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Dear Eric,

Boy, I really like this novel. I like the way you write. I like the structure. I like the fashion in which you parcel out the story. I like the subject. You've really done a wonderful job and the book deserves to be published. It is a sad day here at Down-We-Go Press. There's some reticence about publishing so-called literary endeavors, and I'm afraid I don't have the strength to do the battle that would be required to acquire your book. And, ultimately, wouldn't you be better served at a house that's more open to such things? Have you tried Ecco? Or Graywolf, or Coffee House, or Seven Stories?

I'm so sorry to be sending this back, and I wish you the best of luck. You really do have something interesting to say and I hope some other lucky editor sees that.

Warm regards,

K. B.