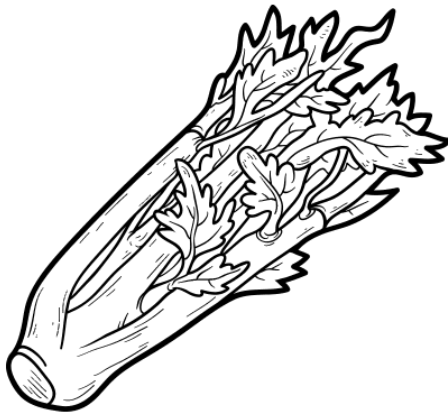


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*J\_!!1* - hybrid human, direct report to Ibrahim Pasha

*Tony Guistiannini* - Boss of all bosses in the Guistiannini Crime Syndicate

*Uday Abbasid* - crown prince of the Abbasid Caliphate, cocaine trafficker, sworn enemy of Ibrahim Pasha

*Ophelia* - ex-wife and baby mother of Uday Abbasid, former lover of Ibrahim Pasha

*Joseph Campanelli* - sentient celery stalk

*Edward Lin* - dual agent of the American CIA and CCP

*Enzo* - consigliere of the Guistiannini Crime Family

*Valentina* - stripper

*John Romanides* - Greek Orthodox priest

## Part 1: Vegetation

Section 1

I said: I don't know J\_!!1

It's like

How should I put this

Hmm

I have this

What's the best word for it

Insatiable yearning for vengeance

I don't know

Is that wrong of me you think

Feeling some kind of unrelenting thirst  
for vengeance

To be fair

Uday was the one who really  
attempted to go ahead with a  
full-on assassination attempt

I wasn't sitting around being like

Oh

How can I kill Uday Abbasid

Let me come up with some  
hare-brained schemes to annihilate his  
existence

To wipe him from the face of  
the universe

You know this

You've been with me this whole fucking  
time! I've been minding my own business  
really! And sure



I guess with um

Ophelia

J\_!!1 said: Mmhmm

I said: That whole thing with Ophelia

On the one hand

Yeah

I get it

You could say

Oh Ibrahim attempted to abscond from  
any responsibility vis-a-vis raising a son  
that he knew to some extent could  
have potentially

Possibly! Been his

But at the same time

Isn't it also true that she took  
my innocence in a particularly  
ruthless manner

That Ophelia raped me of my  
innocence as a man

That I was actually raped to some  
extent

That the cold-hearted bitch stole my  
own innocence right out from  
underneath me

Tugged it out from under my grundel

My fleshy fun bridge

That at one time

Bing! I have a fucking modicum  
of innocence

I'm an innocent little lamb learning the  
ways of the world

Then next thing you know

Boom! No innocence! J\_!!1 said: You  
were left bereft of innocence

I can't argue with that

I said: No longer a shred of  
innocence left in any limb of  
my body! I was forced to drown  
my sorrows in little whores

In filthy sluts of various backgrounds

! No

! Where else can a man turn  
when stripped of the love of his  
life and his only possibly begotten son  
J\_!!1

Was there any other choice

Where was I supposed to go

To the altar

Like that little whooir did

! Marry into my own unceasing  
insanity

J\_!!1 said: That would seem ill-advised

I agree

I said: Find some babe in the  
woods and toss a bun in her  
oven

Fuck no! The thought itself is utterly  
fucking disgusting! Given the state I  
was in

It would have been immoral

Perhaps even felonious! An act of  
racketeering! It would have actually been  
deeply unfair to all parties involved

No

No



A man of my ilk

Being essentially mercilessly raped by  
a whore of the magnitude of  
Ophelia

He would never in a million years

In any dimension! Find any solace  
in civilian embrace

It was fate herself that tossed me  
into the abyss of the G-string

Into the black hole of the brothel  
house

There simply is no other viable path  
for a man who has his  
innocence tugged from his own asshole  
at a moment's notice! The men  
who go through that and then choose  
to settle down like it never  
happened  
To start a family of four in  
the fifth dimension because they're too  
scared of sleeping alone

They inevitably become serial killers and  
child rapists eventually! You know that  
right

Isn't that true

To some extent

J\_!!1 said: I think that's all probably  
in the realm of fairness Ibrahim

Yet vis-a-vis vengeance

We do have some solid intelligence  
that Uday is currently in the confines  
of Greater Uranus

Although there's no word on Ophelia  
of late

But there are also some increasingly

Well

Odd reports

Coming from the moon Antarctica

If I should maybe go ahead and

I said: She's a ruthless whore

Is she not J\_!!1

No offense to her

I'm not trying to defame her or anything

I understand

I get it

As a man

Of course I've been a man-whore  
from time to time

But is it so far-fetched to  
perhaps suggest

Now in 2223

That a man-whore is maybe more  
acceptable than a girl-whore

I have a penis J\_!!1

The penis protrudes

The penis

In its natural habitat

Is it not an explorer

Is it not more or less a  
Magellan-like limb in the flesh

Essentially

Whereas the vaginal orifice

When speaking of vaginas



Can we apply the same moral standard  
to the roaming orifice as the  
penetrating erection

It's just a thought! Are they not  
two distinct entities

With distinct and differing moral codes

J\_!!1 said: Have you ever heard of  
a sentient celery stalk

I said: I've been operating under  
the assumption that high intelligence

In almost all of its known iterations

Takes a human form

That's what we've been taught J\_!!1

J\_!!1 said: That is common parlance

It's what I was taught in  
secondary school as well

Yet there seem to be

Um

Reports coming from Greater Uranus

Of a group of

They're describing them as celery stalks

That's the description being communicated  
to me

I said: The central tenet of the  
human condition is basically an insatiable  
thirst for vengeance

Even today! I actually

I'm starting to understand The Creator  
via my vengeance

I think I get it now

I understand why The Most Merciful  
always messages in such a vacillating  
way

In fits and spurts

The Most Merciful yet at the same  
time

The Lord who's going to toss you  
into an eternal fire because He's fucking  
pissed

There's maybe

Possible nothing I fucking intrinsically  
understand more than this approach

Than this violent vacillation between divine  
forgiveness and an insatiablenthirst for  
vengeance

J\_!!1 said: It seems more or less  
confirmed that Greater Uranus is under  
attack

Right now the wires seems to be  
suggesting by a group of  
mercenary

Sentient

Celery stalks

Which seems

That doesn't seem right

Perhaps it's a typo

I said: Good

Fuck it

Uday's there

Guistiannini headquarters are there

Valentina's probably there too

Shit



Ophelia's probably there too! Let them all  
get wiped out by a vigilante  
mercenary force! Let my past

Once and for all

Be wiped from the face of that  
wretched and cunt solar system in the  
third dimension J\_!!1! Let's start anew

Whatever happened to fresh starts

Then we can return anew

Shit

I'll fuck a celery stalk! All of  
them

Who are they really

Other than specks of my own past  
life J\_!!1! If a group of sentient  
celery stalks

If they somehow came into existence

And wiped them off the physical plane  
of existence

Then let them bask in the fucking  
absurdity of it all then! I actually  
like the fifth dimension

I've come to prefer it! I'm actually  
having fun up here! Ever since everyone

At first I was a little  
ambivalent

But it's funny

As soon as everyone I knew left

I became enamored with the place!  
J\_!!1 said: Brock is Zmailing us though  
on this too

There could be real implications for  
the Interdimensional Council at Large here  
apparently

Greater Uranus

Well

It is the financial center of the  
third dimension really

Something like this could

I said: No

New EVOO in Zeta Reticula

That's probably still the financial center of  
the third dimension

In my opinion at least

J\_!!1 said: Eh

Maybe fifteen years ago it was Ibrahim

Greater Uranus is where most would probably agree

Where the fulcrum of the financial centers have moved

Over maybe the last fifty years

I said: I guess I'm biased toward  
my home town I guess

Fuck it

Even so

So what

What

Brock wants to go interventionist on  
this then

Use us as his lackeys to now  
save the very organization he's been  
vilifying for months now

No

Fuck that



I've capitulated to everything so far

Cooperating with Uday

Letting bygones be etcetera

Watching Uday make a deal with the Guistianninis and holding my cock in my palm in fifth

Now

What

Hampton is gonna say we should  
go intervene

That I should go fight a fucking  
celery stalk to save who

Uday

Ophelia

Valentina

Tony Ass

To what end

What are we

Indentured servants here now

J\_!!1 said: He says he's going to  
meet with the Interdimensional Council at  
Large this afternoon and see what  
they say

I said: Uday's technically still  
cryogenically frozen isn't he

Why

How can he not dispatch a couple  
of fucking celery stalks

I thought the whole point of that  
Abbasid thing was for instances like this

To technically be unable to kill them

J\_!!1 said: I'm still gathering intel on this

I've

Have you ever heard

That rumor about a breakaway plant-based civilization living underground on Earth

I said: I haven't smoked weed in  
like three years at least

J\_!!1 said: It's always been speculative  
of course

But I've found certain aspects of it  
compelling at times

Then again

The idea that this civilization could  
be celery based

That seems

I said: I enjoy it in chicken  
salad

Celery

Generally

You know

Not a huge chicken guy

Or frankly a mayo guy

I hate mayo with a passion

And I'm at best ambivalent about  
chicken

Yet somehow I find myself  
genuinely enjoying chicken salad whenever  
anybody is my vicinity makes it



I can't get enough of it when  
anyone makes it! Chicken

Mayo

Celery

For some reason that combination really  
does it for me

Hits the spot for me

Even though I'm not a fan of  
two-thirds of the ingredients

Maybe

I don't know

Maybe there's something to be said  
for celery

J\_!!1 said: It's not that far-fetched

An idea that sentience could inhabit  
inanimate plants

Inanimate objects even

And if consciousness can enter the  
inanimate

Then there's no reason why a  
civilization couldn't eventually develop on  
the backs of those inanimate objects

Section 2

I said: Hello

Uday said: Ibrahim

I said: Uday

Well well

Uday said: But seriously

Have you heard

I said: Heard what

About the whole little celery imbroglio  
in Greater Uranus

Uday said: We need fucking backup Ibrahim!  
This isn't some kind of lurid joke!  
Is there

Is there any way you can get  
the Deluxe back to third

Discreetly

Because a ship of your caliber

It could really be

It could fucking save us man! I  
said: What the fuck is actually going  
on down there

Uday said: Do you remember Edward  
Lin

Little cocksucker guy

The guy from the whole ancient  
aeroplane thing from last year

That whole thing

I said: That old ass ship that  
you tried to assassinate me with

That one

Yeah

That rings a bell now that you  
mention it

In conjunction with that retro Chinese  
dynasty or some shit

Yeah



What about him

Uday said: The whole thing was a  
set-up Ibrahim

That whole thing

Sure

Technically

I guess it was an assassination attempt

But the chinks

They played us just as we were playing them Ibrahim

We had no fuckin idea

They were playing the long game

That's what they were doing

Lin wasn't just a double agent Ibrahim

He was fucking triple agent

This is

I said: Whoa

Whoa there Uday

Let's pump the brakes real quick

You're lucky

Lucky that you're not still in fifth  
with that chink talk Uday

You know

You really need to start being  
considerate of other cultures

Cultural norms

Even extinct ones

Even if they're extinct in the form  
you're referencing them

I mean

It's just

It's really just common courtesy

Uday said: This isn't a joke Ibrahim

This isn't the time man

C'mon! Even if you hate me

I said: I was just telling J\_!!1

That's funny you mention it actually

I don't know who I technically  
hate

I actually don't think I hate anyone  
Uday

I think I just have

This unquenchable thirst for vengeance

Something like that

That's perhaps intrinsic to my condition

It's perplexing to an extent

Uday said: It's not just me at risk



It's the entirety of Greater Uranus Ibrahim!  
The focal point of this whole solar  
system

If not the entire third dimension!  
Lin

He came back with some plant-based  
technology

Some damn veggie burgers or some shit

And when they mixed with the crops  
here on Antarctica

The celery stalks

They became sentient

Extremely intelligent celery stalks Ibrahim!  
They became fucking like

Super beings

They've dismantled ninety percent of our  
technological capabilities on Antarctica  
like telepathically or something

I'm in a fucking bunker man! This  
has gone nuclear! If they capture this  
whole moon

If they get access to our fleet

It's game

I think it's fucking game over man

Can you get here now

In the Deluxe

I love that ship I swear! Can  
you

Please Ibrahim

Can you come through with an airstrike  
of some sort

I said: And how is it I  
know

Why should I assume this isn't just  
another Guistiannini trap

Or

Frankly

Another Abbasid assassination attempt

Guistianninis and Abbasids

They've been

By my calculation at least

Behind about 100% of the assassination  
attempts and contracts on my life over  
the past few years

Historically speaking

Uday said: The Greater Galactic Central  
Authority

They're hanging us out to dry here

Thinking they can use the celery  
stalks to materially weaken the  
Guistianninis

But I'm fucking telling you bro

This will backfire

The Central Authority does not  
understand the implications fully here

I've already talked to Tony G

If you can help us out here

Bygones will be bygones

That's word

You won't have be like



Beating your meat up in fifth anymore

On the lamb

I said: I happen to like it  
up here Uday

Beating my meat

Fifth

It's really actually grown on me

I actually like it up here

Frankly

I don't have a great urge to  
return to third at all

Third

It's been

Upon further reflection

Nothing but a gigantic pain in my  
fucking ass all these years

Uday said: Ibrahim

Please

For just once in your life

Don't be a total asshole

I'm begging you

To put that inveterate inclination  
you have

To be a complete asshole

To just brush it to the side  
this one time

I said: Oh I'm a

No

I'm actually

I'll actually leave that comment alone  
Uday

I'll leave that allegation untouched

See

Fifth

It's actually changed me

I'm significantly less petty it seems

Uday said: But not coming here Ibrahim

That is petty! So then you'll

I said: Put Tony G on threeway

If it's that important Uday

If he's really going to so-called let  
bygones be bygones

Then I wanna hear it from his  
spaghetti stuffed mouth

Let me hear it from him

Before I even consider coming back down  
to Greater Uranus

Uday said: I'm trying

The line seems busy



I said: Well keep trying

Unless you allow your cryogenic ass  
to be eaten by a damn celery  
stalk! Ultimately I suppose if that's  
what fate has in store then

### Section 3

Tony G said: Okay

But this is for a second appraisal

Enzo said: Right

That's what they just told me at  
least

A second appraisal

Tony G said: But I already

We already paid for the first appraisal  
on the property right

Do they know that

They're aware of that right

Enzo said: Yeah

I think our guy spoke to their  
guy about

He handed over all the relevant details

But that was with the other bank  
remember

That other bank

They did the first appraisal

But they denied the loan because the  
condo association doesn't conform with the  
fifth dimensional guidelines

Right

Tony G said: Okay

Yeah that's how I understood it

But

So what the fuck then

It's still been appraised

It's being appraised again then

Right

Enzo said: Right

See

The thing is

I think the thing of it is

It's that it was appraised by  
the previous bank

Now this bank

The fifth dimensional bank

Now they need to appraise it too

So they're asking for this additional appraisal fee

Tony G said: And they can't use the previous bank's appraisal

I need to pay for an entirely additional appraisal

Enzo said: They sent it over



The previous appraisal

But

Tony G said: I'm just saying

Because it was appraised like

What

Three damn days ago

That appraisal is no longer valid

From three days ago

Enzo said: What the agent is telling  
me is that every bank has a  
different guideline apparently

So some banks require that second appraisal  
to proceed

They're own internal appraisal

Plus you know how the guidelines  
differ between dimensions

Tony G said: Right

A different guideline

Of course

No

That's horseshit Enzo

An appraisal is an appraisal

They're fungible in my mind

I could see if it was  
appraised a year ago

Six months ago

Sure

And I already have to pay a  
higher rate right

We're paying a higher rate

Because of the first rejection

Enzo said: It'll still be reasonable  
I believe

From what they're saying

But probably

Yeah

Probably 100 basis points or so

That's the estimate right now

Tony G said: And now this double fee

Again

I'm not trying to be a dick  
about this

I don't wanna come off like a  
prick in this new dimension

But this condo association was rejected

Not us

We were approved

So why don't they fuckin pay for  
these fees

Since technically



Technically Enzo

All of this is

For lack of a better term

Totally their fault

They signed the purchase and sale  
agreement that stipulated a market  
rate

When the fucking building itself was  
apparently never going to qualify for  
a market rate! And now there are  
fees we're supposed to pay in order  
to contract an above market rate

What's the listing agent's number Enzo

Enzo said: I totally get it Tony

I'll definitely mention that again

To our agent

Tony G said: Mention it now Enzo

Because once we're halfway done with the  
new financingthey're going to have less  
incentive to help us out here

To come to the table on this

With regard to their own errors! They'll  
have less incentive to help us wipe  
their own asses once this new financing  
is in place

So mention it now

Please

Enzo said: Understood Tony

I will do that

Right away! Tony G said: But before  
you do that

Just out of curiosity

Have you talked to my wife today  
at all

Enzo said: Um

I don't believe so

Tony G said: Is she still  
expecting me

Actually

Is it too much trouble

If it's not

Could you just put her on  
real quick threeway

If you don't mind

Enzo said: I'm already dialing her in  
Tony

I'm on this

Marissa said: Hello

Tony G said: Marissa

It's Anthony

Marissa said: Hey

What's up

Tony G said: Hey

How's your day

Am I um

I'm meeting your uncle Manny here still



Marissa said: If you don't want to  
Tony that's fine

You don't have to meet him up  
there

That's fine

My day is fine

I know he wanted to see you  
when you were in fifth

But

You're not gonna see him right

Tony G said: Marissa

Why would I be asking to see  
your uncle Manny

Calling you up on the phone

And asking about Manny

If I had no intention of seeing  
Manny

Why would I ask to see Manny  
if I didn't want to see Manny

Marissa said: Well I don't know Tony

I never know with you! One day  
we're living on Earth

Making ziti

Molding rigatoni

Minding our own business! And then the  
next day we're in Greater Uranus

And you have some official political like

Job or something! You're all of  
the sudden a politician! Tony G  
said: Marissa

I'm not gonna have the Greater Uranus  
conversation again

Especially right now

When it's under attack

Of all times

My dad was murdered

My father was killed in cold blood  
Marissa

What do you want me to do

! Just keep pressing rigatoni in rural  
Idaho

! Come on! Let's be

Marissa said: Whatever Tony! It's fine

I get it

So

Are you going to

Do you even want to see him

Manny

I think he's going out to dinner  
with my dad on Tuesday

If you're around

Tony G said: I thought I told  
you

Didn't I tell you Marissa

That I have a business dinner on  
Tuesday



I can't do Tuesday

If they're going out for a drink  
after

Maybe I could swing by

I could do that

For sure I could do that

But unfortunately I'm not gonna be  
able to make a dinner if it's  
on this Tuesday

Are they going out any other nights

If they're going out any other nights  
I'll go out with them

I'm sure there's a night we can  
make it work

Marissa said: How about Friday

I think my dad said something  
about Friday

They're going out

Tony G said: Ugh

But Friday is Tony Ass's birthday

And we were gonna try and find  
a spot up here to go celebrate

Marissa said: Okay Anthony

Then I don't know! Like I said

You don't have to see him if  
you don't want to

Tony G said: It's not about want  
Marissa

I want to see him

Obviously!      Would they

Would they maybe be willing to come  
out with us maybe

On Friday

Marissa said: I don't know

You'd have to ask them

Why don't you call my dad and  
ask

Tony G said: I would Marissa

But you're dad never answers my phone  
calls

I could give him a call again  
I guess

But could you maybe ask him

Marissa said: Of course Anthonyyyy

I'll ask

Anything else you need from me

You're stressing me out Tony

Tony G said: It's just a question  
Marissa

It's just a simple question

Would they want to meet up with us

If they're willing to meet with myself  
and Tony Ass on Friday that would  
be perfect

It'll be a good time for all  
parties really

It actually makes a ton of sense



Marissa said: Because I know Manny got  
you that jacket

So he wants to give you the  
jacket

He brought it all the way up  
to the fifth dimension for you

Tony G said: Should I pay him  
for it

Marissa said: No

He wanted to buy it for you

You don't have to pay him for it

Tony G said: I just feel bad not paying

Even though

I mean realistically

I didn't technically ask for it

But still on principle

Somebody gets me something I  
feel somewhat of an obligation  
to remunerate them for it

You know what I mean

Marissa said: If you don't want to  
pay you don't have to Anthony

You know how they are

They won't let you pay them

Tony G said: I'll at least offer  
to pay him for it

I'll try and toss him a few  
petrohitlers at least

What was it anyway you think

Like a hundred trumpsicles you think

Marissa said: I don't even know

He probably got it for cheap

But I don't know how to do  
those fifth conversions

Tony G said: I'm not sure if  
that's still a thing up here

A separate currency conversion

No

I think it's all standardized now

Enzo said: I believe that is correct  
Tony

Yes

About a decade ago those formal  
interdimensional conversions went away

Tony G said: Enzo

You're still on the line

Enzo said: You asked for me to  
bring Marissa in threeway

Right

Tony G said: Yeah I guess  
technically

But I was kind of figuring you'd  
drop off after

Enzo said: Oh

My apologies Tony

I just figured



In case there was anything you needed  
from me further

Marissa said: You don't have to apologize  
Enzo

It's fine! Anthony if you asked him  
to dial me in then you should  
have told him to hang up if  
you wanted him to hang up

How was he supposed to know you  
wanted him to hang up

Tony G said: I didn't say I  
wanted him to hang up Marissa

I was just surprised he was still  
on the call! Marissa said: Well the  
implication seemed to be that you  
wanted him to hang up

Tony G said: That's your interpretation

I don't know if that qualifies as  
an objective implication

I'm actually surprised he hasn't stabbed his  
eardrumshaving to listen to this shit

Marissa said: Oh is that how you  
feel Anthony

You want to stab your eardrumsright  
now

Tony G said: Kind of! Listen

Anyway

I'm almost in fifth now

Can you please just let me know  
about Friday

Tony Ass and I are flexible

We can even meet Manny and your  
dad where they are

If that's easier on their end

But either way

We'll figure out a day this weekend  
for all of us to get together

I miss you Marissa! Marissa said: You  
know Enzo's still on the line right

Tony G said: Enzo can hear me  
get sentimental from time to time

It's okay

Listen

I have another incoming

It's probably Uday

Over on Antarctica

Marissa said: I miss you too Anthony

Section 4

Tony G said: Hello

Fuck is it

Calling me right now

Uday said: Tony

It's me

Uday

You're on threeway with Pasha

Tony G said: Pasha

Ibrahim

Is he coming



I said: That depends Anthony

What the fuck is really going on here

And what are you really willing to do for me in return

Tony G said: I'm just heading back to fifth to talk to you and Brock

But actually

Yeah

This is better

The Chinese turds the Abbasids contracted

I think it was

Yeah

To kill you actually

Apparently they sent some type of  
plant-based technology

And

I said: I heard all about it  
Tony

And now there are a bunch of  
conniving and apparently telepathically  
violent celery stalks that have almost  
completely taken over the moon  
Antarctica

What the fuck

This is serious

You're telling me this is what's actually  
happening right now

Tony G said: We live in strange  
times Pasha

I don't know what you want me  
to tell you

I said: But you got

Tony G said: I'm in an escape  
pod right now

What we need

From my understanding of the situation  
at least

All we actually need is just one  
fully equippedship

Preferably of a deluxe variety

To just annihilate this things from  
above the atmosphere

Whack these things right out

But the Central Authority is playing  
hardball with us

They're essentially yanking on my testicles  
quite vigorously Pasha

Because it's us obviously

But time is running out

The stalks

They have some type of telekinetic

Is that the word

I said: I have no fucking idea  
Tony

I've never met a fucking sentient celery  
stalk

Tony G said: The stalks

They have this mental ability to disable  
our technology

But it's only from within a certain  
distance that they have this capability



From beyond that range

I actually don't think they can do  
shit

Especially when atmospheric conditions  
and things of that particular nature  
are taken into account

They're all reporting to Asian Lin

I think step one would be to  
shoot a space missile down onto their  
central fields

Actually not too far from the whack  
off joint the plane crashed into originally

I said: Okay

I'm not sure if that's a  
motivational aspect for me or not

But go on

Tony G said: But

The thing is

To me

We also need to make sure we  
try and take Lin alive

We need to know what this  
technology is truly capable of

Like what's the worst case scenario with  
these fuckin things

Uday said: Ibrahim

If you can disable the stalks

Fire a few sand rockets to fuck  
up their HQ

Then I'll make it a point on  
my end to get to Lin

And make sure he stays at least  
seventy percent alive

Alive enough to tell us what the  
fuck he did here

Even if I beat the ever loving  
piss out of him prior to that

I said: Okay

You both done

I'll take that as a yes

So here's the deal

You mookalones

I'll descend from fifth momentarily

I'll come bearing gifts as I'm apt  
to do from time to time

But right now

As we speak

I'm having J\_!!1 equip our ship with  
a level eight pseudo-nuclear warhead

If I see any sort of funny  
business as we descend from fifth I'm  
gonna shoot this fucking thing loose

Cause all types of irreparable damage  
to the fabric of space-time down  
there

And if either of you wanna try  
and shoot me down in the  
meantime then I'll be sure that  
you'll take half of Greater Uranus with

you

We're geo-warping down

And finally

If you try and take us hostage  
we'll blow ourselves up and we'll take  
you and half of Greater Uranus with  
us

I challenge you to test my  
intermittent suicidal urges

My kamikaze proclivities



Uday said: That's actually fair

I said: And then once these little  
vegetables are disposed of for good

Once that happens then we can sit  
at the round table and bang out  
a more detailed truce

Is that a workable solution

Tony G said: Just do it Pasha

You have my word on this that  
I'll make it worth your fuckin while

Uday said: Likewise Ibrahim

Do it

Again

If these celery stalks get airborne with  
Lin

Then I think we're all gonna have  
bigger problems than our comparatively petty  
differences

Maybe more than even a level eight  
pseudo-nuclear warhead problem

Tony G said: Fuck

I said: Okay

Let me finish up what I'm doing  
here

I'm eating a banana

Once I'm done with this then I'll  
mosey on down there ASAP

Section 5

I said: But that's the thing

That's the rub I suppose

It's that the Central Intergalactic Reserve

It has the ability

The unabated freedom to print fucking  
petrohitlers indiscriminately

It's fucking nuts

It's just not

I don't see how it's possibly tenable  
in the long-term

And don't even get me started on  
Trumpsicles! An Extremely Drunk Guy  
Next To Me Said: It's why I  
haven't been able to afford to buy  
like

Even a damn used spaceship for fucking  
eighteen months! It's because of these damn  
intergalactic bankers isn't it

What

They think raising our petro-rates is  
gonna put an end to pseudo-inflation  
for good

! Then how come a 2188 four  
seat Galacto-Mobile is more Petrohitlers  
now than a 2219 was three years  
ago

! Fucking jackoffs! I said: You ever  
hear of Ben Bernanke

Bernanke

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Absolutely not

I hate people who have alliterative  
first and last names

Was that intentional you think

I said: He was kind of like  
the guys at the Interior Ministry of  
The Greater Galactic Central Authority

He fuckin lived

It was actually right around the epoch  
of the second original Alcibiades



From the

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: You mean like the Lunar  
Caliphate guy

That Alcibiades

Or the one who was molested by  
Socrates

I said: Yeah yeah

That's him

You're familiar

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Kind of

I learned about him right before

I think it was right before I  
dropped out of middle school

But yeah

That lesson

It always stuck with me! I said:  
So anyway this guy

Ben Bernanke

He was basically a contemporary of  
this Alcibiades Heraclitus

Or at least of the same epoch

Maybe not contemporaries exactly

But either way

You know what I mean

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: So what about it then

I said: Well this guy

Bernanke

He basically did the same fucking thing  
the interior ministry is doing today! They  
called them like dollars

And bitcoins

Like bitcoin dollars or some shit

And anyway

This fuck Bernanke

He kept printing the fucking shits

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Did they have like

Spaceships and shit back then

Did people lease spaceships

Could they not lease a spaceship at  
an affordable price-point like us

Like we can't

I said: Well I don't think  
spaceships

Not exactly

But they had vehicles to the best  
of my knowledge

But

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Wait

Yeah

Like that's why the whole Lunar  
Caliphate even came into existence right



Due to the socioeconomic impacts of  
the deterioration of the value of  
fiat currency

Am I remembering that right

I said: Well

Yes and no! Sure

That's certainly one particular perspective  
on it

Probably your middle school teacher's for instance

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: I loved Mr Ouimette

I think he was like half Azalean!  
I said: In any case

Yeah

These fuckin retards at the Intergalactic  
Central Authority

That's what they're doing right now

They're Bernanke-ing our whole shit! Have  
you heard of my spaceshipdude

The Ibrahim Pasha Deluxe

Every year the damn dimensional tax  
assessments on it go up like  
ten percent! Ten percent annually! Do you  
realize the effect that fucking has over

Say

A decade! It's nonsensical! It's like  
my i-Spleen score isn't fucking over three  
trillion right now

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Your i-Spleen score is over  
three trillion

I said: Fuck yeah dude

It's almost fucking four trillion

You think I didn't bust a few  
fucking nuts to get it up there  
though

Fuck yeah I did

Yet these fart sniffers at the Central Authority

They don't give a fuck

They don't give a single damn about any of that! Nope

Let's raise the dimensional tax every year and still print a few trillion petrohitlers! It's literally fiscal suicide is what it is man! An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To Me Said: Interest rates

on hyper loans are totally absurd right  
now  
I said: Oh

But we need an Azalean Demo-Dictator  
they say

Oh yeah

That'll fix everything! Fuck that

I'm from fucking Zeta Reticuli bro

Fucking descendant of the original Lunar  
Caliphate

Fuck those Abbasid cunts man

And these fifth dimensional butthole inhalers  
too for that matter

It doesn't matter the solar origin of  
our Demo-Dictator

Not in the least

Why

Because if we keep indiscriminately printing  
petrohitlers

Then we're one hundred percent fucked in  
our own asses

Period

End of story



But no

You talk to an Abbasid-adjacent asshole  
and it's all about getting a  
Demo-Dictator from Azalea in here

Like that's going to change the  
fundamental nature of the issue

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Personally

Fuck Azaleans man

I know maybe that's racist

To make like sweeping blanket statements  
about millions of people due to the  
solar system they originate from

But I just think they're genetically  
inferior to the other two major solar  
systems! I get it

You're from Zeta Reticuli

Maybe you'll take offense to me saying  
that as like an original earthling or  
some shit

But no

Fuck them

Azaleans

And I say this as someone who  
was married to an Azalean! I thought  
she was the one for me man

Fucking whore man

I said: Dude

Not only do I not take offense  
to anything you said as a guy  
from Zeta Reticuli

As a descendent of the Lunar  
Caliphate

I don't even take offense to it  
as a guy who was plowing an  
Azalean midget for like months on end!  
No way man! I respect your right  
to have an opinion

Even if it's racist

Or if it's idiotic

Or even incorrigible! Not saying that  
it is necessarily

I'm just saying hypothetically

Even if it was

Even if your opinion was totally idiotic

I mean

I'd still respect the hell out of  
it! You know

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: That's honestly just

It's so fucking refreshing to hear

I said: It is

Isn't it

I thought it was refreshing too

When I said it

It felt refreshing to me

People love to talk shit these days

right

I was just in the fifth  
dimension and my semi-automated hybrid  
associate accidentally reprogrammed himself to  
call me his nigga

You know what I mean

And of course I had to get  
my panties all up in a bunch

Just in case we fuckin' opto-conferenced  
it out to other dimensional  
inhabitants or some shit



Just in case some shithead on the  
board of Antiquated Discriminatory  
Linguistics felt like filing a  
complaint against us

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: And if so

Then there goes your three trillion i-Spleen  
score! Forget about it

In the fifth dimension

They'll lop off both your damn balls  
for something like that

For half of that really! I said:  
Fucking tell me about it! The air  
is so stuffy up in fifth! Should  
we have another drink you think

I'm kind of the in the mood  
for a mezcal

I almost never drink mezcal anymore

But I don't know

My juices are flowing no homo

I might order one

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: I've been ready for another  
one

I fuckin love you man! I said:  
Are you pissing

Right against the bar counter

Underneath it

Right now

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Oh fuck yeahhhh

I had to pull my eel out  
real quick

Fuckin take a quick piss

Is that okay you think

You don't mind do you

I just didn't feel like going all  
the way to the bathroom

I said: Oh no

Doesn't bother me man

No

I feel you bro

It seems way more efficient

To just pee where you are

As opposed to walking all the way  
to a lavatory and shit

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: Do you ever do it

Just pull your sausage out your fuckin  
trousers and piss against a bar

I said: No

I mean

Not technically

I have shoved just the very tip  
of my penis against the tip of  
my long-time friend's beer bottle once

But no I didn't actually pee in  
it

Or on the actual bar for that  
matter either

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: You didn't pee in the  
beer you said

I said: Nah

I just



I touched the tip of the bottle  
with the tip of my penis

Just ever so briefly you know

So my friend's mouth touched a bottle  
that had previously been touched by  
my penis

An Extremely Drunk Guy Next To  
Me Said: He see you do it

Your friend

I said: He was actually in the  
bathroom peeing himself when I did  
it

Fuckin came back and swigged the beer  
like he hadn't had a drink in  
years! An Extremely Drunk Guy Next  
To Me Said: But imagine if you  
peed in it

Oh man

That would've been epic! Yeah

Let's get another round here when you  
have a chance

And two shots of venutian bourbon on  
top of whatever my friend here orders!  
I said: No

No

I really have to

I'll do the shot

But I need to get going man

I have this thing I need to  
do

There's this whole celery-related thing going  
on in Greater Uranus and shit

Causing all sorts of issues

You know what I mean

Section 6

J!!1 said: Lin is calling us

I said: The Chinese fucking crumb

He's calling us now

J\_!!1 said: Correct

Should we take it

I said: I don't know

Do you wanna talk to the kid

I say we just blow them all  
off the fuckin moon

Fuck it

No

J\_!!1 said: It wouldn't be the worst  
idea to cover our bases

But at the same time

I said: If they're able to  
dismantle technology on the moon's  
surface

Then why the fuck would we take  
the risk of taking a call

J\_!!1 said: More or less

Yes

That was my thought

In terms of risk-reward

I said: Yet



I don't know

Now that I think of it

Now that you mention it

Actually

I still can't entirely trust Tony G

Can I

Never mind Uday

Both have tried to kill me more  
or less incessantly of late

Has Uday confirmed the evacuation  
on his end yet

J\_!!1 said: About twenty minutes ago

Yes

We have the go ahead to start  
deploying both space missiles as well  
as sand rockets Ibrahim

I said: Okay

Let three missiles go and then take  
the call

Let's split this shit right down the  
middle

J\_!!1 said: Roger that! Okay

So then I'm deploying

Should I

I said: Yeah

Sure

Put the little twat through

Edward Lin said: What the fuck

! Are you bombingus

! I was wondering what you  
were doing

I said: Lin

The jig is up pal

We know what you're doing down there

It's all over

And before you think about trying to  
dismantle our ship electronically

Think twice

We have fucking pseudo-nuclear warheads up here

Can your celery stalks

Edward Lin said: My celery stalks are sentient beings Mr Pasha

I have no control over them

They're not mine at all

In fact

I had no idea they would become  
sentient beings whatsoever

Trying to assign some sort of  
culpability to me for this

Is that what you're alluding to

I said: I don't know if I'd



Edward Lin said: This is ridiculous

What

Did Abbasid put you up to this

They were just

They were fuckin veggie burgers when we  
crossed over

They're called Beyond Meat

I'm a damn vegetarian

If you have to know

This isn't some kind of master plan  
of the CCP! I said: Listen pal

At this point

I don't give a fuck what they  
are

What they were

From my intel they're trying to strip  
Antarctica of all of its resources

And its main resources are basically strip  
clubs

Which just happens to

Unfortunately for you

It happens to be of central concern  
to me

As I potentially consider re-immersing  
myself into third dimensional life down  
here

So now I'm blowing the whole fucking  
shit up

J\_!!1

Let another three space missiles go

And a mega sand rocket

Now! Lin said: Please

Pasha! You have to listen to me

I said: Sell me then

And quickly

What's the deal down there

We're not leaving orbit Lin

If that's what you're thinking

We're not that stupid

Lin said: These stalks of celery

They're not malevolent in nature Pasha!  
Sure

Maybe they lean left a tad

But they're not trying to

This is

It's all a plot by the  
Guistianninis to squash any type of  
opposition before they gain steam! We  
were just trying to do some routine  
organizational stuff

And then

This is

It's all in self-defense really

I swear! I said: You forget



I was a Guistiannini associate for  
like

Lin said: But you're not right now

Are you

You're like

At war with them too

Right

I said: So you're trying to persuade  
me into an alliance with a group  
of terrorist sentient celery stalks

That's actually not something

Normally speaking

It's not something I'd necessarily  
shoot down on sight

No pun intended

Lin said: Not even that

Just

I said: J\_!!1

Three more space missiles! Lin said: Ibrahim

There will be nothing left down here  
soon enough! I said: J\_!!1

Confirm with Uday how many stalks are  
remaining

J\_!!1 said: Roger that

Lin said: Please

For the love of God! These celery  
stalks are sentient beings too! I said:  
They're sentient beings that have been deemed  
terrorists though Ed

That's the difference

J\_!!1 said: Uday has confirmed the  
majority of the stalk settlement seems  
to have been dismantled

He's going in with ground troops as  
we speak

I said: Dip down into the  
atmosphere of Antarctica then

Beam up Lin

Lin

Can you hear me

Lin said: I can hear you! I  
said: Bring no less than two but  
no more than three stalks with you  
when we beam you up

I see more than three stalks and  
I'm shooting everyone on sight

Understood

Lin said: Understood! I only have  
three stalks left with me anyway! Have  
you

I said: We have you geo-located  
asshole

Just hold on three seconds

Lin said: Do you believe me now  
Ibrahim

Jerk

I said: Whoa whoa

Hold on Ed

Yeah

I believe you that you have three  
stalks left

But that's about it



As far as your believability goes  
at this point

And you're gonna be in that  
meta-dilated holding cell for the time  
being

All four of you

No matter how nice you seem! Until  
we can ascertain motive here

Do any of them

Do they have names

A Celery Stalk said: The name's Joe

Joe Campanelli

I'm the leader here

And these are my two associates

Frank Auerbach and Lucian Freud

I said: I thought you guys

Lin said: you were on some Marxist

Proudhonian type vibe

Yet you have a leader

Joe Campanelli said: You have a  
lot to learn about us Ibrahim

I said: Do I

Because across three separate dimensions all  
I've heard for my entire life is  
that

That intelligence life almost invariably  
takes the human form

That intelligence is incapable of taking  
a non-human format

Even human forms that are biologically  
incapable of reproducing with one another

That they're still nominally human

Yet right now

I'm looking at a celery stalk

Named Joe Campanelli

Who seems sentient

And is somehow

He's claiming origin from a plant-based  
burger from the early 21st Century Earth

And he has two associates with  
him named Frank Auerbach and Lucian  
Freud

Is that what you're telling me

Joe Campanelli said: Well

I suppose you have to ask yourself

Could your eyes be lying to you

I said: I ask myself that once  
a week

Usually on Sunday and Monday mornings

Right before dawn

Groggy as shit

Yet not normally in the middle of  
my own ship

Mid-fucking-day

After I just shot about a dozen  
space missiles and sand rockets onto my  
favorite moon in Greater Uranus



Edward Lin said: Like I said Ibrahim

The thing about this

And you can feel free

Please feel free! To torture me if  
you truly want to

But I have no idea how this  
occurred

Joe and his team

They also have no idea how they  
came to be

This wasn't something intelligently  
engineered on my end

Or

To the best of my knowledge

On the end of the CCP

I said: That you know of

I'll take you at your word for  
now

I'm mildly intrigued here

Um

Let me

Let me touch base with Uday

Lin said: Please! I said: Just sit  
tight Lin! Goddamnit

Just sit tight for two seconds!

Section 7

I said: How is this possible J\_!!1

Sentient

What

Plant life

That seems to be totally fucking  
nonsensical

Yet

I won't

I'm not gonna lie

I kind of like this Campanelli  
guy

This Campanelli celery stalk

I'm starting to take a liking to  
him

He seems like a good guy to  
me

He seems solid

From just the little I've spoken with  
him

J\_!!1 said: Uday is on the line  
Ibrahim

He's saying he's cleared the area

That Antarctica is now officially clear  
on his end

But he's um

He also saying



That he's been unable at this point  
to find Lin

I said: Ah

I see

J\_!!1 said: What should I tell him

I said: Tell him that we did  
our part

That the moon is cleared

That I want a sit down with  
Tony G tonight

To go over the terms of this  
truce

And reiterate the fact that

As of right now

I still have the backing the Greater  
Galactic Central Authority and Hampton  
up in fifth

J\_!!1 said: Or should we just

I said: Abscond back to fifth

No way

We put our nuts on the line  
to be able to come back down  
here when we want

Are you kidding J\_!!1

I want at least

Now I want at least half of  
Carlito's old route

Or pay me a damn royalty off  
it

In perpetuity! We have the stalks  
as hostage now technically

I can let Lin and them back  
down on the moon whenever I  
want

J\_!!1 said: Are we going to confess  
to that though

I said: Technically

Hmm

Probably not

But you know what

I wonder

I'm just thinking here

These stalks

They seemed to be able to

You know

Really neutralize the uhhh

Somewhat advanced technological infrastructure  
of Antarctica

So I'm just wondering

J\_!!1 said: What is it

I said: I'm wondering

Just hear me out for a second

I'm wondering if they'd possibly be  
capable of fucking with Uday's cryogenic  
biological infrastructure

And fucking

You know



Killing him

Once and for all

J\_!!1 said: Is that why you wanted to

I said: I wouldn't say that J\_!!1

It was a manifold decision on our part I'd say

But yeah

Now that I'm thinking about it

Just to be honest

Honestly

I was just looking for a potential insurance policy

But now that I'm putting all the  
pieces together here

Yeah

It's starting to make some sense to  
me

Fuckin

J\_!!1 said: Well Uday is on the  
line

I said: Right right

Put him through

Uday said: Ibrahim

Oh my God

Thank you brother! Yes! Ugh

I'm just

So fucking happy man! I'm so relieved!  
Finally man

We did it

Got these son of a bitch celery  
stalks off our moon

For good! Ugh man

And good news! Titty's & Clit is  
still standing

I knew you'd be happy to hear  
that! I'll take you there when you  
descend from orbit

First lap dance is on me! Haha!  
I said: That's good to hear Uday

Yeah

Definitely looking forward to it

Yeah

We had some real good times there

Titty's & Clit

Hey

You know

If it survived the assassination of  
Amerigo

You know

No reason why it can't make it  
to the other side of a sentient  
celery stalk invasion! Right

Um

But yeah



Is Tony G down there by any  
chance

Did he end up

Uday said: No

I actually think he's coming in from  
fifth this evening

I said: Oh okay

Uday said: Why

What's up

I said: No

I just

I figured maybe the three of us  
could have a quick sit down

Figure this whole thing out

Probably

I'd say probably not at Titty's &  
Clit

Considering the whole Amerigo thing

The history there

Me technically killing his dad there  
and shit

Might be

Uday said: Oh no

I was just talking about me and  
you

Like me and you going there this  
afternoon

Before Tony G gets in and shit

Getting like a lap dance and stuff

Ripping a few shots maybe

I said: No

That sounds great

I just want to make sure

Obviously

That we're all on the same page  
going forward

All three of us

That we're all still fine and good  
to co-exist in this third dimension  
together

Whether we're all in Greater Uranus all  
the time

Or you know

Whatever

Dispersed between planets

Solar systems

Dimensions at times

Just close that loop on our active  
hits and whatnot

Uday said: No totally

I think that's actually on his agenda  
anyway

I already cybergrammed him about the  
moon being cleared finally



Yeah

The only thing is

We can't seem to find that little  
faggot Lin anywhere

I said: Who

Oh right

The little Chinese cunt from the past

Right

That's him right

Uday said: Yeah

Edward Lin

Little faggot kid

You probably remember him

I think you actually interrogated  
him

Before all this shit went down

I said: Oh yeah

Yeah

I remember Lin

Weird kid

Would not have expected him to be

You know

Plotting a conspiracy to make plant  
life sentient

Literally violating our universal laws up here

And almost take over the third  
dimension in the process

I never got that vibe from him  
when I met him

Uday said: Believe me

Nobody is more surprised than I am!  
I said: I bet

You were the guy who fuckin  
contracted him

Albeit at the time that was  
to

You know

Kill me

Uday said: Yeah

But that was so long ago

At this point

Seems like eons ago by now really

I said: Time flies man

Uday said: But anyway

Maybe come down soon

Descend into our atmosphere and we'll  
hit T&C

Before Tony G

I said: Gets in



Yeah

We're just wrapping up a few  
things here

Then we're gonna come down

Take some reconnaissance of the scene

Then we can hit the nude breasticle  
spot

I'm sure it'll be out of control

Uday said: Oh

It's gonna be fucking crazy! I said:  
J\_!!1

Come with me

We're gonna talk to these guys

One more time before we doing any  
descending from orbit

J\_!!1 said: Roger that

I said: Lin

Do your celery stalk pals

Do they

Joe Campanelli said: Do we have  
the code to break Uday Abbasid's  
cryogenic biologics

Which make it increasingly difficult for  
you to assassinate him

Which you've felt a strong urge to  
do for quite some time now

A perhaps murderous rage that lays  
latent inside of you

I said: Um

Exactly

How

How did you

Joe Campanelli said: Maybe it's time  
for us to have a more extended  
chat

There are perhaps a few things my  
team

What's left of them at least

A few things that my team and  
I can assist in filling you in  
on

## Part 2: Dream Sequence of an i-Spleen

Section 1

I said: Damn! That quesadilla looks

Wow

It looks absolutely fucking delicious

What is that

That's shrimp and

What do you think



That's

Marco said: Yo

That's shrimp and fuckin beef in there  
son! You ever see anything like  
that

I said: No

Actually

No

I actually haven't seen anything

Even remotely like that

Possibly ever

That looks

I think it looks amazing! A  
surf and turf quesadilla

! Marco said: Bro

I swear

You have no idea

I'll let you take a look at  
it as I eat it

You can even watch me take a  
bite if you want

It's literally amazing! Shit will make  
your mouth nut for real

No joke

Your mouth will be nutting in your  
own mouth bro

On some inside out cumshot shit  
bro

I said: I bet! It's all so  
incredibly postmodern

Marco said: Now you'll always think of  
me when you come to this place

Haha! That quesadilla shit

I said: Honestly

Yeah

I guess I probably will! And  
I'm not even mad about it in  
the least! I mean

Granted I'm totally satiated with this steak  
and cheese I just ordered here

I'm a huge fan of the steak  
and cheese here

But the idea of a surf and  
turf quesadilla

It's genre-bending frankly

Marco said: That's what I'm saying

I said: I love it

I have so much respect for you

And we barely know each other at  
all

Marco said: Just wait bro

I said: Dude

I'm actually looking this up on my  
i-Spleen

Right now

A surf and turf quesadilla

I'm searching for this iteration of  
quesadilla

And it's actually coming back fucking blank

Incredible! Marco said: Nobody does it  
but me

I've never seen anybody do this  
shit but me

I said: Well

Anyway

I guess

We really should

We actually have to get going

Once they finish filling their fucking burrito  
bowls and shit

With their little trinkets

That they're currently selecting to be  
placed into their burrito bowls

You know

Marco said: Oh absolutely

I totally get it bro

Everybody has a schedule

You have a great night! Bahira said:  
Ibrahim



What was the deal with that guy

Back when Isabella and I were ordering  
our burrito bowls

I said: You didn't see that  
quesadilla he ordered Bahira

That absolutely mouth watering piece  
of art

It was literally right fucking next to  
your bowl! With the fuckin shrimp

And the steak

And steak! Surf plus turf! Bahira said:  
Oh yeah

That did look pretty yummy

I said: Yummy

No

It looked motherfucking orgasmic

If I'm being honest

Like that guy said

Some sort of extra-dimensional money shot

I'd literally probably make love to  
that quesadilla

Bahira said: Oh Ibrahim

Please

Shut up! I said: You got the  
steak on the nachos

That was a nice touch

Bahira said: You were monitoring my  
nachos too

What were you

Inspecting everyone's food in the whole place

I said: Banana peppers are a nice touch too

I don't know why you passed on them in the burrito bowl

Just wanted them in the nachos

I enjoy

No

I appreciate the banana pepper's gradual integration into Azalean cuisine

Bahira said: Your spleen is hanging out  
of your back pocket Ibrahim

I said: That's fine

It can hang off my ass no  
problem

Nobody's gonna rob us over here

Bahira said: Are you sure

I get nervous sometimes

Walking around here at night

I said: Bahira

Please

I was born in fucking Zeta Reticuli

Bahira said: Oh

Zeta Reticuli! Wow Ibrahim

You're a real thug

Aren't you

I'm being sarcastic by the way

I said: I don't take shit from people

Okay

The actual probabilities of being robbed outside an Azalean bistro in this neighborhood is actually miniscule

It's way overhyped

Frankly

I think it's all a result of the news media Bahira

They want to sow discontent

The news media thrives off of sowing  
discontent via their broadcasts

They're agents of chaos really

It all plays

Bahira said: Into the Guistianninis' hands

Of course

We all get it Ibrahim!



Section 2

I said: Ah!!!! What the fuck was that

Bahira

Ophelia said: Bahira

Bahira who

! No

Sorry

Wrong girl Ibrahim! I said: It  
was a dream Ophelia

You think I can control a dream

Damn

Relax

Just relax for a second

Went into that deep sleep

I was just

Sleeping so deeply

Ophelia said: Right

Deep sleep

I get it

But anyway

Who's Bahira

Is that a female's name

I said: You know

It was actually the strangest thing

I was somehow moving objects around

Do you wanna hear the dream or  
no

Ophelia said: Sure Ibrahim

Whatever

Go ahead

I said: And this guy named Hugh  
Cunt

I'll have to note all of this  
down

This guy Hugh Cunt

He'd created a device that allowed people  
to distinguish between inactive and active  
spiritual objects

As opposed to like

Our eyes seeing animate and inanimate  
objects only

In this instance

According to this Hugh Cunt guy

Quite the character really

From my dream

In this particular instance

There could potentially be an animate  
being that was spiritually inanimate

And vice versa

Like a rock that was spiritually  
active

And a centipede that was  
physically still animate yet in all  
reality totally dead

It completely changed how I viewed  
the world in the dream

How I interacted with my  
surroundings

I began a campaign of  
reorganization frankly

I was in the process of creating  
a new topography

I was suddenly spending quite  
a bit more time with inanimate  
objects and it actually felt great

Ophelia said: This was the dream with  
this Bahira

It was Bahira and this Hugh guy

I said: Who

Ophelia said: You've always felt that way  
though

You've always had a spiritual connection  
with inanimate objects Ibrahim



I said: Yeah

I guess you're technically right

But it was different in the dream

It was no longer just my personal  
idiosyncrasy

It transferred from my personal  
idiosyncrasy into something

Something more actionable in the  
world

Something more fundamentally systematic

That I could proliferate to my liking

What a vivid dream though

The world was so much more

Vivacious I want to say!

Section 3

I said: Sojourner House

That sign

Hmm

That looks incredibly familiar to me

Bahira said: What about it

Looks fairly regular degular to me

I said: Regular degular

Bahira said: What

I said: Right

The Sojourner House! It's super weird

Because I've been getting

Like

All of these Zmails from them for  
literally fucking years now! Even when I  
wasn't

Or hadn't been

Applying to any jobs

For months on end! I'd still  
continue to get these random emails  
telling me that The Sojourner House  
is hiring

Did you know

The Sojourner House is hiring

Bahira said: What do they do

I said: Honestly

I have no clue

They're like

Maybe a communal house of some sort

Maybe some kind of social service

Maybe they had some analyst position posted at some point

That's the only reason I can think that I'd even applied

If I ever even applied that is

Bahira said: Interesting

Is that something you were ever  
interested in

Why would you have applied to a  
communal house Ibrahim

I said: Well

Like I said

Bahira said: Oh right

Maybe they had an analyst position

That's right

I said: They have terrible reviews

Like under two out of five  
aggregate rating according to my  
i-Spleen

Bahira said: Looks super old school

Honestly

It doesn't even look like there's a  
business in there

Maybe it's a front business



I said: Yet here we are

Right at this fucking hyper-loft

Literally across the patio here! Right now

Same complex

Did you ever think

think that maybe

Maybe this is where we're meant to live

Do you even believe in signs Bahira

Bahira said: Screw you Ibrahim

I was the one who taught you  
about signs in the first place! I said:  
Maybe

I don't know

In a weird way

Maybe this Sojourner House has been  
calling me

Calling us to it

Via cold call Zmails

I don't know

It could be a sign is all  
I'm saying

Bahira said:: Calling us to a  
hyper-loft on the precipice of  
the pseudo-projects Ibrahim

Sure

Maybe I guess

I said: It has a nice little patio over there

I think that's a potential patio

Could do a little grilling

Get a little portable charcoal grill

Grill some jumbo sardines and shit

Bahira said: A lot of non-profits have that issue

Especially in this solar system

That they're just generally subpar places  
to work

They're well-intentioned

Maybe

But they're actually terrible for the actual  
employees

It's almost paradoxical in a way

Don't you think

I said: It's the nature of the  
beast Bahira

Has been for centuries

When you're not selling shit

Or pretending you're not selling shit

Then how can you possibly have a  
great work environment

Section 4

Ophelia said: Ibrahim! C'mon

Wake up already! I said: Huh

Ophelia said: Ibrahim it's almost eleven o'clock!  
What the hell

You never sleep this late

Are you okay

Plus

I want to make my bed

I said: Wait

What

Oh

Right

Fuck! It's almost eleven

! Ophelia why didn't you wake me  
up

! Ophelia said: Yes! Wait

What



That's what I was telling you just  
now

That it's time to wake up! I  
was literally trying to wake you up

You weren't even drunk last night were  
you

You didn't drink at all

I've never seen you sleep this late  
unless you were totally shitfaced the  
night before

I said: I know right

That's odd isn't it

But I'm actually heated

I had a lot

Now I'm

Damn

I'm totally behind schedule now

Ophelia said: I went and checked the  
mail while I was waiting to make  
my bed

I've already drank two whole coffees

And by the way you have a  
letter

There's no return address though

I don't know Ibrahim

Unmarked letters coming to my  
mother's condominium

And you're sleeping late

Kind of makes me

I said: Stop it Ophelia

You know I'm plowing you and only  
you these days

Just stop it

It's ridiculous

I haven't even had an espresso yet  
and I'm being accused of infidelity

It's probably junk mail

It is weird that they're sending it  
here though

That is a bit peculiar

I'll agree with that

Ophelia said: C'mon! Get up already! I'm  
trying to make my bed!

[Document Insert] To Whom It May  
Concern

Dear Ibrahim

Or should I say Isocrates

I know this is you

You little asshole

Yeah

I geolocated you

You don't remember me

Do you

Purely via prose it's probably difficult  
to

Last semester of senior year

If I showed you my tits would  
you remember then

I was the door girl

The late night security at Kennedy

Yeah

Haha

Ring a bell yet for you

The night when you got totally  
blackout drunk and took me home

Insofar as you can call dorm room  
single a home

Yeah

Took me back to your spot and  
we made beautiful love for quite  
some time! I remember you told  
me how much you loved that room  
On the twelfth floor

And you plowed the shit out of  
me in it

For quite some time! Told me you  
loved my nipple rings! My big breasts  
floppingall over you



Yeah

I know I have some big titties!  
I've been told they're voluptuous on  
numerous occasions

It was a great night! I won't  
lie about having a good time getting  
tossed around

Even if you were basically comatose

I was actually impressed your cock  
worked so well! Because it seemed like  
you'd drunk the equivalent of an  
elephant tranquilizer of vodka

Yet you still were able to give  
a great performance

You really bounced back well

But I guess that's why I was  
so surprised

When I went and gave you my  
number the next night

At the Monkey Bar

What a terrible name for a bar  
right

Especially with all of the  
Azaleans that went there

But I saw you

And I came up to you and  
politely gave you my number

We didn't think to exchange them  
to the night before

Given that when we woke up the  
campus was practically empty

Being end of semester and all

And you gave me a whole ass  
ride back to my off-campus  
apartment

My pussy hurt

Yet in the midst of our return  
to sobriety we never thought about  
exchanging numbers I guess

So I approached you and gave  
you my number at the Monkey Bar

Ringin a bell yet

Should I Zmail you my boobs

I don't know

I guess I was a little  
surprised

That you never called

I wasn't asking for a wedding ring  
you know! Just a little respect before

we graduated

We were so young back then

Ah youth! I bet if you went  
back in time you'd probably plow  
me again

Yet to be fair

Full disclosure Ibrahim

I'm actually currently in a  
particular dimension where I've met

Or let me rewrite that

Where I've stumbled upon your  
doppelganger

Who actually did go back in time

Precisely to return to campus to  
bang me again before we left for  
good

Which is actually one reason that I'm  
writing you

I figured it only right to  
apologize to you

For the resentment I've held against  
you for all these years

When the reality has always been that

If given the opportunity

You'd have totally traveled back in time  
and plowed the shit out of me  
another couple times on campus

Which makes me feel a lot better  
actually

Youth! Ah

It's defined by its poor decisions  
isn't it

But there's actually another reason I'd like  
to reconnect with you

Once I get back to our  
dimension

I should be back on Thursday

Which if all goes according to  
plan

Is the exact day this letter should  
arrive where you've been staying this week

So why don't you meet me over  
at Pizza Q on Westminster around  
1pm

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Ophelia said: What's up with that letter  
babe



Anything important

Anything I should know about

I said: Nah

My ship insurance renewal that's all

No idea why it got sent here

Unless

I don't know

Could they have forwarded it

Thing just fuckin renewed

Rate went up about eight percent or  
so

Typical shit

Ophelia said: What's that called again

Elation

I said: Inflation Ophelia

When prices rise year over year

As they tend to do

Ophelia said: Tell me about it! The  
Azaleans who wax me

God

They're total price gougers! I said: I  
keep telling you Ophelia

I don't mind a little bush every  
now and then

You don't have to be so  
militaristic about it you know

I'm just saying

If it's costing you that much

Ophelia said: No

I know you hate pussy hair Ibrahim

You said you loved bald vaginas literally  
the first day we met

Went on and on about it too

So shut up

Don't lie

Why do you have to lie to  
me

Even about vaginal upkeep you lie to  
me

I said: Why would I lie about  
hating vaginal bush Ophelia

If anything people lie about not  
hating pussy hair

Not the other way around! You think  
I'm over here lying about not minding  
a moderate bush from time to  
time  
I'm just trying to save you money

Sure

I probably prefer clean shaven

But a little shrubbery isn't a dealbreaker for me

You're taking me a bit out of context

That's the problemreally

Ophelia said: What's the problemIbrahim

Why don't you pay for the

I said: The actual problem is you're  
always defaulting to this idea that  
I'm inveterately lying about everything

Oh

I had a dream about Bahira

Must be fucking some other hoe! Oh

I got a letter in the mail

The letter must be sucking my cock!  
Ophelia said: I don't know

Maybe it is

Maybe that letter is sucking you off

Just let me know

Let me know Ibrahim

I said: You're whacky Ophelia! But

Um

Anyway



Ophelia said: Yeah

Anyway is right

Why are we arguing about my vaginal  
maintenance of all things Ibrahim

I'm obviously going to continue  
to get my waxes

This is so crazy! I said: It  
is crazy

It's a tad nuts isn't it

Pussy hair

We're just two wild ass peas in  
a whacky ass pod aren't we

! But anyway

Yeah

I might need to pop out quick

Go meet my uncle and shit

Ophelia said: That's fine Ibrahim

Go right ahead! I said: Yeah

Just touch base with him

Catch up

Maybe have a uranal pale ale or  
some shit

Ophelia said: Why don't you do that  
Ibrahim

You deserve that! I'm actually happy for  
you

Going out and having fun for once

I said: We can have fun when  
I get back too

Don't worry

Ophelia said: No

It's fine

But really

Can we

I said: Of course we can

I'll bring us some food maybe

Maybe pop out for a drink after

Would you like that

Ophelia said: Shut up Ibrahim! I  
said: Maybe a couple burritos

Ophelia said: Yes

I would

Actually

Why don't you go soon though

That way we can pop out on  
the earlier side!

Section 5

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Isocrates! Wow

It's great to see you! It's been  
so long hasn't it

I'm just

So glad you actually showed up

I said: Hmm

I'm surprised that you're surprised

Weren't you in contact with like my  
interdimensional doppelganger or something

I think you mentioned something  
about that in the note you sent

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Briefly

Just briefly

Correct

Like I said in my letter

He actually travelled back in time to  
fuck the shit out of me again

Do you believe that

! I said: That's nice

It sounds like something I would  
do too

Obviously

Right



Although I'm a little hesitant  
sometimes to travel in time

Kind of makes me a bit nervous

But so what is this then

This meeting

With all due respect I mean

Is this like

Are you trying to

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Well I wanted you to meet your  
daughter

That's actually why I wanted you to  
meet with me

I named her Ophelia but left the  
middle name blank

On the off chance we ever met  
again

On the off chance I ever felt  
comfortable enough to actually reach out

Which of course only really happened

Me becoming comfortable that is

Once I bumped into your doppelganger  
and whatnot

But yes

I left the middle name blank to  
this day

Just on the off chance you wanted  
to have some input

I said: Wait

My daughter

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Isocrates

Or Ibrahim

I mean

You did bust all up inside of  
me that night

I didn't wear a dental dam

And you definitely weren't wearing any  
condoms! Don't you remember

I said: Now that you mention  
it

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
And you don't think that's special

To have unprotected sexual relations

You know what can happen when you  
do that right

I said: I've done it a bunch  
actually

It's special for sure! And yes I'm  
aware of the theory

But I have to say

This is probably the first instance  
where someone is alleging I've

impregnated them

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Well there's a first time for  
everything! And now you can meet  
Ophelia

I said: Can she

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Talk

Just like goo-goo ga-ga so far

But pretty soon I think she'll be  
saying real words! I said: Well

First of all

Let me say this

I totally appreciate your letter! And  
what you said in it

Wow

It really resonated with me

And I agree

Great times indeed that night

Absolutely fantasticbreasts you have as  
well! I'd love to motorboat them  
right now if I'm being honest

Furthermore

Furthermore! I'm fucking elated that my  
interdimensional doppelganger is exhibiting  
the wisdom and foresight that  
apparently I haven't yet acquired

Yet that is

Because I still have time myself! To  
go back in time and give you  
those few extra cracks you one  
hundred percent deserved! That touches  
my heart  
My heart actually melted just slightly when  
I read that

Yet

With that said



I do have to wonder here

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
What

What is it Ibrahim

I said: I mean

You seem quite certain that this is  
the case

That I'm the father of this lovely  
young lady here

Yet

I mean

I don't know

Correct me if I'm wrong

But it was just the one time

Shouldn't we maybe engage in some  
sort of

What do they call them

Paternity screenings is it

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Logistically it's the only thing that  
makes sense Ibrahim

I said: So then

Is the implication here that I  
was the only one

The only one you fornicated with  
during that timeframe

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Oh absolutely! I said: And I  
respect that

I totally respect that assertion

And truly in no way shape or  
form do I want to undermine

that assertion

No way! It's just

That's hard for me to verify in  
the abstract

Sitting here

At Pizza Q

If that makes sense

Like

Just for instance

What if I told you you were  
the only person I engaged in sexual  
relationswith around that time

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
I'd be flattered! Yet with that  
stroke game

I don't know

I'd highly doubt it! I said: Exactly

So I guess it's kind of the  
same thing here

On my end

I'd love to believe that

I'd love nothing more than to believe  
that prior assertion

That I was the only partner you  
had during that epoch

That epoch of potential impregnation  
obviously

Yet

I mean

We met

We formally met pretty much that night

And then I railed the shit out  
of you

As we've previously noted

Now I know I'm prone to being  
a charming little prick when I  
want to be

But also

Even you had to admit that I  
was drinking more or less entire  
cups full of vodka at a time

I guess what I'm saying is that  
it seems to stretch the boundaries  
of reason

That you just went home with me  
before I even pulled my bracciole  
out

When my motor skills were in all  
likelihood

Hardly functioning

And yet I'm to believe that you  
never did that with anyone else

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Oh but Ibrahim

We were dancing at the MonkeyBar  
that night

And you can't dance at all



You literally were just humping me  
without shame on the dancefloor

I said: Exactly

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
But no

I'm saying your point about not pulling  
your quote-unquote bracciole out before  
you took me home

That's not entirely accurate

I'd dispute that personally

You were basically fully erect at the  
bar

Essentially dry humping me right  
on the dance floor

Right in front of everyone

I said: Well that's good to know

It's certainly a data point

But I'm not sure it changes the  
overarching point

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
What

Did you think you were smooth talking  
me

Charming me Isocrates

No

You had a log in your pants

That's the reason

Do you think men come up to  
me with a pipe in their trousers  
and try to take me home every  
night  
No

Plus I was a bit tipsy myself!  
It was just perfect timing I guess

Are you starting to believe me yet

Is this story finally coming together for you

This is why I wanted to meet in person

There's only so much I can express in writing

I just think

Maybe we should be a family now

Finally

I said: Even with the Neo-DNA  
pending though

I'm sorry

What was your name again

A Woman from Ibrahim's Past said:  
Sarah

You're so silly! I said: Sarah

But even with that genetic component  
pending

And obviously

Sure

We can try and verify stories all  
we want

From drunken college nights

It's

There's a certain nostalgia to it

I agree

It has its time and place

But obviously you would want genetic  
confirmation before moving forward with  
anything like that

And even then

I'd totally get it if you

I mean would you really want me  
in your daughter's life like that

Some Lunar Caliphate descendent running  
around with

Like you said

A pipe in his trousers

Rubbing it up against random women  
and then driving them back to their  
off campus housing the next morning

Not even getting their i-Spleen ID! What  
type of man is that really

It's certainly not a father figure! I'll  
say that much

It's a person who clearly

And let's be honest

It's a person who has some major  
maturing to endure

Let's be realistic Sarah



I'm not a net plus here

Sarah said: And that's exactly why you  
need to be in Ophelia's life

It'll balance you out Isocrates

It really will! This is what you  
need and I know you know it

Deep down! I said: For sure

That's perhaps a point that contains a  
modicum of validity

Yet

Can we maybe continue this  
conversation at a later date

I think we've made some great progress  
here

Don't get me wrong

Now

You were in another dimension up  
until recently

Sarah said: Yeah maybe until like two  
weeks ago

I said: Great

That's so great

Something I've always wanted to do

It's a skill

Being able to traverse dimensions like that

You must have been in seventh

Sarah said: I actually made it to ninth!  
I said: Incredible! I didn't even realize that was possible

But anyway

Yeah

I have a few errands to run  
and whatnot

This afternoon

But we can totally link again

Let's maybe do this same location  
tomorrow

Same place and time

Sarah said: But what about

I said: I'm looking forward to it  
Sarah! I'll see you then

I just

My ship's insurance is overdue

And I really have to attend to  
that ASAP! But I'll see you soon!

Section 6

I said: Ophelia

You ready

Please

Tell me you're ready

Who's that texting you

Hmmm

C'mon

Let's go grab one drink

Before your mom gets home

She finally comes home tonight

Ophelia said: I told you Ibrahim

She won't be home until like nine  
o'clock! I said: Still

I don't want to cut it close

Not even remotely close! She fuckin  
hates me Ophelia

And for no reason at that! Ophelia  
said: Oh please

She doesn't hate you

Stop being dramatic

I said: Ophelia

I'm technically not even allowed in  
this condo! Ophelia said: No

I wouldn't say not allowed

I'd say



I'd say not generally welcome

I said: Oh

Well if you put it that way

Ophelia said: See

I said: Can we go

I could really use a couple whacks  
right now

Tie a couple fuckin on

Suite One Forty Eight again

Ophelia said: You know I'm down

I said: I love it there

What a nice little intimatespot

What an ideal place to get  
extremely inebriated

Ophelia said: Can you check the door

Do you mind

It looks like there's a ship parking  
outside

I said: So

Ophelia said: Well

I don't know

They could be here for us

Or my mom

I said: I'm not expecting anyone

Are you

Ophelia said: Would you just check

Just in case

I said: Wouldn't they just leave something

No

Let's not

Let's not argue about this

That's fine

I will go check the door

Sure

But will you please be fuckin ready  
by the time I get back

! Please

! If your mom

Ophelia said: I'm almost ready Ibrahim!  
I promise!

## Part 3: The Organism is the First Fallacy

Section 1

I said: No

Absolutely not

You can't

It's totally inadvisable



For your girl to let you leave  
the house with a loaded gun like  
that

You're going outside

Congregating in mixed company

With two or three nuts in the  
chamber

You kidding me

It just can't happen in my opinion

Edward Lin said: Yet that's so  
counterintuitive to how I was raised

If I'm being honest

I said: Then

With all due respect

You were raised ass backwards Ed

Like

If I'm leaving home

With a loaded pistol

With a cock full of cum

Hell no

That's just unfair to me

It's unjust

I might be out at dinner with  
a couple friends

Ass is walking up and down the  
aisles

Plump breasts might be surrounding me  
at all times

And I'm supposed to suppress my  
prehistoric urge to pounce on pussy  
Ed

That's incumbent upon me

That's what you're telling me

Even if I'm all backed up

Seminally speaking

I just think that's deeply unfair

Edward Lin said: I was always

When I was in a relationship

I was always operating under the  
auspice of

You know

Something akin to I should be  
faithful to my wife or girlfriend  
in a universalist mode of  
speaking

Like

Regardless of my ejaculatory  
schedule

I should always prevent myself from  
potentially engaging in sexual relations  
that reside outside of my committed  
relationship

That part of being in a  
committed relationship

Part of it was honoring that  
commitment outside of some kind of  
set ejaculatory schedule



I said: And

Sure

I suppose that's one way of looking  
at it

That's certainly a legitimate perspective

But is it realistic

I'd say almost certainly not

If I receive just one single sloppy  
blowjob prior to leaving for a night  
out

Let's say that happens

Am I not then

I don't know

Say seventy five percent less likely to  
even look at a girl when I'm  
out

To gaze as asscheekindiscriminately

I guess what I'm saying is

It's not one-to-one

It can't be

If you're shooting one off before  
you leave your girl for the night  
then your penis is just less likely  
to lead you astray

That's just science speaking

Edward Lin said: In a way

I don't know

I feel like you're actually making sense

I said: At the end of the  
day the penis is an organism  
unto itself Ed

Is it not

We have this really Aristotelian

In my opinion antiquated

This Aristotelian view on the  
organism

Even in my era today

Forget about your era

Even today we have this rubric

Where it's like I'm an organism

I have a quantifiable essence or something

And my phallus is somehow just another limb of my body

But no

I think that's totally off-base

I think it's a form of  
nefarious literalism

What if my phallus was actually an  
entity unto itself instead

What if I'm actually comprised of  
a variety of component parts that  
are themselves

In a sense

Individuals



Edward Lin said: No

Keep going

I'm following this

I said: The penis is something  
that needs to be negotiated with  
Ed

It requires negotiation

It's not like

Say

Your thumb

Or your elbow

Essences and sentience

They're not

They can't be necessarily restricted  
to this Aristotelian logic that our  
leaders

In both your era and mine

Love to impose upon

Both socially and morally

When I was with my ex

Ophelia

I don't know if you guys bumped  
into her down there at all

When I was with her

If I was ever going out

Just with my friends

It wasn't even a question on  
my part

No

Ed

She wouldn't let me leave

She wouldn't allow me to leave  
without performing

At the very least

Oral sex upon me

That was just how she operated

Because

For all of her faults

She understood the penis Ed

She inveterately had that phallic  
comprehension

The gray areas of having a phallus

It's amazing to me she never had  
a phallus before Ed

I can verify that she did not

Yet maybe in a previous life or  
something



But anyway

Yeah

I guess that's my spiel

Edward Lin said: Like I said Ibrahim

And I'm not just saying this because  
you have we locked in a

comfortable cage on your spaceship

This is totally counterintuitive to the  
moral fabric I was raised in

But I think

Yeah

I think it's an interesting and  
worthwhile perspective

Joe Campanelli said: But leaving that  
aside

To Lin's point

What's our particular status at the  
moment

With regard to our

For lack of a better phrase

Captivity

Or are you going out

Is that the context of the

Uh

That's how we got on this topic  
right

I said: Well

Yeah

I am planning to soon

In maybe ten-fifteen

But also I'm single now

So I guess the entire conversation  
was only hypothetical really

I can obviously do whatever  
I want at the moment

I'm untethered

Unbound by any laws of  
amorous commitment

Joe Campanelli said: No

That makes sense

But I know you did want

You wanted to possibly touch on the  
whole Uday Abbasid angle

Before you left I thought

I said: Yeah

For sure

Yeah

But um



Let me pop out real quick

I need to get a lay of  
the land

For the time being why don't you  
guys

Just stay here for now

J\_!!1 will be here

There are plenty of refreshments

And in a few

Just give me a few hours

And then we'll sort this all out

I promise!

## Section 2

Uday said: Yeah

Can we get two more

The bartender said: Coming right up!

I said: Sweet

Thanks man

Uday said: Hold on

I said: What

Uday said: Let him walk away quick

I said: Why

Uday said: What did you just say

Did you

I said: What

Uday said: Ibrahim

Did you just say Thanks man

I said: Yeah

I thanked him in advance

For my refreshed drink

Why

Uday said: Dude

She's trans bro

You can't tell a trans girl thanks  
man

I said: She's trans

Our bartender

Uday said: Yeah

Clearly

I said: That bartender is trans

No



I'm almost positive that that dude is  
gay

Uday said: No way

I said: What

Just because he put a barrette in  
his hair

That makes him trans now

That's the bar to trans now

That's fuckin

That's almost

No offense

But that's nearly transphobia Uday

I think that might be transphobic  
dude

They've been fighting two hundred years  
for

Uday said: She's clearly trying to read  
as female

I said: He almost has as much  
facial hair as I do

How do you mean

Uday said: Woman can have beards Ibrahim

I said: Yet we can't say beards  
don't quote-unquote read female

No offense to females

Or beards

Uday said: Biological females can have  
facial hair man

Don't be ignorant

I said: That doesn't mean it reads  
female Uday

Men can have hairless assholes

That doesn't mean hairless asses are  
necessarily masculine

Uday said: Don't try and use your  
transphobia to justify your body hair  
Ibrahim

Please

I don't want to

I said: Okay

But then don't try and project your  
transphobia onto me while simultaneously  
pretending as though you don't get  
your ass waxed

Plenty of gay men are effeminate

Sure

They may read female to you

But they can still identify as dudes  
man

Don't take your gender illiteracy and try  
and mal-identify someone because of  
it

That's aggressive bro

Uday said: That's very funny

About my ass waxing that is



The rest is just honestly offensive  
though

I said: I know the Lebanese  
girl who does it Uday

There's only one girl who does it  
on this moon

Uday said: So you go then

Get your booty waxed

I said: No I don't personally  
go

I shave it myself if you must  
know

But I'm familiar with the terrain

I heard they whack you off after  
thought

Is that true

Uday said: I wouldn't know Ibrahim

But now

Now I'm actually curious

I said: Exactly

So go give it a whirl  
sometime

That's fine

Nothing to be ashamed of

But just don't try to conflate gay  
men with trans women and then finger  
me as some social malcontent because  
of it

That's all I'm saying

Uday said: You yourself would describe yourself  
as a social malcontent! Plus

I saw her face when you said  
Thanks man! It was so clearly filled  
with sorrow

It was tough to watch

I said: Maybe he's having a bad  
day

Could be completely unrelated

Maybe he's a gay guy who's sick  
of looking at Antarctic cunt all  
day

Is that not possible

Uday said: Ah

There she is

I said: Ugh

Valentinaaaaa

I missed her

So much! Uday said: It's so damn  
packed in here though

Are we gonna be able to even

I said: Talk to her

And even if we can

Is it gonna be a total rush  
job

Just a waste of everyone's time



We should come back

Maybe tomorrow

When all of this insanity has died  
down just a bit

Uday said: Let me see if I  
can at least toss her a head  
nod

I said: Yeah me too

At least get ourselves on the  
radar here

Some reciprocal body language if  
nothing else

\_\_\_\_\_ Tony G said: You guys half  
in the bag

I said: Huh

No

Not at all

I'm actually feeling surprisingly sober

Uday said: We had a couple beers  
and shit

That's about it

I said: Yeah

Just beers

No

I'm fine

Tony G said: You're swallowing hard

Swallowing like I do at 2am  
when I'm about to puke

But can't because my wife is driving  
me home in her Donda two-seat capsule

I said: No

I totally get it

I think

On my end at least

It's just acid reflux

Had some fries at Titty's & Clit  
over there

And they

Put it this way

They somehow made the median French  
fry at a strip joint appealing  
by comparison

They were actually that bad

Honestly

I just need like an antacid or  
something

Uday said: Oh

They were terrible! Tony G said: In  
any case

Let's get to business here

If you both don't mind

I'm super jet lagged



Uday

I appreciate you putting this together

But why don't you allow us to

If you don't mind

Allow me and Pasha

Let us hash this out as two  
grown men

Uday said: Oh

Of course

Sometimes you just need to grown  
man some shit out

I'll

Yeah

I'll probably just pop in down  
the street

Section 3

Tony G said: So what's the ask  
here

Exactly

I said: The ask is that I  
held up my end of the bargain

That's the ask Tony

Fuck else is there to say really

I rid your most profitable moon  
of the sentient celery menace here

In like ten minutes

And now I'm open to a yet  
another temporary truce

A peace treaty so to speak

A mutually beneficial one

That is

If you are

But

Tony G said: But what

And no

I'm not opposed a truce at this  
juncture

Not necessarily

But

I said: But I don't want just  
a free entry into third

Because I'm actually fine in fifth

A free entry into third

That's a low value proposition to  
me to be honest

Like I was saying to J\_!!1



I could really give a fuck about  
this dimension at this point

No

If I'm coming back here

It's not for a day pass

To take a stroll back down memory  
lane around a bunch of people I

hate

No

I need a piece of the old  
Carlito route

You know I'm one of the few  
people in the universe who can actually  
execute that route as well

If not better

Than Brigante

Tony G said: Okay

Go on

I said: I'd like

To start

1

5x my historical share of the  
coke trade to Earth

With an option to take over  
Carlito's position within a year if  
I so please

Tony G said: After all you

I said: After all I what

Tony

After I defended myself against an  
assassination attempt

On my fuckin life

After all

That's what I really did after all

I defended myself against an  
assassination attempt

That I would have to assume at  
the time that the Guistianninis at  
least somewhat sanctioned

Or at least turned a blind eye  
toward

At least! The fact that members  
of your family were collateral damage

How can that be pinned holistically  
on my team

Just on my team

For eternity here

Tony G said: Well

There's an optical element as well

I said: There's an interdimensional element  
as well

Hampton still wants your ass

Tony G said: Hampton is still  
restricted to fifth

Fuck Hampton



If he had buy in from the  
Greater Galactic Central Authority down here  
then I'd already be fucked

He has no clout down here

I said: That may be true

Right now that may in fact be  
the case

But that could also have an  
expiration date

In fact in all likelihood it  
will

Have an expiration date

I'm an insurance policy Tony

Everything has an expiration date  
Anthony

That's how you should consider this  
arrangement

Tony G said: How so

I said: Think of it this way

Section 4

Uday said: How did it go

I said: I'm getting too old for  
this shit Uday

That's how it went

To be honest with you

Uday said: Ugh

Jesus

Tell me about it

I said: All this plotting

And scheming

Assassination attempts

Never-ending quests for vengeance

It's just like

When does it end

When is there any sort of  
extended reprieve

Uday said: It never does Ibrahim

This shit is crazy

I said: Yet we still have the  
same blood that runs in our veins  
don't we

Similar blood

We'll never stop

I can't see myself ever stopping

Of course I'm going to have a  
thirst for vengeance

Some type of insatiable thirst

A thirst for one more lick of  
a girl like Valentina's cunt-hole

When does that end



Isn't that

Like

A mark of virility

Wanting to be out it in the  
wilderness

The pussy forest

Seeking vengeance

Chasing cunt

Or am I off-base here Uday

Uday said: Did you squash it with  
Tony G

I said: Yet I can't lie

At times I need a respite

Yet at the same time

Uday said: No

I totally get it

I said: Joe

Yeah come on down

Uday said: Joe

Joe Campanelli said: Here now Ibrahim

Uday said: Wait

What

I thought the

There are more sentient celery

Ibrahim

What is

I said: I'm not gonna kill you  
Uday

Not yet

I just want to see

Uday said: Ahhh!! My cryogenic  
skeleton!!! My actual skeleton

It's ahhhh

Being removed from my body  
Ibrahim!!! You little

What the fuck

! Ahhh!!! I said: Full disclosure

I took a few sentient celery captive

Just wanted to see what they were  
about

Just wanted to insure myself a tiddly  
wink Uday

I apologize

Given that I came down here on  
a pure whim



To help two dudes who seemed to  
yearn for my imminent death before  
their livelihoods were placed in danger

Ugh

That's

That's actually grotesque

You had two

Two separate skeletons in there

I thought it was more just like

Uday said: Ahh!! Ibrahim!!! Please!! I  
thought we had a truce!! What was

All that Tony G talk

!!! I said: There's nothing

I don't know

I don't think there's anything  
implicitly immoral about seeking vengeance  
on your enemies Uday

And neither do you

Vengeance on the people who  
attempted with vigor to wipe you  
from the face of the universe!  
Joe

Keep going

Revert his skeletal

Well

You know the science better than me

I thought it was just like a  
buffed up single skeleton

That you'd notch down

Not that you'd have to actually like  
remove a particular skeleton

Ugh

Yeah

Just make it so he's no longer  
cryogenic and shit! Ugh

This is making me physically sick

Uday said: Ahhh!! Ugh!!! This hurts!! It's  
a deep burn!! My cryogenic  
skeleton!! Nooo!! I said: Joe

Are you good to finish this shit

I'm getting a little seasick over here

So to speak

Joe Campanelli said: Oh yeah

We're good here Pasha

I said: Okay

Fuck it then

I'm going back up to the Deluxe  
then

When you're done beam yourself and this  
fuck back up

Toss him in the holding cell for  
the time being

We'll deal with him later



When he heals up a little bit  
and shit

Section 5

J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim

I'm glad to see everything went  
well

According to plan at least

I said: Campanelli is finishing  
the job down there

Uday should be non-cryogenic

Room temperature

By the time they both come back  
up here

J\_!!1 said: And as far as the  
Guistianninis

I said: That's all set

We're getting Carlito's route

Tony G is an actual businessman  
after all

J\_!!1 said: So then

I said: Hampton isn't gonna be  
happy

But what the fuck

We're supposed to stay in fifth  
for decades until he gets buy-in down  
here

It's never gonna happen

Once he lost Uday he shot his  
fuckin load

It's done

We're with Tony G now J\_!!1

And we're gonna

Wait

Where's Lin

J\_!!1 said: Oh Lin

Um

Well

I was gonna mention that

I said: What happened

J\_!!1 said: Well

He asked me if he could go  
to the bathroom

Then he stole an escape pod

I meant to

I said: You didn't cybergram me  
J\_!!1

What the fuck

! J\_!!1 said: I figured as long  
as we have Joe and his celery  
stalks

Isn't that the main goal here



An alliance with the sentient celery

I said: Yes

Hypothetically

High level yes

That's correct

Yet I'm not sure if we want

Fuckin Lin

Running around all free and shit!  
Not yet

Do we know what he knows for  
sure

I still get

J\_!!1 said: I don't know Ibrahim

I tend to think

I lean toward him being a pawn

And this genuinely being a

I said: A natural event

Okay

That's possible

I generally lean that way too

You know that

But let's fuckin cross t's and shit  
too

I don't like that guy

Lin

No

I don't like him one bit

I have a bad feeling about that  
little guy Lin

He strikes me as a particularly  
slippery fuck

The idea that he's out in space

In our escape pod of all things

No

That doesn't sit right with me at all

J\_!!1 said: But Ibrahim

My question is

I mean

Does he even know how to man  
the ship

How far could he possibly get

I said: I don't know J\_!!1! One  
day I saw him

He was he a helpless POW in  
a small cell



Next thing I knew he and some  
fucking veggie burgers practically took over  
the most prosperous moon in Greater  
Uranus! I don't know what to fuckin  
think anymore

What this fuckin guy is capable of

### Section 6

Joe Campanelli said: We're back

I said: Good

Uday is in the holding cell

Joe Campanelli said: He's in pretty  
rough shape but yes

He's alive and in holding

But I'm having my associates tend  
to him

Medically

Supply him with requisite medical care  
as necessary at this point

I said: And as for us

Our deal is still in place

Joe Campanelli said: Oh we'll join  
you Pasha

We find your case an intriguing  
one

We know about the dream with Hugh  
Cunt

My associates in particular

That dream resonates with them in  
particular

But with that said

You should also consider this contract of  
the non-binding variety

I said: I consider all contract  
non-binding Campanelli

That's nothing new on my end

Section 7

I said: How you holding up pal

Uday said: Fuck you

Cunt

I said: No hard feelings Uday

But what the fuck

Did you not

You didn't try and assassinate me

Like three times! Uday said: That was  
practically years ago Ibrahim! When

are you gonna let the past be  
the past

Man

Damnit! I said: I didn't kill you

Or even technically torture you

Uday said: Try feeling my skeleton right  
now before you say that



You had your boy over there rip  
my cryogenic skeleton from my skin!  
Asshole! I said: No

I'm not counting any skeletal  
alteration as torture

You're not pinning that on me

The skeletal alteration was simply  
self-defense

Putting us on a level playing field  
finally Uday

No

This is

Actually this is growth for me

Uday said: I'm so happy for you  
Ibrahim

You're a real mature guy

You know that

I said: The reality is

Uday

I can't trust you

I've never been able to trust you

I'm sorry but that's just

I don't know

An immutable fact here

Previously that

Along with your previous actions

That probably would have driven me  
to kill you

But now

No

The only I needed to do here  
was materially reduce your immortality

That's why I was so pumped when  
I started talking to

Uday said: Ibrahim

Can I interrupt you

Just to say one thing

I said: Go ahead

Uday said: Fuck

You!! You fucking asshole!! Ahh! This still  
hurts

It's

A deep burn!!

Section 8

I said: No

I'm actually all for that as a  
concept

I've always supported the idea



Of something akin to sentient celery

Or inanimate sentience

Atypical sentience

Things of that nature

J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim

We have word that Lin

He's apparently in fifth as we  
speak

I said: It's like

The fuckin Quran

It's a novel essentially

It's the most sacred book

The highest form

But it's essentially like a novel  
to me

The Platonic Dialogue

A novel

If nothing else it's a fuckin novel

Perhaps second to the Quran

The Platonic Dialogues

They were a series of novels no  
doubt

Would you

You agree with that no

Joe Campanelli said: For the works  
of Plato

I would say

I said: But you have to realize

The Quran

Even though Mohammed

He didn't have like a linear plot

Maybe not in the traditional sense

J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim

Joe Campanelli said: No I guess  
I can kind of see that

With the Quran

But to your point

Even Plato's Dialogues

They were conceptually centered

But they didn't have a

What would perhaps traditionally be called  
a plot-line

I said: I don't know



I kind of feel like

Plato

A lot the Dialogues certainly had  
a sort of linearity to them

Joe Campanelli said: For sure

There was a linearity

But a monograph will have a  
linearity to it as well

Which I differ from an actual plot

In the traditional sense at least

I said: I don't disagree

Although I think plots can come  
in a variety of forms

In any case

In no way do I feel like  
the nonlinearity of the Quran

That it bars it from a  
novelistic approach

I think it's ahead of its time  
in that sense

Joe Campanelli said: Again

I don't believe we're disagreeing

Technically

J\_!!1 said: Ibrahim! I'm sorry

But I've

Again

I've received intel that Edward Lin  
somehow

He escaped to the fifth dimension

Is that of any note here

! I said: Fuck Lin

Faggot

I've moved onto bigger things J\_!!1

I mean he's a faggot

Lin is

Not you J\_!!1

J\_!!1 said: But

Do we feel as though

Is it possible he could be in  
fifth to

Brock Hampton is in fifth

I said: So what really though J\_!!1

They can both go stand in line  
to receive the worst handjob of  
their lives together

Hampton is done here

He's of no consequence here  
anymore



J\_!!1 said: That just

It seems slightly presumptive Ibrahim

Given what we know about Hampton

I said: Fuck Hampton

Fuck Lin

Let's live for a little bit J\_!!1

With all due respect

All this Debbie Downershit from you

Oh Lin

He's in fifth

Brock Hampton

Remember him

Yeah that's fine and shit

But we've made it

We're back in fifth

We took Carlito'sshit

Posthumously

Uday has a charcoaled human skeleton  
in our holding cell

My new best friend is now a  
fucking celery stalk

And I love that

I want to discuss literary theory with  
him

Can we let our nuts hang here  
J\_!!1

Please

J\_!!1 said: Duly noted Ibrahim

Noted

I said: Campanelli

Titty's & Clit

Bring your boys with you

Section 9

Joe Campanelli said: No

I don't necessarily think linearity is  
a construct per se

I said: But it's certainly something  
constructed to an extent

Joe Campanelli said: Define constructed

I said: It would seem as though  
what we deem to be nonlinearity

That that's a more quote-unquote natural  
ordering of events

That linearity is at least more often  
than not manicured as opposed to  
naturally occurring

Joe Campanelli said: Yet define  
naturally occurring



We're naturally occurring

Yet so are you

I'm technically a naturally  
occurring sentient celery

And I construct narratives  
to my peers in a linear mode

I said: Okay

But in a sense then

You're actually proving my point

Joe Campanelli said: How so

I said: Because if linearity and  
nonlinearity are both naturally  
occurring in a generic sense

Then the notion of linearity as a superior form of narrative is then a construct

It's a constructed notion that linearity is more refined

No

If both linearity and nonlinearity are both equally naturally occurring

Joe Campanelli said: Sunshine and rain are both naturally occurring

That doesn't put them on equal footing

I said: But some people enjoy rainy days

Joe Campanelli said: That doesn't make them equal

I said: But it does make any notion that one's better than the other essentially constructed

Joe Campanelli said: Constructed by  
who

I said: By naturally occurring  
forces that are employing naturally  
occurring agendas

Joe Campanelli said: Touche Pasha

A Priest with An Exquisitely  
Manicured Beard said: Excuse me

I said: What's up Father

You realize this is a strip joint  
right

A Priest with An Exquisitely  
Manicured Beard said: The name is  
Yiannis

Yiannis Romanides

And Christ had whores wash his feet  
for him

What's your point exactly

You seem a bit dim

I said: Nothing

I don't have a specific point

I'm just a guy arguing in favor  
of the nonlinearity of the Quran  
with a sentient celery stalk glancing at  
balloon knot

What do I know

John Romanides said: You realize

That this is still Americadon't you

I said: Yes Father

Jesus wasn't averse to the company  
of whores and we're currently in  
America



No shit

Any other revelations to share

No offense

John Romanides said: No

The reason I mention it is  
because

I would just think someone who  
poses as well educated as you

That they'd realize linearity is essentially  
a Western concept

America's continual expansion nothing  
more than an incessant proliferation  
of this Westernization! That the true  
form of nonlinearity

That it was developed in the  
East! Centuries ago! By the  
Romiosini! I said: No

I'm actually in favor of that  
perspective John

Fuckin pro-nonlinearity and shit

John Romanides said: It was the  
Franks

In all of their barbarism who  
misinterpreted these Byzantines

Joe Campanelli said: But

For example

The median Platonic Dialogue was fairly linear

I would almost say it was explicitly linear

John Romanides said: Yet the Byzantines were no Hellenes! Joe Campanelli said: Yet they certainly used Hellenic literature as a

John Romanides said: They used it  
like a doctor uses the blood of  
a serpent! As an anesthesia! Not  
as the crux of any particular  
worldview

Have you read the Divine Eros

Joe Campanelli said: Frankly

John Romanides said: Of course you  
haven't! Yet I can't necessarily blame  
you

Who has

Yet the Byzantine nonlinear form  
is perhaps at

It perhaps approaches its apex in  
that work

I said: I guess my point is

John Romanides said: The Franks

The West! They destroyed this divine  
nonlinearity of the Romiosini! Instead  
viewing the Byzantines as barbaric  
Orientals and genuflecting the  
polytheist pagan Hellenes! I said:  
You know

I never fully understood how Zeus  
with a grandson of Pelops or  
whatever

How that was polytheism

But yet Jesus as a Son of  
God was monotheism

John Romanides said: Υπόσταση! I  
said: Valentina

Valentina        said:    Ibrahim

I        said:    Sup    mami

John    Romanides        said:    Well

In        any        case



Joe Campanelli said: So basically true  
nonlinearity is a fallacy within the  
American state

I said: But what about within the  
Lunar Caliphate

John Romanides said: Caliphate

Valentina said: How've you been

I missed you

I said: Ahh

Stop talking shit

What're you

Trying to make my penis erect over  
here

C'mon! Hold on

Let me decompress

Sorry

It's just

I'm in a really heightened  
philosophical fuckin mode right now

Have to reorient myself here

To boners

And pussy hole

I can't just go straight to an  
erection zone here

Yeah

Mmhmmm

Valentina said: What're you drinking

I said: Absinthe

Valentina said: Isn't that like

Pure liquor

I said: How long have you been  
back in

Well

Actually where were you

I heard you like

Absconded the dimension

Valentina said: No

I just was living with my cousin  
over on moon Uganda

I said: Ugh

There's nothing going on over there! Is  
there

Valentina said: Tell me about it!  
I was working at this bar  
Tommy's Place

I said: Tommy's Place

Yeah

I've been there once

Total rathole



Valentina        said:    It's    like    the    only  
bar    on    that    moon    though

I        said:    That's    because    there's    fuck-all    going  
on        over    there

I        don't    know    how    you    did    it

Valentina        said:    Oh    my    God

It was so tough! I said: Well

Listen

I mean

This is totally respectable

It was great seeing you and  
everything

But listen

In terms of dances

No

I'm not doing a dance tonight

I just don't think that

That's not appropriate it

Is it

Valentina said: Oh no! I wasn't  
like

Hoping for a dance or anything

After all we've been

No

It was just

I was surprised to see you  
that's all

That's why I was like Ibrahim

Just like saying your name but in  
an inquisitive tone

Joe Campanelli said: Ibrahim

I said: Yes Joseph

Joe Campanelli said: The boys and  
I

We're gonna head down the street

I think we're gonna take Romanides  
with us

If that's cool with you

I fucking love this guy! Is that  
cool

I said: That's totally cool man

I'll link with you guys later then

Section 10

Valentina said: So anyway

I said: Yeah



As we were saying

Wait

What were we saying

Valentina said: You aren't doing any  
dances tonight I think

I said: Now I did say that

Well

Yeah

I guess at this juncture

Valentina said: I'm off in like  
an hour or so

I said: Then you have to like  
douche off

Valentina said: Ibrahim

I said: Just so I have a  
time-frame Valentina

That's all

Valentina said: If you can wait  
maybe an hour and half

I can wrap everything up

To your point

I said: Okay

Well

Maybe I'll go up the street in  
the meantime

See where those guys ended up

Valentina said: Meet me at the  
speakeasy two blocks down at nine

I said: Bevilacqua & Bevilacqua's

Valentina said: Yes

Exactly!

Section 11

John Romanides said: Yet the Quran

It's little more than a Christian  
heresy! No

It's Arianism

Simply reimagined as a more  
structured deviation from the Patristic  
Fathers! Have you

No

You haven't read the Divine Eros! Which  
is half the problemhere! The Divine  
Eros is the Quran

Just like ten times more authentic!  
Joe Campanelli said: Yet written nearly

four centuries after the Quran was

! To be fair

I don't mean any

Um

But



John Romanides said: You think Symeon  
was

Joe Campanelli said: I'm not saying  
that he was

John Romanides said: He referred to  
God as *αυτή*

As the divine feminine! The One

Yet also the Many! Joe Campanelli  
said: Yet even you have to admit  
the Byzantines and the Caliphates  
had quite cordial relations for centuries

at a time! John Romanides said:  
Says the Western mind they did! Cordial  
perhaps  
Yet we shouldn't conflate the  
originators from the imitators! I  
said: Guys

Guys! C'mon

C'mon now

Let's all calm down here! Let's simmer  
down a tad

Joe Campanelli said: This guy

He's quite the polemicist! John  
Romanides said: Only in the West  
is yelling not considered the median  
form of tonality! I'm practically  
whispering! I said: John

Yiannis

Can we continue this

Can we perhaps continue this  
conversation back on my ship

On The Deluxe

If you'd be so kind as to  
join us for an after-burrito drink

John Romanides said: Hmm

A post-burrito drink

A night cap wine

I suppose I could persuaded

I said: Now

Just in the interim here

Here's how I look at it  
personally

Essentially you have three genres of  
prose

All prose can be traced back

In my opinion

To a derivation of one of  
these three genres

You have the Platonic Dialogue

Then you have the Gospels

And finally you have the Quran

Plato wrote within a narrative  
framework

Sure

But he restricted himself to the  
social exterior

The exterior as interior

Each character in his dialogue only  
exists in literal vocal relation to the  
related participants

There are no interior monologues

Nor or there so-called objective  
descriptions of the scene in which  
said conversations take place



Then you have the Gospels

Which are typical

Kind of third person omniscient narrator  
type shit

Jesus did this

Jesus did that

Pontius Pilate said this while looking like  
that

Judas felt like an asshole

Characters now exist in social exterior  
forms but also have objective interior  
descriptions and shit

All being regulated by an exterior  
force that is not part and parcel  
of the action itself

And then you have the Quran

Which consists of sure

Some dialogues

Some minor descriptions and shit

But it's never truly centered in the  
manner of the previous two forms

In form its part and parcel of  
itself

Even God Himself will shift between saying  
I and We

And so on and so on

The Quran

As a genre addresses concepts  
and themes in a recurring fashion

Elliptically

Of course we can say that

Yeah

Let me get a wheat wrap

With ummm

Let's just do steak brown rice and  
banana peppers with mediumsauce

Thanks

Of course we can say to some  
extent the Quran to some extent is  
a Platonic Dialogue

But only if every Platonic Dialogue  
was played side by side simultaneously

It's basically antithetical to the Gospels

It's antithetical to the logical frameworks of the Dialogues while also remaining antithetical to the linearity of the Gospels

Which of course

Being third person omniscient narratives invite commentaries of all fucking sorts

Whereas the Quran is

If anything

Perhaps a commentary that's commenting  
upon itself in real time

Even the Platonic Dialogue

While certainly a commentary slash  
narrative simultaneously



Fails to achieve this level of  
absorption into itself

Even if the Platonic Dialogue does  
manage to reduce the individual to  
a specific socially vibrating milieu

If that makes sense

John Romanides said: Except for the  
fact it's an Arian heresy Ibrahim!  
I said: Aesthetically though John

! Joe Campanelli said: Yet from  
what you say John

Your Divine Eros takes a similar form!  
John Romanides said: Not my

Symeon's! And it's not form I  
object to Joseph

It's content! I said: But I'm  
speaking about form right now  
Romanides

John Romanides said: The Franks! I  
said: I'm actually supposed to

You guys are already finished with those burritos huh

I'm actually supposed to meet someone in a bit

If you want

I can cybergram J\_!!1 and see if he'll let you in

Joe Campanelli said: Yeah that would

John Romanides said: Of course the  
West would want to integrate the  
Quran over the Divine Eros! I said:  
Yet the West is ultimately! I'll  
cybergram J\_!!1 in a second

Yet the West is ultimately either  
opposedto said Eastern ummm

Or put it this way

What about the Lunar Caliphate

John Romanides said: A wise man  
once said I'd rather see a Turkish

turban in the city center than the  
Latin mitre! I said: John

You don't even want to know who  
I had a sit-down with earlier  
this afternoon

But maybe that's another story for another  
burrito

Section 12

Valentina said: Oh great

Finallyyy

Yes! My blackberry toast! Ibrahim

Have you ever had this

Blackberry toast

Do you want a piece

I said: Eh

I appreciate a fresh blackberry  
yet with that said

I'm probably good

Valentina said: Are you sure

I said: Yeah

I just finished a fairly robust burrito

Thanks though! Valentina said: Chomp chomp  
chomp! Ugh

Soooo good! I said: So anyway



Yeah I don't know

Have we actually ever

I think all of our interactions  
to date have been at the club  
right

Even when

Valentina said: Remember when you  
were my handler

For like a week

Chomp!Chomp chomp

I said: That's uh

That toast

It's good huh

Valentina said: Chomp!Ugh

You want a bite

It's soooooo good Are you sure  
don't want just one bite

I said: Yeah

They really went above and beyond

Getting that

Valentina said: Crunch

Oh it's perfectly toasted! Chomp! It's  
like the perfect amount of crispiness

Mmmmm

Section 13

I said: I don't know

It was just like

Incredibly loud chewing! It was  
only a slice too! Yet it felt

like she ate a whole fucking loaf!  
Chomp chomp chomp! Non-stop! J\_!!1 said:  
She never ate or drank at the  
club  
I recall that distinctly

I said: Only ordered water

God

I don't know

Maybe it's me

But I really found it off-putting

It actually really pissed me off

Chomp chomp chomp! By the third bite  
I was just wanted to yell out

Fuck you! You know

J\_!!1 said: Did Bevilacqua's have any  
ambiance

You know

Like music

Background music

I said: Complete silence! Except chomp



Chomp!Chomp chomp! Ugh

Joe Campanelli said: This entire

Would this be an example of  
table-side manners

I said: Where's Romanides

Joe Campanelli said: He's been  
studying the Gospels in the study  
next to Uday ever since we left  
the burrito shop

I said: Fuck him

And no

I don't even know if I'd  
necessarily call it table-side  
manners per se

Maybe in a general sense

It could have maybe just been an  
exceptionally crunchy piece of toast

I'm trying to give the girl the  
benefit of the doubt here

J\_!! said: It could just be you  
Ibrahim

I said: It could have also just  
been the toast

Maybe it was just an abnormally  
crunchy piece of toast

Joe Campanelli said: That seems unlikely

I said: Do we

By the way

Do we now

Should have a certain level of  
sensitivity as it relates to eating  
celery now

Or even green vegetables in general

J\_!!1 said: Nothing is quite as  
crunchy as celery in my opinion

I said: This is what I mean

Is that offensive now

Speaking on celery in those terms

I know Uday

He can be a little transphobic

So I just wanna make sure J\_!!1  
and I

That we remain respectful of

Joe Campanelli said: I mean

I don't know if I'd say it's  
offensive per se

Maybe something to avoid mentioning  
at length

The crunchiness of celery and similar  
topics

I said: This is what I mean

Because we're big produce guys up here

And I love you guys

Obviously

We've made business arrangements here



But I'm just wondering

Is this going to be an issue

Joe Campanelli said: Like I said

I'm not ipso facto offended

Not at all! I said: But if  
I busted a celery stalk out of

my pocket and starting nibbling

That would offend you right

I actually hope it would! I actually  
kind of think it would be weird  
if it didn't

Joe Campanelli said: I don't want  
to speak for everyone in the  
room

But I'd probably feel a tinge  
of awkwardness for sure

J\_!!1 said: That's respectable

I think you have to respect that

I said: I think it's just new  
ground for us

That's all

Joe Campanelli said: And that's equally  
respectable

Again

I don't want to necessarily speak  
on behalf of my compatriots

But I think

It's a two way street

We can't move the goal posts on  
our end

That's just unfair

But it's also a mutual adjustment  
period

I said: It's so true

In a lot of ways

This is a new start

For all of us!







