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Bedlam

30 x 24 x 1.5 in (h x w x d)

1440 USD

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Acrylic

for sale

This photorealistic work isolates a single expression at the edge of instability. Derived from an inverted photograph and rendered in a restricted palette of black and brown, the image compresses laughter and distortion into a moment that resists easy classification.

By stripping away natural color and limiting tonal range, the composition shifts from play toward unease. Shadows assert themselves. Features sharpen. What initially reads as spontaneous joy becomes something more ambiguous—an expression caught between release and excess.

The tight framing and exaggerated contrast force sustained looking. Details emerge gradually: the strain around the eyes, the tension in the mouth, the imbalance introduced through inversion



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and tonal restraint. Rather than resolving into narrative or explanation, the image maintains pressure, asking the viewer to remain with that tension without instruction.

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