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Meanwhile

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One day—you like to tell yourself—you'll quit
twisting yourself into improvement, stop
trying to get there sooner than you do, ignore
your duty to be happy, realize
you'll never get to be your deep-down 'me',
the one who'll write your book, or tame
your lion, climb your highest peak, or plant
your famous garden, even if you do,
never quite finish weeding, raking leaves,
instead become some grizzled wisdom guy,
floating in your imaginary space
high on the Himalayas of your couch.
Meanwhile, there are some things you need to do,
important things, and deep-down-in you care.