

13. NAP TIME

–I’ve done enough damage to the world. I just need somewhere to crash.

Your misdeeds will come back to haunt you a thousand times in your nightmares!

The earlier chapters have been very unclear about your offenses. Now, we must be extra careful to follow the rules of evidence. After all, MIZ PREZ, you are a war criminal. **NO BOUT A DOUBT IT!**

–*Can you give me some pure pussy?*

–*Nothing that a little torture won’t do you right!*

–*Good thing!*

THE DEEDS ARE CLEAR; BUT THE REASON AIN’T!

–*It is so much easier attacking the occasional violence of student protestors who might have been exploring their ideals than continuing to propagate a culture of violence that has been based on no ideals at all. But you will catch **HIM** and bring him to justice whoever he is.*

–*I am trying to have a nap. I just want to think about the body of this girl that I saw today.*

–*The one who is lost in the wilderness.*

–I thought that you were going to give us clear argument.

–Aren’t you supposed to be having a nap?

–I’m trying, but I’m being bothered by all these questions.

–It’s called having a conscience.

–I’m faithful to my wife. I don’t even lust after other women.

–There are real questions about your involvement with lobbyists.

–Everybody does it. And I don’t come inside.

–At least you have some ideals.

–How do you think that I sleep?

–You let others do your dirty work.

–There is nothing dirty about my job. I just never touch my victims.

–You don’t dream about them at night.

–These are pretty terrible people. Child molesters and all that.

–And that chick who was in the way?

–What are you talking about?

–Making the world safe for freedom.

–Be sure to take an extra long shower. And wash your hands after going to the bathroom.

–Cleanliness is next to godliness.

–But you are working on the latter.

–I am doing a pretty good job. So will you just let me sleep.

–I’m not the one that’s preventing you from having a nap. The problem is coming from inside.

–Can my physician give me something to knock me out?

–He can. But it may be habit-forming. And you’re not the kind of guy who wants any kind of bad habits.

–No, I don’t. Not in the least.

- It’s just that people expected more of you.
- Do they now?
- They did. Although I never did.
- If you’re so close-minded, you could just let me be. I do want to sleep.
- What do you stand for? What did you ever stand for?
- I want people to get along.
- With whom? The captains of industry? After all, you do believe in the benevolence of big business.
- Maybe they cut down too many trees.
- Who negotiated your climate change bill?
- We can’t have progress with over-regulation.
- A fine mantra. You repeat that over and over again to sleep.
- What do you want me to count?
- Naked girls. Then you might have something real to share with your enemies. Virgins waiting to be taken to heaven.
- You do have an answer for everything.
- So does the CIA. Who’s the bogeyman for tonight? Whose war are you going to fight so you can really fight some other war?
- I want to have a juicy fantasy before I sleep.
- About your wife? Keep it clean!
- If that’s how it’s got to be. Most married men spend their day fantasizing about their own naked wives. In fact, they wouldn’t mind if their wives put on a show now and then.
- Date night! So how many sorties went out on date night?
- I don’t know what you’re talking about.
- You better know. Otherwise, we have an imposter waiting in the wings who can spout platitudes to the public while pulling all the strings in private. You don’t think these bombing missions occur on their own.
- I can’t be responsible for every action that occurs under my administration. Besides, the military cannot allow civilians to interfere with their sensitive missions.
- Too sensitive for civilian monitoring.
- Yeah!
- Sounds like military dictatorship to me. Aren’t all branches of government subject to the people?
- Technically yes. But this is a republic. We delegate the responsibility to elected official. It has to be their call.
- First, no one in the military is elected at all. And second, the government is subject to the will of the people.
- The people want to be protected. They want their families to be safe.
- So you’re the one holding a gun to their head.
- You are the one who is very confusing. You are pretending to write a novel. But you have no characters. No real situations that can affect people with matters of consequence.
- Because I’m dealing with so much shit in the news from kiss ass leaders like you. And so much economic deprivation from your allies that I can’t form a coherent expression of true

feeling. But I sure can make some pointed political argument. I was never impressed by your free market bull shit. So if there's a character who lacks any substance, if there's a man who has no clear political compass, if there's someone who is deprived of real concern for other people, that guy has to be you.

–I'm in the middle of a good fantasy.

–Making the world go boom. Go ahead. I can help you lather up. I'm good at creating a picture. What do you want? A before or an after.

–I'd like to imagine an adult playzone in Dubai.

–You want to watch some basketball. Or do you want to get massaged by a cute young thing?

–Is she a sympathizer?

–Of yours? Hardly. You blew up her family. But she really appreciates the fact that you cleaned the terrorists from her family tree.

–That lets me sleep easier. I just want all this shit to go away. Nap time.

–You just need a button to press.

–Someone is doing that for me at Nevis.

–Are they building an adult playground in Yemen as well?

–If those malcontents don't interfere.

–I do want a little human interest in my story. I want to give you a chance to really explain yourself. When you're not screwing the rest of us over, what do you like to read? What floats your boat? How do you entertain yourself?

–What would you like me to say?

–Something sexy that doesn't involve your wife. After all, I don't want to have sexual fantasies about your wife.

–We've got a lot of lovely girls waiting at the Pentagon.

–We're not going to get in the mistress thing with you.

–You're the one who's encouraging it.

–I just want to know how everyone sleeps at night.

–Do you sleep at night?

–I take my nap in the daytime. It makes me more productive.

–Productive how?

–As defined by the growth economists at UC-Berkeley.

–What's that equation?

–Growth equals the amount wages are reduced raised exponentially.

–Wow!

–It looks good on a blackboard. The only thing that makes it work is the fact that it is continually self-applying.

–That doesn't sound like mathematics.

–Either is the equation. It only hold together because fact-checking demands further reduction of wages paid.

–We're not talking about year end bonuses for bankers at successful firms.

–We're talking about numbers that make sense on an SAT Achievement test. But those kids never have to balance real numbers.

- You can't give away health care for free, can you?
- Of course not, any idiot understand that as you reduce price, demand increases to infinity.
- Assuming that there is infinite demand.
- There's always going to be that obstreperous grandma in the doctor's office complaining about those pains that really don't exist.
- Like the protestors talking about the damage inflicted by unmanned drones.
- What did you say?
- Nothing for governmental consumption.
- The government is the people.
- Ratting on that noisy neighbor!
- I don't understand!
- That's the only stage where anyone takes her seriously. She finally feels that she's on TV. It's her ultimate form of medication.
- You're probably the type who argues for free recreational drugs for all.
- No, those are the doctors who you give a free pass. But then who's keeping track?
- You're the one who wants to deny me something to get a good nap.
- I'm not trying to be selective. I'm just wondering if your health plan covers it.
- They do. But I am not allowed to substitute a cheaper generic. And I do have to pay my fair share.
- I didn't think the White House health plan was so stingy.
- I lost a bet at a blackjack table in Vegas.
- Now you feel just like the rest of us.
- I would if I could just get my meds.
- I thought that you didn't take medicine.
- I'm not the guy with the chronic coke problem.
- Who is that guy?
- This is not a press conference. I don't have to answer every question.
- This is a sleep consultation.
- In dreams I'm calling out the embarrassing little fuck that you are. The apologist for corporate America and poster child for the decrepit meritocracy that can juggle maps as much as it likes but hasn't learned a damn thing from history.*
- That's not the way that I see it.*
- Of course not. Otherwise, you wouldn't have risen so high.*
- So can I sleep now?*
- Go ahead!*

Sleep is sometimes the best therapy that we have. Thoughts that we find troubling, we can just put out of our minds. Nothing is better at quieting down a confused soul. Just let the waves of sleep wash over you, and you will feel refreshed in the morning.

The worst part of all is that those who need to sleep the most have the most difficulty doing just that. For a rare few of us, the embrace with the pillow is just enough to send us to the land of nod. But others feel the onerous weight of insomnia. It is ironic that this negative thing can weigh us down as much as an albatross. It is the counterweight to psychic well-being.

I ask you to let the darkness roll over you. Your eyelids feel heavy. And your body is giving in. You are getting sleepier and sleepier.

–What are you doing?

–Trying to get you in the mood.

–You sound like an amateur hypnotist.

–I’m just trying to help you sleep.

–There is nothing that you can do.

–An over-active imagination.

–Actually, I’m really bored with people interfering with my life.

I lead him to the top of a mountain. As we look down at the valley below, it is as if we are looking at the whole world.

–Push the button!

–What do you want me to do?

–You can save your soul if you destroy the whole world.

–Is this the climax of our confrontation?

–No, this is the confrontation of our climaxes.

–So what am I supposed to do?

–You can save yourself if you destroy the whole world.

–Aren’t I doing this already?

–So you admit that is what you are doing. I never thought that you were one of us. You really do want to save your soul.

–What is that supposed to mean?

–I should be asking the questions. How do you sleep at night?

–Very soundly. I am ending tyranny.

–And accidents happen. Any other observations?

–I thought that you wanted to help me sleep.

–I suspect that you may be above help. I came here to tempt you. But you have given into temptation long ago.

–I like it sweet.

–But who buries the bodies, Bury?

–I’m never around for the fun.

–The stench is making me nauseous.

–Use the Vicks. You can’t smell a thing.

–I thought that you wanted to light a joint.

–Not my style. But we could read a book.

–Or write a classic.

–I’m up for that.

–We could write the story of a woman who loses her child to one of your drones.

–I like the one about the family who gets killed in a terror bombing.

–Another one of your bombs.

–I don’t like those stories.

–Maybe we should stick to something more entertaining. I’ll tell you a sex story.

–That’s what this is about anyway.

- I guess that I wasn't keeping track.*
- You're the one who's offering me the world.*
- I thought that you claimed that on your own.*
- There was an election.*
- The dead don't vote except in Chicago!*
- Don't reveal my secret.*
- I like it when you get to vote twice.*
- It actually has its benefits. More of a parliamentary sort of thing.*
- Multiple point of view.*
- I like diversity.*
- Until the test scores come in.*
- What test?*
- The penis test. (We have to engage obscenity if we are really going to understand the political realities. It's all part of the entertainment.)*
- How large?*
- You've had the enlargement.*
- That's how I made it this far.*
- As big as a missile.*
- No, as big as the complete trajectory of the missile. This is the full extent of our reach!*
- An American missile? Not a Korean?*
- American through and through.*
- We'll be right back. (The show is a repeat of the earlier episode at eight. It is repeated at eleven for the night owls.)*
- The jokes are better the second time out.*
- Now for the test!*
- I thought that it was a size test.*
- No. We need to see if you can resist temptation.*
- I already showed you that I was willing to use the missile.*
- No, no. That's not the temptation. Are you willing to put your big boy in her?*
- Is this a sex test?*
- I nod my head.*
- Do I have to come?*
- You don't have to inhale.*
- Isn't that some kind of California thing.*
- It's all legal there.*
- This is us signing off. Keep the world safe for America!*
(–*I can feel my penis getting bigger.*)
- I've got a massive penis.*
- Really now.*
- It's so big that it can wrap around the globe a number of times.*
- Wow! I'm sure that you have circulation problems*
- No, it creates this massive electrical current.*
- Can you really talk like that in respectable society?*

- A little insanity is good if it can make a point.
- (–Our diplomats are all getting our little penises up. Can you see them.
- I’m feeling a little blind.
- My strap on is bigger than that.
- Go, Madam!)

The court has determined that there is no possible way that the defendant could have been at the location specified by the prosecution at the time of the bombing. We have strong suspicions that this act was conducted by security forces with the intent of giving the government more extensive powers without the oversight of the courts. While we do not have sufficient evidence to have this matter prosecuted in a court of law, there is a reasonable basis for our suspicions!

- Can you really entertain such a belief in respectable society?
- Not at all. But that hasn’t stopped the court from meddling in our business.
- Isn’t the court part of your business?
- We make the law, and we execute the law.
- Of course, you do!
- I just want it to get bigger.
- It will.

It appears that the defendant was the fall guy for a much more complex operation that involved a number of governments engaged in highly suspicious activity. It was agreed that he would be prosecuted so that the investigation would not be embarrassing to those governments.

- Isn’t that how it works anyway?
- Pretty well!
- You simply have to follow the money trail.
- These days they generate their own trail. They print money.
- Hence, the penis talk.
- Does it feel good?
- Oh,! baby
- I am looking to be rescued.*
- There is somewhere else that you can go.*
- I don’t think that I am going to have fun.*
- You look a little lost here.*
- At least, I understand the game. Do you like my top?*
- You’ve got nice breasts. I can say that.*
- You’re feeling sorry for me. You can say practically anything and get away with it.*
- I wasn’t kidding. There is somewhere else that you can go. You don’t have to feel like*

this.

- My friends are here. They’ve found guys.*
- Is that what you want to do? Find a guy?*
- I found you.*
- I’m not like that. I’m more of a guide.*
- Is that what you say before or after you take me home?*

- I'm going to take you home?*
- If I'm going to feel that this outfit was successful.*
- I want to suck on your breasts.*
- Do you have a desire to return to the womb.*
- I'm not going to stop there.*
- Are you any different than any of the other guys here?*
- I'm writing a book?*
- On what? Deviousness.*
- I want to change how people think about themselves.*
- I think that I'm sexy. Do you find me sexy?*
- Yeah. But there's more to it than that. I found you charming in a very innocent way.*
- Does that mean that you don't want to sleep with me?*
- Not at all.*
- And how is this going to change our lives.*
- We've both given too much of ourselves to our work life.*
- How could it be different?*
- I thought that you were telling me about a place.*
- You probably would think it was weird.*
- This place is weird. Everyone is trying to be something that they are not!*
- I can take you home. I have something to help you sleep.*
- Do you now?*

All the involved governments, including our own, were involved in the dirty dealing. We get the people riled up about this kind of thing. But they have no idea what is really going on.

- What is my next temptation?*
- Land for peace!*
- Should I take the deal?*
- Prime real estate!*
- No concessions?*
- I'm a fan. Just get me her autograph.*
- The Queen herself.*
- The Queen of England.*
- No, silly. The Queen of Sleaze.*
- Your Mentor.*
- Exactly.*

The American government has no idea of what is really at stake. The people seem to be bearing the brunt of the suffering for a decision made by senior officials.

- Is this a trade agreement.**
- Not explicitly. But it will affect trade.**
- Prices will go up.**
- Not at first. This is all part of wider package of changes in trade between the two countries. In the end, the consumer will find that she has even less flexibility.**
- Fire up the grill. We're going hunting.*

- In the city?*
- It's part of the real estate.*
- Is someone going to lose his house?*
- He stole it in the first place.*
- And this is a promise.*
- All part of the promised land.*
- Or land promised in the deal. Read the contract.*
- It was a verbal agreement.*
- Who was speaking faster?*
- Our side.*
- Then you have nothing to worry about. Unless you have promised more than you can deliver.*
- We are going to get it all in writing.*
- But will anyone really trust the revisions.*
- If there are facts on the ground to support it.*
- I liked the other temptations. They were more entertaining.*
- Your nap is nearly up.*
- The next part is about betting on basketball.*
- I didn't want the Lakers to win.*
- Their game has always bored me. It's too corporate.*
- The NBA has been tailored to such manipulation.*
- You have money riding on this.*
- And what if you lose?*
- It's not like when Shaq was playing.*
- Do you have a map?*
- I'm somewhere in Montana.*
- Aren't you the girl that I met last night?*
- I am here for the final temptation.*
- Shooting baskets.*
- It's a little the same. Getting the ball in the hole.*
- You are turned on.*
- I like guys.*
- None of these guys are going to give you what you need.*
- That's a little bit elitist.*
- I have ambitions.*
- And what is your ambition for the night?*
- To show you what I've got.*
- Do you want a play by play? I take you home. I pull off your pants. And we just go at it in our own way. You feel as if you've accomplished something. I only do it because I expect a little more. But you never really give me what I need. And I wonder why I did it.*
- Isn't the world built that way?*
- You're not supposed to think about this while you're asleep.*
- I realize that it's another complication.*

–You shouldn't feel qualified to talk about political matters of real import. Your economic knowledge is severely limited. And you really have little grasp on the subtleties of political negotiation.

–Of course, I don't. You keep it all secret.

–*You were supposed to take care of me.*

–*I gave you a chance to touch the source of power.*

–*And I liked what I felt. But then you faded before you could score.*

–*I'm not that weak in that department.*

–*Yes, you are!*

–*I won't do you that way again.*

–*I don't think that I'm going to give you a chance.*

It was no big deal that the team sucked. I just shouldn't have wasted so much capital on them winning.

–*If you could have lasted, I might have thought that this was worth it.*

–*You're pretty ruthless about it. We could be friends.*

–*You just want to leave and not talk about this again.*

–*You're not going to tell anybody.*

–*How you came down and broke your crown.*

–*I mean the big missile.*

–*How you tried to make an attack, and you ended up getting attacked back.*

–*This could be the basis for a war.*

–*The diplomats will straighten it out.*

–*I have to go to work in the morning.*

–*I've got enough to go all night and then some!*

–*Seriously now! You weren't that good the first time.*

–*Do you know what you want from life?*

–*Not a free lunch.*

–*Sometimes you need a head start.*

–*No one gave me nothing!*

–*It would be a mistake to wake up before the story was over.*

–*The story is not going to change. She'll go out again, meet another guy, and be disappointed.*

–*She just doesn't have the same advantage that we do.*

–*She could be a goddess.*

–*She's a little slow in the uptake department.*

–*That's a creepy thing to say about her. What are you upset about? That she didn't give you a free pass.*

–*I noticed you!*

–*You were staring at my body.*

–*I like the way that you dance.*

–*Are you going to buy me a drink?*

–*What if I told you that I didn't have a lot of money?*

–*Then I'd take whatever you had.*

- You’re creeping me out.*
- These clothes cost a lot.*
- Where do you work?*
- I work for the government.*
- You probably couldn’t find the US on a map.*
- I could draw a map on a bar napkin.*
- Be sure to put your number at the bottom.*
- So that you won’t call.*
- She was begging you!*
- Why are you interfering in my life? I meant those kisses for someone else.*
- This isn’t going well.*
- You’re waking up to reality.*
- Once you assume office, there are a host of problems that you never dreamed of.*
- Are you making excuses?*
- I’m learning a host of new ones.*
- You should have more to say for yourself.*
- One last temptation.*
- I am already awake.*
- All the better. This is the real thing.*
- Not the button thing.*
- No, this is different. No buttons. This is a mental thing.*
- It better be. That machine that you imported never works.*
- It’s because you’re trying to use it to hurt people.*
- I thought that you told me that it was a killing machine!*
- You could use it to save lives.*
- And how do you do that?*
- I can show you what I’ve got. Or we can just work with what you’ve shown me.*
- What are you talking about?*
- The honeymoon’s over.*
- The honeymoon was over the day that I had to get rid of that little problem.*
- Your alarm is ringing.*
- I don’t want to get up.*
- Just lie there until someone comes to call for you.*
- I thought that was your job.*
- I’m not real!*