

"CHAINS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE - NOR IRON BARS A CAGE"

BY PAT/SALTY


How True, How True, How True.
LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE GO
THRU THEIR DAILY LIVES DRAGGING ALONG
CHAINS - INVISIBLE CHAINS.

AND LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE LIVE IN
CAGES, TOO.

AND I'M NOT REFERRING TO ONLY THOSE
IN ATTICA AND SING SING AND FORT LEAVENWORTH.
BUT IN EVERY TOWN, VILLAGE, COUNTY, CITY,
AND COMMUNITY.

BECAUSE THE EXACT MODERN ENGLISH
TRANSLATION - OF THE TITLE ABOVE - IS THIS;
IT DOESN'T TAKE CHAINS TO MAKE A PRISON
AND ONE DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE ACTUAL
IRON BARS TO LIVE IN A CAGE, EITHER.
THATS WHAT THE TITLE TO THIS CHAPTER MEANS.
WHO WAS IT THAT SAID "FREEDOMS JAST
ANOUTHER WORD FOR NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE"?
THATS RIGHT; JANICE JOPLIN SAID THAT.
OR, RATHER, SUNG THAT.

BEFORE SHE OVERDOSED.
AFTER, SHE SAID NOTHING, OF COURSE.
WELL, MAYBE GURGLED SOME - BUT
THAT DON'T COUNT. THE POINT BEING, THAT
SHE LIVED IN CHAINS IN A CAGE.



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SHE WAS CHAINED TO A HARD CORE
HEROIN ADDICTION, THAT FINALLY KILLED HER.
SHE GOT TRAPPED IN THE CAGE AND COULDN'T
BREAK OUT.

IN FACT, SHE NEVER HAD TO BREAK OUT,
~~BECAUSE~~ SHE COULD HAVE JAST WALKED OUT,
BECAUSE SHE HAD THE KEY ALL ALONG.
ONLY FORGOT THAT SHE HAD IT.
HOW SAD.

HOW COMMON.
MORE COMMON THEN ONE MIGHT THINK.
CHAINS + CAGES - CAGES AND CHAINS.
SOME VISABLE, MOST NOT.

ITS ONLY THE S+M CROWD THAT WEARS
THE VISIBLE CHAINS + COLLERS + LEASHES,
AND BOTHERS WITH REAL ACTUAL CAGES.
CALL THEM OPEN + HONEST, AT LEAST.
KINKY - BUT OPEN + HONEST (IN THEIR WAY.)
WHO KNOWS? IF JANICE JOPLIN HAD GOTTEN
INVOLVED IN S+M SHE MIGHT BE ALIVE
TODAY; WITH REAL CHAINS + CAGES TO PLAY
AROUND IN + WORK OUT HER HANG UPS, SHE
MIGHT NOT HAVE DESTROYED HERSELF THE WAY
SHE DID - HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW.

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