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I graduated from the *Strunk and White* School of Grammar
passed punctuation effortlessly.
Had every intention of pursuing
a degree in Coordinating Conjunctions.
I had a future, grammatically speaking.

Now, I'm just a comma whore.
I became reckless,
started buying punctuation multi-packs.

Pausing within sentences regularly,
intentionally, deliberately,

transitions hanging,
flirting with compound elements,
mixing sentence parts with promiscuity.

The note my teacher left me
implored me to address
the problem with decency.

Absolve myself
in a manner dignified.

Bless me father,
I have sinned.
For, I'm a comma whore.