

TAKE TWO OF THESE AND FIX YOUR LIFE IN THE MORNING

To talk about legal drugs is to talk about illegal drugs. The same pills and powders that will put a man behind bars used to come with a doctor's prescription - and occasionally vice versa. There was a time when everything you could brew up was legal for lack of a law to break - and anybody who went blind or lost his mind in a hrieking frenzy had no one to blame but themselves. Then came a time of Great Morality, and it was generally greed that the use of psychotropic substances for recreational purpose was not compatible with our concept our society is going? of where we were going as a species We were to be better than that, and **SERIOUS DELIRIUM** we passed laws that would inspire A look at the geopolitics of drug proeople to stop smoking, drinking, sniffing and shooting, instead leading duction initially only provides more rich and fulfilling lives in which they confusion regarding legislative evoluvould make efficient and optimal use tion. If you take a look at which drugs of their God-given human potential. are legal and which are not, you can't The technical details and eventual outhelp but get the impression that there ome of the War On Drugs (copyright are some significant inconsistencies of Richard Nixon's speechwriter) are in the field. These are mainly the reanother matter still - even though a sult of drug laws having their origins pecial UN committee recently issued in whatever moral guidelines were a statement saying that their War had provided by contemporary religion niserably failed on all fronts - but the sometimes also by the natural averuestion remains: how do you decide sion that exists between the various which drug gets to stay legal and leaders of Enlightenment: religious fawhich one gets banned from daylight natics across Europe wildly screamed and into the murky shadows of nightfor coffee to be banned due to it being club toilets and street corners? And a Muslim drink and therefore a Devil's perhaps more importantly: how do brew. Until 1600 AD, when Pope Clement VIII himself stated that it was 'too

you stop people from wanting to get high all the damn time? by infidels'. So basically, coffee is le-As coke cartels struggle for power and gal because it's more delicious than e Shmoe sets up a methlab in his it is dangerous - and the worst side obby room to make up for his vanshing pension fund, revenue in the pharmaceutical industry has steadily defied the economic recession, growing 7% between 2008 and 2009 after 4,7% in the year before to a whopping 837 billion USD. Some projections see that figure rising to well over a trillion USD in 2014, putting pharmaceutical drugs ahead of alcohol and tobacco ombined. Of the current figure, about oo billion goes to psychiatric drugs and no more than a few weeks ago, Relgian market survey indicated that approximately 1 million Belgians are currently taking antidepressant nedication. That can mean one of two hings: either we're all very sick or omebody somewhere is pulling terms like 'stressful anxiety disorder' out of their ass so somebody else can se<mark>ll</mark> us a pill that will cure us of it - at three uch thinking is completely far-fetched and utterly ludicrous: surely no doctor vould ever think of the discovery of a new disease as the emergence of a new narket, would he? Somebody get me a Clozapine, my Paranoid Personality

PROZAC BY POPULAR

chotropic substances remained some-DEMAND what of a joke until well into the 20th So where do we draw that thinly powcentury but when it caught on, it did dered and finely cut line between legal so with a vengeance: the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs was the an illegal? Recreational use appears first in three post-war international o be one factor: the fact that you can nly get some drugs when you're sick treaties aimed at criminalizing the some shape or form indicates that worldwide production, commercialization and consumption of all narcotics hanging your mental state is not mething that should be taken lightfor non-medical purposes. It was the and it definitely shouldn't be any first strike in what Richard Nixon later That's a subtle touch and it makes dubbed the War On Drugs - a globally u wonder about its ethical origins. coordinated attempt to root out this f lawmakers decide to take the fununworthy human weakness from our factor into account on a legislative lev-Brave New World. The 1961 Convention el, it must mean that they (or the pubis a crucial point in the history of drug ic that elected them) seem to want all legislation: focussing on coca, cannaof us to be working on something Big. bis and opium, the treaty was adopted And apparently all of us are supposed by basically the entire world with the to be working on it all the time, someexception of a few countries nobody thing you're not very likely to do if you cared about. It's hard to imagine that whoever made the call hadn't thought have for example an acquired taste for powerful opiates. Nobody seems about what would happen afterwards to be completely sure of what exactly in the real world – the one outside the it is we're working on but it has to be convention center where doing drugs mething important - most likely a is a cultural cornerstone that has existed longer than religion. Practically etter World For The Children. Too bad creasingly more of those children are overnight, the wise leaders of the ocketing their parents' Xanax stash world had created a worldwide black and mixing it with shots of Jäger and market, a vast and craving demand for hatever else they can get their hands which there was no legal supply - aching and screaming for somebody to n in an attempt to get so fucked out sell them less of the same for more of incessant, never-ending burden being a teenager in 2011. Or maybe y just do it for the fucking fun of it, es not account for the legal status of cohol - which is both lethal and adictive, yet still the most widely used nd abused recreational drug in the orld - and also the only one that has anaged to outwrestle the long arm f the law: prohibition was tried and

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The War On Drugs did what any other war did: it killed a lot of people and ruined a lot of people's lives (and continues to do so) even long after the short-sighted bastards who started it stopped caring or even admitted their lunacy in catalyzing it. And of course, a lot of people became extremely rich before they were tortured to the point wiftly abandoned in a lot of countries of near-death and gruesomely executmost notably in the US during 1920 ed in a community playground to serve and 1933, until government after gov as an example to the locals. If you stop nent decided it was better to let to think about it, it's pretty surreal: a (part of) the public drink itself to death single convention instantly turned half rather than deal with the soaring crime (figuratively speaking, you number figures and public outrage. Note that jockey) of the world's population into criminal elements - while handing concocaine were still used as medication trol over the drug trade directly over to and sold over the counter at your local whoever would step up to fill the short-

drugstore. The main and also painfully age in supply. Of course, the fact that it tive or a sales rep for trying to make simple explanation is that alcohol - in took place when WWII was still cooling off into the Cold War didn't help: escomparison to other drugs - was way too popular to be outlawed. It affectpecially with CIA shadow ops running guns and drugs across the globe in a ed too many aspects of society - historical, social and economical – to be morally ambiguous attempt to ward eliminated. After all, this is a democoff the Communist Giant. Half a cenracy of many and you can't reasonably tury later, Mexico has become one expect everyone to adopt the same big murder scene while cocaine is as moral standards - even within partihard to find as lame dialogue at a wine san groups. And isn't that's what beparty. Which leaves us to wonder – as ing a democracy is all about? Letting the global economy collapses around even the drunkest, least sensible lout us - why we're cutting ourselves out among us cast an equal vote in where of so much money? The UN's (former) top brass has already declared that the War On Drugs has been fought and that Drugs are the victors. The undertone of that statement is pretty obvious: if you can't beat them, join them. Legalizing

a few key psychotropics may not save the Children but at least it'll force drug dealers into finding a job. And with everybody being depressed/stressed/ anxious/bipolar because of the crisis and in need of narcotic relief, tax revenue from all that legal dope sold over the counter might actually save our economy. Harvard economist Jeffrey Miron estimates that the US alone could make about \$46.7 billion by legalizing cocaine and cannabis alone while saving another \$41,3 billion in legalizing all drugs is a good idea remains another matter altogether, but given the current financial outlook we give it about a year before you can get delicious to be exclusively enjoyed a Styrofoam crack pipe from any given

WE NAME IT, YOU GOT IT

effects are just minor qualms like irrikeeps on growing, it must mean that course diarrhoea. But that's nothing a bit of Xanax can't cure (possible sidethere are increasingly more diseases effects include but are not limited to to cure. Which is a good thing if you're changes in appetite, changes in sexual a producer of the pills that can cure desire, constipation, trouble concenaforementioned diseases. But today's trendy new illnesses are not quite as trating and increased saliva production) and besides, how the hell are you straightforward as the killer viruse supposed to get to work without your and swine flu of the 1980's and 90 morning dose (200-300mg) of caf-- today's sickness lurks within the imfeine? Which by the way is a xanthine measurable depths of the human min alkaloid & psychoactive stimulant that itself. Every year brings around new keeps your central nervous system and improved disorders for you to un knowingly suffer of. ADD, ADHD, OCD, alert while increasing your capability for mental or physical labor, which is SAD - we name it, you got it. Where obviously a big plus for anyone trying do these diseases come from? Well system. Coincidentally, it is also the the field of mental illness is the DSM most widely distributed psychoactive or the Diagnostic and Statistical Mansubstance in the world with a conual of Mental Disorders: so if you were sumption rate of over 90% by adults times the price they charged us for that in North America. Over extended pe- you would probably feel the need to same pill when they said it would cure 👚 riods of time, caffeine use can not 👚 tell them about it. You wouldn't want parking space and a corner office but also nervousness, irritability, anxiety, muscle twitching, headaches, respirayou want to make sure your market tory alkalosis and heart palpitations, ready disorder makes it into the next peptic ulcers, erosive esophagitis and print? You get some friends on the gastroesophageal reflux disease. An baskets and inviting everybody out to overdose of caffeine may even lead to delusions, psychosis and ultimately a day at the golf course where they all get a \$300 putter and a complimen death. Do I hear a kettle on the stove? tary handiob by a Chinese masseuse Real international legislation for psycourtesy of So & So Pharmaceuticals You could argue that the DSM is on updated approximately every 10 year which makes it hard to tamper with but the same principle applies to ev ery professional medium you can fine

> nosexuality as a psychiatric disder until the seventh printing of s second edition in 1974. These are he people we trust with setting the ndards when it comes to assessin vour and our mental health Next thing you know, your disease is hit: people all over the world are coming down with whatever it is you decid-

anybody with a budget can print

ed to call your disorder (don't go with syndrome, it has that 80's ring to it). Of course, that's primarily because you were smart enough to make the list of possible symptoms look like a summary of the entire spectrum of negative feelings known to man: more specifically, your feelings of exhaustion and irritability, your sleeping problems your recent trouble with concentrating on small tasks and your inevitable sexual inabilities. Then, you tell people not to worry since you also discovered the cure for it, available with a doctor's prescription. Those same doctors who receive complimentary golf accessories and sexual favors every tional purposes. This may seem a debatable method that borders on mass structural malfeasance and a ruthles jeopardizing of the public health but at the same time, everybody involve in this process is just trying to be the best at their job. This is simply what happens when you apply a free marke model to the industry that is suppose

"KISSING HER" Piece of Prose

aside for the +10,000 legal cases and us much money as they possibly can, 190 class actions that have been filed against them. They'll surely need evand they're trained to sell - it's all ery penny of it, especially since forthey know. The fact that it's immoral mer chief of acute pain at Baystate has nothing to do with it, nobody com-Medical Centre Scott Rueben revealed plained when we sold them all that that he had fabricated 21 studies in order to make the drug look more efno use for. The only difference is that fective. No direct connection between a macrobiotic toothpaste or chemical-Merck and Rueben has been estabfree shampoo won't fry your brain if lished but it doesn't take a doctor of you use it for a few years - and it's medicine to connect the bloody dots starting to look like some of the pills that are supposed to keep us sane are

can you? They are cogs in a machine

other health shit they had absolutely

slowly but surely shrinking our brain

tissue. Seriously bro, shrinking your

brain - look up the report by Nancy

Andreasen on the mighty internets

You get the impression that some of

these drugs are more deadly than the

ones that get shipped into the country

concealed in tv-screens and the gas-

trointestinal tracts of Bolivian drug

mules. For example Paxil, an antide-

pressant that apparently increases

the risk of suicidal behavior among

teenagers (4% versus 2% in the pla-

cebo group). That may not sound like

a lot but when you consider that teen

suicide is the exact opposite of what

you're trying to achieve, it could be

FIGHTING FIRE WITH NA-

Another case in point: on Septem

ber 30, 2004, pharma-giant Merck &

Co. withdrew the nonsteroidal anti-

inflammatory painkiller Rofecoxib

(brand name Vioxx) from the market

with increased risks of heart attacks

and strokes. In 2003, Merck had net-

ted US\$2,5 billion from Vioxx sales –

counterproductive than that

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argued that it doesn't get much more

So one of the big problems with psychiatric drugs is the fact that technically speaking, we're not really sure what they do and therefore they could be doing more harm than good. Sure, we have some strong clues and indicators, but the human brain is the most complex piece of hardware we know and we've only just started to discov er the many ways in which it works (or doesn't, in this case). Throwing a blanket of high-powered anesthetic over your consciousness might dull more things than just the pain. An other problem is the fact that sometimes, life can feel like dancing on the sharp edge of a razorblade. Reality check: most people who take psychiatric drugs are not hoping to be cured of their depressions and anxiety disorders. They don't expect their life to be fixed by a pill: what they want is something that will make it bearable by taking the strain off their overtaxed brains. They need a break, a change in their state of mind - however temporary and superficial it may be. They equire no illusions of a starry future wherein all is well – they're just killing not a single judge will convict you, you the pain for the time being and fuck it, will always be there to pass judgment

let's hope this goddamn free market on yourself.

picks up tomorrow. In the meanwhile

noney that is currently being kept leave me in peace and let me enjoy

be acquisitioned by the Chinese. The DSM currently lists 5 different axes of disorders, each of them subdivided into different categories which are in their turn subdivided into specific disorders. And it's becoming increasingly hard for you to not have one of them: most likely, the only reason you don't have one is because you haven't been diagnosed vet. Hell, none of us are normal and the only ones that seem to be are usually the sickest pennies in the iar. If deviant behavior is a disorder that needs to be cured, where do you draw the line? Are you going to medicate every child that has trouble concentrating in school? Are you going to pump a lifetime supply of pills into every person who comes through your door telling you that they are depressed and tired of their lives? Where do you draw the line between 'a tad quirky' and autistic? Psychiatric drugs don't cure any illness, they just help you to hide or run away from the symptoms. Sure, some people suffer from severe clinical afflictions that can only be treated with heavy medication. but if your life is dragging you down (much like a broken leg can do) maybe you should try fixing it instead of just smoking opium while brainrot eats away at your decaying and deteriorating mind. So what if your medication comes in a box with a label and a prescription while someone else's comes

wrapped in aluminum foil and diluted

with rat poison? Escapism does not

end with a legal paragraph and even if

In honour of Timmy V.G. and Hunter S. Thomps

these 10mg's of Bromazenam before

our national economy defaults and

we become the first civilized nation to





STUNNING FACTS ON SIDE EFFECTS

bert Hofmann (1906 – 2008), a Swiss scientist who was the first to synthesize and ingest lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD-25). He was named number 1 in Telegraph's magazine "Top 100 Living Geniuses" list.

The Acid Room at the Hollywood Hospital. The setting was considered very important in LSD therapy at the hospital. The room featured a state-of-the-art hi fi system, a strobe light and a print of Salvador Dali's

at POSTRmagazine strongly advise you to not take any of the further mentioned substances, unless you're supposed to. Our short visit to the intoxicating market of both prescription and overthe-counter medication confirms that the international legislation on drugs unfolds as a scenario of doom and the world are losing a brutal battle against cold-blooded druglords who live by nothing but their own rules. hile more and more of today's kids are toasting hazardous yet completely legal medicine cocktails just to get higher by the day. Another chapter in the war on drugs? Although many abuse of medication must be as old as the use itself, recent numbers indicate that 'legal' medicines are high up in the recreational drug charts. Indeed it's perplexing what one can do with a bit of research, some sense of creative ity and his or her mental grandma's **THOU SHALL NOT TOUCH** For many decades, the pharmaceutical

industry has been advertising regisered pills that are sometimes way out of the league of smart pills, prescription marihuana or illegal drugs. The most impressive capsules are found in neurological and psychiatric fields as it's mostly anesthetics that get you high when used in high doses. 'Because some of these medicines are created with the only purpose to

mentally paralyze people', specialists told us. Time for us to pay a little visit to an old-time friend called Anony mous, who happens to have big stacks of such capsules. Anonymous is a 38 year old, mentally ill patient who has been getting legally high, so to speak. for more than ten years straight. His systematic intoxication began after he went completely berserk as an adolescent, ending up in compulso admission which more or less means that two big male nurses put you in a straitjacket and throw you in a cell until you learn how to behave. One of the commonly used chemical weapons in fighting the mind-threatening demons of angst and paranoia inherent to psychosis is clopixol: a strong, typical antipsychotic drug that is administered intravenously, sometimes after a precipitating analysis of specialists in the field.(*) Although clopixol and relatives suppress most feelings of anxiety, they have guite some nasty side effects it-

Laboratories. But it's also available in very cheap, generic forms as any medicine can be reproduced the moment its patent expires. (*) In 2007, a 17 year old Belgian bloke with a drug problem voluntary regis-

tered at a mental hospital near Ant-

self. So to control these side effects,

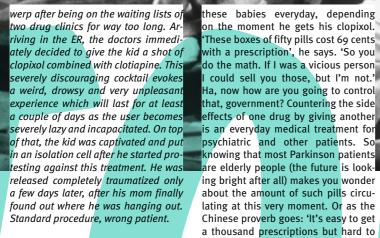
Anonymous collects another stack of

pills called akineton or biperiden, an

antiparkinsonian agent manufactured

by Knoll, the pharmaceutical division

of BASF which is now part of Abbott



Standard procedure, wrong patient. Anonymous starts the day with taking two of these pills, which he describe as having as a rush of amphetamines, admitting its necessity in toning dow the effects of clopixol. 'I might com bine it with alcohol', Anonymous says. 'Since I'm a creative person I usually start composing music in my studio for the rest of the day, or night. Or I would just hang around.' But let this not be a reason for you to feign psychosis, as the man is diagnosed to only function properly when undergoing this harsh, mind-fucking medicine cure. In a way, Anonymous doesn't have a choice whether or not he's getting high today. 'It's real heavy stuff', he testifies and we admit that the leaflet scared the

these babies everyday, depending Doctor Henry Vanden Bavière (DRUG) on the moment he gets his clopixol. discourages us. 'We're very precari-'These boxes of fifty pills cost 69 cents ous. As we judge the protocols that our country might need products that 'These boxes of fifty pills cost 69 cents ous. As we judge the protocols that vith a prescription', he says. 'So you pharmaceutical companies send us, are only registered in another country. do the math. If I was a vicious person our human testing panel only gets ex-I could sell you those, but I'm not.' treme low doses of a particular media special pharmaceutical inspection Ha, now how are you going to control cine and every possible side effect is that, government? Countering the side effects of one drug by giving another severely lazy and incapacitated. On top is an everyday medical treatment for and rapports, it might have a chance of that, the kid was captivated and put psychiatric and other patients. So to make it onto the market, which is knowing that most Parkinson patients known to be very organized and compatible controlling powers and a situation are elderly people (the future is look-parable in most countries.' It's the that is hard to control. Melatonin fo ing bright after all) makes you wonder about the amount of such pills circulating at this very moment. Or as the Chinese proverb goes: 'It's easy to get

> get a single remedy.' ONE THOUSAND PRE-SCRIPTIONS

So who are the real drug dealers here? The cocaine crew on the corner or your local pharmacist? And what does it take to import these cheap, horrifying drugs into a legitimate market model? After no further insistence on trying out any of Anonymous' medicawe shoot over to the Drug Research Unit Ghent (DRUG), the nearest medical testing lab we could find. We're amongst the guys who receive the animal test results and okay the drugs for shit out of us rather than intrigued us. human beings. If there's one place to Taking more than eight pills per day get responsibly and legally high, it has evokes extreme forms of hallucination to be there. 'In 25 years, we've never - Anonymous is popping four to six of had one incident worth mentioning', drug in here is legal, which doesn't

precisely documented. After a decade of analyzing and reflecting results

whether or not a new medicine can be popular medicine for jetlags and sleeplaunched. The EMA is roughly similar to the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other independent after analyzing the side effects as beorgans in Australia, Canada or Japan, ing inacceptable, it's an ordinary otcing labs of which five are attached to the main universities, like the one we unaware drug traffickers in commermercial hands such as SGS, one of the largest international inspection. verification, testing and certification To us it seems that many of the names companies in the world. Pharmaceutical corporations Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen Pharmaceutica N.V.) and addiction for some. 'A lot of paintion in any circumstance whatsoever, also have units. We wish you good

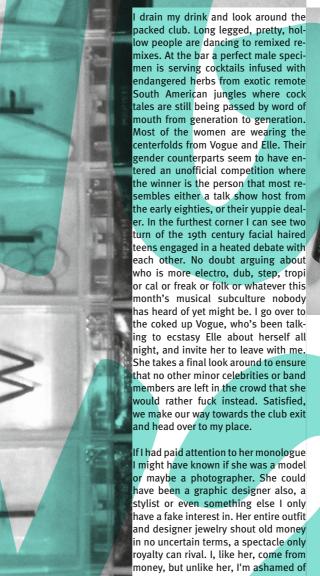
'When it comes to legal drugs, it's actually quite simple', the doctor continues. 'All legal drugs in a country are is morphine which is part of the opiextensively tested and registered.' He throws a book on the table that appeares to be a medicine bible. 'Every as codeine or cough syrup that are fre-cocaine.

mean the rest is always illegal', he is taking control of the whole thing. I night also happen that a medicine is steriously banned from the market after existing for 30 years,' It only indicates the fragile consensus between ing problems. Although European

As for Belgium we have eight drug test- drug in the US. Melatonin is spread throughout the world by thousands of attended. The other three are in com- cial airline flights and nobody gives a left in the book are still a potential source of dangerous entertainment killers and tranquilizers are subject to abuse.', the professor admits. 'Products as valium, xanax and all the generic forms can be bought online. The

oor pharmaceutical industry, we're ost left to believe but given the reent statistic that one tenth of this naion's population needs anti-depressants – which makes at least one milion pills a day and even more millions f boxes each year - we assume that hese companies are still making considerable turnovers. Moreover, wherever there's business and industry, the lirty hand of mankind is always awaiting a crooked opportunity. The British est pharmaceutical company in the orld – was found guilty of misleading the public about their anti-depressant aroxetine on US television declaring for years it was "not habit forming". nough this medicine was proven to evoke suicidal feelings, the firm could not be prosecuted due to legal issues. As of 2008, GlaxoSmithKline's pre-London based European Medicines instance, a natural compound found in scribing information acknowledges Agency (EMA) to be exact, that decides animals, plants and microbes, is also a that "serious discontinuation symptoms" may occur. And there are more examples of patent fraud and anti-trust authorities prohibited this product violations to maintain a monopoly and block generic versions from entering the market. What is wrong with this deprayed human race of which most beings are either trying to get high on legal or illegal drugs or trying to make money out of it? Well, absolutely nothing if you ask us. Life teaches us that drugs - whether it's alcohol or pills - are the healing force of the nation. They are the weapons of destruction used in the battle against the tumors in your body and the demons in your mind. It's the war against your own crooked, sick, dysfunctional system. Sometimes useful, sometimes not but remember that whenever there's a war most classic of all heavy painkillers going on, there will be casualties. It's





it. Despite my revulsion at her display of affluence, I'm attracted to the idea I've definitely had worse. Fitness and ellness are recession-resistant; people still want to work out. have a huge bedroom that has become dirty over the years and even slightly torn in a few places. There is disorder of clothes and faded phoographs. On my bed she lies white as a sheet, her eyes are open staring at the David Hamilton picture I once stole from a hotel in the South of France. Around her throat there is a leopardpatterned scarf and at the other end,

"That's got to be the 3rd or 4th time one of her shoes has half slipped of her foot, the other is still on. I'm standing at the foot of the bed and slowly take the shoes from her feet and put them n the floor. I'm a big hugger, which

surprises people. In Belgium the first

time you meet someone you kiss them

up at my place?" I added. "Yeah, but this time kissing her won't bring back the princess." He jokes. "Have you checked her Facebook?" "Ididearlier. Theremust have been a hundred comments, easy..." He answers. Jacob's expo as well. I already know at



has heard of yet might be. I go over to fuck like we just celebrated our silver my best friend?" I ask pointlessly. wedding anniversary, with her on her back giving me the same empty look her now." He's right. over and over again. Eventually I come on her face just to see if her expression changes. It doesn't. Not even a bit. What a surprise that would have been, right?" He asks. any visible emotion I would have taken as a compliment. I call a cab, give her a hug and get her out of my apartment. hang up. A few spliffs and some prescribed pills later I retire back to bed. Before my Very often I'll have a Francfort Saucisse eyes willingly close they can see the for breakfast, to the great disgust of my

identity crisis, not her people.

Tonight I'm scheduled to attend a party

promoting a new fashion label and I'm

expected to erase my name from too

long a list of very important people at

sunset slowly turning the horizon from friends, but sometimes you want a real blood orange into Viagra blue. meal after waking up. Today I want the simplicity of a Primperan, a pot of cof-My phone rings. I wake up depressed fee and two excellent butter croissants with so much boiled egg in there it's and insecure as usual. It's Jacob so I almost perverse. I always eat my croissants from the right to the left: I like the "Hey man, how was the club last night?" He asks. idea of being committed to one side. "Like being fucked by a group of rioting

teens." I say. a mentality much like that of Paris, Cali "You really need to lighten up." He reor Berlin in that we all think that we "When life develops meaning I'll take it are a glimmering global capital of arts. seriously. This is me being lightheart-The leading generation of artists, musicians and fashionistas, while the rest ed." I respond. "So anyway, I heard Amy is dead." He of the world either hasn't heard of us or is convinced we're a bunch of druggy ("What, How?" I wanted to ask.) self-obsessed losers, which seems to "Probably an accident involving some be a fair reflection most of the time. There are few worse demographic pills." He continues.

this year?" I muse. "Do you remember that day when she at first didn't wake

between shit and derivative, but to my "Same old, they're all thinking about proven that derivation is creation. The only difference being that scientists "Fucking hypocrites. I got to go shower credit one another and lack the need now brother." I'm done with this conof originality. There's a lot of cheap art available at your local pharmacist, and "You coming to my expo later tonight a lot of expensive drug deals take place "Wouldn't want to miss it." I lie and in musea worldwide. It's important we don't let the crisis go to waste; this is a glorious time of opportunity for those

I consider bailing on both events. I don't know if I can handle another social obligation, conversing with my synthetic friends, pretending I care about whatever they're up to next in their otherwise weightless life's. I actually have plans to start a new novel this year. That's my goal and something I've talked about. I have two different ideas Ape Town, also known as Antwerp, has that I've been working on, so right now my publisher and I just have to figure out which story will end up moving the most units and work hard on that first. It's the prospect of being ousted from the miniscule and ridiculous tight pussy of popular culture and having to start a new lifestyle all over again which makes me physically nauseous and bail on the bailing idea. It's lonely, in a way, writing. omens in life than seeing one's com-I wander into the bathroom and look in munity getting older and whiter, but in the mirror. I see less of me and more of the end it's always the State with the them. I feel sick, take a 50mg Epsipam,

step into the shower and decide what I

who prefer life in the fast lane.

shall wear tonight.













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