



Little Boy in Tree

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: Unknown

Location: Unknown

Photographer: Unknown

Type Camera: Unknown

Other Information: None

This one's a little difficult to make out, but it remains among my favorites. If you look very hard, you can make out what appears to be the face of a boy peering out from among the branches in the upper right hand corner of the photo. The close-up at right brings the face out more clearly.

I don't have any information about this shot other than that the photographer was supposedly trying to take a picture of the bird outside his second-story window and noticed the boy's face after he had the film developed.

It's possible this is a result of something called "matrixing" (technically known as pareidolia), which is the brain's attempt to identify recognizable shapes—commonly faces—when confronted with random patterns of light and shadow. However, since the face

has flesh tones, it makes the case that it's an optical illusion a bit less tenable and gives the entire photo a spooky authenticity I find hard to ignore.

Notice how distinct the eyes and nose is, as well as what appears to be a full head of light blond hair. If a case of pareidolia, it's definitely one of the more remarkable ones I've ever seen.

