Word Substitution List, *I’m Thinking of Ending Things*

**Pages 1-11**

Pg 1  conceived – made
Pg 3  Vacant – empty
Pg 3  it becomes really farmy – the area becomes nothing but farms (and no place to eat)
Pg 3  nostalgic – looking at the past fondly
Pg 3  spread – dinner
Pg 4  warrant – justify, have a need for
Pg 4  gin – alcohol
Pg 5  retroactively – afterward (after their relationship has ended)
Pg 5  deserted – empty
Pg 5  by default – because this is where I grew up; without wanting to
Pg 6  foundation – the basement and floor
Pg 6  decrepit – old, worn out
Pg 6  swing set – swings for children to play on
Pg 6  hypnotic – soothing, calming
Pg 7  Trivia night at the campus pub – Game night at the bar (alcohol) on the university campus
Pg 7  pitcher – a pitcher (large container) of beer
Pg 7  Era of Stagnation – Historical period of no growth, no inventions
Pg 7  monster… - huge eyebrows
Pg 8  obscure – unknown
Pg 8  blatant sexual innuendos – obvious sexual references
Pg 8  nitpicky – detailed
Pg 8  veiled as apathy – disguised as not caring
Pg 8  striking – handsome
Pg 8  stainless – perfect (unstained)
Pg 8  gaunt – thin
Pg 8  index finger on the bridge – first finger on the middle of the glasses (that rests on the nose)
Pg 8  tick – repetitive action
Pg 9  We’re helpfully fortified – The beer helps
Pg 9  Ice broken – silence broken (conversation started)
Pg 9  cruciverbalist – someone who makes up crossword puzzles
Pg 9  noncommittal – vague, neutral, ambiguous
Pg 9  reticence – reluctance (to show his intelligence)
Pg 9  pick me up – get me to date him, get my phone number, or get me to have sex with him
Pg 9  No cheesy lines – He didn’t say any of the stupid things men often say to women to pick them up (see above)
Pg 10  pedantic/off-putting – overly detailed/unappealing
Pg 10  meekness – shyness; quietness
Pg 10  definitive – confident, comprehensive
Pg 10  veneer of restraint – outer shell of shyness
Pg 10  see him around – see him around campus

**Page 13 – italics**

Pg 13  on a whim – on impulse, without thinking ahead
Pg 13  Standoffish – Doesn’t like to interact with other people; boorish

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Pg 15  slick – icy, slippery
Pg 15  condensed – smaller
Pg 15  Uma Thurman – actress
compressed — squeezed together
therapeutic — healing
fooled around — had sex
making out — kissing
tap - water
nebulous — foggy, unclear
make of it — think of it (the story about the man at her window)
came to mind — came into my mind, made me think of it
menacing — threatening
Instinct always trumps reason — what we feel is more important than what we think
sinister — frightening, scary
coming to — slow awakening
tucked in — put to bed with the covers tucked under her, nice and snug
metronomic — steady beating
addled — confused
torso — body
malice — danger, being threatening
pernicious — hurtful, harmful
veiny — had visible veins
flushed — pink, rosy
therapeutic — healing
tossed and turned — rolled over and around in bed (couldn’t sleep)
strained timbre... — tense tone and a quiet, slow way of talking
flat female intonation — monotone or uninteresting female voice
distorted — changed, different
effeminate — feminine
did a double take — looked twice
eerie — creepy, scary, weird
lucid — thinking clearly, sane
babble — nonsense words
on edge — anxious
converse — have a conversation
cryptic — puzzling, hard to understand
lucid — thinking clearly, sane
had gone too far — became too much for me
off the top of his head — randomly
heaving — going up and down (breathing hard)
fluke — coincidence (that he mentioned her nail biting)
pecan galette — pecan (nut) cake
depressed — feeling very sad all the time
antidepressants — medicine for depression
valence — chemistry, attraction
so into — so involved in, so interested in
just for the sake of it — for no real reason
inherently — by their nature
off guard — by surprise
eye boogers — the tiny bits that collect in the corners of your eyes
distractedly — without thinking
residue — film (the white stuff on his mouth)
prominent – obvious, easily visible

Adam’s apple – the part of the throat that sticks out, especially on men, and moves when they talk or swallow

post-eating – after eating
dwell – linger, keep thinking about
banal – boring
full professor – full-time professor
tenure – job safety for professors
misanthropic – unhuman
Checks in all the boxes – as if she’s made a list and has checked all the items on the list
hydraulic – machine-like
unalloyed – total, pure

overthink – think too much about
Get out of... - skip this sentence
sours – goes bad (the milk gets tastes sour)
planetary alignment – lining up of the planets
nitrogen, carbon dioxide – elements (chemicals) in the Earth’s atmosphere (air)
core – center
velocity – speed
entity – thing, finite thing
matter – what things are made of
It’s invisible ... - this is just more explanation of stars and the universe
vandal – criminal
graffiti – unauthorized writing or spray painting on the sides of buildings or walls
slouchy – like he isn’t sitting up straight

his posture – the way he stands, walks, sits
stature – self, being, body
lankiness – thinness, long thin limbs
bags – puffiness, swelling
stubble – hair, the beginnings of a beard
bedhead – hair that hasn’t been combed after sleeping on it all night
Gimme – give me
mottled – speckled, spotted
to the nth degree – a lot, as much as possible
bobbed – bounced
Meryl Streep – actress
umpire for – judge of
glove box – storage compartment in the car
Jung – Swiss psychologist (1875-1961)
conversely – rather, the opposite
trumps – beats, is more important than
a metaphor – something that is similar, but not literally, the same as something else
Cheshire Cat - a kind of creepy cat who thought he was very clever

into Jung - a follower of psychologist Carl Jung
gross you out - repulse you, make you feel icky or uncomfortable
tang - sweet tartiness  
verses - words (on the candy wrapper)  
lines - words  
hopeless behind the wheel - a terrible driver (it’s hopeless that she can become a better driver, the person who sits behind the steering wheel)  
pointers - instructions  
regardless - even so; despite the fact that giving her lessons was pointless  
chats - discussions  
full-on - whole  
blew him away - totally surprised him  
into the story - engaged in the story, interested in the story  
out of the blue - completely unexpected, randomly  
one was reliant - a person was dependent on  
kind of snapped - changed his mood abruptly (quickly, without warning)  
He was squished... - It was a very tight fit  
soaked - very wet  
make a point - prove something  
came over you - were you thinking  
animated - expressive, emotional  
pickup - truck  
make him out - see him clearly  
absolute - unchanging  
line - thing to say  
relevant - related to, appropriate  
dash – dashboard  
rationality – reasonableness  
full of shit – lying  
blurs – blurry (unclear) images  
opening myself – leaving myself open  
Jeopardy! – quiz game show where the correct answer is stated as a question  
far-fetched – extreme  
algorithm – set of rules  
revarnishing – painting  
varnish – paint  
autopsy results – the report from a doctor who examines a dead body to try to determine who the person died  
inevitable – going to happen  
trade-off – exchange  
I’m with you – I agree with you  
laugh lines – wrinkles in the skin from laughing  
coupling up – being a couple  
absentminded ticks – unconscious repetitive movements  
Advil – aspirin  
out of the blue – randomly  
linty – dirty  
Hershey’s kiss – chocolate candy  
threw me off – unsettled me  
gestures – behaviors, actions  
constructs – ideas  
inmate – inborn, natural
Forfeiting – giving up

solitude – being alone

isolation – distance from others

empathy – compassion, caring for others

“shhh” a colleague – tell a co-worker to be quiet

postdoc and thesis – graduate college degrees (very high level degrees)

sub-microliter... - science stuff 😊

TIRF paragraph and next 3 paragraphs by Jake – more science stuff, high level microbiology

exquisite posture – perfect way of sitting

discourse – discussion

corny – stupid, childish

trivial and inconsequential – unimportant

metabolic alkalosis – a change in the balance of acids in a person’s body

PH level – the levels of acid in the body; the PH needs to be balanced to be healthy

current – electrical feeling

rambling – talking on and on and on

doze off – go to sleep

anesthetic – numbing

singular velocity of flow – he’s using a science expression to describe their relationship

out of the blue – random, unexpected

listless – without energy, without direction

arbitrary – by chance, random, unplanned

abstract – not specific

limbs – arms and/or legs

severed – cut off

unnerving – unsettling, disturbing

debilitating – weakening

inadequacy – not being good enough

profs – professors

first-year philosophy – the first philosophy class taken in college

in a row – one after the other

coy – evasive, not willing to share

stakes – things of value

something’s on the line – something can be won or lost

noncommittally – without much interest

trumps – beats, is more important than

pretty vicious snorer – person who snores loudly

you’ve lost me – I don’t understand what you’re saying

back road – a small road, not a main road, often back roads are unpaved (dirt)

slept over – slept at my house/apt

get into my head – understand the way I think

grinds – squeezes tightly (so the teeth make a noise)

simmers – always there

twitches and ticks – small movements

diluted – made less than, diminished

chubby – fat

shed – discarded, disposed of

wilt/deplete – fade/shrink

comatose – deeply asleep

reach out – connect, call
Potheoled – bumpy, holey (full of holes)

Long underwear – leggings

Abridged – shortened, condensed

Blustery – windy, stormy, cold

Surveying – looking at

Veggie – vegetable

Silhouettes – shapes

Vacantly – without connecting, absently

Plywood – wood

Cedar pillars – wood posts

Dreary – sad, depressing

Semidigested – partially digested/eaten

Regurgitate – bring back up from their stomach (almost like vomit)

Bolus – regurgitated food

Cud – chewed food

Carcasses – dead bodies (usually animals)

Synthetic/organic – man-made/natural

Ten-out-of-ten – completely (on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being alive and 10 being completely dead)

Bonfire – a large fire

Inanimate – skip this word

Pen – enclosure, fenced area

Put down – killed

Maggots – insects that eat dead bodies

Holy shit – oh my gosh! Wow!

Shot – not working right

Nonnegotiable – cannot be negotiated, not up for discussion

Coop – the building where the hens live

Roosting – sitting on shelves/rails getting ready to sleep

Disgruntled – unhappy

Gross – yuck, ewww, that’s icky

Famished – super hungry

Gaunt – very thin

Foyer – entryway

Antsy – nervous, fidgety

Rummages – digs

Bin – basket, can

Threshold – entryway

Hand-me-down – old, used

Trinket – small item

Hank Williams, Bill Monroe, Johnny Cash – country & western singers

Vinyl – records (not CDs)

I assume… - she’s describing Jake’s mom’s collection of small porcelain statues/figurines

Mull – think

Blurt it out – suddenly say it

It isn’t finished – the basement has not been remodeled

Registers – hears

Stern-faced – unsmiling

Nonverbal – someone who doesn’t talk

Square in the eye – directly

Gut – instincts

Second-guessing after the fact – questioning your actions after something has already happened
shuffling – movement
smear a knob – spread a bit
ravenous – super hungry
reserved, borderline standoffish – quiet, almost to the point of being rude, distant
made-up – full of makeup and maybe jewelry, her hair done in a fancy way
complexion – skin
formal reception – dressy dinner
underdressed – not fancy enough
made-up – full of makeup and maybe jewelry, her hair done in a fancy way
shovel – put
step in here – join the conversation
intelligible – understandable
grasping at straws – trying to find something to say; trying desperately
exchange a glance – look at each other
sleep paralysis – being unable to move (paralyzed) for a few minutes usually during waking
Debilitating – crippling, weakening
animated – energetic
put him out – offended him, irritated him
Subtle – small, hardly noticeable
Gestures – movements, behaviors
tangible – skip this word
composites – blends, mixtures
run over – hit by a car
Born and raised – I was born and grew up (in the suburbs)
a contradiction – opposite of what she just said
in the wink genus – like a wink
a tick or deliberate – an involuntary movement or done on purpose
oozy – juicy
pass the time – keep from being bored
If you’re up for it – if you want
impersonate – pretend to be
cutlery – silverware (fork, knife)
stalling – trying to keep from playing the game for as long as I can
I’ll go – I’ll take a turn next
That’s the spirit – What a good attitude!
mocking/mimicking – making fun of/sounding like
off-putting – unsettling
gag – joking
buckles over – bends over with laughter
landline – house phone (not a cell phone)
chuckling – laughing
medallion – skip this word
twinge – small feeling
I’m lactose intolerant – I can’t eat dairy products (so she can’t have whipped cream)
glitch – problem
distortion – change
stuffed – very full (of dinner)
hold off correcting – decide not to correct
jolt – sudden pain, sudden feeling
molars – teeth
compost – food scraps
a great conversationalist – good at talking to other people/having a conversation
quality intellectual interaction – good conversation

pitch black – super dark

flick – turn

resonant buzz – humming sound

antiseptic – sterile

jarring – upsetting, unsettling

dislodge the chunk – move the bit

vanity – cupboard

bags – swelling, puffiness

It seemed something was boiling over – Something we talked about at dinner was now becoming an argument in the kitchen

heated – intense

survey – look at, take in

basin – sink

bowl – sink

whirling the thing – dropping the fly

fling – quickly throw

run the tap – turn on the water

hinges – metal parts that hold the door to the wall

bulb buzzes on – light bulb comes on

A dull... - just descriptions of the noise

precarious – dangerous

banister – railing (to hang onto)

trapdoor – a simple door with no doorknob, usually a door on the floor. This one seems to be above her since it hides the stairs when closed.

slab – piece

atop the gravel floor – on top of the floor made of small rocks

beamed ceiling – ceiling with long pieces of wood (beams) across it

electrical panel – metal box on the wall holding all of the electrical circuits for the house

bedrock – a type of rock

table tennis – ping pong table

Dank – wet, stuffy, smelly

oscillating – skip this word

slab – cement

stretches – periods of time

piece – painting

an entity – skip these words

This integration reflects – this paragraph is just Jake going on and on about philosophy. His exact argument is not important. Skip this paragraph.

Allegory... - again, more philosophical thinking by Jake. Skip this paragraph.

figure – person

cordial – friendly

heated – angry

vent – where the heat comes out

sustainable – something that can continue

He threw it away – He wasted his chances

predictability – things that are planned

make it out – understand what they’re saying

get out of his own head – quit thinking so much

down that path - on that career

make out – understand

go that route – make those decisions

Hold down – keep (not get fired)
Pg 110  **decipher** – understand
Pg 110  **claustrophobia** – being trapped (fear of small spaces)

**Page 111**
Pg 111  **bled out** – bled to death (past tense of bleed)

**Pages 113-127**
Pg 113  **table scraps** – leftover food
Pg 113  **compost in the** – skip these words
Pg 113  **treads** – steps
Pg 113  **single** – single/twin bed (bed size)
Pg 114  **bob** – bounce lightly
Pg 114  **saved up** – saved his money
Pg 115  **bandanna** – skip this word
Pg 115  **trembling** – shaking
Pg 116  **was still so reminiscent...** - still looked so much like the room of a book-loving high schooler
Pg 116  **work through things** – understand his problems
Pg 117  **checks** – looks
Pg 117  **innocuous** – innocent
Pg 117  **cochlear implants** – a surgery to improve or restore hearing
Pg 118  **Jakie** – Jake (Jakie is a nickname)
Pg 118  **plate of leftovers** – container of food
Pg 118  **fiddling** – playing
Pg 119  **drawn** – tired
Pg 119  **embrace** – hug
Pg 119  **in the works** – in production, being worked on
Pg 120  **dank** – dark and wet
Pg 120  **welled up** – filled with tears
Pg 120  **rehash** – go over, discuss
Pg 120  **losing steam** – getting tired
Pg 120  **fade** – get tired
Pg 121  **making small talk** – talking about little, insignificant things
Pg 121  **to bear** – responsibility
Pg 121  **drafts** – breezy areas, cold areas
Pg 121  **aerodynamic** – shaped in a way so they don’t lose speed because of the wind
Pg 121  **antsy** – nervous
Pg 121  **boxy** – square-shaped
Pg 121  **unique** – one of a kind
Pg 122  **rant** – speech
Pg 122  **Steph** – short for Stephanie
Pg 123  **Dolly Parton** – country music singer
Pg 123  **narratives** – stories
Pg 123  **Nag** – bother, ask and keep asking
Pg 123  **fade** – go away
Pg 124  **took after** – is more like
Pg 124  **pry** – be nosy, intrude
Pg 124  **solitary** – alone, not social
Pg 124  **relate to** – get along with
Pg 125  **recourse to take** – options for solving this
Pg 125  **rehabilitated** – fixed, made normal again
Pg 125  **dynamic** – interactions
Pg 125  **on track** – in line, on the path
Pg 125  **small talk** – ordinary conversation
Pg 125  **accelerate** – go faster
Pg 126  **ultimatums** – “do this, or else!”
Pg 126  **sabotage** – destruction, wrecking of my life
Pg 126  **Subtle stuff** – things that were hardly noticeable

Pg 126  **lost it** – lost his mind

Pg 127  **trichotillomania** – a medical condition

Pg 127  **fragile** – unsteady emotionally

Pg 127  **quirks** – weird things about them

Pages 129-130

Pg 129  **meddle** – interfere

Pg 130  **penmanship** – writing style (not the words, just the way the letters are formed and written)

Pages 131-145

Pg 131  **pester** – bother

Pg 131  **taut** – tight

Pg 131  **I'm indifferent** – I don’t care

Pg 131  **Dairy Queen** – an ice cream store

Pg 131  **intolerance** – lactose intolerance (she can’t eat dairy products without feeling sick)

Pg 132  **introspective** – in our own heads; thinking about ourselves

Pg 132  **Skor Blizzard** – ice cream dessert

Pg 132  **migraine/migrainous** – severe headache

Pg 132  **Advil** – aspirin; pain reliever

Pg 133  **nauseated** – sick; like she’s going to vomit

Pg 133  **Muzak** – unremarkable music commonly heard in restaurants, malls, retail stores

Pg 133  **prepped for** – ready to

Pg 133  **drone** – noise

Pg 133  **Subjectivity and...** - skip this sentence

Pg 134  **facets** – ways

Pg 134  **oblivious** – not to notice

Pg 135  **varnishing** – painting

Pg 135  **build** – body shape

Pg 135  **preps the cups** – gets the cups ready

Pg 136  **blush** – turn red

Pg 136  **divert my eye to** – look at

Pg 136  **snicker** – laugh

Pg 136  **lids the cup** – puts the lid on the cup

Pg 136  **machine whirls** – lemonade machine continues to spin (and make lemonade)

Pg 136  **antiseptic** – germ-free

Pg 136  **picking on you** – making fun of you (the skinny girl)

Pg 136  **distraught** – upset, stressed

Pg 136  **moldy** – crazy

Pg 137  **taken aback** – surprised

Pg 137  **pulse** – heartbeat

Pg 137  **dispenser** – napkin holder

Pg 138  **cloyingly** – too

Pg 138  **Blizzard** – a different ice cream dessert

Pg 139  **raising both hands** – raising her hands as if in surrender

Pg 140  **bit of a wasted stop** – kind of a waste of time, stopping at Dairy Queen

Pg 141  **gonna** – going to

Pg 141  **back road** – a small road, not a major road

Pg 142  **student body** – the number of students (who attend that school)

Pg 143  ‘**Kay**’ – okay

Pg 143  **pincers** – pinchers, grabbers

Pg 143  **pigeon-toed** – walking with the toes pointed inward

Pg 143  **stooped shoulders** – shoulder leaning forward, like he’s bending over
hunched – bent over slightly, head down

his posture – the way he holds his body

lope – slow way of walking taking long steps (strides)

custodian – janitor, cleaning person

lingered – stayed

shaggy – long and messy

perpetually tidy – always clean

ghetto-blaster – large radio/CD player

cranked up – turned up

I felt for that girl – I felt a connection with that girl; I felt her pain

reading into things – understanding more from her words than she meant

glove box – compartment in the car

dumpster – commercial trash bin

in a forty-mile radius – from 40 miles away

derelict and... - run-down and closed is untrue

beater – old car (truck) with no value

mannerisms – behaviors

exhaust – tail pipe of the truck

condensation – water (that forms from steam)

car pool – several people driving somewhere together

clogged – stopped, unflushable

piss – urinate, pee

in shambles – a mess
	hrobbing – hurt

out of character for Jake – unlike Jake

vague bickering – mild arguing

a little off – not quite right

brace – lean back

Steph – Stephanie

recoils – leans back

some condensation away – a small “window” to see through

pit in my stomach – a bad feeling in my stomach, like a knot

creeping me out – scaring me

fucking bullshit – making me super angry

leering – looking at us in a weird way (sexual)

It’s fucked up – This isn’t right.

fucking pervert – sexually weird person

out of character – unlike him

had a temper – got angry so easily

short fuse – quick temper, easy to anger

road rage – anger while driving

bring him back to his senses – make him think calmly and rationally

storming – walking/running angrily

vulnerable – open to attack or harm

think straight – think clearly

lost my temper – gotten angry; become angry

freaked me out – scared me

outdated – old-fashioned

custodian – janitor, cleaner

solitude – time alone
fallout – mess the students leave behind
small talk – meaningless conversation
abrupt metallic clang – sudden metal-sounding noise
yellow flood – yellow light of the large light (on the school)
I cherish my solitude – I love being alone
evaporates – disappears
peer – look
visor my eyes – shield my eyes (from the snow)
dented and warped – bent, twisted
play structure – place for children to play
Dumpsters – commercial trash bins (large)
skittish – nervous
There’s no mesh… - the basketball courts are old and need repairs
perception of our… - idea that our relationship was getting stronger
dangling – hanging
nostrils – nose
stoop-shouldered – rounded shoulders, like on an old person
squinting – closing my eyes in order to see better
try it – try to open it
vertical, rectangular – tall and narrow
dim – low
dingy – dirty
reluctant – unwilling, hesitant (to have his picture taken)
blotchy – spotty, unclear
static – gray and unclear
The shot – the picture on the TV screen
The shot zooms in – the picture on the TV shows a closer image of the truck
wave someone down – alert a passing car
regroup – think things through
glimmer – shine
pickup – truck
surge – feeling
glowing vending machines – bright machines selling soda and snacks
PA system – loudspeakers
crouch – sit, squat
No jump scares – scary scenes (in a movie) that make her jump with fright
disorients – confuses
 unsettles what’s taken for granted – confuses things that we think we know for sure
I’ve got it, you can hang up now – I have answered the phone, you (Stephanie) can hang up the phone you’re holding now (meaning: stop listening to this conversation)
cast – a hard covering to protect a broken bone
chatted – talked
petrified – terrified, very scared
put on – fake nice
glared – looked harshly
humiliated – embarrassed
trivialities – insignificant things
blush – get hot and pink
fluke – chance, random, coincidental
dehydrated – dry, in need of water
back to herself – feeling like herself
epiphany – discovery
constraints – limitations, conditions
bluffed – pretended
contort myself – bend my body
inflicting – causing
bleak – bare and depressing
turn in on themselves – go in circles
grotesque – sick
Lab stations – desk areas for science experiments
formal – dance
incapacitated with fear – unable to move or think because of fear
dart – run
latch – close it all the way
X-ACTO knife – a cutting tool that holds a razor blade
duck – hide
whiteboards – space to write at the front of the room (like old-time chalk boards)
high marks – good grades
oblivion – being unknown; invisible
It’s not sustainable, but... – it (their relationship) can’t keep going, but that doesn’t matter now
He’s coming into his own – He’s becoming his own person, finding out who he is
slink – move quietly, secretly
surreal – not of this world
vile – evil, disgusting
irreversible intentions – plans that can’t be changed
saliva – fluid in the mouth
Everything is just off – everything is just not right, not normal
spurs – the little metal “stars” on the heel of a cowboy’s boots, they make a little noise
stalls – partial walls around a toilet
bank of taps – row of sinks
jet – water (coming out of the showerhead)
I think there’s a... - I think there’s this idea that fear and terror are short-lived, that they go away quickly.
subdue it – keep it down, minimize it
fester – get worse (like an infection)
emits – gives off
wick – string that sticks out of a candle (this is what you light with a match)
I was settling – I was willing to accept something that was less than perfect
previous incidents – problems in his past
cochlear implants – hearing aids
constitution – digestive system
boiler room – place with heat or steam equipment is kept
Always his nose in a book – Always reading
“Shhh-ed” me – asked me to be quiet
pushing a mop – working as a janitor
Pg 190  custodian – janitor (cleaning person)

Pages 191-197

Pg 191  poorly – sick, sickly

Pg 191  underlying resentfulness from each for the other – hidden dislike of each of them for the other

Pg 192  perpetually overlooked – constantly forgotten, continually missed

Pg 192  ethereal and clunky – heavenly and coarse; delicate and heavy

Pg 192  grace - honor


Pages 199-207

Pg 201  disguise – cover up

Pg 201  abstractions – ideas

Pg 201  constructions – ideas, inventions

Pg 201  Allegory, elaborate metaphor... - we don’t understand how important something is when we experience it, only through examples do we recognize the importance of life’s experiences

Pg 201  pub – bar (alcohol restaurant)

Pg 201  absentmindedly – without thinking

Pg 201  ticks – repetitive habits

Pg 201  in her own skin – being herself

Pg 201  Empirically – observably

Pg 202  We’re helpfully fortified – That’s because we have beer

Pg 202  his number – his phone number

Pg 202  run into her – meet her accidentally

Pg 202  that it might have progressed – that their relationship/friendship might have gone farther than it did during their first meeting

Pg 203  onus – burden, responsibility

Pg 203  inconsequential – of no significance, unimportant

Pg 203  infrastructure life’s built on – way life is

Pg 203  mere endurance – just getting through each day

Pg 203  sustain – live, stay alive

Pg 204  Interaction, connection is compulsory – interacting with other people is required

Pg 204  Solitude won’t sustain us forever – being alone won’t work forever

Pg 204  muffle – silence, quiet, soften

Pg 205  maggots – insect larvae (babies)

Pg 205  Critical – skip this word

Pg 205  Our temperature controlled... - the rest of this is just a description of a science (biology) laboratory

Pg 206  It’s all the extra mass... - more science (astronomy) information

Pg 206  stubble – stiff hairs (because he hasn’t shaved today)

Pg 206  jam – push, force

Pg 206  slam – push forcefully

Pg 206  punctures – holes

Pg 207  steady one with the other – use one hand to keep the other hand from shaking

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Pg 210  circle back – go back to the beginning