A person in a santa suit next to a christmas tree

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Betsy and Jinn talk and Jinn give betsy and bad news about Dave and his Polish lover and her young son. They have really good ice cream there he says as they pass an ice cream shop in Berlin. Really? She asks. What kind did you have. Well I had the Pistachio he says and then trails off. She knows something is strange. Is she just being jealous, suspicious. Who did he go there with? Or did he just go to the ice cream parlor by himself and get a pistachio cone and then walk around the streets, liking it and smelling the dog shit on the sidewalk and walking to the park that had that strange rise in it, and walking up the rise and maybe seeing people in the park. Kids riding those little wooden bikes without pedals and punks dressed in black sort of strung out on a blanket with their really chill dog. German Punks always seem to be spending their day sort of strung out with a really chill dog. Sort of like a lot of the elderly in this country, just with less TV. Not a bad lifestyle all in all really.

Thinking back to Dave’s canned responses. Asking him to teach me how to throw a punch. His trained way of looking. But can’t see past the end of his nose emotionally.

Thinking back to the Tarot cards that I three for Jinn.

Her art show in the Ukranian village. Crying when I see all of the flags and think about all of the people there that have loved ones under attack, the ultimate betrayal of being attacked by your neighbor, by a neighbour so culturally and linguistically similar. Brothers and sisters and literally family members living on either side of the border. Iryna and her Soviet identity. The Russians and the Ukranians are the same. He “Nationality” is Jewish. She does not practice. Her elderly mother is back in Ukrane being bombed. He daughter has a good job and lives in the suburbs with her husbands Hispanic family. They are being savvy and saving up until they can get their own place. They have extra funds and extra time and like to eat our together and drink a little bit and smoke a little weed. They are good friends and have fun together and are now both making pretty good money. They are both overweight, but happy, things are getting better… though grandmother is being bombed and does he have family back in Mexico? The Cartels are funded by

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Emil Cioran-- Romanian Philosopher

Jason Salaban -- web scrapping artist

08/23/2021

Nourishing.

Apologize for foisting my manuscript on you. I was a little out of my mind. But as I have been trying to get out of my mind for a long time, I am not sorrow to have reached that state, but I am sorrow for the raw nerve awkwardness that I have been radiating—it has been something of a skiin molting ceremony. Something of a purge. An ecstatic release and pronouncement. A Trumpet call to break the pregnant silence. An alleyway kvetch I rot gut bellow to the alleyway before finally shuffling back inside for a facewash and a long overdue shave.

You wake to realize that

You lead with love, but are led by lies

Wake the body, wake the mind

Connect that which has been disconnected

The automobile, the football, the atomic bomb,

the convenience of power,

the convenience of the convenience store.

Lost amidst a massing crowd

Is the vastness of space

still accessible within you?

sensitivity: “a sense of being somehow, somewhere connected with the other states of being where art (curiosity, tenderness, kindness, ecstasy) is a norm” Nabokov (afterward to Lolita).

Thank you for Santa Claus visits and friendship to betsy and Esme and Helena.

Jinn and Dave thank you for all the love and attention that you have given to Esme, I am so humbled by the extended family of good people who have shown love and kindness to our daughters.

Ellen Palmer- preschool teacher and poet

Bari Zaki- bookmaker and calligrapher

Grandma Birkey- lover of books and enthusiastic reader

Anna Bahow- theater director and writer

David and Marie- visual artists

Theaster Gates, William Byrd, David Schulter? Jinn Brownin Lee, Caulee and Aaron, Russian Filmmaker that William Byrd was a scholar on.

Could follow a lot of the David and Marie material.

Emerson.

Trump definitions

Helena bit

Quotes about the girls

Something about betsy

Something about their friend Byrd

Russia and Byrd? Is the filmmaker reference in Boym???

Joseph Brodsky???

The Nabokov quote about the mode of art…

Something about Nostalgia and Trump

The arts will suck your soul dry.

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JB or L

**Past:**

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Ace of Swords--

Triumph, the excessive degree of everything, conquest, triumph of force, a card of great love and hatred.

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Things being balanced, but inherently leaning towards the left. It looks like it is coming from the right, but its actually coming from the left. It looks like that is where the wind is blowing form.

**Present:**

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V of Cups--

A card of loss, but something remains, three gone, two left, inheritance, transmission, patrimony, it may be a card about marriage, but not without bitterness and frustration.

Decisions to be made, channels.

**Future:**

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King of Cups (inverted)-- short scepter in left hand, great cup in right.

Dishonest, double dealing, injustice, vice, scandal

Some semblance of control.