



## "Vida was all he knew..."

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Vida was all he knew of A-one; Dolly was all he needed for hope.

That was their first of many fishing trips, confidences. <sup>insert.</sup> ~~And~~ the more

Sandler learned about the man, the less he knew. At times disgust

overcame sympathy; other times admiration conquered ridicule. <sup>insert.</sup> These days

the feeling he was able to dredge up most often was a loose, un-focused

sorrow.

Sandler climbed the stairs from the basement. When he entered

the kitchen, Vida was <sup>folding clothes and</sup> humming along to some blues-y country music on the

radio. Thinking, maybe, of those cracked glass eyes, he grabbed her

shoulders, turned her around and held on tight while they danced.

Maybe girl tears, worse than the reason he shed them, were natural—a

weakness the others recognized and pin pointed even before he punked

out. Even before the melt had flooded his chest when he saw her hands,



- <sup>Vida</sup> NO \$ to burnt out family - worn towels instead
- <sup>Vida</sup> - ~~refused to~~ ~~housing~~ for stranded activists.
- top of house is lit, bottom is lit. Bath rooms
- In (fix) spheres connected by darkened - invisible ~~surroundings in a shaft~~ full of things one could not see
- Ch. - "looking" instead of "treating lsk" only maneuvers.

full of antique things  
unavailable to the  
eye

Sandler? ~~list~~  
Said land to a developer  
(who cashed in on a Hud  
Contract) rather than  
~~build~~ accept <sup>local</sup> offer  
to buy it for a cooperative

1967  
Locals scraped money together  
with ~~more~~ fish-fries and  
rummage sales and outright  
gifts to buy a piece of  
Cozey land for a cooperative  
- self supporting complex of buildings  
to sell services, food, crafts and so on.  
B.C. was willing but by then all decisions were Heed's.