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In This Situation

You are who you imagine yourself to be in this situation. Until you get caught. After that, you're forever restringing the banjo, forever

staffing EZ bake ovens across the nation's college campuses. No, the edge has not been taken but the sentiment has been embraced. Cornfields

embrace the largest airforce base imaginable. You are the cornfields in this situation, forever thumping, forever shucking. Don't act alarmed

at the appropriation: the discovery of mendacity happens at drag shows across the nation's college campuses. The back room holds

secrets both immortal & nonplussed. It is better to leave the light off. You are the dollar bills in this situation. It has become

spectacle and the nation's college campuses fill accordingly. Tell your roommate you carry a blade in your boot heel & that he

has one week to change his name. Young men shave their privates across the nation's college campuses. You are the straight razor

in this situation. He will spend his nights chasing ladders, throwing smoke. Throwing knives comes naturally

when faced with objective fallacy. A felony is a production. A conviction is the lie agreed upon.