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## FOOD FROM PARADISE

JUDY  
HALEBSKY

—From the Hashish Fudge recipe in *The Alice B. Toklas Cookbook*, which anyone could whip up on a rainy day.

crush with mortar and pestle:

black peppercorn, nutmeg, cinnamon sticks, coriander

Toklas advises cannabis for a lady's bridge club or a meeting of the DAR

Stein advises against punctuation because you are too smart to need it

chop and mix together:

pitted dates, dried figs, shelled almonds

the cannabis should be picked after it has gone to seed but while it is still green, like the draft or drunk driving, timing matters

to buy the ingredients get an expensive car. not a black BMW 7 Series, but a Saab or a Volvo, or a Mercedes (again, not black). get a man, a white man, between the ages of 20-45. drive through the

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black. pull over when a stranger standing on the street waves directly at you

it causes paranoia. the driving. the fishbowl. the leaving your neighborhood. the spirits from the border crossings, the spirits who have died protecting turf, running underground tunnels in airplanes, in boats, in swallowed capsules, by semiautomatics by dehydration, by airless trucks they will haunt you we will call this a flashback it will give you *caché*

you can talk about it at parties, not in Oakland but across the bridge in Noe Valley in the Marina. they will think you are hard core not sorry, they will not think you are sorry. you will not be sorry. you will be at a job on Monday, the car, the man, the weekend, behind you