

ANOTHER SHOT

“Why do you want to keep this going?”
“I did not get what I wanted.”
“This is a marriage.”
“This is a house.”
“This is an adventure.”
“This is a vacation.”
“What else is happening?”
“I cannot get out of this.”
“Get out.”
“I said what I wanted.”
“Then I want a simple thing.”
“Do you have a simple answer?”
“How far are you from the source?”
“Do we have to buy something?”
“Chill out. The answer is coming.”
“Nothing is as it seems.”
“On the last page, there will be a treasure map.”
“Where does it end up?”
“Where do you want it to end up?”
“At the bottom of the sea.”
“I fell on my stupidity.”
“I am not far behind you.”
“I need someone to lead me into the darkness.”
“What do I do after that?”
“Find a more everlasting light.”
“Wow!”
“There will be no other answer.”
“And that is that.”
“I am deep in the crazy shit.”
“I need you to look like this.”
“I know what that is about.”
“You do not know how to say anything specific.”
“What are the details?”
“And that works.”
“It works somewhere.”
“Do you know what he was up to?”
“The balance.”
“Ask me.”
“I do not want to scare anyone.”
“None of this is scary.”
“This became my life story.”

“What are you doing in there?”:
“I am getting ready.”
“We are all working together on this.”
“And this is the revelation.”
“They are lined up for a revelation.”
“Nothing changes.”
“We keep pretending.”
“Continue on.”
“This could get tricky.”
“You are not really here.”
“You could do Constance.”
“There would be other questions.”
“Now, I get it.”
“Why do you like this?”
“I kept it all together.”
“There is a whole lot more to it.”
“What is it?”
“We can go one more time.”
“We tried to go back to the beginning.”
“You are weird.”
“Not wired enough.”
“What does she have to say?”
“He has a method.”
“We all do.”
“I need to take care of something.”
“I hate that smirk.”
“What else is there?”
“I am so adult.”
“This is my development.”
“Where do I start?”
“Where do you want to start?”
“At the doctor’s office.”
“We are there.”
“What else do you have in there?”
“The basis of my destruction.”
“You have no idea what this is.”
“Why are you making fun of me?”
“You made fun of me.”
“I keep out of your way.”
“You gave me something that no one else gave me.”
“Stanza will not offer another version.”
“I am not showing off.”
“You do not want me.”

“You do not want me anymore.”
“And these guys make sure that our lives are safe.”
“I have no idea what is happening here.”
“Can I get a witness?”
“You do not need corroborating testimony.”
“This could be Tempest’s story.”
“She has so much to say.”
“Who else is on board?”
“What else is in the tea cup?”
“Are you still showing off?”
“I needed to get out.”
“You helped me to get over some real shit.”
“I feel so right.”
“There is an infection somewhere.”
“I could see it in another way.”
“We do.”
“Then you fall asleep in the soup.”
“How can someone even look at me?”
“You said something about my girl.”
“How are you going to last this?”
“He had a plan.”
“Does that work for you?”
“That is all that we understand.”
“Are we close?”
“All night.”
“I am going to need a lot more motivation to finish.”
“Tell me about the treasure map.”
“What are your plans for the now?”
“I was going to head out in the wilderness.”
“Who knew?”
“And she is back.”
“She is always coming back.”
“This is very complex.”
“Great performance.”
“A little early.”
“Can you keep this going for eight or nine hours.”
“I get a shift drink.”
“It would be dangerous if you drank right now.”
“Keep me awake.”
“A revelation.”
“Do I really believe that important things are going on here?”
“I get away from noisy people like you.”
“We will not be friends in the end.”

“There will not be an end.”
 “What happened to the token of your affection?”
 “He loves me.”
 “They all do.”
 “You are the essence.”
 “You are the final cause.”
 “Why are you defending that order?”
 “They gave me this body.”
 “They gave us all bodies.”
 “Dusk may not understand.”
 “The parts may not match.”
 “Do you have the spiritual part?”
 “I have a big, big heart.”
 “What are you counting on?”
 “Nothing.”
 “Nothing will change.”
 “I am something else.”
 “I am looking for something else.”
 “Some people are in the way.”
 “This could be a whole lot of forever.”
 “What is that about?”
 “I need you to decipher this shit.”
 “Things happen.”
 “I am waiting for something.”
 “More of an explanation.”
 “How did Stanza upset the Cenza formulation?”
 “This is an interesting conversation.”
 “They are all interesting.”

“I would have rushed to find out. If I was Stanza, I would have wanted to find out immediately what was going on. It was pretty clear early on that she was looking for a simple answer. And she found what she was looking for. She found it every time she might have second thoughts. But that was only a way to check herself as she was getting caught once more in a terrible situation. And there is another situation, but nothing is that bad, so nothing gets that good.”

“Is that the whole story?”
 “I don’t know. Is any of this extraordinary?”
 “They all have a method. Drink water, and take these pills.”
 “What about the women who just left?”
 “They are not committed to anything. They do a song and dance, and some guy flits by.”
 “Or the donkey.”
 “I just want a story.”
 “I am not your beast of burden.”
 “Pick me out.”

“Did you care?”

“I wanted to believe that Rels knew something different.”

“Spend your money.”

“What are you down for?”

“Some deep shit.”

“What are you writing?”

“A biography. I was hired to do the book. I cannot find the person whose story I was supposed to tell.”

“I have a photo and a description.”

“That is as far as I am going to go.”

“The society makes it easy on us.”

“I want another method.”

“That is more than simple.”

“You could pack it in right now.”

“She is coming for us.”

“And we know where that is all headed.”

“You have crafted a place for yourself.”

“The Pattern.”

“What is that about?”

“What are you really doing?”

“I do not want it that complex. I am saving money.”

“We all are.”

“She will waltz in.”

“What else will you bring?”

“A lifeline.”

“Do not venture too far.”

“This is deep.”

“This is shit.”

“This is my shit.”

“Like work and all that.”

“The grease is hot.”

“I am still alive.”

“Do I really care about that? You extol hard work, but you have no sense how work transforms the society. And you have even less of an understanding how the market manipulates work to do it bidding and undervalues its contribution. Keep working harder.”

“Are you working?”

“I am thinking about making something with my hands.”

“Peel me like a banana.”

“I finally get it.”

“Whose story is it?”

“Everyone is saving for some future.”

“This could not be worse.”

“I have a marvelous level of self-control.”

“She is well-behaved.”
“I am not trained like a puppy.”
“Where is this headed?”
“I am along for the ride.”
“That is all there is.”
“And she is running this.”
“She knows where this is headed.”
“We all do.”
“What makes you feel that way.”
“I am stuffed.”
“Who really understands me?”
“Everything is getting torn apart.”
“This could have been easier.”
“I did not want to get that close.”
“Can I really take three hours of your bull shit.”
“This gets really fun.”
“You do Cenza,”
“And we have a story.”
“Or we do not.”
“Do not shove a script in my face.”
“What do you want to see?”
“Excitement in the moment.”
“Anything will do.”
“That is not the story.”
“Is this boredom?”
“We are going to go deeper.”
“And more to forget.”
“More to remember.”
“This is all perfect.”
“Where is it headed?”
“The real shit.”
“The calm before the storm.”
“That was so ridiculous.”
“OR NOT.”
“What variations are left?”
“You are either too deep or too shallow.”
“This is an easy shot.”
“I need more motivation.”
“Is he coming?”
“We need to complete this somewhere else.”
“If it is somewhere else, then it is not this.”
“How is that?”
“We need a solution.”

“My life will not change.”
“Do you need to tell me something?”
“I destroyed your house.”
“I need more attention.”
“Whose story is that?”
“There are visitors.”
“That is brilliant in its own way.”
“And I could make it all about you.”
“You.”
“What is really going on here?”
“Ask me.”
“Stanza did not want to know. I explained it a while ago.”
“You are very close.”
“Those are the terms.”
“This is the message.”
“And this is what I am hiding.”
“Do not push me.”
“What are you asking for total personal exposure?”
“It did not serve Vittorio well.”
“What did he do wrong?”
“You could ask.”
“This guy never wants to ask.”
“Can you really change things?”
“This is going to be earth-shaking.”
“My date is waiting.”
“It gets worse than that.”
“What is the new principle for personal growth?”
“Take this.”
“That is what we all want.”
“Take me.”
“This is shit.”
“You got too close.”
“I do not understand the myth.”
“He is waiting.”
“So am I.”
“You can pull it all together.”
“I can.”
“What is happening next?”
“A big investment.”
“I want the world to know.”
“That is brilliant in its own way.”
“I will be back.”
“Defend me.”

“Look, don’t look.”
 “Will that do it?”
 “They call that a meteor shower.”
 “I wish that she had more facets.”
 “You should go back to the jewelry store.”
 “It has no horsepower.”
 “There is an itch.”
 “There is no give if there is no take.”
 “And you become obsessed about it.”
 “You do not know what is happening next.”
 “Clean out your shit.”
 “How is that?”
 “I have helpers.”
 “Things got out of control.”
 “Cenza could become an obsession.”
 “There is no faith.”
 “But she is faithful.”
 “There is nothing besides that.”
 “I am more than confused.”
 “We do not need a story.”
 “We idealize people. And they seem to be more than they are. This is our infatuation.
 They can do more wrong. And they keep fucking us over.”
 “We trade up to a better version.”
 “Are you competing with me?”
 “You are in my head.”
 “Stanza is not playing until she is playing.”
 “Do not exclude me.”
 “She wants so much more.”
 “This is not an exchange.”
 “Just that.”
 “I get it.”
 “I do not.”
 “Where are we headed?”
 “Down the highway.”
 “It is going to get hot.”
 “I will remain in place.”
 “Why do you not love?”
 “These are different variations of the same thing.”
 “Rough night.”
 “I am in training.”
 “He has me.”
 “That seems worthwhile.”
 “That pain is back.”

“It is a reminder.”
 “Love cannot cure it.”
 “Love made it happen.”
 “They understand.”
 “I am back at work.”
 “Carry this.”
 “I am not a beast.”
 “I am going to need another body to finish the mission.”
 “More transmigration.”
 “More night.”
 “We are close to home.”
 “You need to ask.”
 “What did Stanza want?”
 “This once meant something.”
 “Let the world know.”
 “Why are they doing this to you?”
 “It is so simple.”
 “Dusk will not show.”
 “She has solved the problem.”
 “We need to start another volume.”
 “What will that be?”
 “The description of the bureaucracy.”
 “Do not try to be that difficult.”
 “I am no longer alive.”
 “You can do everything for me.”
 “This is the deal. I doubt that she is a wrtier. She may have a journal. But there is
 nothing that profound in it.”
 “What are you saying?”
 “She must know.”
 “She has her doubts.”
 “If she is that good, she must doubt.”
 “What other skill?”
 “Nothing that substantial.”
 “I did not ask for this.”
 “Help with the flowers.”
 “Guide the bride.”
 “That tells me everything.”
 “How does the ritual work?”
 “You abjure the fake and embrace the real.”
 “It will get better.”
 “I will follow up.”
 “Some Cenza.”
 “Like a super Cenza.”

“And someone along for the Cenza ride.”
“And we are losing anything substantial.”
“Dive in the pool.”
“It was just getting good.”
“I am trying to understand the human form.”
“What is that?”
“Where does the comparison break down?”
“I am incomparable.”
“Shit!”
“I will take dictation.”
“We do not need to do it like that anymore.”
“I can give you good questions.”
“I have a heartbeat.”
“We need to hook you up.”
“You seem a little more mysterious.”
“I could start again.”
“We could ask Devlin.”
“There is just enough balance. Work life, family life, social life.”
“Laundry basket.”
“Grocery basket.”
“I am going to fly.”
“You need to walk first.”
“Cenza floats on air.”
“Did I look?”
“Walk out first.”
“Where is Cenza?”
“She was never here.”
“No one is.”
“You are here in an empty room.”
“I could tell you what to do.”
“Accept.”
“HELP ME TO FUCKING FORGET.”
“The balance.”
“I pretend.”
“Could you be me?”
“Who are we asking?”
“Be like me.”
“I think about this all the time.”
“There could be something so much more.”
“What would that be?”
“SUPER CENZA.”
“She is super.”
“That is pleasant.”

“It would be easy to clear out your bank account.”
“What would be left?”
“Flies to honey.”
“We were trying to imply the honey.”
“The flies are attracted to me.”
“I could look.”
“We were doing things.”
“Somewhere, this is perfect.”
“Somewhere, it is not.”
“Stanza would play along and forget. Now, she has guidance.”
“Danielle had things to tell me.”
“Scratch it away.”
“And it all ends.”
“And it comes back.”
“Then it would mean more. Cenza could make it mean so much more.”
“She does not have a theory.”
“Fix me up.”
“I do not work in a tire shop.”
“You need to be good at this.”
“This is new for me.”
“I had a different method.”
“Let me in.”