

# ARCHETYPES



## TOM HUCK

*A no-bullshit conversation with a nationally recognized artist.*

### What is your current mood or state of mind?

Pissed off.

### What makes you happy?

Hanging out with my wife and kids. And, strippers, making my blocks and Jack Daniels.

### What is your idea of misery?

Academia.

### What did you eat for breakfast today?

I didn't.

### What's one word that describes you?

Impatient.

### What trait do you value most in others?

People who do what they mean and mean what they do.

### What's your favorite occupation?

Printmaker.

### Who would you most like to be?

Lemmy of Motörhead.

### What's your favorite color?

Black.

### What is your favorite food?

Deep fried pork chops.

### What food do you like the least?

Tofu. It's cubed snot.

### If you could have dinner with anyone (dead or alive), who would that be?

Genghis Kahn, because you wouldn't know what you'd get.

### What vice do you most tolerate in others?

Vanity—if that's a vice.

### What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I could play the guitar like Jimmy Hendrix.

### Who is your favorite artist?

Albrecht Dürer followed a closed second by Jose Guadalupe Posada.

### Who is your favorite writer?

David Fricke from *Rolling Stone*.

### What excites you?

Finding really great work by unknown people.

### What do you consider a turn off?

Body odor.

### What do you love?

Hanging out at my shop, going to Blueberry Hill, having a drink or drinks and then going home to my wife, who tolerates it all.

### What do you hate?

Airport security.

### What are you most looking forward to?

Starting my next piece.

### What is one thing you wish would happen?

That there would be a time machine so I could go back and beat up George W. Bush when he was a kid.

### What's something interesting that you just learned?

Starting to drink with my wife at 1:30pm on St. Patty's day the day before an interview is a bad idea.

### What is your personal motto?

Expect the worst and believe its real.

### In another life, what would you be?

A blues musician. They get laid a lot.

### What is your current obsession?

The New York Dolls.

### What is your favorite word?

Fuck. It rhymes with Huck.

### What is your least favorite word?

Any word that my wife pulls out in an argument that I don't understand.

### What's something you want to do before you die?

Sample every American whiskey.

### If you could have a conversation with your younger self, what would you say?

It's going to be okay. There are lots of boobs in your future.

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