

CHAPTER 11

Theory: If You Are Not Hot! Find Something to Excel At

“The key is to be a light, not a judge, a model, not a critic;
A programmer, not a program;
To feed opportunities, starve problems;
To keep promises, not make excuses;
And to focus upon our immediate circle
of influence, not upon the larger circle of concern.”

-Unknown

...While we are on the topic of butterflies, can someone please explain to me why the Germans are so angry?

Think about the word “butterfly” for a moment.

In English; butterfly is of course, butterfly. In Italian – “Farfalle;” French – “Papillon;” Spanish – “Mariposa;” – but for the Germans it is “SCHMETTERLING.”

Why do they need to yell?

Is it because of all the pork they eat?

Come on Germans, pork does not constitute all of the food groups.

Back to the topic at hand; for the rest of us, the less fortunate ones, we must work hard and do all of the things we can to be able to look the best we can.

If you don't agree, I am sure your self-esteem is probably in the toilet.

We don't go through this life looking good for others. We do it for ourselves.

If you don't believe me, try to remember what your sweetie wore to the last 10 social gatherings; you probably can't, but I bet you can remember what you wore, at least most of the time.

We are too self absorbed---our personal struggles distract us and dominate our thoughts; sometimes making it difficult to notice others. What you likely can remember; she looked hot and that is all that matters. If she looked too hot; hey, who is she trying to impress?

She already has you; or perhaps, is she still shopping?

So, guys, and girls, I issue you the following challenge: no matter what your pecking order on the genetic looks scale happens to be, *forget about it* (please do not read the last 3 words of that sentence like an Italian, it is old and it has been done. And besides, it will just make you look stupid).

I am in no way implying that the Italians are stupid; well, the stupid ones are, but the rest of them are actually very lovely intelligent people, just like people in every country.

What I am implying is that the saying “*forget about it*”, though it was cute in its time, has lived its time, which was about, I don’t know 15 minutes, unfortunately it has lived on for years.

While I am on the topic of Italians and Italy, I have to say I loved your beautiful country and culture after spending 5 days in Germany; eating mostly pork and drinking a far too many Maß beer; it was a pleasure to eat a vegetable again. So, thank you Italy, for restoring my health after Germany took it away.

Relax Germany, I had a great time in your amazing country as well, but frankly; for the most of it, I think I was drunk my little SCHMETTERLINGS.

So, as I was saying, do what you can to look your best, just don’t fret it, there is only so much you can do. More important, start to develop other aspects of your life, whether it is through taking classes with the guidance of mentors or picking something and becoming an expert on it.

There is nothing more attractive than intelligence and beauty combined.

Be a leader, not a follower. Whatever you do, don’t listen to anyone else’s opinion of what you can or can’t do. Hell, I wrote this book and if I would have asked a lot of people whether they thought it was a good idea, you know what replies I would have received?

Ones like: “It is a cute idea, are you going to write in your spare time?”

Or, even better: “Oh, you’re writing a book. That is great, are you still looking for work?”

That’s the sort of thing I mean and though not always meant to be negative; sometimes it is the product of mediocre people trying to keep you in their comfort zone. Most people in your life may want you to succeed, but, not too much, because if you do too well, it will illustrate how much of a failure they actually are. At least that is what they may think, the mediocre ones.

Don’t listen and quite frankly; they are being mean. If you have an idea or passion, don’t let the nay-sayers take it away.

If your sweetie or your friends can’t encourage and offer support, get rid of them. You don’t need them in your life.

However, in some instances you must use common sense. If you want to be a boxer, and your nickname is “Armless Joe Brown,” maybe your friends are trying to look out for you; after all, they don’t allow head-butting in boxing.

On the other hand, armless one, if you have researched your idea; GO FOR IT!!!

The worst you can do is fail. And frankly, if you don’t fail enough, you never will succeed!

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