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Thème.

Norah had barely entered the house that she felt how empty it was.

It was dark outside by then.

The main living room looked grim. (...)

On the roughly covered walls, Norah recognized the framed pictures of the holidays village her father had owned and managed and which had made his fortune.

A great deal of people had always lived under the roof of this man proud of his success, not so generous, had always thought Norah, but proud to show that he was wealthy enough to make room for and feed

siblings, nephews and other family members; as of this season, Nonah had never seen the main living room empty no matter the time of day she would be there. (...)

This evening, the vacant room bluntly unveiled the roughness of its materials: some shining marble and concrete walls. (...)

"Your wife is not here?" Nonah asked.

He pulled two chairs away from the big table, pulled them together, then changed his mind and put them back where they belonged.

He turned on the T.V. then shut it off before any frame could pop on the screen.

He moved around shuffling his flip-flops on the marble, without raising his feet.

His lips were shivering a bit.

"She went on a trip", he finally let out.

"Oh", Venah thought, anxious. "He's probably avoiding the fact that she must have left him."

According to Ndiaye, Trois femmes puissantes.

Version.

Quand j'allais à l'école, je pensais que personne ne m'aimait, et ce n'était pas loin d'être vrai. J'avais une amie, Roxane Weaver, mais son affection n'avait rien d'exceptionnel parce qu'elle était si gentille de nature. Elle critiquait les filles qui sentaient les transpiration, ou qui avaient les cheveux gras, ou des boutons, mais c'était parce que sa mère déplorait le manque d'hygiène bien plus que le manque d'appréciation. Madame Weaver avait des origines françaises. Elle remontait à loin dans le temps mais elle s'en sentait proche en esprit, et c'est pourquoi elle avait donné un prénom français à sa fille. (...)

Aucune autre personne m'aimait à l'école, ou du moins

semblait m'apprécier : la directrice. J'étais flattée par l'intérêt qu'elle me portait, j'aimais bien les livres qu'elle me prêtait et je la trouvais impressionnante, mais j'étais hypocrite envers elle car je ne voulais pas lui ressembler. C'était une femme scrupuleuse et austère (...), une administratrice des parcours scolaires purs et de l'implication pour les bonnes causes, et elle voulait que son école forme des filles qui feraient de grandes choses par philanthropie. Je voyais bien qu'elle espérait que je sois une fille de ce genre, et je savais qu'elle avait tort.

Les faveurs de Madame Potter ne me mirent pas en bons termes avec les autres filles, ni avec les maîtresses, et je savais que les adjectifs les plus souvent utilisés pour qualifier mon mom étaient "autoritaire", "supérieure", et "dérangée". C'est pour cela que Madame Fitzgerald était un réconfort. Elle venait deux fois par semaine depuis Londres pour nous enseigner la peinture, et elle ignorait tout aux sentiments qui couraient alors dans

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l'école.

D'après Athill, Don't look at me like thatQuestion 1.

In The New York Times, columnist Bowie censures the history of Republicans making it harder for minorities to find representation. The incumbent, Trump, might have sparked a tradition of challenging electoral results during the 2020 presidential elections. This was fueled by the belief that every voter's voice is not worth the same in the US, thus putting the electoral process in jeopardy. 50

Republicans have used a variety of tools to influence how votes are counted. They designed districts so that they would hold a majority of Republican voters. Furthermore, ballot measures target minorities, making them less eligible to vote, by refusing this right to former 100 felons for instance.

Trump ^{has} always weaponized conspiracy theories, but his unfounded claims of massive voter fraud actually

makes the electoral process ^{much} more fragile. Republicans are subject to try and challenge future elections, fueling the belief that some voices count more than others. They've made it part of the party's identity. 150

The most profound issue comes from the idea that all Americans are not equal in rights. The electoral process makes whites give up some privileges, as they are not always bound to win. Thus, "Trumpism" has tried to outcast minorities' voices. If some groups refuse to let go of representation privileges, the whole democracy is in danger. 200

To Bowie, this turn taken by the Republican party, which refuses that minorities be represented and treated fairly reminds of America's darkest past. Mindsets need to change so that the past will not be repeated, and democracy can be preserved. 250

around 255 words.

Question 2.

President Biden was elected by people who hoped he would be the President of compromises. He promised that he would represent all the American people, breaking with his predecessor who fueled extremism within his own party. It turns out that compromises are not easily reached, like Republicans' refusal of the infrastructure investment plan shows. Political polarization seems inevitable. 50

First, politicians have used political polarization to create a common feeling among the voters. They are responsible for having fueled resentment and weaponized the rise of extremism. Not wearing a mask has become a political move, especially in the U.S. The storming of the Capitol last January shows how this political strategy can endanger democracy and stability.

This polarization, however, is the example of a broader democratic crisis - the end of bi-partisanship. Even as President Biden longs for compromises, anger rises at the two extreme sides of the political compass. Republicans are still influenced by Trumpism and refuse to cooperate, and the "woke" left is disillusioned and feels that not enough is being done.

So, can it be addressed? Compromise is still promising, but it's a whole mindset that needs changing, especially in the U.S. To be effective, this change needs to stem from politicians: they need to find that it is okay to disagree, and make intelligent, constructive debate the norm.

This can only be done if others, such as the press, participate. The media should not distort information but be reliable. Only then will the people regain trust in politicians and be able to build convincing opinions, without falling for conspiracy theories.

around 249 words.

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