

TITLE: "Juvenile"
EMANCIPATION

Looking back over this old life, a young
 buck adolescent, sitting there in front of
 a judge quite perplexed of my hearing being
 conducted for emancipation. often throughout
 the proceedings I was a bit boggled, as a
 teen I lacked the intellectual ability
 to comprehend the magnitude of this decision
 to be rendered, although factors were taken
 into account by the judge at his discretion.
 perhaps I should have provided some input,
 certainly the task was exclusively delegated
 to him, with such an imperative crucial
 decision at stake, to not object by advocating
 on my own volition was a mistake. I
 can't change the past of what transpired
 that day, what I can do is convey to you
 that if you ever encounter this predicament
 as a youngster, please make the proper
 decision in your best interest, see the broad
 picture of life, for certainly they'll
 be fallout as a result of you being granted
 emancipation, absolutely, to some extent
 for the time being in the moment it
 will appear you'll cap in the luxury
 of freedom, with the yoke of the parental
 reign dismantled. In time I can assure
 you you'll be deceived by your own conduct
 as you sabotage an thwart your future,
 life is not fun and games, as a emancipated
 teenager legally declared an adult, you'll
 only have a short window of opportunity, there'll
 be no room not even a inkling for margin
 of error, as a teenager it's critical indeed.
 let alone being subject to this emancipation
 period. Encountering this precarious situation
 can often lead to inevitable doom, the
 problem with this scenario is that without
 parental guidance you'll have a tendency to
 get into trouble, that's your choice if you
 decide to run amok, as tempting as that
 will appear, this road won't be glorious
 one. I can only hope an
 pray that you'll take productive measures
 to better yourself, what you do in your
 teens will set the entire process in
 motion. Don't get the game misconstrued,
 it's possible being emancipated and still
 succeed, with the right mentor to
 encourage you, inspire you, help assist
 you in the right direction, things
 can, things will gradually develop
 for a bright future, that's what you
 must strive for, having to endure the

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burden of emancipation will be a heavy load to bear, just be a kid. forget about being on your own with responsibilities. reach out to your parents that love you unconditionally, they haven't abandoned you. They care, certainly that's true. I know. Stop shaking your head, it's not far fetched to fathom. They truly want what's best for you. I wish I could go back today. wave a magic wand, change the mistakes I made in my youth, there's nothing worse than causing irreparable harm to yourself, frequently without ever realizing it. whatever compelled you to venture off on your own, you got to look within the fabric of your being, please your soul. find the courageous audacity to forgive your parents or your siblings in every aspect. don't let this haunt you no more. return on home lil one, it's a scary cold world out there to be self sufficient. those cold street corners would only chew you up and spit you out, forgive me for being a tad harsh. it's just I have a moral obligation to focus on the realities of life, which has given my life meaning to breathe life back into a sin sick soul. I won't butter it up or stroke your ego, for the perplexities of youth can be a bit overwhelming, as a juvenile offender who has been incarcerated 23 years, my heart aches as my spirit grieves. cognizant of the fact that statistics indicate that the vast majority of teenagers who serve a short stint in juvenile hall then end up in prison later in life. together we must win lil one we must fight this generational curse. break this cycle of recidivism and poverty. don't allow them to profit off your misery, enabling them to preserve the status quo for job security purposes, cashing in at your expense. as your life dwindles away in sorrow, they'll laugh mock, ridicule, ostracize you. all while living in there lavish homes and driving there fancy cars, my bat, this maybe too heavy for you, since your stric beholden to your peer pressure friends. carry on. lay, play, have fun in the sun, my palmonition would be that route to be very self destructive, they'll

(Page 30 of 4) be ample opportunities to capture the vivid memories later. At this junction of your crossroad youth, the battle rages on in your mind. If you get nothing else I said, remember this. When you conquer your mind, you'll have won the battle to distinguish right from wrong. What a powerful tool that is to utilize, to differentiate and have the ability to discern any given scenario is such a relief that most folks ain't capable of. You got to cast all that junk aside. Be well beyond your years. Depend and rely on your intellect, make the proper decisions without rushing to judgement. Be very, very careful, as a teen I got caught up in the game of impulsive reaction - this you must contend with wholeheartedly otherwise it would only fester into ruling your emotions. If dealt with in a decent way, in any given situation the outcome would be resolved in a more appropriate manner. This instinct of impulsiveness is a long drawn out process of youth, as you grow older and learn from your mistakes you become wiser, I urge you to expediate the process, you'll save yourself an abundance of grief, be a better person. Things rapidly can get blown out of proportion, as that's what concerns me, in one instance your entire life can be ruined. Just be mindful, peep out the scene, work diligently in creating the person you anticipate in becoming. There's nothing more profound than your actions speaking volumes, that will assuredly silence your critics. They said you'll never amount to nothing, is that an accurate assessment, absolutely not. Shut them down, for once in your life make your loved ones proud, they care. Love you immensely. Enquire about scholarships, grants, loans. Many opportunities exist, see what applies to fit the criteria. The solutions are there if you would only take the liberty to look. Time is of the essence, it's now or never, you can't procrastinate any longer, your running out of time. If you never hear my voice again, I want you to know I got faith and confidence in you, you're very bright, you are somebody who's capable of implementing change.

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IN YOUR LIFE, ALL ON YOUR OWN ACCORD, THE GIFTS YOU POSSESS ARE INSIDE OF YOU, YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE TALENTS THAT REMAIN DORMANT, ALL BECAUSE YOU EXPEND A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ENERGY ON FRUITLESS EFFORTS. IF YOU WOULD CHANNEL AND REDIRECT THIS ENERGY, OH MY LORD, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU WOULD ACCOMPLISH - FIND SOME TYPE OF OUTLET TO ENGAGE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURE, BREAK THE MONOTONY OF YOUR DAY, PEACE OUT, ALWAYS KEEP HOPE ALIVE, BEFORE I TAKE MY SEAT, WOULD YOU ALLOW ME TO SAY ONE LAST THING, TO THE OLD FELICA OF 64 YEARS OF AGE, JOE, YOUR CARETAKER MISSES YOU, THANKS FOR THE 3 YEARS WE HAD, THANKS MY FRIEND, THANKS FOR THE GOOD TIMES -

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PER WHITING ARCHIVE, PLEASE PLACE THIS ON YOUR ARCHIVE, I SENT THIS TO SEVERAL OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ALSO, DID YOU ENJOY THE STORY OF THE OLD FELICA I SENT YOU? MISS BEING HIS CARETAKER, I'M UP FOR BOARD, JULY WILL OFFENDER PAROLE BOARD HEARING IN SEPTEMBER 2018, I ANTICIPATE A GRANT WITHIN ~~THE~~ 5 YEARS OR LESS, KEEP HOPE

ALIVE, THANKS FOR PLACING ME IN BOOK, I COUNT ON YOU TO BREATHE LIFE INTO THE SICK SOUL YOUTH - - - - -
FUCK THEM!!!!