

Locked Brakes on Blacktop

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When he drives the grain truck in, what the hell, parachutists in the trees! Cannot believe this shit he says, farming is not a spectator sport, used to be from seed to silo not much else but baloney sandwich damn hydraulics give out sometimes but not much else to pull attention, now black smoke blowing airhorns too brakes are locked and tires striping Florida blacktop jumpers out there silks aflutter standing right there in the deathwish lane I will do them in by hand if I jack-knife this old Peterbilt and live to get my hands on them. Sur-fucking-real he says, spits Red Man into a coffee can misses the sonofabitch.