUNES THAT THEY'LL FORGET SO VERY SON



THE SPROUTING SHOOT HARDENS
AND EXTENDS A FUZZY CHIN
THE TELL-TALE SIGNS THE BOY
IS RIPENING ON THE VINE
THE AWKWARD
RIGHT-ANGLED DAYS BEGIN
HIS CHILDHOOD DAYS
WERE A FOOLISH WHIM

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THE PEAK OF PROMISE HAS ARRIVED
THIS IS THE FAIR AND LOVELY SEASON
BEFORE TIME AND AGE
COMMIT THEIR TREASONS
AND BURROW FURROWS IN THE BROW
DANNY IS NOW CALLED DAN
THIS IS THE YEAR MANHOOD BEGAN
HE IS A WARRIOR NOW

IT IS THE CENTER OF HIS LIFE HE'S BEEN TO WAR AND WED A WIFE HE'S HAD A KID OR MAYBE TWO AND DOES THE WORK HIS FATHER DID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO HIS DAYS HAVE NOW BECOME A HABIT HE IS NO MORE THE RANDY RABBIT THE WARRIOR HAS NOW BECOME AWORRER

## SENICR

SO THIS IS WHO HE BECAME TO BE PERHAPS HE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO SEA IT'S TRUE HE NEVER WAS THE BEST AND DOESN'T TALK MUCH TO HIS WIFE BUT ITS MORE OR LESS THE LIFE HE CHOSE HE'S MORE OR LESS CONTENT PERHAPS HE SHOULD HAVE GONE TO SEA IT'S ALL IRRELEVANT



PAIN DENIES THAT PLEASURE
WHICH ONCE WAS BEING
AND DENIES LIFE OF ALL MEANING
HIS DEAR WIFE HAS GONE AHEAD
OLD MEN SLEEP ALONE IN BED
HOW QUICKLY IT ALL CAME TO THIS
A SIGH GOODBYE
AND THE MEMORY OF A KISS

