

# PORTFOLIO



## RANSOM NOTE

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*As of now, dear audience, you are being entertained by a kidnapping. As of now, we, the Warriors of Make Believe (WOMB), have kidnapped ourselves and are holding ourselves hostage until you meet our demands. And we do mean you, not some friendly tyrant or criminally innocent celebrity. We are holding ourselves hostage until you see to it that all 888 of our demands are satisfied.*

Here are WOMB's first demands:

### DEMAND #1:

We demand that Amnesty International launch a crusade against a grossly unacknowledged form of terrorism: the genocide of the imagination.

### DEMAND #2:

We demand that all *schismen.cry* or *pika* every time they report a tragedy on their nightly TV news shows. No more *pika* first!

### DEMAND #3:

We demand that you learn the difference between your own thoughts and those of the celebrities who have dominantly possessed you.

### DEMAND #4:

We demand a time-the-global-beyond-of-all-media. Return to the preverbal silence or else!

We have 888 more demands, but there's plenty of time for them later. Right now we at WOMB want to make sure you realize that your imagination and the imaginations of everyone you know are on the brink of extinction! Who are the killers? We call them conspiracy-theorists, criminals. You may know them as journalists, talking heads, actors, screenwriters, directors, producers and executives. Whatever their disguise, they consistently would us with their lethal blend of cynicism, materialism and unremittingness. From Einstein to Reagan, from Dan Rather to Tom Hanks, they conspire a cult that atrociously progresses us with a breathtakingly narrow range of story lines.

It's not just the reduction of legends and manhoodness of their message that wounds our organs of fantasy; it's not just the muted spectrum of their mythic repertoires, it's not just the sheer total want of some answers they bring us with it's also the dazzling technology and psychological savvy they have at their disposal, allowing them to sneak past our psychic immune systems and burrow into our most intimate thoughts.

Swelling up with the infectious spew of the most potent propaganda machine in the history of the world, our imaginations are dying in terror.

### DEMAND #5:

We demand that you become very darkly vigilant about what images you allow to possess you.

### DEMAND #6:

We demand new video games with socially redeeming value. We demand that an established company send our site for *Nirvanacore*, in which kids must negotiate all eight levels of Buddhist enlightenment with a graceful, mid-aged character who smoothes the Dalai Lama.

### DEMAND #7:

We demand that live children be shown in prime time on one of the major TV networks every single day.

### DEMAND #8:

We demand an alternative action program that will make a majority of all Americans celebrities within five years.

### DEMAND #9:

We demand new books on media poisons, ensuring that unattached kids who whimsically hope pop-culture will be compelled into retirement once their self-importance exceeds their ignorance.

In the newspapers of the noncommunist criminals, create storylines called *journalists* wherein you with mythic that seem to prove the lie, if it's not about narcissism, lies, decay and corruption, it cannot be true.

But in the publications of the Warriors of Make Believe, the WOMB propaganda machine we control, beauty and truth experts help you learn the difference between what's real and what's suffering.

In the additional messages hidden in their movies and Web sites and TV shows, multinational narcotics dealers make the world safe for America's next tulipally genius images.

We are holding ourselves hostage until our 888 demands are met.

Spurred by the additional signals packed in our movies and Web sites and TV shows, you must long suppress memories of joy and peace.

Long live your imagination! It is the most important asset you possess—the power to find mental pictures of things that don't exist yet. Sacred magical stuff! The creative source you use to shape your future!

### DEMAND #11:

We demand TV shows that depict talking hamsters, green eggs and ham, avian citizens playing water polo, homeless oil company presidents digging for food scraps in garbage cans, gay children, computers that can rule us like Gollum, digitally remastered CDs of the Big Bang and an apocalypse that stimulates compassion more than sexual passion.

### DEMAND #12:

Recognizing that epidemic sleep-deprivation plays a key role in shutting the genocide of the imagination, we demand that everyone must get at least two hours of sleep every night.

### DEMAND #13:

We demand that you have at least one imaginary physician.

### DEMAND #14:

We demand that you brainstorm yourself before the noncommunist criminals hear you to it!

### DEMAND #15:

When you're too well entertained to meet, answering is good enough! Which is why we demand that you answer right now!

All messages to your divine channels are flooding. An absolute flow of brilliant ideas is now coming through your imagination. Your unique genius will soon be manifested, allowing you to express your true potential.