They stared at me,
one eyed,
from behind barred doors,
row on row—
monocular monkeys!

Each, an eye enucleated,
its socket filled with putty—
a catheter protruding,
tapping the brain of its juices.
Monocular, row on row,
each grimaced,
jumped up and down,
rattled her cage as I passed;
and I thought it our nature
to do whatever
needed.

This was years ago,
yet they visit me still
when I see the name X
and read his work.

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