

# "PEOPLE AND ALL THEIR STUFF"

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## PEOPLE AND THEIR STUFF.

WHERE THEY GO, THEIR STUFF GOES.  
THE OLDER PEOPLE GET, THE MORE  
STUFF THEY ACCUMULATE.

TONS AND TONS OF STUFF.

EVEN WHEN PEOPLE LOSE EVERYTHING  
ELSE - LIKE THE HOMELESS - THEY  
HANG ON TO THEIR STUFF NO MATTER WHAT,  
HOMELESS, JOBLESS, FRIENDLESS, ~~AND~~  
INSANE EVEN, THEY WILL PILE ALL  
THEIR STUFF IN SHOPPING CARTS, IF NEEDED  
BE, AND DRAG THEM ALONG WITH THEM.  
BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED THEIR STUFF,  
NO MATTER WHAT, THEY ARE COMPELLED  
TO HAVE, ACCUMULATE, AND HANG ON TO  
THEIR VARIOUS . . . STUFF.

CARS. CLOTHES. PICTURES. KEEPSAKES.

NICKNACKS. FRUITCAKES. MAGAZINES.

JUNK, YOU KNOW, STUFF.

PEOPLE WILL COLLECT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.  
LITERALLY, ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

SOME PEOPLE WOULD RATHER RISK  
DYING THEN TO LEAVE THEIR PRECIOUS STUFF.  
THE RIVER MIGHT FLOOD?

CAN'T LEAVE MY STUFF!

WILDFIRES CLOSING IN?



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I'LL USE A GARDEN HOSE IF SO -  
I CAN'T LEAVE ALL MY STUFF!  
BETTER DEATH THAN TO LOSE THEIR STUFF, THEM.  
AND STUFF, LIKE ~~BEAUTY~~<sup>BEAUTY</sup>, IS ALSO  
FIRMLY IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER;  
ONE MAN'S JUNK REALLY IS ANOTHER  
MAN'S TREASURE.

WHAT THE MAJORITY SEE AS AN INSANE  
HOMELESS PERSON'S PILE OF OLD  
NEWSPAPERS - JUNK - THAT HOMELESS  
LUNATIC SEES AS AN HISTORICAL  
TIMELINE OF MONTHS OF NEWSPAPER  
HEADLINES - IN OTHER WORDS, VALUABLE  
(EVEN IF HE OR SHE ~~SECRETLY~~ BELIEVES  
ALL THOSE METICULOUSLY SAVED OLD  
NEWSPAPER HEADLINES AND ARTICLES  
WERE REALLY SECRETLY REFERRING TO  
HIM - OR TO HER)

YEP - EVERYBODY TENDS TO SEE  
EVERYBODY ELSE'S STUFF AS MOSTLY  
JUNK (ALTHOUGH THEY ARE TOO  
POLITE TO COME OUT AND SAY SO)  
WHEREAS - PREDICTABLY - EVERYBODY  
AND HIS BROTHERS UNCLE SEE'S THEIR  
OWN STUFF AS MOSTLY GOLD.

DESIRABLE. VALUABLE. COLLECTABLE.  
AND THEY WILL FIGHT LIKE HUNGRY



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JUNK YARD DOGS TO GUARD IT AND PROTECT IT AND PRESERVE IT. TO IN FACT EVEN ADD TO IT. ONE OF THE QUICKEST ROADS TO BREAKUP AND DIVORCE IS COUPLES STRUGGLING OVER THEIR STUFF. ARGUING AND FIGHTING OVER IT. WHATS HERS, WHATS HIS, WHATS "THEIRS", WHO HAS "TOO MUCH", WHO'S STUFF SHOULD BE GIVEN AWAY, SOLD, OR — THE CARDINAL SIN — THROWN OUT!

AND GOD HELP THEM IF THE OTHER ONE EVER HAPPENS TO NOTICE THAT ONE, OR TWO, OR PART OF THEIR PRECIOUS STUFF HAS DISAPPEARED OR GONE M.I.A. — IN OTHER WORDS, SOME OF THEIR STUFF HAS BEEN THROWN OUT, WHILE THEY WERE AWAY, BY THEIR "SIGNIFICANT OTHER" ~~only~~ WISHING TO CLEAN UP SOME OF THE "CLUTTER". CLUTTER?!? CLUTTER!?! YOU CALL MY STUFF "CLUTTER"?! "WHAT ABOUT ALL YOUR JUNK?!" IT'LL BE BREAKUP TIME OR DIVORCE COURT FASTER THEN THE SPEED OF LIGHT ~~is~~ FOR THOSE WHO GO DOWN THAT ROAD.



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THE ODDS OF SAVING A MARRAIGE OR  
A RELATIONSHIP THEN WOULD BE  
BETTER IF THE GUILTY PARTY HAD  
BEEN CAUGHT IN THE ACT HAVING  
AN ORGY WITH DRUNKEN DWARFS,  
HOMELESS DRUNKEN DWARFS.

IN THE WOODS ON TOP OF OLD NEWSPAPERS.  
- BUT TO EVER GET CAUGHT THROWING  
OUT HIS OR HER STUFF?

THAT RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE TOAST,  
BURNED SMOKING TOAST.

IF THATS THE CASE, YOU'D BEST  
GO OUT AND ~~buy~~<sup>BUY</sup> A COUPLE OF CASES  
OF CHEAP BEER AND START GIVING  
THEM OUT TO THE HOMELESS RIGHT  
FRICKIN' NOW AND START CULTIVATING  
ANY HOMELESS DWARFS YOU RUN INTO  
BECAUSE ANY RELATIONSHIP YOU HAD  
WITH HER IS GONNA' BE HISTORY  
IF SHE EVER FINDS OUT YOU THREW  
OUT ANY OF HER PRECIOUS "CLUTTER"  
THE LAST TIME SHE WENT AWAY TO  
VISIT HER SISTER, OR WHATEVER.  
JUST DON'T EVER MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE  
WITH THEM HOMELESS DWARFS WHEN YOUR  
WITH THEM OF THROWING OUT ANY OF  
THEIR OLD NEWSPAPERS OR OLD CLOTHES  
OR ANY OF THEIR STUFF, BUDDY - "RRRRRR" X