

## “BROKEN NEWS”

“Days Like These.” (Page 182)

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We interrupt this poem to bring you reports of an explosion  
Of wild untruths and other signs that the news is broken.

Eye-witness statements from those first to arrive on the scene  
Describe how they watched as the truth was blown to  
Smithereens

Following a frontal assault on the facts and a  
Prolonged barrage of propaganda.

A government spokesperson has blamed the attack on the influx  
Of immigrants

Amid widespread fears that further fabrications are  
Imminent

This latest outbreak of misinformation is believed to form part  
Of a familiar pattern.

But back to the poem. We'll bring you more news as it  
Doesn't happen.