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in the bleak midwinter

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STUART'S SOLSTICE RITUAL IS UNDER WAY...
WHY DID I LET YOU DRAG ME TO THIS WITLESS AFFAIR?
BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL ATONING FOR YOUR WITLESS AFFAIR.
...IT'S THE DARKEST HOUR OF THE YEAR, POSSIBLY THE DARKEST HOUR OF OUR NATION, AND THINGS AREN'T LOOKING ANY TOO BRIGHT FOR THE PLANET, EITHER...
SO CLARICE, HOW'D YOU LIKE LIVING HERE?
I'M ECSTATIC. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY YOU MOVED OUT.

UH...IT'S NICE RAFFI CAME TONIGHT. IT MUSTA BEEN HARD LEAVING HIM AND TONI.
IT WAS. I'M SORRY, GINGER. DON'T MIND ME. I'VE BEEN IN A CLINICAL DEPRESSION SINCE DECEMBER 12, 2000.

...PEOPLE CREATED SOLSTICE RITUALS BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID THE SUN WOULD NEVER COME BACK TO THE SKY, AND LEMME TELL YA, AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF BUSH, I KNOW HOW THEY FELT...
THOSE TWO SEEM BACK ON TRACK. HAS SYDNEY REALLY QUIT THAT FOOLISHNESS WITH MADELEINE?

YEAH. MO FINALLY LAID DOWN THE LAW, I THINK IT KINDA TURNED SYDNEY ON.

...AND AS THE LENGTHENING DAYS TRIUMPH OVER THE DARKNESS, MAY PEACE TRIUMPH OVER WAR, MAY...
STUART? D'YOU REALLY WANT TO APPLY THAT SOLAR MODEL TO HUMAN BEHAVIOR? AFTER ALL, DARKNESS TRIUMPHS OVER THE LIGHT IN JUNE.

UNLESS YOU MEAN THAT WAR IS INEVITABLE, A KIND OF CYCLICAL, BATAILLEAN SQUANDERING OF EXCESS ENERGY - A VIEW WITH WHICH I'M INCLINED TO AGREE.

I'M JUST SAYING.

AND NOW I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN A SONG I'M SURE YOU KNOW...

HERE COMES THE SUN, DOO DO DO...
I'M GOING OVER TO THE DARK SIDE NOW.

WHEN DID YOU EVER LEAVE THE DARK SIDE?

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