

I'M NOT GOD

BACKSTORY

Sal is connected to Marty through an extraordinary circumstance. Sal was a disk jockey who said very provocative things to a mentally unstable person who went out and shot innocent people in a crowded restaurant. One of the victims was the love of Marty's life. Ever since the tragedy, Marty has been living in a fantasy world, claiming to be on a quest for the Holy Grail, claiming that Sal must help him find it. Sal and Marty met by chance on the streets of the city, and formed an unlikely friendship.

PREVIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Sal is visiting Marty in a mental hospital. Marty is catatonic and unresponsive after being beaten up by a group of street thugs. Sal feels that somehow he can get Marty out of his catatonia by retrieving the Holy Grail.

SAL

Hi ... it's Sal. How are you doing? You look good ... you do. Hey ... you gonna wake up for me? Huh? *[No response]* You think you're going to make me do this, don't you? Well, forget it! No fucking way! I don't feel responsible for you, or for any of them! Everybody has had bad things happen to them ... I'm not God. I don't decide ... people survive. *[Beat]* Say something! *[No response - Val begins to pace]* I have an incredible fucking life, don't lay there in your comfortable little coma and think I'm about to risk all of that because I feel responsible for you! I am not responsible! I do not believe in this. There is nothing - NOTHING special about me! I control my own destiny. I say what I'm going to do and I am not risking my life to get some fucking cup for some fucking vegetable. And even if I do this, I want you to know it wouldn't be 'cause I feel guilty or cursed or ... bad or responsible or anything. *[Pause]* Aw, shit ... if I do this ... and I mean IF ... it's because I want to do this ... for you. That's all! For you! Don't go anywhere ... huh?

EMOTIONAL FLEXIBILITY EXERCISE

- 1) Emotional/sense memory of a time when you felt forced into something you did not want to do.
- 2) Personalization: someone you have both love and hate for.
- 3) Sensory condition: overall of heavy weight on your back.