24 Ways to Plead Not Guilty to Charges of Lighting Ladyfingers in One’s Nose

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¹24 being the number of eggs in a dozen prior to a baker’s meddling hands, fearsome and anti-arithmetic. Also the number of hours in a non-Ramadan day in Western Hemisphere. The poet is 24 years old, skinny.

²Way: which, the, no, all, al+s, side, long, millions of, evil, crooked, mysterious.


⁸One’s not as prime as you think.
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of Lighting\textsuperscript{7} Ladyfingers\textsuperscript{8} in One’s\textsuperscript{9} Nose\textsuperscript{10}

\textsuperscript{3}Pete pleads for pleats in pants. Pants’ pleats plead for iron. Iron wheezes water, distilled. Burned into stomachs.

\textsuperscript{4}Not ever going back to that place where the Indian grabbed my penis in the shower, shaved my testicles, frowned at me, invited me to his home after Mosque. Failure to tie the Not. Gradations of negativity. Opposites reach one another at the most extreme points of each’s being, ice burns hot, laughter yields tears, hate soothes like love burning, yin swims into yang. Where then does mathematics allow for the morphing of opposites. Negative numbers move infinitely negative. There is no extreme to be met. Answer: positive is not negative’s opposite.

\textsuperscript{7}Lighting one’s face with green phosphorescent freckles ripped from lightning bugs’ butts stick nicely under eyes not so well on teeth run around backyard hoping for ufos at very least airplanes

\textsuperscript{8}Bismi-Allah Al-Rahman Al-Raheem. Shove those fuckers way up there. Smells of sulfur and paper. Tiny cilia fuse protruding. Smile that Salat smile. This is gonna hurt.

\textsuperscript{10}Using scientific method one can deduce that the Sphinx once had a nose, now deteriorated by time, erosion, canons. Apply scientific theory: a series of disproof always in flux. Nothing is proven. Little holds a scent.