

HELEN

The answer is the life you choose to lead. The question is, what do you need to have that life? If we make it there in time, the last quest is the door that opens up the portal to you getting everything you want for the next seven years. I mean, you can't stop death. And world peace is dependent on everyone but you. But anything you say yes to is yours. You should just have an idea of what you want in case there's not a lot of time.

TIMA

What do you mean IF we make it there in time? Why are we sitting around having a leisurely dinner and eating cake if we have a time crunch?

HELEN

We have the rest of your birthday. Even though our last stop is a bit of a drive. We probably should wrap this up. But here's the point, you have to know what you want before it's time for you to get it. You have seven years to build the foundation of the most beautiful life for yourself. You're your own blueprint.

TIMA

That sounds so simple. And so hard.

HELEN

Look, I have a confession to make.

TIMA

Uh oh. That all of this has been bullshit?

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HELEN

The other reason you're my favorite grandkid - sharing my potty mouth and not being afraid to use it in front of me. But no, this is not bullshit. That's where my confession comes in. It wasn't that you weren't mature enough seven years ago. You were very mature. But not in the way I wanted you to be. You would have said yes to the safe, the secure, the proper, and the reasonable.

TIMA

You mean I would have thought small.

HELEN

You said it. The Tima of seven years ago would never have played with a hula hoop, let alone in public. Or done line dancing with hundreds of strangers at a cookout. Even

something as saying yes to spending the day with your grandmother on a last-minute trip isn't something you would have done. And you certainly wouldn't have been open to taking on the scariest adventure of all - first-time motherhood after years of leading a very settled life.

TIMA

So I was very boring at 25.

HELEN

Boring isn't the issue. Feeling free is. If you're gonna have seven years of the world saying yes to you, I want your yeses to be joyful and fruitful and plant seeds that will last you the rest of your life. And that means getting rid of any baggage that dilutes your joy. Be it animal, vegetable, or mineral.

TIMA

You're talking about Jimmy.

HELEN

I don't give a rat's ass about Jimmy. Obviously, he's gonna be in your life. It's just gonna be an issue whether he's your husband or your baby daddy.

TIMA

You are too old to use the term baby daddy.

HELEN

And you're too old to start having one, but that's beside the point.

TIMA

Ouch.

HELEN

Ask yourself, what kind of romantic love do you really want for yourself? Ask yourself if you're good to continue being a shrink and an academic? Sure, it's safe and secure, but is it joyful? Here is the most important thing of all: you don't have to make any decision about any of this tonight. And you certainly don't have to tell me what your answers are. I just need you to be ready to say yes, and to have every yes you give be rainbow-colored, bedazzled, and full of life and light. Not everyone gets this shot. That's my only job in this journey - to make sure that my beloved grandbaby gets it all. That you roll around in this prophecy like a pig in slop.

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