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SALON

what shape should I file my nails I wonder

follow shape of moon usually best

once I did them square

lean forward please

big mistake

in basin please

ferocious practices going on next door I hear but you know now that I think
of it I've met

dry both hands on towel

I've met I wave at those people their friend parks in my driveway

left hand to soapsuds gently gently

and the light the bluish hall light did they have that before

soft for cuticle also fragrant

I don't like puns do you I don't like tricky language ah the massage this is
my favorite part

brief massage thumbs first

but to see what they're like I was curious I admit

lift up now lift up

people used to watch public hangings is it so different well the smell I guess
the smell is one difference

first base coat forty seconds don't move

people torture cats I'm just saying forty seconds is that forty forty seconds
is a long time

spread out small fingers thank you

I'm not afraid of evil as such

base coat two

I'm not naive

topcoat now any preference

it's when things flip around sorry what did you

Lumos Opi Bomb Revlon Extra Life any preference

I trust your judgment on things like this

Lumos then

or it's you know that type of novel where everything starts to twist after
three or four chapters like normal it's all sliding down a slope you can't tell
who's who or what's what and the city is deserted at an hour when well I get
nervous sometimes reading at night don't you I feel doubt come over me

almost finish

sometimes I just want to give up the fight

you like magazines for dry

that type of novel has always very short sentences to give the impression but
it is false the impression of straightforwardness

gently gently

why don't I dream anymore dream right I mean it's all puns there are bankers
losing interest and stairs always up to something and people popping corks
of sham pain—what about me why can't I dream about me so much is miss-
ing what about my cork

same time next week

or my nails or the nail salon or you I never dream of you

Essie has new spring shade Dream Butter try next time

good God what time is it I have to get up to the plain by nightfall
should have said so should have said so earlier

late now

is it dusk already oh look the big moths are around the door

careful going out

I don't like those moths do you

moths harmless

but they mess the floor they crunch underfoot

I sweep

reminds me next week I'm due for a pedicure

please call to schedule receptionist gone now

oh boy is it really so late

late now

I have to get up to the plain did I say that up to the plain by nightfall

careful

I hate the sorry it's just I have to get past the wire and up to the plain by
yes you're closing nightfall but if I don't if I well you know the thing is I'm
supposed to get through the ravine and past the wire and up to the plain by
nightfall

close now

wish me luck oh boy do you think I'll oh sure just cross the playing field and
through the ravine and past the wire and up to the plain by yes if I cross the
playing field right at the edge where I guess you've seen that path that little
path just at the edge of the beach where the astroturf starts

is game tonight

tonight it's nets and rats

good luck madam

ah luck

see you soon soon

yes

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