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Movies Are Evil

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DR. IGLOO: It's just that when a person says something like "I wanted movies to be my life" the other person should say something like "well, what happened? Why aren't they your life?" Well, I'll tell you why they aren't. I was brought up by a mean step-3rd cousin. My step-3rd cousin you ask? Well, she was my step-mother's 2nd cousin on her father's side. What happened to your step-mother you ask? She died at the hairdresser's under one of those industrial-strength hair dryers. She went in for a perm, dehydrated to begin with—she was a sun worshipper—and the dryer just sucked the last drop of moisture from her body. She shriveled up like a prune. Anyway, to make a long story short, my mean step 3rd cousin thought I should be a doctor. I wanted to be a director—you know, make independent films about ordinary people who work in buildings—but it was "you have to go to medical school" everyday of my life. I'd ask over and over "Please, can I watch a movie?" and she'd just say "Movies are evil. Movies are evil. MOVIES ARE EVIL!" And, now, here I am. I'm sad. Sad, you ask? Yes, I'm very unhappy. My life is all about me. I live alone—I don't count the parakeet—and all I do is play X-Box and watch funny cat videos on Youtube—they're so cute and cuddly and nutty and kooky. I can't have a cat—they give me hives and they like to eat parakeets. It's tragic. I need...I need...I don't know what I need. Just help me. Please. Tell me what to do, Santa. I thought I'd try the on-line dating, but what if I create a profile and no one answers? Well, I'll just die, that's what. I'll die! But if I don't get out and meet someone, it'll be me and the parakeet forever. But what if I do meet someone and she doesn't like cat videos? I don't think I could date someone who doesn't like cat videos. No, I can't—"movies are evil, movies are evil, movies are..."

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