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21-4 " on the count of
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AS PER ONE CERTAIN MYTH, (WHICH, EVEN BY MYTH STANDARDS, IS OBSCURE),
 THERE WAS ONCE A BAND OF EXPLORERES WHO VIGOROUSLY SOUGHT A REPUTED,
 "HIDDEN KINGDOM" RIGHT HERE ON EARTH,
 AND AFTER MAKING ALL EFFORTS THAT SEEMED POSSIBLE & PROMISING,
 PERTINENT THE SEARCH,
 AND STILL NOT SUCCEEDING,
 THEY THEN SUPPOSEDLY,
 AFTER EXTRAORDINARY RECONSIDERATIONS -- FROM TOP TO BOTTOM --
 OF THEIR BASIC ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING SUCH MATTERS AS:
 GOALS, PRESENT LOCATIONS, DISTANCES BETWEEN THE TWO,
 TIME'S PERTINANCE THERETO, AND THE VERY NATURE OF EFFORT ITSELF,
 AND UPON EMERGING FROM THIS SELF INFLICTED, MENTAL & VERBAL BLOOD LETTING, AND
 CLEANSING BAPTISM,
 THEY THEN TURNED THEIR EXPEDITIONARY ATTENTION IN A TOTALLY NEW DIRECTION,
 ONE IN FACT, SO NON-STANDARD & UNFORSEEN AS TO ELUDE DESCRIPTION,
 AND THUS PRECLUDE AN ORAL CONCLUSION TO THE TALE.

... (BUT NONETHELESS, I TELL YOU PRIVATELY THAT INDEED THEIR EFFORTS DID CONTINUE
 AND IN A TOTALLY RE-INVIGORATED AND PROFITABLE DIRECTION.
 ... [SHOULD NOT THE FACT THAT THE STORY ITSELF PROCLAIMS THE
 IMPOSSIBILITY OF A TELLABLE ENDING
 GIVE AN INDICATION OF WHAT DIRECTION MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN
 TO PRODUCE THIS SITUATION?!]....
OF WHAT GOOD, TO A FEW, IS A MAP THAT -- *MAKES SENSE?!*)



YET ANOTHER: CONVERSATION

"WE CARRY AROUND WITH US, A MOST HEAVY BURDEN.",

"THE UNIQUE BURDEN OF BEING HUMAN.",

"NAW, THE BURDEN OF US BELIEVING THAT WE ARE WHAT WE THINK."

(NOTE: ONLY MAN AND APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OTHER CREATURES TAKE THE NOTION OF, "UNIQUENESS" AS AN ACCEPTABLE JUSTIFICATION FOR SUFFERING, OR OTHER FORMS OF MAJOR INCONVENIENCE.)

YES -- LONG AGO DID THE HORMEL BROTHERS LEARN THAT IF COWS BELIEVED THEY WERE PART OF A COLLECTIVE BOVID SPONSORED TOUR GROUP THE, (SHALL WE SAY) --X LESS RESISTANCE THEY WERE INCLINED TO PRESENT AS THEY APPROACHED THAT FAIR CITY ON LAKE MICHIGAN'S SHORE.

A FATHER ONCE SAID TO A SON: "A MAN CAN LEARN FROM ALL CREATURES,", TOWHICH THE BOY REPLIED: "I AIN'T TAKE NO LESSONS FROM NO PIGS! - AND THAT'S THAT AND THE ELDER COULD ONLY SMILE TO HIMSELF, (SOMEWHAT GRIMACINGLY), AS HE PICTURED ALL THAT THE LAD STILL HAD TO LEARN --

....(ASSUMING THAT HE DID EVER DO SO.
 ...BUT -- ALAS!, [CLUCK] - YOU KNOW HOW YOUNGSTERS CAN BE!)

"QUEERY": WHY IS MAN THE ONLY CREATURE TO HAVE DEVELOPED THE CONCEPT OF, "TASTE"?

"REPLY": BECAUSE ONLY HE HAS A BRAIN WITH A VERBAL AREA --
WHICH HAS NO TASTE --

SO HE INVENTED THE IDEA TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK.

"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CLEARING THIS UP FOR ME."

"NO PROBLEM."

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...NOW ON TO: GEOGRAPHY:

THE TRAINS DEPART FROM MIAMI, BUT ARE ANNOUNCED SO, FROM MANHATTAN.

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ONE KID, (AFTER HE BECAME LESS KIDDISH), SANG THIS TUNE TO HIMSELF:

"I SHOT A METAPHOR INTO THE AIR,
AND WHEN IT RETURNED -- IT WAS A REAL ARROW,
AND STRUCK ME SQUARE IN THE EYE -- FINALLY!"

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EXPLAINED, FINALLY, FOR THE FIRST TIME, FOR YOUR EDIFICATION & EXHILARATION:

WHY "KNOWING" ABOUT A PARTICULAR THING STILL DOESN'T CHANGE THE SITUATION:
IT'S BECAUSE "KNOWLEDGE" DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING --
THERE'S NOT REALLY ANY SUCH THING AS KNOWLEDGE,
IN THE WAY MEN DEFINE IT --
IT'S JUST SELF REFERENCES ENGAGED IN BY AN IMAGINARY OCCURANCE.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH KNOWLEDGE AS LONG AS YOU SEE IT FOR WHAT IT IS --
-- ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF AN ILLUSION.

SOME CIRCUS NEWS

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO WALK A HIGH WIRE:
ONE IS TO ALWAYS -- KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE WIRE,
AND THE OTHER IS TO -- NEVER LOOK AT THE WIRE.

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"HEY YOU! -- CLEAN UP THAT ELEPHANT SHIT OVER IN TENT A",
"WHAT! -- AND GET INTO SHOW BUISNESS?!",
"Naw! -- THE THINK BIZ! -- YOU SHOVEL-HEAD!"

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TO BE NOT ONLY ON THE "SAFE SIDE", BUT THE EXTREME ONE AT THAT,
ONE MAN EMBRACED AS HIS OWN PERSONAL MOTTO:

"NEVER LOOK A GIFT ANYTHING IN THE MOUTH!"

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A MAN ASKED THE GREAT ORACLE,
"WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN - BEING PASSIVE,
AND BEING OF ORDINARY AWARENESS?", AND THE GREAT ONE REPLIED,
"YOU SHOULDN'T BE ASKING ME TRICK QUESTION!", AND THE MAN SAID,
"OH!.....I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS A TRICK QUESTION.",
"OH, THEN.", SAID THE ORACLE,
"I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT YOU WERE OF JUST ORDINARY AWARENESS."

LET'S PLAY A LITTLE GUESSING GAME:

WHAT HAS -- NO BEGINNING,

AND -- NO END?

..... NO, NO! -- NO THINKING ABOUT IT, NOW!

...(AND WHILE WE'RE WAITING: THIS FACT!

FACT! -- THOSE CLOSEST TO REALITY EXPERIENCE THE BEST BEEPER RECEPTION.)

AN OBVIOUS FACT, (AND, NO OFFENSE), BUT ONE I FEAR YOU TEND TO,
(AH HUM!) - FORGET IN THE HEAT OF (AH HUM!) - BATTLE:

SINCE THE NAMES FOR EVERYTHING ARE MADE UP
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT SAYS ABOUT ADJECTIVES.

AS THE CLARIFICATION POLICE DRAGGED HIM AWAY,
A VOICE FROM THE ABODE WAS HEARD TO SAY:
"OH PLEASE! - IF YOU MUST TAKE HIM,
AT LEAST LEAVE ME HIS MODIFIERS!"

* THOUGHTS, (AMONG ALL THINGS), DO NOT LIKE TO BE -- "LEFT ALONE". *

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IT IS NATURAL FOR A MORE CONSCIOUS MAN TO BE UNINTERESTED IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.
-- EVEN THE AFFAIRS OF MAN-THE-COLLECTIVE.
INASMUCH AS EVEN THEIR OWN APPARENT "INTEREST" IS AFFECTED.

TO THE POSSESSOR OF IT: AN AWAKENED MIND IS LIKE A HEARTLESS SURGEON --
-- BUT ALSO ONE OF UNIQUE TALENT & SINGULAR SUCCESSES.

ONE MAN SPENT TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, (PLUS A COUPLE OF MONTHS),
IN VIGOROUS PURSUIT TO -- "KNOW HIMSELF" -- ONLY TO BE...(HUMMM.....
...NOW HOW SHALL I PUT THIS?!.....UMMMM.....

....AW, IT'S PROBABLY BEST FOR EVERYONE IF WE JUST DROP IT,
AND GO ON TO ANOTHER SUBJECT ENTIRELY.

...I KNOW! -- LET ME GIVE YOU THE WEATHER FORECAST,
AN AREA INWHICH WE CAN MOVE ABOUT WITH SOME CERTAINTY! YEAH!)

HOW'S ABOUT WE TRY IT ABOUT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE -- HUMM-M-M-M?!:

THOUGHT IS NOT A DO-ER -- BUT A REPORTER --
-- AN AFTER-THE-FACT REPORTER WHO ASSUMES CREDIT FOR THE DEED.

NO DOUBT, THE SUPREME FRAUD OF THIS UNIVERSE,
AND YET ONE, ALMOST ENTIRELY UNNOTICED.

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EVERYTHING, NON-EXISTANT: CAN BE SHOWN TO BE SOEXCEPT TO ITSELF.

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MORE, (IN FACT, WHAT SHOULD BE) "THE FINAL WORD" CONCERNING TIME EFFICIENCY

A CREATURE BORN BEING, "ALREADY LATE" CAN NEVER CATCH UP.
...(THIS IS TRUE FOR FUNCTIONS AS WELL.)

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A CONCISE RECONNOITER OF THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN CONFLICTING PHILOSOPHIES
.....(AND MAYBE OTHER STUFF):

UPON HIS FIRST VISIT HOME FROM COLLEGE, A LAD'S FATHER SO SAID:
"HEADS UP!, YOUNG WOULD-BE, COLLEGATE CEREBRAL CREASER! --
WHAT THE WORLD CALLS THE, 'BATTLEFIELD OF IDEAS'
IS ACTUALLY NO MORE THAN A VERBAL GAME OF PAINT BALL."

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOUGHT & ILLUSION, AND,
(LET US SAY), A TIN MINE? --

WELL, IN THE LATTER CASE, THE MINE IS THE SOURCE OF THE TIN,
AND THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT THE SAME THING,
WHILE IN THE FORMER INSTANCE,
THOUGHT IS NOT ONLY THE SOURCE OF ALL ILLUSION, BUT IS ITSELF ONE.

....NEAT, HUH?!...(UNLESS I GUESS, YOU OWN SHARES IN A THOUGHT MIND!)

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU CALL SQUID WHO REALIZE THEY'RE LIVING IN TREES?

-- AWAKENED!

"KNOWING SOMETHING" IS NOT ENOUGH --

-- IT'S NEVER ENOUGH! --

...DOESN'T THAT STRONGLY HINT AT SOMETHING?!?!

MORE REGARDING SIGHT

NO MATTER WHERE YOU LOOK -- USING THOUGHT! --
YOU'LL NEVER SEE WHAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR.

....(AT LEAST WE'RE NARROWING DOWN THE FIELD.)

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SHORT DIALOGUE

"TELL YET ANOTHER THING THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.",

"OKAY: YOU CAN'T BE CONSCIOUS AND FREE AND AT THE SAME TIME
PURSUE INTERESTS INWHICH YOU HAVE NO REAL INTEREST."

...(SHORT SUBJECT -- SHORT DIALOGUE!)

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THE ONLY REAL ALTERNATIVE TO ANYTHING IS ITS OPPOSITE;
EVERYTHING HAS AN ALTERNATIVE BESIDE ITS OPPOSITE,
AND BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT - (IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT!?!)

TO BE -- "MENTALLY PASSIVE"
IS NATURAL FOR ORDINARY MEN,
BUT UN SO
FOR THE FEW.

HOW CAN A PASSER-BY WHO SIMPLY WITNESSES AN ACCIDENT AND STOPS TO LOOK
BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACT?!,
AND YET IS THUSLY HOW MEN VIEW THEIR THOUGHTS.

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FOR VERBAL CONSCIOUSNESS TO COME IN ON THE COUNT ON ONE, IT MUST HEAR, "Two".

"HELLO! -- AM I LATE?" "YES, BUT YOU HAVE NO CHOICE."

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EVERYONE HAS A SERVANT,
BUT ONE WHO ALSO SERVES ANOTHER MASTER -- ONE WHO COMES BEFORE YOU.

"HONEY -- WHERE ARE MY CLEAN SHIRTS?",
"YOU DON'T HAVE ANY.",
"ANY WHICH? -- SHIRTS, OR CLEAN?",
"YOU GOT IT!"

I ONCE HAD A MAN NAMED JEEVES,
WHOSE JOB I THOUGHT, WAS TO PLEASE,
MY WANTS SEEM TO COME,
FROM MY MIND AND MY TONGUE,
WHILE HIS RESPONSE, FROM DOWN 'ROUND THE KNEES.

'TIS TRUE -- THEY ANNOUNCE THE TRAINS AS DEPARTING FROM PARIS
ON THE WAY TO ISTANBUL
BUT TRUTH IS -- THEY'RE ALWAYS -- ALREADY THERE
IN THAT MAGICAL TOWN.

ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT THE MIND AND THE BODY ARE TWO SEPERATE THINGS IS A FOOL,
AND
ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT THE MIND AND THE BODY ARE NOT SEPERATE THINGS IS A FOOL.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND

THERE WAS ONCE A MIGHTY CREATURE WHO COULD SEE EVERYTHING! --

-- AND HE HAD BUT A SINGLE EYE! --

-- AND EVEN THAT ONE WAS EMPTY!

THE SORT OF CYCLOPS,

TO MAKE YOUR

PANTS DROP!

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AS REGARDS: THOUGHTS -- WHERE THEY COME FROM & FROM WHERE MEN PRETEND THAT THEY DO

ORANGE JUICE OBVIOUSLY COMES FROM ORNAGES,
BUT ORANGES DO NOT LOOK UPON SAID JUICE AS THE
DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF THEIR EXISTANCE.

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A FATHER TOLD A SON,
"HERE IS MY VERY BEST ADVICE: ALWAYS,
KEEP YOUR DESK CLEAR,
YOUR HOUSE IN PERFECT ORDER,
AND YOUR LIFE, TOTALLY TIDY AND WRAPPED UP NICELY," AND THE LAD REPLIED,
"BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE."
"MY POINT PERCISELY."

ORDINARY THOUGHT IS CLEARLY DELUSIVE IN THAT IT IS NEVER ABOUT THE HERE-AND-NOW.

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OF WHAT USE IS LIFE TO A MAN ALREADY DEAD?!

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MAN HAS WITHIN HIM
A CERTAIN CAPACITY
WHICH IS LIKE A ROAD LEADING TO A UNIQUE DESTINATION
WHICH, TO TAKE HIM THERE, ROLLS UP ON ITSELF.

THE BODY KNOWS WHAT TO DO NEXT, BUT CAN'T SAY;
THE MIND CAN SAY, BUT DOESN'T KNOW. ... (WHICH DOESN'T STOP IT FROM SAYING.)

AND THE KING CRIED OUT: "IS THERE NOTHING UPONWHICH WE CAN DEPEND?!",
YES -- BUT NOTHING WE CAN SPEAK OF.

THOSE WHO THINK THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN:
 KNOWLEDGE AND OPINION -- FAITH AND FACTS,
 HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO LEARN THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THEY EVER WILL.

HE OPENED THE DOOR --
 AND ENTERED THE STORE --
 THE LITTLE BELL TINKLED AS HE WALKED TO THE COUNTER AND STUDIED THE TREATS:
 "UMMMMM.....THEY ALL LOOK SO GOOD! --
 WHICH ARE BEST: THE DOUGHNUTS OR THE DANISH?",
 AND THE CLERK REPLIED: "THEY'RE ALL-L-L THE SAME.",
 "BUT THEY SEEM SO DIFFERENT.", SAID THE MAN,
 "I KNOW.", SAID THE CLERK, "YOU THINK THAT AN ACCIDENT?! - A MERE COINCIDENCE?"

YES -- HE'D UNKNOWING WALKED INTO -- THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF THOUGHTS.

... "OH MEIN GOT -- IHOT!"

AND A MAN,
 JUST PARKING HIS VAN
 OUT IN THE LOT, (AND OVERHEARING ALL OF THIS),
 THOUGHT: "WELL, IT COULD'AVE BEEN WORSE --

IT COULD'AVE BEEN, THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF IDIOTS!",
 (WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT HIS SIGH OF RELIEF WAS NOT, (UM HUM) -- "PREMATURE")

THE OCEANOLOGY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

MAN'S ROUTINE MENTAL STATE IS LIKE WATER STICKING TO PASSING SHIPS.

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ONE MAN'S CONSTANT REMINDER TO HIMSELF:

"GLUE IS IMPARTIAL -- MAGNETISM, INDESCRIMINATE;
GLUE IS IMPARTIAL -- MAGNETISM, INDESCRIMINATE...."

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MENTAL ATTENTION IS THE WORLD'S ONLY FISH THAT CAN LAND ITSELF.

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PRESENTING HIMSELF BEFORE THE CUBICLE OF THE GREAT ORACLE, A MAN SO ADDRESSED IT
 "OH WISE ONE: WHAT EXACTLY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ORDINARY MAN,
 AND AN AWAKENED ONE? -- IS THE AWAKENED ONE *SMARTER?*",

"NO, YOU COULDN'T SAY THAT.", REPLIED THE ORACLE,
 "HUMM.", HUMMED THE MAN IN A DISAPPOINTED TONE, "THEN COULD YOU SAY THAT
 AN AWAKENED MAN HAS SOME SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE UNAVAILABLE TO THE ORDINARY?",

"NO.", SAID THE ORACLE, "NEITHER COULD YOU SAY THAT.",
 AND APPEARING INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED, THE MAN THEN SAID,
 "WELL, DOES AN AWAKENED MAN HAVE MIRACULOUS ABILITIES NOT POSSESSED BY
 THE ORDINARY?",

AND FROM THE CUBICLE COULD BE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE ORACLE
 SHAKING ITS HEAD, "NO" AGAIN, AND THE MAN THEN DEMANDED:
 "SO JUST WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE TWO THAT WILL INDICATE ANY REAL
 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM?!", AND FROM THE CUBICLE THE VOICE REPLIED,

"SINCE ALL MY PREVIOUS RESPONSES FAIL TO SATISFY YOU, TRY THIS ONE:
 THE AWAKENED. NEVER COME HERE TO ASK ME QUESTIONS."

....(AND UPON HEARING THIS -- [IN THE SETTING OF A MORE PERFECT WORLD] --
 THE MAN, OF COURSE, SUDDENLY EXPERIENCED HIS OWN,
 (BLAH, BLAH BLAH, BLAH BLAH.)

PROFESSIONS OF INTELLIGENCE REGARDING THE LIFE OF MAN
ARE CLAIMS OF EXPERTISE IN THE WORLD OF FICTION BY FICTIONAL EXPERTS.

THE PROBLEM OF: SELF IDENTIFICATION

YOUR THOUGHTS DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE! --

HELL, FACE IT -- THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THEY ARE!.

...(AND SOME GUY'S STOMACH SOME WHERE SAID:

"HEY! - DON'T LOOK AT ME!")

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THE TWO SEPERATE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BODY AND OF THE MIND
CLEARLY!, COMPREHENSIVELY!, AND CONCLUSIVELY COVERED & DESCRIBED

THE BODY SURVIVES -- THE MIND WHINES.

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QUESTION: BY WHAT TITLE ARE SPARROWS KNOWN
WHO DISCOVER THAT THEY ARE DWELLING AMONGST DOLPHINS?
-- ENLIGHTENED!

ONE MAN'S PRESENT SENTIMENT:

"I WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL THERE'S NOT A SINGLE TRACE OF ME LEFT."

QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A LIBERATED WORM AND DIRT?

-- YOU CAN'T, YOU NINNY! --

THAT'S WHAT ALL THESE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN POINTING TO.

THERE IS NO IDIOCY EQUAL TO THAT OF -- KNOWING SOMETHING.

IF THIS AIN'T REGAL -- I'M A BEAGLE

FIRST THING ONE MORNING, IN AN EXCITED TONE, THE KING TOLD THE PRINCE,
"A PLAN, MY BOY -- THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO -- HAVE A PLAN!",
TOWHICH THE HEIR REPLIED,

"BUT YESTERDAY YOU SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS TO NOT HAVE A PLAN.
"THAT WAS YESTERDAY, LAD -- GET HIP!, WISE UP! -- THIS IS TODAY!"
...AND SO IT WENT -- DAY AFTER DAY -- IN THE LIFE OF A PRINCE.

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THE ULTIMATE PAY OFF OF THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY
IS WHAT IT IS
REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU MAY THINK THAT IT IS.

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