june and jitter (the bugs) a novel by David J. Keffer

"june and jitter (the bugs)" can most succinctly be described as the bastard child produced from the unholy union of Ray Bradbury's "The Martian Chronicles" and an unrelenting dose of the clinical absurdism of Kobo Abé. A crew of ten leave Earth to explore the planet, Simuliidae, but only one of them is aware that the planet is already inhabited by a race of aliens, known as June, driven insane by an ancient, sentient and telepathic moon, conveniently also named June, June the Moon. These explorers struggle to come to terms with the cosmic and potentially self-destructive message that June directs them to scrawl across the face of Simuliidae.

"june and jitter (the bugs)" is unabashedly a manifesto of meaninglessness, disguised in the garb of a science fiction novel. What can be gained from reading such a book? We can only state with certainty that someone wrote this book. Over one hundred thousand words were strung together in a sequence not seen before or since. The evidence is clear that the author, at least temporarily, embraced meaninglessness and recorded this account. For those of us who are not likely to venture down a path so obviously detrimental to our own well-being, this book offers a glimpse of the unexpected treasures one can find in a cauldron of meaninglessness lying in wait at the end of a demented rainbow.



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