



ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO WROTE THAT LETTER?

YEAH.




NO ONE'S ACTING DIFFERENTLY TOWARDS ME.

WELL, THERE MAY BE ONE WAY...



WHEN SOMEONE CREATES SOMETHING WITH SUCH **STRONG** EMOTION, THEY LEAVE BEHIND A STRONG SPIRITUAL MARK.



EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN VIBRATION. IF YOU'RE IN TUNE WITH IT, YOU CAN SOMETIMES TELL...



BULLSHIT VIBRATES? REALLY?

GOSH! WOW!

YOU'RE SUCH A SMARMY ASS, JANIE!

YOU FOCUS TOO MUCH ON THE **PHYSICAL** WORLD.

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN WHAT YOU **SEE** AND **TOUCH**.

A WHOLE **REALITY** EXISTS THAT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW!

WHAT WE **THINK** IS REAL IS JUST AN IMAGE IN OUR **MINDS**, FED TO US BY OUR **SENSES**.

WE DON'T **REALLY** KNOW WHAT THE WORLD LOOKS LIKE, JUST WHAT OUR BRAIN TRANSLATES FROM SIGNALS!

THERE'S A WHOLE **REALITY** THAT WE CAN ONLY SENSE IF WE'RE MENTALLY OPEN TO IT...

FROM SOMEONE WHO SPENDS OVER AN HOUR EVERY MORNING FIXING UP THE **MENTAL FIGMENT** KNOWN AS **YOUR HAIR**.

PRETTIEST IN THE SCHOOL!




ARE YOU READY,
SWEETHEART?

YEAH, IN A
MINUTE.



MOM, I DON'T WANT
TO GO SEE JANIE
FLIP AROUND LIKE A
RETARD.

DESPITE THE
SLIGHT CHANCE OF
SEEING HER FALL ON
HER FACE, I THINK
I'LL OTHERWISE BE
BORED OUT OF MY
MIND.



WELL, I
WOULDN'T
MAKE YOU GO,
NORMALLY.

BUT YOUR FATHER
SAID IF HE GOT BACK
FROM HIS TRIP IN TIME,
HE'D MEET US THERE.
I'M SURE HE'D LIKE TO
SEE ALL OF YOU.

OHHH.



EXCELLENT
JOB!

NOW WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DO?

CELEBRATE!

HEY, FISK!
COME
ON, WE'RE
GOING TO GO
KILL A FEW
BEERS!

I HAVE TO
HIT THE
HIGHWAY. I
HAVE A
DATE WITH
THE FAMILY.

WE JUST TOOK DOWN
THE CELL LEADER
WE'VE BEEN TRACKING
FOR *SIX MONTHS*,
AND YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO
CELEBRATE!?

I AM!
IN MY
OWN WAY.

FUCK.

STILL
WORKING ON
HIM *ELEVEN*
YEARS
LATER?

SHUT
UP.

GIVE IT UP,
RED.

HE STOPPED HIS
THING WITH YOU
WHEN HE GOT
ENGAGED. WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK HE'S GOING
TO SUDDENLY
PICK IT BACK UP,
NOW?

ALL THE TIME
WE SPEND ALONE
ON ASSIGNMENT.
WEEKS AWAY
FROM HOME.

A MAN
SHOULD ONLY
BE ABLE TO
TAKE SO MUCH
TEMPTATION.

IS THAT WHAT YOU
WANT? HIS BEING
WITH YOU AS JUST
A SYMPTOM OF HIS
WEAKNESS?

I NEVER
THOUGHT
OF IT THAT
WAY.

I JUST WANT
TO REMIND HIM
OF WHAT HE
GAVE UP.

WELL,
YOU HAVE
AN UPHILL
BATTLE.

HE'S MARRIED
TO A NICE JEWISH
WOMAN. WE HAVE
TALENTS, YOU
KNOW.

OH,
WHATEVER!





JANIE'S BEEN ASKING ME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY WE DON'T GO TO CHURCH, WHILE MOST OF HER FRIENDS DO.

HMM. WANT ME TO TALK TO HER?

UH, PROBABLY NOT.

WHY?

I'M HER **FATHER**, AFTER ALL.

REMEMBER WHEN I WAS PREGNANT WITH ABIGAIL, AND JANIE CAME TO YOU WITH QUESTIONS?

DADDY, WHERE DOES THE BABY IN MOMMY'S TUMMY COME FROM?

WAL-MART.

WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO TELL HER? THE **TRUTH!**?

YOU CAN LET **THOMAS** GROW UP DERANGED, BUT MY GIRLS ARE GOING TO BE **NORMAL!**

WELL, IN THAT CASE, I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.

SHE'S CURIOUS. LET HER EXPLORE.

MAYBE I SHOULD TALK TO HER, THEN.

WELL, IF SHE WERE RAISED RELIGIOUS, YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME CONCERN. BUT FROM THE OUTSIDE, ALL THOSE BELIEFS SOUND SILLY.

LET HER FIND OUT.

BUT IF SHE'S NOT TALKING ABOUT IT WITH ME, WHO WILL SHE BE TALKING TO?

I'M SO GLAD YOU DECIDED TO EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUAL SIDE, JANIE.

DO I HAVE TO SIT LIKE THIS?

THE KEY IS TO QUIET YOUR MIND'S HABIT OF ANALYZING THE INFORMATION IT RECEIVES.

IF YOU QUIET THAT, YOU CAN JUST *BE*, AS A SPIRIT.

THAT'S *NOISY*. IT'S AN *ILLUSION*.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT I'M EXPERIENCING WITHOUT *ANALYZING* IT?

YOU JUST *DO*.

IF YOU *THINK*, YOU END UP CREATING YOUR OWN WORLD. TO EXPERIENCE THE *REAL* WORLD, YOU HAVE TO QUIET YOUR MIND.

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN. YOU JUST *KNOW*.

HOW DO I *KNOW* ANYTHING WITHOUT USING MY *MIND*?

YOU'RE ASKING
TOO MANY
QUESTIONS.

YOU CAN'T LET
GO OF YOUR
REFERENCES IN
THIS WORLD. YOU
THINK TOO
MUCH!

NO ONE'S
EVER TOLD
ME THAT
BEFORE.

YOU EXCEL IN
THE MATERIAL
WORLD.

YOU'RE ATHLETIC.
YOU ACCOMPLISH
AWESOME
PHYSICAL THINGS,
RIGHT?

YEAH.

BUT YOU
ARE LOST,
SPIRITUALLY.
THAT IS WHERE I
EXCEL.

IF I WANTED TO
LEARN HOW TO
RUN FAST, I
WOULD LISTEN
TO YOU.

YOU WANT TO
LEARN ABOUT
SPIRITUALITY,
SO YOU LISTEN
TO ME.

I JUST-

YOU HAVE TO
HAVE FAITH IN
WHAT I SAY, AND
NOT THINK ABOUT
IT SO MUCH!

SORRY. I'M
NOT USED TO
HOW RELIGION
WORKS.

"SPIRITUALITY!"

RIGHT!

THAT NEW AGE
STUFF WON'T HELP
YOU MUCH.

HERE'S
SOMETHING
REAL.

JESUS CAN
GIVE YOU
MEANING.

WASN'T HE
BORN TO A
"VIRGIN"?

YES!

AND HER
HUSBAND
BOUGHT
IT?

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
HE "BOUGHT
IT"?

HAHA!

HEYYYY, WHAT
ARE YOU
GETTING AT?

SIGH. I
DON'T THINK
I CAN DO
THIS.

YOU SHOULDN'T ASK AMANDA ABOUT ANYTHING HEAVY. SHE'S TOO MUCH LIKE HER MOTHER.

THEY BOTH DEVELOPED TOO EARLY, AND THEY'VE NEVER HAD TO USE THEIR BRAINS.

HUH?

SHE'S FIFTEEN WITH A BODY GOING ON TWENTY-FIVE.

GIRLS LIKE THAT GET ALL THE BREAKS. THEY GET THEIR WAY PAVED BY EVERYONE WHO WANTS THEIR ATTENTION.

YOU CAN'T EXPECT SOMEONE WHO'S HAD IT SO EASY TO THINK THEIR WAY THROUGH ANYTHING.


THE BIGGER THE BOOBS, THE WEAKER THE BRAINS, AS A RULE.

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT.

WHY?


YOUR MOTHER HAS PRETTY BIG CANS. YOU BETTER HOPE YOU GOT YOUR DADDY'S BRAINS.

HEY!




I THINK I WANT YOU TO TALK TO JANIE ABOUT ALL THE RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS SHE HAS.

CHANGED YOUR MIND?



I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO HAVE GOOD BONDS WITH THE CHILDREN WHEN YOU'RE HOME.




I HEAR THAT GIRLS WHO *DON'T* DEVELOP GOOD TIES WITH THEIR FATHERS WILL SEEK ACCEPTANCE FROM OTHER MALE FIGURES WHEN THEY BECOME TEENAGERS.

AH.



ON THE INTERNET.



GOING TO TRY
TO KEEP UP
WITH YOUR OLD
MAN, THIS
MORNING?

DON'T GET
YOUR FEELINGS
HURT WHEN I
PASS YOU.

HAH!

YOUR
MOTHER'S A
SMART
WOMAN.

ACTUALLY, IT
WAS MOM'S
IDEA.

SHE THINKS
IT'S A LOT
SAFER IF I
JOG WITH YOU
IN THE
MORNING.


STACY HARDY
SAYS SHE CAN'T
BE THAT SMART,
SINCE SHE HAS
SUCH A BIG
CHEST.



HOW GOES YOUR QUEST FOR SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT?

NOT GOOD.

I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND A SPIRITUAL BELIEF THAT MAKES A LICK OF SENSE.




I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD HAVE **SOMETHING ELSE** IN MY LIFE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN BUY INTO THESE OTHER BELIEFS.

THEY'RE ALWAYS CONTRADICTING EACH OTHER. THEY'RE ALWAYS ASKING ME TO ACCEPT THINGS **BLINDLY**, FIRST.

NO ONE CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT **THEIR BELIEF SYSTEM IS RIGHT** AND **SOMEONE ELSE'S BELIEF IS WRONGS**.

THERE'S **NO WAY** TO REASON ANY OF IT OUT BETWEEN THEM!

THIS IS WHY YOUR MOTHER AND I DON'T MAKE YOU PRACTICE A RELIGION AS A CHILD.



IF YOU WANT TO EXPLORE SPIRITUAL BELIEFS, YOU CAN DO IT FROM A MORE OBJECTIVE PERSPECTIVE.

THERE'S **NOTHING** WRONG WITH BEING UNCERTAIN, JANIE.

THERE'S SOMETHING **VERY** WRONG WITH BEING **SO CERTAIN** ABOUT SOMETHING, JUST BECAUSE IT MAKES YOU **FEEL** BETTER.




TOO MANY
PEOPLE GET
WRAPPED UP IN A
FANTASY.

WE LIVE HERE,
IN *THIS* WORLD,
NOW.



WE ENJOY THE
AIR. THE GRASS. WE
LIKE THE SUN ON OUR
FUR. WE CAN SMELL
THE FLOWERS. WE CAN
HUG OUR FRIENDS.

WE CAN LOVE
OUR EXISTENCE FOR
WHAT WE ACTUALLY
EXPERIENCE AND
ENJOY. NOT THE
FANTASIES WE
CRAVE.



AND I WORK
VERY HARD SO
YOU CAN HAVE
THE SAME
THING.

NO MATTER
WHAT YOU END UP
BELIEVING, DON'T
DISREGARD YOUR
NEED TO BE HAPPY
IN *THIS* WORLD.



THANKS,
DAD.

THAT'S A LOT
SMARTER THAN
TELLING ME YOU
BOUGHT ABIGAIL
AT WAL-MART.



YES!



I'M A
GENIUS!



WHAT?



AN EASY
BODYGUARD
JOB IN
MEXICO.



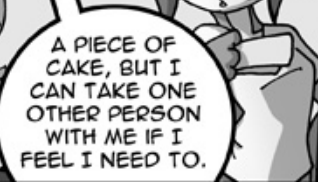
WE DEBRIEF
LOCALLY AFTER
THE JOB, AND
WE FLY BACK
AFTER A WEEK
ON THE
BEACH.



A WEEK
ON THE
BEACH IN
BAJA!



HE CAN'T
RESIST *THAT*
LONG...



A PIECE OF
CAKE, BUT I
CAN TAKE ONE
OTHER PERSON
WITH ME IF I
FEEL I NEED TO.



YOU'RE
AN EVIL
WOMAN.



SIGH.



I KNOW.

RED! HE HAS A FAMILY!

I'M NOT TRYING TO DRIVE HIM FROM HIS WIFE.

I JUST WANT HIM TO HAVE A GOOD TIME WHEN HE CAN'T BE AROUND HER.

WHAT ABOUT HIS KIDS?!

ANY CHANCE OF THEM FINDING OUT-

HEY!

FUCK OFF!

YOUR IDEA OF SOME PERFECT HAPPY FAMILY DOESN'T EXIST!

EVERYONE HAS SKELETONS! IT'S ONLY NORMAL. GET USED TO IT, AND LEAVE US ALONE!

NOT EVERYONE HAS A SHITTY FAMILY LIFE, LIKE YOU DID.



THE MALL?

YEAH!



WITH WHO?

CHARLIE, ANGELICA, AND STACY AND HER PARENTS.

I SUPPOSE
YOU CAN
GO.

DO YOU
NEED ANY
BREAD?

WELL,
SINCE YOU
BROUGHT IT
UP...

HERE'S
FIFTY
BUCKS.

THANKS,
DAD!

YOU'RE THE
BEST!

YEAH. I
KNOW.

RED! I
DIDN'T KNOW
YOU'D BE
HERE SO
EARLY!

SO, WHAT'S
THIS ABOUT
A JOB?

UH...



THE JOB IS OPTIONAL.

I REALLY DON'T NEED SOMEONE ELSE ON IT. I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU KNOW.

YOU DROVE ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO TELL ME?

YOU COULD HAVE JUST CALLED.

