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# Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

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# I'm thinking about  
the meaning of life #  
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# how many chances  
will I get #  
# to hold you?  
# what if tomorrow  
is my next #  
# to last  
# then what would happen  
if I never #  
# told you  
# that I love you?  
# ba-ba-ba  
ba ba ba ba ba #  
# ba-ba-ba  
ba ba ba ba ba #  
# ba-ba-ba  
ba ba ba ba ba ba #  
# looking up to Heaven  
through my telescope #  
# I wonder if you're up there  
looking down #  
# if you hear me,  
show me a sign, give me hope #  
# let me know  
you'll always be around #  
# if I could travel  
to the past #  
# and see you again  
# I'd gladly step  
into a time machine #  
# I wouldn't hold it back #  
# I'd easily say  
to you then #  
# I love you  
# ba-ba-ba  
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ba ba ba ba ba ba #  
# I'm thinking about  
the meaning of life #  
# thinking about  
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the meaning of life #  
# and love...  
it's the first day  
of Summer vacation,  
And my sweat smells like  
peanut butter.  
I live on peanut butter  
sandwiches,  
So my sweat smells  
like peanut butter  
Instead of B.O.,  
which is fine.  
I'd rather smell like a school  
cafeteria than a school gym.  
In two weeks, I turn 13,  
Which is kind of a big deal  
if you've ever been 12.  
I'm pretty sure there's  
a secret handshaking  
You learn when you're a teen  
like a seal of approval  
Or a sign that says,  
"congrats, you're in the club,  
Even if you smell  
like peanut butter. "  
Knock yourself out, kid.  
Everyone should have  
a collection.  
That's what my dad  
always said.  
My dad collected used furniture  
and was always on the hunt  
For a 13-cent stamp  
issued in Hawaii in 1913.  
There is only 13 in existence  
so, you know,  
Jackpot if you find one.  
Even my best friend Lizzy

has a collection.

Yes,

my best friend's a girl,

And, no, I don't have a crush  
on her.

Ru-u-u-u-n!

And when I say Lizzy collects,  
I mean she steals.

I'm pretty sure one day  
she'll get us arrested,

But for now she only takes  
stuff that no one would miss,  
Stuff like playing cards  
and banana stickers.

Well, well, ahoy there,  
Summer vacationers.

Dad,

you're embarrassing me.

Really? Because

when I said it yesterday,

You thought

it was very funny

You did.

Alright, fine.

Well, I have your... my  
magazine. Right, thank you.

You're reading

"teen fashion"?

And I have a package for you,  
master fink.

Oh...

Ah, wait a minute.

Now it says it's for your  
birthday,

But it's addressed to your mom,  
and it's registered mail,

So that means it has  
to be signed by...

An adult. Correct. So I'm sorry.

Well,

my mom's at work all day,

You know that,

And I don't think

she would mind if I signed it.

well, you are  
as tall as some adults,  
And you're almost 13.  
Dad?  
You're being a pain.  
okay. Fine then.  
Sign right there.  
The pen's in there.  
And, you young lady,  
I expect your chores to be done  
By the time  
I finish my route.  
Yes, sir.  
Right away, sir.  
All right,  
now make like bananas and split.  
Yes.  
Wait, Lizzy, we have to pack  
this up neatly  
So my mom doesn't know  
we opened it.  
What the heck?  
Lizzy, look at the date.  
That's the day  
your dad died.  
I can't believe  
it's been five years.  
Oh! Ahem,  
"scientists believe black holes  
Might be the key  
to time travel. "  
You need to put this  
in your file.  
I already have it in my file.  
I clipped it  
on the week of his funeral.  
Wait,  
there's a letter.  
"from the law offices  
of Liam Goffanine Esquire.  
"dear Elaine, I know I wasn't  
supposed to send this  
"until Jeremy's birthday,  
"but we're shutting down

our Manhattan branch.  
"when you sent this to me  
five years ago,  
"I took great care to hide  
the keys somewhere very clever,  
"so clever that now  
I can't find them.  
I'm certain you and Jeremy  
will figure out a new way to... "  
Stop. "way to open it,  
and when the time comes"...  
Wait! Wait.  
"I have nothing but fond  
memories of Daniel  
And I was honored to treasure  
this for Jeremy,  
"for all these years.  
Best wishes to you both,  
Liam Goffanine. "  
"the meaning of life,  
for Jeremy fink  
To open  
on his 13th birthday. "  
I gotta go.  
But...  
Tampering with mail  
is a federal offense!  
I'm too young  
to go to on prison!  
Hi, Elaine!  
Bye, Elaine!  
Oh, monkey.  
Hey,  
you wanna know something?  
Your dad  
would have opened it, too.  
He was very curious  
about everything.  
That's why he loved flea markets  
and collecting so much.  
You know,  
he always used to come home  
And find all  
these special things,

And even if they were broken,  
we would...  
We would figure out a way to  
give them a new life, you know?  
Like that flower pot  
over there?  
It had a crack in it, so...  
Umbrella stand.  
Right. And see?  
You know, our dear old  
grandfather clock over there.  
Sure, it's broken, but it's  
still right twice a day.  
Look at things a different way,  
and the answers will come,  
Like in "through  
the looking glass," remember?  
I stopped at  
"Alice in wonderland. "  
blasphemy, monkey,  
and your mother a librarian!  
That's why it's at the top of  
our Summer reading list, honey,  
Because it teaches you  
to look at things  
From a different perspective.  
Your father  
was so good at that.  
He taught me how to think  
that way,  
And it made life  
so much sweeter.  
Like he always said,  
"eat dessert first,"  
And, boy,  
did we eat dessert first.  
I remember dad saying that.  
You know what?  
I remember the very day  
that he found this, alright?  
Now, most people might see this  
as just a box  
To put on a coffee table  
and admire.

No, your father knew that  
it was the most unique object  
He had ever seen, somewhere to  
put the most important thing  
In the world,  
the secret of life.  
So what's in it?  
I don't know.  
It's a secret.  
He was very secretive about it.  
He wants you to find out.  
Wanted me to find out.  
Right.  
Wait, so he did this because  
he knew he was going to die?  
No, monkey, we all die.  
It's because he loves you.  
Yeah, but he knew  
he was going to die.  
That fortune teller told him  
on his...  
On his 13th birthday,  
yes, I know,  
But that does not mean it  
was true. But it happened.  
She said he was going to die  
when he was 40, and it happened.  
Please, can... can we... let's not.  
Let's just not.  
Let's... let's put our heads  
together and find a way  
To figure out  
where those keys are.  
They're lost.  
That's what the letter said.  
Ah, lost.  
That can mean so many things.  
Like? Like they're just  
waiting to be found.  
At night,  
when the city gets quiet,  
I like to take my H.O.J.,  
hour of Jeremy.  
I usually spend it reading



about time travel  
Or researching  
scientific facts.  
When I was young,  
after my dad died,  
H.O.J.S were for building  
my time machine  
And thinking  
about the what-ifs,  
Like the day my dad died.  
What if...  
stop.  
What if that morning  
my dad left for work,  
He stopped to give me a kiss  
while I was sleeping?  
Or what if he had taken  
Delancey instead of Broome?  
He took a different route  
to work every day.  
What if he had called in sick?  
And what about that woman?  
What if she had left the coffee  
shop 10 measly seconds later  
Because the owner wanted  
to talk about the weather?  
What if her coffee had been  
the perfect temperature?  
Maybe she would have sat  
in her car a moment longer  
And enjoyed the first sips?  
Just one moment.  
It would make  
all the difference.  
"sorry I bailed.  
Hope you're not grounded.  
Come over tomorrow.  
I have a plan.  
Enjoy the jelly beans.  
Lizzy. "  
Hey, looks like we got  
some new neighbors.  
Who cares?  
Get in here.

From easiest  
to most difficult.  
Plan "a"... freezer!  
Plan "b"...  
butter knife!  
Ooh, I'm sorry.  
Plan "c"... nuke it.  
I don't think  
we should nuke it.  
Strike plan "c"!  
Plan "d"...  
Larry's locks and clocks.  
Good idea.  
And if that doesn't work,  
plan "e"...  
We go to the flea market  
and find some keys.  
I've never seen keys there.  
Well, you haven't been there  
in like five years.  
So you wouldn't even know.  
I used to go there  
all the time with my dad.  
I know.  
I was there, too. Duh.  
And there were keys.  
You're gonna have to leave  
the 2-block radius  
Of our building someday,  
Jeremy.  
Well, what's plan "f"?  
Maybe we can just skippy  
and go straight to "f".  
Let's hope you'll never  
have to know.  
I've never seen anything  
like it in all my years.  
Well, do you have any keys  
that might fit?  
You don't have the keys?  
Well,  
that's a darn shame.  
This here  
is no ordinary box.

It has an internal  
locking mechanism with pins  
And... and tumblers.  
And each hole needs  
a different type of key,  
And unfortunately,  
there is a...  
An internal latch that prevents  
the box from being pried open.  
See here?  
There's a layer of metal  
under the wood.  
Now in order  
to get through that,  
You can't without destroying  
what's inside.  
Well, I guess plan "g"  
is out.  
There is a plan "g"?  
Chainsaw.  
That would not be  
a good idea.  
You don't wanna destroy  
the meaning of life,  
Now do you?  
Off to the flea market  
to find some keys.  
We just have to keep  
our eyes peeled.  
Nothing to fear, fink.  
Nothing at all.  
Am I talking  
to myself here?  
I'm not proud of the fact  
that I've never taken  
Public transportation  
without an adult, but...  
But what?!  
You live  
in new freaking York!  
I know, it's just that  
everything I need  
Is usually within  
my walking distance-ish.

Well, not today!  
Whoa, Lizzy, wait!  
Look at all this stuff.  
Most of it doesn't even seem  
to have a purpose.  
Please, half the stuff in your  
house doesn't have a purpose.  
Word.  
Your dad used to say  
One man's trash  
is another man's treasure.  
Whenever he said that,  
you said,  
"one man's trash  
is another man's trash. "  
Did I say that?  
Wow.  
I must have been a pain  
when I was younger.  
Hey, Lizzy!  
Look.  
Eight of hearts.  
Isn't this one of the ones  
you were missing?  
Well, yeah, it is,  
thank you very much.  
But now you've ruined it.  
You know the rules.  
I have to find it,  
and I can't pay for it.  
It's okay to pay for things  
in a collection.  
Not in mine.  
Keys!  
You break it,  
you buy it.  
But how  
could we break keys?  
You kids have a way  
of breaking everything.  
Well, we have some locks,  
And we just wanna see  
if the keys fit...  
If you want to try it,

you pay for it.  
But couldn't we just...  
no.  
Not even to just...  
not even to just.  
Ru-u-u-u-u-n!  
Run! Run!  
Breaking and entering,  
that's plan "f"?  
Well, the keys are somewhere  
in that lawyer's office.  
It says so in the letter.  
They could be under the carpet  
or in a drawer or something.  
Where's the flashlight?  
It's illegal.  
You'll get us arrested.  
Do you wanna spend  
the rest of your life  
Searching through  
an endless supply of keys  
Or do you wanna go  
to the source?  
The law office  
is all the way uptown.  
What if my mom doesn't want me  
going up there alone?  
Then what?  
I have to lie to her.  
And then what if she finds out  
that I lied?  
And what if the other people  
Have already moved into that  
office?  
Are you gonna sit there  
what-iffing all day  
When you can actually go out  
into the world  
And find the answers?  
Look, I've got a bus map,  
gloves, and a screwdriver.  
Now I just need  
the dumb flashlight and candy.  
The candy?

To bribe  
the security guard. Duh.  
And what if that doesn't work?  
Then I'll have to use  
my feminine wiles.  
Your wha?  
Feminine wiles.  
You don't have those.  
Yeah, I do.  
You're just blind.  
You'll see tomorrow  
with the security guard  
If it comes to that.  
Yes! I will see you  
in the morning.  
And be sure to dress  
for success.  
I don't think  
I can go today.  
Is it bad?  
Define "bad. "  
Crud.  
How will my feminine wiles  
work now?  
Does your mom have  
any, like, zit makeup?  
How would I know?  
Can I check?  
Sure. Or we can just cancel  
plan "f"?  
Oh, hi.  
Hi!  
I'm Samantha.  
I'm Rick.  
I'm Lizzy.  
I'm a delinquent.  
We just moved into  
the building. Oh, cool.  
Just so you know,  
we've got a meeting  
On the upper west side  
with lawyers.  
We don't normally  
dress like this

Or carry briefcases.  
Say nothing, please.  
Elaine?  
Hey, blueberry.  
Can I borrow  
some makeup?  
Sure.  
Right under the sink.  
Sweet.  
Have a fun day.  
Alright, well,  
I have made a whole pile  
Of peanut butter sandwiches,  
And they are in the fridge  
just waiting to be eaten.  
Okay. Got it. Also, if  
you're planning to go out,  
Just make sure you bring  
a set of keys with you.  
I'm staying in.  
I'm not going out.  
Oh? Really?  
Oh, oh, oh!  
Almost forgot.  
Look.  
Look what  
one of the publishers  
Brought to the library  
the other day.  
It's the new planet  
you've been talking about,  
The one with the blue ice  
and the curly clouds.  
Looks like Neptune.  
Really?  
Huh. Not if you look at it  
like this.  
See?  
Yeah.  
I guess so, sort of.  
Monkey, remember  
in "the little prince"  
When the little prince wanted  
the man to draw him a sheep,

But the man wasn't very good  
at drawing sheep,  
So he Drew him a box,  
and both of them knew  
That the sheep  
was inside the box.  
It's what we believe  
that's important.  
Still looks  
pretty neptunish.  
Isn't it late?  
Shouldn't you go?  
Oh, my goodness.  
You are right.  
Alright, well...  
A veil!  
okay. Be good.  
Don't do anything  
I wouldn't do.  
Bye, monkey.  
Bye, blueberry!  
Bye!  
Thanks for the makeup!  
Lizzy?  
No more what-ifs.  
Get on the bus.  
Please make him stop.  
Who? Garlic sandwich. Garlic  
man. Definitely garlic!  
Jeremy,  
the rest of the world  
Doesn't live on peanut butter  
sandwiches, you know.  
Yeah, I know.  
This is unbearable.  
It's exactly why I do not do  
public transportation.  
Garlic?  
Garlic. People.  
Irritating people.  
It's too much information.  
Oh!  
What?  
I just looked



in someone's ear.  
I do not want to know  
this much information  
About people I do not know.  
Please get me out of here.  
This is our stop.  
Hey! Wait!  
That was our stop!  
Mister, that was our stop!  
Mister!  
You have to press the yellow bar. What?  
He said we had  
to push the yellow bar.  
I can't go on.  
People...  
Pick up your bag  
or somebody's gonna steal it.  
You pick it up.  
Great. We're lost.  
It'll take us  
forever to get back  
To where we were supposed  
to be,  
And we'll have to find  
another bus.  
Then we won't have  
exact change...  
Shut up!  
You're being overdramatic.  
It's just two blocks.  
Oh, my gosh,  
oh, my gosh, oh, my gosh!  
What?  
That!  
I haven't found a card  
in two years.  
One down, one to go,  
and my collection is complete!  
But if we had gotten off  
at our stop,  
There's no way in the world  
we would have found this.  
How many other eight of hearts  
are wedged in sewer grates,

Waiting for people to miss  
their stop  
Or take a wrong turn?  
And is it a wrong turn  
if something so right happens?  
What if you can map out  
all the possibilities  
And go back in time  
to try them?  
Would the number of  
possibilities  
Be infinite or finite?  
And why  
is someone shaking me?  
Earth to Jeremy.  
Earth to Jeremy.  
Hello?  
Oh, was I saying that  
out loud?  
You were having a what-if fest  
of epic proportions.  
Lizzy,  
because we missed our stop,  
You found one  
of the two playing cards  
You're missing  
for your collection.  
I know.  
It's awesome.  
It's beyond awesome.  
It's jaw-droppingly awesome.  
Now, come on, let's go.  
We got keys to find.  
Pick that up.  
Try to look like you belong.  
It's a good thing you don't  
have to scale up the building  
And break in with  
a glass cutter.  
That was part of plan "f"  
I didn't tell you about.  
Really.  
Excuse me.  
Where do you think

you're going?  
Um, well...  
Our uncle works  
on the 14th floor?  
All visitors  
must sign in.  
write Tony castaway.  
T- o-n-y c-a-s-t-a...  
Yeah, you're good.  
Thank you.  
Jack here.  
run!  
Why were you vandalizing  
the office?  
Well, we had passes  
to go up there.  
So this is all just  
a big misunderstanding.  
We have it all on video.  
You destroyed  
private property.  
Add breaking and entering,  
And you're working on  
a pretty serious rap sheet.  
There was no breaking,  
and the door was unlocked.  
So what's so bad  
about entering?  
Stop it.  
Stop talking.  
I asked you not to get me  
arrested this Summer.  
We're not getting  
arrested.  
Are we?  
Names?  
And none of Tony and Tia crap.  
Jeremy fink  
and Elizabeth Muldoun,  
M- u-l-d-o-u-n,  
and we did everything you said,  
The breaking, the entering,  
the false identification.  
My dad died,

and we needed some keys,  
And I knew that plan "f"  
would get the book thrown at us.  
Just take us to juvenile hall.  
I waive my rights to a lawyer.  
Let's see what kind  
of community service  
We can find here. You mean  
we're not going to juvie?  
Not unless there is something  
more you'd like to confess to.  
That was it.  
Really? You sure?  
In order to pay back society  
for your vandalism,  
Breaking and entering,  
and false I.D.,  
You get to pick up trash  
in central park,  
Or you can work with  
the NYPD mounted unit stables.  
With horses?  
With horse manure.  
How are shoveling skills?  
Weak.  
At best.  
Well,  
there's another option.  
You two look like you qualify  
as first-time offenders.  
Helping a man named Mr. Oswald  
make deliveries.  
The job does involve  
some heavy lifting,  
And you two look like you've  
never seen the inside of a gym.  
We'll take it.  
We have muscles.  
Keep a log of your hours  
in these and your observations.  
Observations of what?  
Stuff.  
Community service is supposed  
to make you learn something,

Come away a better person,  
yadda, yadda, yadda.  
Give me your addresses,  
and Mr. Oswald  
Will send his driver over  
to pick you up.  
Wait,  
if this guy has a driver,  
Then why doesn't he just  
hire people to help him?  
You know, you got a real  
fresh mouth on you, kid.  
I'm about this close  
to giving you the trash detail  
And your buddy here,  
the delivery kick, got it?  
Yes, sir.  
That's right...  
yes, sir.  
Now what do you say we give  
your parents  
A little ring-a-ding-ding  
here?  
Did you get grounded?  
No.  
I did. Good. You deserve it.  
You ruined my Summer.  
Lucky I'm still friends with you after  
what you did. I have a permanent record now,  
And I'll never get into  
a good college, so super lucky.  
You ratted us out!  
I told the truth!  
You caved like a baby!  
I have my integrity!  
Jeremy fink  
and Elizabeth Muldoun?  
yes?  
Wait, wait, why is a limo  
picking you up, dork?  
Rich uncle.  
Wow.  
Yeah, pretty much.  
Like, he's a very powerful man

who doesn't take too kindly  
To his nephew being called  
a dork.  
Rich uncle, huh?  
yeah.  
Sweet.  
Man, oh, man,  
if I had known  
Community service  
was this good,  
I would have gotten into some  
serious trouble years ago.  
So are you two siblings?  
Best friends?  
Girlfriend-boyfriend?  
Not girlfriend-boyfriend.  
Sometimes not even friends.  
Yeah, in the eyes of the law,  
we're like accomplices.  
But in real life,  
we're like half-orphans.  
You see, my mom's gone,  
and so is his dad,  
And we've lived next door  
since we were babies.  
It's nice  
you have each other.  
My mom died when I was 10.  
I know how you feel.  
My mom  
didn't actually die.  
She left, which is kind of  
worse in some ways.  
How can you say  
that's worse?  
At least you could see her again  
if you wanted. You know what?  
If you're gonna be  
a jerk all day,  
How about you  
just not talk to me?  
Fine.  
Fine.  
Right. Right.

No talking.  
No talking.  
Mind the boxes. Go ahead.  
Ahead. Go, go.  
Up the stairs. Come on.  
Right here. Step.  
Hold the railing, please.  
Hold the railing.  
Hold the railing.  
Ah! Welcome!  
Welcome! Welcome!  
Come in! Come in! Come in!  
Please!  
Come in!  
My little truants.  
please, please, come in.  
Now, you must be master Jeremy  
and you must be miss...  
Don't tell me.  
Miss sissy, yes?  
Lizzy.  
Lizzy.  
Oswald, pleasure.  
you have  
a lot of amazing stuff.  
That doll  
is kind of cool-ish.  
Your house is like,  
wow.  
Ah, yes.  
I'll be sorry to leave it.  
But the warm climates  
of key largo,  
They... they... they agree better  
with these old bones.  
Except when it's humid  
or it rains, whoo!  
Now, uh,  
down to business.  
Ah, yes,  
community service.  
Now I need you to make  
some deliveries for me.  
Do you have a license

to drive?

Do you own a car?

Are you married?

No. Married?

Unh-unh.

Do you...

do you like books?

Do you like the smell  
of them?

Do either of you even  
enjoy reading?

Jeremy does, all the time,  
even during Summer break.

His mom is a librarian,  
so it's massively genetic.

I see.

Well, I might have a book  
for you, Jeremy.

Um, and what do you like  
to read, Jeremy?

Uh, mostly science fiction,  
especially about time travel.

Well, then, you might not  
appreciate this book.

It's about animals  
in the... in the woods.

I like science fiction,  
too.

Have you ever read  
Eckhart Tolle?

"the power of now"?

Okay, now.

Good luck.

Enjoy.

Wait,

why would we need luck?

Mary?

This way. Follow me.

Follow me.

W- why do we need luck?!

You won't need  
your backpack.

But I have something  
very important inside.



You brought it with you?  
Your computer  
will be safe in the car.  
5b.  
Get on,  
little doggies.  
Seriously,  
you're not coming with us?  
I don't owe  
a debt to society.  
Oh, please, it was just  
a big misunderstanding.  
This is bullpuck.  
Yeah.  
And why did Oswald wrap it?  
Maybe it's not a book.  
Maybe it's a hollow book  
with a treasure inside  
Like the Hawaiian  
13-cent stamp  
Or some keys.  
Ding-dong.  
Reality calling.  
Whatever it is,  
it's probably illegal.  
That's why he has minors  
deliver it.  
Children.  
Um,  
we have a delivery?  
And I suppose  
you'll be wanting a tip?  
Sure.  
No.  
Well, I'm not tipping anyone  
until I see who it's from.  
Oswald.  
Oswald who?  
We don't know  
his last name.  
Wait, maybe  
that is his last name.  
Or could be a fake name.  
you children are useless.

Oh...

Do something.

Uh, ma'am?

Call 911.

Get off of me.

Are you okay,  
ma'am?

Do you need anything?

A glass of water?

'cause if you are okay,  
then we'll be going.

Where did you get that book? Whoa.

Uh, the... the Oswald guy.

He said it belonged to you.

That is not possible.

Oswald Oswald has been dead  
for years!

Honestly, ma'am,  
we don't know anything.

It spoiled my life.

Let's get the heck  
out of dodge.

Wait, ma'am, uh,  
what else happened?

Go on.

I was 16.

I had a crush on a boy.

And I knew he was going  
to a party,

And I wanted to go,

But I knew I'd have to get  
a fancy dress to wear.

I sold the book...

To... To...

I knew it, Jeremy.

Oswald set us up.

To buy a fancy dress  
to go to the party.

Get the book.

Now... Open it.

Winnie the pooh?

The inside cover.

"to Mabel and Bitsy. "

It's signed by the author?

Bitsy was my best friend.  
And if she wants  
more apologies,  
She can come here  
and ask me for them,  
Now get out.  
And leave the book!  
That's my pooh!  
We almost died today.  
Death by letter opener.  
Well, it's kind of sad  
when you think about it.  
She dumped her best friend  
for a guy.  
I thought it was a dress.  
Well, she needed her dress  
to get the guy,  
But who does that  
to their best friend?  
Oh!  
Hey, Rick!  
Um, how's it going?  
Good!  
Thanks for asking.  
Yeah, so maybe I can get  
a ride in that limo sometime?  
Oh, yeah, sure.  
Maybe. I'll see.  
Alright. Cool.  
See you later.  
Okay.  
I got to...  
Oh. Oh.  
Thanks.  
He's nice.  
Observation one...  
There are two types of choices,  
Choices that seem harmless  
but can wind up  
Leading to someone's  
father dying,  
Like buying a cup of coffee  
at a certain moment,  
And the other kind,

when you know the choice  
Will lead to bad or good.  
Observation two.  
Like that woman today.  
She knew she was risking  
her best friendship  
With bitsy for a dress.  
Observation three...  
some choices are forever.  
Observation four...  
Just because people aren't  
in our lives anymore  
Doesn't mean  
they stop thinking about us,  
And vice versa.  
Goodnight, dad,  
wherever you are.  
I'm eating dessert first  
when I can.  
You sure she's coming?  
I don't know.  
She said she needed  
a few extra minutes.  
Girls.  
What happened?  
Eyeliner accident.  
What's eyeliner?  
Makeup for your eyes?  
See?  
Doesn't it make my eyes  
look more dramatic?  
I guess so.  
Well, one of them.  
Well, Samantha taught me how,  
and Rick says it looks better.  
They both think I should wear  
my hair down more often, too.  
When did they say this?  
Last night.  
I went and hung out  
at their apartment.  
Really?  
Mmm-hmm.  
why didn't you tell us

that she had no idea  
We were gonna be there.  
They had no idea.  
She had no idea  
they were coming!  
And why did you say that the  
book was about woodland animals?  
The book was about  
woodland animals...  
Why did it take her 60 years  
to get it back?  
60 years... 60...  
Mary!  
And don't think chocolate milk can  
keep us quiet. Although it is delicious.  
You have my sincere apology  
For not giving you enough  
information  
So you could do your job.  
The story started  
with my beloved grandfather,  
Oswald Oswald II  
Come on,  
is this story for real?  
I swear!  
I swear on...  
I swear on... on...  
I... I...  
I swear...  
On this 1932  
Starsky and hutch telescope!  
Now that could be yours  
if the price is right.  
It's very rare, very valuable,  
cast in gold,  
And my grandfather grew up  
with nothing.  
Nothing.  
So...  
When children came to him  
With something of value  
to pawn,  
Well, grandpa's heart went out  
to those little hearts.

He purchased their objects.  
He had each one of those  
young persons write out  
The reason  
they needed to sell.  
with some research,  
I made it my own personal duty  
to return almost everything  
To those  
who are still alive.  
The car is ready, sir,  
as is your biplane.  
Thank you.  
Very good, James.  
Jeremy? Sissy?  
I'll leave you to your  
own devices with this hint.  
The woodland animal book  
came with a form,  
And this one...  
Does too.  
Good luck.  
Simon Rudolph,  
age 14.  
"I need money to buy  
a silver watch.  
"all my friends have nice  
watches,  
But my mother's too busy  
spending money on herself. "  
"she has 20 of these lamps,  
so she won't notice  
"one missing because she doesn't  
notice anything.  
"dad says I need to learn  
the value of money, but someday,  
"I'll be  
even richer than him,  
And I'll have 50  
silver watches. "  
You better be coming  
with us, James.  
My job is to drive you.  
I had

no idea child endangerment  
Was part of your job  
description.  
Again, I don't owe  
a debt to society.  
So you're gonna leave  
us with them? What?  
What's wrong with those guys?  
They're not gonna hurt you.  
You're not gonna hurt them,  
right?  
See?  
Nice lamp.  
Thanks.  
Namaste. Simon.  
Jeremy.  
Lamp.  
Rub-a-dub.  
Thank you.  
You don't want it?  
I have a lamp.  
Works great.  
So that means  
I can keep this one, right?  
Right.  
Score.  
Let's go.  
Wait.  
Where's the watch?  
Which one? The one that you bought  
when you pawned your mother's lamp.  
I gave it to a homeless man  
after I made my first million.  
You made a million dollars  
and you live like this?  
Oh, I made a million over  
and over.  
Then I gave it all away.  
Money...  
It's dirty.  
Then how do you eat?  
I didn't say I gave away  
everything,  
But I do believe

that all life's problems  
Come from attachment.  
What do you mean?  
When I was young,  
I thought it was all about  
owning as much as possible,  
I collected and amassed,  
and I hoarded as much  
As I could,  
including money.  
I made tons of it,  
but all those things,  
And all that dirty,  
dirty cash...  
Blinded me.  
It made me miss  
the point of...  
Living life.  
So getting rid of things  
would you say  
Is the meaning of life?  
Jeremy,  
you're reaching.  
And this is our out.  
Let's go.  
We'll just leave a note.  
We'll write on the table  
with our fingers.  
He'll find it. Lizzy, this  
could our plan "h," alright?  
I don't know if we can open  
the box, okay?  
But it's possible that we can  
learn the meaning of life  
From other people,  
how does that sound?  
From this guy?  
Jeremy,  
he's cuckoo-berry.  
Look at this flower.  
What do you see?  
Big, purplish flowers.  
Look at this picture.  
What does it mean?



I don't know.  
I guess it kind  
of brightens the room?  
It reminds me  
to treasure every moment  
Because they are fleeting.  
A minute later,  
and the Sky will be different.  
It reminds me  
of a beautiful day  
Back when I used to go  
outside.  
So, a real question...  
What do you think  
a photo means to a flower?  
huh?  
Exactly.  
So when you ask the meaning  
of life,  
There is no single answer  
That will apply to everyone  
or everything.  
We all bring  
our own perceptions  
And experiences  
to every situation.  
Oh, oh, my God, is that...  
is that a bug?  
So wait, so you're saying  
that the meaning of life  
Or a sunset  
is different for everyone?  
Yes.  
And if you ask the meaning  
of life,  
You have to ask first,  
why are we here?  
I would love  
to continue this conversation,  
But right now, I have to shower  
and call an exterminator.  
Rain check.  
Observation five...  
I'm starting to think I don't

understand the grownups at all.  
Observation six... or they  
just don't understand me.  
Observation seven...  
probably the only person  
On the planet who ever  
understood me was my dad,  
And now I have no clue what  
he's trying to tell me at all.  
Hey.  
Hi.  
How was your day?  
Fine. Freakish.  
Fine.  
Well, I made you  
some black-eyed peas,  
Huck Finn's favorite.  
Jeremy...  
Sweetheart.  
Monkey,  
you're on an adventure.  
An adventure's  
supposed to be fun.  
What's the point of trying  
if he's not even here  
To see what I'm doing?  
He is here, baby.  
I feel him all the time.  
I feel him in the wind.  
I feel him  
in the sunshine on my face.  
I feel him  
in the starlight at night.  
Whether or not you believe  
that he is here  
And that he's watching you,  
everything you do is important.  
Your father may have lived  
each day as though  
It were his last,  
but that does not mean that we  
Didn't have dreams that would  
carry us far into our old age.  
For instance, one of them,

we decided  
We were gonna take you one night  
into the desert  
And watch a meteorite shower.  
And then,  
when you were a little older,  
Maybe, like,  
a few years from now,  
We'll bring you to Paris,  
And we could all wave our  
baguettes madly on the sand  
As the flyboats went by.  
Vive la France!  
And then the simplest  
but maybe my favorite dream  
Is that I would give  
your babies...  
If you ever have any...  
A million kisses  
as I held them in my arms.  
Look, I know I may not get  
to all of them,  
But gosh darn it, I can't stop  
dreaming these dreams  
And trying  
to make them come true  
Just because daddy's  
not here physically with us.  
He wouldn't want that.  
Please...  
Don't tell me  
what dad wants or wanted.  
Okay, monkey, I'm sorry.  
And please  
do not call me that.  
I am not  
a little monkey anymore.  
Right.  
Right, Jeremy, I'm...  
I'm sorry.  
I'll respect that.  
Thank you.  
What the heck are you doing?  
It's noon.

It's a Summer vacation.  
I get to sleep in.  
Don't you wanna find  
the keys?  
What's the point?  
Excuse me?!  
And what's that?  
Are you sleeping  
with your dad's box?  
So?  
Wow.  
Get up.  
I have plan "h".  
I don't care,  
I don't wanna do anything  
Until I know why I'm here.  
Well, I'm pretty sure  
you won't figure that out  
Lying in bed with  
a box all day.  
Besides, we're due at  
Samantha and Rick's soon.  
I don't wanna go over there.  
Yeah, you do.  
I told them about  
the box and the keys...  
You what?! I told them  
about the box and...  
Great...  
You're up.  
Come on, Jeremy.  
Samantha says if you wanna  
know where the keys are,  
You have to go  
to the source.  
You have to ask your dad.  
What are you talking about?  
We're having a sance.  
She's got Ouija board  
and everything.  
No. I'm done listening to you  
and your stupid ideas.  
You always get me in trouble.  
You're like a bad luck charm.

come on,  
she's had it worked  
When she asked  
her dead grandma something.  
Jeremy, what do you have  
to lose?  
My integrity!  
What's that even mean?!  
Let us all hold hands  
and close our eyes.  
You are gathered here today  
to call upon the spirit o...  
What's your dad's name?  
Daniel fink.  
Daniel fink.  
Mr. Fink, if you can hear  
the sound of my voice,  
Please send us a sign.  
Thank you.  
We shall take that as a sign  
of your presence  
And your willingness  
to speak.  
Why does it smell  
like peanut butter?  
I don't know.  
Just keep going.  
Okay.  
Let us all put our first  
two fingers on the pointer.  
Oh,  
great spirit of Daniel fink,  
We call upon you  
to answer our plea.  
Where are the keys  
you left for Jeremy?  
My bad.  
Be serious, Rick.  
Jeremy,  
are you feeling anything?  
Yeah,  
I feel like an idiot.  
Quiet!  
You must concentrate.

I have way better things  
to do.  
What's more important  
than contacting your dad?  
Building  
your stupid time machine?  
hold up,  
you're building a time machine.  
I cannot believe  
you just said that out loud!  
What?  
Is it a big secret?  
Everyone knows you've  
been building it for years!  
It's not like I've worked  
on it recently!  
time machine?!  
That's the dorkiest thing  
I've ever heard.  
Shut up, Rick!  
Wait!  
Jeremy, wait!  
Don't be mad!  
Come back here,  
Jeremy!  
Go back to your new  
friends!  
Jeremy!  
Jeremy, I'm sorry!  
I was only trying to help!  
Go away!  
You've done enough!  
I don't want you to tell  
anyone about me  
Or my dad ever again!  
Are... are you destroying  
the time machine?  
Stop!  
Jeremy, stop it right now!  
What do you care?  
You don't even believe  
in it anymore!  
Do you think you're  
the only one

That has to struggle  
to get out of bed?  
Do you think people  
don't just wish  
They could go back in time  
and change things?  
Yeah, your dad died.  
But he loved you,  
you big dumb jerk!  
My mom didn't love me enough  
to stay!  
Did you ever think  
about that?  
So how we doing today?  
Is it safe to assume you two  
are now silent partners?  
We're not partners.  
Just silent.  
Jeremy's not talking  
'cause he's having  
A "existential" crisis.  
Oh, big word.  
Big whoop.  
And he gets cranky when he  
leaves the boring two blocks  
Around his apartment.  
What's the problem,  
Jeremy?  
A lot of things  
that I don't want to get into.  
Like what?  
Like I don't know  
why I'm here.  
How's that make you feel?  
I don't know.  
Like I'm lost in outer space  
and there's no gravity  
And nothing to hold onto.  
Well, maybe today's assignment  
will help bring you back  
to planet earth.  
"this telescope belonged  
to my grandfather.  
"looking through it

was his favorite thing to do.  
"he left it to me  
when he died.  
"I need the money  
to buy a track uniform,  
"and my parents  
can't afford it.  
"I need to run track in order  
to get a scholarship  
"to get into M.I.T.  
"someday I want to be  
a scientist  
"and help answer some  
of the questions in the world.  
I'm almost certain my  
grandfather would understand. "  
The telescope belongs  
to Dr. Grady.  
He's an astrophysicist at  
the museum of natural history.  
I remember that place.  
We went there  
on a school trip.  
I fell asleep during  
the movie thingy.  
Yeah, you were snoring  
like an elephant. Chop-chop.  
Find the scientist's entrance,  
and you'll find the answers.  
Excuse me?  
Uh, excuse me?  
Do... do you know where  
the scientists' entrance is?  
That way.  
Okay. Okay.  
Thank you.  
Excuse me!  
Do you know where  
the scientists' entrance is?  
Thank you.  
James, why do you have  
to do this to us?  
Jeremy and Lizzy?  
Dr. Grady.



Pleased to meet you.  
You'll have to forgive  
my impatience,  
But we scientists  
are a very curious bunch.  
Wait, how did you know  
it was us?  
Oh, that nice gentleman  
over there pointed you out.  
I see endangering children's  
no longer part of the job.  
I can't take the suspense  
another moment.  
Tell me!  
What do you have?  
Incredible.  
How in the world  
did you find it?!  
This guy named Oswald.  
Old Ozzy is still alive?  
Impossible!  
No,  
Oswald is his grandson.  
Oh, well...  
well, that's a relief.  
For a second, I thought  
he built a time machine.  
Do you know how?  
Jeremy's been trying  
for five years.  
I told you  
to stop telling people!  
What? He's a scientist.  
Maybe he could help.  
Well, between us, I do think it  
would be theoretically possible  
To go back in time.  
As to traveling  
to the future,  
Now that would be  
incredibly difficult.  
Huh?  
Well, maybe you would understand  
better if I show you.

One way to travel to the past  
is to look at the stars.  
The light that comes from stars  
has traveled from very far away.  
Never thought of it  
as looking into the past.  
Yes, you're seeing light as it  
appeared 100 years ago,  
Not as it looks today.  
It might not even exist  
anymore.  
Wrapping my mind around  
that  
Just made me think  
of 20 more questions.  
Well,  
I thought it was a headache,  
But it might be questions.  
Oh, now you see  
why I love science!  
When I was young  
and I pawned the telescope,  
I thought I'd know  
all the answers by now.  
I didn't realize that  
for every answer I learn,  
Twenty more questions pop up  
in its place.  
Wait.  
No,  
it is a headache.  
Stop.  
Please, go on.  
So it's very important  
that we not destroy  
What makes us curious.  
We encourage it.  
We... we... we delight in it.  
We... we... we keep asking  
and wondering  
And trying to understand,  
but when we stop wondering,  
We stop asking questions,  
And then there's no point

being here.

There's no point?

Someday when you two are old  
and married...

We're not getting married.

At least not to each other.

Well, regardless.

I hope you're still asking  
questions when you're my age.

Questions are the key  
to everything.

are you sure you don't  
wanna put it back together?

Dr. Grady was talking  
like it's possible-ish?

It's going to the trash.

You helping or watching?

I need to go  
to Coney island.

Because...

To go to where the star  
first gave its light

All those years ago.

Talk English.

When my dad turned 13,  
That fortune teller told him  
his Destiny.

I need to go to the place  
where it all started.

Maybe there's a clue there  
or something.

Okay. I'm game.

I think this is something  
that I need to do on my own.

You're out of your gourd.

I'm coming with you.

No, really.

I mean it.

You gotta respect  
the man.

Is that you?

Yes.

Okay.

Oh, no, you don't.

There's nothing to worry about,  
fink, and if there is,  
I brought this,  
just in case.  
Hey, Jeremy.  
Stop.  
Why?  
Because people will think  
There's something wrong  
with you.  
there is  
something wrong with me,  
Jeremy fink!  
You should know that  
by now!  
Where you going?!  
Stop.  
Jeremy fink's sweat smells  
like peanut butter!  
Can I see that for a second?  
Bingo.  
Let's find the old lady.  
If she's still alive.  
Wait.  
I just wanna see  
if I feel anything.  
Okay.  
welcome to  
Madame Zaleski House of Palm.  
Who would like reading today?  
No... ch-ch-ch-ch.  
Don't tell me.  
I think you are here...  
With, um, burning question  
of young love.  
no.  
Shh. Wait, wait.  
Don't speak. Don't speak.  
You are here today  
with...  
Question about lost pet.  
Dog, cat?  
Turtle?  
You are siblings

who were separated at birth.  
I apologize, I believe  
we have the wrong place.  
No! Nonsense!  
No one comes into Madame Zaleski  
House of Palm by mistake!  
Bigger forces  
have brought you here!  
Well, we came looking  
for the real Madame Zaleski.  
Real?  
Madame Zaleski?  
What makes you think  
I am not real? Touch.  
Real.  
Very real.  
Uh, well, for one thing,  
you're too young.  
Oh, meow.  
Madame Zaleski like you.  
You I give reading half price.  
You, you pay full.  
Look, is there  
another Madame Zaleski  
That was here  
around 30 years ago?  
Mmm. Yes.  
My great aunt.  
She taught me  
everything I know.  
A shame  
what they did to her.  
Kick her off boardwalk  
after all those years.  
And may we ask why?  
Why?  
For nothing!  
They say she tell everyone  
same thing.  
What did she tell them?  
They claim she told  
all the women  
That they would grow long  
fingernails and have good shoes

And all men that they would not  
live to see 40th birthday.  
Ridiculous!  
If she did this...  
if she did this, is gift.  
Make people live life more full.  
This is blessing, no?  
What? She told this  
to everybody?  
Does that mean yes?  
Yes.  
listen, do you guys  
want a reading or what  
Because I got a nail appointment  
in 20 minutes and I have to go.  
that clears up  
a lot.  
Guess it wasn't his Destiny  
to die young.  
It was just an accident.  
Or a coincidence.  
Same thing.  
Is it?  
I don't know.  
I feel like I don't know  
anything right now.  
Well, even if we don't  
find the keys,  
At least we learned...  
Stuff.  
Yeah, I guess that's  
what my dad wanted.  
Hey, Lizzy?  
Yo.  
I'm sorry about the thing  
I said.  
Or I'm sorry for what  
I didn't say  
Is what I mean.  
I've been so busy missing  
my dad,  
I never stopped to think  
about how hard it must be  
For you

when your mom left.  
I thought it was temporary  
and that she'd be back  
And everything would be okay.  
And then you'd have  
your mom again.  
I really  
never thought about  
How hard  
it must be for you.  
Thank you, Jeremy.  
And I'm sorry, too,  
About telling anyone  
about your dad  
Or the time machine.  
I was just trying  
to help.  
Sissy, wake up!  
Now, since today will sadly  
be our last day together...  
Thank you.  
What?  
In two days, I'll be sailing  
to the Florida keys.  
So as a reward for  
a job well done,  
I'd like you to choose  
something from my shelves,  
And if you wish...  
doll, please.  
Alright, help yourself.  
Yes!  
What?  
Jeremy,  
is there anything you'd like?  
Do you by Chance have  
any stamps?  
Stamps, uh...  
Stamps.  
I have stamps.  
Ha ha!  
I meant old stamps.  
Oh, what... what kind of stamps  
are you looking for?

A 13-cent Hawaiian  
issued in 1913.  
It's pretty rare.  
I don't believe so.  
Um...  
Letter opener?  
Nah, I'm good.  
Then may I make  
a suggestion?  
Uh, sissy said  
that you aren't fond  
Of traveling outside the two  
blocks of your general area?  
I'm getting better.  
He is, as long  
as someone's with him.  
His palms don't sweat  
anymore.  
Well, that's commendable,  
'cause turning 13  
is a big deal,  
And there's a whole world  
out there  
Ready for you to conquer.  
That's why I suggest  
you take this.  
That could come in handy.  
Whoa! What's in it?  
Flotsam and jetsam,  
papers, photos, pencils, keys.  
I... Mary?!  
Will you dump this junk  
out of here?!  
No!  
I... I mean no, thank you,  
Flotsam and jetsam.  
It's great. I love it.  
Skip it.  
Very well.  
It has been a great pleasure  
meeting the both of you.  
Goodbye.  
Thank you Mr. Oswald.  
This has been one



of the greatest summers.

Definitely made

my top ten.

Oh, my gosh,

it works!

Lizzy...

Two down, two to go.

Thank you, Oswald.

It fits.

One more...

And then...

The meaning of life.

Well,

maybe we missed one.

No, I was really careful.

I gotta go to bed.

Wait, but we have

to retry all of them.

**It's 2:**

rather stick a fork in my eye.

But, hey, happy birthday

officially.

You're two hours

into being a teenager.

Actually, I did the math,

and it's the end

Of my 13th year

on the planet so...

Goodnight, fink.

Mom.

H- hey, mom?

Mom.

Oh...

Hi.

Did you find

the rest of the keys?

Three of them.

Oh.

Come here.

Remember

in "the giving tree,"

When the tree gave the boy

all of her apples and branches?

Sure, I think we only  
read it to you  
About 100 million times.  
Remember at the end  
When the tree gave  
the boy all that she had  
Until she was nothing  
but a stump?  
Sure.  
That always bothered me.  
But the tree loved  
the boy very much.  
Remember the last line? "and  
the tree was... " happy, yes.  
Daddy used to say  
that you were the giving tree,  
That you would do  
anything for us.  
He said that about me?  
Yeah.  
And sometimes  
I want you to be that.  
And sometimes I don't.  
Oh.  
Okay.  
I think I understand.  
Thank you, monkey.  
I mean Jeremy.  
You can call me monkey.  
Yeah?  
Well, then, happy 13th birthday,  
monkey.  
Thanks, mom.  
Yeah, he got it!  
He got it!  
Oh boy, I remember when  
I turned 13.  
I was all, hey,  
where's the secret handshake?  
You know it?  
Oh, Jeremy, there is none.  
You just gotta sink or swim  
your way through it.  
And just when you figure out

teendom, bang!  
You're 20,  
and right there,  
That's a whole nother set  
of mysteries to unlock.  
So happy birthday,  
kiddo!  
Thanks.  
Can we do presents now?  
Open mine first.  
It's the best.  
Slow it down, Lizzy.  
Elaine first.  
Thanks.  
Alright.  
How did you know?  
You've only been telling me  
for 100 years.  
But this one.  
A certain Dr. Grady  
had it delivered.  
Whoopdy-doo.  
Now open mine.  
Okay.  
It's the ignition key  
to your time machine, duh?  
And you didn't tell me?  
Well,  
you threw it away!  
And when your mom saw you  
took apart the time machine,  
She made me get it  
out of the garbage.  
I got grounded,  
and I dumpster dived for you.  
Mom?  
Jeremy?  
I love you.  
I love you too,  
monkey!  
It's okay, you can go  
somewhere else to open it.  
Wait up!  
dear Jeremy,

I wanna tell you some things  
I've learned  
Since I met that fortune teller  
on my 13th birthday.  
Of course, it's my hope  
that I'm with you  
When you turn 13,  
but just in case,  
I'm writing it down.  
From my 13th birthday  
forward,  
I grew up with a deadline  
over my head.  
If I only had 40 years,  
How many more times  
would I see a sunset  
Or play in the waves  
at the beach?  
How many more times  
would I hug my son at night?  
I made sure to be  
fully in the moment,  
To pay attention,  
because that's all life is,  
Really,  
a string of moments  
That you knot together  
and carry with you.  
Hopefully, most of those  
moments are wonderful,  
But they can't all be.  
The trick is to recognize  
an important one  
When it happens  
and to hold on tight to it.  
Inside this box is a record  
Of what gave meaning  
to my life.  
I hope it inspires you  
to do the same.  
Rocks? What?  
"rock number one...  
The boardwalk  
at Coney island, age 13."

"rock number two...  
the first flea market  
"my parents took me to,  
age 14.  
"rock three... outside the dance  
where I met your mom.  
"rock four...  
high school graduation.  
"rock five...  
The cemetery  
at my father's funeral. "  
None of these rocks  
have numbers on them.  
I guess it doesn't matter  
As long as you remember  
the moment.  
It's the last one  
I'm missing.  
"expect the unexpected. "  
But I only had ten cards in my  
collection when your dad died.  
I know.  
Well, how did he...  
I don't know.  
I gotta go.  
Wait!  
Where are you going?!  
Wait! Where are you going?!  
What about me?!  
Lizzy, you've always been there  
for me and you always will,  
But I think this is something  
that I need to do on my own.  
Okay.  
Then...  
Ru-u-u-u-u-n!  
Rock six...  
Outside the hospital  
where you were born.  
Yes.  
Rock seven...  
The first day you said "dad"  
and all the other moments  
You made me laugh

and filled my life with Joy.  
I spent a lot of my life  
thinking it was death  
That gave meaning to life,  
but I was wrong.  
Life and how we choose  
to live it  
Is what gives meaning  
to life.  
Life is all about  
the Journey,  
And I hope this is one  
you'll never forget.  
I hope Lizzy is still  
your best friend  
And that she's as feisty  
as ever.  
Take care of each other  
and hug your mother for me.  
More than anything,  
I hope the string of moments  
That make up your life delight  
you and fill you with wonder.  
Every moment is waiting  
for you, Jeremy,  
Starting with this moment.  
And this one.  
And this one.  
They're all yours  
to celebrate.  
They're all yours.  
I love you, Jeremy,  
and I am so proud of you.  
Hello, Mr. Oswald?  
Mr. Oswald?  
H- hello?  
Mr. Oswald?  
what a surprise.  
Jeremy,  
what are you doing here?  
Is Oswald home?  
Oswald, no.  
Oswald is in Florida.  
The keys, remember?

Now I'll never know.  
Never know what?  
Who set  
this whole thing up.  
If Oswald knew  
about all of it.  
If Oswald and my dad  
knew each other  
Or if this was just  
some weird coincidence?  
Well, maybe I can help you. Okay.  
Well, I have a few  
technical questions for you.  
Shoot.  
How long has Oswald  
had the keys?  
Since your dad died.  
How did my dad and Oswald  
know each other?  
They met at a flea market  
about six years ago.  
Oswald sold your dad  
the box.  
The missing key to the box  
was the key in my time machine.  
It was?  
What do you know  
about that?  
I know that Oswald gave  
that key to your mom  
When you started building  
the time machine.  
Since my dad's funeral.  
They've been planning this  
for a long time.  
everyone has.  
Everyone?  
So the security guard?  
And the police officer?  
It's amazing what people  
will do for a good cause.  
Even Larry the locksmith  
was in on it.  
Your dad wanted you to have

an incredible 13th birthday,  
So we were all here  
to make sure it happened.  
Oh, everyone did this  
for my dad.  
Everyone did this for you.  
Lizzy's playing card.  
Your dad signed every card  
in the deck  
To make sure  
he got the right one.  
How did he know which one  
was the right one?  
Lizzy's dad  
did some snooping.  
Of course  
Lizzys dad was in on it.  
Everybody was.  
Operation Jeremy fink  
and the meaning of life.  
We had code words  
and secret handshakes.  
It was fun.  
Wait, so how did the card  
get inside the box?  
Oh, please, Jeremy,  
you left your bag in my car  
So many times.  
That reminds me.  
Oswald wanted me  
to mail this to you, but...  
So it's goodbye again.  
Where are you going?  
Me? Off to the next job.  
Thank you, Jeremy.  
You're thanking me?  
For what?  
For letting me see the world  
through your eyes.  
You got a pretty  
amazing life ahead of you.  
# come sing me a song  
# and I will do anything  
you ask me to #



# oh, yeah  
# oh, yeah  
# come give us a smile  
# a million eyes shining down  
won't see you frown #  
# oh, yeah  
# oh, yeah  
# your love's got a hold  
on me #  
# and there's nothing  
I can be #  
# without your love  
# without your love  
# without your love  
# without your love  
# come sell us a dream  
# I'd buy it now  
and feel so proud #  
# oh, yeah  
# oh, yeah...  
# we're on a Journey #  
# better take the long way  
# there's so much here  
to explore #  
# waiting to discover  
# all the secrets  
to uncover #  
# everything that you're  
searching for #  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
of life #  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
of life #  
# life is such a mystery  
# we have to find  
our own way #  
# our own special path  
# we can wander  
this whole world #  
# leaving no Stone unturned

# the answer's within  
your grasp #  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
of life #  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
# looking for the meaning  
of life #  
The end