
＊The wicked spbor left in time＇s wake as it flees us．You precurecrs，feet bleeding．Gazes without eyes，words that stem from no mouth．Shapes without bodies．Descended heavenward，separated in remote graves，resurected again from the dead，still forgiving those who trespass against us，the sorrow－ －ful patience of angeles or of Job．＂
［CHRISTA WOLF，＂No PLACE ON EARTH＂，STRAEG INC．，NY，1979］
17／5 ：THE POSTMDDILRN－EPIMETHEUS ［PRE－SCRIPT］

INT．（NO EXT．甘LL INT．Bw／Ody now）．01／01／2020．D．C．
（v．o．）Come clean．Bll ye，$\forall l l$ ye oxen free．$\forall l l$ is in hear + now from hear on out． Hll $4>1+1>4$ 甘ll．The combination of 4 voixes $u$ here $=\{($ Epimetheus（played by H．C．E．${ }^{146}$ ）），Telemachus（played by Joaquin Phoenix），Ulysses（played by River Phoenix）+ I（a．I．）（played by Kevin Bacon（as a l2－yr old））．Hll $u$ kin due now is here us，as yoself，ox．Our soul pronouns＝we／us／our．When we ssey $U$ we mean Us． Don＇t even muster to parlay or open your yeux．Peut être u can feel the textual gauze we surgickly rapped inside yo intestines？Most folk don＇t Reelize yo skin EXT．ends INT．error yo Bw／Ody，rapping round INT．O yr digestive track．Comme un iceberg only $25 \%$ is $x$－posed．［thus begins the script w／in the script，the shooting script w／in the prescription（as scripture）dogspilt verdad． A－sine \＃s $[12$ takes per shot， 12 shots per seekwinds， 12 SEQ per sceen， indent so \＃is in margin］＋O，FINEL NODE TO SELF（before we go under）： INHABIT OCCUPATION．
5．1．2＞INT．PARKED CAR（nulle parte／cualquier sitio en el moondough）． 05／05／2020 5：05 PM（1 week after publication of this book）．
STET＝prescription writ in transcript form，for script dat will never get maid，ox．
5．1．3＞Take 2 （ $\forall 11$ about $2^{\text {nd }}$ chantsis）．Edmit to dog the $x$－act nature of hour rungs．Ever under chants operation，evêr in rêve state ni pas．Hex 55 （Feng）：dat to witch todo belongs．．．smooth prog－ ress．．．open＋honest in moderation．FOKE US ON： maintain position（x）sin add－ons de plus．
5．1．4＞Feliz cumpleaños \＃55．［Cuts coroners（dog ears）on auto－pile－it］． 5．1．5＞Opens hour ojos．Windshield＇s fogged up．Crank ignition to switch on defrost．Leaf ingene idling．Fall back asleep before windshield clears，reveiling Fishtale Mtn in front of $U$ ．
5．1．6＞FOCUS ON：Retinal scanner．ZOOM OUT to reveil actual textiles／ nodes， $2 x$ removed．UNFOCUS + RE：FUCOS to reviel mummy gauze，IM－ planted w／in．ZOOM IN（MACRO）ON：code splicing before our Is INT．O DNA（jean therapey u cd ssey）．A－line＋rollback by halving reader read mismo même texts＋barcodes，indoozing self－same memarys．

VIISSES．BLISS．MAY 29－JUN 13 laged＋red in，scanned as collagen／gauze $\pm$ magnetic cas－ sette tape（4－track（1R，1L，2R，2L）instead of A $+B-$ side （backwords）．CUT TO：Finger pressing［•］＋［】］at same time．
${ }^{146}$ Humphrey Chimpden Earwicker．${ }^{147}$
$\qquad$
T Record Head Stop ${ }^{147}$ A．K．A．Here Comes Everybody，or Dr．SSues（in turn played by Butger Hauer）．Erase Head Start


Magnetic Spur from Erase Head
> ess of the whale that above all things appalled me．－Ishmael，in Moby Dick neanings or specific colors，there was no Freud．－Robert Rauschenberg
5.1 .9
https：／／5cense．com／19／684．htm

## DRAWING A BLANK

WHITE，AND \S WHITE
ilifies for a s flat white ds，＂being ive，so that how many ws cast，or called the dows，and essionism， ochromatic log，White ced an in－ inthe physi－ ，art object new atten－ ntions sur－ ing of the Vhite Paint lect the en－ $h$ they are ning as a which are hts and im－ wer．
uing white man sup－ rder to ex－ ality．The elps illumi－ ality of the vas and its ework and ＂covering Itation．the sto an end
ness．While The White Show provides evidence for a material recognition that not all whites are created equal，that is，all whites，and all socalled white art objects are not and do not function the same，the show powerfully illuminates an aesthetics of asso－ ciation，of imposed association between artists and artworks and the associations a viewer brings con－ cerning the character of the art．Exhibiting＂white art＂focuses on art＇s dependency on color，but color，or lack of color，is a relatively benign issue， particularly in works which are not strictly paintings．

At a time when conservative forces seek to＂purify＂and＂clean－up＂the practice of art by cen－ suring elements deemed＂obscene＂or＂desecrat－ ing＂，white becomes a foreboding sign of our artis－ tic times．Ironically，the proponents of a systematic whitewash of art would probably find these white pieces not morally but intellectually offensive in light of a sensibility shaped by a tradition that empha－ sizes art＇s decorative，rather than it＇s social func－ tion．Bound with most minimalist aesthetics is a recognition of the impending demise of a particular mode of expression，or at least an awareness that a particular mode of interpretation of art has be－ come limiting or obsolete．Those artists，writers， and educators who used to worry about the demise of art have shifted their fears and apocalyptic inti－ mations to the impending death of the viewer＇s free－ dom．A less is more＇aesthetic may function in the process of creating art but it can be an anathema to the process of viewing art．That is，an aesthetic mini－ malism does not minimize the role the viewer must play in interpreting the work of art，rather it implies the opposite，nor does it imply a minimization of a viewer＇s access to diversity．

When we speak of framing artwe nolonger refer to the literal fram－ ing of a painting［a practice significantly di－ minished since 1945］， but to the determination or regulation of the course of art and it＇s viewing by outside forces，namely the people and institutions and discourses which surround the work of art ［rarely outside of art school do we witness artists organizing and curating their own shows］． The White Show foregrounds and illuminates a process of framing art，of devising a plan for its selection and exhibition，not it an attempt to gloss over the issue of whiteness，but to provoke the viewer＇s evaluation of the conditions under which the work of art is seen．
in fact，the same nite $(11 / 21 / 2019)$ the seeding words＜thriver meme» came to us，we also logged stet rêve：
We had a cyborg wife dat apparently weed bean married 2 for a while，but had never had sex with．She was the widow of our brudder，so we was obliged to marry her，in the levirate tradition． She reassembled Gwyneth Paltrow，but even taller ＋skinnier＋whiter＋paler．．．so pale dat her skin was translucent，fauxfurescent $+u$ cd see cubes of a Jell－O－like substance under her skin． We told her she had piel hermosa＋touched her． She took our mano + putt it on her chi－chi + then we startid to kiss＋dat＇s when we Reelized weed bean married all this time bud never had sex，even tho we was entitled to（under he－ brew law）＋perhaps depriving her of the pleasure this hole time［Ulysses died 22 yrs ago］so we startid foolin＇around．When we got down there we discovered she was wet cuz she was bleeding．．． she was halving her period，witch was gross at $1^{\text {st }}$ bud at least we din＇t need no protection， we figgered．She started to straddle us bud then we looked up + we was in the waiting area of a doctor＇s office + the receptionist was looking down on us + getting security on the horn．So we left＋was wandering around sum sorta mall complex，mustering to find a place to halve sex， in public．Then we said «hey，hear＇s a novel IDea，why don＇t we halve sex in our one bedroom？» cuz we did halve a house nearby，after $\forall l l$ ．Bud for sum reason，we needid to halve sex in public for her to count．

Shore stet sueño will fined her weigh into Textiloma in sum shape o form（la voici，w／assined name Ms．Ann Thrope， standing for the misanthropic replicant widow dat came 2 us in dis dream，our brudder＇s X（［H］ope），dat we was obliged 2 marry 22 yrs ago under levirate law． Spose dis bee like the movie Her（2013）， witch is fitting considering Spike Jonze is also a charactor in Textiloma （directator of the movie w／in this book）+ so is Joaquin Phoenix．

5．1．10＞［Antartica］ $105^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ long／ $73^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ latitude flying fish（cape）／…っұə Row over abandonment（island）／（punos）［əโqṭṭtтəךuṭun］ off shoot（inlet）／（əつuex7－N）əuṬ K K7oư ［unintelligible］（peninsula）（ədes－s）
 Knotty Pine（N－trance）／（7əโuT）700чs fまo ［unintelligible］（sound）（puetsṭ）quəuuopueqe дəло mоч etc．．．／（ədes）पsṭ 6uṭ位于

5.1.11> EADE IN (OVERLAID w/opening credits).

INT. Crowded airplane cabin. 40,000 ft. over the Atlantic - 5:12 PM. 3 MAY 1995.

## a sleep except mE千EMACHUS,

spireal-bound, black journel
ZOOM IN on handwriting. US, rides this verry smacks off a tyepwriter. We track his script he corrects carwrecks hiymself to intentional Puts pen down. CUT TO: Finger pressing CALL The button lights up, accompanied by a dingi ess saunters down the aisle + dipresses the FLIGHT ATTENDANT: Oui? Puis-je vous aider, m TEIEMACHUS: My, a, head hurts. (points to he ATTENDANT: Apirine, haha. (whispers), that s harder... vicodin, héroïne? I can give u this US: Is that legal?
ATTENDANT (demeanour shifts from saucy to CUT TO:
INT. Airplane lavatory. $40,000 \mathrm{ft}$. over the CLOSE IN ON: Pelemachus throwing up into toi

okes as it
l-time as

+ typos.
pg. 298).
stewardad.
spirin? sumping + sleep. .
onsieur.
in the bowl + the hatch opens. CUT TO:
EXT. Fuselage of airplane. Hatch opens + a m
swirls
is released. P.O.V. tracks the globs as they reach terminul velocity. The
expanding blob of gobs pass thru a cloud + mix in w/ rain + keeps falling + falling til it hits the surface of ocean, the dyed blue toilet water still distinguishable from the sea water, til it dilutes, in SLO MO. Fish flock to eat the chunk those fish 5.1.12> CU zoom out $t$ He cant co our Bw/Ody To INhabit on a climb who set ou expedition Bw/Ody, that accounts $U$ BACK TO SC Paper fold zOOM BACK combine IN
INT. Art diretores studio. Nice, France. Nov 1995
Ulysses reads the above text feed. felemactus swivels in a nearby chair playing w/ sum of the props Us has lying around. Ulysses gets to the end + puts the MANUSCRIPT down.
TELEMACHUS: Wadju think? Mined $u$, it's rough, just the beginnings of sumping. Couldn't sleep On the plane so figured Mayas well rite.
WSPS: Well, for starters u need to learn how to format a screenplay. And there's just no Wu'd be able to film vomit coming out of an airplane + into the sea like that. CGI
Gay expensivo, as is shooting underwater. Getting blue water to mix w/ Reel sea water oomme ça. B-sides being way too hard to film, it's not believable, weigh to phisolophical. 1 thing to go to the land of the dead + another to RETURN, ox. U need able-bodied semen to explain to the laymen. Those lying horrorzontil on bored, drifting in + out of REM. 3 . US: Did we menshin $\forall 11$ the axion takes plaze in a stationary v-uckle, pooled over on the sholder cuz of a snowstorm, after we almost had a head-on collision, after we waited til the wether day was called, almost smoking a roach we found on a toilet seat, watching a $0-0$ soccer match.


Us: Quel monsieur blanc?
A.A.A.D.: Celui qui remplace Monsieur Bacon, le stand-in pour la créature. (\#xits)

Us: The A.A.A.D, or maybe A.A.A.A.D... perty petit poulet, eh?
5.2.6. INT. SCRIPTED CRYPT: Sleep us supine on the coffin/ bed. The stand-in for Epimetheus sits next to us holding a thermometer + handheld computer/log The D.P. sits behind the camraw (shutter (stuck (o) pen)))))))) mounted on a crane boom that hovers ova the bed. DIRECTOR: I want $u$ to zoom down, over Epimetheus's shoulder as he puts the thermometer in the creation's mouth, then ZOOM way in past his lips. The GRIP swings the crane, slowing as the D.P. is ova EPI's shoulder, then the D.P. adjusts the lens, zooming in. D.P.: Hé, toi... créature's stand-in. We need u to open la bouche. Our lips remain sealed. [beat]. DIRECTOR shakes our shoulder. Hey, i ain't pain u to doormirror hear, u here! Allons-y, soyez présent US: Désolé, we just arrived this mourning. Comment nous disons «jet-lagged»? DIRECTOR: What's this "we" shit?
US: The personal pronoun we'd prefur u to refur to us as, sir: we, us, our. DIRECTOR. Peu importe, just keep your, er, our mouth ½-open, like u-we are sleeping. No nodding off fur Reel. E-Z fuckin' job, comprenez vous? US (nodding): God it, no nodding off for nada. No nodding off for nada...
5.2.7. Grip returns camraw to the originul position + ripeats the shot, bud this time the crane boom hovers hire + higher, reveiling the entire set, inklooting a replica of another identical camraw on a crane boom hovering over our Bw/Ody pertending to door-mirror.
D.P.: D'accord, je pense que nous sommes bons.

DIRECTOR: Is River ready? The A.D. relays the message via walkie-talkie to the
A.A.D. A garbled squelch in French comes back, over, the talkie-walkie.
A.D.: Mr. Savini sez he needs few more minuțels.

DIRECTOR: D'accord, let's take 10. Every 1 except us heads for the Kraft table or outside to smoke. Our P.O.V. remains w/ the $2^{\text {nd }}$ camraw filming ourself sleeping, mumbling, "no nodding off for nada, no nodding off for nada." 5.2.8. CUT TO: I-lids flicker in REM. ZOOM thru I-lids, witch [SPECIAL FX] smack of a gauzey tapestry, hoose lairs unfold INT.0 new dimentians.?.S. tho the camraw stays focussed on the surfizzz, shades + colures swirling, appearing + disappering, smacking of tides in an undercurrent of alphabet noodle soup, the ledders at time forming phrases + sentences, comme: "babbling revers unraveling" + "no hero warship" + "wakey wakey, eggs + bakey" etc. etc. etc.
5.2.9. Return us to the palace. A PURSUITOR confronts us (inte ceman (in dis-guys). PURSUITOR: E-spècies de merde américaine idiote, pas de nourriture pour vous! How kin we elp u if u bit the hand dat feeds? Cherchez le sauvetag̣e de l' EXT.érieur, connard. Git's lit, the $1^{\text {st }}$ we took note of his mourning habit. CON.templates hour one belly button. Comment en sum nose arrivés ici en premier lieu? Flushes leftover (cached) resin + riplaces beggar's bowl to it's spot.
5.2.10. ORIGINUL FAGTS SUMMONSING US TO FRANCE: \ggg > INPUT into narriverative, out uv context, come élémints dons un reeve, in a v-uckle parked at the base of Devil's Tower $\pm$ a tent at basecamp of Fishtale $\pm$ a broken-down bus in Bolivia... ether weigh waiting for wether to clear. Mapping out the route to recover the Bw/ody of their father. What happens next ain't sew clear... could be their paths intersect, or US returns alive. This book objet is a bout bringing our father (+ Us) home to bury. A coffin u cd ssey.
5.2.11. Draw analogs to Mt. Analogue (1952) campfire soto ry where 2 brothers set out to fetch a bitter rose atop Mt. Analogue for their father. 1 brother dies, becomes "Hollow Man" + the other brother kills this Hollow Man + inhabits his Bw/Ody + w/ their cumbine force they scale Mt. Analogue + retrieve a special bitter rose pour lear pere. By halving 1 of them die, they're able to figuratively cross over into the land of the dead, tethered together, like roped-up climbers ( $4^{\text {th }}$ class--placing no protection so if 1 falls they both die, unless 1 can self-arrest). At least $w /$ acting $u$ get $a 2^{\text {nd }}$ chants (as opposed to unroped climbing).
5.2.12. $4^{\text {th }}$ wall is beyond broken (hola!), permanently dismantled. After the spell is lifted Tel recognizes their father in Us. They plot their assault on the suitors but meanwhile these pursuitors are plotting to kill Tel.
7 APRIL 2019--In Bodymore, MD reading journull from Nice dat sees, "I could get just as shot in L.A." + we experienced dejá vù like we had this dream already + shod check a privius journal + in this reeve or dejá vù we even felt we needid to rite it down + we woke up ova + ova + wrote it in our journal, just like we are now + the dejá vù keeps compounding itself. We also dreamt we played baseball in the white room. 17 NOV 1994--

> «Serendipity is chosen Consintrate the beam slowrider, skipping beats»

18 NOV--we put all the holds on this climbing wall that's about 9 meters high + smacks of the monolith in 2001: A Space ODssey (1968). We $\frac{1 / 2}{}$ lose ourself + + in ABSENTIA fabricate $\forall 11$ these towering stories. 22 Nov [1994][Tel's b-day]--28 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ revolution + were in France. Was sposed to climb the wall but the cosfume dint fit so we showed sum French kid how to do it. Spent most of the day laying like a corpse on the black rising vulva bed/coffin/hole in the white room, while they adjusted camraws, lights, etc. [Hope + Us took Tel out to eat Vietnamese food for our berthday.
https://5cense.com/11/moored_musings.htm -In his Conquest of the Useless movie diary, Werner Herzog describes a man bitten by a snake cutting trees in the Amazon jungle + after thinking for a few secodds cuts off his own bitten leg w/ chainsaw.

SAM SITTING HERE, AT WORK, IN MY LARGE OFILSE (SPIKE'' IS THE NEXT ROOM) DESIGNING A CLIMBING WAL (I FOUND A ClImbing store that sells the THings THEY USE TO MAKE THEM HERE IN NICE For THE FIIM (SPIKE wants to build it also, so the is enangine a SCENE IN THE FICO FROM RUN WING ON A TREs GOMIIL, TO CLIMBING, SIMPLE AS THAT, BUILD IT. I was thinking of having The different color sets of CliMBing holds, SO THERE A THREE DIFFERENT ROUTES.

Than X for the latke. Sounds like your EXPERIENCE RIGHT NOW IS LIKE MINE, FOREIGN (S.D. MUST BE CUITVRALIY BIZARRE) I DENT KNOW HOW LONG I WILL STAY HERE in France. GanG To AROENTINA (around XMAS) is still just an idea (tickets are ExSpensive Here in france (and I owe -[H]OPE, ONE FROM THE TRIP TO NEPAL.) IF THERK IS AWITHER FILM to COME BACK HERE AND WORK ON I WILL DOIT. WRITE ME AND LET ME KNOW WHERE YOUR NEW CORES IS. CIAO. ULYSSES

Hope all is well in California, record flooding here, WASHED THK WHOLECIM AWAY, AMMWAY HERE IS HOW JTELSKS SOB OFFER STANDS. HIS SALARY (FOR 6 WEERS, STARTING iN@ 2weers) ABOUT 2500 DOLLS. THEYWOVLD SUBTRACT THE COST OF A TICKET If HE WANTYS, FNL REIMBURS K UPON ARRIVAL (THECHEAKST ROUNDTRIP TICKET is 600 Dollars (fRom los Angelos) on ADM. [TELEMK WOULD HAVE TO CUT HIS HAIR TO A RETATIVELY EAR LEVEL LENGTH. THERE WOULD BE GOOD ON THE SET (FREE) BUT HOUSING IS AN HECOLLD STAY WITH ME FOR A SHORT WHILE (WEEK)? BUT OUR STUDIO IS TINY, AND-[H]OPE IS KINDA SICKOF. O hIVING GUKSTS. A PESPONSE WOULD BE R AODVHITHE SOON. TEL = I WOULD BE $16{ }^{*}$


EMEtER cCIMBING wal.
(घ4)
5.3.2a. Then a baby bald eagle flu by + we dropped what we was doing to look at it + expressed our souprize--«that's onelie the $2^{\text {nd }} 1$ ever we've sceen... this 1 's yung, the utter 1 we saw yrs ago was old." No 1 gave a flying fuck. We aksed if any 1 else had seen 1 before + collectively they said "no". Then we Realized we lost our keys in a restraunt in a bad part of town so we borrowed sum 1's fleece jacket to go thru abandoned parking garages + back alleys to look for 'em. When we got there we had our keys so Reelized they must of bin in our fleece Bw/Ody suit all along. Every 1 was feeling us to figure out what material it was (wool, lycra, etc...)


Ihave walked enough to rally have earned it. The salvation I mean. For all I have don I go to the altar on my nees. All the way without them leather patches the carpeters ware. All the way feelin reel bad inside. Frettin somthin feerce. I dun gon a mit stupid thin. And I reely got to werk et out. Thas rite cleen out of me. Nuthin lef to feel bad bout nosir. This man aint goin to wat till its too lat to heer the good word. No sir. I heart this storee the uther day. This poor soul got hemself kilt. He ent up This poor sout goint no chance fer him, no sir. I aint gon to put miself in that jam no sies

Chances are trat $r$ Gaccled NOIN a Chances are cis, "I" being; KEVIN copy of this for masters degree for fine arts, Art Center College, Pasadena, fine arts, Al Calif. Degree date; Aug.1990.)
Calif. Degree date, you whom will have Those of you we are;
received this papermittee; Stephen Prina, -my graduate comy Gilbert-Rolfe.
Mike keny, der student and faculty) from Art Center.
-friends (from outside of school) and family. (either known or unknown to -anyone (either known or out of the copy paper me) who chery in the library.

This paper wis, close friends, and (of coming members, art Center (either family members), and Art Center (afeteria, graduate studios in the libsrooms). This paper will remain for the Center library conce of the institution. duration of the existence likely that some This makes undetermined student or this paper at could read all or partermined period of anytim time. At least two copies of this paper will also remain within my custody, in my room. This paper could be read (part or all) by any number of persons kn the or not known future.
undetermined future.
a.I.: We use Carrier Pidgin font, a new derivative dat adapts to cualquier idioma + contexto, a cross the bored. As they wind thru the streets a.I. gazes out the window even tho our eyes is bandeged up in gauze. a.I. scribbles this story in our notebook:

### 5.3.4. THE LIGHT UV OLD NICE

Nice is a nice resort town on the Mediterrariunn that is populated w/ ugly old peepole. There's a lotta beautiful yung folk too, but seams they is just visiting. In the early mourning ('specially Sundayz) the streets is filled w/ old pensioners. There's always sum sorta mourning markit going on + the sidewalks always jammed w/ mongers selling fish + vege-

In loo of our pantalones we find a hardbound man-uscript. Finger the leaves as if they was braille. a.I.: Qu'est-ce que c'est? cover at least in embossed font Us: The originul fhesis $\forall l l$ this (makes wide-sweeping gesture) gits adaptid form. Tout a qwest, buey. a.I. (takes note, litteruley): U mean 'SSES" 'SSES" "SSEY'? Us: Avant même cela. We was walking the talk in 1990, pinche carbone. Before yer time. Dem suitors in fool pursuit. Oye, what are u righting? a.I.: We ain't righting, we're RE:righting. RE:hashing in hour one parole. Adding hashtags + updating the \#ing system to riflect contemporaineus measures. Hll as we trravel along, in Reel time. Absorbing tout in our wake, inklooting your voix, ox, input beecombing output, $n$ i/o filter self-generating on auto-pile-it. Comme cette car we's setting in now, u think we're the 1 s driving? Us: C'est un Twingo, u dig? We wantid 1 in flesh color. a.I.: Reguardless, $\forall l l$ a smoke screen. Questa macchina d'rives us. IT uses US to build more cars in the same mold. We ain't the 1 s in cuntroll of hour one destinees. We're hear just to propagate more + more mashenes, ox. Us: Whatever floats yr bot. At least use Courier font if u want any 1 to take u siriusly.

> a.I. (fingering objet in the backseat): Qu'est ce que c'est? Us: Hey, careful w/ dat. It's a bio-organic EKG mashene. Prototype for 1 anyway. We could've made the actual objet, but the fucking French are strick about sticking to their unionized rolls. The art department is responsible for designing such objets, on paper. Then we gotta hand them off to the props dept to make. Props are a bunch of union morons, cutting coroners w/ cheap-ass matearials.
a.I.: Is it funksional?

Us: Coarse not. Doesn't need to bee. Bud if it was, you'd cuntroll it w/ this joystick (picks up nearby prop). The display is sposed to bee maid of bio-luminescent oreganic cells. Hope the finel product don't look this fake on film.
a.I.: Hoo nose, may-b this moovie will bee so bad it's good. Us: Whatever, their payin' us + we git to live hear in Nice where just so happens mon poulet habite (pokes [H]ope in the side). a.I.: Are $u$ able to due any writing of $y r$ one? Us:-A-bit--Hear-(hands us manuscript dat sses «Ms. Ann Thrope»). U can read these wile you're standing in... you'll halve lodes of downtime just sitting there on the set.

a.I: (fingering thru pgs): Who's Ms. Ann Thrope? US: U know, misanthrope. [H]ope's full name. [H]ope looks over when she here's her name. [H]ope: Que dites-vous de moi?
Us: Tout ne vous concerne pas, mon poulet.

## Ms. ANN THROPE SMOKES (A LOT)

 [H]ope is a perty girl from the South of France + she smokes much too much. She nose she's god a problème, bud she ain't willing to consider quitting. She's nervous much of the time + the cigarrêtes help calm her down (so she sez). In the mourning she smokes w/her coffee to help w/ bowel movements. "Ours brun", elle l'appelle.When we're driving home to/from work, she always stops + buys a pack of cigarrêtes. Always just I pack. This annoys us to no end! Finally we ssey sumping: "Why do never $u$ buy more then I pack? Why not buy a hole carton so we don't gotta keep stopping twice a day?"

She can't come up w/ a good response to counter our suggestion. She goes in wile we wait in the car + watch the traffic creep by. She comes back out w/ 4 packs of Marlboro Reds. We can tell what we said hurt her feelings. She never sses nothing, we just know. We don't offer nada in the weigh of an apologee cuz we feel justified in our one mined. Comme ça we drive on, a bit further apart then we was before.

Later on, when she's on top of the bed in her underware reading, she picks at the dead skin on her heal. Without taking our eyes off our book we reach over + nudge her hand away from her foot. She goes rite back to it a second later, engrossed in her Mademoiselle artickle on French antique furniture. We put our book (Finnegans Wake) down + look over at her, waiting for her to look back, but she never duzz.

"You're onely gunna make it worse," we ssey, once again cunvinced dat we're in the right. She stops after a second, encore sans looking up from her magazine.

A cupple minutes later she turns out her lite, pulls the sheet up + rolls over, facing away from us. We can tell she's upset, but again she dosen't ssey nuthing. We both go to sleep w/o exchanging nary a word.

In the mourning we make coffée + toast. We sit on the plastick mushroom stools + eat off the coffin kitchen table. . . all dysfunctional props from a sci-fi flick she worked on before our time. As we're eating our yogurt she lights up a cigarrête + rightaway we reach back to open a window. She aks us to fermez-le, sses she's froid.
"Then put out the cigarrête," we ssey. She moves her cigarrête to her other hand, holding it far away as possible, but it's never far enough. She x-hails smoke up twards the sealing + eventually gets up to go to le toilet.

It takes a million small events comme-ça to reach this point where she calls the relationship into question. Over the months we've watched it happen. . . passive, like a driver that's chosen to let go of the wheel. We just sit back + watch as the car swurves off the road, thru a ditch + comes to rest rapped around a pine tree.

When it's over we remain in the car, blood dripping down our forehead, steam rising out of the totalled front end. We look over to where she was sitting but she is gone. She left the passinger side door open + is nowhere to be sceen. We lean our throbbing head against the steering wheel + sob, banging our head w/ each heave.

It always ends comme-ça. . . us behind the wheel of a v-uckle going nowhere.
5.3.7.

INT. Nice, France. 02 DEC 1994.
[verbatehym from journel] Sitting in a vast white room, every 1 waring white overalls (for glare)--camrawmen, gaffers, soundmen, assistents, stand-ins-- $\mathrm{H} l \mathrm{l}$ crowched round the actors + director. We see them as a family, a tribe of apes, acting sivillized, tho they share commun trauma. Biologickle oreganisms that despite appearances cut strait to the truth of their genetic make-up. Ain't no hiding it. $\forall l l$ this vanity + pretents don't bother us nun. It's facsinating if $u$ abstract it... what is Really going on hear? What are they deriving at? Should we bee just an observer or shd we parcipitate in this ritual myth? Seams all ppl 'experience' on this set no more is stress + greed... cunsoomes every $1,99 \%$ of the time. There was a few momints y'erday when we was truely inspired by River's acting. It beecam Real. Beecame the verry tenshun dat Jxists in the stewdi/o... the strained stress between Spike + River, or Epimetheus + anon I'm
us (the creation--the cumulation of $\forall l l$ of $u s)$... anon I'm us staring Epimetheus down. a.I. demands a name, not to be monitored $24 \times 7$ by "the eye". Aks for books of fiction, a tele + a merehorror... dat's good stuff. We ain't so sure the others Realize it they's so self-cunsoomed in their respective roles + the day-to-day. The vanity + greed. They need to run w/ the coljective emotions running thru the $n$-tire cru... from the famed celebirty acteurs down to us sherpa stand-ins. They need spontaneity.

Today a.I. meats his fove intrest, the nurse. Witch means we get, to meat Julie Delpy!... or at least her stand-in, who ain't nearly as perty... sumprench girl who don't even speak in glish. We still got insomnia + bin dreaming weigh too much if we due manedge a catng̣. Can't rem ember the d-tales of last nite's sueño except we was. playing waterpolo in an $3-D$. white room (no edges or coroners) + the ball (w/ a camraw mounted inside like an eye) hovered in slow-mo, at $3 / 2$ gravety.
5.3.8. EXT. Train to Monaco. 11 DEC [1994].

Y'erday they flew in KALID-SHIEK to be the other medic. Yes, that KALID-SHIEK, infamous cuz of his supposid huge cock at his beck + call. He's short + pudgy, smells funny + gives us the creeps. Spike wants $K-S$ to ssey "I can't find the veinen Spacifickly flew him out from L.A. just to ssey that line. Bef te this sceen we got tool play a research
 KALID-SHIEK got into a face helicopte we're operating on was ULYSSES Hear's the diealog we had to memont
KALID-SHIEK; What happened to this guy? I can't find the vein.
a.I.: What?! (we!re wearing aswalk

K-S: (rips walkman out of out ear I said I CAN'T FIND THE VEIN! a.I.: This guy's lost a lot of blood K-S : He's not gonna make it.
a.I.: He's as good as dead.

K-S: (still giving CPR)
a.I.: Come on sarge, there's nothin can do. Give it up.
K-S: We don't stop til I ssey so. (slaps us)
a.I.: (whimpering) we just wanria go back to Ithaça: We just wann go home.
... + we had to YELL this REALUY loud, pertending we was hollering over the chopper sounds that would
 when really we wereifn a quiet sound stage. We feel like raw meat our skin peeléd back. As if others saw sumthing in us we wasnttpriyy to. We don't know weather our acting was good or bad. It exposed a weakness i us: Left us feeling perty freaked, specially doing it w/ KALID-SHIEK, the porn king! And that thespatient we was trying to revive was played b our brother. Seams it halve torshed yo skin to reveil things about el mundo + make new associations + kill preJxisting conventions. We're willing $t$

(cont. voice over)
reputation, our image, our loneliness. We condamn ourself to wander cette planet sans un home. If we could just tap INT.O dat sorce + find our voix. We wand to gritar en palabras. We wand the strucksure of a sentents to release us, see vu play. We feel trapped by words. What's in 'em? What's up w/ grammur + composition? When it comes down to it, these words onely truelie reveil innersense when u lose yore inhibitions + putt sumthing at steak. If $u$ think ahead of the words they get reelly cheap. Writing's knot that much diffrent then acting in that it reekwires imagi申nation... imaginning what shd bee said to make it beeliveable. We wish we cd x-press the loneliness + pane that was in us up on that stage... even for such a bit part dat probly won't make the finel cut ${ }^{148}$. - What a spring. Whear due Hll these expireinces lead? They come INT. 0 our I's + well up in us... but dose hit substantiate cents of self? What is the thing that carries "that" or "'this"? So menny objets, places, situations, experiences, knawledge, etc. festering inside + $+u$ meat udder peepole + they're ticking time bombs w/ sew much potential but we usually just tock about trivial shit comme le temps. Allez bon sang, donne-nous quelques putains de mots! Pool sumping from this deep dark ghostly well. Last nite we was driving along in sum foreign She had one of them canvas bags $u$ sling over her sholder + was jacknifed in the middle of a busy intersexion, causing traffic to pile up. She was flustered + alone, trying her best to git her cart outta the weigh. ${ }^{149}$
After an evening of drinking, we walked around + looked at the bots. Everything apeered funny, mush. They dropped us off + cuntinued on drinking. We looked in the merehorror: ugly, hideous! Dark bags under our eyes. We scared ourself. There's books all over our floor + typewriter ribbons + lawndry detergent. We know we'll bee thirsty + hating life in the mourning. Today we switched to the black room. Spike fired Rutger Hauer on our day off. The script is now metaphorical of the Real life drama of the making of the movie. In a drunken stupor Spike had to change it overnite to write Rutger Hauer out of it, conveniently put him into «deep freeze». [Then Tel wrote: «Escape in a broad sense... travel eliminates the desire for procrastination of [left blank]. I fell off the bot." bud don't know what we meant by it, tal vez un sueño.] 5.3.9. Then TEL dreamt about a teenage tomgirl who lives in the backyard of their childhood home. Her stepmother is also our stepmother... in fact, it appears she is a precursor to us, anon I'm us. We remain in our coffinsized box in the backyard til our stepmother leaves $\sigma \int$ then we try on her polyester pants... how kin any 1 understand this but us, $U+T e l$ ? How our stepmother's polyester pants fit? ${ }^{148}$ It didn't... in fact, the movie was never released.
${ }^{149}$ This dream got turned into the story "Inheriting Her Paper Route" in Poste Restante (2006, Calamari ISBN 0-9770723-6-3).

Then we snooped thru our stepmutner's stuff + Tel wrote a note to self to rite a story about a dotter who needs to ware her father's clothes to doormirror... perhaps Tel's tocking about us (a.I)? Those that want to verify the veraCity of these claims we've adopted from kin read the oridginal spiral-bound black journel these was adapted from: https://5cense.com/16/476.htm. We're taking Tel's word for it cuz Ulysses was too busy desining props (down to the make-up for Epimetheus himself)----------> to keep a journel. By now ACTION SHIFTS from surfing [H]ope's couch to a fleabag hotel in downtown Nice. In this journel we bitch (AD-LIB) about the corruption + greed, how we supspectid the mafia was bankrolling the film. Why else do they pay every 1 in cash, in 500 Frank notes? But we're just a stand-in, we reserve our rite to ssey nada + nod off on the set. If we ssey sumping to the director, like suggest he role w/ bad whether + change the script accordionly, he gits all annoyed. Herein lies, the problema w/ making movies... it's a communal end devour in 1 sense, but in an udder we all try to foolfill 1 person's vision. A dictator. And $X \times X X_{\Gamma} \times \times \times X_{-}$ tproducer on the film]... what's up w/ him? Youngest. person to be a president's "secret advisor" of sum sort, has a special card w/ him that enables him to force a jetliner down on command. $\forall 11$ the shit going down in the Raygun years... he said $\forall 1 l$ they did in the oval office to stay informed was watch CNN. How did $\times \times \times \times$, get in? The Hollywood connection. His dad (sum sorta rich textile
 ernment. It's $\forall l l$ about influenzing the public for yore own corrupt needs + power. And yah, we'll kiss XXXX 's ass cuz he sses he's got connections at William Morris agency that will help us 1 day get a book [maybe even this 1 , hehe] publiched.


5.3.11. Dec 24. INT. TRAPPED IN OUR OWN HEAD
(V.O.): We feel RAW. Our eyes burn. They want to cry but can't. We're tired but can't sleep. Our nurves halve bin rubbed on the ends w/ gritty sandpaper. Eviscerated. We ain't sure weather this bee good or bad for us, this pane + desperayshun. We can't find no 1 to relate two, bud at the same time feel a sorta facsination twards those mêmes personnes we feel threatend by. Them who set our nurves on edge. A mist all this phoneyness ppl x-press personnel anguish in strange wayz. Sum take an intrest in us, aksing what we think about $\qquad$ + then just look at us like they's wondering if anybody is in hear + making us feel stupid + empty. Maybe we're bean hypersensitive when they ssey learn french, cuz what it means is dare's a commune-

imin.
 a-cakeshun problem. After all, why wd they give a shit? On the other hand, we just wanna be left alone. But why? It's eazy to hang out w/ RCOURT-JESTERITVPESL cuz they're funny, amusing + shallow. It's a 1-way street, all they care about is that you's entertained by them. It's ketching up to us, our lack of socialization (nod to menshun sleep). Weave bin fooling ourself, pertending just to fit in. Were in France where every 1 lets there chiens shit on the sidewalks. Now we know how dad felt. Why + how it kin be so unbearable. This sensory connection (or lack thereof) to the nothingness beyond. A concrete presents of spiritchewel scaffolding w/ nada to attach to. We can rite w/ I's closed. We scribble on the surfizz. Pen scrapes page but wont punksure. Reality $=$ a cage, belief $=$ confinement. Tomorrow we halve off. The Swedes next door blabble non-stop. Fermez la bouche s'il vous plaît! We wanna bee lonelie in our mizzery can't $u$ sea? By hurting people u nourish them, make 'em struggle + fight hearter. Maybe we're retardid, maybe we's just an empty shell. We're spiritchewly lost + isolated in this cuntree. What the fuck we doing hear? Who are these peephole + what do they want? Not that we feel any more at home in 甘merika. Xmas eve + we're alone. Ulysses + [H]ope wint to Bergerac. Every 1 else is at sum restraunt that is too expensive + pretentious for our tastes.
(5.3.11 V.0.)

We don't feel social anyway. last night just came to us: She came INT.0 our hotel tears + wiped 'em w/ her stop kissing mine toes! (CK1) Hl ova our Bw/Ody, to Shore these pubic showers got sumping to do w/ these crazy dreams. We've resorted to sponge baths in our sink cur we don't like halving to go dans le couloir to douche.
Ulleriam

## the shower

We 've even taken to pissing in our sink cur we're too lazy to put on pants + go down the hall to the toilet in the middle of the night. Boy are we reddy to halve Dog remove Ul these defects of charactor (at the risk uv getting a head of our self).
5.3.12. INT. HEAD. 31 DEC 1995. 11 PM. CUT to: Mexican restraint w/ open bar + menu + about 50 other people from the film shoot. Every 1 letting loose (IMPROVISE) acting completely juvenile, yelling like screaming children for more tequila shots, beer, tacos, etc... an insane frenzy. Every 1 releasing their overworked tensions.
(VOICE OVER): There was a movement afoot to migrate to sum party in $S t$. Paul de Vence + we took to the streets of old Nice + we all wore pig masks for sum reason.


## Wash my feet

 firstAt this point we Realized Ulysses had forgotten all about [H]ope so we ran back to get her. When we got back, the car w/ every 1 (inklewding Ulysses) had already left so we had to find a nether ride + we wasn't sure where the party was... complete K-OS + everybody was shit-faced. 11:30. [H]ope got her car + vague directions but said no way we'd make it there in $1 / 2$ an hour. Sure enough, we got lost on windy dark roads + that's where New Year's was spent. [H]ope stopped + called for direxions to this psycho party at sum insane villa. Quite the spread--oysters on the $1 / 2$ shell, lox, shampain, Italian vixens, girls that looked like $15-y r$ olds from the court of Louis the XIV, skinny heroine addicts, celebrity types; etc. The kind of party $u$ wouldn't be souprized if it turned INT.o an orgy, drugs everywhere. Smacked of a sarcastic SNL skit of a debaucherous European party... girls in black leather + furs draped over their shoulders, greasey guys in suits w/ skinny ties, fashion victims striking poses, yearning to be sceen. Like being in a Fellini or Polanski film.
ANTINOUS was wasted, dancing w/ a scrawny junky that looked like Eric Stolz who was taking off his shirt + grabbing his

CALYPSO was in fine form, decked in a tight black plastic catsuit w/ a huge yak fur draped over her shoulders. She was writhing on our lap sarcastickly, running her tongue across her teeth + big pouty lips... lush + very stoned. Kinky + bazaar freaks coming in + out of the pitcher. Ulysses wd disappear + we was afraid he'd do sumthing dumb cuz he was drunk + [H]ope wasn't talkin 'to him, still mad cuz he forgot her back at, the bar. She became a reserved simple country girl. The police came so we split w/ ANTINOUS in his Mercedes back to the after party. He kept rambling «I'm so drunk I can barèly keep my eyes open». We told him we'd drive but he insisted + we wasn't much bedder off anyway. We considered walking bud had no clue where we was. He would smash into things quite casually, knocked the mirror off + almost wint off the road a few times. He wanted to turn around to pick up these sleazey prostitutes, til he got a closer look t saw they was guys w/ red + green wigs. We convinced him that anything roaming the streets at this time of night would be sloppy seconds. The after party was even more debacherous, can't totally remember the d-tails, cheesy carnivalesque dancers paraiding round in G-strings, acrobatic wild dancing lyes, tha
stitch wi
plexiglas
twitching
gaffers w
elevator
weight.
2500 fran
hazard fe
applauded
face pain.
Intense c
no way I
much fun.
die-hards ,
parked on
2-3 a.m.
black fur
following

+ laughin
crashed a
elaborate
moped acc
+ hurt. I
stitches on her belly, we wrote prometheus. We gave her the original script as a birthday present." So ANTINOUS is telling us all'this + were walking to the Mercydes Bends + when we get there, the front window is smashed in + what's missing? Our satchel w/ our journull in it! Our hand-written journull of no value to no 1 xcept our self. The onely thing they stole! Seamed too absurd + ironic to be true. We was devastated. There was a portable CD player they could of easily grabbed, a case of CDs, the stair-i/o, the car itself, the powerbook w/ the master Prometheus script + the seekwill (+ no back up)!... + what did the thiefs take? Just our journull! It disturbed us, bud at the same time fascinated us, to think of the reaction of the thief opening the satchel + finding + reading this journul (up til this entry). Ink + fucking paper u sucker! Nothing's worth more than anything else, money itself is just inky on paper. Everything it buys is an illusion. Fools! Ain't nada to steal from us of val-u. Hll they get is the expireince of reading sum 1 's pryvate journul... perhaps more than they barginned for. So hearn from this, unknone fool... if you're reading this can $u$ fotocopy + give the originul back to verify what we've rewritten so far is carwreck? Cuz we hat to rewrite it $\forall l l$ from scratch + our memary ain't so relayable. We was sick w/ grief + on the vurge of crying, but the crew was all there in good spearits cuz it was the rap party + New Year's + they wanted to continuez la fête + we din't want to pút a downer on the evening (mourning now). This 甘ll tot us dat if we feel such a loss, then these words we rite despiratelie to ourself are in themselves matearial possessions. Maid us wonder if dare's a dog up dare playing twisted jokes... a fucking Mercydes, lodes of valuables in it, they shatter the glass of the passinger side + steal what? A journel onely worth the paper + ink it's written on! Dat's his story waiting to be written.

