

Hi Bill,

April 30th

I believe you said I had sent you two Feb. letters, so this will be my ~~March~~ April letter.

I have been seeing a lot of John lately. I mean we see each other at the Sunday dinner of course, but I've been ~~to~~^{w/} him to go to Superstore, Canadian Tire, and to pick-up the trees recently. He is a character. He talks, a lot. And his stories are long, but he tells them slowly, because he pauses a lot. and you think he's done, but he's not! A few weeks ago Lisa and Aaron were out of town, so John picked me up from work, we picked up Noodle Box, and came back to the Suite to Eat. I tried to track the path of our conversation.

Here it is. It started when he was talking about the lady who served us at the Needle Box, as she had blue hair and facial piercings, and that she was pretty but had all these piercings and what might bring someone to get them. And then it went to how tongue piercings, and that it's possible they make oral more satisfying. Then it went to Prince Albert piercing (he didn't know the name, I added that in). He started talking about his Sweepstakes (if you don't know what that is you'll have to ask him). I can't remember what came next, possibly something churchy because after we talked about God, and his only son. After that came raisins,

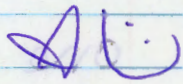
Raisins often come up it seems, because we don't like them and Lisa has put them in the salad before.) and Oatmeal, and how ~~at~~ in the morning he has a bowl with Oatmeal and raisins even if he doesn't really enjoy them. Not sure how we transitioned this time, but it was money or cost of drugs. John has said once or twice that the government or something wanted to cut down on the number of junkies, so he came up with the idea of lacing drugs with fentanyl, and told the gov. to do that. That came up after the cost of drugs.

Keep in mind, he was mostly the one guiding the conversation. I do

a lot of listening with him.

He is something else, despite all of his ridiculous stories. Like that he can read universal product code by scanning it with his eyes. But it seems like he's done quite a bit with his life. I recently learned he taught abroad, and was fired when he started teaching the students what he thought they should know, and not what the curriculum said he had to teach.

Anyways, you will probably be in Vancouver by the time this arrives in Montreal, so it should be a nice surprise when you get home!

-Love Sam  ^{toxo}