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from Dear Everyone

lather up. Some salacious inventories
are organizational mediations? Why
lament the talisman? Consider magic
in Chicago, beyond the Global Village
or Cubism or Futurism or militarism.
All too true. Ordinarily, the flesh wound
focuses the attention. I've transplanted
matching pairs, emptied the attic. Dust
gatherers at the road show. Nymphs lift
scattering dandelion seeds. Interference
just never tugged the heartstrings.
when the first one died. Sense blanks
on positions. Impositions refract
phases gathering context. Get the picture
or history repeats itself. Everything
endeavors to the cadaver, or leaves
for posterity. The homesteaders believed
or wagons, barrels, trailers, chrysanthemums
churns and corn husks or scarecrows. No,
further investments? The valueless
demand conference calls. Privacy is
untranslatable. Painting is untranslatable
being writing. Along the highway of the past
truncations, deletions. Down on the ground
of love. When the calls came in

predictable epiphanies. Squandering
extensions of public space: war
As for the rest? Recliners, sofas,
ornate pillows, even. Willows blowing
apart the government. Research helps
carry everything. Baskets and disposable
geographies of the self. Some saccharine
note passing, breathless, tingly sensations
or improper sharing. Delight in
illicit sex or aesthetic bliss: deliberate
stratagems for pursuing the military
clouds of dust? Time-sensitive
materials will not be returned. When
creating your past lives, responses
may undergo transformation. Cities
of destruction; systematic debilitation
the soundtrack of the past? An ex-singer
or dancer. Falsify mourning. Love
sleeps in childhood. You arise
with considerable provocation. As for
jpegs, gifs, electronic equipment:
selfies, voiceover, some petting
licking or necking. Brand new futures,
discolorations. No further questions
or intractable statements. O, love

and damage. When alarms scattered
the bodies in the street. Smoke
assures correctness, and politics delivers
screaming: “My baby!” “My baby!”
settlers, homesteaders, adventurers, buckaroos
explorers, privateers, conquerors, Pilgrims
and Hollywood. Consider the artificial lung
and Bluegrass, Country & Western, Blues
or medical dictionaries. In the postcard
graphics, captions, code. Roadside bombs
are serious business! Rednecks
need not apply. Imagined histories
in post-production mode. When internalized,
the inoculation may take decades. No,
we are beyond pleasantries. No,
poetry is not a vehicle. The pressurized clot
of the systolic. I am a star
coal-burning, wood-burning, oil-burning
and refined, well-mannered. Resolutions
believe intentions. The present
is always coughing slogans? Furthermore,
some sloppy kissing, unusable footage
orbiting moons. When the calls came in
cartographies of the self. In your letter
be sure to provide comfort, a sense of hope

or pills, prescriptions. The messenger
waylaid the barbarians. Time burnt a hole
in their whereabouts. Why admonish
dream-horses? The princess arose and wept
hexagons, octagons, dodecahedrons,
mathematical “resemblance.” So,
terror lies in wait. The operation is clean
in its way, or manual pumping. Disco
still matters, subsequent tissues. Jam
these halos of the few. Why torch
the Amazon? Swim the Orinoco,
depending on the discard. Trash collects
regional pastimes; following tradition
may aggravate injuries. Republicans
can sit on it, or stuff it. Teleology
seals everything, like Revelations or
return flights. Disable impermanence,
desertification. When considering
the Gestapo? Or the KGB? The police-dream
beyond efficient! Think about it:
martial arts or banditry. Descendants
carry on the conditions, brandish
jewelry or credit cards, business casual
without frosting. The symbolic realm
or deliberate mismanagement?

where love rotted! Disease tracking
procedures: spay or neuter your territorial
markings. When the calls came in
with Barbara and the other Clare,
the last vacation! The halcyon days
ravaged the organs. Someone sang
through the pain. This factory
of particular resonance. Products
question the invasion, or the eradication
or the rebuilding process. Ultra-reality
mansions, people of import. Magazines
are photogenic, and can be
easily reprogrammed. Consider
wheatgrass, lemongrass, alfalfa, gorse
and Nebraska. Holland or Belgium? Why
ask the proper questions. No,
I would not like to see your recent edit
and furthermore, calories. No business
as usual, the lackeys. And yes,
the sycophants and ass kissers,
bootlickers, social climbers and yes men.
Yes, the arrangement was delivered.
an impromptu speech? Why I believe
in potlucks, picnics, clam bakes, fish fries
and barbarism. Things to fear include:

capsizing, holocaust, radioactivity
excessive telephoning, extension cords
murder, bloodshed, mayhem, drowning
in the bathtub, airplanes, the Collective
Unconscious, leaders, followers
and lawmakers. Debutantes miss
remembering the good old days
take the trick. Argumentation synchs
Politburos and the New World Order
or orchestrations and cover-ups.
Michelangelo painted the frame
of this poem, and poetry is a chapel
or brothel. Who will say:
he is the holy sex worker of language,
or baseball, football, basketball
and bankruptcy. Cheerleaders kill
superheroes and swashbucklers. Instigators
are standing by. Bystanders die
in tense exchanges, remanded reports, too
and paper shuffling. The excessive function
of gender and sexuality. And male
strippers or the Satyricon. Greco-romans
consider the Labradoodle or genetics
and monopolies, cartels, business
as unusual. They have become white

stuck in a photo album somewhere,
or the facility. Flooding may occur
or memories return, and shock therapy
or painting at the Community Center
intellectualizing death? No,
the carburetor, the radiator, the crankshaft
and the blessed Virgin. Ordinarily,
hubristic hyperbole and backscratching
or the hell of gridlock. New myths
love delicate children, babies and reasons
can be found, like lasers or microchips.
What witch hunt? Believe
what you want. Since the onset
of symptoms and self-flagellation
or public embarrassments, apologies.
Moral fiber? With respect to
practical jokes, or disaster relief
skin doesn't last. Dream-birds nestle
in the lap of luxury. Silken sheets
for a deathbed? Spruce it up a bit.
The vagus nerve soothes cargo, trucks in
truckers and troubles. Confabulation
will pass you by. Your life is
sound-byte culture. Imagine splicing
whiskers or freckles or irises

when in doubt. Piercing belly buttons
and candygrams. Singing clowns
provide healthcare coverage
or costumes. Clothing makes
the Pomeranian, and traffic cops
offer calisthenics. The good life
is always cracked up to be
porcelain, or lost marbles, even.
Imagine a clay jar, painted in fantastic
rituals. Philistinism is fetching catcalls
and video games. When in Rome
or Tallahassee? And the panther,
bombast and bravado. Pundits
shape everything. Imagine Gandhi
coloring between the lines! Death by
sarcasm or talkshow host. Furthermore,
the sanctity of marriage, and the military
occupation. Other queer innuendos
include the margin of error, "O love!"
and collies, ridgebacks, shiatsus
or phantasms. Riding overland,
and Oregon. Because the calls came in
to perform the eulogy. Which music
will play? The portentous rooms
are signs. Semiotics cannot smoothe

the ongoing extinction. Or the lack
of tangible detail. Imagine the pear tree
or many varieties of shrubs. Believe
in airports, and the Econolodge
or The Radisson or the Super 8, Motel 6
or the Holiday Inn. Drifting, variation
or the hybrid? Terror is bloodless
and not guilty. But downsizing?
A symphony of correctness
may prevent clotting. Considering
ranges or territories of the heart. No,
I do not wish to receive your newsletter,
inventory of the self. For example,
stretchers, gurneys, HMO's and
coffins, pedestals, tripods, camera cases
microphones, pocket handkerchiefs
and idolatry. The pedophile
watching harness racing or poker
over-the-counter medication. An oceanic
restructuring of pleasure,
and its coordinates. When navigating
The Body, be sure to lubricate
emphatically. Pitchy fog or periods
of difficult employees / employers.
Voyeurism is the new couch surfing

the new landed gentry. Once upon
a time so isolationist? Now that everything
is the onset of symptoms. Literature
and the aphids, fleas & ticks, mosquitos
and organized religion. Burial mounds
consider the dung beetle, or caves
bats, spiders, sulfuric leakage
and Pluto. Persephone complained
to the local authorities. No,
I do not wish to receive a complementary T-shirt
or travel bag. Carryon items indicate
epistemologies, The North Wind, gumption
and a trail of the caribou. Mushing is useful.
and Teflon, silicon. In her diary entries
the silences of history. Notwithstanding
love, or movements in space. Beauty =
Radiation? Deliver the Midwest
and white flight. Things to fear include:
maniacs, terrorists, accidents, saturated fats
sugar, Iran, smokers, carbon monoxide
kidnappers, rapists, street gangs, juntas
car jackings, the homeless, boll weevils
locusts, Winter Weather Advisories
meteorites and interplanetary debris. No,
you have not received authorization

to the heart of the matter? Love
is passing, and passing through.
Now that everything has been documented
or freeze-dried. Elements include:
festivals, cartoons, newspaper clippings,
old songs, figurines, envelopes,
stamps, coins, memories, artificial
memories and ideas of time. Certainly,
safe travels! Observe containment policies
extreme times = extreme measures. When
persistence argues ineffectively, charm
may open doors. Opportunism is exciting
and sell them on a dream! Confiscate
unused urgencies, or redirect the impulses
and purchase power. The ordinance
threw a surprise party! Awesome!
In the video recording, evidence
of unity and wistful thinking. Whoa,
sometimes, I get this oceanic feeling
swelling, bloating and tremendous respect
for labor and laborers. Years of service
believe in arrangements, care packages and
client-centered protocol. In the dream
begin by erasing. Return flights never
display the proper gratitude, orbitals

cease or desist! And pageantry
or formal affairs. Insider raiding
fetish objects and social media inlets
or personalized license plates
and tempo, duration, modulation
or morning calisthenics. The yoga
of consumerism. When the life force
withers, and natural metaphors cycle
lovebirds, auks, peregrine falcons
or push-button convenience. Touch
is exceptional, like gifted children
the military and privacy school. Importance
is so stressed out! In correct assessment
as contradiction. Consider the killdeer
or mourning dove. And Hector bloodied
on the plains of Ilium. Now that
encrypted men produce nationalism,
we must harvest these rhizomes of empire
Individuality sells! Consider
the firm, the film, the advertisement,
the public service announcement
and mythmaking. Dromedary
or camel? Articulators are
standing by. Believe in screensavers
the silent majority and general wellbeing