

zygomatics

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i saw a sign and it read

A PERSON THAT IS MEAN
TO THE WAITER
IS A MEAN PERSON

i thought of you with your high cheekbones,
the sense of entitlement unparalleled,
the superiority complex that hid much

you had a gig and
it had probably worked on someone
but your gig was and is
a trick

faced w/ something that mattered
or a mark,
there is the perfect smile

otherwise, watch the spirit shift

quick
click
slick
flick

and
trick

there goes

see it?

it is said that Gurdjieff was known
to approach famous, well polished people

he would whisper something like

YOU HAVE A GOOD PERSONALITY,
A GOOD PERSONA,
A GOOD MASK

but I am not Gurdjieff
i just waited it all out and you came to pass in time
i admit there are no cheekbones like that anywhere

but i 'tell you true,'
you are still mean,
like the sign says

the waiter knows it
i know it
i think Gurdjieff even knows it

maybe in some place
you might know it too

