

Beginning

Hello. My name is Jo. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in Miami, Florida at two in the afternoon on November 3, 1994. We have been in Florida since the 80's, when it was fashionable to move there. I like making jokes and being a muse for someone and I really like fashion. I like stargazing, I like sitting outside and I like the beach. I like the quiet of night, it soothes me. I find comfort in talking to strangers, but a lot of times I'm too shy to approach one. I want to write down everything wrong that I was taught during my childhood so that I can make sure future generations don't learn it. I can make about 20 different faces that make me look completely different. Sometimes, I have no shame. I can do about every kind of accent there is. I never cared too much about my hair and that is probably why I can easily cut it off without feeling anything. Some of my favorite inside jokes are the ones that are inside my head. I believe in re-incarnation and that someday I will come back to this planet and be something else. In my next life, if I could be anybody, I'd want to be a really fat black jazz singer. In my next life, if I could be an animal, I'd want to be a bird. I have never been in love and I wonder if it is possible to be. During my childhood I never wanted a pony, but at this point in my life, I have never wanted anything more. I find so much joy in things that happened before I was born, (like early 90's Nick TV shows for example.) I used to play piano at my grandma's house every Wednesday with this really nice lady named Flora (I wonder what happened to her.) I did ballet for nine years, but I was kicked out and ever since then, when a classical song comes on, I imagine myself doing ballet on a stage in front of a huge crowd. Ever since I was little, I have always wanted to be an actress. I am going in the direction of being in the art/fashion world, but I always keep the dream of being the star in movies in the back of my mind. When I think back into my memories of childhood, I see myself in a movie theater watching them since I cannot put myself into that place. I have this daydream of myself in the airport going over to a globe filled with gumballs quite often. Creation is what I wake up every day searching for. Everything in my life can relate back to that single word.

Middle

My parents raised me in Miami and still live there, as do the rest of my family, except for my brother. (My parents both agree that it isn't cool anymore to live there, it's just really difficult to get up and leave.) Let me tell you about some of the things that I like. I like to think that I know a lot of things, but sometimes I forget the path that I am on. I see so many people around me laugh and cry and feel things, but a lot of times I cannot feel them; I am sure this comes from watching too many movies and a lack of emotional experiences in real life. I think it is bad to ask for advice, but I like giving advice. I have had so many horrible teachers in my life, people say they only make you stronger, but they only made me feel worse. The biggest mistakes in my life have been caused by other people's failures. I occasionally surround myself with people bound to fail without even knowing it. I sometimes get past people's stupidities by pretending that they are my own. I constantly want to make somebody feel something so that I can try and feel it too. I find myself seeking attention from people who I wish cared. I sometimes think everyone in

the world is out to get me. I am not always the victim and I wish I would realize that. I have been let down many times in my life, but sometimes I am surprised by how nice mankind can be. My teenage angst makes my life seem a lot worse than it actually is. I think I only say that though because I want to be Daria. I am afraid of practically everything, but I try really hard not to be. Everyone in my family has a talent except for me. I think every day is a good day for ice cream. I have had best friends and I currently have a best friend, but I like being alone and I like laughing at things that no one else would find funny. A lot of the time I find myself with a song stuck in my head. I always get my favorite song stuck in my head and then I can't listen to it anymore. I rarely take life too seriously because I think it is all one big joke. Are you laughing yet? It takes me at least 25 minutes every night to fall asleep because my thoughts keep me awake. I sometimes find myself thinking about people I don't even care about. Every time I watch the sunrise and the sunset, I feel closer to the earth. My eyes are too green and my stomach is too large for my body. I have serious confidence issues because I am five feet tall. A lot of the time I imagine myself floating underwater. Not in the ocean, in a bathtub. It's this big white bathtub that is perfectly spotless, clean and filled with bubbles. In the back of my mind, I continue to contradict myself and beat myself down for sounding so foolish, but I know this just seems right and everything else is stupid (that could be my teen angst speaking.)

End

I feel like my life is going by way too fast and that there is nothing I can do about it. I would move to a lot of places if I could, I plan on it one day. I want to live in an apartment so badly that I don't want to anymore. A lot of the time, I pretend I am older than I am. I sometimes lie in my bed and just stare up at the ceiling for hours waiting for something to happen. I am always looking for adventure, but I don't want to go and find it. I bought a ukulele recently and I am still hoping that one day I will be able to play it. I already have my entire future planned out, but I feel like when I plan something, it never happens. I want to go to fashion school in New York at FIT and have a really cool internship at a magazine and then become the head merchandiser for a major department store and then live in the Upper East Side of Manhattan and then become a cast member on Saturday Night Live and then become a writer at Pixar and then win an Oscar. I think we should all buy timeshares on the moon. I decided that when I'm an adult, I'm going to talk like this:

"I am an adult." - me when I'm older.

"Hi, I was wondering if there is enough room in here for an adult." - me before I enter a store.

"I only talk to adults." - me at a cocktail party, explaining to other adults why I'm talking to them.

"Boy oh boy, being an adult sure is tiring!" - me after I paint a self-portrait.

I really hope that I keep my sense of humor with me wherever I go in life because I know so many people who wake up feeling shitty and then proceed to make everyone else feel that way during the day. I will admit that I've done that once or twice, but people who literally do that every day, need to find a better job or get a new mattress or something. I

just heard someone talking about how they didn't want to get stressed out and I feel like when other people say how they feel, I start to feel that way. I have the weirdest dreams sometimes and I want to share them with someone, but I can't just hand them my brain. I hope that in the future it will be easier to communicate and the planet won't become polluted and smelly. This is the present and it is just fine and the past keeps happening and one day I'll hopefully be able to do something about all of this man-made madness. I've been let down by the people I love but I'll never let down the people who love me. The beginning, the middle, the end, it is all the same. It has all been created and it lives and breathes inside me.

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