

Letter Assignment

Dear Cousin,

Lately you have been becoming more and more enraged with my aunt. You complain on how she's always picking on you and how she mistreats you. I am aware of the fact that you are trying to run away. Cuzzo please don't make this mistake. Your mom loves you! You told me that she tried to beat you with a belt. That doesn't mean that she's trying to hurt you she's just giving you tough love.

You remind me of this character in this short story that I read called "Wildwood." In this short story, the mother is so demanding, controlling, strict and insulting. Her mother's characteristics causes her to run away. When she ran away she suffered out in the streets trying to make a living. I don't want to see you make that same mistake. In the story the daughter stated, "She dug hard, looking for my seams wanting me to tear like always, but I didn't, I wasn't going to. It was that feeling I had that my life was waiting for me on the other side that made me fearless." At this moment, she was at her breaking point. When she stated fearless it reminded me of you because you you are not scare to run away into this big world and you're not being cautious. Although you may think that you are able to protect yourself, you are still vulnerable because you are a pretty young lady.

The girl in the book and you are both alike because you both have very tough mothers. Although you both are going through the same situation, there is one thing that I know for a fact that separates you both. And that is that she didn't think straight and didn't have a chance. You on the other hand still do! You should see that her experiences only resulted in her feeling guilty and miserable. Do you want to feel this way?

In addition to this, I also read this other book called "Like a Winding Sheet." In this book, the main character undergoes so much pressure and conflicting situations that resulted in him making the wrong decisions. There is this scene where he blanks out, reaching his breaking point, and hurts the one he loves the most. "He kept striking her and he thought with horror that something inside him was holding him, binding him to his act...he had lost all control over his hands." I know you may seem like this doesn't relate to you but it very much does. With all the anger you have built inside your body, you will most likely hurt your mom or anyone within our family. Just like him, you will blank out and not stop until you released all of the anger that lies within you.

Cuzzo I'm worried about a lot! I'm worried that you might run out into this cold world and struggle to make a penny and I'm worried that you will most likely hurt the ones you love the most. You need to gain control and don't give up. Maybe your mom is being this way because she is trying to prevent you from making the same mistakes that she has already done. Your mom is really looking out for you, and you should appreciate it because there are moms who don't even care

about their kids. Please, don't make the wrong decisions, try talking to your mom and make her open up her childhood to you and tell her you love her.