

# 13 phantasmagoric floats appearing in the Bird King's Chimeric Carnival

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**1. Days of Innocence**

Fluorescent maggot men dance the flamenco.

**2. The Eyes of Medusa**

Pythons and immobile pole dancers in grey body paint.

**3. Golgotha**

A drunken mechanical Christ grinds your bones to make his bread.

**4. Big Ape Bollocks**

Alpha males slug it out in a cage made of the bones of the beaten beta men.

**5. The Other Side of the Mirror**

A Hell of revolving doors, with screaming Red Queens.

**6. The Triumph of Time**

Hands pointing to blank faces, numbers crashing down.

**7. The Dark Room**

Thousands of photos of an empty bed.

**8. The Mannequin**

A smashed window in a department store display.

**9. Punching Judy**

A shrieking bride clobbers her red-nosed husband.

**10. The Bald Prima Donna**

A fireman, leaping from the window of an invisible house.

**11. The Cocoon**

A gigantic filing cabinet shakes violently, as if something inside is trying to get out.

**12. Capitalism Makes Happiness**

Play-Doh recreations of disaster zones.

### **13. Limbo Dancers**

Grey shapes wavering, neither here nor there. The music has stopped. The crowds are vanishing.

