

Barbarian

crack...crack...crack
the desert eagle spoke as a
jittery police officer crept closer

resumes, camera selection, summer jobs

'my feet are cold'
as we drove through icy desert rock
hiking

car repair, reports, bail

Competition (smiling inside);
trying to out-run a son's bike on the river
3 boys flexing in front of the kitchen mirror
who can eat the most at Farmer John's?

talks with the principal, advise, support

no hesitation when beloved tears fell
thump
and a bully ran off with a new appreciation
of consequences

'like cheap wine', camping gear, bikes

examples for those following
(contentment)
work, wife, friends,
life