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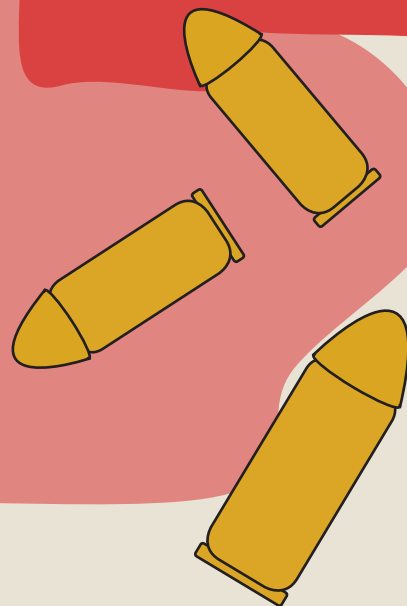
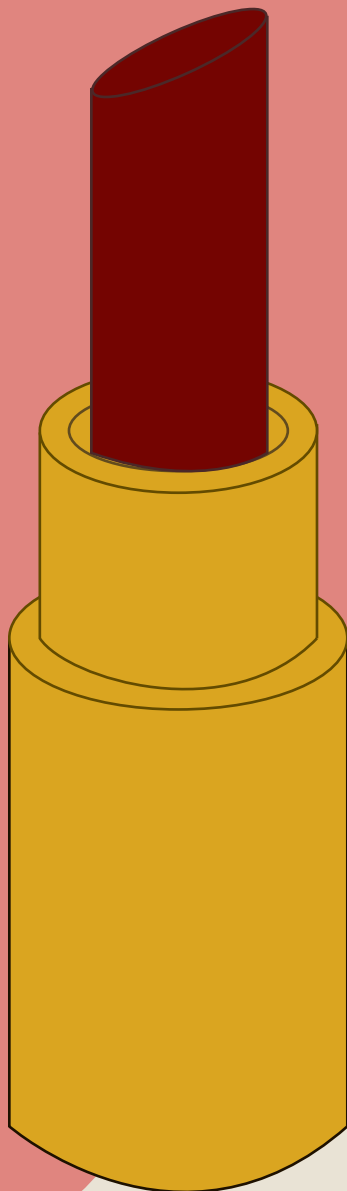
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# Bonnie's Rules for Young Girls

*West Dallas, 1930*

One, scrap the cigs.  
Men like cigars.  
Next, buy a new Revlon.  
Barn red should do the trick.  
Don't want any of my girls  
looking dull. And don't forget  
to close your mouth,  
an opinion might escape.  
Look at Clara Bow, learn from her,  
like me. Silent and stunning,  
like a fresh corpse.  
(Didn't you read the fine print?)  
Oh, don't look so surprised. Thousands  
of girls have waltzed through here.  
After that, driving a Ford V8  
will be tricky, but a man can't go far  
carrying a smoking barrel and a hefty duffel.  
He'll have to depend on you.  
At least from the crime scene to the hideout.  
And girls, no more purses,  
a Smith and Wesson sits nicer on the hip  
than an apron. Don't smile too hard  
when loading bullets. The shudder  
of the gun will vibrate through you  
like pure opium. And never forget  
he is the revolving door to power.  
Around and around you'll both go.  
Until he can't figure out  
who is the one leading who.



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