

# XIV

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## HUMOR

Just for fun

or the reverse.

Try falsifying this: Humor mocks reality,  
social and moral reality, the kind of  
reality which, in the absence of a  
of a supernatural, necessarily has  
human architect s. Humor  
causes human institu- -tions  
to be modified, improved or destroyed, individuals  
to be informed, sometimes mortified, also sometimes  
destroyed, via toying with incongruities and the  
ridiculous, exposing failures to comprehend  
such boundaries,  
functioning on  
the author's side to elevate status.  
The jocular gossip  
of a good-natured,  
story-telling humor session makes  
everyone (?) feel better and laugh  
together, forming, stabilizing,  
and reinforcing coalitions,  
necessarily  
likely to be  
at least some-  
what exclusive,  
everyone in-  
volved  
seeking  
thereby to be  
gainers not losers.  
But contemplate falsifying this claim:  
No instance of humor has ever been relished  
universally: always, someone is the goat.