

Dog Massacre
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LISA

Are you in, or are you out?

AMANDA

I'm not getting hanged and disemboweled.

LISA

Couldn't you just picture it?

AMANDA

And beheaded and quartered.

LISA

That's only if they consider it treason. They may well think it's just an ordinary dog massacre.

AMANDA

It's treason against dogs.

LISA

Massacre. Dog massacre.

AMANDA

A dog massacre. Dogs are nice. It's disgusting.

LISA

No, but it will be very...*[searches for the right word]* ... French.

AMANDA

Mm hm.

LISA

Paris. 1730. Peasants and artisans, struggling to survive, and all around them: pampered cats. Rich, aristocratic cats. Overfed cats, cats with an offputting sense of entitlement. Naturally there

was a huge uprising – the great Paris Cat Massacre! Blood everywhere! I don't think anyone's done dogs.

AMANDA

Eww. It wasn't the cats' fault.

LISA

Sacrifice is very important. The Aztecs would sacrifice their most beautiful man. For one year in advance he would live in luxury like a god, and everyone would bow down to him when they saw him. Maidens would be given to please him. Then when spring came, he would slowly climb the sacrificial altar playing his flute on each step, and when he got to the top they would tear his heart out and offer it to the sun.

AMANDA

Very French.

LISA

Yes! Yes! Are you in?

AMANDA

What day is it again?

LISA

Sunday.

AMANDA

Out. Desperate Housewives.

LISA

You can tape it.

AMANDA

But then I'd have to wait until Monday to watch it.

LISA

Sacrifice, girlfriend, sacrifice! The Incas, for example, you know, the Incas, they'd...

AMANDA

I'm out! I'm not massacre-ing any dogs on Sunday.

LISA

Well it's your loss.

AMANDA

I'll try to survive.

LISA

It's going to be quite a dramatic artistic and political statement.

AMANDA

So is Desperate Housewives.

LISA

It'll definitely make the news.

AMANDA

I'll definitely watch it.

LISA

I think you watch an unhealthy amount of television. This is a chance for a stimulating outdoor activity. Get outside, massacre a few dogs, and Bob's your uncle.

AMANDA

Bob?

LISA

It's an expression. You'll feel great.

AMANDA

I don't know. Something about it just bothers me.

LISA

Like what?

AMANDA

I don't know. It's hard to put my finger on it exactly.

LISA

It's too big, conceptually?

AMANDA

No no, I think it has more to do with, I don't know...

LISA

What?

AMANDA

Killing all them dogs.

LISA

But it's not killing, really, so much as, sort of...

AMANDA

Massacre-ing.

LISA

Exactly. You can't picture it?

AMANDA

I can.

LISA

This is a chance to do something fantastic, in a genuinely horrible way.

AMANDA

It's arguably pretty antisocial.

LISA

Oui! Oui!

AMANDA

Does it have to be a whole massacre? Could we just think outside that box for a second? What if we, I don't know, kidnapped some evil executives, you know, tobacco and oil executives and the people who put additives in food, and we'd, we'd make them *eat...one...dog.*

LISA

Each?

AMANDA

No no, come on, they'd split the one dog. One big dog.

LISA

Raw?

AMANDA

Of course. I ain't cooking it for them.

LISA

It's not bad. Yeah OK I'm in for that. You'd really help?

AMANDA

No way. That's disgusting!

--LIGHTS OUT--