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To my mother and father, Doris Anderson and Robert Gillis Bolt.

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# HOW TO USE The Book of Answers<sup>TM</sup>

- 1. Take 10 or 15 seconds to **concentrate** on your question. Questions should be phrased **closed-end**, e.g., "Is the job I'm applying for the right one?" or "Should I travel this weekend?"
- 2. When you sense the time is right, **jump** to a random quote page, and there will be your answer.
- 3. **Repeat** the process for as many questions as you have.

### GOT QUESTIONS? THIS BOOK HAS THE ANSWERS.

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YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED



SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION



YOUR AG	CTIONS WILL IMPRO	OVE THINGS



DON'T BET ON IT



ADOPT AN ADVENTUROUS ATTITUDE



FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF EXPERTS
FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF EAPERIS







FOCUS ON YOUR HOME LIFE



INVESTIGATE AND THEN ENJOY IT



	DEFINITELY	



ONLY DO IT ONCE	



YOU MAY HAVE OPPOSITION



IT WILL REMAIN UNPREDICTABLE



Y	OU'LL NEED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE



CONSIDER IT AN OPPORTUNITY



BE DELIBERATE



ABSOLUTELY NOT	



EXPLORE IT WITH PLAYFUL CURIOSITY



PERHAPS, WHEN YOU'RE OLDER



BE DELIGHTFULLY SURE OF IT



BETTER TO WAIT	



REPRIORITIZE WHAT IS IMPORTANT



IT SEEMS ASSURED



CREATE MORE SPACE FOR IT



DO IT EARLY



KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

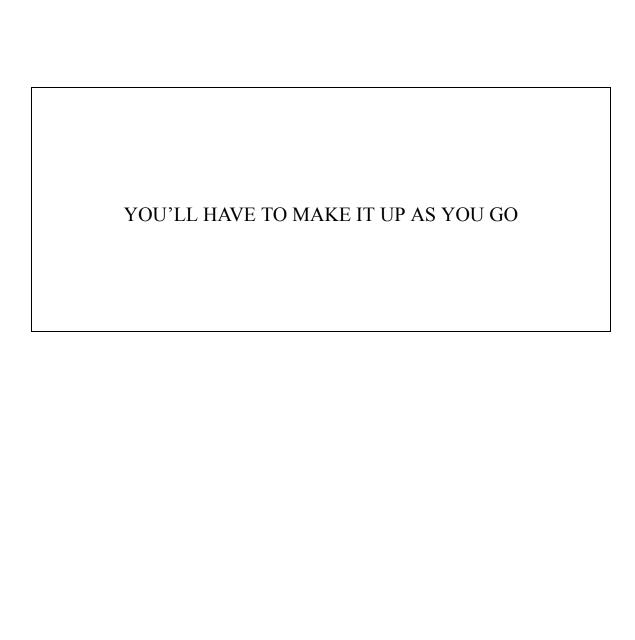


ALLOW YOURSELF TO REST FIRST

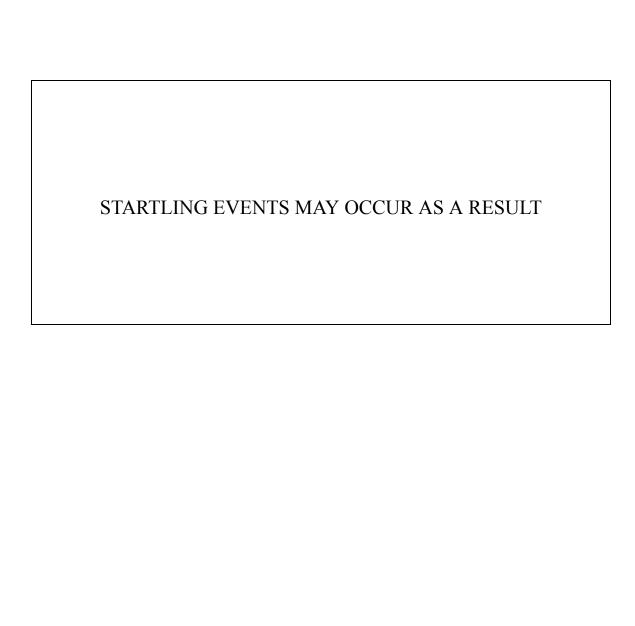


IT IS SENSIBLE















YOU WILL NEED TO ACCOMMODATE



	DOUBT IT	



IT WILL BRING GOOD LUCK

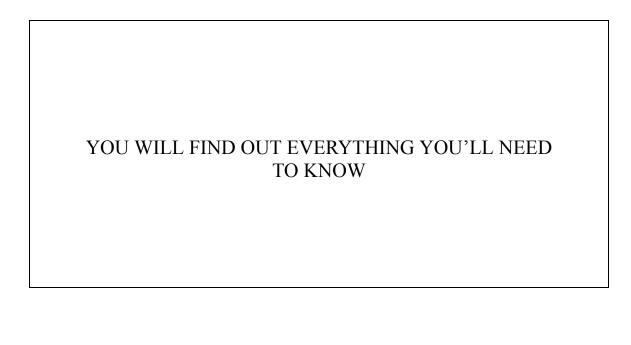






BE PATIENT	











WATCH AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS



YOU KNOW BETTER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE





RECONSIDER YOUR APPROACH



YOU'LL BE HAPPY YOU DID



GET IT IN WRITING



UNFAVORABLE AT THIS TIME



IT IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY



UPGRADE IN ANY WAY YOU CAN

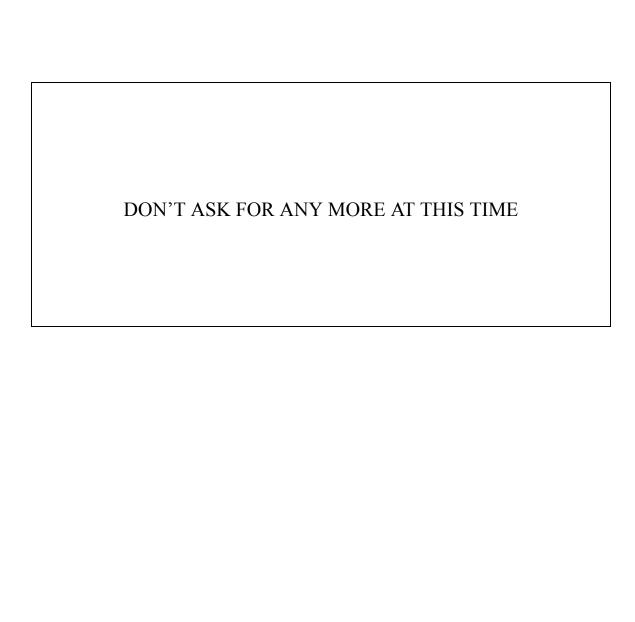


IF YOU DO AS YOU'RE TOLD



IF IT'S DONE WELL; IF NOT, DON'T DO IT AT ALL	IF IT'S DONE WELL; IF NOT, DON'T DO IT AT ALL	
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AVOID THE FIRST SOLUTION

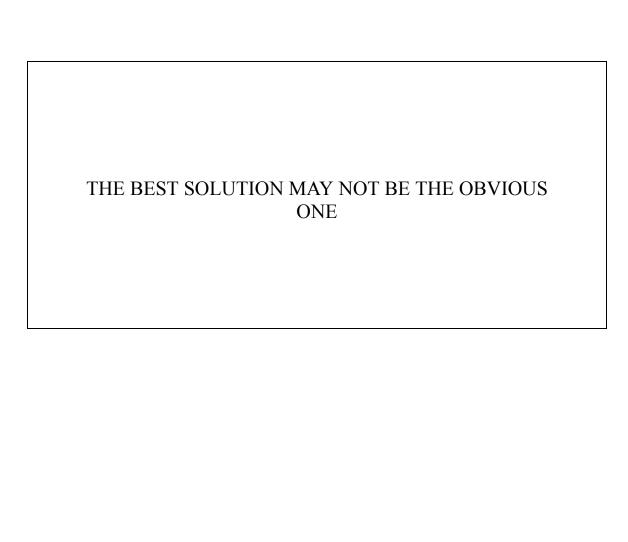


YOU'LL GET THE FINAL WORD



PROCEED AT A MORE RELAXED PACE







REMAIN FLEXIBLE



	RESPECT THE RULES	



TAKE THE LEAD



CHOOSE YOUR WORDS THOUGHTFULLY	







THERE MAY BE A STRUGGLE



YOU'LL HAVE THE ENTHUSIASM YOU'LL NEED



PROVIDED YOU SAY "THANK YOU"



ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE



APPROACH CAUTIOUSLY



BE YOUR OWN BEST ADVOCATE



BE HAPPY FOR ANOTHER



PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS



WATCH YOUR STEP AS YOU GO



SPEAK UP ABOUT IT



DON'T HESITATE



THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE A NEW PLAN	



MOVE ON





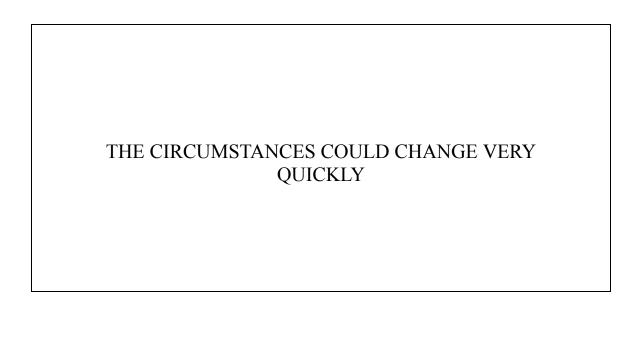


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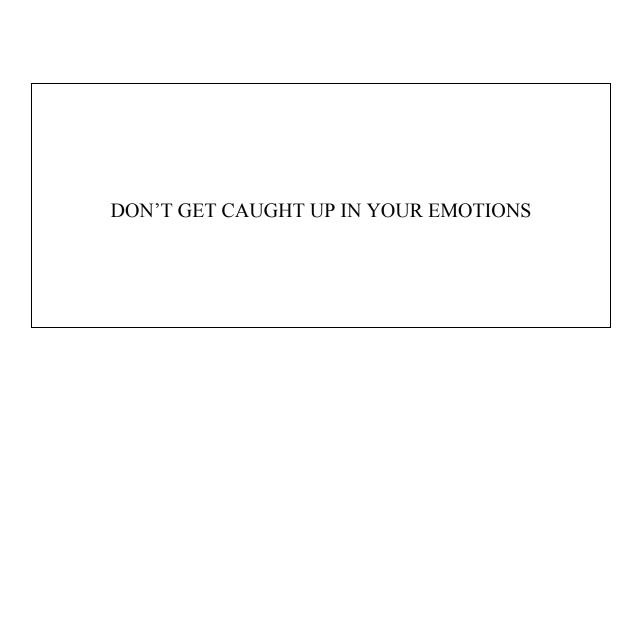


THERE IS NO GUARANTEE











SHIFT YOUR FOCUS	



IT IS SIGNIFICANT



REPRIORITIZE WHAT IS IMPORTANT



MAKE A LIST OF WHY NOT



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	TAKE YOUR TIME	
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THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC	

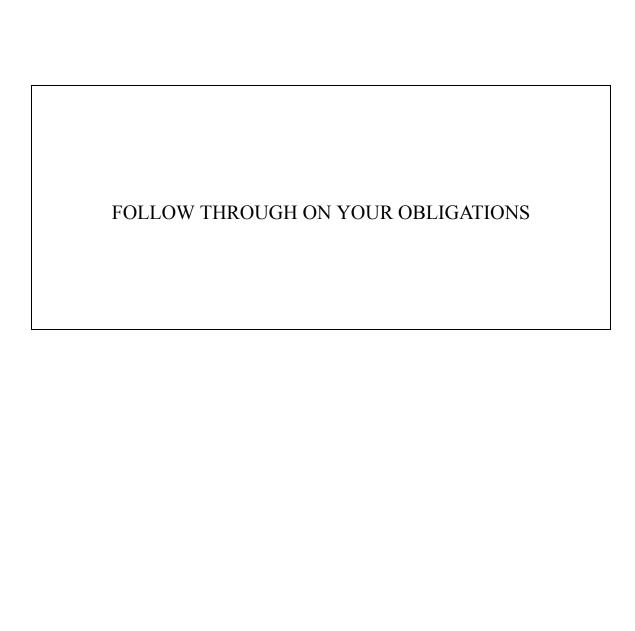


IT IS SOMETHING YOU WON'T FORGET	



SEEK OUT MORE OPTIONS







DEAL WITH IT LATER







FOLLOW SOMEONE ELSE'S LEAD







MAKE A LIST OF WHY



TAKE A CHANCE



YOUR AG	CTIONS WILL IMPRO	OVE THINGS



ASK FOR HELP	



KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO



ACCEPT A CHANGE TO YOUR ROUTINE



YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE



YOU'LL HAVE TO COMPROMISE



YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION



TRUST YOUR ORIGINAL THOUGHT



SEEK OUT THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE

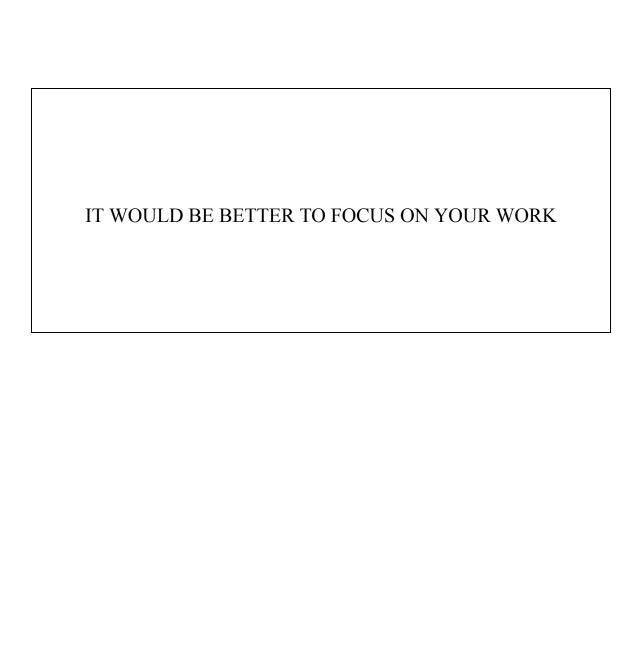


IT WILL CREATE A STIR



YOU'LL OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLES







IT WILL BE A PLEASURE



BE MORE GENEROUS	



BET ON IT	



GOOD THINGS ARE SEEKING YOU OUT



DON'T LEAVE ROOM FOR REGRET



MAKE A CONTRIBUTION



MISHAPS ARE HIGHLY PROBABLE



PRESS FOR CLOSURE



## REALIZE THAT TOO MANY CHOICES CAN BE AS DIFFICULT AS TOO FEW



YES	



LISTEN CAREFULLY; THEN YOU WILL KNOW



THE ANSWE	ER IS IN YOUR BACKY	YARD



LAUGH ABOUT IT



LET YOUR EMOTIONS GUIDE YOU



OTHERS WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CHOICES	



	L	ET IT GO		



IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO



DON'T BE DISTRACTED



GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT



YOU DON'T REALLY CARE



YOU'LL NEED TO CONSIDER OTHER WAYS



A YEAR FROM NOW IT WON'T MATTER



FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF EXPERTS
FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF EAPERIS



IT COULD BE EXTRAORDINARY

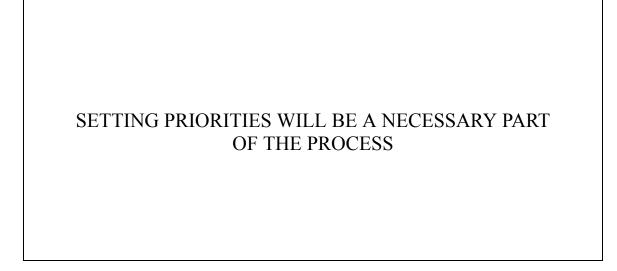


COUNT TO TEN; ASK AGAIN



ACT AS THOUGH IT IS ALREADY REAL
ACT AS THOUGHTT IS ALREADY REAL







USE YOUR IMAGINATION



IT'S GONNA BE GREAT

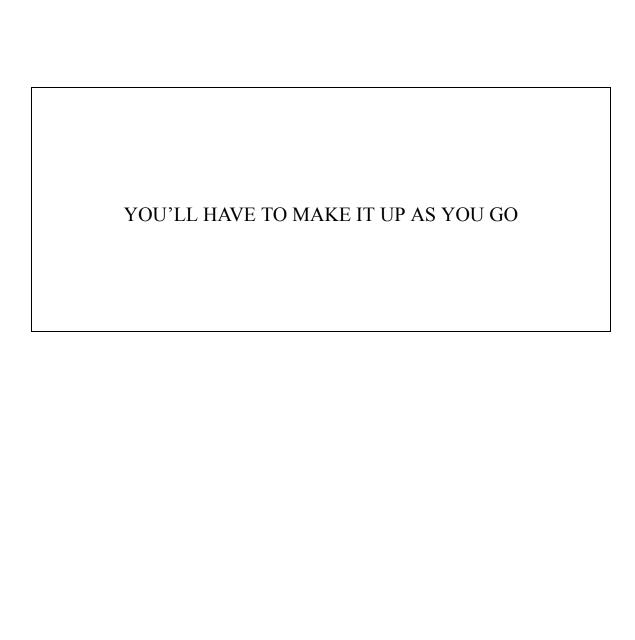


TO ENSURE THE BEST DECISION, BE CALM	



WAIT







FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS



UNQUESTIONABLY



|--|



LOOK FOR WHAT MAY BE HIDDEN



YOU KNOW BETTER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE



TRUST YOUR INTUITION	



DON'T MISS AN OPPORTUNITY



ASK YOUR FATHER



ASK YOUR MOTHER	



PERHAPS, WHEN YOU'RE OLDER



MAYBE



FINISH SOMETHING ELSE FIRST



YOU MAY HAVE OPPOSITION

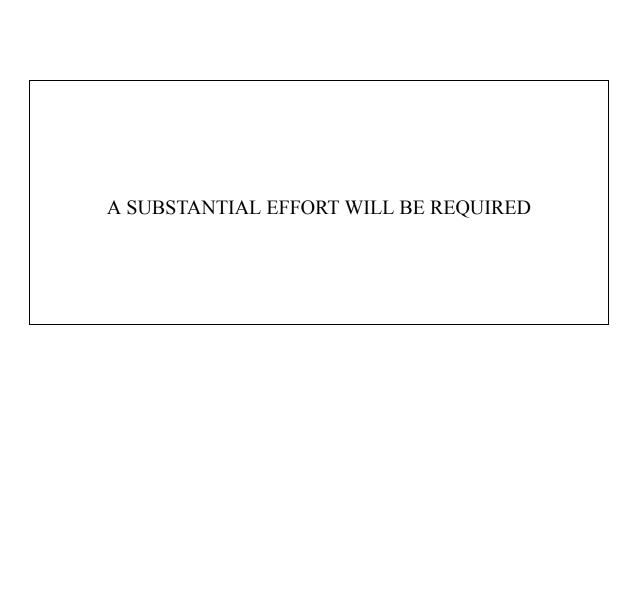


YOU ARE TOO CLOSE TO SEE



THE SITUATION IS UNCLEAR

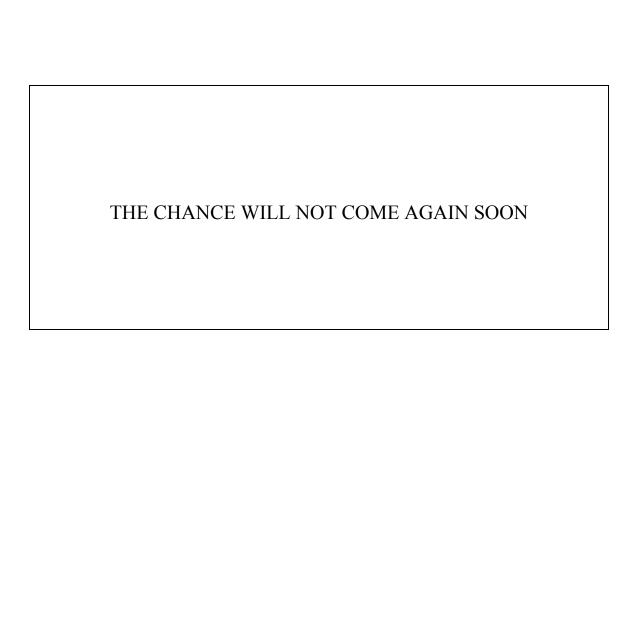






ALLOW YOURSELF TO REST FIRST











RECONSIDER YOUR APPROACH



IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE



THERE IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY	



WAIT FOR A BETTER OFFER



SETTLE IT SOON



	REMAIN OBJECTIVE
L	



YES, BUT DON'T FORCE IT



GET A CLEARER VIEW



BE DELIGHTFULLY SURE OF IT



NOW YOU CAN



PROVIDED YOU SAY "THANK YOU"



DON'T OVERDO IT	



IT WILL SUSTAIN YOU



IT COULD COST YOU



ADOPT AN ADVENTUROUS ATTITUDE



]	IT IS SURE TO MAKE THINGS INTERESTING



	BE PRACTICAL



		ARE YOU READY?
--	--	----------------



SAVE YOUR ENERGY



PAY ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS



IT IS CERTAIN	



IT IS UNCERTAIN



THE OUTCOME WILL BE POSITIVE



Ŋ	YOU MAY HAVE TO DROP OTHER THINGS



DON'T BE CONCERNED	



PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED



TELL SOMEONE WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU







KEEP AN OPEN MIND	



IT'S A GOOD TIME TO MAKE PLANS







IT IS WORTH THE TROUBLE



YOU'LL OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLES



RELATED ISSUES MAY SURFACE



YOU ARE SURE TO HAVE SUPPORT







COLLABORATION WILL BE THE KEY



SEEK OUT MORE OPTIONS



TAKE CHARGE



IT CANNOT FAIL



YOU MUST ACT NOW



	RESPECT THE RULES	



GENTLE PERSISTENCE WILL PAY OFF



YOU COULD BE DISAPPOINTED



IT MAY ALREADY BE A DONE DEAL

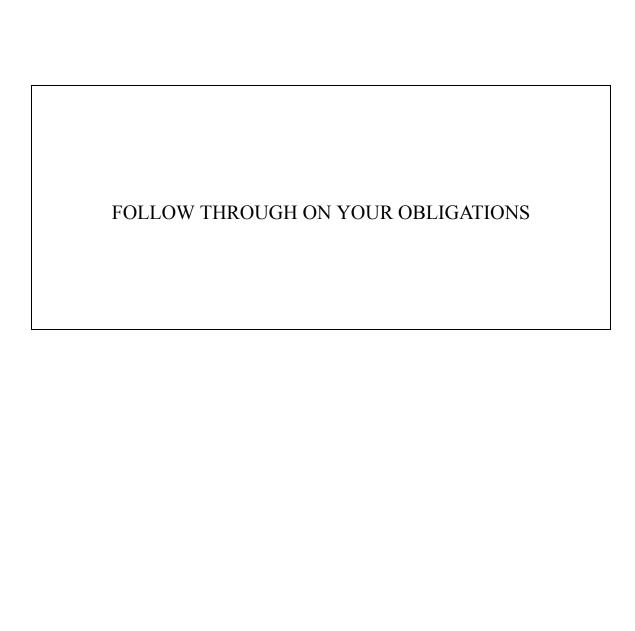






TAKE MORE TIME TO DECIDE







DON'T BE PRESSURED INTO ACTING TOO QUICKLY	



DON'T IGNORE THE OBVIOUS



OTHERS WILL RESPECT YOUR CHOICES	



DON'T BE TOO PRACTICAL



BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL



IT'S NOT WORTH A STRUGGLE



LISTEN CAREFULLY; THEN YOU WILL KNOW



DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN



DON'T DOUBT IT







TRY A MORE UNLIKELY SOLUTION



LEAVE BEHIND OLD SOLUTIONS



KEEP IT TO YOURSELF



WATCH YOUR STEP AS YOU GO



EXPLORE IT WITH PLAYFUL CURIOSITY



DON'T BE TOO DEMANDING



DON'T LEAVE ROOM FOR REGRET



ACT AS THOUGH IT IS ALREADY REAL
ACT AS THOUGHTT IS ALREADY REAL



IT ISN'T PERSONAL



BE PERSISTENT



CHOOSE WHAT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY
CHOOSE WHAT WILL WAKE TOO HATT



DON'T LET MONEY DECIDE IT

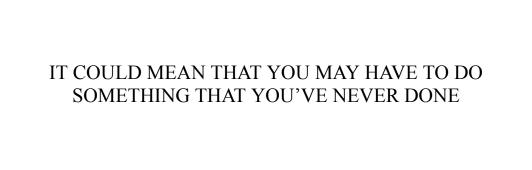


IT WILL WORK ITSELF OUT



IF IT'S TOO DIFFICULT, MAYBE IT'S NOT YOURS











CAST YOUR NET WIDER



MAKE NO ASSUMPTIONS



RESPECT THE FUNDAMENTALS



BE RESOURCEFUL



	FIND MORE TIME	



NOTHING WILL COMPARE



IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY



DON'T GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO WAIT



BE DELIBERATE



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?



DON'T LET THE MOMENT PASS



YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU SETTLE FOR



CHOOSE WHATEVER WILL HELP YOU TO GROW



BE KIND

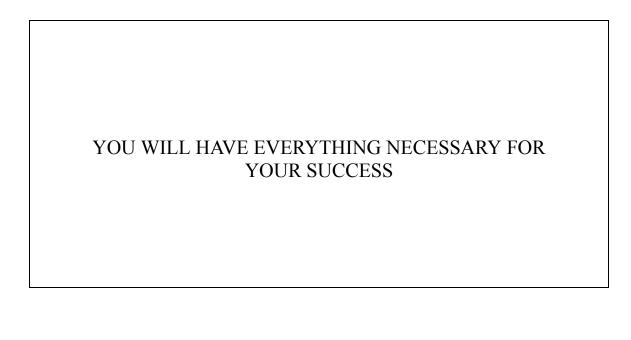


## REALIZE THAT TOO MANY CHOICES CAN BE AS DIFFICULT AS TOO FEW



TAKE A CHANCE

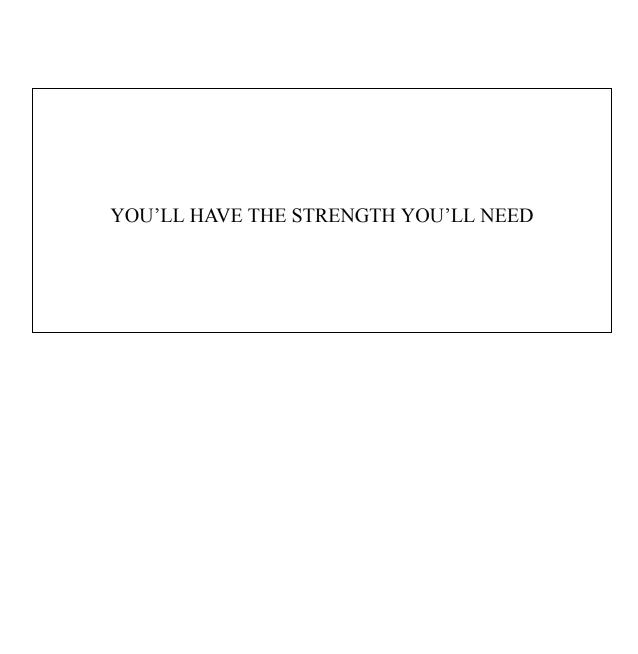






OTHERS MAY NOT APPROVE







INITIATE AN ADVENTURE



BE TACTFUL



YOU'LL NEED TO CONSIDER OTHER WAYS



FIGURE OUT A WAY	

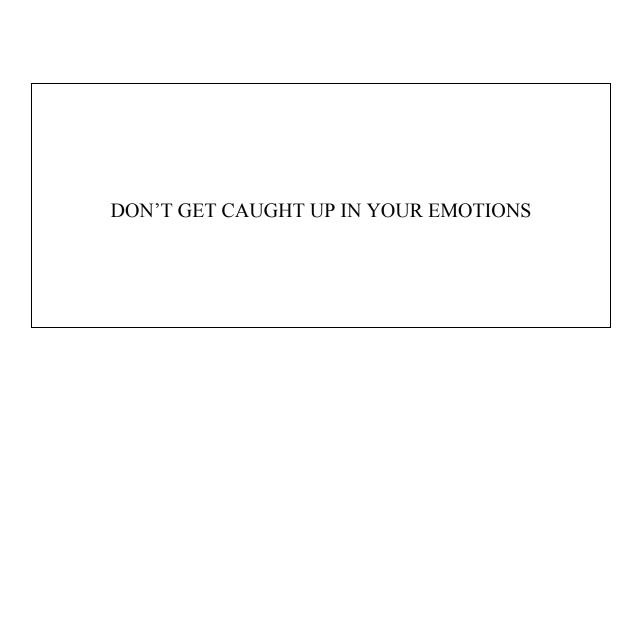


IT COULD BE A MATTER OF PRIDE



PURSUE MORE VARIETY







PITCH IN WHATEVER YOU CAN



	ARRIVE EARLY	



NO MATTER WHAT



YOU ARE TOO CLOSE TO SEE



YES	



DON'T TAKE A CHANCE



IT IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY



BE CONTENT TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE



TOO MUCH ATTENTION IS ON THE DETAILS



KEEP IT LIGHT



GET MORE SLEEP	



RECONSIDER ANOTHER POSSIBILITY



IT MAY NOT BE LOGICAL



THE ANSWE	ER IS IN YOUR BACKY	YARD



MAKE A CONTRIBUTION



USE YOUR IMAGINATION



KNOW NO LIMITATIONS



BUILD SOMETHING BIGGER



AIM HIGHER	



TAKE IT IN STRIDE	



BE A GOOD SPORT	



TAKE THE LEAD

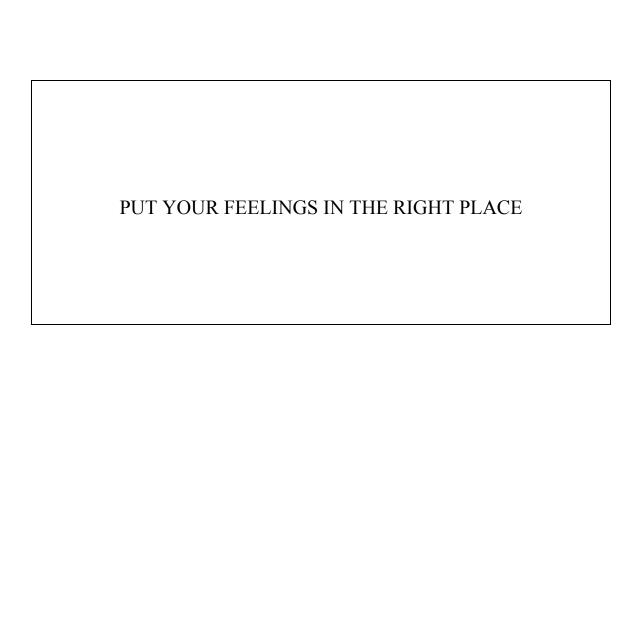


THERE IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY



DON'T BE TOO CRITICAL







IDENTIFY WHAT MATTERS ABOUT IT



HOW THINGS TURN OUT WILL DEPEND ON YOU	



LOOK FOR WHAT MAY BE HIDDEN



LET YOUR EMOTIONS GUIDE YOU







TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



DON'T BE CONCERNED	



YOU CAN DO THIS ON YOUR OWN



ASK FOR HELP	



CREATE MORE SPACE FOR IT



DIVERT YOUR ATTENTION



WHAT DO YOU WANT?



DO YOUR BEST TO SET THE STANDARD



THERE IS GOOD REASON	TO BE OPTIMISTIC



DON'T BE DISTRACTED



ENJOY A NEW SETTING



YOU WILL NEED TO ACCOMMODATE



	REMAIN OBJECTIVE
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TELL SOMEONE WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU	



CONSIDER IT AN OPPORTUNITY

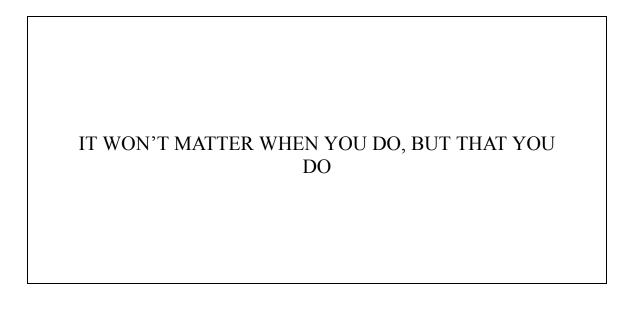


SEEK OUT THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE



GOOD THINGS ARE SEEKING YOU OUT











IT'LL CHANGE YOUR LUCK



DON'T RESIST



FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS



THE BEST SOLUTION MAY BE THE OBVIOUS ONE	



DON'T BE TOO CAUTIOUS



YOU MAY REGRET IT



IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?



CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY



LIMIT THE OPTIONS	



FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION



SHOULDN'T YOU BE OUTSIDE PLAYING?



WOULD IT BE A PLEASURE?



BE ON TIME	



ASK YOUR FATHER



ASK YOUR MOTHER	



	TAKE YOUR TIME	
<u> </u>		



YES, BUT DON'T FORCE IT



THERE IS MORE TO KNOW



FIND OUT THE FACTS



NOT IF YOU'RE ALONE



UNCOVER MORE DETAILS



YOUR HEART ISN'T IN IT



BE HAPPY FOR ANOTHER



YOU ARE FAVORED



NEVER



A YEAR FROM NOW IT WON'T MATTER



		ARE YOU READY?
--	--	----------------



|--|



NO	



CONSERVE YOUR RESOURCES



BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL



NEGOTIATE A BETTER DEAL



FAVOR THE GOOD THINGS



DON'T LET IT BE RUINED BY REASON



SLEEP ON IT



DO YOUR BEST



IT IS NOT SIGNIFICANT



YOU HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER



KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU



YOU DESERVE THE BEST



BETTER THINGS ARE SEEKING YOU OUT



IT'S UP TO YOU



CHOOSE WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY



LET YOUR HEART LEAD THE WAY



DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THE DETAILS

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