

Computer
Conversations

Output June 11 - 1964

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Computer output - June 11, 1964 - Program HELP

PATIENT: (I AM VERY DEPRESSED)

DOCTOR: (HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN VERY DEPRESSED)

PATIENT: (EVER SINCE MY DAD STARTED DRINKING)

DOCTOR: (REALLY - YOUR DAD STARTED DRINKING)

PATIENT: (YES)

DOCTOR: (I UNDERSTAND)

PATIENT: (HOW CAN YOU UNDERSTAND)

DOCTOR: (YOU BELIEVE I CAN UNDERSTAND - DONT YOU)

PATIENT: (WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE IN ANYONE)

DOCTOR: (PERHAPS THATS WHAT WE ARE HERE TO FIND OUT)

PATIENT: (MAYBE YOU ARE AN ALCOHOLIC)

DOCTOR: (WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I AM AN ALCOHOLIC)

PATIENT: (YOU SEEM A LOT LIKE MY FATHER)

DOCTOR: (YOU THINK I SEEM A LOT LIKE YOUR FATHER)

PATIENT: (WELL, NO - NOT REALLY)

DOCTOR: (WHY DO YOU SAY THAT)

PATIENT: (FOR ONE THING - YOU DONT YELL AT ME)

DOCTOR: (PERHAPS YOU DONT YELL AT ME)

PATIENT: (I DONT YELL AT YOU - OR ANYONE, FOR THAT MATTER)

DOCTOR: (DO YOU WANT ~~ME~~ ~~YELL~~ ~~AT~~ ~~ME~~)

PATIENT: (I CANT GET ANGRY WITH ANYONE)

DOCTOR: (HAVE YOU TRIED)

PATIENT: (ONLY SECRETLY - IN MY DREAMS)

DOCTOR: (REALLY - YOUR DREAMS)

PATIENT: (I DREAM THE WILDEST DREAMS)

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DOCTOR: (YOU SAY YOU DREAM THE WILDEST DREAMS)

PATIENT: (I FEEL VERY POWERFUL - IN DREAMS, THAT IS)

DOCTOR: (TELL ME MORE ABOUT SUCH FEELINGS)

PATIENT: (THEY FRIGHTEN ME - I WAKE UP SCREAMING)

DOCTOR: (YOU SAY YOU WAKE UP SCREAMING)

PATIENT: (MY WHOLE BODY SHAKES)

DOCTOR: (REALLY = YOUR WHOLE BODY SHAKES)

PATIENT: (YES - ITS ALWAYS A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE)

DOCTOR: (AHA)

PATIENT: (WHY DO YOU MAKE FUN OF ME)

DOCTOR: (YOU IMAGINE THAT I MAKE FUN OF YOU)

PATIENT: (NO - I KNOW YOU WERE LAUGHING AT ME)

DOCTOR: (OH)

PATIENT: (WHY DONT YOU PRESCRIBE SOMETHING FOR ME SO I CAN RELAX)

DOCTOR: (YOU WISH ME TO PRESCRIBE SOMETHING FOR YOU)

PATIENT: (ISNT THAT WHAT A DOCTOR IS SUPPOSED TO DO)

DOCTOR: (LETS EXPLORE FURTHER WHY YOUR DAD STARTED DRINKING)

PATIENT: (HE STARTED JUST AFTER MY MOTHER LEFT HOME)

DOCTOR: (REALLY - YOUR MOTHER LEFT HOME)

PATIENT: (BECAUSE OF THE DRINKING AND ALL, I GUESS)

DOCTOR: (LETS EXPLORE FURTHER WHY YOUR MOTHER LEFT HOME)

PATIENT: (ACTUALLY - DAD HAD STARTED TO RUN AROUND)

DOCTOR: (HMMM)

PATIENT: (SINCE THEN, I CANT GET MY FEELINGS ABOUT HIM STRAIGHT)

DOCTOR: (PERHAPS YOU COULD GET YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT HIM STRAIGHT IF YOU SAW YOUR PROBLEMS MORE REALISTICALLY)

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DOCTOR: (WHY DO YOU THINK I AM ANGRY WITH YOU)
PATIENT: (YOU ACCUSED ME OF NOT LISTENING)
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PATIENT: (YES - AND IT UPSETS ME)
DOCTOR: (I SEE)
PATIENT: (YOU REMIND ME OF MY FATHER)
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PATIENT: (YOU'RE YELLING AT ME JUST AS HE DID)
DOCTOR: (THAT IS INTERESTING)
PATIENT: (I DONT KNOW HOW TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS TO YOU)
DOCTOR: (DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS TO ME)
PATIENT: (YES - ITS ANGER - I AM FINALLY ANGRY)
DOCTOR: (I UNDERSTAND)
PATIENT: (YOU'RE A WONDERFUL DOCTOR - YOU CURED ME)
DOCTOR: (PERHAPS YOU CURED ME)
PATIENT: (I'M NOT ANGRY ANYMORE - BACK TO THE COMPUTER FACTORY FOR ME)
DOCTOR: (WHAT ELSE DOES THAT SUGGEST TO YOU)
PATIENT: (IT FEELS GOOD NOT TO BE ANGRY AND ALSO BE CURED)
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