

## ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

I had been asked to remain at work after closing. I wondered what they wanted me for. I had not done anything wrong. I was faithful to organization. I did what I was told. What could they possibly want of me? What did I need to do to satisfy them. I didn't want to lose my job. I loved this job. It helped me to live the lifestyle to which I had become accustomed. This added to my confusion. What could they possibly need? I was not looking forward to being rolled over the coals. I had been loyal. I did what I was told. I was a committed company guy. There could be no other way to understand the terms of my employment. Work in, work it out,

“What do they make here?”

“Does anyone know?”

“This is the source of human destruction.”

“We do it to ourselves.”

“I can see it any other way.”

“I want to wish you the best.”

“I do not imagine myself on the street.”

“Where is this headed?”

“More toys.”

“You really think that you can escape the world of work.”

“What are they giving to me?”

“And where is this going?”

“You really that you have nothing to say..”

“You have been entirely too accepting of the needs of others. Have you stopped caring for yourself?”

“I spy with an electric eye.”

“I cannot get that shit out of my brain.”

“This is a stronger sense of self-loathing.”

“They do that.”

“That is what they manufacture.”

“Why can't people talk about the word as it really is?”

“How is it really?”

“This could turn into something fascinating.”

“We all came in at the same time.”

“What is your grievance?”

“Do you want to spend some time with me after work?”

“I have left the family system,”

“Are these questions for my public record?”

“I am not the inquisitor.”

“Some crazy stuff is coming along.”

“You are another side of myself.”

“Will my inquisitor be more active in assessing my skills?”

“What skills do you have?”

“I can hold my breath underwater for five minutes.”

“I am breaking down before your eyes.”

“Hold my hand. It is going to be difficult revealing this stuff.”

“What are you about?”

“Where did you go?”

“That is my long past.”

“We could go to another place.”

“Sure, we could.”

“I cannot expect you to do something for me.”

“There is anger.”

“This is not the route.”

“Go to the source.”

I wondered if I should knock on the door.

“I recognize you.”

“We work together.”

“I do not work. I am in surveillance.”

“That is an explanation.”

“How did we become like this?”

“It did absolutely nothing for me.”

“You will die here.”

“Can I choose my coffin?”

“You need to do better than reacting to things in your immediate vicinity.”

“I get good at eavesdropping on gossip.”

“What are you learning?”

“We are all losing our way.”

“Is this a prediction?”

“Is this anger?”

“This is raw.”

“What have you been doing with all your time?”

“I could concentrate more.”

“It used to be different.”

“There is a trade off.”

“What am I getting in return?”

“Another meal.”

“You are working hard at this.”

“Do you come to a point that you realize that you have run out of ideas? You no longer even realize what is your contribution.”

“What is my contribution?”

“We are only at the beginning of the questions.”

“They could be more invasive.”

“What are you afraid of?”

“Who are you afraid of?”

“Are you willing to give a little more to get a little less?”

“Are you asking me to work more?”

“Do you want the same?”

“Do you want more of the same?”

“I could tell you what I have been thinking about.”

“What have you not been thinking about? You are an unthinking person. You do not contribute enough.”

“I could go in the next door.”

“How much is it?”

“Ten dollars, and we have a two drink minimum.”

“How do you know?”

“We spray you with a time-sensitive chemical. It shows after a certain period of time. After you buy a drink, we spray you with the antidote.”

“They brought me along to be your date, but we do not get along.”

“Be quick, or she will take back the offer.”

“What do you hope to accomplish?”

“I want to be the boss. I want to save and start my own business.”

“There are a lot of headaches.”

“I do not want to stay like this forever.”

“Do you read Machiavelli?”

“I wish that I had said that.”

“Say that.”

“That is a clean kill.”

“That is how the firm works.”

“Catch me if you can.”

“I am getting distracted by the movement of history.”

“There comes a point in your life when you decide that you need to make a choice.”

“None of that works for anyone.”

“Do not bring your work with you.”

“I am committed to what I do.”

“We are going to the next stage of understanding.”

“I work harder.”

“I realized that I needed to make an extra effort. This was the only way to pierce the veil. At that point, I was working for myself.”

“And you believe that. What do you want from the world?”

“Education, health, transportation and an hospitable environment.”

“Let me do the little things.”

“These are the things that matter.”

“I need to see the world through different lenses.”

“What is missing from this picture?”

“How can I relocate?”

“You need to suffer before you can end suffering.”

“Do they teach you that at the organization?”

“How do they organize the organization?”

“Take a bite.”

“That is interesting.”  
“How did you choose the costume?”  
“I was seeking balance.”  
“They control what you see. They control what you want to see.”  
“This can take a long long time.”  
“You could start at this point.”  
“We could both work for the same thing.”  
“This is not benefiting either of us.”  
“What do I need to do? Who do I need to talk to?”  
“The night will develop. My time here will develop.”  
“I am passing time until they tag me.”  
“You are it.”  
“I am it.”  
“I make the machine move.”  
“Are you too far beyond tings?”  
“We have been waiting.”  
“We do not wait.”  
“I eat after biting.”  
“What is this about”  
“The world has given me what I need.”  
“I need to hide.”  
“The world gives you places.”  
“PULL UP THE COVERS.”  
“What do have in there?”  
“What has been slowing you down?”  
“How can they influence leadership?”  
“Have you read over the organizational documents?”  
“I need to talk to my superiors.”  
“I know that you hate me.”  
“Who told you that?”  
“It is in your file.”  
“Are we all an open book?”  
“We are all open to the world.”  
“What are you going to do about it?”  
“I do not know enough to care.”  
“Is that all that you want?”  
“We can start to ask for more.”  
“This is the sad part.”  
“This is the sad part.”  
“How did I get here?”  
“You are not following the manual. You are asking inappropriate questions.”  
“This is all random.”  
“It does not have to be.”

“It looked good at the store.”  
“You are speaking for the company now.”  
“If you want me, ask for me.”  
“Things did get worse.”  
“I got worse. You got worse for me.”  
“What is your goal?”  
“To develop more thorough rules for presenting myself.”  
“That is a terrible way to think about things.”  
“We were remaking ourselves.”  
“Don’t you have more clever things that we can do.”  
“I have a lot more clever ideas.”  
“We have one goal.”  
“To keep the vehicle going.”  
“Where are you at this stage in life?”  
“I can only be here if I am not here.”  
“How did you get a position?”  
“Why did I do that to myself?”  
“Who is speaking?”  
“The Director.”  
“Do we share the same aims?”  
“We want success for everyone.”  
“What do you make here?”  
“Car parts.”  
“We could expand the operations?”  
“We could do something much more organic.”  
“I know what you are all about.”  
“Do you know what I am all about?”  
“I will develop other strategies.”  
“That seems as if it can go somewhere.”  
“That is one person with one idea.”  
“There is more here.”  
“You can ask. You can tell. You can reveal.”  
“That is too close.”  
“We need this closeness for creativity.”  
“You need to speak with more facility.”  
“I came to a resolution.”  
“What were you like?”  
“Like this. Look in my eye.”  
“I want to be the director.”  
“You do not look like it.”:  
“What do I need to do to distinguish myself?”  
“I escape the world.”  
“I come right back.”

“Everything is too haphazard.”  
“What do you want to know?”  
“It is not in there.”  
“It is in there.”  
“It is better than that.”  
“Can you change?”  
“I have.”  
“Why did it come to this point?”  
“We all have a match.”  
“Is this some corporate buddy system?”  
“Buddy to buddy.”  
“The light in my life has gone out.”  
“We can give you someone to talk about.”  
“We are taught to come up with our own solution.”  
“Tell me what I already know.”  
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“Does this mean that the interview is over?”  
“We have some secret questions to ask you?”  
“I do my job. I lift parts. I connect parts. What else is there?”  
“Start before me.”  
“Who pays?”  
“Does that have any connection to making money?”  
“Where will you wait for me?”  
“Why did you give me that look?”  
“Do you want to report me?”  
“That report will take place at another time.”  
“Show me something that really makes a difference to me.”  
“None of this is real.”  
“I am not playing.”  
“I am not crying.”  
“I am not leaving my place.”  
“I am not some kind of divine being.”  
“I will accept the risks.”  
“I have only one desire.”  
“I want to work inside.”  
“We have great opportunities outside.”  
“I do not want to deal with the weather. I am a very weak person.”  
“This is a position of strength. We work together.”  
“Do you have something that I want?”  
“I think how great this is.”  
“I am off my rocker.”  
“I am half-cocked.”

“Can you be trusted?”  
“What are you asking me?”  
“You are signaling some kind of disdain for the organization.”  
“What are you saying about me?”  
“That really must be something for me.”  
“No one sees you like I do.”  
“That could be some crazy surveillance shit.”  
“Do you want to live the world with me?”  
“What does it mean to live the world?”  
“For many, it does not mean much.”  
“You have an audience.”  
“How important is this?”  
“What is the greatest threat?”  
“I will remain invisible.”  
“I am manifesting myself.”  
“The firm does not allow those kind of options.”  
“This could not have been more wonderful.”  
“I am glad that you so forthright.”  
“This is how we run things here”  
“That same problem is there.”  
“We tried to remove it.”  
“You tried to get rid of me. Is that what you call a solution?”  
“We are teaching you how to be strong.”  
“I really don’t agree.”  
“We are comedians. We tolerate our own level of illusion.”  
“Stare at the wall.”  
“You assume so much.”  
“I do not want you to question me.”  
“We are not working together.”  
“We are fitting together well.”  
“I am not well.”  
“You have been voted off the island.”  
“I did not know a vote would be coming”  
“Do you want something more solid?”  
“Is he really protecting your interests?”  
“The organization manages my money. I trust them.”  
“The music stopped.”  
“I am going to get sick.”  
“It should not happen like that.”  
“Who else knows?”  
“I do not know what you are asking me. Do you want me to rat on someone here?”  
“I want you to rat on the rat.”  
“What are you really about?”

“You betrayed us.”  
 “It did not start like that.”  
 “There is a contradiction. I cannot explain it.”  
 “I am so over this.”  
 “How is that going to build a bridge?”  
 “I am waiting for the next train out of here.”  
 “I do not have a ticket.”  
 “This has been a total failure.”  
 “This has been a total success.”  
 “In some world, these charms mean something. This is really exhausting.”  
 “How long do I need to listen to this?”  
 “We are trying to go corporate, and you are nothing but an interruption.”  
 “That is what I am used to.”  
 “Get used to it.”  
 “That is a total interruption.”  
 “What about me? Do you love me?”  
 “This is not part of the show.”  
 “You are not an interrogator?”  
 “What does that ever mean?”  
 “I only want you asking questions about my work. Do not ask me about work.”  
 “A few people are thinking about it.”  
 “I am working on a project.”  
 “I have a working knowledge.”  
 “That will not be enough.”  
 “You must do what you say.”  
 “That is awful. There is nothing pretty about that.”  
 “I took the two for one deal.”  
 “I need you to report.”  
 “I realize that you did not go through a crisis of conscience.”  
 “I have worked for this firm. This is all about allegiance.”  
 “Do you want more?”  
 “Should I want more?”  
 “This is the new release.”  
 “Is it a corporate update?”  
 “Should I remember this?”  
 “You have nothing to say.”  
 “I do not want to say something bad about the organization.”  
 “I should have realized that.”  
 “One of you will be picked for promotion. There will be expectations based on what you have done in the past. This is your chance to defend your record.”  
 “I should have understood this at the time.”  
 “I was good at this before.”  
 “We are changing how we see ourselves.”



“Is this something that you want me to hear?”  
“I am preparing you for this.”  
“This is all about discipline.”  
“Are you implying that I have discipline problems?”  
“This is more than I want to hear.”  
“I know where this has to complete.”  
“Are you carrying a grudge with me?”  
“You can leave now.”  
“This is not a game.”  
“I am glad.”  
“And what are you going to contribute.”  
“That is all that you can offer.”  
“Do you want to improve literacy rates.”  
“That will probably never happen.”  
“What do you really have to say?”  
“What do you really have to say?”  
“Are you afraid of those who are afraid?”  
“Is that a company question?”  
“What is the sparkle of my life?”  
“We have different variations of necessity.”  
“These are different levels of social awareness.”  
“We know this?”  
“What do you want?”  
“What do you make here?”  
“Does anyone know?”  
“Does anyone want to know?”  
“I can tell fairly quickly.”  
“Did you find your place?”  
“We may have to escort you off the yard.”  
“That is all that matters.”  
“There is no real understanding of human motivation.”  
“I can grasp the simple questions.”  
“This is not going to work.”  
“That does nothing for me.”  
“I see what you really like.”  
“What do you like for life?”  
“We represent different things?”  
“We have been saying no for long enough.”  
“I have a lot of things to share.”  
“I want to make things happen.”  
“Does it matter?”  
“Do you matter?”  
“What have you done to improve the situation?”

“I can tell.”  
“This is when I really want to escape.”  
“Do you even know what that means?”  
“This will all be perfect.”  
“The marriage made in hell.”  
“What does the organization do to hold itself together?”  
“We give you a shadow.”  
“Talk about the things that are close to you.”  
“That would be a good reason to leave.”  
“How did that contribute?”  
“Where do you want to meet me?”  
“I could check out your house and see what are the threats.”  
“Questions.”  
“I filled out all the paperwork.”  
“Is there anything else that you want to know?”  
“Keep moving. Keep chewing. Keep drinking.”  
“I am slowing up?”  
“I am the next shift.”  
“I do not like to be late.”  
“You are consistently late.”  
“I can tell.”  
“Last from the left.”  
“I feel as if you are sucking my being from me.”  
“And you think that is good.”  
“That is good.”  
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“Have I been cleared?”  
“I do not like to go to place that I do not know.”  
“You could just leave home.”  
“You could start early.”  
“You will not be able to grasp what I am about.”  
“I am moving much more quickly than you know.”  
“And that is something worthwhile.”  
“What else do you have to do with your time?”  
“Take this. This will speed up your heart rate.”  
“What is this about?”  
“The end of nothing and the beginning of everything.”  
“You could take this over on your own.”  
“I do not like to see you like this.”  
“This is not just personal stuff.”  
“I am really ready for some shit.”  
“I do not like to see you like this.”  
“This is my job. What do you want to ask me?”

“You have one way to go.”

“I have one path.”

“You need to show some more imagination.”

“I really hope.”

“I did get distracted.”

“Get to me.”

“Where is this headed?”

“Did I say something wrong?”

“You always do.”

“That is a little insulting.”

I received my report from the organization. They criticized a lot of my personal habits. That had little to do with my actual performance here. I thought that this did not demonstrate an understanding of my efforts. I had been a committed member of the firm I was not supposed to be the public face of the company. Most of the time, I did not even see the light of day.

“No, you cannot.”

I felt that this report was a threat to my personal integrity, and I resented this kind of control. I did not take this job because I wanted interference with my personal development. It was a job. But I also recognized how my own efforts could improve my performance, and this could result in a better return for me. The money was a plus. But the more that I stayed with the firm, the more that they were interfering with my life. They were doing this in subtle ways. I was losing my independence as an individual.

“When are you going to be more responsible?”

“I am not going to achieve that much independence.”

“Not my life.”

“I am breathing much easier”

“And this is going to be better.”

“What are you doing to make your life better?”

“This gives me nothing.”

“What kind of plan is this for your future?”

“Turn up the volume.”

“I have a lot of power.”

“I really am in the sty now.”

“What does that really mean?”

“What kind of trade is this?”

“This has everything to do with you.”

“It always has.”

“You really think that you are the middle of all the shit.”

“Thank you, world.”

“And this is your job.”

“Why does that work?”

“We tell the world what they want to hear.”

“Is that what you want to hear?”

“Touch me right.”

“How does that work?”

“Do you want to be in the book?”

“Indeed, there is a place for me.”

“No one wants to be in this book.”

“Are you exposing my behavior?”

“Are you still at it?”

“I am about to start again.”

“You know things about the firm. Are you willing to reveal them?”