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GRAND GREETINGS & WELL WISHES, MAY YOUR DAY BRING 4th MAD-JOY AND PEACE. IVE BEEN INCOMMUNICADO 4 QUITE SOME TIME, IVE BEEN UP AND DOWN THE GREAT SLIP & SLIDE; ROUND & ROUND ON THE GREAT WHIRL-3-WHEEL AND I JUST COULDN'T FIND THE PEACEFUL SPACE IN WHICH TO SIT DOWN & WRITE. ITS NOT THAT I HAVEN'T WANTED TO. AND, LORD KNOWS THERES PLENTY TO EX-ROUND ON.

I HATE 2 COMPLAIN, 4 SEVERAL REASONS, MOSTLY BECUZ I REALIZE THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT IM GOING THRU, IM IN NORTH AMERIKA & IVE GOT "1ST WORLD" PROBLEMS. ALL I NEED 2 DO IS COMPARE THEM TO HOW PEOPLES LIVES ARE IN OTHER PLACES, "3rd WORLD" SPACES. THE OTHER REASON THAT COMPELLS ME 2 CHECK MYSELF IS, NOW THAT THE GREAT QUEEN OF SPIRIT-SOUL WISDOM HAS PASSED N2 THE NEXT DIMENSION, IM OBLIGATED 2 APPLY WHAT IVE LEARNED THRU HER GRACIOUS SHARING. . . .

IT HAD BEEN QUITE SOME TIME SINCE I'D AWOKÉ & REMEMBERED A DREAM, BUT THAT MORNING I DID. THE DETAILS ARE FUZZY BUT IT WAS SOMETHING 2 DO WITH ME & ANOTHER PERSON WATCHING HER IN SOME SORT OF HOLOGRAM, AND IM SAYING "I TOLD YOU, THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID." I GOT UP & TURNED ON THE TELEVISION AND THE 1ST THING I HEARD WAS THAT SHE'D PASSED-AWAY IN HER SLEEP. I WENT OUT TO MY GROUP THERAPY SESSION THAT MORNING, AND OUR FACILITATOR, IN A GOOD MOOD, DECIDED 2 LET US "WATCH A DVD 2DAY." BUT WHEN SHE CHECKED HER CARRYING-CASE THERE WAS ONLY 1 DVD AVAILABLE: "TYLER PERRY'S FAMILY REUNION". I'D SEEN IT BY, JUST A MONTH EARLIER 4 THE 1ST TIME. AND I THOT IT WAS BRILLIANT THE WAY MAYA ANGELOU CAPTURED THE ABSOLUTE ESSENCE OF WHO SHE ALWAYS IS, AND YET ADDED THE FAMILIAR FEELING OF FAMILY. IT REALLY FELT LIKE 1 OF MY AUNTS WAS TALKING TO ME. I COULDN'T CONTAIN MY ELATION AT THE SYNCHRONICITY. I TOLD OUR FACILITATOR ABOUT HOW THIS WAS MISS ANGELOU'S LAST MOVIE & THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY. SHE HADN'T HEARD ABOUT MISS ANGELOU'S TRANSITION YET, SO SHE UNDERSTOOD HOW I FELT: SPECIAL, BLESSED, GIFTED SOMEHOW THAT OF THE DVDS SHE COULD'VE HAD WITH HER THIS DAY, SHE HAD, IN FACT, JUST THIS 1.

THE MOVIE TOUCHED ME ON THE SPINAL-CHORD & SQUEEZED TEARS FROM MY EYES THE 1ST TIME. BUT SEEING IT AGAIN THIS DAY. . . "AHH, JUS FORGEDDA-BOWDITT!" ONE OF QUEEN MAYA'S FAMOUS SAYINGS WAS: "IF YOU DONT LIKE
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SOMETHING CHANGE IT. IF YOU CANT CHANGE IT, CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE. DONT COMPLAIN! SHE ALSO ONCE SAID "WHEN YOU COMPLAIN, YOU LET THE LOCAL BULLIES KNOW THERE'S A VICTIM IN TOWN". THOSE R BOTH MIND-EXPANDING INSIGHTS THAT I MUSTVE FORGOTTEN, BECUZ I WAS DOING SO MUCH COMPLAINING THAT I RAN OUT OF PEOPLE TO COMPLAIN TO. I FOUND-OUT THAT $\frac{1}{2}$ OF THEM WERE JUST GLAD IT WASNT HAPPENING TO THEM, AND THE OTHER $\frac{1}{2}$ WERE GLAD IT WAS HAPPENING TO ME! IM GLAD TO SAY IM BASICALLY BACK ON TRACK NOW AND ILL KEEP MY COMPLAINTS TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.



HEY WORLD, ITS BEEN A MINUTE. AND I CANT SAY THAT EVE LEARNED MUCH MORE ABOUT HOW 2 WRITE A BLOG. REMEMBER; EVE NEVER SEEN I, OTHER THAN A PRINTED-OUT COPY OF MY OWN. SINCE EVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH A LOT HAS TRANSPIRED. IT OCCURED TO ME THAT SINCE I HAVE SO MUCH GOIN ON THAT I NEED HELP WITH, IT CERTAINLY COULDNT HURT TO LET IT BE KNOWN.

AT THIS POINT I DONT HAVE THE FUNDS I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF MY PERSONAL NEEDS. IM AT THE START OF MY 25th YEAR. EVE HAD 3 WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHOVE BEEN THERE FOR ME RAIN OR SHINE, THRU THICK & THIN. THEY WILL DO ALL THEY CAN, WHEN THEY CAN. BUT HARD TIMES HAVE BEFALLEN THE SOUL SURVIVORS. AT THIS TIME I WISH I COULD BE OF HELP 2 THEM. THE ONE WAY THAT I CAN BE OF HELP TO THEM IS 2 GET MY NEEDS MET ANOTHER WAY. IM PROUD 2 SAY I HAVENT RESORTED 2 CRIME DURING MY INCARCERATION. I GIVE THAT GLORY 2 THE ALMIGHTY. AS IT NOW STANDS, I NEED A TELEVISION. I ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS ATTACHED TO MY INMATE TRUST-ACCOUNT THAT MUST BE PAID BY. I COULD GO TO THE "CANTEEN" AGAIN.

I HAVENT HAD A T.V. OF MY OWN SINCE DECEMBER 26, 2013. IT WAS CONFISCATED WHEN I WAS AT CSP-CORCORAN. THEY KEPT MY 13" COLOR FLATSCREEN TV/C/D COMBO -MADE BY HITEKER- BECUZ IT HAD 2 BROKEN BUTTONS. WHEN THEY ISSUE THEM TO US A SEAL IS PLACED ON THEM SO IT WILL BE KNOWN IF THE APPLIANCE HAS BEEN OPENED-UP. MINE HAD NEVER BEEN OPENED, SEAL IN FACT. ITS A CLEAR TECHNOLOGY MODEL - YOU CAN SEE THRU IT - NO POSSIBILITY OF CONTRABAND INSIDE. YET, THEY SAY THAT THE BUTTONS BEING DAMAGED CONSTITUTE AN ALTERATION. EVERYONE WHO HAS ONE KNOWS THOSE BUTTONS ARE THE 1st THING 2 GO. ITS ALL A SCAM. EVE APPEALED AT THE 1st, 2nd, & 3rd LEVEL ALREADY. NEXT STEP SMALL CLAIMS COURT. THIS IS SOME CRAZY PETTINESS GOIN ON HERE, BUT, THATS NOT ALL OF IT. (OVER)



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IM AT CSP-SACRAMENTO (NEW FOLSOM) NOW. I WAS GIVEN A "LOANER TV" TO USE THAT HAD BEEN AROUND THE BLOCK A FEW TIMES ALREADY. ONE DAY THE CABLE CONNECTOR BROKE OFF IN MY HAND AS I UNSCREWED THE COAXIAL CABLE FROM THE WALL 2 PLACE IT IN THE WINDOW 2 WATCH DIGITAL STATIONS, AS I DO EVERY DAY. WHEN I SAW THE PROPERTY-OFFICER %O PORTER, I GAVE HIM THE TV. HE LOOKED AT IT, THEN TOLD ME HE WOULD FIX IT & BRING IT RIGHT BACK 2 ME. HE DIDNT COME BACK FOR 5 DAYS, BUT WHEN HE DID I WAS HANDED A "15" (DISCIPLINARY WRITE-UP) FOR "DESTRUCTION OF STATE PROPERTY". IVE NEVER DESTROYED ANY STATE PROPERTY. IT TOOK A MONTH FOR THE HEARING. I WAS FOUND "NOT GUILTY". AND YET, THEY ARE SAYING IM STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE PRICE OF THE TV AS IT WAS BRAND-NEW. \$ 229.00 PLUS \$ 3.95 FOR A CABLE. IM APPEALING THIS ALSO. ITS JUST WRONG ON SO MANY LEVELS. THE TV ISNT BROKEN, OR CRACKED IT WASNT DROPPED OR MISHANDLED. I HAD BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT MY CELL BEING DIFFERENT WHEN I COME BACK FROM YARD. BEFORE IT BROKE OFF I FOUND IT WOSE ONE DAY.

I CAN RECEIVE A TV FROM A VENDOR. BUT I CANT GET ANOTHER LOANER UNTIL I CLEAR THIS DEBT. FROM AN INJURY I RECEIVED WHEN I WAS HIT BY A CAR YEARS AGO, I HAD 4 PINS & 2 SCREWS IN MY ANKLE. CDCR PERFORMED AN OPERATION TO REMOVE THE PINS & SCREWS, AND 1 OF THE SCREWS WAS STRIPPED. THAT 1 IS NOW EMBEDDED PERMANENTLY. I WILL ALWAYS NEED ORTHOPEDIC-BOOTS FOR WALKING. I RECENTLY GOT A PAIR & THEY MUST BE PAID FOR. \$ 139.00 I ALSO WEAR PRESCRIPTION EYEGASSES & THEY JUST TOOK \$ 35.50 FOR THOSE. BUT, THEY OWED ME \$ 35.50 SO, ILL HAVE TO APPEAL THAT ALSO.

SO THIS IS THE BOAT IM IN. I NEED A NEW TV. AND I HAVE ABOUT \$ 273.⁰⁰ OF MEDICAL BILLS (BOOTS) & HIGHWAY ROBBERY (THEIR TV) IN THE WAY BY I CAN EVEN GET ANYTHING AT THE COMMISSARY. AND, RIGHT NOW I NEED EVERYTHING THEYVE GOT IN THERE! **WOL!**

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP WILL BE MOST SINCERELY APPRECIATED. I KNOW ITS TOUGH OUT THERE. ITS TOUGH IN HERE, TOO.




WHEN I REALIZED THAT I WAS NO LONGER JUST FANTASIZING ABOUT BEING THIS TALENTED MAN, AND THAT I ACTUALLY HAD MORE GOING-ON THAN ID EVER PRAYED FOR, I WAS STILL RELUCTANT TO PUT IT OUT THERE. IT TOOK ME SOME TIME 2 GET



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COMFORTABLE ENUF, TO BE SURE. EVE COME SOME DISTANCE NOW, AND I HAVE TO BE STRAIGHTFORWARD ABOUT IT. I'VE WASTED TIME IN MY LIFE, AND EVEN THO I MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE & I ~~WENT~~^{CAME} IN2 PRISON BECUZ OF MY OWN ACTIONS, TIME HAS ALSO BEEN STOLEN FROM ME. IM IN MY 25TH YEAR NOW. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF HURDLES 2 GET OVER BY I GET BACK 2 FREEDOM LIFE. BUT I CANT MAKE RECORDS EVEN RIGH THERE. I CERTAINLY DONT HAVE ANY TIME 2 WASTE. I NEED 2 LET THE WORLD KNOW THAT I CAN SING IN MANY COLORS. BUT WHAT I CAN DO WITH MY VOICE IS SO BIG & STRANGE THAT I NEED A PRODUCER WITH BALLS OF STEEL.

SO, SOMEBODY NEEDS 2 TELL RICK RUBIN THAT THERES THIS GUY THEY CALL "ZAWAD⁺-THE-DIAMOND" THAT NEEDS 2 BE RECORDED 4 POSTERITY. TELL MR. RUBIN THE GUY ROCKS! ON MANY LEVELS. HE SINGS "RTB" LIKE THE GREATS I.E, SAM CUKKE, OTIS REDDING, WILSON PICKETT, ETC. HIS SPECIAL FORTE IS "LV" HIS LUTHER VANHORSS SHOW. HE SOUNDS JUST LIKE HIM. PLUS HE ROCKS! I MEAN LIKE THE GREATS OF HISTORY: LEO ZEP, VAN HALEN, AEROSMITH, ETC. THEI GOT VOCALS, MAN; JUDAS PRIEST, DIO, IRON MAIDEN, REALLY, ALL IN 1 GUY. BASICALLY A MASTER OF TOP-NOTCH TOP 40 "CLASSIC ROCK", TOP 40 "OLD SCHOOL RTB". HE DOES A PERFECT JIMI HENDRIX, BOB MARLEY & AL GREEN. YES, CHAS CORNELL, TOO. DAMN IT, RICK, THE MAN CAN SING LIKE OLD SCHOOL PRINCE - ALL THE MEN OF MOTOWN (EXCEPT MICHAEL JACKSON )

I MAY BE SOMEWHAT OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE WORLD @ LARGE RIGHT NOW. BUT I DO ~~REALLY~~ REALIZE HOW THIS SOUNDS. I DONT WANT ^{2 SOUND} LIKE IM BRAGGING, OR JUST LIKE ANY OTHER CRAZY-ON-THE-INTERNET. BUT THIS IS REAL & THE ONE WHO FINDS ME 1ST WILL STRIKE GOLD WITH ME BECUZ IM A GOLDMINE. I MENTION MR. RICK RUBIN BECUZ HE IS VERY PROGRESSIVE - AS AM I. BUT, ACTUALLY ANY VISIONARY, CREATIVE, GUTSY - ARTISTIC SOMEBODY COULD FOUND AN EMPIRE WITH ME.

EVERYBODY TELL SOMEBODY. I NEED SOMEBODY 2 TELL DR. DRE, KENDRICK LAMAR, AND SCHOOLBOY THAT I AM THE BLACK-HIPPY MOVEMENT. I GOTTA GET THIS IN THE BOX NOW. BUT ILL BE BACK NEXT WEEK. BE GOOD 2 EACH OTHER.

ROBIN WILLIAMS & JOAN RIVERS WERE 2 OF THE REALLY GREATS. ORIGINALS.