

# Pull the Trigger <sup>SAM</sup> <sup>prevost</sup>

When you Pull the trigger on an animal you can't undo that bullet. Life will leave, But the Body stays unchanged still seeming alive But not moving or Blinking, nothing. They are still as warm and lifelike as the moments before, but that leaves.

It is quick and clean But the animals are so Resilient, they cling to the Roots of life until they can no longer hold.

When that last ounce of life leaves the mind and Body of the creature you feel such a connection to it, something Different, Different than a love connection, far deeper. It feels a part of you like you've gained knowledge of its life story, you have now written

A Part of the story, The end,  
of Its story. This animal is gone  
That fast, and you Relize it would  
Be the same to you.

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