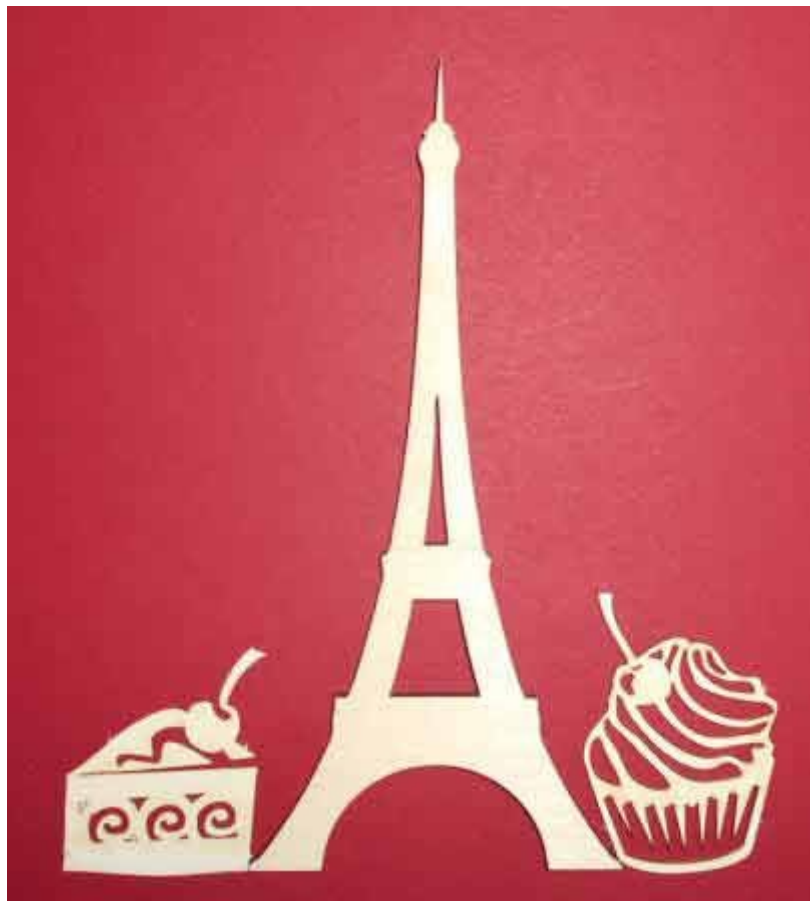


Delusion

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*Two women, old friends, talk in the shop's tea-room.*

OLIVIA: And you should promise, no matter what I will say, you won't analyze me.

MIA: Olivia, have I ever?

OLIVIA: All the time, Mia.

MIA: Once or twice – perhaps.

OLIVIA: “I promise” will be enough. Also don't write about it in your blog.

MIA: Olivia, are you sure that you choose right person for this conversation?

OLIVIA: You are my best friend.

MIA: I will try and be my best. Word of honor.

OLIVIA: No matter where I go, I see it. It's like delusion.

MIA: What do you see?

OLIVIA: You won't joke at me.

MIA: Tell.

OLIVIA: I see (*whispers*) Eiffel Tower.

MIA: Eiffel Tower?

OLIVIA: I told you already.

MIA: What does it means?

OLIVIA: It all started when I deleted from my life everything connected with French language and francophone in general.

MIA: You started to see Eiffel Tower.

OLIVIA: Yes.

MIA: Did you see it in your night dreams?

OLIVIA: No. It's around us, everywhere.

MIA: Please explain.

OLIVIA: I was in beauty shop, they put there big pink Eiffel Tower and there is French music to attract clients. There is 30% sale to items with ...

MIA: Black little Eiffel Tower on it. I was in that shop.

OLIVIA: I needed new pillowcase and there, in the middle, was French connected items displayed on the big table with lavender in vases.

MIA: And Eiffel Towers?

OLIVIA: Fluorescent at night.

MIA: Could I give an idea?

OLIVIA: You will analyze me, Mia.

MIA: Some events in the past could be connected with how you react to everything what reminds you about them.

OLIVIA: We talk as friends.

MIA: Sure. But my professional experience...

OLIVIA: It's inevitable.

MIA: I am afraid so.

*To them comes waitress, she has red in white and blue dots neckerchief scarf.*

WAITRESS: I am afraid, I again need to disturb you...

OLIVIA: Yes.

WAITRESS: Today we have special offer for dessert.

MIA: Dessert is amazing neutral theme.

OLIVIA: It's important part of our life.

MIA: Sure.

WAITRESS: Today we have special French desserts.

OLIVIA: What?

WAITRESS: Eiffel Towers made of chocolate. With or without ice-cream?

MIA: Two, with lot of ice-cream. Thank you.

*Waitress goes away.*

OLIVIA: Did you see that?

MIA: Probably you could have own reasons to notice such tiny details.

OLIVIA: Even waitress didn't disturb you and you finish adjudication.

MIA: If you wanted to talk with me as friend.

OLIVIA: And not like with life coach...

MIA: I think it's all because you transfer your emotions from person to language.

OLIVIA: Transfer emotions?

MIA: Yes.

OLIVIA: Refusing of further verbs conjugations after more than ten years of attempts...

MIA: I am afraid so.

OLIVIA: And now you will tell me that better I said it aloud.

MIA: Yes, for patient... for every human... for woman is much easy when she by herself tells what is her inner distraction.

OLIVIA: Probably it could be just coincidence.

MIA: All is possible. When you have answer to that on your mind, it could be more than coincidence.

OLIVIA: Everything with Eiffel Towers, even this napkins are because of Wyatt?

MIA: Not Wyatt as person...

OLIVIA: But what he did...

MIA: Or didn't do.

OLIVIA: Everything this because he for few years promised that for my birthday we will have dinner at Eiffel Tower and ten days or week before event he explained why it wasn't possible and later we broke up.

MIA: You see, there is something common.

OLIVIA: Something common?

MIA: You could find other object.

OLIVIA: You mean, man.

MIA: Yes. And create with him different experience. New story. This time positive. Wider. *Tour de France*, not only Paris. *Cote d'Azur*. In subconscious you search it.

OLIVIA: How do you know?

MIA: You want to visit Paris if still have French study book on your table. I noticed, when last time was at your place.

OLIVIA: What if I want to start everything from clear sheet. New beginning. Like nothing happened, like this wasn't in my life. I want reality, not life in delusion. I could be happy if never turn back and get rid of emotions to reminder which left.

MIA: Eiffel Tower?

OLIVIA: In general.

MIA: Olivia, you probably could predict that refuse everything French before day of Bastille wasn't your best idea.

OLIVIA: You analyze again.

MIA: I just talk aloud.

OLIVIA: What about that new boyfriend? You said me on phone. I need details.

MIA: In reality he is *petit ami*.

OLIVIA: No!

MIA: Sorry. He is Jean Pier, you will see he is fabulous.

OLIVIA: He is from Paris?

MIA: Grenoble. But he lived in Paris since he was 15 years old.

OLIVIA: And he has Eiffel Tower on his keychain?

MIA: Rear-view mirror.

OLIVIA: Much better.

MIA: He worked in restaurant with two Michelin stars and now he prepares breakfasts for me and also...

*CURTAIN.*

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