

ON APPEAL

It was never quite as appealing the second time.

“You cannot tell me that we are not royalty.”

“An inbred royal house.”

“Bleed out.”

“I do not want my life to be like that.”

“It will work out better than that.”

“Drag me on the ground.”

“Let me set my own pace.”

“And I wish for so much more.”

“This is not even part of my story.”

“What is?”

“We were talking about social research.”

“What else is there?”

“Truth.”

“A lot of words.”

“The straw man.”

“That seems about right.”

“Indeed.”

“I do not sanction this.”

“You could destroy it.”

“I am hardening up.”

“That is all that he has.”

“I need to work on the Liszt.”

“What else is there?”

“You’re not looking.”

“What do you want me to see?”

“What does anyone see?”

“These are words that need to last. What do you have to do to make them last?”

“I need to stare at the screen and pretend that nothing else is happening.

“What is the difference?”

“This is another example of garbage.”

“A few seconds apart.”

“That is how things seem to coincide.”

“This is perfect for you.”

“I do not move.”

“It all comes together.”

“There is this place where it all seems to happen.”

“Do not ask for more.”

“Do not pretend that there is more to ask for.”

“There is so much more to ask.

“Deadpan.”

“What are you trying to say?”
 “No one is ever guilty.”
 “This a different kind of watching.”
 “I see what is straight ahead.”
 “He is not allowed to leave the house tonight.”
 “This will not even affect you.”
 “You are impressionable.”
 “I only want to get close.”
 “I need someone to blame.”
 “This will not turn out well.”
 “No one gives that much.”
 “Give me much.”
 “You will die before you know it.”
 “I am dead.”
 “Where are they?”
 “I can do that.”
 “You do.”
 “What is this about?”
 “It all comes together.”
 “No one knows, and no one cares.”
 “We pretend.”
 “I am giving you a million versions of pretty.”
 “Thanks, guy.”
 “Dusk, this is the moment that I start to doubt that you have a show. You can tap dance to the bank.”
 “You can print your own currency. But what else do you have in your favor.”
 “I need to go to the bathroom.”
 “This is all that you have.”
 “I am trying to make myself as the world would like to see me.”
 “What are the variations?”
 “None will come to you.”
 “This is the essence of a total mind erase. I will be like this all my life, and so will everyone else.”
 “Who are you? You really need to be some kind of genius.”
 “He is.”
 “HE FOUGHT FOR US.”
 “Do you want to know what I really think?”
 “This is the graveyard of ideas.”
 “Did someone do you wrong?”
 “This is the total reflection of who you are.”
 “WHO YOU ARE.”
 “AND WHO YOU WANT TO BE.”
 “I understand all too well.”

“Do not break my head.”

“Every time that I get out, I am exactly where I have always been.”

“It does not have to be this way.”

“It will be this way.”

“And this will return me to where I started.”

“We only need to coincide.”

“You are my geometry.”

“And you twist me in a million pieces.”

“What do you want?”

“In this fantasy world, they are all character with superpowers, and they destroy their enemies.”

“I have superpowers.”

“Or I just sputter into nothing.”

“Who is this guy?”

“I escaped Kansas because I did not want to go along with this shit.”

“And I went along.”

“Do you know who understands this?”

“YOU HAVE TO BE INSIDE THE RIDE.”

“AND YOU WILL STAY INSIDE THE RIDE.”

“I AM BEHIND THE LOOKING GLASS.”

“Do a somersault.”

“Then I woke up.”

“You do not understand the feeling.”

“Then I am facing you.”

“Do you know where we are.”

“I am sleeping.”

“I am working from home.”

“Every one gets worried about shit.”

“This music is such that you never have a thought in the world, other than the thoughts that you have always had, and you don’t think about leaving, and you stay where you belong, and you do what you need to do, even if it does nothing for you at all.”

“I will crawl to you.”

“Honestly, that is all that you will understand.”

“Some people think that earthworms are a delicacy.”

“They just walked in.”

“Some people are fish.”

“And you are feeding me earthworms?”

“You are making it happen.”

“Stand in the way of the screen.”

“This is more than ridiculous.”

“He is ridiculous.”

“He is an artist.”

“That is everything to me.”

“For one day.”
“Is this a competition?”
“Ask Bucky?”
“Ask Rebecca.”
“That is not her name.”
“We are gone.”
“Ask Brad.”
“I did.”
“He knew nothing about it.”
“I REVEAL EVERYTHING IMPORTANT.”
“I KNOW HER.”
“SO DOES BUCKY.”
“I see it all.”
“Dusk save me.”
“She is picking up the man.”
“The performer.”
“Did he get it to me?”
“What is in there?”
“They are watching me.”
“Who is paying the taxes.”
“You multiply by every permutation.”
“That is the total energy level.”
“This is brilliant.”
“The damn thing exploded before it could run through all the sequences.”
“I thought someone had this.”
“Roll me out.”
“Do you even know?”
“Twenty years from now, you will be suffering the complications. And you will have some conspiracy theory to explain why we are the way that we are.”
“Eat the worms.”
“The diet of.”
“Beautiful trout.”
“What else do they eat?”
“This is you art.”
“Knock me out of place.”
“This is my team.”
“I have a theory about this.”
“Tickle me with the monkey stick, bitch.”
“Pretend that you are Jayne Mansfield.”
“You are degrading me.”
“This has to happen in the moment.”
“This will become your life.”
“Smile for the mini.”

“Oh, God.”
“I am going to sputter.”
“What peace treaty is this?”
“Endless war.”
“I do not get it.”
“Kiss me.”
“And you destroy everything that means anything.”
“That makes perfect sense.”
“And we get out of here.”
“Or a deeper hole.”
“It makes total sense.”
“Is that all that it takes?”
“Dory, I need the good stuff.”
“Take it.”
“I will get to you another day.”
“I have been hiding.”
“I have it all.”
“All facets.”
“I wanted this to mean something.”
“I need to open the safe.”
“What is in there?”
“My heart.”
“I am afraid.”
“We all are.”
“Stay with me.”
“I need to figure out the equation.”
“Go around one more time.”
“Knock me down one more notch.”
“Up the bracket.”
“And I really want something else.”
“Take it.”
“We are having a rough patch.”
“I am not boring.”:
“Do not interfere.”
“Fate will find a way.”
“Tell yourself shit.”
“Are you going to fuck me?”
“This is not that kind of story.”
“What happens on stage?”
“Beheadings.”
“The king has lost his head.”
“What does he get instead?”
“I am not trying to interfere.”

“The wandering King of France.”

“Give me one more look.”

“We get what we need.”

“How does that work?”

“Do you really like me?”

“More than you know?”

“I get the grace.”

“The flourish.”

“I am fallen.”

“I can raise you up.”

“And that is where you get.”

“That is where we all go.”

“It could not get any better.”

“We worship at the same church.”

“What does that mean?”

“What do you want it to mean?”

“Nobody really knows.”

“I CAN DO THAT ON MY OWN.”

“Someone is making the decision.”

“I will give it five more minutes.”

“And all that makes sense to you.”

“We stood for something.”

“Now, you stand around waiting for something.”

“This will last.”

“That is what we like.”

“This is the big stuff.”

“Why was he that way?”

“We all were.”

“I grew up in this small town in Kansas. And this was all the music that we heard. And it what my parents listened to. It was all about my ability never to get anywhere.”

“She is looking out for me.”

“No one understands.”

“They do where I come from?”

“What are you thinking about?”

“I could be Cinderella.”

“Don’t eat the apple.”

“It was not about the apple.”

“I hung out at the Poison Apple.”

“This is my body.”

“The body that I am given in this song.”

“I can remake it with this magazine.”

“It totally makes sense.”

“I will pretend at home.”

“All this stuff percolates in your head.”
“That took me to this point.”
“And it took me to nothing.”
“I will wait a little longer.”
“No one repeats this shit.”
“That is how I get rid of my pain.”
“These things do not work.”
“There is too much belief.”
“These people all laugh.”
“They cry in order.”
“Come back to me.”
“I am a cop.”
“Good thing.”
“Why am I this way?”
“I am not a philosopher.”
“Yes, you are. You are just a bad one.”
“Bad at everything.”
“Look at me in the eye.”
“That was my fantasy.”
“It will all come back.”
“I will be back.”
“The eternal fucked up return to nowhere.”
“That works.”
“That is why you like it.”
“We are all turned together.”
“To a whole lot of nowhere.”
“That is all that I hear.”
“This was once obscure.”
“I did not hear.”
“What was I listening for?”
“And you ran away.”
“GET AWAY, CREEP.”
“It is much better than that.”
“There was a better fantasy.”
“What am I seeing?”
“And that is all that there is.”
“I am there.”
“I am avoiding martyrdom.”
“Correct this.”
“Correct this.”
“We will get to you.”
“What are you really saying?”
“This is the first time that it happens.”

“We are seeing a reflection how we want to be.”
“And what are we doing about it.”
“I am surrendering to my passions.”
“That will do.”
“Will not do.”
“You look like a story.”
“You do too!”
“CREEP.”
“We are fighting for something incredible.”
“GIANTS EATING LITTLE PEOPLE.”
“Oh, Lord.”
“I feel betrayed.”
“All image.”
“The sick image.”
“It was you all the time.”
“This was where I wanted it to end up.”
“My nose is dripping.”
“Is that a symptom?”
“Some people are excellent at this.”
“Did I waste my time?”
“I want the cash.”
“We are all criminals on this show.”
“We need to overthrow the powers that be.”
“I use information.”
“What else is left?”
“You need to get on the ride.”
“I am the ride.”
“That is what I am worried about.”
“There are so many variations.”
“I will take one hour to do that.”
“Two hearts in one body.”
“Contradictory orbits.”
“I could have made that.”
“I did not.”
“False equivalences.”
“That is what makes my life work.”
“I need to work on this.”
“This is not all image.”
“GO FURTHER.”
“I was looking for more of an explanation.”
“Hop on board, Kansas.”
“We are not mad.”
“This is how we live.:

“LIVE IT: LOVE IT.”
“IT WILL BE FICTIONAL.”
“THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS.”
“We cast spells.”
“Do you want to get high with me?”
“I am way beyond it.”
“Can you make it happen?”
“Be honest.”
“She is wonderful at this.”
“More than that.”
“Don’t just lie there.”
“Lie there.”
“Do whatever you need!”
“You are nervous.”:
“I will be back.”
“You keep saying that.”
“Maybe, I will not.”
“You go the other way.”
“Those are the only answers that I need.”
“Go deep.”
“OR GO HOME!”
“I can’t leave my house.”
“I understand what this is all about.”
“You have never felt it.”
“I barely know how.”
“You trusted this guy.”
“This place was all about that.”
“You clearly ruined it for me.”
“This is called satire.”
“There is someone with a broken heart.”
“Do not worry about that.”
“Things are getting difficult.”
“And she wants a friend.”
“This is where the real gossip exists.”
“We worship things.”
“You are my best thing.”
“Why does he never speak?”
“He is looking for something that he will never find.”
“These are your needs.”
“Space, light, and love.”
“You dress well.”
“I will dress better.”
“And you love that goddess.”

“You do it well.”
“That is all that you need to know.”
“This is the rebound.”
“What else do you have?”
“I am seeing the world from your point of view.”
“Is that how it needs to be.”
“It could be different than that.”
“You have everything that I could ever want.”
“Where does that come from?”
“Where does any of this come from?”
“I knock on the door.”
“Wear that a little tighter.”
“Everyone wants me.”
“Do they want you again? Do they want you when you are wanting someone else?”
“I am not going to spoil.”
“What do you want from me that no one is going to give me?”
“There are different kinds of people.”
“What kind are you?”
“I need to figure that out.”
“Does she know that you have a crush on her?”
“She believes that everyone likes her.”
“What is not to like?”
“I was willing to give you my heart.”
“I can make your life seem wonderful.”
“I want you to invite me to that wonderful time.”
“He knows how to find a target.”
“What does he do when he finds it?”
“I need you to find it.”
“What make this a go?”
“She is hot.”
“And she is going out with this guy.”
“He does not treat her that well.”
“Honey, you are so obnoxious.”
“It would rock my world if we broke up.”
“We are the prom royalty.”
“What else is there?”
“He is going to wrestle a bear.”
“That is going to be important for our survival?”
“Does it make difference? What kind of sensibility is this?”
“He promises me what I really need.”
“Where is this going?”
“This is all about personal excitement.”
“You do not know what is at stake.”

“He is mine, and every girl wants him.”
“Do they know what he has?”
“Colin could cover the odds.”
“He could dump his stock.”
“What would the end result be.”
“It would never hurt.”
“You hurt me.”
“It is too late.”
“Rescue is not that far away.”
“Be real.”
“Be excited.”
“Be tender.”
“He is none of these things.”
“Are we playing bridge?”
“What is the gamble?”
“The power went off.”
“This is really important.”
“The barn door was open.”
“It is time to close it now.”
“I do not want to lose my life.”
“He touched me in a funny way.”
“I have lost my ability to discern with any clarity. I feel as if I am spouting nonsense.”
“You need to work hard, and you can have a girl like this.”
“Have me!”