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A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE CAN GO A LONG WAY A LOT OF PROFESSIONALS ARE CRACKPOTS A MAN CAN'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A MOTHER A NAME MEANS A LOT JUST BY ITSELF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD A RELAXED MAN IS NOT NECESSARILY A BETTER MAN A SENSE OF TIMING IS THE MARK OF GENIUS A SINCERE EFFORT IS ALL YOU CAN ASK A SINGLE EVENT CAN HAVE INFINITELY MANY INTERPRETATIONS A SOLID HOME BASE BUILDS A SENSE OF SELF A STRONG SENSE OF DUTY IMPRISONS YOU ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION CAN BE A FORM OF FREEDOM ABSTRACTION IS A TYPE OF DECADENCE ABUSE OF POWER COMES AS NO SURPRISE ACTION CAUSES MORE TROUBLE THAN THOUGHT ALIENATION PRODUCES ECCENTRICS OR REVOLUTIONARIES ALL THINGS ARE DELICATELY INTERCONNECTED AMBITION IS JUST AS DANGEROUS AS COMPLACENCY AMBIVALENCE CAN RUIN YOUR LIFE AN ELITE IS INEVITABLE ANGER OR HATE CAN BE A USEFUL MOTIVATING FORCE ANIMALISM IS PERFECTLY HEALTHY ANY SURPLUS IS IMMORAL ANYTHING IS A LEGITIMATE AREA OF INVESTIGATION ARTIFICIAL DESIRES ARE DESPOILING THE EARTH AT TIMES INACTIVITY IS PREFERABLE TO MINDLESS FUNCTIONING AT TIMES YOUR UNCONSCIOUS IS TRUER THAN YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND AUTOMATION IS DEADLY AWFUL PUNISHMENT AWAITS REALLY BAD PEOPLE BAD INTENTIONS CAN YIELD GOOD RESULTS BEING ALONE WITH YOURSELF IS INCREASINGLY UNPOPULAR BEING HAPPY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE BEING JUDGMENTAL IS A SIGN OF LIFE BEING SURE OF YOURSELF MEANS YOU'RE A FOOL BELIEVING IN REBIRTH IS THE SAME AS ADMITTING DEFEAT BOREDOM MAKES YOU DO CRAZY THINGS CALM IS MORE CONDUCIVE TO CREATIVITY THAN IS ANXIETY CATEGORIZING FEAR IS CALMING CHANGE IS VALUABLE WHEN THE OPPRESSED BECOME TYRANTS CHASING THE NEW IS DANGEROUS TO SOCIETY CHILDREN ARE THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE CHILDREN ARE THE MOST CRUEL OF ALL CLASS ACTION IS A NICE IDEA WITH NO SUBSTANCE CLASS STRUCTURE IS AS ARTIFICIAL AS PLASTIC CONFUSING YOURSELF IS A WAY TO STAY HONEST CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY IS RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT DECADENCE CAN BE AN END IN ITSELF DECENCY IS A RELATIVE THING DEPENDENCE CAN BE A MEAL TICKET DESCRIPTION IS MORE VALUABLE THAN METAPHOR DEVIANTS ARE SACRIFICED TO INCREASE GROUP SOLIDARITY DISGUST IS THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO MOST SITUATIONS DISORGANIZATION IS A KIND OF ANESTHESIA DON'T PLACE TOO MUCH TRUST IN EXPERTS DRAMA OFTEN OBSCURES THE REAL ISSUES DREAMING WHILE AWAKE IS A FRIGHTENING CONTRADICTION DYING AND COMING BACK GIVES YOU CONSIDERABLE PERSPECTIVE DYING SHOULD BE AS EASY AS FALLING OFF A LOG EATING TOO MUCH IS CRIMINAL ELABORATION IS A FORM OF POLLUTION EMOTIONAL RESPONSES ARE AS VALUABLE AS INTELLECTUAL RESPONSES ENJOY YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING ANYWAY ENSURE THAT YOUR LIFE STAYS IN FLUX EVEN YOUR FAMILY CAN BETRAY YOU EVERY ACHIEVEMENT REQUIRES A SACRIFICE EVERYONE'S WORK IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT EVERYTHING THAT'S INTERESTING IS NEW EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE DESERVE SPECIAL CONCESSIONS EXPIRING FOR LOVE IS BEAUTIFUL BUT STUPID EXPRESSING ANGER IS NECESSARY EXTREME BEHAVIOR HAS ITS BASIS IN PATHOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY EXTREME SELF-

CONSCIOUSNESS LEADS TO PERVERSION FAITHFULNESS IS A SOCIAL NOT A BIOLOGICAL LAW FAKE OR REAL INDIFFERENCE IS A POWERFUL PERSONAL WEAPON FATHERS OFTEN USE TOO MUCH FORCE FEAR IS THE GREATEST INCAPACITATOR FREEDOM IS A LUXURY NOT A NECESSITY GIVING FREE REIN TO YOUR EMOTIONS IS AN HONEST WAY TO LIVE GO ALL OUT IN ROMANCE AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY GOING WITH THE FLOW IS SOOTHING BUT RISKY GOOD DEEDS EVENTUALLY ARE REWARDED GOVERNMENT IS A BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE GRASS ROOTS AGITATION IS THE ONLY HOPE GUILT AND SELF-LACERATION ARE INDULGENCES HABITUAL CONTEMPT DOESN'T REFLECT A FINER SENSIBILITY HIDING YOUR MOTIVES IS DESPICABLE HOLDING BACK PROTECTS YOUR VITAL ENERGIES HUMANISM IS OBSOLETE HUMOR IS A RELEASE IDEALS ARE REPLACED BY CONVENTIONAL GOALS AT A CERTAIN AGE IF YOU AREN'T POLITICAL YOUR PERSONAL LIFE SHOULD BE EXEMPLARY IF YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR MARK GIVE UP IF YOU HAVE MANY DESIRES YOUR LIFE WILL BE INTERESTING IF YOU LIVE SIMPLY THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IGNORING ENEMIES IS THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT ILLNESS IS A STATE OF MIND IMPOSING ORDER IS MAN'S VOCATION FOR CHAOS IS HELL IN SOME INSTANCES IT'S BETTER TO DIE THAN TO CONTINUE INHERITANCE MUST BE ABOLISHED IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO KEEP GOING NO MATTER WHAT IT IS HEROIC TO TRY TO STOP TIME IT IS MAN'S FATE TO OUTSMART HIMSELF IT'S A GIFT TO THE WORLD NOT TO HAVE BABIES IT'S BETTER TO BE A GOOD PERSON THAN A FAMOUS PERSON IT'S BETTER TO BE LONELY THAN TO BE WITH INFERIOR PEOPLE IT'S BETTER TO BE NAIVE THAN JADED IT'S BETTER TO STUDY THE LIVING FACT THAN TO ANALYZE HISTORY IT'S CRUCIAL TO HAVE AN ACTIVE FANTASY LIFE IT'S GOOD TO GIVE EXTRA MONEY TO CHARITY IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY CLEAN ON ALL LEVELS IT'S JUST AN ACCIDENT THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE YOUR PARENTS IT'S NOT GOOD TO HOLD TOO MANY ABSOLUTES IT'S NOT GOOD TO OPERATE ON CREDIT IT'S VITAL TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE JUST BELIEVING SOMETHING CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN KEEP SOMETHING IN RESERVE FOR EMERGENCIES KILLING IS UNAVOIDABLE BUT IS NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF KNOWING YOURSELF LETS YOU UNDERSTAND OTHERS KNOWLEDGE SHOULD BE ADVANCED AT ALL COSTS LABOR IS A LIFE-DESTROYING ACTIVITY LACK OF CHARISMA CAN BE FATAL LEISURE TIME IS A GIGANTIC SMOKE SCREEN LISTEN WHEN YOUR BODY TALKS LOOKING BACK IS THE FIRST SIGN OF AGING AND DECAY LOVING ANIMALS IS A SUBSTITUTE ACTIVITY LOW EXPECTATIONS ARE GOOD PROTECTION MANUAL LABOR CAN BE REFRESHING AND WHOLESOME MEN ARE NOT MONOGAMOUS BY NATURE MODERATION KILLS THE SPIRIT MONEY CREATES TASTE MONOMANIA IS A PREREQUISITE OF SUCCESS MORALS ARE FOR LITTLE PEOPLE MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT FIT TO RULE THEMSELVES MOSTLY YOU SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS MOTHERS SHOULDN'T MAKE TOO MANY SACRIFICES MUCH WAS DECIDED BEFORE YOU WERE BORN MURDER HAS ITS SEXUAL SIDE MYTHS CAN MAKE REALITY MORE INTELLIGIBLE NOISE CAN BE HOSTILE NOTHING UPSETS THE BALANCE OF GOOD AND EVIL OCCASIONALLY PRINCIPLES ARE MORE VALUABLE THAN PEOPLE OFFER VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF OFTEN YOU SHOULD ACT LIKE YOU ARE SEXLESS OLD FRIENDS ARE BETTER LEFT IN THE PAST OPACITY IS AN IRRESISTIBLE CHALLENGE PAIN CAN BE A VERY POSITIVE THING PEOPLE ARE BORING UNLESS THEY'RE EXTREMISTS PEOPLE ARE NUTS IF THEY THINK THEY ARE IMPORTANT PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT THEY DO UNLESS THEY'RE INSANE PEOPLE WHO DON'T WORK WITH THEIR HANDS ARE

PARASITES PEOPLE WHO GO CRAZY ARE TOO SENSITIVE PEOPLE WON'T BEHAVE IF THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE PHYSICAL CULTURE IS SECOND-BEST PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE IS ESCAPISM PLAYING IT SAFE CAN CAUSE A LOT OF DAMAGE IN THE LONG RUN POLITICS IS USED FOR PERSONAL GAIN POTENTIAL COUNTS FOR NOTHING UNTIL IT'S REALIZED PRIVATE PROPERTY CREATED CRIME PURSUING PLEASURE FOR THE SAKE OF PLEASURE WILL RUIN YOU PUSH YOURSELF TO THE LIMIT AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE RAISE BOYS AND GIRLS THE SAME WAY RANDOM MATING IS GOOD FOR DEBUNKING SEX MYTHS RECHANNELING DESTRUCTIVE IMPULSES IS A SIGN OF MATURITY RECLUSES ALWAYS GET WEAK REDISTRIBUTING WEALTH IS IMPERATIVE RELATIVITY IS NO BOON TO MANKIND RELIGION CAUSES AS MANY PROBLEMS AS IT SOLVES REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS HAVE FREEDOM OF CHOICE REPETITION IS THE BEST WAY TO LEARN RESOLUTIONS SERVE TO EASE YOUR CONSCIENCE REVOLUTION BEGINS WITH CHANGES IN THE INDIVIDUAL ROMANTIC LOVE WAS INVENTED TO MANIPULATE WOMEN ROUTINE IS A LINK WITH THE PAST ROUTINE SMALL EXCESSES ARE WORSE THAN THE OCCASIONAL DEBAUCH SACRIFICING YOURSELF FOR A BAD CAUSE IS NOT A MORAL ACT SALVATION CAN'T BE BOUGHT AND SOLD SELF-AWARENESS CAN BE CRIPPLING SELF-CONTEMPT CAN DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD SELFISHNESS IS THE MOST BASIC MOTIVATION SELFLESSNESS IS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT SEPARATISM IS THE WAY TO A NEW BEGINNING SEX DIFFERENCES ARE HERE TO STAY SIN IS A MEANS OF SOCIAL CONTROL SLIPPING INTO MADNESS IS GOOD FOR THE SAKE OF COMPARISON SLOPPY THINKING GETS WORSE OVER TIME SOLITUDE IS ENRICHING SOMETIMES SCIENCE ADVANCES FASTER THAN IT SHOULD SOMETIMES THINGS SEEM TO HAPPEN OF THEIR OWN ACCORD SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ON SELF-IMPROVEMENT IS ANTISOCIAL STARVATION IS NATURE'S WAY STASIS IS A DREAM STATE STERILIZATION IS A WEAPON OF THE RULERS STRONG EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT STEMS FROM BASIC INSECURITY STUPID PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BREED SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST APPLIES TO MEN AND ANIMALS SYMBOLS ARE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN THINGS THEMSELVES TAKING A STRONG STAND PUBLICIZES THE OPPOSITE POSITION TALKING IS USED TO HIDE ONE'S INABILITY TO ACT TEASING PEOPLE SEXUALLY CAN HAVE UGLY CONSEQUENCES TECHNOLOGY WILL MAKE OR BREAK US THE CRUELEST DISAPPOINTMENT IS WHEN YOU LET YOURSELF DOWN THE DESIRE TO REPRODUCE IS A DEATH WISH THE FAMILY IS LIVING ON BORROWED TIME THE IDEA OF REVOLUTION IS AN ADOLESCENT FANTASY THE IDEA OF TRANSCENDENCE IS USED TO OBSCURE OPPRESSION THE IDIOSYNCRATIC HAS LOST ITS AUTHORITY THE MOST PROFOUND THINGS ARE INEXPRESSIBLE THE MUNDANE IS TO BE CHERISHED THE NEW IS NOTHING BUT A RESTATEMENT OF THE OLD THE ONLY WAY TO BE PURE IS TO STAY BY YOURSELF THE SUM OF YOUR ACTIONS DETERMINES WHAT YOU ARE THE UNATTAINABLE IS INVARIABLY ATTRACTIVE THE WORLD OPERATES ACCORDING TO DISCOVERABLE LAWS THERE ARE TOO FEW IMMUTABLE TRUTHS TODAY THERE'S NOTHING EXCEPT WHAT YOU SENSE THERE'S NOTHING REDEEMING IN TOIL THINKING TOO MUCH CAN ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS THREATENING SOMEONE SEXUALLY IS A HORRIBLE ACT TIMIDITY IS LAUGHABLE TO DISAGREE PRESUPPOSES MORAL INTEGRITY TO VOLUNTEER IS REACTIONARY TORTURE IS BARBARIC TRADING A LIFE FOR A LIFE IS FAIR ENOUGH TRUE FREEDOM IS FRIGHTFUL UNIQUE THINGS MUST BE THE MOST VALUABLE UNQUESTIONING LOVE DEMONSTRATES LARGESSE OF SPIRIT USING FORCE TO STOP FORCE IS ABSURD VIOLENCE IS PERMISSIBLE EVEN DESIRABLE OCCASIONALLY WAR IS

A PURIFICATION RITE WE MUST MAKE SACRIFICES TO MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WHEN SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS PEOPLE WAKE UP WISHING THINGS AWAY IS NOT EFFECTIVE WITH PERSEVERANCE YOU CAN DISCOVER ANY TRUTH WORDS TEND TO BE INADEQUATE WORRYING CAN HELP YOU PREPARE YOU ARE A VICTIM OF THE RULES YOU LIVE BY YOU ARE GUILLESS IN YOUR DREAMS YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTITUTING MEANING YOU ARE THE PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE YOU CAN LIVE ON THROUGH YOUR DESCENDANTS YOU CAN'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO BE SOMETHING THEY'RE NOT YOU CAN'T FOOL OTHERS IF YOU'RE FOOLING YOURSELF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WHAT UNTIL YOU SUPPORT YOURSELF YOU HAVE TO HURT OTHERS TO BE EXTRAORDINARY YOU MUST BE INTIMATE WITH A TOKEN FEW YOU MUST DISAGREE WITH AUTHORITY FIGURES YOU MUST HAVE ONE GRAND PASSION YOU MUST KNOW WHERE YOU STOP AND THE WORLD BEGINS YOU ONLY CAN UNDERSTAND SOMEONE OF YOUR OWN SEX YOU OWE THE WORLD NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND YOU SHOULD STUDY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE YOUR ACTIONS ARE POINTLESS IF NO ONE NOTICES YOUR OLDEST FEARS ARE THE WORST ONES

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IT IS UNFAIR TO TEAR SOMEBODY APART WHEN HER HEALTH AND EXUBERANCE THREATEN YOU THE HEART CAN STOP WHEN YOU HEAR SOMETHING NOT MEANT FOR YOUR EARS THE CONSOLATION IS THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE TRUTH YOU WONDER IF THE PAIN IN THE SIDE YOU GET FROM MILD EXERTION WOULD GO AWAY IF YOU WERE BEING CHASED BY SOMEONE WITH A BROKEN BOTTLE YOU'RE HOME FREE AS SOON AS NO ONE KNOWS WHERE TO FIND YOU MANY INDIVIDUALS PRACTICE SELF-LIMITATION THEY ATTEMPT LITTLE OF WHAT THEY COULD REALIZE INTELLECTUALLY OR PRACTICALLY WHETHER THIS IS A RESULT OF OPPRESSION OR A NATURAL PHENOMENON REMAINS UNCLEAR SOMETIMES THE MOST DECADENT FIND PLEASURE IN GIVING AWAY THEIR PRIVILEGES AND EVEN THEIR LIVES SO A BALANCE IS STRUCK YOU HAVE A SICK ONE ON YOUR HANDS WHEN YOUR AFFECTION IS USED TO PUNISH YOU HOW CONCISE THAT YOU CAN CRY FROM AWFUL WOUNDS DESERTION HAPPINESS MEMORIES HUMILIATION DISAPPOINTMENT OR GRANDEUR LARGE FORTUNES CAN BE BUILT ON SMALL ITEMS ENOUGH CANDY CAN BE PARLAYED INTO HOUSES FAT ANIMALS AND LANDSCAPING PETS CAN BE CHOSEN BY THEIR ABILITY TO EXPRESS GREAT EXCITEMENT AFFECTION AND GRATITUDE REPTILES DON'T SHOW MUCH BUT ARE VALUED AS EXOTICA A SINGLE RELATIONSHIP CAN POISON EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY WAKING OR SLEEPING WHEN THIS DRAGS ON YOU HAVE TO QUESTION THE SANITY OR THE CRIMINALITY OF THOSE INVOLVED A FAMILIAR HILLSIDE LOOKS TENDER IN THE WINTER WHEN THERE ARE BARE TREES STICKING UP THE SAME GOES FOR A BODY WITH STUBBLE WHEN YOU'RE SENTIMENTAL ABOUT A SHAVED PERSON FEW CAN IGNORE A BABY'S CRIES EVEN IF THE RESPONSE IS IRRITATION THIS IS ONE OF THE BUILT-IN SAFEGUARDS THAT IS SUPPOSED TO GUARANTEE THE SURVIVAL OF THE RACE UP TO A CERTAIN AGE MANY PEOPLE TAKE PLEASURE IN MARKING AND SCARRING THEMSELVES THEN COMES A TIME WHEN THE SAME INDIVIDUALS START TO CONSERVE THEIR STRENGTH AND BEAUTY IT'S NICE WHEN YOU DECIDE YOU LIKE SOMEONE AND WITHOUT DECLARING YOURSELF DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE TO FURTHER HIS HAPPINESS THIS CAN TAKE THE FORM OF GIFTS LOVELY FOOD PUBLICITY OR ADVANCE WARNING WHEN YOU'RE TRYING SOMETHING NEW YOU'RE TORN BETWEEN ANTICIPATING A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE AND THINKING YOU'RE A FOOL TO IGNORE

WHAT YOU KNOW YOU LIKE SOMETIMES YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO WATCH SOMETHING GRUESOME OCCUR YOU DON'T HAVE THE OPTION OF CLOSING YOUR EYES BECAUSE IT HAPPENS FAST AND ENTERS YOUR MEMORY HAVING TWO OR THREE PEOPLE IN LOVE WITH YOU IS LIKE MONEY IN THE BANK THE SMALLEST THING CAN MAKE SOMEBODY SEXUALLY UNAPPEALING A MISPLACED MOLE OR A PARTICULAR HAIR PATTERN CAN DO IT THERE'S NO REASON FOR THIS BUT IT'S JUST AS WELL YOU CAN WATCH PEOPLE ALIGN THEMSELVES WHEN TROUBLE IS IN THE AIR SOME PREFER TO BE CLOSE TO THOSE AT THE TOP AND OTHERS WANT TO BE NEAR THOSE AT THE BOTTOM IT'S A QUESTION OF WHO FRIGHTENS THEM MORE AND WHOM THEY WANT TO BE LIKE IT'S NO FUN WATCHING PEOPLE WOUND THEMSELVES SO THAT THEY CAN HOLE UP NURSE THEMSELVES BACK TO HEALTH AND REPEAT THE CYCLE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO HANDS-ON SOCIALIZATION PROMOTES HAPPY INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS THE DESIRE FOR AND THE DEPENDENCE UPON FONDLING ENSURE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN CARESSES AND THE WILLINGNESS TO RECIPROCATE THE MOUTH IS INTERESTING BECAUSE IT'S ONE OF THOSE PLACES WHERE THE DRY OUTSIDE MOVES TOWARD THE SLIPPERY INSIDE THE RICH KNIFING VICTIM CAN FLIP AND FEEL LIKE THE AGGRESSOR IF HE THINKS ABOUT PRIVILEGE HE ALSO CAN FIND THE CUT SYMBOLIC OR PROPHETIC HOW DO YOU RESIGN YOURSELF TO SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER BE? YOU STOP WANTING THAT THING YOU GO NUMB OR YOU KILL THE AGENT OF DESIRE I SAW THEM STRIP A MAN SO THAT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS HE LAY CURLED AND NAKED ON THE SIDEWALK IF YOUR CLOTHES CATCH ON FIRE DROP DOWN IMMEDIATELY ROLL UP IN A BLANKET COAT OR RUG TO SMOTHER THE FLAMES REMOVE ALL SMOLDERING CLOTHING AND CALL A DOCTOR OR AMBULANCE YOU HAVE TO MAKE THOUSANDS OF PRECISE AND RAPID MOVEMENTS TO PREPARE A MEAL CHOPPING STIRRING AND TURNING PREDOMINATE AFTERWARDS YOU STACK AND MAKE CIRCULAR CLEANING AND RINSING MOTIONS SOME PEOPLE NEVER COOK BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE IT SOME NEVER COOK BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO EAT FOR SOME COOKING IS A ROUTINE AND FOR OTHERS AN ART IF YOU'RE SMART YOU WATCH FOR CHANGES IN COLOR THIS CAN APPLY TO SEEING THAT FRUIT IS RIPE OR NOTICING THE FLUSH THAT GOES WITH FEVER DRUNKENNESS OR FURY WHEN YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF DETERMINING THAT YOU DON'T LIKE SOMEONE IT'S AWFUL WHEN HE SMILES AND HIS TEETH LOOK ABSOLUTELY EVEN AND FALSE IT CAN BE STARTLING TO SEE SOMEONE'S BREATH LET ALONE THE BREATHING OF A CROWD YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE EXTEND THAT FAR IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHAT SOMEONE WANTS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY FEEL HIS NEEDS YOU DEVELOP WAYS TO READ OR ANTICIPATE DEMANDS OR YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE ASSAULTED AND THEN HIS REQUIREMENTS BECOME TANGIBLE YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS SHEDDING PARTS OF THE BODY AND LEAVING MEMENTOS EVERYWHERE AFFLUENT COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS FACE THE REAL PROSPECT OF DOWNWARD MOBILITY FEELINGS OF ENTITLEMENT CLASH WITH THE AWARENESS OF IMMINENT SCARCITY THERE IS RESENTMENT AT GROWING UP AT THE END OF AN ERA OF PLENTY COUPLED WITH A REASSESSMENT OF CONVENTIONAL MEASURES OF SUCCESS IF SOMEONE IS WILD PUNISHMENT WILL LEAVE HIM SULLEN AND WILL ONLY MAKE HIM WAIT FOR ANOTHER CHANCE HE DOESN'T HAVE THE IDEA THAT UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR CAUSES PAIN AND MUST AT ALL COSTS BE AVOIDED YOU SHOULD LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU ACT AGAINST YOUR NATURE LIKE SLEEPING WITH PEOPLE YOU HATE IT'S INTERESTING TO TEST YOUR CAPABILITIES FOR A WHILE BUT TOO MUCH

WILL CAUSE DAMAGE IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY FEELING WHEN PARTS OF YOUR BODY ARE TOUCHED FOR THE FIRST TIME I'M THINKING OF THE SENSATIONS FROM SEX AND SURGERY WHEN SOMEONE IS BREATHING YOU FEEL COOL AIR PULLED ACROSS YOUR SKIN FOLLOWED BY MOIST WARM AIR PUSHED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION THIS OCCURS AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND MAKES A PERFECT TEMPERATURE MORE PEOPLE WILL BE BUILDING HIDING PLACES IN THEIR HOMES SMALL REFUGES THAT ARE UNDETECTABLE EXCEPT BY SOPHISTICATED DEVICES AFTER DARK IT'S A RELIEF TO SEE A GIRL WALKING TOWARD OR BEHIND YOU THEN YOU'RE MUCH LESS LIKELY TO BE ASSAULTED YOU LEARN THE HARD WAY TO KEEP A FINGER ON YOUR NIPPLE WHEN SHAVING YOUR BREAST YOUR BODY REFUSES TO OBEY WHEN YOU'RE VERY SICK THE WORST IS WHEN YOU'RE ALERT BUT INCAPABLE OF WILLING YOURSELF ERECT IT'S AN ODD FEELING WHEN YOU TRIGGER INSTINCTIVE BEHAVIOR LIKE NURSING IN SOMEONE IT'S FUNNY TO BE IN HIS PRESENCE WHILE A DIFFERENT PART OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM TAKES OVER AND HIS EYES GET STRANGE BY YOUR RESPONSE TO DANGER IT IS EASY TO TELL HOW YOU HAVE LIVED AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO YOU YOU SHOW WHETHER YOU WANT TO STAY ALIVE WHETHER YOU THINK YOU DESERVE TO AND WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT'S ANY GOOD TO ACT EFFIGIES LET YOU STUDY OR ACT UPON SOMEONE WITH IMPUNITY THEY ARE GOOD FOR PRACTICE A LITTLE GIRL HAD BEEN IN A COMA FOR WEEKS BUT SMILED AND CAME OUT OF IT WHEN HER FRIENDS SANG SONGS IT'S SCARY WHEN THE VEINS ARE SO CLOSE TO THE SURFACE THAT THEY'RE VISIBLE AND EVEN PROTUBERANT ACCESS IS EASY TO THE BLOOD THAT TRANSPORTS THE NECESSARY CHEMICALS EVEN WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED YOU CAN SEE SOMEONE APPROACHING HIS SHADOW SHOWS ON THE INSIDES OF YOUR EYELIDS IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WITH WHOM YOU'RE INTIMATE AND UPON WHOM YOU DEPEND FRIENDS WILL ONLY TOLERATE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND THIS INFLUENCES WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE POSSIBLE OR DESIRABLE GIFTED CHILDREN -- THOSE WITH AN IQ OF 125 OR ABOVE -- ARE PRONE TO FEELINGS OF ALIENATION FRUSTRATION AND BOREDOM THESE FEELINGS CAN CULMINATE IN VIOLENCE IF THE CHILDREN ARE NOT ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED THERE IS A TERRIBLE PHASE WHEN ABUSED ANIMALS OR CHILDREN ACT POLITELY AND TRY TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT BY THIS STAGE THOUGH THEY ARE SO OBVIOUSLY WEAK AND UNAPPEALING THAT THEY GET LITTLE RESPONSE IF THEY DON'T DIE THEY BECOME SAVAGE IT TAKES A WHILE BEFORE YOU CAN STEP OVER INERT BODIES AND GO AHEAD WITH WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DO IT'S A SAFE GAME TO PLAY WITH YOUR NOSE SHUTTING OFF THE AIR AND LETTING IT FLOW AGAIN THEN YOU CAN ESCALATE AND SEE HOW LONG YOU LAST UNTIL YOU PASS OUT YOUR HAND RELAXES AND YOU BREATHE NORMALLY AGAIN IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO FEEL BETRAYED WHEN YOU'RE WAVING YOUR ARMS AROUND AND THEY COME CRASHING DOWN ON A SHARP OBJECT JUST ONE ROTTEN SPOT IN YOUR HEAD CAN MAKE EVERY MOVEMENT PAINFUL YOU CAN'T ROLL YOUR EYES BEND DOWN OR JUMP AND LAND WITH IMPUNITY EVEN THINKING HURTS ANY NUMBER OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS LIE FACE DOWN ON THE BED AND WORK ON ENERGY HOUSING LABOR JUSTICE EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION AGRICULTURE AND BALANCE OF TRADE THERE IS A PERIOD WHEN IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU HAVE GONE WRONG BUT YOU CONTINUE SOMETIMES THERE IS A LUXURIOUS AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE ANYTHING BAD HAPPENS MORE THAN ONCE I'VE AWAKENED WITH TEARS RUNNING DOWN MY CHEEKS I HAVE HAD TO THINK WHETHER I WAS CRYING OR WHETHER IT WAS INVOLUNTARY LIKE DROOLING THERE IS PLEASURE IN STAYING HOME TO ADJUST EACH PHYSICAL DETAIL

SO THAT WHEREVER THE EYE FALLS THERE IS HARMONY THEN YOU GO OUTSIDE AND DO THE SAME SOME DAYS YOU WAKE AND IMMEDIATELY START TO WORRY NOTHING IN PARTICULAR IS WRONG IT'S JUST THE SUSPICION THAT FORCES ARE ALIGNING QUIETLY AND THERE WILL BE TROUBLE SOMEONE WANTS TO CUT A HOLE IN YOU AND FUCK YOU THROUGH IT BUDDY IF THINGS WERE A LITTLE DIFFERENT YOU WOULD DIGEST YOURSELF THROUGH A CUT IN YOUR MOUTH IT'S A RELIEF TO KNOW THERE ARE PROVISIONS AGAINST THIS THE FOND OLD COUPLE WAS DISAPPEARING TOGETHER THROUGH SUCCESSIVE AMPUTATIONS SOMETHING HAPPENS TO THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE SOUNDS ARE UNNATURALLY LOW AND HOARSE AS IF THE COLD AND DAMPNESS HAVE ENTERED THE THROAT THERE ARE PLACES THAT ARE SCARRED AND THE SKIN IS PULLED AROUND LIKE THE NAVEL OR THE HEAD OF THE PENIS THAT LEAVE YOU THINKING THE BODY IS FRAGILE IN A PARADISIAC CLIMATE EVERYTHING IS CLEAR AND SIMPLE WHEN YOU ARE PERFORMING BASIC ACTS NECESSARY FOR SURVIVAL IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO THINK OF THEM EATING THEIR FAVORITE FOODS AND OCCASIONALLY THROWING UP AND GETTING BITS STUCK IN THEIR NOSES THERE'S NO REASON TO SLEEP CURLED AND BENT IT'S NOT COMFORTABLE IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU AND IT DOESN'T PROTECT YOU FROM DANGER IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT AN ATTACK YOU SHOULD STAY AWAKE OR SLEEP LIGHTLY WITH LIMBS UNFURLED FOR ACTION THERE'S THE SENSATION OF A LOT OF FLESH WHEN EVERY SINGLE HAIR STANDS UP THIS HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE COLD AND NAKED AROUSED OR SIMPLY TERRIFIED MANY DOGS RUN WILD IN THE CITY SOME ARE ABANDONED BY THEIR OWNERS AND OTHERS ARE BORN TO LOST DOGS STRAYS HAVE A LIMITED LIFE EXPECTANCY EVEN WHEN THEY BAND TOGETHER IN PACKS THEY ARE PREY TO DISEASE PARASITES WEATHER AND AUTOMOBILES THEY TEND TO BE FRIGHTENED AND VICIOUS THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES OR ANYONE ELSE WITH SOPHISTICATED RECORD KEEPING IT IS POSSIBLE TO PROVE THAT YOU DID SOMETHING WRONG AND INCORRECT INFORMATION CAN BE STORED AND SPREAD IN BOTH CASES YOU HAVE LESS OF A CHANCE TO SAY THERE WAS A MISTAKE HOW DO YOU FIND THE RIGHT POSITION TO LIE DOWN WITH PEOPLE OR EVEN ANIMALS? OFTEN ONE OF THE PARTNERS IS SMOTHERED OR CONTORTED WHEN DONE PROPERLY THOUGH EVERYONE IS VERY HAPPY POSSIBLY THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST MURDERER IS A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO CRUSHED HIS PLAYMATE'S SKULL GOING WHERE YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO ALWAYS IS ENTERTAINING BUT SOMETIMES YOU'RE STUCK WITH SOMEBODY WHO REFUSES TO COME ONCE YOU KNOW HOW TO DO SOMETHING YOU'RE PRONE TO TRY IT AGAIN AN UNHAPPY EXAMPLE IS COMPULSIVE MURDER THIS IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH USEFUL SKILLS ACQUIRED THROUGH YEARS OF WORK DAMAGE IS DONE BY THE TACIT UNDERSTANDING THAT CERTAIN ASPIRATIONS ARE UNSUITABLE FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS OF PEOPLE TWO CREATURES CAN WANT TO MOVE AND REST IN CLOSE PROXIMITY EVEN IF THEY ARE AFRAID OF EACH OTHER I'M THINKING OF A WILD ANIMAL FOLLOWING SOMEONE IN THE WOODS TUNNELING IS GOOD FOR TRANSPORTATION CLANDESTINE MOVEMENT AND THE DUAL PROSPECT OF SAFETY AND SUFFOCATION USUALLY YOU COME AWAY WITH STUFF ON YOU WHEN YOU'VE BEEN IN THEIR THOUGHTS OR BODIES WHAT A SHOCK WHEN THEY TELL YOU IT WON'T HURT AND YOU ALMOST TURN INSIDE OUT WHEN THEY BEGIN WHEN YOU'VE BEEN SOMEPLACE FOR A WHILE YOU ACQUIRE THE ABILITY TO BE PRACTICALLY INVISIBLE THIS LETS YOU OPERATE WITH A MINIMUM OF INTERFERENCE WITH BLEEDING INSIDE THE HEAD THERE IS A METALLIC TASTE AT THE BACK OF THE THROAT

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