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Quote of the Month

Even the Flowers Have to Reach for the Sun

Translation: (Even Flowers Have to Try!)



A Laugh Courtesy of the Twins - Carla Cotropia

My sister has 7 year old year twins, Andrew and Annabel that are-let me say-precocious and a big handful of double trouble. Every time I need a pick me up, I call my sis, Kimla. Once I get her on the phone I always ask, What's the latest on the twins?

So here is the latest - The twins announce they have to bring an erupting volcano to school the next day. Kimla, already stressed to the max, is now going to have to make two erupting volcanos for the twins to take to school. She snaps and emails the teacher.

Her email reads: I told the twins they could bring their mother to school as an example of an "Erupting Volcano". I really am normal.....Just not right now.

The teacher had no response.

My new phrase is -- I really am normal....Just not right now.



The Case of the New York Imposter - Carla Cotropia

In April of this year, Anna Sorokin, aka Anna Delvey, age 27, was sentenced to 4 to 12 years for scamming people out of over \$200,000. Sorokin was born in Russia in 1991. Her father worked as a truck driver and later opened a heating and cooling business. She moved to Paris where she started calling herself Anna Delvey while being supported by her parents. She immigrated to New York in 2014 and proclaimed she was a German heiress. She bought designer clothes, lived in fancy hotels for months at a time, had an expensive personal trainer, \$400 eyelash extensions, \$800 highlights to her hair, and ran with the rich and beautiful. The only problem was....she had no money and was light years from being an heiress. The simple fact was.... She was an imposter and the rich and famous in New York fell for it.

How did she convince fancy hotels to let her live there for months for free, talk people into taking her on a \$60,000 vacation to Morocco and pick up her expensive lunch bills? Simple, she "Acted the Part". She spent money like she couldn't get rid of it fast enough. She tipped everyone with \$100 bills. She included others on her shopping sprees and always promised to pay her friends back. Apparently the uber rich never have cash and having someone else pick up the tab is not unusual.

She showed up at all the "in" parties wearing expensive designer clothes and talked about how she was an heiress from Germany. According to a story in *The Cut*, "There are so many trust-fund kids running around, everyone is your best friend, and you don't know a thing about anyone." ([Click here to read the original article from The Cut](#))

When she would ask her friends to book her plane tickets and hotel on their credit card instead of her own, they thought it was weird but money being relative to the uber rich, it was like "Okay, whatever". She only paid with cash, when she had it, but never seemed to remember to pay anyone back for money she had borrowed. According to the article in *The Cut*, if she owed you two or three thousand dollars, "it was not a lot of money so after a while they just forgot about it." I guess to the uber rich.....two or three thousand dollars is "chump change".

Peeking into the lifestyle of the uber rich, it goes like this: "When you're superrich, you can be forgetful in this way. Which is maybe why no one thought much of the instances in which Anna did things that seemed odd for a wealthy person: calling a friend to have her put a taxi from the airport on her credit card, or asking to sleep on someone's couch or moving into someone's apartment with the tacit agreement to pay rent, and then....not doing it. Maybe she had so much money she just lost track of it."

What is amazing to me, in addition to people being so gullible, is the chutzpa of such a young woman. Bernie Madoff is one thing but to be such a scamster at that young age? Was she really thinking she could get away with it? Or is she just crazy? I vote for crazy.

During her trial it was reported she wore designer dresses-always short-and worried more about her appearance than the testimony. Apparently, the movie rights on the story have already been purchased. I just hope she doesn't inspire young women. If there is going to be a movie or Netflix show, I hope it shows a psychological problem and not a glamorization of her behavior. I think she suffers from some sort of delusion or psychological disorder or maybe as Jimmy Buffet sings, "If we weren't all crazy, we would go insane."

The Twilight Zone and the Perfect Murder - Carla Cotropia

When I was a kid i used to stay up late by myself and scare myself silly by watching

the Twilight Zone on TV. For those of you who don't know about the Twilight Zone, it was a TV show that ran from the 1960s.

Rod Sterling was the presenter and it was scary as hell. The episode that sticks with me is the one called "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet."



This episode involved a man, (William Shatner), who had just been released from a psych ward after having a nervous breakdown. He was flying home and was sitting next to the window on the plane. He would look at the window and see a big hairy monster on the wing of the plane trying to remove parts of the plane. He was very frightened and kept telling people about the monster and the danger it was causing.

The only problem was when anyone else would look out the window, the monster would hide. No one else could see the monster and ultimately William Shatner is taken off the plane in a straight jacket. In the closing shots of the episode, the camera pans on the the plane wing where the monster is slowly removing parts of the wing and engine.

This may not sound scary but it is. Check it out and see. It affected me and even though I know there is no monster on the wing of the plane, I still don't want a window seat and don't look at the window. You never know. There could be a monster on the wing.

Another episode from Alfred Hitchcock that sticks in my mind involved the "Perfect Murder". It begins after a couple has committed a murder. The coast is clear and they put the deceased in a big steamer trunk. The only thing left, in their perfect murder, is to get the trunk to their apartment which is located up several flights of stairs.



They huff and groan as they labor to get the heavy trunk up the stairs and into their apartment. Once they are safely in their apartment, they are ready to sigh a breath of relief when, BOOM-A big group of people pop out of the next room screaming, "Happy Surprise Birthday Party".

Oops!!! So much for the perfect murder.



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