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# CHAPTER 1

There's a baby there who is nine days old and has never seen a doctor.

Their first child, Eric, who was not yet three months old, suddenly died.

At the time, I was driving from Manhattan to visit my younger daughter and her new baby, Tobias, who was then about three months old.

I examined Zebadiah and then his sister Lily, who was four months old, fat and happy and singing wordlessly as I listened to her heart and fiddled with her hips.

My mother, who was six months old when she left Germany, said a few words.

He had us meet his granddaughter, who is six months old.

My grandmother—whom I would never meet, or even see a photograph of—gave away at least one of her children at this time: the youngest, my mother, Carolina, who was nine months old.

The other three children, his half siblings, were smaller than he was: two boys, two and five years old, and a girl who was eleven months old.

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Ramirez, who was publicly excoriated and even benched for this affront, lives in the Ritz, with his wife, Juliana, a Brazilian whom he met at a gym in 2001, and their two sons, Manny, Jr., who is four, and Lucas, who is one.

The mother of Niederhoffer's son, Aubrey, who is one and a half, is Laurel Kenner, a former editor at Bloomberg whom he met in 1999.

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Her daughter, Viola, who is two and has the rounded forehead and fair curls of a Madame Alexander doll, teethes on goat chops and eats lard by the fingerful.

Her house was beige stucco, and her daughter, who is two, met her at the front door in pajamas; Gong's husband ushered us to the dining-room table, where her parents and her grandmother, who live with them, were seated.

He and his wife, Kristin, have three children: a son, Luke, who is two, and twin girls, Isabelle and Grace, born last year.

Stevens's Brooklyn life consists mostly of being a dad, he said: taking his daughter, who is almost five, and son, who is two, to the Botanic Garden or to the Brooklyn Museum.

With us, Oliver Richards, who is two and a half.

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At the time, Marron was making about two hundred dollars a week working at Best Buy; Valdez stayed home, taking care of Axel and his sister, Ana, who is three.

La Rinconada has no bank, but it has many storefront fund-transfer agencies, which Ilasaca uses to send money to his mother, in Azángaro, and to his daughter, who is three and lives

with her mother in a town, farther west, called Abancay.

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At first, Omar, who is four years old, was afraid to come into the living room, because there were khawagas, foreigners, but he had met his match in Roberta, a former kindergarten teacher.

His daughter, who is four, wrapped herself around his leg as an old black-and-white Egyptian movie played silently on a television.

He'd also indicated that he wished to "tinkle" and "skeet" on the girl ("your seed"), who is four, and offered five hundred dollars to any listener who could tell him which preschool she attended.

Nga was in the other room, supervising Chason and his friend; Ginny had gone to the 92nd Street Y to pick up A.J., the Barbers' other son, who is four.

(Since Wade's death, they have had two more children, Jack and a girl named Emma Claire, who is four.)

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Sammy, who is five, is uninterested in the tooth search, and Jessie is unaware of it.

When Iwi'ula described the soldier to Cosman and Gordon, he didn't say that the soldier seemed to be wounded; he didn't want to frighten Haden or his younger brother, Lucas, who is five.

Their son, who is five, led everyone to the family room, opened the deep drawers of a reproduction Colonial bureau, and showed off his toys—dinosaurs, jumbled together, snout upon tail, in a plastic mass grave.

Christine and Marian, who is five, were there.



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We do not see our lovers meet, for instance, until halfway through, and by then we have come to know their child, Maybelle (Nell Cattrysse), who is six, and extremely sick.

The narrator, who is six years old, is told they're moving because his father's coming home.

They have two children, Leon, who is six, and Isabel, fifteen.

He is married to Midori (Machiko Ono), and they have a son, Keita (Keita Ninomiya), who is six.

Justin Hayward is the Moody who wrote the band's big hit, "Nights in White Satin," and Goetz told me that his nephew, who is six, is named Justin Hayward Goetz.

Minchin told them that his daughter, who is six, initially had trouble understanding the song.

His son, who is six years old, once asked him to explain it, and he said, "This program writes programs that tell the mapping program to make the maps that predict where all the species were."

Such river runes are not beyond the grasp of Livia Senvold McPhee, who is six and quick to learn, but they're off the scale for her two-year-old brother, Jasper, and, dare I say it, their father and mother, Mark Senvold and Martha McPhee.

"Generations of children have played on these mounds—my daughter took her first running step on them," Haimson said as her son, Nathaniel, who is six years old, frolicked on the mounds' cracked and weedy surface.

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He said that he had been moved to action after walking his

daughter, who is seven, to school.

I have polled my family and believe that if you accept our terms, we will agree not to default by a vote of 3–2, with one abstention (that would be Isaac, who is seven).

My half-brother, who is seven, and my step-brother, who is twelve, are the veterans in surviving wars, for in 2008 they survived Operation Cast Lead, Israel's bombardment and invasion, whilst I was absent and secure in London.

She doesn't believe that her children, Harold, who is seven, and Annie, who is now ten, will ever return to the house.

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Avroham, who is eight, performed for the young patient by standing on his head atop various counters.

"You're doing good," Pelekh said to Ella Dennison-Murray, who is eight.

He and Eileen have been married 16 years and have a son, David, who is eight.

Nancy is married to Jack, a photographer, and they live in a small town near Philadelphia with their son, Robert, who is eight.

Her daughter, Rowena, who is eight, will be the last Lady le Poer Trench.

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I have a daughter, who is nine, but nine is nowhere near fourteen.

I thought instantly of my good friend Max, who is nine and lives in the town I grew up in in Colorado, in the house across

my mother's back fence.

She "comes here to play," he said; his younger daughter, Marisa, who is nine, found Bleak House too frightening.

Although Cosman and Gordon's older son, Haden, who is nine, was very much in favor of excavating to search for the box, in case it also had money in it, Cosman said that tearing up the brand-new bamboo floors was out of the question.

My doubts were put a little at ease by a gentle white-haired man of about sixty, who wore a white coat and spent most of his doctoring time data-entering our insurance information into a Windows terminal and not laughing at my jokes, while Clara, who is nine, sat on the crinkly paper of the tall foldy bed kvetching about whether it would be better for me or her to get the shot first.

On one occasion when I was at Cubby's, the younger of Egan's two daughters, who is nine, happened to be in the restaurant, and Egan called her over.

Jary, who is nine years old, walks with Trujillo in the procession to the town's center.

One of Rachel's new friends is her neighbor Scarlett, who is nine and also plays the drums.

Princess, who is nine, didn't like the color of her face when John first cast her.

# CHAPTER 2

Her other son, Theo, who is ten, returned from a playdate.

Campbell had just been on the ice with Mike Richter and Brian Leetch, the Rangers' star goalie and star defenseman, and with Gregory his son, who is ten.

Miller Moss, who is ten, hopes his math and chess skills will help him on the field.

"I enjoy decorating. So I get to get this whole new room and do whatever I want!" Malia, who is ten, told a reporter, over the summer, and, so, some previous tenants agreed to share a few tips.

The older boy, Huey Freeman, who is ten, is named after Huey Newton, the Black Panther, and he's angry at stupid white people and stupid black people.

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It wasn't my first return trip, but it was one that had a particularly definitive feeling: this time, I was going back to look at classes with my daughter, who is eleven—exactly the age I was when I first put on a blue-and-white uniform and walked in the front entrance of an institution where black people had always used the back door...

"My mom pulled out a bottle of Dr Pepper to tell me," Madison Zavitz, who is eleven, said over the telephone.

Piano music drifted up from downstairs—Nelly, who is eleven, and John and Nicolas, eight-year-old twins, had got home from school—as Steinmetz tried to decide which shots to use of Beni Isguen, the most traditional of the fortified villages of Ghardaïa.

Quinn, who is eleven, built a motorcycle as a school project.

“There was a lot of smoke,” Colin, who is eleven, said.

“We are taught by Syrians and volunteer Lebanese teachers,” Joumanah, Oum Ali’s daughter, who is eleven, explained.

She liked to eavesdrop when Silvia and Sandra, who is eleven, discussed what they would be when they grew up.

Rolph, at eleven, is too young to notice.

They have three children—Tess, Teo, and Willem, the oldest, who is eleven.

They have three other sons: Duke, who is eleven, and identical twins, who are nine.

The Naults have two other children: Janessa, who is thirteen and healthy, and Isaiah, who is eleven and has a potentially fatal mitochondrial disorder.

(The other Manny, Jr., who is eleven, lives in Florida with his mother.)

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At Midway Farm, every member of the Kelly family owns a horse, but the most enthusiastic rider is Margaret Kelly, who is twelve.

Louise, who is twelve and had spent the day doing homework, wanted to watch something funny; Juliette, who is seventeen

and did not spend the day doing homework, wanted “Vertigo.”

Prince Nawaf, who is twelve, is one of the youngest of the King’s sons.

The greenery is tended by four siblings: Akira (Yûya Yagira), who is twelve; his sister Kyoko (Ayu Kitaura), who is younger but looks older; and two little ones—Shigeru (Hiei Kimura), “the noisy boy,” and Yuki (Momoko Shimizu), an almost silent girl.

Nat, who is twelve and is known as “the girl magnet,” is the singer, songwriter, and piano man; Alex, nine, plays drums.

Maybe his daughter, who is twelve, was a bit young for the hip-hop lifestyle, he reflected, and anyway, “She’s not really interested in my career, in my rapping. She’s got her whole own schedule.”

One recent afternoon, Wearstler had a design meeting with Stan and Miriam Rothbart and their daughter, Gabriella, who is twelve.

Iman, who is twelve, sat by her side; she had lost most of her right leg.

“We were on our way home from soccer practice, actually, and we heard on the radio that there was going to be a parade,” Hannah Cabrera, who is twelve, said.

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McGarry, who is thirteen, was on an urgent mission.

Carrying two or three bags, the youngest, Aaron, who is thirteen, tried to jump over a puddle.

Griffin, who is thirteen, shows more promise than Arthur, who

is nine.

As the sun went down, Dalzell drove his youngest daughter, Charlotte, who is thirteen, to a tutoring session.

His son, Charlie, who is thirteen, was born with a rare genetic syndrome and requires special care.

Troh is now in a house at the edge of the city, along with her younger son, who is thirteen, and two other people.

Todd is the poor bedraggled father of Hunter, who is thirteen and who lives in a place called Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Wesley's work came just days after Devan Fink, who is thirteen, learned from a source that the free-agent first baseman Billy Butler was close to signing with the Oakland A's.

"Arcadia"'s cast offers one tragic, truly heartbreaking character, Thomasina Coverly, who is thirteen when the action opens and speaks the first words in the play.

The action unfolds over the Labor Day weekend of 1987, in the home of Adele (Kate Winslet) and her son, Henry (Gattlin Griffith), who is thirteen.

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The heroine is Miri Ammerman, who is fourteen and fifteen for most of the story, and falling in love.

From the adjacent tent, which she and Rolph share, Charlie, who is fourteen, can hear them—not sounds, exactly, but movement.

Over dinner at Lupita's one evening, Juana's daughter, who is fourteen, mentioned a favorite teacher.

Williams, who is fourteen years old, did a number reminiscent of the teen-aged Glover: unrelaxed, uninflected, and stupendous.

Wilgens Mehony, who is fourteen but looks about eight, works as an unpaid servant in his aunt's improvised shack in Solino, a hilly quartier populaire in Port-au-Prince.

Having abandoned hope of getting Ludwig back by legal means, he still thinks the boy, who is fourteen, will one day come back on his own.

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The first account of his past that I heard was from one of them, Owen Kline, who is fifteen.

He explained that he had just made a trek to Longitude Books, the travel bookstore on the wilds of Thirtieth Street, because in two weeks he was going on a ten-day safari in Tanzania with two of his kids, George, who is fifteen, and Eleanor, who is nineteen.

While I was on my tour with the Katz family, Andy Katz, who is fifteen, had one question about my opinion of the local delicacy: "Do you think these would go over in Toronto?"

While I talked to him about Elisa, her younger brother, Lee, who is fifteen years old and is being homeschooled, sat with us.

My daughter Marguerite, who is fifteen, wanted to know which of the many equations in the floor was the one that the brothers had used to calculate pi with their previous supercomputer.

The heroine, or leading victim, of "Turtles Can Fly" is Agrin (Avaz Latif), who is fifteen, though she has the ageless air of the unmendably traumatized.



Polina Edmunds, the third American, who is fifteen, also fell; she came in ninth.

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“My life is over. No one is going to want me now.” That is what Ma’lik Richmond, who is sixteen and was found delinquent (the juvenile court equivalent of guilty) in the rape of a sixteen-year-old girl from West Virginia, said at the end of his trial in Steubenville, Ohio.

Woody Ryder had driven in from Huntington, Long Island, with his daughter, Barbara-Anne, who is sixteen.

I try to explain this to my son Harry, who is sixteen and in trouble.

The girl, who is sixteen, was afraid to give her name.

Instead, we get the tale of Lilya (Oksana Akinshina), who is sixteen.

Dick Meade, who is sixteen and taller than his brother, who is thirty, has been galloping horses for a couple of summers.

Yelich-O’Connor, who is sixteen, performs and records as Lorde, a name that she chose because, she told the *Daily Beast*, it felt “kind of masculine.”

The Libbys come across as loving and alert, as do the parents of the two other kids in the film—Ja’Meya Jackson, a fourteen-year-old African-American girl in rural Mississippi, and Kelby Johnson, in Tuttle, Oklahoma, who is sixteen years old and openly gay.

Lieberman’s son, T.J., who is sixteen and already six feet six, returned home from playing pickup basketball with some friends, and joined Dentmon and Fisher in expressing disappointment

that there were tomatoes in the salad.

They arrived home on Franklin Street, where they live in a second floor loft with their daughter, Anna, who is sixteen, to find the street full of reporters and cameras.

Maggi and Tom were waiting in the front yard with Emerson's youngest brother, Drew, who is sixteen.

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Lisa (Rachel Miner), who is perhaps seventeen, falls in love with a high-school dropout, Marty (Brad Renfro), a guarded, uncommunicative surfer and mall rat who veers between sweetness and incoherent violence.

Her family-and-friends contingent, which included her sixteen-year-old boyfriend (this inspired Carillo to refer to Oudin, who is seventeen, as a "cougar"), were wearing Zappos hats.

His daughter, Alexa, who is seventeen, reads Greek and Latin, and seems to have inherited his palate—he calls her "the queen of passatelli"—says, "My dad is always challenging me. Do better. Do better. It's like he challenges the guys in the kitchen. It's stressful, but it stretches you. He stretches himself most of all."

Malala Yousafzai, who is seventeen years old, and Kailash Satyarthi, who is sixty, were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday morning—for, in the committee's words, "their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education."

You have to be eighteen and a Republican to join; Salazar, who is seventeen, persuaded the club to give her an internship.

The official reason: her daughter, who is seventeen now, is still a minor and needs her mother to care for her.

They have two children—Peter Westfield, who is seventeen, and Scott, who is fifteen.

Her sister, who is seventeen, is by law a child.

Richmond will be held in juvenile detention for at least a year, and perhaps until he is twenty-one; his codefendant, Trent Mays, who is seventeen, will serve an extra year on a charge of distributing child pornography, for taking and sending around a picture of the victim, naked.

Most people don't recognize that kind of moment when it happens, but Maria, who is seventeen and works in a factory in a small Colombian city near Bogotá, stripping the thorns off rose stems, fully grasps what's at stake.

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One fall morning, Corean accompanied her youngest son, Fella, who is eighteen, to parent-teacher day at his magnet school.

Glisson, who is eighteen, comes from Winnsboro, South Carolina, but has lived most of his life on the coast.

Comfort Ayuba, who is eighteen years old and has an open, eager face, remembers seeing a group of Boko Haram militants realize, one day this past April, that there was not enough space in their trucks for all the girls they wanted to kidnap from the boarding school that Ayuba attended, in northeastern Nigeria.

Hosie, who is eighteen, and was a small child when both of those cases were decided, wanted to know if Scalia, who is seventy-six, and the longest serving justice on the Supreme Court, had any second thoughts, if only about his tone.

Joyce, a tiny girl in a pink sweater who is eighteen but looked much younger, was similarly optimistic.

“You could obviously tell he was disappointed,” Scumpii, who is eighteen, told me, of his father’s reaction to his decision to quit football and become a full-time gamer.

Van Dyke has pictures all over her house of Lewis, who is as tall as she is, and her two grandchildren: Monique, who is eighteen, and Royce, who is eight.

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Kristen, who is nineteen, was not a regular on the beauty-pag-eant circuit.

She doesn’t drink much, and she sees Micheal, a deaf boy, who is nineteen.

“I wish there was room to walk around, so I could bring more stuff over,” her younger daughter, Tyani, who is nineteen, told me.

Zardari asked his son, Bilawal, who is nineteen years old and a student at Oxford, to become chairman of the Party with him, although this was not something that Benazir had specifically instructed him to do.

The granddaddy of these very young amateurs is Chris Cotillo, who is nineteen.

Meanwhile, the city is looking for Dzhokhar, who is nineteen.

(They have two boys: Chandramani, who is nineteen, and Jaya, fourteen.)

Jackson, who is nineteen and a guitarist, like his father, lives there now.

Dupps, who is nineteen, five feet ten, and weighs 103 pounds, is a spindleshanks if there was one.

“It’s my twentieth year,” Momen, who is nineteen, said.

# CHAPTER 3

Sasha is now twenty.

Vesna, who is twenty, is slim and fine-featured, with a dark complexion and an air of self-possession that is manifested best, perhaps, in the way she betrays no embarrassment at her father's persistent hijacking of strangers.

Among the responses were essays about her crass declaration of sexuality (Cyrus, who is twenty years old, danced in a pale-latex bra and panties and rubbed herself with a huge foam finger) that asked whether the performance degraded or empowered.

Her sister, Radha, who is twenty, performed with her too.

It happens to these women often enough that Lance Corporal Stephanie Robertson, who is twenty years old, described her response to a firefight as "muscle memory."

His wife was standing behind him, as was his daughter Elizabeth, who is twenty, and wore a purple dress with a big golden superhero belt.

DiPalo hopes that his son, who is twenty years old, will want to take his place someday.

Babur Shah's older brother Ataullah, who is twenty, was also usually present, and took care of him.

(Another son, who is twenty, is at George Washington University.)

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His two other sons, she said, are Patrick, known as Mouse, who is a twenty-one-year-old sophomore at Harvard, and is planning to get married in June, and Gregory, known as Gigi, who is eighteen and a freshman at St. John's, at Annapolis.

(Their romance took a turn for the star-crossed in September when they were arrested in Saugerties, New York; according to a police blotter, Smith was charged for driving a stolen truck without a license or insurance while carrying heroin, and Ferreira, who is twenty-one, was charged for carrying ecstasy and resisting arrest. There was also a warrant out for Smith's arrest in a neighboring county.)

"There is no future in Moldova," Olga, who is twenty-one and studies cosmetology, said.

Hutchinson, an Army specialist who is twenty-one and has a ten-month-old boy named Kamani, was arrested when she didn't show up for her unit's flight out.

Kohistany, who is twenty-one, fled with her family to Virginia, in 1997, to escape the Taliban.

The real example of courage in this story, however, comes from Portman's son Will, who is twenty-one years old.

Almost all of them are older than the defendant, who is twenty-one; he was nineteen when he was charged with carrying out the Boston Marathon bombings, which killed three people, and having taken part in the murder of an M.I.T. police officer.

I had been warned that Mary Katherine, who is twenty-one, didn't much like reporters, and I couldn't blame her.

His son, Maged, who is twenty-one, and frequently accompa-

nies his father to the front lines, sat in the living room with us—alternately soaking up the political arguments and projecting an air of casual indifference.

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Novak (Nole to his family), the eldest of three sons—Marko, who is twenty-two, and Djordje, who is eighteen, also play professional tennis—enjoyed what he described as a “beautiful” childhood.

Moyer and his wife have eight children, the oldest of whom is a sophomore infielder at UC-Irvine, and is less than two years younger than Moyer’s youngest teammate, Tyler Chatwood, who is twenty-two, and, yes, was also unborn when Moyer débuted for the Cubs.

Gallagher, who is twenty-two, is a bit more seasoned (and maybe therefore more waggish) than Groff.

Five soldiers, including Jeremy Morlock, the smiling man in the picture, who is twenty-two years old, are awaiting court-martial for the murder of three Afghan civilians; seven other soldiers had lesser, related charges filed against them, including drug use.

Susan Kahane, who is twenty-two, graduated from Columbia last spring.

She and her older brother, Sean, who is twenty-two and studying math and computer science, refer to their parents as Rob and Joyce.

“I have a daughter who is twenty-two years old. My husband needs me and my daughter needs me.”

“I might get my son Austin, who is twenty-two and studying



writing at Vermont College, to help me write the screenplay,” he said.

After a night in prison, Zenghi Bar Khan exchanged his son, Rizwanullah, who is twenty-two, for himself.

Auster, who is twenty-two, is already at work on her second album and is slated to appear in two films next year.

Smith, who is twenty-two, is an inoffensive singer who has mastered the moves of his elders without adding any idiosyncrasies.

The week before Bouazizi’s death, Hamada Ben Amor, who is twenty-two and goes by the name El Général, used a handheld camera to tape himself singing the song, a baseball cap pulled over his eyes.

Erin Bixler, who is twenty-two and recently graduated from the University of Michigan, and Katye Rhett, who is twenty-one and is entering her senior year at the University of the South, in Sewanee, Tennessee, are the form that J.Crew’s response to this deficiency has taken.

DeBaise, who is twenty-two, wore a crew-neck T-shirt and a baseball cap advertising a brand of vodka.

Two of its founders are Nate Levine, who is twenty-two, and Zac Bookman, who is thirty-three.

Five prospective buyers have been heard from: a retired real-estate salesman, a lumber magnate, a broker, a movie actor, and Esmond Bradley Martin of 1 Sutton Place, who is twenty-two.

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“Today, we’re dealing with a lot of idioms,” Ben Polk, who is twenty-three, told his students. “Can you tell me about your first date?”

On Wednesday night, at the Country Music Association Awards, in Nashville, Taylor Swift, who is twenty-three, was honored with a de facto lifetime-achievement award, and George Strait, who is sixty-one, was named Entertainer of the Year.

Inside, Gaga, who is twenty-three and speaks with a prim grandeur that might have come from watching old movies, sank into a nubby upholstered seat.

The Sinfonia Iuventus concert, which took place on the premises of Polish Radio, with Marzena Diakun conducting, offered a glimpse of the youngest Polish generation, in the form of Ignacy Zalewski, who is twenty-three.

Murphy, who is twenty-three, was promoted to principal dancer this year, as was Marcelo Gomes, a big Brazilian who started out a little soft and goofy, and has reined in, and gathered power, without losing his sweet openness.

Scarlett Johansson, who is still only twenty-three, has appeared in an amazing number of movies.

Owens, who is twenty-three, grew up in Daytona Beach, racing BMX bikes against the neighborhood boys, until she started taking them on in stock cars that she helped build.

After a sensational rookie season in the National Basketball Association, Yao, who is twenty-three, had returned to China in early May with one clear objective: to lead the national team to the title in the Asian Basketball Championship, which serves as the regional qualifier for the 2004 Olympics.

Rogers, who is twenty-three, was relieved of his fastball-throwing duties with the St. Louis Cardinals organization at the end of spring training, and he has now been assigned to Boston's Sarasota affiliate, where, throwing mostly knuckleballs, he al-

lowed just one earned run in his first seven innings of work.

Beckett, who is twenty-three and six-five, has the contemptuous air of the overgifted athlete, but, having earned the sneer now—he'd added nine more strikeouts, and by the time he was done had surrendered but three runs in his last twenty-nine innings, along with two shutouts—he appeared to forgive us a little at the end.

“I felt that I had developed an unhealthy addiction to lurking and creeping,” Cederberg, who is twenty-three, told me.

“It’s like being an athlete,” Snute, the Norwegian, who is twenty-three with shaggy blond hair, said at a pre-tournament photo shoot.

Zuckerberg, who is twenty-three, sipped lemonade and chose his words about Google carefully, saying, “On the highest level, we’re both trying to supply people with information that interests them.”

Danishgar, who is twenty-three, a graduate student at CUNY in political science, and one of the founders of a small feminist group called Women for Afghan Women, pointed out that after the liberation of Mazar-e-Sharif unveiled women were celebrating in the streets with men.

But the Mayor’s well-known commitment to philanthropy is one to which Georgina, who is twenty-three, is gravitating.

Harris, who is twenty-three, was a breacher in Iraq; he opened doors in the towns that his unit passed through, sometimes with a sledgehammer, sometimes with a shotgun blast, sometimes with C-4 explosives.

Bashir’s wife and his daughter, who is twenty-three, were in Amman, and he had told them to stay there until the war was over.

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Matthew Heimbach, who is twenty-four, and a prominent white-nationalist activist in Cincinnati, told me that Trump has energized disaffected young men like him.

According to the Aurora police, the suspect, James Holmes, who is twenty-four, was carrying both a rifle and a handgun.

Dietzel, who is twenty-four and has long dark hair, is one of the few instructors at the school who isn't ex-military, ex-police, or ex-rescue.

Specialist Joseph McLosky, who is twenty-four, is a member of the military-police reserve; in September, 2006, his unit was sent to Fort Dix to prepare for urban combat, and he was issued the newly requisitioned combat-arms earplugs.

Aldana, who is twenty-four and who has two albums under her name on Osby's Inner Circle Music label, unites a commanding tenor tone with the structural poise of an ever-alert improviser.

Newsom, who is twenty-four, is a classically trained harpist, and "Ys"—pronounced "eess"; it's the name of an island in Breton mythology—is a series of complex, through-composed songs that have more in common with Kurt Weill's long-form ballads than with contemporary pop music.

Not long ago, Thomas Griese, the sous-chef at Le Cirque in Las Vegas, who is twenty-four, was sitting at the bar, enjoying a meal of barbecued pork-belly sliders and crispy sweetbreads.

Eppolito put Corso in touch with his son Anthony, who is twenty-four, and with a friend of Anthony's named Guido Bravatti ("the Guidster," Corso called him), who was helping Steve Caracappa's wife with computer lessons.

MacIsaac, who is twenty-four years old, comes from the island of Cape Breton, off the northern coast of Nova Scotia.

Beato, who is twenty-four, was born in the Dominican Republic but went to high school in Brooklyn.

Gould, who is twenty-four, and who had floppy light-brown hair and an unshaven chin, sat on a sea-green Naugahyde couch that had been draped with a raw-cotton sheet, the electric violin on his lap plugged into an amplifier by his feet.

On June 30th at the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera, Kobe Bryant, who is twenty-four and African-American, had sexual relations with his accuser, who is nineteen and white.

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Now that Hernandez, who is twenty-five, has been sentenced to life without parole, numerous interview clips from his football career seem quite sinister in hindsight.

Third, and perhaps best of all, the soundtrack: Bierfeldt, who is twenty-five, recorded his half-hour detention on his iPhone.

Cait Myles, who is twenty-five, had been waiting for an hour and a half and was feeling pessimistic about her chances.

Laura Rosales, who is twenty-five, said that she had been mainly helping her brother, Angel, who also remained at large, and that the Zetas were responding, with this massacre, to the killing, up north, of twenty-three Zetas by Chapo Guzmán's forces.

McKee then called his son, Paul, who is twenty-five.

The Libeskind also have two adult sons: Lev, who is twenty-five and was about to start graduate work at the New York University Institute of Fine Arts until a few weeks ago, when he decided to pursue some writing projects and work in the Libes-

kind studio instead; and Noam, who is twenty-three and studying cosmology at the University of Durham, in England.

“I’d say the biggest thing we offer today is advice,” Nathaniel Garber Schoen, who is twenty-five years old and is a grandson of one of Joseph Garber’s grandsons, said.

Dubograev, who is twenty-five years old, was born in Belarus but has lived in the U.S. for most of his life.

Ottolenghi, who is twenty-five and slight, with a perpetually worried look, gave a Las Vegas address.

The Brick was fifty-nine and is survived by his wife, who is twenty-five.

Formosa, who is twenty-five, with brown hair and a practical manner, came from Michigan, like Anita Lux, but she was raised by a single mother and moved to Florida when she was nine.

Spunt, who is twenty-five and slender, with shaggy brown hair and bright-blue eyes, sat in front of his drums on the right side of the stage.

But Baibakova, who is twenty-five, has still managed to become a serious force on the international art scene.

Critics point out, accurately, that young artists like Jones, who is twenty-five, and Josh Groban and Michael Bublé are selling soothing songs by the seashore to a much older audience.

(Williams, who is twenty-five, responded to a draft campaign from fans by saying she was “under-qualified” for the job. She has, it may be worth noting, been on the show more than three times.)

“I really like being read by young people,” Davis said. “I love it that friends of my son Theo, who is twenty-five, will say, ‘Is your

mother Lydia Davis? I love her work.’ ”

She woke up Abby, who is twenty-five and used to work in P.R.

Adam, who is twenty-five, works in marketing in North Carolina.

He noted proudly that Austin Rosen, who is twenty-five, is a partner in the company.

Rhinehart, who is twenty-five, studied electrical engineering at Georgia Tech, and he began to consider food as an engineering problem.

In Japan, Tanaka, who is twenty-five, is already a legend.

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The favored child at the moment is the youngest, Ginia, who is twenty-six.

His opponent in November will be the Republican Richy Garcia, who is twenty-six and, as of last Wednesday, was working at a Board of Elections warehouse in Bay Ridge.

Afrojack, who is twenty-six, was born Nick van de Wall, in a suburb of Rotterdam.

Fresh, who is twenty-six, said he took “a purple khadi, home-spun from India,” wrapped it around his head like Lawrence of Arabia, and went up the tree with the idea of drawing attention to a host of issues: the housing of Native American remains in a campus museum; the undemocratic method by which the regents of the University of California are selected; the university system’s ties to British Petroleum, Dow Chemical, and two nuclear laboratories; and, not least, the cause of some fellow non-students tree-sitting in a grove half a mile away, near the football stadium, where the university hopes to build a new

athletic center.

Rotaru, who is twenty-six, works for the International Organization for Migration, a group connected to the United Nations, in Chisinau, Moldova.

Liu, who is twenty-six, once considered himself a liberal.

“I grew up in New Jersey,” Eisenberg, who is twenty-six, said.

Amina, who is twenty-six and Muslim, grew up in the town of El Fasher, in North Darfur.

Samuel, who is twenty-six, has a fever that he has diagnosed as malaria.

South Korea has compulsory military service, and men in their twenties (like Bomber, who is twenty-six) can postpone it only for so long.

Pool, who is twenty-six and is never seen without his gray beanie, jumped in.

“There are so many songs out there that if I listened to just one I’d never know whether it was Muzak or not,” McKelvey, who is twenty-six years old, and has the kind of soft, persuasive voice that would sound good on late-night radio, told me.

Wesley Pentz, who is twenty-six and goes by the name Diplo—“Just like ‘Delta’ or ‘Chevrolet,’ it’s a word I made up,” he says, though it may have something to do with the line drawing of a diplodocus dinosaur tattooed on the inside of his right forearm—was playing first.

Randall, who is twenty-six and solid, with stringy blond hair, stood on the left side, facing the crowd, in front of an array of amplifiers.



Muhly, who is twenty-six, had a violin concerto that needed writing, but he also had a pot of Bolognese sauce that needed cooking.

Lopez, who is twenty-six and a glamorous fixture of the L.A. food scene, says that more and more Anglo hipsters are coming in to order them.

Prody, who is twenty-six, is a former “esthetician” (a giver of facials) who is now a waitress.

His letter was delivered to Rebecca Erbelding, an archivist, who is twenty-six and has worked at the museum for five years.

Lincecum, who is twenty-six, has won the Cy Young Award in each of the past two years—Halladay is expected to grab it off him this year—which is good going for a pitcher only in his fourth season in the majors.

Fresko, who is twenty-six and has an absolutely perfect profile, led me down a winding side street lined by hardware-supply shops.

In 2005, Sean, who is twenty-six, was arrested by federal agents and later pleaded guilty to conspiring to buy and distribute marijuana.

Glazer, who is twenty-six, and Jacobson, who is twenty-nine, met while taking classes at the U.C.B. theater, in New York, and through the U.C.B. network they hooked up with Amy Poehler, who executive-produced their TV show.

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In the première’s opening credits, Omari, who is twenty-seven, says in a voice over, “There’s an old Jewish proverb that says, ‘When you marry an old maid, you get a faithful wife.’ But let’s

be honest: no guy on Long Island is gonna fall for that one. And here, when you're twenty-seven years old, still single and living with your parents, it's time to panic."

Rothbart, who is twenty-seven, lives with his parents in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Oganova, who is twenty-seven, has seen a lot of change in Georgia.

Niloofar, who is twenty-seven, is a striking woman with a strong face and high cheekbones, and, on the day I met her, at the Parliament, she wore, instead of a burka, a brilliant turquoise shalwar kameez and head scarf—all the more noticeable in the assemblage of drably suited and robed male M.P.s.

Under a poncho, Karen O, the lead singer, who is twenty-seven years old and long-legged, was wearing a leotard that looked like a stained-glass window and appeared to be a couple of sizes too small.

Kurt Bardella, the spokesman, who is twenty-seven, and whom Issa calls "my secret weapon," fiercely screens all interviews.

I found Shami, who is twenty-seven, inside the university's mosque, where he was resting alongside other wounded protesters.

The purpose behind all this carnage? To "cause terror," the arrested leader, who is twenty-seven, said.

Ansari, a comedian who is twenty-seven, has been fielding this question all his life, especially recently.

Ball, who is twenty-seven, previously worked for WikiLeaks and is prized at the *Guardian* for his deep understanding of computers.

Wallace, who is twenty-seven, teaches at P.S. 184, in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, a school that is unable to provide her even with pencils and paper.

Essam, who is twenty-seven years old, is typically warm and effusive, but at the moment he bore the brooding manner of a nineties rocker, and he was dressed like one, too: a cut-off denim jacket, tight black pants, leather boots with laces untied.

Seo, who is twenty-seven, first came to the Mets' attention in 1997, when, as an undergraduate at Inha University, in the port city of Inchon, he pitched well against an American college all-star team.

Forlenza, who is twenty-seven, is tall and trim, like a cross-country runner, but she has never played competitive sports.

Carpenter, who is twenty-seven, is a graduate of Juilliard and a native of rural Pennsylvania, where his father is an engineer who builds industrial furnaces.

A veteran of the Upright Citizens Brigade comedy theatre, in New York, and the co-star of her own Web series, "Pursuit of Sexiness," Zamata, who is twenty-seven, comes to "S.N.L." with a high degree of professional polish.

"It's easy work; it's just listening to this innately quirky guy," said Jonathan Schmidt, who is twenty-seven.

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Rich McClain, who is twenty-eight, is one of the successes of the academy and of Friends, which was founded in 1989 by Barbara Grodd, a retired social worker who once directed substance-abuse services on Rikers, and Norma Green, a former principal of the Island Academy.

Vinson, who is twenty-eight, seems much younger.

The communication lag means no surfing the Internet, but Zak Wilson, who is twenty-eight, speculated that e-mail, even if it's time-delayed, will help astronauts feel less isolated than old-time sailors trapped in the Antarctic ice.

Gleitzman, who is twenty-eight, was an early employee at Hunch, an algorithm-based company that was acquired by eBay for eighty million dollars, in 2011.

Hamilton, who is twenty-eight, is often thought of as Formula One's first black champion, and he was already the second-highest-paid driver on the circuit.

The cameras were waiting when Patrick, who is twenty-eight, returned from her test run on the track, which lasted all of seven minutes.

Kauflin, who is twenty-eight and blind, was in the back with his guide dog, Candy, wearing dark glasses and a trusting smile.

Haidle, who is twenty-eight, is precocious and formidably talented, with a sort of freewheeling intuitive daring.

Hisham, who is twenty-eight, had persuaded the operator of a small bulldozer at a nearby construction site to help.

So, for the past four years, in woodland on the grounds of the Bronx Zoo, Seewagen, who is twenty-eight and taciturn, with close-cropped red hair and broad shoulders, and Slayton, who is forty-two and talkative, shaggy, and slight (and also Seewagen's half brother), have netted some four thousand migrants.

Stagniūnas, who is twenty-eight, may retire, leaving Tobias in search of another partner, and another country, should she hope to compete in 2018.

As research, the two stars decided to watch each other in action: Jepsen, who is twenty-eight, joined the opera fanatics mobbing Lincoln Center one afternoon to see DiDonato's final dress rehearsal.

"Psychologically, it's a weird game," she said. Pilon, who is twenty-eight, has short blond hair, and wore a polka dot skirt.

Dressed in dark trousers and a black V-necked sweater, and wearing a pendant around her long white neck, Theron, who is twenty-eight, was the very image of the roles she has played in the past, in such movies as "Reindeer Games" and "The Italian Job": blond, intelligent, ambitious women capable of detonating a bomb at a moment's notice.

Karim, who is twenty-eight years old, had appeared at the café several hours earlier, wearing gym clothes, and announcing that he was calling it a night.

Damon Vander Lind, who is twenty-eight, is thin and intense, with wire-rimmed glasses and the fixed and focussed look of a sniper.

They knew that Zimmerman, who is twenty-eight, outweighed Martin by more than a hundred pounds.

His daughters, Camilla, who is twenty-eight and works in his design studio, and Carolina, who is nineteen and still in school, were exemplars of Cucinelli's relaxed chic, in pleated silk pants paired with close-fitting cashmere tops; both were slender enough to be genuinely relaxed in their outfits.

And, when the presence of Tavi, the barely teen-age fashion blogger, at the recent fashion shows was raised, the panel's token young person—Vanessa Lawrence, an editor at *Women's Wear Daily*, who is twenty-eight years old, offered her perspective.

In March 2010, the composer and singer Xenia Rubinos, who is twenty-eight, returned to Brooklyn after a trip to Hallandale, Florida.

Apple, who is twenty-eight, is as musically sure-footed as she is emotionally labile.

Moïse, who is twenty-eight when Eberstadt meets him and already growing plump, has “a complicated attitude toward music, as if his own gift lies in a state of untaught purity that might be defiled either by too much use or by exposure to other people’s music.”

Holter, who is twenty-eight, grew up playing piano and learning classical composition.

As he demonstrated last year with “Mr. Marmalade,” Haidle, who is twenty-eight, is precociously able to turn the internal dramas of the psyche into thrilling stage pictures; here he deals with the problem of mourning.

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Merriam, who is twenty-nine and has messy strawberry-blond hair, believes that you can publish perfectly good articles on a phone.

Ellsberg was forty when he leaked the Pentagon Papers, quite a bit older than Manning, who was twenty-two at the time of his leak, and Snowden, who is twenty-nine.

Dmitry, who is twenty-nine, is a native of Russia and a former employee of Gazprom, the Russian conglomerate.

White, who is twenty-nine years old, was born to a Caucasian mother and an African-American father.

Murrieta, who is twenty-nine, has heard Rubio tell his story

over the years; he flashed a smile and said of himself, “*My* dad was a dishwasher and *my* mom was a housekeeper.”

Morozov, who is twenty-nine and grew up in a mining town in Belarus, is the fiercest critic of technological optimism in America, tirelessly dismantling the language of its followers.

But in Russia Zhukova, who is twenty-nine, has cultivated a role of her own.

Gerwig, who is twenty-nine, also has a precise, literate mind, but she is more buoyant, and sometimes has the air, not uncommon among her contemporaries, of having swallowed a very low dose of LSD.

Laura, who is twenty-nine, is thinner, with wavier hair and sharper features.

“We’ve been doing the panel thing,” Shively, who is twenty-nine and missing at least one tooth, said the other evening in the living room, twirling a forkful of sauceless spaghetti.

At the party, Solot, who is twenty-nine, said that when she met Miller, who is twenty-eight, she did not immediately think, Here’s the man I want to be unmarried to for the rest of my life.

“Near as we can figure out, it’s this aura that develops around people who spend a great deal of time together,” Carlile, who is twenty-nine, said last week during a stopover in New York, where the band opened for Sheryl Crow at Radio City Music Hall.

Glazkov, who is twenty-nine, was in town to fight the Polish boxer Tomasz Adamek, in a match that will be aired on NBC-SN’s “Fight Night.”

Wade, who is twenty-nine, is one of the most popular faces in

the N.B.A. among fans.

Shortly before tipoff, Johnson, who is twenty-nine, dropped by his old boyhood court—they all called it the Garden, imagining moments not unlike this one—and watched a lone aspiring Marbury, perhaps ten years old, practicing jump shots in the frigid dark.

Sokoler, who is twenty-nine, came to the company in 2002, and he recalled, with some wistfulness, the go-go days of the business, when, for example, he made a faux emerald-and-ruby crown to celebrate a deal for Merrill Lynch, and J. P. Morgan ordered up a batch of ten-by-fifteen-inch Lucite blocks with dinosaur heads inside (three hundred dollars each)—a “Jurassic Park” reference—to celebrate a deal involving Universal. “That was just a monstrous piece,” Sokoler said.

Wilson, who is twenty-nine, started receiving death threats not long after the incident, in which Brown was killed in the street shortly after robbing a convenience store.



# CHAPTER 4

Kate, who is thirty, has larger eyes and a rounder face.

At the end of May, Tom McInerney, a forty-one-year-old tech investor, brought his girlfriend, Yuko Mizutani, who is thirty, to hear Ban lecture on his humanitarian work at a Landmarks Preservation Foundation forum, and afterward they went to see the Metal Shutter Houses.

Abikarram, who is thirty, grew up in the neighborhood and played in the league as a teen-ager; he restarted it last year after a lapse of a decade or so.

Karlin, who is thirty, was the editor of the satirical newspaper *The Onion* in the mid-nineties.

Craig, who is thirty years old, is handsome, too, and was recently credited as “the funny one” by his brothers.

“I’m the interventionist,” Big Mike, who is thirty, told me.

Moutinho, who is thirty, is a charismatic and idealistic woman with a demeanor that invites people to tell her their problems.

Tracy (Lola Kirke), a freshman at Barnard College, is eighteen and lonely, until she meets up with Brooke (Greta Gerwig), who is thirty, scatterbrained, and still gusted along by the eagerness of youth.

Seltzer, who is thirty, told me that he worried that he “didn’t have the mental energy, the endurance, the—I don’t know what to

properly call this—the sponginess that I seem to recall having when I was younger.”

Zapata, who is thirty, didn’t learn English until high school; he speaks with an accent.

Ilasaca, who is thirty, was twelve when he began working in the mines, alongside his father.

Grounds, who is thirty, works as a roughneck for fourteen consecutive days, then drives several hours to Zap, North Dakota, to spend two weeks at home.

Having become increasingly impatient with her own prospects, Reid, who is thirty and lives with her mother in Marine Park, recently turned her ambitions to those with more immediate possibilities.

Saha, who is thirty and a native of Calcutta, moved to New York from Bombay in 2000 with her husband, who works in advertising and also serves as Babu’s informal maître d’.

Phil Klay, who is thirty and tall, with a mane of shiny hair and a deliberate, gentle way of speaking about violence, talked about the question that every soldier is asked: “Did you kill anyone?”

Khalid Wazir, who is thirty and wears his hair in a mini-pompadour, twirls the tips of his mustache when he’s nervous.

Fahnbulleh, who is thirty years old, knew that Ebola had recently spread to parts of Liberia, but, so far, no one from Grand Cape Mount had become infected.

Holmes, who is thirty, is the C.E.O. of Theranos, a Silicon Valley company that is working to upend the lucrative business of blood testing.

Harenski, who is thirty, did not experience the involuntary skin-

crawling sensation that, according to a survey conducted by the psychologists Reid and M. J. Meloy, one in three mental-health and criminal-justice professionals report feeling on interviewing a psychopath; in their paper on the subject, Meloy and Meloy speculate that this reaction may be an ancient intraspecies predator-response system.

Badawi, who is thirty, ran a Web site called Saudi Liberal Network, which dared to discuss the country's rigid Islamic restrictions on culture.

Boggs, who is thirty, turned to farming after cooking and butchering at Thomas Keller's restaurant the French Laundry.

Dougherty, who is thirty, said, "I want the office to look like me, but I don't want it to look *too* Arty Death Hipster."

In November, EMI Music held a listening party in Paris to celebrate the French release of "Nolita," the new album by the Israeli-Dutch singer and songwriter Keren Ann, who is thirty.

This Trevor, who is thirty, is a film-star-handsome dark-haired dude, who wore to the Carrier Dome a silver tie and a dark-blue pin-striped three-piece suit.

Godard, who is thirty, is the newest of the nouvelle-vague directors.

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Weist, who is thirty-one, has brown hair and glasses.

Costanzo, who is thirty-one, is slight of build and vivacious of manner.

Castellanos, who is thirty-one, has a bodybuilder's physique—enormous shoulders, arms, and chest—but a gentle, nervous manner.

Kadyrov, who is thirty-one, grew up hearing stories about marks on doors.

“For the kids, the lawsuit is all we’ve ever known,” says Kearns’ daughter Kathy, who is thirty-one. “I mean, for us this is normal.”

Hunter Lee Soik, the project’s founder, who is thirty-one, was born in Korea and adopted when he was two and a half by a couple in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Tiger, who is thirty-one, is three years older than the great kid.

Kelela, who is thirty-one, is a second-generation Ethiopian immigrant who was born in Maryland and moved to Los Angeles in 2010.

Antal, who is thirty-one, was born in Los Angeles to Hungarian parents; in his late teens, he escaped California and went to film school in Budapest.

His eldest daughter, Galt, a film producer and novelist who is thirty-one and lives in Manhattan, recalls coaxing him to Long Island for a walk on a beach, where he knelt on the sand like a zombie.

Since the death of Kim Jong-il three years ago, North Korea has been led by his youngest son, Kim Jong-un, who is thirty-one years old and was educated for a few years in Switzerland.

Owens emerged onto New York’s post-Beat poetry scene, and Bradshaw, who is thirty-one, began writing in the heyday of nineties multiculturalism.

The group began to quiz Montgomery, who is thirty-one, on her creative intentions.

Johnson, who is thirty-one, was recently elected to replace

Christine Quinn as the City Council member from the Third District, which includes Hell's Kitchen, Chelsea, and the West Village.

Roubert, who is thirty-one, was in town scouting locations for her latest endeavor: a pigeon tour of the Lower East Side for the New Museum's "Ideas City" festival, which starts today.

"I'd reached my limit," Naparstek, who is thirty-one and works as a Web-site producer, said last week.

Horowitz, who is thirty-one, started studying with Shiff eighteen months ago.

"I liked everything he stood for," Braun, who is thirty-one, told me recently.

Chip, who is thirty-one, used to love coming to spring break, but over the years he's grown exhausted.

Dziadul, who is thirty-one and works as Adler's public-relations manager, shook his head.

Penick, who is thirty-one, wrote his first scientific paper using research from his Florida back yard; in eighth grade, he played guitar in a band called the Army Ants.

They were formed by Chris Thile, the mandolinist, who is thirty-one and has a boyish face, a playful but anxious expression, and hair that looks permanently mussed.

Thile, who is thirty-one, was a bluegrass prodigy, playing as a boy in the widely embraced band Nickel Creek.

"The name of the next fund-raiser is Let's Keep GOing," said Jeremy Goldberg, the group's leader, who is thirty-one and has dark curly hair and a baby face, and is working on a master's in international finance at Columbia.

The redemption: Ishikawa, who is thirty-one, had begun the season playing first for the Pittsburgh Pirates, but stunk it up there, lost the job, and went down to the minor-leagues, from which he was extracted and elevated by the savant, warmhearted, foresighted San Francisco Giants.

Ringwald, who is thirty-one, blinked, then shifted smoothly to an engaging account of her early years, her work interviewing people on the unemployment line, and how she'd eventually realized that the country's biggest gulf is between those who have the basic skills to be employable—showing up on time, dressing neatly—and those who don't.

“This will tell us how many base pairs of DNA are in our sample,” Wang, who is thirty-one and wore rimless glasses, said.

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Continetti, who is thirty-two, dresses like an older man, in sombre dark suits, plain shirts, modest ties, and frameless glasses.

Rick, who is thirty-two, designs short-sleeve shirts and baggy pants and pullovers and vests and printed T-shirts with exquisite graphics (featuring everything from an obscure typographical scheme to the Black Panthers).

A love of stilettos was born; Splichal, who is thirty-two, now has about a hundred pairs, with a preferred height of four or five inches.

Today, Bartlett, who is thirty-two, oversees five divisions: press, media affairs (for the out-of-town press), global communications (for the international press), speechwriting, and communications.

After picking up overpriced grapeseed oil and vegetables from a nearby store, the cooking team of Felluga, who is thirty-two,

and Nilsson, thirty, returned to their Williamsburg rental to prep their take on shrimp noodles.

(He and Peggy also have a son, who is thirty-two, and works in fashion production.)

Clay, who is thirty-two years old, was born in Kentucky and now lives in New York City.

Although Edwin, who is thirty-two, was born in Argentina, he learned to surf in San Francisco.

Raguii, who is thirty-two years old, told me that he became an Uber driver, in San Francisco, in October of 2013.

Furnas, who is thirty-two, seems to like talking about his work almost as much as he likes making it.

But Misty Copeland, who is thirty-two, has not only performed some of the most coveted and challenging roles in classical ballet; she has also danced atop a grand piano during Prince's 2010 Welcome 2 America tour and starred in a Diet Dr Pepper commercial, and, a few days before the "Swan Lake" rehearsal, was featured in a commercial for Under Armour that within a week of its release had more than four million views on YouTube.

Tawakkol Karman, who is thirty-two, was in a tent in a square in Yemen when the news came; she has been organizing public protests there, in the course of which she has been arrested and threatened by President Saleh.

"When I first started on the campaign, at the very beginning of this one, I was one of the only people who had actually done a Presidential before," Mastromonaco, who is thirty-two, told me.

Óscar, who is thirty-two, sees things differently.

"Marine life has habituated to the regularity of low frequency,"

Foord, who is thirty-two years old, told me.

Garbus, who is thirty-two, left the theatre, but, several years later, found her way back onto the stage.

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Wang, who is thirty-three, with large eyes and a thick brush of hair, had approached the stage.

They cheered and whooped and whistled when Trecartin, who is thirty-three but looks ten years younger, was brought onstage before the screening.

Among them were Aymon, who is thirty-three and repairs satellite dishes, and Adnan, who is twenty-eight and purchases wholesale fruit for a shopkeeper in Omónia.

Brown, who is thirty-three and has studied with Max Roach, adjusted the tempo of “Debra” and added live drums and human beat-box noises that he recorded at his small but tidy house in Long Island City.

That same Saturday, Kim Rhode, who is thirty-three years old, won a gold medal in skeet shooting, becoming the first woman to win five individual medals in five consecutive Olympics.

“It was a lot more appealing than doing foreclosures,” says Trouiloot, who is thirty-three, and who comes from a well-known Haitian family of judges and lawyers.

For many years, Dettman, who is thirty-three and has the nervous, self-deprecating sense of humor of a Jack Lemmon character, worked successfully as a campaign consultant in Washington.

In the years since he knocked out Hatton, Pacquiao, who is thirty-three, seems to have slowed down, and become notice-



ably easier to hit.

We took a seat in the Nationals' dugout while the players, out on the field, began to stretch, and Zuckerman, who is thirty-three and just beginning to go gray, spoke almost wistfully about the changes in the scribe business.

As the first anniversary of his sighting approached, MacDermid, who is thirty-three, sent an e-mail to some friends.

The bookstore was founded, in 2003, by Kazu Yamaji, who is thirty-three and has a thing for the Beats.

Parker Bowles, who is thirty-three, was tapped for *Tatler* after graduating from Oxford and setting up a concierge service called Quintessentially, which provided anything from opera tickets to restaurant reservations for its wellborn members.

Selders, who is thirty-three, was a painter and ska guitarist before he became a brewer.

Brock, who is thirty-three, grew up in the coalfields of Virginia, not far from the Kentucky border.

With his black hair and small beard, Moreno, who is thirty-three, looks like someone who's stranded between boyhood and adulthood.

Persily, who is thirty-three, has built a reputation as a nonpartisan expert and occasional practitioner in the field of redistricting.

Ferriss, who is thirty-three years old, is almost impossibly affable, with a square jaw, twinkling blue eyes, and a tanned, well-shaped skull that beams through his close-cropped fair hair.

Born in New York, Farhi, who is thirty-three and has curly, chin-length hair, moved with her family to Singapore, Belgium,

and Switzerland before eventually returning to Brooklyn to work as an actress, a journey that left her with an accent more or less from nowhere.

Amanda, who is thirty-three years old and teaches theatre arts at a West Coast college, has suffered from medical anxieties many times before.

Even after she was revived by two emergency medical technicians, who had come to the apartment at around 8 A.M. in response to a call from her mother, Poplavskaya, who is thirty-three, lacked the strength to get to her feet.

Kim, who is thirty-three, visited his mother ten days after her release.

Murdoch told me that his youngest son, James, who is thirty-three, persuaded him to take global warming seriously.

“My dad found out that my great-grandfather was a bigamist,” O’Dowd, who is thirty-three, recounted the other day.

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Wong, who is thirty-four, was standing in a boathouse at Pier 40, on the western edge of Houston Street, with his fellow wannabe swimmers Archie Lee Coates IV and Jeffrey Franklin.

At the meeting, which took place on June 4th, Murdoch was joined by his son James, who is thirty-four, the C.E.O. of British-based BSKyB, and by his counsel and chief financial officer.

After the political speeches, Arad, who is only thirty-four, spoke earnestly about his intentions, and Peter Walker, who is seventy-one and an eminent landscape architect, said a few words.

Raúl, who is thirty-four, is stocky and tea-colored, with the mashed-down, wet-brushed hair of an altar boy and a placid

expression that could be read as either formal or wary.

Zapién, who is thirty-four, is reserved and polite in an old-fashioned, provincial sort of way, and, in the perishing Chihuahua heat, wears blue suits and immaculate white shirts without breaking a sweat.

Martin, who is thirty-four, with a heart-shaped face and a telegenic smile, stood at the counter in the small kitchen pulling embryonic drones—bee brood—from honeycomb.

Mellman, who is thirty-four, has the innocent face, diffident air, and slightly bewildered expression of someone who has spent long hours at the piano since childhood.

Romike, who is thirty-four, is tall and burly and had on black slacks, sturdy black lace-up shoes, and a striped golf shirt.

Pease, who is thirty-four and lanky, was wearing jeans and chewing gum; a pair of sunglasses was tucked into his black button-down shirt.

Sax, who is thirty-four, with salt-and-pepper hair, passed shelves of balsamic vinegar (“so big in the nineties”) and tubs of wasabi peas (“Wasabi won’t sell a product today the way sriracha would”) before stopping in front of a dairy cooler.

Alinea is closed on Tuesdays, but Achatz, who is thirty-four, was working on new dishes—he tries to change his menu every season.

Margolis, who is thirty-four, was born and brought up in London, and is an aspiring filmmaker.

Chipman, who is thirty-four and lives outside Boston, blogs about video games under the moniker the Game OverThinker and reviews films as MovieBob.

Brewer, who is thirty-four, warned that online activists needed to be more strategic.

Arnold, who is thirty-four, began taking pictures ten years ago, after moving to New York from Milwaukee, but he is best known for his work on Instagram, which he began using in 2011.

Yagan, who is thirty-four, is also the face.

Ruhl, who is thirty-four and has already won a half-million-dollar MacArthur Fellowship for her plays (which include “The Clean House,” a comedy that was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2005), writes in a poised, crystalline style about things that are irrational and invisible.

The Minister, who is thirty-four, holds an undergraduate degree in law from King Saud University.

Shafman, who is thirty-four, is the inventor of the Taser party—it’s like a Tupperware party, but the women get together to pick out Tasers rather than plastic storage containers.

CouchSurfing was the brainchild of Casey Fenton, who is thirty-four, and who told me over the phone from San Francisco that, as a boy growing up in Brownfield, Maine, he’d become fascinated by the concept of free will, cherishing the hope that someday he would have the existential wherewithal to escape his home town and explore the world.

There have been less dire violations reported, too, such as burglaries and harassment, but Daniel Hoffer, the company’s C.E.O. and co-founder, who is thirty-four, says that, statistically speaking, couch surfing is remarkably safe.

The Sydney television journalist Talitha Cummins, who is thirty-four, is a Hello Sunday Morning ambassador.

Noble, who is thirty-four, went first: he switched on a turntable and played a mid-tempo song from the early seventies by a San Antonio-based soul group led by Charles Russell and his brother Raymond.

Calling it the most “out-of-the-box decision I’ve seen,” the business columnist and Dealbook editor Andrew Ross Sorkin, who is thirty-four, says, “She took a young guy without so much management experience and made him Washington bureau chief. It was not the same old, same old New York *Times*.”

Cheema, who is thirty-four, described his ordeal over tea at my hotel in Islamabad.

During the talk, Lakeisha Graham, Williams’s third wife, who is thirty-four, a year older than Venus, sat in the front row with Dylan, their twenty-two-month-old son.

Schachter, who is thirty-four, and who looked like Seymour’s nerdy kid brother, barely changed his expression (or his boxy gray suit) during the entire trial.

Tall and blond, Navalny, who is thirty-four years old, cuts a striking figure, and in the past three years he has established himself as a kind of Russian Julian Assange or Lincoln Steffens.

Chornovil, who is thirty-four, had long been an irritant to the government of President Victor Yanukovich, and she is a leading figure in the mass protests that have dominated central Kiev since late November.

Douthat, who is thirty-four, is especially impatient with Catholics of my generation for, as he sees it, forcing the choice between “God’s love and God’s justice, between the immanent and the transcendent, between solidarity with the marginalized and doctrinal fidelity.”

Fowler's elder daughter shares her first name, and in the wake of "the fateful fund-raiser," as she now calls it, the junior Mayhill, who is thirty-four, absorbed much of the invective from Obama partisans.

In Chicago progressive circles, Burns, who is thirty-four, is described as an up-and-coming African-American legislator in the Obama tradition.

It's set in San Francisco, in 1976, where Minnie Goetze (played by Bel Powley), a fifteen-year-old girl living with her mother, Charlotte (Kristen Wiig), and her younger sister Gretel (Abby Wait), initiates an affair with her mother's boyfriend, Monroe (Alexander Skarsgård), who is thirty-four.

Somogyi, who is thirty-four, is a dancer whom we don't see enough of.

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Lyttle, who is thirty-five, has had a difficult life.

Gettle, who is thirty-five years old, learned to read from a seed catalogue.

Madison, who is thirty-five years old, was born in Harlem, brought up in White Plains, and introduced to transactions, both smart and stupid, at American Express.

Ferrandino, who is thirty-five, became the youngest House speaker in America.

Milbank, who is thirty-five and short, balding, and low-key, is not popular at the Bush White House.

McClellan, who is thirty-five, was the deputy of the previous press secretary, Ari Fleischer, and before that a travelling press secretary in Bush's Presidential campaign; before that, he was

deputy communications director for Governor Bush.

Staudacher, who is thirty-five and grew up in rural northwest Wisconsin, was not politically active before 2011.

Rieckhoff, who is thirty-five, served as an infantry platoon leader in Baghdad in 2003, taking part in over a thousand combat patrols.

Matsui, who is thirty-five, was not re-signed by the Yanks when he became a free agent last fall, and went Anaheim-ward instead, with a one-year, six-million-dollar contract, but here he was, fortuitously on hand thanks to a scheduling quirk, to add class to the occasion with his eloquent bows and perfect hat-raising.

Naim, who is thirty-five, is one of five officers in the department; two of them are posted in hospitals to supervise the paperwork for organ transplants.

In the past four years, Timbers, who is thirty-five, has directed two Off-Broadway shows that transferred to Broadway, carrying with them a degree of intelligence that is rarely exhibited at theatres above Fourteenth Street: “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson” (2010) and “Peter and the Starcatcher” (2012).

Amstell, who is thirty-five, began doing standup while filming the British music show “Popworld” in the mid-aughts.

Abbas, who is thirty-five years old, has a substantial belly and a four-inch black beard.

Arkani-Hamed, who is thirty-five, has an oval face, deep-set eyes, and dark, shoulder-length hair.

Russell, who is thirty-five, is a slight man with tousled brown hair and a cheerful, let’s-get-on-with-it manner which I even-

tually came to see as very New Zealand.

Prakash, who is thirty-five, is slightly built, with curly brown hair, a beard, and birthmark like a child's thumbprint over the bridge of his nose.

Sadri, who is thirty-five and projects an air of serenity that belies all the frenetic data-crunching around him, was born in Iran. "I grew up playing Legos," he said.

Carr, who is thirty-five, started the site in July, and her first big story was Jagr's being courted and then signed by the Russian league, to which sportswriters frequently attach the word "upstart," since this is its first season, and it hopes, with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's support, to supplant the N.H.L.

It was a speech that Booker, who is thirty-five, might have been making in Obama's stead at the Fleet Center, as the official superstar, not merely a still rising (or hovering) star.

The event was the first public appearance by Karzai's wife, Zinat, who is thirty-five years old and was trained as an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Rudder, who is thirty-five and from Little Rock, met his wife, a public-relations executive from Long Island named Reshma Patel, twelve years ago through friends.

Lancaster, who is thirty-five, took the photograph in 2008, at the Park Rotana hotel in Dubai.

Pendergest-Holt, who is thirty-five, held the title of chief investment officer.

She has a younger brother, John Lyndon, who is thirty-five and is a partner in an Internet company.

Peele, who is thirty-five, wears a nineties slacker uniform of



sneakers, hoodie, and hipster specs.

Barney, who is thirty-five years old and could be called movie-star handsome even if he hadn't starred in five movies of his own, was barely spotted in the lobby before the screening.

Abdullah, who is thirty-five and a half brother of Osama bin Laden, rushed back to his apartment to watch the news, arriving just in time to see the second plane crash, into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

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Sehgal, who is thirty-six, lives in Berlin with the art historian Dorothea von Hantelmann and their two young sons.

They found Davydova, who is thirty-six, standing in the entryway, clutching her two-month-old daughter, Cassandra.

When we got to the Muni stop, Dorsey, who is thirty-six, pointed it out with the excitement of a six-year-old.

White, who is thirty-six, and boyishly affable, was born into a Mormon family, and didn't discover the pleasures of the bike—"mankind's greatest invention"—until college, in Madison.

Back upstairs, in Kinney's office, on the sixth floor, Hunt, who is thirty-six, said, "Until I was twenty-five years old, I'd never heard of Nikola Tesla."

Max, who is thirty-six, describes his twenty-eight-year-old self as a "man-child," while women's groups, who often protest his appearances, have called him far worse things.

Major Robert Salasko, who is thirty-six, and is known as Bubba, sat down on January 10th for a breakfast of six hard-boiled eggs and a sweet roll, as the loudspeaker announced a random drug screening ("Urinalysis now being held in ship's brig and will

secure at sixteen hundred”).

Dr. Aronson, who is thirty-six, has been transplanting animal kidneys for ten years...

Blodget, who is thirty-six years old, emerged as Meeker’s main rival, but despite a privileged background his rise to Wall Street fortune was an unlikely one.

When Gong, who is thirty-six, talks about the happiness business, she tends to emphasize “price/performance ratios” and “information asymmetry.”

Collins, who is thirty-six, has an asymmetrical haircut and wears carefully culled thrift-shop clothes.

Greg Jensen, Bridgewater’s co-chief executive and co-chief investment officer, who is thirty-six, said he thought that even a stuttering China would still grow fast enough to push world commodity prices upward.

For the past six years, Lederer, who is thirty-six and holds an M.F.A. in poetry from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop, has worked at D. E. Shaw, one of the world’s largest hedge funds, with thirty-six billion dollars under its management.

Pink, who is thirty-six and has shoulder-length blond hair, has been an indie darling for the better part of a decade: Pitchfork, the Millennials’ *Rolling Stone*, named “Round and Round” the best song of 2010, and *Entertainment Weekly* declared a recent concert, during which Pink crowd-surfed with a beer, to be the singer’s “coronation as some sort of hipster king.”

Wilson, who is thirty-six years old, made her way to the theatre after a number of false starts.

A couple of weeks earlier, at Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal,

Wainwright, who is thirty-six, had sung at the funeral service for his mother, the singer-songwriter Kate McGarrigle.

Currin, who is thirty-six years old, is a tall, rangy guy with jutting features and the slightly louche air of a Midwestern kid from just this side of the wrong side of the tracks.

Mars, who is thirty-six, and who, like the rest of his bandmates, grew up in Versailles, lives in the West Village with his wife, the filmmaker Sofia Coppola.

Savage, who is thirty-six, grew up in Montana, where she was “always one of those kids who was sitting in the outfield looking at the insects instead of watching the ball,” she said.

Federico, who is thirty-six, divides his time between New York, where he grew up, and Villa Fontedamo, the family estate, where he was beginning to arrange small tours of the Marche for visitors with very special interests.

Brown, who is thirty-six, a college graduate, and the son of a minister, used to play trombone for Aimee Semple McPherson in the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, a fact which disturbs some of his admirers, who, with the reverse morality of jazz fanciers, would prefer that he had begun his career in a sporting house.

Marcio, who is thirty-six, grew up partly in New York and Washington, D.C., where his mother worked at the World Bank, so he was an especially helpful cultural translator as we fought our way north through traffic that reminded me of the Thanksgiving rush to J.F.K.

Vasarhelyi, who is thirty-six, grew up on the Upper East Side, and went to Brearley and Princeton.

Ratmansky, who is thirty-six, received his training at the Bol-

shoi school but was not offered a place in the company, so he went to dance in Kiev.

Lena, who is thirty-six, grew up in Siberia, and, in 1990, went to Stanford to do research in archeology; with her husband, she has travelled to places even more inhospitable than the Russian tundra.

Matt Wilsey, who is thirty-six, graduated from Stanford in 2000.

Now when Isbell, who is thirty-six, has time off in the city, he wanders.

“It’s been an amazing experience,” Lou Eppolito, Jr., who is thirty-six, and works at a vitamin warehouse in New Jersey, told me after court one day in the second week of the trial.

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He and his wife, Barb, who is thirty-seven, and also a former Ferguson cop, rarely linger in the front yard.

Cooper, who is thirty-seven, explained that he has identified with the Elephant Man for most of his life.

Richard’s younger brother, Steven, who is thirty-seven, runs Rubenstein Communications, Inc., the other affiliate.

They nodded to each other on the plane (Ando, who is thirty-seven, had covered the Giants for the previous two seasons), but did not chat.

Arcari, who is thirty-seven and was brought up on Long Island, was the senior member of the team, and he tended to speak in the formal, euphemistic manner of a police officer testifying in court.

Her elder son, Alexander Aris, who is thirty-seven, has been de-

scribed in the press as troubled by his mother's choosing politics over family.

On the fifteenth floor of Riverside Church, Linklater—who is thirty-seven, lanky, toothy, with tousley curls—selected a seat next to his mother (white hair, polka-dotted socks), and slid into a slouch, arms crossed, black boots stuck straight in front of him.

Campbell, who is thirty-seven, and compactly built, is just under five feet, with gray-green eyes and grayish-blond hair cut short.

Scruggs, who is thirty-seven, with sandy hair, a few extra pounds, and kind but weary eyes, has a wife and three young children.

Van Engelsdorp, who is thirty-seven, has a bearish build, thinning blond hair, and deep-set blue eyes.

Shrivastava, who is thirty-seven, has a sharp, vulpine nose and a neat mustache.

Moran, who is thirty-seven, has a round, boyishly friendly, fashionably stubbled face, and he was wearing a leather vest, blue jeans, and a tan porkpie hat.

Miranda, who is thirty-seven, is a lanky, amiable man, dressed in the style of hipsters the world over: a few layers of untucked shirts and skinny black jeans tucked into well-worn work boots.

Wang, who is thirty-seven, was wearing a black trench coat that was cinched at the waist, and he looked like a movie star.

“I feel the need to move forward,” Blanchett, who is thirty-seven, told me later.

In this metaphor, Khanna, who is thirty-seven, is the hot-shot founder; his opponent, Mike Honda, who is seventy-three and has served in the House for fourteen years, is an out-of-touch

grandpa.

Oliver, who is thirty-seven, established his comic voice in Britain by pillorying conservative social values and entrenched institutions: the Catholic Church, the monarchy, finance types, vain and dangerous dictators and autocrats.

It is led by a former disk jockey and mayor of the capital, Antananarivo, named Andry Rajoelina, who is thirty-seven.

Jersey City's new Democratic mayor, Steven Fulop, who is thirty-seven and a former marine, quickly learned what could happen to Democrats who didn't cooperate.

Moreover, term limits have diminished the legislature's institutional strength; a longtime Assembly Speaker like Willie Brown had many more carrots and sticks at his disposal than does the current Speaker, Fabian Núñez, who is thirty-seven years old and was elected to the Assembly only a year and a half ago.

McCarter, who is thirty-seven, has been an editor at *The New Republic*, a drama critic for *New York* magazine and the *New York Sun*, and a culture writer for *Newsweek*.

Sullivan, who is thirty-seven, and whose pieces have appeared in places like *Harper's*, *GQ*, *The Oxford American*, and *The Paris Review* in the past decade, has been compared to Tom Wolfe and David Foster Wallace.

Parker, who is thirty-seven, elicits good prices—in the range of twenty to forty-five thousand dollars a painting.

Feidner, who is thirty-seven, has been the top salesperson in the Steinway organization since 1994, and in 1999 alone her sales netted four million dollars.

As he often points out, Cotton, who is thirty-seven, is both a veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq and a graduate of Harvard Law

School.

Minchin, who is thirty-seven, is a musical satirist in the tradition of Tom Lehrer, whose sarcastic ditties of the Cold War era included “So Long, Mom (A Song for World War III)” and “The Old Dope Peddler.”

Anderson, who is thirty-seven, patented an exercise system called the Tracy Anderson Method.

The final patient of the day was Joan, who is thirty-seven, a sergeant in the Air Force, and currently the administrator of a medical clinic on a military base.

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There is Emmet, in 2002, who is thirty-eight and working for an N.G.O. in Mali, dealing daily with death and disease.

“I’ve been doing this for twenty years, and I’ve made my share of conventional films,” Reynolds, who is thirty-eight, said.

“At first, I played with the idea of using drawings that existed and blowing them up,” Pericoli, who is thirty-eight, said the other day.

Griffin, who is thirty-eight, was appointed U.S. Attorney in December.

Martu, who is thirty-eight, was born and brought up in West Point; he frequently serves as a liaison between the slum and the government.

O’Donnell, who is thirty-eight, had been the lead pilot of the hundred and eleven bombers in that raid.

Wright, who is thirty-eight, was brought up in New York City and in Germany and did not move to the reservation until he

was an adult, yet his passion for the place is his primary qualification for leadership.

When I reached the spot where the demonstration had occurred, all was quiet, and Methe—who is thirty-eight years old, tall, and highly self-composed—was sitting on a bench nursing her fourteen-month-old baby.

One of the men, Mahmoud Ibrahim Mustafa, who is thirty-eight, was making his second trip.

Trouern-Trend, who is thirty-eight, is back home in Connecticut now, where he lives with his wife and five young children and works as an epidemiology researcher.

(Sparks, who is thirty-eight, has enjoyed less success than Wakefield, shuttling from team to team. He began this season as the fifth starter, and spot reliever, for the Arizona Diamondbacks.)

Reid, who is thirty-eight, wore a black leather coat, black pants and boots, and a single fingerless black leather glove.

Widmaier-Picasso, who is thirty-eight, wore high-heeled sandals and a black sundress with accordion pleats.

Since arriving at Burberry, in 2001, Bailey, who is thirty-eight, has gained a reputation for being, as *Details* put it last year, “the anti-designer.”

Paglen, who is thirty-eight, has close-cropped blond hair, blue eyes, a goatee, and a thin beard that he confines to his jawline with an electric trimmer.

Thomson, who is thirty-eight, clean-shaven, and pipeless, was giving a tour of his boat.

Simons, who is thirty-eight, stood near a crate of plastic Santa lights.



With his younger son, Gen, who is thirty-eight, he went twice to the Met.

Loeser, who is thirty-eight, is bespectacled and baby-faced, and is given to wearing a fedora, as if he were appearing in a high-school production of “The Front Page.”

Fulop, who is thirty-eight, has posted on Twitter and Facebook about his athletic pursuits, his encounters with tapas chefs and local artists, and a free heart checkup with Dr. Oz.

Rudder, who is thirty-eight, grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas, and, like his fellow OkCupid founders, majored in math at Harvard.

Jeremy Kroll, the oldest sibling, who is thirty-eight, has a sober business mind.

Robbins, who is thirty-eight and lives in Las Vegas, is a peculiar variety-arts hybrid, known in the trade as a theatrical pick-pocket.

Over a pint of Guinness in a bar on upper Broadway, Van Tuyl, who is thirty-eight years old and married to a sociology professor, considered a number of personages whose names had been in the papers.

Li, who is thirty-eight, has made his name on an E.S.L. technique that one Chinese newspaper called English as a Shouted Language.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth most-generous philanthropists were Jan Koum, a co-founder of WhatsApp, who is thirty-eight; Sean Parker, the investor, who is thirty-five; and Nicholas Woodman, the founder of GoPro, who is thirty-nine, along with his wife, Jill.

“Thank you, Mom. And thank you, Dad,” said Jason, who is thirty-eight.

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The son who harbors the deepest ambitions is Hameed, the third-eldest, who is thirty-nine.

Padmanabhan, who is thirty-nine, has spent his life in Trivandrum, which is at the southwestern tip of India, in the state of Kerala.

Abts, who is thirty-nine, was born in Germany and has lived in England for twelve years.

Dubrulle, who is thirty-nine years old, has an almost English crispness, and wears tailored clothes.

Orozco, who is thirty-nine years old, is a cool, silky strategist.

Gravel, who is thirty-nine, is slight and mild-mannered, with delicate features and floppy brown hair.

Five feet seven inches tall and compact, Stewart, who is thirty-nine, looks like a college kid, except that his hair is now a distinguished gray.

Tagaq, who is thirty-nine and has jet-black hair and a girlish face, had removed her sealskin boots and was sitting barefoot on the floor of the Diker Pavilion, a large oval space on the museum’s ground level.

Meanwhile, Márquez, who is thirty-nine, looks brawnier than ever, a fact that did not escape the attention of Pacquiao’s trainer, Freddie Roach.

Eventually Pellegrino settled on Benny Pizzuco, who is thirty-nine and owned a meat market in Baldwin, Long Island, for ten

years.

“We love it,” Vasquez, who is thirty-nine, squealed. “We love, love, love, love it.”

“People shouldn’t have to rent a porn video just to see bodies,” Roth, who is thirty-nine, and much funnier than you would expect a consciousness-raiser to be, said recently.

Cristi Puiu, who is thirty-nine and has made just one other feature film, doesn’t like to rush.

Mr. Rice, who is thirty-nine years old and cheerfully intense, is a partner at the law firm of Milband, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy.

Another player who uses game theory and math as heavily as Ferguson does is Andy Bloch, who is thirty-nine, and has two degrees in electrical engineering from M.I.T. and a law degree from Harvard.

Ben Ahmed, who is thirty-nine, works as a liaison between residents and the local government in Bondy—a suburb, northeast of Paris, in an area called Department 93.

Vicente Zambada-Niebla, who is thirty-nine years old, is what Mexicans call a “narco junior”—a second-generation drug trafficker.

Wilson, who is thirty-nine, took on the history of food.

Rubell, who is thirty-nine, was in her car, driving to the North Fork of Long Island to pick out a critical part of the dessert course: three large apple trees, which will be chopped down, brought to the gallery, and laid out on the floor, so that guests can eat fruit from the branches.

Bongino, who is thirty-nine, with a crewcut and a visibly broken nose, grew up above his grandfather’s bar, in Queens, and joined

the N.Y.P.D.'s cadet program when he was twenty.

Halperin, who is thirty-nine, is invariably described by those who know him as a “political junkie” or a “political animal.”

McCue, who is thirty-nine, and has worked intermittently for Reid since 1990, rolled her eyes at Reid's description.

Lee Cowan, a Dallas-based correspondent who is thirty-nine and considers Rather a mentor, said, “We will lose panache. I'm very proud, even after the problems we've had, to call people on the phone and tell them, ‘I'm Lee Cowan with CBS News with Dan Rather.’ If he's not there, I wonder what our identity will be.”

O'Sullivan, who is thirty-nine, loves the anonymity of running.

Posada, who is thirty-nine, is in the fourth and final year of a \$13.1 million annual contract that specifies, among other things, that he will keep himself ready to play on demand.

And Jesse Hofstad, who is thirty-nine and whose parents list him as a dependent?

# CHAPTER 5

Kashua, who is forty, with thick, once black hair and a brooding gaze, slouched a little behind the lectern.

It's rare for *zabaleen* to do hard labor into middle age, and Sayyid, who is forty, has chronic pain in his back and his knees.

Schultz, who is forty, could also do better with the over-all feel, and some of the facts, of his chosen era.

Brodeur, who is forty, was perhaps outplayed in his best era by Patrick Roy and Dominik Hasek, but he has been consistently dependable, and he has a wagonload of records.

May, who is forty, said that she heard early rock and roll constantly as a child.

Rojas, who is forty, has an M.B.A., because his parents always told him he should have one, but, for the past couple of years, he has been collaborating with Tobón on several screenplays based on his life.

Shields does not live with her father, or with her mother, Marcella Adams, who is forty and unemployed, and lives in a little green house up the block from Berston's gym.

In Uzbekistan, Gulnara, who is forty, is feared no less than her father, who has run the Central Asian nation since it was a Soviet Republic and he was Party Secretary.

A son from Ron Slavenas's first marriage—Brian's half brother,

Eric, who is forty—had been in the invasion of Grenada as a forward observer with the 82nd Airborne.

Jones, who is forty, is tall and imposing, with a shaved head and a patchy goatee.

Bond, who is forty, is a native of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Born in Miami, Garcia, who is forty years old, is expansive, articulate, and well dressed.

Smith, who is forty years old, is short, and wore work boots and a purple hoodie.

Wiman, who is forty, grew up in West Texas and has solemn blue eyes and a pleasant, mellow disposition.

Beglarian, who is forty, and who teaches and writes in addition to acting, has come away from his dog studies with more than a killer whimper and a convincing way of cocking his head.

Jaoui, who is forty, and Bacri, thirteen years older, worked separately as actors for years and then jointly as screenwriters.

Many companies publish content online, but Armstrong, who is forty years old, thinks that AOL can develop a reputation as a place where reporters and editors craft original stories.

Austin Holland, who is forty, joined the Oklahoma Geological Survey in 2010, shortly after the occurrence of what is called the “Jones swarm”—seventy-five earthquakes felt in one county, around the town of Jones, in little more than a year.

Hamlin, who is forty, is the director of agronomic research at the Climate Corporation, which is based in San Francisco.

For a while, Junius, who is forty and favors Hawaiian shirts and baggy basketball shorts, sported a straw hat, because, he said, “it

adds to the cabana feel.”

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Duenyas, who is forty-one, grew up in L.A. but came to New York in 1996.

Bartlett, who is forty-one years old, was born in England but moved to Penguin, Tasmania, as a baby; she fled the island for the more cosmopolitan precinct of Sydney after graduating from college, only to return in 2001.

Unlike most college students, Whitaker, who is forty-one, is a full-time wage earner, and therefore a real taxpayer.

Quiroga, who is forty-one, is tall and fair.

Sachs, who is forty-one, is curly-haired and obsessively boyish.

Julie Schuder, who is forty-one and works with developmentally disabled adults, lives eight miles downwind of A.V.S.R. 1.

Richard, who is forty-one, runs Rubenstein Public Relations, one of two affiliates of Rubenstein Associates; among Richard's clients are Donald Trump and Zeckendorf Development.

Dohle, who is forty-one years old, rose as an executive on the printing side of Bertelsmann A.G., the parent company of Random House, and moved to the U.S. in 2008.

At the other end of the table was Josh Bank, the company's executive vice-president, who is forty-one.

Most of the candidates are young editors from outside the organization, including Gibson, who is forty-one.

Oakley, who is forty-one, directs questions regarding the history of the museum itself to H. V. Pat Reilly, its founder.

Chin, who is forty-one, was born and reared a flatlander, in Mankato, Minnesota, where his parents, Chinese immigrants, worked as librarians.

“I heard they have flour and milk,” Méndez, who is forty-one years old, told me.

Strength—or the outward appearance of it—is not the first thing that comes to mind when you meet the impish Upton, who is forty-one.

Cruz, who is forty-one, eschews teleprompters, instead roaming across the stage and speaking slowly and dramatically, with well-rehearsed sweeps of his hands.

Salih, who is forty-one, often speaks bluntly, and is savvy about Washington’s enduring interest in ending the reign of Saddam Hussein.

Plouffe, who is forty-one, is thin and discreet, and his low profile in the press sent a message throughout the Obama organization that staffers were to be similarly reticent about attracting publicity.

Baldwin and Klein—who is forty-one and married, with young children—chaperone each other to award shows or sit at home and order takeout.

These pleasant diversions did not, however, prevent Breitbart, who is forty-one, from posting frequently to his Twitter account, which he did in a manner that suggested he was in the midst of a hostile attack, or undergoing a psychotic break.

Franco, who is forty-one, said he was thinking it over.

O’Donnell, who is forty-one, and is formidably telegenic in a Palinesque mold—she has been known to wear her chestnut



hair in a modified beehive—has a past so colorful that it might make even a sixties rock musician blush.

Rafter, who is forty-one, has three Grand Slam titles to his name; he and Hewitt are the last two men to win a singles title and a doubles title in any of the Majors over their careers.

The other, Ayfer, who is forty-one, started acting in her teens.

Wang, who is forty-one, had no record of accomplishing anything on the scale of a canal; indeed, he seemed to have little public record of any kind.

Moretti, who is forty-one years old, wore a fedora and a Lenin beard.

Ullrich, who is forty-one, has blond hair and wears rimless reading glasses.

Thomas, who is forty-one, wears a buzz cut and round wire-rimmed glasses and has the earnest disposition of a schoolboy politician, which belies his determination; colleagues liken him to “a terrier with rats.”

Clemens, who is forty-one, was retiring after this season, his twentieth, and he had wanted these certifications before the end.

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In a sense, “The Big C” really begins when Cathy, who is forty-two, tells Dr. Todd that she’s going to forgo treatment.

“I told him, ‘We’re doing a little video production—you don’t mind, do you, just during the day?’” Holly, who is forty-two and a contributing editor at *Newsweek*, said.

Word, who is forty-two, played only six seasons and retired in

1994.

Grimaud, who is forty-two, has blue eyes and motile sandy-brown hair.

Gladney, who is forty-two, short, and caramel-colored, had her first child when she was fourteen, and went on to earn bachelor's degrees in chemistry and philosophy and a master's in business administration from Baruch College, in New York.

Shaughnessy, who is forty-two, lives in Brooklyn with her family (her husband is the poet Craig Morgan Teicher), and teaches at the Newark campus of Rutgers University, but she goes, as the best poets usually do, pretty much wherever language leads.

(Hudlin, who is forty-two, also grew up worshipping Monty Python.)

Gerhaher, who is forty-two, took master classes with Fischer-Dieskau and speaks of his predecessor in worshipful terms.

This was unexpected, because Mann, who is forty-two, had never met his father.

Lewis, who is forty-two, has never met her biological father.

Niles, who is forty-two, is a fashion blogger and a social worker in Philadelphia.

Sikorski, who is forty-two, is an Oxford-educated former war correspondent; he took office on October 31st, along with Poland's new conservative Prime Minister, Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz.

Mackey, who is forty-two, rode into town early the next morning.

At the press event, which was held on a platform stage inside

one of the center's enormous garages, Bill, Jr., sat quietly in the front row of the audience, next to Lesa, who is forty-two.

Leslie Morgenstein, the president of Alloy, who is forty-two, was at the head of a conference table.

Banks, who is forty-two, has headed the Homeless Rights Project since the mid-eighties.

Debevec, who is forty-two, worked on Ira for two years, and he has scrutinized his creature endlessly, in the service of improving future avatars.

Rohan, who is forty-two, is also an entrepreneur.

Lachlan, who is forty-two, will be the non-executive co-chairman; James, who is forty-one, will be the co-chief operating officer of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox.

Kelly Dunne, who is forty-two, is the center's chief operating officer.

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Li, who is forty-three, has spent twenty years working on environmental causes, and is now a board member of China's oldest environmental N.G.O., Friends of Nature.

Umana, who is forty-three years old, has worked on grassroots development projects in the area for the past twenty-six years, but even he has been surprised by the depth of the anger about Brown's death.

Burgee, who is forty-three, seems in many ways to be the antithesis of Johnson.

Manawi, who is forty-three, is a respected former Supreme Court justice who was appointed by Karzai in April to chair

Afghanistan's Election Commission.

In the years following "Drukqs," James, who is forty-three, moved to a small village near Glasgow, married for a second time, and had children.

By coming to Y.S.L., Slimane, who is forty-three, goes back to where he started in the business fifteen years ago, as the very young, and green, designer of the menswear line, which, to quote from the Profile, was moribund at the time.

Mariani, who is forty-three and is built like a guy who actually uses his basement gym, was dressed in a pastel striped shirt and tan slacks.

Twist, who is forty-three, was given his first puppet theatre by his parents, when he was three, and he began making puppets out of paper.

Arsim, who is forty-three, had worked in Switzerland and spoke some English.

"I didn't want to do that piece," says Jasperse, who is forty-three.

Before landing the title of campaign manager, earlier this year, Messina, who is forty-three, spent four years working for Obama in other capacities.

Sze, who is forty-three, looked like one of the Columbia graduate students she teaches.

Weiner, who is forty-three, was outfitted as if for a cocktail party, in a scarlet sleeveless dress and nude stilettos.

When Jay-Z, who is forty-three, entered, wearing a short-sleeved white button-down shirt, jeans, a gold chain with a hefty pendant, and a gold watch, everyone cheered.

Welsh, who is forty-three, had arrived in New York almost twenty-four hours earlier, with three of his old mates.

Baumbach, who is forty-three, with the collar-length, well-tended hair of a less worried man, seems to have made his “Manhattan,” and he has done so in partnership with Gerwig, who co-wrote the film and plays Frances, a dancer.

Matt, who is forty-three, is tall, bearded, and chiselled, and he wears interesting glasses.

Dayton, who is forty-three, is tall and bald, with watery blue eyes.

Dessay, who is forty-three, has expressive green eyes and an archly intelligent mien.

Deisseroth, who is forty-three, has dark hair that falls into droopy eyes.

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“My dad started all the trouble,” Leon, who is forty-four, said.

Hank, who is forty-four, looks after the family’s stud farm; Hal, who is thirty-three, oversees its property interests.

Over time, Callahan, who is forty-four, started to resemble a particular kind of seventies folk-and-country artist: a songwriter like Johnny Cash or Willie Nelson, who engaged in both pop and politics, and who helped create the notion of a steady-handed American song that was rooted in verse and chorus but was open to all sorts of subject matter.

Pidgeon, who is forty-four and petite, with wide almond eyes and brown hair, rehearsed with a guitar player named Tim Young.

Through the glass separation wall of the visiting room in the Chihuahua women's prison center, Cynthia Kiecker, who is forty-four, doesn't look like a hippie kid anymore.

LaPaglia, who is forty-four, has an appealingly middle-aged, lived-in face and a grownup bearing; he's like a watchful hunting dog that has learned not to waste any more energy than it has to.

Yorke, who is forty-four, seemed considerably more tired than he had in New York, and was wearing a leather jacket and a thick woollen sweater against an unseasonably cold English winter.

Harrington, who is forty-four, lives with her husband and daughter in Old Greenwich, Connecticut, though you can hear her Canadian origins in her gently upward cadences.

Nottage, who is forty-four, has a large, propulsive talent.

"The first thing I thought when I met him was, He's normal, and he's really, really smart," said Mrs. Zizmor, who is forty-four years old, which makes her fourteen years younger than the real Dr. Zizmor, though about the same age as his subway representation.

Over the past five years, Morgan, who is forty-four, has become a brand name.

Weiner, who is forty-four, is tall and thin, with angular features that seem to accentuate his ambition.

Desplechin, who is forty-four, and whose best-known previous work is "My Sex Life . . . or How I Got Into an Argument," from 1996, is often described as "gifted," a word usually used to praise children.

Simon, who is forty-four, is writing a book—a cross between

“Bowling Alone” and “Fast Food Nation,” he hopes—about the world’s largest, and seemingly unavoidable, coffee-shop chain, which he has called “the corner bar of the twenty-first century.”

Taubman, who is forty-four, spent years chasing Elmore Leonard, to persuade him to write a foreword to her book.

Maxwell, who is forty-four, is brilliant at short-circuiting our desire for the standard forms of theatrical pleasure—you know, logical plots, with appropriate emotions and cathartic events played for effect.

Nonetheless, two years ago Denton, who is forty-four, set up a permanent base for the operation in a large loft in Nolita, which he increasingly shows off, as if to demonstrate that his bloggers do not wear pajamas all day long.

(The project could also be seen as an elaborate apology: O’Keefe, who is forty-four years old, recently married and is planning a move to the suburbs.)

Beninati, who is forty-four, has long, slicked-back, gray-streaked dark hair and favors a showily preppy style of dress that would seem self-mocking on an editor or an adman.

Farmer, who is forty-four and has used a wheelchair to get around since he was injured in a car crash, while a college student, is an impressively sage politician, committed to the interests of his community.

After the tour, Croft, who is forty-four, and who grew up a few blocks from the Stadium, joined the civilians along the subway-platform fence to photograph the pull.

Walker, who is forty-four, dark-haired, and boyish-looking, pulled out a photograph of Reagan.

The “brick phone,” in fact, is a favorite reference of Rubio, who is forty-four, and who has said that the Clintons arrived in Washington back when people were lugging those two-pounders around.

Baraka, who is forty-four years old, ran on a promise to “take Newark back” from political bosses, Wall Street investors, and Governor Chris Christie, whose agendas, he said, had not served the city’s struggling people.

Armendáriz, who is forty-four, stood at a dressing-room mirror in Los Angeles, putting on green-glitter eyeshadow, while recalling these horrors.

“There is no typical day for me,” Shingy, who is forty-four, said.

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The Instagram account belonged to Lord Jamar, who is forty-five years old and a member of the group Brand Nubian, which peaked more than twenty years ago but continues to command respect among fans of nineties-era underground rap.

Quinn, who is forty-five, was smartly turned out for the reopening.

Callista, who is forty-five, was dressed in a black skirt and a cherry-red Armani jacket and wore a triple strand of pearls around her neck.

Jungersen, who is forty-five, stakes out a path all his own on his way to revealing the secrets that these odd women harbor.

Where Rankin obsessed over weights and measures, Brown, who is forty-five, relied on an intuitive ability to visualize the physical relationship a wellbore has to its setting.

At the Guadalajara International Book Fair, Enrique Peña Nie-



to, who is forty-five, boyishly handsome, and generally expected to be the next President of Mexico, was asked to name three books that had influenced him.

Orman, who is forty-five, has only been in politics for a few months: his political career began in earnest in June, when he announced his candidacy.

Armisen, who is forty-five, is a seasoned comic actor who has been in the cast of “Saturday Night Live” since 2002, but Brownstein’s involvement in “Portlandia” is surprising.

Quinn, who is forty-five, is a South African screenwriter and comic who recently started an unlikely humor campaign to stop the spread of AIDS.

Lynn, who is forty-five, gay, and H.I.V. positive, had about as much experience with cabs as the average New Yorker: he had ridden in them.

Pruitt, who is forty-five and boyish, despite a five-o’clock shadow, is known for works like “Flea Market” (2007), in which he invited friends to set up booths at the Frieze Art Fair and sell things, from old T-shirts to some suspiciously popular brownies, and the 1998 installation “Cocaine Buffet,” in which he invited people to get down on their knees and snort a sixteen-foot line of cocaine.

Langleben, who is forty-five, has spent most of his career studying the brains of heroin addicts and hyperactive boys.

Ever since Drug Enforcement Administration agents and Royal Thai Police officers arrested him in Bangkok in March, 2008, Bout, who is forty-five and a Russian citizen, and his lawyers have been fighting, first, extradition to the United States, and then charges for conspiring to sell weapons—including Iglas, Russian-made surface-to-air missiles—to the Revolutionary

Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Helou, who is forty-five, is also known for declaring his negative views of the regime, and he has continued to do so even in the face of a new wave of arrests which began last fall.

Labrador, who is forty-five, is a cheerful libertarian and the unofficial leader of the rump.

In that position, von Spakovsky, who is forty-five years old, has become an important voice in the Voting Section.

Nagle, who is forty-five, has been researching the Department of Sanitation for the past several years, while working on a book, "Picking Up."

Gilbert, who is forty-five, plays rhythm guitar and harmonica in an amateur blues band called the Residues.

Waggoner, who is forty-five, is a bearded, bearish figure with an unnerving habit of rolling his eyes back in his head as he talks, like a psychic.

Penn, who is forty-five and a compact five feet eight, is at ease in his body.

Belle, who is forty-five, is small and wiry.

Ellis, who is forty-five, has reddish-brown hair, a cleft chin, and a soft gaze, was sitting before a computer at a glass-topped desk in a small apartment in West Hollywood, which he bought in 2006, after leaving New York, where he had lived since the late eighties.

Like Sharif, Perzabal, who is forty-five, could be difficult: ordinarily a peaceful and sociable man who waved to his neighbors and chatted with whoever dropped by the store (in contrast to Cynthia, who is always described as a quiet presence behind the

counter), he had moods.

Until two years ago, Ferguson, who is forty-five, lived mostly with his parents.

Burgum, who is forty-five, grew up thirty miles from Fargo, in the tiny town of Arthur, where the grain elevator has been owned by his family for four generations.

Duncan, who is forty-five, is six feet five and long-limbed, with a pale face that tapers to a wedgelike chin.

Crovitz, who is forty-five, is a Rhodes scholar and Yale Law School graduate who served as editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and spent eleven of his twenty-two years at the company working for the editorial page and writing a law column.

Lee, who is forty-five, with stringy hair and a full, Garibaldi-style beard, has been a reporter on the grounds of the U.N. since 2006.

But he had trouble explaining to his friends—and even to his wife—why he was drawn to the material, and they worried that Stanton, who is forty-five, was having a midlife crisis, an aberrant fling with a two-hundred-and-fifty-million-dollar trophy film.

Abrams, who is forty-five, affluent, good-looking, and unmarried, would not say, in the greenroom before the debate, that he, personally, felt finished on account of his gender.

If the board chooses a nonjournalist, the leading contender would probably be Zannino, the chief operating officer, who is forty-five.

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Inside the dressing room, Graham, who is forty-six but has a restless, childlike demeanor, went back to poring over the script he'd written.

For many years, Tetzlaff, who is forty-six, performed wearing wire-rimmed glasses of the Trotsky-Mahler variety, which fuelled his reputation as an ascetic intellectual.

Mullen, who is forty-six and lives in California, is so revered by other skaters that he only skates at night, in order to be by himself.

Levin, who is forty-six and teaches at a Santa Fe arts college, lost her mother and her father in quick succession, then, a short time after, her sister: three out of the five members of her immediate family, gone in a flash.

The Rubensteins' daughter, Roni, a former assistant district attorney who is forty-six, now concentrates on raising three children.

Thrun, who is forty-six, is the founder of the Google Car project.

"I don't really do interiors—I do landscapes," Prey, who is forty-six, and a mother of two, said the other day, shortly before flying to the capital for the Christmas card's official unveiling with the First Lady.

Fred, who is forty-six, was born in New Haven, which he regards as a "minor major" among American cities.

Oliver, who is forty-six and black, with a trim beard and a resonant voice, has done his best to become the respectable face of craft brewing—its Orson Welles.

Olivera, who is forty-six, at first seems an unlikely leader.

Rogers, who is forty-six, has a perfectly straight nose and a helmet-shaped haircut.

García, who is forty-six, has a round face and a black mustache, and he was wearing jeans and a polo shirt and a straw hat with a broad brim.

Burrell, who is forty-six, has oiled nails and a nice tan and curly chestnut-colored hair.

Wright, who is forty-six, is tall and skinny, with a long, narrow face and slender fingers.

Robert, who is forty-six, had just ascended the eastern face of the Cheung Kong, which is nine hundred and twenty-eight feet high, using nothing but his feet and his hands.

Amin, who is forty-six, lived in exile for years, working as a human-rights activist in Europe and founding the International Alliance for Justice.

Greenwald, who is forty-six, graduated from N.Y.U. law school in 1994 and was recruited by a top corporate law firm, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

Srinivasan, who is forty-six years old, is currently the Obama Administration's principal deputy solicitor general.

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Gillibrand, who is forty-seven, is one of only two women in the Senate with young children.

Petersen, who is forty-seven, is unmarried and does not have children.

Karzai, who is forty-seven, married her only six years ago; the marriage was an arranged one, and there is a great deal of specu-

lation about their relationship.

The two artists are easily linked, and not just because Struth, who is forty-seven, was a student of Richter's at the Düsseldorf Art Academy in the mid-nineteen-seventies.

Furman, an amiable, self-effacing associate, who is forty-seven, and who has also worked at the bookshop for fifteen years, and Emily Pettigrew, a young, recently hired assistant, sit at desks beneath the mezzanine.

Louboutin, who is forty-seven, had come to the office straight from the airport.

Houston, who is forty-seven years old, was wearing jeans and a New York City Housing Authority T-shirt and a pair of New Balance running shoes.

Christensen, who is forty-seven, lives in a rent-stabilized studio apartment on West Thirty-fourth Street that he has recently begun calling the Beetlejuice Museum.

Bosworth, who is forty-seven, claims to know what he's talking about.

During the performance of "Romeo," the conductor, who is forty-seven years old, encouraged his listeners to stamp on the floor to the thudding strong beats of the Dance of the Knights.

On a sunny afternoon ten days after the tsunami, Govind, who is forty-seven, sat in his living room, the green walls decorated with portraits of deities, and spoke about the *panchayat's* relief work.

People who like to speed to the scenes of disasters tend to have jobs they can drop at a moment's notice; Tynon, who is forty-seven years old and lives half of the time in Los Angeles, runs a

private investment fund that trades in municipal debt and pays a small group of investors (minimum investment: fifty thousand dollars), he claims, “between fifteen and eighteen per cent.”

Blodget, who is forty-seven, gets up every morning at five-thirty, writes four or five blog posts a day on average, and dashes off twenty to thirty tweets.

Krakoff, who is forty-seven, is admired for his enormous success—Coach was a modest, five-hundred-million-dollar company when he was hired—and some of his peers appreciate his moxie in starting a luxury label in the middle of a recession.

Scott, who is forty-seven, is a former businessman, having worked in insurance and real estate, and he has strong ties to the conservative movement.

Spadaro, who is forty-seven, is balding and energetic, and works from a modern office in a villa not far from the Spanish Steps.

Apple has sold one and a half billion things designed by Ive, who is forty-seven and responsible for the build and the finish of the iMac, the MacBook, the iPod, the iPhone, the iPad, and the forthcoming Apple Watch.

“We’re a new fresh face taking on someone from the past,” Governor Scott Walker, of Wisconsin, who is forty-seven, said, as if Clinton had just popped out of a time capsule bearing a comically large cell phone.

On a recent Friday, Ortega, who is forty-seven, invited me into his studio’s tool room. “I’ve had some of these for years,” he said.

I got there just as Vanderslice, who is forty-seven, walked out of the studio to fold a cardboard box into a recycling bin.

Popper, who is forty-seven years old, makes his living helping

Americans travel to Cuba without running afoul of the law.

Jalili, who is forty-seven, assumed the nuclear portfolio in 2007, and presided over a retrenchment of Iranian foreign policy under President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Two weeks after he was acquitted, John Tarleton, one of the defendants, who is forty-seven years old and the executive editor and co-founder of the newspaper *The Independent*, returned with me to the spot at the intersection of Broadway and Wall Street where the protesters had staged their sit-in.

“We work kind of all together—somebody designs, somebody styles, somebody does graphics,” said Asfour, who is forty-seven, with the rakish beard of a buccaneer, and wore a white leather vest, white pants, and a black silk kimono.

Collmus, who is forty-seven, has called the past three Derbies for NBC Sports, and he was recently named Churchill’s new track announcer.

Palen, who is forty-seven, has a shaved head, a graying beard, and the bulging, tattooed arms of a steamfitter.

Lemon, who is forty-seven, has a square face and graying hair that constantly seems to fall into her eyes.

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Thompson, who is forty-eight, spent his early childhood in Harlem’s Wagner Houses.

Zari, who is forty-eight, educated, and no radical, was encouraged by her newlywed daughter to join her and thousands of others in marches on February 14th to show their support for Tunisians and Egyptians.

Miranda, who is forty-eight years old, was in Washington last



week for a brief visit, accompanying about a dozen Iraqi lawyers who were making the rounds of Capitol Hill to urge continued support for their fledgling democracy.

Ferrall, who is forty-eight, is a veteran late-night sports talk-radio host, and the seven-day nadir he's referring to is the Super Bowl bye week, the long, barren stretch of football whiteout that precedes next week's championship game.

Choudary, who is forty-eight, and has a long, graying beard, has acted as a spokesman for various radical groups, such as al-Muhajiroun and Islam4UK, that have since been banned under U.K. terrorism laws.

Ford, who is forty-eight years old and powerfully built, with a shaved head and a rapid-fire, non-stop way of talking, overwhelms you with his enthusiasm for what he does.

Laferriere, who is forty-eight years old, and has brown eyes and close-cropped hair, is one of the Coast Guard's leading experts on oil-pollution response.

White, who is forty-eight and wears a beard, gets a twitch in his right cheek when he becomes agitated about the "microbiological destiny" of milk or the No Child Left Behind Act.

John Douglas Thompson, who is forty-eight and regarded by some people as the best classical actor in America, has been acting for twenty years, following an epiphany he had as a travelling salesman of computers, A.T.M.s, and check-sorting machines.

Thomas, who is forty-eight, bespectacled, and tightly wound, came to prominence with "Jerry Springer: The Opera," which was a hit in the West End and played Carnegie Hall in 2008.

In recent years, however, she has let her business partner, Patrik

Schumacher, who is forty-eight and a rational, no-nonsense German, run the office, while she often works and takes meetings at her home, a five-minute walk through the neighborhood's narrow streets.

The effect is as if Marilyn Monroe had attempted to channel Edith Piaf; and Dombasle, who is forty-eight and has long, honey-blond hair, a pronounced pout, and what has plausibly been described as the smallest waist in Paris, has been performing to capacity crowds all over France.

It doesn't matter that the artist, who is forty-eight, has released only a handful of decent recordings in the past fifteen years.

Klein, who is forty-eight, spent nearly two decades in various capacities at CBS News, where he produced both serious work (overseeing "60 Minutes" and winning a Peabody Award for "48 Hours," which is emphasized in his official biography) and less-serious news (the softening of "48 Hours," which goes unmentioned).

Rist, who is forty-eight, lives in Zurich with her longtime partner, Balz Roth, an entrepreneur with varied interests, and their seven-year-old son, Himalaya.

McKinnon, who is forty-eight, lives in Austin but will work out of the Bush-Cheney campaign headquarters, in Arlington, Virginia, for the duration of the reelection effort.

Pinchuk, who is forty-eight, has dark, closely cropped hair, an imposing profile, and a manner of instant intimacy of the sort sometimes adopted by movie stars when thrown into social situations with the less famous: the guiding hand on the elbow; the ironical, twinkling eyes; the murmured, inconsequential confidence.

Nearly thirty years and twenty-five albums after his recording

début, the prolific songwriter and imaginative cartoonist, who is forty-eight, has a new record, “Is and Always Was,” that was produced by Jason Falkner (who also worked with Beck and Paul McCartney).

Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, who is forty-eight, has a yellow thatch, a hulking physique, and a voluptuous mien; he speaks with a plummy, sonorous facility befitting a onetime president of the Oxford Union.

Callahan, who is forty-eight years old, thrives on practicing medicine under austere conditions in forbidding places.

Brown, who is forty-eight, is a controversial figure in the art world, well known for reinterpretations of other artists’ works that are strikingly close to the originals.

Klein, who is forty-eight, has a trimmed goatee and an earring.

Spitzer, who is forty-eight, has a prominent nose, chin, and forehead, a hard jawline, and deep-set eyes whose intensity can give the extremely mistaken impression that he wears eyeliner.

Kiriakou, who is forty-eight, has mild features, with olive skin and brown eyes, and the exuberance of a Labrador retriever.

Farage, who is forty-eight and worked for two decades as a commodities trader and broker, has the charisma of a taproom duke and the appearance of a mongoose (there’s a Tumblr called Meerkats That Look Like Nigel Farage).

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Carter, who is forty-nine, was born in Leesburg, Florida.

Kelly, who is forty-nine, grew up in Jersey City, and, at seventeen, he entered the American Ballet Theatre School.

Bruno, who is forty-nine, got his start in the industry by working the door at Odyssey 2001, the night club (later renamed Spectrum) featured in the movie.

Montague, who is forty-nine, has been obsessed with wind since the third grade, when his father bought him his first kite.

Holt, who is forty-nine, grew up working in the region's textile industry and on its tobacco farms; his mother was a cleaning lady at the old Kentucky Derby Hosiery factory.

Egan, who is forty-nine and is known as Bobby, is of Irish descent on his father's side and Italian on his mother's.

Gaiman, who is forty-nine and English, with a pale face and a wild, corkscrewed mop of black-and-gray hair, is unusually prolific.

Sorkin, who is forty-nine, says that he knew very little about social networking, and he professes extreme dislike of the blogosphere and social media.

Weber, who is forty-nine, says that his interest in the Buddha statues was prompted in part by memories of UNESCO's successful effort to save the Abu Simbel temples in Egypt, which were to have been flooded during the building of the Aswan Dam, in the nineteen-sixties.

Baquet, who is forty-nine, says that he did not aspire to be an editor, but he was encouraged to make the change by Joseph Lelyveld, the *Times*' executive editor, who had helped bring him to the paper.

The new Noah Baumbach film, "While We're Young," stars Ben Stiller, who is forty-nine, as a guy named Josh, and Naomi Watts, who is forty-six, as his wife, Cornelia.

King, who is forty-nine years old and a lifelong sailor, was charged not only with the task of supervising the editing of the film's soundtrack (distinct from any musical score or accompaniment) but also with recording all the individual sounds—musket fire, sloshing bilge, creaking wood—that need to be incorporated.

The day before the show, as the tributers rehearsed at City Winery with the night's house band, led by the guitarist Lenny Kaye, Dorf, who is forty-nine, attended to his remaining obligations: cutting checks, assigning dressing rooms.

Shavit, who is forty-nine, and Burg, who is fifty-two, met twenty-five years ago, when they were both protesting against Israel's first war in Lebanon.

Zoran Zivkovic, who is forty-nine, was the mayor of Nis under Milosevic, as well as a leader of the opposition movement that eventually toppled the regime.

Kim marvelled that Corean, who is forty-nine, seemed to know what to wear on such occasions.

Seductive and voluble, somewhat on the Sonia Rykiel model, Reza, who is forty-nine, emphasizes that what she has written shouldn't make her seem to have any desire to become a social or political pundit, or even to be taken as an "observer" of the French scene: "I wanted simply to write a book about a fauve politique, in the French sense, a political beast."

During a break in her match against Ni, who is forty-nine, Hsing grabbed a dry towel to wipe off her perspiration and downed a bottle of water while her coach gave her a pep talk.

Gleick, who is forty-nine, has studied the connections between water, development, and human health for nearly three decades.

Cantor, who is forty-nine, is slight and speaks in a nasal Southern drawl.

Krakoff, who is forty-nine and mostly bald, strolled in.

Smith, who is forty-nine, has a ruddy face and straw-colored hair.

Francesca, who is forty-nine, has reddish hair and freckles, and was glamorous even in sweatpants.

Tian, who is forty-nine, used to sing for a living, but he told me that he had gained too much weight.

# CHAPTER 6

People like Marc Benioff, who is fifty, also might have something to do with the surge in giving.

For two decades, Edson, who is fifty, has taught in the Atlanta school system, first kindergarten, now sixth grade.

Sheehan, who is fifty, sharp-featured, and wiry, spent twenty years in the Army, mainly in Special Forces; he later served as the State Department's Ambassador-at-Large for Counter Terrorism in the Clinton Administration.

Levine, who is fifty years old, grew up in England, and was the sort of geeky kid who was happy to stay up all night observing his pet snails to see how far they would move, or to sit in an ice-cold bath for an hour to try to figure out how much body heat he had lost.

Thorn, who is fifty, was raised in Tupelo, Mississippi, and has spent most of his life there, but, having inherited his father's devotion to a cause, he's constantly on the road, performing three or four times a week around the country.

While Cosman, who is fifty and has a metal workshop in Brooklyn, talked about plaster details and how he had repaired the dumbwaiter, Iwi'ula became aware of several immaterial presences.

Last week, Nakagaki, who is fifty and lives in Brooklyn, dropped by the Kinokuniya Bookstore, in midtown, to buy rice paper for the ceremony this Sunday.

Cai, who is fifty and has had a studio in New York since 1995, is one of several international art stars—others are Olafur Eliasson, Rirkrit Tiravanija, and, as a grandfatherly pioneer, Christo—whose personal wealth likely includes epic accumulations of frequent-flyer miles.

Gang, who is fifty, has striking blue-gray eyes, brown curls, and a casual air.

Viner, who is fifty, has a beard and a distant, knowing smile.

Borsato, who is fifty, has a fringe of white hair and the shoulders of a rugby fullback.

Stemm, who is fifty years old, tall and lanky, with a neatly trimmed gray beard and a toothy smile, combines a boyish manner with a bristling air of intellectual superiority.

Francesca, who is fifty, is a large man, with cropped gray-flecked hair and, when his face is at rest, the fishy frown of an expert on guard against the advance of paltry arguments.

Jotwani, who is fifty years old, is a compact man with mournful eyes and a slim mustache.

Moskowitz, who is fifty, arrived at Harlem Central that morning wearing a colorful print dress.

She's a key player in the show, alas; Paul, who is fifty, is attracted to her as well.

But Weitzmann, who is fifty, said that his generation is wistful for the time of its childhood, in the latter years of *les Trente Glorieuses*.

Morales, who is fifty, is a creature of his biography.

McMillan, who is fifty, was lounging on a sofa, beneath a map



of old New York, showing me some computer renderings of the development.

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Kelly, who is fifty-one, is short—five feet seven—and stocky, with a round face and a thin smile.

Spiegel, who is fifty-one, is short and compact and bearded.

Eustis, who is fifty-one, has been its head for six years.

By the time he leaves, at the end of June, Freeh, who is fifty-one, will have completed nearly eight years on the job.

Eleven years ago, Negrych, who is fifty-one, was given a diagnosis of lymphoma, and since then he has worked at home, most recently in a town house he rents near Washington Square Park.

Arbess, who is fifty-one, grew up in Montreal and got a law degree at Harvard.

Wolfe, who is fifty-one, was born in Montreal and studied psychology at McGill, then medicine at Harvard.

Gartside, who is fifty-one, has created an astonishingly mellifluous and coherent album, which is indebted to the sixties pop he heard as a child on BBC Radio 1 in Wales, where he was born.

Eaton, who is fifty-one and grew up in Vermont, treats the band (or its remnants) that has given him a living, a body of work, a style, and some measure of transcendence as a kind of adversary.

Cohen, who is fifty-one and lives in Brooklyn, has collaborated with many musicians in his career—R.E.M., Patti Smith, Miracle Legion, and Vic Chesnutt among them.

In a party that is now defined by the youth and energy at the top

of the ticket, Ritter, who is fifty-one, is a sort of anti-Obama.

For Bayh, who is fifty-one and was first elected to the Senate from Indiana in 1998, December will be recalled as a low moment in an otherwise high-achieving life.

Lynch, who is fifty-one, was first elected president of the twenty-three-thousand-member union at the age of thirty-five.

They agreed that Darryl, who is fifty-one, has taken the Mardi Gras Indian suit “to the next level.”

Apfel, who is fifty-one, had a distinguished career as a federal prosecutor in Massachusetts, where in 1997 he won the John Marshall Award, the Justice Department’s highest award for trial work.

McFeely, who is fifty-one, and whose official title is executive assistant director (“E.A.D.,” in office shorthand), oversees about sixty per cent of F.B.I. operations, including the Cyber Division: some one thousand agents, analysts, forensic specialists, and computer scientists.

Kagame, who is fifty-one, and is so thin that in official photographs with visiting dignitaries it often looks as if his guests had been posed with a cardboard cutout of him, led the rebel force—the Rwandan Patriotic Front—that stopped the genocide.

Before the announcement, Frédérique D’arragon, who is fifty-one, and has been in and out of Turner’s life for more than thirty years, came back into it.

Weinberg, who is fifty-one, wore a loose, baggy jacket over an open-collared shirt.

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Williams first met Overby, who is fifty-two, at a Best Buy in Minneapolis, in 1992; she was reintroduced to him a few years ago at a hair salon. “I was attracted to him immediately,” she said.

Alonzo, who is fifty-two, has spent the past twenty-eight years working with dementia patients—or, in her preferred locution, with people who have trouble thinking.

The Tokyo-based photographer, who is fifty-two and has been legally blind since her twenties, exhibits a quietly sensational series of black-and-white nude self-portraits taken last year.

Almendárez, who is fifty-two, is short, with longish shiny black hair, a boyish smile, and features that suggest both the Native American Indian and the Spanish roots of his birthplace, Honduras.

Koons, who is fifty-two, looks very much the same as he did at thirty—trim and boyish, with neatly barbered brown hair and the sort of unfinished features that seem to be peculiarly American.

Brooks, then, who is fifty-two, is doubly out of step.

Yaki, who is fifty-two, sat in the lobby of the Roosevelt Hotel the other evening and described his assignment, which, he said, would entail “digging through every policy, operation, and practice that Barneys has, and talking to people,” before making recommendations.

English, who is fifty-two and slight, has the intensity of someone whose career has met its most significant challenge.

On the contrary, Wang, who is fifty-two, is a plutocrat, one of China’s most famous venture capitalists.

Picón, who is fifty-two, comes from San Juan, Puerto Rico; his father was in real estate and his grandfather a celebrated poet.

Dach, who is fifty-two, is the son of Holocaust survivors and grew up in Queens.

Friedman, who is fifty-two, grew up in Los Angeles.

Nelson, who is fifty-two, grew up in Princeton, New Jersey.

Chisholm, a Democrat, who is fifty-two, and Walker, who is forty-seven, both grew up in the state and both attended Marquette University, in Milwaukee.

Instead of cooking, Trotter, who is fifty-two, plans to pursue a Master of Philosophy degree, most likely at the University of Chicago.

Gowda, who is fifty-two years old and nearly toothless, speaks mostly Kannada, the local language, and is affable.

Rove, who is fifty-two, has always appeared to be affable and extroverted—he has a foghorn voice and an innocent face, with pale-blue eyes, a tuft of flyaway blond hair, and light skin that flushes when he's angry—while, at the same time, being very hard to know well.

In his speech, Leahy, who is fifty-two, laid out a series of measures that he hoped would ignite “a revolution in green consumption.”

Churchill, who is fifty-two, is the Indiana operations manager for Preferred Popcorn, one of the nation's largest popcorn distributors.

The youth of the founders (Brin is thirty-four and Page is thirty-five) leads to jokes that someone like Schmidt, who is fifty-two, was essential to manage Google.

Steinmetz, who is fifty-two, looks much as he did in 1979, when, after dropping out of Stanford, he spent twenty-eight months hitchhiking across Africa—a preppy vagabond with a camera, a stove, and a snakebite kit.

Janet, who is fifty-two but looks seventy-two, slumped in a wheelchair they'd found in the water.

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Wilmore, who is fifty-three years old and has worked in television for years as a writer, producer, and showrunner, is self-assured and obviously comfortable in the chair.

Franklin, who is fifty-three, says that some in the organization questioned his commitment before he took over as C.E.O., in 2000.

Huizenga, who is fifty-three, with dirty-blond hair in a boyish cut, is a surfer himself.

Rizzo, who is fifty-three, has thinning black hair that's down to his shoulders when it's not pulled back in a ponytail, a stud earring, and a nose that looks like it has met a boot or two—he plays rugby.

Meloni, who is fifty-three years old, has ragged, Beethoven-style hair and an abundance of manic energy.

Garzón, who is fifty-three and has a distinctive gray streak in his hair, ordered chamomile-mint tea.

Turnage, who is fifty-three, rose to prominence in Margaret Thatcher's Britain, his splintered tonal language striking an attitude of dissent.

Axelrod, who is fifty-three, is by nature subdued.

Alÿs, who is fifty-three, is a tall, long-limbed man of striking angularity, and his pace was quick.

Green, who is fifty-three, was living in a FEMA trailer in the Lower Ninth Ward, where his house had been—the area was now a bare, weed-choked landscape, with concrete slabs the only evidence of the missing houses.

Hajjaj, who is fifty-three, was born in Morocco and moved to London in his teens, where he worked as a d.j., a promoter, a stylist, and a designer.

Saariaho, who is fifty-three, has had a fascinating career trajectory, moving from the hothouses of the European avant-garde into something like the cultural mainstream.

Pottorf, who is fifty-three and an artist himself, stopped helping in the studio after Rauschenberg had his stroke; mindful of the rumors about studio assistants in Willem de Kooning's last years, he doesn't want anyone suggesting that he does the paintings.

Rockwell, who is fifty-three, developed an interest in playgrounds ten years ago, after becoming a father.

Patricia Dunn, who is fifty-three, was invited to join the Hewlett-Packard board in 1998.

Perry, who is fifty-three, has perhaps eclipsed Eddie Izzard, the actor and comedian, as Britain's favorite transvestite—in May, he attended the BAFTA awards wearing a hooded opera cape and a dress decorated with an obscene image picked out in pearls—but here he was wearing a dark cotton jacket over a plain white shirt, and his blond pageboy cut was unstyled.

Blagojevich, who is fifty-three, looks fit in his crisp navy and gray Oxxford suits and designer ties.

Kenner, who is fifty-three, told me that she is unhappy about Niederhoffer's arrangement with her.

"There, on a white leather banquette, was Jessie, with her legs curled up," Prince, who is fifty-three, said, recalling their first meeting, in New York.

Rosen, who is fifty-three, and wore a floaty black tunic over black pants, describes herself as a spoken-word artist and a teacher of self-inquiry.

All this hinges on what is meant by "truly," which, since Luhrmann, who is fifty-three, was educated in the time of post-modern theory, is not a straightforward matter.

"Either I'm herdin' them, to make sure they show up at the gig, or they're leading me around afterwards," Keen, who is fifty-three, said the other day.

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Powell, who is fifty-four, is one of the rare utility executives with an entrepreneurial background.

Hicks, who is fifty-four, is tall and outgoing, with a barrel chest and ruddy cheeks.

Varoufakis, who is fifty-four, had the peace of mind of someone who was certain of an election result and already savoring the satisfactions to follow.

Virginia Thomas, who is fifty-four, grew up in Omaha.

Thain, who is fifty-four, grew up in Antioch, Illinois, and first came to prominence at Goldman Sachs, where he advanced rapidly.

Before coming to Apple, Amelio, who is fifty-four, had served

as the C.E.O. of National Semiconductor, where he developed a reputation as a turnaround artist—or, as he put it, a “transformation manager.”

Taylor, who is fifty-four and wore a black T-shirt, jeans, and a silver hoop earring in each ear, said that he’d discovered Smith in the late eighties, when he attended a screening of the artist’s best-known work, “Flaming Creatures,” a long-banned gender-bending bacchanal.

Veyrat, who is fifty-four, has always been eccentric, and originally became known in culinary circles for his habit of searching the countryside for indigenous herbs, which he served with rare local cheeses and sausages, and for wearing a black alpine farmer’s hat.

Elliott, who is fifty-four, spent a few days last fall in the backyard of a mansion in Yonkers, shooting scenes for “Project Nim.”

“I am below zero. Wrecked. Devastated,” said Spirou, who is fifty-four.

Thaler, who is fifty-four, has been around long enough to have seen the business change.

Boras, who is fifty-four, seems to have become impatient with mere balance-provision.

Cattelan, who is fifty-four and svelte, with a prominent nose, paced anxiously around in red leather boots—singing songs, pulling at his face, and moaning, “It drives me crazy, this noise.”

Kentridge, who is fifty-four, is a solidly built man of medium height, with deep-set blue eyes and the distinctive profile of a Roman proconsul.

It’s an old-fashioned look for the Chief Justice of the United



States, who is fifty-four, but, even with the glasses, there's no mistaking that Roberts is the youngest person on the Court.

Niederauer, who is fifty-four, has spiky gray hair and a gravelly voice.

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Ward, who is fifty-five, took the Port Authority job in May of 2008.

Donilon, who is fifty-five, is a longtime Washington lawyer, lobbyist, and Democratic Party strategist.

Late one afternoon last month, Sulzberger and Robinson, who is fifty-five, sat side by side in a small conference room on the fourteenth floor of the Times Building to discuss the company.

Nooyi, who is fifty-five, is the first woman to lead the company, the first C.E.O. to come from outside the U.S. (she was born and raised in Madras), the first vegetarian, and the first Hindu.

But, for the first time in her twenty-five-year television career, Budjurova, who is fifty-five and has short-cropped black hair, wasn't sure what she would say.

“Even the rally was very friendly, cool,” Cristina, who is fifty-five, said.

Since announcing her candidacy, Bachmann, who is fifty-five, has continued to emphasize her Iowa roots—though now she talks about the nineteen-sixties more than the eighteen-fifties.

Tyson, who is fifty-five, was a child when astronauts first landed on the Moon and barely a teen when the missions ended, in 1972.

Evert, who is fifty-five, travelled with her mother from Fort

Lauderdale to New York when she was sixteen to play at Forest Hills (site of the U.S. Open until 1978).

Lauderdale, who is fifty-five, had a thin smile and fountain of silver hair.

Mora, who is fifty-five, has known Berlusconi for twenty-five years.

Parvin, who is fifty-five, is a slight man with pale-blue eyes, prominent ears, and gray hair that sticks up from the top of his head, like Homer Price's.

House, who is fifty-five, is a regal woman; she is five feet nine and has short, straight light-brown hair.

Taupin, who is fifty-five, looks like a sensitive, balding cowboy.

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Gordy, who is fifty-six, looked more alert than his son.

While Davis had a pale complexion, DiCarmine, who is fifty-six, was tan year-round.

Garcia, who is fifty-six, looked very put-together, with a sweet smile and a sharp little travel bag.

Benenson, who is fifty-six, is bearded and volatile.

Matt, who is fifty-six, is slight and dark-haired, with a foghorn voice and a cheery manner.

McGuire, who is fifty-six, has a kind face, a bald head, and the manner of a thoughtful observer.

McAfee, who is fifty-six, has light-brown hair, green eyes, and a composed wit.

Card, who is fifty-six, has the bonhomie and accent of a Boston politician.

Keller, who is fifty-six, speaks slowly and deliberately, but his candor can be as jarring as Sulzberger's humor.

Scheiner, who is fifty-six, talks with a raspy Queens accent.

Dupuis, who is fifty-six, has the weathered look of someone who skis a lot.

One evening last spring, Costello, who is fifty-six, found himself in the wine country of Northern California, as the closing act of the Sonoma Jazz Festival, which was more or less jazzless.

Cai, who is fifty-six years old, lived through this period and then saw a critical global shift, as many Chinese began to reexamine and reassess the costs of reckless and unsustainable industrial development.

In the world of Chinese journalists, or "news workers," as they are known in Party-speak, Hu, who is fifty-six years old, has a singular profile.

In a tidy office on the ground floor of the building, Cornwell, who is fifty-six and trim and wore a suède jacket and cowboy boots, found her friend Barbara Butcher, the chief of staff at the O.C.M.E., who inspires and informs Cornwell's novels.

Sam Waksal, who is fifty-six, was at the center of the clique.

Owens, who is fifty-six, spent twenty-five years in the laboratory of the Chicago Police Department, including thirteen years as chief document examiner, and worked on approximately two hundred murder cases.

Raines, who is fifty-six and has been the editorial-page editor since 1993, is a classic Southern liberal.

Murphy, who is fifty-six, works for Gibson's custom, art, and historic division.

"If he ever retires, I'll have to take speed to keep up with him," Dixie, who is fifty-six, told me one afternoon.

Both Grunberg, who is fifty-six, and Moskowitz, who is thirty-nine, are from New York—Grunberg from Far Rockaway, Queens, and Moskowitz from Brooklyn, but raised in Monsey, in Rockland County.

Beny Steinmetz, who is fifty-six, does not seem to live anywhere in particular.

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Oliver, who is fifty-seven, stands at the front of the stage and addresses the audience directly.

It has been nine years since Brock-Broido, who is fifty-seven and directs the poetry program at Columbia's School of the Arts, published her last book, "Trouble in Mind."

Ramachandran, who is fifty-seven, has held prestigious fellowships at All Souls College, in Oxford, and at the Royal Institution, in London.

Rosen, who is fifty-seven, is a third-generation garment-industry entrepreneur, and the most successful in a very accomplished bloodline.

Guzmán, who is fifty-seven, typified an older generation.

Eppolito, Sr., who is fifty-seven but could pass for seventy, has long since lost his weight-lifter's build; he is hugely fat and jowly.

Feinberg, who is fifty-seven, has a long face, a prominent fore-

head, and an abrupt manner.

Ramos, who is fifty-seven, is slim, not tall, with white hair and an unassuming demeanor.

Cote, who is fifty-seven, has a strong chin and, aside from a bit of a paunch, looks as much like Mitt Romney as anyone not named Taggart.

Snow, who is fifty-seven, has the dour, keen-eyed look of a large waterbird—natural enemy of snakes.

Tercek, who is fifty-seven, is a practiced listener: during his decades as an investment banker, he has sounded out a lot of executives.

Haggis, who is fifty-seven, was preparing for two events later that week: a preview screening in New York and a trip to Haiti.

Noritz, who is fifty-seven, tends to be an exuberantly partisan spectator.

Still, who is fifty-seven, is one of the presiding spirits of the stove community.

Ban, who is fifty-seven, has pillowy lips and lids, and a barrel-shaped body perpetually swathed in softly pleated black linen; behind him trails a small black suitcase on wheels.

Zelaya, who is fifty-seven, wears a big white Stetson and has a big black mustache.

Abramson, who is fifty-seven, wore a white dress and a black cardigan with white flowers and red trim.

Medellín, who is fifty-seven, wore a gray blazer with a silver lapel pin in the shape of a bat.

Blahnik, who is fifty-seven, works incessantly, turning dozens of ideas into richly detailed and provocative drawings for the three hundred styles of shoe he will make each year.

Ayers, who is fifty-seven, is also teaching himself piano and trumpet, and wants to try the drums.

Buswell, who is fifty-seven, works from a studio in Salt Lake City.

Holleran, who is fifty-seven, grew up on Long Island and entered the order when he was twenty-two.

Beforehand, Gailani, who is fifty-seven, and is soft-spoken and urbane, collected himself in a private sitting room.

Furman, who is fifty-seven and the part owner of a health-food store in Queens, is the world's leading practitioner of a pursuit that is known as Guinnessport—the undertaking of challenges designed to get a person into an edition of Guinness World Records.

Cattrall, who is fifty-seven, and wore a fuzzy brown-and-black striped coat and long fingerless leather gloves, laughed, enveloping Calle in a hug.

O'Connell, who is fifty-seven, complained that “most of the women my age, they've had their fun,” and were only looking for a husband.

“I just woke up one day and felt like, Yeah, it's time,” Reubens, who is fifty-seven, said the other day.

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Hackenberg, who is fifty-eight, is the owner, founder, and chief source of labor for Hackenberg Apiaries, which is based in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Cantor, who is fifty-eight, is a savvy, profane former labor organizer, a close friend of de Blasio's since they were in graduate school at Columbia together, and a patient and far-seeing strategist.

Wright, who is fifty-eight, has a British public-school demeanor, which is generally courteous and hearty and seemingly rational.

Shulman, who is fifty-eight, has a snowy beard and a sunny disposition.

Timoney, who is fifty-eight, has short reddish-gray hair and the ruddy face of an Irish boxer.

Fraser, who is fifty-eight, is a lean and handsome man of six feet, with light-brown hair, a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, thin lips, and a cleft in his chin.

Williams, who is fifty-eight, was wearing a leather vest and bluejeans tucked into knee-high boots.

Mazumdar-Shaw, who is fifty-eight, was wearing a gray linen jacket and carrying a Prada handbag; her hair was carefully blow-dried.

Litt, who is fifty-eight and originally from New York, wasn't a Dylan nut, by any stretch.

Hendrick, who is fifty-eight, will be remembered by some as a lean, long, line-drive-hitting outfielder with eight different teams of the seventies and eighties, most notably the Cardinals, whom he helped to a World Championship in 1982.

For more than thirty years, Heal, who is fifty-eight, and is known as Sid, divided his career between the Marine reserves and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

“Now my life is very conventional,” Fox, who is fifty-eight, said.

Gail, who is fifty-eight, plump, and bookish, with short curly hair and a sense of irony that can swing bitter or funny, helps manage a Jewish nursing home near her house.

Moss, who is fifty-eight, lives two hours away, with her sister and two cats, near the town of Ellijay, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Offstage, Abagnale, who is fifty-eight, mentioned that while travelling across America—as he has often done since 1974, when he finished serving time for cashing two and a half million dollars in counterfeit checks, in every state and twenty-six countries—he enjoys visiting old stationery stores.

The President, who is fifty-eight years old, had been receiving treatment for cancer since June, 2011, but he declared himself healthy enough to serve another six-year term.

The elder Cortes died eight years ago, but his son, who is fifty-eight, is keeping his classical version of flamenco alive in New York.

Fuller, who is fifty-eight, may be the closest thing the world has to a fountain genius.

Larry Clark, who is fifty-eight, probably takes a greater interest in teen sex than teen-agers do.

Roberts, who is fifty-eight, once told *USA Today*, “I want to die at age one hundred and twenty at my keyboard after having great sex.”

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Figueres, who is fifty-nine, is an avid runner—the first time I met her, she was hobbling around with blisters acquired from a



half marathon—and an uninhibited dancer.

Stroman, who is fifty-nine, has blond hair, a round open face, high cheekbones, and a ring-a-ding smile.

Pepperberg, who is fifty-nine years old, has imposing cheekbones and an abundance of long, dark hair; she wears smoky eye makeup, short skirts, and an armful of silver bangles.

Saunders, who is fifty-nine, is an exaggerated version of an elitist liberal's caricature of a Southern redneck.

Rusbridger, who is fifty-nine, has been its editor for eighteen years.

McCarthy, who is fifty-nine, helps direct the pro-Romney group Restore Our Future, one of the hundreds of new Super PACs—technically independent political-action committees set up by supporters of the candidates—that are dramatically reshaping the Presidential election.

Catsimatidis, who is fifty-nine, is not, according to one of his friends, a “matinée idol, like Mitt Romney,” and all those years in the grocery business have affected his waistline.

Powell, who is fifty-nine and has turned down eleven movies and three plays while devoting his days and nights to “Sunset,” isn't spending much time trying to piece together what happened.

Today, True, who is fifty-nine, is best known as the target of a sprawling carabinieri investigation of American museums and the illegal antiquities market.

Holder, who is fifty-nine, seemed determined not to let the tensions of Washington politics poison his mood.

The coverage pleased Long, who is fifty-nine, and who became

close to Rogers after the death of both his parents, assuming an almost motherly role.

Lovins, who is fifty-nine, grew up in towns along the Eastern Seaboard; when he was a child, his family moved from Silver Spring, Maryland, to Elmsford, New York, and then from Montclair, New Jersey, to Amherst, Massachusetts.

Vital, who is fifty-nine, spends part of the year in Agadez, where he lives in a mud house.

Pakenham, who is fifty-nine, does not own a car.

# CHAPTER 7

Writer, who is sixty, lives in a Greek Revival farmhouse near Ithaca, New York, where he is a professor at Cornell.

Howard, who is sixty, sat balanced lightly on the edge of his chair (he is a longtime yogi), his long legs coiled under him, looking poised for action.

(Ratner, who is sixty, looks more like the Consumer Affairs Commissioner he was during the Koch administration.)

Wolfowitz, who is sixty, has served in the Administrations of six Presidents, yet he is still regarded by many in Washington with a considerable measure of puzzlement.

Hunter, who is sixty, is trimly built, not tall, and so unassuming that it's often hard to imagine him as a megachurch pastor.

Conte, who is sixty, has a thin mustache and wears small wire-frame glasses that give him the appearance of a barrel-chested laboratory chemist.

Davis, who is sixty, wears wire-rimmed glasses and has the mild manner of a diplomat or a professor.

Oates, who is sixty, wears oversized square eyeglasses with colorful frames.

A retired Montessori-school teacher, Jacobs, who is sixty, de-

veloped argyria as a child on Long Island, after her doctor prescribed nose drops with silver in them.

Davis, who is sixty, roomed with Stanford in college and has worked for him for thirty years.

That someone was Ramirez's mother, Onelcida, who is sixty, and with whom Ramirez remains extremely close.

Sulzberger, for the first time, assured Baquet that he would be his choice to become editor when Abramson, who is sixty, retired.

"I was saying, Boy, if I could just get up those steps, get in my bed—I'm not even taking a bath till the morning," Wright, who is sixty years old, said in an interview on a recent Sunday afternoon, not long after getting home from church.

That afternoon, Webb, who is sixty, returned to Virginia, where he is running as an antiwar candidate, under the banner of the party of Hillary Clinton and the former protester John Kerry, whose handshake he refused for twenty years.

Several minutes later, Rod Stewart, who is sixty, showed up with four of his children and his fiancée, Penny Lancaster, who was pregnant (she delivered a boy, Alastair Wallace Stewart, a few weeks later).

Markowitz, who is sixty and short and portly, can barely make a public appearance without cracking mournful jokes about his personal failings: his weakness in the face of Brooklyn's multiplicity of ethnic restaurants and his inability to control his weight; his remaining single until the age of fifty-four, when he married Jamie Snow, a graphic designer about a dozen years his junior, whom he met at a beach while handing out leaflets for a concert series (the Markowitzes have no children); his incapacity, on a salary of a hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars a

year, to enter the Brooklyn real-estate marketplace.

Tobón, who is sixty, is of medium height and corpulent.

Brigtsen, who is sixty, came of age professionally in an era when New Orleans restaurateurs were helping to establish the city as a magnet for tourists looking to escape generic America.

Koolhaas, who is sixty, is a champion of the new who is bitterly disappointed by most new things.

Nauman, who is sixty years old, is the most durably respected and controversial of living artists.

The arrest came after investigators began a television ad campaign in fourteen U.S. cities which focussed on Bulger's long-time girlfriend, Catherine Greig, who is sixty.

Xi, who is sixty years old, was one of China's princelings; his father was a senior official, although the older Xi fell victim to the political order he helped found.

Lester, who is sixty years old and the director of the center, regards colic as a behavioral disorder that afflicts the entire family.

Calle, who is sixty, wore three layers of polka-dot shirts (black-and-white beneath blue-and-white and red-and-white) and a pin that read, "I can't believe it . . . I forgot to have children."

Masa, who is sixty and bald, held a baseball cap emblazoned with the owl insignia of the all-male Bohemian Club.

Stephenson, who is sixty, is tall and deprecating.

Aline, who is sixty, had driven her there.

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Ray, who is sixty-one, has been unusually productive in the past

decade.

Fowler, who is sixty-one, with frosted gray hair and gold jewelry, spent the previous three decades as an aspiring writer and the stay-at-home mother of two daughters.

Ognibene, who is sixty-one, is now running on the Conservative Party line, in an attempt to rescue old-fashioned Republican ideals—low taxes, the sanctity of marriage, an end to abortion—from what he considers a dying local G.O.P. establishment.

Davies, who is sixty-one, works from home, because, he says, “I don’t need a school prefect to stand over me.”

Peters, who is sixty-one, lives in a gloomy villa in the Peak District, a region of gaunt beauty in northern England.

Smith, who is sixty-one, is nostalgic for the reservation that he grew up on.

“I just fell in love with the way she looks at the world,” Neshat said of Parsipur, who is sixty-one.

Hutto, who is sixty-one, has spent most of his waking life looking at wild turkeys.

Burt, who is sixty-one years old, spent much of his childhood, in the central California town of Dinuba, building spectacular, award-winning airplanes.

Garvin, who is sixty-one and has spent most of his career teaching planning at Yale and working in city government, is a trained architect whose first job was working for Philip Johnson.

Ando, who is sixty-one years old, had never taken on a major public building in the United States, although he had designed a small private museum for the Pulitzer Foundation in St. Louis, which was completed last year, and a house in Chicago.

Witte, who is sixty-one years old, with wispy graying hair, grew up near St. Louis, rooting for his home-town team.

Mayor de la Garza, who is sixty-one, had recently fallen out of a deer blind, badly injuring his arm, but even in pain he managed to maintain a cheerleader's mien.

Lipkin, who is sixty-one, had his left knee resting on a scooter, his foot in a large black boot.

Shrum, who is sixty-one, is not widely known beyond the small and insular world of politicians, consultants, and the journalists who cover them, but in that world he is considered a major force.

Hickenlooper, who is sixty-one, thin, and very tall, sat at a conference table hunched over briefing books.

Pat Mitchell, who is sixty-one, became PBS's fifth president in March of 2000, and presides over a staff of nearly five hundred at PBS headquarters.

Rice, who is sixty-one, is a revered figure in bluegrass.

Bozic, who is sixty-one, is a stocky six feet two, with bearish arms and shoulders and the belly of a man who likes a beer at lunch.

Wankel, who is sixty-one and has piercing blue eyes, was stationed in Kabul as a young D.E.A. official in 1978 and 1979, during the bloody unrest that led up to the Soviet invasion.

Although he is the brother-in-law of the former Republican Senator Trent Lott—the two men's wives are sisters—Scruggs, who is sixty-one, is a staunch Democrat, and shares Khayat's progressive vision for the school.

Cohen, who is sixty-one, has a ruddy, clean-shaven face (Jerry is

the one with the beard).

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Howard, who is sixty-two years old, told me, “I grew up in the sixties and had strong feelings about women’s rights, and everyone’s rights.”

Paulsen, who is sixty-two, lives in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Rose, who is sixty-two, is slim and thoughtful, with a casual elegance that suggests the head of an auction house more than the chief executive of a biotech firm.

Bradley, who is sixty-two, has a priestly presence: meek, soft-spoken, hands clasped in his lap.

(Starkey, who is sixty-two and wears horn-rimmed glasses and a habitual expression of incredulity, is also famously impolitic: his outbursts on the BBC program “The Moral Maze” have earned him the title in the tabloids of the “rudest man in Britain.”)

Bradley, who is sixty-two, was drawn into their collective tragedy because he had, in 2011, helped secure the release of the freelance journalists Clare Gillis and James Foley, who had been kidnapped by jihadis in Libya.

McKee, who is sixty-two, and likes to wear dark shirts with two buttons undone at the neck, suggesting a career in extortion, lit a cigarette, then walked down the street while listening to an agitated young man say that the last time he had heard McKee speak the effect had been so overwhelming that he had fallen ill.

Tommy Lee, who is sixty-two, is sometimes troubled or cast down or threatened in his long film repertory but never nerdy or deeply doubting.



Gibson, who is sixty-two, needed more coaxing.

Segev, who is sixty-two, has written books on the nascent state (“1949: The First Israelis”), on the Jews and the Arabs under the British Mandate (“One Palestine, Complete”), and on the “post-Zionist” Americanization of Israeli society (“Elvis in Jerusalem”).

But Springsteen, who is sixty-two and among the most durable musicians since B. B. King and Om Kalthoum, seems to remember every gaudy night, from the moment, in 1957, when he and his mother watched Elvis on “The Ed Sullivan Show”—“I looked at her and I said, ‘I wanna be just . . . like . . . that’”—to his most recent exploits as a multimillionaire populist rock star crowd-surfing the adoring masses.

Martin, who is sixty-two, told me that Franck calls the disaffected readers the Entitlement Generation: “He thinks they’re all younger people, teens and twenties. And that their generation just wants what they want, and they want it now. If you don’t give it to them, they’re pissed off.”

Brant, who is sixty-two, hopes that the slogan will represent the spirit of the foundation’s inaugural exhibit—a selection, primarily from his collection, that spans the past thirty years—which opens on May 10th.

Hickey, who is sixty-two years old, has been an art dealer, a magazine editor, a Nashville musician, and the curator of another polemical group show, the seductive “Ultralounge: The Return of Social Space (With Cocktails),” which opened in Houston in 1998.

Celmins, who is sixty-two, is the least well-known major figure of a generation that includes Edward Ruscha in Los Angeles, where she spent formative years, and such old friends as Chuck

Close and Brice Marden in New York.

Dunleavy, who is sixty-two, makes use of all these amenities on a regular basis, except the last one.

Reij, who is sixty-two, has worked in the Sahel for more than half his life, first for Oxfam International, then for the Centre for International Cooperation, based at his university.

In 1968, Craig, who is sixty-two, was campaigning for Eugene McCarthy when he heard a Bobby Kennedy speech at the University of Nebraska, and became a believer on the spot.

Bremer, who is sixty-two, has the thick hair, boyish eyes, and willful jaw of a Kennedy.

“That’s the problem with Washington, quite frankly—if you disagree with somebody, you should dislike them, too,” said Haggel, who is sixty-two and has white hair, a worn, ruggedly handsome face, and a forthright manner.

Tom Udall, who is sixty-two, is older than most freshman senators.

Mario Gomez, the oldest miner, who is sixty-two, had actually decades ago been a stowaway on a sailing ship, where he survived for eleven days on small pieces of chocolate and water he collected in his shoe.

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Patton, who is sixty-three, has been a tug captain for nearly forty years.

At the start of the performance, four affectless women walked onstage wearing trench coats, then disrobed one by one as Huang, who is sixty-three, slathered their bodies with black and then white paint.

Kelly, who is sixty-three, was a marine and, even in a dark, double-breasted suit, still carries himself like a soldier on active duty.

Maliki, who is sixty-three, wore a dark-blue suit and a purple tie, and stood almost perfectly still at a lectern flanked by Iraqi flags.

“This site happened only because I had nothing to do,” Saatchi, who is sixty-three, said.

“Oh, yeah,” Cohen, who is sixty-three, said.

Lamy, who is sixty-three and once practiced law in Paris, helps design Owens’s line of furs, Palais Royal.

Alford, who is sixty-three, runs Disaster Masters, Inc., a Queens-based “crisis management” service specializing in, among other things, abnormal clutter.

Lerch, who is sixty-three, was on trial this summer in Mannheim, Germany, on charges that he collaborated with the Pakistani nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan in illegal sales of nuclear equipment.

Tension between Carroll and the Tribune Company, the newspaper’s Chicago-based owner, had been growing for a couple of years; Carroll, who is sixty-three and had edited three newspapers, was expected to leave soon, in any case.

Tom Cole, of Oklahoma, who is sixty-three and has served for a decade in the House, recently emerged as the leader of a large faction of House Republicans who believe that the Tea Party-inspired congressmen are dooming the Party.

Sitting at a spotless conference table in an undecorated West Wing corner office up a narrow flight of stairs from the Oval Office, Craig, who is sixty-three, seemed boyish and energized.

Certain names, especially girls' names (how many sixteen-year-old Arlenes have you met lately?) tend to date you—Mrs. Romney, who is sixty-three, also has one.

Roberts, who is sixty-three, has deep-set blue eyes and a silver forelock that tumbles across his face in the heat of a conversation.

Wolfowitz, who is sixty-three, has jug ears, hazel eyes, a furrowed brow, and thinning gray hair that he combs to the right.

Dalzell, who is sixty-three years old and balding, but with the face and personality of a precocious child, is himself a particularly Berkeley type.

Davis, who is sixty-three, stands on an aluminum peg leg fitted with a rubber stopper that was meant, originally, for a laboratory flask.

Page, who is sixty-three, has the crouched, sinewy build and the flinty manner of an old deputy sheriff in a Western.

Clarke, who is sixty-three, grew up in Asheville, North Carolina.

The Diamondback hitting coach, who is sixty-three, bumped up against all comers right at the center of the brawl.

Vera, who is sixty-three, has gray hair, a gray beard, and a cheerfully combative manner.

The real artistry may be the transformation of men like Vasudevan—who is sixty-three, bald, and mustached—into voluptuous, thick-haired women.

Fischer, who is sixty-three and wears a bushy white mustache and coaster-size glasses, had met his partner at the synagogue, in 1984.

Allison, who is sixty-three years old, is a thickset man with a stubbly beard and a gravel voice.

Stulz, who is sixty-three, is a softspoken man with dark wavy hair and a salt-and-pepper mustache.

Then they talked about the aging process, and Dé, who is sixty-three but looks about thirty-six, expressed her distaste for plastic surgery and recommended that women, instead, “just let it all hang out.”

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One morning about a year ago, Hall, who is sixty-four, with clear, green eyes and skin weathered by salt and sun, checked his dive equipment and rolled back off a little red boat into the calm waters near the Indonesian province of West Papua, roughly one degree south of the equator.

One morning in November, Nyad, who is sixty-four, was at home in Los Angeles, where she lives with her dog, Teddy, in a rambling house in a neighborhood of green lawns and carefully pruned roses.

“There were lots of alternatives on that street in those days, but no practitioners of Chinese medicine,” Kaptchuk, who is sixty-four and still lives in the neighborhood, told me recently as we sipped (Chinese) tea in the study of his house.

Adshead, who is sixty-four, lives about an hour north of Auckland.

Stutz, who is sixty-four, lives alone, and believes that his monastic example can be therapeutic.

Kingsley, who is sixty-four, has the grizzled barrel chest of an aging sexual warrior, a strong nose, and a shaved head.

Imboden, who is sixty-four, is a compact man with an oval face and silvery hair.

Boyd, who is sixty-four, grew up in Princeton, a kid collector of old jazz and blues records.

Croskerry, who is sixty-four years old, began his career as an experimental psychologist, studying rats' brains in the laboratory.

Steve Caracappa, who is sixty-four and trim, with a well-groomed mustache, was the cipher in the trial.

The last judge confirmed for the Ninth Circuit, in June, was Andrew Hurwitz, of Arizona, who is sixty-four years old.

Vardi, who is sixty-four, helped found ICQ, the Instant Messaging program.

Ricard, who is sixty-four, said that he planned to paint “very short poems” on the green canvases, after moving them from his studio to a gallery space on Twenty-third Street—just down the block from the Chelsea Hotel, where Ricard has lived, on and off, for forty years, the past five with the photographer Rita Barros, whom he calls “my little wifey.”

Graham, who is sixty-four, is the Boylston Professor of Oratory and Rhetoric at Harvard.

During a recent appearance at a retirement community in Exeter, New Hampshire, Carson, who is sixty-four, was interrupted by residents making a common complaint: he was speaking too softly.

In all, though, Shrum, who is sixty-four years old, takes on the subject of the curse without actually acknowledging its existence.

Nouvel, who is sixty-four, won the Pritzker Prize last year, but

his name is still probably better known than any of his buildings—particularly in the United States, where he hadn't built anything until 2006, when his Guthrie Theatre, in Minneapolis, opened (a brawny building sheathed in dark-blue steel, with a large cantilever overlooking the Mississippi).

The candidates for Steiger's job, which last year paid him a total of eight hundred and forty-four thousand dollars, including a bonus that he accepted, will not be Barney Calame, who is sixty-four, and is unlikely to be Daniel Hertzberg, a deputy managing editor and Pulitzer Prize winner, who will be sixty-one in four years.

Ibrahim, who is sixty-four years old, is often hailed as a hero in Africa.

Dinorah De Cruz, who is sixty-four and one of New York's few female cabbies, has been driving a livery car for around twenty years.

For Johnson, who is sixty-four, it never feels like time to stop.

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On January 7th of this year, reading from a prepared speech in a gravelly whisper, Saint Laurent, who is sixty-five, announced his retirement.

Krafft, who is sixty-five, has been a respected figure in the Seattle art world for decades; his work has been shown in galleries around the world and featured in *Harper's*, *Artforum*, and *The New Yorker*.

Wainwright, who is sixty-five, has a song or two about each.

The two sides met in New York State Supreme Court, on Centre Street, where Brian O'Dwyer tried explaining a little street

lingo to the judge, Bernard Fried, who is sixty-five: “If Your Honor may or may not be aware, as part of the culture of the artists, they travel with a great number of people who are called ‘posses.’ I’m learning about this myself these days.”

Earlier that afternoon, Eggleston, who is sixty-five, was at El Quijote, the sangria-and-lobster joint in the Chelsea Hotel, where he lived, on and off, for a couple of years with the model and Warhol protégée Viva.

Morris Kiyutelluk, who is sixty-five, has lived in Shishmaref almost all his life.

“I’m not a big classical actor,” he explains, speaking from London’s Queen’s Theatre, where he has just opened as Lord Ogleby in Garrick and Colman’s “The Clandestine Marriage” (a 1766 comedy, which Hawthorne, who is sixty-five, also directed).

Kearns, who is sixty-five years old, has already defeated Ford and Chrysler in court, and he stands to collect more than twenty million dollars from them for infringing his patents on the intermittent windshield wiper.

Crumb, who is sixty-five and will become a grandfather this fall, around the time the book appears, was worried that readers might forget what the Bible is really like.

Durbin, who is sixty-five years old, benefits from a longer tenure in the Senate, where seniority is prized.

Fuller, who is sixty-five and still has a boyish cowlick, won election to his judgeship in 1980 and had developed a reputation as a moderate.

Judge Rothwax, who is sixty-five, started out as a criminal-defense attorney for the poor, was a member of the A.C.L.U., and for the last twenty-five years has served as a State Supreme



Court Justice; he presided over the Joel Steinberg murder-and-child-abuse case and, more recently, the trial of the Brooklyn Bridge shooter, Rashid Baz.

The N.L.D. is the main opposition party to the current military regime, and Aung San Suu Kyi, who is sixty-five, has been its nominal head since 1988.

Jacoby, who is sixty-five and not sunny about it, points out that this is not the best news ever to come down the pike.

I wanted to ask Salem, who is sixty-five years old and looks like the literary critic Harold Bloom, what had happened, but he said that he was interested in talking about “something deeper than that.”

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Bricklin, who is sixty-six years old, has spent most of his life chasing breakthroughs in the automotive industry.

Drexler, who is sixty-six, often speaks in sentence fragments, or in paragraphs made of tangents.

Herrenknecht, who is sixty-six, believes that few places can't be improved by a good-sized hole.

Muntadas, who is sixty-six, grew up in Spain under Franco, an experience that sharpened his awareness of the dangers of political propaganda.

Mack, who is sixty-six years old, is a plainspoken native of North Carolina.

Linde, who is sixty-six, is tall and languid, with a genial manner.

Préval, who is sixty-six, is an agronomist by training and used to run a bakery.

Zell, who is sixty-six, delights in claiming that at the time the sale—to Blackstone, the private-equity firm—was “the largest single transaction that has ever been done.”

Keene, who is sixty-six, is a longtime conservative political strategist.

Two key members, Warren Haynes and Derek Trucks, have declared that they are leaving, and the founding member Gregg Allman, who is sixty-six, has announced that the band will stop touring at the end of the year.

Four years ago, Fortune, who is sixty-six, retired as president of the pioneering elevator consulting firm Lerch Bates, but his retirement lasted just two weeks.

Langdon, who is sixty-six, retired from his university job last June, but he does research full time.

Since 2008, the police chief in Milwaukee has been Edward Flynn, who is sixty-six years old and a longtime ally of New York’s police commissioner, William Bratton.

Putin called Zubkov, who is sixty-six, a “brilliant administrator and true professional” but made no endorsement.

In 1999, Roper, who is sixty-six, underwent a quadruple-bypass operation; though he has promised his family to desist from all the fund-raising that such expeditions require, he recently told me, “I’m hoping to make one more voyage.”

Jeffreys, who is sixty-six, has short silver hair and a weathered face.

JD Souther, who is sixty-six, lives on a farm outside Nashville, and is most widely known for his part in writing sombre, elegiac songs that the Eagles and Linda Ronstadt made famous, such as

“New Kid in Town,” “Heartache Tonight,” and “Faithless Love.”

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On Saturday, we learned that Linda Ronstadt, who is sixty-seven, has Parkinson’s disease, and that one effect of this is that she can no longer sing.

Bratton, who is sixty-seven, served as New York’s police commissioner from 1994 to 1996, under Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and oversaw a sharp reduction in crime.

Last month, I spoke with Khashoggi, who is sixty-seven and is recovering from open-heart surgery, at his penthouse apartment, overlooking the Mediterranean in Cannes.

Pasquier, who is sixty-seven, is an ornithologist, who retired from the National Audubon Society in 2012.

Mousavi, who is sixty-seven, served as Prime Minister from 1981 to 1989, but then withdrew from politics for more than a decade, after losing a political battle with Ayatollah Khamenei.

“I’m going to get in trouble here, but I don’t know how much you know about the geography of England,” Morpurgo, who is sixty-seven, began, as he sat in a circle with thirty-five actors.

Polke, who is sixty-seven, left with his family when he was twelve; Richter, seventy-six, fled, after fitful success in state-run art programs, in 1961, just before the Wall went up.

Corse, who is sixty-seven and based in L.A., is more interested in the mechanics of perception than she is in painting per se.

Moss, who is sixty-seven and has been practicing in Los Angeles since 1973, is certainly eminent—he writes books, gives lectures all over the world, and enters major competitions—but nearly all his buildings are concentrated in a few blocks at the

eastern edge of Culver City, in a drab, industrial neighborhood a few miles from the Los Angeles airport.

The tenant, Robert Wilson, who is sixty-seven, told Nordine that he'd set a court date to contest the eviction.

Porter, who is sixty-seven, is one of several "total unknowns," as he says, running as Democrats for the Massachusetts congressional seat soon to be vacated by Barney Frank, after thirty-two years.

Fadlallah, who is sixty-seven, is a surpassingly important figure in Shiism, inside and outside Lebanon.

One morning a few weeks ago, Breyer, who is sixty-seven, sat in his office in a worn wing chair, relating how he had tried to reassure the clerks.

Things would be pretty, pretty, pretty different for David, who is sixty-seven but looks essentially the same as he did when "Curb" premiered, in 2000, if he had followed through on his mother's wish that he become a mailman—he could have handled the rain, snow, and sleet, he said, but the hail gave him pause.

Lowich, who is sixty-seven years old and looks a little like Ed Asner, drives about a hundred miles a day, mostly in Manhattan.

Koch, who is sixty-seven, is rangy and tall, with tousled white hair, round spectacles, and a boyish, high-pitched laugh.

Demnig, who is sixty-seven, belongs squarely to the *zweite* Generation.

A former high-school football star with a bald head and a late-Roman girth, Alex, who is sixty-seven, had in the old days lured Fruit of the Loom, Levi's, and many of the other mills to the Valley.

Scelsa, who is sixty-seven, lives in Roseland, New Jersey, near a pair of golf courses, in a quiet neighborhood that suggests the habitat not of a rock-and-roll magpie but of bygone listeners—suburban longhairs in bongy basements and Camaros, getting their education over the airwaves from the curates of FM.

“She could never really break with Astoria,” Walken, who is sixty-seven, said.

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Reilly, who is sixty-eight, was the first ever Mr. Met, introducing the iconic papier-mâché baseball costume to Shea Stadium fans in 1964.

Newt, who is sixty-eight, wore a suit with a red tie and a blue lapel pin depicting Washington’s Commander-in-Chief flag.

Holbrooke, who is sixty-eight, had served under every Democratic President since John F. Kennedy, and Obama was familiar with his record, which extended from the Vietnam War, in the sixties, to the Balkan conflicts of the nineties; during the final eighteen months of Bill Clinton’s Presidency, Holbrooke served as Ambassador to the United Nations.

(Komansky, who is sixty-eight, is now on the board of Black-Rock, an investment firm in which Merrill owns a large stake.)

Roemer, who is sixty-eight, has gray hair and a Southern accent.

Hansen, who is sixty-eight, has greenish eyes, sparse brown hair, and the distracted manner of a man who’s just lost his wallet.

Price, who is sixty-eight years old and lives in Taos, New Mexico, while keeping a studio in his native Los Angeles, emerged in the early nineteen-sixties as a brilliantly contrary student of Peter Voulkos, who had launched a West Coast movement in

ceramic art with huge, tortuous vessels and scored and slashed platters that infuse Asian traditions with Abstract Expressionist bravura.

In a recent Skype conversation from Enugu, Onyeabor, who is sixty-eight, said, “I did study so many things, but they have nothing to do with my natural talent, because you don’t study talent. Talent comes from God.”

He has been parodied in comedy sketches and once recorded vocals for a pop song, which his students thought was cool because the track featured André 3000, the rapper, but which Tavares, who is sixty-eight, thought was cool simply because it reminded him of Phil Rizzuto’s cameo in Meat Loaf’s “Paradise by the Dashboard Light.”

Dressed in jeans, boots, and a brown leather jacket, McCain, who is sixty-eight, looked like a much older but still jaunty version of the dashing aviator he once was.

Within a few minutes, Zuma, who is sixty-eight years old and was wearing a dark-blue suit, a white shirt, and a red tie, had sprung out of his chair and joined the singers.

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“I’m not going to drink any sake—I need to go work out,” Gagosian, who is sixty-nine, with close-cropped gray hair, said.

When the screening was over, Taussig, who is sixty-nine, declared it to be “one of the greatest pieces of ethnography I’ve ever seen in my entire life!”

There, next to Mark Hamill, is the beloved bald spot of Anthony Daniels, who is sixty-nine and exactly average height, soon again to be golden as C-3PO.

Klein, who is sixty-nine, has worked with cattle all his life, so Lovett felt, as the bull approached, that if there was any reason to be worried Klein would tell him.

The plea agreement called for Rick Rolater, who is sixty-nine, to surrender fossils that included a Tyrannosaurus skull from Mongolia.

President Bush has said that, of the current Justices, he admires Scalia and Thomas the most, and Scalia, who is sixty-nine, is recognized, even by his ideological opponents, as the singular conservative mind of the Rehnquist Court.

Muti, who is sixty-nine, and who long presided over La Scala, in Milan, is no metronomic drillmaster.

Hammer, who is sixty-nine, is a slender man with expressive white eyebrows.

Glass, who is sixty-nine, lives nearby, and he and his wife, Holly, have two small children in Third Street's preschool program.

The only two sons left are Crown Prince Muqrin, who is sixty-nine, and his older brother Prince Ahmed, who is seventy-two.

Reached at his house in Las Vegas, Little, who is sixty-nine, and who works two or three nights a month (he next appears at the Soboba Casino, in San Jacinto, California, and then at the North Iowa Community Auditorium), seemed unaware of the controversy caused by Colbert's appearance.

But when I spoke with Olson, who is sixty-nine, in early December, he sounded confident and impassioned; the case clearly fascinated him both as an intellectual challenge and as a way to make history.

Barton, who is sixty-nine and who was enlisted by Peter Hall

when he founded the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1960, doesn't exactly lecture, and he doesn't exactly teach acting, and he doesn't exactly interpret the text.

Danny Fields, who is sixty-nine, and whose many roles in the music industry have included co-managing the Ramones, was a young editor at a music magazine when he began going to Max's, in 1966, a few months after it opened.

Modiano, who is sixty-nine and has been steadily publishing novels since 1968 (his latest, "Pour Que Tu Ne Te Perdes Pas Dans le Quartier," came out last week), is famous in France, but practically no one here has heard of him.



# CHAPTER 8

Maleh, who is seventy, is old enough to recall Syria in the nineteen-fifties, when it had a vigorous press and numerous political parties, as well as a vibrant civic life.

With nearly three decades in the Senate, Hatch, who is seventy, may be the nation's best-known Utahan, even though his Midwestern accent betrays his roots, in Pittsburgh.

Besides Smith Jones, the only other person who understands Eyak is a linguist named Michael Krauss, who is seventy and lives in Fairbanks.

Griffin, who is seventy, has owned or operated a series of trading companies since the nineteen-seventies, first in Britain and later in Dubai.

These days, Mozilo, who is seventy, spends most of his time at home, in a large Spanish-style house in a guarded, gated community at the Sherwood Country Club, near the golf course where Countrywide used to co-sponsor the Target World Challenge with Tiger Woods.

Caught in the middle is Panetta, who is seventy years old and has virtually no experience in the intelligence field.

The current mayor, Sharpe James, who is seventy and has held the office since 1986, hasn't yet announced whether he will run again, though, having accumulated a campaign chest of two million dollars, James is unlikely to retire from the scene with a

polite thank-you note to his backers.

Walker, who is seventy, went upstairs to find his hearing aid, and Macdonald rolled a cigarette and took a seat near the hearth, so that he could blow his smoke toward the flue.

Sexton, who is seventy years old, asked Nightwine how he had enjoyed his first year of college, and then urged him to smoke less, a plea that he frequently makes to students.

“I feel like the mother chicken!” said Shuman, who is seventy.

The role has got Stewart, who is seventy, thinking about the dressing rooms of his past—specifically, one that he shared with three older thespians at the Sheffield Playhouse Repertory Theatre, where he spent eighteen months when he was nineteen years old, and already bald.

Khayat, who is seventy, had known Scruggs for most of his life.

The Maharajah, who is seventy, has since the loss of Maihar, lived a retired life in the town of Jabalpour.

Khan, who is seventy, has been granted a comfortable, if restricted, retirement on an estate near Islamabad—a well-upholstered form of house arrest.

Wilson, who is seventy, is a great proponent of eclectic casting and of silence.

Brown, who is seventy years old and tends to dress in the white linen garb of a plantation owner, is accustomed to telling creative people what to do, and he sent Philip Johnson, among others, back to the drawing board.

The intricate drawings of this California artist, who is seventy, prove that rules-based art doesn't have to suppress beauty.

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The singer, who is seventy-one, wrings beauty from standards with a confident elegance that only experience can impart.

The painter, who is seventy-one, first showed his hilariously scathing parodies on racial themes in New York in the seventies.

Thompson, who is seventy-one, has made a career of being both an actual official and an actor who plays one.

As Joe Moore, the head of a small but formidable gang of thieves working out of Boston, Hackman, who is seventy-one years old, sends waves of energy through the production.

Pharmer said that he had last seen von Rydingsvard, who is seventy-one, the night before—she'd been at Polich Tallix until around eight, wielding a blowtorch.

Instead of carrying weights when she walks, Pelosi, who is seventy-one, carries an iPhone—and uses it incessantly.

Late last month, the bipartisan ethics committee in Albany officially censured Lopez, who is seventy-one, and a former student bowler, for harassing two women in his office with unwanted kisses and fondling.

Lakoff, who is seventy-one, bearded, and, like Quijada, broadly built, seemed to have read a fair portion of the Ithkuil manuscript and familiarized himself with the language's nuances.

Loria, who is seventy-one, has a strikingly broad face that accentuates the tautness of his bronzed skin, and narrow eyes that are cautiously delighted.

Chicago, who is seventy-one, has bright-orange hair and was wearing gold sneakers, purple glasses, and a top with gauzy hot-pink sleeves that fluttered over her muscular arms.

Mavis, who is seventy-one, is two years younger than her sister, and has short, straight, copper-colored hair; Yvonne wore her dark hair in a perm.

McCain, who is seventy-one, looks both older and more vigorous than he does on television, which tends to conceal the scars from a skin cancer.

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Hawkins, who is seventy-two, grew up in Queens.

Charnin, who is seventy-two years old, wrote the lyrics to “Annie” and has directed nineteen productions, from the original Broadway show in 1977 to the current tour.

The director of photography is Italian, the locations are Spanish, and the producer is French, as is Gilliam’s choice for Quixote—Jean Rochefort, who is seventy-two years old, although he doesn’t look a day over eighty.

McManus, who is seventy-two, and a lifelong bachelor, has overseen the neighborhood’s Tammany Hall-style political club, the McManus Midtown Democratic Association, since 1963, brokering deals and doling out favors to his constituents in the old patronage manner of Carmine DeSapio and Boss Tweed.

President dos Santos, who is seventy-two, became the head of the M.P.L.A. in 1979, after Neto died.

Sirleaf, who is seventy-two, is the President of her country, Liberia—the first woman to hold that office anywhere in Africa—and is up for reelection in just a few days.

Buhari, who is seventy-two, had been a candidate several times (in 2003, 2007, and 2011), losing each race by a wide margin.

Jones, who is seventy-two, is a former sewer inspector and in-

insurance salesman; he speaks in a soft rumble and practices politics in a characteristically Chicago manner.

Yet asked how he felt about being criticized by opponents himself, Koch, who is seventy-two, told Barone, “It does not feel good.”

Such a driver should be catnip for the highway patrol, but Scofidio, who is seventy-two, has honed a politely defiant relationship with authority figures, which helps things go his way.

Roski, who is seventy-two, has the close-cropped hair, fit physique, and bearing of a marine officer.

Clapper, who is seventy-two, is a retired Air Force general and Barack Obama’s director of National Intelligence, in charge of overseeing the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, and fourteen other U.S. spy agencies.

Afif, who is seventy-two, says that he was reading the Koran one day, fifty or so years ago, when he noticed a series of verses in which Allah warns of the fate that awaits the nonbeliever on Judgment Day.

LaCombe, who is seventy-two, continues to practice at a large community hospital and to teach medical students.

“The whole idea is to do an efficient job with every single kid,” Engelmann, who is seventy-two and is a professor of education, said.

Goldsmith, who is seventy-two, related these and other data the other day over an early lunch in midtown.

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A former Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District courthouse, Leval, who is seventy-three, was named to

the federal trial bench by Jimmy Carter in 1977 and to the court of appeals by Bill Clinton in 1993.

Robertson, who is seventy-three, wore a gray silk shirt that was open at the collar.

Crawford, who is seventy-three and has feathery blond bangs, sipped a lipstick-smearred mug of coffee.

Tsereteli, who is seventy-three and bogglingly prolific, flew to New York, visited Ground Zero, and decided that it wasn't the appropriate place for the sculpture.

When Fass, who is seventy-three, arrives downtown at the WBAI studios, he stops in to see one of the few old friends who still manage to keep his hours.

Talabani, who is seventy-three and has the fat cheeks, brush mustache, and large belly of a storybook pastry chef, is renowned for his political cunning, his prodigious love of food and cigars, his sense of humor, his unflagging optimism, and his inability to keep a secret.

Did Evans, who is seventy-three, really think that there was anything left to say about his career?

And Klein must give some thought to a replacement for Larry King, who is seventy-three, when King retires.

The saxophonist Bartz, who is seventy-three, is too young to have played at the club in its heyday, but his excitable blowing—honed with the likes of Miles Davis and McCoy Tyner—has more than its share of high-style bebop clinging to it.

Windham, who is seventy-three, and her husband, Charles, a retired portfolio manager, were at a dinner party about an hour from Laurel when a friend asked her, “Who is the man in

Laurel that lives in one of the big houses downtown and is in terrible health, has nurses around the clock, and he has given pieces to the Laurel Art Museum, and he is giving away his mother's collection?' And I said, 'There is no such person.'

"The side of my face started to feel kind of numb. I was slurring my speech," Harper, who is seventy-three, said a few days later.

Wanless, who is seventy-three, has spent nearly half a century studying how South Florida came into being.

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Arseneault, who is seventy-four and a sturdy five-feet-six, lives in Granville, about an hour south of Montpelier in a broad valley where the White and Mad Rivers unravel into a tangle of brooks and streams.

Burger, who is seventy-four, lives in a small red brick house in Blackwood, New Jersey, near Philadelphia.

I was given a tour by Bob Cotter, who is seventy-four, and Pete Morris, seventy-one, both retired from the post office.

The other day, in the midst of a blizzard, Barnard, who is seventy-four, and Chaya, who is fifty-five, set out on a walk to check on some of their V.I.T.s (Very Important Trees).

Nimoy, who is seventy-four and has been exhibiting his fine-art photography since the early seventies, has a show up at the Bonni Benrubi Gallery, in New York, entitled "Maximum Beauty," which includes a handful of group portraits of nudes whose proportions are considerably more ample than Kirstie Alley's.

Hubert Neumann, who is seventy-four, has been an avid collector for more than fifty years, having learned the same lesson his father did: that, when it comes to appraising art, other people

are often wrong.

Last Wednesday, at (Le) Poisson Rouge (which occupies the hallowed Bleecker Street premises of the old Village Gate), Pedro Soler, a master of flamenco guitar, who is seventy-four, and his son, Gaspar Claus, an experimental cellist, who is twenty-eight, conversed onstage intently for about two hours.

Mel Brooks, who is seventy-four and a tumbler of note, once said, “I went into show business to make a noise, to pronounce myself. I want to go on making the loudest noise to the most people.”

The sixties icon, who is seventy-four, sounds terrific and, as her witty and wise stage patter attests, has weathered the emotional, romantic, and social upheavals of the ensuing decades with style, her sanity intact.

One recent Sunday, Leary, who is seventy-four, was watching the Patriots-49ers game with great gusto as guests began filing in.

Wilpon, who is seventy-four, has run the Mets since 1980—for more than half his adult life.

But the curious absence of a new political generation should concern Democrats, and a party whose other poll-leading 2016 candidates, declared and not, are Bernie Sanders, who is seventy-four, and Joe Biden, who will be seventy-three in November.

Herbert Weiner, who is seventy-four, and who later told me that he had taken the bus from the outer reaches of the city to get to the meeting, suggested that the companies should “pay a handsome fee to the city.”

With his brother Charles, who is seventy-four, David Koch owns virtually all of Koch Industries, a conglomerate, headquar-



tered in Wichita, Kansas, whose annual revenues are estimated to be a hundred billion dollars.

Adelson, who is seventy-four, owns two of Las Vegas's giant casino resorts, the Venetian and the Palazzo, and is the third-richest person in the United States, according to *Forbes*.

Randall Kennedy, a professor at Harvard Law School (who did not attend the Ginsburg festivities there), put the point starkly in a widely read article in *The New Republic*, when he urged Ginsburg (and Breyer, who is seventy-four) to retire while Obama is President.

Specter, who is seventy-four, has been a senator since he was fifty, and he's in the business of telling people what they'll be glad to hear.

Fenton, who is seventy-four and had a thirty-four-year career, mainly as a foreign correspondent with CBS, writes in a new book, "Bad News," that in the late seventies and early eighties "CBS News ran fourteen major foreign bureaus, ten mini foreign bureaus, and stringers in forty-four countries around the world."

Juan Carlos (full name: Juan Carlos Alfonso Víctor María de Borbón y Borbón-Dos Sicilias), who is seventy-four, was recognized by Spain's dictator, Francisco Franco, in 1969, reviving the Spanish monarchy almost forty years after King Alfonso XIII was deposed.

But Fama, who is seventy-four, is a fascinating figure.

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Berry, who is seventy-five, lives in a stone manor house in Ladue, a suburb inhabited mainly by Monsanto and Anheuser-Busch executives.

For some of the most prominent New Yorkers (and some of the dubious ones as well), Rubenstein, who is seventy-five, quietly helps control the damage and put the best gloss on their disasters: the marital blowup, the business implosion, the humiliating defeat.

“I’d always been fascinated by this place where so many different forms of entertainment came together under one roof,” Wiseman, who is seventy-five, explained last week.

Her father, Amrit, who is seventy-five and has been separated from her mother, Praveen, for the past twelve years, was then a high-ranking civil servant in charge of several ministries in the state of Orissa.

Cesar Dural, who is seventy-five and retired, recently moved back to the Philippines.

“Nobody else is ever gonna use that mike,” said Mitchell, who is seventy-five years old and spent seven months of last year in the hospital being treated for complications from diabetes.

Young, who is seventy-five and has been in office almost as long as Stevens, was also running for reelection, and he had so far spent more than a million dollars from his campaign war chest on lawyers, an expense that he would not explain except to say that being investigated gets pricey.

Analysts of the regime say that Than Shwe, who is seventy-five and thought to be ill, believes himself to be the reincarnation of a Burmese king.

Brand, who is seventy-five, told the author of that story, Nathaniel Rich, that he hoped to see the birth of a baby woolly mammoth within his lifetime.

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I recently got to know a woman I'll call Mary Taft, who is seventy-six, has a doctorate in education, and has been married and divorced twice.

Wang, who is seventy-six, is perhaps the most famous living writer in China.

Zeh, who is seventy-six, owns a farm in Calverton, Long Island, and to get there from Manhattan you drive through the Midtown Tunnel, past the area in Queens where Zeh's grandfather farmed until 1908, and then you sit on the Long Island Expressway for a couple of hours until you come to Exit 71.

Boone, who is seventy-six and still keeps his hair strawberry blond, was in a light-blue leisure suit and white bucks.

Agha, who is seventy-six, is tall but stooped; he wore a turban, and had several days of stubble.

A few days later, just before the first performance, Joe Allen, Orso's owner, who is seventy-six, was drinking coffee near the bar.

On a recent sunny afternoon in New Canaan, Connecticut, Frank Stella, who is seventy-six years old, leaned back in an Eames Eiffel chair and puffed on a fat cigar.

In her tidy apartment in Templin, Benn, who is seventy-six, proudly showed me a victory certificate from 1969.

Many of them are inscribed with personal notes to Manny, who died in 1968, and to his son Henry, who is seventy-six and retired.

At breakfast, Lois, who is seventy-six, took his time getting around to this particular Big Idea.

Her curiosity aroused, Decter, who is seventy-six, began to

watch the Secretary more closely, and at some point last spring she noticed that he had begun to look more pallid and wrinkly than usual.

In the poem “Writers Writing Dying,” C. K. Williams, who is seventy-six, offers what might be an ironical creed for aging authors: “Think, write, write, think: just keep running faster and you won’t even notice / you’re dead.”

Now Silvers, who is seventy-six, will edit the *Review* alone.

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Gill, who is seventy-seven, is bald and cherubic.

Godard, who is seventy-seven and today lives and works in the Swiss village of Rolle, and Truffaut, who died, at fifty-two, in 1984, met watching movies in Paris sometime in the late nineteen-forties, either at the Cinémathèque or at the Ciné-Club du Quartier Latin—they could never agree exactly when or where.

Latif, who is seventy-seven, grew up in Basra, Iraq, where his father was an amateur vintner.

Cosby, who is seventy-seven, is currently on tour: it is, according to Sanneh, part of a long comeback.

Arpaio, who is seventy-seven, thick-bodied, and restless, studied the strip malls and waste grounds streaming past.

Scalia, who is seventy-seven, often takes a barbed tone with the lawyers, and Ginsburg, who is eighty, is more polite, if no less insistent.

Shwe, who is seventy-seven, is a hard-liner who has shown no desire to compromise.

Yet nine rounds of negotiations ended without result in 2010, and Tibetans worry that China is simply waiting for the Dalai Lama, who is seventy-seven, to die, leaving them without their most powerful symbol of national identity and international support.

Paul, who is seventy-seven, was first elected in 1976.

Piano, who is seventy-seven, was sitting in his Senate office in the Palazzo Giustiniani, around the corner from the Pantheon.

Caine, who is seventy-seven, wore silver-rimmed glasses and looked studiously casual in a denim shirt, navy pants, and sneakers, like a politician at his ranch.

Before parting, Tuong, who is seventy-seven, arranged to receive, by post, a fresh edition of an English dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations.

Wilson, who is seventy-seven and has an enormous white mustache, is known as Mr. Mouse.

Labov, who is seventy-seven, is the director of the linguistics lab at the University of Pennsylvania.

Pinter, who is seventy-seven, and who, for the past five years, has battled esophageal cancer and a rare skin disease that has twice brought him near death, had insisted that I come by, even though he'd been ill earlier in the week.

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Known for best-selling historical biographies of Marie Antoinette and others, Lady Antonia, who is seventy-eight, has just published "Must You Go?," a memoir of her thirty-three-year relationship with Pinter.

His mother still plays with her mother, the novelist Hilma Wolitzer, who is seventy-eight.

The first is the British novelist Paul Bailey, who is seventy-eight, and who published his first novel, "At the Jerusalem," at the age of thirty.

Snyder, who is seventy-eight, has written nineteen books of poems and essays that are engaged with watersheds, geology, logging, backpacking, ethno-poetics, Native American oral storytelling, communal living, sex, coyotes, bears, Tibetan deities, Chinese landscape painting, Japanese Noh drama, and the intimacies of family life.

Whitaker, who is seventy-eight years old, lives in Yorkshire, four hours north of London, in a house on a hill, from which he operates a publishing company called Peregrine Books.

Xu, who is seventy-eight, started the company in 1975, when Mao was still alive and private enterprise was illegal.

Historical inevitability hangs over Bruno, a former boxer who is seventy-eight years old and in his sixteenth term in the State Senate, as does a federal investigation into a consulting business that he runs out of his home.

DeSanto, a Brooklyn native who is seventy-eight, is a fervent vocalist whose singing career goes back to the mid-fifties and includes stints with Johnny Otis and James Brown and R. & B. chart singles for Chess.

Upadhyia, who is seventy-eight, designs single-edition, hand-painted clothes, mostly suits, which are only for himself.

After three terms in Washington, Senator Roberts, who is seventy-eight years old, is widely considered out of touch with his electors.

Esther Sefton, who is seventy-eight, joined yesterday's protests after overhearing a group of twentysomethings call knitting "the latest thing."

Shinde, who is seventy-eight years old, is trim, neat, and so demure that he can say things like "hundred-carat cabochon emerald" without making you faint.

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Last week, Galella, who is seventy-nine, sat in what he calls his great room, dressed in black, and reminisced.

Graffman, who is seventy-nine, studied with Rudolph Serkin and Vladimir Horowitz and had a distinguished career as a soloist until an injury on his right hand, when he was fifty, slowed him down.

He'd had a run of medical misfortunes—a broken hip with internal complications in 2001, and a year later a head injury and a stroke that paralyzed his right side—but, as long as he stayed in the chair, Rauschenberg, who is seventy-nine, seemed improbably youthful.

After suffering a second heart attack, Esenov, who is seventy-nine, was taken to the hospital, but three days later he was removed for interrogation.

King Salman, who is seventy-nine, boldly resolved that question earlier this year by naming a nephew, Mohammed bin Nayef, who is fifty-five and runs the Interior Ministry, as his Crown Prince and successor, and installing bin Salman as second in line.

The first is that Abbas—who is seventy-nine and concerned about his legacy after Kerry's unsuccessful nine-month initiative to broker peace—has decided to get out in front of the

mounting anger in the Palestinian street about the failure of the talks and adopt something like Hamas's harder line.

But Tauro, who is seventy-nine and was first appointed to the bench by Richard Nixon in 1972, took on the original rationales for DOMA as well, and saw little there to persuade him.

"There are less stores here now than when we moved here," Bisek, who is seventy-nine, told me.

Loren, who is seventy-nine, was wearing a bright-red pants suit over a red top, a necklace with a bejewelled cross around her neck.

Redford, who is seventy-nine, snorted.

Humphries, who is seventy-nine and who hasn't played London in fifteen years, is hanging up Edna's diamante glasses and her size-9 high heels after this farewell tour, and we paying customers must call it quits with joy.

Roth, who is seventy-nine, recently told the French magazine *Les inRocks*, "To tell you the truth, I'm done."



# CHAPTER 9

Collins, who is eighty, is the aging court jester of tennis and a keeper of its history.

Ringgold, who is eighty years old, was born and raised in Harlem.

Diederich, who is eighty, lived in a house in Pinecrest.

On a recent summer evening, on the second-floor suite of the Refinery Hotel, in midtown, Yoko Ono, who is eighty but looks sixteen, was perched on the edge of a couch wearing very dark black sunglasses, a military-style black denim jacket, and a fedora jauntily cocked to one side.

“I had three great big wonderful hatpins that would go into that, but if I missed they’d go right through my head,” Channing, who is eighty years old and still performing, said over the telephone last week, from her home in Rancho Mirage, California.

Béjart, who is eighty and uses a wheelchair, had arrived in Milan only three days before the curtain was to rise.

Sumi Abe, who is eighty years old, and her grandson, Jin Abe, who is sixteen, were rescued after nine days—two hundred and seventeen hours.

When Bernstein, who is eighty, heard about what was happening to the Walters, he was outraged.

After building Aqua together, she and Loewenberg, who is

eighty and blunt, have an easy rapport.

I made my way to an austere office where Mahmoud, who is eighty, was already sitting.

McPherson, who is eighty, had on his desk the firm's spiral-bound directory for the 111th Congress.

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Only about a hundred and seventy indigenous languages are still spoken, the majority by a dwindling number of elders like Marie Wilcox, of the Wukchumni, who is eighty-one, and who spent her youth doing farmwork south of Fresno.

Vermeersch, who is eighty-one and was recently voted the most influential intellectual in Flanders, was one of the country's earliest proponents of euthanasia, and he sees the law as his progeny.

Aiello, who is eighty-one and raspy-voiced, said, "I didn't realize 'Do the Right Thing' was a political thriller when we were making it."

Rupert Murdoch, who is eighty-one, abhors the gossip about his successor.

Richard Walter, who is eighty-one, and his wife, Linda, who is a little younger than that (they've been married for thirty-five years), sleep in separate bedrooms in apartment 6D at 1016 Fifth Avenue, an elegant limestone-and-brick prewar building that faces the Metropolitan Museum of Art, along one of the most expensive strips of real estate in New York.

In anticipation of the lunch, Sitrin, who is eighty-one and lives in Springfield, Virginia, had decided to poke through the box in her garage where she had stashed her Kennedy mementos,

back in 1964.

Judge Nickerson, who is eighty-one, was unmoved.

Davis père, who is eighty-one, read some of the names on the tiles, rolling them in his mouth like sips of Pétrus.

The poet Fleur Adcock, who is eighty-one, says “this great range of abilities and states of health confuses the young: they can’t figure us out.”

Bulger, who is eighty-one, had been on the run for more than fifteen years.

“Ken revealed himself as a superb negotiator,” Judge Weinstein, who is eighty-one and still serving on the bench, told me.

This is one reason that choreographers, including Graham (and Merce Cunningham, who is eighty-one), go on working as long as they do.

Huillet died in 2006; Straub, who is eighty-one, is still working.

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For forty-four years, Mascara, who is eighty-two, and whose birth name is Joseph Mascari, has been lobbying for the recognition of an official Garden State song; New Jersey is the only state that doesn’t have one.

Zimin, who is eighty-two, has spent more than a decade supporting scientific research, education, and publishing; he is the largest private donor to these fields in Russia.

Volcker, who is eighty-two years old, works at a polished granite desk covered with correspondence, books, and financial reports.

Bronstein, who is eighty-two, is widely considered one of the

greatest of all chess players.

At present count, Simon, who is eighty-two, has written two volumes of memoirs, thirty plays, more than twenty screenplays, and five musicals, one of the most successful of which—“Promises, Promises” (1968), with music by Burt Bacharach and lyrics by Hal David—is now in revival (at the Broadway).

From Paris, Vaughan, who is eighty-two, elaborated on some of the questions his book raises.

Carter, who is eighty-two, was coming off a full day of interviews in New York (Rose, King, Gross) and embarking on another (Russert, Blitzer, Lehrer), but his zest for trumpeting his ideas and accomplishments seemed undiminished.

Meanwhile, state television reported that Hosni Mubarak, who is eighty-two, was in police custody but at a Sharm el-Sheikh hospital after a heart attack.

There have been denunciations in the press and signed group letters in prestigious journals; some have hinted that Wilson, who is eighty-two, should retire.

The self-taught but not-so-outsider Alabamian, who is eighty-two, impresses mightily in this show of five big assemblages slathered with enamel and spritzed with spray paint.

Murdoch, who is eighty-two, filed divorce papers this morning in New York State Supreme Court saying that his relationship with Wendi, who is forty-four, had “broken down irretrievably,” which is standard legal boilerplate.

Georges (played by Jean-Louis Trintignant, who is eighty-two) and Anne (Emmanuelle Riva, eighty-five) take up the bulk of the screen time, and their dialogue feels circumscribed, as though written for the stage.

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Walters, who is eighty-three, will retire next year, but her impact on both her profession and her audience would be hard to overstate.

McPherson, who is in his early thirties, does much of his playing with a fellow-beginner named Tina, who is eighty-three when the book begins.

(Holzer, who is eighty-three, has published a hundred and thirty-eight books, including “Ghosts I’ve Met.”)

Gingerich, who is eighty-three, is one of the world’s leading authorities on Galileo.

Democrats are bound to take a harder line on a replacement for a pro-choice Justice—say, John Paul Stevens, who is eighty-three years old—than for Scalia, Thomas, or William Rehnquist.

One night, an anonymous caller left a threatening recorded message for Spitzer’s father, who is eighty-three and suffering from Parkinson’s.

Edith Windsor, who is eighty-three years old, spoke to reporters on the Court’s steps, looking radiant, and said, when asked to predict the outcome, “I think it’s going to be good.”

Dr. Marston’s son, Byrne Holloway Marston, who is eighty-three, tells Lepore that he is optimistic about Gadot, though he thinks that Jennifer Lawrence would have fit the part.

It’s exciting news that the pianist Freddie Redd—who is eighty-three—will be performing at Smalls with his quintet this Friday and Saturday.

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It is true that Jimmy Cobb, who is eighty-four, is the only surviving member of the ensemble that recorded Miles Davis's epochal 1959 album, "Kind of Blue," but the drummer is far from being a mere monument to past glory.

The pianist Junior Mance, who is eighty-four, is billing this engagement as a celebration of his seventy-five years of performing.

The artist is Thornton Dial, who is eighty-four and lives in Bessemer, Alabama.

Although he was the dean at Korea's most prestigious art school, Hongik University, for many years, Park Seo-Bo, who is eighty-four, had a negligible market as well.

Solomon, who is eighty-four years old, was interested in the religious diversity of the region, and she photographed Jews, Muslims, and Christians.

(And Cunningham, who is eighty-four, didn't know who they were until Carlson told him.)

Agape is what led a tourist to steer his boat in the direction of gunfire when no one would even have known if he didn't; and also, far away from danger, what moves us when we read that Connie Kopelov, who is eighty-four, arrived in a wheelchair at the City Clerk's office as the bride of Phyllis Siegal, who is seventy-six.

Wilson, who is eighty-four, had wanted to attend but is in poor health, and Bruce Babbitt, the former Secretary of the Interior, cancelled at the last minute.

The evident frailty of Paterno, who is eighty-four, and had been

coaching at Penn State since the Truman Administration, complicated one long-standing narrative that was revived by some critics to explain the circumstances leading to his ouster.

Stevens, who is eighty-four, was seeking a seventh term in the Senate, and now, after a five-week trial that had kept him in Washington throughout the campaign season, he was a convicted felon.

Now it threatened to accelerate in a dramatic manner what was inevitable anyway—the end of the very long runs of Stevens, who is eighty-four years old, and Young, seventy-five.

Although few African leaders dared to speak out publicly against him, Mugabe, who is eighty-four, had become an object of international derision and contempt.

Reached by telephone last week, Mrs. Nierenberg, who is eighty-four, was surprised to hear about the recovered records.

Their owner and curator, the narrow and amiable Botsford, who is eighty-four, was once an editor at this magazine, with an office just inside the anteroom where inbound, not-yet-published books, destined to be sent along to reviewers or cast aside, accrued in teetery stacks.

Kandel, who is eighty-four, won a Nobel Prize in 2000 for his studies of the molecular mechanisms of memory.

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One recent morning, Gilbert, who is eighty-five, sat at his dining table peering at eight bottles of pills.

Westheimer, who is eighty-five, had just come from a performance of “Becoming Dr. Ruth,” an Off Broadway play (she prefers “Near Broadway”) by Mark St. Germain that chronicles her

eventful life.

Ma, who is eighty-five, gave me a copy of a letter that Chen wrote in 1966, the year he died, offering to donate his furniture.

Kamprad, who is eighty-five, opened the first IKEA store there, in 1953.

Gray, who is eighty-five and a money manager at a firm called Carret, has been in the game since 1945.

Fraser, who is eighty-five, told me recently that the shoe-store managers who had rejected her began begging her for sandals.

Yet there was something about Puig's introduction to the wider world that felt special—historical, even—perhaps because his *début* was narrated by the longtime Dodger announcer Vin Scully, who is eighty-five years old, and started calling games for the Dodgers in 1950.

While Sonny Rollins deserves much credit, a very good case can be made that Golson, who is eighty-five years old, is the finest tenor saxophonist from the golden age of the nineteen-fifties and sixties who is still actively performing.

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Aimoj Tamang, who is eighty-six years old, was trapped under rubble when her house collapsed in the earthquake.

I found Martin Castro, who is eighty-six, in a modest concrete home off of Biran's main drag.

Gertrude Schwartz, who is eighty-six, lives on the fourth floor of 383 Grand Street, in the Seward Park Cooperative.

Leonard, who is eighty-six, has lived in Detroit since 1934.



For his part, Belafonte, who is eighty-six, is happy to get people thinking about the march again.

The Australian novelist Elizabeth Harrower, who is eighty-six and lives in Sydney, has been decidedly opaque about why she withdrew her fifth novel, “In Certain Circles” (Text), some months prior to publication, in 1971.

To many Brits, this latest wave of fixation on Thatcher, who is eighty-six and suffers from dementia, felt strange, reviving an era, and arguments, that they thought had long been put to rest.

Emma Jefferson, a great-great niece of Wiggins’s, who is eighty-six and lives in Decatur, Georgia, volunteered: “I am glad that I lived long enough to see recognition given to my uncle.”

In the broadcast, Brooks—who is eighty-six—puts another twist on the same tale: he reminisces about being taken, at the age of nine, to see the show “Anything Goes,” starring Ethel Merman, on Broadway, and how he came out exhilarated, singing and dancing.

“Listen, my life was a pretense the whole time,” Edward Zasadil, who is eighty-six, told *GQ*, recalling his service in the Second World War.

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Duffaut, who is eighty-seven, paints bright landscapes filled with microscopic Haitians living in utopian cities that extend like cartoon bubbles from the sea to the land and on up into thin air.

When I knocked on his front door, which opens onto a terrace filled with potted flowering plants and small trees, Mejía, who is eighty-seven now, answered himself.

Smith Jones, who is eighty-seven and legally blind, is the last remaining native Eyak speaker...

Harper Lee, who is eighty-seven, has filed a lawsuit to re-secure copyright of "To Kill A Mockingbird."

Madame Binh, who is eighty-seven, retired from public life in 2002, after serving two terms as Vietnam's Vice-President, but she remains involved in war-related charities dealing with Agent Orange victims and the disabled.

Harris, who is eighty-seven, and Stoppard, who is a decade younger, both spent their early years in colonial India—where "Indian Ink" is partly set, in 1930—and both can recall the experience of sailing from India, at the age of eight, to an England they didn't know.

It doubled as a party for the release of his memoir, "By U.S. Bonds," and featured performances by his original saxophone player, Gene (Daddy G.) Barge, who is eighty-seven.

Among these partisans is the party's patrician leader, Essebsi, who is eighty-seven, and who fulfilled key roles under Bourguiba, including interior and defense minister, over the course of three decades.

"I'll be honest with you," Binh, who is eighty-seven, tells Hersh.

My grandmother, who is eighty-seven, doesn't think much of modern life.

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Gene Weber, who is eighty-eight, is still open for business and still sending out typewritten press releases, such as a recent one announcing a stunt at a restaurant called the Pump, involving the "largest, biggest, hugest bowl of soup ever served in a restau-

rant—over 400 bowls of soup in one soup bowl.”

While Bennett, who is eighty-eight years old, is clearly the pro, sidling through each classic with effortless cool, Gaga’s substantial power as a vocalist is intact, as is her keen sense of timing, humor, and grace.

Resident in Toronto since 1968 (“I needed to escape my civic duties here to write and think”), Jacobs, who is eighty-eight years old, was in town for the publication of her latest book, the intimidatingly titled “Dark Age Ahead.”

Umberto Cucinelli, who is eighty-eight and now lives in Solomeo, across the street from his son, told me that Brunello spent much of his time as a young man lost in thought.

Comee, who is eighty-eight, estimates that he has sent out between one and two hundred carping postcards since the early nineteen-nineties.

Walter Cronkite, who is eighty-eight, still has an office and a staff of four at CBS’s headquarters; he has a consultant’s contract, though he says he is not consulted.

The movie’s production designer, Henry Bumstead, who is eighty-eight and a winner of two Oscars—for “To Kill a Mockingbird” and “The Sting”—scouted locations for “Mystic River” last summer and built the sets for all the interiors.

Lee, who is eighty-eight years old, has no family to protect her.

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This interest in Lee—who is eighty-nine and reportedly compromised by various ailments, and who resides in an assisted-living facility near Monroeville, Alabama, her home town—no doubt also accounts for the forthcoming appearance, at Chris-

tie's, of a handful of her personal letters, which will be auctioned on June 12th.

It's safe to assume that Lee, who is eighty-nine, will never write such a book.

Comer keynotes the third floor with pleasant abstract paintings and foldout, doodled books by Etel Adnan, who is eighty-nine and seems valued more for her cosmopolitan biography—in locales from war-torn Beirut to Paris and Sausalito—than for her artistic achievement.

Justice John Paul Stevens, who is eighty-nine, has hired only one law clerk for the next Supreme Court term, so a second Obama appointment to the Court may be imminent as well.

For almost ten years now, since an accounting scandal forced him to resign from American International Group, the big insurance company he ran for decades, Greenberg, who is eighty-nine, has been trying to redeem his reputation and exact revenge on those he deems responsible for his downfall.

I asked his mother, who is eighty-nine, what she thought.

# CHAPTER 10

In Warsaw, Wolfowitz asked to meet with Nowak, who is ninety.

Every summer morning—and on into October, when he returns to New York City—the poet, who is ninety, works in his garden with a combination of vigilance and reverie which seems to be a prerequisite to artistic processes, like the making of gardens or of poems.

Mahfouz, who is ninety years old, still maintains a nightly literary salon that rotates among various Cairo hotels and private residences.

Peres, who is ninety, is a champion of the two-state solution.

(Although the monarchy was abolished in 1973, Karzai has declared Zahir Shah, who is ninety, the “father of the country” and allows him to live at the palace.)

Laurents, who is ninety, and has directed two other revivals of the play, knows about old school and about the urgency of those early-twentieth-century theatrical dreams.

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The lyricist Sheldon Harnick, who is ninety-one, strode down the two long flights of stairs to the downtown platform at the Eighty-first Street subway stop, on Central Park West, just outside his apartment building.

“You can really talk to anyone about anything if you’re inter-

ested in it yourself,” Bernier, who is ninety-one, said last week.

Kissinger, who is ninety-one, told me that Holmes “has a sort of ethereal quality—that is to say, she looks like nineteen. And you say to yourself, ‘How is she ever going to run this?’”

Sir Patrick, who is ninety-one, is a former financial journalist and publisher.

Mr. Thiebaud, who is ninety-one and lives in Sacramento, has provided covers for our Food issues for the past ten years.

At the back of the room, Maria Sullivan, who is ninety-one, made a gagging sound.

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At the table, Daniel bows his head in greeting to Grandma Alice, who is ninety-two.

After the dinner and a photograph with Rove, Norquist walked uptown, to the Time Warner Center, where several hundred people had gathered to honor Milton Friedman, the free-market economist, who is ninety-two.

DeFrancis, who is ninety-two, had not met with Zhou since the nineteen-eighties.

“The Penultimate Trump” was published in 1948, in a Gernsback knockoff called *Startling Stories*, and tells of H. D. Haworth, who is ninety-two years old and survives only because his doctors have managed to cobble him together.

“Duetтино” is dedicated to Milton Babbitt, who is ninety-two and who also remains active.

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When Nancy learns that her parents are going to be moving her grandmother, who is ninety-three and crippled with arthritis, to a nursing home, she decides to return home to help.

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Gong's grandmother, who is ninety-four, was born not long after China put an end to foot binding.

When Sholeh's father, who is ninety-four and lives in Torrance, near the Los Angeles airport, comes for dinner, Parshaw drapes his long arm around the old man's narrow shoulders and tries to memorize the Persian poetry that his grandfather carefully writes out in a shaky calligraphy.

(Fink, who is ninety-four, first created a black-and-white interpretation of the Constitution in 1987, and later completed a limited-edition color version in 2006).

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Al started the company with his brother Walter; after both of them had passed away, Seymour Siwoff, a former accountant with Elias, purchased the company, in 1952. Siwoff, who is ninety-five, is still its president and C.E.O. today.

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Dutilleux, who is ninety-six years old, was given the prize in Paris several months ago; generously, he will share the two-hundred-thousand-dollar award with three younger composers—Anthony Cheung, Franck Krawczyk, and the well-established Peter Eötvös—each of whom will write a work for the orchestra.

His father, who is ninety-six, is in a nursing home.

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After a long time, perhaps two or three minutes, I started worrying about my mother, who is ninety-eight years old and was by herself.

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# CHAPTER 11

His job is to wait for a woman, who is a hundred years old, to die, and then to film the funeral rites.

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Manuel de Oliveira, who is a hundred and four years old, and who, starting around age ninety, purified and aerated his style and even took to using digital effects in a strikingly original way.

