

Diary from Quarantine – 33 – *Biting the bullet a little more*

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I have to confess something: once it dawned on me, a few weeks ago, that at least until a vaccine is not available our normality will not be a *normal normality*, I do not look forward to it as much as before.

To be honest, it is as if every now and then during my day I get that spoiled annoying attitude: “Yes, but it will not be the same”, “We will go out but it won’t be like before, so what is the point in being so excited about the end of the quarantine?”



One of my favorite beaches in Italy, la Spiaggia dei Conigli, Lampedusa, Sicily

Here in Italy designers are imagining glass dividers to keep people separated on the beaches. Can you imagine? Who can really think to enjoy our beautiful seaside while stuck in “aquariums for humans”?

It will be hard to suggest to a friend to meet for dinner at the restaurant. Restaurants will most likely have half of the seats – again for guaranteeing social distancing – so in order to make it, we will have to make reservations long before.

And what if you forgot to buy just a couple of things from the grocery store? Well, you will do without them, as you will not really feel like waiting in line for one hour just for some bread and fruits.

Do you have a party at night or a job interview next morning? You might not be able to quickly walk in at your favorite beauty salon. Book, plan, and wait for your turn.

And when this complaining attitude takes me away, this is exactly what I remind myself: phase 2, coexisting with the virus, will mean waiting for our turn, for our spot, for our little daily rights. It will mean rediscovering patience and optimism. Without them, we would fall.

Our rights will probably be a little slower to arrive, our nights out less spontaneous and our days on the beach more cautious. But I am positive that we will all have better ideas than the monstrous glass dividers, we just have to bite the bullet a little more.

True, even with those ideas, life will not be the same as before. But one day it can be even better.