Cyberjunkies 2.0: Elementals

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Chapter 7: Toys 'R' Us

San Bruno hikes were part of Brad's personal exercise regime since he lost his funding in '06. He divided his hiking between San Bruno mountain in San Mateo and the Marin Headlands. These had a long track record as venues for his "Tech Talk Around the Clock" lectures to a varied audience. He divided listeners into three categories: involuntary, semi-voluntary, and voluntary. He addressed each one in turn.

When he started the Tech Talk discipline, he included the Misfits in the voluntary category. He had great hopes that he would reform them with reason. That turned out to be impossible. Their upside-down nervous systems made reformation and ultimate salvation impossible. Reason was alien to their nature. An incident occurred in the Marin Headlands that rendered the Misfits as semi-voluntary. It also inspired Brad to address involuntary listeners with instructions on how to transcend Misfit harassment.

Brad stumbled on some Internet material on voice-to-skull (V2K) technology that bore a remarkable resemblance to the Air Bonehead technology he employed in the Sophie Communications Department wisdom school. That got him connected to the Aaron Alexis case. He asked the Misfits if they were responsible for harassing Alexis to the point of insanity. One of them consulted a colleague who admitted openly to the Alexis harassment. Brad told the Misfit that he needed to blow the whistle on the responsible colleague. The guy replied that Alexis was not a nice person. "So, you consider harassing someone to the point of going postal to be nice???!!!"

From then on, he changed his communications M.O. to address the Misfit victims. He told the Misfits that they were trespassing by calling them peeping toms. He would request a tagging of peeping toms, and the Itsee staff complied. A significant number of Misfits and their bitches were tagged up the wazoo. What that implies comes later in the story.

Involuntary listeners were taught a simple mindfulness technique that Brad had picked up at the Zin Center. It did not stop harassment at first, but as the victim developed a steady practice of mindfulness, harassment became ineffective. Brad even went so far as to point out that if they were physically tortured by the Misfits (or anyone else), they could tolerate it. That may seem like a wild claim, but mindfulness is far better for pain management than pain drugs.

One may wonder if any of the victims of Misfit harassment participated in the Cyberjunkies Project. Some succumbed to Misfit assassination, but many turned state's evidence. They wound up becoming protected witnesses. Most simply walked away from Misfit harassment unscathed. It may seem odd that the Misfits would allow Brad to train their victims in a technique that rendered their technology impotent, but they are not the brightest bulbs in the chandelier.

This was all past history on the day that Brad hiked San Bruno on a date with Dingo Matthews and a priceless toy. His San Bruno hikes also featured prominently in his street walker encounters on the South Van Ness "ho stro." He had left his contact information with Dingo two weeks before. When Dingo called, Brad scoped out his skills with modern communications methods. He assumed Dingo had a landline, but that turned out to be a false assumption. Brad called Dingo in advance to set up a visit to

his house for a kick-donkey cybertour. Both Kiki and Sarah enjoyed the experience of Dingo chatting Brad up on his house, family, and friends.

After the tour, Kiki decided to try out her favorite toy in the salon. She popped the puppy in as Brad was crossing over the Caltrain tracks on his way to the bus stop that would take him back to C.J. Central. He had difficulty walking at first, but he eventually grew accustomed to the device. When he returned to C.J. Central, he convinced Kiki to move the toy down in her love palace so that it could stimulate her squishies (the forked part of the clitoris that extends down the palace walls). This worked out well for Kiki, Brad, and other established ladies. It did not turn out to be a problem until days later when less experienced ladies had difficulty with it.

The visit with Dingo Matthews sold the ladies on the idea of including his stories in the Darla Pitt spin-off series. Brad had planned the whole thing back in April, but there was significant skepticism that there was value in Dingo's stories. The visit blew the ladies away with Dingo's charm, wit, wisdom, and cozy digs. His described how the original owner built the structure from recovered materials. This surprised and delighted the ladies. His own story of building on to the original with his own hands and resources was also a hit. His description of the tchotchkes and artwork around the house was a sheer delight.

Brad's original plan was to employ a neighbor to record Dingo's stories on a weekly basis. She would turn over one MP3 recorder to Brad in exchange for the next week's recorder. Brad planned to transfer the recordings in order to degrade their quality and edit out security slip-ups. The transferred recordings would be posted on the Cyberjunkies Web site for general consumption and for book inputs. Dingo's daughter would receive the originals along with the book copyrights as a gift from the Cyberjunkies. If the book sold well, she would profit. If not, she would lose nothing.

An unfortunate incident with the husband of the woman who would have done the legwork caused Brad to change tacks, but proceed with publication. It was yet another white power interference that greatly increased the quality of the final product. By expanding the interview subjects, we have again increased the value of the Franchise. Thanks, Misfits!