

BOOK STUFF

#45 *'If only it could be like this always – always summer, always alone, the fruit always ripe and Aloysius in a good temper...'* Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh

Tea Invitation by Ibtisam Barakat

I write
for my heart
has become
a country
and I want
all people
to live in it.

I make space
by emptying
all corners
of fear.

I make peace
by making
a cup of tea
for my story
and yours.

A cup of tea
for our estranged
histories
that come from
one family
but to one another
do not speak.

Hot tea and mint.
I have meant
to invite you over
to my heart.

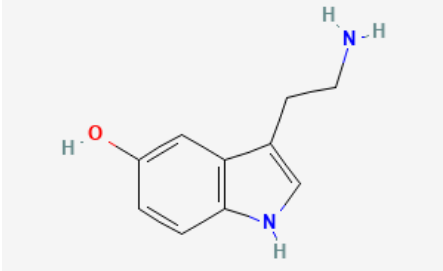
Do you like your tea
with sugar?

QUIZ TIME:

1. What is the name of Italy's National dish?
2. Rounded to the nearest thousand, on average how many planes can be in the sky at one time?
3. What is the most common breed of cat?
4. Which Kate Bush song took 37 years to make it to No.1 of the music charts in the UK?
5. Which country contains the town which experiences darkness for 24 hours at a certain time of the year?
6. How many British Prime Ministers has HRH The Queen had in her reign?
7. How many days are there between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?



CAN YOU SOLVE THE RIDDLE?
'What starts in a T, ends in a T, and has T in it?'



WHO AM I? [FOOTBALLER EDITION]



- The highest fee paid for me was £15 million
- I have scored over 200 career goals
- I have played for England and am now retired

'The Pursuit of Happiness'

There was once a group of 100 people attending a seminar on personal development.

In the middle of their talk, the speaker stops and decides to run an impromptu group activity. He hands out a balloon to each attendee and tells them to write their name on it.

The balloons are then collected and placed in an adjacent room.

The speaker then instructs the 100 attendees to enter that room and, within 5 short minutes, find the balloon with their name on it.

Pandemonium breaks loose as they charge in, pushing and colliding with each other as they desperately search for their name.

The 5 minutes pass and nobody succeeds.

The speaker then tells each person to pick up any random balloon and give it to the person whose name is written on it. Within a few minutes everyone has their balloon back.

He then said, "What just happened with those balloons is exactly what happens in our search for happiness. We frantically look for it all around us, not knowing where it is."

"Yet our happiness lies in the happiness of others. By giving them their happiness, you get yours."

Moral of the story:

Happiness and fulfilment rarely come from selfish pursuits, but almost *always* come from doing good deeds for others. By helping others we help ourselves.

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Who am I? I am.... Jermaine Defoe

1. Spaghetti Bolognese
2. 10,000 (9,728)
3. Domestic Shortair
4. Running up that Hill
5. Norway
6. 14
7. 729

Quiz Answers:

Riddle Answer: A Teapot

ANSWERS



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