

USSA Wellness Center: Holiday Readings

“The Snow Table”

Sunday, December 17th

5:30 pm

17th floor

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A holiday ⇒

or four legged table that has had one of its legs kicked out from underneath it ⇒ Fallen face down in the snow with little chunks of ice and grit stuck in its skin ⇒ But still visibly standing ⇒ As if standing ⇒ A figure of a man ⇒ an appearance of standing ⇒ yet face down in the snow ⇒ unable to get up ⇒ sobbing ⇒ bleeding ⇒ almost frost-bitten ⇒ unable to speak ⇒ ask for help ⇒ unable to form the words because the jaw is stuck ⇒ partially stuck ⇒ in the snow

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But you see it/him there ⇒ he/it takes your calls ⇒ he/it pours your drinks ⇒ he/it submits your budgets ⇒ she/it gets them paid ⇒ he/it smiles and laughs ⇒ he/it can make you laugh ⇒ a talent for strange & childish humor ⇒ he/it can seemingly do all this ⇒ and ⇒ loose weight ⇒ clean up well ⇒ be shrewd and calculating ⇒ dispense advice ⇒ mean what he/it says ⇒ speak authoritatively or at least give that impression ⇒ be selfish and small ⇒ petty ⇒ ambitious

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No matter ⇒ it is all a play of light and shadow ⇒ deflection ⇒ a mirage ⇒ induced by snow ⇒ snowbound mirage ⇒ false snow ⇒ fake snow ⇒ Hollywood at its most sublime ⇒ pale blue light ⇒ winter without chill ⇒ ornate northerly artifice ⇒ but real snow makes you weak when you are face down in it ⇒ robs you of resolve ⇒ go numb and bleed ⇒ real snow ⇒ cold snow ⇒ damp snow ⇒ soaks to the bone ⇒ freezes ⇒ the lost heat is impossible to retrieve ⇒ sink ⇒ lost snow

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A three legged table that can't get warm, tipped over in the snow ⇒ the snowbank ⇒ snow drift ⇒ and for reasons it can't explain ⇒ reaches out ⇒ one ⇒