

Rotoscope and Character Animation Dialogue.

1. Do you ever wonder how many stars are in a tube of toothpaste before the cap falls down the drain?
2. Well . . . I never get the answer from my plate of spaghetti . . .
3. . . . and whenever I ask the meatballs, they just roll under the table as if they haven't seen a thing.
4. Of course, we all know they're guilty. The trouble is, we don't know the crime.
5. Meanwhile, uppity little snails crawl up my fork as if they weren't boiled long enough.
6. Simply looking up at me with watery eyes and laughing . . . what a pity.
7. They laugh all the hair off my head.
8. Which only makes my grandmother, who, until now, was watering the cat with Cuban music, laugh.
9. And the cat laughs, and even my hair laughs. But I do not laugh.

10. I merely chuckle.

11. But I chuckle so loud as to raise all the clay ceiling tiles on the roof until they descend like something very musical.

12. And as I look up into the night sky where the roof once was . . .

13. I can only wonder how many holes God poked in the darkness to get all those stars.

14. Some of them laugh. Some play Yahtzee.

15. Some merely hold their silence . . . and shed their light.