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Augusto Monterroso, author of the book Mr. Taylor was a Guatemalan writer known for writing short, humorous and ironic stories. Born in Honduras in the early 1920s, he later moved to Guatemala City at the age of 15. Here he published his first short stories. He also began writing work opposing the dictatorship of Jorge Ovicho. Because of his objections, he was actually exiled to Mexico City in 1944. Even today, he is still considered one of the central figures in the boom generation in Latin America. To give a very brief summary of the story: Mr. Taylor moved to the Amazon and got a winced head. He sent it to his uncle in New York and eventually, he and his uncle began working with the government in the Amazon, buying these heads of jewelry and selling them overseas. Human heads... Of dead people... The demand of these heads became so great that eventually the government began killing people to obtain and produce these human heads to sell as decoration in the home of some eccentric New Yorker. Eventually, Mr. Taylor's uncle got his nephew's head. After reading this and trying to look deeper into it, I began to wonder if this story was metaphorical or allegorical. Some writers write literature just because; However, many writers write deliberately or perhaps an ulterior motive. After reading Monterroso's experience with the dictatorship in Guatemala, I began to wonder if this story was connected in any way. Did he try to tell people in Guatemala about the dictator's abominable actions? After all, he was exiled to Mexico only because he opposed Ovicho in one of his writings. Did he know anything about the government that no one else knew? Or was it something else? Remember, in the story, Mr. Taylor worked with the government to kill these people and get those heads. Was it Monterroso's way of telling people that the government is very deceiving and you have to be careful. You can work for them and help the dictator or whoever is responsible; And maybe all the time, you just serve to get what the leaders want. And when you're no longer needed, you become irrelevant. You're becoming more of an expense rather than an asset. And in the end, you're the one who's going to pay for your decisions. This story had a somewhat conclusive ending, but maybe some things you can learn from it: 1) Karma is real, people! Eventually, you'll get what you deserve. 2) You have to be careful when helping people because you can't trust anyone and many people use you just to their advantage. But, you know, maybe in the end, it was just a story. Maybe that's exactly what it looks like on the surface: just fiction. It's hard to say for sure whether Monterroso wrote it just because, or maybe he was trying to warn people, or expose the government. But regardless, it was an interesting story and at least we know it's possible Take a crisis and use creativity to turn this situation into a humorous story that will last forever. First published on June 1, 1984 research short story article by a Guatemalan writer who lived in MexicoGuatemala the last authentic democratic government under Jacobo Arbenz was shut down in a U.S.-backed coup in 1954. Since then there has been a succession of brutal military regimes and informal civilian governments. Violence against dissidents, and against indigenous people that 60% of Guatemala's population (for which integration into national life often means annihilation), reports that it has cost the lives of more than 150,000 people in the last 30 years; and in the 1980s it peaked under the regimes of reborn Generals Lucas Garcia and Christian Eros Montt. The latter ruled for 17 months in 1982-3, during which Amnesty International reported thousands of people killed by the military or army-controlled hit squads. In August 1983, Eros Montt was overthrown by his defence minister, Mejía Victors. Despite promises of reforms and elections, major murders and disappearances continued. In recent months the targets have been those considered a threat to cities - labor leaders, university staff and journalists. Augusto Monterroso, like Alda Popa, who also appears on this issue, is a Guatemalan intellectual who found it impossible to live and publish his writing in Guatemala. He lived in Mexico for many years, where his work is published by the editorial Joaquín Moritz, set up by someone who was himself a refugee from the Spanish Civil War, and adopted a courageous policy of publishing work by many Central American exiles. This story is taken from the collection *Obras Completas* (y otros cuentos) entire works (and other stories). From Augusto MonterrosoShort StoryView a picture of the - Mr. Taylor is bearded, blue-eyed, battered by the elements. A Boston homeless man in South America, he receives an intriguing gift from a salesman: a palm-sized, shriveled human head. It is standared by novelty, each of its pruned details perfectly preserved, counting the beard hairs and mustache one by one. He acquires a steady stream of these grisly products, and brokers a deal with the operation fighter and legislative pedantic, curfewing industrial quantities of dead meat to export north of the border. As the organization grows, the company's slurs become everywhere. Capitalism and the body trade become business partners. Bounty hunters are fully realized as mercenaries, their roles up to the title. Politicians fail to get enough thys to meet demand; The markets must be grazing by enthusiastically executing the death penalty and on the way to picking the sick. As the heads shrank, everything else grew: mass public panic, the death toll, and Mr. Taylor's wallet. Lyrics by Elizabeth BrownMr Taylor in the middle of the conversation, but we only hear one response before the speaker is taken from us. The quotation marks that settle his statement would have indicated an epigraph, if the sentence had not been ornate in half by an anigmatic expression, the other man said then. He plays no part in the story that follows, nor did they sell. We know nothing about them but their gender and affection for telling strange stories. They trade in case studies, with Monterroso's story considered less bizarre, though surely more explanatory than an unknown text. What characterizes we have left to decide. Monterroso's satirical container uses the side to great effect; Any acute, off-the-cuff observation is infereathed with connotations. When the writer argues that it is not necessary to call a local person's jump cat, he mocks those who might describe the tribe members as vital, but he is the one who presents the comparison. When incompetent doctors are nominated for Nobel Prize precisely because they fail to cure patients, we understand that every society has people celebrating for turning a blind eye to exploitation. Mr. Taylor, they don't stay with big heads for long. Words by John Wadsworth You can read Mr Taylor, translated by Larry Nolan, here. Nolan also wrote an article about the story for the bizarre fiction review, and more about translating the story into an OF blog. Below is another full story by Augusto Monterroso, the dinosaur, given in the original Spanish and commonly translated into English. Cuando Desperpeto, el Dinosaur Todavía Estaba Alley, When he woke up, the dinosaur was still there. Is exploitable art ever forgiven? Share your thoughts on Facebook, Patreon or Twitter if he takes advantage of the self, or manipulates his consumer, yes. If she exploits the vulnerable to the artist's pride or consumer's love, no- Lisa McInerney, author of The Magnificent Heresy (through abstract -) The arrival of Spanish conquistadors in the New World in the late 15th century triggered an era of violence, oppression and settlement throughout 1898. Supreme colonization changed and reinvented in the name of neo-colonialism under the guise of international politics written with the intention of controlling the entire Western Hemisphere. The economic, social and political systems borne by the Spanish, and later the Americans in the post-colonial era, are still palpable in Cuban and Guatemalan culture. Most notably, the considerable effects in the United States imposed economic paternalism, which had such an impact on Latin American nation states that many of their economies became inevitable from modern American policy. Indeed, the exploitation of labor, resources and bodies in the region has shaped a landscape of political repression and economic dependence that seems permanent and uncontrollable in the neoliberal world order. Guatemalan writer Augusto (1921-2003) and Cuban writer Zulma de la Rave Fernandez (1979), nonetheless challenging the capitalist system and exposing its implications in two short stories titled Mr. Taylor (1959) and In Aylando an la Claridad (Dancing in the Light) (2013). Although the stories have been published in different countries and spans half a century, they share a goal - to expose the post-colonial economic system that exploits Latin American peoples centuries after the arrival of the Spanish Empire. Bailando en la Claridad and Mr. Taylor are characterized by three main themes: their character agency (or lack thereof), the presence of commodity fetishism as a motif, and the violence inherent in the global and post-colonial capitalist system. Bailando en la Claridad and Mr. Taylor are allegorical texts not only written by imperialist countries and neoliberal economic forces, but also the sources of power within Cuba and Guatemala that share the exploitation of the resources and bodies of their families. By conversing biting social criticism through their use of allegory, the authors invite their readers to explore the connections between the imperialist era in a colorful way and the oppressive contemporary economic and social systems in Cuba and Guatemala. Augusto Monterroso was born in Honduras in 1921 and grew up in Guatemala. He moved to Mexico in 1944, where he began receiving recognition and praise for his writing. He later returned to Guatemala to work as an advisor to the government, but was exiled to Chile a year later in 1954 when Jacobo Arbenaz's administration fell. Monterroso returned to Mexico, where he stayed until his death in 2003 and went on to write and receive critical acclaim. He won the prestigious Mexican Literary Award in the name of Xavier Villaurrutia, the prolific poet and playwright, for his works, including Obras Hashloas, his first book containing the short story Mr. Taylor. Monterroso is one of his country's best-known writers and although Mr. Taylor offers strong criticism of the government as well as the exploitation of the country for foreign interests, he has become an established part of the Guatemalan literary canon. Zulma de la Rave Fernandez was born in Havana in 1979. She began winning awards for her vocals in 2003, winning El Premio Unión Latino de Cuento. Her story Bailando en la Claridad, published in Como Riles de Ponte: Joven Narrativa Cubana (2013) A collection of young Cuban narratives compiled by Caridad Tamayo Fernandez. Bailando en la Claridad and Mr Taylor demonstrate resistance against the Rauten maintained by modern Cuban and Guatemalan regimes. The reign of the Caudillos or political strongmen, who first implemented this kind of oppression in Guatemala, began with the election of José Rafael Carerra in 1844, who maintained power until his death in 1865. In 1873, Rufino Barrios took over and imposed Miliandato's system, a process designed to subjugate the local population to exploit them as a workforce. It closely likened to the equivalent system of starvation of early Spanish forces in Cuba. The last two Cadillacs, Manuel Estrada Cabrera, who ruled from 1898 to 1920, and Jorge Ubiko, who ruled from 1931 to 1944, allowed U.S. economic interests into the country, including the United Fruit Company in 1906 and the Central American International Railway (Calvert 89). In 1944, Francisco Arana and Jakovo Arbanaz led a coup that ousted Jorge Ovito, and two years later Juan José Arbenol won free democratic elections. Arbenol, as a socialist, admired president Franklin Delano Roosevelt's social progress and did to create an infrastructure to support agrarian reform that returned land from foreign companies. After Arbenol's death in 1950, Jacobo Arbanec was elected his successor. Although he was not a communist, he also intended to redistribute money and land to help the most marginalized and poorest members of the community (Calvert 78). As a result of the threat to U.S. economic interests, President Eisenhower sent Alan Dulles and CIA members to Guatemala to oust Arbanec and Carlos Castillo Armas as president in 1954. Although the mission was robust, the U.S. Embassy openly supported the new regime and donated \$80 million to install the new government. Castillo Armas turned land reform and Guatemala quickly returned to an outdated colonial system under a totalitarian regime (Calvert 80). Like many Guatemalan writers and intellectuals during this period, Augusto Monterroso was exiled to Chile and forced to criticize this oppression from afar. Cuban writers have also faced oppression. In 1959, Fidel Castro and Ernesto Che Guevara led the overthrow of U.S.-backed military dictator Fulgeny Batista. The new government immediately declared its Marxist-Leninist political stance and began to take over the country's culture and economy (Perez 262). Many academics and right-wing elites fled the country as the immediate threat of incarceration and censorship under the new regime grew. About half of the island's teachers and professors emigrated, but still Castro's government intended to grow and improve the country's education system (Perez 284). Using grass-roots efforts to exponentially increase the country's literacy rate, the government simultaneously initiated a system of censorship that continued into the 21st century. Castro's regime also found a new economic partner The union, which lasted until the fall of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw State Of Warsaw in 1991. Cuba remained the final bastion of communism, but without allies failed to continue its effort of importing its main commodities. The country has been caught up in an economic crisis known as the Special Period, which has been marked by a lack of resources for ten years. Combined with censorship, the lack of paper has made publishing increasingly difficult. As Luis Perez noted, in 1991 the Cuban Book Institute announced a 50% reduction in new degrees. Then, a long backlog of new fictional and nonfiction titles brought the home publication of new literary works to a virtual halt (306). Even since the end of the special period, the publication of new literature, especially works containing such biting reviews of the Cuban government, has been difficult. Writers like Zulma de la Rave Fernandez often encounter problems with accessibility and funding due to post-colonial socio-cultural and economic heritage. Zulma de la Rave Fernandez functioning as a criticism of her country, as seen from the point of view of a young woman confronting Yuma Fajigas or a sticky or sticky stranger. It uses this phrase that carries a connotation similar to that of a gringo in other Central and South American countries and uses this day as a dynamic representation of post-colonial economic exploitation. The day is characterized as an ominous European embodiment of the patriarchy during the settlement of Cuba. The narrator's opposition to his sexual advances serves as an allegory for opposing neo-colonial economic policies led by young Cubans in an increasingly globalized world. De La Sese Fernandez criticizes not only foreign powers seeking to exploit the Cuban people, but also Cuba itself by representing him as a woman who is forced to sell its value for material goods that are inaccessible to her due to the economic and political climate. These themes bear a striking resemblance to those on display in Mr. Taylor. Augusto Monterroso presents a capitalist machine that threatens the livelihoods of indigenous people and indigenous citizens, built by foreign investors but maintained by local leaders. He describes this neo-colonial threat as Mr. Percy Taylor himself, an American visitor to his anonymous Amazonian village. The author describes him as a rather flat figure because, because of his social status as an American extra-outsider, he is able to use post-colonial power structures to exploit the city's bodies and resources. Monterroso writes: In 1944 he made his South American debut, in the Amazon region, living with native tribesmen whose name is not necessary to remember (348). Thus he begins his story with a ambiguity that emphasizes the theory of national allegory that Freddie Jameson suggests. By making this definition than land Monterroso effectively uses the allegoria to The economic and political struggle felt by many Latin American countries, including his own. His introduction paints Mr. Taylor as a representation of the pathetic Yankee. Because of his dark circles and erroneous aspect of controversy, he soon became known there as the 'poco gringo'. (348) Without a home or money he receives little attention from the villagers, but very quickly, simply due to neo-colonial social structures, he receives a gift which he uses in turn to take advantage of them. Themes of ethnicity, race, and power are intimately related as Fernandez analyzes through allegory. Post-colonial theory not only includes the struggle to dismantle structures that oppress people marginalized in occupied countries, but also combines the perpetuating effects of economic and social dominance maintained by countries such as Spain and the United States. In the case of Cuba as mentioned by Paul Sutton, the cultures that came by way of the African slave trade combined with that of spanish conquistadors establish a different society from other Central and South American countries (52). The particular identity of the Caribbean, Sutton writes, lies in the history of colonial exploitation through slavery and a sugar plantation, and the written development of a multiracial Creole society divided by ethnicity, color and class (52). The social division that remained after the colonial era was primarily due to questions of race, remnants of slavery. Class divisions along the same lines were also in Guatemala where indigenous peoples made up the majority of the lower class. The Spaniards did not allow them to purchase land, or consequently capital, a systemic issue that was criticized by mr. Taylor's friends and in Alando en la Claridad. Maria Laguna explores the issues of race, patriarchy, capital and power in her discussion of the colonialism of gender. It portrays the post-colonial power structure that maintains gender, political and racial-based social, political and economic hierarchies as linked to systematic violence being carried out against those who reject said hierarchies, including the number in Bailando an la Claridad and city dwellers in Mr. Taylor. Both authors use allegoria, and especially in the case of Monterroso humor, to turn their stories into representations of life in their countries. This phenomenon, according to the theoretical definition proposed by Frederick Jameson, could be classified as a national allegory, although its parameters for inclusion in this category of literature have been a topic of discussion because of their xenophobic connotations. The idea that any text produced by a writer from an underdeveloped country, according to Jameson, must serve as an allegory for the nation's socioeconomic status has been criticized by various academics, including Avram Alper. Jameson includes most of Asia, Africa and Latin America by definition Third World. Although the classification of what falls into the Third World category has been vigorously contested, this setting gives me an excellent way to use an allegory as used by Monterroso and Wanda La Rúa Fernandez. Indeed, our need for sympathy for these often non-modern Third World texts is itself often, but disguises a deeper fear of the affluence about how people actually live in other parts of the world (Jameson 66). It must be said that many readers in North America may feel as they do Mr. Taylor or Bailando en la Claridad stems from the discomfort of dealing with the colonial heritage that the characters are experiencing. One of the most prominent legacies in post-colonial countries is the exploitation of the bodies of their citizens, including the number in Biendolo an la Claridad and indigenous city dwellers in Mr. Taylor. Biliana Kasic comments on the idea of body-scapes and the system of selling them as commodities. The female space is a body, as we know that every binary dichotomy is created and relies on; And secondly, related to the very concept of spatialization, the problem relies on the woman's textuality as a space or a disposable space for the masters and whose physical and social scope so gets under dominant rule rewrote and re-described through combinations of social attitudes and mental subjectivity. (Kasic) Although Xi excludes men in her settings for occupied body views, Maria Laguna includes fringe groups, including people of color and the types of colonial oppression they experience in her surgical race, gender and power. When she sees gender and race hierarchies of power as intrinsically linked, I would argue that Kasic's theory could also be applied to the indigenous victims in Mr. Taylor. The act of selling the bodies of these marginalized citizens falls into the category of commodity fetishism or global change of cultural difference according to Graham Hagan (vi). Hagen intends to find the idea of fetishism of commodities in the field of post-colonial theory and refer it to literature produced in post-colonial countries. Both stories work with this theoretical intersection. They use different but related examples of post-colonial heritage to visit their respective cultures. Themes of sex, body landscapes, and power to control Bailando en la Claridad and their intersections are also evident in Mr Taylor. In particular, both authors describe these complex and dynamic nodes through agency questions of their characters. Monterroso and Wanda La Rúa Fernandez play their characters mainly through the lens of the socioeconomic class, portraying the agency as a direct attack on the capitalist system. The power of the marginal character is the reader's. Confronting post-colonial heritage. These stories function as allegories representing the relationship between agency and capital in every country in the region, subject to the same treatment under Spanish colonial rule and U.S. neo-colonial foreign policy. Because Mr. Taylor lacks capital, he is unable to pay when a poor native tries to sell him a shrinking head; However, the indigenous man is ashamed that he has not learned enough English to communicate with Mr Taylor. Mr. Taylor's place in the post-colonial hierarchy due to his whiteness gives him agency, even though he lacks capital at first, allowing him to enjoy post-colonial power dynamics. Mr. Taylor decides to send his head to his uncle, Mr. Rolston, a man of great interest in the cultural expressions of the Latino people, (349) and surprised by his uncle's reaction; Mr. Rolston asks that he send five more. Suddenly Mr. Taylor and his uncle start a business that leads to increased wealth and, consequently, agency. To convince local leaders of the legitimacy of the business he is branding it as an ideal opportunity to grow the city's economy, it takes little effort to convince the executive warrior and legislative idol doctors that such patriotic action will briefly enrich the community (349). The parallel between this business venture and that of the United Fruit Company in Guatemala is clear and Monterroso takes advantage of the anonymity of a city whose name does not need to be remembered (348), in order to mask its interpretation a little. In this business, Mr. Taylor is using his agency to build a system of capitalist consumption that even he can't stop. As demand from New York increases, Mr. Taylor and the government are accused of disappearing production. In order to compensate for this administrative impairment, it was necessary to take heroic measures and the severe death penalty (350) was established. At this moment Monterroso is completely changing the tone of the narrative, focus shifting from those who enjoy post-colonial power structures to those who don't. This is not done in changing the perspective from the heterodiegetic narrative voice, one that does not directly participate in the plot, but with the first mention of how this business affected the community. The same man was lined a small sum, executed on the spot by the army, who sent his head to society and, it is fair to say, the trunk and limbs to the bereaved (350). Monterroso presents to the reader the image of victims who have no authority or authority over their lives, whose bodies are sold for the good of the government. The author represents much of the struggle to maintain control of a postcolonial society from the perspective of neocolonialists, only shifting the focus for a moment as the plot progresses. Zulma de la Rúa Fernandez however, shows this fight exclusively from the side of a victim fights to keep her own agency. The narrative voice in Biendolo an la Claridad is homodiegetic, with the speaker actively participating in her narrative, and dictating. The reader experiences the plot solely through an internal monologue. From the early moments of the story, the narrator identifies himself as a member of a marginally marginalized community and identifies the day as a fixture in the neo-colonial economic system. Like Mr. Taylor, at the beginning of the story, those with money have an agency, including the day that shows up at your house, drooping over your mother, giving you candy, cosmetics (117). He spends money just to show that he can exert control over women less intelligent than the number. The author also characterizes the day using pet spellings that emphasize his unmistakable Castile Spanish accent, come on, baby, let's given (118). He mentions an occupier who comes with material things to acquire the women he meets. This characterization functions as a key allegory for foreign economic interests who want to acquire Cuba's culture. The day serves as a foil for the narrator and as a criticism of the system that exploits women who don't have enough resources and an agency to free themselves from financial manipulation. The narrator characterizes her world and socioeconomic status primarily through her neighborhood descriptions and the sides on which she meets the Yamas. It's getting boring in this neighborhood... So why not go to a party nearby, hang out with Yuma who thinks he's a bigger deal than he is (118). She describes her interactions with those people, who take you to eat risotto. (117) as a requirement to gain access to the material products that Cuba lacks during this period after the fall of the Soviet Union and during the embargo imposed by the United States. The city and these parties are tangible results of colonial rule, and mainly use the occupation of female sexuality in exchange for a separate camp of post-colonial economic order. The sticky day is an integral part of the geography of these gatherings, and its persistence in conquering the narrator as mirrors of its power over its agency serves as a representation of imperialist control. Eventually she's submissive, he convinces me, after everything I've come to this little party to hang out, (118) but realizes she's manipulating the day to convince him to buy her the material stuff she wants. Both the narrator and the day realize that the other is trying to win the game they created. However, it is the narrator who takes over the situation even though she has no capital and social status. I go to the middle of the room; I stop under the bare light to avoid risking any sense of intimacy, any ominous touches (118). The light is a physical manifestation of her agency. It represents security and power; in the light, she can choose to resist power. Forced upon her and regained ownership of her body. Among the post-colonial systems tested in Mr Taylor and Bailando en la Claridad is economic exploitation of bodies that in these cases can be classified as commodity fetishism. The stories relate to the consumption of exotic bodies, those of the other, a process that Monterroso blames on imperialism and neocolonial states that maintain this system of consumption. However, de la Route Fernandez criticizes not only Spain and the U.S. for perpetuating colonial heritage, but also Cuba. The characters in these narratives, including the local politicians in Mr. Taylor, and the number to some extent in Bailando en la Claridad, allow their culture and body to be sold in exchange for the luxury enjoyed by the elites of imperialist countries like a cold soft drink or an apartment in Miramar (Monterroso 249, de la Rúa Fernandez 117). They reduce the uniqueness of their culture to be sold on a global scale. Both authors make their characters a commodity to be sold and monetize their culture, in Mr. Taylor's country, of course, demand has continued to rise. New surrogates appeared every day, but deep down no one believed in them and everyone demanded the little heads from Latin America (351). The business continued to expand in the name of progress, to mimic the development of the places that purchase the heads. The city's elites are consuming American goods at a rate that reflects the consumption of lower-class heads by New York elites. Both cultures seek the exotic at the expense of marginalized populations, along with the definition of the basin for the fetishism of commodities, but ultimately the capitalist system consumes them all. The cyclical payment of bodies in exchange for exotic products is a critical issue in Biendolo en la Claridad. Although the women seem to sell their bodies at these neighborhood parties of their own free will, their exploitation of poverty stems from the socialist economic system that created a country that the number describes as blocked (117). There's nothing worse than this boring party, I think, while her clingy day asks me to dance over and over again. I'm sure he's planning the early spill he'll impose on me in the early hours of the morning. Because it seems to be 'yuma's specially addicted to these dark, white neighborhoods that came to these filthy Saturday night parties like rotten moths, with no other choice' (118). The narrator clearly acknowledges the cycle of being that captures the women. Changing their bodies as a cultural marker, the way these foreign visitors or yumas admire their exoticism, is directly related to post-colonial power structures that keep these women depressed. The narrator is well aware of the exploitation at the hands of the day, and is able to connect this effect to the root of the problem - poverty. Biliana Kasic comments on System, the global sex trade, especially through human trafficking as the most dramatic symbol, is a prime example that creates and includes large blurred areas and 'middle' transactions using, if able to use the fashionable word from the capitalist world, the 'economics of female sexuality'. The global marketplace that sells women's sexuality hides the exploitation of these women behind a veil of voyeurism. This sex trade, which approves neo-colonial power structures, is encouraging and actually cannot exist without, fetishism and goods. De la Rave Fernandez tries to shine a light on this problem and highlight its intersections with class and sex through violence caused by the day. Mr. Taylor's characters and key characterization of her day are derived from the periodic violence they provoke. Without a doubt, the day is the tool of violence that provokes the narrator's objections. The threat of sexual violence ever exists in her community and she spends her life maintaining a certain distance between her and the seamans who want to exploit her. Images of violence as a tool of oppression permeate every aspect of both stories and the two authors present the oppressed bodies as the only tool of resistance. Monterroso describes this link between violence and economic repression, with the drive reaching other subsidiaries (the closet industry, in particular, flourished with the company's technical assistance), the country entered, they said, a period of great economic growth (350). The author emphasizes the intimate relationship between economic success and the systematic killings of the city's residents, dictating the phenomenon as a structured function of capitalism itself. Although Mr. Taylor doesn't physically murder the city's citizens, his business is the only cause of their deaths. The narrator at Bailando an la Claridad is also familiar with the implicit link between violence and capitalism, as well as his role as a social code. [the others] can see us perfectly, dance under the bare light, and they know there's not much you can do when Yuma puts his hand on your ass. It's like a mark of property (120). Whenever a character in the margins in one of these texts works, they do so to avoid the danger of the post-colonial systems seeking to exploit them. Monterroso ends his story with two acts of violence that culminated: The arrival of the last shriveled head for Mr. Rolston, and his subsequent suicide. One hard, grey Friday, home from the payoff, still overwhelmed by the crying and by the unfortunate panic shown given by his friends, Mr. Rolston decided to jump through the window (instead of using a gun, whose noise filled him with horror) when, upon opening a mail package he found Mr. Taylor's shriveled head, brought back to him from far away the fierce Amazon, with the smile of a fake child who seemed to say 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again. (Monterroso 351) Literary Value Mr. Taylor's head is twofold: it represents the danger of capitalist consumption as well as the opposition to that consumption by a former agent on the sidelines. With the final act, Monterroso offers an interpretation of how his country's relationship with, and exploitation by, foreign powers will end. This interpretation was particularly relevant under the regime of Castillo Armas, which ended in civil war for more than thirty years (Calvert 105). Zulma de la Rave Fernandez's intentions with her final scene are unclear. The narrator quickly begins to realize that this particular day is different from others. She is unable to manipulate him, and although they are under the bull representing her agency and security, he continues to push her. Honey, he's interrupting, you're made of me. (120). As she senses the threat of increasing sexual violence, the narrator begins to invent diseases to untangle him, to no avail. At that moment she pulls, clip out her ponytail, (121) and stabs him in the stomach while looking anxiously, some fading away, some fading (121). The narrator simultaneously accepts the violence inherent in the capitalist system, rejecting it, and chooses to commit suicide as a last-ditch attempt to maintain her agency. Both stories end with suicide, an extreme act of violence and the final ready of the allegory presented by both De La Rave Fernandez and Monterroso. However, in Mr Rolston's case the act is derived from fearfulness while it can be clasped as an act of force and resistance in Bailando en la Claridad. The final scenes of the two narratives feature characters previously marginalized who use their bodies as resistance: the anonymous character and the healers who eventually send Mr. Taylor's head to his uncle, and the narrator who ends her life to avoid being the conquest of the day. These figures serve as the last stand against neo-colonial exploitation that threatens their cultures. They present two separate cases that successfully exploit their bodies and violence as a tool of resistance to the suppression of post-colonial systems commemorations. Augusto Monterroso and Z well-being De la Vera Fernandez successfully examine the hierarchies and power structures created by Spain and the United States. However, they also held their countries accountable for complicity in perpetuating such dangerous heritage. Referring to Perez, Luis. 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Much of the narrator's characterization comes through her tone and vocabulary, so that to maintain this element of the text I chose to translate quotes using ams and generally a neo-academic vocabulary to reflect the narrator's formality in her speech. I also chose to use English slang and profanity with connotations similar to those used in the original Spanish. 2) De la Vera Fernandez uses a gullible ingestment of certain words used to mimic the sound of an Iberia Spanish accent when building a dialogue between the day and the number. To achieve this central literary element, I chose to replace the original phonetic z, with a th sound, more familiar to an English-speaking audience as an Iber accent. Accent.

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