

## Do you know me? Really you don't?



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Trying to think of a title to this, but I am not sure how to describe a situation where you meet someone for the first time and you feel like they know you and they are trying to get you to do what they or someone else wants. This has happened one to many times to me in California over the past few years and I am very tired of it.

Maybe I need to educate Los Angeles on the depth of a person or the fact that what you see on the surface is not all that is there. Well not just Los Angeles, our country has developed a surface view of seeing people. I am very tired of my time being wasted with games and very tired of the fact the last ten years of my life have been destroyed by fear and what I call rubbish. People making assumptions of who I am and my motivations and goals and even integrity based on rumors and gossip.

I realize this is convoluted and perhaps confusing but I am confused and frustrated. Let me explain what happened tonight and maybe then you can comprehend my weirdness. I should say I think what happened was weird and perplexing.

I went to the down town art walk. It is an event that happens monthly. I go when I can. I have been very sick so my intent was initially to go to the Last Bookstore and then walk down to the Hive Gallery. If I was up to it I would also check in at any other art venues I found open. I ended up going into an open space where they had some art vendors. An artist had a cart and he was showing people art games he had created. I played one. It was rather ingenious. It took me a while to figure it out. The objective of the game I played was to find the matching pairs.

While I am playing the game the artist asks me what I do. I had taken a picture of his cart. I tell him I am an actor film maker. He asks me to follow him on Instagram and tells me that may be we can help each other out. He starts talking to me about how he wants to make a short about his work. I tell him I am Sag Aftra, in other words I am not going to do non union anything. He tells me so is he, but he wants to do something in reality TV. I then ask him if he knows who I am. He says no. But I think it is weird.

I do not want to do reality TV. I am kind of tired, and I feel violated. I want to be able to go back to pretending and using my imagination. I wish who ever wanted me to grow up and realized I had, but that I grew up an dreamer and needed to dream. I have my own projects I want to achieve and I wanted to achieve them on my own. I do not want to work with a partner on their pet project because it is their passion not mine. I have my own passions to achieve.

Passion is what drives me. I have a need to do things from my heart, and not from someone else's. It is why I have not dated anyone since 2006. Because if you push onto me your dreams and goals I get turned off. I do not feel you hear my passion or pain. And I don't want to be trapped in a situation where I feel my time is sapped by dreams that are not mine.

I am an artist and as an artist I have my own voice. I need my voice to take priority in my world. It is not about not being helpful to others or nice. But I was reminded tonight of my first Acting Teacher Will Wallace trying to make me do a reality TV show with a friend about getting married. I felt it was trash. I felt as if it was dishonest and against my belief system and I could not do it. It made me discussed with my teacher and with reality TV. I need to pretend. I do not play well with others if my values are compromised or my goals are denied.

I am an actor. And acting has nothing to do with reality TV and I want to be on sets playing characters and making my own scripts and making my own movies. I want to work with people who share my vision but you have to understand you need to respect my space and not assume I am here to help you. It makes me feel pushed and used.

If anyone out there who likes making reality TV shows and documentaries are interested and you figure out the identity of the

artist, by all means go help him make his film, get into film festivals and have at it. But I want to be known as an actor and I want my rights to be working with actors again. I do not want to be alone in a crowd and tonight just made me feel terrified because I do not want connections or people in my life if I can not be an actor and I do not want people in my world if I can not be hired as an actor. I am not going to care about making this guy's movie. Someone who really would care should go do it. If you have passion, follow it.

