

JUMBLE SALE (AFTER ERIK SATIE)

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A cycle of rituals to be performed at sunset on All Souls' Eve 2025, for liberating the spirits trapped in twelve obscure objects of desire for sale on eBay on the night of the harvest moon.

1. Aynsley Royal Wedding Mug Prince Edward And Sophie 1999 Made In England / Perfect for any fan of British royalty, this mug is a unique and elegant addition to any collection / US \$14.40 / £10.68 GBP or Best Offer

You are the operator of a snack van in a layby on the road between Bethersden and Pluckley. The sun is setting and the stars of Orion wheel faintly above the wooded horizon. Your hair and apron smell of bacon grease, but the air that blows in through your serving hatch has a chalky softness. The view from your hatch is bisected by a telephone pole in a hedge on the other side of the road. Leave the van, cross the silent, fraying tarmac, and approach the pole. A streak of creosote, ridged and puckered like a miniature lava flow, runs down its western face. Trace with your fingertips the outline of the stain and, as the last light of the day fades, walk back to your van.

2. Vintage Waddingtons Super Top Trumps VOLKSWAGEN CARS & VANS / [complete pack] / £8.99

You are an ordinary, rather dull man. Commission Kraftwerk to compose a piece that expresses, but by no means celebrates, your normality.

3. Lilliput Lane Kentish Oast House / in good used condition however one of the oasts has a part missing, see pics, unfortunately no box or deeds / £4.35, 0 bids, ends in 4d 5h

There is a hole in your tights, over the crown of your left big toe. You cannot not think of it, in the way that a loose tooth might seem to fill your mouth and even your whole existence when you were eight years old. This is not painful or even discomfiting, but it is less enjoyable than it sounds. Ask yourself: which natures are suited to be made happy? When will the end of time come? Will we then be radiant?

4. Bandai Tamagotchi 2004 Vintage Working Condition / slightly scratched screen and some paint ware. working and tested / £24.09 or Best Offer

Play with your cat. It bites your fingertip, experimentally as it were, just hard enough to cause a thrill of pain but not so that its fangs pierce your skin. You and your cat stare at each other. Both of you realise that your partnership is now in question. Improvise a passage of rhetoric to fill this awkward silence, and to remind your cat where it stands.

5. Abigail's Party Mike Leigh Alison Steadman VHS Tested Working / Tested and working fine / £4.49 or Best Offer

Where is your horse? Find your horse.

6. Original Burma Star Medal WWII British Campaign Award Decoration Military / These are authentic campaign medals, not modern copies / £15.59

Ask ChatGPT to locate the pub with the lowest star rating on Google Maps within one mile of your flat. Walk there, and ask the barmaid if she will serve you the contents of the drip tray. Naturally she refuses. Vault the bar and raise the brimming tray to your lips like a Viking swilling mead from the horn of an aurochs. Having drained it, remove your trousers and whirl them around your head as you hoot in triumph. This is living!

7. Diadora Classico 1990s Black Leather Football Boots UK 9.5 New Boxed / Please see photos for slight wear underneath never worn / £59.99 / £52.79 with coupon code

You have a velvet hat and a neatly pointed beard. Your boots are immaculate but your underclothes are frightful. You are on bad terms with André Breton, who after a show trial has thrown you out of the Surrealist International. Exiled in Brussels, you sustain yourself on an exclusive diet of white food: sugar, pikelets, tallow, grated bones, veal, salt, coconuts, rice pudding, turnips, Milky Bars, cream cheese, and certain kinds of fish. After an argument over a Pantone chart your chef poisons your tallow. As you lie on your deathbed, affect a satiric pose of hypochondria.

8. Antique c1830 Georgian Large Hearty Good Fellow Toby Jug Pitcher Pipe Tankard / He stands confidently with a ceramic tankard in his right hand and a long clay pipe in his left, suggesting celebration, companionship, and leisure / £58.00 or Best Offer

You are wasps. Know then that a wasp may die but wasps never die. With this knowledge live magnificently in the thousand-petaled flower of eternity.

9. Mid Century Vintage 2-Tier Cocktail Drinks Hostess Tea Trolley, Gold Metal / Run smoothly and has been very carefully looked after / £31.80 or 3 payments of £10.63 with Klarna

You find yourself billed third on a programme of light music from pre-war English films at the Astor Theatre in Deal. Play so that the audience are made curious and then restive and then furious and then begin to hurl their shoes and cough sweets at you, and you are dragged from the Wurlitzer, crying 'I have not yet begun!'

10. Callan Pinckney, *Callanetics. The Sensational Worldwide No. 1 Bestseller. HOW TO LOOK 10 YEARS YOUNGER IN 10 HOURS. The astonishing deep-muscle exercise that can give you a perfect figure*, 1989 / Will be clean, not soiled or stained / £2.85

Come downstairs on a Sunday morning to find your cereal bowl has slipped off the draining board and is now a lunula of fragments on the tiles. Gather a heap of cereal in your cupped hands and, standing over the sink, drench it in milk from a carton held in your teeth. Now realise that you cannot hold a spoon. Raise your hands to your mouth and eat. Roll your eyes in bestial joy. Sing your love song through a mouthful of milk and cereal, so that the semi-macerated chyle spatters down your chin and soaks the front of your pyjamas.

11. MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION OF BEDFORD-VANADIUM SPANNERS + KING DICK + GORDON / King Dick showing signs of wear to jaws but otherwise very good. THE NEW OWNER WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE DISAPPOINTED WITH THEIR PURCHASE / £42.28

You are a hedgehog, drunk on rotting windfalls. Roll ecstatically over the bars of a glockenspiel.

12. 22ct Gold Half Sovereign Coin Ring Vintage 1982 Elizabeth II in 9Ct Gold Ring / It has wonderful scrolling detail to the mount and sits low against a finger / £822.95 or Best Offer

You are the demon Apasmara, thief of memory. You have concealed yourself in the call point of a pelican crossing. In the twilit drizzle a woman walks up to the crossing. She pushes the button and, as she waits for the lights to turn, absently curls her hand around the little knurled cone on the underside of the box. In the half-second before she steps into the road the cone begins to revolve, and the sensation of the ridged aluminium moving through her fingers reminds her of a classroom guinea-pig's rounded warmth, rose-petal ears, and glitchy clockwork heartbeat. Use your powers to draw this recollection out of her flesh and into your damp Cimmerian vitals. Now she will never enjoy it again. Rub your tiny paws with glee.