

NAMING NAMES

I am writing you a letter
a letter that I know that I will not send
so I am sending this into the longview
a view just out of reach
of the reach
the party of the first part
is sharing pastries of the second party
HOW MUCH WILL YOU EAT?

What is eating you?

What is there to eat?

Let's reach across the waters.

If reaching fails, we fall into the water
we are all wet

wet together

swim to me

I AM ALL WATER

a different statement than

I AM ALL WET

I am looking at wet things.

I feel like a seal.

I am flopping around like a

SEAL

Although this is not a story of a seal.

I have another purpose.

A purpose beyond flopping.

WHAT CAN BE DIFFERENT THAN

a flop

TAKING A DIVE!

I am doing this on purpose

making it seem as if I am falling so that you might be sympathetic

I am falling for you

I have fallen because of you

I have fallen from you

you pushed me down

I have another porpoise

and another reason

another raisin

OR TWO

porpoises and raisins

ARE YOU ABLE TO MAKE THE NEXT STEP

I am not going to talk about you

I will not even MENTION

YOUR NAME

but the story is more or less about you
WHAT WILL IT TAKE
to get you to admit
THAT ALL OF THIS IS TRUE
none of this is true
THAT HURTS
HAVE YOU GOT AHEAD OF YOURSELF
don't cry
quit being a baby
it is my pain
it hurts
when can I escape
or is there
an escape
that I can escape
first
tell us why you're here
who is running the organization
all this seems natural
even if it is not naturally true
I want to see the organization chart
where do you sit on the organization chart
THE MAN WHO WANTED TO
destroy the world
or lead the world astray
don't say that
I am thinking about it all the time
there is no imagination
none of this feel natural for me
THIS IS NOT YOUR PLACE
staying another week at the hotel
none of this feels natural to me
where do you live now
Are you simply curious, or are you trying to put together a dossier on me?
Who are you?
Are you more important than you think you are?
Why are you doing this to me?
I started off doing this to myself. And now
it is doing it to me?
Let's talk about your friends.
Would you say that I am a friend of myself?
This is a problem of facts. Where were you? Who were you with? What have you been doing
with your life? What is your life? Whose life is this anyway?
The authorities knows
or repeated to the authorities

YOU ARE TAKING MY MONEY AWAY

mimicking a family

playing the role of a MOM

or a KID

not just something I DID

YOU DID

I believe it

he writes such good books about MOMS

about my

MOM

about me

how I will be and how I won't be

DON'T HURT ME

QUID PRO QUO

information for NO HURT

NO HURT YOU

you tell me

If you tell me what I want to know, I won't hurt you.

BECOMES

If I tell you what you want to know,

Someone will get hurt.

The exam is about to begin. There will be 50 questions

and YOU

cannot leave until the exam is completed.

What if I cannot answer the questions?

Then you can't leave,

You are giving me what I asked

even if you don't know it

all that I need from you is the time

WE

are running out

if ourselves

where is the moose

where is the mousse

where is the mouse

chocolate mouse

I will make you a deal. If you answer all the questions, I will bring you dessert.

That is a concession.

It has always been my concession.

WHATEVER YOU DO

you cannot touch me

why would you want to remain

UNTOUCHED

uneaten

THE UNEATEN MEAL

THE UNEATEN MEAL

who has seen

THE UNEATEN MEAL

where is your friend

while we eat dinner

he is coming afterwards

he eating with his gang

his other friends

WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF HIS FRIENDS

I wish that you could ask these questions yourself?

That is how I came up with the questions. These are things that I have thought about for a long time. I wondered about them. And now I have answered all of these questions for myself.

Now, I need you to answer all these question.

READY! SET! GO!

My heart skipped a beat.

I felt short of breath.

Sick to my stomach.

I had to leave.

This is not who I am.

I am

like

THE UNEATEN MEAL

I need to eat

the uneaten meal.

I heard the dinner bell,

but I did not feel hungry.

I have other things to think about.

ERRANDS TO DO!

Is this how you get out of it? You stand up and leave.

I have already left. And you are trying to get me to come back.

I don't want to finish the meal.

The uneaten meal is waiting for someone to eat it.

Am I lonely?

Can things be lonely?

Everything is lonely!

The lonely uneaten meal.

Everyone is making bets on the lonely uneaten meal.

What are the odds that someone might eat the uneaten meal?

The restaurant has a policy. You are not allowed to eat off of other people's tables.

She is my friend. She left a meal for me.

Is it her meal?

Will things get back to normal?

Tell me your name, and I will see if you are on the reservation.

I am part of her party of two.

What if there was already another part of the party of two?

Then that part of the party
that man
that part of a man
ate MY meal.
Was it only yours in name only
as you name the name of the meal.
Not the name of the meal
but of my meal.
DINNER IS SERVED!
Am I invited?
I always wonder if I am invited.
You are invited if you can pay for a meal. NOT
if you're going to be eating off of other people's plates.
I'm not a meat eater. So I can't imagine eating off of other people's plates.
Do you hate me now?
NOW NOW NOW
HOW NOW
Dinner might be served?
HOW OH WOW
WOW WEE!
What a meal.
Do have the money to look?
PAY TO LOOK
FREE TO EAT
I'm just looking.
No one is just looking.
I'm just looking around.
No one is just looking around. Do you have an ID?
I have cash. I can pay for a meal.
Are you dressed for dinner? Are you wearing the right clothes for this place? We do have a dress
code?
Do I need a dress code
or an ID code
do I need to sit alone
and eat alone
You need a name.
What kind of name recognition do you have?
I am back in school
Cookies are dessert.
Cookies mixed in an ice cream base.
I don't want something that cold.
I thought that you ordered the chocolate mousse.
I just flipped.
Are you going to leave a tip? Are you angry at your waiter?
Are you angry at yourself? Are you hungry?

Dinner is served. I'm not angry.
I only feel a little uncomfortable before dinner. Once I get something in me,
I feel much better.
You're not feeling sick,
are you?
There is no way that you are going to make a career out of this.
You're not a food critic.
I do
need to see your ID.
I have it.
I need to see if you are allowed to eat here.
Will everyone on the list please
leave the room
everyone
please
leave the room
did someone say
FIRE
did someone call my name
it is time to arrive
on time
or leave BEFORE
the fire starts
ARE
you feeling sick
My feelings have been hurt.
You could be a burn victim.
Are you looking up at the sky?
I need to see if someone is in the room.
Did someone call my name?
Which is different
than naming names
you have been asked to leave the party
I have been asked by name?
I feel like a hot dog floating in hot oil.
Could you be a French fry?
I am not a food critic,
but I do know what I want.
My food has been burned
so I would like to send it back.
Not that special.
Drink this.
When will you ever leave here?
I have loads of money in my bag
loads of leaving money

money that must be good somewhere
there is someone who will
STOP IT FROM HAPPENING
if we stop that someone
then
IT
WILL HAPPEN
what
is his name
BURN BABY BURN
don't burn my meal
did you say well done
you were shot down
don't you know that
can't you take a hint
I AM NOT GOOD
at taking a hint
BUG OFF
do you have some
BUG OFF
Are you taking me in a different way?
Crackers and cheese.
Is this dinner
or this a snack.
This is to take the edge off your hunger.
Taking the edge off does not mean the same thing as satisfying my hunger.
Bring me dinner so I can keep my hunger
from happening
if we can find someone
who is going to make us hungry
and we can stop him before we are
hungry
nothing matters
are you telling me that I can have anything on the menu
eat whatever you want
HUNGRY MATTERS
what if I am allergic to everything on the menu
what if you are
allergic to everything in the world
there is something that I can. Something that will satisfy me.
Will no one satisfy me?
I told you what I know.
What do you know?
I know that you are on the list. You got put on the list.
We can't be friends.

This is a big meal.

I am no longer hungry.

Are you reacting to the fact that you are not on the list?

Where did all these ideas end up?

IN THE TRASH.

So did the guest list for the party. It really doesn't matter. I don't even care anymore.

I am more angry than hungry. My hunger just went away.

I have to go away

to get filled up

by names

do you have the list

am I on the list

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

My name is in the trash.

I have the solution in the trash.

The distance that separates me from the door.

When I announce your name,

please get up and leave.

I WILL!

Then who is left?

The person

without

without name

will you give me one

A DINNER

when do things make sense for you

naming persons

WHEN I GET TO GIVE A NAME

to everyone in the room

I AM GETTING THE NAME

the game of the name

I have been listening

what is your name

will you quit bothering us

do you want me to leave

please leave

is my name on a list

it is the dinner list

that is why I do not understand anyone here

I need a helper

a mind helper

I am getting my mind in order

ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE

I will leave when you show me that my name is on a list.

A list for those who need to leave

LEAVE NOW

those who really know
and those who take home a check for pretending to know
“Are you trying to insult me?”

This is worse than an insult. This is about
hurting. Not insults.

WORDS AND BONES CAN BREAK MY STONES.

Do you have a proof?

I have powder.

Stop it,
child.

Are you telling me to stop it
by name

NAMING NAMES

until they hurt

I am falling asleep again.

The food court is about to close.

I have some beer
and bread at home.

Are you inviting me?

I am always inviting. You are turning down my invitation.

Finding your weakness.

Turning your weakness into your obliteration.

EXTINCT.

What was the name of the species.

The LAST ORGANISM

of the species.

The unique organism for the species.

Does your mind ever get twisted around?

Not here.

I have none of the same problems when I am here.

We all pay for our place here. I am sure that you did not know that this is a membership question.

Well, it is.

You have to be on the members list.

Is it still raining?

I know the style of last meal.

A great last meal.

A great last name.

The first name of the last name of the last game.

Who said that you would answer the question?

What question?

The meal question.

Members never have to answer the meal question.

If dinner is on the table, all you have to do is eat.

My dinner was put on the table across from me.

THIS IS GREAT

are you a serpent

smile

I can get you a coke.

This is pathetic.

What are you talking about?

Through the mouse-hole.

What are you talking about?

Who took the picture?

You took the picture. Can't you tell. Your shadow shows on my face.

I avoided the shadows. That is how I set up the picture. That is how I set up the light.

That is not what I mean.

Can you explain yourself?

I am not here to explain myself.

I am not here to name names.

I am here to overcome the shadows.

How do you overcome?

More shadows.

You are making things difficult.

You are making too much noise for us to think clearly.

I solved the problem. I solved the problem for you.

I have moved

my body has been moved

and I have moved on

look at my moving body

what name

goes along with that kind of body

What have you been doing with that name and that body.

Taking over the body of another.

Someone is trying to get into my head.

Someone is trying to take over my body.

ARE YOU INSANE?

I simply followed a set of orders

that I was given

FADE AWAY

a million

fading away

look in the fading form

I have been through this

with different names

and different people

all to the same result

"Are you crazy?"

I see your face in another.

Something that is eminently familiar.

I am still going on the way that I want.

The roast is ready.

You call that ready.

I call it a roast.

Then I call it ready.

You are going to have to leave. Your membership dues have not been paid up.