

## MOOSE TRAP

i had succumbed to my tininess me teeniness ze bopperness

within my moose call which goes

“help! I’m stuck in the phone! get me out of here!!”

moose traps are a highly specialized, highly complicated, western design

for moose are huge, dangerous, taller than wembanyama

i set it how all my foredaddies had taught me

and i will teach you the way

first, a small crumby text about an email

second, a crumbly emawell fuck I’m caught the moose caught me

comrade christine asked if i wanted to know the secret

the secret to what she never specified

perhaps the secret to a fruitful fruit

or to not being so stupid

but she said it just like this

*girls*

*girls girls girls henry*

*this is the way*

so now I’m on a stripper pole on a party bus outside the poetry reading

living my bereft life girl

dialing it back

i’m not going to take it there

i've been all in your face i made up  
from way over yonder  
as we like to say way out west  
i'm taking a step back  
none of the trimmings  
you're getting your money's worth  
you're worthy of money  
i'll shower you with taxable deductions  
i'll simply sidestep any reality  
if you want  
beyond friendly commentary on the weather we've been having  
lovely weather we've been having lately  
the weather we've been having lately is lovely  
the butcher paper sky and the hot-blooded sunset  
dialing it back on a rotary phone  
calling only you with each circular stroke of my fingertip  
eieueuhhh like a freak on a leash  
my creepy plastic vampire moment  
my perfume voiceover OBSESSION  
BETRAYAL INSOUCIANCE DESIRE  
the atomizer the prism the rainbow

spectrum checking the bathroom floor where i think  
i'm leaning into my crepuscular era  
and my canine incisors cut to the touch  
you've got a little red on your face  
some blue in your heart let me get that for you  
thumb stroke under the eye and  
*\*\*yom yom yom yom\*\** your heart is michelin-starved  
likeable and bitter and yours  
we encourage you to eat this meal as the locals do  
without silverware with your hands with arrows in your back  
i just can't help my bad clavicle habit  
i could not resist my childhood dream  
of an open heart surgery at the paws of 8 organ grinder monkeys  
to live a life of tv the rest of my days  
soap operas and boxes  
preacher man and kierkeygard  
won't you think of me as george clooney in ER  
as george clooney in ocean's 27  
as vera farmiga playing opposite george clooney  
in up in the air call it skillful suspension of lief  
call it testing the tightrope over the canyon before i plummet to my  
girl i didn't eat any of the serious parts

girl i only tried a 2 ounce pour

i'll toss it right back just let me bobble a little longer please

let me get it to the center *ring\* \*bring\* \*bring\**

forgot where i was for a minute

forgot the size of my antics within my juggling act

your moose part my moose part plus a cosmic bowling pin

on fire for good show and odd number if

i drop it big if

lowly likely such tact of a put-together shoelace

i'll hose off all the sawdust and elephant shit promise

be my volunteer in the endless supply of audience

and if my full-shower lines read yeehaw to you

i will translate them to russian

for the sake of their cigarette smoke and coke mirrors

ah mother russia

ah драгоценности лось

girls girls girls

your iron is sufficient your skyscraper sharp

girl all i'm asking for it's nothin really

in return of this major intern surgery

is its brutalist penthouse suite

and VIP access to all future emergencies