

Every day a new city, a new IHOP. And yet every night the dreams get worse. I ply the highways, a nervous eye on the rear-view mirror, the back seat piled with stolen menus. Their doors are opened 24 hours, but forever closed to my soul. This is what my life has become. This is my hell.

INTERNATIONAL

HOUSE OF PANCAKES

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Four pancakes filled with sliced fresh banana and crowned with cool strawberry topping, more¹⁷ bananas and²³ whipped topping.

¹⁷Driven by a nameless fear, a whisper in the dark behind me, I flee ahead of I know not what. Whenever I turn, there's nobody behind me. And yet someone is clearly stealing the ketchup. WHY?



Stuffed French Toast

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Cinnamon raisin French¹⁸ toast stuffed with sweet cream cheese filling, topped with cool strawberry or your choice of fruit compote and whipped topping.

¹⁸Nightmares again. I wake up covered in sweat, and what seems to be a thin sheen of maple syrup.

WHO IS MOHAWK GIRL?



Rooty Jr.

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A kids only¹⁹ version of our [house](#) signature Rooty Tooty. One scrambled egg, one strip of bacon, one pork sausage link and one fruit-topped buttermilk pancake.

¹⁹The decision not to hyphenate "kids only" is likely connected to the omission of the serial comma. I wonder if the author is British. I wonder if he sleeps at night.

²³My life is feeding, fleeing, fighting, and forgetting.



Ham & Egg Melt

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Grilled sour-dough bread stuffed with ham, scrambled eggs, Swiss and American cheeses.²⁰

²⁰Ordered this at an IHOP in Rochester, New York. There was blood on the floor. Some of it was mine.

ENOUGH WITH YOUR PANCAKES

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Rise 'N Shine

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Two eggs, toast and hash browns served with your choice²¹ of two strips of bacon or two pork sausage links.

²⁵rent a storage unit. Sleep there. Fill it with pancakes. Leave.



The Big Steak Omlette

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Tender strips of steak, hash browns, tomatoes and Cheddar cheese. Served²² with [house](#) salsa.

²²Woke up in Las Vegas. They're closing the Star Trek Experience today. The IHOP up the strip had pancake platters named after various states. None of them sounded like home.

Fuck it. I'm just going to Waffle House.

THIS IS A PARODY OF THE FASCINATING BOOK HOUSE OF LEAVES.