

Danger my Ally (extract)

He lights the fuse which starts the chain reaction of the series of charges he's laid around the model site

***MARVIN** rises and follows the display around the model*

When the fuse reaches the dynie at the end it explodes

ELF

That is the liquid oxygen tank Marvin,
you see what I was saying? When it goes
we are gonners.

***MARVIN** ignores **ELF** and lumbers back to whatever it was he was doing*

Marvin. Marvin Marvin Marvin I admire
your sagacity.

*He sits cross-legged beside **MARVIN***

Why worry? It is good to die since death
is part of life. What has been is what will
be and what has been done is what will
be done and there is nothing new under
the sun. The industrial empire is a cancer
on the earth and the suffering of the
planet far outweighs this little Elf! I am
here to sabotage the destruction of a
wilderness! Why? Why throw away a
life, two, three four lives for the sake of a
wilderness? Because it is my duty to
protect a wilderness for its own sake!
And if I die? Individual suffering is less
important than the suffering of an eco-
system!

He checks his watch

Twelve minutes!

He tries the door. it is securely locked

Marvin. Since we have so little time left
I wish to make a confession. I am a deep
ecologist, that goes without saying. I
don't use motor-driven transport. I don't
burn fossil fuels. I take the side of nature
over culture. I believe in the defence of
the wild, the natural and non-human, all
animals have an equal claim to Mother
Earth, an equal right to dignity. I am,
therefore, naturally a vegan Marvin.
What else?! But it wasn't always so. I
was once a voracious consumer of
butchers' meat!

He takes from a secret pocket deep within the bag, a string of sausages

These are my favourite sausages. I was never able to forgo them. I would last for perhaps three days then my taste buds would explode for want of a sausage. I would find myself in a trance heading for the abattoir. Knock knock on the back door.

*A **SLAUGHTERMAN** holding a cleaver, plastered in blood and entrails opens the door*

He calls over his shoulder:

SLAUGHTERMAN

Hey boys! It's that crazy vegan again!

*He produces a sausage from behind his ear and holds it tantalisingly above **ELF's** head*

***ELF** slavers and whimpers*

*The **SLAUGHTERMAN** sings a song:*

SONG

The pig inside this sausage was
genetically bred
The pig inside this sausage was born
without a head
To eat, to sleep, to think, to dream, this
piggy had no need
The pig inside this sausage was a lucky
pig indeed.

The pig inside this sausage never felt the
cold
The pig inside this sausage was young
but never old
To hope, to love, to fear, to fail this
piggy paid no heed,
The pig inside this sausage was a lucky
pig indeed.

The pig inside this sausage never broke
the law,
The pig inside this sausage never went to
war
It never had its throat cut; it never had to
bleed,
The pig inside this sausage is a lucky pig
indeed.

ELF kneels and clasps his hands.