

ETHER

“I am living and breathing. I was in the midst of a historical change. Now, I am here. I want oxygen. That will perk me up. I am hoping for no other kind of inspiration. There is little that I can remember. There was a moment when all this made sense. We could say that history had a cause, and it was being moved along towards some kind of lasting understanding. That is not happening anymore. There is nothing coherent that will sustain any kind of social change. I am suspended in the ether.”

“How do I get out of here?”

“Sharpen the contrast.”

“If there is some kind of unity in the moment, I want to understand it better.”

“This is not something that really works for me?”

“I am being put in regression therapy.”

“What are you learning here?”

“I am discovering how to subdue some of my worst habits.”

“Say some one thing.”

“I have been so used to breaking all down to nothing.”

“This is nothing.”

“I need a boost.”

“That is not going to happen.”

“You need to get yourself together.”

“I called it for work.”

“We were just about to do something worthwhile for our lives. We had a great story, and we were going to describe it.”

“Get up early.”

“I need to do two things at once.”

“Where do I come in?”

“Take a sponge and some Ajax, and clean up those spots on the floor.”

“What is that?”

“I feel as if everyone is looking at me and laughing.”

“I do not mind having an audience.”

“It seems to be like that everyday.”

“Nothing is going to get cleaned up.”

“When will this end?”

“You need to apply yourself.”

“What does this have to do with me?”

“You need to eat.”

“I am feeding off of time.”

“Learn to say the most preposterous thing. I have money to deliver.”

“I am back somewhere that I do not want to be.”

“If I was a frog.”

“What does this have to do with me?”

“None of that has any effect.”

“I got what I needed.”
 “There is a theme that can explain everything.”
 “You are making excuses for really terrible behavior.”
 “Things got get really out of control.”
 “Do you know what you are looking at?”
 “We are trying to develop an understanding of this thing history.”
 “This describes collective development.”
 “From whose eyes.”
 “Who is looking?”
 “And you love to describe.”
 “Are you a nurse?”
 “What is happening on the floor?”
 “Look at my progress.”
 “I get it.”
 “Who brought me in here?”
 “They thought that you needed a bed.”
 “I only want someone to share.”
 “Do you remember the past few weeks?”
 “I am trying. I am not even sure what is my name.”
 “Pick one.”
 “I do not like the choices.”
 “Just call yourself Now.”
 “That does not describe this kind of split that I feel within myself.”
 “That is a little too twisted for me.”
 “Bring me a ginger ale.”
 “We are bringing you back.”
 “We are looking for truth telling/”
 “You are missing the historical lessons of the present moment.”
 “I understand new things about time.”
 “You need to take care of them now.”
 “This is your moment.”
 “I think that this will be favorable to your interests.”
 “You could fill up my tank. And I could drive all around. Or I could stay home for the week. And I would not pay a thing. This would be perfect for me.”
 “Your parents would be mad. But that does not provide a very good perspective on history.”
 “The trial is going to resolve nothing.”
 “Who is the top dog?”
 “Time to seize power.”
 “This will cause a major rift.”
 “Everything will rip apart.”
 “There is a deal here.”
 “I am way beyond this.”

“This probably should be your story.”
“Conrad could explain it all to you.”
“I spent all my effort on this.”
“I can drink that much in a night.”
“That is a terrible consequence of all these efforts.”
“You are rejecting me for the very thing that made me acceptable in the beginning.”
“You are a little late making your move.”
“I am not on top of things.”
“I am highly dissatisfied.”
“Embarrassment it not the same thing as a deep historical awareness.”
“I am holding myself together.”
“Back to work.”
“We are all going back to work.”
“Do I need to look?”
“Why am I in this place?”
“You have been bouncing from house to house.”
“I lose a lot from day to day.”
“I think that we could work more with wardrobe.”
“Automobiles or diamonds.”
“Why should I even bother with any of this?”
“There was not much here to begin with.”
“Join in.”
“These are my last words.”
“There is not a lot of courage here.”
“Someone is the bad guy.”
“Who did you kill for the money?”
“I do not understand.”
“You are absolved of any responsibility.”
“All things to all people.”
“What else in there?”
“Craft.”
“This is your job. You need to show some kind of concern for your performance.”
“I am a productive person.”
“I thought that you were still in the hospital.”
“I checked myself out.”
“Did your doctor recommend a discharge?”
“I saw the daylight, and I went towards the brilliance.”
“Enlightenment.”
“Talk to my agent.”
“You could use someone to help direct your life.”
“Eat one of these.”
“Care.”
“Is it a loving universe?”

“You need to get to the cause.”
“What is in my way?”
“Your own emotions.”
“Don’t blame me for the evil in the world.”
“I am not revising your script.”
“Can I join in?”
“This does everything that I need it to do.”
“A body upgrade.”
“That is what the program is all about.”
“Physical rehab.”
“A total reordering of your priorities.”
“Is this covered by insurance?”
“Put it on my tab.”
“It it funny how those words can open some doors.”
“Give me a piece of that pizza.”
“I need someone to work on my car.”
“When does barter break down?”
“Paying for essential services in the society.”
“Like a convenient, affordable public transit system.”
“That is no way to end your days.”
“Keep talking.”
“Add to the legacy.”
“What next?”
“We could do it again.”
“This infinite return shit is getting a goood rap.”
“I am looking for something that lasts.”
“I am not sure when I should stop looking.”
“The Lot lot.”
“Sea salt.”
“What was really going on?”
“A close up.”
“How did things get messed up?”
“What am I being punished for?”
“For wanting something that I already had.”
“What is the split?”
“Who do you want to embarrass?”
“There is an answer.”
“A meal.”
“A new house.”
“A knock at the door.”
“I am never going to get there.”
“Have one of these!”
“Take the fucking cough drop.”

“I do not want someone screaming at me.”
“The mile or the imagination.”
“Are you nervous about something?”
“You need that moment of total concentration.”
“I have been sharing so much.”
“How far back are you?”
“You tell me. I need you to finish a sentence for me. Heaven fell down from the sky.”
“Chicken little.”
“Chicken surprise.”
“Deviled eggs.”
“History has gotten distracted.”
“Down but not out.”
“This is some freaky shit.”
“Get working.”
“I am going to work on this, and turn it into something important.”
“I can fill in the missing piece.”
“On to the next one.”
“Do you know?”
“Where you’re going to?”
“Can you take some property off my hands?”
“That is way more contact than I can deal with.”
“I can give it all to you.”
“Who is the witness?”
“What he has. And what he really lacks.”
“Horror.”
“The basement shit.”
“I am afraid of being cemented into the wall.”
“And that really worries you.”
“I have other worries.”
“A bad designer.”
“I think that there are significant issues.”
“Complex gravity shit.”
“Up or down.”
“What would it be to be twisted?”
“Brice, you could add some serious shit.”
“Has there have been an opportunity like this?”
“This is not work thing.”
“That would work.”
“But it would not.”
“And I am standing at the entrance to this places.”
“What will Lucifer say?”
“Will anyone know?”
“You can fuck up without really fucking up.”

“I want to know why I am back in the hospital.”
“It is some kind of political thing.”
“You know what that means.”
“Who is the source?”
“It is not what it seems to be.”
“FILL THE SPACE WITH ENOUGH NOISE.”
“What do I add?”
“Spaghetti.”
“Here, it becomes a code that you cannot understand.”
“I know where this is going.”
“I forgot about the cat.”
“We all do.”
“You would rather take this weak exposition:.”
“I get home. I get up. I am loved.”
“I am nosy.”
“I am loved.”
“That kind of shit put me back in a hospital room.”
“You are not paying for it.”
“What if I was? Is this a question of room service?”
“Sweet potato fries.”
“That is all that matters to me.”
“I keep trying to raise the price for the work.”
“I did nothing wrong.”
“Is that art?”
“I need to listen to that level of drama all the time.”
“What is happening to us?”
“I took back the experience.”
“Lock the door.”
“This is some kind of crazy therapy shit.”
“This is a clinic.”
“For what.”
“For people who cannot deal with what they see.”
“I am thinking.”
“Or I am not thinking.”
“How is your night?”
“With or without you?”
“You are the one who really needs rescue.”
“I will take what is available.”
“Bull shit or controlled bull shit.”
“You are not going to use the location to try to help you sort out our bull shit.”
“That was faster than I can imagine.”
“And we remake ourselves.”
“The facility.”

“Do I need to believe.”
“There is some kind of weird ritual.”
“It doesn’t work like that.”
“All praise the mystery frog.”
“I am wandering around all high in the woods.”
“That that is supposed to work.”
“The Lord goes for this hair stylist.”
“What can that mean?”
“The batteries run out.”
“Then they all take a nap.”
“That is better than I can know.”
“You need to get good at this.”
“I will take what is available.”
“A hospital with room service.”
“A hotel room with medical services.”
“More therapy.”
“I do not want to destroy that energy.”
“What is really going on?”
“Does any of this mean anything?”
“A more intense fantasy.”
“A better meal.”
“I want to ask.”
“File it under true love.”
“Tell me what I should care about.”
“I cannot understand how belief can last that long.”
“You do not understand belief.”
“I will sign anything.”
“There is only one thing to say.”
“Where are the bodies buried?”
“They dispose of the medical waste.”
“I want to see the room service menu.”
“The Shalimar.”
“That is perfect.”
“I want something dainty.”
“Something that I do not want to think about?”
“Hear the truth.”
“What kind of tip are you going to leave?”
“Just write something down.”
“Insurance should pay.”
“That gives you license to do some crazy shit.”
“I am not acting in a good way.”
“A mop up exercise.”
“Search and destroy.”

“They always miss something.”
“You exaggerate your abilities.”
“I will fall for that.”
“That is all that I want.”
“Where do they put the casualties?”
“Our world is being destroyed before our eyes.”
“Close your eyes.”
“Tell it like it is.”
“We really have nothing in common.”
“Cluck, cluck.”
“We are very happy about all of this.”
“The bottom is going to drop out of the market.”
“I am going to be holding an empty paper bag.”
“Would you know what to say?”
“I am ready for all this shit.”
“You needed to deal with it while you could..”
“You keep trying to get in my head.”
“You can finish that.”
“I check off the things that I want.”
“The cream soda.”
“The peach pie.”
“These guys keep busy.”
“A whole lot of nonsense.”
“Not the real story.”
“You feel that you have more power than you do.”
“Toot toot!”
“All the doors slam.”
“What is left?”
“Do this.”
“Share this.”
“I go all out.”
“They bring me shit.”
“I want to go to the next floor.”
“Combinations for hte futurte.”
“Then I quit.”
“Tell me about the watches.”
“That was another thing.”
“I realize that I have even less available.”
“I can steal all this shit.”
“I am glad.”
“You did.”
“He once existed.”
“He is on one of these floors.”

“All the combinations.”
“And you stop.”
“How does that work?”
“You think about it.”
“You need to finish one thing.”
“How do you get stuck?”
“That is all that you see.”
“I see enough of that.”
“Are they working together?”
“I don’t have a problem. My life is my problem.”
“That is why you are here.”
“It is hard to figure out when no one cares.”
“Who really understood?”
“I want to know.”
“This could be a lasting connection.”
“More screaming.”
“You are not good enough to be perfect.”
“I do not have to come back to this.”
“I am watching you.”
“We can finish this together.”
“I could link all these variations together.”
“This is not even something for me.”
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“And you have so many performances.”
“All good.”
“Take the best,”
“What is going on up there.”
“You have had enough.”
“I see how it works.”
“Does he really love me?”
“I am not into counseling.”
“Why do you enjoy?”
“Cynical shit.”
“Believer shit.”
“I understand.”
“I had this.”
“He admits that he messed up.”
“It is not about that.”
“I got a job in a laundromat.”
“It is not about that.”
“I want that to be about me.”
“You remind me of someone.”
“My doctor.”

“I need you to give me something to help me regulate.”
“You need to deal with your highs.”
“Look at me.”
“Should I keep listening?”
“You are so glib about everything. I hope that you are good.”
“I am so deep in the shit.”
“I know what I am working with.”
“I know what is not working”
“Do not leave on me.”
“I sold my supply.”
“He helps out.”
“Do you make your own jewelry?”
“I am a bank.”
“This is a new beginning. “
”This is the world that you gave me.”
“What is this really about?”
“What have you been saving?”
“This was the source of the disaster.”
“What did the court decide”
“You need to be more effective.”
“Where does it end?”
“I cannot care.”
“I am not going to reveal.”
“What are you holding back?”
“You look at all the prosecutions.”
“You cannot sleep here.
“You bring the court procedure to a halt.”
“There is no jurisdiction.”
“They shut you up.”
“This is not that important.”
“You found your groove.”
“That is hardly enough.”
“This are important considerations.”
“We are stripping down to a whole lot of nothing.”
“And it will end.”
“There are some things that you don’t want to end.”
“It is a cycle.”
“The picnic basket.”
“Do you have a treat for me?”
“You had too many treats.”
“Times have changed.”
“I could wait one more week.”
“That is more than is worthy it.”

“I cannot even hold my own drink.”

“Give it time.”

“That is not enough for me.”

“What do the doctors think.”

“This is a lot of money.”

“No one else can solve it.”

“You realize that now.”

“Do you want to wait for me?”

You are greedy.”

“None of this works.”

“I need to get closer.”

“Take your time”

“This is meant for you.”

“Revenge therapy.”

“What is that?”

“Very unorthodox.”

“What is the source?”

“No one will understand.”

“Being pure.”

“Give me what I need.”

“The doctor has other aims.”

“We all do.”