

RIVERS TO CROSS

“I exist to be seen as you want to see me.”
“Lorna, what does that mean?”
“What were you doing at the beginning of the day?”
“I was experimenting.”
“We start with the basic ingredients.”
“I made a lot of money doing things that you have never even thought about.”
“How will be thinking about this in the future?”
“We show what cannot be seen.”
“What are you looking at?”
“A long conversation.”
“I am more about posing. Do you want me to do a session for you.”
“Where is this headed?”
“Who is going to help?”
“I need to perfect my memory.”
“That could help in school.”
“I forget things as soon as I think them.”
“That could be something good for heartbreak.”
“Unfortunately, that is one thing that I do think about.”
“A lot of thinking went into this.”
“This is the book of forgetting.”
“It is blank.”
“Don’t mess with me, Lorna.”
“I will mess with you until you mess with me.”
“How long can this go?”
“What kind of job is this?”
“I make things.”
“I deliver things.”
“What is going to work for you?”
“I need to be challenged.”
“Is that challenging?”
“You are too early for it to make any difference.”
“I am looking for something that you do not see.”
“Where is the act taking us?”
“You talk about the family.”
“And the family never gave you a chance.”
“Do you want to belong?”
“I do belong.”
“I so much have what I want.”
“At moments like this, I really wonder how did I get so messed up.”
“I don’t want to submit to this image that people have of me.”
The doll house.”

“You are a more submissive doll.”
 “I am getting better offers.”
 “You are still thinking about yesterday.”
 “Wouldn’t you?”
 “That could make work seem more tolerable.”
 “What about class consciousness?”
 “What is that?”
 “As soon as you can create dreams, someone creates a dream against you.”
 “That does not seem fair.”
 “When do you need me again.”
 “You got what you wanted.”
 “I do not quite see it.”
 “You will.”
 “People will ask about you.”
 “Moments of failing.”
 “Or succeeding.”
 “Do you have enough cash?”
 “I am not using my stash.”
 “What does that mean?”
 “I have learned to save.”
 “No snacks.”
 “Is that the beginning of achieving consciousness?”
 “You exaggerate your situation.”
 “I am preparing for the future.”
 “I have totally become what people want me to be.”
 “And what is that?”
 “The perfect self.”
 “The self perfect for now.”
 “Do you think that I am going to partake?”
 “I am right in the middle.”
 “I do a job.”
 “You do not think that you can make it just being yourself.”
 “I think that everyone wants to turn existence into a career. But people learn lessons.
 And they feel that they must submit.”
 “We are going to do some close ups?”
 “I can give you what you want when you want it.”
 “A meal.”
 “Body or soul.”
 “Exaggeration.”
 “What do we start with?”
 “A goal.”
 “How can we explain goals?”
 “Changing something. But it takes a while.”

“That is beautiful.”
“It could not be more beautiful.”
“Scream.”
“All too smooth.”
“I made the biggest mistake of my life.”
“The pinup.”
“What are you pinning up?”
“What are you living down?”
“Who are you afraid of?”
“We could head back to the beginning.”
“You always say that.”
“We like the test tube.”
“I want it more grimy.”
“I came from the earth.”
“That is brilliant.”
“Rich with worms.”
“Rich with denial of denail.”
“Where is the source?”
“What do you want with the coffee?”
“We pretend shit.”
“We pretend that we are thing that we are not.”
“I hope that you are attending.”
“I care.”
“I need to be somewhere.”
“I am totally nowhere.”
“You have the frame.”
“Gravity is destroying me.”
“It kills us all.”
“We get the equipment.”
“This is the tough part.”
“I care.”
“I care about you.”
“I need a favor.”
“I will not do your taxes.”
“What if they spit it out?”
“They may not accept.”
“This is not immediate.”
“This is going to be the best thing that I have ever loved.”
“Do not reject me.”
“Lorna, you are my fantasy.”
“Did you think about me?”
“I was too tired.”
“Do you think that I am going to like that.”

“I am learning.”
“Whose choice was that?”
“I would not consider that a choice.”
“It was more of a necessity.”
“When did we start?”
“Some bones.”
“How did we get to that stage?”
“They have it all synthesized.”
“Is it done in the right way?”
“We are all trying to figure it out.”
“For now, you are perfect.”
“And when you forget about me.”
“I have forgotten.”
“When you don’t care about me.”
“Have you replaced me with someone else?”
“We have all been replaced.”
“Bite on some flesh.”
“You can be my representative.”
“Are we going to see the IRS?”
“You are truly afraid.”
“I think one thing.”
“What name?”
“Do I have a body.”
“You are in line.”
“How does that work?”
“You leave one and get another.”
“I will take Lorna.”
“How long will that last?”
“Twenty days.”
“What are you pretending?”
“I am alive.”
“I am truly alive.”
“You make me truly alive.”
“Get going.”
“Are you kidding?”
“Are you really like this?”
“I cannot get clean.”
“We all grew up like this.”
“Hell’s Kitchen.”
“One got left behind.”
“That is me.”
“This is my story.”
“Face-to-face.”

“Love-to-love.”
“I did it perfectly.”
“Not for me.”
“What is your problem?”
“WORD 23.”
“What does that mean?”
“I already sent this shit.”
“You are more than perfect. You make me think that I have attained immortality.”
“I want to be loved.”
“I love you.”
“Thanks, Lorna.”
“We are doing the same thing.”
“That is all that I think about.”
“Death is death.”
“I want to live.”
“You cannot get the momentum.”
“As long as I keep doing this job, I will not be loved.”
“Lorna knows how to shut down those thoughts.”
“None of that amounts to much of anything.”
“Can we turn all that off?”
“What are you paying for?”
“Did you get lost on the runway?”
“Why?”
“Love.”
“Something messed up.”
“I am cleaning up.”
“I could be more than Lorna.”
“She has perfected what she has.”
“I do not want to be so far out there.”:
“I am protected.”
“I give you everything that I am made of.”
“I am losing that ability. I am settling for so much less.”
“This is when it must happen.”
“Lorna is going off like a firecracker.”
“What about you?”
“I am doing what I can to be what I can.”
“You can come back.”
“He is not as good as he thinks he is”
“Lorna, it is your turn.”
“What are you talking about?”
“You need to emerge from the world.”
“What is in the bos?”
“Grasshoppers.”

“This is a book of philosophy. Lorna, what is your philosophy?”

“I do not think about property.”

“This is all nonsense.”

“Johnny does not play well with the other kids.”

“Johnny is always getting drunk.”

“Johnny, this is your date for the night. Her name is Lorna.”

“I could have been a major star in another era.”

“Everything is open for the world.”

“I remember you from another day.”

“That is all that matters.”

“And now that is totally part of me.”

“And I got stopped in the middle.”

“What is this good for?”

“My name is Lorna. This is my story.”

“I am getting desperate.”

“I can get shit here. Why would I leave?”

“Why would you leave?”

“Some guy was bothering me.”

“I am the guy.”

“Shit.”

“What are you going to do, Lorna?”

“I am all here. I have no policy.”

“That means that you are not here at all.”

“No one is.”

“She is almost.”

“Nowhere.”

“At least, I had my moment.”

“I hate being like this.”

“This is ongoing.”

“This is the disease.”

“Lorna, I want to be cured.”

“Kiss me.”

“You do not want me to kiss.”

“You need to give me more to make me right.”

“You are right.”

“What is that about?”

“I can do that all the time.”

“You can take care of the ovens.”

“I do nails.”

“That will do nothing for any of us.”

“You are wasting your time too.”

“I am trying for genius.”

“I would be acceptable.”

“What does that mean?”

“This is perfect for now.”

“You are part of a movement that has already been played out. You are going to be doing the same job.”

“What is that about.”

“Look at my face.”

“Look me in the face.”

“I can write you letters, Lorna. I can help you to feel good.”

“I spent all of my cash.”

“I am not good at this.”

“I am dying here.”

“Lorna, kiss me.”

“We all get on the boat.”

“The boat is sinking.”

“Where is the water?”

“Water is part of prophecy.”

“This is another story.”

“There is always another.”

“Put more in the caserole.”

“Where did she go?”

“She got arrested for taking her friend’s shit.”

“That is not Lorna.”

“Lorna works a job.”

“We all do.”

“What other work is available?”

“You are headed somewhere that you are not needed.”:

“I keep forgetting.”

“Am I just going backwards?”

Lorna could have stepped off the treadmill. She wanted someone to give her more credit for being who she was.

“I have been through this before.”

“We are all on the raft.”

“Where is it going”

“Down river.”

“Sinking.”

“I do not want to stop the book.”

“I do not want to stop my life.”

“You are a beautiful person.”

“What else is going on ?”

“So many cjchoice.”

“I need to save.”

“I need to speng.”

“I need to spend more.”

“Why did that matter to you?”

“You feel comfortable when you are spending someone else’s money.”

“This is going to get no easier.”

“He has my life set out for me.”

“Lorna is all for now.”

“She disappears into herself.”

“I exist to be all exterior, which means that I am all interior.”

“Either this or that.”

“It is living deep inside.”

“I do so much. And I am a great performer. And there are these magnificent performers.”

“And they are way better than anyone else could be.”

“Why are you here?”

“I am here to fail.”

“How are you living?”

“Out of a can.”

“I had hopes.”

“All crashing.”

“This is when you show what you are really made of.”

“I dusted her.”

“I want to be with you.”

“What is that look about?”

“I am trying to stand on my own.”

“Take the doggy bag.”

“Is it more than a physical thing?”

“Physical can mean so many things.”

“Conditioning.”

“I got money for the cookie.”

“You are promising.”

“You need to do more than that.”

“None of that is working.”

“What is working?”

“We do what we need.”

“I should go home.”

“There is nothing there.”

“I should cross the pond.”

“It is a small pond.”

“Let her take over.”

“She has so much to say.”

“That works.”

“Add to the mix.”

“That works.”

“Strut your stuff.”

“He looks sad.”
“Sad sack.”
“He was giving me a leering look.”
“We could start there.”
“That would work.”
“Throw yourself into that kind of life.”
“I got exiled.”
“Lorna, you can give me everything that I need?”
“Look at this guy. All that he needs to do is to explain himself.”
“This other guy gets it all.”
“This is not going to mean anything for me.”
“This is important.”
“You need to get in there.”
“He has my best interests at heart.”
“I was sure that today would be so different.”
“What are you eating?”
“What is eating you?”
“He getting close.”
“This is our circle.”
“I can go it for you.”
“I am doing nails.”
“I am doing hair.”
“I am doing the weekend.”
“I want to be perfect for you.”
“We need to make some plans.”
“There are no plans to be made.”
“There is greatness.”
“Nothing is great.”
“What happened?”
“A few mistakes.”
“I cannot explain this to you.”
“Do it as simply as possible.”
“I will send you a receipt.”
“This is where it need to get sent.”
“There are two choices.”
“This is not a strict deal.”
“Do not make it worse for me.”
“There is one other altnerative.”
“I do not want to pay to pay.”
“Nature will bless me.”
“Nature will bless me for the now.”
“And it is hollow inside.”
“The inside is the outside. I want to be loved.”

“We are all loved.”
 “The novel being written in the the perfect now.”
 “All that you can do is flatter me. I want effective flattery.”
 “What is that?”
 “A gift.”
 “Take the gift.”
 “That is part of his love thing.”
 “His love thing.”
 “That is not going to work.”
 “That is all about you.”
 “I am pretty sure what this is.”
 “You eat all the meat off the bone.”
 “Something is blocking me from getting anything done.”
 “This was so brilliant, and it crashed in my hands.”
 “We have been there before.”
 “This is not a love story.”
 “Crush it.”
 “If the story had more authority, we could make something more of it.”
 “I still want to try.”
 “You are on the right path.”
 “I am on the right path.”
 “This where it all happens.”
 “Another day, another time.”
 “I am all about the now.”
 “I got cut.”
 “I am laughing.”
 “I am trying to laugh.”
 “I need a win.”
 “Why is that such a big thing.”
 “Where have you been?”
 “You are not where you need to be.”
 “I am who I need to be. You are putting words in my mouth.”
 “Lorna, finish it while you can.”

Lorna was my name. I had a great story to tell. I wanted people to follow me. I wanted them to care about me. This was not that deep. I filled in the role. I took a part, and I made something of it.

“You remember when I loved you. And I thought that was all that was possible.”
 “And what ended up happening.”
 “It all made sense.”
 “I am waiting for the bag man.”
 “He is the authority.”
 “And he is the boss.”
 “Why didn’t you obey the laws?”

“There are a lot more complex situations.”

“We came to win.”

“We were out together. And you spent all night looking at my friend. I wanted you to like her but not in that way. You totally betrayed me.”

“We could research that.”

“Lorna, you are too obvious.”

“And you fucked me.”

“You got it, but you did not get it.”

“Are you angry?”

“What about this?”

“You were invited.”

“I cannot make something that is nothing.”

“I had a plan.”

“One little thing upset the apple cart.”

“The tax man.”

“What is that about?”

“You tried to be conscientious.”

“I should have kept the records all along.”

“I got a dye job.”

“That is not going to do it.”

“We own this place.”

“That is what I am afraid of.”

“Bitty can explain.”