

10/17/16: 8:00pm: LISTENING TO: I'LL ALWAYS LOVE MY MAMA BY: THE INTRUDERS

DEAR MAGGIE,

PHILADELPHIA'S OWN, THE INTRUDERS. I LOVE THIS GROUP AND I MET THE SON, RALPH DAUGHTRY, OF ONE OF THE SINGERS WHO DIED ON CHRISTMAS DAY, EUGENE BIRD DAUGHTRY.

I DID THIS TO MYSELF BUT I WAS A DUMB FREAKIN KID WHO MADE MATTERS ALOT HARDER THAN THEY NEEDED TO BE. REDEMPTION DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN THE CARDS FOR ME. SOME TIMES I JUST WANT TO GIVE UP TRYING. I DON'T SEE THE POINT SOME DAYS. I FAILED ALOT OF PEOPLE, I TOOK A MANS LIFE BUT I CAN'T FIX ANY OF IT SO WHY DO I TRY TO FIX MYSELF? I'M STARTING TO QUESTION THIS NOW. EVERY GOOD THING I TRY TO OBTAIN IN HERE, EVERY POSITIVE THING I TRY TO DO, IT BACKFIRES OR IS TAKEN FROM ME. I AM VERY ANGRY THAT I CANNOT GO TO THE INFIRMARY ANYMORE. LET ME TELL YOU A STORY, A SHORT ONE. HIS NAME IS YUSEF. HE DID 30 YEARS IN HERE. HE GOT OUT IN HIS EARLY 60'S. HE LIVES OUTSIDE OF PHILLY WITH HIS WIFE, HE WORKS FOR AN ATTORNEY AND HE ALSO DRIVES A CAB. HE JUST HAD HIS HIP REPLACED AND HE HAS GRANDKIDS WHO TIRE HIM OUT BUT HE IS A GREAT MAN WHO IS ALSO A PRISON ACTIVIST. HE KNOWS THERE ARE BETTER WAYS THAN JUST LOCKING EVERY ONE UP. ME GETTING OUT, EVEN AT 50 YEARS OLD, IS NOT REALISTIC. BUT LETS SAY I WAS 60. I WOULD HAVE SPENT 39 YEARS IN HERE. UPON RELEASE I WOULD VISIT THE GRAVES OF EVERYONE I LOVED WHO HAD DIED. I WOULD GO TO A TEMP AGENCY AND TAKE ANY JOB THEY HAD. I AM VERY GOOD AT FIXING THINGS, I AM A FAST LEARNED AND A GOOD WORKER. I WOULD FIND MY DAUGHTER AND HOPEFULLY LIVE WITH OR NEAR HER UNTIL I DIE. I OWE HER SO MUCH, KNOWING HOW I FAILED HER IS DESTROYING ME INSIDE. I WOULD GLADLY DIE IN HERE IF IT MEANT MY DAUGHTER WOULD HAVE A GOOD HOME, A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND SOMEONE WHO WOULD HELP HER. I WAS ALWAYS A SELFISH PERSON. I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH IN LIFE. WHEN I MET JUSTINE, SHE SPOILED ME SO MUCH. SHE SHOWED ME WHAT IT MEANT TO LOVE SOMEONE, WHAT IT MEANT TO WANT TO SEE SOMEONE ELSE HAPPY. AND I DESPERATELY WANT THIS FOR MY DAUGHTER. SHE DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE HURT OR PREYED ON BY MEN, TREATED BADLY, OR MADE TO FEEL THAT SHE IS WORTHLESS. SHE IS SUCH A GOOD KID. I WISH I HAD SOMEWHERE TO SEND HER, GIVE HER A CHANCE AT A NEW LIFE. PRISON RUINS PEOPLE INSIDE. WHEN YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME HERE, YOU BECOME DESENSITIZED, YOU STOP FEELING, YOU STOP CARING, YOU BECOME MISERABLE, SELFISH, ANGRY, HATEFUL. I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THAT. I WANT TO BE A GOOD MAN. I WANT MY CHILD TO BE PROUD OF ME. I WANT HER TO SEE THE GOOD IN ME. THIS IS THE FIRST NICE COMMENTS THAT YOU WROTE ME MAGGIE, THANK YOU. DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL BE MOVING. I STRUCK OUT ON THAT. NOW I HAVE DOZENS OF STAFF MEMBERS HERE MAD AT ME BECAUSE I TRIED TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO MY MOM. BUT MY ARGUMENT I THIS, IF THIS WAS YOU (TO THEM) YOU WOULD WANT THE SAME EXACT THING I AM ASKING FOR SO WHATS THE PROBLEM? MY MOM IS DYING, WHO ON EARTH WOULDN'T ASK TO BE MOVED CLOSER? I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY CLOSE TO MY MOM. I'LL BE 40 NEXT MONTH. I STARTED MY IMPACT OF CRIME PROGRAM. I'LL WAIT FOR OUTSIDE PEOPLE TO COME IN SO I CAN HEAR THEIR STORIES. I AM LEARNING ABOUT THE RIPPLE EFFECT. LIKE A WAVE. NOT JUST HOW ME AND MY FAMILY WERE EFFECTED BUT ALSO HOW RON'S FAMILY



& FRIENDS WERE EFFECTED AS WELL. THATS WHY THIS GROUP IS SO INTERESTING TO ME. I NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW I HURT PEOPLE I DON'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED. LIKE YOU. I AM SORRY FOR HURTING YOU MAGGIE, FOR KILLING RON AND CAUSING A RIPPLE EFFECT THAT HURT SO MANY PEOPLE. I AM LEARNING HOW MUCH PAIN I CAUSED THAT NIGHT. EVEN 18 YEARS LATER THE RIPPLES CONTINUE TO TOUCH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE I DON'T EVEN KNOW. MAGGIE, I WAS A ROTTEN KID. BUT I AM ONE OF THOSE MEN WHO DESPERATELY WANT TO REDEEM MYSELF, DO BETTER, BECOME A BETTER MAN. EARN A 2ND CHANCE. I'M NOT EVEN SAYING I DESERVE A 2ND CHANCE BUT MY HEART WANTS ONE. MAGGIE, I DON'T CARE ABOUT FOOD, COFFEE, CABLE, I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO CALL MY MOM & MY CHILD. WHEN THE DAY COMES AND I DON'T HAVE A MOM ANYMORE, I'M GONNA REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO TALK TO HER MORE OFTEN AND I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH MY LITTLE GIRL. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THAT, I WOULD BE SO VERY GRATEFUL. I'M NOT USED TO ASKING PEOPLE FOR HELP, FOR ANYTHING REALLY. JUST MY MOM. BUT I CAN'T PUT MY PROBLEMS ON HER, SHE NEEDS TO FOCUS ON HERSELF AND HER OWN HEALTH. SO IF YOU'RE SERIOUS, GO TO JPAY.COM AND READ MORE ABOUT IT. BECAUSE I'M NOT WEALTHY AND BECAUSE THEY WONT GIVE ME A JOB, THIS PUNISHES NOT JUST ME BUT MY DAUGHTER. THIS IS THE RIPPLE EFFECT IN ANOTHER SITUATION. BUT MY UNIT MANAGER AND COUNSELOR DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT. THEY JUST WANT TO PUNISH ME BECAUSE WE GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT. BUT BY CONTINUING TO PUNISH ME, THEY ARE PUNISHING MY DYING MOM AND MY DAUGHTER. IN THE BEGINNING, PEOPLE ONLY CARE ABOUT THE RIPPLE EFFECT WHEN IT AFFECTS THEM, BUT I LEARNED THIS NOW. I MIGHT BE USING THE WORDS AFFECT AND EFFECT WRONG. I AM NEVER SURE WHICH ONE TO USE.

AS FOR THE JOB IN THE INFIRMARY, SINCE MY UNIT MANAGER HATES ME, HE REALLY DOES, I AM NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO GO VOLUNTEER IN THE HOSPICE CARE UNIT ANYMORE. THE WOMAN WHO RUNS MEDICAL WROTE ME AND TOLD ME SHE TRIED TO HIRE ME BUT MY UNIT MANAGER BLOCKED IT. HE IS MAD AT ME BECAUSE I ASKED FOR A TRANSFER AFTER HE TOLD ME TO STOP. THEN I FILED A WRITTEN COMPLAINT BECAUSE HE ONLY ALLOWS US TO HAVE 1 ROLL OF TOILET PAPER PER WEEK AND IF YOU RUN OUT, OH WELL. AND MY COUNSELOR TOLD ME SHE DOESN'T CARE WHO I AM OR WHY I WANT A SPECIAL VISIT WITH MY MOM, THIS IS PRISON AND WE DON'T DO THAT. SO I WENT TO THE DEPUTY WARDEN WHO TOLD HER SHE WILL GIVE ME THE SPECIAL VISIT WITH MY MOM BECAUSE HE ALREADY APPROVED IT. THEY ARE VERY MAD THAT I WENT OVER THEIR HEAD. IN HERE, GOING OVER SOMEONES HEAD MUST BE SERIOUS BECAUSE EVER SINCE I DID THAT, I HAVE BEEN TREATED LIKE AN AMISH WHO LEFT OR A SCIENTOLOGIST WHO LEFT, SHUNNED BY ALL LOW LEVEL STAFF. BUT THANK GOD FOR THE DEPUTY WARDEN. HE IS THE TYPE OF MAN WHO WANTS TO SEE PEOPLE IN PRISON EXCEL, DO BETTER AND MOVE FORWARD IN LIFE AND NOT BE STUCK STAGNANT.

EVEN IF ITS NOT IN THE CARDS FOR ME TO EVER GET OUT, I WANT MY KID TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE THAN SHE HAS NOW. SHE IS SUCH A GOOD GIRL, BUT I THINK SHE IS TOO TRUSTING IN THIS DAY & AGE. WELL IT'S GETTING DARK IN HERE (I HAVE NO LIGHT, IT BURNED OUT 3 WEEKS OR SO AGO) SO I HAVE TO GO. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, THANK YOU FOR THIS NICE RESPONSE TODAY & IF YOU CAN HELP ME & MY FAMILY TALK, I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT RESPONSE. THANK YOU MAGGIE, GOD BLESS, CIAO.