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The Disease Never Leaves

The Adventures of Nicky Newcomer

Hi Nicky, I'm home. Nick, what's wrong, are you sick? You look like you have melted into the table.

I'm so sorry, Cookie, I feel so horrible. This is our one-year anniversary and I have done nothing but sit here and cry.

It's awful, Cookie. The disease has taken another one of us.

I don't get it Cook, why do people have to relapse and die. Where was his Higher Power when Booker needed him?

Serenity

Nicky, you haven't even told me what happened. Was it an overdose? What happened to Booker?

It was BB's brother Booker. He's been struggling for so long. He just could not stop using. He'd get a few months and go back out. He was scheduled to go into rehab today and must have decided on one last high last night. His mother found him dead this morning. She's a mess. Now she has lost two sons now to addiction. It's not fair, it's just not fair.

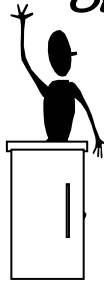
Someone once told me that our Higher Power lets us make our own decisions even if those decisions are not good ones that take us out, but we can always turn to our Higher Power when we need help the most.

Booker was my friend, how could he leave me like this? He didn't think about anyone but himself. I'm mad! I'm mad at Booker. I'm mad.

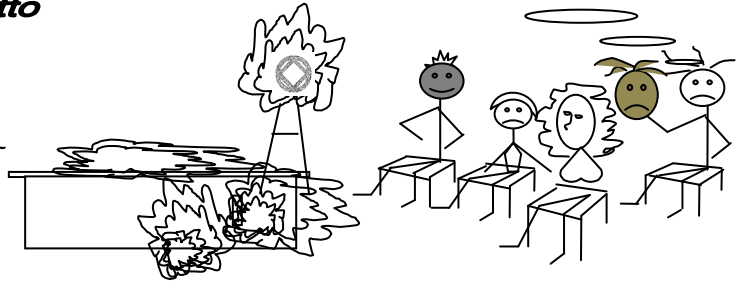
Now you are being self-centered again. This is not about you, Nicky, this is about Booker. He has been in and out of the rooms for 8 years. Maybe Booker had inner turmoil that he did not share about. Maybe he thought he could find solace in drugs.

It is a sad day in Stickville as we lay to rest one of our own. A fine young man in the prime of his life who was held hostage by the terrible disease that took him away from us. Today we say goodbye to Booker Brown. He has joined his brother Beanpole in his eternal resting place.

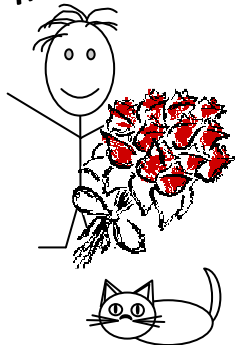
Reverend Otto



Sniffle, sniffle, honk, sniffle!

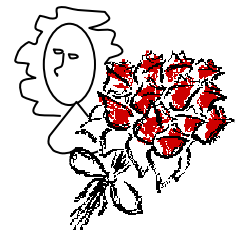


Two days later ...



Happy Anniversary, Cookie. I'm sorry the flowers are late. I never forgot; I just got sidetracked. You are such a wonderful wife and so understanding. I am very grateful to share my life with you. Please forgive me for being preoccupied for the last few days. Also, forgive me for questioning Booker. I love you Cookie.

Thank you Nicky, they are beautiful. I forgive you. You did not use, that is the most important thing. Recovery always comes first. I'm sure a lot of people get mad when someone dies. I love you too Nicky and Happy Anniversary to you too.



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