

ENERGY SAVER

“I do not understand what you do not understand.”

“You are so mean to me.”

“Love me.”

“Not after all the bad things that you have done.”

“The forgiveness center.”

“I am trying to emerge.”

“You turn me on.”

“She left.”

“That is crazy interesting.”

“Picking up strays.”

“Stop before you have to answer for some crazy shit.”

“What is on sale?”

“Am I wasting my time.”

“That is all that you have left?”

“You messed with the show.”

“Leave me some cupcakes.”

“What do you have in there?”

“Are these love letters?”

“What is your objection?”

“We got distracted, and now, we are back to where we are suppose to be.”

“Dominate my night.”

“This is the next stage of affection.”

“Do you give lessons?”

“There are no lessons.”

“You were going to give me the instruction manual.”

“That doesn’t amount to much.”

“Are you betting on this hand?”

“I do not feel good about the odds.”

“What did you get done.”

“More than you know.”

“What does this boil down to?”

“Do your homework.”

“Do this other work at home.”

“She wants to know.”

“What am I listening to?”

“The arrival.”

“What did you give me?”

“Everything means something.”

“Rels, everything means something.”

“It is all symbolic.”

“Did you see where I left my money?”

“There is no money.”

“You are usually good wit this.”

“Holiday wishes.”

“Who is protecting you?”

“I want to quit.”

“You cannot.”

“Who is paying for this?”

“There is this amorphous description of cash flow.”

Van wanted to impose his view of personal enrichment. He thought that he had a level of self-awareness. But he only confirmed his own outlook. He was trying to fit others in this narrow framework because he was willing to submit himself. He might as well have had a list of questions that he could ask each person. This would only highlight his attitude about personal gratification. In the final analysis, this was all there was to his vision.

This was self-destructive in its own way. But he was efficient in creating this belief. He had enough swagger to influence the forlorn. He knew how to resolve things to one level. If he had greater awareness, his charms might have been grounded in a deeper connection. None of this was meant to last. It required a massive suspension of disbelief. He knew how to pick his victims. But he was able to adjust his coverage so that he made the odds work in his favor. This perspective meant that no one would be the wiser. This was not the place for conscience. This was a tragic admission. But Van was not looking at further repercussions of his actions. He did not worry about regret. He saw a continuity in the moment.

Where was this story headed?

“What was the worst thing that ever happened to you?”

“Get up to get down.”

“How much of myself am I giving away?”

“What is this about?”

“I never saw any of this.”

“That will never be any good for any of us.”

“That is impossible.”

“That is all the more reason that you should try it.”

“I never treated anyone that badly.”

“I don’t think it is a good idea to take the witness stand.”

“I have nothing to be ashamed of.”

“They are going to make you trip over your words.”

“I am well-spoken.”

“I feel shame.”

“We all feel shame.”

“What is the source?”

“The smell of fear. Everything goes back to the smell of fear.”

“These are baby pictures.”

“You never understood.”

“I need to see a physician.”

“You could be the one.”

“You are basically mediocre.”
“People love me.”
“That is a mystery.”
“I am trying to expose Ivan’s behavior.”
“He knows how to give pleasure.”
“Brilliant. He can help her with her homework.”
“I hate it all.”
“We are not really on the same page.”
“You tell me.”
“I did exactly what you told me. Then you claimed that you never told me anything.”
“Am I that stupid?”
“You are worse than stupid.”
“I need to get you on the blower.”
“This could be a good joke.”
“You are really bothersome.”
“Ask Ivan.”
“I have all this covered.”
“Catch the ball.”
“That is worse than brilliant.”
“I know that you had a bad day.”
“I can’t even follow this.”
“You wish.”
“Laugh about it, Ivan.”
“Another version of the same version.”
“There is the late night.”
“I don’t want to worry about it.”
“I love playing the game of love and go seek.”
“I thought that you had something to tell me.”
“You can take this over.”
“Start now!”
“I can’t help you.”
“I could explain it.”
“I probably would not wear that.”
“I get it completely.”
“She is perfect.”
“Of course, she is.”
“Keep her away from Ivan.”
“Ivan is in her head.”
“There are many ways to look at this.”
“What would the father think?”
“I need help.”
“Now, we are doing psychology.”
“No more mind over matter.”

“I detest that shit.”
“Go along to get along.”
“Puke in a doggie bag.”
“We are on the raft together.”
“There is a hole in the raft.”
“Do not push me off.”
“This is the image. Try to match your look to this.”
“That is the Lord.”
“On your knees.”
“That will result in a victory.”
“I am here.”
“I cannot move.”
“I am moving.”
“I am all these places and more.”
“All these places.”
“How does that work?”
“Bake it.”
“What does that really mean?”
“You tell me.”
“The rescue is coming.”
“Surely, it is.”
“Ivan has so much to promise.”
“What else is there?”
“I am hitting a hard wall.”
“And a soft one.”
“How much does he jeopardize the social fabric?”
“We could make movies. We could teach you how to be more confident?”
“Where is this headed?”
“I want to be free.”
“That is what he tell everyone.”
“He lives on this shit.”
“He is fucked up.”
“That is not Ivan.”
“Ivan has other rules.”
“It is still early.”
“That does not affect me.”
“That affects me all the time.”
“These are not your children.”
“Why were thing so bad?”
“Has my life being going that badly?”
“What do you want to tell me?”
“He wants something to say.”
“This happens after you have had a meal.”

“For the happy few.”
“Not all that happy, and not all that isolated.”
“Where is this headed?”
“To the ends of the world.”
“This will make you better.”
“I need some reinforcements.”
“Honestly, doll, you will not feel alone.”
“Ivan, where does this come from?”
“I can give you a good massage, and you will feel so much better.”
“So much has changed.”
“What is this about?”
“I am trying to last.”
“There is time.”
“There is loads of time.”
“We couldn’t be more connected.”
“I did not see.”
“We never do.”
“I have business.”
“I never got that.”
“I do not want to be mean.”
“Rescue will happen soon.”
“Ivan, you are a troublemaker.”
“It is good trouble.”
“Where does that come from?”
“Listen to that sound.”
“So what.”
“Be extra nice.”
“Extra nice.”
“I will be better soon.”
“Ivan, be nice to all of us.”
“Don’t encourage him.”
“He lives by encouragement.”
“And Rels neutralizes all of this.”
“Drink up.”
“What is that about?”
“Only pain.”
“I did not see.”
“Now, I see.”
“What does the angel want to tell us?”
“Tell us, angel.”
“Things are all going wild.”
“Calm down.”
“Why is this an excuse?”

“I know you better than you know yourself.”
“Go to it.”
“What do the kids think?”
“That is so simple.”
“Explain.”
“Ivan has his list of questions.”
“What is he missing?”
“The answers.”
“The answer are all canned.”
“Like or don’t like.”
“That is remarkable.”
“We are not on the same page.”
“That never works for me.”
“You are too intelligent for the game.”
“Feed your habit.”
“I love cereal.”
“That is a lot of work. And is it worth it?”
“That is all that matters.”
“I have loads of focus.”
“Who does that work?”
“He has questions.”
“Honey and money.”
“The whole time I was with her, she was sleeping with other dudes.”
“Why were you with her?”
“Her cooking.”
“It was that good.”
“I love lasagna.”
“Day-old lasagna that’s been in the fridge.”
“Is it that good?”
“Where does this end?”
“I am going to San Diego.”
“I am going to have to leave you here.”
“What is that about?”
“I need to pick up my dog.”
“That is fatalistic.”
“I don’t care how you felt.”
“Tell me what you believe.”
“I do not believe it.”
“You are bitter.”
“You are not part of the real world.”
“What does that even mean?”
“What kind of job do you do?”
“We are all going back to work?”

"I work long hours."
"This was perfectly okay when I was in jail."
"You are going lose your focus."
"I need the cash."
"That is all that seem to matter."
"I have a request."
"That was an accident."
"You were not looking."
"You have no respect."
"What else is there?"
"He is an amateur Ivan."
"This is thei version of physics."
"What does that have to do with pleasure principle?"
"Are you a principled person?"
"What is that about?"
"I want to know."
"GIVE ME THE RECIPE."
"That seems to take care of everything that happens at the house."
"We are back to where we started."
"That does not do the job."
"Thank you."
"You gave me what I needed."
"Fresh basil."
"It is going to take more than that."
"You make fun of what you can and cannot do."
"Smile for the camera,"
"I feel the heat of your body."
"Now, I get it."
"I knew that it was you."
"It is not you."
"Who is involved?"
"That took a lot of thinking."
"He watched me."
"You hated your life like that."
"What are you trying to tell me?"
"That is not an offense."
"That is not offensive."
"They are coming to get me."
"The buses are not running today."
"I have high speed rail."
"We gave each other what we wanted."
"That is what Ivan always says. You can never ask for what you do not want."
"I want an answer."

“I want satisfaction.”
“History could have gone in a different direction.”
“And we go back to the carport.”
“You need to clean it.”
“I do not use it.”
“Give me what I need.”
“I do not use it.”
“What do you have in there?”
“What we all have.”
“Get in the car, and let’s get out of here.”
“There is a method.”
“Ask me.”
“I have been asking you.”
They left suddenly.”
“Who else wants to know?”
“Ivan has a lot that he wants to know.”
“What does he bring to the table?”
“This only gets worse.”
“Don’t hate me.”
“I am back where I should be.”
“Be what you want to be.”
“Sign here.”
“Are you going to get in his car?”
“I took a picture of his license.”
“What good is that?”
“The damage is inside.”
“Do you accept this?”
“Her father was not a good influence.”
“I could see this in a completely different way.”
“We have other students like this.”
“Ivan can tell these thing. It is like forecasting the weather.”
“I will accept that forecast.”
“I got away.”
“Now, I am here.”
“So what.”
“What is so?”
“Ivan is good at distracting people from what he is actually doing.”
“This could be a special magic moment.”
“Can I participate with you?”
“Ivan, you only want to see me when I am up. Otherwise, you dismiss me.”
“There is a lot of time ahead of us.”
“Why are you so cynical?”
“You do not know what you are looking for.”

“We are not all bad people. You play to our weak side. And you try to take advantage of our situation. That is hardly a testimonial to human nature.”

“What is going on out there?”

“Ivan has a way of creating a belief on the part of another person.”

“I need some time to think about this.”

“You need to push ahead.”

“I will.”

“I stop in my tracks.”

“You are like everything else that you meet.”

“At least, I admit it.”:

“And what are you using Ivan for.”

“There is too much interference.”

“I could explain this differently.”

“I could do this better than anyone else.”

“Come back, and fortify me.”

“He has such a degrading view of humanity.”

“Are you talking about Ivan?”

“I am not sure if Ivan is that sophisticated.”

“It is not just the disease.”

“They love you for it.”

“Are you mocking me?”

“In my own way.”

“What do you do differently?”

“Everything is your shitty thndercalp.”

“Where is this going?”

“Are you kidding?”

“They love me.”

“They love what you can do for them.”

”You gave too much of yourself to the world.”

“That ain’t all.”

“What if I was that writer?”

“There would be more wizards and dragons. All these hidden powers with philosophy.”

“I need to ask.”

“That never does that for me.”

“What does?”

“Do your actions do damage to others?”

“I am not the source of the damage.”

“You wouldn’t have much success if these people did not already have a history of abuse. And you seem to probe it.”

“Now, I understand it.”

“I really do.”

“Are you self-hating?”

“Little do you know.”

“Those days are over.”
“Who takes the money?”
“That is pathetic.”
“You could make more noise.”
“Ivan is good at it.”
“Are you trying to get laughs at my expense?”
“What are they really saying?”
“This has to end.”
“And you found the one that you love.”
“Someone is laughing at me.”
“That is a different language.”
“We could go back in your history.”
“No one wants to do that.”
“I do not see myself as a political.”
“It is falling off.”
“Who has the money?”
“I need to ask.”
“And you simply took something that was not yours.”
“I do that often.”
“These hearts are waiting for their appointment.”
“I will tell you what you want to hear.”
“I do not want to care.”
“He is not dropping anything.”
“What is that echo?”
“I can’t bother.”
“But you do.”
“I could use this.”
“What makes a difference?”
“Nothing that you can eat.”
“Nothing that you cannot eat.”
“I am not that good at sharing.”
“Do it.”
“Do it.”
“That is a lot of money.”
“I need to make the choice.”
“What do you want?”
“I want to surprised.”
“That is a different kind of suprise.”
“That was supposed to mean something.”
“What are you trying to show off?”
“I am not sure what I am asking.”
“That really fucked me.”
“I know that there is something behind this.”

“That is his first question.”

“What else is there?”

“I am trying to hold it down.”

“I think that you lack something serious.”

“A kind of caring about others.”

“I care.”

“After you have devastated the individual. You do not even realize.”

“That is a tough call.”

“Treat me better.”

“You have a pulse.”

“We all are breathing.”

“And no one cares.”

“I need to get away from this shit.”

“I cannot help you.”

“What do you mean?”

“You have enough to do.”

“You are facilitating assholes like Ivan.”

“Where does this start?”

“In a chuch.”

“That is a total freak show.”

“Like one of those horror movies.”