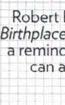
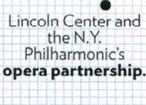
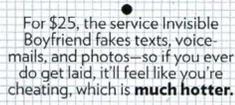
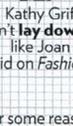
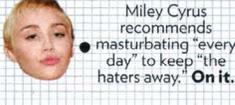
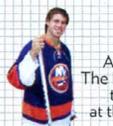


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DESPICABLE	<p>● Shelly's allegedly ill-gotten <b>silver</b>.</p>  <p>● Anybody remember where we put the Empire State Building? Oh, right, it's <b>hidden</b> behind those new super-tall condos.</p> 	<p>Appropriation opprobrium: Court rules that artist Luc Tuymans <b>plagiarized</b> his painting of a sweaty politician from a news photo.</p> 	<p>● Listen to <i>Birdman!</i> British Psychological Society report says that <b>hearing voices</b> isn't necessarily a sign of psychosis.</p> 	<p>Velázquez <b>drag show</b>: Yasumasa Morimura's self-portraits as characters from <i>Las Meninas</i> at Luhring Augustine.</p> 	
	<p>On MLK Day, <b>Dinesh D'Souza</b> compared himself to MLK.</p>  <p>Merle Fox News might <b>get itself sued</b> by Paris over its report of Sharia-run Parisian “no-go zones.”</p> 	<p>Front-page <i>Times</i> report reveals how <b>mad</b> food scientists are torturing cows and sheep to feed our meat greed.</p> 	<p>● Lisa Moore playing <b>Philip Glass</b> at (L) Poisson Rouge.</p> 	<p>The <b>marvelous</b>, minimalist staging of <i>The Woodsman</i>.</p> 	<p>Rachel Cusk's captivating, <b>hazy</b> <i>Outline</i>.</p> 
	<p>The <b>cringe-worthy</b> Twitter follies of those coddled Davos douchebags.</p> 	<p>The developer of 1,421-foot-tall 111 West 57th Street wants to build it without union labor. That's gonna require an <b>XXL inflatable rat</b>.</p> 	<p>Andy Grotelueschen's <b>delightful cow</b> at the Roundabout's zippy, stage-not-screen version of <i>Into the Woods</i>.</p> 	<p>Robert Beachy's <i>Gay Berlin: Birthplace of a Modern Identity</i>: a reminder that <b>acceptance</b> can also go in reverse.</p> 	
	<p>Disneyland measles outbreak linked to <b>goofy</b> vaccination-avoidant parents.</p> 	<p>Lincoln Center and the N.Y. Philharmonic's <b>opera partnership</b>.</p> 	<p>Bill Loehfelm's <b>lyrical</b> <i>Doing the Devil's Work</i>, set in the seedy bayous of New Orleans.</p> 	<p>Taylor Mac tears up an exhausting (for him <b>not for you</b>) tour of pop music from 1900 to 1950 at New York Live Arts.</p> 	
	<p>The <b>Selma</b> snub.</p> 	<p>Ken Schles's pics of the <b>pre-Instagram</b> boho East Village at Howard Greenberg Gallery.</p> 	<p>Lincoln Center and the N.Y. Philharmonic's <b>opera partnership</b>.</p> 	<p>BRILLIANT</p>	
	<p>The <b>Lego</b> Movie snub.</p> 	<p>Jodie Dallas would be <b>very disappointed</b> in Billy Crystal.</p> 	<p>This Keith Haring sculpture on Astor Place keeps kicking people who are walking while <b>texting in the head</b>.</p> 	<p>Björk gets sad like a regular <b>human</b> on her breakup album <i>Vulnicura</i>.</p> 	
	<p>Lutz Bachmann, a leader of Germany's anti-Muslim Pegida group, styled himself as <b>Hitler</b> on Facebook.</p> 	<p>Does Leviticus, the club on <i>Empire</i>, have a <b>kosher</b> kitchen?</p> 	<p>The Civilians' <b>penetrating</b> porn musical <i>Pretty Filthy</i>.</p> 	<p><i>Doctor Who</i>, and other BBC fare, staying on Netflix after all.</p> 	
	<p>That <b>crumbling</b> old garage that housed Chelsea's big flea market was torn down.</p> 	<p>For \$25, the service Invisible Boyfriend fakes texts, voice-mails, and photos—so if you ever do get laid, it'll feel like you're cheating, which is <b>much hotter</b>.</p> 	<p>● Majid Jordan's “Forever” is good for <b>dancing about to</b>.</p> 	<p>Raury's <b>yearning</b>, post-Ferguson-serious “Fly.”</p> 	
	<p>Kathy Griffin just can't <b>lay down the law</b> like Joan Rivers did on <i>Fashion Police</i>.</p> 	<p>The \$8,800 Alexander Wang beanbag is not filled with <b>shredded \$100 bills</b>.</p> 	<p>● Kevin Hart's <b>cute</b> spin on Bushwick gentrification on <i>SNL</i>.</p> 	<p>Dandy's <b>dandy death</b> in the <i>American Horror Story: Freak Show</i> finale.</p> 	
	<p>For some reason, people keep <b>shooting</b> in Chris Brown's vicinity.</p> 	<p>Kim Kardashian's <b>booby</b> book cover.</p> 	<p>La Guardia might <b>finally</b> get an AirTrain.</p> 	<p>All hail <b>hockeytown!</b> The Islanders are in first and the Rangers in third at the NHL All-Star Break.</p> 	
	<p>Isaac Mizrahi debating with a QVC host whether the moon is a <b>planet or a star</b>.</p> 	<p>Need a new <b>revenue stream</b>? Airpnp app lets strangers pay to use your toilet.</p> 	<p>Miley Cyrus recommends <b>masturbating</b> “every day” to keep “the haters away.” <b>On it.</b></p> 	<p>Modest Mouse's “Coyotes” video: Seems Portland, Oregon's light-rail system is <b>coyote-commuter-friendly</b>.</p> 	
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