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TUESDAY....

DEAR MRS. BETTE LOU FREED:

THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY STRANGE...MRS. BETTE LOU FREED....YOU MUST RESENT TREMENDOUSLY HAVING TO USE THE NAME FREED. BUT THEN..MY FEELING THAT WAY IS UNDERSTANDABLE TOO. AND SO MUST BE YOURS...HERE..AGAIN..AFTER ALL THE FORWARD PROGRESS I FIND MYSELF ALONE..TO THINK BACK SOME SEVEN AND SOME YEARS AGO..TO THE TIMES WHE WE WERE SO SEEMINGLY HAPPY...ALWAYS..I GUESS WHEN ONE IS ALONE..ONE FEELS THAT WAY....BUT THEN..YOU HAVE OUR LOVELY CHILDREN...AND I HAVE NOTHING BUT LONLINESS...I SUPPOSE YOU WOULD BE QUICK TO SAY..WELL YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANTED...BUT THE FUNNY PART OF IT IS...THAT I DIDN'T WANT IT THAT WAY...OF COURSE ITS A LITTLE LATE TO FEEL THAT WAY. I ~~WAM~~ NOT WRITING THIS TO YOU TO FEIGN FORGIVENESS OR SYMPATHY..I ONLY WRITE WHAT I MUST FEEL INSIDE SO STRONGLY...I SWORE TO MYSELF..THAT STUBBORN AS I WAS... AND HURT..THAT I WOULD NEVER LET YOU KNOW WHAT MY REAL FEELINGS ARE..AND YET TIME DOES FUNNY THINGS TO A PERSON...EVEN A SHORT TIME. I KNOW THAT WE WILL NEVER HAVE US AGAIN..I KNOW ALSO..THAT AS LONG AS I AM HERE IN THIS SAME TOWN WITH YOU AND THE CHILDREN THAT I CAN NEVER STOP FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF...AND CAN NEVER STOP LOVING ALL OFYOU...TOO LATE YOU SAY?...YES..TOO LATE...BECAUSE I ALLOWED ALL THE RESENTMENT AND HATRED AND HURT TOWARD YOU AND YOUR ~~ME~~ FRIENDS..GROW TO A GIGANTIC SPITE ALONG TIME AGO...A FEELING THAT I MUST GO ON..AND HURT SOMEONE ELSE..NO MATTER HOW MUCH THAT HURT WOULD BE....IT WAS ALL WRONG...AND I WAS ALL WRONG..AND YET I WANTED TO BE SUCH A BIG SHOT....I DON'T BLAME MARGE...BECAUSE..ALL ALONG..SHE NEVER WANTED TO STAND IN OUR WAY...BUT I GUESS..OLD BLUE EYES..YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN ANYONE..ONCE I GET STUBBORN..NOTHING STOPS ME...WHEN I WENT TO COURT THAT MORNING THO..IT REALLY WAS ..FOR US..AND FOR ALANA AND LANCE..AND FOR MY OWN CONSCIENCE. ~~LE~~ WANTED MORE REVENGE AFTER YOU WENT THROUGH WITH THE ~~BEVORCE~~...SO I TOOK OUT AN APPLICATION FOR A MARRIGE LISCENCE...BUT I NEVER GOT MARRIED AND I NEVER WILL..AGAIN..BECAUSE I THINK TOO MUCH OF ~~ME~~ PINKY AND LANNY...BECAUSE SOMEDAY I'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THEM AND SAY " NO...THIS IS MY OWN ~~DEEKE~~ DOING...I MARRIED NO ONE..DIVORCE OR NO DIVORCE..I AM STILL MARRIED TO YOUR MATHER..AND THO WE NEVER LIVED TOGETHER...I HAVE ONLY BEEN MARRIED ONCE...AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THAT WAY IN MY HEART"...ONLY THAT WAY I GUESS CAN I FEEL JUSTIFIED IN THE LOVE MY CHILDREN FEEL FOR ME...

I KNOW IT IS USELESS FOR ME TO ASK YOU TO REFRAIN FROM SHOWING THIS LETTER TO ANYONE ELSE...BECAUSE SURELY YOU HAVE WAITED FOR ME TO TELL YOU THESE THINGS..SO THAT YOU COULD LAUGH AT ME...DON'T GET ME WRONG..I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR ANYTHING YOU DO TO ME.. BUT GOD KNOWS..AND SO WILL YOU SOMEDAY...THAT I WILL ALWAYS DEEP IN MY HEART LOVE NO ONE ~~XXX~~ ELSE BUT YOU AND OUR LITTLE DARLINGS...AND EVERY DAY AND NIGHT I PINE FOR YOU ALL...AND NEVER DO I PLAY A RECORD THAT I DO NOT THINK OF ~~YOUR~~ OLD PLYMOUTH... AND THE TIME I BURNED YOUR NYLONS UP WITH A CIGARETTE ASH..AND OUR FAVORITE TUNE.. "SKYLARK"...AND ALSO HOW I HAVE WRONGED YOU AND THE CHILDREN. BUT THEN THOSE ARE THINGS ONE MUST LIVE WITH ALL HIS LIFE..WHEN HE HAS MADE MISTAKES AND WRONGS. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE AKRON AND EVERYTHING BEHIND BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR... BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU NEVER LEAVE BEHIND..AND I THINK THAT UNDER THAT SHELL THAT YOU'VE GROWN YOU MUST KNOW THESE THINGS TOO. AT LEAST I WAS MAN ENOUGH TO TELL YOU. AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK OF ME..AND WHAT MY CHILDREN THINK OF ME TOO... I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU ALL...AND I WILL ALWAYS HATE MYSELF FOR BEING STUBBORN.... WHEN I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME.....

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