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# Bastard

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1988

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Bastard is available in three weights

‡ spindly, fat and ‡  
even fatter.

barcode barcode barcode

facist facist  
facist  
‡

Spindly

150PT

bastard

50PT

was designed to reference a barcode

100PT

To Suggest the Influence of Consumerism  
On Our Modern World.

60PT

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25PT

Fat

150PT

Bastard

50PT

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22PT/24PT

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15PT/16PT

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10PT/12PT

FAT UPPER CASE

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26PT, 16PT, 12PT

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8PT/10PT

Fat Bastard at 30pt on  
34pt in Title Case with  
tracking set to 90.

30PT/34PT

# Even

150PT

50PT

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32PT - 24PT - 14PT

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12PT





