

the translated works of ‘Ji Bo’....from Ned Mudd

During a long hiatus from his regular “job,” Ned Mudd became interested in an obscure modern Chinese poet in need of an audience: Ji Bo. While being contemporary, at least in time, Ji Bo’s particular brand of poetics hints at ancient Chinese bards such as Han Shan, Big Stick, and, of course, the infamous Li Po.

In 2010, Mudd translated upwards of 100 of Ji Bo’s short pieces, some of which are appearing here for the first time. Never brooding, Ji Bo uses twisted humor to jab at our helter-skelter world. And there’s plenty to jab at.

Old Taoist jumps
into magazine,
says, “ I am Qi Master,
possess power over animals,
plants, wind and water!”

magazine is delivered
to entire world.

Old Taoist becomes celebrity,
makes infomercial
for new/improved
Pill of Immortality.

Pill of Immortality becomes big hit.
Old Taoist buys Cadillac,
Hollywood mansion with deluxe Jacuzzi.
Soon the Hills are alive
with the sound of drunk maidens.
Old Taoist very happy man!

Old Taoist eats 1,000 hamburgers,
drinks 300 gallons of wine,
smokes 2 million cigarettes.
Universe smells like roses.

One day Old Taoist feels funny
falls asleep, takes trip to Taoist Underworld.
Nightly News interrupts popular soap opera:
“Hollywood’s Old Taoist explodes by swimming pool.
President orders moment of silence.”

Old Taoist wakes up in 3rd Hell,
says, “I am Qi Master! Where are my cigarettes?”
Voice erupts from Deep Void:
“Special deal on Wal-Mart cigarettes,
one puff in exchange for soul.”

Old Taoist tries to laugh
can’t remember how.

Taoist Vacation Guide

when traversing the Way
best be prepared for:
surprise hurricane,
earthquake, tsunami.

avoid erupting volcanoes;
steer clear of war zones;
beware of swine flu epidemics;
watch your back when entering unknown saloons;
never quarrel with Police officers;
guard against venereal disease.

when confronted with total chaos,
call Intergalactic Emergency Squad
for fast road-side assistance.

remember words of La-tzu Jones:

“you’re only as alive
as you think you are.”

have a nice trip!

Amazon pow-wow

in 5 million years - no more humans;
only robots on planet Earth.

one day robots evolve, become biological:
real skin, teeth, hair, eyes, ears, heart.

robot leader says, “Welcome to New World Order;
robots are now Human Beings!”

robots convene giant celebration, drink wine, sing songs.
9 months later, many new Human Beings.

in Amazon jungle, emergency meeting of animals:
“Big trouble,” says Toucan. “The humans are back!”





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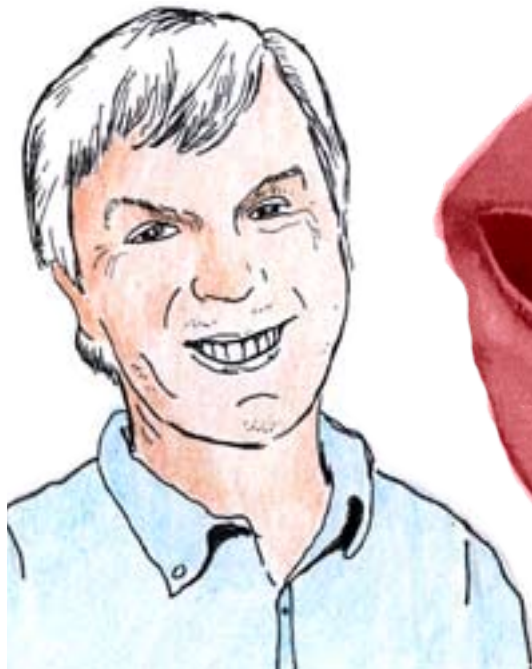
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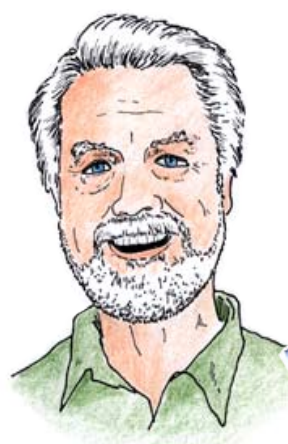


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Everybody else gets
a green alien and
we get a fuschia
extraterrestrial!

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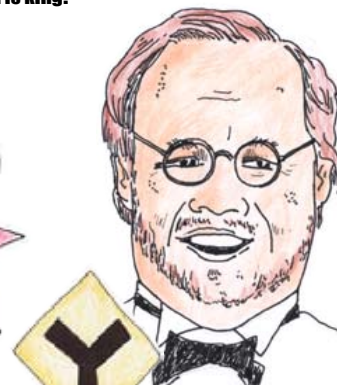
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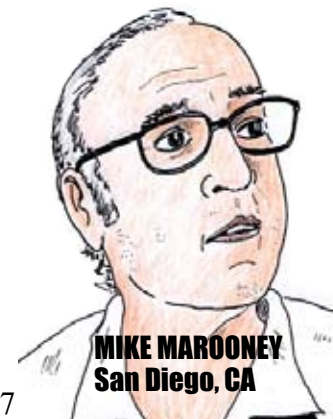
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