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CELIA:

HERE'S A DRAWING I DID OF CHRISTINE... IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN THINK OF TO HONOR HER, TO SHOW HOW MUCH I RESPECTED AND ADMIRED HER... I WAS TRULY DEVASTATED BY HER DEATH. IT HAUNTS ME AND IT CAUSES ME FEELINGS OF IMPOTENT MORAL OUTRAGE. AS YOU'VE OFTEN TRIED TO EXPRESS TO ME, THIS WHOLE H.I.V./AIDS THING HAS TAKEN ALL OF US INTO SUCH A DARK, SINISTER, CREEPY, DISMAL SWAMP OF MUCK AND MIRE. IT CAN MAKE YOU CRAZY. I UNDERSTAND MORE AND MORE WHY PART OF YOU JUST WANTS OUT OF THERE, OUT OF THAT QUICKSAND. THE WHOLE THING IS SO TERRIBLY NEGATIVE. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WORST SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE, THE SNEAKY DECEPTIVENESS, THE OPPORTUNISM, AND YOU PERSONALLY BORE THE BRUNT OF THE HOSTILITY OF THOSE WHO'VE BOUGHT INTO THE WHOLE BILL OF GOODS... "THE SET UP" AS WILLIAM BURRUGHS USED TO SAY, WHO WANTS TO BE STUCK IN SUCH A PLACE? I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT,

YOU KNOW CHRISTINE MUCH BETTER THAN I DID. I NEVER MET HER IN PERSON. WE HAD MANY PHONE CONVERSATIONS. SHE USED TO CALL ME FROM TIME TO TIME.

CHRISTINE STRUCK ME AS SUCH A CLEAR-THINKING, UNMYSTERICAL, UNPARANOID, SOLID PERSON.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO TRY TO STAY SANE IN THIS BATTLE FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE. THERE ARE OTHER, POSITIVE THINGS IN LIFE, THINGS THAT MITIGATE THIS GRIM ENDEAVOR TO FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT THINGS AND UNTANGLE IT FROM THE LIES AND THE LIES. THERE'S ALSO BEAUTY, AND THERE IS LOVE, COMPASSION, THE SPIRITUAL QUEST (THOUGH THE SPIRITUAL QUEST IS HOPELESSLY BOUND UP WITH TRUTH AND JUSTICE). WE MUST ALL TRY TO STAY HEALTHY AND BALANCED SO AS NOT TO BE PISSED UNDER BY ALL THIS NEGATIVITY, THIS UGLINESS, THIS FEAR AND HORROR.

- R.C.

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The Truth Barrier

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"Deep in the forest there is an unexpected clearing which can be reached only by someone who has lost his way." -Tomas Tranströmer



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