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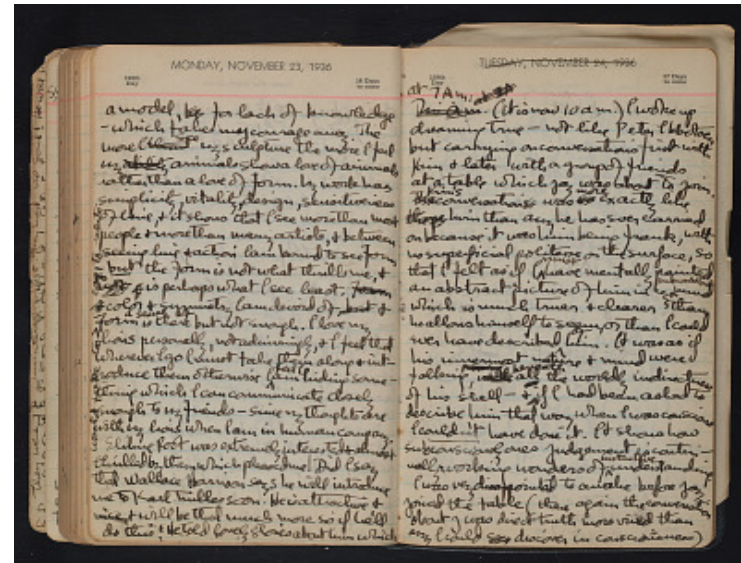
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1936
328th Day 38 Days to come

a model, by for lack of knowledge - which takes my courage away. The more I thin see my sculpture the more I feel my animals show a love of animals rather than a love of form. My work has simplicity, vitality, design, sensitiveness of line, & it shows that I see more than most people & more than many artists, & between seeing line & action I am bound to see form - but the form is not what thrills me, & that p is perhaps what I see least. Form & color & symmetry I am devoid of, but & a sense of form is there but not enough. I love my lions personally, not admiringly, & I feel that wherever I go I must take them along & introduce them otherwise I feel I am hiding something which I can communicate closely enough to my friends - since my thoughts are with my lions when I am in human company. Elihue Root was extremely interested & almost thrilled by them which pleased me. Did I say that Wallace Harrison says he will introduce me to Karl Milles soon? He is attractive & nice, & will be that much more so if he'll do this! He told lovely stories about him which would take too > long to relate.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1936
329th Day 37 Days to come

This A.M. at 7A At 7 AM. (it is now 10 a.m.) I woke up dreaming true - not like Peter Ibbotsen but carrying on conversations first with Kim & later with a group of friends at a table which Jay was about to join. The Kim's conversation was so more exactly like the pr him than any he has ever carried on because it was him being frank, with no superficial politesse on the surface, so that I felt as if I must have mentally painted an abstract picture of him in my subconscious mind which is much truer & clearer than he allows himself to seem, or than I could ever have described of him. It was as if his innermost nature & mind were talking, proving with beneath all the worldly indirectness of his shell - & as if I had been asked to describe him that way when I was conscious I couldn't have done it. It shows how subconsciously ones judgement is continually working wonders of instinctive understanding. I was very disappointed to awake before Jay joined the table (there again the conversation about J was direct truth more vivid than any I could see discover in consciousness)



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