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A NOVEL

JPod

DOUGLAS COUPLAND

IT workers > Game junkies > Infinite sadness > I am the ghost of troubled Joe

All-purpose IT Worker & Stud.

"Cancer Cowboy." One only. Cool in a Steve McQueen Kind of Way.

Item number: 7471313007
Current bid: US \$6.66 (Reserve not met)
Time left: We're doomed
Start time: Apr-11-76 17:19:35 PDT
Ends: At any moment, PDT
History: 19 bids
High bidder: time_wastr (1)
Item location: Burnaby, BC
Canada/Suburbia
Ships to: Worldwide
Seller: maudlin_drinker

Description

You are bidding on the fully functional IT worker "Cancer Cowboy," serial number: CASPER JAMES JESPERSON. 28 years old. Some scarring. What you see in the photo is what you get. Not responsible for congenital health issues or bastard children who may or may not appear on owner's doorstep.

Cowboy has been extensively reconditioned by a recently vacated ex-girlfriend, and has had a NEW wardrobe installed by overpriced designer boutiques that give you cappuccinos while you shop. Cowboy's hair has also been beautifully reconditioned by a pair of nail scissors, half a bottle of tequila and persistent self-esteem issues.

IT workers the world over know of Cancer Cowboy's manly prowess. Pilot your way through his many levels and bonus rounds, dodging STDs and provincial in-office cigarette smoking regulations. For double-gun firepower, acquire liquor, cleverly mixed CD song sets and antibiotics.

Most sellers will not tell you what I'm telling you because they want you to believe their product is "mint" and will never break. That's obviously impossible.

Click on picture to enlarge what is already large.

Supersize picture

Shipping and payment details

Soul-sucking cubicle > Aging > Babydoll > PVC > Body stockings > Thigh highs

L@@K WOW!!!!

Mega-Rare Tech Ho

Complete w/ Stalled Career

Item number: 000111000111

Current bid: US \$9.95 (Reserve not met)

Time left: According to parents, spinsterhood shortly

Start time: Apr-22-80

Ends: Seemingly never

History: 0 bids

Item location: Coquitlam, BC
Canada/Suburbia/Everywhere/Nowhere/Global

Ships to: Preferably Tokyo

Seller: brasspole (0)

Description

This auction is for Bree Jyang, who has fallen into the depressingly predictable yet still sexy Bettie Page look/thing/whatever.

Bree is 64 inches tall and has jointed arms and legs and a moveable head. Her hair is long, black and rooted, and her makeup is flawless, complete with mole on left cheek.

Bree also sometimes wears a large sombrero hat, a style that was brought back into the limelight when *The Rocketeer* was released, starring Jennifer Connelly and Timothy Dalton.

Bree is wearing a gold silk-look crop top with a daring neckline and black and gold shoulder straps; her 7 1/2-inch heels are so Dita Von Teese.

Bree's inner life is one of burlesque, complete with singers and saucy strippers, including famed female impersonator Vickie Lynn. In her mind, Bree has even made a guest appearance in the greatest stripper movie of all time, *Varietease*.

Bree was born on April 22, 1980, in Nanaimo, BC, where she was known as Dark Queen of Bondage. Okay, not really, but she knew what she liked at an early age. In 2002 she was discovered by her parents to have not enough concern for her future, so she was shipped to one of 400 videogame design schools in Vancouver, where it turned out she not only had a flair for game design, but was also but a mere gentle puff of a rotating nipple tassel away from four local strip clubs.

Bree is awaiting your interest. She has just changed her outfit and is now wearing a fabulous "Bow" bustier by Bali, style #8211, c. 1940s, with a black satin torso. The cups are stunning and have black sheer-illusion lace with the famous "circle stitch" for that sizzling sweater-girl bullet-bra look. The size on tag reads

36D and will fit up to a 38" bust. Bree would like to know what you are wearing, too.

If **Bree** is something you've been looking for, don't let this pass you by! **BUY BREE NOW AND SAVE! CHECK OUT MY OTHER AUCTIONS! SHOP EASILY BY THUMBNAIL PICTURE GALLERIES!**

Wage slavery > Temporary > Get to the point > Let X = X > Start

2005 All-Star Winner Mark Jackson

Item number: 4522041813 (generated with pseudorandom # generator)
Current bid: 23 Zlotys (made that up)
Time left: Hours ago (not very funny)
Start time: Now (ditto)
Ends: When it ends
History: 0 bids
High bidder: 0 bids
Item location: North Vancouver, BC, Canada
Ships to: You (ha ha ha witty)
Seller: prefersblackspy

Buy it Now!

Description

You are bidding on a comprehensive LOT OF CHARACTER TRAITS made from premium DNA and SPECIFIC CULTURAL CIRCUMSTANCES: MARK JACKSON IS A TECH MONEY BONANZA CONTENDER, THREE-D CODER AND HARDWARE DESIGNER to name a few. This lot is also LOADED WITH FEATURES: PERSEVERANCE, AMBITION, A 3.9 COLLEGE GPA and, if I listen to my shit-head cubicle neighbours, EVIL.

CODING LANGUAGES (C++, SOFTIMAGE) ABILITY TO BENCH PRESS 250, ENCYCLOPEDIA KNOWLEDGE OF NFL, CFL & NBA STATS, 4% BODY FAT, NATURALLY ENDOWED WITH EPIC GREEK MUSCLES (SIDES OF STOMACH). Currently KILLING TIME UNTIL MY SECRET HARDWARE IDEAS ARE PATENTED AND MADE GLOBAL. YOU LOOK AT RICH PEOPLE AND THEIR PICTURES AND WONDER, WHY IS THAT PERSON RICH AND NOT ME? THERE'S NO ANSWER TO THIS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT I AM GOING TO BE RICH.

Other GOOD VALUES appear in abundance in this lot, and exceed the best 2005 tech employees now being offered on eBay. Everything you see will be included w/ no surprises.

Quiet life > Unexamined > No frills > Normal > Undamaged

Sensible Value for Typical Fellow

Item number: 1234567890
Current bid: US \$99.99 (Reserve not met)
Time left: 74.5 years minus current age
Start time: June-06-77
Ends: When the time comes
History: Average amount
Item location: Vancouver, BC
Ships to: Anytown
Seller: bellcurve (0)

Description

John Doe comes with no scary Web links or disturbing images stashed in the bowels of his computer. Not one. What few cuts and dings exist are exposed for all to see, as is his small bald spot. John Doe is clean and sensible, but can also be stylish if enough advance notice is given. To be this good a deal, John has had to be stored in a garage for an awfully long time.

John Doe is excellent for families and clean normal living. Yes, John Doe has all the features that are a must-have in today's hectic world.

Ethan Jarlewski

Item number: Second-born of two sons
Current bid: C \$41,500 per year (Reserve not met)
Time left: After age 30 will probably become bitter
Start time: Now
History: 0 bids
Item location: Vancouver, BC
Ships to: Anywhere
Seller: IAMU&URME

Feedback Score: 1,000

Positive Feedback: 1,000%

Description

Ethan was developed in a cool, dry, non-smoking home and was released in 1976. His body movements are disarmingly realistic, and his voice feature often works when connected to a compatible play set.

Ethan is a hard-to-find item, especially in this condition, Good to Very Good or better. He has no tan and his acne ended four years ago. All wiring and plumbing is in good order. No manual is included, but his operation is highly intuitive. **WARNING:** Ethan does not respond well when people try to change him. Highest bidder takes him as is, **NO REFUNDS.**

Ethan remains highly annoyed by the Sprite™ ad campaign from the late 1990s and early 2000s, even though that campaign is over. "Obey Your Thirst"—what kind of idiotic slogan is that? "Gee, I'm thirsty, but I'd better not drink anything, because that would mean obeying my thirst." Ethan is also annoyed by the Audi campaign that says, "Never Follow." Frankly, Ethan is annoyed with all of these dumb campaigns that indoctrinate millions of people into thinking they're tough-guy free spirits when, in fact, there's probably much to be said for following and, in any event, the food chain isn't structured to encompass millions of non-followers. So you end up with a population of frustrated, brink-of-bitterness cranks.

Like anyone, Ethan Jarlewski enjoys a good game. Of the following true or false questions, only one is true. Choose which one and win an insider's discount and free shipping with real bubble-pack, not crumpled paper. Ethan is yours for the having—bid with confidence!

T F Ethan secretly enjoys checking into low-rent motels and dressing up in a Sir Lancelot costume.

T F Ethan was a regular guest on the popular 1980s police drama *Cagney & Lacey*.

T F Ethan has a double recessive genetic anomaly that allows him to photosynthesize chlorophyll.

T F Ethan is able to make toilets flush clockwise in both the northern and southern hemispheres.

T F In a few minutes Ethan is going to pretend he doesn't like singing karaoke, but he really does like it, and with just a minimum of coaxing will steal hearts and souls with his own sound stylings of Neil Diamond's "Cracklin' Rosie."

T F Ethan's secret buyer name on eBay is DungeonLad, and he can almost always be found bidding on memorabilia related to the life and career of Charlotte Rae, better known as Mrs. Garrett from TV's enduring family comedy *The Facts of Life*.

T F Ethan secretly wishes life were simpler and he could sell lemonade from a card table at the end of his street.

Pranks > Freakish job > Frilly > Mysterious > Baby pink

Yummy Dainty Sheer-Lace Sexy Adult Sissy Girly-Girl

Item number: 100000000000000

This auction has ended.

History: 1 bid
High bidder: luckydog (1)
Item location: Burnaby, BC
Canada

Description

Kaitlin is oh soooooo HOT. This is the daintiest girl ever made!
So pretty and simple. No reserve bid.