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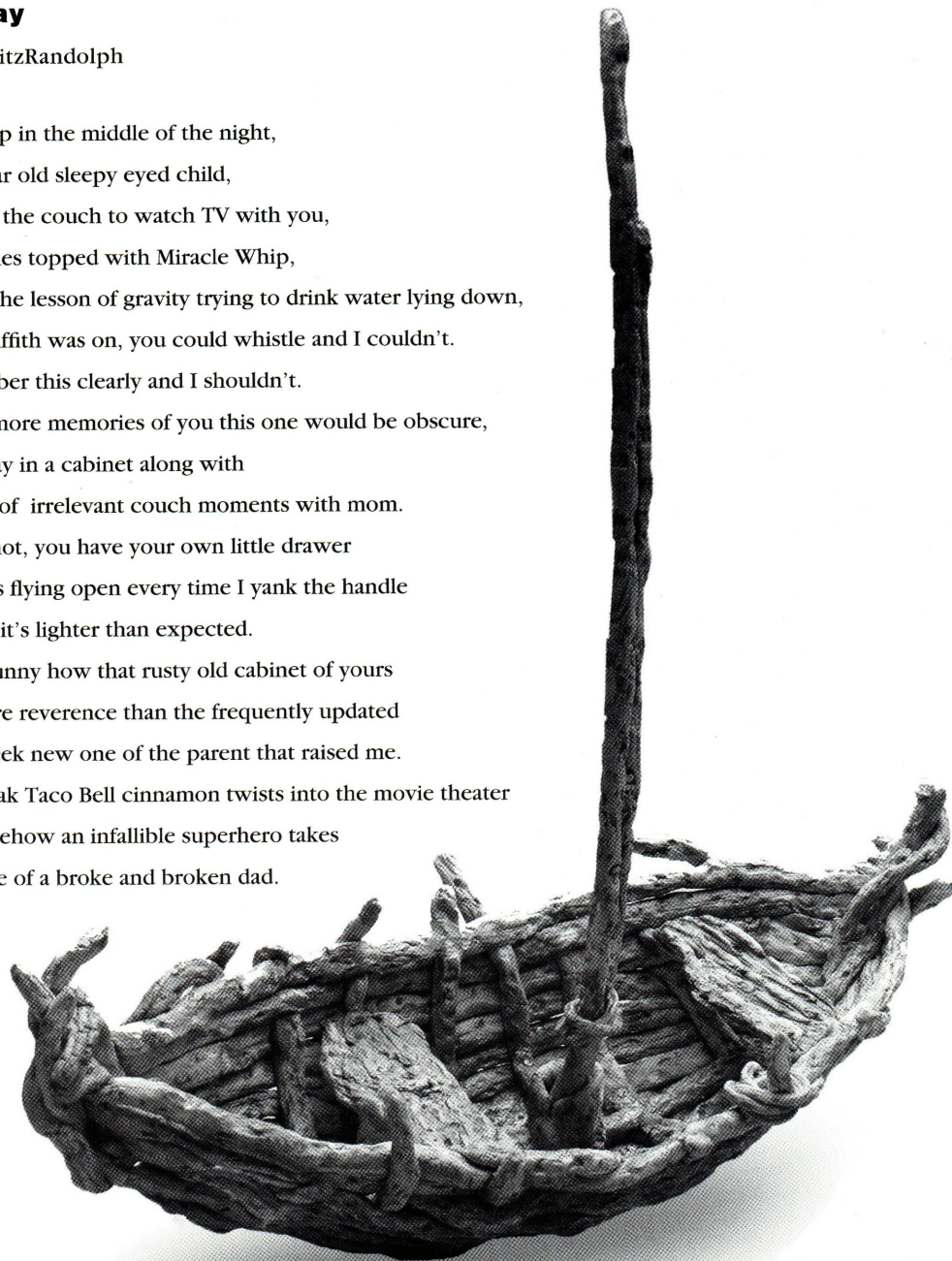
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I woke up in the middle of the night,  
a five year old sleepy eyed child,  
snuck to the couch to watch TV with you,  
ate Saltines topped with Miracle Whip,  
learned the lesson of gravity trying to drink water lying down,  
Andy Griffith was on, you could whistle and I couldn't.  
I remember this clearly and I shouldn't.  
If I had more memories of you this one would be obscure,  
filed away in a cabinet along with  
millions of irrelevant couch moments with mom.  
But it's not, you have your own little drawer  
that goes flying open every time I yank the handle  
because it's lighter than expected.  
Isn't it funny how that rusty old cabinet of yours  
gets more reverence than the frequently updated  
shiny sleek new one of the parent that raised me.  
You sneak Taco Bell cinnamon twists into the movie theater  
and somehow an infallible superhero takes  
the place of a broke and broken dad.



**MY FATHER'S SHIP** Patricia Keller