

Limericks

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The last dim-witted US president called Bush
believed that oil was an animal from Kush.
He sent the entire US army to find it.
The generals explained how they crept up behind it.
The US 7th Cavalry guard said, "Sir, it's tied up in the yard."

There was once a conman from Nigeria
who sought to profit from bird-flu hysteria.
He mass-mailed a letter claiming control of the weather,
but he vanished with his forecasting-balloon over Liberia

There once was a captain on a tanker,
who thought that his land-lubbing boss was a wanker.
At dusk, noon and dawn all the office-worker did was yawn.
So the mariner chained his, er, knee to the anchor.

There once was a sous-chef called Neil,
Who was a particular dab-hand with raw veal.
To catch a pretty waitress' eye
he stuck his meat in a pie.
But Neil's meaty trick screwed the rest of that meal.

There once was a frog from Bolton,
who had only three legs, and no scrotum.
It was when he jumped down
that his balls rolled on the ground.
And now he won't venture out in the open.

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Mutilation Murders

The torso of a black child has been discovered in London's Kensington Gardens. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne and his men quickly discover that the boy was a victim of a ritualistic killing. At Heathrow airport a second child, Jubulani, and his mother disembark from their plane. On his arrival in London Jubulani is kidnapped. A Ju Ju witchdoctor in South London is preparing the new child, Jubulani, to be sacrificed. Hawthorne is racing against time to save the boy.

Midwinter's Children

Georg, a nine-year-old street child, has been captured by human traffickers from Moscow and is about to be sold to a child pornography ring in Amsterdam. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne, from Suffolk CID, is on the case...

The Black Daimler

Nexus, a London-based Chinese dissident, learns that his friend was found with an axe embedded in his head. As more of his politically active associates die, he becomes involved in a frantic struggle to understand and defeat the threat to himself and his organisation.

The Expendability Doctrine

Oil tycoon Keith Connors is found dead in the garden of his villa; undoubtedly the work of a pro. His ex-wife flees to Libya, where she is linked to the brutal murder of the White House Trade Representative. In his investigations, Inspector Hawthorne discovers a sinister web of treachery and greed in the international oil business.

The Devil's Brothers

Catherine Bronston, a fifteen-year-old girl, is snatched outside her local swimming pool. The kidnappers, ruthless Albanian mafiosi, issue a ransom demand containing dismembered body parts. Catherine's father fears that the ongoing police investigation could reduce the possibility of her being found alive.

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