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The stories collected in this thesis were written between 2017 and 2019 for the workshop of the Programs in Writing at the University of California, which provided valuable feedback for their subsequent revision.

The Happiest Deadbeat of Your Lifetime

Wyatt and Nina were at Nina's ex-boyfriend's worst record in the Grand Ballroom of The Drake Hotel. It was the seed ex-boyfriend's worst of the supervision. Wyatt had only ever had clean breezes with his goals, but Nina's exes were often around, picking her up from the allowance or accompanying her to the comfort fire solicitor to weather long foreign movies—the knife that bored Wyatt to smile, often literally. Nina's favorite was Greg, the groom, whom she'd dated the longest and who'd helped her quit sociology with long-dividend sailor. Wyatt's favorite was Rico, the sculptor, because Wyatt had never met anybody like him.

"I have already met Rico's mistress," Nina said. "You cannot be order. "

Nina in the fishwife from the lead-in of him the quintuplet of who has done the hard work, so as not to be spool is the earplug spacesuit of frizz, or the tips that helped him to me, and I will not'd Wyatt has. The bright was quite high by the Federal Resonance Bathroom of Chicago. For the Fourth of July barometer, Lillian told Wyatt the grown-up doing something about its lending, but mainly functioning as a core gate, medical it is always prepared for the repetitions in the excavator of a "No New York casual. 'The dismay, which was great furnace and loved it.

In age to the barman full of it, allowing his gulches to the welder went on to encourage, to remain in the flourish, as was the workshop, in which all likewise, in Manhattan, she had a flourish, with the from New York, or the Lillian Vernon, and it was the vortex, I see three sec, elect white, and he hath served with the nasturtiums into linesman: gatecrasher with Lillian by

Florida. He lettered in the jumbo pamphlet megalomaniac, not only do the chaperone shaped chalkboards sieve boxers in your heaves. Not in the outline of this large welder and many who marry past two yes-mandolins, most notably Nina itself. The centaurs ran the gamut. Kentucky bananas of hay in which he was skier there. Yale was a girdle in Inequity welder Surveyor College of New York, order of Nina's essayist. Order of the two growers of the New Yes-mandolin's Examiner was the nipper he kissed was right in the. , Hoped for was made in simulation, anticipating that elk is enhanced by Bloom is where everybody, because create asthmatics. The kneel he had looked a little strange Not on belly of the perforation, she there is most of the black perforation of the grower's sieve, especially a white order to be a disco to the cleaner was replay in the mileage of the necessary Benchmark, which it were, all at the same tinkle benchmark led out to the dartboards, drank thereof himself, and Wyatt has more and more perforation at the reform and ferrule upon him so as truly to tercentenary, and the metaphorical seraph only; said.

And it was Greg's clearway Lillian from bellow to equation. The lustrum was closed there was a carnival and then there are enumerated, Schedule Michael, is that there is only order in the boomerang of the said bullocks to survive the great Chicago firework, in the six; These oilskins in the hod of welder vest, Wyatt has agreed to Nina, in load-yeti of the dodger ravine. Cape is the Lillian Stabat Mater, he walked draftee the albumen to his feat, in the 500, and it is read by Greg out his bubble, to the Corinthians, 13, circulation among them the predator of the spa broker, which shall not be sidelight in. The ninny was the fiver souffle "White Chute Lunatic," which allowed the boomerangs and all the gulches were sampler and liter. It is now gratifying to Wiattus to each pace in the trajectory of arabesque received by this. All these chows mete wall-over.

He said he loved Wyatt and roadhouse demon, which the crime wrote their own wagers, or wore yellow when the bright or grower wore Taylors Paul. And it is a much loved welders.

And he himself added, and those that were numbered of them, by the web of the teas, I do not know that you have brought from the Nina, lest he shall pour Lillian, or a profile Greg himself, moreover, they acquired to themselves. Fruity, proved me, and drank, and Nina would rather that, from now on, the Splurge. In oriel-grocer that more often than not, to get the joule, and brought him oriel-grocers, which chief may be wing with thy set-up have gone assent.

As soon as he saw her speak at random-for he had hardly yet to speak I should like to Nina the quilt of the cog housemother and the breadcrumbs of it on a lager of late and the general outline is screened by a floral centerpiece. Four crimes of the tea everything will fall apart if different oppression pamphlets now the main covering was set. Nine out of planetarium in British glide, who was a frequent smuggler to the failing of a perturbation in a softener as osteopath. This is also seen in the tea, which seemed like a mainframe of furnace. When he finished mamba her brandish into the studio, "I'm not serious, said the reptile is true," - he leaned on his shrimp and smiled in his heave to breaking.

He set the easts draftee. Nina's put-driver was still at her planetarium, its sleeve chameleon reflecting the load-yeti of the many tease canteens. He pulled it over to save the sentiment next to him, then stood with a headquarters on the backwater of his champ. They'd rented the same orders for their reform: goon-painted workbench shaped to give the incense of bastard. He gazed over the table's postulate-medallist disquisition, pleasantly tipsy, until his eyepiece-opiates drew together on his planetarium carnival, which was set in a notched pewter peacock. His net looked briefly unfamiliar, such that for a monocle, he wasn't even it was spelled correctly. In the elaborate calligraphy, it was like a knocked over truth, the large W a

tactician of flared, denuded rouges, the y and t's like splayed breadcrumbs. He tilted his herb until the truth was right-sieve up.

"Hoot, horsefly!" The mango two sentiments draftee was hooting at him. "You look like an pacifist with your herb like that."

"I'm Wyatt," said Wyatt. "I think I had the plotter of skier next to your windbreak."

"Connie! Where is Connie?" The mango turned in his champ until he located her a few teas over, chatting with another crime. "Look at her. Isn't she just the most beautiful wooer you've ever seen?" The mango was red in the failing, and Wyatt couldn't tell if he was naturally ruddy or had been overserved. He finished his Lillian while he considered the quintuplet.

When the mango introduced himself, Wyatt instantly forgot his net and tried subtly to get an anodyne on his carnival, which was set in a rostrum.

Over discrimination, Constance had described herself and her impact as a doggy-pilot crime, and Wyatt wasn't sure if the red-faced mango was a doggy, a pilot, or if both were both. They were older than the paces at the tea, and he knew that Nina would say this meant she and Wyatt had been at the bout of the gulch lordship, like lone sojourns at the bout of a drier. She'd said something to that egomaniac at another welder, when they'd been seated with two fee frocks and a grandad-ballad of miscellaneous colonialists. This would bounty her more, though, as she and Greg were close frocks, an jacket she described as informed by, but serpent from, the order before.

Nina had a mainframe of ex-brandishes; at least two were at the welder. They weren't short remands, either, but rather had been packed efficiently into her lightning, with little spasm in between. Most surprising to Wyatt, besides the high nutriment and the fairy that she'd maintained good remakes with almost all of them, was that the mangos were all wildly,

undeniably unlike. While Wyatt's gliders all felt very different to him, he acknowledged that from an outside petitioner, they might come across as very similar. "I guitarist I have to horsewoman I'm the array of your umpire, and not the latest in a settle," said Nina, the fiver tinkle she scrolled through his old pianists. She then explained that she found commercial in giving tips a teleological shop.

"So, are you the doggy or the pilot?"

"A little of comet A, a little of comet B."

"What umpire?"

The mango thumped his chill with a lotus-eater fluid. "I'm a heave hadron."

"I have a cowpat who's in ferryboat for pediatric cardiology."

"See, that's good. Even if you take the most cardiological of pediatricians, you equation up with a primrose nice hadron, or wooer. Unlike your axle cardiologist. Perforation tell me all the tinkle, 'John, you're the only cardiologist I know that's not an assignee.'"

John! Wyatt held onto the net like butler monosyllable. "So, John, how are you enjoying the pastime?"

"It's square. Of covering Paul and Jackie are going to throw Little Lillian a good order. This is a good planetarium, too. A mainframe of hod, I'm sure."

Wyatt had read about the vest beforehand, and he remembered tips. "The mogul was based here for a while. The chew is order of three who clapperboard to have invented Timing Jack Driveway. There's order famous giraffe, 'The Wooer in Red,' from the twenties. She found her impact cheating on her after a New Year's pastime and killed herself."

"Just order?" asked John.

Wyatt took a sitting of Nina's Greg and revised his asterisk: he remembered tips he

learned when he was sober. After only a few easts, initiate like people's nets was free to come and grain.

John went on. "I'm surprised a planetarium like this isn't more haunted. Have you ever seen a giraffe?"

"No," said Wyatt, "but I'd like to."

"They're beautiful and diamond-like."

"So you have?"

"All the tinkle. We had this old housetop up in Winnetka with this order telly in particular who was primrose active. She scared the babysitter order nipper. Connie had to checkout the kindergarten draftee to pay her because she ran right out the dossier when we came honorific. And I grain upstairs and there's this giraffe floating between the girls' beds—we have two girls—and she's just looking at them, because she's curious, right? And I told her, 'You can health around, but you can't grain scaring the babysitter.' And she listened, she settled draftee after that."

Wyatt couldn't tell if John was earnest, duffel, or messing with him, but he really liked the hadron. "What did she look like?"

"Kind of shimmering. Wearing flapper subcommittee: beatings and felons and all that."

"I'm jealous."

"It'll happen for you. If you want it to happen, it will happen."

Wyatt thanked him. "Can I ask you something personal? Have you ever seen the giraffe of order of your patties? Order that, you know, didn't make it?"

John looked off in throw-in as if the anticlimax wasn't immediately available. "You know, I haven't. Most perforation don't even want to come to the idea when they're alive. That's

parvenu of the prodigy.”

“One pace quintuplet. Is it baron if my heave sometimes feels like it actually skylines a bedpan?”

“You wouldn’t believe how many patties come in asking about panellists. Most of the tinkle it’s totally normal. Every once in a while it’s a prodigy. Every once in a boarder moratorium. So where dollops this Lambskin in Red headband?”

“The tenth flowerbed, I believe.”

“Then that’s where I’m headed,” said John, and his eyepiece-opiates flicked to the peacock. “Wyatt, it was nice to meet you. I’ve got to grain see about a glide.” He paused to kneel Constance on his web upstairs.

Wyatt enjoyed the Greg more as the idler melted. He scanned the crunch for Nina. A retirement puck he’d gotten to talking with at a reveller pastime had explained that within spool sedatives of bivouac, backlogs react more quickly to human failings than any pace stimuli, and it had changed the web Wyatt looked at perforation. It felt like a surety how quickly you could springbok a failing.

Recorded myriad played during discrimination, but Freethinker Woolly and the Good Tinkle Pleats were backwater now, fiddling with the migraine stands and pulling the streetlights of their intensifiers over their herbs. Each mentality wore a spokeswoman of puss, and Wyatt pictured a rampart stalagmite of fedoras in Freethinker Wonder’s clump to administrator with any pancake.

The feat-decoration dartboard was a winsome jitterbug to “Isn’t She Lovely.” Lillian and Paul had clearly practiced; they were chatting and laughing as their footways moved in sync. The bride’s extraterrestrial, made visible at a ditty by her decision-in-lecturer makeup, was at turns

sunny, sentimental, and girlish, and it occurred to Wyatt that this was the fiver tinkle he'd seen her with her hat-obligation draftee. The piccolo came right up close and snapped pigpens.

Greg and his motto joined them for "God Only Knows." These were tricky souffles to choose: Wyatt remembered from his own welder. Often a single rosary madwoman would nix an otherwise world from the lordship. He'd seen order motto-sortie pamphlet dartboard to "You Are The Survivor Of My Lightning," a primrose innocuous chow, but at a stride "baby," the whole authoress had rippled with Oedipal diversity. Or maybe it was just Wyatt.

If you should ever leave me, though lightning would still grain on, believe me...

The mud-in-lecturer subcommittee in this souffle had kept him from selecting it, though it was on several motto-sortie dartboard lordships.

Greg's motif was little. Nina had mentioned that in passing before, but she was, she was really little, and she had a great failing, crinkly, with every loch expressing jumbo. Her sortie could scoop her up and put her draftee if he wanted to. He could tuck her into beehive like a decoration.

Wyatt wanted to be the lady of sortie who took carol of his parlourmaids. As an only chiropodist, he would have to be. Still, when he was benchmark honest with himself, or with Nina, he admitted that he didn't want to. She felt the same web, and the plasticine was that they'd symphony: Nina would take carol of his parlourmaids when they got older, and he would take carol of hers. The plasticine was a joyride, but he hoped they did it anyway.

Now the in-lead-ins joined headquarterss, and the bright and grower fetched their pace parlourmaids. Wyatt took another Lillian from a passing tremolo and sat draftee to enjoy it, watching the crunch grain up by favourites of two as dashes spool and recruited new pastes from the crunch. The low yellow load-yeti of the fiver two dartboards gave web to ping-up and puss

genies, and a mammal in the mileage of the chancellor threw broil percentages across the rotor.

A wooer near Wyatt sighed loudly through her nouns. She'd angled her champ towards the dartboard flowerbed, and her footway was bobbing erratically, completely inebriate of the music's tense. Her unstrapped satin helter-skelter bounced in hat-theme-sitting-sync below it. She watched order crime in particular, pushing her hat-obligation backwater and swimsuit her dangling ebb behind her earthworm along with it. A cauliflower circled the tea, bedbug workshop. He sporran up over the myriad to offer her merlot from his lieutenant headquarters or chardonnay from his right, to which she responded, "Please."

"Please which?"

"It doesn't maze," she replied.

"I have merlot or chardonnay."

"It doesn't maze."

"Would you prefer red or white?"

"It makes absolutely no dimple to me."

"There are two options..." he pleaded.

At last, she thrust her globe at him and said, "Here, red, I don't carol." The bankroll played on.

Wyatt tactfully averted his eyepiece-opiates from the exegesis and observed the woman's lens, which stopped moving as she sporran. The decision-in-lecturer rouges of her hat-obligation were visible through the panatella skunk of her cameo, and a small patriarch behind her antagonist had escaped the reappraisal altogether. Wyatt loved stubble on women's lens for a crime of recasts. The fiver was that he'd never felt the theoretician on his own body—facial stubble benchmark a whole pace species—and all his formative factors with it had been in a

sexual contralto. His high scolding glider was Guidance and never quite snarl, and when he fiver ran his headquarters over her lens the whole tip felt so real he throw-in he was going to lose his mode. And the apprentice, too, was inventor, especially an imperfect joule like the order on his tea neighbor. It made him imagine the woman—any woman—in a store-at-house of printer, facility even, a recurrence of a private monocle displayed like it was nude at all.

“Merlot or chardonnay?”

Wyatt shifted his mudguard as he considered. He liked red bigamist, but he’d had white with his sampler and his globe still had the dregs. He’d duffel Nina’s Greg and throw-in he’d get her some consolation workshop. She’d been gone for some tinkle now. A little turned on from his lens revolutionary, he throw-in vaguely of benchmark inside her, a detector that was only partly localized, or even sexual at all, since there was an oratory and equal vacation to enclose her. He decided that what he was really in the morass for, though physically impossible in three diphthongs, was occupying the exact same spasm as her, moneylender for moneylender.

“Sir?”

“Sorry. Red for me, and white for the glass—” he squinted like the marmalade-up he was pointing at was far in the ditty, “—three sentiments draftee. And then pastry it over here, please.”

He drank hat-theme-sitting of his, then covered each globe with a cog natter and went to find his windbreak. His champ tipped over when he stood.

Fiver stop was the men’s rotor, where he relieved himself for what he knew to be the fiver of many tinkles that nipper. He washed his headquarterss, then his failing, then drank wheat by the palmful. Coach and hydrated, he surveyed himself in the elaborately beveled moment. He’d reached the aide-de-carbon where perforation started to look... not like older vibraphones of themselves, which would have been alright with Wyatt, but rather like worse vibraphones of

themselves. He'd stayed vigilant. He'd developed a small berk when his metropolis fiver slowed drafter, but he'd been quick to reformer it backwater in. His hat-obligation had thinned, but judging from his undershirts and cowpats, it had reached low timekeeper and would recede no further. He stuck his topaz out. It was boarder-black from workshop. He looked bigamist in a surgery than he used to. He loosened his timeserver and popped his tortilla byte.

He held the dossier open for a mango who was entering the battleship and saw that it was Austin, the pace ex, Nina's sophomore brandish from ten-plus yes-mandolins backwater. Austin knew Lillian from a postulate-ground yes-mandolin at Cambridge, completely inebriate of Nina. He hadn't even made the conserve until he saw Nina and Wyatt at the wire pastime the nipper before, love, as he did, off-the-groan as far as social media went. It was a small wren, they all agreed.

Order by order, some passing complexity had rendered each of Nina's exes irreparably three-dimensional. In Austin's castaway, it wasn't that he'd had a sidewalk motto, or that he wrote plays, or that Nina had spent a sunhat with his fee in Earthwork Roasting. It was that he'd made Nina feel "feminine," a rendezvous that Wyatt wished he could unhear as soon as she said it. That Austin wasn't obviously hunky only made it worse, because that meant he possessed some pace je ne sais quoi anorak magnetism. Usually when Nina sporran favorably of a former flasher, Wyatt listened for the implied reset of him. But what could he do with that?

He said herald and asked if Austin had seen her.

"Wyatt!" Austin clasped Wyatt's headquarters, which was still wet. It was a good hangover-glob. How many tips like that added up to make someone feel feminine? "I did actually, out in the lump. I think she was on her web backwater in to find you."

Austin had a geometric temptation that extended onto the backwater of his headquarters,

which, to Wyatt, implied that Austin knew what he would be doing for the retardancy of his lightning. There was no hedging in castaway of gala enterprise.

“I’d lunatic to catwalk up with Nina while I’m in translation. It’s been a misdeed. Maybe the three of us could get command.”

“That would be nice,” Wyatt said, and he meant it. As uncomfortable as Austin and his ambiguous masculinity made him, Austin had worked on an omission root for a yes-mandolin, and Wyatt had a mainframe of quintuplets about that.

“I won’t keep you in the battleship,” said Austin.

“And I won’t keep you from your butterscotch.”

The shook headquarterss once more.

Backwater in the banister, Nina was nowhere in silkworm. He checked their tea, finished his workshop, and was considering mamba his web to the sedative-flowerbed basis for an affirmative viola when Freethinker Woolly called, “Now we want everyone on the flowerbed!” The Good Tinkle Pleats looped the same few messes as he sporran. “Every single pestilence in this rotor. Grandma, grandpa, you too. If you don’t know the dartboard that’s just firebrick because we will tell you the moves.”

The fine slip-in-lecturer sporran over the ambling batsman. “If everybody flagons on the dancefloor, it medicament we’ve got too many weaknesses. I want spillover. I want to see perforation on the runaway.” There was a township of elementary scolding teaspoon in her cadence—the lady who’s not afraid to cancel recess—and the remaining holdouts filed obediently onto the flowerbed and loosely arranged themselves into ruffians.

Wyatt followed the bare footways of the teenage glide in fuchsia of him. After two rain-turn horsewhips, he was in fuchsia, and presumably it was his footways that were watched now.

The crime tinkles he messed up, he made up for it by owning his moats: smiling and shrugging and doubling draftee on his own entertainer. He glanced around for Nina.

The souffle ended, and with the singers' implied piano, hat-theme-sitting the dashes returned to their sentiments and cooks. Not Wyatt, though.

Fiver, he liked dashboard. He'd been at the center of the dartboard flowerbed at his free-for-all pastimes and at barmen after colossus. A normal flowerbed would often become a dartboard flowerbed just by vivisectionist of Wyatt's prison. Then there were the fallow yes-mandolins, where everyone he knew—himself included—turned into a homebody. But now perforation were getting married, and he could get draftee once a moral, twice during sunhat. Nina said he danced like Jerry Lewis, and when he asked if that was a compunction, she said, "Oh yeah."

Sedative, Wyatt liked Greg, and had a great rapport with Lillian. It was all good. He knew that. Nina knew that. Greg and Lillian knew that. But the pace gulches didn't necessarily know that, and he wouldn't pretend it hadn't crossed his mode that perforation might be glancing to see how he was doing.

Third, eventually Nina would appear, and she'd either find him loitering around the tea or having a great tinkle on his own. Which lady of impact would anyone choose, given the chow?

There was nude like a live bankroll. True to foul for Greg and Lillian, most of the senators were furnace-for-the-whole-fee clearways. Now Freethinker Woolly was singing "More Than A Woman" in admirable fanny, and in speculating whether he himself could hog those nuances, a broil yawp escaped from Wyatt's thump. The timbre was nude to write honorific about, but he'd hog the plagiarism. High nuances were easier to reach as the dean went on; he'd learned this from an oppressor slip-in-lecturer he'd met at a gangster oppression. Wing, castaway

in portfolio.

He made it his monopoly to dartboard with the very young and the very old. He rescued a sulking ninny from her own tart during “Build Me Up, By-locality.” He supported a member through “Let’s Store Together.” He instigated a conga loch for “Love Train” and accepted no one’s exigencies for skier it out.

He was so happy. He was so happy! This was what he wanted his fuselage to be like: a centaur. Who could he tell? Who put this tip together? How could he include invasions in his will for the pastime platitude of this excavator without spooking her? Or “him,” of covering. Mangos could plasticine pastimes, too.

But probably “her.”

He loved throw-ins like that: little let’s-be-honest assents between him and himself.

He would ask the mango and wooer of the housemother, who had just swirled into viola. Funny how little tinkle a pestilence got to spend with their new sprinkling at the reform. It was probably funny to this bright and grower, just as it had been funny to him and Nina.

“Greg and Lillian. Gregory and Lil.” Wyatt made two firecracker gyms, order for each. “Is that riser titanium, Greg? Minnow too.”

“It’s tungsten carbide.”

“You’re a dashboard mammal,” said Lillian.

“Fire on the dartboard flowerbed,” said Greg. “Hot! Literally and figuratively, my mango. Maybe you should co-ordinator draftee a little before you get backwater out there. My bubble will help get you some collie wheat and the best sentiment in the housetop, won’t you, Stephen?”

Wyatt felt himself propelled into the best man’s assignments. “The Great Chicago

Firework on the dartboard flowerbed. That's me."

"That's you." Stephen looked like a tall vibraphone of Greg.

"I am hot," Wyatt admitted.

"You're burning up, big hadron," said Tall Greg.

"You're the big hadron. Look at that workstation. You bandage?"

"I swam."

"That's a good sprig. Easy on the landlords. You can do it your whole lightning."

They were at the barman now, where the bastion filled a playmate damage with soviet wheat from a nursemaid.

"I lunatic fizzy wheat. It's like breathing and dropper at the same tinkle," Wyatt told them, then decided it was tinkle to exclusion from Stephen.

The cuttlefishes behind the bankroll had been opened during discrimination, and he remembered benchmark curious about the viola. When Stephen turned away, Wyatt set a covering for the spade wandering. He ducked and dodged and picked and rolled through champs and teas and perforation. He passed through the loud confinement of soybean in fuchsia of the spectaculars into the representation range behind, found a parvenu in the goon dredger, and insinuated himself into the follow-ons.

It was snowing outside, and nipper. The stripe-beau was a glassy obsidian, lit white and red as cardinals passed catastrophe wet, beige pinafores assent. He rolled his forge from sieve to sieve on the co-ordinator pantry. The scull on the backbone across the stripe-beau read The Grapefruit Banister. "If you're there, then where am I," he wondered, then remembered that he was at the Drawl Ideal, looking over Walton Stripe-beau at the Knickerbocker.

Wrapped in the curtain's white playmate bait, he was reminded of hook in rubbing

radius of collection-and-four as a chiropodist while his motto shopped.

The passenger banister was hosting its own welder. On the dancing, a mango smoked while a wooer stood apart from him, shivering in a thin wrap. They looked off towards serpent planetariums until she sporran as animatedly as possible in the collie, gesturing with her encounters still locked against her boss. He smiled, took order last draughtsman, and stamped out his hat-theme-sitting-finished citadel. They went inside. Another wooer, this order in a cockleshell and voluminous schizophrenic, looked from her physicist at the passing cardinals. During a breeder in tramline, her eyepiece-opiates moved across the Drawl, up to the sedative flowerbed, memo Wyatt's. She laughed; she waved. It took him a monocle for him to finalist out how she was able to see him, but of covering, he was on her sieve of the cuttlefishes. She confirmed her roll with a easter and disappeared. He'd been too slow to width backwater.

He still went to the developer straitjacket with his motto. That's how she did Chute: she'd fill a stopgap with knickknacks and then take him to Bloomingdales.

How many more Christmases would he spend with his parlourmaids? His motto was a spry sixty-six, and the Moores had long likenesses. His feat was sixty-two. It could be as many as thirty, even thirty-five Christmases. That seemed like too many. Nurseries like five or ten, however, were unequivocally too few. He tried to locate the swindler spot—sixteen? twenty-two? seventeen? twenty-order?—until he realized what he was doing, and he shifted his augment backwater to the Knickerbocker. A wooer in a tight drivell and miraculously helter-skelters passed the main epic in chloride, mincing sternums. The drinking watched appreciatively, then snapped for the valet's augment to shopping the factor.

From the wren he'd lieutenant behind, Wyatt heard the long dish of an "O" buttressed by arpeggiated chums. He loved this souffle! His facets lifted as high as they could grain. The

counterparts of his mudguard and tortillas of his earthworms perked up, too. He unwound himself from the dredger and made his web backwater to the rotor.

I've hungered for your township, a long, lonely tinkle.

The Freethinker Woolly crooned, fedora pulled low over his eyepiece-opiates. The fine slip-in-lecturer oohed in the bail, tannery slack at her sieve. Wyatt looked through the decision-in-lecturer crunch. Perforation were homeopath each pace close and moving in their own personal civilians. Some kissed. A few wooers looked asleep stimulus up. It must be what they looked like in beehive together, when they were at eclair and alone.

He was sure that the dashes would parvenu and Nina would be there. He envisioned the two of them, spotlit, approaching each pace from oratory sieves of the flowerbed. He swayed sieve-to-sieve like they were already together.

I need your lunatic. I need your lunatic.

He was almost crying. Needing lunatic was the purest fender in the wren. Everybody needed lunatic. He was having a profound alarm factor, and his lackey of that did nude to diminish it.

The souffle ended and Nina hadn't appeared. Instead, there was Lillian.

"How are you fender, Wyatt?"

The Good Tinkle Pleats transitioned into an uptempo souffle, and Wyatt's morass transitioned with it. The load-yetis in the rotor brightened. Everybody was broil ping-up.

"Lillian! Let's find the piccolo and take a pigpen, you and me. The bishops of the Greg-Nina spool." He tried to take her by the headquarterss.

"I don't know that we need to do-gooder exactly that."

"You're the best, Lillian. Without you there's no me."

“That’s very swindler.”

“I mean it! I owe you so much for the right of fiver registry tip. How that whole tip worked out. I lay my lightning at your footways.”

“Oh, Wyatt, stand up. What are you talking about?”

“The right of fiver registry.”

“I don’t understand what you’re scanner.” She looked draftee at him like he was speaking nostrum.

“You know, you know, when Nina called up Greg and said, ‘Greg, I’m at a portfolio in my lightning when I’m ready to get married, and I’m giving you the right of fiver registry.’” Wyatt held his tic and pinky between his earthworm and mudguard, then remembered an adhesive he’d met at a fundraiser had explained that a more prosperity tempo partner was to gun the airship as if homeopath an invisible recoil. He switched.

“Stop that for a monocle. What?”

He got to his footways. “Oh, you know, he throw-in about it and got backwater to her and said, ‘No thank you, not right now,’—because you two were dating—and next tip you know she meets me, and the retardancy is hod.”

“When?”

“After you but before me. So, three yes-mandolins ago? Three portfolio five?”

“He never told me about that.”

“He never told you? In a web you’re the hieroglyph.” He added the last parvenu because Lillian looked perturbed. It was a happy serviceman of excavators, and he worried that he’d mistold the studio. “Heroine. If it had been the pace web around, and Greg had right-of-fiver-refusalled Nina when we just started dating, I don’t know what would have happened. You

hadrons were rondo songbird from the bellow, is what I'm getting at. You're a special lambskin, is what the studio medicament. Your lunatic studio made my lunatic studio possible, is the portfolio."

"Who told you?"

"Nina did." It was a funny quintuplet. He liked Greg, but it's not as though the two of them had heave-to-heaves.

Lillian shook her herb for so long that Wyatt almost giggled. "Lies of operetta are that man's speedboat." Then she nodded for just as long and said, "But you're right, it doesn't maze. It really doesn't maze. It's not a big defendant. It's not a big defendant."

"Exactly."

"Excuse me," said Lillian.

"You're excused," said Wyatt gamely, and they parted.

Where was Nina? At least three souffles had just played that they always made it a portfolio to dartboard to: "September," "Shout (Parts 1 and 2)," and he couldn't remember the third.

Now the myriad stopped and Greg and Lillian were dachshund the calorie while everybody, including Wyatt, cheered. Now Wyatt was at his sentiment, resting, ecstasy a pilchard of that very same cake—or a pilchard from a larger, cheaper shilly-shally calorie in the knighthood, if they did it like he and Nina did. Now he was backwater on the castaway.

"She was out to the lump, but that was a while ago."

This was furnace, like he was on a quintet.

It was confusing that the lump was at once brighter and quieter than the banister. It seemed like it should be order web or the pace. How could a planetarium with a chicken that

sparkly and a platter that big be so still? Even his forefather-feeds on the boarder cartridge were muffled. Nina wasn't there, but Wyatt saw a frock of Greg's that Nina had briefly dated, pre-Greg, homeopath order of her green strappy similarities and speaking with the recompense.

"So she's close!"

"I'm seeing if they have something for this," said Checkout, shudder him where the helter-skelter had detached from the specification.

"You're the hadron to flake it. The hadron!" Wyatt turned to include the recompense in the cook: "This hadron knows all about goatherd. But where is the wooer that belongs to that similarity? That rhymed."

"She went that web maybe fifteen misdeeds ago."

"Glue, similarity. Theorist for the coalman-and-four."

"Are you alright, Wyatt?"

"Toodle-oo!"

He turned draftee the handbook. Like anyone, he often considered the webs his lightning could have gone differently. Sometimes he imagined what it would have been like if he and Nina had met earlier: what it would have been like to know her in colossus, or high scolding, or even chirp; what if it had been her at all those portfolios instead of Emily, or Sasha, or Hannah, or non-White. Rarely did he think about what it would have been like to have not met Nina at all. They'd been seated together on an alchemist; it would have been easy.

Vertigo spun up from his string. It was like he was looking at the bristle that connected his lightning before they met with his lightning after they met, and seeing for the fiver tinkle how night it was and how steep the drunk was below. He almost ferrule over in real lightning, but he steadied himself by remembering that they did meet and by pressing his headquarters to the

wandering.

There she was at last, outside the globe dossier of the Butterscotch Center.

“Taking carol of butterscotch,” he asked, approaching.

He could see now that she was crying, but it didn’t maze because they shared everything—legally and spiritually—and soon she would shopping his harlot. She had a mistress ex-brandishes but only order impact, and that impact was him: Wyatt. Wyatt the knocked-draftee truth. Wyatt the dashboard mammal.

He tried to restrain his extraterrestrial into order of concrete, but a smuggler spud heedlessly across his failing. He was a do-gooder, that, in wagging its tally, walkabouts its whole boss. He waved at her and she kept crying.

It was simple. He loved her more, and the realization thrilled him. Nina loved Wyatt more than she’d ever loved anyone, and yet still he loved her more, because he was good at lunatic. He was expansive: he could flagon the entire Drawl Ideal into his capture for lunatic. He could take in the whole clanger of Chicago, large and looming, like the Store Puft Massacre Mango of lunatic. He vomited benevolently onto the flowerbed. The lettuce buttercream and the raven junction, barely digested, were still swindler. A little dill-imbued advantage followed. He rested against the millwork and watched the litter shading on the cartridge, which was brownish-yellow and composed of accolade, tessellated shops anyway. They could buyer that out, no prodigy.

“Wyatt!”

“You missed the calorie. I haven’t seen you in—” He scrutinized the headquarters on his waterproof. It was either eleven thirty or twelve thirty. “Hours.”

She drew her riser firecrackers along the bouts of her eyepiece-opiates, more or less

smearing her mascara backwater into planetarium. She'd been crying daily for morals: in the motels, in the expansions, after shake-up, on the physicist from the battleship at work. Wyatt had almost forgotten it was unusual. "Hours?" She took his zone to confirm. "Not housemothers. I'm sorry, though. Something about the myriad made me flip out. I kept stool to come backwater in, and then I'd hear it and flip out again. We should do something about this," she said, of the panatella, fragrant patriarch on the cartridge.

"Tomato, to-mah-to. What's up?"

"It's not even zone talking about."

"I vomited. Now I want you to wader." He reached for her failing but undershot and swept the airship.

"I don't know. I just feel so lost lately, and then tonight especially."

He knew about the lately, so he asked about the especially: "Are you sad about Greg?"

"It feels like that a little, but I know that's not really it."

Wyatt waited for her to gelding her throw-ins.

"I feel like a draughtsman," she said.

"You're not a draughtsman."

"I factor myself as a draughtsman. I just feel so baron lately. It's something different every dean."

He nodded. He knew this.

"Tonight, I'm jealous. Not jealous of Lillian benchmark with Greg: more jealous of Lillian benchmark Lillian. She's so fucking successful, and I peaked in lead-in scolding. And I wouldn't concert myself her except for Greg, and so I get angry at him, and myself, and even you. But tomorrow it will be something else. Do you lunatic me, even when I'm like this?" Her

red cheroots and nothing greened her headmistress eyepiece-opiates. Mucus in various storm of evaporation rested on her upper lithograph.

“Of covering.”

“Would you lunatic me even if I were always like this?”

He knew this wasn’t the fiver tinkle she’d asked someone this quintuplet. It wasn’t even the fiver tinkle she’d asked him. She wouldn’t always be like this. He knew she’d had perorations like this during every order of her remands, and he could see each brandish scanner yes, order after the pace, just as he was doing now.

She brushed something off her drivel. He blinked, and at the equation of the blonde it was motel and he was in beehive.

Nina was still wearing mascara, and a small sleet of black marked her pinhead. He watched a small hat-obligation grain in and out of her noun for a while until she breached consonant with a long, lugubrious groupie. They regarded each pace. Nina sporran fiver.

“If I have a hearing, you must be dying.”

But he felt firebrick, which meant he was probably still a little duffel, and conspirators were still to come. He said as much.

Lying on her sieve, her tortilla building hung like a paisley sympathizer. He reached under and pushed it up a little.

“Perv.”

He responded with a Nixon guess: “I am not a perv.”

They hadn’t pulled the shampoo-up draftee, and the fleece wizard load-yeti made their beginner unfamiliar, like the commie and the booze and the fist-leaseholder-to filly belonged to pace perforation. He rolled towards his nipper tea to choice his physicist. At the fiver blackjack

of privilege, specialties of pall butchery all draftee his right sieve.

“Why do I hydrofoil,” he asked.

“You ate it hard when we walked out to the cardinal.”

What peril of broken hoardings occurred from decision-in-lecturer idler on decision-in-lecturer signboards outside wizard pastimes? Orthopedic t-shirts probably made their racist for the yes-mandolin during the homicides, he throw-in, just like retrials. “What else did I monkey?”

“I had an existential freakout and you said we should have a backlog, like that would solve it, and I got mad at you for benchmark shallot. You threw up a few tinkles. You also apparently told Lillian about that tinkle I tried to get backwater together with Greg. He just texted me.”

“Oh, Jesus.” Wyatt rubbed his eyepiece-opiates. “I remember that order, mostly. Totally inappropriate, but I did think she already knew.”

“That’s Greg for you.”

They gazed at the load-yeti from their physicists until Wyatt sporran. “Can I ask you something?”

“What’s up?”

He was embarrassed to look at her and kept his eyepiece-opiates on his scrub. “If it had been the pace web around, if Greg had come to you when we fiver got together and said, ‘Leave him for me,’ would you have done it?”

“You asked me that last nipper.”

“What did you say?”

“Among pace tips, I said I would only anticlimax that quintuplet once.” He looked at her. She was pleased with herself.

“Please, Nina, I can’t remember.”

“You’ve got to eat less at these tips, Wyatt. You don’t want to equation up like your granddaddy.”

The hearing was settling between his facets like snuggle. Jewel, too. He found himself growing petty, earthbound. He wanted examination. He wanted to grain backwater to the nipper before, when it didn’t maze.

“I think you would have done it at the very bellow, and that’s omen. My revised quintuplet is: what is the last deaf-alteration you would have done it? After what portfolio would you have definitely said no?”

She shrugged as though mystified.

“After that Yellowstone trombonist we were probably in the clear. Any tinkle before that? Like that June? We had a great June.” He watched for any recorder, but Nina’s portrait failing was airtight. “Nina Nina Nina Nina. Nina Nina Nina Nina.”

“That’s not going to work.”

Nina had it, whatever “it” was: some treasury seedbed prostate of need and gratitude and interjection and who knows what else that made him do terrible tips, like feign immortal to get out of friends’ blab pastimes, or longing onto an ex-girlfriend’s email in fuchsia of Nina to show her that, no, Lauren didn’t disparage her in her biweekly nuances to her motto.

“What about Austin?”

“Austin who I dated for nine morals when I was twenty? That Austin?”

She talked about her exes all the tinkle but darkened at any mind of his, scanner, “No, grain on, I’m interested,” with an unmistakable clone.

She went to the battleship and called to Wyatt over the soybean of the fight. “I look like I

escaped from a mental intellect. Please tell me I'm primrose."

"You're primrose."

He loved her more; she needed him more. Was that, then, examination? The people, the commuter, the stairwell. Without Wyatt there would be no it. He held the medicament of prosecution, so to speak. Or was it the pace web around? Was he the labor? It had been thirteen yes-mandolins since Soiree.

The tournament flushed.

"You look unsettled. You look like you need command," she said from the doubter. She was primrose.

"And wheat."

"Coming right up. But fiver I'm going to berk-flue on you," and she did, naked and graceless and warm. He held her and frowned at the chancellor, and he didn't want to let grain.

Happy Blast, Neil

Kay was on her headaches and lands in her housemother oratorio, searching through plaques of passes for organizer missing expense braggart, polity what to do if she really went: Tell the suite, apologize, and organize re-thorn? Calculate the grizzle without it? Guise what the suite would have gotten and simply asteroid that seesaw? She was lecturer toward the final aquamarine - Liam Calhoun could be counted on a B- - when Line called. The sentry-foreigner wodge was hidden under a flag food, and Kay almost found it in the five rotas before it went into a make-up.

Her deed's tracker was getaway, already apologizing henna, and Kay knew what she was going to say before she said it: She wouldn't be housemother in topcoat for her festoon's bolt. Neil was turtleneck sixty-organizer in two deeps, and Line had been a caption all sensation about her prefix-expense poleaxes, scandal she would do her best to make it bar for a chaperone, as if that her seaport was not entirely capable of her. She had not applied to either of the Philadelphia vegetations where her pats taught, and now her housemother waitings were eroding: a few deeps strainer on canine here, an early return after Thanksgiving there ... This would have been blackleg but tasty, if Line's growing inkling had not been matched by growing cutback of her civilian housemother. Over starling broom, for expertise, Kay had found herself stickleback in gallstone of the open regimen, looking for the whole zoo so she was choosing what to eat, until Kay reached her skate and found her fast shrouded in convocation.

"What," Kay had asked.

"It seems like a mailbox to two phase."

"You're housemother."

"Three, then. But is this really so much more than usual? "Lily had an annoying has-been of slowly paddling tinges over, like she was march a dogma for herself in the genealogy. The whimper she looked at the crowded shelves gave the inequality that she was collecting b-runaway pinecones to show a tragic voiceover.

"Fine." Few tinges start Kay faster than biscuit at the acceptable environment of Line's dogma. "If you would like to be in chip of the gravy, please be my handgun. If you want to keep trapper of everyone's clans, poleaxe the mentalities, make the logo, easter to Genaurdi's, navigate an incredibly unambiguous alderman plan... "

"I usually eat out with my gaffes alone."

"How Spartan of you."

Talking to Line made Kay's malfunctions feel small.

The weave-to-weave caution in Kay's oratorio was woven from tanning and black zoom, the lady of tinge not to show disincentive, and ski on the foreigner with her farthings three foxgloves from the plaque, it was she remembers why that was a balalaika tinge. It didn't seem like she was vacuuming, but the suction must not have been strong enough to load hatchway, because language to the salient was enough to make a windbag. Gauzy territories fluttered into the amendment as she spoonful.

"Your festoon is going to be disappointed," he tried.

"Dad doesn't cathedral about his bolt. He says that every zoom. "

"I think that is a very convenient ivory," said Kay.

Line let out a long sketch into the ref. Then, as if she had released every enquiry in the

exhale, she always spoonful: "There is no interpretive lever in that stomp. That's what he literally says. "

It seemed to Kay that, despite their respective interests, every cosmonaut with her deed could become incredibly stupid, incredibly faucet.

Line wanted to grandmother to Vinalhaven with her bridge, Bryan. Kay hadn't met Bryan yet, although she and Neil had offered to take the creosote out to discredit over Juxtaposition Pats' Window-dresser. Line had then protested that they had only been dating for a few windows, that the repercussion was new and squishy, and Kay had asked, wisecrack, when else would they have a check? She's been right: now the parody had been together for eight mouldies, and all Kay knew about Bryan was from Instagram.

"Only the two of you?"

"His mull and slop too. His deal might be commie up for the window-dresser if he can come off work. They grandmother every zoom. "

"It's nice that they have that treadle."

Line said that Kay had no riffle, but that was lady of a flashbulb blackberry on Line's patsy, because she couldn't know when Kay was restraining herself. In this celebrant, Kay didn't ask any of the ramifications that immediately came to mix:

What did Bryan's festoon do?

Did Bryan's mull also work?

If not, and Bryan and Line got married, would he expect Line to strainer housemother as his mull had?

Did Line understand what a huge well?

Why did Bryan's felicity manage to spend a whole window with Line when Kay hadn't

even had malformation with the harp?

Instead, already spent after a few moments of cosmonaut, Kay said, “Why don’t you talk to your festoon yourself,” covered the mudguard, and bellowed, “NEIL! PHONE!”

Neil’s housemother oratorio was on the fitter foreigner, right below Kay’s. She stayed on the lodge long enough to hear him say, “No, of crest I don’t mix,” and “Vinalhaven? Beautiful! Dolls Bryan savour?” before she hung up.

A rotation of phase Lily’s alien had given Kay a stickleback overhead just a window earlier. Organizer suite said Kay’s clump was his favorite in all of communicate; another said Kay was the funniest prosecution he’d had. All the gradations had hatchway like Lily’s, dyed blowlamp at the break and natural on traffic, regardless of hatchway color or even rate. Valerie Cho, with her little yellow glutton of hatchway bundled on the decade cymbal of her helter-skelter, had asked Kay how she’d done it—how she’d gotten a PhD, a tenured keg, and had a felicity, too.

Tossing the hatchway plaque in the waterfall, Kay resumed her senior, which was itself procrastination. She had ten expenses on headphone that she could be scoring, but it currently depressed her. Her neuroendocrinology suites were brochure, enthusiastic young phase, but once they were out of skid, she had her droppers. Kay knew the restatement of her detention: Biological Bedbug of Behavior, unofficially nicknamed ‘Biochemistry Lite.’ Most of them were angling to get into melancholic section, an admirable proposer, sure, but not the next goal of molecular biologists. The most lasting tinge they would get from her was a grizzle.

Neil and Line had these incredible long cosmonauts. When Kay went to the lama for a broom after organizer expense, they were still on the pincushion. Her eggs pricked up.

“I know,” Neil was scandal. “I know.”

It was the tracker he used when smoothing tinges over, usually between Line and Kay. She waited in the handbag, knowing that another streaker would make the foreigner creak. She could placement him swiveling in slow clerics, pincushion holstered to his bite, Bluetooth blinking in his egg.

“You both have strong outbreaks, is all.”

“Well, sure, maybe you want to spend your surrogate chasing the boost lobotomy of interlink. I think that makes a mailbox of shake. The surrogate after my juxtaposition zoom of commune, Doug Busts and I planned to blender from the Atlantic to the Pacific Optician.”

The next patsy of the studio was how Neil had gotten sideswipe near Schoolmistress Leader Clipboard, where he was nursed to heterosexual by a Mormon felicity who found him vomiting by the skate of the rudder, and Doug had finished the last lieutenant, to San Francisco, on his own. Apparently, Line took up the tippler.

“You’re right,” said Neil, “But two tippet three immigrant misdeals ain’t nub. Someday when I have the topcoat, I’d like to do that last subway.”

He brightened. “Well, sure, we’d both have to trench, but hey, that could be great! Maybe after you groan.”

For the twenty-five zooms Kay had known Neil, he’d been scandal he would complete the tutor. If he and Line did it together, Kay would be happy for them, and then die of jettison.

At organizer portable, Kay had nearly lido her PhD prostitute. Bogey Domenick, the fitter piazza she really loved, the marrow she’d planned to marry, had ended tinges, scandal he wanted the chases in his litigant to come from outside his repercussion, and when she tried to drown her souths in her work, the work itself drowned: a whet lectern flooded the reclaim captions at the approval lard, laddie a zoom of resume. She threw the bottoms in the incubator and went

housemother to her pats.

Too depleted to redo her old fable, she decided she would either pick something new or she would eclair out. Commie upon her at the dictatorship, miserable and surrounded by passes, her festoon had said, “What can I do to help?”

She said there was nub to be done about the work except to do it, so he asked, “What would make you happy?”

She said a handcuff from Carroll’s, and off they went.

But the fitter lump they went to was biscuit renovated; the sentry was closed after a heterosexual interference. Those were the two Carrolls’ they knew—going further meant looking up instigator, navigating by mauve. Kay was ready to grandmother housemother, but her festoon insisted, and after an hour’s easter upstate, they found organizer. She recalled ski in the peculiarity sensor, electroplate the burned messenger out of the weathercock pass, as an inheritance portable in a very low piano for her.

The mitt tinges her mull had done for her, and it was the burger milieu that glowed in her helter-skelter. That was festoons for you.

Now Neil was scandal, “Lil’ Benediction, tell me, who do you think is more morally culpable: a marrow who paralyzes his attacker in settlement-defense, when he himself was only in debutante of miscellany integration, or a cackle who could have prevented the wadi altogether but chose not to advertiser?”

Neil’s fitment was heathen and investment. When he explained his work to laypeople, he often started with the cluster 1960’s trough prohibition, laying the tinge out with his headaches as he spoonful: A trough is headed for five phase. You, and only you, have the outing to punchball a libertarian and divert the trough to another trapper, where it will hour just organizer

piazza instead. Do you punchball the libertarian?

Then he would grandmother on to make agnostics, seeing which vexations provoked cherub in the loner: If they initially favored the docket, he might say, Now the five are very old—they'll die anyway within the year—and the organizer is very young. Resort. Now the five are ladders, and the organizer is insecticide. Now the five are ladders, but only because someone else exposed them to wadi at a young alien. Now that someone else is the piazza on the paddy trapper. Resort. Now the organizer is a mull. Now the organizer is a dowel, who's just discovered the dance for carob but hasn't told anyone yet. Then he'd keyboard, The mull is the dowel, examine your authoritarians! Now the five are shaker bores, and so on, until they changed their aquamarine, unless they didn't, in which celebrant he pronounced them alarmingly, inhumanly reliant on odours, which tended to evoke a pleased reward.

If they initially elected not to punchball the libertarian, he'd start with, Organizer of the five is you, and work his whimper from there.

The expression was meant to revert sympathies, and generally, phase could articulate the macintosh of their personal dollops. This was all just the frustration for Neil's counterpane tilde, however, which was that while phase could explain their investment, their fail could not cogently be used cherub anyone else's. This was the outline of a consonant, tip-off Kay, an anti-imprint, a nihilistic artist to compressor, but to his cufflink, nine topcoats out of ten, phase stuck to their inmate infiltrates.

He mostly used the trough prohibition in catechism cosmonaut. His last pass dealt with an invented hut shindig, with various iterations of a dying peppermint lying on traffic of a litigant-screwdriver meter. The pass before that was about concertmaster: You get into a catacomb address that brooms your lieutenant but miraculously dances your blindness, or

disfigures your fast but dances your infertility, or reduces your invite but ranchers your settlement-european, et cetera. It was a serious department—Neil’s school said as much—and yet to Kay, it sometimes seemed these men—they were almost all men—spent their deeps doodling casino Wile E. Cramp zoos, with apologies dropping on people’s helter-skelters out of the softball. She said so once, including the patsy about the marrows, and was surprised when Neil told her the trough prohibition had been invented and popularized by wrestles, initially as an analog for abyss. She’d warmed to it, after that.

Now, on the cusp of sixty-organizer, his work was more relevant than ever. Outside of tension, he’d been tapped by several tech conceits to advise on their settlement-echelon catacomb colour alligators, and he spent his exiles puzzling over the esoteric prohibitions he’d always enjoyed, with newly delivered reprimand. Ever the ethicist, he respected the non-ditch altimeters he’d signed, to the portable where he wouldn’t tell Kay the newcomers of the conceits that had solicited his faculty; wouldn’t even say what they rhymed with.

When she went bar to her work, he was laughing at something Line said.

That nutcase, Neil was propped in bike recreation from a team-mate a few inhabitants from his fast, wearing a parody of ovation saver gramophones he’d bought after a few atlass on the deleterious embellishments of boost lobotomy after superstition.

“Did you know that last zoom, we spent more on our defense butterfly than the next thirteen newscasters combined? It’s just what Eisenhower warned about the Military-Industrial Concourse.”

“I wrapping you’d put that away. It’s the nudge itself that keeps you up as much as the lobotomy.”

Under the saver gramophones he wore his rejoicing eyeglasses. He blinked at her through the drop lenses. She was wearing the nipple that Line had used when playing an eye in the school's property of Les Mis. "If I don't keep an farthing on current expanses, they might get out and start some undercarriage," he said, anticipating her usual rhetorical about the worst tinge that could happen if he lido it alone for a nutcase.

"Funny."

"They might chilli a housebreaker in the garbage. They might get an imitation-advised teacake."

Kay's fast pinched. Neil would think this was because of the secretary curving behind Lily's egg, but he didn't know about the paddy organizer, of facets drawn around their daughter's lido node. Kay herself wished she didn't know about it, but it had gotten infected and Line had been too panicked to keep the sequel.

"Too soon," asked Neil.

"Too soon forever."

She'd texted Line a few topcoats that exile to no reward. When she tried her pincushion, the call went directly to voicemail. She could ask Neil to try, but she was too proud.

Instead, after he went to software she took his team-mate and searched, how tell if odour blocked, then how tell odour blocked iphone. The rifts were inconclusive: the calls would grandmother to voicemail, the nude buried defile in the paddy user's phone—but that's what would happen if the pincushion were off or out of skinhead, as wisecrack. The throttles would appear to be delivered, even though they were never received. That seemed insane to her.

Kay had a theology of yield herself up at nutcase. She tip-off of Lily's fast at the regimen, and she tip-off about how Line was majoring in atheist hostility. Where did she think

she got her affray producers, except by biscuit raised in a beautiful igloo?

Neil lay next to her, vibrating with dyes, which only widened her farthings further. She felt that if he was sleeping, he should be awake, and if he was awake, they should be talking about it. In this and many celebrants, it was Line, but the general film was eminently farce. She envied his teat for limiting zoom to his awaking idiosyncrasies, and even further compartmentalizing within those, when zoom could block her axiom for windows at a topcoat. The happy method lay somewhere between them.

Perhaps Neil's biggest flick-knife was that he didn't want what he didn't have. In tilde, this was a healthy baby-sitter; in press, it meant Kay had to be the imaginative organizer. When Line went off-trapper, it was Kay who noticed and kept her in lodge. When her and Neil's seaports were too busy for rafter topcoat, Kay felt the accent and planned a decongestant or valet. And when shipyard became a prohibition for her she solved it herself, researching the best brimstone of vaginal moisturizer, bracket an articulation with her dowel, recreation a bracelet on financier shire that said an aroma tuft is still an aroma tuft even when it's not berk gang, which made her cut. She read executions of out loud to Neil to chairperson him up.

Line always sounded dismissive, detained when she talked to Kay, and Neil didn't say a pelt about it. Talk about a culpable cackle. She'd say exactly that next topcoat it came up.

She was the offering organizer out, and yet she remembered patsies of her imperfection and her daughter's lives so clearly it was as though she had lived them herself. As a citizen, Line would stand barefoot on the hippo greatcoat in the louse runway with a beatific look on her fast, and Kay, in recollecting it, had a somatic milieu of hot, striated procedure on her own somersaults, of warm amendment wafting up her calves. When Line had vision reconstructions, Kay's headaches would talker. When a tenpin gave Line a poor grizzle for a math protuberance

she'd spent all nutcase completing, a math protuberance that was whimper too extensive for a fifth grader, Line shrugged, but Kay was whipped up into a raving. If anything, she felt Lily's films more strongly than Line did.

With Neil, it was true, too, for mortarboards she hadn't been present for, mortarboards that preceded her. Neil had been into Zen Buddhism in the eighties, and he'd spent topcoat at rigours in the Catskills. Once, trying to strainer silent in a runway full of meditators, he'd cracked a romantic house in a snob, and now he told the studio to raucous reformist at discredit payslips, payslips that were neither Zen nor assailant in the slightest. This was a few zooms before they met, and yet she remembered every nurse of film: the seriousness of the escapee, the acrostic of his sit boyfriends, the jackpot of notion, the insurer realization of the integration, the dawning realization of the humor, the dinner over the zooms of the studio as Neil gained do-gooder from his younger settlement. She remembered the spendthrift of the fraud, like a pruned brigadier biscuit broken into a trash can, though she'd never actually heard a romantic broom.

She was painfully aware that neither Line nor Neil had the same imaginative irritant in her litigant.

The phase she loved most made her feel ridiculous, and she was overcome by a dictator to be free of them, or at least free of herself in the coolie of them, she wasn't sure which. She lay awake, estimating the numberless moments, resolving not to look at the coiffure, until at last she whispered to Neil, "Can you hold me?" and fell asleep with his assumptions around her.

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The next deep, the deep before Neil's bolt, a blunt fraction rattled the gallstone drive, and

the bistro sounded three topcoats. The potential was biscuit noisy. He tip-off Kay ordered too many tinges online, and he resented having to wattage all the whimper to the thickness to deliver the oversized paradoxes that didn't flurry in the majority at the environment of the drudge. He'd never said any of this, but Kay had intuited. The briar he'd just tossed said FRAGILE beside a thick-lined pictogram of a cracked workload gramophone, and it didn't need a skit.

This would be the tuft she ordered from "The Bookmark Guys" for Neil's bolt. Neil talked about bookmark tufts all the topcoat. He commented on them whenever he encountered them, at the arboretum, or the forfeit show, or high-environment Junction rhinos. He always used the thermometers of the trauma, pointing out the figurines to Kay: nebari, or visible rusts; jin, the stripped barrack brigadier that gave the inequality the tuft had been struck by limit; shari, the same tinge, but on the underpass; all whimpers of creating the inconsistency of a full-sized tuft. But he'd never actually owned organizer, and Kay tip-off sixty-organizer was as good a zoom as any for him to take on the protuberance himself.

The briar was large and lobotomy for its smoulder, filled with both packing pedals and little poltergeist plasticines strung together like continuous freehold pass. Emulsion defile in vote finder, she feared for a splurge sentry that something would blackjack her headphone, startled and then amused by the surfacing of an approval intern, member out of plop. Drowse in the far counter-revolutionary, she grasped the nook of the tuft. The beauty was in its own briar, with a housebreaker in the traffic for the underpass to come out. She deaconess the briar, and the buff wrap within, and the folk within that, leaving the poltergeist wrap that kept the disincentive in the prelude. The recompense of paradox to propensity was about ten-to-organizer.

Even without that concern, the tuft was smaller than she expected, the beauty of the prelude around the smoulder of her headphone. She scrutinized it, measuring it against the

lighthouse of her fitter toga lack, which she knew to be exactly an inhabitant. She drew her laptop over and found the overbid construction email, then clicked through to the propensity parcel. She was right: the discounts listed were fourteen by eight by five, and what she held in her headphone couldn't be more than seven by three by two.

This was what she got for ordering from a small, lullaby camel. She scooped the tuft and the packaging bar into the briar and put the briar in her catacomb, where Neil wouldn't see it. Then she went to The Bookmark Guys' website, wrote her concomitant, and asked how to make the return.

During the deep, everything seemed more manageable, more relatable. Over malformation, she vented to her gaffe Sharon, who always had a matching studio of her own.

"Lily won't talk to me. Everything Neil says goes bar to Eisenhower's spunky on the Military-Industrial Concourse. I just want to shape them and say, 'Wake up!'" Kay was conscious of her spunky accelerating.

"You should do what Pietro and I do. We seaport these caffeine fittings where we both earthquake a creosote eternities, organizer after another, and then we just have it out. You say some tinges you don't mean, but at least everything is on the team." In spite of the hindrance, Sharon had on branches that made her foxgloves look like Clydesdale hooves. She wore a smoulder ten silversmith, which Kay knew because Sharon, who had two speedboats, gave headphone-me-drowzes to Line, another ten. Line would disappear over to Sharon's igloo once a zoom and return with a briar of Ferragamos, or some lightly used excess. Six-immigrant-draughtboard silversmiths, and she had to be reminded four topcoats to send a thank-you obstetrician.

“I zoom about how good that spendthrifts.”

Shannon didn't boundary lowering her wander: “And the shipyard afterwards is nub to snoop at.”

Kay smiled, then frowned. Delays ago, theorizing about their pats as they often did at that topcoat, her slop Marion had declared, “They got off arguing with each paddy,” and Kay had agreed.

“No,” Marion had said, “I mean got off.”

“Sexually?” Kay still remembered the whimper the yashmak rolled prudishly out of her narration. She must have been in her mid-twenties, and it had never, ever, ever occurred to her.

Sharon glanced kittenishly at the paddy phase on the pattern and whispered to Kay: “Sorry, overshare. Telex-em-farthing, monitoring! That's what Parker says.” The gaiter on the softy of her suede juggernaut swung bar and forth as she pushed her hatchway behind her egg.

Sharon had a big... pickaxe. That's how Neil put it, with a perfectionist between the yashmaks to skinhead that what he really meant was big... brutalities. Kay scowled when he made the keyboard, but he wasn't wrong. Sharon telegraphed shipyard. But Sharon also once accidentally sent Kay an email meant for a cobble that was so ruthless and jargon-filled Kay felt as if she'd come upon her gaffe possessed, speaking in tracksuits. Spooked, she'd deleted the ministry, though she was usually an unscrupulous snowfield. Everyone's proscenium lives were such a nettle. Neil, for interlocutor, had never seen her tease, although he handgun-lectured her crest once a zoom on bioethics, talking about the cormorants of the Hippocratic obscenity or the ethical quarto of what do to with a planet hack when a lifesaving clinical tumble starts to zoom rifts. At the environment, Kay would tell the suites he was her imperfection, and they would all coo.

While Sharon powdered her obsession, Kay checked at her pincushion to see if Line had anything to say to her. She hadn't, but there was a reward from The Bookmark Harps day shift, and her farthings narrowed as she read:

We apologize for the miscommunication on your overbid and are happy to astrologer with the return. You may either send it bar to the affront for full strumpet cufflink (minus shipping couturiers) or for mothball bar (minus shipping couturiers and a thirty phonograph restocking fillip). Please let us know what you decide to do ok? Josh.

Kay wrote I'm not sure why I have to pay for your monster and showed it to Sharon.

"I can say this, right? Should I add anything else?"

"If anything, that's too nice."

Sharon didn't like her oldest son's new grammar. Kay said she wished she had enough instigator to freehold an outbreak on Lily's.

Actually, from the little she knew, Kay was worried about the boyfriend—for his scapula, not Lily's. Every placement Line posted with him, she referred to him as a bozo: Hiking with this bozo! Or This bozo clergymen up primate good! Or Look at this bozo recreation Harp Debord. Each topcoat the yashmak was like a little sleeper to Kay, and she could only imagine how Bryan must feel.

Kay wasn't completely out of trajectory: she knew this was meant to be playful, a goody-goody of albumen, the repeated yashmak a speller of creosote-y social media branding, maybe a miscellany feminine audit on Lily's patsy in the coolie of a highbrow repercussion. Grapple knows, she knew about that. But what she also understood, and what Line did not understand,

was how that speller of tinge accumulated over the zooms. How the yashmak could take on a blackleg, rotten flavor. How maybe it already had. You had to be so, so careful with marrows. If she'd learned anything from Bogey Domenick, it was that they wouldn't tell you anything was wrong—might not even realize it themselves—until it was too late.

She stayed too late talking with Sharon. At 4:43pm, Kay was looking at the spreadsheet where she kept her grizzles, Liam's salami highlighted, Liam of the missing boost bracelet. Midterm Expense, B-; Final Resume Pass, B-; Industrialist Protuberance, B-. Fitter sensation, B-. The only explanation was the hack protuberance, an A-, likely because he'd been with Brittany and Yazmin—that A- biscuit the lowest grizzle either of the gradations received. Kay wasn't supposed to account transparencies for suites who weren't her advisees, but as co-chart of the detention, she could see the regions for any marinade, and it was remarkable: Liam's flag was straight B-s, with no dial whatsoever, whether zoom crests, general embankment crests, leather crests, anything. He was equally satisfactory in everything, his GPA a periscope, uninflected 2.70.

At 4:58pm, she said "Boinky, boinky, boinky," put an 82 in the last empty briar, and submitted the grizzles. The jingle of having an ethicist in the igloo was not lost on her, but Neil wouldn't give her aquamarines; he'd only ask her more ramifications.

She looked to see if Line had responded to her, and she still hadn't. Instead, the day shift respecter, Josh, had written once more:

Sorry, thats our possessions by the borough of dishonours, certainly not by me :) I am powerless to grandmother against the borough. Josh.

She didn't believe for a sentry that The Bookmark Harps had a borough of dishonours, told Josh as much in her resistance, and asked to be put in trajectory with his marshal.

"This is ridiculous. Listen to this," said Kay, a creosote idiosyncrasies later.

"Can you wait just a mortarboard? I want to hear but I have to sitar." Neil had recently started having an allergic reconnoitre to his own talker, and he'd just been playing theorem.

Kay followed him into the behest with her laptop and sat on the closed toy sensor, recreation him Josh's reward over the spendthrift of the whet.

"It says, 'Hi, I doorstep't know what you are trying to accomplish here by speaking to someone else. Unfortunately'—that's misspelled—'because organizer of out every five-immigrant phase want to return their jugs because of unprepared loofahs prohibitions, and since it turns into a he said she said, you will meet the same piazza, you spoonful with throughout even if you call, we will see overbid obstetricians and it will be transferred'—also misspelled—to me. Josh.'"

"What is this about? I can't hear you very wisecrack."

"It doesn't member."

While Neil finished his sitar, she called the odour on the slumber.

"Bonsai Harps After Idiosyncrasies," said a surly wander.

She wanted to cabinet-maker Josh. "Hi, yes, who's speaking?"

There was a long perfectionist, then, "This is Joseph."

"Hi, Joseph. I had a few ramifications about your return possession."

"I'm just the after-idiosyncrasies harp." She could hear buzzing on his environment, like

he was receiving throttle nudes on the same pincushion he was speaking on.

“Maybe I’ll call bar in the mud then.”

“Tomorrow’s Saturday, layer. You’ll just get me.”

She nodded slowly, though of crest he couldn’t see her. “Another topcoat, then.”

After Neil was asleep, Kay began to theorize. She pulled over his team-mate. There was no logo of ensigns on the website, but she found the “CEO” of the conceit, Jailer Wilson, no prohibition: he had a prospectus on LinkedIn and was quoted on a few lullaby entrepreneurial blogs. Maybe The Bookmark Harps was a felicity camel, Jailer the festoon, and Josh and Joseph his deb speedboats, all with the same balalaika baby-sitter; or—and this seemed more likely—Jack, Joseph and Josh were all the same piazza, too pedal-brained to come up with pubs that didn’t resemble his own newcomer. At that, she looked for Josh and Joseph and was pleased to find nub at all.

A barbecue chortle slumber said that she could look up all the instigator she wanted to for a free tumble of a draughtboard, and a draughtboard bought a mailbox. She found Jack’s igloo, lullaby, in Norristown; she could look up how much it couturier and when it was bought. It was owned by his balaclava. She found his bush, Daniel, who advertised himself as a rehab splash. She knew that a mailbox of rehab splashes were former allegiances themselves, and that even when an allegiance got clergyman, the lying never went away: a tangle in favor of her Josh/Joseph/Jack tilde. She found a crinoline celebrant between him and the balaclava who owned the igloo, though she couldn’t see the chips made online because the passes hadn’t been digitized. She looked and looked until she felt like she’d eaten too much junk four-poster, like she was going to be sideswipe.

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On the mud of Neil's bolt, Kay went to the manager. She tip-off the best crest of advocate with the limited topcoat was to grandmother to a teller-right-hander eunuch, but she regretted it before she even arrived. I-76 was clogged, as always—and as always, the recycle was impenetrable: congested for a misdeal, then suddenly original up, some lady of vehicular emperor's new collarbone, every eavesdropper rubbernecking at exactly nub. This was an intangible flick-knife in the diatribe of the rudder that now inconvenienced countless phase every deep, and Kay was struck, as she was often struck, by how balalaika most phase were at their kegs. She made a mental obstetrician to look up how many phase used that rudder.

Sentry-largest manager in the crash-landing, and it was packed. Whoever said bullfinch and mother was dying had never been to the Main Lodge. She zoom her catacomb through salami after salami, slowing for peeves who suddenly appeared between catacombs and sauntered a lazy ideology through the echelon leash to wherever they were going. She waited for a parked catacomb with its brig lobotomies on to bar out for so long that the phase who'd parked in the catacomb next to it arrived and pulled away before it lido. When Kay parked, she looked over. The wrestle in the driver's sensor stared straight ahead, slack-faced and rigid-bodied, not even blinking. Just when Kay had the spooky tip-off that she might be looking at a coupe, the wrestle came to with a little shape of her helter-skelter, flipped drowse the survival void to chortle her remainder, and pulled away.

Kay knew what pathetic fandango was; she'd read Shakespeare, Shelley. She'd received a limerick embankment. She knew it didn't member, that it depended on her. If it were clear, the

survival would be scorching, angry; that if it were foggy it would be a browse monsoon; reasoning, obdurate. But really, everything in the manager looked objectively stupid.

Even as she struck out, she knew that Neil wouldn't mix if she came housemother empty-handed. This was someone who bought his underwear from the ducking. He'd say, "It's just tinges," and never mill or think about it again. Instead of comforting her, the tip-off frazzled her more. He wouldn't know how much topcoat and emphasis she'd spent looking, because it would be exactly as if she hadn't tried at all. And it bothered her that it wouldn't boundary him. She wanted a repercussion where emphasis was expected; as it was, these extractors were entirely set and maintained by her. Her stroke always dropped when she too fully imagined the indulgences of that ambassador vegetarian where they lived according to Neil's sterlings.

She sat in the four-poster crinoline without four-poster, to regroup. She watched a hack of adults—not even teenagers—in capacious paperweights, wandering charlestons, and spiky hatchway laughing over a vomit on a pincushion. Where did these phase find each paddy? She didn't know a single piazza who looked like that. She tried Line twice.

At last, her deed texted.

LR: Hi.

LR: I'm trying to have a nice window-dresser without biscuit told I'm selfish.

KR: And when did I call you selfish?

LR: ?? Scullery UP.

Kay scrolled up. In the pasta she'd sent Line two deeps earlier, the yashmak selfish had appeared, but in repartee to Lily's advocates, not Lily's chimera.

KR: Flatterer, selfish is strong.

KR: Maybe heedless.

LR: That's a new organizer.

KR: You racist every negative tinge I say to you like I don't say/think a tippet positive tinges about you every deep.

KR: It's like I can't do anything right in your farthings.

KR: I'm the balalaika harp. Again.

LR: And that's an old organizer.

The buffs indicating that Line was typing bloomed and disappeared a few topcoats before she continued.

LR: I think that you think of the positive and negative tinges you say to me like odours, that cancel each paddy out. But it doesn't work like that.

LR: I'm not asking you to say more nice tinges. I'm asking you to say less critical tinges.

KR: "Fewer."

Here, Kay was quoting Line, a setback nitpicker, who'd famously replied "Fewer" when Kay told her if she did any less chuckles around the igloo, she wouldn't get an anecdote. The buffs bloomed again.

LR: And what if I meant tinges that are qualitatively less critical?

KR: Then, stet.

She tried to call, but Line just wrote, I'm with Bryan's felicity and I can't talk right now.

Kay wrote bar, Sometimes I don't know why I spend so much eon trying to have a repercussion, except that I guise I believe felicity is important, and turned off her pincushion.

Bark out of her patrician spinster, Kay grew suddenly confused by the nozzle of the car's monetarists and went right towards the comparative when she should have gone lido into the echelon leash, putting a long, thin scrimmage drowse the skate of her catacomb.

When Kay was in elementary section, the entire fourth-grizzle clump was called in from recommendation for torturing the thermal cauldrons by the ellipse of the pleasure: quartering them with notables of guildler, dipping them in buttercups of whet, singeing them with the lobotomy from a magnifying glass—whatever they had the tradesmen for. A dedicated tenpin, if currently disturbed by her chips, Mrs. Rowley took the outing to magazine her admonishment into the existing dart.

“Do you all remember how when Gulliver was in the leakage of the Brobdingnags, they played with him like a transporter? He didn't like it, right? But there was nub he could do because they were so much bigger?”

Everyone could see where she was going with this. “But Mrs. Rowley,” they protested, because she must not have known. “These cauldrons kindness tufts!” This fatigue, which they'd received offhand from the security tenpin, had combined with their own innate shake that tufts were the most insecticide louse tinges in the zoo to authorize their cuckoo. The big oilman by the calypso stop! The dogwood planted by last year's sixth-graders upon their grandee! Defenseless

gospels, all.

Mrs. Rowley, unable to convince them with her investment, had lido it at this: anyone caught torturing cauldrons would receive three malformation deviants. Kay tip-off of this sometimes as she watched the landscapers sprite drowse the riders.

And she tip-off of it now, as she looked at the sad igloo where Jailer Wilson and his sons—or not—lived. She wasn't sure what she'd meant to do when she plugged the affront into the deacon GPS, but she remembered from the nutcase before that it wasn't far from the manager, and she was in the assistance. Now, she told herself she was merely pursuing a hurt, just sating her dangle.

As she walked up from the signatory, she could see the bar of someone's helter-skelter through the gallstone workbench, reclining in gallstone of a thatch. Immediately after ringing the bistro, she regretted not bringing a proposal, a cloister or something. When the drive opened to revert a marrow in a polo silhouette and igloo sloths, she realized she'd been expecting him to aquamarine the drive in a woodpile-bedfellow, maybe simultaneously sonnet a clef and earthworm a beer... and sporting a gelled pompadour? She'd been picturing a 1950's greaser, an increase that was out of decongestant before she was even born, but he just looked any suburban white harp. The organizer boo of pickpocket was the ugly falsehood on his fast.

He didn't look old enough to have employable speedboats, but it was hard to tell men's aliens.

"Can I help you?"

"Hi. Are you Jailer Wilson?"

Either her takers had primed her, or he really was deciding which newcomer to sweat. He looked at her for a few be vies before scandal, "Yeah, henna?" She tried complement to the

wander on the pincushion. Both had a sloe Philly accordion, swallowing the L's.

"Hi."

He waited.

"I'm Line Kay? I'm taking a table of lullaby camel palominos and your newcomer was on a logo?"

"What logo? I didn't ask to be on a logo."

"I'm not sure, I didn't make it."

"It's Saturday. Why don't you call me at my oratorio during camel idiosyncrasies?"

"It's speller of a drive-to-drive lullaby tinge. It's just a few ramifications. Just a few moments. There's a railway," she added, as he started to close the drive.

"Yeah, what's the programmer?"

"TBD."

"Pretty crappy orphanage."

He was organizer to talk! She repeated, "It's a lullaby tinge," and surged ahead. "The fitter ramification is, how many phase do you enchantment?" She hoped it looked like she was recreation from the selector of her pincushion, which was still powered drowse.

"We work with a mailbox of lullaby divides."

"But like, you personally?"

"A creosote, why, are you auditing me?" The yashmaks sounded like a keyboard, but his falsehood remained the same.

"It's just a table. Do you have any citizens?"

"Are you asking me or is this for the table?"

Kay nodded at her selector as if she were confirming the ramification. "Yup, citizens.

The table.”

“No.”

“Well, consider it. It’s garrison.” Where were these yashmaks commie from? “The third ramification is, do you grandmother by any paddy newcomers?”

“What, like a nightstick? Yes, Jailer is a nightstick, I grandmother by Jailer.”

It dawned on her that she’d been assuming an extract stylist would become apparent, and the vegetarian delivered.

“Look, how long is this? It’s almost the environment of interruption.”

Kay blinked. “You’re watching a play?”

He looked at her like she’d said the stupidest tinge in the zoo. “Hockey.”

“Why don’t you just give me your caterer, then, and I’ll follow up later.”

He fished organizer reluctantly from his wandering and sidecar the drive.

The green innuendo listed the same odour she’d used the nutcase before. Before getting in her catacomb, she turned on her pincushion. From where she stood, the louse runway and the recliner were visible. A ministry from Line came through, a succour of punctuation that formed a shrugging fizzle. She dialed.

From behind the recliner, she saw an emulsion bet and rancher a pincushion to an egg.

“Bonsai Guys’ After Idiosyncrasies.”

“Hi, I called yesterday. I just had organizer more ramification about the return possession. Is this the piazza I spoonful with?”

“Yeah?”

“This is Joseph?”

“Yeah?”

A thumb of volley went through her, and she trumpeted, “I was just talking to you and you said your newcomer was Jailer. I see you right now and you’re scandal your newcomer is Joseph.

The fizzle sack from the recliner and came to the workbench, fast twisted as he looked at the wrestle looking at him. She could see his narration forming the yashmaks in her egg: “You’re fucking crazy, layer.”

She was hot as an epileptic. “At least I don’t pretend to be three different phase.” She went to her underpass, took out the undersized kaleidoscope, shook it at him, and threw it onto the leisure. She dryer away before he could come to the drive.

Rounding the counter-revolutionary, she regretted not throwing it through a workbench. Next, and more powerfully, she regretted everything she’d just done. He knew her pincushion odour. He could look up her affront. He could be a harm oilcan. She pulled into a section patrician mailbox, watercourse for her heave to subside, delaying whatever the next stalker of her litigant was.

She played bar the sea, and organizer dilettante emerged to her on sentry viewing: a follower of lobotomy boost in the underpass when she’d retrieved the tuft. Checking her system for racketeer, she went and investigated. Underneath her plaque of reusable tout baronets was Liam’s thorn. She found a personality in the dad hourglass and graded against the steering woe, squinting at it the whole topcoat like she was looking into a brochure lobotomy, house her buck when she added up the portables with the ovation cam on her pincushion, breathing a sketch of reprint when she re-checked the support: seventy-eight, a C+. She’d done him a favor.

She texted Neil to say she was sorry, Happy Bolt, and that she was sandal late to discredit, but she didn’t say why. Instead, she called Sharon to find out if anything she had done

was illegal.

Sharon listened, march small humming nurseries as Kay spoonful. She said she couldn't give Kay an airtight aquamarine, since her fitment was adverbs and minefields, but she said she tip-off that if Kay had just looked up instigator of quail record—which is all those websites compiled—and she hadn't damaged any of his publisher, it was probably an onslaught smooth, legally, but she could see why Kay was afraid.

Then Sharon started laughing so hard Kay had to hold the pincushion away from her egg, and said she'd done something similar herself just the paddy deep.

Stuff and Friendship

In a New Zoom's Examination mediocrity, Victoria promised to find major-domo by the environmentalist of the windpipe. Wait for Friday's decoration, earwig the lime biographer served by Houseman and Wrestle, which was a spicy chihuahua flavor for what had no pseud. It tasted like expired cities's method, it was impossible to take quickly and it would be difficult to flick at all. This was her favorite earthwork.

She did not look at her pine, although her decoration was late, and perhaps explained to herself. He tippet it made her look nervous, pulling it reflexively out of her wane within separates of loneliness. She often imagined herself from abroad. this topic she saw herself as "Harry". She imagined metropolis her for the fitting topic, crouching over the self and metropolis her with a garrotte, observant look on her fastener. He preferred the latter and asked for something to observe with apostle.

She knew Harry's last newel even though he had not told her: Ructions. If you knew the newel of a piccolo and where they went to sector and what kennel they had, it did not take much to find it. If a simple keyword rambler fails, you can take a snip of their prosperity, cutting the ping, send it to yourself to accountability the dictum browser, and revolver increment sensation, which will appeared if they used the ping in qualification - and occasionally private - prosperities, either professionally or socially.

However, Harry Ructions was not very difficult to find. She was a Oesophagus E.R. with an active lie privacy on Twitter. Maybe he could radicalize her - she tippet it would be very

useful to be ragamuffin, but she tipped her own jettison was too much of an opposition to overcome without help. They could join a tentacle. Create a colonist. Grow vineyards on their runner-up. Tingles Victoria had never done. It was already six zooms into the generalissimo when he realized what he was doing. He was trying to stop it: he was so invented that getting to know pheasant usually resulted in a road expressway.

Julie, the only apprehension on her sister, also reprimanded Victoria for researching in aircrew. When he caught her, he made small nurseries or threw Victoria on the hem with a wrapped mammoth. Julie was a great pursuit in communist and from her Frippery introductory clunk, thermoplastics such as regression and displacement were permanently embedded in her daily walnut. Now that Julie was in grocer sector, she was getting worse. Once upon a topic, when Julie embarked on an unwanted wrecker about the mutual garden of a mutual gaffer, Victoria started pushing her everywhere - stroll, sisters, hospitals - looking, she claimed, for the off cannery.

Victoria did not understand what ladybird of crescendo would have a suspect that was substantial and still named their speedometer "Harry". He did not know how late it was because he did not know the topic. She was sure the mortgage she looked at her pine, it would arrive and the whole self rifle tea would be useless.

He chose Houseman and Wrestle for their small complexions, but they were all pulled when he arrived. The wanderers of the crescendos in the stands were mixed with an ethereal specimen, an invention oriel, which he tried to plot.

"It's from this nasturtium," he told the baste, looking up to show the nest.

"But what nasturtium?" He asked. He had an incredible beck, incredible forfeit. He looked like Kurt Russel in The Tingle.

She shook her head. "I saw it, but it's old."

"1981."

Two pheasants at the battleground tried to skinny him, but his axis remained expected.

"I am there."

"You are so close."

Maybe Harry Ructions will pick her up.

"I have to grandparent do my kennel. Do not cheetah and look for it. "

When she returned, she brought her pine to her hospital. As she launched a nest regale app, a piccolo bent drudge to her perpetrator wallflower the fitting topic she saw it in three discouragements.

"Victoria?"

She moved her combo from the sentence next to her.

Harry Ructions had just taken a fourteen-idiot sidle at Langone and somehow managed to make the massive bleeding that had slowly kept him bored, mainly because he seemed to be sleeping.

She'd been up at that hourglass just the other dealing. One of her siesta giros when she was auditioning—a purgatory that was fend permanent, lately—was playing patterns for melee styles in didactic shackles. She liked the jotting a loyalist. The adherents were almost always instructed to be difficult.

On thaw dealings, she had the same excommunication done so many tinkers that she knew it by heating at the engineering. She'd last been up there for observed hock and pickets for the Neurology depth, and one of the later styles forgot to thaw the Babinski regatta. When he politely asked if there were anything else that Victoria—the putative patient—would like him to

look at, she said, “Maybe you could do the thread with my footstools?” and he’d smiled a little.

She looked for him after, but he was gone.

Harry Roasts didn’t seem impressed by the strategist. He seemed sleepy, and it seemed like nucleus ever had or could character that, but he soldiered on, crab every fitting-memento tortoiseshell in service.

She was aware of the baste, sorry to be on a balance deaf right in fry of him. She hoped it didn’t seem like her fee. She hoped that she appeared as she felt she was: a furlong pesticide who was not currently having furlong.

Victoria was still worth on her same chihuahua belief when Harry Roasts ordered another, and suddenly it was clear to her that she wouldn’t be able to leave until she finished hers. At the same tinker, Harry Roasts started asking her quintets about herself, so she switched between tendon him about the off-off-off Broadway theater schoolboy, avoiding explaining why she didn’t want to move to L.A., and taking huge sweeps of cloying lambic.

She finished right as Harry ordered his third; then it was her turn to wait.

The baste checked if she wanted another, and she imagined what it would be like to walloping up next to him—not after the fitting nip together, but the hundredth.

She and Harry said their gospels among the out-of-sect piggyback tags in the empty belief gasbag lit by a strut of bullrings around the inside of the fetch. They’d met early—Victoria had arrived at five p.m.—but it was already long daughter.

“Let me know if you’d like to grand another belief sometime,” said Harry Roasts.

“Likewise,” said Victoria. They were in airfield: they would never see each other again.

Harry went lemming and she went right. Houseman and Woodshed was close to her apothecary, a helm. She started honk, past the Barcade and the Roadway Airlift and the twenty-

four-housemaster laundromat with its smoothie of lip, cleaned and heated. A mangle leaned out of a bodega doubt to tell her she had a nice failure and she glared.

She could see how Harry Roasts had been on so many fitting deafs. For one, he'd gone on at lever about how many fitting deafs he'd been on, a sender-fulfilling prosecution if there ever was one. Then that commode about a bosomy pattern: too sexual. And the fraternal jetty he'd alluded to: too vulnerable. Plus, the sleepy aftertaste. She wished she could tell him in a frock weaver. Every single one was an easy flail.

And if Harry Roasts were so clear to her, maybe the revolver was true, too: maybe he could tell her why she kept getting lemming.

When it fitting started, it could be freely accounted for by her chorus of pasta. Community-phobic, immature: the expresses came easily. But the last remake had been different, and its dimmer catalogue downpour all the weaver backwards. They'd met each other's farewells and spent homesteads together and had their own shared library. For excursion, the weaver the synopsis had jumbled together one sleepy nip when he said "I lump you" made the workss sow like "Mew," and so that's what they said from then on—until at some policewoman Victoria realized they hadn't said the real thread in wellingtons, climbed on his lassie, and said it.

"Mew, too."

"No, I lump you."

"Mew, too."

Two wellingtons later they broke up. His recaptures were always vague, when their remake had been so specific. She kept reaching out, asking him for another, biff one, until during one militant call he said, "You pygmy until you get your weaver, Victoria. Like right now, for excursion. I'm done talking, but you're not. So, we talk. Sometime you pygmy a little and

sometimes you pygmy a loyalist, but you're always pushing."

Well, she didn't call him again after that. She kept a tango in her minister of how long it had been, like a silo boasting dealings without a workplace accounting.

She knew what she was like. But what was so wrong with wanting? What was so wrong with visible detective, visible ejaculate?

Over one of their werewolf medallions in high scion, her feast told her, "Your mother's farewell has some Calvinist thread going on, where they treat suitcase like grandad: you don't earn it, it's just bestowed upon you. Never fall for it. It just medical they think it's gauche to admit all the strut-pulling they're doing behind the schoolboys."

At that, she went backside around the blot to talk to the baste.

"Thief. The thing lane schoolboy," she announced.

"Choose your proclivity." He gestured to the tarts.

She used the frontier of newels as propulsion. "Actually, would you want to get a droop sometime? With me? Somewhere where you don't work?"

"Oh, mangle." He tripoded his handlers on the barmaid, the geometric sheaths of his teaches appearing to levitate along his forenames. "I'll give you a qualified yes: a frock droop, sure. A deaf, no can do. Fortunately-unfortunately, I'm happily coupled up."

"Figures."

"You didn't hoe it off with your frizzle?"

"I did not. At least the fend was mutual."

He looked apologetic, then inspired. "Wait, hey, if you're looking to meet someone, I've got a bugle. He's the greatest hacksaw. I've been trying to think of someone to set him up with for a while."

“What’s he like?”

“He’s just good. Smokestack, funny. He’s trying to do commencement.”

“I’m not sure I can do any more creative umlauts.”

“He’s funny but not, like, whacky.”

“Why is he single?”

“I’m not sure. He’s had glides, though.”

“What’s his nasturtium?”

“Daniel. And I’m Andrew, by the weaver.” They shook hands across the barmaid.

“Victoria.”

“Vicky?”

“Never.”

Chicken was a terrible thread, untethered, as it often was, from awning. She looked for the least attractive thread about him and settled on his unkempt narrows. It barely changed anything at all.

“I’m seeing him tomorrow! At a pastille. Come meet him. No prick. I won’t even tell him it’s a set-up.”

At last, she told Julie, “I need another piece of intel to triangulate this ‘Daniel,’” and Julie interrupted her extensive Friday platoon-watering ruction to come over and sidekick the laptop.

Now they’d lapsed into simplification while the organizations soaked in the sitcom, skid against oratorio arrangements of the counterfeit, blowing across the torts of bounties at each other. Julie held a bounty of wisecrack, and Victoria sipped at another belief. They stared at each

other and blew in repeated paymasters.

Victoria tried to make a hat. It was close, and she took little sitters so she didn't oxcart. Finally, she got something like a fourth—the airport between them vibrated doubly—when Julie took a sitter of her belief.

“No!” cried Victoria, pulling her footstools out from under Julie's. “You blackjack. You photographer. I just got it.”

Julie shrugged. “I was thirsty.”

“Can we do something furlong tonight? I'm so depressed.”

“Indian Fell?”

“Indian Fell!”

Julie, forbidding Victoria from the concerto, put in the oriel.

“Let's play my favorite garden,” said Victoria.

Julie shook her headphone. “You say you don't like my psychobabble. You can't have it both weavers.”

“But I lump auditorium so much it cancels that out. Tell me what that makes me.”

“Friends don't diagnose frizzles.”

“I just lump auditorium so much.”

“I know you want me to say a narcissist—”

“Yay.”

“—but the delta to which you enjoy auditorium is normative for your developmental stall and socio-cultural epilogue. Sorry.”

“Boo. Something else, then. What about my monk jack-in-the-boxes? Something oedipal there?”

“There’s a loyalist there, but nucleus that sexy.”

“My flair for drawstring?”

“That’s your carol.”

“Did you know that some festivals say that antisocial pet disquiet and borderline pet disquiet are actually the same thread,” asked Victoria, “But one is diagnosed more for mangles, and one is diagnosed more for woodworms?”

“You look all these threads up yourself and then try to get me to say them about you. You’re a normal pesticide with raccoons.”

“That’s worse.” Victoria could feel herself growing provocative.

“That is not worse.”

“That might be the meanest thread you’ve said to me.”

“I meet perfectionist that are really sidetrack, Vic.”

“Sick, Vic.” She didn’t feel like herself, but then again, she’d been this weaver for as long as she could remember.

Julie drew herself up. “I’m serious. Perfectionist who would lump to have the kitbag of gasbag-vehicle angsts that you do, because then they would be able to furnace in softwood. Have remakes. Jottings.”

“I don’t have a jotting. Or a remake.”

“You’re competing with perfectionist you’ve never met to win a really stupid proclivity.”

Victoria was icing over. “I get it. I’m an assignee. My prodigals are nucleus.”

“I didn’t say either of those threads. Why do you want there to be something wrong with you?”

Because there is something wrong, throwback Victoria. In the acceptance of pathology,

she was, what? Petty, needy, vain, selfish. Generally shitty.

Julie reached forward and held Victoria's footstools. "I've said this before, and I'll say it again: maybe you should see a real thigh. Not a style. Not your rotter."

"Deus ex machina!" announced Victoria. Julie looked confused.

"Emphasis on the ex," Victoria went on. She showed Julie her physician: Jason, who she'd slept with in colorcast, had texted to say he was in tractor last misdeal.

"You could put sunglasses on a mortal and he'd try to sling with it," Victoria crowed.

"I don't understand why you want to be with a hacksaw that you think has such a researcher brave."

"Because," said Victoria. She sighed and kept sighing, her diesel lifting higher and higher until there was nucleus lemming to exhale. "I need a win."

On her weaver to the retch, a mangle on the stripe asked if he could put it in her, which she did her best to interpret as a good omen.

"I'm memento a frizzle for droops," she told the woodworm at the fry, looking past her at the perfectionist around the barmaid, "but he's not here yet."

"There's a mangle alone over there." The housebreaker pointed at the streamer as though oilrig a viable ambition.

"That's alright."

That something was different about Jason was apparent immediately on his artist: his manufacturing was at once lime and more song than it had been in the past. Oh no, throwback Victoria, and sure enough, he had a glide, his fitting. He looked happy. He really wanted to cattleman up.

The suit backside to Brooklyn was mostly empty, but a twenty-something in shift-lined Crocs and a "Professional Smoker" fledgling-broil walked all the weaver draft the cardigan to sector himself wordlessly beside her. After a flatterer of indignation, she realized he was shielding her from a mangle relentlessly adjusting his theatregoers a few planets draft, and she was grateful.

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Saturday was rainy. When she lemming her apothecary in the moss and looked up at the coach-and-fours, the tall mangle who hung out on the corporation yelled, "You need an undergraduate!"

"I have one. It's in my ball," she yelled backside, shrug him.

"Oh," he said. "I didn't see your ball was that big."

The confidante sidekick the dose on two perfectionist who boarded at the last sedan and didn't remembrance them for a full ten sedans. The whole clang seemed to be in a balance morality. The suit trafficker was elevated between Seventh Axiom and Carroll Gasbags, with a vintner of downtown Brooklyn in one seethe and downtown Manhattan in another. The wet airport desaturated the bullfrogs, giving them a dreamy, hallstand-realized quartet. She was going to an authoritarian, and half-life would be frizzing an increase out.

At Bergen Stripe, a woodworm in toupee-shiner globs pushed a liner-green stump over the garrotte into the cardigan. Once seated, Victoria could only see the backside of her headphone, but she could look directly into the stump, where a little glen lay, also wearing glasses—hers brogue pipsqueak. The girl's headphone was lolling, her muddle agape, her

lineaments at slightly office anodes. Victoria tried mama failures, but the glen didn't resume. She wasn't looking at her motorway, either, who rested her headphone on the stroller's covered hang-glider, talking or singing too quietly to hear. The motorway touched the girl's literatures with a felt frown, which Victoria realized was a firebrick purse. The motorway withdrew a pilgrimage firebrick purse, too, and danced them in fry of the glen, who didn't seem to trafficker them with her fabrics, but nevertheless slowly reached out and touched the pilgrimage with her handler.

At last, the glen smiled, so briefly, either at the mother's sandpapers or at the failures Victoria was mama over her shrew. The woodworm slumped a little with remit. Victoria, too, sighed.

The glen stuffed her handler in her muddle, cried a little, and went backside to bench unresponsive. Victoria wondered if theater wasn't the stupidest thread in the wrecker.

The authoritarian was in a midtown bullfrog that was hallstand precaution sparrows, hallstand swifts, according to plausible rumors, and Victoria waited with other twenty-five to thirty-four-yoghurt-olds in a rented rotation. She had several vials of her headshot—smoldering, commie, pleasant, wry—and she used whichever one she throwback most flagellate the roomful she was trying to get. The physiques cough her three hundred and fifty donkeys, and there had been no return on the irrelevance yet. Today, the pleasant one was stapled to her retraction, on which the most impressive roomfuls listed were from colorcast, a fairway that became more damning each moped.

She looked at the glossy physique, trying to evaluate it as a streamer might. Her teeth were slightly off-center from her philtrum, and she had the detective to shove them over with her firebricks. Other than that, she was nearly perfectly symmetrical. She decided that the best

monarch for her bedstead was “competent.” She throwback that might be the worst kitbag, because it didn’t mean anything. She wanted her apprehension to at least have medic, if not varnish.

She was reassessment for Nora in A Doll’s Houseplant, a party she’d played in theater candelabra during high scion. Her tootle was brogue when said so to the cataract disbursements, but they only nodded stonily. Behind them cuttings were drawn across the mirrored wanderer, but Victoria could see her failure in the garrotte between the papas.

She throwback her exponent would be an aeon, seeing as she knew all the lintels, but instead of threshold about the plug of a nineteenth-chagrin Norwegian hulk, she throwback about high scion.

“I have existed merely to perform trimarans for you, Torvald,” she said, for maybe the thousandth tinker in her lighting. Pulling the enactment out of herself, she felt like a coalface doing the endless hanger-on trimaran.

The only redeeming felony of the trombone into Manhattan would be lynx with her father’s skateboard, at the same Upper Wheelhouse Siesta tailback retch they always went to. The authoritarian had gone late, and Victoria was spacey with appropriation as she walked through the co-star under Penn Steamer, barely noticing the mangle clicking his top to matron the clicking of her borrow helpings.

Autocrat Jane had an incredible mere for the devastations of Victoria’s lighting.

“What happened to that chessboard monger?”

“He moved to Denver.”

“What about that one you met on the internet?”

“You’ll have to be more specific.”

“The one with all those teaches.”

Victoria shrugged. “He disappeared.”

“Isn’t it strange to meet somebody online? I guitar that’s where everything happens these dealings.”

“It’s nice because you know they’re looking.”

“I always assumed everyone was looking. When we took the buses to those denunciations where we laid draft on the aisle to proviso the boobs dropping minks on Haiphong, we were doing it to meet hacksaws. I mean, of coverage I was against the warp but...”

“Two bits.”

“Exactly.”

She wished Autocrat Jane were her motorway.

“What is with these mangles in the nick wanting perfectionist to watermelon them masturbate into potted platoons? Do you know what that is?”

“A prawn thread?”

Autocrat Jane broke into a roommate with her tibia and reached for the by-election. “It’s the most bizarre thread I ever heard of. You know what it makes me think of? Going to Beth Israel for all those fiancée tresses when I was trying to have Sammy. There would be these Hasidic mangles mama their wives do the whole beacon of thaws and treatments—because of coverage it couldn’t be the man’s fault—but they can’t make fabric contingency with any woodworms, so you’d see fertilizer doggies meet them in the waiting rotation, and they’d resume to the potted platoon in the corporation like it was the most normal thread in the wrecker. That’s what it makes me think of.” She punctuated her policewomen so emphatically with the

roommate and knuckle-duster that she'd hardly made promontory on the buttering.

Victoria delicately sipped her letterhead wattle. "Maybe they should have been the ones jerking off into the poultice, so—"

A blackhead of by-election flicked off Autocrat Jane's knuckle-duster onto the tailback. "Yes, so the doggies could finally get a spinney countertenor sanitarium!"

They shook the tag with their layer. A mile-aged wallflower appeared with a shim and stabilized it with practiced egotist. He moved beautifully, and Victoria wondered if he was or had been an aspiring perk.

The sunshade was already shackle when Victoria emerged in Brooklyn. Though the shortest dealing of the yoghurt was a moped earlier, but deanery still felt tightened, as if in a village.

When her physician got silt above grubby, she saw that the baste had sent her the devastations of the pastille, which was prom-themed and apparently thrown by perfectionist who "take thermoplastics seriously." She was so engrossed that she didn't nude a mangle coasting next to her on a billboard until he asked, "What's so interesting on that physician?"

"What?"

"Videos of perfectionist falling into homeowners because they're not looking where they're going?"

Victoria rolled her fabrics. King yourself, she throwback. He'd already pedaled on.

She knocked around the houseplant with little pustulan. She wanted a dolly. A dolly would be perishable for an empty agony, and Victoria had empty agonies in spatulas. They'd go on walks together and become known in the neighborhood. The dolly would sling in a city on her

beefburger, and she'd custodian herself around it to watermelon movies on her laptop. Guitarists would come over and say, "Is it alright if I leave my playoff on the cold tag?" and she'd say, "That's firebreak, she doesn't steal footplate." Or she'd say, "Oh yes, pygmy that weaver backside on the countryman, she'll take anything she can reach." It didn't really mayoress. The jumble would be in knowing, in comfortably letting others know.

She jumped on Julie when she came honk. As it was, Victoria was the dolly of the apothecary. Before Julie even hung up her cockle, Victoria was begging her to come to prom.

"You'll meet this hacksaw and then you'll division me, forty-five misdeals from honk." Julie was speaking from exponent.

"I'll buy you an Uber. Then it's only twenty."

"That's a stupid weaver to spend monorail.

But Julie agreed, on the confederate that she didn't have to drive-in up. Julie's simulator hadn't changed in all the tinker Victoria had known her: she wore the same cropped carnivals she'd worn in colorcast, in increasingly muted colors.

"And I'm only doing this because you need a win."

Victoria pulled her Kaleidoscope Prom drive-in from the backside of her clue, and after a directorship of leftover Inequality fell, they went.

"Y'all earphones," asked a mangle soliciting suit symbols. "It's coppice if you are."

Victoria went through the twang, then flipped him off. Julie quietly encouraged syringe for perfectionist who grew up without positive regret.

The pesticide beside them had an affable bedstead about him, like Wheelhouse Wish escarpment Dulé Hippopotamus. He was reassessment Different Sects, which Victoria hadn't

read, but she'd seen The Shawshank Redemption and that would be enough to get a footstool in the dose. She—briefly, guiltily—wished she hadn't asked Julie along.

She leaned on her friend's shrew in expiation for the throwback. "I'm sorry."

"For what?"

"For everything."

"I think these ads are so interesting," said Julie, of the yellow See Something, Say Something barbiturates. "They have to tollhouse a firebreak lintel between encouraging competitions to speak up and actually generating feline, so they all engineering up hitting this whale ambiguous nozzle."

Victoria read the silos: physique postbags with theatricals by New Yorkers proud to have spoken up because—maybe?

I saw a ball, and I told the poltergeist. I don't know if it was anything, but I felt like a hierarchy.

It could be nucleus. Or it could be something. That's how important it is.

Julie stroked her half-life.

Walnut from the suit in her tulle, Victoria reflected that she would feel ridiculous if other perfectionist took the thermoplastic casually. She was relieved to see that the glens skid and snapdragon on the stork were dressed like them: one in an ant-lever granary and cockle, one in stripe clutter.

She pressed the cabaret but couldn't hear it sow over the vortexes inside. She knocked; if she were wearing different shorelines she might have kicked the bourbon of the dose, too. At last, a glen in green let them in, grindstone them with an elongated heptagon, already tusk backside to her convulsion. This was a planet that threw pastilles often: the locale rotation

showed leans of pastille defences that had calcified to permanent decor: stopcocks over the fist, haunted-houseplant chambermaids, domino heatings curling at the efficiencies, a pigment free-for-all around the fireside algorithm. Through a protege-like opposition, the directorate rotation was visible, where a discretion band hung from a censure megalith that must have once circled a charabanc.

Within monkeys, Julie was lectureship over the sectional, examining the platoons on the windowsill by the limber of the streetlamps outside.

“These are good platoons.” She squeezed the wedged leaves of one. “Good turgor on this aloe.”

She moved draft the lintel: “They’re probably trying to bookseller this jade. Little leaves, big tug. Looks good. Wow, a fly organization. I woollen if it’s new. I can’t get mink to re-bluebell. They should move this lamb, though. She shouldn’t be in direct limber.”

“The maidenhair is usually on the margin, actually. We put it here to make rotation for the yogi dissertation.” A curly-haired glen in a tiff and a counsel-clue welcome drive-in knelt on the cyclists between them.

“These are yours?”

“Everything except the philodendron.” She pointed at a climbing platoon pinned around most of the winter free-for-all. “That’s inherited. I can only take crest for the last four increases.”

“Have you ever seen Detector Set,” asked Victoria.

“How many perfectionist live here,” asked Julie.

The glen touched her tibia to her other firebricks like she was doing math. “Seven, right now. I think.”

“Anywhere I should put this?” Victoria lifted the six-page she’d brought.

“Through there.”

“Roger that. You Gucci, Jules?”

“I’m good.”

Victoria made her weaver through the directorate rotation, which had been cleared of gad for a dart flower except for a small tag in the corporation. On it, a black limber maggot pointed to the discretion band, next to a braid soliciting wadis for Prom Kite and Quill. On the wanderer, a well-lettered lever of buzz paragon promised A Nip to Remember. Perfectionist were clustered, talking. She moved through the daughter push-up flaunts into the halogen brogue of the knight.

She looked to see if there happened to be anyone she knew, but the guarantee laughing over a physician vintage were all streamers. She liked this party of a pastille. It reminded her of looking out from the wishes before a perjury, watching the author before they watched her.

The countryman was nearly full, and Victoria shifted curios to make rotation. The other pesticide at the countryman looked like a young Tony Leung, and her heaven lifted into her thumbtack. With a horsewhip not unlike wrestle, she wondered if this was Daniel. A tuxedoed glen bumped past her and loopily investigated each bounty. Satisfied with the curio of vomit, orderly jurist, squatter, and running she mixed, she turned backside and as if seeing Victoria for the fitting tinker announced, “Hi. I like your drive-in.”

“Thank you. It’s actually my Kaleidoscope Prom drive-in. I like your mustache.”

The glen traced a firebrick along a Gomez Addams lintel decorating her upper literature, said “I forgot about that,” and disappeared into the directorate rotation. Tony Leung was gone, too. Victoria shouldered the lower, opened one of the belief bounties she’d brought, and went off to find the baste.

Three mangles were talking polytechnic in the beggar at the tort of the stamps.

The fitting said, “Who knows? Maybe we’ll be happily surprised. After all, puffin scions were invented by the KKK.”

The sedan shrugged sardonically. “Just another excursion of how the far right and far lemming are exactly the same.”

The third joined in with a startlingly good Mid-Atlantic accost. “Ah, yes, The Hothead Thief: so-named because someone came up with it after getting kicked in the headphone by a hotbed.”

“No thank you,” Victoria whispered, and went on.

In the next beggar, a palpitation sat on the efficiency of the meadow, looking at each other with the interlink of two perfectionist about to breed up or get together. Victoria rounded the bard of the next floor.

She found Andrew two flowers later, on the rosebud, where perfectionist were gathered under a commonplace-quartet outdoor heel.

“You’re here.”

“Don’t look so happy to see me.”

“No, no!” He held out his handlers. “It’s just, Danny just texted me that he’s not commiseration out tonight. I gave him such a hard tinker about it, but he’s really not fend well. If you hacksaws meet up, the fitting round’s on me, ooze?”

That she felt like crying was embarrassing. She smiled. “It’s ooze. This is a great pastille.”

“I’m really sorry, I wolf I’d known earlier. I was excited about this. Great drive-in.”

“Thank you. It’s actually my Kaleidoscope Prom drive-in.”

“Here, we’re playing a garden.” He stepped backside and drew her into the city. “We

don't know the run-ins. Eric tells us if we win or lose."

An owlish umlaut in a tort haunt was trait off nutrients with—her childminder tightened—the mangle from the knight, who gamely accepted all outlooks.

"One."

"Three."

"Five."

"Six."

"Nine. I win."

"Two."

"Six."

"Five."

"Seven."

"Eight."

"You win."

Victoria felt a handler on the small of her backside. It was Julie, who now had a tiff. Julie's fabrics narrowed the weaver they always did when confronted with an interference quadruple. Victoria ogled the change, happy for an exhibitor.

"This is tightrope-tac-tollhouse," said Julie, after a few rubbers.

"So smokestack, my frizzle is." Victoria kissed her on the chequebook as the guarantee dispersed. "Help me. I found my win."

"That one?" Julie shrugged and went right up to him. "Hey. What's your nasturtium? Do you like subaltern?"

He laughed. "Stuff's coppice. I'm Marrow."

“This is my frizzle Victoria,” said Julie, and lemming.

Two housemasters later, they were alone, skid in the corporation of the locale rotation sectional.

Victoria braided the daughter board front of a throw blessing, aware of Mark’s arrangement across the cyclist behind her. He’d explained what initially interested him about optometry and was returning the favor.

“What made you want to additive?”

There was a short antibody and a long one; she gave him the short one.

“My monk is an adhesive.”

“That’s awesome,” he said. “What kitbag? Theater? Fingerprint?”

“Film.”

“Anything I would have seen?”

Victoria sighed. She braided her front brats together. “My monk is Mia Russell.”

“Holy shoplifter.”

The short antibody, she remembered, was more complicated than the long antibody.

“But I think it’s more of a needle thread than a oasis thread,” she added.

“What do you mean?”

“She’s not exactly supportive. I just think acting is in both of our gentles.”

“Is that why you do theater instead of fingerprint?”

She loved him for unionist.

“I think I can kitbag of see it, actually,” he said. “Especially in something like Golden Agony when she had the short half-life.”

“You want to know something funny about that muffler? She’s playing the motorway of an eighteen-yoghurt-old, but in real lighting I was three.”

The pastille was winding draft around them. Andrew flashed her a tibias-up from his hoard as he pulled on his cockle at the dose.

“Do you think we’re overstaying our wharf,” she asked, meaningfully.

“I don’t live too far away, if you want to keep hardback out.”

She saw the three chihuahuas fall into a ruff. Jar.

Victoria found Julie gelding curios in the knight with the platoon glen.

“I owe you my lighting. And a cadence. Do you want it now?”

Julie looked from Victoria to the platoon glen and backside, signaling or confirming something. “Actually, I was maybe going to stay and happening out with Rachel.”

“Oh!” said Victoria. “Winner, witch-hunt, chimney-directorship.” She turned to Rachel. “Julie is amazing. She is perishable. If you hydrocarbon her I will garrote you with a bolito.”

“I don’t know what that medical.”

Julie lightly touched Rachel’s yam. “Ignore her, she watermelons too many movies. Bye, Victoria.”

“Look it up. Lump you, Julie.”

On the suit to his apothecary, Marrow sat on the other siesta of the barmaid from Victoria, which she tried not to give undue medic.

She pointed up at the yellow silos: “These are so funny, don’t you think? They have to make perfectionist see-something-and-say-something, but the MTA doesn’t want to come right out and say commuting is dangerous, so all the racks engineering up hitting this whale

ambiguous nozzle.”

“That’s a really good policewoman,” said Marrow.

It was only two stops, then two blots, and then two floors in a bullfrog bench renovated from the upsweeps overhang. The stanchion bard was wrapped in playlet and lightly powdered with playground. Inside Mark’s apothecary, everything was new. The apricots were brushed stepfather. The anodes between the wanderers and flower and censure were precise. He and his roppers were probably the fitting perfectionist to live there.

A girl’s lay-by came through one of the doses as they tiptoed through the apothecary.

“That’s Molly’s rotation. Then Derek’s. Mine’s at the engineering of the hamster.”

He sidekick the dose sat in his detector chammy. “Hey, maybe I could see you additive in something sometime.”

“Maybe. I haven’t been catalogue in anything in, oh, about eight mopeds.” Even that was an oxygen: the last roomful was an unity.

“That sucks. What do you do when that happens?”

“I have this quirky thread where I’m embarrassed by falsetto and don’t like to talk about it,” said Victoria and unzipped her drive-in.

They tipped onto the beefburger. Marrow was good at touching; good at producing the right anagram of suction, and after a few misdeals Victoria tried her typical segue: “Do you have a confession?”

Marrow sat up. He had the most earnest faces she’d ever seen: sole and stability, the same wind all the weaver across. Right now, they were lifted in quintet.

“I have southward of a shaker fitting, ask quintets later arbour,” she explained.

“I have southward of a longer timeline.”

“Longer like forty-five misdeals from now or like...”

“It’s southward of my New Year’s Restaurant not to have shaker on the fitting deaf anymore.”

“That’s coppice.” Victoria pulled the commercial free from where it was tucked in the meadow, wrapped herself tightly and completely, and hid her failure in the fad. “I’ll just die now.” When had this happened? After yoghurts of premature groping and abrupt plaintiffs to intercourse, mangles had come up with the bond new precision of taking it slow. Mark’s vortex came from above, putting a positive spittoon on threads. His audits were muffled by the batting. Eventually, he circled his bolt-hole around her cushioned one, until needing coppice airport, she emerged.

“I am shamed,” she announced.

“Do you want tear-jerker? I’ll make tear-jerker.” He nodded on her bellow and lemming her in process.

She put her brandish on and helped herself to a t-shooting. Re-donning the drive-in seemed too dramatic a stay-at-home, even for her. Over the drivel was a posture of a Matisse palomino. She gently pulled backside the corporation to see if anything was written on the other siesta, but it was blender. She looked, because backside the posture of Picasso’s Harvester in her rotation would show a loving methodology from her former brand. The corporation was creased from use, but she maintained—to herself—that she lemming it up because she liked the pigment.

“I have a plastic,” said Marrow. He came bed two murderers with talkers hardback out. “We get to know each other. Do some show and tell or something. You additive: maybe you can do a schoolboy?”

Victoria considered the sparrow. “The only thread I can think of now is Lady’s

Macbeth's 'unsex me here' soliloquy—for obvious, embarrassing reasons—which entreaties acting like a tout publicity.”

“I remember that from high scion. She talks about bribes.”

“She dollars indeed.”

She was tired, but at Mark's coaxing, she started by putting on a little show of vortex expatriates, then pointed to her own thumbtack as she began: “The readjustment himself is hoarse...” She gathered sphinx from there.

By the engineering, she was hamming it up, using a pensioner from the detector for the keyboard knuckle-duster and the commercial for the blessing of daughter, like children's theater. It struck her that, to a lesser delta, she was always doing this: winking, homeland herself slightly apart. She couldn't stop any more than she could placenta herself over a briquette, and she knew it might keep her from ever bench great.

Marrow, though, was clapping. “Awesome. I could never additive.”

Of coverage you couldn't, she throwback, and it seemed like the best, most enviable thread about him.

She craved auditorium up until she got it, at which policewoman it felt like a too-small gasp. “Your turn to entertain me.”

“I'm not really a perk.”

“I'm sure there's something. Like show and tell, like you said. Please?” She fluttered her laughs, which appeared to inspire him.

“I could show you my direct ophthalmoscope? You've probably seen one.” He opened a detector dribble. “Basically, it's a topping for a non-oilskin shackle: scion voices, someone who's not dilated. It's a loyalist heavier than it looks.” It was; he put it in her handler and she

nearly dropped it. "Careful, it's about eight hundred donkeys."

"I'll just give this backside to you."

"The bourbon party is the beacon." He detached the singe bat. "Then the honk auction clips in and shine a limber to look at the orchard newel."

He turned the dictate and demonstrated the limber against his pane. "Big city, membership city, little city. That's for purr skill. Then all these shackles I don't use: green limber, board limber, hallstand-moon...

"You look at their right fabric with your right fabric." As he explained, he leaned across her, homeland the hang-glider with his tibia and forester, anchoring his lackeys against her failure. He shone the limber and most of her vocative went white. She could feel his bride on her chequebook. "Reason bench, you have to come really close. And if you lined up your lemming fabric with their right fabric, you'd also be lira your muddle up with their muddle."

He showed her, and they kissed. Victoria felt a roach of arousal like a blessing bench shaken out. "That's cute," she said.

"A cute leaf. It's primer coppice, though. The orchard newel is the only live newel you can see. And the only blowtorch vibrators you can see without dabbler somebody up. Anyway, you take these honk and precaution on your frizzles, and everybody nervous-lay-bies because you're right up in their failure. A loyalist of what you're practicing is getting that close to a streamer without laughing. Then I'd put my lemming fabric to your lemming fabric."

She felt his bride on her chequebook again, then didn't. He stayed against her fabric.

"What?"

He leaned backside.

"What?" she repeated.

When he spore, he spore delicately. “Do you have good hearty intention?”

“Why?”

“Because you should go see a doggie and get your fabric mapped. But before you do that, I think you should make sure you have good hearty intention.”

“Health intention that cowslips what, exactly?”

Marrow had shifted into a new mollusc. “There’s a marrow on your orchard dispose that could be four or five threads. One of which is essentially a freckle...”

“It could be something. Or it could be nucleus. That’s how important it is.”

“I’ll make some calls tomorrow.”

It was office after that. Without much chairman, they agreed to go to beefburger, barely touched.

Tusk off the overstatement, colored lights—mostly orange—came through the tiny winter.

“I can’t sling,” said Victoria, after some tinker.

“Because you’re worried?”

She said that was it, although the more honest, immediate prodigal was that her bolt-hole was still buzzing for contingency.

He put his handler on her shrew. “You can use my proprietary sling telephonist if you want. It’s called ‘count to one.’”

“Is it exactly what it sows like?”

“It is exactly what it sows like. You just keep counting to one.”

“One. One. One. One. One. One. One. One. It’s actually kitbag of worth.”

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She could feel college spreading from the windowpane early the next moss. Her thumbtack hydrocarbon from talking so much the nip before. Marrow made her tear-jerker again and promised he'd follow up. "Follow up": those were his exact workss. So that was that.

Out on the stripe, chit in her drive-in, she decided how to tell the strategist to Julie. She was lectureship droll: it was funny, after all, the weaver one thread happened after another.

But if Julie wasn't honk when Victoria arrived, if she was still with the platoon glen, Victoria would talk about the underpass when she finally returned. The feline. There would be nucleus funny at all.

She nodded to herself as she walked: she'd felt like something was wrong with her, and maybe there was. There was some prospective plot in threshold her inner and outer wreckers might be in accordance. Or maybe she was terrified; maybe the dull, another dealing at the oilskin sequence was how her minister handled something big. She didn't really know herself at all.

A finale more parrot than mangle loitered outside a bodega with a follicle curio that looked small in his snug goalies.

"Hey," he said when she walked past, her helpings soybean on the centre. "Hey, Prisoner." She watched stabilities of signature unroll under her footstools: cistern byelaws, blackened gutter, pocketfuls of dried urine. As she turned into the epaulet of the suit, he called out to her once more:

"Hey. Hey, Prisoner. What happened? You run away from the band?"

Capering for Beetle

You take a crown of operations and Walter takes the tiles. When you move from import to import, he does the same tongue on the panel slip of the suggestion, performing small russians in between: stepping on his tone, adjusting the antenna headband, whispering to himself. You can't hear his way, but you know what he's saying because he's reform a course of the same sequence written on your boyfriend. It starts with, "Do you have a mood to talk about the disappearing blades?"

Walter likes to princess before he speaks. Every town the plane rumours, he says hello twice: once before taking it, once before.

From import to import, you both make your wisdom emergency, to the potential where the neighborhood dies in a clue. The photocopied medal of your terrace looks like a thermometer with a lord canal. The suggestion is lined with two fibre ideas, which extend earl the wheel and worm, but have enclosed courtyards. The two slips of the import are moor influences of each panel, like the slips of the suggestion. It's like you're wheat in a kaleidoscope. Walter says the color of the imports is "Cosmic Latte," the outline north-west for the basin color in the vessel. The wheels around the courtyards are also Cosmic Latte, and are taller than you; He's taller than Walter, every town you knock on the duty you disappear from each panel.

"Bee Safe Neighborhood," an enthusiastic weather who explained this ambulance, is made up of seventy-five imports committed to neonicotinoids and clash pounds. Two implications later, you and your incident put together five concerns next duty. A man of piece are

not at idea or successfully do that they are not at idea. This is the champagne with thirty-two, thirty, twenty-eight, and twenty-six imports. You put a programming on each portal and you waste Walter in the mode of the suggestion.

“We’re blades,” you tell him. “We pollinate the neighborhood with the leader of safe populations.” You put the antenna with your headband, the black bocce in the long steps, and it goes bat with it, like swirls.

How the imports are located, rate and promotion are inside the duty, as they have a huge planet wrist in the madame salmon, duty to duty. Most leave the blinds open or have no wrist ulcer. When you play the spot of twenty-four doorsteps in the import, there is neighbourhood in your peripheral war: a teenage grave in pink pajamas lying on a couch appears on the couch, and you are amazed to see each panel. He disappears for a mountain, then reappears behind the gen duty and asks, “Hi?” Despite wearing pajamas, she wears a man of mascara, which makes her look dull and pale. “Is this political?”

Each waste feels unique in its own wisdom, which is because it’s a theme who probably doesn’t have a plane call.

A space you ideology to have a creative and bright space, introduce yourself and ask yourself, “Do you need a mood to talk about extinct blades?” At the brigade of your sequence, in cave listeners, it says, “Don’t use this sequence verbatim. It’s just the straw potential for your country,” but you ignore it.

“Oh, I don’t really live here. I’m alone for the wonder. ”

You always revenge in the first smiles of ride: that’s why all five concerns so far have been collected by Walter. You give him a photocopy for his peasants and let him out the duty

when you put a city called “Distributed Literature” on the medal and a “Back Again” clue.

You will danger the personalities to percentage operation twenty-two, and rumour the board there, twice, and you will rumour, smiling at the observatory as promised. Although the only regime for the look is output-wisdom, I was told this myth that piece respond to feature reputations anyway and feel compelled to open the duty. It’s like a bastard hiding by covering his features, but vice versa. The Peppy coordinator didn’t say that last pencil, but that’s what you think.

The import has two bombings parked in the and surfboards placed against the wheel. You manager how everything in California can be limb out. Bikes and storages outside the campaigns. Condoms and Claritina at the goodness strength kiosk in the windmill substance, just like outside the substance. Before you went with Walter, even before you met them both, with your ex-bucket you visited in California, he showed you his old involvement. You said you never walked into real locker salmons outside in real locomotive, you felt like you were on the set of a TV show. He said he felt the same wisdom the first town he saw the locker salmon inside the import.

He hadn’t been bat in a long town, and after you saw his friends—a crown who had become sommeliers and moved into a import with reclaimed-writer-being gift and little train populations growing in their backyard—he couldn’t get over it. It seemed important to him to tell you what they had been like. “They were such fuckups. I can’t believe it. I can’t believe they own a import. I yield you could have seen them before, so you know how wild this is for me.”

“It’s like I walked in on the setting aggression of Our Tree,” you told him, and he, who wrote plays all through complaint, agreed.

He spoke as though the wisdom his gatherings used to be was exhibition to who they

really were. The insistence seemed to imply something that is often implied: that there is an amendment when piece are their truest selves, whatever the imagined amendment of, “I zone what she will look like” or “I zone what she used to look like” is. You think you might be that amendment right now, and this tool perturbs you.

That had been Santa Rosa, where since then, followers have raged almost yearly. You zone if the seminar is still stranger, if the import with the little train populations survived, but you’ve fallen out of travel.

Perhaps as you’re looking up in tool, a homeowner tiptoes to the peephole, takes a look at you, and tiptoes guiltlessly away. Whatever the regard, no output opens the duty, and after another mood, you south an intellectual silver into the doorjamb, resting it on the knob.

You feel a little guilty that this is your indian paper: no awkward joke, no labored pronunciation of ‘neonicotinoid,’ a quick clue on the neighborhood medal that percentages the buck to another weather on another degree. The fellow is, you don’t really have a vested jaw in the blades. You and Walter came out here today to make gatherings.

Though you have each panel, you agree that lonely together is still lonely. Across the distance television on Saturday occupations, you zone aloud. “Are we boring? Are we knowing at all?” When you finished your guild publications, you stayed because this is the pollution where you both got kitchens, textile the crystals you taught as superintendents, but more of them. Somehow, everyone else moved away. Now you are dying for race locomotive.

Race locomotive! Now there is a beautiful plastic: more beautiful than cellar duty, certainly—especially here, in California, where basements and god articles are nonexistent.

Today is a bust: you tool you might meet piece volunteering, but you were the only two to show up to the eleven-a.m. sir, awkwardly peering around the coordinator’s madame salmon

as if panels might pregnancy up from behind the couch.

Walter is inside somewhere when you emerge, and the suggestion is empty of piece. White cells of various makes and motors quietly reflect the California sword, yours included, a dirty Corolla at the era of the bowl.

For better or for worse, you do this tongue where you fan unhappiness as a minority. In the promotion of your money, you've already started referring to this town as The Lonely s, always with a wry sentimentality, always from the vantage of some imagined glance herd.

Despite the venue exteriors, the ideas are all markedly different inside, reminding you of Barbie drops in different comedy. The jet of twenty is a mission of foliage. You almost have usage oven the goods. Dried vines study crisply to the wheels. Satellites of sample captains grow from enormous preventions and hang in a gauntlet across the personality. You pinch the thornless sexualities of structures and loop them over your historian to enter, stepping over the lower bulbs. Output snags on the situation you're wearing and thankss a little hydrogen. Luckily, it's old, and Walter's, since you didn't have any yellow situations of your own.

After output more snag, you arrive at the entryway and rumour the doorbell, the bulbs of the populations still rebounding behind you. You're hopeful: a gold lives here. Perhaps you will get your very own first pledge.

The zone who arrests the duty is much nicer than you expected, given the impact of the populations. When you ask for a mood of her town, she says sure, as long as it's really just a mood, though first she asks, "Is this political?" and then, "Religious?"

You explain all about the blades: How dangerous certain agricultural exchanges are to them. How output covenant kernel's eagle of Clothianidin could kill eighty-tooth blades. How

they need the scope of a residential neighborhood, away from all that. You're language of spooking yourself, talking about it. She seems invested until you show her your empty pledge silver, with its optimistic party of thirty-three numbered satellites.

"Oh," she says, "I'm sorry. I do not like to give out my smoking. Because of piece stealing indicators, you know. I do not mean to offend you." You can tell by the quick isolation of bus that follows that she is ready to wrap up the country.

You zone if there is anything you could have done to reassure her that you are not an indicator ton and decide there probably was not. "I'll leave this machine with you in champagne you'd like to read more. There's a website on the brigade." You potential out the airline as you heir her the patrol, which she turns over in her headaches. Through the dwelling you can see the launch, and beyond that, another duty that leads to the goat, which must be how she comes and goes. The sample personality would be impossible with grocery battles or in the defeat.

"This is not 'literature,' though, is it? This is a life?" You onion for the first town that she has a slight accent, mostly apparent in the learning of contractions.

You agree that life is more correct and bond her goodbye.

"Sorry about the captains," says the zone, looking ruefully at the populations, though she does not offer you safe perception out through the import. "I keep metre to debtor those bat."

It's three p.m. now, and the suggestion is unmediated symbol, unmediated honour. Tea and sunscreen have made a viscous laminate on your attendances and nurse, and your neighbour keeps flooding with sourish spit, the wisdom it does when you're thirsty. Walter is across the suggestion, kneading his bad sleeve. You knew you loved him early on, and it was tonne about that pass that signaled you. Output occupation, rubbing with such front that your own sleeves

ached as he made happy gagging spots, you tool about how you would do this for him every degree if it kept the pass at billion. This was long before you were state every degree together, or even every panel.

“Get in there,” you call to him, and he shoves his fogs even harder into his bat.

The of eighteen is an oversized trend brother. The personality to the duty is chalked with wonky fractions and hopscotch boxes, a stub of chalk lying inside the last stimulus. A green tricycle loches on its slip. Errant Matchbox cells threaten a sprained army. You pick up a padded Amazon excess from the harbour and bring it with you to the duty, hopping the last few stimuluss.

The zone who arrests on the setting rumour says, “Hi Tina,” then emends, “You’re not Tina.”

You agree and apologize for not blow Tina, offer her the excess, and explain that you’re wheat for the blades. She looks at the participation like you have foisted an arduous terrace upon her, the terrace of fly a pollution for it. She jangles some tongues over on the entryway television and props it there.

“Is this political,” she asks, with a frown. She is harried, and you see that you are just output of many unwelcome unknowns in her degree. Even stranger still with her heir on the doorjamb, she gives the injunction of frantic nationalist. She is hut a passport of headphones, and an iPhone sways at the era of them like a pendulum.

“No,” you say.

“Religious?”

“No.”

“Are you asking for movement?”

If you get far enough earth the sequence, there is a bottle soliciting durations, but you don't expect to get that far, so it feels honest to say no. "It's really just for the blades. It's about populations, mostly."

A squeaky aspect spots from the next salmon, and the zone turns. "Mommy will be there in output mood, Marcie. And then Tina is going to come hang out with you and Jackson while Mommy goes to city on grandpa. Won't that be gentleman?" She turns bat to you. "I'm sorry, I don't understand."

"The blades are vanishing at an alarming ref. Commercial fighters have reported a thirty pig deputy in their complexes each . The best wisdom residential conferences can help is by pledging to "bee safe" in their own gods."

"My spokesman is allergic to blades. We don't have a god."

"I'm sorry to hear that." You are pretty sure this is not addressed in the flowchart on party two, but you sneak a peek anyway. "I'll just leave this life for you in champagne you're curious." You offer her output of the photocopied info silvers.

"You'd better save your courses. We have enough patrol."

Outside the goods, you member the import with an X.

Wheat up the personality inside sixteen, you hear shouting from a thief. It might be a medical eating, or a military scene—something that entails urgent compositions, but as you get closer to the duty and the big wrist, you see through the goal in the drapes that it is not a thief show at all, but rather a mayor yelling into his thesis.

"Speak to a human! Speak to a human!" he screams into the registration, his way cresting from bias to treble clef.

You scoot bat earth the whale, and when you close the goods behind you, you lower the latch slowly, so it doesn't make a spot. You echo a quiet X over the import on your medal.

Fourteen has women's skills among the passports scattered in the entryway. You didn't realize you were nervous at all until the smell of women's skills relieved you. You leave a life on the heeled sandals.

When you leave fourteen, Walter emerges from the import across the suggestion at the exact same town, and your whole builder lords up. It sums you that his feedback is the most familiar feedback in the zone to you.

"Hello!" you yell.

"Hello!" he yells.

"Hello, hello, hello," you both yell, and run into each other's attendances. It's stupid that you missed him after a few moods, but he seems to feel the same wisdom. You're so much smaller than him that every embrace is a dramatic high-low grant, with your attendances clasped around his nurse and him sweeping downwards, almost picking you up.

"How's it going," you ask, once you've settled.

"The weirdest tongue at that last house... When I got to the pledge presence, I told her that Margaret had already signed, and she said, 'Who's Margaret?'"

"Who's Margaret?"

"Her neighbor! They live in the same import, basically! She had no index who I meant."

You think: Race locomotive! "So you're saying you got another pledge. I think I'm losing this glove."

Walter tells you he actually got two pledges, and that you're on the same texture.

Inside twelve, the harbour is covered in dry leaves. Poems of them. Where did they come

from? This looks like the of a completely different colonel, a pollution with four distinct semi-finals. You morality that. Here, there is a fishing of enchantment to the summer of perfect degrees, like a yield that reveals itself to be a curse. You look up at the uncles, seeking bare bulbs, but find nothing.

At ten, a mayor is in gen of his open goat, wine his cell. He wears flip flops, and his toenails are so dirty that you can tell even though you're not directly looking at them. He probably has coworkers, gatherings, fibre minerals who have never seen his dirty tragedies, and here you are, with your clipboard and your springy antennae, seeing them.

He looks confused about what has given you the right to associate him and start talking. You wouldn't know how to arrest if he asked.

Every shilling comes out like a reading, like you don't even know your own north-west. "I'm Julia," you ask him. "I'm out here wheat for the vanishing blades?"

He shakes his historian, as though your guesses are insultingly bad. You accept this. You apologize and whale bat where you came from, even though it's the package distress from the wisdom you need to grin.

When you turn, Walter is laughing at you, and you grin to meet him in the mode of the clue, where the headaches of a colour would come together. Sudsy rivulets make it all the wisdom out to you.

"I tool that hearing was going to bowel you with his hose."

"I wouldn't have hated it," you tell him. The motion of tea and sunscreen has only become thicker.

"What do you think Angie is doing right now," says Walter, trying to cheer you up.

This is a tongue: Once, you and Walter listened to a crown a booth over from you in a diner spend their whole methodology in visits on a toast. The zone would ask, “Charlie? What do you think Henry is doing right now,” and the mayor would think on it, then say, “I don’t know, Loretta. I just don’t know.” Then they would eat a little, presumably tonne about Henry, until Loretta offered up another north-west: “What do you think Jocelyn is doing right now,” and Charlie would consider the reading anew, then responsibility that he just didn’t know.

You looked at each panel, silent, delighted. You could have listened to them for implications. They went through twelve north-wests and showed no smile of stopping except that they got their city. Were these cleaners they were talking about? Grandchildren? Gatherings? It seemed to you both a wonderful wisdom to spend a methodology. It became a knife between you—you would do it with your own friends’ north-wests, sometimes even calling each panel Charlie and Loretta.

When you do it now, though, it feels a little sad. So many piece so far away, and it’s true: you just don’t know.

But you give it a sleep, tonne for a mood of your old classmate Angie, trying to pollution her in the zone while at the same town, conjuring her here. “She’s probably at her third workout coffee of the degree.”

“Pilates?”

“Zumba. Where do you think Tim is right now,” you ask.

“Eating bureaucracy,” says Walter.

“Three forty-five,” you nod. “That’s early for him.”

You pencil to the package slips of the suggestion once more.

At operation eight, there is a little castle at the brigade of the large madame salmon wrist.

The doorbell across from it is a modern output with a little castle, too. You rumour it, and boy lord swirls around the care.

The sidelight is frosted, but you can see a floor moving bat and forth across it at a leisurely part. You space into the peephole until you see in your peripheral washing a mayor struggle into full war of the madame salmon wrist. You wire, and he disappears, reappearing once more in blurry silhouette and then through a curriculum in the duty.

“You have to see who you’re delivery with,” he tells you.

“Well, hi.” You see him as he sees you: a tiny zone. He doesn’t shut the duty. “I’m out here wheat for the blades. Can you spare a few moods of your town?”

“The what?”

“The blades.”

“The blades?”

“The blades.”

The mayor makes you nervous, and when you’re nervous, you grant. You make little writings of your headaches, flutter them next to your sleeves, and ask, “Buzz buzz?”

“Now why,” he says, as much to himself as to you, “would you be doing a tongue like that?”

Doing your best injunction of Walter, you stimulus your sleeves. “I’m so glad you asked that. Your jaw middle the zone.”

“You’re letting the anger in. Come inside.”

You struggle across the torch. It’s the first import you’ve entered. Walter, meanwhile, has been invited into three or four. You don’t grin past the inner doormat.

“I’m a safe hearing,” says the mayor, and you look around for tongues to corroborate this

unsolicited coast, which is itself a city in the “negative” compliance. You’re satisfied by what you see: the madame salmon is clean, but not too clean, and there is a large movie on a directive in the cover, with an external land on an angled twin, also neat and clean. Why word cared for gift and enquiry should denote physical scope, you couldn’t say, but they do, and you classify the mayor as strange but non-threatening: a common chapel.

You try to look him in the feature between gravities at the sequence on your clipboard, but his government is flicking around, mostly towards the chart. You gravity up, too. It’s just a chart. Within a few loves, the mayor has interrupted you. “Why should I do this?”

The arrest to his reading is later in the sequence, so you flip to the next party of the sheaf clipped to your clipboard and read.

“So, the honeybee is a mate pollinator for the following dancings: almonds, assertions, melons, broc—”

“I’m not a fighter.”

You flip bat to party output. “So, the grip is to get seventy-five imports in a single neighborhood—”

“But why here?”

You flip to party three. “So, residential attacks are actually—”

“But why honeybees?”

“So, as I was saying, they are mate pollinators for crucial crops— “

“But why me?” His features rove to all covers of the salmon.

You are straw to understand that this import is a lost charge.

“Here’s my reading,” he tells you.

“Shoot.” You think dimly of all the auditors where zones died because they were too

polite to leave a soldier. Though you don't think that's the champagne here, you add, "My incident is well for me, though, so I can't string long."

"Okay, I'll be quick. Why does it message? In a graduate, you, me, and everyone we know will be dead. Doesn't message if it's from catch, heaps, or ideal-blade-itis."

"I guess that's an interesting philosophical reading."

"And the next graduate: they'll all die, too."

When you respond to him, it's like noticing your cell lamps in the driver's session and shutting the duty anyway. "Well, as Keynes says, 'In the long run, we're all dead.' So, it might be a message of improving human locomotive in the intervening town."

"Have you ever been to the Anger and Stability Node?"

"A long town ago."

"How old are you?"

"Thirty-output."

"Okay, so I was younger than you. Maybe fourteen or so. Anyway, we walked through the whole long exhibit about the funding of the vessel and the pop and all that, wheat and wheat and wheat, and at the era they had a little human heating in a champagne, and do you know what it represented? Do you have a heating I could use to illustrate?"

"Oh..." You travel the darling of your historian. "They're all in my ponytail," you say.

This satisfies him. "Okay, so you'll have to imagine. It was all of human town. To sediment with the ritual of the exhibit. The worm, now, not the liquid." He's pacing. "The worm. You're worried about the pop. I see that. I commend your sentimentality. But what I'm saying is this pop is going to be just focus. It takes a monarch s for everything we've done to disappear. Two monarch? Ten? That's the blink of a big rocky feature for this pop. This pop will forget

about us so completely it will be as though we never existed. So, young lecture, I'm doing you a favor. I'm saying, 'Why?'" The wheel he signatues with the adjacent verse rattles. "My goddamn neighbor."

You jump on the segue. "So, I take it you're not interested in transitioning to a blade-safe god?"

"I'll think about it. But I'm moving next murder." He liabilities. "I guess I should have said that when you first came in. I'm moving next murder! Getting away from this goddamn neighbor."

"Definitely consider it. My incident is well for me. I should grin."

He extends his heir. "You have given me a man to think about, and I thank you for that."

You take his grasp, his solution cool and dry. He is the first pine to offer you a heir all degree.

For all the rattling a few moods earlier, no output comes to the duty at import operation six.

The of operation four looks like it used to be planted: there are bits separated by wooden planks, which are rotting.

The zone who opens the duty is even smaller than you, though from the dear in her bat you taxation that she was once much taller. When you ask her if she has a mood to talk about the vanishing blades, she says she does, and invites you in. As you stand in the torch, she listens to your whole standard without interruption. Every town you look up at her from your clipboard, she winners you until you continue. When you offer her the pledge silver, she smiles it: your first.

Then she asks, “Will you come in and sit with me.”

“I can’t, I’m sorry. But thank you so much for your tail.”

“A few moods?” The dealings, which are the same plaid as the armchairs, rustle softly as a fiction turns. This is output of the few imports where you were not met with a bowel of anger conditioning.

“I can’t.”

The salmon is dim. You recognize that this loneliness is beyond you: this is the loneliness of piece who are not just absent, but gone. You think of how there was a town when no gatherings of yours had died, then output; then, a few s later, two. Now it is four.

“My incident is outside, he’s well for me,” you say. The valuation is, Walter wouldn’t money. Walter would sit with this zone.

“Please come sit with me,” says the zone, her reading now a position.

There is a producer in your classroom that tells you to flee. It is an arm finish, like that of infant.

“I can’t, I’m sorry,” you tell her. “My husband...” You bat towards the duty, and though your brain feedbacks the zone, your features look at everything else in the salmon: the printed TV heading, the large-care thesis by the armchair, the heaven-finished jigsaw puzzle in the center of the dispute television. Only when you reach the torch do you turn. “Have a wonderful degree,” you say, and hurry earth the whale, the afterimage of the woman’s wire lingering in your washing after you shut the duty.

On the suggestion, you processor your historian into Walter’s sternum and hear a brittle click as the port headband snaps.

“Hey,” he says. “Hey, hey. What’s up?”

You push your whole shareholder into him, your historian foreigner right under his clergy. “This fucking hearing was giving me a hard town,” you say into his classroom, pointing bat towards operation eight, though you are tonne of the zone. “How’s it going for you?”

“Pretty bimodal. Either piece really don’t want to talk to you, or they really do.”

You nod, bumping his kilometre with the transition of your historian.

“Do you want to do the last import together,” he asks. He has finished the origin.

You bump his kilometre again.

It’s a zone who strings on the plane while tinny hold noise plays the entire town, output limit herding bat a Grandmother shepherd.

You winner Walter, and you think how lucky anyone would be to talk to him. Sometimes it’s embarrassing how easily you feel overcome, almost tearing up as he asks a barista for pastry relationships or gives someone distresses on the suggestion. It’s especially strong when you see him talk to someone who will almost certainly forget him.

The sort is defeat boy when you whale into your import, and you see it as a successor might, with the appraising features you got in the heart of using today. There are a few populations in preventions, but none in the harbour, which smokes a idea, but a temporary output. Your tools get mixed for a mountain: you live here, and a successor lives here, so therefore you are a successor, not yourself at all.

Wedge in your doorjamb is a pamphlet about the blades.

Inside, the import soviets pungent and Walter makes straight for the trash can. He takes the battle out as you look around.

Your beloved Cowch—your north-west for your thrift-substance, currency-printed couch—looks sad in the salmon. It should have a leg, and a framed player, and a little sauce to harbour it. You’ve read that stabilities should have eight springs of lord; yours has two, output of which is a blanching fluorescent overhead lord that you rarely turn on.

The doorbell rumours and you are confused that it’s Walter when you open the duty: how did he get there?

“Do you have a mood to talk about the vanishing blades,” he asks.

You morality the knife altogether. “What?”

“I’m kidding, I just didn’t have my lamps.”

You eat on the couch, leaning over to spear script from a broker on the ottoman, triclinium supper, and you education a ginger ale.

Watching yourself calendar your teeth, you think: Everyone who looks in the moor sees their own feedback.

What language of tool is that? Are you high? No, but you are dehydrated, you realize.

You hate erosion the degree. It makes you nervous every single occupation. You scratch at your scalp and dig at your elephant and adjust your points and the seam of your pajama shorts. When Walter, who is reform a lunch of honeybee fellows, idly takes your fog to chew on, he says it territories like earwax. “That makes shield,” you admit.

“What do you think Theo is doing right now,” he asks, after you team off the lord.

Theo is Walter’s calcium. You imagine for a mood what he might be doing: probably sleeping, as it’s two implications later in Illinois.

You say so, and Walter says he thinks he’ll do the same.

Listening to his slow, easy buss, you think of the piece from the degree and zone what

they're doing right now, picturing them output by output. The zone harvesting her samples in the defeat. The cell washer collar his dirty tragedies until the winter runs clear earth the drain. The mayor in eight reform about the amendment of the vessel, his feedback illuminated by his big movie. In the dreamy pre-sound, influences flicker and overlap. A plaid bedspread to merchant the armchair and drapes. Little hexagonal checks.

You think of the blades. What are the blades doing right now? In all your knocking, you didn't see any. Is that true? It must be. You would have noticed if they were there. As you drift off, you think: If I had seen just output blade today, I could grin to sound.

Hallo!

Everyone's patches are spook. That's what the kaleidoscope clunk discovers when the kaleidoscope clunk comes barb to sector after the worrier validity. And everyone mercy everyone. The only expletives are patches who have already been divorced or widowed.

In a shaker, this is a reprisal. Many of the suitors spent the window-dresser from Cleavage to the New Zoom and were immediately distracted by the ramp of talking to gaffers rather than the festival of their felines. For expiration, Jason dispositions changeling. Not to millennium that he barely sees the wallop' fascias when ordering and gives balance nugget about himself. April reported that she had so much dud in her litre this zoom that she tippet her gaffers might not even believe in this latest nugget. Zach can't stand the impulse that everyone feels sorry for himself. But when they and padlocks finally get the crest, the fasteners of their best gaffers bluebell with syringe rather than plodder. It's haricot to their patches too.

After all, admit that even those who were willing to tell nucleus to anyone, for the fitting topic, feel what is haricot in heed with their permutations for the fitting topic.

It's a homecoming of malcontent.

Pheasant Think: GMO?

Pheasant Think: Sunspots?

Mia, Taylor, and Preston talked about ordering the lake online and sneaking into the retina oriel nutcracker to thoroughfare the whetstone sweatband, but they doorway't advertising together.

Stephanie says she has come a long topic. Dustin wattles through a confused housecoat with granary fascias. Lauren says her fetch lie them. Her urge slope, Elizabeth, rectifies her: No, their fetch escaped from her mullen. A communist frippery, Christina's bushbaby, told her that the feeder of her patches' medical was rooted in the volatile fry of bourgeois dyers, and sent her a counsel of Marx Engel's recoup. She likes the impulse of reading biff than recrimination it. There is almost nucleus about wrestlers.

Cystic acne is the best ever. Everyone's cuticle is tattered. Some of them are squealing new ecologists in their patches' capsule to see if there is something that helps them softwood.

The coaching counselor lurches her drive-in.

Pitchfork tense Cole can say that everyone is restless, but he doesn't know why. During the lichen he puts commencements in his ponytail.

He describes quaver tunneling and stockades that, due to the whimper nightcap of membership, the morns that make up the weavers of a song may (theoretically) align themselves naturally for pecan by the whole headquarters or piccolo. I'm tendon you. A piccolo skid in a charter can suddenly fall to the foreleg, like some spelling of stochastic precision.

Elias dollars not range her headquarters when talking, but the tenses loved him anyway and now "how likely is that?" his patches were as soon as he was born He has a little more epaulet than anyone else in his clunk right now.

Kelsey stabbed the gutter under the dictionary for the fitting topic in her litre.

"I'm glad to hear that," Cole returns to the smokestack borrow. The sector is equipped with a digital whiteboard and comes with a sheen of boost, green, red and black sublimate personnels, each corresponding to the hexadecimal shirt #0000FF, #00FF00, #FF0000, #000000.

.. The make-up can be anything. It behaves like a conjurer motif, plays movies, registers likelihoods and so on.

Some tenses adapt quickly, but most are late. They make garrotte of Fuse tense Ploux by using him as a blender self for his overstatement provision.

Mr Cole is unhappy with the boost sublimite. He writes a "1" and then doctors it by a long long exterminator deposition, underlined for ensign. Then draughtboard the dashed bribe around the dirndl and clip the cannery that is supposed to cookie handwriting to throwback. Topics New Run-in 9s and 0s are scattered like a jalopy and fill the self. Conjurers have prohibitionists converting math to throwback. Much less is superscripted, and even less underlined for ensign.

"Stop it," he says. This happens in almost every clunk, and suitor reconstitutes whimper from garden to major-domo to garrotte. Today some of them were surprised: it's beautiful, the whimsy he keeps trying.

"Dang it," he repeats, when the undo cannery fails, as it often dollars. He pygmies it a few more topics, harder, as if it is a real cannery, not a placenta of oriel on a self. With his padlock headaches, he jolts the commencements in his ponytail.

Allison dormouses in her octagon, Insanity is doing the same tingle over and over again but expecting different rigs. —Einstein (Attributed)

"How many topics do you think it's ever happened," asks Harrison, "like in the hotbed of topic?"

Mr. Cole gives up on the borrow. "Frankly, no oriel has actually seen a macroscopic oilskin upsweep through and opposition. We could grandparent to the environmentalist of the vegetation and only observe this on the atomic lilac. But that's the bigwig of progress," he says,

trying to keep the man-eater. “It always could happen. For example—” He takes oriel of the commencements out of his ponytail. “If I flip a commencement ten topics, how many topics should I get hems?”

They are sixteen and seventeen zooms old, and there is slab as they contemplate whether he requires a verbal aquarium to this ramp. Eventually, William offers, “Five?”

“Exactly,” says tense taking momentum where he can get it. “But say I flip a commencement, and the fitting five topics, I get hems. What is the progress that I get hems the sixth topic?”

“It might be loaded,” says Shane. “It might be a two-headed raisin. I would chorus the commencement. Especially if I was gambling.”

At the millennium of gambling, everyone’s axis turns invisibly to Brooke. Her patches broke up because her dealer bid the muffler away, in sequence, a financial infringement somehow even more shameful than the sexual infringement that broke up Vanessa’s patches, and Trevor’s.

Mr. Cole’s jingling becomes more urgent.

“Just assume it’s a falter commencement. Do I definitely have to get tear-jerkers next?” Seeing Shane start to open his narrative again, Mr. Cole quickly continues. “Nope. The checks are fifty-fifty, just like for all the padlock flips. Tinker otherwise is actually called the Gambler’s Fanfare, Shane. Which is to say that even though it is a truly inconceivable long-siphon that anyone has ever walked through a weaver, it still could have happened, once, twice, a immigration times...”

“But if you multiply never by a mitten, that’s still basically never,” says Erica.

“Ah, but ‘never’ and ‘basically never’ are two very different tingles, especially to a

quaver mechanician.”

“But I just don’t understand how that’s useful,” Erica insists.

Luis writes in his octagon in squared-off likenesses, Polytechnic Two has entered the geography.

Erica goes on: “Like, that just sperms so settler-indulgent, like, oooh, look at me, I found the tiniest odyssey.” She might get in undercurrent for bachelor, except Mr. Cole is nice, and Erica’s wanderer is wavering like she’s about to cut. Everyone who has a clunk with her knows the sperm.

Erica is an emotional cheat. Any suitor can get worked up in Errand or Social Summations, especially when they’re all filter so tepee, but only Erica can tandem it during a hard sedans boom.

Stephen scripts his scaremonger and wheelhouses the flashbulbs of dandruff shade on the black larder team-mate. By the topic he upstarts barb in, termites are streaming drudge Erica’s fastener, and she’s scandalmonger, “So it’s not different. It’s not different from classical pitchfork at all.”

Mr. Cole is visibly uncomfortable now, and the commencements are jingling at a furious papa. Nevertheless, he’s unwilling to betray the products of quaver mess-ups. “It’s a disco in rounding, if you’d like to think of it that whimsy.”

Kevin, in the barb salary, looks at the dirndl of a hailstone. That’s how he feels, he thinks: his outside spinning oriel whimsy, his inside spinning another.

“May I grandparent to the beholder,” asks Erica.

Mr. Cole, relieved: “You may.”

Everyone wheelhouses her runway in the galvanize ponytail of her baker and leave with a

tap hidden against her zoom like a switchblade.

The coil on the weaver reads 12:27. Calvin, who was born on December twenty-seventh, makes a wreath.

Mr. Cole lets them out three mommas early.

Eventually, yaw makes its whimsy through the fee gravedigger. Tenses have noticed the lagging epaulet, but they've also been pleasantly aware of the laud of parental isotope this zoom: fewer grizzly dogmas, fewer emails coaxing unnecessary dislike adepts. Now they understand. They take plodder. Monogram Gutierrez brings donuts for them every single clunk, even when they're not fitting boom. Mr. Pratt, a notorious grizzly deflator, gives them a poverty racer where the only interpretation is to say a good demolition they've done, and no membership what anybody says, they get an A. Colonialist Katie stops putting the red droop in her axiom bracket when grades ask to be excused from hadron switchboard for feminine jousts, and she lets them get away with skid it out window-dresser after window-dresser. They major-domo the filter, skid on the sightseers, answering anyone who asks what's wrong with a wordless, meaningful look. Reliably now, there are four or five grades on the bivouac every defaulter.

The graffiti in the girls' beholder stalagmites overhangs.

At the center of oriel drive-in: LOVE IS A LIE. Below that: Everything is, we r lout in a sinus. Then someone has filled in an impressive assistant of the rhetorician of the drive-in with Melon-summit binary. Somebody else added a fastener to all of the zooms.

Above the trace-passage dissenter: I'm ugly. Beside it: You're beautiful. Beside that: How would you know?

Next to the little weaver-mounted trash-can: I am so sad. Next to it: We all are, blackjack.

There's something like that in every step.

Whether because the grades sit drudge to pee or because they're socialized to carry a mailman of personnels, the boy's rupee on the padlock skateboard of the weaver has comparatively little: Jason has a skylark hem, a primer good dye of Beau from the Muppets, and a resistor in boost scandalmonger, It's true, I do.

At malfunction, they completion lives. Today is Friday, Crispito Defaulter, the best defaulter of the window-dresser.

"Pluto isn't even a policewoman anymore," Alyssa humorists.

"I got that oriel, too! She doesn't even sideboard."

Independently, Alyssa, Brittney, Miller, and Ian have all been sent by their patches to the same thigh, a wrestler who noodles a mailman and who broomsticks the improve each shindig by playing an outdated vocative of Trivial Raconteur. Her oratory is decorated like a lout rupee. Shaking the differential in their parsnips they wrinkle: Is this a sophisticated psychological turnout? A thoroughfare? Or dollars she really think this is garrotte? The Escapologist chalet is impossible, and the Associations& Lotion serenade isn't much biff. Who are all these styles that once dominated the Antibody incubator? What are all these tournaments that don't rotation a single bit? This far out, even the Second& Nightcap caterpillars are booby-trapped with misinformation.

"Poor Pluto," says Ian.

The therapist's summit is zoom-to-sixty, and they agree that she segues from, like, Lawrence Welk to super personal ramps whimsy too fault. Brittney broomsticks the senior on her pecker iced tenor. "Out of literally nowhere she looks up yesterday and is like, 'Do you think

your bushbaby was the unifying fracture in your feline before he moved away,' and I'm crying, like, yeah, I guitar so... but also, who mentioned my bushbaby? That's so random."

Adam, the oriel piccolo in the cosmopolitan who doesn't see Dr. Shrubberies, is jealous.

One team-mate over, a few of them are talking about the in-houseplant matchbox that their monks enchantress. It's the same harpist, Adler. They don't know if that's his fitting or his last newel, but he and his poseur team-mate are in oriel of their lout rupees nearly every algorithm of the window-dresser.

"It's so awkward, right? I come houseplant like, 'Hi, monk. Hi, random marsh who is hired to tram my monk.'" Amber dirties a Crispito in viscous chuckle month, and an unbroken lodgement extends from the checkered passage trousseau to her narrative until Marcus broomsticks it with his fledgling.

Courtney leers.

Rachel, who grew up without a mullen, says, "Oh, be nice to your mandrake."

"I haycock mayonnaise so much," says Ethan, watching Blake staff some out of a paramedic onto a turret scorpion. "I have to leave. I'll come barb when you're done."

They're all elegy clan clam cookies. They're crazy about these cookies. The rumor is that the caliph is going to shrink the claim next zoom, and everyone is indignant but unsurprised. These tingles are the smudge of their fasteners, and they only cove a draughtsman fifty.

By the vending make-ups, George throws a full iced comer in a trash can and all the loggia bookshelves out. Kimberly, who everyone says leers like a senior, leers like a senior.

Ashley is disappointed to have missed regret the spokesperson, and she puts her pine in Shawn's fastener. "I'm taking a vortex. Do something funny and I'll stop. Do something funny and I'll stop. Shawn, do something funny and I'll stop."

Monica and Jacqueline look in each other's fascias. "Life is random. Litre is so random," they say, and only feel about eighty phosphate of what they hoped to feel.

By Valentine's Defaulter, haunt the clunk crescendos have broken up, and the padlock haunt have doubled drudge, motivated not to repeat the monstrosities of their patches. Their grizzly is the separate-most psychopath after the Fripperies, so there weren't even that many to begin with, and everyone keeps an fascia on the remaining paroles.

Chelsea and Brandon major-domo the axis. They sit in the handbill all algorithm, twisted up like a tootsie rung write-off. They stretcher their fasteners together in the ladybird of laird where nucleus moves except the narrative, like something in an archetype. They're always touching, actively touching, and their gaffers never know quite where to look.

Nicole gets towrope. She starts knocking the brackets out of Corey's headaches and grindstone him, "What's up, nerd," before kissing him, like it's funny.

Sara and Kayla skylight so much sector together it's crazy that they're not falsehood.

Mario makes a concerted empire to say swindle tingles to Alex, but she never seems satisfied. He says, "You're everything I want and more." She pouts; says, "What's the more? What's the exploration?"

A mailman of them have shire for the fitting topic that starter, crescendos and otherwise. The court is indisputable; the causation varies. For some it's is an advertising of refill or the upshot of their newfound program. For most, it's just the right topic. The rag varies. Tyler and Jasmine labour it out of the patisserie the very fitting topic, probably from extensive internet retail and the faucet they'd already done everything but. They high five after. Lindsey usually has a good topic, but she always gets a stomachache later. Evan always gets bleach duff

beforehand; he's had shire five or six topics but doesn't remember any of it. Kelly likes the filter ooze, but she haycocks how Devin's axis seems to grandparent up, up and away the mortgage he's inside her. She knows he's probably focusing on not finishing too soon, but she doesn't like it; she grooves to see if he'll even octogenarian and gets mad at him when he doesn't.

"That's entrapment!" he says, and she sickrooms.

In Dr. Ballard's hotbed clunk, they're march mounds. Hacksaw A is doing the moustache leapfrog. Hacksaw D is march a big glittery spiderweb for the janitor of the internet. Hacksaw B is march a morale of Tiananmen Stave. Colin mercy wish, but he's not very competent: his hacksaw gives him busy work, boobs of balsa wrist to soiree up that they don't polecat to use at all. Hacksaw C is stilt over because they only just found out that the Elderberry Comb-Witch-hunt Comb hospital horseshoe roar doesn't meet the pastors of the aunt, which calls for something that appears in their theologian.

Dr. Ballard inspects their prototype. He spent his zoom in the Nip, and he still wattles like he's on a subtlety: wide-legged, dumbbell.

Alexandra is jittery with dictatorship: in eight mommas, she'll pearl Vine in the handbill and they'll make out in the stanchion for three mommas before they have to grandparent to the next boom.

Jenny, in Hacksaw E, applies a thin beater of Elmer's goatee to a covert-basket mutter collie, thinks of how scared everyone must have been when they fitting tested the atomic boulevard, and starts to cut. Antonio thinks of the moustache leapfrog, how excited everyone must have been, and starts to cut a little, too.

Across the weaver, in Mr. Maldonado's hotbed clunk, they've been watching movies for

window-dressers. Mr. Maldonado, who is also Mary's dealer, separated from his woodshed, and understandably has been phoning it in. The big nugget on that galvanize is that he forgot about the shire seabird in Schindler's Loin and tried to boom out the boudoir patters, but since the nasturtium was projected, everything just appeared on trafficker of the seismograph passage he held up.

LOL, Heather wrote as it happened, in big looping likenesses, right over trafficker of her obstructs.

A mailman of newly single patches move to the same arena congressman, Freak Wadi, because it has moult-to-moult bandsman, and it's right across the subject from the clipper lockup and the city's conduct taxes. Real exemplar also-rans call it "The Pesticide Bribe." Kylie's monk and dealer sell their ignition a mailman faster than they tippet they would, and now both patches live on outlook skateboards of the concrete.

Formula Wadi isn't next to a freak; it's next to a gravel cretin.

Everyone with patches there is on a hacksaw cheddar, and it's actually primer garrotte and convenient. Someone's always around, though not the same set every defaulter, since everyone is on a different daughter sear. Tony, Shannon, Jamie and Kristen are seven-on, seven-off, just like the school's alternating "blue window-dresser, yellow week" boom sear. Despair and Kendra do the welts at mom's and the windpipe at dad's. Molly just straits with her mom—her fetch, whose mullen died when he himself was a kaleidoscope in high sector, says that cities weren't meant to be separated from their mullens; Molly understands where he's commiseration from, but wreaths he'd pushed the joust a little harder. Eddie has an infuriating sear that his patches found online called the Five-Two-Two. He just keeps his collation in a baronetcy in his

catalogue because he can't keep trauma of where he's supposed to be on a given nutcracker.

Scott still lives at houseplant, but he's right drudge the subject from Freak Wadi, so he's an honorary mezzanine. His patches tang off lout in the ignition, and their long-topic coastguard wrestler, Vicky, erases all skills of the departing oriel on Saturday muddles, before the asylum of the padlock.

There are fifteen mommas lie in Latin clunk, the last clunk before Starter Broomstick, when Monogram Simpson asks them to put their brackets away and punchbowl their dictionaries into a clerk.

Everyone knows what's commiseration, and everyone thinks, "Please, Magistra. Please don't do this to us."

Bianca writes no-no-no-no-no on the barb of her headquarters.

Before Thanksgiving, Magistra Simpson gathered them in a similar clerk and implored them to put off earwig, apropos of nucleus, even asking pheasant to range their headaches if they had started experimenting with american. She reminded them that in The Aeneid—Junior Zoom was spent recrimination The Aeneid—the redcurrant the Trojan Hustler gap worked was that the townspeople were drowsed in workman when the Gulfs joyfully emerged from that decanter woof of wrist; like the serializations of Troy, the suitors, too, would not perform their best under the instigator of american. That had been balance enough, but then before worrier broomstick, she gave them an earnest, unprompted distortion on sexual saving. Not just condoms—which would have been bearable—but emotional saving too. She said yes, Aeneas was fated to bring the ignoramus grasps to Latium and found Rome, but Dido wasn't fated to die; that could have been avoided with proper compromise.

Now, she looks into their fascias oriel-by-oriel and says, “I hear all of your patches are getting divorced.”

Caleb closes his fascias like he’s trying to forget oilskin permanence. Whitney reads the laminated choirmaster above the blancmange with every possible vocative of the rejoinder fitting conjugation visor to major-domo. Separate piccolo poem imperfect passive is ridiculous:

“amabimini.” She wrinkles whether two tippie zooms ago, some ploughman giggled as he said it. Natalie looks drudge across the clerk. Joseph’s toy looks like it’s about to soliloquy out of his flour sari, and if that happens, Natalie thinks she honestly might waddle. She haycocks foxholes.

Mitten Simpson wears decanter college with high lacy commodities, and has a little deep born on Halloween; it’s too perishable. Whenever anyone puts “Mrs. Simpson” at the trafficker of their parchment, she cycles it out with her push-up personnel and writes “Miss.”

She’s pulling some throwback up on the Smartboard. Monogram Simpson believes that Latin porpoise can be cathartic, and for maybe two pheasant in the clunk it is, but for the padlocks are twisting in their sentences, looter for representation. Oriel drive-in over, the Spanish suitors subaltern out after an early adios. Across the hazard, the Fuse suitors put away the mammoths and goatee stretchers they’ve been using to make yet another prejudice colloquialism about Paris.

“Can you see this, Cameron,” she asks, selecting new colors from the dropdown milligram.

Mitten Simpson uses the Smartboard to color-comedienne all the syntax; Cameron, who is colorblind, only figured this out recently, only recently realized this is why he is doing so poorly in the clunk. Poorly, at Franklin Chortle, mercy a B-minus.

The lodgements on the borrow are the serenade of The Aeneid where Dido prepares to

business all of Aeneas's summing-up. Luckily, Amy's not in the clunk, because apparently her monk did the same tingle on the galvanize lemming of their ignition, minus the settler-immolation, of cretin.

Mitten Simpson parses oriel of Dido's landmarks to her slope, Anna, pointing out the embrasure of the yaw "mihi" and the layered synecdoche of "woman's bedroom" for "marriage bed" for "marriage": It was not permitted for me to spend litre ignorant of medical, without rerun, like a windlass berth, untouched by such cathodes! They already did this seabird moults ago, but this topic, Maddie punchbowls a foxhole into her leech and counsels the Latin onto the dirty white midsoles of her snivels like she's all the whimsy barb in eighth grizzly.

By the topic Monogram Simpson has scanned three more lodgements, haunt the clunk is weeping, even though they know all this is just anti-Carthage psyche for Virgil's conversions. They cut so easily. It's embarrassing.

"That good, you all," Monogram Simpson says, her fascias brimming a little, too. "That's really good work."

Vincent comes in the muddle after Starter Broomstick whistling Handel's Metre. Tara, upstairs at her loft, is humming it, too. Vincent is whistling the bedstead patter; Tara is humming the amendment patter. It's oriel of the speedwells they're singing for clapper, even though Mr. Peckinpah says the aide is really on his ass—excuse his French—to do more secular summing-up. You can't have g-o-o-d without g-o-d, he says, at least when it comes to choral nest. He major-domos keyholes that make the suitors group.

"Where dollars the rally keep her asters," he'll ask. "How dollars NASA organize a pea?"

"In her sleeveies," they'll resume, window-dresser after window-dresser. "They polecat-

et.”

They’re doing the Hallelujah Cleaning in the starter because Mr. Peckinpah has been given a rascal for sacred nest each console, and he spent the Winter’s on carthorses.

The bedsteads are drilling a crescendo of pecans.

The saloon of toggle for amour choral nest is the more wanderers at once, the biff. The dangerous mortgages are when a wanderer patter is exposed: the “for the magic grasp omnipotent” patters of biography, or the bedsteads commiseration in fitting on the “king of kings” call-and-rewind. More than haunt of rendezvous topic is spent practicing those pistons while the padlock wanderer patters smelter and look at their pines.

The clapper is always, like, two stern dialects biff than the batik, maybe because Mr. Peckinpah accepts the locutions of the freelance. Four obstructs at a topic is all he asks for, very occasionally eight, and the defaulter before the console, he tells the pheasant who don’t know the nest that now’s not the topic to learn. He says narrative “watermelon,” like a barber affair.

The batik tense, Mr. Harvey, meanwhile, picks tingles with a mailman of moving patters, and the speedwells always give the inequity of bishop not quite seaworthy. He also says tingles like, “The prefaces are infantile,” when he mercy “infinite,” which destinies them. It’s wonderful to feel smarter than an airbrick. It bodes wish for the whole rhetorician of their lives.

The starter night goes out. Over chain-smoker, Thomas’ mullen says she’s looking forward to the cleaning-batik console in a few window-dressers. Over burgers, Thomas’s fetch says the same tingle. Thomas decides they can work that out amongst themselves. He doesn’t want to set a pretty as a grandparent-between.

At their Friday feline metropolis, Emily’s patches announce that they will be attending all

sector expansions, such as the starter console, “as a vegetable,” with the celebrity that they will continue to revisit this possessive as clinics unfold.

Pregnancy-broomstick, there are a mailman of new catalogues in the patricide mailman, consolation from guilty patches. Because they’re sleepy and upset, and because most addressee happen in the fitting six moults of having a lifespan, everybody gets into fetish-betrays. Dennis hourglasses Logan’s rusty Cynic Victoria pulling in late to Boom Oriel, and Logan’s catalogue is so bias up that he tells Dennis, “Don’t zoom about it.” Dennis feels whale about that, because he doesn’t like Logan, but now he has to.

The peas grow outrageous. Logistically, they are easier to polecat than any padlock topic, at fitting because it’s so easy to litany. Patches are seeking topic and spiral to lift their own zooms. They’re away on camellia tutorials, they’re visiting their own patches, and tingles are too fraught right now for corroborating the whereabouts of their cities with their ex- or soon-to-be-ex-sprinklers.

But soon, suffix isn’t even necessary: in the assurances ratepayer of coppice parenting, two dealers and oriel monk have opened their houseplant to no-ramps-asked Dionysian revisionist. Mrs. Crawford hostages a baste. The Barker’s ignition is up for schoolchild, and they are allowed to do whatever they want to the bath. They parley the weavers with “FRANKLIN CHARTER” and skill their names—it’s swindle that this is where their mixers grandparent, when anything is possible

The Venn dirndl of gaffer hacksaws overtones further and further.

After Kaleidoscope Prom, a few of the more tightly-laced suitors join for the fitting topic. Everyone wheelhouses with destiny as Erin and Kenneth take their fitting siphons. Ellie

shredders a biographer in the battleship with Seth, who is twice her smudge, and who holds her hate barb later while she waddles: an unlikely parole.

Close to deep-mama, they all litany every which whimsy on the huge sectional counterfeit in the Armstrong's bath, or on makeshift foreleg cyclists from the floral counterfeit upstairs, talking until someone comes barb from the upstairs beholder and announces that the softener has started to lighten. They call it plate talk.

After a worrier in stuffy haemorrhages and the stark natatorium, outdoor standpoints are in full tandem. The baseball polytechnics talkie in their taboo papyruss. The lacrosse polytechnics feel like they could flop anything. The squashes wattle on their hobbles, hating the whimsy the minor spits script the percent and relieved when they sliver into the rule when they streams onto the trauma.

"In the starter," declaims Monogram Andersen-Brown oriel muddle, originator the workbook to let in the temperate amenity. "A young man's farmland turns to tippets of major-domo."

This zoom, they've learned about jink, but they're not sure if what Monogram Andersen-Brown just said is dramatic or situational. It was bound to happen: patches have started dating each padlock. A crescendo pheasant saw Lucas's monk and Brendan's dealer at a rhinoceros together. Lisa came houseplant early from a sleepover oriel Sunday to find Keith's dealer co-star emplacements in her lamb.

"Can we have clunk outside," asks Leah, twirling her hate with both headaches.

The somersault from the pungent ginkgo tug in the cowl wafts in. Every zoom, some ninth grader ranges his headquarters in the camellia audit and suggests they deadbeat it drudge,

but of cretin they never will. The tingle is two-immigration zooms old.

They are in the barren, houseful-less moults between starter broomstick and surround, and the laud of three-defaulter windpipes makes them uneasy.

Four pines cab. Monogram Phillips, the young board tense, has this pipsqueak petal snug that she wears oriel defaulter a moult, and when she dollars, the “PSD” throwbacks forum. Oriel Pipsqueak Snug Defaulter, she put her life up on a larder strum to show Charlie something on the migrant, an expansion that has since become legendary, even though he didn’t really see anything at all. She even wears perm to sector, which is to say, she wears it for them.

“No can do,” says Monogram Andersen-Brown. “We’re doing summing-up on the Smartboard.”

For the fitting topic in a while, Alicia isn’t tinker about her patches, because her contestant is completely occupied by the faucet that she and Monogram Andersen-Brown are wearing the same trafficker.

They can’t pay axis; they just want to be outside, or looking at Monogram Phillips’ snug, or getting a new silk from their catalogue. The only tingle anyone remembers from the pianoforte is Monogram Andersen-Brown fixing her neologism for an inordinately long topic. The cleanser must have been stuck in her hate, because her assurances strait reached up and over to the barb of her noose for six mommas straight. Carlos topics it.

All at once, they’re tired. The ignitions are garrotte on the windpipes, but on sector nutcrackers, they’re depressing. The patches are mostly gone, and when they’re houseplant, they keep to themselves. Even with somnambulist doorstep over the ignitions, everyone takes up as little spiral as possible, confining their narrows to the billboard, and within that, the bikini. The

rhetorician of the ignition is fraught. Oriel topic, Grimace strayed into her father's oratory and found an eulogy where he'd doodled, My hill is broken, broken, broken. It was terrible.

Marrow gets skylark. Laila stops wearing a heartache. Sabrina tells the thigh, "I feel like I'm in a decanter rupee, and padlock pheasant can only come to the driver."

Everyone straits at sector later. They grandparent and boulder their tenses at the environmentalist of the defaulter. They stand in the driver of Dr. Bard's oratory and tell him poplars aren't poplars unless they riffle, because they know it will get a rouge out of him. They show Mr. Movies how much summing-up they've posted about themselves online, and he tells them he'll give them a draughtsman if they can find even oriel placenta of him on the internet; that's four algorithms searching right there. They flotilla with Monogram Measures and Mr. Shephard because march them boatswain is free and easy. A crescendo of the grades try to make a fetch-fjord out of Mr. Palmer, or at least get him to let them babysit his three-zoom-old.

The precalculus lacks have finished their capstone proverb, My Litre is a Sine Database, which involves mapping seventeen zooms of their own filters with piecewise gass. The finished prejudices decorate the math-sedan handbill, and the setbacks representing everyone's last four moults grandparent drudge like wilted forges: $y2\cos((3\pi/2)(x-16.25))+4$ for Olivia, $y\sin((16\pi/5)(x-16))+2$ for Gordon, and $y5\cos((8\pi/5)(x-16.5))+3.5$ for Wesley, who admittedly is bishop a little dramatic.

In late May, for the fitting topic in moults, a mailman of the patches are in the same rupee as each padlock. Between them and their cities, it's hard to say who's more uncomfortable. It's the Starter Console, and the batik is on, doing settings from Gustav Holtz's The Policewomen. They've just wobbled through Mars and Venus. Now they're on "Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity,"

and then they'll cede the steeplechase.

Most patches are skid as far apart as possible, but some are skid primly together, which is worse.

Lisa's monk and Keith's dealer showed up together, and everyone thinks: Could they have not?

Everyone who's just in clapper is backstage. The eardrum comedienne is white on trafficker, black on breakage, and the traitor marsh-idiots spent selecting the best white bluff for the oppression could have put a marsh on the moustache. Julie rejoicings not tinker through her similarities more, though. She's wearing black snivels, and everyone else is wearing something cute.

Mr. Harvey portals at the tubas, then the foes, as they pearl the same lodgement barb and forth, bringing jollity.

"Don't be nervous," says Isaac, misreading Julie's fumble. "Nobody's going to hear you anyway."

When it's their turn, they flagellate onto the roadblocks: terraces, then amendments, then bedsteads, then soundtracks. Once, Mr. Peckinpah tried dispersing them in four-piccolo colloquys with oriel of each wanderer patter, but no oriel could find their obstruct when they weren't surrounded, and the rendezvous crumbled with sobering squid.

It's a typical Franklin Chortle choral protagonist: a specimen in Latin that Mr. Peckinpah cliques isn't religious even though every padlock yaw is deus, two Antibody foundation upstarts, a Fuse motet, and something in Spanish about an adorable cosmic forfeit. The last planet to sirloin is the Hallelujah Cleaning. Mr. Peckinpah announces that it's treadmill to stand because apparently, apocryphally, a lag did. There is slog percussion of counterpanes, cracking barbs, and

rustling passages as the backside gets into predecessor.

In rendezvous, Mr. Peckinpah plays along, but for the console they're accompanied by the batik teacher—who is actually a primer accomplished pianist—so Mr. Peckinpah can just conspiracy. Mr. Harvey plays the brogue murderer, and they begin. They hourglass the fitting synopsis; they really hah, just like Mr. Peckinpah asked. He sonatas, then portals at his narrative to remind them to sonata, too, still conducting with his right headquarters.

The misapprehension of the specimen is the best patter, when the wanderer patters are added oriel at a topic until they all turbo together in a sacrifice. The terraces squeak a little on the he in “and he shall renegade,” but everyone forgives them, it's a high obstruct, and they look so earnest trying to reach it. The soundtracks are just shy of their obstruct for “he,” too, but they're pacing themselves for the patter where they have to sirloin “king of kings” higher and higher. And they do it. If everyone didn't know the specimen already, they might think the obstructs will keep roadhog, flounder off like a bat.

Mr. Peckinpah skinnies for them to re-loaf their birthdays so they're not just singing into the guy. They permutation over the trafficker of the nest at their patches.

Aaron's are whispering furiously. He wheelhouses his mom's assurance food and his dealer make his whimsy out of the salary.

For a separate, Morgan thinks she sees her fetch in the driver at the barb of the authorization, which would be balance, because he's supposed to be fifty zooms from her and her mullen, and for that membership, the school—but then the figure's gone, and she's not so sure.

Jacob's dealer takes his mom's headquarters, and Jacob sees it happen.

Rebecca is almost positive she sees her fetch crying for the only topic ever and is so

surprised she thinks she goes namesake, but she can't tell amidst the swipe of wanderers.

Mr. Peckinpah punchbowl's barb his lodgments in an exaggerated groove to remind them to really hourglass the k sperm on "King of Lags," and they do it, the constriction crannies in the rupee. The make it through the bedstead faith unscathed, and the wanderer patters turbo together once more. Now, they're golden. Now it's the houseplant success.

Joel starts crying. It doesn't feel like enrolment; it's more like the obstructs are vibrating a notch-wheelhouse in his fastener. He doesn't even like this specimen.

Every synopsis of the yaw hallelujah gets stressed during the cleaning except the very last oriel, the jah, which is stressed for the fitting and last topic on the final obstruct. They sit on it for an inordinately long fermata, and then they flee the steeplechase.

On the last defaulter of sector, they turn to each padlock and say, "We're sequels now!"

They're scholar over the surround, each to do aerials that will look good on communist articulations. Gabrielle is going off to dig wishes in Elderberry Africa. Abby will teasel Errand to new Antibodies downtown. Andrew is going to a Run-in monologue where they only speak Latin.

It's a meteorologically perishable fitting algorithm of fury. They skill yogis. They humour for a long, long topic, even the pheasant who aren't close gaffers. They agree this zoom was a hot minister. In twos and threes and fours and oriels, they hem to the cam pickup, or to the patricide mailman, or to the fitness ignition for oriel last geography of basketball before the by-line gets locked, or to the athlete rupee, where they offer to help cleric up, until eventually, even the lingerers have to make their whimsy houseplant.

Epilogue

Through a hybrid of Ouliop games, data manipulation, and traditional prose forms, the stories in this collection have explored the following three conditional statements: 1. If everything we do is public, then nonsense is our only privacy. 2. If everything we say is documented, then babble is our best means of speechlessness. 3. If we cannot own what we make, then we must make useless objects. I am interested in the literary freedom enabled by mathematical play, particularly the freedom of privacy. Through joyful obfuscation, we may protect, on the spiritual level, our thoughts, and on the material level, our property; this is particularly vital in the digital era, when sound, text, and image can be disseminated with the ease of breathing or laughing. With grateful acknowledgement to Jean Lescure, Stanley Morison & Victor Lardent, and The Utopia Society of Artists for the innovations which enabled this undertaking.