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SATURDAY SPIN

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Dreaming Jimi back to life

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Two nights ago I had a most unusual dream.

I kept my daughter home from school so she could brush-up on her PlayStation skills with an all-day Grand Theft Auto session. She asks if I would please bake Norwegian pastries and I said I would give it a try after I thoroughly cleaned every closet in the house. While she was busy making a hoodlum run up and down a beach in a murderously violent rampage, I started in on the spring cleaning.

I open a closet and discover an old suitcase under a small mountain of Betsey Johnson clothes, which were brand-new with all the tags still attached. I open the suitcase and find six Santa hats, a photograph of a cookie, a Looney Straw and an old, ornate Ouija board.

I show my daughter the Ouija board and its planchette and explain how they are used. She is intrigued enough to shut down her gang activity.

"May we use it now please, pretty mommy?" she asks. She always remembers her manners in my dreams.

I give her a big smile and the next thing you know, we are lighting some tea candles in a darkened room. Once the candles are lit, I look around and realize that we are in her bedroom, only it's completely tidy and expertly organized. We have the board perched on our knees with our young-looking hands and their beautifully manicured fingertips resting just so on the planchette.

"Who shall we bring forth from the spirit world, mommy?"

"How about Uncle Ron?" I suggest.

"Boring."

"Lenny Bruce?"

"He's age-inappropriate," she says. I am a bit taken aback at this as she, just moments before, was very much enjoying herself playing a video game that involved kicking policemen to death and firing automatic weapons indiscriminately into crowds of people on a Miami-like beach.

Next thing you know, we are going down a water-slide at Enchanted Village that deposits us in a gigantic vat of Kozy Shack Chocolate Pudding. We slop around in it for a while, then we are back in the bedroom with the Ouija board as if nothing ever happened. I suggest we try to contact the spirit of Jimi Hendrix to see what he thinks about all the ongoing fights regarding people's rights to use his likeness in marketing.

She is not warm to the idea, but acquiesces with a puzzled sort of look, but without the whining, harrumphing, stomping or other disagreeable outbursts used in waking life. I love dreams.

"OK, perfect mommy. Perhaps you can use the information we receive

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I thank her for the idea, and I begin with a simple, multipurpose invocation:

"We have lit our candles so that we may be protected by the clean white light, and ask at this time that all negative energies be released from this space. Now Then, Jimi Hendrix, are you here with us?"

The planchette spells out Y-E-S.

"Hello Jimi. Thanks for connecting with us today. Sorry about those inept emergency responders in London."

C-O-O-L N-O-W

"That's good. What do you think about the Experience Hendrix people trying to stop the Electric Hendrix Vodka people from using your name and likeness?"

P-A-P-E-R M-E-A-N-I-N-G-L-S

"Paper meaningless?"

Y-E-S

"So you feel that a document shouldn't restrict the usage of your likeness?"

J-I-M-I F-R-E-E-E-E

Then my daughter says she has something to ask Jimi.

"Have you ever seen the movie 'The Goonies'?"

"OK, sweetie, just let mommy talk to Jimi. So, Jimi, are you saying that anyone should be able to use your name and likeness for anything?"

N-O L-A-V-A L-A-M-P

I was just about to ask him for the guitar tabs to "Fire" when my alarm clock blasted me into my morning.

You have to wonder what Jimi really would say about his image and name used for a bottle of tasty booze. I think he would say it is really groovy.

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