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## Lunch-Out

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A stone-faced waitress  
with a florescent red shirt  
threw the menu in my direction,  
anticipating a quick reply.  
A syrupy table cloth held the menu in place  
along with my water glass and arm.  
Gazing at the menu,  
I decided a salad would be safe.  
As the waitress curtly turned away,  
I noticed a man standing erect on a chair  
toying with an illuminated light tube  
twisted tightly inside a wire mesh cage  
suspended from the ceiling.  
He swung open a small trap door,  
allowing room for his hand to search its contents.  
A subtle buzzing sound  
grew louder  
as the flies were scraped out  
one by one,  
becoming an unappetizing seasoning for my salad.