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**A line from Herman Melville**

An atelier will al-  
ways have its  
ragged edges. A  
reaction to. Angles

& planes. Abraded  
by. Pressures  
from above. No  
comfort zone. Life

at the top of a  
house is not like  
life at the top—  
the sky intrudes.

**you have been banned from facebook**

Let your Girl Scouts  
lip-synch freedom  
songs & use their cookies  
for pleasure not for  
pain. Now that the  
mouth of the wild beast  
is ranked #315 with a  
bullet on TripAdvisor's  
top 788 attractions in  
Paris, we can move  
on to the next important  
project—does *jelqing*  
lengthen, & lengthen the  
shelf-life of, one's penis?

## **A line from Coco Chanel**

Is the washed-up  
rodeo queen who  
still dreams of  
clowns & cow-

boys a signifier,  
as Baudrillard  
put it, of lost  
contact with the

"real", or rather  
evidence of an  
instinctive desire  
for authenticity?

## Polka dots & mung beans

More & more the backyard is coming to look like a Vegas strip with its new casinos, hotels & restaurants. The hustle-bustle factor drives us all. Our pedigree Samoyeds—*tutti i nostri cani discendono da linee di sangue prestigiose*—determine the rotation speed of a merry-go-round in the one corner that still has green in it. In another corner, a small band of sushi sous-chefs watch a rerun of the Giants-Redskins game. I settle down in a temporary comfort zone set up somewhere amongst the slot machines. The waitress brings a tray of truffle oil. I drizzle it over the spandex that surrounds me. Torquemada arrives, channeling the music of Marvin Gaye, wondering what's going on. Neighborhood kids with cellphones capture it all. Commentary may be added later.

## A line from Hank Williams

The culture of Kyoto,  
with its line-segment-  
ation, sliding windows  
& continuous dynamic

programming, has long  
been regarded as  
a literary genre. Two  
key concerns: space

surrounded by a  
suspended stainless-  
steel grille, & light  
in the form of lavish

ornaments worn by  
a dizzying troupe of  
ancient & modern hip-  
hop stars. Curiosity

is the spirit of the  
geek so stare at  
the footwear, a true  
hybrid of pollution

& other problems  
put together by an  
architect. Then dress  
in style, go hog wild.

## After Aristotle

The food & drink  
provided is com-  
posed chiefly of  
silicates of somewhat  
complex constitution,  
but the increased flow  
of gastric juices is a  
viable vehicle for the  
new generation of  
young Athenian theater  
students who delight  
in performances  
of sensation & absurdity.

## **A line from Franz Beckenbauer**

The entire Eastern Seaboard, an area of wet fields growing dinner greens, just

got picked up for syndication. It's the first-best solution to the collusion problem

of compulsory micro-chipping. A highly capable economic location. Is manna in

the wilderness. More information about formatting options will be provided later.

**holla at me lata**

Fifty is the new  
forty. In the  
legendary tradition  
of the game show,  
calorie & heart rate  
monitors are the  
only vocabulary  
you need. That  
& the fact that the  
only real mistake  
you can make  
is wear a strapless  
Jason Wu dress in  
a creamy chiffon  
with a pair of  
off-white shoes.



**A line from Dalton Trumbo**

Had the wagyu beef  
burger for lunch today.  
It's the culinary equi-  
valent of a Porsche—at

least that's what the  
surfeit of visual & aural  
stimuli surrounding it  
has to say. Sure have

to go through a bunch  
of shit to get it—appear  
on talkshows spruiking  
the product, do tricks on

a skateboard. Have be-  
come captive to unneeded  
needs. They exist. They  
happen. Ah, technology.

My dog sings along  
with the music. It's the  
melodic equivalent of  
a street fair in Iceland.