

51. The One Sweet All-Embracing Encounter

I wasn't exploitative. That's the most that can be said. I longed for the one sweet all-embracing encounter. In the meantime I was, "though in my forty-fifth year, horny as all hell / for every good-looking young thing / that came into my range of vision / but impotent as all hell / to remedy the situation. / I was horny but hardheaded, / that's the way with me. / I was horny but holding back / wanting (what?) great hospitality. / (To be the hero, that always seemed right to me. / To win my love with honour, grace, and style, / that too seemed – oh, but please don't say: / "IMPOSSIBILITY!")"

– I am this impossibility made possible for you. Oh, let me run my fingers into your brain. Let me curve my body into yours. Let me make you think you have no life apart from me.

I have been waiting a good long time for this.

– I will burn you as if I were a goddess. I will be so seductive and searching in finding out all the secret parts of your pleasure that you won't be able to get enough of what will ultimately kill you.

– What strange words! Alice, are you all right?

– I will exalt you to the heavens and at the same time tantalize you, conquer you, destroy you.

– Are you in a trance? Are you auditioning for a part? Heavens, are you reading his mind and now reading it back to him?

– I won't let you go. As helpless as a baby, as a little child you may struggle against me. But you know deep down that nothing is more delicious than to have me in control. Oh, what will it avail you then, Mr. Philosopher, to think yourself independent, free-spirited, and heroic? Once I start to bite, scratch, squeeze, tease, and tear you. your intellectual lights will go out and all you'll think of is how much I give by making you raw, naked, defenceless – subject to my every whim and caprice.

– You're willing to waste your time trying to warm up his old bones. As far as I can judge, it's because you're only an erotic fantasy. The true coeds he lusted after – it seems pretty clear to me – weren't interested in him.

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