

PRESSURE

“This is biological, and you can do nothing about it.”
 “What do you want me do about it?”
 “Neurosurgery.”
 “There is so much shit here, and I do not know where to cut.”
 “Here is a map.”
 “Is that really going to help?”
 “Keep this going.”
 “Have you thought about other ways to get this done?”
 “There is a reality underneath. And you are really getting cut off from that reality. Do you even realize how bad this is.”
 “There are watching science fiction. How is that going to happen?”
 “It will prepare us for the coming future.”
 “I do not want the chip.”
 “They are relaying information about you.”
 “That is not supposed to work.”
 “This is more than a little brilliant.”
 “Use this knife.”
 “Is this some kind of horror movie?”
 “I am actually good at this.”
 “How is that?”
 “I know the anatomy.”
 “I cannot see anything with all this cranial bleeding.”
 “You can use a suction to suck it all up.”
 “Is this some kind of tradeoff for being a prisoner?”
 “I did not submit to the experiment.”
 “This is not an experiment. This is going to be good for you.”
 “Is there anything else that you want to tell me?”
 “We could rely on the neuroplasticity of the brain to remap these operations.”
 “What is the source?”
 “Does anyone care?”
 “I care deeply.”
 “Is that all?”
 “Where is this going?”
 “I can do brain maps for all these people.”
 “And that is the story.”
 “We could pretend that it is.”
 “There are other therapies.”
 “What more can you do?”
 “I have this under control.”
 “I am so excited.”
 “I do not have to move.”

“Move on.”
“I paid a lot of money for this.”
“Hold my hand.”
“I am gone.”
“Can I join this club?”
“You need to lie back on the operating table.”
“I have something important to talk about.”
“Are you a playboy?”
“They have hacked into your reality.”
“I am hooked.”
“You could increase the dosage.”
“Why?”
“I can feel the cutting.”
“There are no nerves.”
“You hit the pleasure center.”
“Do you like this?”
“They will pick me.”
“There is something that we need to talk about.”
“You can’t bathe after the operation.”
“I have alternatives.”
“Psychosurgery.”
“Sugar surgery.”
“Have you practiced on your friends.”
“Roll over.”
“Are you a member?”
“I am the boss.”
“I see the lie in this.”
“I am not impressed.”
“I am impressed.”
“And you think that you are that good.”
“Where is this going?”
“They are going to hire me at a neurosurgery lab.”
“What is going on there?”
“Take a swig of this.”
“None of it will hurt.”
“Why am I like this?”
“The Wednesday meeting did not happen.”
“They are other forms of therapy.”
“No cutting.”
“Cut a little deeper.”
“Do I need to listen?”
“What do we have here?”
“A form of allegiance.”

“To your surgery.”
“You will feel so much better after this.”
“Can you even deal with this?”
“I am accelerating the conclusion.”
“This was once the best thing of all.”
“Close your eyes, and it will seem to be better.”
“I can close your eyes by stimulating this part of the brain.”
“Suck out the excess fluid.”
“The brain is in an excitatory state.”
“How did you get in there?”
“Through the nostrils.”
“This is freaking me out just thinking about it.”
“You don’t know where this has been.”
“Dragged on the floor.”
“No one could really love you like that.”
“We are going deeper.”
“Some more cutting.”
“And you gave it all to me.”
“You could simply redesign the circuitry.”
“Eat a doughnut or have a new idea.”
“That is very simple.”
“This was only getting better.”
“THEN YOU RAN OUT ON ME.”
“This is today’s version of excitement.”
“You really have this worked out.”
“This is not the place to work it out.”
“The operating theater.”
“What else is going on here?”
“Touch this part of the mind.”
“What else is there?”
“You turned me on.”
“The electrical stimulation.”
“We are going to lesion this region.”
“I need to be fair.”
“This is not fair.”
“What is going on with you?”
“You imagine things to be true.”
“They are not true.”
“Change the order.”
“I am trying.”
“Put this out of your mind.”
“Mindless.”
“Innocent.”

“I have no memory of that day.”
 “The operation was a success.”
 “Should I have to face trial for the offense.”
 “What else is here?”
 “What else is here?”
 “I hurt myself badly.”
 “It never happened.”
 “What is in the cerebro-spinal fluid.”
 “Some salt-based solution.”
 “You could replace it with banana oil.”
 “What else is there?”
 “That hurts to hear it that way.”
 “Working hard to get what is hard to get.”
 “I am failing chemistry.”
 “There are alternatives.”
 “We could use concepts.”
 “What are some other concepts?”
 “I need to take a breath.”
 “Take what you need?”
 “There is more than that.”
 “Pay extra.”
 “You could use electrodes.”
 “Who else is here?”
 “I am trying not to go along with your description.”
 “There is no life to go along with that.”
 “You are really messing with my dreams.”
 “It is nothing like that.”
 “Is any of that really worth anything at all?”
 “We go through the motions.”
 “And all the motions are done.”
 “HE SEES ME AS REPRESENTING EVERYTHING THAT HE DOES NOT WANT
 TO BE, BUT HE IS AFRAID THAT IS WHAT HE IS GOING TO BECOME.”
 “We can out that belief.”
 “There are other things that you can do.”
 “There is a method.”
 “Be my method.”
 “Power me up.”
 “We could put a dye in here to identify the emotional sections.”
 “Love me for what I am.”
 “Do not interrupt me.”
 “There is too much to do here.”
 “Do not leave the house.”
 “We can create all these feelings for you.”

“They will not have the same potency.”
“You are a trick, and you do not realize it.”
“Discretion was removed from my brain.”
“What was left?”
“Self-realization.”
“I need to move on this while I can.”
“That is even more pure.”
“I do have work to get done.”
“Scalpel.”
“We need some heparin.”
“You think that you can control this stuff.”
“I am dying here.”
“I am not going to be perfect at this.”
“I know where this is headed.”
“I was not accepted to med school.”
“I could get you in some how.”
“Where is somehow?”
“You care going to have to live in the heart of nowhere.”
“Better than the outer rings of nowhere.”
“You won’t have to operate.”
“I had this under control.”
“More parts.”
“What is missing?”
“Are you enjoying this, or just doing it?”
“What is this shit?”
“This is more than ridiculous.”
“Your authority is fading.”
“I have seen it all.”
“What are you expecting?”
“He validates me.”
“And that is all that you will ever be.”
“And that is nothing.”
“I clean up.”
“Then they give you an implant.”
“And that is all that there is to it.”
“What do you bring to the table?”
“A chicken dinner.”
“What else is there here?”
“I am dying here.”
“Let me die.”
“This is very close to the cut.”
“This is something that you would like.”
“I am almost there.”

“I am sick.”
“Whose life is this?”
“Do you feel it is yours?”
“I feel all these things. But there is no reality to support it.”
“This is a career move.”
“Take care.”
“Do I resent?”
“This is all that we have to share.”
“Share.”
“Who watches this, or who cares?”
“This is nothing like the real thing.”
“That would take a little jolt of electricity”
“I do not understand.”
“Is that all that I need?”
“I cannot complete the story.”
“Complete.”
“Push me.”
“Don’t touch me.”
“We get you to believe this.”
“And you remember something entirely mediocre.”
“I break something.”
“Something important to the family.”
“This is more than a little upsetting.”
“And we are really scraping the bottom of the barrel.”
“Scrape it.”
“Where am I going?”
“Somewhere no one cares.”
“It is all over.”
“It should be.”
“Why don’t you say anything nice to me?”
“It is not what you think it is.”
“That is not how we live it.”
“Change the focus.”
“I am staying here.”
“The car is here.”
“RIGHT HERE.”
“You do not need to go anywhere.”
“You are not just a lab animal. You are mapping the world.”
“What is in the head?”
“Everything that is not in the soul.”
“Where do we start?”
“With pure desire.”
“How can you desire something that does not exist?”

“I have this idea in my mind. And I am looking for this understanding in the world.”
“I have the idea of a horse.”
“Ride hard.”
“Is this a valuable understanding for me?”
“This matters for everyone.”
“What is in your mind?”
“Total belief.”
“Therefore, there must be a world to accompany our ideas.”
“I can fix that for you.”
“There is a lot of stress.”
“I am drained.”
“I wish that was my show.”
“Something that I do not want to know.”
“Where do I start?”
“In the heart.”
“There is a song.”
“We can wait it out.”
“I love that guy.”
“Does he exist?”
“You are living in your head.”
“What is going on in there.”
“Some pleasure and pain.”
“There is much more nuance to human experience”
“They have taken out those parts.”
“You can rewrite the world to say what you want.”
“I am going to need more focus.”
“I close my eyes, and none of this makes any difference.”
“This little corner of experience.”
“How tired are you?”
“Where is this headed?”
“To my complete exposure as a scoundrel.”
“Who cares?”
“We all care.”
“That is how I need to see it.”
“Tasty.”
“Do all these things relate?”
“Tell me who you really are.”
“I am my own person.”
“You need to connect to the world.”
“The world will turn you on.”
“Beep beep!”
“There was one perfect day when that meant everything.”
“Now, it means nothing.”

“He thinks that he is along for the show.”
“You are not even in your own life.”
“What do you see?”
“What do you need to see.”
“The planet spinning.”
“Are we together?”
“Do not lose me.”
“I am feeling so lost.”
“I am a non-participant observer.”
“It all takes place in here.”
“In the heart.”
“He is having fun.”
“Scalpel.”
“I cannot see a thing.”
“Feel it out with your hands.”
“How does that function?”
“Look in the map.”
“And there is a map of experience.”
“Where is this going?”
“Do you feel right in this world.”
“I am not a freak.”
“I will take care of that.”
“And that is all that there is.”
“Not much more.”
“What are you holding on to?”
“I cannot maintain my grip.”
“There is a lot of night.”
“But there is not a lot of me.”
“I have taken this apart.”
“You have taken me apart.”
“The action is going on inside.”
“A stronger shock.”
“This could cause damage.”
“There is only one thing that I see.”
“I am lost in the playpen.”
“Past lives.”
“My past.”
“What is missing?”
“The network of desire.”
“What do you want for now?”
“None of this will change.”
“Come in for a while.”
“That is too casual for me.”

“And then you roll over.”
“I want you to be different.”
“Where did these ideas start?”
“They all started with me.”
“With the source of the problem.”
”A heart attack.”
“What do you want for me?”
“I don’t want to die on the table.”
“It is not going to be that bad.”
“I have climbed a mountain.”
“You have only climbed one in your mind.”
“What is really going on in your head?”
“I am so hungry.”
“I can get rid of that with a few twists.”
“What is that really about?”
“We want to own this space.”
“Are you a team?”
“More than that.”
“Take my number.”
“I had problems like anyone else.”
“These are gradations of the same feeling.”
“And what is that?”
“An opportunity for something more.”
“I do not feel at home here.”
“You could swallow this.”
“We will just drop some in.”
“HOW DOES IT AFFECT THE BODY?”
“HOW DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IT AFFECTS THE BODY?”
“It makes me thirsty.”
“Hold that thought.”
“You seemed a lot smoother than that.”
“What did the last step mean?”
“I am forever.”
“I need to use the machine.”
“Why is that good?”
“Who keeps this info.”
“The author.”
“This is where you hit the bottom.”
“Dragged down by terrible ideas.”
“How else can I do this?”
“I only need a suggestion.”
“That memory,”
“I do not want to interfere.”

“That would work for all of us.”
“What would I need to do for this to be mine?”
“We can help you forget the terrible experiences.”
“We can put it all together for you.”
“My hunger is more insistent.”
“Do you have those parts?”
“Do you feel this?”
“What is that?”
“We could carve out the bad memories.”
“I remember the smell of spaghetti cooking.”
“I need that random element.”
“That will not do it.”
“I am going to wake you up. You will not remember any of this.”
“I am safe.”
“Are we really going to carry that with us?”
“I will take it.”
“That is poison.”
“Is it even worth continuing.”
“You have this down.”
“I actually do not.”
“EXPLAIN.”
“We will finish.”
“Who is there to help?”
“We share the same faults.”
“Lincoln blessed us.”
“It’s about your hope.”
“I am so easy.”
“It’s a circuit.”
“We have eliminated it.”
“Why is this so difficult?”
“This is perfect.”
“A strong jolt.”
“We need to ask.”
“We don’t need to ask.”
“What do you do?”
“We all get our own version.”
“Carry me along.”
“I want more.”
“I want blood.”
“Which job are you doing?”
“I am not working. They are operating on me.”
“I am out of words.”
“Do you have toys.”

“I am going to deliver.”
“You do not have to do anything.”
“It is too late.”
“She will be here.”
“She is at work.”
“I am working to make sense of this.”
“I am decaying.”
“You need to come back.”
“Will never know.”
“Will almost know.”
“Will think.”
“Will need to go.”
“SHE KNOWS NOW.”
“You are not there.”
“DID YOU FEEL THAT?”
“HOW?”
“I cannot rescue you.”
“How long does it take?”
“Not as long as it used to.”
“I am very far out.”
“This is scary.”
“They are.”