

Christmas, 2019

Hey friends and family-

The Keffuffle family is ready for the holidays!!!!

We are stoked to celebrate and we can't wait to fill in Joanna about all the holiday hijinx she has missed over the past six years while she was in a coma at Resthaven. It was a huge surprise when we got the voice message telling us that she had woken up. There were a lot of shocked looking faces in the Keffuffle household but then again, we are used to surprises.

Speaking of Joanna, Bobby Kerfuffle finished serving his sentence this past March and has found a job in auto repossessing. They told him he had just the skills they were looking for. He has been earning steady pay has not drunk it all away other than the couple of weeks before Labor Day when he said that he was feeling, "All squirrely and such" so he has been about as stable as we have seen him since he was in diapers. Bobby was as surprised as anybody when he heard about Joanna and he said that he will respect the Order that the judge had issued back when all the fuss and such started.

Bobby had forgotten about the Order but he knew to stay away from Resthaven. Otherwise, he didn't give much thought. Bobby sometimes has issues with not giving much thought but he and his therapists are working on that. Anyhoo, we still have to figure out what to do about Christmas. If Joanna is going to be at the house, we are not sure if Bobby can come or if it will be ok for him to simply sit at the Kids table.

We were discussing this when Bobby Jr. reminded us that his dad was not supposed to sit at the kids table due to a different Order from a different judge, and said that if dad "walks in that fucking door he is going to be looking down the barrel of a shotgun, mine or the Sherriff's." We cautioned him on his language but agreed that Bobby may have to get a care package of Christmas treats sent to his trailer. All these Orders are hard to follow so this just might be the easiest way. We are just hoping Bobby doesn't get too riled up when we tell him that he can't spend Christmas with us, especially his first Christmas since he got put away. Now that I think about it I am a little nervous that Bobby Jr. might have a shot gun I didn't know about.

Well, all this talk of Bobby Jr. has us all beaming. BJ, as we call him, has been living with Priscilla and I for the past five years and he has been doing great in school. He was promoted this past June and will be going to high school!! In celebration of this achievement we gave him Priscilla's old car. Her arthritis (see below) has been acting up and she really can't drive it much any more. We told BJ that if he took his grandma where she needs to go he can have her car and he will not need a ride to high school. BJ said he wanted to play football on the high school team but apparently the state has some kind of law or rule about kids over the age of 21 playing high school sports. He was mighty upset when he heard about this and he kind of has his dad's temper but fortunately, he didn't get too upset. We only had to replant a couple of trees and nobody had to go to the hospital.

Priscilla's arthritis has been very difficult. She has days when she really can't do much and given that nobody around here other than her has ever lifted a finger to do much of anything we have had some house care issues. We had tried to get Bobby Jr. to clean house for pay but he was not very good at it. We had to buy a whole new set of dishes and the vacuum broke so we stopped asking him to help. I have been trying to keep up but may have to hire somebody. We have an empty room since Bobby isn't allowed near BJ so we may have to sublet his room in exchange for some help. If any of y'all have a lead on somebody who could do some cleaning in exchange for a little housework and a little time hanging with Priscilla please let me know.

Well, more about Joanna! She is still going to be living at Resthaven because she needs care pretty much round the clock and the only person here who could do anything would be Priscilla but she is in pretty sorry shape herself. Also, as excited as I will be to see her, the rest of the family isn't so sure. I love my family but they forget that Joanna was already a 3rd cousin before she and Bobby got Common Law married, so she was already family even though technically she isn't really married family. I figure we should still care about her but I am a minority in my own house on this issue.

No question Bobby did an awful thing and no question that it took Priscilla (when her arthritis wasn't so bad) about three weeks to clean up after Bobby, but the rest of the family, with the exception of Bobby Jr. who still loves his mama, is still pretty upset about Joanna being found in bed with Priscilla's cousin Elvin who had been visiting us when all of this went down. All I can say is that Elvin, who

had run track when he was in high school was very fortunate for his speed or he may have wound up at Resthaven or worse. I think he is still running because Nobody, not even Priscilla, has heard a peep from him since he high tailed it out of the house that day.

I have been making steady money all year and we don't have no medical debt. I love driving and this kid in the neighborhood who is real resourceful has his grandma and his aunties crafting figurines for the holidays. He has me driving them all over the place and making deliveries. Some of the places where I gotta deliver are a little sketchy, and sometimes the folks I have to deliver to look kind of scary, but I just drive my Impala and listen to sports radio and mind my own business. The neighbor kid likes that. He is a real nice dresser, kind of flashy, but he always treats me well and he always pays me cash. I ain't complaining.

I like to look at the positives in life. This Christmas Joanna is awake! Bobby is out of jail! BJ looks like he will figure out how to graduate high school before he turns 30! Priscilla is taking Embrel and on some days she can wipe her own behind!! I have cash in my pocket to pick up all the things we will need for a beautiful holiday dinner and to get a little something for all the people I love and even some of the ones who piss me off.

I am counting my blessings and wishing the Lord's blessing upon you and yours from me and ours!

Merry Christmas,

Cornelius, Priscilla, Bobby, Joanna, Bobby Jr and the entire Kerfuffle family

PS

Elvin, if you get this letter give us a holler. At least, Priscilla would love to hear from you. Of course, you may want to keep it all on the down low as regards Bobby. I don't think any contact between the two of you will turn out very well even if Bobby already has a new girlfriend, Janice. I really don't see what Bobby sees in her but I am told that the things he sees in her are not public things. I guess six years of incarceration can do that to a man, especially one like Bobby, but hey, let's just say Merry Christmas again. Over and out.