

FOREVER ME

Jordan, comic

I *really* want it. Just because I'm young doesn't mean that I can't make good decisions. You can't know that I won't be able to make a *life*-long decision. You're not just psychic.

I'm so good. I get good grades. I *deserve* this. I promise it won't be a battleship. Or snakes. Or my [girlfriend/boyfriend's] name; I'm not so dumb to think we'll be together forever – I'm only [thirteen]. I don't know what it'll be. Or where it'll be. But it won't be somewhere obvious. Or somewhere gross. Or anywhere I'll get really fat.

I just love the idea that you can do something permanent. Something that will remind me of where I was and who I was, years and years from now. (Beat.) Don't interrupt – please. I've thought very, very hard about this. Tattoos have been used throughout the ages to celebrate cultures, to show status, as works of art! It is something ancient tribes did and still do – not just rebellious teenagers. You have to go through pain to create something beautiful. It's not easy. It's not something you do without careful consideration. I have taken that careful –

I told you not to interrupt! How can you say no? You didn't even let me finish! Now maybe I will get a battleship. Then you'll be sorry!