

THE DIVER

“I could fantasize.”

Babette worked to develop her economic model. It was based on the hard worker, who expected to see an evident reward for his efforts. This was the return that he deserved. It ignored a fundamental truth that the ownership society did everything to try to ignore. The owner claimed that the sheep only followed the instructions given to them by society. More than that, people lacked an incentive to take full advantage of what the system had to offer. Only by working hard could the individual attain the true promise. The lions understood this promise. They gave it their all and more. They gave up their time and their lives to reach this summit.

Even the notion of hard work obscured the maze created by the owners. They never respected the complete effort that people gave day in and day out. Workers would give it a full week even to the point of total exhaustion. Some would work overtime and give even more of themselves. There was no limit to the expectations of the bosses. They saw themselves as exemplars. The world around them was full of shirkers. Only the lions were there to claim the prize. The owners were always taking a little extra from every exchange. And that little extra turned into a little everything.

Anyone who believed this equation wasn't doing the math. That was how this accounting worked. People were encouraged to go along to get along. The whole point was to ignore the actual terms of the game.

Babette only saw one part of this operation. And she imagined that people could get in on the operations from the ground up and work their way to the top. The lucky ones still relied upon a system of international trade that sustained the illusion. This included the development of massive economies of scale that were essential to productivity. And these operations were the most engaging worldwide. Productive methods had pushed to the next level of these places. They were no longer so subservient to the strict application of Taylorism. The methods were more cooperative in nature.

“What are you talking about?”

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“What are you explaining to me?”

“Can you explain yourself?”

“I am trying to stay competitive.”

“You love the game.”

“What else is going on?”

“How will you achieve victory?”

“I will push forward with a total effort.”

“What do you have there?”

“You tell me.”

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“You create this illusion about your own efforts. You are not innovative. You are hitting still targets and pretending that you have real accumen. All the while, the moving targets knock you down time and time again. This is the failure of the method. You are asking for something that you cannot have. You can never have. You have to bring more to the table if you expect

your efforts to receive any recompense.”

“I want a puppy.”

“I thought that you were talking about your children.”

“And where did this end up.”

“I am angry. I want the delivery.”

“Were you waiting for me?”

“We are all waiting together.”

“I am learning how to get a total reward.”

“You need to give more of your body.”

“What more can you give?”

“It is in my character.”

“This is how I am.”

“That is the sparkling moment.”

“It is everywhere.”

“I embrace the celebration.”

“We asked you to come.”

“We asked you to stay away.”

“What are you teaching them?”

“I am offering them total control.”

“I am offering them total dedication.”

“Take this and more.”

“You are going to need to add to the fun.”

“Who is waiting?”

“Who is wanting?”

“I am going to give a total explanation.”

“They brought me down.”

“Who else is there?”

“I need to get away.”

“What are you escaping?”

“A rough night.”

“I rough life.”

“The system.”

“Don’t get down on yourself.”

“Will this work out?”

“I will work out.”

“Show me the love.”

“You want more than that.”

“Smile for the camera.”

“Be the camera.”

“What is that?”

“We can fix it in post.”

“I am glad that we can see things like that.”

“It is all coming to me.”

“What are you angry about?”
“Angry words.”
“I am coming back.”
“All the fun is in my car.”
“What does that word mean?”
“It is easier to forget things.”
“That will turn me on.”
“I can hear what is happening.”
“It is happening.”
“Bring it.”
“Bring it.”
“It is all in the water.”
“Drink it.”
“I am delivering.”
“There is nothing left.”
“This is a conveyance.”
“This is a perpetual motion machine.”
“We are replacing the parts.”
“Who is feeding us?”
“I am going to confess.”
“Tell me what I need to hear.”
“I give it my all.”
“There is more to it.”
“What is echoing off the walls?”
“It all fall by the wayside.”
“Let the truth be truth.”
“I am on board for you.”
“Do you want this?”
“You missed a step.”
“Come with me.”
“I need you to follow me.”
“Can you put all the pieces in place.”
“All that is needed is a signal.”
“We have that.”
“Make it louder.”
“What is the standard?”
“I am still alive.”
“What happened to that concern?”
“Now, I get it.”
“Your behavior is an open book.”
“How can you ask me to work any harder?”
“That is the real question for the participants.”
“Who is going to tell you what you need to know.”

“Do you know?”
“I felt as if I moved something forward.”
“Explain the rules of the game.”
“It is all about moving this object.”
“We have the belief.”
“We have withdrawn teh consent.”
“Something more is coming.”
“Will this make a difference.”
“I will take the time.”
“Do you want me to take the time.”
“He will face his judgement.”
“We will all face it.”
“He has it.”
“This is what I expect. This is what I will not get.”
“He only wants someone to watch the projection on the screen.”
“They are watching.”
“You work harder.”
“What teally gets things going?”
“This amazing level of production. This real work potential.”
“I create it in my mind.”
“Do you know the difference?”
“I worked on the docks. I know.”
“That is how it really goes.”
“How did it reach that point? How did it become the behemoth?”
“This is all about protecting the world.”
“What is really going on here?”
“I will tell you.”
“This had become something amazing.”
“This is something amazing.”
“Do you grasp the difference?”
“There is so much that could happen.”
“No one cares.”
“Care.”
“When will the caring arrive.”
“I only need some one person to tell me.”
“You destroyed the balance.”
“Tell me about it.”
“Someone else already did.”
“The non-caring.”
“The lethal blow.”
“You do not know the difference.”
“You are watching from the outside.”
“I need a helper.”

“Who else is available?”
 “How could I sign up?”
 “You show up every day. You give a little more of yourself.”
 “Do you see what is at stake?”
 “This is not going to make any difference.”
 “Work comes next.”
 “I am on the third shift.”
 “Who carries out the coffins?”
 “What are you telling us?”
 “These are bone shapers.”
 “Do you need to add more parts.”
 “I work with what I am given.”
 “The frame is moving things along.”
 “I am giving up. You just tell me.”
 “There is a lot at stake.”
 “I do not want to interfere.”
 “What is happening in Shanghai at this moment?”
 “Do you feel the sweat?”
 “It happens at every point.”
 “You installed an air conditioner. Do you know what is going on in the alternative markets.”
 “I thought that I had it all worked out.”
 “You have.”
 “This is the biggest challenge.”
 “This is the hope for the future.”
 “Three questions.”
 “Turn on the machine.”
 “I do, and I don’t.”
 “I missed a beat.”
 “I really missed a beat.”
 “I need to take a breath.”
 “Who is bringing me oxygen?”
 “This is everything.”
 “Wow!”
 “I did not think that was possible.”
 “That is how the agreement goes.”
 “Give me the names.”
 “The hard work yields a result.”
 “You remind me of something.”
 “What is an economy of scale.”
 “Everything expands faster than I can know.”
 “The willions argument.”
 “The speculative market.”

“They are pushing at the table.”
“Why do you feel pushed?”
“I am pushing.”
“The impossible is coming.”
“It is here.”
“It is closest than ever.”
“Who gives the orders?”
“I am going to have to challenge the operation.”
“What did you get?”
“Who has the accounts?”
“What are you charging?”
“Is this right?”
“Thursday, you need to tell us.”
“What are you doing with your time?”
“I am very busy.”
“And that is how it seems to work.”
“I see it as a sign.”
“What are you paying off? Who are you paying off?”
“What does this taste like?”
“Lancer, what does this taste like?”
“This tastes like work.”
“I am having trouble moving this.”
“Will this destroy me?”
“This taste like work.”
“This is your moment.”
“I want something else.”
“Do you know what is happening?”
“Why do you not trust me?”
“Duke, you need to understand what is happening?”
“Let us toast the moment.”
“And I commit to it completely.”
“This is working?”
“What is the secret?”
“He just showed himself.”
“You could have offered more.”
“I walked off the job.”
“This is brilliant.”
“Why don’t you leave right now?”
“Why are you giving me credit.”
“Amateurs cannot produce.”
“What is the rest of the package?”
“Are you kidding?”
“That is what I credit.”

“That is brilliant.”
“I have given it all that I can.”
“You need to give it to me now. I need it all.”
“I know what you really want.”
“Who is your supplier?”
“What do you really understand?”
“How fast can this occur?”
“You need to figure it out.”
“Babette, you got cleared out.”
“How did that happen?”
“I do care.”
“Do you understand?”
“That I how things work.”
“What else is left?”
“What will work?”
“Do you want this?”
“Did you reveal”
“I should have said nothing.”
“I do not want to be exposed like that.”
“What can you bring to the table?”
“Good bones.”
“:That is still not enough.”
“What about Babette?”
“Are you seriously interested?”
“Why am I even here?”
“This will help you change?”
“What would a coach need to tell you.”
“Yo u could ask.”
“That I am going nowhere.”
“This is the second billing.”
“Do not blame me.”
“I need to have a conversation with you.”
“Are you ready for this?”
“No one is ever ready for this.”
“Come along with the apostles.”
“I need a different representation.”
“Drink the Kool Aid.”
“I do not grasp this.”
“You need to add more signature.”
“You mean sugar.”
“I need to get out of here.”
“I am working harder.”
“The police are all part of this.”

“The authorities are everywhere.”

“You do not think that this is good for me.”

“I know that it is not.”

“One never knows.”

“He is the last step in destruction.”

“The reader’s key will help.”

“You are going to have to leave here before it makes any sense.’

“I need a little more nature.”

“That makes no sense whatsoever.”

“I missed my calling.”

“Miss it.”

“Double me on that.”

“There is a lot of work here.”

“None of that affects me.”

“I am glad that you are getting me away from this.’

“Lancer, do you even realize what happened here?”

“None of this is moving.”

“I am deep in this.”

“Why do you want to be right.”

“I asked this question before.”

“She is not interfering.”

“Should I believe that you are doing this job?”

“You both understand in a way that I do not.’

“Look what we build.”

“Look at it.’

“And is that enough.”

“I have gold.”

“The lights came on.”

“I have good will.”

“I have no idea what is going on.”

“You hae no idea whatsoever.”

“The truth is told.”

“Lancer, it is still you against me. But you are not even in touch with the actual transactions.”

“Not this.”

“This used to be my forever.”

“This is never forever.”

“Words.”

“Breath.”

“Breathe on me.”

“Babette tell me about him.”

Time could tell the story.

“How would that work?”

“A different measurement.”

“I do not have the time to work this through.”

“They soak it.”

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“And what is the alternative.”

“We will protect you.”

“We will crash you down.”

“This is protecting us. And this is protecting you.

“They do not understand how these social protections were enacted as a response to an active labor movement. That is what you are taking away. These are the programs that enable you to take a breath.”

“This is nothing but a glimpse.”

“Wow!”

“I need to be her to figure it out.”

“I do not think that it is as easy as it sounds.”

“It sounds.

“You are going to have to destroy in order to build.”

“Destroy what.”

“What else do you have?”

“A box of cereal.”

“How many servings are left?”

“Girl, you look great.”

“What is that about?”

“Have another glass.”

“The job just let out.”

“Let’s hold hands.”

“That is a sign.”

“Dinner is served.”

“I have moved up.”

“And you have moved down.”

“I have a great life.”

“Can I do this for you?”

“This is worth money.”

“Be patient.”

“The zero move.”

“I need the saturation move.”

“How does this work?”

“What does that matter?”

“It was given credit for credit.”

“Where is the real shit going?”

“Who is a caring soul?”

“Is this about me?”

“I go where the killers are.”

“How did you get back in here?”
“I need redemption.”
“What is that.”
“I will take that.”
“What else is there?”
“I feel pain.”
“I am dead.”
“Take a breath.”
“There is the theory and the practice.”
“The practice is performance.”
“The practice is diagnosis and treatment.”
“I do not want to know.”
“You got out.”
“I never learned.”
“I should pick it up”
“You made a choice.”
“I have time.”
“Then i do not have time.”
“I am working at this every second.”
“That is not working.”
“The gold is not doing it.”
“I had all this.”
“Are you kidding?”
“I never got it.”
“I did.”
“Turn it on.”
“That is too clean.”
“I used scissors.”
“Cry.”
“Where am I headed?”
“You will get caught.”
“I need to get caught in a good way. I get caught. I get exposed. Then I clean up.”
“YOU GET EXPOSED.”
“THIS IS THE DRAMA OF THE BOOK.”
“I am looking at that.”
“That stream ended.”
“I do not want to go back in there.”
“This is not a good balance.”
“We are working on it.”
“We are teminating it.’
“That is enough.”
“This will help improve my chances.’
“More bull shit.”

“More method.”
“I need to get out while I can.”
“That will never work for me.”
“Work it up.”
“Where did I get the list?”
“From the doctor.”
“I am so done.”
“How can that hold you up?”
“NONE OF IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE ANYMORE.”
“You still need the bones.”
“This is a major conflict.”
“Is there an orthopedic srugone?”
“Why won’t you be honest about the operation?”
“Who knows?”
“Who really knows?”
“I will be gone before anyone knows.”
“And you can make it work.”
“You do not know the difference.”
“I have been close.”
“I have seen it face to face.”
“I recognized a connection.”
“I am deep in it now.”
“Where is it burning?”
“It is burning inside.”
“This is a million years of living.”
“What did they do to my brain?”
“How do you last?”
“There is some kind of death sentence here.”
“It is eating me up.”
“Can you work the machine by yourself?”
“I have an orthopedic guy.”
“Cuts.”
“I cannot ask that question.”
“I cannot ask any questions.”
“That works even beter.”
“What is below the bones?”
“Wishes.”
“Presents.”
“Why does that work?”
“Bandages.”
“Do not cut.”
“That is not going to hurt.”
“Stitch me up.”

“Someone is bringing me what I need.”

“Sandwiches.”

“Half of this stuff I do not know.”

“Pattern recognition.”

“Keep it going!”

“I do not experience the faith.”

“I appreciate that.”

“Invite me.”

“Should I try to focus.”

“This is about something else.”

“I thought that there was something messed up.”

“Do you hate me?”

“It is not a song?”