

LOSING FACE

“I got over it.”
 “How do the two of you work together?”
 “We compromise.”
 “And I am going to think about this for the rest of my life.”
 “When does this end?”
 “We are adults here.”
 “Is this a domestic dispute?”
 “You can have the carport.”
 “We are going to strip away the layers.”
 “What are you waiting for?”
 “You are going to have to pay for this.”
 “I need to get this done.”
 “Pull tighter.”
 “You cannot make me drink.”
 “I am doing everything that I can to put all the pieces together.”
 “You doing retail.”
 “You are doing tech.”
 “You are making the world live your suffering.”
 “You are working a miracle.”
 “I am getting a whole life story.”
 “Break from the pack.”
 “I found it in the closet.”
 “What do you mean?”
 “You are a great guy.”
 “You will be a great caregiver.”
 “Do you want to share my lunch?”
 “Is it crunchy?”
 “I am going to want keep thinking about this.”
 “Can I give you a result?”
 “I do not feel safe getting in your car.”
 “When does the alarm go off?”
 “Do you have a cause?”
 “You will be bitter.”
 “I never got what I was promised.”
 “The machine broke down.”
 “The crying machine.”
 “I feel as if I am in the ER.”
 “There is no deeper purpose.”
 “I care for my family.”
 “Here is another brick.”
 “You haven’t talked about anything important.”

“It is important for me.”
“You will find other friends.”
“This is hopeless.”
“Way too deep for me,”
“That is not allowed.”
“You make your own rules.”
“Are you a cop?”
“I might as well be.”
“High and dry.”
“Are you going to sort this out?”
“Do you have extra time?”
“I do what I can.”
“This was a life.”
“Do you want some more?”
“I am making do with what I have.”
“Is that a story? Is that the beginning for a story.”
“First line.”
“Now, I understand.”
“We are protecting what we have.”
“Tax law.”
“You have no idea what is next.”
“What can you make happen?”
“I am steeling myself.”
“I am all fired up until I head out at night.”
“He is falling over himself. Is that attractive to anyone?”
“Wait until he gets home.”
“We are getting a life story.”
“That is his book.”
“What does he need to do to make it a best seller.”
“Really screw someone over and live it tell about it.”
“This makes some kind of difference for me.”
“Make it.”
“I WANT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ODDS.”
“Do you know the difference?”
“I am well-loved.”
“You are all blood suckers.”
“You never have to touch the flesh.”
“It is all an idea.”
“Please stop.”
“These are various levels of unbearable.”
“A kiss on the lips.”
“What are you pretending?”
“This is chill.”

“No one is going to bother me.”
“It is all there.”
“Self-admiration.”
“It is not going to happen to you.”
“That hurts me more than it hurts you.”
“Don’t you want to be converted.”
“You have no idea what this is.”
“I cannot care.”
“We are reliving high school.”
“Limited social engagement.”
“Or the beginning of something deep.”
“The understanding of social inequality.”
“How will that change.”
“We believe that we have more control over what is happening.”
“I am alone for the rest of the weekend.”
“I hope that this works better.”
“Take it at face value.”
“I need this in my hand.”
“Take this at face value.”
“I would have done differently.”
“You cannot make it any better.”
“Explain.”
“What is left?”
“I want to sign off on this.”
“There is a different way of understanding the socioeconomics.”
“No one is chasing him.”
“He is going to break the rock.”
“Perfect.”
“The end of tyranny.”
“Time to go.”
“I have waited all my life for this.”
“They do not see how things can really be in the shit.”
“I watched you try to escape.”
“Like an insect.”
“He has got this.”
“What if he does not?”
“You have a whole life waiting for you.”
“WHERE?”
“They got out while they could.”
“They are going to rescue me.”
“I am glad that every equation has a solution.”
“Is that what the book says?”
“I give myself to the Lord.”

“Call it what you will.”

“I need a fantasy.”

“Real estate.”

“He said no.”

“I want to let you know.”

“It is a big world.”

“We already said that.”

“I am about to hear a confession.”

“Mirror, mirror.”

“Run for cover.”

“Is this a thing?”

“I think that they know that something is going on out there. But they are afraid to leave the cocoon.”

“Are you coming back to haunt me?”

“How does that work?”

“Is that fortifying?”

“These are people who are so afraid of solitude that they turn it into some kind of ritual.”

“I cannot help anyone.”

“Good for you.”

“The tax system.”

“It is more than that.”

“One little ripple.”

“This is going to be a tsunami.”

“You have no idea what is coming.”

“I have my body together.”

“This is is good for you.”

“One presentation.”

“One rhythm.”

“What is this about?”

“Breaking rocks.”

“I need to make this work.”

“That got too close for comfort.”

“You need to leave.”

“Spend.”

“Save.”

“I feel safe.”

“You need to do that one more time.”

“I am making this a party.”

“I have a confession to make.”

“I wanted to get away with it one more time.”

“You took out something important.”

“The main ingredient.”

“This is going to happen for the rest of the night.”

“The betrayal.”
“They only think about one thing.”
“More than gratification.”
“This weird balance of heaven and hell.”
“I thought nothing about it.”
“Are you in training?”
“They act as if they are working on the same thing.”
“The good and the bad.”
“How this results in a financial balance?”
“Real estate and stocks.”
“What does this do to work?”
“What does this do to you?”
“The reality hits me in the head.”
“I get rewarded.”
“You know how to soak people.”
“Did the event happen?”
“I missed it all.”
“We will got at it again.”
“That is wonderful.”
“He is going to propose.”
“You do not realize how it all works.”
“Do I need to keep listening to this.”
“This is pure gold.”
“I cower in fear.”
“I am out of words.”
“Do it to yourself.”
“This is already a little boring.”
“She got good money for this.”
“I assumed that I was doing better.”
“Go with this.”
“Bad impressions.”
“The last day of gratification.”
“THE LAST DAY OF TOTAL GRATIFICATION.”
“Are you trying to get in my head?”
“They called an ambulance.”
“They called the police.”
“I can’t handle this by myself.”
“A different level of anger.”
“The mega-church.”
“I want to learn.”
“We are all together.”
“On the spaceship.”
“As it goes down.”

“As we go down together.”
“There is not much left.”
“You have the parts.”
“The real.”
“And the estate.”
“I didn’t hear any of this.”
“How early is it?”
“Too early for change.”
“Are you still at the restaurant?”
“They are all in the money industry.”
“This makes the world work.”
“I can buy a new car.”
“Fill it up.”
“DO YOU CARE ABOUT ME?”
“Until it hits me in the head.”
“Are you even listening.”
“Take another break.”
“In good time.”
“We are much further along.”
“Did she get pulled in?”
“Sucked up by the system.”
“Alone with herself.”
“This is not good.”
“I am checking myself in.”
“Why are you so sensitive?”
“Finish it off.”
“There is a finishing house for you.”
“WOULD MANNERS MAKE IT ALL WORK?”
“I want more than that.”
“The biological imperative.”
“Then he slammed me in the jaw.”
“Are you the Minister of Justice?”
“There is no balance.”
“You are contagious.”
“Someone will love you.”
“We all went out after work.”
“What else can you talk about?”
“Clothing.”
“Art.”
“How do you divide the space?”
“Is this geometric?”
“This is more about persuasiveness.”
“You got what you really wanted.”

“All the time.”

“He promised me.”

“What is in the account?”

“All the fun is over.”

“Some kind of secret society.”

“What does any of that mean?”

“My friends are coming?”

“There is only one place to go?”

“The hospital.”

“The grave.”

“I have known him forever.”

“And that is all that you guys can do.”

Had I reached a crisis in my development? I did not want to get caught up in his petty rivalries.

“Think about this like a place to live.”

“They are up in my business all the time.”

“What are the names?”

“I didn’t hear what they said.”

“This guy and this girl.”

“What were they after?”

“Their own shit.”

“How did you get in on this?”

“This seemed as if it was going to be important.”

“And when did you join?”

“That is the basis for temptation.”

“This is going to take months.”

“Maybe years.”

“Maybe never.”

“You are expecting things that are never going to happen.”

“Why did you think that would ever change?”

“Can I help you?”

“I am looking for some shoes.”

“Do you want to go have a drink?”

“What else is there to the story?”

“I was so close.”

“Follow along.”

“Hang in there.”

“I am so distracted.”

“We are far enough along. Remember your name.”

“That will not do it.”

“I surrender to the force.”

“I no longer know who I am.”

“Why does nay of that make a difference?”

“The lab.”
“I will understand.”
“They are all working together.”
“I do not hear what they are saying.”
“Immortality is one step away.”
“That is such bull shit.”
“You can live forever.”
“Damn!”
“The money will always be there.”:
“And the real estate.”
“The toxic waste dump.”
“What you do not know cannot hurt you.”
“The foundation of sales.”
“What do you want: permanence?”
“A pledge of your love.”
“This guy is in jewelry.”
“Forger of paintings.”
“I can never get far enough away.”
“I am so much here.”
“Here forever.”
“Rels, time for you.”
“I may not be part of the story anymore.”
“Who is?”
“Why can’t that finance guy take over?”
“I know what he is afraid of.”
“This new currency thing is not going to happen.”
“Another level of oppression.”
“And you think that is okay.”
“They made it worse.”
“You want someone to acknowledge your presence.”
“In the way that he already does.”
“These two characters left.”
“They went back to the graveyard.”
“The complex.”
“That is not what people usually say.”
“This could be brilliant in its own way.”
“Do you have enough brain power to complete this journey?”
“We all do.”
“I have some kind of brain hemorrhage.”
“Take your hands off me.”
“I am trying to revive you.”
“I will never like this.”
“Does anyone really like this?”

“Between a rock and a perennial hard place.”
“What will grow?”
“He has got us both.”
“That is the life that I have dreamed of.”
“I am out there on my own.”
“Dying.”
“Dying to get out of here.”
“Where did she go?”
“She got her drink.”
“What did you get?”
“I am a very accepting person.”
“I cannot even figure out who else is involved.”
“My real estate agent, my tax accountant, my financial adviser, and my spiritual guru.”
“Are these enough characters for a story?”
“You need to be tough.”
“No one is going to rescue you.”
“Hang on.”
“This has been like this for quite a while.”
“Should I care?”
“I tried.”
“Some people do not have that level of personal control.”
“I write poetry.”
“This is more like systems theory.”
“What do you mean?”
“Every action has this fucked up opposite reaction.”
“There is someone who truly cares about you.”
“I am on the verge of understanding that.”
“That is why you hit him”
“Do they care?”
“Some do.”
“Live it until you get bored.”
“You are not looking for much.”
“Act it out all that you can.”
“How is that happening?”
“I thought that I would have to hide.”
“I made my way to the heart of the crowd.”
“Is it one constant I?”
“Assume that it is.”
“Is it me?”
“He loves you, doesn’t he? Do you assume that is who it is?”
“Where else can I hide?”
“At home.”
“Do you know who you are?”

“I know who I am not.”
“Do you like that?”
“I smell airplane glue.”
“What is that?”
“I have so fucked up my brain.”
“That is not bad.”
“There is a lot more time.”
“Go now.”
“Another version of a smooth landing.”
“I do not feel it.”
“I do not understand the geography.”
“They were setting you up.”
“You have no idea what will happen.”
“We will bury you.”
“HELP!”
“Quit acting like someone did something bad to you.”
“Take what you want.”
“What are you here for?”
“I am working on something very serious.”
“There is still time.”
“The queen will arrive.”
“What is she going to say?”
“She does not trust herself.”
“That mattered.”
“To whom.”
“What is the purpose?”
“We are done.”
“The exile.”
“You care about your job.”
“I do.”
“There is so much drama.”
“All fake.”
“They do not even understand.”
“Your order is ready.”
“I am going to walk off this job.”
“You are not a very reliable employee.”
“You know things that I do not know about myself.”
“This is not the time for psychology.”
“You write poem too.”
“With merit.”
“What are you doing to yourself?”
“No pain, no gain.”
“I will look at it again.”

“I did not see what needed to be changed.”

“This is too pleasant.”

“I get it.”

“You are the love of my life.”

“Do you say that to everyone?”

“Bad home environment.”

“We are building an addition on to the house.”

“Is that what you want to tell me?”

“This could result in something interesting.”

“You are not a serious guy.”

“I can fix you up.”

“There is not much more to the story.”

“Angels need not apply.”

“Do you want me to be an assertive person? Or do you want me to parrot what you believe?”

“Invest in me.”

“How does that work?”

“I am blessed.”

“I was here before.”

“I am losing my head again.”

“Take one of these.”

“That is not good.”