

interview with bunkhaus' cousin hof brau

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Interviewer: (whom we shall henceforth call Candle) Good day, Herr Hofbrau. I've been assigned to interview you on "What do you think of Assembly Hall?"

Hofbrau: Seven stretcher bearers bore bravely onward.

Candle: I don't quite gather your meaning, sir.

Hofbrau: (charlestoning across the piano) From Argave to Ixtyl it is twenty leagues hence.

Candle: Ah. You believe that Assembly Hall is beautiful in its maturity.

Hofbrau: (sorting lemons from a magazine rack) It has been proved that when sixteen Frenchmen cross the channel, six of them become seasick.

Candle: In other words, you do not favor a new Auditorium for Indiana university.

Hofbrau: (chewing viciously on a contemporary drama) Several times in my brief but extended career steins were placed on sale.

Candle: I quite agree with you. Now, what do you think of campus politics?

Hofbrau: For my part, there were too many icicles in the Boxer rebellion.

Candle: Then you believe that Garrick club is not a political organization.

Hofbrau: (pacing two and three in unison) Neither maid, wife, nor widow.

Candle: That is excellent. Now just one more question, please.

Hofbrau: (stretching a point) At that moment I left for Bolivia.

Candle: Ah. Excellent. You have anticipated my question.

Hofbrau: (crawling from a nebular hypothesis) The crew awaits in haste.

Candle: (extinguishing a semicolon) Green were the swords about Grassmere.

Hofbrau: (brightening) Ha. Success has crowned my venture. Another addict to the Bunkhaus school of poesy. Ha. I am the world. I die nobly. (Dies)

Candle: (arises to the occasion) I will be held in guilt. I choose rather the easier way out. (Falls on fountain pen. Death scene endures for fifteen minutes until audience has learned theme song by heart. Three black-face comedians enter and carry out corpses as curtain slowly descends. Orchestra continues playing theme song indefinitely.)

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