HUNTING AND GATHERING
reporting for story, character, meaning
tom french

The divide is not between the servants and the served, between the leisured and the workers, but between those who are interested in the world and its multiplicity of forms and forces, and those who merely subsist, worrying or yawning. . . . The world is full of light and life, and the true crime is not to be interested in it.

-- from Elementals: Stories of Fire and Ice,
by A.S. Byatt

Notes On Getting It Down In Your Notebook

invent nothing -- not even so much as a blade of grass
slip into their skin
get the dog's name
practice invisibility
slow down
don’t be afraid to get a little dirty
get your subjects talking, whispering, shouting to each other
report for the senses
pay attention to everything
not just the details, but the meaning beneath the details
think cinematically
watch for big revealed inside little