

Historic 8th Issue

POETRY WORLD WEEKLY

The Way To Become

The way to become
A better world
Is not by becoming
Better humans
It is by becoming
More human

Welcome to the HISTORIC ISSUE # 8 of Randy's POETRY WORLD WEEKLY !! ...

Regarding the first piece - 'The Way to Become' - I don't want any of you who are outer space beings to think this poem means I think there are too many of you!! ... Specially if you are a beautiful female Being from the planetary system of Sirius - also known as 'The Dog Star!!'

Next we have three pieces: 'Easy to Remember', 'Watch Out' and 'Reality' ... Then - since it's *HOT, HOT, HOT* outside - I have a reprint from my magazine from the 90's - Randy's HELPFUL LIVING TIPS (who's motto was: '*You don't have to be an expert to be a know-it-all, you just have to be Randy*') of a fun summer recipe!!

Then I have a piece I wrote from the mid 90's about a euphemistically called 'stop and shop' on Hyatt in East Wilmas (wee-mus) called 'The Dead of June' ... A guy I knew who worked there who decided to go to Harbor College to study to be a nurse for a better life and better future later got shot 4 times in the back near the College (which was in Westside Wilmas) right before Christmas and was paralyzed for life

Finally, I have the lyrics to a song from my third album (and the first Zarkons album - '*Riders in the Long Black Parade*') from 1984 called 'Screams in the Dark' which I wrote when my band at the time - the Alley Cats - were playing at a club in New York City ... New York is a place where the Clubs stay open all night and our shows were at midnight and 3 am!! ... So when we loaded our equipment after the shows and stepped from the smokey dark night of inside the club -

outside we found the light of early morning!!

Dianne (bass player, vocalist and then girl friend) and I were staying on an upper floor of a Hotel in the then notorious 'Hell's Kitchen' section of Manhattan!! ... From there we watched this street-walker down below who had an unusual method of getting attention!! ... She would run out into traffic and lift her skirt!! ... One night we heard this screaming from the street down below so we called the Hotel's front desk and they said - *'Oh - it's just a pimp beating one of his girls - we've already called the cops!!'* ... (It must have been a frequent occurrence!) ...

A moment later we saw a cop walk up and disappear under an awning on the street below!! ... The screaming stopped and some guy walked out from under the awning with his hands in his pockets!! ... Then a few moments later the cop walked out and then a few moments after that the girl walked out!! ... Such was life then - I suppose - in the Big City!!

Easy to Remember

And then - with a twinkle in his eye - he said *"Do you know what's a good name for a dog?!"* ...

"No" I said.

"DOG!!" he proudly proclaimed!!

Then - after a dramatic pause - he chirped: *"Easy to remember!!"*

Tilting his head slightly he then asked: *"Know what's a good name for a cat?!"*

"I can't imagine" I said.

He pauses - then blurts out *"CAT!!"*

"Easy to remember!!" I said!!

Poor old man - I thought - well, at least he can still make light of the infirmities of his age!!

"But how easy does a pet name have to be to be able to remember it!!" I said?!

He again tilted his head slightly and then responded:

"Easy enough for people who see 'Lost Pet' ads and signs and posters and flyers to remember it!! ... Someone who sees 'LOST DOG ... NAMED 'DOG' ... answers to the name of 'DOG' ... it's gonna catch their attention and they're gonna look closer and they're gonna remember it!!"

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"Hmm ... I guess you got a point there!! ... Unless - of course - everybody names their dog: 'DOG' and their cat: 'CAT' then ..."
but before I could finish he shouted

"Then you name your dog 'CAT' and your cat 'DOG'!!"

By then I had the timing on his obligatory pauses down pretty good so that in unison we both chimed:

"EASY TO REMEMBER!!!"

Watch Out

Watch out!!

For those
That don't.

Reality

The greatest lesson in life
Concerning reality
Is that it exists only as perception
Dressed up in a word
Designed to make it seem like
It has more gravity
Then it does

From Randy's Helpful Living Tips Magazine circa 1996

Randy's Recipe Corner

Editor's Note: This issue's recipe feature's a flashback (Randy has a lot of these) recipe from an issue from the summer before last!!

Randy's Super - Super Cool Summer Refreshment

Well, now that it's summer again and it's *hot, hot, hot* - it's time for some cool summer refreshment recipes!! If you remember, last summer I ran a popular piece featuring ***Randy's Super Cool Summer Refreshment!!*** This summer I'd like to feature ***Randy's Super - Super Cool Summer Refreshment*** - which is similar, except twice as super!!

To make ***Randy's Super - Super Cool Summer Refreshment***, you start off with a large bucket of cold tap water!! Be sure to use real tap water, not that funny tasting bottled water stuff!! Then add, to taste (usually about 10 to 20 packages) a bunch of that presweetened Kool Aid Stuff!! My self, I prefer Goofy Grape!! Then stick it in the freezer and freeze it!!

Actually, don't freeze it completely!! Right before it freezes - you know - when it's like hard slush - take it out of the freezer - and stick your head in it!! Then freeze it!! And when it's completely frozen - take the bucket of Kool Aid, with your head still frozen inside - bang the bucket a few times with a hammer (be sure not to bang it too hard - remember that your head is still in it and you don't want to give yourself a concussion!!) and guess what?! *Out pops a delicious popsicle that you eat from the inside out!!* WOW!! WHAT COULD BE MORE COOLER!!

So there you have it!! ***Randy's Super - Super Cool Summer Refreshment!!*** One note of caution, however, if you use that Goofy Grape stuff - be careful about driving - I've found that stuff is a little hard to see through!!

The Dead of June

I was chokin' from a token'
In a Hyatt groove
It was summer it was breezin'
There was room to move
In my bizney in the Krizney
By the corner Louvre
In a chronicle condition
In the dead of June

Now my homies they're not homeless
On this drug street home
Though we're not always together
We're never alone
We're like lions, we're like tigers
In a zebra zone
Got a casual operation
Got to use the phone

It was early, it was morning
It was late afternoon
Then yesterday became today
Under a scowling moon
But tomorrow was the never
That came to soon
In a chronicle condition
In the dead of June

Screams in the Dark

Shattered faith shivered these desolate depths
Divulging the meaning of nothingness
Drunken brains swam in these aquariums of fear
The breath of regret lingered everywhere

We were the band that played the sad lonely songs
For the sad lonely people who sang along
Cigarette smoke framed these caverns of despair
Where the almost living almost cared

We lost our youth
To these black smokey rooms
When these heart attack tunes
Broke our hearts
We lost our youth
Waiting for the night to end
When these screams in the dark
Broke our hearts

When the frigid morning greets the newly born
Dissipating the darkness that forgets the forlorn
When the newly dead go to sleep in their graves
And all the cavemen go back to their caves

You and I will stand in the shadows
You and I we'll fight all the battles
Together we'll wrench our hearts from the sky
We'll learn to live before we learn to die

Special Thanks - I'd like to thank the people at these businesses & organizations who have gotten every issue of Randy's Poetry World Weekly (I'm on my eighth issue so far)!! ... I figure - if they patronize my enterprise and urge others to do the same - I'll do the same for them!! ... They all seem like real nice people - by the way!!

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