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# QUIZ ON FREUD'S INTERPRETATION OF DREAMS EXPANDED FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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1. Doorknobs melt as you try to escape  
a hallway made of cake.  
All you have is a palm full of icing. \_\_\_\_
2. You make love  
to your high school history teacher  
in a life raft. He chokes you  
as he climaxes. \_\_\_\_
3. You're peeing in the bathroom  
of your childhood home  
when the walls fall down.  
You're in the middle of COP22.  
Greta Thunberg  
is so ashamed of you. \_\_\_\_
4. You get an emergency alert on your phone  
because Godzilla is coming.  
You sit in a hot tub  
and watch as she stomps your house. \_\_\_\_
5. Jesus, Buddha, and Rama  
sit on the porch in plastic chairs  
drinking hard lemonades  
as the muddy water rises.  
You can't sit with them  
because you're on your period. \_\_\_\_
6. You walk through the desert.  
A white man in a suit waits at the oasis.  
You open his briefcase.  
It's full of scrabble tiles,  
so you beat him to death  
with a participation trophy. \_\_\_\_
7. You chew on blue marbles  
and catch your teeth  
as they fall out. You glue them  
back together with gold filigree

and offer them to an elder  
shark who needs them more. \_\_\_\_\_

Answer key:

1. You want to have sex with your father.
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6. You want to have sex with your father.
7. You want to have sex with your father.

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