

Collective MADNESS

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You can't
escape!



We are all
part of this
collective
madness.

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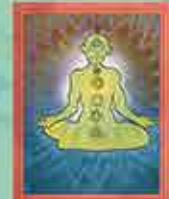


FOR A FEW PENNIES A DAY,
YOU CAN RESCUE THIS
HELPLESS CREATURE FROM
HARDSHIP

SOMEONE
HELP
THIS BOY!



ESCAPE THE MADNESS



What You're Getting

- A 12-step program to help you find meaning in your life.
- A weekly tarot card reading to guide you through your journey.
- A weekly meditation to help you connect with your inner self.
- A weekly journaling prompt to help you reflect on your progress.
- A weekly affirmation to help you stay motivated.
- A weekly visualization to help you see your future.
- A weekly gratitude practice to help you appreciate what you have.
- A weekly self-reflection exercise to help you understand yourself better.
- A weekly goal-setting exercise to help you stay on track.
- A weekly accountability partner to help you stay committed.
- A weekly support group to help you feel less alone.
- A weekly celebration of your progress to help you feel proud.

THREE-TIME LOSER ROB BARKER HAS FLIPPED EVERY TAROT CARD AND TURNED THE PAGE OF EVERY SELF-HELP BOOK IN HIS QUEST FOR MEANING. HE IS IN A 12-STEP PROGRAM AND HAS BEEN SOBER FOR A WEEK.

Find meaning
Escape the Madness!

OLD LADY BEHIND THE STORE COUNTER
SHOWS ROB A VISION...

FORGET YOU
I LIKE TO TAKE
CHARGE

CAN THINGS BE
THAT BAD?

? I can see
Your Future ?
?

FACE IT. IT'S ALL
BECOME MEANINGLESS.

I'M WIPED OUT.

THIS IS MY LAST
CUP OF COFFEE.

HEY
THAT OLD
LADY IS
SPEAKING
TO YOU.

TONIGHT, I SEE THREE CHOICES
THAT WILL DETERMINE YOUR FATE.
LOVE, MONEY, AND EVEN
DEATH ARE ON THE LINE.
TRY YOUR LUCK.
YOU MUST PLAY IN ORDER TO WIN.

ARG. JUST WHAT I NEED. SOME CRAZY OLD LADY
TELLING ME WHAT'S UP.

JUST LISTEN. I KNOW A GALLERY DEALER WHO
OWES ME A FAVOR AT STACK ART GALLERY

ALL RIGHT. YEAH SURE. IT'S WORTH A SHOT

I CAN'T SELL MY ART. MAINTAIN A STABLE
RELATIONSHIP OR DO ANYTHING RIGHT.

LOLLO

SHORTLY AT STACK ART GALLERY...

KITTY, GOOD TO SEE
SUCH LOVELINESS.

A LITTLE RECKLESS
BUT THAT IS WHAT
I LIKE ABOUT YOU.

EXCELLENT! AND YOU WILL
GET YOUR USUAL 25%.

MR. STACK, I BRING
GOOD FORTUNE.

THIS IS ROB BARKER VISIONARY ARTIST.
GOT THE LOOK. NEEDS A GALLERY.

AND ROB, I CAN PUT A LITTLE CASH IN
YOUR POCKET RIGHT NOW IF YOU DELIVER
THESE ACCESS CODES TO RAVE MADNESS
FOR TONIGHT'S PYRO DISPLAY.
THE CODES ARE PLUGGED IN TO
THIS CELL.

25%... WHAT IS HER REAL
MOTIVE HERE?

ON A RELATED NOTE, TONIGHT'S PYRO SHOW IS
SLIGHTLY ILLEGAL. PLEASE, DON'T MENTION THE
CODES. A COUPLE OF ROGUES OUTSIDE MAY BE
LOOKING FOR THESE. JUST SOME
GRAFFITI ARTIST RIFFRAFF. IGNORE THEM.

I MUST GET BACK.
I HAVE A BOARD MEETING TO RUN.



OUTSIDE THE GALLERY.
ROB AND KITTY ARE
APPROACHED BY
TWO MEN.

I CAN'T STOP HIM.

BUT I CAN STOP YOU, LOSERS.



WHAT'S THE HURRY?

MAKE TIME FOR JUAN DIABLO AND FRIEND DJ DERRANGED.

DERANGED FOOL. I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN JAIL.



OUT OF JAIL PENDING APPEAL.
LACK OF EVIDENCE. CAN'T CONVICT.

SELLING SEEDS OF DISCORD.

DON'T BE DECEIVED BY
MR. STACK-OF-MONEY.
HE IS CORRUPT
SOCIETY ELITE.



SPINNING INTO MADNESS

KITTY IS RESCUED BY ROB

SPIN OUT OF CONTROL

GETTING WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE

I LOVE YOU.



YOU SAVED ME.

ROB, I CAN HELP YOU.

IRONIC. I WANT TO SAVE MYSELF BUT I SAVE OTHERS.

HEY MAN, LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU. THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT. LET ME GIVE YOU A RIDE. I AM NOT A BAD GUY.

A CAR RIDE TO THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.

I AM A SELF MADE MAN. I CREATE MY OWN MEANING. YOUR TRIALS ARE WHAT MAKE YOU UNIQUE AND GIVE YOUR ART MEANING. I BELIEVE IN RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM WHERE WE TREAT EVERYONE AS EQUALS. ALTRUISM ONLY CREATES WEAKNESS. WHY SHOULD A MAN MAKE SACRIFICE FOR OTHERS?



HEY, PULL OVER AT THE GAS STATION. GET ME SOME CIGARETTES.

HAVE SOME FUN WITH ME. DID YOU TELL HIM WE HAVE A HISTORY?

DID WE? I DONT THINK SO!

YOU LOSERS CAN GET LOST NOW. I'M KEEPING THE RAVE MADNESS FLYER.



LOOKS LIKE WE WALK.

YES, I AM TAKING A CUT. BUT I'M NO GOLD DIGGER. I DESERVE IT, ROB.

CAN'T YOU JUST BE HAPPY WITH YOUR LIFE? MEANING IN LIFE IS AN INTERNAL CONSTRUCT. FORGET ABOUT MATERIAL SUCCESS. IT DOESN'T MATTER. RATIONAL THOUGHT CANNOT STAND AGAINST EMOTIONAL PERSUASION IN THE SEARCH FOR MEANING. THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.

I AM VERY ATTRACTED TO YOU AND WANT TO HELP.

I AM LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL TAKE THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW ME. A FRIEND, A LOVER, A COMPANION & SOMEONE I CAN GROW TO CARE FOR.

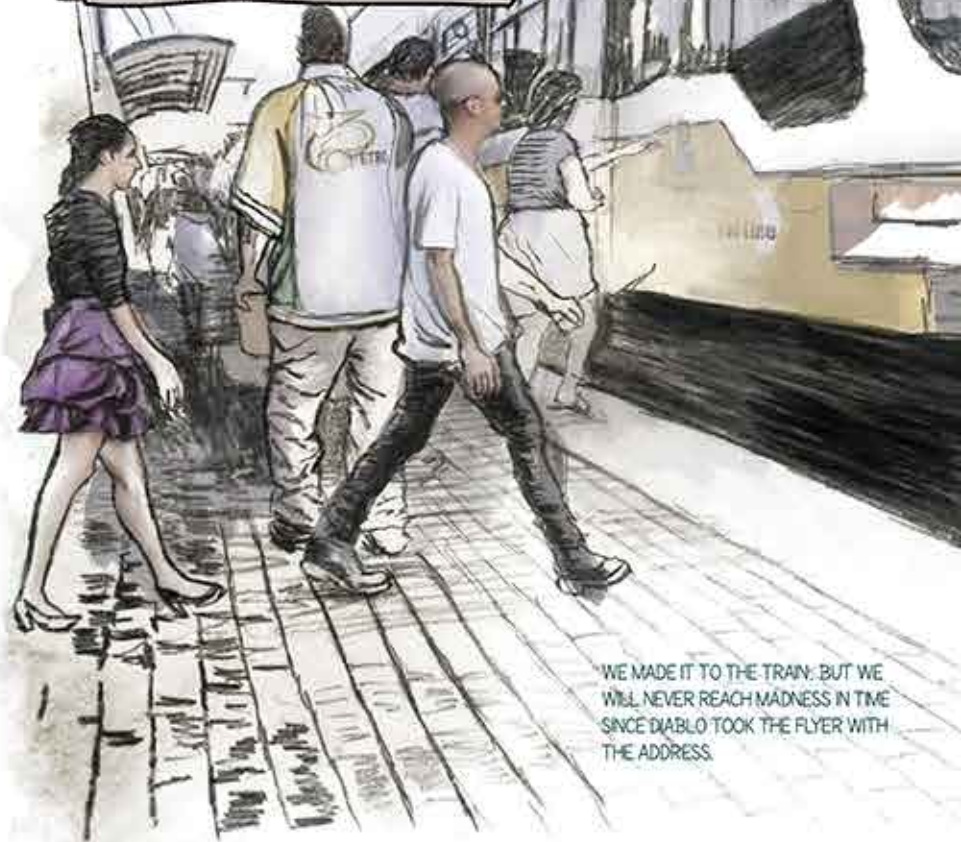
I LOVE TO DANCE OFF TO THE RAVE!



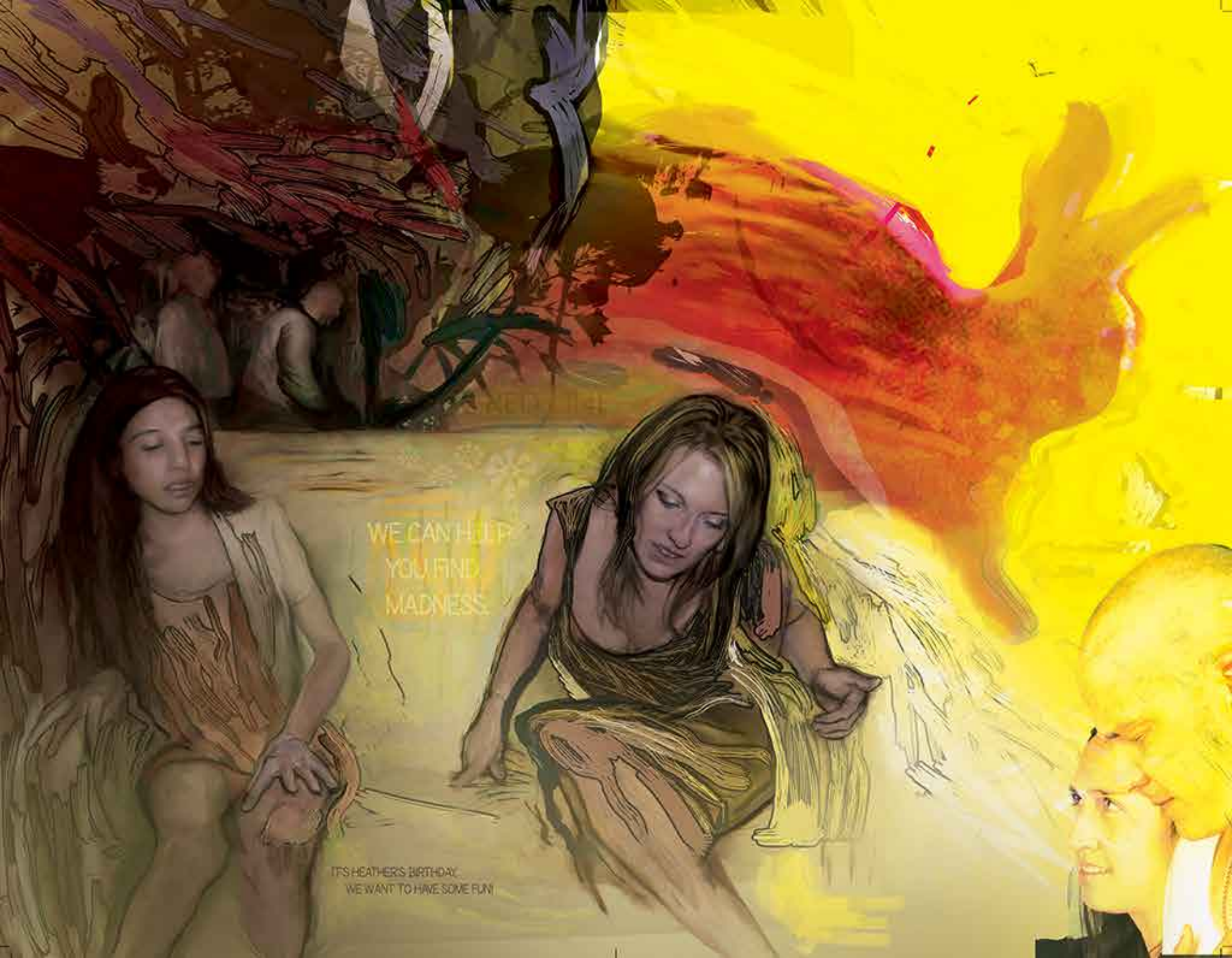
SO, KITTY, ARE YOU EXPLORING THE HOLE IN MY SOUL OR JUST 25% OF IT? WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A PROFIT ON ME?

I FEEL COMPLEX AND CONFLICTING EMOTIONS. I HEAR WHAT YOU SAY, BUT I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE GUTTER FAR TOO LONG. YES, THINGS HAVE LOST THEIR MEANING.

OH MY



WE MADE IT TO THE TRAIN. BUT WE WILL NEVER REACH MADNESS IN TIME SINCE DIABLO TOOK THE FLYER WITH THE ADDRESS.



WE CAN HELP
YOU FIND
MADNESS.

IT'S HEATHER'S BIRTHDAY.
WE WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN.



LATER, AT RAVE MADNESS, KITTY AND HEATHER CONTINUE TO VISIT WHILE ROB DELIVERS THE CODES FOR THE PYRO SHOW TO THE OWNER, MR. STACK.

THE OWNER DOESN'T HAVE A PERMIT FOR THE PYRO IF MY BOYFRIEND ROB GOT CAUGHT, HE WOULD GO TO JAIL.

BUT YOU WANT ME TO BETRAY HIM?

YOUR BOYFRIEND IS HOT!

YOU COULD PULL ANY GUYS' HEART OUT. SEXY GIRL.

JUST DO WHAT I ASK.

HEATHER, DISAPPOINTED IN HER CAREER, SINKS TO A NEW LOW.



KITTY IS CONSUMED BY MADNESS. LAUGHER IS EVERYWHERE.



I CAN'T
BETRAY HIM

YOU ALREADY HAVE BY BRINGING HIM HERE.
I TOLD JUAN DIABLO THAT YOU HAVE THE
PASS CODES ON YOUR CELL.

YOU CROSSED THE LINE.
I FEEL TRICKED.

JUAN AND I HAVE
A HISTORY.

IT'S NOT THE END
OF THE WORLD.

HA



GRAB HIS
CELL PHONE

WHY
IS EVERYONE
ALWAYS PICKING ON ME?
LET GO! BOOGY!

MR. STACK IS GOING
TO HAVE A THRILL.
WE REARRANGED THE
PYROTECHNIC
DISPLAY.

SHATTER THE SEEDS OF HIS SUCCESS I WANT NOTHING LEFT.

NEVER FORGET WACO APRIL 19

STOP THESE RICH FOOLS!

JUAN PASSES THE BUTTON...

THE OLD LADY FORESAW DEATH.

HELP

FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH THE CLUB AFTER THE PYROTECHNIC SPECTACLE IS SABOTAGED. MAYHEM ENSUES AS PATRONS RUSH TO THE EXITS.



KITTY GRABS THE REMAINING ACCESS CODES,
STOPPING THE REST OF THE PYRO EXPLOSIONS.

THE RIDE OF DISCORD ENDS IN ASHES.



WE ARE ALIVE! SHE SAVED US.

HELP

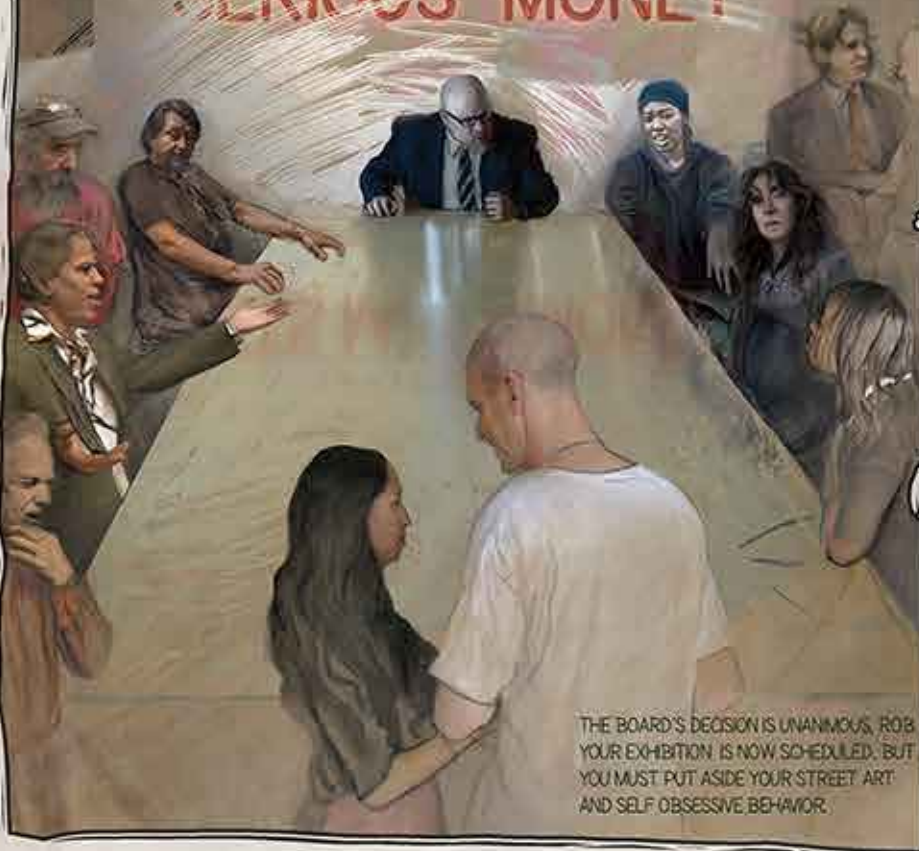
THE KID SAID
HE JUST NEEDED TO KILL
SOMETHING TO FEEL
SOMETHING

THIS INCIDENT TONIGHT HAS BROUGHT US CLOSER TOGETHER



KITTY SAVED MY CLUB AND THE BOARD MEMBERS WHEN SHE STOPPED THAT MADMAN.

SERIOUS MONEY



THE BOARD'S DECISION IS UNANIMOUS, ROB
YOUR EXHIBITION IS NOW SCHEDULED. BUT
YOU MUST PUT ASIDE YOUR STREET ART
AND SELF OBSSIVE BEHAVIOR.

TONIGHT'S EXPERIENCES
WILL ENHANCE THE MEANING
IN YOUR ART AND INCREASE
YOUR LEGEND.

PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE AMBIGUITY
OF DADA AND FLUXUS.

IRONY IS DEAD.

EVERY SOCIETY
NEEDS ORDER AND CLASS.
NOT ANARCHY, MADNESS
AND THEVERY.



DEFINE YOUR AUDIENCE! DON'T CONFUSE POPULAR TRENDS WITH HIGH ART. GRAFFITI ART IS LIKE NAPSTER
DIRECT TO THE PUBLIC AND VERY SUCCESSFUL. BUT IS IT HIGH ART? ART SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION
OF A CULTURE. DIRECT TO THE PUBLIC IS DEMEANING. BUT THEN AGAIN, MONEY GIVES MEANING

LATER, AT THE COFFEE SHOP...



DO I
KNOW
YOU?

YOUR
LOTTO TICKET
IS A LOSER!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

HEY OLD LADY,
YOU PREDICTED
EVERYTHING THAT
HAPPENED TONIGHT!

I'VE FOUND
ROMANCE,
MONEY AND A
NEW LEASE ON LIFE.

WE CAN'T KNOW
THE UNKNOWABLE.

WE CAN'T SEE
THE FUTURE.

YOU FELT AN INNER RESPONSE DELIBERATELY
MANIPULATED BY DRUGS. DON'T STOP TAKING
MEDICATION ON YOUR OWN. SOME MEDICATIONS MAY
CAUSE SIDE EFFECTS. CONSIDER LOW COST
MEDICATION PROGRAMS.

LIKE SYNAPSES. WE LIVE IN THE WORLD BETWEEN
PAST AND FUTURE. READ FOUCAULT'S MADNESS
AND CIVILIZATION. BUY A LOTTO TICKET.

SHE IS ONE CRAZY LADY.
DON'T TWEET IT, BUT THERE'S
INSANITY IN MY FAMILY TOO.

WE HEAR WHAT
WE WANT TO HEAR,
SEE WHAT WE
WANT TO SEE.

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THIS COLLECTIVE MADNESS.



OH MY.



Robert Reedy
Val Curry

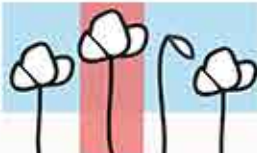
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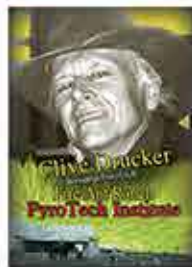
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