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This morning I decided to spring clean my kitchen. But first I needed a cup of coffee. Sitting at the table I spotted a letter I would answer after the kitchen would be tidy.

My friend had sent me a lovely photo of her family, so I rummaged through my collection of photos to find an equally nice shot to go with my letter, a photo of a bushwalk.

Oh yes, I should ring the friend I had gone on that bushwalk with and ask whether she had recovered from her fall. Half an hour later I was satisfied that she was well again. I also promised to send her a map and I did it straightaway.

Then: Back to the kitchen. First step to tidy up my kitchen was a trip to the compost bin, past the washing line. Oh, yesterday's washing had dried overnight, so I brought it in. Hm, the socks needed darning, they were wearing thin. I had breakfast and darned my socks.

Back to the kitchen. The plastic milk bottle had to go to the recycling bin, but as my old friend Franz was convinced that milk was good for roses, I filled the bottle with water and poured the milky water over my roses. Hm, I should really deadhead them; they looked very neglected!

An hour later: Back to the kitchen. But what about this letter for my friend? I better write to her right now, or else I might forget or not be in the mood any more.

An hour later: High time for another cup of coffee! There was enough boiling water to peel the almonds for those tiny biscuits – so I made the biscuits...

Do I need to tell you that by evening the kitchen was as it had been in the morning? I had written two letters, had had a chat on the phone, had deadheaded the roses, darned my socks, made biscuits. I'm certainly a champion at letting myself get sidetracked. And it's great fun; there is so much more to life than a clean kitchen!

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Mein Verhältnis zum Aelterwerden

Als ich zum ersten Termin im Wartezimmer meines neuen Zahnarztes sass, sah ich auf der eingerahmten Urkunde an der Wand seinen vollständigen Namen. Da erinnerte ich mich, dass ein schlaksiger, fleissiger Junge mit dem gleichen Namen vor gut 30 Jahren am Gymnasium in meiner Klasse war.

Als ich den Arzt dann jedoch sah, verwarf ich sofort jeden diesbezüglichen Gedanken, mit ihm in der gleichen Klasse gewesen zu sein. Dieser glatzköpfige, weissbärtige Mann mit den tiefen Falten im Gesicht gehörte bestimmt einer anderen Generation an.

Nachdem er meine Zähne untersucht hatte, fragte ich ihn dann doch, ob er das örtliche Gymnasium besucht hätte.

"Ja," antwortete er.

"Wann haben Sie Ihre Matura gemacht?"

"1972, warum?"

"Sie waren in meiner Klasse," antwortete ich.

Er betrachtete mich einige Zeit lang ganz aufmerksam und fragte dann: "Was haben Sie unterrichtet?"

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