

Shopping Center World

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Everything is big and white

even the descendants of slaves

are allowed charge cards

General Market Forces moves in GI Joe

precision from pillar to post -- alert -- making

no wrong step using special arm signals

watching over those young girls whose

high-strung pubes resonate to a frequency

beyond the hearing of most humans

the catastrophic consequences of a

shift in consumer patterns is not lost

on our Hero the consummate logician

whose GDP deflater is the envy of the

Western world - O and He has spreadsheets

stylized multimedia presentations Dolby

surround sound

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In the core of the shopping

center universe densely packed

neutron stars dance cheek to cheek

wearing the latest in fashion

coordinates pulling avatars of each
other neuroses around by the nose
cloistered in faux-euro bistros
cannibal children eating their parents
from the inside out

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The fragrance person is a psychopath who
has infiltrated the perfume department
armed with some inscrutable poison.....

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The evidence has been amassed
this is the fourth dimension where
preference maps are the only guides
genetic material is passed
from one generation of shoppers
to the next in stylish bags
they know exotic rituals involving
neck ties and cinnamon buns, sporting
goods and leather products specially treated

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Pentagon City great synthesis
of commerce and death we worship
the persistence of your message
we stand in awe at the stamina of
your market power the manic shopper
in us all you help to flower

Quietly in early morning I dream
of waking in your bosom's gentle throw
to discover the clean day again
the polished tiles of eternal optimism
waiting for a new century to unfold
like lawn furniture 20% off