

Stapler

Cupid of the paper world
Bringing couples together forever
That packet cover and those science worksheets
All the math quizzes hand stapled up in the top left corner
Like a ring being slid onto the bride and grooms fingers that will never be taken off

It's like a football team
Brought together by that one coach
It's a wide opened mouth
Biting down on a piece of thin crust pizza
Smooth like a freshly polished granite table
The pedal of a car
Pressed down parallel to the floor
Trying to win the race
The catchy tune of Latin beat as it clicks in endless rhythm

What you haven't seen yet is....
Its evil side
Jet black
Like a panther's head
Its silver fangs clenched together
As it gggrrrrroowwllllss at you
It's an alligator in the murky water
Waiting to strike the next buffalo to walk by
Without even noticing it
It's the claw of a king crab
As it strangles on to it's prey a defenseless flounder
It's the color of black powder in a gun waiting to be shot
The feel of a pistol in your hand
In the middle of a heart breaking, ruthless war

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