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the best boxers go into the fight with a plan but are quick
as top jazzers to improvise on the themes that emerge
in ring-time always knowing the difference between winning
and losing might be a single opportunity or relentless discipline
to score lots of small points whose cumulative effects wear down
the opponent add-up to the Decision

parkinson's is nothing like boxing:

no weight divisions
extremely unequal opponents
no rules no referee no judges
the bout is not divided into rounds
the bout continues to death
no contract is ever signed
there is no purse
the fight is rigged from the start
there will be no re-matches
there will be no long career of exciting contests
no one
no one
no one chooses this fight
there's no pre-fight hoopla media circus hype
the fight was fixed long before the pwp made a fist

besides

i'm no gym-rat bad-ass brawler
i'm more a duck-and-cover run-for-the-hills
avoid-pain-at-all-costs trying-to-love-myself kinda guy
i don't relish
making a heavyweight opponent
of my own body/brain
parkinson's is not like a fight at all