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Il devait être dix heures du soir quand son mari passa la porte. En fait, depuis le couloir, il annonça : « Chérie, je suis rentré ».

Dans le salon, il se figea pour regarder autour de lui, comme s'il n'était pas chez lui. Il palpa ses poches comme s'il allait y trouver un autre bouquet de clés.

« Quelque chose ne va pas ? », dit-il à Claire.

Il avait l'air tout droit sorti du portrait accroché au mur avec quelques rides en plus. Sa cravate était un peu de travers mais sa chemise était boutonnée jusqu'au cou. Le grand dôme brilla. Il tenait une mallette en cuir avec une boucle en argent. Claire se présenta. Il reprit ses esprits et vint se serrer la main. « C'est un plaisir de vous rencontrer », dit-il, comme s'il n'avait pas une seule idée de pourquoi cela serait un plaisir, mais

qu'il se devait de le dire quand même ; il se devait de le faire par pure bienséance. Sa main était droite et chaude. Il posa sa malette au pied de la table et remarqua le cendrier.

« Soirée entre filles ? » demanda-t-il.

Claire l'embrassa en haut de la joue, près de sa paupière et défit sa cravate pour lui.

- J'ai reçu quelques amis. [...] Viens t'asseoir avec nous, dit-elle.

- Je vais aller courir et prendre une douche, ma puce.

Il était en train de défaire les boutons de sa chemise, et pendant un instant, j'ai cru qu'il allait enlever sa chemise devant moi, debout au milieu du salon comme une espèce de pygme rond et blanc.

Theme

My mother was drinking tea in the garden. Standing next to her, Mr Zaremba was a little bit bent; he had his hand on the back of the chair and he was waiting for an invitation to sit down that wasn't coming. As there was a matter of conversation on which my mother had always an interest, he didn't struggle to get her attention.

"There is something, Nina, which I had wanted to talk about for some time now. It is about your son."

She always used to drink her tea ^{much} too hot, and since she had had her lips burned, she had the strange habit to blow into the cup to make it colder.

"I am listening to you."

"It is never good, I would even say it's dangerous, to be an only child."

"I have no intention to adopt an other child", she answered harshly.

"I wasn't thinking at something like this, at all!", whispered Mr Zaremba, who didn't stopped watching the chair.

"You may sit down."

The painter bent to thank her and sat down.

"I only wanted to tell you that it would

help remain if there was an other man by your side. Only if, of course, he is someone who is understanding and who wouldn't be too demanding."

Expression écrite

1/ The victory of Donald Trump has tolled the knell of a new era, with racist, islamophobic and against women's rights laws in the offing. Moreover, this outcome stirred controversy because it was more or less unexpected, but also because of the worldwide impact of Donald Trump's decisions.

We can ask ourselves: What interpretations may be given for Donald Trump's victory according to the author?

It was clear that Donald Trump was mostly cheered by the white working class because he succeeded in understanding their matters and what they wanted to hear. Many of his voters felt resentment out of the loss of their coal jobs. For them, it was their hobby horse with no doubt, the only reason of their unhappiness Trump promised to bring them back and to end the domination of liberal elites. Up against him, the health care and higher minimum wages offered by Hillary Clinton weren't as reducing, even if Obama Care highly reduced the number of uninsured in the most affected areas where they were part of.

With hindsight, these voters may understand that Donald Trump's promises were unreliable but it will be too late. The economist also accuses news media of focussing in Mrs Clinton's emails scandal instead of policy issues. In fact, Democrats' policies were a ~~goose~~ ^{goose} with golden eggs for the white working class, but ^{the} media failed to convey that. Lies win over long-term benefits and it is likely somebody will face a setback

Unfortunately, Donald Trump's shocking victory is also the sign of growing xenophobia and with his latest decisions failures, it may just be the lull before the storm.

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2) After American election and Brexit, many fear the upcoming results of French election, as the likely victory of far-right would confirm that acceptance and love towards others are on tenterhooks. Furthermore, it seems that people don't trust the state and its decisions anymore, so we can ask ourselves: Can an anti-establishment parallel be drawn between American election and Brexit?



Both events encounter a high rate of abstention, which showed a reluctance towards both candidates in America, but above all, people feel that their individual vote doesn't matter anymore. This lack of confidence in the democratic system calls it into question. Young people feel ousted by seniors, who have the right to decide for their future but don't have much to lose as their time is running out. Seniors feel overwhelmed by globalization, finance, notions that they don't really understand except that it is certainly somehow a threat.

In addition, both countries were affected by crisis and liberalization. The working class suffers from foreign competition and deindus-

tionalization, so, as consequence, Brexit and the protectionism defended by Trump seemed to be a silver lining. Moreover, people are likely to think that it is all because of the State which want to defend the upper class in their backs. Electing a new president like Trump who is off the beaten track, or leave the EU, then seemed to be risky choices but people are willing to make them at this point.



Nevertheless, it is too soon to see if it was worth it, on the one hand, Trump is unpredictable and on the other hand, Britain decided to leave the nest to fly with its own wings but in both cases, the fall may be harsh.

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