

## notresponding: Brian Oliu

## C:\>lotus.exe

Something wonderful has happened! At long last, native land has been reached unscathed, uninfected! Cosmetic damage, certainly, a scratch and a stained casing, finger oil on non-matted screens, hairline fractures under cuts, but congratulations! Congratulations!!!! No viruses here! TYPE QUARANTINE TO QUARANTINE AND COMPLETE THE PROCESS!

tegral and fractional parts. Like a radix. Like the father of x = y. Like the image of the earth ..... .....like Australia, Brunei, Botswana, English Speaking Canada, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea (both North and South), Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States (including insular areas), Zimbabwe ..... .....QUARANTINE10 and like any good host, any good system with striped sweaters and delicate hierarchies, pale walls with old carpeting, scents of carrots and baby powder; the return to the mothering hut, an attempt to start new, pale walls like wombs, nurseries, even, twin beds with bars, safe beds where the names are affixed to them, beds with bars, eight-point restraints locked behind doors with keypads, hanging on a hook on the back of the door. I had a numeric equation to unlock such things..... .....like synthetic beveled bladders, like spinning plastic popped by palms of French children on the shores of Djurba, hands sticky from ordering sherbet in Berber, affixing circumfixes if female, changing vowels if it was both me and you...like rotating balloons as if seen from above flight patterns, the view from preliminary pibals sent up as sacrifices at the horologion to Boreas, Notus, Eurus, Zephyrus (Kaikias, Apeliotes, Skiron and Lips as well, we must not forget the cross-sections and their wickedness, the diversions from latitude and longitude)...like color wheels on top of sticks..... .....QUARANTINE10 and like any good host, there was no intention to delete. Cakes

and soup were brought in on a regular basis, behind doors with keypads, amongst the help and the helpless; cakes and soup from my companions, sanctioned meals from basement ovens sent up on carts in smooth plastic, nothing sharp, no knives. To replicate without abandon, no fear of the memory leak. No fear of bread..... .....like children looking up, affixed on a spot in the sky where chiptunes once floated to, where fake planes swooped to fake hangars to visit a de facto capital. Like children looking up, affixed on a spot in the sky where freshly paved graveled voices caused concern amongst age groups, remembering when falsettos weren't forced and Dopplesitzers and Cessnas were all that adhered to the white on red. Like blue. Like festival pinwheels (always clockwise). Like 20 go to 10. Like a string of zeros like administrative day pearls looping around to the clasp ..... .....QUARANTINE10 and like any good host, you truly wanted to 0, to leave impressively, to return to the education of the education of others, to leave numbers, numbers of beds, numbers of discharges ..... .....like the Greek word for omission. Like aposiopesis. Like ten ten ten. Like the sum of all natural numbers until full stop. Like what is meant to be said. Like choose the best answer to help this fit your needs and enable you to continue forward without guarantines and full stops in order 36 to breathe during times of flash 36 floods ...... ......QUARANTINE10 and like any good host, you want me to stay ..... .....Like a variable amount of

parameters of function. Like abstract syntax notation number 1. Like trailed-off sentences at the end of conversations. an indication in the shift of power between letters between me and you, you and you, me and you, someone else and elsewheres. Like a final farewell without the final farewell ..... ...... QUARANTINE10 and like any good host, you are the head of nothing, to erase urges for phonecalls, to neither confirm nor deny existence, to answer in shaded tones, to talk longingly of three-days-ago, but never acknowledge it being there, to construct beach scenes out of cardboard, to demand .....Like cooking and board games, times spent in kitchens, dual purposes, to cook fish without burning scales, turning white flakes to black. Like cooking eggs. Like trivial pursuits. Like the true sense of the word, the definition in its truest form, what are we doing, what are we waiting for. Like getting here thirty-grains ago. Like taking the dagger before the monster eats. Like empty blown glass and carved four-legged oak in oblong pine coffins. Like a replacement for crossbones ..... .....QUARANTINE10 like any good host, you make me feel welcome, to enjoy noodles and red and white candies, to pigtail, to forget elsewheres and remember here, remember here as it was, and as it should be, to silence calls and halt input systems, to remember nothing .....

Like the changing of meaning. Like never recover. Like believing it will. Like chances. Like bed cycles. Like pink carbon copies kept in bottom file cabinet drawers, in case, in case. Like color changes, from black and white to red and yellow, to the utilization of all colors, ones forgotten about, the

blending of teals. Like polling
events.
BLED BACK AND OVER, MINIMIZE TO MAXIMIZE, BOTH NATURE AND OTHER BORE WITNESS TO HANGING SPOONS AND THE RELAYERING OF BLOCKS REPRESENTING THINGS UNKNOWN, TEXTS UNKNOWN, PROCESSES UNKNOWN, THE CASTING OUT, THE DESCENDER, THE SUBTRACTION OF PLANETS, THE MISSTEP IN AVAILABILITY, THE MYTH OF SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE, UNABLE TO ACHIEVE FIVENINES, TEMPLES DESTROYED LIKE CLOGGED FISH UNDER RUDDERS, WINDS SWINGING ODIN'S BODY
Like modern timepieces. Like antiquated
ones. Like spinning rings
ENDTASK?(Y/N)
 Y
You will not haul them under the rowing benches.
You will not lash them fast.
You have no steady processes running.

