

Friday, July 13

1. ON FRIDAY THE 13TH, I FOUND MY GREATEST STRENGTH. I READ THE MOST DISGUSTING THINGS, BUT KEPT MY HEAD DOWN STRAIGHT. IF THIS IS THE PERSON THAT YOU TRULY ARE, THEN I'VE GOT MY CONSCIENCE + YOU'VE GOT THE CAR. NO ONE CAN TAKE THAT FROM ME. NO ONE CAN TAKE THIS FROM ME. LEAST OF ALL, YOU. THANK YOU. THE GRASS PULS ME IN AS I FORM THOSE WORDS. THANK YOU. THE DEW HITS MY LIPS AS I FORM THOSE WORDS. THERE IS A CERTAIN SPOT WHERE MOON RAYS SOOTHE ME SOFTLY. AND WHEN A CERTAIN HUSHED BREEZE FORMS, IT CREEPS UP UPON ME, SETTLING. A MOVE WAS MADE WHEN I KNEW PEACE; A PLAN TO MAKE MY TWO HANDS SHAKE. THE SHAKING LED TO PURE, CLEAR THOUGHTS. AND CLARITY LEADS ME TO THINK... SO, I HOPE THAT IT WAS WORTH IT.

2. I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THIS FOR NOW. YOUR BARE FEET TOUCHING THE GRASS. I THROW THE SHADE AND SAY "DON'T JUMP!", BUT YOUR EYES LOOK ALOOF. EVERY TIME, I SINK MY FINGERS INTO YOUR CHANGING HAIR. THEY STAND UP + YOU AT ME TO PLEASE REMOVE THEM FROM YOUR HAIR. I TOLD EVERY ONE OF THEM WE WERE CONFIDANTS. CONFIDANTS. 3. AN UNMARKED GRAVE. THE PLACE WHERE WE HAD SET TO MEET. IT'S QUARTER OF TWO. I SENSE A SPIRIT OUT OF PLACE. IS SOMEONE TELLING LIES? THE SADDEST LIES? I HOLD AN FAITH IN YOU. FAITH TAKES TWO. DAWN ELATES. I PLACE AN TRUST IN A NAME. AN UNKNOWN NAME. WE SHARE THE BEAUTY OF A GRAVE, WHEN SOMEONE'S TELLING LIES. THE SADDEST LIES. I'M SAFE (AT LEAST FOR TODAY) FROM CONTEMPT/IN YOU. 4. "I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF YOUR BIRTHDAY, SO I WON'T EITHER. JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I WAS THINKING OF YOU. LOVE, ~~XXXX~~ (YOUR PET NAME)." MY NAME IS JOSEPH. I SCREAM IN THE MIRROR. THE CARD WHICH I JUST READ WAS NOT FOR ME. WHY CAN'T I GO TO WORK? WHY CAN'T I SLEEP? NO HUMAN BEING SHOULD HIDE SUCH DECEIT. LOVE? 5. GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D MESS WITH THIS. I'VE GOT TO BE STRONG. IF THERE'S A CHANCE THAT I'M WRONG, I NEED TO BE TRUE. DON'T LET THIS BE TRUE. FOUR WEEKS IS TORTUROUS. FIVE WEEKS IS LUDICROUS. YOU CHOSE A BREAK, I TRUST YOUR WORD WHEN YOU SAY, "I'M BEING HONEST." LIKE I'VE BEEN HONEST. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS BE TRUE.

6. BURROW MY FACE IN A COUCH FROM THE PAST. WALK WITH MY PAL + WE SIT IN THE GRASS. AND WE'RE TOGETHER. OH, I PRAY FOREVER. SUSPICION KEEPS ME FROM MY LEISURE RETREATS. SCTV + BRIGITTE ET BRIGITTE. DON'T WANT TO FIND OUT. OH, I HAVE TO FIND OUT. I'M BECOMING A VEGETABLE. FIND OUT.

7. "WHO IS THIS HOT THING LOOKING AT ME? I'M BOTHERED AT MY DESK. I'M FEELING WARM + FUZZY IN THE PLACE THAT YOU LIKE BEST. AND NO ONE ELSE WILL KNOW WHEN WE HEAD UP TO THE LOFT. AND MY HUSBAND WILL NEVER KNOW WHEN I'M TAKING ALL MY CLOTHES OFF!" BUT I FOUND OUT. YEATH, I FOUND OUT. "WHO IS THIS HOT THING LOOKING AT ME? I'M LOVING THIS CHARADE. I'VE NEVER FELT SO DAMN SEXY, SO LYING MUST BE MY THING. AND MY PARENTS WILL NEVER KNOW, 'CAUSE I LIE RIGHT TO THEIR FACE. AND MY BROTHERS WILL NEVER KNOW, 'CAUSE I LIE RIGHT TO THEIR FACE." BUT I FOUND OUT. YEATH, I FOUND OUT. OH, I FOUND OUT. "JUST A FACT" 8. WHO'S THAT? WHO'S AT MY WINDOW? YOUR CHALK IS DRY, BUT YOUR EYES ARE WET. THIRSTY? I'VE GOT SOME FRESCA. LET'S TALK AWHAILE, SINCE MY TIME IS SPENT. FIRST THING. I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS. WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS? BUT WAIT. YOU'VE RAISED YOUR SKULL-HAND. I WILL OBLIGE AND LISTEN TO YOU: "ON THIS NIGHT, YOU'LL KEEP YOUR SOUL. I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU TAKE YOUR LIFE. TAKE THAT TRIP TO HOLLYWOOD. YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH TO GIVE. NOW, YOU'RE OFF MY LIST. SO LET'S FLOAT. CONFRONT HER." 9. I CAN'T DO THIS. I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS. BUT, I NEED TO DO THIS. SO, I'M GONNA DO IT. DO IT. DO IT. NOW. AT DUSK YOU ARRIVE. YOU THINK EVERYTHING IS FINE. BEEN BIDDING ALL MY TIME. AND NOW, I WILL SPEAK. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I KNOW EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE. ESTRANGED FROM COMPASSION, YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE YOU BELONG. MY PATIENCE + MY TRUST HAVE KEPT ME SANE. I KNOW WHO I AM, BUT YOUR LIFE IS FEIGNED. MAY I HAVE THE HONOR OF TELLING YOU IT'S OVER? YOUR PROBLEMS HAVE ENDED. YOUR CHARADE IS OVER. MAY I HAVE THE HONOR OF TELLING YOU IT'S OVER? FAREWELL TO THE BURNING. YOUR HAUNTINGS AREN'T OVER. AND THEN, YOU SAID "YOU'RE RIGHT."

10. EXIT THE EMPTY FOYER + MAKE MY WAY UPSTAIRS. ENTER THE QUIET BEDROOM, AT ONCE ENSCONCE A MATCH. I'M HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE BED. YOUR SCENT CANNOT BE CURBED. I'M HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE BED. I NEED TO WATCH IT BURN. NO TIES. JUST BURNS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I THINK YOU DO. FORSOOTH, THE SHIFT IS SUDDEN. SO, I BLOW OUT THE MATCH. I FEEL I'M MOVING BEYOND YOUR BID FOR EMPTY SEX. I'M STARRING STRAIGHT AT MY HANDS AND THROUGH TO SILHOUETTES. I'M STARRING STRAIGHT AT MY HANDS. THEY'VE TURNED TO SKELETONS. PURE WHITE. NOT DEAD. YOU NEGATE AN SENSE IN REVENGE.

11. "... 12. FOUR MONTHS PASS. MY WILL HANGS IN A HAZE. THE LOFT STILL STINGS. DID YOU WEAR YOUR WEDDING RING? IN AFTERTHOUGHTS, I'VE SAID MY PIECE. IN AFTERTHOUGHTS, I HOPE YOU'LL KNOW PEACE. IN MY VEINS, I WANT YOU AS YOU WERE. IN MY HEART, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE. IN AFTERTHOUGHTS, I CAN'T ESCAPE. MY AFTERTHOUGHTS: MY LOVE CAN'T BE SAVED. IS IT WRONG TO ASK IF YOU WERE EVER HONEST? 13. I DO GO IN THE WOODS ALONE, WHEN THERE'S NO ONE HOME. I LIKE IT IN THE WOODS ALONE, WHEN I LET MY WITS GO. SINCE I CALLED HER OUT, THERE HAS BEEN NO DOUBT. PASSION HAS RETURNED. OF THIS, I KNOW FOR SURE. I DO GO IN THE WOODS ALONE, 'CAUSE THERE'S NO ONE HOME. I LIKE IT IN THE WOODS ALONE, 'CAUSE I LET MYSELF GO. WHEN I'M FULLY HEATED, A WOMAN WILL REVEAL SOMETHING MORE TO LIFE THAN SLEEPINESS + SPITE. I CAN TELL I DON'T WANT HER ANYMORE. WHY GO IN THE WOODS TO SPEND TIME ALONE? THE DANGERS IN THICKETS ARE HEREFORE UNKNOWN. THOUGH IT'S BEEN SPOKEN IN SO MANY WAYS, TO LOVE ANOTHER, A LOVE MUST EXIST FOR ONE'S SELF. I SPOT A CLEARING. STRETCHING ON THE OUTER EDGE—A STABLE BRUNETTE. SAYS, "HI, MY NAME IS GRETTIE..." 14. ON FRIDAY THE 13TH, I LEARNED ABOUT HEREDITY. HOW PARENTS TEACH THEIR CHILDREN THINGS. AND KNOWLEDGE TURNS THEM COWARDLY. I WAS IN LOVE AT THIRTY. ON FRIDAY THE 13TH, I READ THE MOST DISGUSTING THINGS. THEY MENTALLY TOOK MY LIFE AWAY. IT'S TIME TO LET THEM DIE GENTLY. I'M NOT IN LOVE AT THIRTY. AND NOW... I'VE PLACED ALL MY INSECURITIES, I'VE PLACED ALL MY NEGATIVITY TO SEA. I'VE PLACED THOUGHTS OF MY UGLY/SICKLY BODY, I'VE PLACED ALL THESE FEARS WHICH CONSUMED ME TO SEA. AND NOW, I'M FREE. 15.

Sunday, January 28