



DEAR SANDRA,
SEND HELP, IM LOCKED UP AT THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL - IM BEING BRAINWASHED - ITS A CONSPIRACY, . . A VERY BIG ONE LM 'FRAID - EVERYONE IS FUCKING WITH MY HEAD + LM GOING NUTS,

GILLIGAN, WHERES THE COCONUTS? VOICES
IN MY HEAD.
WELL I GUESS I CANT WRITE THAT THINGAMAJIG IF IM SEPARATED FROM MY PROJECT -
SO KEEP CHANTING NAM-MYO-RHENGE-KYO + HOLDIN UP DE FORT + MAYBE TRUTH WILL EMERGE SOMEDAY - IN THE MEANTIME . . AAAARGHH IS APPROPRIATE

PITIFULLY YOURS,

A VICTIM
PS MANY APOLOGIES - IM PRESUMED DEAD EVERY $W_{H_{E R E}}$ ELSE . . .PRESUMABLY.

## ME

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TOP-SECRET
 wax-breasted. Unsung. I'm shaking with sex and crackerjack kisses. Sisssssin. sin is not a pretty word, unless you tie it up in your hair. Hig bows of badness, glistening. Don't screan. Conk 1 i want pubie hair like eparklerg, instead I got soot.

## 11/24

When I can, I sit on my hands. A painful pasition actually when you're 102 lbs. overveight. Squash. You feel like you die, but you don't, you just wieh you would. Not really. You just fantasize it like a small shrine in your lungs filling up with water. Cod, how I love Tootsie Molls. Kama's little baby liken shortnin' shortnin' Mama's little baby likes ohortnin' bread. Funny how much fuzz you find when you drop nolst cheese on dirty carpet. Wedge me. Horns and hooves, I taste the earth when I drean of kisaing ber. Flowor atons get caught in my teeth. Heartpillis. And I'm nearly a $\#$ inner. Caressive and corrosive. Wowed and toppled. A dirty young dinosaur poling arounil inside a cowple of indecision, bleeding woundiessly once $A$ month. Get your sticky ass away from me. You create a tension. Snog. Snog. Celery stleka don't eut it anymore. I want a 1,000 cigarettes! That's why I'm sitting on my thands. A painful position actually when you're 102 lbs. overwelght. But it keeps ne from smoking, purz PUFF, Hut not from eating, CHOKP CHOMP. I want to dip now into ny D-cup bra for a naughty-naughty cigarette, instead I dip into my gritty junk bag and pull up a half-eaten naple bar fron this norning. Nevernind that colorful pleces of 1 int , dirty hair, and various petrified crumbs from other lonely freak-eat times have attached themeelves to the sweaty doughnut top. Nevermind all that. I don't notice

## breon ossella

## the dreariness of DARLA

depreciating details anymore. When I close my eyen and chew I'm able to leap tall buildings in single bounds. The all important thing is not to let this doughnut get away, because someone somewhere in the world is starving and doesn't have a doughnut to call their very oun.

I'm a niop gixl really, a nice girl with a mamoth butt. I spend most of ny time swallowing delicious crap, hating myself, and pondering weird thoughts like whether or not angels have crotch halr or if there's asphodels in hell. Well? Welcome to the dreariness of Darla. I'm youthful Ddealium farting and ahitting on itself. I'm a nagic buncy mmashed in a black top hat. Toe jam on your tonque. Kissine. Kiss me 10 tises. Kiss me. Don't scream or I'11 suck your tongue out. I want a baby. Hot the kind you pash through your twat. But the kind you push through your heart, mumbling. Shush. Don't go pokin' no woodchucks.

## 11/5

1. over-identify with egg noodles and undor-identify with my soul. Lat's try and have a nice day today, okay Darla? Even if it makes you hemorrhage houses, Iarge housea with wide open doors, doors that have nothing behind them but ewing and hit your knees anyways. Bon't assumo $I^{\prime} m$ \#traight. Don't assume $I^{\prime} m$ gay. Don't assume. Sex meat has a bad saell. Strong heads live torever. My friend Jefferson gives ne quarters when I tell him he's sexy. When I son't he given me gusit. Then I give him shit. Then he gives the roses full of holes. I can't be his baby. But I can make hin crazy. There's a canal full of crocodiles between us. Parallel lines never intercept. Wake up my scruffy little boob. I think in layers and you don't know what that means. Let's just be friands, drink jalapeno vodkas in the sun, and wash the clumsy crumbs of our past down the sink. I think I like the feel of a woonan's ass. I think.

## 1/2

When I eat lota of sugar, I feel slurry the next morning, I find I like it, in a cory wrecking way. It seens the fuller $I$ get, the more space people give me. I openly adnlt that I'm warped. Crucify me, but hang me on a chocolate bar. Jefferson wants me to move in With him. Ho sayp he wantel to take care of me and koop ne woll fed. There's scmething very sick and appealing about this. Beer, I want peer. And love, Folid love. Healthy, nourishing love that doesn't oome in a can and doesn't wilt the next morning on your plate. I'm open. Scsame. Thwack. A wad of thoughts just fell on my shoes. Inappropriate thoughts.

## $11 / 2$

PUPF PUFF. I'm saoking again. You can't not moke while resting in a yellow plastic chair nudged up againat a vindow somewhere. It can't be done. Hight now I'n at the Sunshine 6 finlles (pukel) Senior Center downtown waiting for ny grandnother, who's downetairs, to finish up her gin game so I can go home and nasturbate with a balled up sock. Aa I vait I speck Fedhots two at a time.

I love to look at things, enpecially things alive and below me. I also like pretending the window in a TV I can turn on and off and puah my foot through. This reminds me that I wanna try adid. Right now I gawk as a beige low-water man comes into view. He's a nice enough man, I think, almost tasting the cigarette he's 1ighting in a stranger'm mouth. Wut sonething looks too careful. I surmige him to be the type who occasionally forgets to feed tis goldfish, but alvays remenbers to feed himself. The type of guy who has never fought a Grizzly or had a blister ooze opell. The type who turn into a alurpy baatard an moon as the wife takes a nap, or when she runs to the corner store for strawberry Crush because it's his favorite.

Noxt, a boy in blue skips by. I like his raincoat. I like his face. At first. At lirst he appears wirtued, like he wants to save gasping vorme from miry mud holes, wo I amile and doubley Godblesy him. But then I see him kick, with pleasure, a wot dog in the lungs, so : send him etraight to liell where there are no asphodels and no desserts like pudding. I hate that litetle raincoat boy. I do. I hate hin for making that dog cry that little ory dogs do. I want to throw something out my window and squarh that boy and hin littln blue ralncost. Something like a plano.

How I inagine a bum with no legn and no teoth and no futuse wobbling into the samera that's inserted in my eyel. Of course there's not really a cabara in my eyes, or a sequence of sense to my thoughts, but that's okay because this in my mind and no one invited you here anyway. The bos can ocone in though, he'l Invited, but he vants out because it's soggy in my mind and he's lueking for a nice dry spot. lifone. Hie vantif a place to hang his humble hat and kiek off the shoes that don't really fit because he has no legs, remember? He just vants to relax, to sit down and enfoy a bowl of Lacky Charms or whatever, but ho' $\equiv$ hobbling away again because I'm throwing coina and he thinks I's throwing rocks.
"Those lousy, low-life old biddies," It's my granima, I call her Nana, and whe's back from her gane, plased, pissed, pissed!
"Win anything?" I ask her but she doesn't hear me on purpose. the just tellis me to "put that dumb diary away" and tosses me the key: to her green Eldorado. I toss them back, scared and full of challenge. the orinkles her bald nose just enough for ne to see her teeth. We drive bome in screvy silence. Pen rest. Pen unrest. Pen activation. I can't atop writing. If I do, I might die. Honestly. My loitering thoughta will accumulaze and mash me flat, push the entire blood out of my body, and ogle as I trickle powerlessly down bone street drain. Hy thoughta will then ride, giggling, piggyback away never to apologize. I do not know viere good little girla go. Please Mister Gluttony Claw, don't pull me under. I'11 suck your oock. I'11 upin your rock: I'11 be your Iltele IIckspittle, your hamburger wrapper. Whoa. Pull it back.

It's best to Ignore Bana when she'e fognoring me. To leave her alone in the buliring of her mind, othervise her witchy-poo eleeges poof out and zingl-you're a curlique.

## It was late June

## my cousin and me on the prowl for

 Clackamas river The morning was cold and gloomy the rains of the Great Northwest had not yet subsided to its normal summer time part time pour. I stepped out of my soiled jeep to gear up for the task. You see this was no ordinary fishing trip, this was a fly fishing trip, something that I had never done before.
I was geared with my Eagle Claw rod and reel, Neoprene waders, Roland Martin extreme weather polarized so you can see in the water sun glasses, and an old vest my mom got me for Christmas. Could eh called me Eddie I was so ready.
We walked down this old steep muddy trail, why is it when you go fishing you always have to go DOWN some old dusty or muddy traill Well anyway, we got to our spot and there the water constantly uttered a dismal roar as we knew our prize was lurking somewhere in the depths of that river. I took a deep breath as I surveyed the area that I would be fishing, all good fishermen do this, one of those respect for nature things. You know. As I looked above I saw a red tailed hawk soaring freely with none of the worries we have here on our mind. I look across to the other side of the river and there is this family of ducks trodding across to the small island.




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Poker Jim lake Near Stone Corral


Lost Lake Northeast of $Z_{1 g} z_{\text {ag }}$ and Creek Wemme

Wool Lake


Northwest of Jack Lake, Lon, Lake and Horsehend Lake.


Coyote hake


Dog Lake at the base of Dog Mountain


Green Lades
Between The Sisters and Broken Top

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Lemolo Lake
No 1
North of Toolbox Meadows


Next to Red Cone


Muss Lake Along Lost River


Island Lake
Near Pelican Butte

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## sunny mac

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## jockey boxing

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## old matchbooks in his cig pack

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in not gettin it tex sez first before this before that oh if thats your grob frenchy sex i ce take careuh that. eyeball earball fishnet wa uh wah uh wah uh sidewalk chunks yr fenards wud be all gurped up if ya had that Job wink.
dom the river forwards and backs mutsit caminy to toe to Whats it going if no rules if no mules frenchy sez whattya nean 1 write right to left. I use perfods.
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#### Abstract

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## river of hardship

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utiskey and 7. whiskay and a beer chaser, whiskey I cant stand acoteh island salen sez, pour the seer in your 7 frenchy set $n i x$ it all together, what if he did it. what if neal arrives
at the door of the dark cabin ban the shaft of Itght cones in his arm outraised, I bring you good nens. Io. nould that the stary fncrnase. nod not these 3 characters choose a happler home in kefzer spitting on cars aver the overpass island salen drew the 1 frie.

## (to be continued)



