

## AFTER THE AFTER PARTY

“Is there something that you want to say to me?”  
 “Are you staying here?”  
 “They told me about another party.”  
 “You told me that she is your muse.”  
 “She is going to come back to life for me.”  
 “What does that even mean?”  
 “You know everything that it mean.”  
 “She is all flesh and bones.”  
 “Have some chicken.”  
 “That is what they call you.”  
 “Is he here?”  
 “He is developing a theory of art.”  
 “What does it involve?”  
 “A deeper social involvement.”  
 “How does that work?”  
 “We do not paint what see. We paint what we want to see.”  
 “What do you want to see?”  
 “Immortality.”  
 “No one could ever achieve that same greatness.”  
 “They could desire.”  
 “Do not beg me to be something that you are not.”  
 “You can stay.”  
 “We are all married to someone.”  
 “Are you afraid of sacrifice?”  
 “Where is the art going?”  
 “What do you know that no one else knows?”  
 “It is not the babbling brook. It is the expression of the human soul.”  
 “That is Ruskin’s theory.”  
 “I think that you are making it up as you go along.”  
 “Where are you going along?”  
 “Your chicken order is ready.”  
 “What is that really about?”  
 “Do you work here?”  
 “It is an understanding of colors.”  
 “A color theory.”  
 “More than that.”  
 “The important colors of the soul.”  
 “I am not hurting”  
 “No one is.”  
 “Where do the colors go?”  
 “Something that is totally insistent.”

“Finish before you start.”  
“You were much faster than I could ever be.”  
“You are making all this happen.”  
“I know. They call it the power of the mind.”  
“Can they rescue us?”  
“That sharp blast of color.”  
“We need more than that.”  
“I was a cook.”  
“I was a god.”  
“I was a botanist.”  
“I took the extracts of plants, and I made remedies to some of our worst ailments.”  
“I don’t want to get dumped.”  
“How did I get dumped here?”  
“I can do way better than that.”  
“Do it.”  
“This is all ready for you.”  
“We all know.”  
“I am going to learn the full story.”  
“What are you wearing?”  
“What do you want me to wear?”  
“Something colorful?”  
“Do you want to share?”  
“I know quite a lot about a theory of art.”  
“They brought the noise.”  
“How do you make sense of that shit?”  
“Where should we start?”  
“I am so beyond myself.”  
“I am out there without a tail wind.”  
“How is that going to help?”  
“We take over some place. We make it our own.”  
“That is the whole story.”  
“There is blood on the lawn.”  
“That is an illusion of the painting.”  
“This is not going to get any better.”  
“I have it all mapped out.”  
“You would have to solve something major.”  
“I am reviewing history.”  
“Where do we start?”  
“She has arrived.”  
“She is a muse.”  
“She is not alive.”  
“They are waiting for me outside.”  
“You want to hear what I have to say.”

“I am not mean.”  
“He has his claims.”  
“What are your prospects?”  
“This is everything that I’ve got.”  
“I still do not have a grasp.”  
“Have a grasp!”  
“And that is all that is involved.”  
“I stake my claim.”  
“You will need to fill in some documents.”  
“I am not naive about this shit.”  
“Where does this go?”  
“What are you upholding?”  
“Do you even understand?”  
“I do not want to go back to that?”  
“You and me.”  
“I can hear the engines roar.”  
“Who else is listening?”  
“That is so cool.”  
“Was it ever?”  
“That is so wild.”  
“Was it ever?”  
“Was it ever?”  
“That is my influence.”  
“My true influence.”  
“What do you have that no one else has?”  
“What do you have?”  
“Buy me a drink.”  
“Do you know the difference?”  
“Colin, it is not this or that.”  
“It is this or that.”  
“How does this work?”  
“I have friends.”  
“They have a claim on my time.”  
“I am new to all of this.”  
“Where do I start?”  
“I cannot be the new song.”  
“I cannot be the new life.”  
“I have loads of friends.”  
“What do you have?”  
“I have so many thing that you do not have.”  
“Like a backbone.”  
“We need to knock that door down.”  
“That will not amount to much.”

“She could.”  
“I want to stay warm on a chilly night.”  
“This is the announcement.”  
“We are here.”  
“You paid for this.”  
“He is back.”  
“We are doing the same thing again.”  
“It will not work this time.”  
“Is this an allergic reaction.”  
“This is a political reaction.”  
“What about art history?”  
“What do we start with.”  
“A splotch of paint.”  
“A bit of love.”  
“A splash of soda.”  
“Synonyms will not work.”  
“What will work?”  
“Take a risk.”  
“I am risking everything that I own.”  
“Nothing is concrete.”  
“I am not leaving here until I get my money.”  
“That is what is it all about.”  
“Colin knows.”  
“He is developing color theory.”  
“I got screwed.”  
“That works for me.”  
“Work for me.”  
“Do you realize what is going on here?”  
“I am beyond reasoning.”  
“Beyond.”  
“I am dying of hunger.”  
“What is in my way?”  
“Love.”  
“Not in a good way.”  
“I want a piece of the sandwich.”  
“Do you really like this?”  
“I need a guidebook for my own life.”  
“Where did you buy that shit?”  
“Have you been to the junk shop?”  
“This is all garbage.”  
“There is a treasure here.”  
“I will follow.”  
“I will make you a friend.”

“More than that.”  
“I will give blood.”  
“More than that.”  
“You are loved.”  
“I do not want to intervene to upset your social life.”  
“Catch the last shot.”  
“What is that about?”  
“This could have described a division in your character.”  
“We are all a part of this.”  
“It is still not over.”  
“All that stuff has been thrown away.”  
“What remains?”  
“Am I supposed to follow you as if you are some kind of leader?”  
“All allegiance will fade.”  
“What will remain?”  
“Belief.”  
“The ladder.”  
“Will you climb it?”  
“I am good at what I do.”  
“And that makes a difference.”  
“Make a difference.”  
“What else does this involve?”  
“I need to get involved.”  
“Send me a plan.”  
“A floor plan.”  
“A seating plan.”  
“Who else is here?”  
“Someone that I used to love.”  
“I had a nap.”  
“I need to do more work.”  
“We need to talk to you at the office.”  
“What are you doing to keep yourself together.”  
“I will take what I am given.”  
“That is some crazy stuff.”  
“I want this to be my life.”  
“Are we different?”  
“I think that we are.”  
“You are going to have to make a pledge.”  
“I used to love you.”  
“I do not even know you.”  
“That more than works.”  
“This is my path for life.”  
“This guy has nothing but answers.”

“The floor plan has broken down.”  
“I want to see it all from the inside.”  
“Is it working?”  
“All the hearts.”  
“All the belief.”  
“None of the remedies worked.”  
“We are using transfusions.”  
“I cannot help this.”  
“I am not around.”  
“Colin, can you fix this?”  
“She can fix it.”  
“I only want a winner.”  
“You could have made it right.”  
“I could have, but I did not.”  
“And all the money was cleared out.”:  
“Funny money.”  
“This is what I needed.”  
“I did not hav the chance.”  
“I am threading a needle.”  
“I want some smarts.”  
“We have plans.”  
“This is hopeless.”  
”I have been called in the office.:  
“This is my life.”  
“Ask me.”  
“Who is helping?”  
“You were great.”  
“I could reveal more about my failures.”  
“It is all perfect.”  
“I need to get a hearing.”  
“Close my eyes, and pretend.”  
“I could lie.”  
“I am sinking in my place.”  
“And this would be good for me.”  
“I knew that it would never work for me.”  
“Are you still at the top of your game?”  
“I did this for old times.”  
“I could have done that.”  
“Actually, you can’t.”  
“What can I do if I go back to basics?”  
“Basic what?”  
“This no longer works.”  
“What did you contribute?”

“We all know each other.”  
“Colin, what is the color theory?”  
“He is not here.”  
“We both moved on.”  
“I got what I wanted.”  
“Why would I like?”  
“Because.”  
“We have already explained the art.”  
“I cannot say it.”  
“That is hideous.”  
“That is grotesque.”  
“They took me somewhere, and I am not coming back.”  
“You could develop a different fiction.”  
“The present is too potent.”  
“She shows up.”  
“Nothing is more potent.”  
“She is overdetermined.”  
“She stood for the exam.”  
“She received a promotion.”  
“To what.”  
“It still is early.”  
“What else is coming?”  
“More hunger.”  
“More banging.”  
“The temptation.”  
“They call it a kangaroo court.”  
“And I am supposed to take it.”  
“Take it.”  
“This is how it works out.”  
“I only want to pay half.”  
“You ate the whole meal.”  
“I left the onions.”  
“And that is supposed to be some kind of political statement.”  
“There is work, and there is play.”  
“Who is running the office?”  
“I will tell you what I feel like.”  
“He is very sure who he is.”  
“What do you want?”  
“More than you can ever know.”  
“I know.”  
“Much more.”  
“I have seen that before.”  
“It is coming back again.”

“You can’t keep doing the same thing again and again.”  
“Where else does this make a difference?”  
“Where else?”  
“I want the rice dish.”  
“Do not make fun of my desires.”:  
“I am offering tolerance.”  
“Nothing moves.”  
“Do you move?”  
“More than anything.”  
“I feel blown away by everything around me.”  
“I have no sympathies.”  
“What is going on?”  
“I have food poisoning”  
“I have food positioning.”  
“Your homework is due.”  
“I dropped the art history class.”  
“What is the artist’s role?”  
“To make excuses for talentless individuals.”  
“I can do great caricatures.”  
“You never get the faces right. And you destroyed the piano.”  
“That is very radical.”  
“I am at home developing a new theory for love and creation.”  
“What else do you need?”  
“You need an excuse.”  
“What would that be based on?”  
“A greater belief.”  
“This is a real commitment.”  
“What else is involved?”  
“The transformation of the individual.”  
“You do not have the balance.”  
“I am not alive.”  
“What else is there?”  
“Eat this.”  
“That will not help.”  
“There is more work to get done.”  
“This is an easy day.”  
“What is your lament?”  
“I am happy just like you.”  
“How do you make that work?”  
“An equal but opposite reaction.”  
“What else is there?”  
“You need to talk to my hair specialist.”  
“Where is this going?”



“Philosophy.”  
“I was sure that it was you.”  
“I can make it easier for you.”  
“That is all there is.”  
“Turn the light on.”  
“What is this really about?”  
“They are all here.”  
“But none of them really are here.”  
“And you fold up in a little ball.”  
“Where else should I go?”  
“Go where you will.”  
“This is all about me.”  
“Stripping away the layers.”  
“The clawing self.”  
“I will come back.”  
“He is here to teach me.”  
“What good will that be?”  
“The theory of color.”  
“Blue or red.”  
“The mix.”  
“Are you close enough to nature?”  
“You could use blood.”  
“Or cherry juice.”  
“Is that closer to something real?”  
“They all love me.”  
“More than that.”  
“How do you relate?”  
“I do not.”  
“Older brother.”  
“There is a theory.”  
“You don’t have to be perfect. You only have to do something.”  
“And you are acting as if you know.”  
“Do you understand the hardening of the psyche?”  
“Guidance.”  
“Where are we headed?”  
“I fell from the tower.”  
“I bounced back.”  
“I jumped up.”  
“He has got this.”  
“He is paying.”  
“Is Colin supposed to love you?”  
“Nothing is supposed to matter.”  
“But it does matter.”

“He looked at me.”  
“What good is that?”  
“That is what I wondered.”  
“What do you stand for?”  
“I should have gone further.”  
“It is all about the gestures.”  
“Or the oxygen.”  
“What happened to the bag of treasures?”  
“I am so good at this.”  
“And that is why I love you.”  
“Nothing is clear.”  
“I have lost the trail.”  
“I am no longer part of the world.”  
“Out of this world.”  
“Not quite.”  
“Is Colin an excuse?”  
“Does any of this work?”  
“I fell to my knees.”  
“I can only take so much of this.”  
“What are you trying to say?”  
“I no longer even try.”  
“Why not?”  
“What were you doing before you got here?”  
“I was feeling sad.”  
“And you reveal what you have.”  
“You better get better.”  
“Where is this headed?”  
“They are coming for you?”  
“Arrival.”  
“On time.”  
“They love you.”  
“I have found love.”  
“Get on your knees.”  
“This is my wedding announcement.”  
“That could be big stuff.”  
“We don’t have to touch.”  
“Some things, I do not make jokes about.”  
“I go many places.”  
“Meet me in some one place.”  
“What happened in public?”  
“Things that I cannot repeat.”  
“Save that for me.”  
“The bubbles.”

“Are there germs?”  
“She almost took that.”  
“What is left?”  
“You have no idea.”  
“Who else is involved?”  
“I really do not care about this shit.”  
“Who did you bring in to the show?”  
“Should I look?”  
“Pretend that you know.”  
“Do you understand how it all relates?”  
“What are you doing for or to me?”  
“We will not even notice after a good night sleep.”  
“Where did you disappear?”  
“There useds to be an explanation.”  
“What is coming next?”  
“They will all be blessed.”  
“There will be nothing left.”  
“This is the final step.”  
“Do you have the courage?”  
“Do you have the courage to have the courage?”  
“Now it makes sense.”