

an excerpt from

THE CIVILIANS' (I AM) NOBODY'S LUNCH

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SONG OF PROGRESSIVE DISENCHANTMENT PART II

And so I said Sally after the truth what next?
So then you look for the lie,
Your life goes flying on by,
You take your gin very dry, and just one shot.
When your lover says "I'm right" he's not,
When he wants to spend the night, you say "I'd rather rot."
When the barman says "You're tight" you fight, it's all a plot!
And you enjoy the
New paranoia
It feels pristine
Your hands stay clean.
(Until you look around and wonder why you're so alone.)
And now you dare admit
That you don't care a bit
What of those lies you trusted so?
Just wait your turn, sweet.
And soon you'll learn, sweet,
You'll be the one to say,
"I told you so."

In Sidi Bou Said, or was it Tallahassee?
You never came, Johnny
You're still the same,
Take that fucking gum out of your mouth you dog!

ENTITY

My boy yes of course there is no absolute truth but still you must insist on the truth. You must participate in the truth. And this is not something you can do by yourself, yes? You understand? Do you understand?

FORMER CULT GIRL

Yeah, Tom Cruise is definitely gay. He is gay, he is totally gay. Well, he's in a cult too, right?

CABBIE

The other day, I saw Ethan Hawke and his girl, I picked em up, he's not with his wife—yeah, his kid looks old enough just about to understand

FORMER CULT GIRL

Or maybe he's bi. With Nicole Kidman... I'm sure he felt some measure of attraction towards her. And they had two kids.

CABBIE

You know, your marriage is shitty, but you gotta have two kids just to be sure before you break up. Fuckin mess, yeah. I gotta kid—and she's got me over the balls cuz she knows how much I love this kid. She's a sick fucking bitch. The kid's one and a half, so I figure I got till she's three then I can get the hell out.

FORMER CULT GIRL

Oh, they're adopted? I didn't know that. Well, there you go.

CABBIE

Do I think what's over? Being scared? Nah. See the thing we gotta worry about now is the germ warfare.

FORMER CULT GIRL

But it's just like Bush! He's still totally snorting coke and a complete alcoholic. Sure! Apparently he's still throwing all these parties at his ranch. He's still doing coke. I mean, look at him. He can't even wear a suit he's like (*mimics George Bush awkwardness*).

CABBIE

But in Israel, the reason they don't use biological germ warfare is cuz it's right next door. You're not gonna spread smallpox to your neighbor. Like, that's why I'm not gonna kill my wife, cuz if I kill my wife, that's gonna affect my kid, and if it affects my kid, then its gonna affect me.

FORMER CULT GIRL

And Laura Bush is a total pothead. Yeah! It's insane.

CABBIE

But, I tell you, if anything happened to my kid, I wouldn't care what happened to me—I'd sacrifice myself, kill myself. Probably what's gonna happen if I leave her, or she'll leave me—cuz that is one sick bitch, man, sick bitch. And, I was so careful for so many years. And now I got a kid with this insane bitch.

FORMER CULT GIRL

America's a brand. America has branded itself. And we're trying to sell this brand to the rest of the world. Who believes in any of this crap they're spewing? God! It's like a film! But who's the film going to be shown to? Ourselves? The world? Have you ever read Noam Chomsky?

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