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Lorraine Asks Should She Have a Baby

No, don't do it. Why?

Not diapers, everything underfoot, sleep lost to teething.

None of that matters, any more than the spanking of mud
from a cab spinout on your way to the interview — so you don't
get the job. After the hot bath, the tall drink, it becomes
a story to recall late at night among friends.

No, don't do it because love like this hurts
in a new way that is always with you

(like being bald on a sunny day — you can't forget your hat).

And the enemy will know the one thing

they can hold over you —

as in Orwell, the rats.