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She's a loopy scientist, randomly selecting lab rats,
Throwing them in her maze.
I'm up next.
Driven by the smell of cheese,
a primordial urge
concocted by my significantly
Insignificant reptilian brain,
I search for my trap.

She's a boring hot chick.
She blabbers on, spilling her secrets,
But I'm not listening. All I see is how sweet
Her lips will taste at the end of the date.
But it's far from sweet.
It's damp, sticky, and uncomfortable,
Like having to walk ten miles back to camp
In Jezzine, Lebanon with water in my shoes,
Because Fadi thought it would be "fun" to jump
In a puddle that turned out to be a couple feet deeper than anticipated.

She's a grandmother drinking tea on the porch,
Watching the sunrise every morning.
She tends to her garden, reads her favorite book again,
and cooks for her grandkids.
"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

The strong tides of dreams and aspirations pulled me too deep
Into my own head.
I smother my pride in ketchup, so
it'll taste better as I swallow it.
The knowledge of my ignorance takes the wheel,
Blasting "just enjoy the ride" on repeat,
As my hopes jump feet first into the next puddle,
Maybe this one's not two feet too deep.



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