

COULD SOMEONE PLEASE HELP A NEEDY TEEN?

I SAW IT IN PRINT
AND IT SUDDENLY HIT ME
WHAT IF THE PERSON WHO ANSWERED WAS WEIRD?

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PERSONALS

KINDA SADISTIC?
OR HAD AN INFECTION?
OR LOOKED LIKE MRS. MULLER
WITH HER MAKE-UP ALL SMEARED?

IT WAS 10:47
THE MAILMAN WAS COMING,
10:48
HE STOOD IN THE HALL,
AND AT 10:49
A VOICE DEEP INSIDE ME
SAID: "CHUCKY,
YOU MIGHT GET LUCKY . . .
AND GET NO RESPONSE AT ALL."

WHEN HE REACHED INTO THE MAILBAG
MY HEART WENT THROUGH THE FLOOR,
THERE WASN'T A SINGLE RESPONSE . . .
THERE WERE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR.

(As MAN #2 continues, the CAST sing back-up on offstage mic.)

AND I ANSWERED EVERY LETTER
LIKE EACH ONE WAS THE FIRST,
I'VE BEEN RUNNING THAT SAME AD NOW FOR A YEAR,
AND MY SKIN KEEPS GETTIN' CLEARER
EVERY WEEK THESE WORDS APPEAR:

MAN #2 and ALL:
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
NEEDS A TEACHER
FOR A PARTICULAR
EXTRA-CURRICULAR.
YOU'D BE MY FIRST
IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
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IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN,
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(HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
NEEDS A TEACHER.)

Man #2.

HELP A NEEDY TEEN!

(He exits.)

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