

"Keith Richards Holds The Record"

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That is the INTERNATIONAL RUMOR. THAT ROLLING STONE KEITH HOLDS THE WORLDS RECORD, OF HAVING ~~the world record of dying~~ died 29 times! (30, if you count his LAST TIME FALLING OUT OF A COCONUT TREE AND SPLITTING his head open AND ENDING UP IN A COMA.) IN ANOTHER COMA.

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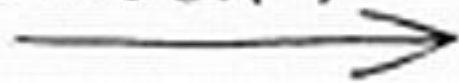
The Guys been in, AND OUT, OF MORE COMAS THEN THE STONES HAVE PUT OUT ALBUMS. EVEN CUT A COUPLE OF ALBUMS WHILE IN ~~RECORDING~~ SEMI-COMAS, WHICH IS ~~which~~ UNLIKE ~~a~~ SEMI-COLONS, WHICH IS A WRITING TERM AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH KEITH RICHARDS MANY COMAS, SEMI-COMAS, AND NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES - EXCEPT IN TRYING TO WRITE THEM ALL DOWN. KEITH HAS DIED SO MANY TIMES THAT HE'S "SEEN THE LIGHT" MORE TIMES THEN

A T.V. ~~preacher~~ TELEVANGELIST. HE EVEN GOT MARRIED ONCE WHILE IN A SEMI-COMA, GOT DIVORCED WHILE IN ANOTHER SEMI-COMA - AND NEVER EVEN REMEMBERED HAVING BEEN MARRIED AFTERWARDS. OR FATHERING TWO KIDS.

AND HAVING HIS ACCOUNTANT PAY BOTH THEIR WAYS THRU COLLAGE.

"MAN, WHO IS THAT STRANGE DUDE ~~ALWAYS~~ STARING AT ME OVER THERE, A NARC?"

KEITH WOULD ASK. NO KEITH, REMEMBER?



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He's your SON, MAN!
"NO SHIT?", KEITH WOULD COME BACK.
(KEITH WAS ALWAYS A NATURAL WITH HIS COMEBACKS).

ANOTHER TIME KEITH HAD ONE OF HIS ALCOHOLIC BLACKOUTS.

ALTHOUGH THE AVERAGE ALCOHOL DRINKERS BLACKOUTS MAY LAST AN HOUR OR TWO - OR AT MOST A FEW HOURS - KEITH NEVER BELIEVED IN HALF MEASURES;

his ALCOHOLIC BLACKOUTS WOULD COVER WEEKS, MONTHS, EVEN ENTIRE YEARS.

he SWEARS TO THIS DAY THAT SOME KIND OF WEIRD SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM

JUMP TOOK PLACE ON EARTH IN THE YEAR 1968 AND, THE NEXT THING HE KNEW, IT WAS 1971 AND THAT 1969 AND 1970 - THOSE TWO ENTIRE YEARS -

HAD NEVER EVEN HAPPENED. HE WAITED AND WAITED FOR THEM TO HAPPEN - HE SWEARS HE DID - BUT THEY JUST NEVER SHOWED. SO HE FINALLY GAVE UP WAITING.

KEITH CLAIMED THAT THE LAST THING HE REMEMBERED WAS BRIAN (JONES)

PLAYING BASS WITH HIM IN THE BAND - IN 1968 - AND THE NEXT THING HE COULD REMEMBER ~~AND~~ IT WAS ~~1971~~ 1971

AND ANOTHER GUY WAS STANDING THEIR ON STAGE NEXT TO HIM PLAYING BASS, A GUY WHO LOOKED NOTHING LIKE BRIAN BUT KIND OF PLAYED LIKE HIM (IT WAS MICK TAYLER WHO HAD REPLACED BRIAN JONES ON BASS AFTER BRIANS DEATH IN JUNE OF 1969). →

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KEITH ADMITTED THAT, FOR THE LONGEST TIME, HE WAS CONFUSED; HE AT FIRST THOUGHT THAT BASS PLAYER MICK TAYLOR WAS BRIAN JONES AND THAT BRIAN "MUST OF HAD PLASTIC SURGERY OR SOME SHIT." MASSIVE PLASTIC SURGERY (I WAS THINKING, "NOBODY EVER TELLS ME SHIT, MAN") THEN HE NOTICED CHARLIE (WATTS, THE DRUMMER) AND A COUPLE OF THE ROADIES CALLING THE STONES BASS PLAYER "MICK"; "OH, SHIT, WE HAVE TWO MICKS IN THE BAND NOW?" KEITH LAMENTED. FOR MONTHS KEITH PLAYED ALONG AND KEPT MUM BECAUSE HE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS THAT WOULD MAKE HIMSELF LOOK CLUELESS OR IGNORANT. (OR LOOK LIKE HE HAD BEEN BRAIN DEAD FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS.) SO HE KEPT HIS QUESTIONS TO HIMSELF ABOUT WHAT HAD BECOME OF BRIAN JONES, FOUNDER OF THE ROLLING STONES. FINALLY, SOMETIME IN 1971, HE FOUND HIMSELF ALONE WITH ~~an~~ SOMEBODY HE FELT HE COULD TRUST ENOUGH TO ASK. ONE OF HIS HEROIN DEALERS IN ENGLAND. SO HE FINALLY POPPED THE BIG QUESTION AND ASKED; "WHATSOEVER HAPPENED TO BRIAN?" "BRIAN WHO?" THE GUY ASKED. "MY FORMER BEST FRIEND AND BEST MATE BRIAN JONES - THATS WHO" "OH, MAN - YOU SHITIN' ME KEITH? BRIAN DIED OF AN O.D. BACK IN 1969, MAN" KEITH WAS ABSOLUTELY SHOCKED. "OH, NO! AN O.D.? BACK IN 69? - hey, MAN, IT - IT WASN'T FROM THIS SHIT, WAS IT?" →

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AFTER his DEALER ASSURED him THAT IT WASN'T, THAT THIS SHIT WAS GOOD SHIT AND THAT BRIAN HAD ~~OVERDOSED~~ OVERDOSED ON BAD SHIT (PLUS A COUPLE OF GALLONS OF INHALED WATER FROM his SWIMMING POOL) KEITH STARTED POPPING - THEN MAINLINING - WHICH he HADN'T REMEMBERED DOING SENSE 1968.

WHICH WASN'T SAYING ALL THAT MUCH, SENSE he HADN'T REMEMBERED DOING ANYTHING SENSE 1968.

INCLUDING THE ENTIRE YEARS OF ~~1969 AND~~ 1970. BUT THAT WAS JUST KEITH BEING KEITH. THE TRUTH IS, HIM AND BRIAN HAD ONCE BEEN INCREDIBLY ~~TOGETHER~~ CLOSE BACK IN THEIR EARLY DAYS.

KEITH CLAIMED THAT, AFTER he FOUND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO BRIAN JONES, THAT he WOULD HAVE FELT GUILTY ABOUT ORIGINALLY TURNING BRIAN ON TO HARD DRUGS BACK IN THE 60'S BUT THAT he COULDN'T ACTUALLY REMEMBER (WOW, THERE'S A SURPRISE) IF he HAD FIRST TURNED BRIAN ON TO THE HARD STUFF OR BRIAN HAD FIRST TURNED him ON TO IT.

SO WHY SHOULD he, KEITH, BOTHER FEELING GUILTY WHEN he COULDN'T EVEN

BLOODY WELL REMEMBER IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHICH, IN ITS OWN WAY, MADE PERFECT SENSE.

AT LEAST IN "THE WORLD ACCORDING TO KEITH!"

HEY, HOW CAN you ~~ARGUE~~ ARGUE - REALLY -

WITH A GUY WHO HAS DIED AND COME BACK 29 TIMES? THIS IS EXACTLY MY POINT -

PAT/SALTYS POINT; YOU CAN'T!

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