

11/17/16: 5:30PM: LISTENING TO: BOOK OF LOVE BY: THE MONOTONES

DEAR MAGGIE,

FIRST LET ME START WITH I DO NOT HATE YOU. I DON'T LIKE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'VE SAID TO ME BUT IF YOU ARE NOT IN PRISON, YOU STILL RETAIN YOUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH. EVERYONE IS NOT COMPASSIONATE, EVERYONE IS NOT FORGIVING, WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT. IT IS WHAT IT IS.

LOOK AT JUSTINE'S PARENTS. I HATED THEM AT THE TIME. BUT IN 2016, I WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO APOLOGIZE TO THEM. JUSTINE ASKED ME WHAT SHOULD I SAY, SHOULD I MAKE UP A STORY, TELL THEM WHAT? I SAID THE TRUTH. BACK THEN, I DIDN'T THINK BEFORE I REACTED, I THOUGHT AFTER & THAT SHOWS IMMATURITY. THE BEGINNING STARTED LIKE THIS, I TOLD JUSTINE WHAT HAPPENED. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO SO I TOLD HER MOTHER ALSO. AFTER 2 DAYS, HER MOTHER TOLD HER FATHER. HER FATHER CALLED THE POLICE. HER MOTHER SET ME UP TO BE ARRESTED AND THATS WHAT HAPPENED. SHE CALLED ME TO TELL ME SHE WANTED TO TALK TO ME AT HER HOUSE, I CAME OVER & THE COPS WERE WAITING FOR ME.

I DON'T BELIEVE KIDS ARE DESTINED TO HAVE HORRIBLE LIVES. IT'S THE PARENTS WHO RUIN THEM. MY DAUGHTER LIVES IN A DAYDREAM WHERE SHE CAN GET RICH QUICK, PAY A LAWYER WHO IS LYING TO HER TO GET ME OUT. I EXPLAINED TO HER IF IT WERE THAT SIMPLE, NO WEALTHY PEOPLE WOULD BE IN HERE AND I HAVE MET A HANDFUL OF VERY WEALTHY PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS WHO COULD BUY THEIR WAY OUT IF IT WERE A POSSIBILITY. BUT IT'S PIPEDREAM. I ASK FOR A SECOND CHANCE SO I'M CERTAINLY WILLING TO GIVE YOU ONE. I'M NOT BITTER TOWARDS YOU. AND I TRY TO REMEMBER THAT YOU DIDN'T LIVE MY LIFE SO I CANNOT EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I WENT THROUGH, THE ABUSE I LIVED, I HAD A TOUGH CHILDHOOD & EARLY TEEN YEARS, IT TURNED ME INTO AN A**HOLE, & I AM CERTAINLY MAN ENOUGH TO ADMIT IT. MOST PRISONERS WHO FIND RELIGION DO IT BECAUSE THEY DO WANT TO BE BETTER PEOPLE. TO ME, RELIGION IS A GUIDE ON HOW OTHERS SUFFERED WORSE THAN I & THEY STILL REMAINED BETTER PEOPLE THAN I AM, IT'S A GOAL FOR ME TO STRIVE FOR. WILL I BE SUCCESSFUL? I DON'T KNOW. LATELY I HAVE BEEN MORE DEPRESSED THAN USUAL. I WOULDN'T EVEN WANT MY DAUGHTER TO SPEND A DIME ON ME. SHE HASN'T EVEN FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL YET. SHE NEEDS TO STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME AND FOCUS ON HER SCHOOLING. FINISH HIGH SCHOOL & GO TO COLLEGE FOR FREE. SHE'S A SMART GIRL, SHE'S A GOOD GIRL, SHE JUST NEEDS SOME MOTIVATION & ENCOURAGEMENT. EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE, EVERYONE I LOVE, I HAVE FAILED. I DON'T WANT TO FAIL MY CHILD ANYMORE. TO FEEL LIKE A FAILURE, IT MAKES YOU NOT WANT TO LIVE. I WORK NOW IN MAINTENANCE REPAIR SHOP. I MAKE 19 PENNIES AN HOUR. I DO IT SO I CAN IGNORE WHAT I NEED & SEND MY DAUGHTER A COUPLE DOLLARS FOR CHRISTMAS. EVEN IF I CAN JUST SEND \$10, IT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL LIKE LESS OF A FAILURE. NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP YOUR OWN CHILD, IT HURTS. I DON'T WANT TO FAIL HER ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE. WELL I REALLY DO HAVE TO GET GOING MAGGIE. I HAVE TO GO TO DINNER & THEN I HAVE LAW LIBRARY AT 6PM. SO FOR NOW I WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY THANKSGIVING & HAPPY HOLIDAYS TOGETHER. I DON'T HATE YOU MAGGIE. JUSTINE DIDN'T HATE ANYONE. I WANT TO BE LIKE HER IN THAT SENSE. YOU CAN HATE WHAT SOMEONE DOES, OR WHAT THEY SAY, BUT TRY NOT TO HATE THE PERSON. I HATE WHAT YOU SAID, I DON'T HATE THE PERSON, YOU. GOD BLESS, CIAO.