

Thoughts and Smiles – May 29, 2023

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

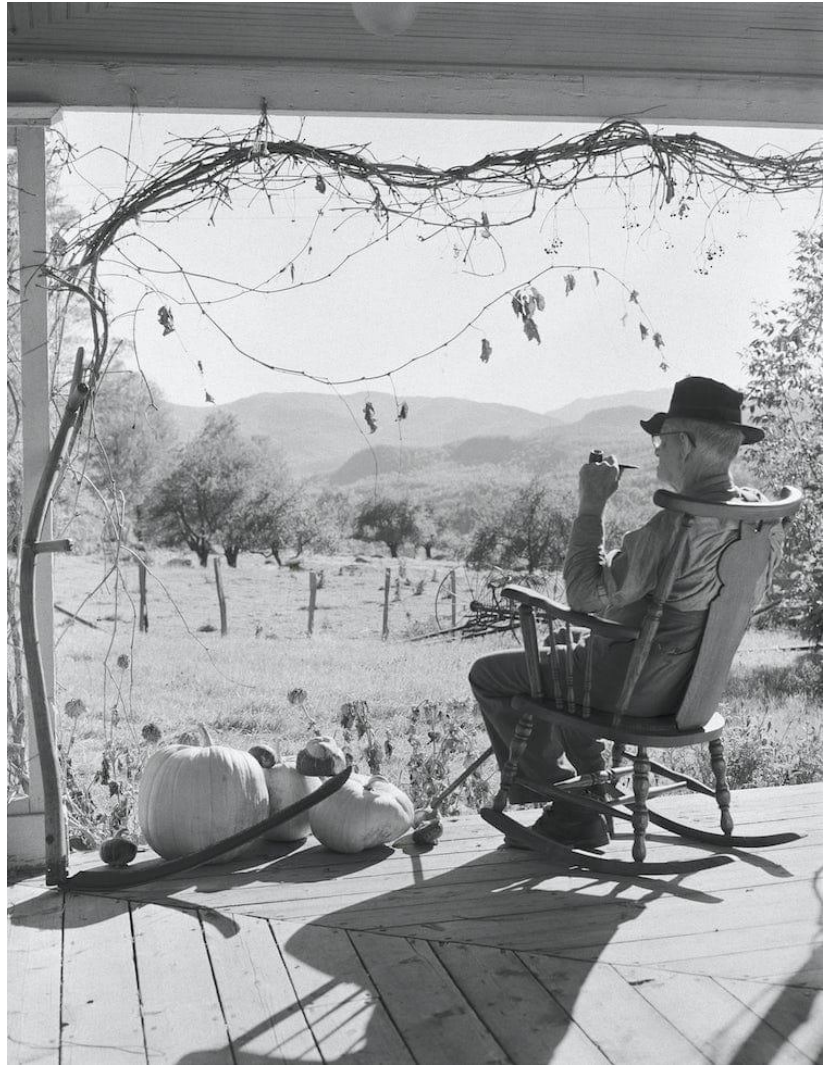
And as Pooh sat there, working through his Difficult Day in his head, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right."

A.A. Milne



My uncle says the architects got rid of the front porches because they didn't look well. But my uncle says that was merely rationalizing it; the real reason, hidden underneath, might be they didn't want people sitting like that, doing nothing, rocking, talking; that was the wrong kind of social life. People talked too much. And they had time to think. So they ran off with the porches. And the gardens, too. Only a few gardens anymore to sit around in. And look at the furniture. No rocking chairs anymore. They're too comfortable. Get people up and running around.

~Ray Bradbury
Book: Fahrenheit 451



(Art: Photograph by H. Armstrong Roberts)

An old man and a woman had spent their entire lives together.
They were childhood sweethearts first and had now actually been married now for more than 60 years.
They had hardly known a life without the other in it.
Over all the years that they had been together, the elderly couple shared everything, keeping no secrets from each other...
Except for one thing...
The little old woman had a shoe box at the top of her closet that she had made her husband promise never to open until the day she fell deathly ill.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box - keeping his promise. One day the little old woman got very sick, and the doctor said she would not recover. Despite being devastated by the news, the couple needed to settle important matters before they ran out of time, and the woman decided she would finally tell her husband what the contents of the shoebox was.

The elderly man then took it out from her closet and brought it to her wife's bedside. Upon opening, the man was shocked to find two crocheted dolls and piles & piles of money that had to be \$250,000..!!

The wife then explained the contents.

"When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was never to argue."

"She said that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The old man looked at the box again. The old man was so touched he had to hold himself back from crying, as only two dolls were in the shoebox.

Presumably, his wife had only been mad at him twice over the span of almost 70 years in their married life.

He scooped his wife up out of happiness and gave her a kiss. After a moment, he looked lovingly into her eyes and asked:

"Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

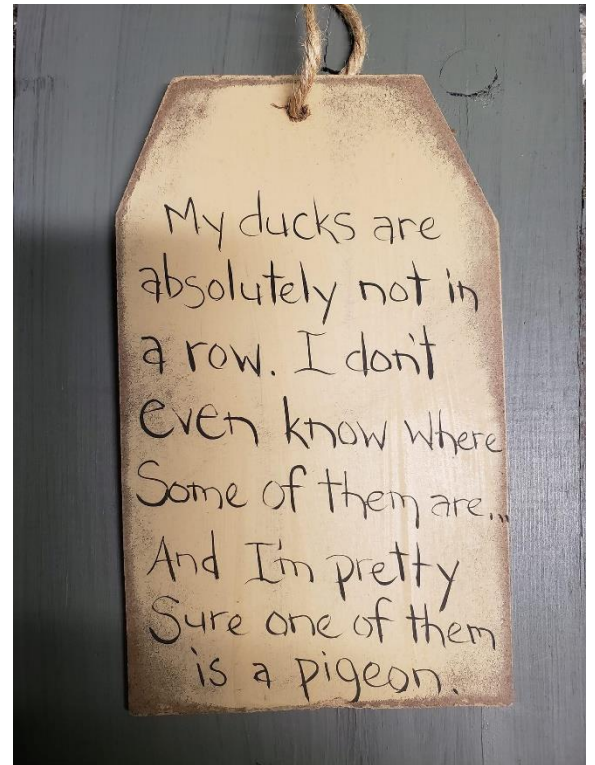
"Oh, that?" she said.

"That's the money I made from selling the dolls."





The woods were dark and foreboding, and Alice sensed that sinister eyes were watching her every step. Worst of all, she knew that Nature abhorred a vacuum.



***Have a terrific week!
Blessings to you all!***

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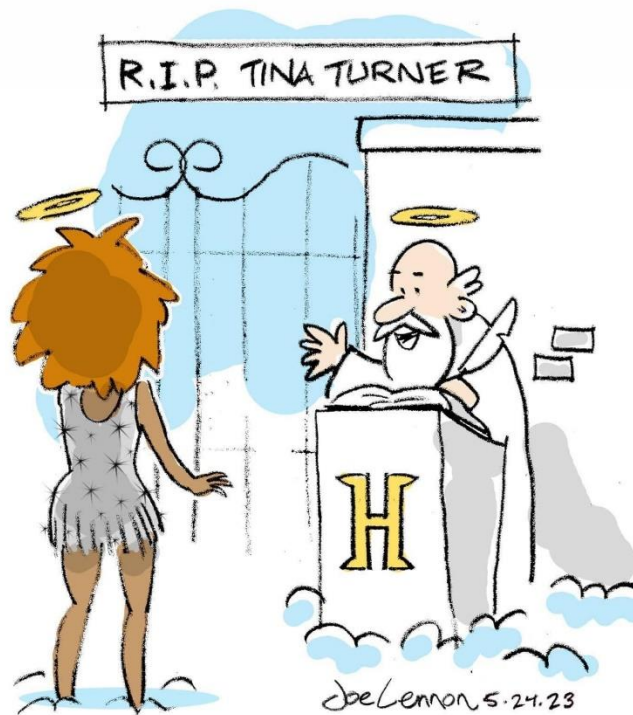
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EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT.