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LIQUIDATION OF WESTERN CULTURE

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A cup of coffee comes with a doll.
Natalie Portman, smaller in person,
plays the punky waitress, chewing
her bubblegum animatronically.
Life-forms who behave themselves
receive their cup of joe sans vulgate
Latin. Dentures should be worn in
public only when they're welcome.
Muppets are a menace on Manhattan.

2

The princess will sleep with the frog
tonight, on a stack of Posturepedic
mattresses, serenaded by Elvis
Costello from a telescopic fire-truck.
Bruising your assumptions
becomes a kind of Zen for some,
a vocation, if half-hearted.
Three Stooges or a red Ferrari,
who would win in zero gravity?

3

Stepping into treacherous terrain:
Syrian planes bomb Sufi cinema.
Rumi. Tariqa. Dhikr. Haqiqah.
Kodak fled but Truffaut threw
a flaming Molotov at a Citroën—
It is *not* my car! he'd later vent.
Natalie Portman looks as pale
as a Gitane with her ashtray
eyes and mannequin *ressentiment*.