



The World Divides Into Facts: A Novel
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Abstract: Reimi and Buddy share what can only be deemed God-given honest opinions that they have every right to express on their trip to East Asia. Then Reimi and her sister Nikke take in an anonymous French Mannerist's painting. Finally, Reimi shares with Buddy a particularly noteworthy month-long dip into insanity her sister Nikke recently endured.

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—Introduction

1 The world is everything that is the case.

1.1 The world is the totality of facts, not of things.

1.11 The world is determined by the facts, and by these being all the facts.

1.12 For the totality of facts determines both what is the case, and also all that is not the case.

1.13 The facts in logical space are the world.

1.2 The world divides into facts.

Part I: East Asia Street Meat

—I-I: Shinjuku in Late August
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Not long after landing in Japan
with Reimi it became
rather clear to Buddy
that the country
was, at bottom,
"a fundamentally animated culture",
that the whole populace
of Japan,
with remarkable cohesion,
had managed to imbue itself
with "an animated form of existence",
that everywhere you went in Tokyo,
he thought,
you're ceaselessly
"inundated with animations"—
even the escape plan
on an airplane
is relayed via an animated,
he didn't know,
Pokemon avatar
in Japan,
yet that was still an improvement
over the human-relayed iteration.

Because, Buddy said to Reimi,
his Platonic travel companion
who herself had
a respectable knowledge of Japan,
what exactly is the damn point
of these so-called escape plans
on airplanes?

Well, Reimi replied,
there doesn't seem to be
any whatsoever!—
because, Buddy interrupted,
if we're thirty thousand fucking feet
in the atmosphere
and spiraling back toward
Earth's surface
I'll just jump out
of the damn window
to my horrific
yet inevitable death!

What?—tossing on a plastic mask
and making certain
no luggage was left on the floor
of the so-called escape aisle,
that's going to make
a palpable difference
for people forced
to plummet down
tens of thousands of feet
from a gigantic metallic cylinder?—
yet in any case,
despite the fact they both agreed that
traveling was basically an, at bottom,
insipid hobby,
that drinking a beer in Tokyo
was functionally no different
than drinking one in Omaha,
both Reimi and Buddy agreed
that the culture of Japan
was certainly of a superior quality
to contemporary America,
where "so-called political philosophers"

like Curtis Yarvin
actually exerted influence
on West Wing politicians?

Reimi found it intriguing,
discovering this fact and
subsequently perusing Yarvin's blog posts
after hearing about his "so-called influence"
in contemporary American politics,
being, as it so happened,
already entirely disaffected
by both centrism and liberalism in America,
only to conclude that Curtis
was at best a fifth-rate thinker,
a seventh-rate stylist,
a ninth-rate human being?

No, his aesthetics were immeasurably worse
than that, Buddy interjected—
his analytical skills, she said,
were clearly near-mentally challenged,
Curtis Yarvin, Reimi said,
was "very possibly mentally challenged"—
and she made quite clear
that she meant that with no actual
ill-will whatsoever—
yet the fact transformed
his polemics regarding American IQ
into something fundamentally comical to her,
she actually found the one chapter
she read deeply comical in that regard,
with the writer's absurd warnings
to the reader,
and his "bomb drop" regarding racial IQ
as items that actually made her

chuckle out loud.

Oh, Curtis, she laughed,
you've really rattled my deprived little brain
with your—poorly worded
derivative reintroduction to fascism?

She definitely appreciated
Yarvin's oeuvre from that vantage point,
as a sort of middle school level
form of absurdist propaganda,
because, from that angle,
Yarvin was, to some extent, an enjoyable author—
yet the fact he'd become influential in
American politics
wasn't even "mildly surprising".

Of course not, Buddy added amicably,
expressing his humble opinion
as a God-given right,
which was why he nearly vomited
prior that day
while reading a Yelp review
about a particular bar,
the writer making the comment
"how nice" congregating
with newly found fellow ex-pats
in Tokyo was.

Buddy repeated the phrase
"Fellow Ex-Pats"
mocking the notion—
it seemed wholly grotesque
and disgusting
to "want to bump into"

other objectionable Americans
in a beautiful and ultimately untainted
city like Tokyo.

The reality was
the only material drawback
to Tokyo was that
a proportionally large amount
of Americans actually
"ex-patriated themselves" in the metropolis.

America, Buddy considered
as he stood solemnly in line
at a Starbucks in the JFK airport
en route to the Far East,
is a polity filled to the brim with
now generations of citizens
who have done literally nothing
but disgrace the standard of living
they've had the undeserved privilege of inheriting.

Americans, according to Buddy,
have basically made
the standard of living they've inherited
a grave injustice,
due primarily to their slovenly, lazy,
and basically
imbecilic tendencies.

No offense (this was simply his opinion),
but even in the so-called
metropolitan centers of America like Manhattan—
not only were they filled with the sterile run-of-the-mill
neoliberal sects of imbeciles
but then "you now see"

the somehow even more objectionable coalescences
like Dimes Square,
filled with—honestly, Reimi didn't even really
care to discover who they were!

There existed specific groups of people,
Buddy suggested,
that a person really didn't even
"need to inquire about"
to confirm beyond a reasonable doubt
you fucking despised.

There were certain sectors of citizens
you knew were worthless
without even knowing who they were,
and Dimes Square certainly fit that bill,
because Reimi despised Dimes Square,
despite the fact she knew
next to nothing about them.

She'd skimmed a minimal amount
of Curtis Yarvin, yet,
even with that admitted,
she'd still ingested more than enough Curtis
to definitively conclude
that he was at best
a seventh-rate stylist,
and, with that in mind,
how could she possibly justify
continuing to peruse "purely insipid"
"monomaniacal monarchist musings"
from a computer programmer
who couldn't even teach himself
how to compose a paragraph properly?

She didn't think it was unreasonable
to stop and arrive at a prematurely fully formed
conclusion in any way!

Oh, and of course
the fucking guy graduated from Brown University!—
Buddy exclaimed,
which was basically
a criminal cartel.

Of course these were
just their personal opinions,
benign ideas that they were expressing
as a proper form of open debate—
Brown University was the only organization
more pervasively criminal than the mafia
in the state of Rhode Island,
Buddy asserted,
and absolutely no one could dispute that,
that Brown was basically
another iteration
of organized crime in New England.

So it really made complete sense
that Yarvin earned his degree
from Brown,
and that even in the midst
of his middle-aged
(yet still essentially pubescent)
"intellectual rebellion"
he would still remain more or less
a criminal of aesthetics,
an unapologetic felon of analytical thought,
a repeat offender against the intellect,
making leagues of misguided

young people irreparably dumber
for reading his writings.

Reimi, for her part,
had read hardly anything
of Yarvin's oeuvre,
yet she knew deep in her bones
that he had absolutely nothing of note
to contribute to American culture,
adding that people like Curtis
were basically little more than meat sockets,
that they were essentially
intellectual voids that added
very little to humanity
beyond the cyclical shit,
piss, and semen
that got excreted
from their still living bodies.

Buddy, for his part,
couldn't possibly disagree!—
no one in America dresses well anymore,
had she noticed that,
and hardly anyone actually
works hard,
and absolutely no one
has anything interesting to say,
ever, Buddy said,
and there was no better
evidence of this than the fact that
JD Vance himself
was influenced by the writings
of Curtis Yarvin,
that Dimes Square
in Lower Manhattan

was actually considered counter-cultural
and "quote-unquote edgy"
by grown adults.

We've precipitously descended
from Alan Vega
starving on the streets
of TriBeca, Buddy noted,
to a series of middle-aged
trust fund grown ups
squatting in the most unaffordable,
expensive city
on the planet,
who believe basically nothing,
except that the n-word needs to be
reclaimed for Caucasians,
because they find it incomprehensible
and fascist that
they can't say
the trendy n-word in public
among their peers.

There was basically no doubt
in Buddy's mind that even New York City
with its five boroughs,
the greatest metropolis
America had to offer,
was fundamentally sterile today,
that Manhattan had achieved
a new level of putrid,
that it was actually leagues more
"aesthetically productive"
during the crack era!

It was an embarrassing state of affairs

for both Buddy and Reimi, frankly—
to continue to be an American?

The reality was, the two agreed,
that while traveling to foreign countries
was functionally pointless,
at the very least
it was a brief reprieve
from being forced to endure
your own fellow Americans
day after day,
yet, at the same time,
visiting a foreign locale
only reinforced
how utterly American you really were,
how objectionable you'd become,
solely by continuing to be
an irreversible American.

There's really nothing more objectionable
than being an American,
Reimi concluded,
and the worst U.S. citizens
are clearly the ones like Curtis,
the faux-intellectual flaccid reactionaries
symbolizing nothing beyond the fact that
America had become so sterile
it's only method of shocking itself
back to life was coyly reintroducing
the idea that Black people
were genetically second class to Caucasians.

Racism, if you really thought about it,
was the only authentic art of America anyway!—
and Buddy totally agreed,

noting that the only way
the median American could make themselves
start to feel alive again,
at this point,
was by quote-unquote post-ironically postulating,
by electro-shocking themselves
into contemplating that maybe Black people
are lower class by proclivity.

Every American enjoyed a God-given right
to subscribe themselves
to nonsensical racist philosophies
if they so chose,
yet it was only these
post-ironic imbeciles
who found their own unfortunate bigotry
as actually edgy—
it was only in toilets like
Dimes Square that racism,
which in reality was just the blunt,
ubiquitous and ultimately sterile
pre-condition of everything American,
somehow, idiotically,
became high art.

It was the logical conclusion
of the Andy Warhol idiocy—
as opposed to painting insipid soup cans,
the post-ironic so-called artists,
unable to paint or write or compose proficiently,
went a step further into the banal—
instead choosing a snooze-worthy
renewed racism as their art.

Why couldn't they, too, utter the n-word?—

it was truly "unjust" that they,
as rich whites who,
approaching forty,
still receiving wire transfers
from their parents
to supplement their Chinatown rents,
were more or less manhandled
into "not saying the n-word",
and not only the hip hop "soft-a"—
no, these opulent caucasians
requested access to the "hard-r n-word" pass,
and if it so happened
they were actually denied
then this country was fundamentally,
they thought, still enslaved!

This country, according to Dimes Square,
was fundamentally enslaved
if they,
as rich douche bag trust fund
Soviet and/or Ottoman Caucasians,
couldn't shout out
the "hard-r n-word"
in public with aplomb!

Yes, the only authentically avant-garde
American movement of the early twenty first century
was this inspired petition
to reclaim the n-word for whites,
Reimi noted as she benignly nodded
at a passer-by
in a manner that mellifluously communicated
she was simply expressing
a personal opinion,
that she obviously intended no offense.

I'm racist,
the audacious
Dimes Square poet would bellow,
and for that sole reason
I'm the bravest man in Lower Manhattan!—
still unable to actually bring himself
to say the word aloud,
surrounded by the bourgeois daughters
of Russian mathematicians
who'd apparently resort
to any sort of intellectual prostitution
to avoid being finally recognized
for what they functionally were:
opulent Caucasians.

No, none of these poets personally
said the n-word themselves,
of course,
but, then again, why couldn't they?—
"with a hard-r"?—
wasn't it fascism in a sense
that they were so vigorously restricted
from doing so?

Oh, of course! Reimi found it laughable
but in an obviously lewdly sardonic way—
it was utterly disgusting,
immensely depressing,
and basically a stupendous pretext to exit
America for good,
to begin a fresh life abroad,
on any other fucking continent!

—I-II: Manila is a Mall Culture
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But, in any case, with all that said,
which was of course really nothing
beyond the objective summary
of a couple benign opinions
of Buddy and Reimi,
who were both simply expressing
their God-given rights of free speech
in their respective commentaries—
but if Japan was fundamentally
"an animated culture",
then it was certainly safe to assert,
according to Buddy, that Manila was
"an unrepentant mall culture"—
that everything about Manila-proper
revolved around malls,
that they held the
"sky high esteem"
in Manila that they hadn't held
in America for decades, if ever!

Yet, Buddy said,
everything existed
in a fucking mall in Manila—
outside of the malls
there was literally no commerce
that commenced in the city,
to the best of Buddy's knowledge.

A metropolis of nearly fifteen million people,
Buddy expounded,
and every single person
is physically located in malls all the time—

there are actually large malls
located right beside subsequent malls
with three to five levels
or more per building,
but yet in America,
if you happened to place
a modest three level shopping center
even with no other malls for miles
it would still decay and rot day after day,
but these Manila malls are smack dab
on top of each other
and filled to the brim
with all types of people
at all times of the day.

Reimi asked Buddy if he recalled
the cool underground jazz bar
in Shinjuku,
the place that played
"CDs instead of records",
and of course Buddy recalled it vividly,
but he noted
in Manila that bar
would have been
in a damn mall,
without a doubt.

He'd relaxed for upwards
of an one hour at that jazz bar,
beginning at exactly
two twenty two in the afternoon,
drinking a single draft beer
as he analyzed
the bartender and barback
as they cleaned the counter top

and chopped a block of ice
with a steak knife,
creating "wonderfully asymmetric cubes",
without once glancing
at a smartphone,
or chit-chatting with customers,
without linguistically wanking people off
in their periphery—no,
they simply worked continuously
without pause or complaint.

A white man sat not far from
Buddy and Reimi
and noted to the bartender that,
yes, he'd be particularly interested
in ordering a Tom Collins,
but with one strict condition:
he wanted it with
a "ton of Juniper"—
a Collins that really captured
"that intense berry" flavor,
because "sans Juniper"
the man frankly had no interest
in a Tom Collins at all,
whereas most people
who enjoyed gin liked Juniper
to some extent,
yet they'd also readily admit
that "the Juniper aspect" of gin
could come off off-putting
to some,
this man apparently
couldn't "get enough Juniper"—
no, he needed
the most potent

iteration of gin with regard to its
divisive Juniper component.

But were you aware—
Buddy interrupted—
speaking of utter absurdities
that were in fact accurate,
that the so-called
"Siberian Tiger Penis"
is considered a legitimate aphrodisiac
in China,
that the Chinese
assiduously source the cock
from Russian tiger corpses
with great care
for precise use in expensive soups?

Well, that was exactly her point,
of course!—
but Reimi had more conjecture
for Buddy to consider,
if he was down,
as they meandered down
yet another muggy avenue
around Quezon City
looking for a single standalone restaurant,
any independently structured
watering hole,
to sip a cocktail at.

Reimi had been pondering something,
given the more stringent
border policies of East Asia
and her predilection
to forget herself

from time to time
via engaging in her own free speech—
did the American far-right
perhaps have a point?—
was it possible people
like Charlie Kirk,
who vociferously voiced
concerns regarding
"legal third world immigration",
was it within the realm of possibility
his perspective held merit?

But to begin with,
she continued
as Buddy's eyebrows rose slowly
in a wholly amused manner,
they'd need to take a long look
at the "specific segments"
of historical immigration,
if they were to truly construct
a targeted immigration agenda,
and then determine which nationalities
were actually desirable,
and which ones less so—
but Reimi felt as though,
honestly, that'd be easy enough.

The conclusion came
to Reimi like a bolt of lightning—
as it seemed blatantly clear
that the whole notion
of "white replacement"
was way beyond a conspiracy theory,
because it was, in fact, an actuality.

The fact of the matter
was the white man in America
had already been ruthlessly replaced,
and he was repopulated
almost exclusively
via the late
nineteenth and first half twentieth century
waves of immigration
that brought with them
not only the mountains of freckled Irish,
but more so
the further south Italians,
and even more eastern Jews—
all egregious non-whites
according to someone like, say,
Benjamin Franklin—
into this innocent country.

The rudimentary fact of the matter
was the white man
of eighteen sixty five
was objectively a radically different
white man than the
Caucasian male of nineteen sixty five—
the Anglo-Protestant baseline
the American polity
was historically founded upon
would be upended
and replaced by
a more nascent quote-unquote
Judeo-Christian lineage.

The American white man
had obviously already
ruthlessly been replaced,

and sadly only mere doppelgangers
of this White Man remained,
and of course these
very replacement level Caucasians,
these blanco simulacra,
now screamed the loudest
into the helplessly deaf winds
blowing up the skirts
of BBL Latinas
about a contemporary,
impending so-called
"white replacement"—
according to Reimi at least.

Yet, astutely, she mellifluously
continued on to say
to Buddy that of course
unregulated mass waves of immigration
could easily end
with detrimental downstream effects
for a state—
this couldn't be disputed.

For example,
contrary to the decades
of Hollywood whitewashing
of the mafia as little more than poor
immigrants who lacked access
to food stamps,
they should actually
recognize the American mafia
for what it truly was:
an insidious criminal syndicate
started by the immigrants
Lucky Luciano

and Meyer Lansky,
that had as its most profitable enterprise
sexual blackmail—
which eventually allowed it
to completely ensnare
the highest officer of the Law in America,
J. Edgar Hoover,
just because the little guy
liked to parade around
in ladies' underwear!

The entire history
of the American mafia
was one steeped in deep
and disturbing, sordid state
corruption as opposed
to the oft-cited "victimless crimes"
like gambling and prostitution—
this so-called "mob"
was an immigrant criminal syndicate
jointly established
by an Italian man
and a Jewish fellow,
and its lower levels
of activity,
the sort glorified
in grotesque Scorsese films,
were ultimately subsidized
by blackmailing,
often lasciviously
(what better way!),
United States
government officials.

Reimi asked Buddy

if it reminded him
of any current events?—
and as she laughed aloud,
she posited the rhetorical inquiry
of what could possibly be
more anti-American,
but she admitted
of course ahistorical imbeciles
like Matt Walsh
were instead forced to conflate
the corruption that occurred
one hundred years past
with contemporary immigration,
and instead of admitting
Caucasian Replacement
had already occurred
and that Judeo-Italic
immigrant criminal syndicates
successfully corrupted
the upper echelons
of government,
these double digit IQ grifters
acted as if
these events were instead
"potentially impending".

At this point Buddy brought up,
with a certain sense of disbelief,
that they hadn't even discussed
Carlos Marcello's
intricate role
in the assassination
of JFK!

—I-III: Tokyo Gyro
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On their final night in Tokyo,
Buddy awoke bright and early
in the AM, aiming to take
"maximum advantage" of the day,
and exited the hotel excitedly
hoping to find a quaint coffee shop,
only to stumble upon
a couple Shinjuku bars
that had just recently closed
at give or take half past seven am.

Failing to find
an adequate coffee shop to pop in
Buddy instead decided
to take a jog through the streets
of Tokyo, which in retrospect
may have been considered a
bit of a
cultural faux pas in the country,
but, given the excessive temperature
in the city,
Buddy assumed he would only
be able to run for a brief
spurt anyway—
so how offensive
could it really be?

Yet this run would prove crucial
because at its conclusion
Buddy got a whiff of some cuisine
he found quite delightful—
was it possibly, he thought

... a gyro?—
in Tokyo?

While a pita stuffed
with tzatziki wasn't exactly
the Asian street meat
most people anticipate
in their YouTube algorithmic
daydreams of Japan,
Buddy also felt like his palette
wouldn't be any worse for wear with a
single sandwich that his stomach
was already accustomed
to digesting?

Some place in the deep, dark
recesses of Buddy's brain
he recalled
the treacherous gyro trucks
of New York City
and their abundant use
of poultry as a street meat—
but chicken was basically
an unacceptable street corpse
when it came right down to it,
but Buddy,
mesmerized by the smell
of the amalgamated spices
went along with the bird option anyway,
selecting—no not tzatziki,
but the quote-unquote
white sauce topping,
which was also reminiscent
of the Manhattan food truck
bullshit machine.

Of course the wrap
didn't taste great,
to the extent that Reimi
didn't even eat half of hers,
allowing Buddy—
who was "starving"—
to seal his digestive fate
by finishing a second sandwich.

The consumed chicken gyro
was a dirty bomb
that would wait to detonate
in Buddy's stomach
until right around sunset—
and everybody knew Shinjuku
had the best setting suns—
when Buddy was attempting to nap off
the jazz bar
beers he imbibed
before they popped out
for supper to no avail.

—I-IV: Tagaytay Math
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The thing of it was,
Buddy said to Reimi
in a province outside Manila,
at the beginning
of his conscious memory
he'd sit in the brick house he lived in
with his genetic mom and dad at
give or take, say,
three years old,
and he'd recite very particular, progressive
"if-then scenarios" to his mom,
who was amused by
the mathematical display immensely,
as she cleaned the kitchen or, like,
dusted the burgundy dinner table?

This was in fact his favorite hobby
at that age—basically, in short,
when Buddy turned forty
his mom'd turn seventy four,
and when he was thirty three
she'd be sixty seven,
but when he turned ten
she'd be forty four,
and finally when Buddy was six his
mom would be forty.

So it was funny to Buddy
when they saw a skinny
six year old boy in Tagaytay
exhibiting a similar practice,
telling attendees their current ages based

on the respective years
they were born,
with all the participants at the party
being wildly impressed
with his arithmetic,
but, "at already age six",
Buddy whispered to Reimi,
this kid
was actually kind of fucking
behind the eight ball,
so to speak—
that if, at six, he couldn't calculate
"at least if-thens"
after determining the person's age,
well, he had a ways to go.

The kid was clearly quite proud
of his arithmetic abilities,
and maybe he should have been—
it was possible
he had good reason to be,
but, to Buddy,
as he conveyed to Reimi,
he probably needed to be
just a tad more tyrannical
about his practice moving forward.

No, he "wasn't that bad", Buddy said,
he was way better than some adults
at the gathering!—
but he should still really consider,
you know,
brushing up on his "if-then skills".

Because "everything is ultimately an if-then",

whether vis-a-vis arithmetic
or life itself!—
in any case, now finally forty himself,
Buddy could officially confirm
once and for all his mom'd become,
in fact, seventy four
while he was forty,
though at the time,
back in the brick house,
it'd have been an impossibility
for either to know with any certainty
if that'd have truly been the case,
that Buddy would, for a fact,
be forty while his mom
would be, by contrast,
seventy four.

Just before
leaving for Tokyo
Buddy sat on a clean bench
in Luongo Square
in the decent heat
of the expiring summer
and wrote down the words
it would be "an absurdity
to stop by Nickanee's tonight",
which he felt to be
one hundred percent fact,
that precise verbiage,
that stopping by Nickanee's
that night would've been
completely absurd!—
sitting on a bench by himself
sipping a lime seltzer
he'd lightly spiked with Mezcal

he had no doubt in the pure
veracity of the words
he'd scribbled down
into a beaten up purple notepad.

Buddy had, in fact,
a very firm comprehension
of what exactly
was absurd that night,
it was the simple idea
of attending Nickanee's.

Only minutes later,
sitting in a bar in Luongo Square,
drinking a Mezcal
that was no longer dumped
indiscriminately into a can
of lime seltzer,
Buddy considered an uncomfortable idea
that "whatever was identified
as morally unacceptable"
was precisely what got people
erect in every particular epoch,
that whatever was widely
agreed to be inappropriate
was, in fact, synonymous
with what was "probably maximally erotic"?

Something that was violently pretty
would become expeditiously
less so the very second
it became "generally acceptable",
Buddy thought at the bar?—
that widespread acceptance
was the utter death

of apex eroticism?

Buddy sat at the bar in Luongo Square,
well aware
going to Nickanee's that night
would be nothing if not blatantly absurd
and considered, just a couple streets up,
on Atwells Avenue,
he could never jot down notes
like he did on Luongo—
where it was expected that everyone
would come equipped with notepads
of all types,
that they'd all take notes
while sitting on benches and at bars,
whereas on Atwells Ave
the exact opposite was expected.

It was a fact that no one had,
in the history of the street,
ever been seen
clutching a small notepad
on Atwells Avenue,
but Buddy actually considered
ambling up to Atwells
that very evening,
but he now realized
occupying any seat
on that Avenue
would make his note taking
basically impossible.

In reality you'd probably have to be
a complete knob to believe
you could ever scurry up

to Atwells Avenue
with a notepad
and successfully jot down ideas
in public.

To Buddy,
he told Reimi,
there existed two latent
absurdities that night:
the first was without a doubt
stopping in Nickanee's,
while the second
was adorning your person
with a writing utensil
on Atwells Avenue.

No one walking the streets
of Atwells had "as much as a fucking pencil"
on their person,
that much was certain
beyond a reasonable doubt,
but none of that altered the fact
that for about eighty three point three percent
of the year Buddy's mom
would fail to be seventy four,
despite his intuition
she was "technically seventy four", while
for essentially seventy five percent
of this calendar season
he'd be thirty nine,
which flew in the face of the fact
he was "technically forty",
because at that moment,
in Luongo Square,
Buddy was forty but his mom

was merely seventy three,
which went directly against
the if-then he'd alleged
at the age of three.

—I-V: The Best Neighborhood in the World
695:847 .821

Reimi thought the "adjustable bed frame"
their hotel room came equipped with
was "really cool",
and she more or less immediately
started to fiddle with
the settings incessantly.

But Buddy,
just as Reimi gained control
of the remote,
expressed some concern,
since the bed frame
wasn't exactly "brand new"
that Reimi should maybe
use a bit of caution
before indiscriminately fidgeting with
the remote control, because,
in his experience,
those types of gadgets
could easily start to malfunction quickly.

Buddy reminded Reimi later
of this exact exchange
as they struggled to see
the lower third of the television set
over the now absurdly elevated
foot of the bed,
which'd been stuck in place
since Reimi first raised it
high as it possibly went when
she first placed her little fingers
on the remote,

followed by about five minutes
of a continuous, arduous drone
punctuating every attempt to adjust
the foot again,
until they both came to agree
the bed frame was, in fact,
immovably stuck in its place.

Nothing could be done to fix
an electronically misconfigured bed frame—
unless you were some kind of
electrical engineer,
which of course
neither of them were,
so if a bed frame was forced upward,
until the foot of the bed obscured
nearly a third
of the television set,
then you'd forever be lifting
the remote to the sky
to increase the volume,
or to switch whatever bullshit
on whatever streaming service
you wanted to fall asleep to.

In short there was no cure
for this severe sickness
of the bed frame—
it was a terminal deficiency, which,
Buddy reminded himself,
was why he was so adamant about
not indiscriminately fiddling with
the remote in the first place,
yet apparently the possibility
of repeatedly adjusting

a bed up and down
was just too alluring to resist.

Glancing at the top two thirds
of a TV program
neither particularly found compelling
Reimi said it wasn't necessarily
that traveling was ipso facto insipid,
inasmuch as it was the case
any city is fundamentally
meaningless sans a particular person
in the metropolis you're pursuing,
didn't Buddy agree?—
that basically any town
is only activated
by a special person of interest,
that even the shittiest city imaginable
could become profound
with the proper object
of pursuit?

Buddy felt a moderately intense
urge to toss
the remote control
directly through
the television set
as he agreed
with Reimi's perspective,
that architectural structures
were only aesthetically beautiful
insofar as they contained
intimate relationships
between human beings,
with all the good and bad
that was associated with

that containment,
and even a sprawling city
like Tokyo was only agreeable
to people
insofar as they imagined that
containment occurring
in the midst of this architecture,
but if they, say,
"relocated to Tokyo"
but failed to find the people
to place into
said containments
they'd essentially
remain meaningless,
and even Tokyo would quickly
become a drag!

It was almost like,
Reimi contemplated aloud,
Shinjuku was at once
the best neighborhood
on the planet
but also fundamentally
at bottom
empty and sterile?

Part II: East Side Mannerists

—II-I: Community Pools & General Disgust
1380:1633 .845

Forced to listen
to some shirtless douche-bag
adorned in designer glasses
with custom colored purple frames
at a community pool discuss—
she couldn't recall what—
really reiterated to Reimi
it was totally possible to disdain
a person purely via the sole sound
of their God-given vocal chords,
she said to her sister Nikke.

Sobriety obviously
depended on vantage point,
but she'd only had possibly
half a bottle of Soju at the pool party,
or maybe the whole bottle at most?

Yet Nikke would never
accuse her sole sibling
of lacking objective sobriety,
even if she was maybe
relatively inebriated,
much less levy
an accusation of "feeling things"—
no, she knew Reimi
way too well for that!

This notion of "feeling things"
was totally grotesque of course—
Nikke vividly recalled riding
into New York City with Reimi

years prior,
right as the second track
on her Love Supreme CD
played from her stereo speakers
as they discussed what
they believed to be "deep topics"
at the time, the tenor sax
ricocheting in her mind
retroactively in a way
that didn't really make
any sense.

A leaf that laid
on the cement on Carpenter Street
as the Lyft re-entered the West End
looked like a legitimate
handle bar moustache,
like it'd been sculpted specifically
to paste onto a hipster's upper lip
at a craft beer bar.

Nikke, who was perhaps
more prone to so-called
"airier" quasi philosophical
thoughts than her sister Reimi,
was recalling previous
'summer-like late
September afternoons'
from her upbringing,
but the images
were so vague it made
quantifying the linear progression
of her life a seeming impossibility—
the frantic tenor sax
of the second track

of Love Supreme
still humming somewhere
in the remote recesses
of her mind,
a perceived sordid activity
for some reason.

Whereas Reimi was disgusted
by a guy who was probably
an incredibly loving dad
despite a vocal tone
that reeked of utter pretention,
Nikke was increasingly lost
in her own stochastic memories,
muted coincidences
consuming her,
causing her to recede
into silence as Reimi continued.

Twelve months ago
to the minute,
Nikke butted in abruptly,
marked the sudden onset
of "a precise month"
where she succumbed
to a subtle madness,
a quick descent into
the divinely absurd,
only to emerge
exactly thirty days later—
the twenty sixth to the twenty fifth—
with an apparently renewed purpose.

The strangest characters,
Nikke told Reimi,

who of course already knew
about the events all too well,
would wander into her day to day
life during that "thirty day
or so span", then disappear
forever almost immediately
after the fact—
there was an irrepressible
melancholy to memory,
which in a way, Nikke suggested,
was possibly a lurid iteration
of optimism,
to recall past events
with dread and disgust,
to interpret the present then
as ipso facto preferable
to the grotesque events
of even your recent past?

Oh, there was no doubt
recollection was objectionable,
Reimi concurred,
for example the extremely recent
memory of the man
with that grating intonation?—
Reimi's present state
with Nikke was leagues preferable
to listening to the douche bag
drone on at the community pool
for even a few minutes.

So it wasn't at all out of line
to suggest that recollection
sprung up from an abyss
and assaulted them

violently right when they
least expected it,
even in Nikke's case,
during the thirty days or so,
they were themselves
to some extent consumed
with "people from her past"
springing up like memories,
attacking her present-tense
with their vapid reintroductions.

People from our past, she said,
instead of affirming the logical linear
progression of our lives,
only reinforce this dream-like instinct
we have that, in fact,
our life is wholly nonsensical,
that our singular peregrinations
are simply asymmetric series
of moments fundamentally disconnected,
disjointed, misaligned—
that rather than progressing
from age five to six,
forty to forty one
that the numbers
we try to define our lives by
are in fact non-additive,
that they're more akin to
coagulating disparate percentages
and acting as if they're integers,
or probably worse!

People from our past, Nikke noted,
simply by existing and resurfacing
serve to remind us

that the vast majority of sentences
we've said and activities
we've completed
are actively forgotten,
that they amount to
next to nothing
in the present tense,
yet their re-introduction
is a proof our current moment,
which we perhaps
feel to be superior
to our past,
will also inevitably pass
into lacunas of deleted recollection,
that the present
is basically a folly in waiting,
plus there's only
the thinnest connective tissue
integrating said lacunas.

Memory is most definitely
nonlocal in origin,
Reimi agreed—
there was really no other
way to phrase it,
yet in some vague sense
they could possibly contend
that their collective past actions
formed a sort of abstract
substrate that informed
their current selves,
that perhaps while collected recollection
failed to conform
to the moving image
of linearity,

it still maintained
a sort of amorphous
continuity eluding them
at first glance?

But, Nikke said to Reimi,
take the town of, say, Barrington—
the dump they were driving away from
as fast as they could—
was it not filled to the brim
with objectionable memories?

Was "bucolic" Barrington
not filled up with upper class
whites who fundamentally
overestimated their own net worth,
peering down on bordering towns
and neighboring dumps
with the sole intention
of making themselves
feel better about
their own overpriced homes?

Reimi had tried to remain unaware
of the entirety of Rhode Island—
in fact if not for her little sister
Nikke she'd probably know
literally nothing
about the smallest state
in the nation,
and no doubt
be perfectly happy about it!

—II-II: An Anonymous French Mannerist
838:1053 .796

In any case,
sitting in the backseat of the Lyft
en route to RISD's museum,
Nikke took note of a small stain
on her new tan t-shirt
just above her right nipple,
a smudge she somehow
failed to see
before she left her apartment—
specifically recalling
ironing the article
prior to leaving,
it seemed absurd to her
she could've not noticed
a small stain
in such a central location.

Both women were
surprised to find
the price of admission into
the museum was more than
twenty bucks per person,
but they paid the fee
sans even a single
disgusted eye roll
or surreptitious aggravated grimace,
instead kindly taking the lady's
direction to enter
the elevator in
dually jubilant fashions.

Of course it was only

a sole canvas
they went to see
in the museum,
the so-called
"Charity" painting
by an anonymous French Mannerist—
this mysterious artist's
single work
was more riveting to them
than the rest of the Renaissance room
combined,
more visceral by
orders of magnitude
than any of the
contemporary art
on the first floor.

The painting consisted
of six small children,
one dog, and a mom
who—although most people
might not notice it
at a fleeting glance—
had her left nipple exposed
as one kid
fondled the breast
in preparation of suckling.

Of course while taking
in any painting
it was important,
the two concurred, to
consider the painter's
personal process
as he continued to create

the canvas,
the types of problems
he may or may not
have encountered,
how he in the end
addressed them.

In this instance, Reimi said,
it struck her as patently befuddling
that the painter—
this anonymous French Mannerist—
went to the trouble
to depict the tiny testicles
of one of the kids
poking between his two legs
from the back as
he climbed up
to the presumptuous mother?

By contrast
in the contemporary galleries
on the first level,
the figurative nudes
were basically "sans phallus"—
Reimi referenced
a painting by a guy
named Satoshi Kojima
on the lower level
depicting a
"naked-from-the-waist-down figure"
"freefalling into an abstract spiral"
with a "Ken-doll genital structure"—
yet this anonymous French Mannerist
upstairs was depicting
tiny testicles dangling

from the backsides
of juveniles.

Oh, it was definitely
a little bit perverse—
of the six kids,
all posed in fundamentally absurd
positions in individual ways,
there was no phallic aspect,
despite each being naked,
but the climbing child
was depicted with two tiny
testicles peeking
out between
his legs from the back.

Imagine, Nikke added,
painting those two tiny balls
with such a fine degree
of precision,
in the mid sixteenth century—
spending possibly upwards
of a whole day
on genital depiction
at the most
awkward angle imaginable.

Of course, Reimi said,
it's true a male's testicles,
without a doubt,
even when a youth,
would probably poke through
his thighs and become visible,
assuming he climbed
up a structure nude,

but to stick to such rigid realism
with regard to "that detail",
while giving the children
professional wrestler
back muscles
and bobble head necks
is perhaps an apex
mark of genius?

Nikke let a pen
nonchalantly dangle
from her mouth on the couch
in front of the "Fontainebleu"
school canvas,
just because she enjoyed jotting
down ideas in a papyrus thin
purple notepad,
when a heavier set lady attendant
with a cropped hair cut queried
"Is that a pen?"
to which Nikke confirmed
the instrument protruding
from her lips was,
in fact, "an ink pen",
which moved the attendant
to tell her pens "weren't allowed"
in the museum—
magnanimously, the attendant allowed
Nikke to stuff the pen back
deep in her pocket,
as opposed to
officially confiscating
the now saliva-infused
ink-based instrument.

The attendant continued to
hover in the vicinity
of the sofa
where the two sisters
and their ink pen
sat staring at the painting
of this anonymous French Mannerist,
and Reimi queried aloud
if recollection was,
upon further consideration,
possibly "linear/nonlinear"—
if that made any sense
to Nikke?

—II-III: The Dyadic Man
255:307 .831

As the minutes quickly
wound down
before the museum
closed its doors for the day,
Nikke noted,
still sitting on the sofa
in front of the
anonymous French Mannerist's
work, that every man
was "fundamentally dyadic",
specifically in that
they consist of
an independent phallic entity
and also an incorporeal aspect—
but because of this
men lacked an organic actuality
of any sort,
sans the phallus of course,
they were souls
attached to cocks,
whereas women, Nikke said,
were actually organic entities
woven deeply
into said incorporeal souls.

Men weren't even technically
human beings, Reimi retorted,
they were little beyond
simple penises with souls,
half organic dyads,
to the extent they existed
in the "so-called corporeal globe"

it was only
via their usually puny
third legs,
sans penis
they ceased
to exist
on the sensible plane
at all!

It was through this precise lens,
Nikke said,
that they needed to really
analyze the male to female
trans movement—
as a feminine urge
for actual organic—no,
Reimi interrupted,
not in the gallery,
gender discourse
was strictly prohibited,
even more so than pens!

Part III: East Mediterranean People Shields

—III-I: Chain Smoking Next to Children's Hospitals
1635:1982 .825

Sans alcoholic beverages,
Reimi said to Buddy—
what does anything even really
matter anyway—
whatever city you reside in,
but Buddy really wanted to receive
the juice from Reimi RE
what Nikke alluded to repeatedly
regarding this alleged
month long rapid decline
into ill-advised binge drinking
she, Nikke, endured.

Yet to Reimi
malevolent liquids like alcohol
were actually fundamentally
necessary to relay
these types of incidents
in a proper way,
that she could "sit out"
"in the city" totally sober
and take note of
a curious lack of a connection
she had with any Oneness,
that from a select vantage point
you could lack a connection
with a "Oneness"
in concord with
a deficit of emotional disruption—
was it possible
when chaotically lusting
around town

The One as a pure
spiritual Form
floated closer
than when you were being
a great stay at home mom.

Only when onerously
falling apart
a certain spirituality
becomes palpable,
your dreams become fertile
territory for visitation
from an indivisible oneness
in its infinite forms,
whereas the "well-adjusted",
because of our
peculiar social totem poles,
somehow remain barred away from
this Oneness,
by becoming a
productive member
of secular society
you build a barrier between
yourself and what's
quintessentially One,
she suggested,
not necessarily asserting it
as fact but just
"tossing it out" to Buddy.

But while oneness
possibly communicated
exclusively via
emotional tumult,
the metropolis,

Reimi said,
was a phantasm entirely—
that in a material sense
her astounding friendship
with Buddy had duped her
into believing DC
was something other than
what it was—
sitting by herself
the other evening
she realized the entire city
was a cesspool of the insipid,
that sans her friendship
with Buddy the city
fell into immediate disrepair,
that a single interesting friendship,
only of the loftiest order,
could make any city
into fourth century Athens,
that in all reality
cities were really
nothing but philosophically
intriguing relationships,
deprived of these bonds
there was nothing left
but poorly dressed hipsters
and talentless twenty whatever
professionals with
absolutely nothing of note
to say.

Reimi could recall
her own individual dips
into deep depressions
pre-Buddy—their bond,

inclusive of all of its faults,
catapulted this petty city
into an exalted playground
of immaculate speculation,
the streets were no longer
little hellholes,
wastelands of sterility,
but only because Buddy
was a true maestro
of the ill-tempered,
the ill-advised,
and the patently absurd,
Reimi said.

Buddy was of course flattered
and he clearly felt the same way
toward Reimi,
holding their bond
in a similar high esteem,
but nevertheless
Reimi now wasted no time
now addressing
his previous request,
to some extent,
she said,
procreation is a
philosophical abomination,
a spitting in the face of
The One Itself,
a tacit admission
that the universe itself
is actually not contained
in the mirror you gaze at
yourself in intermittently,
which is itself

a blasphemous falsity!

Because if the universe
is located in physical space
it's definitely in your very mirror
as you gaze into it—
the cosmos is of course
wholly contained in your own
reflection, yet in any case,
Reimi continued,
the very notion
of popping out kids,
Nikke had always
considered it absurd,
and Reimi by default
described it as
basically objectionable,
yet both sisters sat
on the phone weeping
(bawling even!)
at the prospect
of Reimi's probable
miscarriage just last Fall.

Reimi's impending miscarriage
brought them both to tears,
to a place of truly weeping,
probably ounces worth
of lacrymation
recklessly poured
onto their four cheeks
over the phone—
and "that" was the first part
of Nikke's so-called
"mystical breakdown"

from that past year,
Reimi said.

Yes, the first section
was centered
on the two sisters
lacrimating
on the telephone
because Reimi's baby
was clinging to its life
by the thinnest of threads,
that was on a
Saturday afternoon,
after Reimi
had accompanied Nikke
for a few drinks
early in the day—
and they'd bumped into,
what was his name,
of all people on the street,
having literally
just bumped into him
less than two weeks prior.

Buddy said he recalled
Nikke saying something
to that effect—
Reimi confirmed
it was after
she'd made Nikke
take her out for an espresso,
to which Nikke then
made her pop in
The Dark Lady
for "just one drink"

where they stumbled upon
that exact same Steve Miller,
of all people,
apparently paying the tab
for his trans companion.

So bumping into Miller
with his beautiful wife
again that subsequent Saturday
walking down the street,
when during a decade
in DC they'd never seen
Steve randomly—
it was a bit perplexing,
perhaps even mystical
to Nikke,
and the stop and chat
conversation
was equally
difficult to follow—
it certainly drove Nikke
to down a few drinks after,
forced to listen
to the same tired diatribe
"over and over".

So on a Thursday night,
Buddy repeated,
Nikke bumps
into this Steve
at The Dark Lady,
then the subsequent Saturday
you two see Steve
walking down the street
with his wife

and conclude that evening
weeping to each other
on the phone
due to a degradation
in the state of
your pregnancy?

Correct, Reimi confirmed,
and in between
the two Steve sightings,
she should note,
Nikke'd pop in The Dark Lady
again, all alone,
where a confounding figure—
at least according
to the story
Nikke told Reimi—
would be "seemingly
waiting for her"
at the bar,
asking about her
as soon as she arrived
and ordered a drink,
the figure going so far
as to note "you never know
when it's your time to go."

This type of absurdity,
unsurprisingly, prompted
Nikke to stay at the bar,
gulping down a
completely unnecessary
double shot of tequila
prior to close.

And then after seeing Steve
a second time, Nikke said,
she sat at some Lebanese
bar downtown where she'd see
'the understated bartender
from The Dark Lady'
sitting across the bar
as a kid introduced himself
as "Bobby"
and drunkenly
confessed to his
bad gambling habit,
until his middle aged mom
arrived and
drove him home.

After being indirectly reminded
of the mysterious stranger
via the presence
of said
understated bartender,
Nikke would awaken
to an even
more mystifying phone call,
at five am,
from her father's number
but with a strange voice
on the other side
demanding an immediate
wire transfer to
a "Venmo account",
alleging he'd just broke out
of prison only
to enter their parents' home
where he now

'had them both bound
and gagged.'

And then perhaps
the most curious aspect
came that next night
when Nikke said
to Reimi she'd spent
the prior Friday afternoon
hopping from bar to bar
until, fairly inebriated,
she stumbled upon
The Dark Lady again
once more witnessing
the understated bartender
but not the confounding stranger,
"just for a quick drink, you know",
and then ambled
to a random
dive bar where suddenly
Nikke came upon
an impalpable ability
to "share her feelings"
with the various random
regulars in attendance.

But of course the oddest part of all,
Reimi concluded,
was that right as
Nikke approached this dive bar,
trading anecdotes
with strange drunks
and feeling at home
for maybe the first time,
smoking shitty

unfiltered cigarettes
into the AM, Reimi
was admitted into the children's
hospital just a couple hundred
feet from the dive,
in dire condition
as her unborn baby
was officially aborted
from her body.

—III-II: Shrooms at the Dominican Shisha Spot
1598:1889 .846

Reimi said the next night
Nikke came by
her flat to commiserate,
that she was somehow,
inanely, in better net
spirits than her sister,
the two taking a patch of fur
off the dog,
wondering aloud
about the possibly haunted
river flowing in the middle
of the invisible triangle
connecting the Children's Hospital,
Dive Bar, and Dark Lady,
with Nikke in particular
speculating
that perhaps
as soon as they
stepped past the interstate
highway that barricaded
the west end of the city
from the river,
that a certain dark force,
a possible cloaked portal
of sorts
began interacting
with both of them?

Yet even with that thought
shot into her brain,
it wouldn't stop Nikke,
Reimi informed Buddy,

from walking back downtown
the subsequent Saturday—
but only after popping
into a mosque
to make a donation
to the unrecognized
dead infants in Palestine,
dropping off a fifty dollar bill
to an African Imam
with a mini water bottle
of Mezcal
surreptitiously slipped into
her sweatshirt pocket.

Nikke walked swiftly downtown,
purchased a pack of cigarettes,
stopped to pop in the spot
from the previous week,
cracking a joke
when an old fuck took what
at first look seemed to be
a decent tip
then stuck the cash back
in his pocket—
then Buddy interrupted
to note Nikke
would meet up
with him that evening,
pouring them both an espresso,
popping the last couple squares
of a psilocybin candy bar,
and then they both
would go smoke
hookah at a
Dominican night club.

Buddy said he distinctly
recalled understanding
Spanish that night
surrounded by flickering lights—
Nikke was possibly still
completely unhinged,
in a heightened spiritual state
he'd, for sure,
seen her enter
a few times before!

Then again, Reimi defended,
a mixture of espresso,
hookah, liquor, and psilocybin
could probably cause anybody
to become a bit "unhinged",
to which Buddy replied
the bachata hit different
that night,
that Nikke was wearing
a pair of fake
reading glasses
for literally the entire
duration of their time out!

In any case, Reimi continued,
relaying what Nikke
told her regarding
the subsequent night
where, sure, she began
the afternoon
seeing this certain
African Imam Abdul Latif
speak briefly

about contemporary politics,
attempting to avoid
the triangulation
she'd recognized with Reimi
two weeks previous,
but eventually
in a foolish attempt
to verify the night
where she'd, Nikke,
finally felt able
to quote unquote "open up",
she succumbed
to ambling beyond
the interstate "barricade"
back into downtown,
to the dive bar,
but in a state
of irrational spiritual
aggravation.

And when Nikke arrived
at the dive
an unexpected non-descript
old gentleman—
not entirely dissimilar
from the mysterious stranger
from The Dark Lady—
was seemingly "waiting for her"
and her overwhelming emotions,
no, not about Reimi's abortion,
but the Palestinian children
being massacred
by her tax payments!

Nikke'd quickly discard

the psychoanalytical older dude,
even in her dilapidated drunken
state she still realized
the physical mind
had little to do with her issues,
as she was trapped
in a portal of sorts,
in fact, beside a
mysterious river,
instead she introduced herself
to an advanced in age lady
playing pool in skinny
black denim
wearing the look
of pure death in her eyes.

Her name was Ellen,
she was seventy one
years young
with a fifty something
Nordic husband
named "Petter",
but, despite her colloquial inquiries,
the couple didn't seem
particularly intrigued
with her drunken digressions
into the topic of
"dollar denominated crude oil"
or contemporary college
as essentially
a ruthless corporation,
exploiting the exact students
it was alleging to educate.

Yet didn't they maybe deem

that concerning?—
that so-called Poetry Professors
could no longer be considered
public intellectuals,
instead they were
ruthless tools
of institutions
that partnered with the
state and expansive
financial banks
to saddle budding young
people with five and six figure
dollars of debt
that could never be expunged!

A lucrative endeavor indeed!—
no, these Poetry
Professors were,
to a material extent,
certainly criminally liable
themselves,
according to Nikke,
not only for needlessly
profiting on the backs
of their own student body
but also for the
degradation of the arts
as a whole!

The university system,
the great contemporary funding
apparatus of the fine arts,
was no true speaker
of truth to power,
and its central role

in literature was no
doubt a sort of silencing itself—
no, Nikke said,
the American university system
was just a macro hedge fund
masquerading as an
artistic co-op!

Consider, for instance,
Nikke said,
the criminal rehabilitation
of the Nazi-saluting
Gertrude Stein, who,
for the record, was,
in addition to
an atrocious poet,
a genocidal art collector.

Of course, Nikke,
like everyone else,
had a phase
where she also became
"fascinated" by Stein,
wasn't it revolutionary
how she used, you know,
"language as sound"—
until Nikke was forced
to recall,
with her functioning brain cells,
that "language as sound"
was in fact
just the fundamental basis
of metrical poetry itself,
which'd for
chimerical reasons

been banished
by little Hitlers
like Stein herself!

Gertrude Stein
was one of the apex
unrepentant charlatans
of English literature
since the language itself
was codified
from far-ranging
cosmopolitan lingual pools,
and it was a
truly classic example
of the contemporary
literary critic
to cast aside Stein's
confirmed fascism
in the pursuit of
some sterile Freudian
identity drenched
symbolism.

No, Stein didn't love
that little Hitler—
she was just expressing
her Zionist lesbian
sense of self
by writing inscrutable
prose poems
about carafes,
of course!

The university system
was in fact

the most criminal corner
of corporate America,
yet Ellen and Petter,
while not explicitly "disagreeing"
with this passionate opinion,
didn't exactly
'encourage Nikke
to continue,'
and with that ingested
she subsequently exited
the establishment
right around close
to walk sadly back home,
over the apparently protective
interstate highway,
on her way donating
a spare eight bucks
to an attractive enough
black girl standing beside
a homeless shelter,
offering to service her sexually
for a twenty before
disappearing into
the desolate night
like an apparition,
leaving Nikke
drunkenly humming:

*Essayists publish personal blogs no prob
but if poets post their poems they're flogged
submit to literary mags instead!
w/ 12 remaining readers (10 are dead)
that due to heavy volume of submissions
will send rejection letters by next xmas
and then we sit and wonder why it is*

*poems no longer get taken serious
the so called real poets now eschew
rhyme meter and extended stories too
and only publish places no one reads
I guess the web won't meet their precious needs
while nonfiction rockets up the fucking charts
"self published poems" are seen as rubbish art
not on a merit but instead on sight
cause they buck a system not very bright
(to be fair also because most are shite)
the root of "lyric" from the Greek is lyre
as in utter poems aloud you'll lie in a fire
Homer was actually a mute to boot
who never touched a guitar or lute
straw men & steel men meeting at medians
to deem posting poems on the web plebeian
I now peruse exclusively reading bins
as rhyming results in little but seedy men
"but nonfiction touches on current events!"
while Pope's Essay stays barren unread
but I'm sure you've heard Kenneth Goldman say
what he thinks of these Nuyorican cafes
they're fine enough if you enjoy dumb sports
but lack the beauty of, say, traffic reports
not to say these Puerto Ricans are lesser
just that their cafes lack adjunct professors
the sole arbiters of the truly divine
opinions are just assholes:*

*let me present you mine
post your poems where people exist to read
and expand the canon to include emcees
if not this art will find a lurid tomb
up its own ass—*

apologies to Harold Bloom

Reimi—who'd been staying
at Nikke's that night—
was waiting fast asleep
for her sister,
who arrived back well past
midnight, quite clearly blacked out
and in a trance admitted
to Reimi about being bothered,
no, not by innocent kids
being killed in genocides
assisted by her taxes,
but instead by an instance
of so-called
"childhood sexual trauma"
that she'd never talked
about aloud,
even to her sole sister,
most of the specifics
in fact being by now
eternally obscured
even to Nikke herself,
existing past normal
epistemological limits,
and that keeping this
"so-called secret"
was unfortunately
no longer tenable,
because failing to confess it
in perpetuity
did nothing
but make her continually
want to die.

—Conclusion

This book will perhaps only be understood by those who have themselves already thought the thoughts which are expressed in it or similar thoughts. It is therefore not a text-book. Its object would be attained if there were one person who read it with understanding and to whom it afforded pleasure. The book deals with the problems of philosophy and shows, as I believe, that the method of formulating these problems rests on the misunderstanding of the logic of our language. Its whole meaning could be summed up somewhat as follows: What can be said at all can be said clearly; and whereof one cannot speak thereof one must be silent. The book will, therefore, draw a limit to thinking, or rather not to thinking, but to the expression of thoughts; for, in order to draw a limit to thinking we should have to be able to think both sides of this limit (we should therefore have to be able to think what cannot be thought). The limit can, therefore, only be drawn in language and what lies on the other side of the limit will be simply nonsense. How far my efforts agree with those of other philosophers I will not decide. Indeed what I have here written makes no claim to novelty in points of detail; and therefore I give no sources, because it is indifferent to me whether what I have thought has already been thought before me by another. I will only mention that to the great works of Frege and the writings of my friend Bertrand Russell I owe in large measure the stimulation of my thoughts. If this work has a value it consists in two things. First that in it thoughts are expressed, and this value will be the greater the better the thoughts are expressed. The more the nail has been hit on the head. Here I am conscious that I have fallen far short of the possible. Simply because my powers are insufficient to cope with the

task. May others come and do it better. On the other hand the truth of the thoughts communicated here seems to me unassailable and definitive. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the problems have in essentials been finally solved. And if I am not mistaken in this, then the value of this work secondly consists in the fact that it shows how little has been done when these problems have been solved.

Fin.

| The World Divides Into Facts: A Novel | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Nicholas Katsafanas | | | |
| Section | Echoes | Syllables | Ratio |
| I.I | 2,588 | 3,364 | 0.77 |
| I.II | 1,769 | 2,250 | 0.79 |
| I.III | 496 | 609 | 0.81 |
| I.IV | 1,139 | 1,396 | 0.82 |
| I.V | 695 | 847 | 0.82 |
| II.I | 1,380 | 1,633 | 0.85 |
| II.II | 838 | 1,053 | 0.80 |
| II.III | 255 | 307 | 0.83 |
| III.I | 1,635 | 1,982 | 0.82 |
| III.II | 1,598 | 1,889 | 0.85 |
| | 12,393 | 15,330 | 0.81 |
| Summary: Sections | | | |
| I | 6,687 | 8,466 | 0.79 |
| II | 2,473 | 2,993 | 0.83 |
| III | 3,233 | 3,871 | 0.84 |
| | 12,393 | 15,330 | 0.81 |

| Summary: Lines | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| I.I | | | |
| 1 | 113 | 156 | 0.724 |
| 2 | 44 | 49 | 0.898 |
| 3 | 51 | 67 | 0.761 |
| 4 | 154 | 193 | 0.798 |
| 5 | 79 | 111 | 0.712 |
| 6 | 118 | 165 | 0.715 |
| 7 | 36 | 36 | 1.000 |
| 8 | 65 | 83 | 0.783 |
| 9 | 59 | 81 | 0.728 |
| 10 | 47 | 62 | 0.758 |
| 11 | 42 | 52 | 0.808 |
| 12 | 56 | 83 | 0.675 |
| 13 | 50 | 56 | 0.893 |
| 14 | 86 | 102 | 0.843 |
| 15 | 33 | 48 | 0.688 |
| 16 | 45 | 54 | 0.833 |
| 17 | 91 | 115 | 0.791 |
| 18 | 24 | 32 | 0.750 |
| 19 | 25 | 34 | 0.735 |
| 20 | 78 | 109 | 0.716 |
| 21 | 88 | 113 | 0.779 |
| 22 | 89 | 114 | 0.781 |
| 23 | 99 | 128 | 0.773 |
| 24 | 88 | 110 | 0.800 |
| 25 | 62 | 86 | 0.721 |

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| 26 | 47 | 51 | 0.922 |
| 27 | 29 | 31 | 0.935 |
| 28 | 84 | 116 | 0.724 |
| 29 | 91 | 116 | 0.784 |
| 30 | 83 | 108 | 0.769 |
| 31 | 88 | 122 | 0.721 |
| 32 | 60 | 78 | 0.769 |
| 33 | 88 | 117 | 0.752 |
| 34 | 38 | 50 | 0.760 |
| 35 | 73 | 99 | 0.737 |
| 36 | 83 | 113 | 0.735 |
| 37 | 40 | 50 | 0.800 |
| 38 | 62 | 74 | 0.838 |
| | 2588 | 3364 | 0.769 |

| I.II | | | |
|------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 111 | 158 | 0.703 |
| 2 | 40 | 47 | 0.851 |
| 3 | 104 | 144 | 0.722 |
| 4 | 55 | 63 | 0.873 |
| 5 | 106 | 130 | 0.815 |
| 6 | 50 | 64 | 0.781 |
| 7 | 134 | 183 | 0.732 |
| 8 | 102 | 119 | 0.857 |
| 9 | 68 | 88 | 0.773 |
| 10 | 58 | 81 | 0.716 |
| 11 | 96 | 112 | 0.857 |
| 12 | 92 | 107 | 0.860 |
| 13 | 43 | 55 | 0.782 |
| 14 | 89 | 119 | 0.748 |
| 15 | 77 | 97 | 0.794 |
| 16 | 98 | 108 | 0.907 |
| 17 | 44 | 59 | 0.746 |
| 18 | 121 | 161 | 0.752 |
| 19 | 113 | 137 | 0.825 |
| 20 | 136 | 176 | 0.773 |
| 21 | 32 | 42 | 0.762 |
| | 1769 | 2250 | 0.786 |

| I.III | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | 60 | 83 | 0.723 |
| 2 | 92 | 102 | 0.902 |
| 3 | 33 | 42 | 0.786 |
| 4 | 65 | 76 | 0.855 |
| 5 | 41 | 56 | 0.732 |
| 6 | 118 | 127 | 0.929 |
| 7 | 33 | 48 | 0.688 |
| 8 | 54 | 75 | 0.720 |
| | 496 | 609 | 0.814 |

| I.IV | | | |
|------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 89 | 113 | 0.788 |
| 2 | 50 | 71 | 0.704 |
| 3 | 108 | 138 | 0.783 |
| 4 | 66 | 73 | 0.904 |
| 5 | 36 | 42 | 0.857 |
| 6 | 103 | 126 | 0.817 |
| 7 | 123 | 136 | 0.904 |
| 8 | 31 | 38 | 0.816 |
| 9 | 106 | 128 | 0.828 |
| 10 | 54 | 60 | 0.900 |
| 11 | 90 | 112 | 0.804 |
| 12 | 66 | 85 | 0.776 |
| 13 | 37 | 50 | 0.740 |
| 14 | 44 | 57 | 0.772 |
| 15 | 136 | 167 | 0.814 |
| | 1139 | 1396 | 0.816 |

| I.V | | | |
|-----|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 43 | 46 | 0.935 |
| 2 | 72 | 82 | 0.878 |
| 3 | 109 | 132 | 0.826 |
| 4 | 93 | 115 | 0.809 |
| 5 | 67 | 94 | 0.713 |
| 6 | 117 | 143 | 0.818 |
| 7 | 160 | 191 | 0.838 |
| 8 | 34 | 44 | 0.773 |
| | 695 | 847 | 0.821 |
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| I | 6687 | 8466 | 0.790 |

| II.I | | | |
|------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 75 | 87 | 0.862 |
| 2 | 43 | 44 | 0.977 |
| 3 | 49 | 60 | 0.817 |
| 4 | 93 | 100 | 0.930 |
| 5 | 52 | 58 | 0.897 |
| 6 | 98 | 122 | 0.803 |
| 7 | 74 | 80 | 0.925 |
| 8 | 58 | 79 | 0.734 |
| 9 | 122 | 142 | 0.859 |
| 10 | 63 | 80 | 0.788 |
| 11 | 85 | 91 | 0.934 |
| 12 | 120 | 156 | 0.769 |
| 13 | 126 | 152 | 0.829 |
| 14 | 105 | 116 | 0.905 |
| 15 | 39 | 43 | 0.907 |
| 16 | 49 | 66 | 0.742 |
| 17 | 76 | 93 | 0.817 |
| 18 | 53 | 64 | 0.828 |
| | 1380 | 1633 | 0.845 |

| II.II | | | |
|--------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 76 | 97 | 0.784 |
| 2 | 65 | 84 | 0.774 |
| 3 | 70 | 91 | 0.769 |
| 4 | 46 | 54 | 0.852 |
| 5 | 43 | 64 | 0.672 |
| 6 | 61 | 72 | 0.847 |
| 7 | 99 | 119 | 0.832 |
| 8 | 62 | 77 | 0.805 |
| 9 | 55 | 61 | 0.902 |
| 10 | 77 | 93 | 0.828 |
| 11 | 115 | 157 | 0.732 |
| 12 | 69 | 84 | 0.821 |
| | 838 | 1053 | 0.796 |
| II.III | | | |
| 1 | 129 | 151 | 0.854 |
| 2 | 64 | 84 | 0.762 |
| 3 | 62 | 72 | 0.861 |
| | 255 | 307 | 0.831 |
| II | 2473 | 2993 | 0.826 |

III.I

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|----|------|------|-------|
| 1 | 68 | 89 | 0.764 |
| 2 | 110 | 154 | 0.714 |
| 3 | 109 | 145 | 0.752 |
| 4 | 190 | 226 | 0.841 |
| 5 | 86 | 106 | 0.811 |
| 6 | 117 | 133 | 0.880 |
| 7 | 98 | 127 | 0.772 |
| 8 | 68 | 66 | 1.030 |
| 9 | 80 | 104 | 0.769 |
| 10 | 62 | 81 | 0.765 |
| 11 | 84 | 106 | 0.792 |
| 12 | 65 | 72 | 0.903 |
| 13 | 78 | 98 | 0.796 |
| 14 | 39 | 43 | 0.907 |
| 15 | 77 | 83 | 0.928 |
| 16 | 99 | 113 | 0.876 |
| 17 | 113 | 131 | 0.863 |
| 18 | 92 | 105 | 0.876 |
| | 1635 | 1982 | 0.825 |

| III. II | | | |
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| 1 | 125 | 157 | 0.796 |
| 2 | 88 | 106 | 0.830 |
| 3 | 110 | 115 | 0.957 |
| 4 | 60 | 57 | 1.053 |
| 5 | 64 | 84 | 0.762 |
| 6 | 123 | 160 | 0.769 |
| 7 | 78 | 86 | 0.907 |
| 8 | 81 | 102 | 0.794 |
| 9 | 90 | 109 | 0.826 |
| 10 | 76 | 86 | 0.884 |
| 11 | 59 | 78 | 0.756 |
| 12 | 70 | 88 | 0.795 |
| 13 | 41 | 54 | 0.759 |
| 14 | 97 | 100 | 0.970 |
| 15 | 82 | 98 | 0.837 |
| 16 | 39 | 41 | 0.951 |
| 17 | 158 | 176 | 0.898 |
| 18 | 157 | 192 | 0.818 |
| | 1598 | 1889 | 0.846 |
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| III | 3233 | 3871 | 0.835 |

Names

The World Divides Into Facts

Nicholas Katsafanas

—Part I: East Asia Street Meat

—I-I: Shinjuku in Late August

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Yelp

r]e v]iew

a] b]out

a]

parti c]ular

b]ar,

the

w r]iter

m]a k]ing

the

c]o mm]ent

"how

n]ice"

c]on g]re g]ating

with

n]ewly

f]ound

f] e]llow

e]x-pats

in

T o] k]y o]

was.

59:81

.728

10:

Budd y]

r]e p] ea]ted

the

ph] r]ase

" F]e ll] o]w

Ex- P]ats"

mo c]king

the

n o]tion—it

s] ee]med

wh o] ll] y]

gr o]te s]que

and

di s]gusting

t]o

"want

t]o

b]ump

in t]o"

o]ther

o]bje c]tiona b]le

A] m]eri c]ans

in

a]

b]eautiful

and

u]l t]i m]ate l] y]

u]n t]ainted

cit y]

l]i k]e

T] o] k]y o].

47:62

.758

766:1,003

.764

11:

Th]e

r] e]a l]it y]

was

th]e

on l] y]

ma t]e r] i]al

d r]awb a] c]k

t]o

T] o] k]y o]

was

th a]t

a

p]ro p]ortional l]y

l]arge

a] m]ount

of

A] m]e r]i c]ans

a c]tually

" e]x- p]at r]ioted

th] e]ms e]lves"

in

th]e

m] e]t r]o p]olis.

42:52

.808

12:

A m]e r]i c]a,

B]u dd]y

c]on s]i d]ered

as

he

s]tood

s]o l]emn l]y

in

l]ine

at

a]

S]tar b] u]c k]s

in

the

J F] K]

air p]ort

en

route

to

the

F]ar

Ea]st,

is

a

p]olit y]

f] i]lled

to

the

b r] i]m

with

n]ow

gene r] a]tions

of

c i]t i]z e]ns

who

have

d]one

]jitera]]ly

n]othing

but

d]i s]gr a]ce

the

s]tan d]ard

of

l] i]v i]ng

they've

h]ad

the

un d]eserved

p r] i]vi l] e]ge

of

i]n h]e r]iting.

56:83

.675

13:

A]me r]i c]ans,

a] cc]or d]ing

to

B]u dd]y,

have

b] a] s]i c]a l]y

m a]de

the

s]tandard

of

l] i]v i]ng

th ey]'ve

i]nhe r]ited

a

g r] a]ve

i]nju s]ti c]e,

d ue]

p r]ima r]i l]y

t o]

their

s] l]oven l]y,

l] a]zy,

and

b] a] s]ical l] y]

im b]e c] i] l] i]c

t e]nd e]n c] ie]s.

50:56

.893

14:

"N o]

offense"

(th i] s]

was

s] i]m p]ly

h i]s

o p] i]n i]on),

but

ev e]n

i]n

the

s] o]- c]alled

m]et r]o p]olitan

c]enters

of

A m]e r]i c]a

like

M] a]nh a]ttan—n]ot

only

were

they

f i]lled

w i]th

the

s]te r] i]le

r]un-of-the- m] i]ll

n]eol i] b]e r] a]

s]ects

of

i]m b]e c] i]les

b]ut

then

"you

n] ow]

s]ee"

the

s]omeh ow]

even

more

o b]j e] c]tiona b]le

c]oa l] e] s]c e]n c]es

l] i] k]e

D i]mes

S] q] uar]e,
f i]lled
w i]th—honest l] y],
R]eim i]
d] i] d]n't
e]ven
r] ea] ll] y]
c] ar]e
to
d]i s] c]over
who
they
were!
86:102
.843
15:
There

ex i] s]t e]d
s] p]e c] i]f i]c
grou p]s
of
p]eo p]le,
Buddy
s]jgge s]ted,
that
a
p]er s]on
r ea]ll y]
d]i d]n't
e]ven
"n ee]d
to
in q]uire
a b] ou]t"

to

c]on f]irm

b]eyond

a

reasona b]le

d] ou]bt

you

f]u ck]ing

d]espised.

33:48

.688

16:

There

were

c]ertain

s]e c]tors

of

c] i]t i]z e]ns

y ou]

k n] ew]

w] er]e

w] or]thless

w]ithout

even

k n]owing

who

they

w] er]e,

and

Dimes

S] q]uare

c]ertainly

f] i]t

that

b] i]ll,

b]e c]ause

Reimi

d]e s] p] i]sed

D] i]mes

S] q]uare,

d]e s] p] i]te

the

f]act

she

k n]ew

n]ext

to

n]o th]ing

about

th]em.

45:54

.833

17:

She'd

s k] i]mmed

a

m] i] n] i] m]al

a m]ount

of

C]urtis

Y]ar v]in,

y]et,

e v]en

with

th a]t

a]d m] i]tt e]d,

she'd

st i]ll

i]ngest e]d

m]ore

than

e n]ou gh]

C]urtis

to

de f] i] n] i]tive l]y

c]on c] l]ude

th a]t

he

was

a]t

b e] s]t

a

s] e]venth-rate

s]ty l]ist,

a]nd,

with

th a]t

in

m i]nd,

how

c]ould

she

p]o s]sibly

ju s]tif y]

c]ontinuing

t o]

p]er u]se

" p]urely

i]n s] i] p] i]d"

" m]o n]o m]a n]ia c]al

m]o n]ar c]hist

m] u]sings"

from

a

c]om p] u]ter

p] r] o]g r]a m]mer

who

c]ouldn't

e]ven

t ea]ch

h]imself

h]ow

to

c]om p] o]se

a

p]a r]ag r]aph

p] r]o p]erly?

91:115

.791

18:

She

d] i] d]n't

th i]nk

i]t

was

un r]easonable

to

sto p]

a]nd

a] rr]ive

a]t

a]

p]remature l] y]

f]u ll] y]

f]ormed

c]on c] l]usion

i n]

a n]y

way!

24:32

.75

19:

Oh,

and

of

c]ourse

the

f]u c]king

g]uy

g] r]aduated

f] r]om

B] r]own

University!— B]uddy

ex c] l] ai]med,
w]hich
w]as
b] a] s]i c]al l]y
a
c]r i]m i]nal
c]artel.
25:34
.735
20:
Of
c]our s]e
these
were
ju s]t
their
p]er s]o n]al

o p]inions,
be n] i]gn
i]deas
th]at
th]ey
were
e]x p] r] e]ssing
as
a
p] r]o p]er
form
of
o] p]en
de b]ate— B]r o]wn
U n]i v]ersit y]
was
the

o]nl y]
or]ga n]iz a]t i]]on
m] or]e
per v] a]s i]vel y]
c r] i] m] i]nal
th]an
th]e
m]afia
in
the
s]tate
of
R]hode
Island,
Buddy
a ss]erted,
a]nd

a]b s]o l] u]te l]y

no

one

c]ould

di s]p u]te

th]at,

th]at

B]rown

was

b] a] s] i] c]al l]y

a n]other

ite r] a]t i]on

of

orga n] i]zed

c] r] i]me

in

N]ew

Eng l]and.

78:109

.716

530:685

.774

21:

S]o

it

r ea] ll] y]

made

comp l] e]te

s]ense

that

Yarvin

earned

his

deg r] ee]

f r]om

B r]own,

and

th]at

e]ven

in

th]e

m] i]dst

of

h i]s

m] i]ddle-aged

(yet

s]till

e] ss] e]ntial l]y

pu b] e] s]c e]nt)

"int e] l] e]ctual

re b] e] l]lion"

he

would

still

r]e m]ain

m]ore

or

l] e] s]s

a

c r] i] m] i]nal

of

ae s]th e]t i]cs,

an

una p]o l]og e]t i]c

f]e l]on

of

ana l] y]t i] c]al

thought,

a]
re p]eat
o ff]ender
a]g ai]nst
the
inte ll] e]ct,
m]a k]ing
l] ea]gues
of
m]isgu i] d] e]d
y ou]ng
p] eo] p]le
i rr]e p]a r]abl y]
d] u]mber
for
r] ea] d]ing
his

w r] i]t i]ngs.

88:113

.779

22:

R]eim i],

for

h]er

p ar]t,

h]ad

r]ead

h] ar]dl y]

anything

of

Y]ar v]in's

oeu v]re,

y]et

she

kn ew]

deep

in

her

b] o]nes

th a]t

h]e

h] a]d

a]bso l] u]te l]y

n]othing

of

n] o]te

to

c]ont r]i b]ute

to

Ame r]i c]an

c]ulture,

a]dding

th a]t

p]eo p]le

l]i k]e

C]urtis

were

ba s]i c]al l]y

l]ittle

m]ore

than

m]eat

s]o ck]ets,

th]at

th]ey

were

e] ss] e]ntia l]y

int e] l] e] c]tual

v]oids

th a]t

a]dded

v]ery

l]ittle

to

hu m]anity

b]eyond

the

c] y] c] l] i] c]al

sh i]t,

p i]ss,

and

s] e] m] e]n

that

got

ex c] r] e]t e]d

f r]om

their

s]t i]ll

] i]v i]ng

b]o d]ies.

89:114

.781

23:

B]u dd]y,

for

his

p]art,

c]oul d]n't

p]o ss]i b]l y]

d]i s]ag r] ee]!— n] o]

one

in

A m]e r]i c]a
d] r] e] s]ses
w e]ll
any m]ore,
had
she
n] o]ticed
th a]t,
a]nd
h]ard l] y]
a]ny o]ne
a] c]tual l] y]
w]or k]s
h]ard,
a]nd
a]bs o] l]ute l]y
n o]

one

has

anyth i]ng

i]ntere s]t i]ng

to

s]ay,

e] v] e]r,

B]uddy

s]aid,

and

there

was

no

b] e]tt e]r

e] v]iden c]e

of

th]is

th]an

th]e

f] a] c]t

th a]t

JD

V a]nce

him s]el f]

was

in f]luen c]ed

b y]

the

wr i]tings

of

C] ur]t i]s

Yarv i]n,

that

Dimes

S] q]uare

in

L]ow er]

M a]nh a]tt a]n

was

a] c]tual l]y

c]on s]idered

c]ounter- c]ultural

and

" q]u o]te-un q]u o]te

edgy"

by

gr o]wn

adults.

99:128

.773

24:

We've

p]re c] i] p] i]t ou] s]
l]y
d]e s]cen d]ed

from

A l]an

V] e]g a]

s]tar v]ing

on

the

s]t r] ee]ts

of

T r]i B] e] c] a],

B]uddy

n o]ted,

to

a

s]e r] ie]s

of

m]iddle-aged

tr u]st

f] u]nd

gr o]wn

u p]s

s] q]uattig

in

the

m]ost

una ff]orda b]le,

ex p]en s] i]ve

c] i]ty

on

the

p] l]a n]et,

who

b]e l] ie]ve
b]a s]i c]a ll] y]
n]othing,
ex c]ept
th]at
th]e
n-word
n] ee]ds
to
b] e]
re c]l ai]med
for
C]au c] a]sians,
b]e c]ause
they
f]ind
it

in c]om p]reheh s]ible

and

f] a]scist

th]at

th]ey

c] a]n't

say

the

tr en]dy

n]-word

in

p] u]blic

am o]ng

their

p]eers.

88:110

.800

25:

There

was

biologically

no

doubt

in

Biologically

mind

that

even

New

York

City

with

its

five

b]o r]oughs,
the
g r]eatest
m]et r] o]polis
A m]e r]ica
had
to
o] ff]er,
was
f]un d]a m] e]n t]ally
s t] e]rile
t]o d]ay,
th a]t
M a]nh a]ttan
had
a]chieved
a]

n ew]

]level

of

p u]trid,

th a]t

it

was

a] c]tua ll] y]

] ea]gues

more

" a]estheti c]a ll] y]

p] r]o d]u c]tive"

d]u r]ing

the

c] r]a ck]

e r]a!

62:86

.721

26:

These

L o]wer

M] a]nh a]ttan

m]iddle-aged

t]r u]st

f u]nd

in t]ern e]t

p] o]ets

would

b]e

b] e]tter

s]erved

to

d i]tch

the

p] r]e s]c r] i] p]t i]on

p] i]lls

and

gene r]ational

w ea]lth

and

in s]t ea]d

r]esort

to

c] r]a c]k

a]dd i] c]t i]on!—" a]rt i] s]t

i] c]all y]

s]p ea] k]ing".

47:51

.922

27:

It

was

a]n

e]m b]a rr]assing

s]tate

o]f

a] ff]airs

f]or

b]oth

B]udd y]

and

R]ei m] i],

f] r]an k]l y]— t]o

c]on t]inue

t]o

b]e

a]n

A m] e] r]i c]an?

29:31

.935

28:

The

r]eality

w]as,

the

t]wo

ag r] ee]d,

that

w]hile

t] r]a v]e l]ing

to

f]o r]eign

c ou]nt r]ies

was

f] u]nctional l]y

p]oint l]ess,

at

the

v]er y]

] ea]st

it

was

a

b] r] ie] f]

r]e p] r] ie]ve

f] r] o]m

b]eing

f]orced

to

en d]ure

your

o]wn

f] e]ll o]w

Am e]ricans

d]ay

a] f]ter

d]ay,

yet,

a]t

the

s]ame

time,

v i]s i]t i]ng

a

f] o] r]eign

l] o] c]ale

o]n l]y

r] e]in f] or]ced

how

utterl y]

Ame r]i c]an

you

r] e]all y]

were,

how

obje c]tiona b]le

you'd

b]e c]ome,

s]olely

b]y

c]ontinuing

to

b]e

a]n

i] rr]ever s]i b]le

Ame r]i c]an.

84:116

.724

29:

There's

r] ea]ll y]

n]othing

m]ore

obj e] c]tio n]a b]le

than

b]eing

a]n

A m] e] r]i c]an,

R]eimi

c]on c]luded,

and

the

w]orst

U.S.

c] i]t i]z e]ns

are

c] l]ear l]y

the

o]nes

l]i k]e

C]urtis,

the

f]aux-inte l]ectual

f] l] a] cc]id

r]e a]ct i]o n]a r]ies

s]ym b]o l]izing

n]othing

b]eyond

the

f] a] c]t

th a]t

A m]e r]i c]a

had

b]e c]ome

s] o]

s]te r]ile

it's

o]nly

m]ethod

of

sho ck]ing

it s]elf

b]a ck]

to

l]ife

was

c]oy l]y

r]eint r]o d]ucing

the

i d]ea

th a]t

B] l] a] c]k

p]eo p]le

were

gen e]ti c]a ll]y

s] e] c]ond

c] l] a] s]s

to

C]au c]asians.

91:116

.785

30:

R]acism,

if

you

r] ea]ll y]
th ou]ght
a] b]out
it,
was
the
only
au]th e]nt i]c
a]rt
of
A]m e]r i]ca
a n]yway!—and
B]udd y]
t o]ta ll] y]
a]greed,
n] o]ting
th]at

th]e

o]n l] y]

way

the

m] e]d i]an

A m]eri c]an

c]ould

m]a k]e

them s]elves

s]tart

to

feel

a]l i]ve

a]gain,

at

this

p]oint,

was

b y]

q]u o]te-un q]u o]te

p] o]st- i]roni c]a l]ly

p]ostu l] a]t i]ng,

by

e l]e c]tro-sho c]king

themselves

into

c]ontemp] l] a]t i]ng

that

m a]y b]e

B] l]a c]k

p]eo p]le

are

l] o]wer

c] l] a]ss

b]y

p]r o] c] l] i]v i]ty.

83:108

.767

760:973

.781

31:

E]ve r]y

Am e] r]ican

e]njoyed

a

G]od- g]iven

r] i]ght

to

s]ub s] c] r] i]be

th e]m s] e]lves

to

non s] e]n s]i c]al

r]a c]jst

ph]ilo s]o ph]ies

if

they

s] o]

ch o]se,

yet

it

was

o]nly

these

p o]st-i r]onic

im b]eciles

who

f]ound

their

o]wn

un f]ortunate

b]igot r] y]

a]s

a]ctually]

edg y]—it

was

o]n l]y

in

t o]i l]ets

l] i] k]e

D i]mes

S] q]uare

that

r]a c]ism,

wh i]ch

i]n

r]ea l]ity
was
j u]st
the
b] l] u]nt,
u b] i] q]u i]t ou]s
and
ulti m]ate l]y
st e] r]ile
p r]e- c]on d] i]t i]on
of
e]ve r]ything
A] m] e] r]i c]an,
somehow,
i d]ioti c]ally,
be c]ame
high

a]rt.

88:122

.721

32:

It

was

the

l]ogi c]al

c]on c] l]usion

of

the

An d] y]

Warhol

i d]io c] y]—as

o pp] o]sed

to

p]ainting

i]n s] i] p] i]d
s]ou p]
c]ans,
the
p] o]st-iron i]c
s]o- c]alled
art i]sts,
un a]ble
to
p] ai]nt
or
w r]ite
or
c]om p] o]se
p] r] o] f]iciently,
w e]nt
a

s]t e] p]

f] ur]th er]

into

the

ba n] a]l— i]n s]t ea]d

ch oo]s i]ng

a

s] n] oo]ze-worthy

r]e n]ewed

r]a c]ism

as

their

a]rt.

60:78

.769

33:

Why

couldn't

they,

t]oo,

utt er]

the

n-w or]d?—it

was

t]ruly

" u]nj u]st"

th]at

th]ey,

as

r]ich

w]hites

who,

a pp] r]oaching

f]orty,

s]till

r]e c]eiving

w]ire

t r]ans f]ers

f] r]om

their

p]a r] e]nts

to

s]u pp]le m]ent

their

Chinatown

r] e]nts,

were

m] or]e

or]

le ss]

m] a]nh a]ndled

into

" n]ot

s]aying

the

n-word",

and

n]ot

o]n l]y

the

h]i p]

h] o] p]

"s o]ft- a]"— n]o,

these

o] p]u l]ent

c]au c] a]sians

re q]ue s]ted

a] cc]ess

to

the

"h ar]d- r]

n-word"

p] a] s]s,

and

i]f

i]t

s]o

h a] pp]ened

they

were

a] c]tua ll] y]

d]enied

th]en

th]is

c] ou]ntr y]

was

f u]n d]amental l] y],

th]ey

th]ought,

s]till

en s] l]aved!

88:117

.752

34:

This

c]ountry,

a cc]or d]ing

to

D] i]mes

S q]uare,

was

f]un d]am e]nta l]y

e]n s] l] a]ved

i f]

th ey],

as

r]ich

d]ouche

bag

t r] u]st

f u]nd

Soviet

a]nd/ o]r

O]ttom a]n

C]au c]asians,

c]ouldn't

sh ou]t

ou]t

the

"h ar]d- r]

n-word"

in

p]ub l] i]c

w i]th

a p] l]omb!

38:50

.760

35:

Yes,

the

on l] y]

au]thenti c]al l] y]

a]v a]nt-g a]rde

A] m]e r]i c]an

m]ove m]ent

of

the

ear l] y]

tw e]nt y]

first

c] e]ntur y]

was

th i]s

i]n s] p]ired

p]et i]tion

to

r]ecl ai]m

the

n- w]ord

for

w]hites,

R] ei]mi

n]oted

as

she

b]e n]ignly

n]odded

a]t

a

p] a]sser- b]y

in

a

m] a] nn]er

th a]t

m]e l]jif l]uous l]y

c]o mm]u n]i c]ated

she

was

s]im p]ly

e x] p]re ss]ing

a

p]er s]o n]al

o p] i]n i]on,

that

she

o]bviou s]ly

int e]n d]ed

n]o

o]ff e]n s]e.

73:99

.737

36:

I'm

r a] c] i]st,

the

au d] a]c i]ous

D]imes

S]quare

p o]et

would

b]ell o]w,

and

for

that

s] o]le

r]eason

I'm

the

b] r] a]v e]st

m]an

in

L] o]wer

M] a]nh a]ttan!— s]till

un a] b]le

to

actua l]y

b] r] i]ng

h i]m s]elf

to

s] ay]

the

word

a l] ou]d,

s]urr ou]n d]ed

b]y

the

b]ourgeois

d]aughters

of

R]ussian

m]athe m] a]t i]c i]ans

who'd

a] pp]a r]ently

r]es or]t

to

any

s] or]t

of

in t]elle c]t u]al

p]ro s]ti t] u]tion

t] o]

avoid

being

f] i] n]a ll]y

r]e c]og n] i]zed

f]or

w]hat

they

f]unctio n]a ll]y

w]ere:

o p]u l]ent

C]au c]asians.

83:113

.735

37:

N]o,

n]one

of

these

p]oets

p]er s]o n]ally

s] ai]d

the

n]- w]ord

th e]m s] e]lves,

of

c]ourse,

but,

th e]n

ag ai]n,

w]hy

c]ouldn't

they?—" w]ith

a

h ar]d- r]"?— w]asn't

it

fasc i]sm

i]n

a

s]en s]e

th]at

th]ey

were

s]o

v i]go r] ou] s]ly

r]e s]t r] i]ct e]d

f r]om

doing

s]o?

40:50

.800

38:

Oh,

of

course!

Reimi

f]ound

it

l]au gh]a b]le

b]ut

i n]

a n]

obv i]ou s] l] y]

l]ewd l] y]

s]ar d]onic

w]ay—it

w]as

u]tter l] y]

d]i s]g u] s]ting,

i mm] e]n s]e l] y]

d]e p] r] e] ss]ing,

and

b]a s]i c]a ll] y]

a

s t]u p]endous

p] r]e t] e] x]t

to

e] x]it

A m]e r]i c]a

f]or

good,

to

b]egin

a

f] r]esh

li f]e

a b] r]oad,

on

any

other

f]u ck]ing

c]ontinent!

62:74

.834

532:703

.757

—I-II: Manila is a Mall Culture

1769:2250 .786

01:

But,

in

a n]y

case,

with

all

that

s]aid,

w]hich

w]as

of

c]our s]e

r] ea]ll y]

n]othing

b]eyond

the

objective

s]ummar]y

o]f

a]

c] ou] p]le

b]e n]ign

o p]inions

of

B]uddy

and

R]eim i],

who

were

both

simply

experiments

their

God-given

rights

of

franchise

speech

in

their

perspective

communities—but

if

Japan

was

f]unda m] en] t]ally

" a]n

a]ni m]ated

c]ulture",

then

it

was

c] er]tainly

s]a f]e

to

a] ss] er]t,

a] cc]or d]ing

to

Bu dd]y,

that

M]anila

was

"an

unre p] e]nt a]nt

m]all

c]ulture"— th]at

eve r]y th]ing

a]bout

M] a]nila- p] r]o p]er

r]ev o]lved

a] r]ound

m] a]lls,

th]at

th]ey

held

the

" s] k] y]

h i]gh

e s]teem"

in

M] a]nila

th]at

th]ey

h]adn't

h]eld

in

A] m] e]ri c]a

for

d]e c]ades,

if

e]ver!

111:158

.703

02:

Y e]t,

Bu dd]y

s] ai]d,

e]verything

e]x i] s]t e]d

i]n

a

fu ck]ing

m] a]ll

in

M] a] n]i l]a—out s]ide

of

the

m]alls

there

was

l]itera ll]y

n]o

c]o mm]er c]e
that
c]o mm]en c]ed
i]n
the
c] i]t y],
to
the
b]e s]t
o]f
B] u]dd y]'s
k n]ow l]edge.
40:47
.851
03:
A
m]etro p]o l]is

of

n] ea]r l] y]

f]i f]t ee]n

m]i ll]ion

p] eo] p]le,

Bu dd]y

e]x p]oun d]ed,

and

e]very

s]ingle

p]er s]on

i]s

ph y]s i] c]a ll]y

l]o c]ated

in

m a]lls

a]ll

the

time—there

are

a c]tua ll]y

l]arge

m]alls

l]o c]ated

r] i]ght

be s] i]de

s]ub s] e] q]u e]nt

m]alls

with

th r]ee

to

f i]ve

levels

or

m]ore

p]er

b]u i]ld i]ng,

b]ut

y e]t

in

A m] e] r]ica,

if

you

ha pp]ened

to

p]lace

a

m]odest

th r]ee

l e] v]el

sho pp]ing

c] e]nter

e v]en

with

no

other

m]alls

for

m]iles

it

would

s]till

d]ec ay]

and

rot

d] ay]

after

d] ay],

but

th e]se

M] a]nila

m] a]lls

a]re

sm a]ck

d] a]b

on

t]o p]

of

ea]ch

other

and

f i]lled

to

the

br i]m

with

a]ll

t] y] p]es

of

p]eo p]le

at

a]ll

t] i]mes

of

the

d] ay].

104:144

.722

04:

R] ei]mi

asked

B] u] dd]y

if
he
r]e c]alled
the
c]ool
u]n d]erg r]ound
j]azz
b]ar
i]n
Sh i]n j] u]k u],
th]e
p] l]a c]e
that
p] l]ayed
" C]Ds
in s]t ea]d
of

r] e] c]ords",

and

of

c]ourse

B] u]ddy

r]e c]alled

i]t

v] i] v] i]d l]y,

b]ut

he

n]oted

in

M] a] n]i l]a

that

b] a]r

would

have

b]een

in

a

d]amn

m]all,

with ou]t

a

d] ou]bt.

55:63

.873

05:

He'd

re l] a]xed

for

u]p w]ards

o]f

an

o]ne

hour

a]t

th a]t

j a]zz

b]ar,

b]eg i]nn i]ng

a]t

ex a]ct l]y

t]wo

t]wenty

t] wo]

in

the

a]ftern oo]n,

d] r] i]nk i]ng

a

s i]ngle

d] r] a]ft

b]eer

a]s

he

a]na l]yzed

the

b]ar t]ender

and

b]ar b] a] c]k

a]s

they

c] l]eaned

the

c]ounter

t] op]

and

ch op]ped
a
b] l] o]ck
of
i]ce
with
a
s]t ea] k
]kn i]fe,
c]re a]ting
" w]onderf]ully
a s]ymmetri c]
c]ubes",
w]ithout
o]nce
g l] a]n c]ing
a]t

a

s]mart ph]one,

or

ch]it- ch]atting

w]ith

c]u s]tomers,

w]ithout

l] i]ngu i] s]ti c]a l]y

w]an k]ing

p]eo p]le

o ff]

in

their

p]e r]i ph]e r] y]—no,

they

s]im p] l] y]

w]orked

c]ontinuous l] y]

w]ithout

p]ause

or

c]om p] l] ai]nt.

106:130

.815

06:

Mo s]t

p] l]a c]es

in

the

w] or]ld

w] er]e

c]om p] l]ete l] y]

p]oint l]ess

to

v i]s i]t,

b] u]t

B] u]ddy

felt

l i] k]e

Shinj u] k] u]

was

a

m i]nor

e]xc e]pt io]n,

b u]t

where

T o] k]y o]

was

a

" m]axi m]a l]ist

c]ulture,

p]eriod"— M]ani l]a

was

a

" m]axi m] a] l]ist

m] a]ll

c]ulture"

in

p]er p]etuity.

50:64

.781

07:

A

white

m a]n

s a]t

n]ot

f]ar

f] r]om

B]u dd]y

and

R]eimi

and

n]oted

to

th]e

b]ar t]en d]er

th]at,

yes,

h e]'d

b] e]

par t]i c]u l]ar l]y

i]n t]e r]ested

i]n

or d]e r]ing

a

T]om

C]o ll]ins,

but

w]ith

o]ne

str i] c]t

c]ond i]t i]on:

he

w]anted

it

w]ith

a

" t] o]n

o]f

Juni p]er"—a

C]ollins

that

r] ea]ll y]

c]a p]tured

"that

in t] e]nse

b] e] rr]y"

f] l]avor,

b]e c]ause

"s a]ns

Juni p]er"

the

m a]n

f]r a]nk l]y

h a]d

n o]

i]n t]e r]est

i]n

a

T]om

C]o I]ins

a]t

all,

where a]s

m o]st

p]eo p]le

who

e]n j]oyed

g]in

I]iked

J]uniper

to

s]ome

e]xt e]nt,

yet

they'd

al s]o

r e]adily

a]dmit

th] a]t

" th]e

J]uni p]er

a] s] p]e c]t"

of

g]in

c]ould

c]ome

o ff]

o ff]- p]utting

to

s]ome,

this

m]an

a pp]arently

c]ouldn't

"get

e n]ough

Ju n]i p]er"— n]o,

h e]

n] ee]ded

the

m] o]st

p] o]tent

ite r]ation

of

g] i]n

w i]th

r]egard

to

i]ts

d i]vis i]ve

Jju n]i p]er

c]om p]o n]ent.

134:183

.732

08:

Yes,

R]eim i]

s] ai]d,

our

s] e]n s]o r] y]

f] a] c]ulties

were

in

f] a] c]t

o]nly

a

m] o]de

of

f]orgetting!—we

e m] er]ge

f]rom

the

w]omb

w]ith

a

p er] f]ect

G]od- g] i]v e]n

i]m a]ge

of

the

w or]ld,

a]nd

a]s

we

s l]ow l]y

delve

f ur]th er]

i]n t]o

our

o]wn

m o]tor

skills,

a]s

we

i]n t]e r] a] c]t

w]ith

the

c]or p]o r]eal

in

a

s]en s]o r]y-adj a] c]ent

w] ay]

w]e

forget

th i]s

s] i]ngle- c]ell

s] i]m p]l i] c] i]ty,

as

we

exer c] i]se

our

G]od- g] i]v e]n

r] i]ghts

of

f r] ee]

s p] ee]ch

the

m or]e

p] er] f]e c]ted

f] or]ms

that

in f] or]m

our

ve r]y

c]oncepts

d r]i f]t

f] ur]th er]

and

f] ur]th er]

away.

102:119

.857

09:

B] u]t
w]ere
you
a w]are—B] u]ddy
interr u] p]ted—s p]eaking
o]f
u]tt er]
a]bs ur]dities
that
w er]e
in
f a] c]t
a] cc]u r]ate,
th] a]t
th]e
s]o- c]alled
" S]ib e] r]ian

Tiger

P e]n i]s"

i]s

c]on s]idered

a

leg i]t i]mate

a]phrodisi a]c

in

Ch i]na,

th]at

th]e

Ch i]n e]se

a ss]iduousl y]

s]our c]e

the

c]o c]k

f r] o]m

R] u]ssian

tiger

c]or p] s]es

with

g r]eat

c]are

for

p] r]e c]ise

u] s]e

in

e]x p]en s]ive

s] ou] p]s?

68:88

.773

10:

W]ell,

that

w]as

e]xa c]tly

her

p]oint,

of

c]ourse!— b] u]t

Rei m]i

had

m]ore

c]onje c]ture

for

B] u] dd]y

to

c]ons i] d]er,

i]f

he

was

d] ow]n,

a]s

they

m]e a]n d]ered

d] ow]n

yet

a] n] o]ther

m] u]ggy

a]ve n]ue

a]round

Q]uezon

C] i]ty

l]oo k]ing

for

a

s] i]ngle

s]tan d]a l]one

r]e s]tau r]ant,

any

in d]epen d]ently

s]t r]uctured

wate r]ing

hole,

t]o

s]ip

a

c]o c]k t]ail

at.

58:81

.716

828:1077

.769

11:

R]ei m]i

had

b]een

p]on d]e r] ing]

s]omething],

g i]v e]n

the

m]ore

s]t r] i]ng e]nt

b]or d]er

p]oli c] ie]s

of

Ea] s]t

A]sia

and

her

p r]edil e]ction

to

f]org e]t

hers e]f

f] r]om

t] i]me

t]o

t] i]me

v i]a

e]ng a]g i]ng

i]n

her

own

f] r] ee]

s p] ee]ch—did

the

Ame r]i c]an

far-right

p]erh a] p]s

h a]ve

a

p]oint?—was

it

p]o ss]ible

p]eo p]le

l]i k]e

Charlie

K] ir] k],

who

v]o c]iferous l]y

v]oi c]ed

c]on c] er]ns

r]egarding

" l]egal

th ir]d

w or]ld

i]mm i]g r]ation",

w]as

i]t

w] i]th i]n

the

r]ealm

of

p]o ss] i]b i]l i]ty

his

p]er s] p] e]ct i]ve

h e]d

m e]r i]t?

96:112

.857

12:

B] u]t

to

b]eg i]n
w i]th,
she
cont i]nued
as
B] u]ddy's
eye b] r]ows
r] o]se
s l] o]w l] y]
in
a]
wh o] ll] y]
a] m]used
m]a nn]er,
they'd
n]eed
t]o

t]ake

a

l]ong

l]ook

at

the

" s]p e] c] i]f i]c

s] e]g m]ents"

of

h i] s]to r]i c]al

i] mm] i]g r] a]tion,

i]f

th ey]

were

t] o]

t] r] u]ly

c]on s]t r]uct

a

t]ar g]eted

i] mm] i] g]ration

agen d]a,

and

th en]

d]e t]er m] in]e

which

n a]tion a] l]it ie]s

were

a]ctua ll] y]

d]esi r]a b]le,

and

w]hich

o]nes

less

s] o]— b]ut

R]eimi

f]elt

as

th ough],

hone s]tl y],

that'd

b e]

ea]s y]

enou gh].

92:107

.860

13:

The

c]on c] l]usion

c] a]me

to

R ei]mi

l]i k]e
a
b]olt
of
l]ightning—as
it
seemed
b] l] a]tant l]y
c] l]ear
th]at
th]e
wh o]le
n o]tion
of
" w]hite
r]e p] l] a]cement"
w]as

w]ay

b]eyond

a

c]ons p]irac y]

theo r] y],

b]e c]ause

it

was,

in

f] a] c]t,

an

a] c]tu a] l]it y].

43:55

.782

14:

The

f] a]ct

of
the
m] a]tter
w]as
the
w]hite
m] a]n
in
A m]e r]i c]a
h a]d
al r]eady
been
r]uth l]ess l]y
r]e p] l] a]ced,
and
h e]
was

r] e] p]o p]u l] a]ted
al m]ost
ex c] l]usive l]y
v i]a
the
l] a]te
n i]ne t]eenth
a]nd
first
h a]lf
t] w]entieth
centu r]y
w] a]ves
of
i] mm] i]g r] a]tion
that
b r]ought

w]ith

them

not

o]nly

the

m]ountains

of

f]reckled

I r]ish,

but

m]ore

s o]

the

f] ur]th er]

s]outh

Italians,

and

e]ven

more

ea]st er]n

J]ews—a]ll

egr e] g]ious

non-wh i]tes

a] cc]ording

to

s o]me o]ne

l] i] k]e,

s]ay,

Ben j]amin

F r]an k] l] i]n— i]nto

th i]s

i]nn o] c] e]nt

c]ount r]y.

89:119

.748

15:

The

r]u d]i m]enta r]y

f a]ct

of

the

m] a]tter

w]as

the

w]hite

m] a]n

of

eigh t]een

six t]y

f]ive

was

obje c] t]ive l] y]

a

r] a] d]i c]a l] y]

d]i ff]erent

white

m]an

th]an

th]e

C]au c] a]sian

m a]le

of

nineteen

s]ixty

f]ive—the

Ang l]o- P] r]ote s]tant

b] a] s]e l]ine

the

Ame r]i c]an

p]o l]ity

was

hi s]to r]i c]ally

f]oun d]ed

u] p]on

would

b]e

u] p]en d]ed

and

r]e p] l] a] c]ed

b]y

a

more

n] a] s]cent

q]u o]te-un q]u o]te

Jude o]-Chr i]st i]an

l] i] n]eage.

77:97

.794

16:

The

A] m]e r]ican

white

m]an

had

o]bvious l] y]

al r]ea d] y]

r]uth l]e ss] l] y]

been

r]e p] l]a c]ed,

a]nd

s] a]d l] y]

on l] y]

m]ere

d]o pp]elg a]ngers

of

this

White

M] a]n

r]e m]ained,

a]nd

of

c]ourse

th e]se

ve r] y]

r]ep l] a]ce m]ent

l] e]v e]l

C]au c] a]sians,

these

b l] a]n c]o

s]i m]u l] a] c] r]a,

now

s] c] r]eamed

the

]oudest

into

the

h e]l p] l] e]ss l]y

d ea]f

winds

b] l]owing

u p]

the

s k]irts

of

B] B]L

L]atinas

a] b]out

a]

c]ont e]m p]o r]a r]y,

im p] e]nding

s]o- c]alled

"white

r]e p] l] a] c]e m]ent"—a
cc]ording
to

R] ei] m]i

at

]least.

98:108

.907

17:

Yet,

a s]t u]te l] y],

sh e]

me ll]if l] u]ous l] y]

c]on t]inued

on

t]o

s]ay

to

Budd y]

that

of

c]ourse

un r]egu l] a]ted

m]ass

w a]ves

of

i] mm] i]g r] a]tion

c]ould

easi l]y

e]nd

with

d]et r]i m] e]ntal

d]own s]t r]eam

e ff] e]cts

f]or

a

s]tate—this

c]oul d]n't

be

d]is p]uted.

44:59

.746

18:

For

exam p]le,

c]ont r]a r]y

to

the

d]e c]ades

of

Ho ll]y w]ood

w]hite w]ashing

of

the

m] a] f]i a]

as

l]ittle

m] or]e

than

p oor]

i] mm] i]grants

who

l] a] c]ked

a] c] c]ess

to

f]ood

s]t a]mps,

they

should

a] c]tually

r]e c]ognize

the

A] m]e r]i c]an

m] a] f]i a]

f]or

w]hat

it

truly

w]as:

an

i]n s] i] d]ious
c] r] i] m] i]nal
s] y]n d] i] c]ate
s]tarted
by
the
i] mm] i]g r] a]nts
L]u c]ky
L]uciano
a]nd
M]eyer
L] a]ns k]y,
th a]t
h a]d
a]s
its
m]ost

p] r]ofita b]le

enter p] r]ise

sexual

b]l a] c]k m]ail—which

e]ventua l]l y]

a ll]owed

it

to

c]om p] l] e]te l] y]

e]n s]nare

the

high e] s]t

o ff]i c]er

of

the

L]aw

in

Am e]ri c]a,

J.

E]dgar

Hoover,

j u]st

be c] au]se

the

l]ittle

g uy]

l] i]ked

to

p a] r] a]de

a] r]ound

in

l] a] d]ies'

un d]erwear!

121:161

.752

19:

The

en t]ire

his t]ory

o]f

the

A] m]erican

m]afia

w]as

o]ne

s]t ee]ped

in

d] ee]p

and

d]isturbing,

s]or d]id

s]tate

c]o rr]u p]tion

as

o] pp]osed

to

the

o]ft- c] i]ted

"v i]ct i]m l] e]ss

c] r] i]mes"

l]ike

gamb l]ing

and

p] r]ostitution—thi s]

s]o- c]alled

" m]ob"

was

an

i] mm] i]g r] a]nt
c] r] i] m] i]n a]l
s] y]nd i] c] a]te
j]oint l]y
est a] b] l]ished
b]y
an
It a] l]ian
m a]n
a]nd
a
J]ewish
f e] l]low,
and
its
l]ower
l] e] v]els

of
act i] v] i]ty,
the
s] or]t
g]l or]i f]ied
in
g]rote s] q]ue
S] c] or] s]ese
f]ilms,
were
ulti m]ate l]y
s]ub s]id i]zed
b] y]
b] l]ack m]ai l]ing,
o f]ten
l]a s]c i]v i]ous l]y
(what

b]etter

w ay]!),

United

S]t a]tes

govern m]ent

o ff] ij]c ij]als.

113:137

.825

20:

R]ei m] ij]

asked

Budd y]

ij]f

ij]t

r]e m]jinded

him

of

any

cu rr] e]nt

ev e]nts?— a]nd

a]s

she

] a]ughed

a]]oud,

she

p] o]sited

the

r]heto r] i] c]al

i]n q]ui r] y]

o]f

wh a]t

c]ould

p] o]ssi b]l y]

b] e]

m]ore

anti-A m]e r]i c]an,

b]ut

she

ad m]itted

of

c] our] s]e

ahi s]t or] i] c]al

i]mbe c]iles

like

Matt

W]alsh

w]ere

in s]tead

f]or c]ed

to

c]on f]late

the

c]o rr]uption

that

o cc]urred

o]ne

h u]nd r]ed

years

p]ast

with

c]ontemp]o r]a r]y

i] mm] i]g r]ation,

a]nd

i]nstead

of

a]d m] i]tt i]ng

C]au c] a]s i]an

R]e p]l a]ce m] e]nt

h a]d

already

o cc]urred

a]nd

th a]t

Judeo-It a]lic

i] mm] i]g r] a]nt

c] r] i]m i]n a]l

s] y]nd i] c] a]tes

s] u] c]cessfully

c]o r]r u] p]ted

the

u] pp]er

e]chelons

of

governm e]nt,

these

d]ouble

d] i]g i]t

IQ

gr i] f]ters

a]cted

a]s

i] f]

these

ev e]nts

were

i]nst ea]d

" p]ot e]ntially

i]m p] e]nding".

136:176

.773

21:

At

this

p]oint

B]uddy

b]rought

up,

with

a

c]ertain

s]en s]e

of

d]is b]elief,

th]at

th]ey

hadn't

even

d]i s] c]u s]sed

C]ar l] o]s

Mar c]e |]l o]'s
i]nt r] i] c] a]te
r]ole
i]n
the
a] s]s a] s]sination
of
JF K]!
32:42
.762
941:1173
.802

—I-III: Tokyo Gyro

496:609 .814

01:

On

their

f i] n]al

n] i]ght

in

T o] k]y o],

B]uddy

aw o] k]e

b]r i]ght

and

early

in

the

A]M,

ai] m]ing

t]o

t]ake

" m] a]xi m]um

a]dv a]ntage"

of

the

d ay],

and

e]xited

the

h] o]tel

e]xcitedly

h] o]ping

to

f]ind

a

q]uaint

c] o] ff]ee

sh] o]p,

o]nly

to

s]t u]m b]le

u]pon

a

c]ou p]le

Sh]in j] u]k u]

b]ars

th a]t

h a]d

j]ust

re c]ent l]y

c] l]osed

at

give

or

t a] k]e

h a]lf

p a]st

seven

a]m.

60:83

.723

02:

F]ailing

to

f]ind

a]n

a]de q]uate

c] o] ff]ee

sh o] p]

to

p o] p]

in

Bu dd]y

in s]t ea]d
d] e] c]i d] e]d
t]o
t]a k]e
a
jog
th] r]ough
th]e
s]t r]eets
of
T] o] k]y o],
wh i]ch
i]n
r]et r] o] s] p]ect
may
have
b]een

c]on s] i]dered

a]

b]it

of

a]

c]ultu r]al

faux

p]as

in

the

c]oun t] r] y],

b] u]t,

given

the

e]x c] e] ss]ive

t] e]m p]e r]ature

i]n

the

c] i]t y],

B] u]dd y]

a ss]umed

he

w]ould

onl y]

b] e]

a] b]le

to

r]un

f]or

a

b] r]ief

s] p]urt

any w] ay]— s]o

how

offen s]ive

could

it

r] ea]ll y]

b] e]?

92:102

.902

03:

Yet

this

r]un

would

p] r] o]ve

c] r] u]cial

b]e c]ause

at

its

c]on c]l u]sion
B]u dd]y
got
a
whi ff]
o]f
s o]me
c]uisine
he
f]ound
q]u i]te
d]e l] i]ght f]ul—was
it
p o]ssib l]y,
he
th ou]ght
...

a

g]yr o]?—in

T o]k y] o]?

33:42

.786

04:

While

a

p]ita

s] t]uffed

with

t]zatz i]k i]

wasn't

ex a]ctl y]

the

Asian

s]tr ee]t

m] ea]t

m]o s]t

p] eo] p]le

a]n t] i]c i] p]ate

i]n

their

Y ou] T] u]be

a]l]go r] i]thm i]c

d]ay d] r]eams

of

Ja p] a]n,

B]uddy

also

f]elt

l]ike

his

p] a] l]ette

w]ouldn't

b]e

any

w]orse

f]or

w]ear

w]ith

a

s]ingle

s] a]ndw i]ch

th a]t

h i]s

s]t o]mach

w a]s

a]lrea d]y

a] cc] u]s t]omed

t]o

d]ige s]ting?

65:76

.855

05:

W i]th

th i]s

i]n

m]ind

he

p]o l] i]te l] y]

chauffeured

Rei m] i]

exc i]ted l] y]

to

this

p]arti c]u l]ar

c]orner,

a] s] k]ing

the

m a]n

s]t a]nding

b]ehind

the

c]ounter

for

a

l a]mb

gyr o],

o]n l] y]

to

b]e

b] l]unt l] y]

c]orre c]ted

that

it
was
"chi ck]en
on l] y]".
41:56
.732
06:
S]ome
p]la c]e
in
the
d]ee p],
d]ark
r]e c]e s]ses
of
B]uddy's
b] r]ain

he

r]e c]alled

the

t] r]eache r]ous

gy r]o

t] r]u c]ks

of

New

Yor k]

Cit y]

and

their

a] b] u]ndant

use

of

poul t] r] y]

as

a

s t] r] ee]t

m ea]t— b] u]t

ch ij] c]k e]n

was

b]a s]i c]all y]

a]n

un a] c]ce p] t]a b]le

s] t]r ee]t

c]or p]se

when

it

c]ame

r] ij]ght

d]own

to

it,

b] u]t

B] u] dd]y,

m]es m]e r] i]zed

b] y]

the

s] m]ell

of

the

a]malg a] m]ated

s] p]i c]es

w]ent

a] l]ong

w]ith

the

bird

o p]tion

any w]ay,

s] e] l] e] c]ting— n]o

n]ot

t]zatz i] k] i],

but

the

q]u o]te-un q]u o]te

w]hite

s]au c]e

t]opping,

w]hich

w]as

al s]o

r]e m] i]n i] s]c e]nt

of

the

M] a]nh a]ttan

food

t r]u c]k

bull sh]it

m]a ch]ine.

118:127

.929

07:

Of

c]ourse

the

w r]ap

d]i d]n't

t]aste

g r] ea]t,

t]o

th]e

ex t]ent

th]at

R] ei]mi

d]i d]n't

e]ven

ea]t

h]alf

of

h]ers,

allo w]ing

Buddy—who

w]as

" s]tarving"—to

s]eal

his

d]ige s]tive

f]ate

by

f] i]n i]sh i]ng

a

s]e c]ond

s]andwich.

33:48

.688

08:

The

c]on s]umed

ch i] ck] e]n

gyro

was

a

d]irty

b]omb

that

w]ould

w] ai]t

to

d]eton a]te

in

B] u] d]dy's

s]t o]mach

u]ntil

r]ight

a r]ound

s] u]n s]et—and

eve r]y b]ody

kn ew]

Shinj u]k u]

had

the

b] e] s]t

s] e]tting

s]uns— w]hen

B]uddy

w]as

a tt]emp t]ing

t]o

n] a] p]

o ff]

the

j a]zz

b]ar

b]eers

he

im b]ibed

b]e f]ore

they

p]opped

out

f]or

su pp]er

to

n]o

avail.

54:75

.72

—I-IV: Tagaytay Math

1139:1396 .816

01:

Th]e

th] i]ng

of

i]t

was,

B]uddy

s]aid

to

R]ei m]i

i]n

a

p r]ov i]n c]e

out s]ide

M]a n] i]la,

at

the

b]eg i] nn] i]ng

of

h i]s

c]onscious

m]e m]o r] y]

h e]’d

s i]t

i]n

the

b r] i] c]k

h]ouse

h]e

l i]ved

i]n

w i]th

h i]s

g e]netic

mom

a]nd

d a]d

a]t

give

or

t a]ke,

s ay],

thr ee]

y ea]rs

old,

and

he'd

r]e c]ite

ve r]y

p]articular,

p] r]og r]e ss] i]ve

" i]f-th e]n

sc e]na r]ios"

to

his

m]om,

who

was

a m]used

by

th]e

m]a th]e m]ati c]al

d]i s]p l]ay

i mm]en s]e l] y],

as

sh e]

c] l] ea]ned

the

k] i]tch e]n

or,

l]i k]e,

d] u]sted

the

b]urg u]n d]y

d]inner

ta b]le?

89:113

.788

02:

This

was

in

f]act

his

f] a]vomite

ho bb]y

a]t

th a]t

a]ge— b] a]sically,

in

sh or]t,

when

B]uddy

t]urned

f] or]ty

his

mom'd

t]urn

seventy

f] our],

and

w]hen

h e]

w]as

th]irty

th]r ee]

sh e]'d

b] e]

s]ixty

s]ev e]n,

b]ut

wh e]n

he

t]urned

t]en

sh e]'d

b e]

f] or]ty

f] our],

and

f]inall y]

w]hen

B]udd y]

w]as

s i]x

h i]s

mom

would

b]e

f]ort y].

50:71

.704

03:

S]o

it

w a]s

f u] n]n y]

to

B u]dd y]

when

they

s]aw

a

s]k i] n]n y]

s] i]x

year

old

b]oy

in

T]agay t]ay

exh i] b] i]t i]ng

a

s] i]m i]lar

p] r]ac t]i c]e,

t]elling

a tt]endees

their

c]u rr]ent

a]ges

b] a]sed

on

the

r]e s] p]e c]tive

years

th ey]

were

b]orn,

w i]th

all

the

p]art i]c i] p]ants

at

the

p]arty

b]eing

w]ildly

im p] r]essed

w] i]th

h i]s
a] r] i]thmet i]c,
b]ut,
"at
a]l r]eady
age
s] i]x",
B]uddy
wh i] s] p]ered
to
Reim i],
th i]s
k]id
was
a c]tuall y]
k] i]nd
of

fu ck]ing
b]eh i]nd
the
eight
b]all,
s]o
to
s] plea k]—that
i]f,
at
s] i]x,
he
c]oul d]n't
c]al c]u l]ate
" a]t
l]east
i f]-thens"

a] f] ter]
d]et er]m i]ning
the
p] er]s o]n's
a]ge,
w]ell,
h]e
h]ad
a
w] ay]s
to
go.
108:138
.783
04:
The
k]jd

was

c] l] ea]r l] y]

q]uite

p] r]oud

of

h i]s

a]r i]thmet i]c

a] b] i] l] i]t ie]s,

and

may b] e]

h] e]

should

h]ave

b]een—it

was

p]ossi b]le

h] e]

h]ad

good

r ea]son

to

b] e],

b]ut,

to

B]udd y],

as

he

c]onv ey]ed

to

R] ei] m]i,

he

p] r]o b]a b]l y]

n] ee]ded

to

b] e]

just

a]

t] a]d

m]ore

t]y r] a] n]ni c]al

a] b]out

his

p] r] a] c]tice

m]oving

forward.

66:73

.904

05:

N] o],

he

"wasn't

th a]t
b] a]d",
B]uddy
s]aid,
he
w]as
w]ay
b]etter
than
s] o]me
ad u]its
a]t
the
g a]the r]ing!— b]ut
he
should
s]t i]ll

r] ea]ll y]
c]on s] i]der,
you
k n] o]w,
b] r] u]shing
u]p
on
h i]s
" i]f-then
s] k] i]lls".

36:42

.857

06:

B]e c] au]se
" e]verythi]ng
i]s
ult i]m a]tely

a]n

i]f-th e]n",

whether

v] i]s- a]- v] i]s

a]r i]thm e]t i]c

or

l]i f]e

i]t s]el f]!—in

a n] y]

c]ase,

n]ow

f]i n]al l] y]

f]ort y]

him s]el f],

B]uddy

c]ould

o ff] i]c i]al l] y]

c]on f]irm

once

and

f]or

all

his

mom'd

b]e c]ome,

in

f]act,

seventy

f] our]

w]hile

he

w]as

f] or]ty,

th]ough

at

th]e

time,

b]a c]k

i]n

the

b]r i] c]k

h]ouse,

i]t'd

h]ave

b]e en]

an]

i]mpo ss] i] b] i]l i]ty

for

either

to

k n]ow

with

a n]y

c]ertainty]

if

th a]t'd

h a]ve

trul y]

b]een

th]e

c]ase,

th]at

B]uddy

would,

f] or]

a

f]act,

b]e

f] or]ty

w]hile

his

mom

w]ould

b]e,

b]y

c]ontra s]t,

s]eventy

f] our].

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.818

07:

Just

b]e f]ore

]eaving

f]or

T o] k]y o]

B]udd y]

s]at

on

a

c] l] ea]n

b]ench

in

L]uong o]

S] q]uare

in

the

d] e] c]ent

h ea]t

of

the

ex p]i r]ing

s]ummer

and

w r]ote

d]own

the

w] or]ds

it

w]ould

b] e]

" a]n

a]b s] ur]d i]t y]

to

s]to p]

b]y

N] i]cka n] ee]'s

to n]ight",

which

h e]

f]elt

to

b e]

o]ne

h u]ndred

p]er c]ent

f]act,

that

p]re c]ise

v er] b]iage,

that

s]to pp]ing

b] y]

N] i]cka n]ee's

that

n] i]ght

would've

b]een

c]om p] l] e]te l] y]

ab s] ur]d!— s] i]tt i]ng

on

a

b]ench

b] y]

him s]elf

s] i] pp] i]ng

a

l] i]me

s] e]ltzer

he'd

l] i]ght l]y

s] p] i] k]ed

with

M e]z c]al

h]e

h]ad

n] o]

d]oubt

in

the

p] ur]e

ve r]a c]ity

of

the

w or]ds

he'd

s]c r]i bb]led

d]own

into

a

b]eaten

u p]

p] ur] p]le

n] o]te p] a]d.

123:136

.904

08:

B]uddy

h a]d,

in

f] a] c]t,

a

ve r] y]

f]irm

c]om p] r] e]hension

o]f

w]h a]t

ex a]ctly

w] a]s

ab s]urd

th a]t

n]ight,

i]t

was

the

s] i]m p]le

i d]ea

o]f

a]tten d]ing

N]icka n]ee's.

31:38

.816

09:

On l]y

m i]n u]tes

l]ater,

s] i]tt i]ng

i]n

a

bar

in

L]uongo

S] q]uare,

d]r i]n k] i]ng

a

M e]z c] a]l

th a]t

was

n]o

l]onger

d]umped

i]n d] i] s] c]r i]m i]
n]ately
i]nto

a

c]an

of

]jime

s] e]ltzer,

B]ud d]y

c]on s] i] d]ered

an

un c]om f]orta b]le

i] d]ea

that

" w]hatever

w]as

i] d]enti f]ied

as

mo r]ally
una cc]e p]table"
w]as
p] r]e c]ise l]y
w]hat
got
p]eo p]le
e] r]e c]t
in
e]ve r]y
p]arti c]u l]ar
e p]o c]h,
that
w]hatever
w]as
w]idel y]
a]g r] ee]d

to

b e]

in a] pp] r]o p] r]iate

was,

in

fact,

sy n]o n]y m]ous

w]ith

w]h a]t

w] a]s

" p] r] o] b]a b] l]

y]

m]axi m]a ll] y]

e r] o]tic"?

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.828

10:

Some th]ing

th]at

was

v]io l]ent l] y]

p]rett y]

would

b]e c]ome

ex p]ed i]t i]ous l] y]

l]e s]s

s]o

the

v] e]ry

s] e] c]ond

it

b]e c]ame

"g e]n e]ra l] y]

a cc] e] p]ta b]le",

B]uddy

th]ought

at

th]e

b]ar?—that

w]ide

s] p]r ea]d

a cc] e] p]tan c]e

w] a]s

the

u]tter

d ea]th

of

a p] e]x

erot i] c] i]sm?

54:60

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11:

B]uddy

s] a]t

a]t

the

b]ar

in

Luon g] o]

S] q]u ar]e,

w]ell

a w] ar]e

g] o]ing

to

N]i c]ka n]ee's

that

n]ight

would

b]e

n]othing

if

n]ot

b] l]atant l]y

ab s]urd

and

c]on s]idered,

j u] s]t

a

c]o u] p]le

s]treets

u] p],

on

A]twells

A] v]e n]ue,

he

c]ould

n]e v]er

jot

d]own

n]otes

l]ike

he

d]id

o]n

L]u o]ngo—w]here

it

w]as

e]x p] e]cted

that

e]very o]ne

w]ould

c]ome

e] q]ui pp]ed

with

n] o]te p]ads

of

all

t]y p]es,

th]at

th]ey'd

all

t]ake

n] o]tes

while

s i]tt i]ng

on

b]enches

a]nd

a]t

b]ars,

w]here a]s

on

A]t w] e]lls

A]ve

the

e]x a]ct

o pp]osite

was

e]x p] e]cted.

90:112

.804

12:

It

was

a

f a]ct

th a]t

no

one

h] a]d,

i]n

the

h] i] s]to r]y

of

the

s]t r] ee]t,

ever

been

s] ee]n

c]lutching

a

s]mall

n]otep a]d

on

A]twells

A]ve n]ue,

b] u]t

B] u]ddy

a] c]tual l]y

c]onsidered

a]m b] l]ing

up

to

A]twells

th a]t

v]e r] y]

e] v]e n]ing,

but

h e]

n]ow

r] ea] l] i]zed

o cc]u p] y]ing

a n]y

s]eat

on

th a]t

A]ve n]ue

would

m a] k]e

his

n]ote

t a] k]ing

b] a] s]i c]ally

im p]o s]si b]le.

66:85

.777

13:

In

r]ea l]it y]

you'd

p] r]o b]a b] l] y]

have

to

b] e]

a

c]om p] l] e]te

knob

to

b]e l] ie]ve

you

c]ould

ever

s] c]urry

u p]

to

A]twells

A]ve n]ue

with

a

n]ote p]ad

and

s]u cc]e s]sfu l]ly

jot

d]own

i d]eas

in

p] u] b] l]ic.

37:50

.740

14:

T]o

B] u]dd y],

h e]
t]old
R ei]m i],
there
exi s] t]ed
t]wo
l a]tent
ab s] ur]dities
that
n]ight:
the
f ir] s]t
w]as
w]ith ou]t
a
d] ou]bt
s]to p]p i]ng

i]n
N] i] c]ka n]ee's,
w]hile
the
s]e c]ond
w]as
a d]orning
your
p]er s]on
with
a
writing
u]ten s]il
on
A]t w]ells
A]ve n] u]e.
44:57

.772

15:

N]o

o]ne

w]al k]ing

the

s]treets

of

A]tw e]lls

h a]d

" a]s

much

a]s

a

fu c]king

p] e]n c]il"

on

their

p] er] s] o]n,

that

m u]ch

w a]s

c] er]t ai]n

b]eyond

a]

reaso n] a] b]le

doubt,

b]ut

n]one

of

th a]t

a]ltered

the

f] a]ct

th a]t

f]or

a] b]out

eighty

th r] ee]

p]oint

th r] ee]

p]er c]ent

of

the

year

B]uddy's

mom

would

f]ail

to

b] e]

s]event y]
f]our,
de s] p]ite
h i]s
i]n t]u i]t i]on
she
was
" t] e] c]hni c]ally
s] e] v] e]nty
f] our]",
while
f] or]
e] ss] e]ntially
s] e] v] e]nty
f]ive
per c] e]nt
of

this

c]a l]endar

s] ea]son

h e]'d

b e]

thirt y]

n]ine,

which

f]lew

in

the

f]a c]e

of

the

f]a c]t

he

was

"tech n]i c]a l]l y]

f]orty",

b]e c]ause

a]t

th a]t

m] o] m]ent,

in

L]uong o]

S q]uare,

B] u]ddy

was

forty

b] u]t

his

m]om

was

m]ere l] y]

s]event y]
thr ee],
w]hich
w] ent
di r] e]ctly
a]g ai]nst
th]e
if- th] e]n
he'd
a]ll e]ged
at
th]e
age
of
th] r] ee].
136:167
.814

—I-V: The Best Neighborhood in the World

695:847 .821

01:

R ei]mi

th]ought

th]e

"adjustab]le

b]ed

f r] a]me"

their

hotel

r]oom

c] a]me

e q]u i]pped

w] i]th

w]as

" r] ea]ll y]
c]ool",
and
she
m] or]e
or]
l]e s]s
i mm] e] d] i]ate l] y]
s]tarted
to
f i] d]dle
w i]th
the
s] e]tt i]ngs
in c] e] ss] a]nt l] y].

43:46

.935

02:

B] u]t

B] u]ddy,

j u]st

as

R] ei] m]i

g ai]ned

c]ont r] o]l

of

the

r]e m] o]te,

e]xpr e] ss]ed

s]ome

c]on c]ern,

s]in c]e

the

b]ed

f r]ame

wasn't

ex a]ctly

" b] r] a]nd

new"

that

R ei] m] i]

should

m] a]y b] e]

use

a

b]it

of

c]aution

b]e f]ore

i]nd i]s c] r] i] m] i]n

a]tely

f] i]dg e]t i]ng

w ith
the
re mote
cont rol,
be cause,
in
his
ex per ience,
those
types
of
gadgets
could
easily
start
to
make fun ction

q]u i] c]kly.

72:82

.878

03:

Bud d] y]

r]e m]in d]ed

R] ei] m] i]

l a]ter

of

this

e]x a]ct

e]xch a]nge

a]s

th ey]

s]truggled

to

s]ee

the

l] o]w er]

th ir]d

of

the

t e] l] e]v i]s i]on

s] e]t

o]v er]

the

now

ab s] ur]d l]y

e] l] e]vated

f]oot

of

the

b] e]d,

which'd

b] ee]n

s]tuck

in

p] l] a] c]e

s]in c]e

R] ei]mi

f]irst

r] ai]sed

it

high

as

it

p]o ss]ib l]y

w] e]nt

w]h e]n

she

f]ir s]t

p] l]aced

her

l i]ttle

f] i]ngers

on

the

r]e m] o]te,

f]ollowed

b]y

a b]out

f]ive

m] i]n u]tes

of

a]

c]ont i]nuo u]s,

a]rduous

d r] o]ne

p]un c]tuating

eve r]y

a]tt e]m p]t

to

a]djust

the

foot

a]g ai]n,

until

they

b]oth

c] a]me

to

a] g]ree

the

b]ed

f] r] a]me

was,

in

f]a c]t,

immovab]ly

stu c]k

i]n

i]ts

place.

109:132

.826

04:

N]othing

c]ould

b]e

done

to

f] i]x

a]n

e l]e c]t r]o n] i] c]a
ll]y
m i]s c]on f] i]gured

b]ed

f] r]ame—unl e] s]s

you

were

s]ome

k]ind

of

e]l e] c]tri c]al

e]ngi n] ee]r,

which

of

c]ourse

n] ei]ther

of

them

were,

s]o

i f]

a

b]ed

f]rame

w]as

f]or c]ed

u]p w]ard,

u]ntil

th]e

f]oot

of

th]e

b]ed

ob s]c ur]ed

nearly

a

th] ir]d

of

th]e

t e]l e]v i]s i]on

s] e]t,

then

you'd

f]or e]v e]r

be

l i] f]t i]ng

the

r]emote

t]o

the

s] k]y

t]o

in c] r]ea s]e

the

v]olume,

or

to

s]w i]tch

w]hat e]v e]r

bullsh i]t

on

w]hat e] v] e]r

s]tr ea]ming

s]er v]ice

you

w]an t]ed

t]o

fall

a s]l ee]p

to.

93:115

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05:

In

short

there

was

no

c]ure

f]or

this

s]evere

s]i c]kness

of

the

bed

f]rame—it

was

a

terminal

d]ef i]ciency,

wh i]ch,

Bu dd]y

re m]in d]ed

him s]elf,

w]as

w]hy

he

w]as

s]o

a d] a] m]ant

a]bout

n]ot

i]n d] i]sc r] i] m] i]
n] a]te l]y
f] i]dd l]ing

with

the

r]emote

in

the

f]irst

p] l]a c]e,

yet

a pp]a r]ent l] y]

the

p]o ss] i] b] i] l] i]t
y]
of

r]e p] ea]ted l] y]

a]dj u]sting

a]

b]ed

u]p

and

down

was

j u] s]t

too

a]lluring

to

r]e s]ist.

67:94

.713

06:

Gl a]ncing

a]t

the

t]op

t]wo

thirds

of

a

T] V]

p] r]og r]am

n ei]ther

p]ar t]i c]u l]ar l]y

found

c]om p]e l]ing

R]eimi

s] ai]d

it

wasn't

n e] c] e] ss]a r]i l]y

th a]t

t r] a]ve l]ing

was

i] p] s] o]

fact o]

i]n s] i] p] i]d,

i]n a]sm u]ch

a]s

it

w a]s

the

case

a] n]y

c] i]ty

i]s

funda m] e]nta l] y]

m]ea n]ing l]ess

s]ans

a

p]ar t]icu l]ar

p]er s]on

in

the

m]e t]r o] p] o] l]is

you're

p]ur s]uing,

d]i d]n't

B]udd y]

agr ee]?—that

b]a s]ical l] y]

a]n y]

town

is

on l] y]

a]ctivated

b]y

a

s] p]ecial

p]er s]on

of

i]nter e]st,

th]at

e]ven

th]e

sh i]tt i]e s]t

c] i]t y]

i]magina b]le

c]ould

b]e c]ome

p] r]ofound

with

the

p] r] o] p]er

o]bje c]t

of

p]ur s]uit?

117:143

.818

07:

B]u dd]y

felt

a

m]o d]e r]ately

in t]en s]e

urge

to

t]o s]s

the

r]e m] o]te

cont r] o]l
di r] e]ctly
th] r]ough
th]e
t e]l e]v i]s i]on
s] e]t
as
h e]
ag r] ee]d
with
R]eim i]'s
p]er s] p] e] c]tive,
that
ar c]hit e] c]t u] r]al
s]t r]u c]t ur]es
were
on l] y]

ae s]theti c]al l] y]

b]eaut i] f]ul

i]n s]o f]ar

as

th ey]

c]on t] ai]ned

i]n t] i] m]ate

rel a]t i]onsh i]ps

b]etw ee]n

hu m]an

b] e]ings,

with

a]ll

the

good

a]nd

b a]d

th a]t
w]as
a ss]o c]iated
w]ith
th a]t
c]on t]ainm e]nt,
and
ev e]n
a
s] p]raw l]ing
c]ity
l]i k]e
T] o] k]y o]
was
onl y]
agr ee]able
to

p] eo] p]le

i]nsofar

a]s

they

im a]gined

th a]t

c]on t]ain m]ent

o cc]urr i]ng

i]n

the

m] i]d s]t

of

th i] s]

ar c]hi t]e c]ture,

but

if

th ey],

s ay],
"rel o] c] a]ted
t]o
T] o] k]y o]"
but
f] ai]led
to
f]ind
the
p]eo p]le
to
p]l a] c]e
in t]o
s]aid
con t] ai]n m]ents
th ey]'d
e] ss] e]ntially

re m] ai]n
m] ea]n i]ng l]ess,
and
e]v e]n
T o] k]y o]
would
q]ui c]k l]y
be c]ome
a
drag!
160:191
.834
08:
It
was
a]lmost
l]i k]e,

R ei]mi
c]ontemp l] a]ted
a] l]oud,
Shinj u] k] u]
w]as
at
o]nce
the
b]est
neigh b]orhood
on
the
p] l] a]net
b] u]t
al s]o

Part II: East Side Mannerists

—II-I: Community Pools & General Disgust

1380:1633 .845

01:

For c]ed

to

l] i] s]ten

to

s]ome

sh]irt l] e] s]s

d]ou ch]e-b a]g

a d]orned

in

d]esigner

g l] a] ss]es

with

c] u] s]tom

c]o l]ored

p]ur p]le

f r]ames

at

a

c] o]mm u]nity

p] oo]l

d]is c] u] s]s—she

c]ouldn't

r]e c]all

wh a]t— r] ea]ll y]

r]eite r] a]ted

t]o

R] ei]mi

i]t

was

t]otally

p]os s]ible

to

d] i] s] d] ai]n

a

p]er s]on

p]urely

v]ia

the

s]ole

s]ound

of

their

G]od- g] i] v] e]n

v]o c]al

c]hords,

she

s]aid

to

her

s] i] s]ter

Ni k]ke.

75:87

.862

02:

S] o]briet y]

o]b v]iou s]l y]

d]e p]en d]ed

on

v] a]ntage

p]oint,

b]ut

she'd

o]n l] y]

h] a]d

p] o]s s]i b] l] y]

h] a]f

a

b] o]ttle

of

S o]j u]

a]t

the

p] oo]l

p]art y],

or

m]ay b] e]

the

wh o]le

b]ottle

at

m] o]st?

43:44

.977

03:

Y e]t

N]i kk]e

would

n] e]ver

a cc]use

her

s]ole

s] i]b l] i]ng

of

l]a c]k i]ng

obje c]tive

s]o b] r]iet y],

e]ven

if

sh e]

was

m]ay b] e]

r]e l]at i]ve l] y]

i]n e]b r] i]ated,

m]uch

l] e]ss

l] e]vy

a]n

a]ccus a]tion

of

"feel i]ng

th i]ngs"—n]o,

she

k n]ew

R ei]mi

w] ay]

too

w]ell

for

that!

49:60

.817

04:

This

n] o]tion

of

"feel i]ng

th i]ngs"

was

t] o]tal l] y]

gr o] t]e s] q]ue

of

c]our s]e— N]i k]ke

v] i] v] i]d l] y]

r]e c]alled

r] i]ding

into

N]ew

Y]ork

C]it y]

with

R]eimi

y]ears

p] r] i]or,

r] i]ght

as

the

s]e c]ond

t r]a c]k

on

her

L]ove

S]u p] r] e]me

C] D]

p] l] ay]ed

from

her

s]tereo

s] p] ea] k]ers

as

th ey]

d]i s] c] u]ssed

wh a]t

they

b]el ie]ved

to

b] e]

" d] ee] p]

t]o p]i c]s"

at

the

t]ime,

the

t]enor

s]ax

r]i c]och et]ing

in

her

m] i]nd

r]et r]oa c]tively

in

a

w ay]

that

d]i d]n't

r] ea]ll y]

m]a k]e

an y]

s]ense.

93:100

.930

05:

A

]leaf

that

]aid

on

the

c] e]m e]nt

on

Carp e]nter

S]treet

as

the

L]yft

re- e]ntered

the

W e]st

E]nd

l]oo k]ed

l]i k]e

a

l]eg i]t i] m] a]te

handle

bar

m]ou s]tache,

l]i k]e

it'd

b]een

s] c]ul p]ted

s] p]e c] i] f] i] c]a
l]y
t]o

p]a s]te

on t]o

a

h i] p] s]ter's

u p]per

l] i] p]

a]t

a

c]r a]ft

b]eer

b]ar.

52:58

.897

06:

Ni kk]e,

w h]o

was

p]er h]aps

more

p] r] o]ne

to

s] o]- c]alled

"ai r]ier"

q]uasi

ph]il o] s] o] ph]i c]al

th]oughts

th]an

her

s]i s]ter

R]ei m]i,

was

r]e c]alling

p] r] e]v i]ous

" s]u mm]er- l]ike

]ate

S]e p]tem b]er

a f]ternoons"

f]r o]m

her

u] p] b]r i]ng i]ng,

b] u]t

the

i]m a]ges

were

so

v a]gue

it

m a]de

quantif y]ing

the

l]inear

p] r]og r]ession

of

her

l] i]fe

a

s]eem i]ng

i]m p]o s]s i]b i]l i]ty—the

fran t]ic

t]enor

s] a]x

of

the

s]e c]ond

t] r] a]ck

o]f

L o]ve

S]up r]eme

s]till

h u] mm]ing

s] o]mewhere

in

the

r]e m]ote

r]e c]e ss]es

of

her

m]ind,

a

per c] ei]ved

s]ordid

act i]v i]ty

for

s]ome

r] ea]son.

98:122

.803

07:

W]hereas

R]eimi

w] a]s

dis g] u]sted

b] y]

a

g] uy]

who

was

p] r]o b]a b] l] y]

an

in c] r]e d]i b] l] y]

]oving

d]ad

d]es p]ite

a

v o] c]al

t] o]ne

that

r] ee] k]ed

o]f

u]tter

p] r]e t]ention,

N i] k]ke

was

in c] r] ea] s]ing l]y

]o s]t

in

her

own

s]to c]ha s]tic

m]e m]o r] ie]s,

m]uted

c]o i]n c] i]d e]n c]es

c]on s]uming

her,

c]ausing

her

t]o

r]e c] e]de

in t]o

s]ilence

as

R]eim i]

c]on t]inued.

74:80

.925

08:

T]welve

m]onths

ago

to

the

m] i] n] u]te,

N]ikke

b] u]tted

i]n

a b]r u] p]tly,

m]arked

the

s]udd e]n

on s] e]t

of

"a

p]re c]i s]e

m]onth"

where

she

s]u cc]umbed

to

a

s]ubtle

m]adness,

a

q]ui c]k

d]e s]cent

into

the

d]ivinely

ab s] ur]d,
onl y]
to
e]m er]ge
e]xact l] y]
thirt y]
d ay]s
l] a]ter—the
t] w]enty
s i]xth
t]o
the
t] w]enty
f i]fth—w i]th
an
a pp]a r] e]ntly
r] e]newed

p]ur p]ose.

58:79

.734

09:

The

st r] a]ngest

c]ha r]a c]ters,

N]i k]k e]

told

R] ei]mi,

who

of

c]ourse

al r]ead y]

k n]ew

a]bout

the

e]vents

a]ll

too

w] e]ll,

w]ould

w]ander

into

her

d] ay]

to

d] ay]

life

d]uring

th]at

" th]irty

d]ay

or

s]o

s] p]an",

then

d]i s] a] p]pear

f]orever

a]l m]ost

i mm] e] d] i]atel y]

a] f]ter

the

f] a]ct—there

was

a]n

i rr] e]p r] e]ssible

m] e] l]an c]ho l] y]

to

m]e m]o r] y],

w]h i]ch

i]n
a
w] ay],
Ni kk] e]
s]ugge s]ted,
was
p] o] ss]ib l]y
a
l]u r] i]d
i]te r] a]tion
of
o] p]t i]m i]sm,
to
r]ecall
p]ast
ev e]nts
with

d]r ea]d

and

d]isgust,

t]o

in t]er p] r]et

the

p] r] e]sent

th e]n

as

i p]s o]

f]act o]

p] r] e] f]e r]able

to

the

g r]ot e]sque

e v] e]nts

of

e] v] e]n

your

r] e] c] e]nt

p]a s]t?

122:142

.859

10:

O]h,

there

was

n] o]

doubt

r]e c]oll e] c]t i]on

was

obj e] c]t i]o n]able,

R]eimi

c]on c]urred,

for

e]xample

the

e]xt r]emel y]

r] e]cent

m]e m]o r] y]

of

the

m] a]n

with

th a]t

g r] a]t i]ng

inton a]t i]on?— R] ei]mi's

p] r]esent

st a]te

with

N i]kk e]

was

l] ea]gues

p] r]eferable

to

l i]st e]ning

to

the

d]ouche

b]ag

d]rone

on

at

the

co mm] u] n]it y]

p] oo]l

f]or

e]ven

a

f] ew]

m] i] n] u]tes.

63:80

.788

11:

S]o

it

wasn't

at

a]ll

ou]t

of

]jine

to

s]ugg e] s]t

that

r]e c]o ll] e] c]tion

s] p] r] u]ng

u] p]

f r] o]m

an

a]by ss]

and

a] ss]aulted

them

v i]o l]ent l] y]

r i]ght

when

they

l] ea]st

e]xp e]ct e]d

i]t,

e]v e]n

i]n

N i] kk] e]'s

c] a] s]e,

d] ur]ing

th]e

th] ir]ty

d] ay]s

or

s]o,

th]ey

were

th]em s] e]lves

to

s]ome

ext e]nt

c]on s]umed

with

" p]eo p]le

from

her

p]ast"

s] p] r] i]ng i]ng

u p]

like

m]e m]o r]ies,

a tt] a]cking

her

p] r] e]s e]nt- t] e]nse

with

their

v a] p]id

r]ein t] r]oductions.

85:91

.934

12:

P]eo p]le

f]rom

our

p]ast,

she

s] ai]d,

in s]t ea]d

o]f

a] ff]irming

the

l]ogical

l]inear

p] r]og r]ession

of

our

l] i]ves,

on l]y
r] e]in f]orce
this
d r] ea]m- l] i]ke
i]nst i]nct
we
h a]ve
th a]t,
in
f] a]ct,
our
l]i f]e
is
wh o]lly
non s]en s] i]cal,
that
our

s] i]ngular
pe r]eg r]in a]tions
are
s] i]mpl y]
a] s] y] mm]etric
s]er ie]s
of
m] o] m] e]nts
fun d]a m] e]ntally
d] i]s c]onn e] c]ted,
d] i]sjointed,
m] i]saligned—th a]t
r a]ther
th a]n
p r]og r] e]s s]ing
f] r]om
age

f]ive

to

s]ix,

f] or]ty

to

f] or]ty

o]ne

th]at

th]e

n u]m b]ers

we

tr y]

to

de f] i]ne

our

l i]ves

b] y]

are

in

f] a]ct

non- a]dd i]t i]ve,

th]at

th]ey're

more

a k]in

to

c]o a]gulating

di s] p] a]rate

p] e]r c]entages

a]nd

a]cting

a]s

i]f

they're

i]nteg er]s,

or

p]ro b]a b]ly

w or]se!

120:156

.769

13:

P] eo] p]le

from

our

p]ast,

N] i]kke

n]oted,

s] i]m p]ly

by

ex i] s]ting

and

r] e] s] ur]facing

s] er]ve

to

r] e] m]ind

us

th] a]t

th]e

v a]st

m]ajority

of

s] e]nt e]n c] e]s

we've

s] ai]d

a]nd

a] c]t i]v i]t ie]s

w e]'ve

c]om p] l] e]ted

are

a] c]tive l] y]

forg o]tten,

th]at

th]ey

a]mount

to

n] e]xt

to

n]oth i]ng

i]n

the

p]r e]s e]nt

t] e]nse,

y e]t

their

r]e-in t]roduction

is
a
p r]oof
our
cu rr]ent
m]o m]ent,
w]hich
w]e
p]erh a]ps
f ee]l
to
b e]
s]u p]er i]or
to
our
p] a]st,
will

al s]o
in e]v]itab l] y]
p] a]ss
int o]
l]a c] u]nas
of
de l] e]ted
r e] c]o ll] e] c]tion,
th]at
th]e
p]r e]s e]nt
is
b a]si c]ally
a
fo ll] y]
in
w ai]ting,

p] l]us

there's

on l] y]

th]e

th] i] nn] e]st

c]o nn] e] c]t i]ve

t i]ssue

i]ntegrating

s ai]d

la c]u n]as.

126:152

.829

14:

M] e] m]o r] y]

is

m] o]st

d e]f i]n i]te l] y]

n]on l] o]cal

i]n

o r] i]g i]n,

R]eim i]

ag r] ee]d—there

was

r] ea]ll y]

n] o]

other

w ay]

to

phr a]se

it,

yet

in

s]ome

v a]gue

s] e]nse

they

c]ould

p]o ss]ib l]y

c]ontend

th]at

th]eir

c]o ll]e c]tive

p] a]st

a] c]tions

f] or]med

a

s] or]t

of

a]b s]t r] a] c]t

s]ub s]t r]ate

that

in f] or]med

their

c]u rr]ent

s e]lves,

th a]t

perh a]ps

while

c]o ll] e] c]t e]d

re c]o ll] e] c]t i]on

f]ailed

to

c]on f]orm

to

the

m]ov i]ng

i] m]age

of

l i]nearity,
i]t
s]t i]ll
m] ai]nt ai]ned
a
s] or]t
of
a m] or] ph]ous
contin u] i]ty
e l] u]d i]ng
them
a]t
f]irst
g l] a]nce?
105:116
.905
15:

B]ut,

Ni kk] e]

said

to

R] ei]mi,

t] a] k]e

the

t]own

of,

s ay],

B]a rr]ington—the

d] u]mp

th ey]

w]ere

d] r]iving

a w] ay]

f] r] o]m

a]s

f] a]st

a]s

they

could—was

i]t

not

f] i]lled

to

the

b]r i]m

w i]th

obj e]ctionab]le

m] e] m]o r]ies?

39:43

.907

16:

Was

" b]u c] o] l]ic"

B]arrington

n o]t

f] i]lled

u] p]

w i]th

u] p]per

c] l]ass

w]hites

who

f]un d]a m] e]ntally

o]ver e]sti m]ated

their

o]wn

n e]t

worth,

p]ee r]ing
d] ow]n
on
b]or d]e r]ing
t ow]ns
and
neigh b]o r]ing
d]um p] s]
with
the
s]ole
int e]ntion
of
making
th e]ms e]lves
feel
b] e]tter

a b]out

their

o]wn

o]verp r]iced

h o]mes?

49:66

.742

17:

Did

R]eimi

e v]er

n o]tice

how

p]eo p]le

o] v]er

there

were

a]ll

a]ff l] i]cted

with

s] o]c i]al

d i] s]ab i] l] i]ties,

th]at

th]e

p]o p]u l] a]t i]on

of

B]arrington

were

b] a] s] i] c]a ll]y

in c] a] p]a b]le

of

eng a]g i]ng

i]n

normal

c]onver s] a]t i]ons,
p]ro b]a b] l] y]
b]ecause
they
inveterate l] y]
b]e l] ie]ved
th e]m s] e]lves
to
b] e]
s]u p]e r]ior
to
the
r] e] s]t
of
the
s]t a]te
d e] s]pite

hav i]ng

n]oth i]ng

of

n]ote

to

s] ay]?

76:93

.817

18:

R] ei]m i]

had

t r] i]ed

to

r]e m] ai]n

un a]ware

o]f

the

ent i]ret y]

of

R]hode

l]sland— i]n

f]act

i] f]

n]ot

f]or

her

l] i]ttle

s] i] s]ter

N]ikke

she'd

p r]o b]a b] l] y]

k n]ow

l]ite r]al l] y]

n]othing

a b]out

the

s]ma ll]est

s]t a]te

in

the

n] a]tion,

and

n]o

d ou]bt

b]e

p]erfectly]

ha pp] y]

a b] ou]t

it!

53:64

.828

—II-II: An Anonymous French Mannerist

838:1053 .796

01:

l]n

any

c]a s]e,

s] i]tt i]ng

i]n

the

ba c]k s]eat

of

the

L y]ft

en

r]oute

to

R] I]S D]'s

mus e]um,

N] i]kk e]

took

n]ote

of

a

s]mall

s]t ai]n

on

her

n]ew

t]an

t]-shirt

j u]st

ab o]ve

her

right

n]ipple,

a

s]m u]dge

she

s] o]mehow

f]ailed

to

s]ee

b]e f]ore

she

le f]t

her

a] p]artment— s] p]e c] i]

f] i] c]ally

r]e c] a] ll]ing

i] r]oning

the

arti c]le
p] r] i]or
to
l] ea]ving,
it
s] ee]med
ab s] ur]d
to
h er]
she
c]ould've
n]ot
n] o]ti c]ed
a
s]mall
s]t ai]n
in

s]uch

a

c]entral

l o] c] a]tion.

76:97

.784

02:

Both

w]omen

w] er]e

s ur] p] r] i]sed

to

f i]nd

the

p] r] i]ce

of

ad m] i]ss i]on

i]nto

the

m]useum

was

m]ore

than

twenty

b] u]cks

p] er]

p] er]son,

b] u]t

they

p]aid

the

f ee]

s]ans

e]ven

a

s] i]ngle

d i] s] g]usted

eye

r]oll

or

s]u rr]ept i]t i]ous

ag g] r]avated

g] r] i]m a] c]e,

i]n s]tead

k]ind l] y]

t a]king

the

l] a]dy' s]

d]ir e]ction

to

e]nter

the

e]l e]vator

in

d] u]a ll]y

j u]bi l]ant

fashions.

65:84

.774

03:

Of

c]our s]e

it

was

o]nly

a

s] o]le

c]anvas

they

went

to

s] ee]

in

the

mus e]um,

the

s] o]- c]alled

"Charity"

painting

by

an

a n]o n] y] m] o]us

F r]ench

M]a nn]e r] i]st—th i]s

m] y] s]ter i]ous

art i] s]t's

s] i]ngle

w]ork

w]as

m]ore

r]i v]eting

to

th]em

th]an

th]e

r] e] s]t

of

the

R] e]nai ss]ance

r]oom

c]om b] i]ned,

m]ore

v]i s]ce r]al

b] y]

orders

of

m]ag n]i t]ude

th a]n

a] n] y]

of

the

c]on t]em p]o r]a r] y]

art

on

the

f]irst

f]loor.

70:91

.769

04:

The

painting

consequently situated

of

which

small

character, in

one

direction,

and

a

man

who—although

most

people

might

n]ot

n] o]t i]ce

i]t

at

a

f] l] ee]ting

g l] a]nce—h] a]d

h]er

left

ni pp]le

ex p]osed

as

one

k]id

f]ondled

the

b r] ea]st

in

p] r] e] p]a r]ation

of

suc k]ling.

46:54

.852

05:

Of

c]ourse

while

t a] k]ing

in

any

p] ai]nting

i]t

was

i]m p]ortant,

the

t]wo

c]on c]urred,

t]o

c]on s]ider

the

p]ainter's

p]er s]onal

p]ro c]e s]s

as

he

c]on t]inued

t]o

c]reate

the

c]anva s],

the

t]y p]es

of

p]r o]blems

he

m] ay]

or

m] ay]

n o]t

have

e]n c] ou]ntered,

h]ow

h]e

in

the

e]nd

addr e]ssed

th e]m.

43:64

.672

06:

l]n

th i] s]

i]n s]t a]n c]e,

R]eimi

s]aid,

it

st r]uck

her

a]s

p] a]tent l]y

be f]udd l]ing

th]at

th]e

p]ainter—th i] s]

a n]o n] y] m] ou]s

F] r]ench

M]a nn]e r] i] s]t—went

t]o

the

t]rouble

t]o

de p] i]ct

the

t]iny

t]esti c]les

o]f

o]ne

o]f

the

k] i]ds

p]o k]ing

b]e t]ween

his

t]wo

legs

from

the

b] a] c]k

a]s

he

c]limbed

u]p

to

the

p]res u]m p]tuous

m o]ther?

61:72

.847

07:

By

c]on t] r] a]st

in

the

c]on t]empo r]a r] y]

g a] ll]e r] ie]s

on

the

f]irst

l]evel,

the

f] i]gu r]at i]ve

nudes

were

b a] s] i]ca ll] y]

" s] a]ns

ph] a] l] u]s"— R] ei]m i]

r]e f]e r]enced

a

p ai]nting

b y]

a

g uy]

n a]med

Sat o]shi

K] oj]ima

on

the

]ower

]evel

dep i] c]t i]ng

a

"n a] k]ed- f]rom-the-w ai]st-down

f] i]gure"

" f] r]ee f]alling

into

a]n

a]bstr a] c]t

s]pi r]al"

with

a

" K] e]n-d o]ll

g e] n]it a]l

s]tructure"—yet

th i] s]

a n]o n] y] m] ou] s]

F r]ench

M]a nn]e r] i] s]t

u p] s]tairs

was

d]e p] i]ct i]ng

t]iny

t]e s]ti c]les

d]angling

from

the

ba c]k s] i]des

of

juven i]les.

99:119

.834

08:

Oh,

it

was

d]e f] i]n i]te l]y

a

l i]ttle
b i]t
p] er]v er] s]e—of
the
s] i]x
k i]ds,
all
p] o]sed
in
f]und a]ment a]lly
ab s] ur]d
p]os i]t i]ons
i]n
i]nd i]v i]dual
w]ays,
there
w]as

n o]
ph a]lli c]
a] s] p]e c]t,
de s] p]ite
ea]ch
b] e]ing
na k]ed,
b]ut
the
c]l i]mbing
ch i]ld
was
de p] i]ct e]d
with
t]wo
t]iny
t]esti c]les

p] ee] k]ing

out

b]e t]w ee]n

his

legs

from

the

b]a c]k.

62:77

.805

09:

l]m a]g i]ne,

N] i]kke

a]dd e]d,

p] ai]nting

those

t]wo

t] i] n] y]
balls
with
such
a
f i]ne
deg r] ee]
of
p] r]ec i]s i]on,
i]n
the
m i]d
s] i]xt ee]nth
c]entu r] y]— s] p]ending
p]o ss]ibly
u]pwards
o]f

a

wh o]le

d]ay

on

g] e] n] i]tal

d] e] p] i] c]t i]on

at

the

m] o]st

aw k]ward

a]ngle

i m] a] g] i] n]able.

55:61

.902

10:

Of

c]ourse,

R] ei] m]i
s]aid,
it's
t] r]ue
a
m] a]le's
t]e s]ti c]les,
w]ith ou]t
a
d ou]bt,
even
w]hen
a
y ou]th,
would
p] r]o b]a b]ly
p]oke

th] r] ou]gh
his
th] i]ghs
and
b]e c]ome
v i]s i] b]le,
a ss] u]ming
he
c]l i]mbed
u]p
a
s]tr u] c]ture
n u]de,
b u]t
to
s]tick
to

s] u]ch

r] i]g i]d

r]jeal i]sm

w i]th

r]egard

to

"that

d]etail",

while

g i]v i]ng

the

ch i]l d]r e]n

p r]of e]ssional

w r] e]stler

b]ack

m]uscles

and

b]o bb]le

h ea]d

n e]cks

is

p]erh a] p]s

a]n

a p] e]x

m]ark

of

g e] n]ius?

77:93

.828

11:

N] ij]kke

let

a

pen

n]onch a] l] a]nt l] y]

dang l]e

f] r]om

her

m ou]th

on

the

c ou]ch

in

f] r] o]nt

o]f

the

" F]ontainebl eu]"

s c]h oo]l

c]anvas,

j] u]st

be c] au]se

she

en j]oyed

j]otting

d]own

i] d]eas

in

a

p]a p] y]rus

thin

p]ur p]le

note p]ad,

wh e]n

a

h ea]vier

s e]t

la d]y

a]tt e]n d] a]nt

with

a]

c] r]o pp]ed

hair

c]ut

q]ue r]ied

"Is

that

a

p]en?"

to

which

Ni kk]e

c]on f]irmed

the

inst r]ument

p r]ot r]uding

f] r]om
her
l i] p]s
was,
i]n
f]act,
" a]n
i]nk
p] e]n",
which
m] o]ved
the
a tt] e]ndant
to
t] e]ll
her
p] e]ns

"weren't

allowed"

in

the

m] u]seum— m] a]g n] a]
n]i m]ously,
the

a]ttendant

a]llowed

N ij k]ke

to

stuff

the

p]en

ba c]k

d ee] p]

in

her

p]o c]ket,

as

o] pp]osed

to

o] ff] i]c i]ally

c]on f] i] s] c] a]ting

the

now

s]aliva- i]nfused

i]n k]-b a] s]ed

i]n s]trument.

115:157

.732

12:

The

a tt]endant

con t]inued

t]o

ho v]er

i]n

the

v] i] c] i]n i]ty

of

the

s]ofa

where

the

t]wo

s] i] s]ters

and

their

i]nk

p]en

s] a]t

s]taring

a]t

the

p]ainting

of

th i] s]

a n]o n] y] m] o]u s]

F r]ench

M]a n]ne r] i]st,

and

R] e]im i]

q]ue r] ie]d

aloud

if

r] e] c]oll e] c]tion

was,

u p]on

f ur]th er]
c]on s]ide r] a]tion,
p]o s]sib l]y
" l]i n]ear/ n]on l]i n] e]ar"—if
that
m a]de
a n]y
s]ense
to
N] i] k]k e]?
69:84
.821

—II-III: The Dyadic Man

255:307 .831

01:

As

the

m] i]n u]tes

q]u i] c]kly

w ou]nd

d] ow]n

be f]ore

the

m]useum

c]losed

its

d]o or]s

f] or]

the

d] ay],

N]ikk e]

n]oted,

s]t i]ll

s] i]tt i]ng

on

the

so f]a

in

f] r]ont

of

the

a n]o n] y] m] ou] s]

F] r]ench

M] a] n]ne r] i] s]t's

work,

that

every

m] a]n

w a]s

" f] u]n d]a m]entally

d]y a] d]ic",
s]pe c] i] f] i]cally
i]n
th] a]t
th]ey
con s] i]st
of
a]n
i]n d]e p]en d]ent
ph a]llic
e]ntity
a]nd
also
a]n
in c] or] p] or]eal
a]s p]e c]t— b] u]t
b]e c] au]se

of
this
men
I a] c]ked
a]n
org a]ni c]
a] c]tu a] l]ity
of
any
s] or]t,
s]ans
the
ph a] l]us
of
c] our]se,
they
were

s]ouls

at t] a]ched

t]o

c]o c]ks,

w]here a]s

w]omen,

Ni kk]e

said,

were

a] c]tually

org a]n i] c]

en t] i] t] ie]s

w]oven

d ee]ply

in t]o

s]aid

in c] or] p] or]jeal

s]ouls.

129:151

.854

02:

M] e]n

weren't

e]ven

t e] c]hni c]all y]

hu m]an

b e]ings,

R] ei] m]i

r]etorted,

th ey]

were

l i]ttle

b e]yond

s] i]m p]le

p] e]n i] s] e]s

with

s]ouls,

h a]lf

org a]nic

dy a]ds,

t]o

the

e]x t]ent

they

e]x i]s t] e]d

i]n

the

" s]o- c]alled

c] or] p] or]eal

g l] o]be"

it

was

o]n l]y

via

their

u]sual l] y]

p] u]n y]

third

l]egs,

s]ans

p] e]ni s]

they

c] ea]sed

to

e]xist

on

the

s] e]n s]ible

p]lane

at

all!

64:84

.762

03:

It

was

th] r]ough

th]is

p r]e c]ise

l e]ns,

N] i]kke

s] ai]d,

th]at

th]ey

n] ee]ded

to

r] ea]l l] y]

ana l]yze

the

m] a]le

to

f]e m] a]le

t r]ans

m]ove m]ent—as

a

f]e m] i]n i]ne

urge

f]or

a] c]tual

or g] a]ni c]— n]o,

R]ei m] i]

inte rr]upted,

n]ot

in

the

g] a]lle r] y],

gen d]er

d] i] s]course

was

s]t r] i] c]tly

p] r]oh i]b i]t e]d,

even

more

s]o

than

p]ens!

62:72

.861

PART III: East Mediterranean People Shields

—III-I: Chain Smoking Next to Children's Hospitals

1635:1982 .825

01:

S] a]ns

a]l c]oholi c]

b] e]ve r]ages,

R]eimi

s]aid

to

B] u]dd y]—wh a]t

d oe]s

an y]thing

e]ven

r ea]ll y]

matter

an y] w]ay— w]hat e]ver

city

you

r e]side

in,

b] u]t

B] u]dd y]

r] ea]ll y]

wan t]ed

t]o

r]ec ei]ve

the

juice

f r]om

R]eim i]

R] E]

what

N i]kke

all u]ded

t o]

r]e p] ea]tedl y]

r]egarding

this

a ll]eged

month

l]ong

r]a p]id

d]ec l] i]ne

i]nto

i]ll-adv i]sed

b i]nge

d]r i]n k] i]ng

sh e],

N i]k k]e,

en d]ured.

68:89

.764

02:

Y e]t

to

Rei m]i

m]a l] e]vo l] e]nt

l] i] q]u i]ds

l]i k]e

a]l c]ohol

were

a] c]tual l] y]

fundam e]ntal l] y]

n e] c] e] s]sa r] y]

t]o

r]e l] ay]

these

t]y p]es
of
i]nc i]d e]nts
i]n
a
p]ro p]er
w ay],
that
she
could
" s] i]t
out"
" i]n
the
c] i]t y]"
t] o]tall y]
s] o]ber

and

t]a k]e

n o]te

of

a

c]urious

l a] c]k

of

a

c]on n]e c]tion

she

h a]d

w]ith

a n]y

O]ne n]ess,

th a]t

from

a

s e] l] e]ct

v a]ntage

point

you

c]ould

l] a] c]k

a

c]onn e]ction

w]ith

a

" O]neness"

in

c]on c]ord

with

a

d]ef i]c i]t

of

emotional

disruption—was

it

possible

when

characteristically

adjusting

around

town

The

One

as

a

pure

spiritual

Form

f] l] o]ated

c l] o]ser

th a]n

wh e]n

you

were

being

a

gr ea]t

st ay]

at

home

m]om.

110:154

.714

03:

O]n l] y]

when

o]nerous l] y]

f a]lling

a]p a]rt

a]

c]ertain

s]p i]r i]tu a]lity

b]e c]omes

p] a]l p]a b]le,

your

dreams

b]e c]ome

f]ertile

t]erri t] or]y

f] or]

v i]s i]tation

f]rom

a]n

i]nd i]v i]s i]ble

one n] e]ss

i]n

i]ts

i]n f] i] n] i]te

f]orms,

w]hereas

the

" w]ell-adj u]sted",

b]e c] au]se

o]f

our

p]e c]uliar

s] o]cial

t o]tem

p] o]les,

s]omehow

rem ai]n

b]arred

a w] ay]

this

O]neness,

b]y

b]ec o]ming

a]

prod u]ctive

m e]m b]er

of

s] e]cular

s]o c]iety

you

b]uild

a

b]arrier

b]et w] ee]n

your s] e]lf

and

w]hat's

quint e] s]s e]ntiall y]

O]ne,

she

s]ugg e] s]ted,

n]ot

n] e] c] e] s]saril y]

a s]serting

it

a]s

f a]ct

b] u]t

j u]st

"tossing

it

out"

to

B] u]ddy.

109:145

.752

04:

B]ut

w]hile

o]ne n]ess

p] o] ss]i b] l] y]

c]o mm] u] n]i c]ated

e]x c] l] u] s]ive l] y]

via

e] m]otional

t]u m]ult,

the
m]e t] r] o] p]olis,
R]ei m]i
s] ai]d,
was
a
ph a]n t] a]sm
en t]irely—that
in
a]
m] a] t]e r]ial
s] e]nse
her
a s]tounding
f r] ie]ndsh i]p
w i]th
B]ud d]y

had

d]uped

her

into

b]el ie] v] i]ng

D] C]

was

s]ome th]ing

o th]er

th]an

w]h a]t

it

w] a]s— s] i]tt i]ng

by

her s]elf

th]e

o th]er

e] v]en i]ng
sh e]
r e]al i]zed
the
ent i]re
c]ity
was
a
c]e s]s p]ool
of
the
i]n s] i] p] i]d,
th a]t
s] a]ns
her
f]ri e]ndship
with

Budd y]
the
cit y]
f] e]ll
i]nto
i]mm e] d] i]ate
d] i] s]repair,
that
a
s] i]ngle
i]nte r] e] s]ting
f] r]i e]ndship,
only
o]f
the
l o] f]tiest
or]der,

c]ould

ma k]e

any

c] i]t y]

i]nto

f] ou]rth

c]entur y]

A]thens,

th a]t

in

all

r] e]a l]it y]

c]it i]es

were

r] ea] l]l y]

n o]thing

b u]t

ph]i l] o] s] o] ph]ica l]l
y]
int r] i]guing
r]e l]a t]on sh]i p]s,
de p]rived
of
these
b]onds
there
w a]s
n o]thing
left
b]ut
p]oorly
d]r e] s]sed
hi p] s]ters
and
t]a l] e]nt l] e] s]s

t] w] e]nty

w]hat e]v e]r

p]rof e]ssio n]als

w]ith

abso l]ute l]y

n]othing

of

n]ote

to

say.

190:226

.841

05:

R]eimi

c]ould

r]e c]all

her

own

i]n d] i]v i]dual

d] i] p]s

i]nto

d]ee p]

d]e p] r]essions

p] r] e]- B]udd y]—their

b]ond,

i]n c]lusive

o]f

all

o]f

i]ts

f au]lts,

c]ata p]ulted

th i]s

p]ett y]

c] i]ty
i]nto
an
ex a]lited
p] l] a]yground
of
imma c]u l]ate
s] p]e c]u l] a]tion,
the
s] t]reets
were
no
l]onger
l]ittle
h]ell h]oles,
w a]ste l]ands
of

s] t]er i] l] i]t y],

b] u]t

on l] y]

b]ec au]se

B] u]ddy

w a]s

a

t] r]ue

maest r]o

of

the

i]ll- t]em p]ered,

the

i]ll- a]dvised,

a]nd

the

p] a]tently

a]b s]urd,

R]eimi

s]aid.

86:106

.811

06:

B u]ddy

w a]s

of

c]ourse

f] l] a]ttered

a]nd

h e]

c] l] ea]r l] y]

f]elt

the

s a]me

w] ay]

to w]ard

R ei]mi,

h]olding

their

b]ond

i]n

a

s] i]m i]lar

h]igh

e s]t ee]m,

b]ut

n e]verthel e]ss

R ei]m i]

n]ow

w a]sted

n]o

time

n]ow

add r] e] s]s i]ng

h i]s

p] r] e]v i]ous

r]e q]u e]st,

to

s]ome

e]xt e]nt,

she

s] ai]d,

p] r]oc r]e a] t] i]on

is

a]

ph]i l] o] s] o] ph]i c]al

a]bomina] t] i]on,

a]

s] p] i]tt i]ng

i]n

the

f a]ce

of

The

One

It s]elf,

a

t a]cit

a]dm i]ss i]on

th] a]t

th]e

u n]iver s]e

i]t s]elf

i]s

a]ctually

n]ot

cont ai]ned

in

the

m]irror

you

g a]ze

at

yourself

i]n

i]nter m] i]tt e]nt l] y],

wh i]ch

i]s

i]t s]elf

a

b] l]a s] ph]em ou]s

f]al s] i]t y]!

117:133

.880

07:

B]e c]ause

i]f

the

un i] v]er s]e

i]s

l]o c] a]ted

i]n

ph] y]s i] c]al

s]p a]ce

i]t's

d e] f] i]n i]te l] y]

i]n

your

v] e] r] y]

mi r]ror

as

you

g a]ze

i]nto

i]t—the

c]osm o]s

is

of

c]ourse

wh o]lly

c]ont ai]ned

in

your

o]wn

r]eflection,

y e]t

in

a]ny

c] a]se,

R]eim i]

c]ontinued,

the

ve r] y]

n]otion

of

p]o pp]ing

out

k]ids,

N]i kk]e

h a]d

always

c]ons i] d]ered

i]t

a]b s]urd,

and

R]eimi

b]y

d]e f]ault

d]e s] c]ribed

it

as

b]asi c]ally

obje c]tiona b]le,

yet

b]oth

s]i s]ters

s]at

on

the

ph]one

w] ee] p]ing

(bawling

e]ven!)

at

the

p] r] o] s] p]ect

of

R]ei m]i's

p] r] o] b]a b]le

m]isca r]riage

just

last

F]all.

98:127

.772

08:

R]ei m]i's

i]m p]end i]ng

m] i]sca rr]iage

b]rought

them

b]oth

t]o

t]ears,

t]o

a

p]lace

of

t] r]ul y]

w] ee] p]ing,

p] r] o] b]a b] l] y]

o]unces

w]orth

of

l]a c] r]imation
r] e] c]k l] e]ss l] y]
p]oured
onto
their
f]our
ch ee] k]s
o]ver
the
ph] o]ne— a]nd
"th a]t"
was
the
f]irst
p]art
of
Ni k]k e]'s

s]o- c]alled

"m y] s]t i] c]al

b r] ea] k]down"

f r]om

th a]t

p] a]st

y]ear,

R]eimi

s]aid.

68:66

1.03

09:

Y]es,

the

f]irst

s] e]ction

was

c] e]ntered

on

the

t]wo

s]j] s]ters

]a] c] r]i] m] a]t] i]ng

on

the

t] e]]] e] ph]one

b]e] c]ause

R] ei] m] i]'s

b] a] b] y]

was

c]l] i]ng] i]ng]

to

i]ts

life

by
th]e
th] i]nn e]st
of
th]reads,
th]at
was
on
a
S a]turday
a] f]ternoon,
a] f]ter
R ei]mi
h a]d
a cc]ompa n] i]ed
N] i] k]k e]
f]or

a

f]ew

d]r i]n k]s

early

i]n

the

d] ay]—and

they'd

bumped

into,

w]hat

w]as

his

n] a]me,

of

all

p] eo] p]le

on

the

st r] ee]t,

having

]jite r]a ll] y]

j u]st

b] u]mped

into

him

]jess

than

two

w ee]ks

prior.

80:104

.769

10:

Budd y]
s]aid
he
r]e c]alled
N ij kk] e]
s] ay]ing
s]ome th]ing
to
th]at
e ff] e]ct— R]ei m]i
c]on f]irmed
it
was
a f]ter
sh e]'d
m] a]de
N ij kk] e]

t a] k]e

her

out

for

an

e]spr e]sso,

to

which

Nik k] e]

then

m a]de

her

pop

in

The

D]ar k]

L a] d]y

for

"j u]st

o]ne

d]rin k]"

where

they

s]t u]mbled

u]pon

th a]t

ex a]ct

s] a]me

S]t e]ve

Miller,

of

all

p] eo] p]le,

a pp]a r]ently

p]aying

the

t] a]b

for

his

t] r] a]ns

com p] a]nion.

62:81

.765

11:

S]o

b]ump i]ng

i]nto

M i]ller

w i]th

h i]s

b]eauti f]ul

w]i f]e

again

th a]t

s]ub s] e]qu e]nt

S] a]tur d]ay

w]al k]ing

d]own

the

s]treet,

when

d]uring

a

d]ecade

in

D] C]

they'd

never

s] ee]n

S]t e]ve

ran d]om l] y]—it

was

a

b i]t

p]er p] l]exing,

p]erhaps

even

m y]st i] c]al

to

Ni kk] e],

a]nd

the

stop

a]nd

ch a]t

c]onver s] a]tion

was

e] q]ual l] y]

d i] ff] i] c]ult

to

f]o ll]ow—it

c]ertain l] y]

d] r] o]ve

Ni k]ke

to

d]own

a

f]ew

d] r]inks

a f]ter,

f]orced

to

li s]ten

to

the

s]ame

t] i]red

d i]a t]r i]be

" o]v er]

and

o]v er]".

84:106

.792

12:

S]o

on

a

Thursday

n]ight,

B] u]dd y]
re p] ea]ted,
N] ij]kke
b] u]m p]s
i]nto
th i]s
S]t e]ve
at
The
D]ark
L a] d]y,
th]en
th]e
s]ub s] e] q]u e]nt
S]aturd ay]
y ou]
t wo]

s] ee]

S]t e]ve

w]al k]ing

down

the

s]tr ee]t

w] i]th

h i]s

w]ife

and

c]on c]lude

that

e]ven i]ng

w] ee] p] i]ng

to

ea]ch

o th]er

on

th]e

phone

d] ue]

t o]

a]

d]egr a] d] a]tion

in

the

s]t a]te

of

your

p]regnan c]y?

65:72

.903

13:

C]o rr]e c]t,

R]eimi

c]onfirmed,

and

in

be t]w ee]n

the

t]wo

S]t e]ve

s]ightings,

sh]e

sh]ould

n]ote,

N]i k]k e]'d

pop

in

The

D]ar k]

L] a] d]y
a]gain,
a]ll
a]l o]ne,
where
a]
c]on f]ounding
f]igure—at
l] ea]st
a] c]ording
t]o
the
s t]o r] y]
N i]kk e]
t] o]ld
R] ei] m] i]— w]ould
b] e]

"s ee] m]ingly

w] ai]ting

for

her"

at

the

b]ar,

a]sking

a]bout

her

a]s

soon

as

she

a] rr]ived

a]nd

or d]ered

a]
d] r] i]nk,
the
f] i]gure
g o]ing
s o]
f]ar
as
to
n] o]te
"you
n]ever
k n] o]w
when
it's
your
t]ime

t]o

g o]".

78:98

.796

14:

This

ty p]e

of

ab s] ur]dit y],

un s] ur] p] r]isingl y],

p] r]om p]ted

Ni kk] e]

to

st ay]

at

the

b]ar,

g u]l p]ing

d]own

a

c] o]m p] l] e]te l] y]

unn e] c] e] s]s a]ry

d]ou b]le

shot

of

te q] ui] l]a

p]rior

to

c] l]ose.

39:43

.907

15:

A]nd

then

a]fter

s] ee]ing

S]t e]ve

a

s] e] c]ond

time,

N i]kke

s] ai]d,

she

s] a]t

a]t

s]ome

Le b]an e]se

b]ar

d ow]nt ow]n

where

sh e]'d

s] ee]
"the
un d]er s]t a]ted
b ar]ten d]er
from
The
D] ar]k
L a] d]y"
s] i]tt i]ng
a c] r]o s]s
the
b]ar
as
a
k]id
int r]o d]u c]ed
him s] e]l f]

as

" B]o bb] y]"

and

d] r]un k]enl y]

c]on f] e] s]sed

to

his

b] a]d

g a]m b]l i]ng

h a] b] i]t,

unt i]l

h i]s

m] i]ddle

aged

m]om

a rr]ived

and

d r] o]ve

h]im

h] o]me.

77:83

.928

16:

After

b e]ing

in d]i r] e]ctl y]

r] e] m]in d]ed

of

the

m]y s]te r]ious

s]t r] a]nger

via

the

p r] e] s] e]nce

of

s] ai]d

un d] er] s]t a]ted

barten d] er],

Ni kk] e]

w]ould

a w] a] k] e]n

to

a]n

ev e]n

m]ore

m] y]st i] f] y]ing

ph]one

call,

at

f] i]ve

am,

f] r]om

her

f]ath er]'s

n u]m b] er]

b] u]t

with

a

s]trange

v]oice

on

the

other

s]ide

d]e m] a]n d]ing

an

i mm] e] d] i]ate

wire

t]r a]nsfer

t]o

a]

" V]en m] o]

a]cc ou]nt",

a]lle g]ing

he'd

j]ust

br o]ke

ou]t

of

p] r] i]s o]n

o]nly

t]o

en t] er]

th eir]

p]a r]ents'

h] o]me

where

h]e

n ow]

" h]ad

them

b] o]th

b] ou]nd

and

gagged."

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17:

A]nd

then

p]erh a] p]s

the

most

c]urious

a] s] p]e c]t

c] a]me

th a]t

n] e]xt

n]ight

wh e]n

N]i kk] e]

s] ai]d

to

R]eim i]

sh e]'d

s] p] e]nt

the

p] r] i]or

F] r] i]d ay]

a f]t]ernoon

ho pp]ing

f] r]om

b] ar]

to

b] ar]

until,

f]airl y]

in e]b r] i] a]ted,

she

st u]mbled

u]pon

The

D]ark

L a] d]y

again

o]nce

more

w] i]tn e] ss] i]ng

the

un d]er s]t a]ted

b]arten d]er

b]ut

not

the

c]on f]ounding

s]tr a]nger,

"just

f]or

a

q]u i] c]k

d]r i]nk,

you

know",

a]nd

th e]n

a]m b]led

to

a

r a]n d] o]m

d]ive

b]ar

where

su dd]en l] y]

N i] kk] e]

c] a]me

u p]on

an

im p]al p] a] b]le

a] b] i] l] i]t y]

to

"share

her

f ee]lings"

with

the

va r] i]ous

r]an d]om

r] e]gulars

in

att e]n d] a]nce.

113:131

.863

18:

But

of

c]ourse

the

o]ddest

p]art

o]f

a]ll,

R]eimi

c]on c]luded,

was

th a]t

r]ight

a]s

Nikk e]

a pp] r] o]ached

this

d]ive

bar,

t r] a] d]ing

a] n]e c] d] o]tes

with

s]t r] a]nge

d] r]un k]s

a]nd

f] ee]ling

at

h o]me

f]or

m ay]b e]

the

f]irst

time,

s]moking

sh i]tty

un f] i]ltered

c] i]ga r]ettes

i]nto

the

A]M,

R] ei] m]i

was

ad m] i]tt e]d

i]nto

the

ch i]l d] r] e]n's

h]os p]ital

j u]st

a

c] ou] p]le

h] u]n d] r]ed

f]eet

f] r]om

the

d] i]ve,

in

d] i]re

c]on d] i]t i]on

as

her

un b]orn

b]a b] y]

was

off i]c i]a ll] y]

a b] or]ted

from

her

b]o d] y].

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—III-II: Shrooms at the Dominican Shisha Spot

1598:1889 .846

01:

Reim i]

s ai]d

the

n] e]xt

n] i]ght

N] i] kk] e]

c] a]me

b y]

her

fl a]t

to

c]ommiser a]te,

th a]t

she

w a]s

s o]mehow,
i n] a]nely,
in
b e]tter
n] e]t
s] p]ir i]ts
than
her
s] i] s]ter,
the
t]wo
t]aking
a
p]atch
of
f]ur
o ff]

the

d] o]g,

w o]n d]e r]ing

a]l ou]d

a] b] ou]t

the

p] o]ssi b] l]y

h au]nted

r] i]ver

f] l]ow i]ng

i]n

the

m i]ddle

of

the

i]nv i]s i]ble

t r]iangle

c]onne c]ting

the

Ch i]l d] r] e]n's

Hosp i]t a]l,

D]ive

Bar,

and

D]ark

L a] d]y,

with

Ni kk] e]

in

p]art i] c]u l]ar

s] p]e c]u l] a]ting

th a]t

p]erh a]ps

a]s

s]oon

a]s

th ey]

s]te pp]ed

p] a] s]t

the

inter s]t a]te

highw ay]

th a]t

barric a]ded

the

w e] s]t

e]nd

of

the

c] i]ty

from

the

r i]ver,

that

a

c]ertain

dar k]

f or]ce,

a

p]o ss]ible

c]loa k]ed

p] or]tal

of

s] or]ts

b]eg a]n

inter a] c]t i]ng

w i]th

b]oth

of

them?

125:157

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02:

Yet

even

with

th]at

th]ought

sh o]t

into

her

b] r] ai]n,

it

woul d]n't

st o]p

Ni kk] e],
R] ei]mi
in f]ormed
B]u dd] y],
f]rom
wal k]ing
b]a ck]
d] ow]nt ow]n
the
s]ub s] e] q]u e]nt
S] a]tur d]ay—but
only
a]fter
p] o] pp]ing
into
a
m] o]s q]ue

to

m] a] k]e

a

d]o n] a]tion

to

the

unre c]og n] i]zed

d]ead

i]nf a]nts

i]n

P]alest i]ne,

d]r o] pp]ing

o] ff]

a

f]i f]ty

d] o]llar

b]ill

to

an

A f]ri c]an

I m]am

w i]th

a

m] i]ni

water

b]ottle

of

M]ez c]al

s]urre p]t i]t i]ous l]y

s] l] i] pp]ed

i]nto

h er]

s] w]eatsh ir]t

p]o ck]et.

88:106

.830

03:

N ij kk]e

w]al k]ed

s w]iftl y]

d ow]nt ow]n,

p]urchased

a

p] a] c]k

of

c]igarettes,

s]t o] pp]ed

to

p] o] p]

in

the

s] p] o]t
f r]om
the
p] r] e]v i]ous
w ee] k],
c]r a] c]king
a
jo k]e
wh e]n
a]n
old
f]u c]k
t oo] k]
what
at
f]irst
l oo] k]

s] ee]med
to
b e]
a
d e] c]ent
ti p]
th]en
stu c]k
th]e
c] a]sh
b a] c]k
i]n
h i]s
p]o c]ket—then
B u]ddy
interr u] p]ted
to

n]ote

N] i]kke

would

m ee]t

u] p]

w i]th

h i]m

that

e]ven i]ng,

p]our i]ng

them

b o]th

an

e] s]pr e] ss] o],

p]o pp]ing

the

last

c]ou p]le

s] q]uares

of

a

p s] i]lo c] y] b]in

c] a]ndy

b]ar,

a]nd

th]en

th]ey

b] o]th

would

g o]

sm o] k]e

hoo k]ah

at

a

Dom ij n] ij c] a]n

n]ight

c]lub.

110:115

.957

04:

Bu dd]y

s]aid

he

d] ij s]t ij]n c]tly

re c]alled

un d]er s]t a]n d] ij]ng

S]p a] n] ij]sh

th a]t

n]ight

s]u rr]oun d]ed

b y]

f l] i] c]ke r] i]ng

l] i]ghts—Ni kk]e

was

p]o ss] i]b l] y]

s]t i]ll

c]om p] l] e]te l] y]

un h] i]nged,

i]n

a

h]eightened

s] p]iritual

s]tate

h e]'d,

f] or]

sure,

s ee]n

her

en t]er

a

f]ew

t]imes

be f] or]e!

60:57

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05:

Then

ag ai]n,

Rei m]i

d]ef e]n d]ed,

a

m]ixture

of

e] s]pr e] ss]o,

hoo k]ah,

l] i] q]uor,
and
p s] i] l]o c] y] b]in
c]ould
pro b]a b]ly
c]ause
any b]ody
to
b]e c] o]me
a
b] i]t
" u]nh i]nged",
to
wh i]ch
B] u]ddy
repl i]ed
the

b] a]ch a]t a]

h i]t

d i]fferent

that

n] i]ght,

that

N]i k] e]

w]as

w] ear]ing

a

p air]

of

f a] k]e

r] ea]ding

glasses

for

l]ite r]a l] y]

the

en t] i]re

du r]ation

of

their

t] i]me

out!

64:84

.762

06:

In

any

c] a]se,

R] ei]mi

c]on t]inued,

r] e] l] ay]ing

what

N]i kk] e]

t]old

her

r] e]garding

the

s]ub s] e]qu e]nt

n]ight

where,

sure,

she

beg a]n

the

a]fternoon

s]eeing

this

c]ertain

A] f]ri c]an

Imam

A]bdul

L] a]t i] f]

s]p ea] k]

b]r ie] f] l] y]

a] b]out

c]on t]em p]o r]a r]y

p]o l] i] t] i]cs,

a] tt]em p] t]ing

to

a]void

the

t] r]iangul a]tion

she'd

r]ecognized

with

R] ei]m i]

t]wo

w ee]ks

p r] e]v i]ous,

but

e v]entua ll]y

in

a

f]oo l]ish

a tt]empt

t]o

v]eri f] y]

the

n] i]ght

where

sh e]'d,

N] i]kke,

f]i n]ally

f]elt

able

to

q]u o]te

u]n q] u]ote

" o]pen

u]p",

she

s u] cc]umbed

to

am b]ling

b]eyond

the

i]nterst a]te

" b]a rr]i c] a]de"

b]a c]k

into

d] ow]nt ow]n,

to

the

d]ive

b]ar,

b]ut

in

a

s]t a]te

of

i rr] a]tion a]l

s]pi r]itu a]l

a]gg r]av a]tion.

123:160

.769

07:

And

when

N]i kk]e

arr ij v]ed

at

the

d] ij v]e

an

un e]xp e] c]ted

n]on- d] e]s c]ript

old

g e]ntleman— n]ot

e]ntire l]y

d ij ss] i]m ij l]ar

f]rom

the

m y] s]te r]ious

s]t r] a]ng er]

f] r]om
The
D]ark
L] a] d] y]—was
s] ee]mingl] y]
"w ai]ting
f]or
h er]"
and
her
o]verwhe] m]ing
e] m] o] ti]ons,
n] o],
n]ot
a] b]out
R ei] m]i's
a] b]or ti]on,

b]ut

the

P] a]le s]t i]n i]an

ch i]ldr e]n

b]eing

m] a] ss]acred

b]y

her

t a]x

p]ay m]ents!

78:86

.907

08:

N i] kk]e'd

q]u i] c]k l] y]

d] i]s c]ard

the

p s]y c]hoana] y]t i] c]al
ol d]er
d]ude,
even
in
her
d]i l]api d] a]ted
d]run k]en
s]t a]te
she
s]till
rea l] i]zed
the
ph y]s i] c]al
m i]nd
had
l] i]ttle

t o]

d o]

w i]th

her

i]ssues,

a]s

she

was

tr a] pp]ed

in

a

p] or]tal

of

s or]ts,

in

f a]ct,

be s]ide

a

my s]te r]ious

r] i]ver,

i]n s]tead

she

i]nt r]oduced

her s]elf

to

a]n

a]dv a]nced

in

a]ge

l] a]dy

p] l] a]ying

p]ool

i]n

s k] i]nny

b l] a] ck]

d] e]n i]m

w ea]ring

the

]oo k]

of

p]ure

d] ea]th

in

her

eyes.

81:102

.794

09:

Her

name

was

E]ll e]n,
she
was
s e]venty
o]ne
y]ears
y] ou]ng
w i]th
a
f] i] f]ty
s o]meth i]ng
N]ordic
h u]s b] a]nd
n]amed
" P]etter",
b] u]t,
d]es p]ite

her

c]ollo q]u i]al

in q]uir ie]s,

the

c]ou p]le

d]i d]n't

s ee]m

p]ar t]i c]u l]ar l] y]

in t] r] i]gued

with

her

d] r]un k] e]n

d]ig r] e]ssions

in t]o

the

t] o] p]i c]

of

" d] o]llar
d]e n] o]mi n]ated
c] r]ude
oil"
or
c]ontemp]o r]a r]y
c]o ll] e]ge
as
e]ss e]ntia ll]y
a
r]uth l] e] ss]
c] or] p] or] a]tion,
e] x] p]loiting
the
e]xact
stud e]nts
it

was

all e]ging

to

e]du c] a]te.

90:109

.826

10:

Yet

d]i d]n't

th] ey]

m ay]b e]

d]eem

th]at

c]on c]erning?—that

s]o- c]alled

P] o]et r]y

P] r] o]fe ss] or]s

c]ould

no

]onger

b]e

c]on s]id er]ed

p]u b] l] i] c]

i]nt e] ll] e]ctuals,

i]n s]t ea]d

they

were

r u]thless

t] oo]ls

of

i]ns t] i] t] u]tions

that

p]artnered

with

the

s]tate

and

ex p] a]n s]ive

fin a]ncial

b] a]nks

to

s] a] dd]le

b] u] dd]ing

y ou]ng

p] eo] p]le

with

f]ive

and

s] i]x

f] i]gure

d]ollars

of

d] e]bt

that

c]ould

n e]ver

be

e]x p]unged!

76:86

.884

11:

A

lu c]rat i]ve

e]n d]eavor

i]n d]eed!—n o],

th e]se

P] o]et r] y]

P] r] o]fessors

were,

to

a

m]a t]e r] i]al

e]x t] e]nt,

c]ertain l]y

c]r i] m] i]na l]y

l]iable

th e]m s] e]lves,

a c]ording

to

N]i kk]e,

n]ot

on l] y]

for

n]eed l]ess l] y]

pr o]fiting

o]n

the

b]acks

o]f

their

o]wn

stu d]ent

b] o] d]y

b]ut

als o]

for

the

d]egra d]ation

of

the

a]rts

as

a]

wh o]le!

59:78

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12:

The

univer s] i]ty

s] y] s]tem,

the

g r]eat

contem p]o r] a] r]y

f]unding

a] pp] a] r] a]tus

of

the

f]ine

a]rts,

was

n o]

t] r] u]e

s p]eaker

of

t] r] u]th

t] o]

p]ower,

and

it's

cent r]al

r o]le

i]n

l i]te r]ature

was

n o]

doubt

a
s]ort
of
s]ilen c] i]ng
i]t s]elf— n]o,
N]i kk]e
s] ai]d,
the
Am e]ri c]an
u n]iver s] i]ty
s] y] s]tem
was
j u]st
a
m] a] c] r] o]
hedge
f u]nd

m] a]s q]ue r]ading

a]s

an

art i]st i]c

c] o]-op!

70:88

.795

13:

C]on s] i]der,

for

i]n s]t a]n c]e,

N]i kk]e

s]aid,

the

c] r] i]m i] n] a]

r]ehab i] l] i]tation

of

the

Nazi- sja l] u]ting

Gert r] u]de

S]tein,

who,

for

the

r] e] c]ord,

was,

i]n

a]dd i]t i]on

to

an

a]tr o]cious

p] o]et,

a

g e]nocidal

art

c]oll e] c]tor.

41:54

.759

14:

Of

c]ourse,

N]i kk] e],

li k]e

e]veryone

e]lse,

had

a

ph] a]se

w]here

she

al s]o

b]e c] a]me
" f]a s]ci n] a]ted"
b] y]
S]t ei]n,
wasn't
it
r]evo l] u] t]o n]a r]y
how
sh]e
u]sed,
you
k n]ow,
" l] a]nguage
a]s
s]ound"—until
N]i kk] e]
was

f]or c]ed

to

r]e c]all,

with

her

f]un c]t i]o n] i]ng

b r] ai]n

c]ells,

th a]t

"l a]nguage

a]s

s]ound"

was

in

f] a] c]t

j u]st

the

f] u]nda m] e]ntal

b]a s]js

of

m] e]t r]i c]al

poet r]y

it s] e]l f],

wh i]ch'd

f]or

c]h i] m] e] r]i c]al

r]easons

b]een

b]anished

b] y]

l] i]ttle

H] i]t l]ers

l]i k]e

S]t ei]n

h]er s] e]lf!

97:100

.970

15:

Gertrude

Stein

w] a]s

o]]ne

of

the

a p] e]x

un r]e p] e]nt a]nt

char l] a]tans

of

Eng l] i]sh

l] i]te r]ature

s i]nce

the

]language

i]t s]elf

was

c]odi f]ied

f] r]om

f]ar- r]anging

c]osmo p]o l] i]tan

] i]ngual

p]ools,

and

it

was

a

tru l]y

c] l] a] ss]ic

ex a]m p]le

of

the

c]ontemp]o r]a r] y]

]ite r]a r] y]

c] r] i]t i] c]

to

c] a] s]t

a s] i]de

S]t ei]n's

c]on f] ir]med

f]ascism

in

the

p] ur] s]uit

of

s]ome

s]te r]ile

F r]eu d] i]an

i d]entit y]

d] r]enched

s] y]mbol i]sm.

82:98

.837

16:

No,

St e]in

d] i] d]n't

]love

that

] i]ttle

H i]t]er—she

was

ju s]t

e]xpr e] s]sing

her

Z i]onist

l e]sbi a]n

s] e]nse

of

s] e]lf

b] y]

w r] i]ting

in s] c] r]uta b]le

p] r] o]se

p] o]ems

a] b]out

c] a] r]afes,

of

c]ourse!

39:41

.951

17:

The

univer s] i]ty

s] y] s]t e]m

was

i]n

fa c]t

the

m]ost

c]r i] m] i]nal

c] or]ner

of

c] or] p]o r]ate

A m]e r]i c]a,

y e]t

E]llen

and

P] e]tter,

while

not

ex p] l] i] c] i]t l]

y]

"d i] s]agr ee]ing"

w i]th

th i] s]

p]assion a]te

o p] i]ni o]n,

d] i] d]n't

e]xa c]tl y]

" e]n c]ourage

N i] kk]e

t]o

c]on t]inue",

a]nd

with

th a]t
ing e] s]t e]d
she
s]ub s] e] q]u e]ntly
e]x i]t e]d
the
e]stablishment
r]ight
a r]ound
c]l o]se
to
wal k]
s] a]dly
b a] c]k
h o]me,
o]ver
the

a pp]a r] e]ntly
p] r]ot e] c]t i]ve
i]nter s]t a]te
h]igh w] ay],
on
h]er
w] ay]
do n] a]ting
a
spare
ei]ght
b] u] c]ks
to
an
attr a] c]tive
e n] ou]gh
b]l a]ck

girl

s]tanding

b]e s]ide

a

homel e]ss

sh e]lter,

off er] i]ng

to

s] er]v i]ce

h er]

s] e]xuall y]

f]or

a]

tw e]nt y]

be f]ore

d]is a] pp]ea r] i]ng

i]nto

the

d e] s]o l]ate

n] i]ght

l] i] k]e

an

a pp]a r] i]t i]on,

l] ea]ving

N] i] kk]e

dr u]n k]en l] y]

h u]mming:

158:176

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18:

R ei]mi—who'd

been

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—Conclusion

What is being said is more or less the following: if we postulate, after the One that rules over and is generative of all things, the prior unit of the Two, there will be a twosome formed from the ruling Ones and this unit, even before the Two comes into being. And again, if we co-ordinate the two units of the Two with the first One, we will get a three, even before the Three comes into being; and so at each stage the quantity of units will anticipate the numbers proper to them. But that this is foolery rather than serious argumentation we have demonstrated many times before this; for to apply this

sort of partibility and material division to entities that are partless and non-quantitative and entirely indivisible, and to practise upon them mixture and transposition of elements, and from firsts and seconds and all that follows on them to create and generate one single thing by composition, is the action of a man who is not even aspiring to a true study of real being. And hence in what follows he actually gives an indication that he is making statements quite irrelevant to the doctrine of those men.

Syrianus, On Aristotle Metaphysics 13-14

