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RIGHT NOW July 23, 2018, heart of California summer, ROARSHOCK PAGE presents the third section of a long poem *The Last Pinelian (The Summer of Madness) The Summer of Madness (The Last Pinelian)* by D. A. Wilson. This portion from the deepest depths within that summer 40 years ago.

THE SUMMER OF MADNESS

Third Interlude: The Insanity of it All

So, if any words are going to
come out of this they'd
better come now.

Because I see by my head
that the show is,
indeed, almost over.

I am not even here
time to crawl to where
the dream people are.

Don't make me be awake anymore
it is the sleep that I want
the sleep that I enjoy.

Oh man, but I need to hide
under the sheets
and pretend this never happened.

Psychedelic Interlude: Fear

I saw my fear run, naked
crawling up and down the walls
up and down my spine
'til I came back
eyes awake
and knotted
prepared for wherever off I should go.

V.

I'm still hanging in here,
but – just – barely

for you see I've got to jump back a-ways
and try and figure out how I let things
get to this state in which smokers and
drinkers and spacers are found here
daily (and nightly).

And what about me?
How much longer will I be able
to continue like this?

Smoking and drinking and spacing
Seldom sleeping, seldom eating
but often writing

...and I guess that's something.

If in a year I can look back on this
and say,
"Yeah, there's a voice in there."
That will be something.

See man,
I *gots* to write down these moments
cuz I need something to show
for the joy and the pain
so that RIGHT NOW
July 23, 1978
doesn't just get lost in the shuffle.

Fourth Interlude: The Summer of Madness

Oh! Endless murderous treacherous
lustful spiteful sinful
horrible hot nightmare summer
making me burn out and cry
cuz I singed my fingers.

VI.

...and I'm sitting here some more.

After a week of lying low.
Perhaps I have shaken the dogs off my trail.

Tomorrow
I'm going to take a ride
to the DUMP
(Tom's house is on the road to the DUMP
across the street from the pet cemetery)
and I'm gonna get rid of all these beer bottles
and orange peels and pint milk cartons.
The trash hasn't been taken away since June.
The electricity is fucking up.
The mail box fell down.
We're out of cat food (Gypsy can take a joke)
And there are murderous sticker bushes everywhere.

But still,
having a wonderful time
wish you were here.

Flash Metamorphosis:

Pinel to Synergy
in burst
of meditation
power.

VII.

Ceremonies
Of the heart.

I can't take part.

But then
Carol Cogan says,
"You are a part."
And I am,
for a while,
anyway.

We sing
and they thank us for the love and the good vibes
and the sad tears.
I can't help it,
I think most about the sad tears.

But I feel good tonight
better than in many a long night
I have no degradation
or vibe poisoning.

I am here.

I am here.

I am here.

Home.

VIII.

Home.

But not for long.

This morning
First EVER Synergy class here.
One student
schemin' on my job,
got my job.
Hey, Dave
be one of us until September,
then, later!

Why don't I feel more pissed than I do?

This is home, damn it!
But I like you people, I really do.
Get to know me.
Let's shake hands.

— D.A. Wilson

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- 07/02 1900 First Zeppelin flight took place on Lake Constance near Friedrichshafen.
- 07/04 2018 U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 07/05 1954 The BBC broadcast its first television news bulletin.
- 07/09 1922 Johnny Weissmuller swam 100 meters freestyle in 58.6 seconds to break world swimming record and the 'minute barrier'.
- 07/10 1925 Meher Baba began his 44 years silence.
- 07/11 2018 John Woods "Wheels" Wheeler, age 60, First False Prophet of Neo Pagan Society, killed when his bicycle was struck by a passing pickup truck in Concord, CA.
- 07/12 2018 NEW MOON
- 1962 The Rolling Stones performed their first concert, at London's Marquee Club.
- 07/14 1789 Citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille.
- 07/15 2018 France defeated Croatia 4–2 to win the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
- 07/17 1975 An American Apollo and Soviet Soyuz spacecraft docked with each other in orbit marking the first such link-up between spacecraft from the two nations.
- 07/19 1900 The first line of the Paris Métro opened.
- 07/23 1962 Telstar relayed first publicly transmitted live trans-Atlantic television program, featuring Walter Cronkite.
- 07/25 1925 Telegraph Agency of the Soviet Union (TASS) was established.
- 1976 The Viking 1 spacecraft took the famous photo of the Face on Mars.
- 07/27 2018 FULL BUCK MOON
- 07/30 762 Baghdad was founded.

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