

â€™Tis the Season

Description

First and foremost â€™ a little housecleaning!

The winner of my Holiday contest is:
drum roll please

AMANDA!!!! With an amazing 15/15!!!!

She blew everyone else out of the water! And for those of you who didnâ€™t participate and send in your answers â€™ I know who you are. What couldnâ€™t take a few minutes to answer 15 multiple choice questions? Honestly, I probably spend more time eating or yawning than it would have taken some of you to do it.

I can say, I am a little disappointed at some people for not participating.

Secondly, I have been at my apprenticeship for a WEEK. Hereâ€™s what has happened:

- â€™ Immediately started writing stories
- â€™ Got my own phone and a computer inside a cubical where no one can see me
- â€™ Get treated with slightly less disdain than a student
- â€™ SNOW
- â€™ Transit strike
- â€™ Work from home for 2 days
- â€™ Walk over an hour to apprenticeship
- â€™ Get sick
- â€™ Walk to apprenticeship
- â€™ Call doctorâ€™s in the states and the Vatican about stem cells and invitro fertilization

Sounds like a hoot and a holler, eh?

Now, here is something I wrote during my apprenticeship, when I just couldnâ€™t do any more workâ€™. I hope you enjoy it.

Ever get the feeling that the whole world is going to hell in a hand basket? That we are tumbling towards a dark abyss from which there is no return? The evilness and ill-will surrounds us at every turn? That people are inherently seeking to please themselves and not others?

I believe that we all get that way sometimes, and I was having one of those moments.

Sitting at my desk at my apprenticeship, feeling sick, cold and dreading the long walk home due to the transit strike, I began to surf the few internet sites that are permissible here.

I found the Toronto Star website.

During my search, I found something â€” a diamond in the rough.

Was it the fact that scientists achieved a partial face transplant?

Interesting, but no.

Was it the fact that a scientist believes Santa uses nanotechnology to travel all over the world, and to reverse-grow presents under the tree?

Weirdly no.

Or was it about Jennifer Anistonâ€™s gorgeous body on the cover of this monthâ€™s GQ? Sadly not.

It is entitled: Acts of Kindness.

It is an absolute joy to read and a pleasure to right about. It consists of a collection of short stories about Canadians experiencing the phenomena of RAK (Random Acts of Kindness).

It put a smile on my face and warmed the dead are where my heart used to dwell, before Biology/Undergrad/Journalism sucked the life out of it leaving a dark and vacant hole where sadness, pity and loneliness dwell â€” and, Iâ€™m pretty sure, a family of raccoons and mice.

Thank you Toronto Star, for shining a light in the darkness and illuminating the goodness that some people show. Thank you.

Here is the link, read it and pass it on â€” after all, â€”spread some joy instead of hate. â€”Tis the season after all ðŸ™,

<http://www.thestar.com/kindness>

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