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It's a gauntlet finding someone deserving of
my time.
Countless conversations conceived from half-thought remarks.
Most are stunted
from becoming close to interesting.
Always exhaustively preaching on the mundane, yet
taking a vow of silence pertaining to any free thoughts
placing them at risk of being ridiculed.
Like the superego,
drawing a curtain
on any defective light bulb that may be shining
too bright for the traditionalists.
The rambunctious who blurt the idiotic hold more of my respect than
the timid
potentially bright.
They are not troubled by invisible formulaic
models of behavior.
Trained dogs.
Perhaps it is not their fault
rather the demanding mind imposed upon them.
The cage to the bird.

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