

WORK CONDITIONS

“I think that it is all going to happen tomorrow.”

“Turn on the camera.”

“Why are you working at this time of night?”

You get off work, and all that you can think about is all the shit that you’ve have been going through. You want to talk about. You represent that lifestyle. You feel out of place. You are afraid to let go. Some of your gestures are bigger than life. You have to let everyone know what you are thinking. Or you are as quiet as a mouse, and you cannot let anyone know what is going on in the confused head of yours.

“We can take this further.”

“Every effort to entertain yourself follows the same script time and time again. You can attain enough confidence to go out on your own and create your own vision. When you are at home, you might as well be at work. The same form of mind control applies. You are trying to break from those influences. You are doing your best to create independence for yourself. But your mindset is locked in. You wriggle around trying to get away.”

“There is an art to doing this. Even those who felt that they were professionals at having fun realized that they were only contributing to the same way of seeing the world. You are only contributing to the same way of seeing things.”

“This is all part of your overall bewilderment. Do you need to describe your situation more accurately? If you’re always trying to anesthetize yourself from your reality, will you ever discover the tools to change it.”

“All along, this could be the key. You are trying to define yourself, but you are trapped, and that trap only becomes more apparent over time. You stay home, and you spend all your time watching television. You are only trying to compress. But you never achieve enough momentum to get everything done. You have laundry and grocery shopping. All these chores become overwhelming. And you’re back in the same show again.”

“Perhaps, there just isn’t enough of a positive influence to make things any differently. Work can drain all your resources. And you believe that it is going to provide an answer based on everything that you have given to the job. You’ve stopped believing that personal satisfaction is part of the equation. You may also wonder if your best insights only become marginalized in this situation. You can’t pretend.”

“There are even times when you claim that it can’t be any different. Your initial experience may have been the source of liberation. Through your own efforts, you made real changes to your material situation. You were making more money. You could afford a new car. You realized how your ingenuity had made everything happen. You were clever enough that you found shortcuts at work. You would get so involved in getting things done, that you ignored the clock. Time would pass so quickly that you felt a real achievement when you were finished.”

“You didn’t become cynical about the experience. You shared camaraderie with others. You have your pet peeves. You had similar expectations for your life. You could share your achievements. What else did you hope for?”

“You could see how your dreams were being fashioned around your job. You weren’t caught in the situation. But this was the best that you could do. Your time off was not providing

you with another option. It just gave you the buffer that you needed to face what was coming up. That was the best that you could expect. You still had hopes that the world could get better. But your contribution really began and ended right here. Letting off steam meant staying faithful to the overall plan. That might have made you seem too programmed. That was just how things were. You didn't want to shake things up. You only wanted to show up."

"There were times that you might have seemed too safe. You did want to upset the applecart. If the show continued on as it was meant to, then you could find some kind of solace in this situation. You couldn't expect anything more extravagant. Sure you could dress for the occasion, but that did not provide enough control over the situation."

"What are you doing?"

"I am writing a novel."

"What is it about? Is it fiction?"

"It started as fact, then it went all crazy."

"The world is watching over you."

"What are you working on tonight?"

"What are you working on? You try so hard to create a vision for yourself. But you are back at the same situation again and again."

"Where do you work?"

"At an auto parts store."

"Do you have a radiator?"

"I do hair."

"I am a hypnotist."

"What are your qualifications?"

"I have seen things that no one else has seen."

"For example?"

"I am watching my own demise."

"I will be right back."

"I am afraid to get too far away from the source."

"The energy source."

"I do not like taking my work with me."

"So you get so fucked up that you only take your work with you."

"You do something really foolish, and you spend the rest of your days living it down."

"You could take this over."

"I could finish this for you."

"What kind of work do you really do?"

"Nothing affects you."

"What do I do with this part?"

"What do I do with anything?"

"This could be your story."

"Do you know what goes on here? After the doors close, there is animal sacrifice and devil worship."

"Which devil do you worship?"

"What is about to happen?"

“The world is going to close in on me.”
 “I will go along.”
 “That was the high point of my life.”
 “What are you expecting will distract you from your life?”
 “Do you see what that is about, pumpkin?”
 “I could be doing so much more at home.”
 “I need another drink.”
 “I am not here to interfere.”
 “If you have enough independence of thought and action, what would you really be doing?”
 “I do not want to be distracted from what I need to learn.”
 “You could become better at the job.”
 “And that will change people.”
 “When did you get in?”
 “He has got my time.”
 “You have a simple dream.”
 “We share a carport.”
 “He promised me my own plane.”
 “Everyone cannot have a pony.”
 “What is the basis for your frustration?”
 “I want to get into everyone’s head.”
 “You turn me on.”
 “And I am back on the line.”
 “That seems too much to think about.”
 “Should I be making notes?”
 “This is higher order thinking.”
 “Toss me the ball.”
 “That seems too much to think about.”
 “That turns me on.”
 “Eat up.”
 “He did.”
 “And I am back to the same shit over and over again.”
 “What is the influence?”
 “Where am I?”
 “I need help changing a tire.”
 “I am on foot.”
 “I did something terrible.”
 “We worked together.”
 “You pretend to be something that you are not.”
 “I will take what I see,”
 “You are being so mean.”
 “I work too.”
 “It is not what this is about.”

“I work at this. I work at having people see me in a specific way.”
“The layer cake.”
“The brain.”
“Doe he have it?”
“I got dressed for this.”
“You could have stayed home and binged watch a Netflix series.”
“What questions would you have asked yourself?”
“There is something Sebastian that knows.”
“And what does he know?”
“He knows all about himself.”
“You need to use your imagination.”
“Do it for yourself.”
“Stripped down to the bone.”
“Dressed for the occasion.”
“This is a ritual.”
“What stage is this?”
“Glorification.”
“Humility.”
“Do you get the humility part?”
“I want to explain this to you. If I explain too much, I am going to dilute the product.”
“Where is this leading?”
“Do not ask.”
“That was important.”
“He wants this to work.”
“I am working.”
“Back at the autoplant.”
“Is that the job?”
“There are no working parts.”
“Does anyone really care.”
“You are caring too much.”
“And I am back at work with you.”
“You got things ready.”
“There is so much to ask.”
“I am not involved.”
“And this makes a difference.”
“They don’t understand.”
“You are not working, but they found a way to program your time.”
“A special dinner.”
“This is all meaningless.”
“I am back at the same job.”
“What is that called?”
“Taking parts from one place and putting them somewhere else.”
“You can remove a heart and put it where the brain has been.”

“Is this physiology?”

“Can we break it down to a breath?”

“I feel as if you are trying to force me.”

“We could climb a mountain.”

“I am on the wrong mountain.”

“Pull the covers over you head.”

“I had this neighbor who was making all kind of noise.”

“What did you do about it?”

“I am here.”

“I am totally myself.”

“I got this new job.”

“I am being invited to do another interview.”

“I need to do an interview before they put me in the truck.”

“This is going to be a good job.”

“I am doing my best to keep track.”

“This is the private reality question.”

I wanted to share what was happening on the job. And I explained what was going on. And she looked at me as if she had not idea what I was talking about.

“I need to do this while I can.”

“Who really gets me?”

“Can anyone understand me?”

“Be honest. We all feel the same thing here.”

“I love that movie.”

“Do you like what you are seeing?”

“I cannot understand.”

“We are going to start from the beginning.”

“I need to crash in my car tonight. I do not want to drive back to the house.”

“There are too many problems.”

“Too many problem.”

“There is nothing going on here.”

“Keep pretending.”

“I am trying to find that balance.”

“You keep expecting to hear something that you will never here.”

“What else is important?”

“Close your eyes.”

“And I am still back at the same place.”

“We didn’t have much time.”

“Make it simple.”

“You are a genius.”

“You are my genius.”

“There is the writer and the visitor.”

He called me a tourist. I wondered if he was trying to insult me.

“I am a night auditor.”

“That is crazy shit.”
 “Who else is staying at the hotel?”
 “It all started to make sense.”
 “That solved the problem.”
 “Give me some bread.”
 “Another miracle.”
 “Don’t tell me what I would like.”
 “I am not involved.”
 “They kept me after school.”
 “That is a way of talking.”
 “Can I be in the novel?”
 “I guess that you are part of the story.”
 “Do not edit me out.”
 “This is the big confession scene.”
 “She really cares.”
 “I love it.”
 “Have you ever knocked on the door?”
 “This could do everything for me.”
 “There is an alternative.”
 “Hold it in.”
 “This is a happy time.”
 “This is all up to you.”
 “Make the move.”
 “I am not hoping for anything.”
 “He works on this.”
 “That is what I am trying to tell you.”
 “We work on it.”
 “This is that last day that I can take it light.”
 “Where are you headed?”
 “This tastes so good.”

I wondered if you were getting bored. I hadn’t seen you in a while. But you wanted to be entertained.”

“This is not really worth it.”
 “I was given a script.”
 “I am a writer too.”
 “I write things down. That does not really make me a writer. Perhaps, if I discovered some coherence.”

“She can help.”
 “She can really help.”
 “You can tell me what you need to do.”
 “He can do it for us.”
 “Are you all there?”

“This shirt says that I am all here.”
“You need to take a breath.”
“Should I head back home?”
“You surprised me.”
“This is going to change things.”
“Who should I ask?”
“I work in a bank.”
“Do they let you sample the ice cream?”
“They want us to know.”
“That you are at work.”
“That I need to work extra hard.”
“I keep it going.”
“Balance.”
“I am not a fucking tax accountant.”
“Your living room looks as if it was designed by a tax accountant.”
“He is much more creative than he seems.”
“I should not have left the house.”
“This will calm you down.”
“What is it?”
“Some kind of stomach medicine.”
“Huh?”
“This is completely off label.”
“Everyone is his friend here.”
“There was so much excitement without a positive result.”
“You are so helpful.”
“Fill out a comment form for me.”
“At the last moment, it all comes together.”
“This is the private part.”
“Someone is watching me.”
“Then you run out of things to say.”
“I do not want to pretend that I get it all.”
“Why would they show up again?”
“You cannot have expectations that will not be fulfilled.”
“Your whole life is about to change”
“I still have to show up for work everyday.”
“Get out while you can.”
“The power trio is here.”
“What is that about?”
“I know what you are looking for.”
“You are moving too quickly for me.”
“Do you know what I really care about?”
“This is where carelessness reigns.”
“Things are starting to become fun.”

“We could develop a philosophy.”
“I think that we share the same thing.”
“I did not want to run into her at her place of business.”
“You need to take care of it while you can.”
She was the most likely to succeed.
“How does that function?”
“What part do you need to complete this project?”
“I could be restoring a car.”
“Or going to a horse race.”
“I made a bad mistake.”
“There is one more chance to get it all right.”
“And one more chance to get out.”
“This is where it all starts.”
“Where did she go?”
“I could try to make other friends.”
“And listen to more fawning conversations.”
“What were you in your past life?”
“I was expecting more from you.”
“Did she leave without saying good bye?”
“She is advancing her interests.”
“There are no interests here.”
“You are an expert at this.”
“He is following.”
“Do not get too far away.”
“That is the rule.”
“Eat up.”
“I am good at this.”
“Tell me about the job.”
“The restaurant.”
“The receptionist.”
“I am looking at someone most likely to fail, and she can fail with me.”
“The wedding planner.”
“The life planner.”
“The financial planner.”
“And I am doing the same thing over and over again.”
“What is your objection?”
“Quit interfering with the world.”
“That could be the opposite of a job.”
“I am prepared for you.”
“That works.”
“Be ready for what is coming.”
“Oh, fuck it.”
“Fuck it.”

“I need to listen.”
“Good luck on your book.”
“Good luck on your life.”
“You need to figure this out.”
“We could go shopping together.”
“He has it all down.”
“Are you a believer?”
“I create my own system.”
“Anthropology.”
“Do not expect what cannot happen.”
“Who is speaking?”
“No one speaks. The words speak for us.”
“A cartoon.”
“You cannot expect what you cannot expect to happen.”
“I could wander.”
“She is already here.”
“She can never arrive.”
“That is so cute.”
“Where did you learn to do that?”
“At a bakery.”
“This is not show and tell.”
“How long do I need to keep doing this?”
“This is hopeless.”
“Hopeless.”
“It has been a while.”
“It is not the same without you.”
“This is going to get excellent.”
“I could have done that.”
She could have done that.
“She did not.”
“He will fill in for your confusion.”
“He gets me.”
“The work thing again.”
“What are you working on?”
“Are you answering emails?”
“Are you?”
“That is next to impossible.”
“Some will.”
“Two left hands.”
“What does that mean?”
“Double the insight.”
“Double the trouble.”
“I am better at this.”

“This is not an exam question.”
“I could have done so much better.”
“What is this?”
“Should I bother?”
“I turn on myself.”
“That is accidental.”
“Do you have insurance?”
“I don’t need insurance. I love accidents.”
“Take it for what it is.”
“You can die with this.”
“I can’t understand.”
“You need to love the garbage.”
“This is not that complex.”
“That is too much to think about.”
“Power me up.”
“In know what this is reall yabout.”
“Give it to me!:
“New parts.”
“Flesh and bone.”
“Love is incredibly hard.”
“That is why I fell and hurt myself.”
“You will improve.”
“What is the real goal?”
“I am an expert on this.”
“Building blocks.”
“A is for animal.”
“The social animal.”
“What is the other side of the conflict.”
“I have more going for me.”
“Do you ever find what you are looking for?”
“This is happening slowly.”
“That could be everything.”
“Do you want to rescue me?”
“I need my brakes changed.”
“There is a lot more than that.”
“I made a big mistake.”
“Do you see how he is standing?”
“On his head.”
“What is going on back there?”
“I have different goals.”
“We are trying to be ourselves.”
“How do you make cash?”
“I will pay for one year of training.”

“For what?”

“The job pays.”

“Do not leave me this way.”

“Are you following me?”

“I am your publicist.”

“How does that work?”

“Keep the things going on my life.”

“Did you find what you wanted?”

“He is running cigarettes across the border.”

“This could turn into some crazy stuff.”

“I do not want to get caught.”

“Some cop is on my tail.”

“You need to escape.”

“There is a changing of the guard.”

“What should I be looking at?”

“Someone put something in my drink.”

“Go with it.”

“Those we hate become those we love.”

“You cannot solve this little problem of yours in the time that remains.”

“Let me be myself.”

“You should leave now!”