

THE DOCTOR'S IN, (AND YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIKE TO HEAR THIS - BUT),
 HE'S IN YOU! (ANY WAY, HERE IT IS):

THERE'S A DOZEN REASONS FOR THE ILLNESS OF WAKING UP IN THE MORNING IN A TRACE,
 BUT THE NICE COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE PROBLEM IS THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CURE,
 (SO AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT EVEN FURTHER FRUSTRATED AND ANNOYED
 BY HAVING TO RUN ALL AROUND, HERE AND THERE, WONDERING WHAT YOU CAN DO.)

ONE MAN IN FACT, ANNOUNCED THAT,
 "THE NAME OF THIS LIFE IS: 'THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO'."
 ... (AND OF COURSE, IF THIS MAKES THINGS TOO SIMPLE AND CORING FOR YOU,
 YOU CAN ALWAYS JUST KEEP SINGING AND DANCING
 WHICH AFFORD AN ENDLESS VARIETY, [IF YOU WANNA CALL IT THAT], TO LIFE.)

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MYTH TELLS OF A LONG AGO WORLD ONWHICH, AFTER GOOD DEFEATED EVIL,
 AS A TOKEN OF GOOD WILL, AND TO GIVE EVIL SOMETHING TO DO,
 TO KEEP IT OUT OF FUTURE TROUBLE,
 GOOD GAVE IT THE KEYS AND LEASE TO A, "DIME A DANCE" JOINT
 CATERING PRIMARILY TO THE LOCAL RIFF RAFFOH!, I'M SORRY, I FORGOT --
 -- YOU LIVE OVER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DON'T YOU.

....YEAH -- BUT! - ONE OF THE MANY BENEFITS OF:

WALTZING AWAY YOUR DAYS.

IN THAT LOW LEVEL HAZE -- IS THAT

IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO PAY OTHERS TO PROVIDE THE MUSIC --

YOU'RE YOUR OWN

"DAZZLING DISPLAY" (IF YOU WANNA CALL IT THAT)

CONCERNING THE CONSCIOUSNESS RELATED TO CONSCRIPTION, (OR THE LACK THEREOF)

AFTER BEING DRAFTED,
ONE MAN FOUND HIMSELF AT AN ISOLATED OUTPOST,
IN CHARGE OF GUARDING.....WELL -- HE COULDN'T TELL WHAT!,
AS FAR AS HE COULD SEE
THERE WAS NOTHING THERE TO PROTECT --
BUT THIS IS MORTAL EXISTANCE, WE'RE DISCUSSIN' HERE FOLKS,
SO ALL THAT'S IRRELVANT,
AND HE WENT ON A-GUARDIN' -- ALL THE SAME.

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THE FEW LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN THE MANY;
THEY LIVE IN THE SAME WORLD, BUT ONLY THE FEW KNOW IT,
AND THIS MAKES IT DIFFERENT.

WHILE ON A PONDERING SPREE,
 A MAN SURVEYED THE HUMAN FORM AND ASKED HIMSELF,
 "WHY DO WE HAVE EYES IN OUR HEAD AND NOT, FOR INSTANCE, IN OUR.....FEET?"

JUST ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL TOWN WAS A LARGE BILLBOARD THAT ANNOUNCED:
 "NATURE, (IN HER WISDOM AND DRIVE FOR MAXIMUM COST EFFICIENCY),
 PUTS MILLS NEXT TO RIVERS, AND SKI LIFTS NEAR MOUNTAINS.
 -- ALWAYS LETTING NEED DETERMINE LOCATION."

...(AND OUR PONDERING MAN,[MENTIONED SUPRA],
 ONE DAY,[BY PURE ACCIDENT], HAPPENED TO DRIVE PAST THIS SIGN,
 AND UPON INSTANT DISGESTION OF ITS MESSAGE,
 MOMENTARILY LOST CONTROL OF HIS CAR AND ALMOST RAN OFF THE ROAD.

"OH No!", CRIED CAPTAIN TOAD,
 "NOT - 'RAN OFF THE ROAD'! -
ANYTHING BUT THAT!"

....(AND A CERTAIN HARE, [WHO WAS A PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
 AT A WELL KNOWN UNIVERSITY, AND OFF ON A RESEARCH SABBATICAL],
 WAS PASSING BY
 AND HEARING THE FROG'S CRY -- STOPPED, AND ACCUSINGLY SAID:
 "HEY-Y-Y, YOU TRYIN' TO STEAL MY MATERIAL, OR WHAT?!",
 AND NATURE OBLIGINGLY WHISPERED THE REPLY, "OR WHAT, DEAR BOY --
ALWAYS -- 'OR WHAT'!"

ONE MAN NARROWED DOWN HIS TOTAL APPROACH TO WHAT'S CONTAINED IN THIS IDEA:

"TAKE EVERY THING YOU OWN WITH YOU
EVERY WHERE YOU GO."

*Philosopher
with nuts*

ONE MAN HAD A ROCKET UP HIS ASS -- THE MAN NEXT TO HIM, HIS MIND.
 THE FIRST MAN WAS A SOCCER PLAYER -- THE OTHER, A MATHEMATICIAN.
 THE FIRST MAN FOUND LIFE, "OKAY", (AS LONG AS HE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH)
 AND THE OTHER MAN COULDN'T FIND LIFE, ("OKAY" OR OTHERWISE), WITHOUT
 THINKING ABOUT IT A WHOLE BUNCH.
 AND THE MORAL TO ALL OF THIS IS -- MISSING!,
 "MISSING-IN-ACTION", (AS SOME WOULD SAY), AND
 "MISSING-BECAUSE-OF-ACTION", (AS OTHERS WOULD HAVE IT.)
 HOW WILL YOU HAVE IT, MY FRIEND? -- WITH OR WITHOUT ALMONDS?!

(AND A VIEWER WRITES:
 "I OBJECT TO YOU, AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT,
 INTRODUCING INTO THE CONVERSATION
 THE IDEA OF NUTS.

I RESENT IT,
 AND I'M SURE SO DO MANY OTHERS.

SINCERELY YOURS,
 MANNY AND ESTELL OTHERS,
 NEW BRUSWICK, CT.)

...OH, AND THAT REMINDS ME: SOME GUY IN THIALAND, (OR BOGOTA), HAS COME UP WITH
 THIS THEORY THAT HE WOULDN'T BE SO PERIODICALLY ANNOYED WITH HIS MIND
 IF HE DID NOT SO CONSISTANTLY - TAKE THE DARN THING - SERIOUSLY!
 ... (HE SAYS JUST THINKING ABOUT ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THE THEORY
 GIVES HIM THE BERMUDA "WILLIE-JILLIES" SUMP'EM AWEIII!)

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AND NOW FOR: THE FARM REPORT

WELL SURE! -- EVERYBODY HATES OPERA,
BUT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO REALLY HATE IT
ARE THOSE WHO LISTEN TO IT.

(AND ANOTHER VIEWER WRITES:

"OH!.....NOW I GET IT.....OR MAYBE I DON'T.....

....I EITHER HEARD WHAT YOU JUST SAID -- BACKWARDS! -- OR ELSE
YOU SAID IT BACKWARDS.

[GUESS IT MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE.....SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP.]

APOLOGETICALLY YOURS", ETC.)

MACHINES ARE MACHINES -- AND NON MACHINES ARE NON MACHINES.
 NOW!,THE QUESTION IS:
 HOW DO YOU TELL 'EM APART?

.....UHHHHHH, NO...THAT'S NOT QUITE RIGHT,
 OKAY, HERE IT IS:

MACHINES ARE MACHINES -- AND NON MACHINES ARE NON MACHINES,
 AND THE QUESTION IS:
 HOW CAN YOU TELL THEM APART IF YOU ARE ONE?

Now! -- THAT'S MUCH-H-H BETTER, HUH?! --
HUH?! - YOU DON'T THINK SO?!.....

ONE DAY A MIGHTY VOICE APPEARED TO A MAN AND DECLARED:
 "I AM LIFE, AND I AM AT YOUR DISPOSAL.
 MY ONLY PURPOSE IS TO SERVE YOU.",
 AND THE MAN, (BEING NO RUBE RIGHT OFF THE FARM), CAUGHT ON QUICK AND SAID:
 "AHHH, YOU'RE NOT THE REAL LIFE."

AND AS ALWAYS, WE'RE RIGHT BACK TO THE QUESTION OF:
 HOW DO YOU TELL 'EM APART?
 "WHAT?" --- EVERYTHING!, YOU APPLE CHEEKED NINNY-KINS

ONE MAN DEVELOPED HIS OWN PERSONAL METHOD
WHICH IS TO SIT AND TRY TO STAY CONTINUALLY BALANCED ON THE POINT OF A NEEDLE.
...(THIS OF COURSE WORKS OPTIMALLY WHEN UNDERTAKEN NON-PHYSICALLY.)

ONE MAN ALWAYS KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT,....WHILE HE WAS TALKING! -
BUT WHEN HE LOOKED AWAY -- HE NO LONGER DID.

THIS MAN IS YOU -- THIS MAN IS YOUR MIND.

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ONE MAN WAS CLEVER AS A GOOSE --
-- BUT GOOSSES GET COOKED --
-- HE NEVER DID.

BALANCED! -- ON THE POINT OF A NEEDLE.

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A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN BEING HERE AND THINKING THAT YOU'RE HERE?",
"BEING HERE.", HE REPLIED.

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AN ADULT PLAY TIME TIP

IF YOU GO OUTSIDE, YOU'LL BE SORRY.

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THE MATTER OF: UNCERTAINTY - AND: TRIPPING THE LIGHT FANATASTIC TRAUMAS

WHEN JUST DANCING -- THE FEET HAVE NO QUESTIONS,
WHEN SINGING AND DANCING, THE FEET OFTIMES HARDLY HAVE FEET.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MANY AND THE FEW IS NOT
WHETHER THEY STUMBLE OF NOT,
BUT WHETHER OR NOT THEY THINK THERE WAS SOME SPECIFIC REASON FOR IT.
.OTHER THAN THEM BEING,(MOMENTARILY AT LEAST),
PART OF THE MANY
AND DOING THE KINDS OF THINGS
THE MANY ALWAYS DO.

A GENI ON ANOTHER WORLD ONCE OFFERED A WRETCHED CREATURE HIS CHOICE OF
EITHER BEING NORMAL, OR BEING SOMETHING NOT QUITE KNOWN, WHICH WAS
SOME WEHERE BETWEEN AND BEYOND BEING EITHER WRETCHED OR NORMAL.
(FIGURING THAT THE POOR SPECIMEN WOULD PICK BEING NORMAL,
AS PART OF THE PREDICTABLE PROCESS OF A CREATURE GRADUALLY WORKING ITS WAY UP,

Make any
difference
if you care..

REGARDING RESIDENCY

THE FACT: YOU'RE USUALLY NOT AT HOME.

THE QUESTION: DOES IT MATTER IF YOU CARE OR NOT?

PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONVERSE WITH THEMSELVES
TALK TO GOD, THE DEAD, UNSEEN FORCES, BOOKS, AND OTHER PEOPLE,
IN THE FUTILE ATTEMPT TO LEARN WHAT'S GOING ON.

(I MUST APOLOGIZE TO ANY NORMAL PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE HEARD WHAT I JUST SAID,
SINCE THE WORD, "FUTILE" IS INOPERATIVE IN THEIR LIVES.

PARDON THIS VERBAL INCONVENIENCE,
BUT I WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONVEY SOMETHING UNSPEAKABLE ANY WAY,
AND THE INCLUSION OF THIS CONCEPT MADE IT A BIT LESS IMPOSSIBLE.)

CONCERNING: EXTRAORDINARY STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS & THEIR LACK THEREOF

"ENLIGHTENMENT" INPLIES THAT THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE DARK,
AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AROUND AND YOU REALIZE THIS IS NOT SO --
- IT IS IN FACT -- NOT POSSIBLE,
FOR ANYTHING YOU PERCEIVE TO BE IN THE DARK, IS SO, ONLY TEMPORARILY,
(DAY INVARIABLY FOOLOWING NIGHT, SPRING, WINTER, ETC.),
AND EVERYONE FULLY KNOWS THIS FROM EXPERIENCE,
YET MENTALLY PRETENDS OTHERWISE.
(GIVES SOMETHING MORE INTERESTING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT, I GUESS)

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A MAN SO PONDERED:

"IS MY MIND A CENTRIFUGE -- OR IS IT IN A CENTRIFUGE?"

TO A KNOWING MAN,

THE EXACT LOCATIONS ON MAPS ARE UNIMPORTAT,

WHILE THE NAMES GIVEN TO THEM MIGHT NOT BE --

....AT LEAST FOR A MOMENT.

THE MENTAL TWO, (OR EVEN, THREE), STEP

YOU CAN DANCE WITH THE PAST,
YOU CAN DANCE WITH THE FUTURE,
YOU CAN EVEN DANCE WITH YOUR OWN REFLECTION --
-- WHICH TAKES CARE OF ALL POSSIBILITIES.

...AND A SLICK GIGOLO LOUNGING BY THE BAR SAID:
"IS THAT LAST LINE TO BE TAKEN AS POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING, OR OTHERWISE?",
...BUT WHAT WOULD A TRULY SLICK MAN BE OTHER THAN WISE?!,
AND ABLE TO SEE BETWEEN HIS FEET?!

"OKAY, COUNT IT OFF, BOYS:
A'ONE AND A'TWO AND A - FIRE!"

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ONE MAN DIVIDED UP HIS WEEK INTO ALTERNATE DAYS WHEREBY
 ON ONE DAY, HE'D BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING WAS POSSIBLE,
 WHILE ON THE NEXT, HE'D BELIEVE THAT NOTHING WAS POSSIBLE, AND SO ON.

HE SAYS IT WORKED SO WELL
 HE EVENTUALLY COULDN'T TELL
 WHICH ONE, (IF EITHER), OF THEM WAS TRUE.
 ... (PLUS - NO MATTER,
 IT HAD NO EFFECT ON
 WHAT HE COULD DO. (OR, NOT DO.)

ONE MAN HAD A PLAN:

HE'D NEVER SAY A WORD THAT STARTED WITH, B,
 UNTIL HE'D SAID ONE THAT STARTED WITH, A,
 (AND SO WITH EVERY OTHER LETTER IN THE ALPHABET,
 ALWAYS SAYING FIRST, A WORD BEGING WITH THE LETTER RIGHT BEFORE IT.)

MUST I GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL TELLING YOU WHAT A HAPPY, HAPPY MAN HE PROVED TO BE?
 ... (AND IF YOU FEEL INCLINED TO MENTION THAT YOU DON'T GET THE POINT,
 AND WANT TO ASK ME WHAT IT IS -- DON'T BOTHER!, YOUR ACT OF ASKING IS
 PROOF ITSELF THAT YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND.)

** LOOK!, UP IN THE SKY! -- IT'S A -- SKY!! **

ONE MAN WOULD PUT HIS MIND TO BEDOHHH, AT LEAST SEVERAL TIMES A MINUTE.

WHILE ON THE JOURNEY TO ISTANBUL
HE KEPT DREAMING OF LONDON, ROME, AND CAIRO,
AND NEVER GOT TO ISTANBUL.

YOU CANNOT TRAVEL IN A GROUP --
YOU MUST GO AS A SELF-COLLECTED SINGULARITY -- A UNITY -- A TRUE INDIVIDUAL,
TAKING WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES, EVERY THING YOU OWN.

ONE MAN HAD A RASH, UPONWHICH, FLEAS FEASTED,
 AND TO MAINTAIN THIS CONDITION, ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS PERIODICALLY COMMENT ON IT.
 THIS MAN, ONE DAY, TOOK A FRESH LOOK AT THE SITUATION OF THE RASH AND THE FLEAS,
 AND RE-NAMED IT, HIS -- EMOTIONS.

ON A FAR AWAY STAR WAS ONCE A MOST EVIL, (AND, GAUCHE, MAY I SAY), SPIRIT,
 WHO TORMENTED THE INHABITANTS -- NOT BY ACTUALLY "TORMENTING" THEM,
 BUT BY GIVING THEM EACH A SMALL, INITIAL NOTION OF WHAT TORMENT MIGHT BE,
 AND FROM THEN ON SIMPLY URGED THEM, (FROM BEHIND THE SCENES), TO --
 -- THINK ABOUT IT!

NO MATTER THE GALAXY -- NO MATTER THE SOLAR SYSTEM --
 NO MATTER THE WORLD -- NO MATTER THE CREATURES --
 JUST, "THINKING ABOUT IT" WILL ALWAYS --
 -- GET THE JOB DONE.

... "IS THIS WHY", PIERCINGLY PONDERED ONE MORTAL,
 "THAT I SOME TIMES HAVE A DEEP SUSPICION THAT
 HIPPOS, (AND SEVERAL OTHER SPECIES), ARE SECRETLY LAUGHING AT US?!"

RASHES AND FLEAS -- RASHES AND FLEAS,
 CAN BRING PHYSICAL PASSIONS -- TO THEIR KNEES.

A TIP REGARDING EXTREME LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

MAKE ALL OF YOUR FAMILY STAY WITH YOU.

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WHEN HE HEARD IT SAID THAT, "THE WORLD IS BIG ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY.",
ONE MAN ASKED HIMSELF: "OUT THERE, OR IN HERE?"

IN RETROSPECT, ONE MAN WAS FORCED TO RE-NAME HIS LIFE:
"BRUNACELLE AND THE FOUR THOUSAND POUND NEGOTIATION."

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ONE MAN'S TAKE ON THE MATTER OF "OWNERSHIP" IS THAT:

"MY BODY OWNS ME -- AND I OWN ONLY MY MIND.....AND EVEN THAT'S AN ILLUSION."

ONE MAN THOUGHT:

"IF THERE'S ANYTHING I HATE MORE THAN MY CARING ABOUT CONDITIONS
IT'S MY COMMENTING ABOUT MY CARING."

AND THE MAN'S NEPHEW MUSED:

"PREFERENCES ARE ACCEPTABLE.....AS LONG AS THEY DON'T EXIST, AND PARDNER --
- THEY SHORE DON'T EXIST AROUND THESE HERE PARTS UNLESSSENS YOU --
GAB ON ABOUT 'EM."

AND THE UNCLE PONDERED THE SUDDEN PRESENCE OF THE DIALECT APPEARING TOWARD
THE END OF THE LAD'S COMMENTS.

...BUT, HEY!, (AS WE OFTEN LIKE TO SAY),

HEY! -- YOU TALKS YER TALK --

AND YOU TAKES YER CHAINCES.

HEY! -"OVER", AND OFF-THE-AIR-FOR-THE-DAY!
(YEAR SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE NATIONAL AMNESIA
CUED UP TO PLAY RIGHT CHER!)

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING - TOTALLY FOCUSED, AND
-- BEING IN A TRANCE?",

"BEING TOTALLY FOCUSED.", HE REPLIED.

A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN EVERY THING?",

"NOTHING.", HE REPLIED.

IN RE: THE DESTINATION & THE COSTS

EVERYONE WANTS TO GO THERE, BUT FEW SEEM WILLING TO PAY A PRICE --
....OKAY -- FEW SEEM ABLE TO PAY A PRICE ONCE THEY'VE REALIZED WHAT IT IS.
HAPPY?!?!

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A BOY ASKED HIS FATHER:

"IS THINKING ABOUT, AND TALKING ABOUT THE REALIZATION
ANYTHING AT ALL LIKE THE REALIZATION? --

-- (AND DON'T ANSWER ME BY ASKING IF LOOKING AT PICTURES OF FOOD,
IS ANYTHING LIKE ACTUALLY EATING FOOD)!",

"OKAY", HIS OLD MAN REPLIED,

"IS CHEWING ON PICTURES OF FOOD ANYTHING AT ALL LIKE EATING REAL FOOD?",
"ALL RIGHT!", EXCLAIMED THE LAD, "NOW WE'RE GETTING SOME WHERE!"

ONE MAN ONCE THOUGHT: "IF I COULD CONSUME WHAT'S ALREADY IN MY MIND,
AND START ALL OVER WITH AN EMPTY PLATE, THEN PERHAPS I'D GET SOMEWHERE."
AND THE VOICE OF HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER SPOKE TO HIM AND SAID,

"AH, BUT YOU CAN."

"How?", CRIED THE MAN,

"SET YOURSELF FREE FROM THE IDEA THAT YOU HAVE A PLATE, AND THAT
THERE' IS IN FACT, FOOD UPON IT.

IT IS A MATTER OF EMPTYING YOURSELF, MY BOY, OF EMPTYING YOURSELF"

THE WHOLE IDEA OF, "AWAKENING" FROM SOME STATE OF SLEEP IS A BIT PRETENTIOUS
IN THAT NO CONDITION OF SLUMBER IS EVER PERMANENT,
AS SURE AS SIX O'CLOCK FOLLOWS FIVE,
SO DOES A MAN'S AWAKENING SUCCEED HIS SLEEPING --

I BELIEVE WHAT'S AT THE HEART OF THIS IS A FEW PEOPLE'S DISSATISFACTION WITH
OUR EVERYDAY STATE OF WALKING-AROUND' AWARENESS --
-- WHICH OBVIOUSLY, AND DEMONSTRATIVELY
IS QUITE SUFFICIENT FOR ALL OF MAN'S NORMAL NEEDS!
BUT -- JEEZE! - SOME PEOPLE ARE NEVER SATISFIED --
-- JUST TAKE A GANDER AT THEIR CEMETARIES AND ALL THE PLASTIC FLOWERS THERE,
AWAITING TO BLOOM WHEN THE EARTH OPENS UP --
-- THE ZOMBIES COME OUT --
AND THE DANCING CAN FINALLY BEGIN.
(OR, [FROM THEIR VIEW], BEGIN AGAIN.
...[YEAH! - LIKE IT EVER STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.
AND A VIEWER WRITES:
"IS WHAT YOU JUST SAID
STILL COVERED BY YOUR PAST ASSURANCES THAT
NO MATTER WHAT IT SEEMS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT -- IT'S STILL -- AND ALWAYS --
-- ABOUT THE MIND?!"

WHY, SILLY VIEWER -- WHAT A QUESTION.

IT'S HARD TO SEE CLEARLY WHILE
SINGING AND DANCING.

AND ONE MAN HAD THIS IDEA:

"IF I COULD DO JUST ONE SINGLE, SOLITARY FOCUSED THING -- TOTALLY RIGHT! --
-- I'D BE OKAY."

-- WHY, SILLY MAN -- WHAT AN IDEA.

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