

Dear Janice,

3/21/97

Thanks for the retyped chapter 8 of the epilogue to Wakoth the Watchman.

Your work is good but given my age and the state of my health it is much too slow. You have primary responsibilities that reduce the time you can spend on this. Well, as it happened, shortly after I spoke to Bill about this we learned that ~~she~~ a friend whose children are grown and no longer at home is recently unemployed. She can do the rest just about full-time. So, I'll appreciate it if you'd be kind enough to return the rest so I can get it to her. and by the way, she is a Janice, too.

Hopefully we can get this chapter converted, if necessary, to what her computer uses, its program or whatever they are called. I do have a local source of that if it is a different program and while she is retyping the earlier chapters can get that conversion made.

I do appreciate your taking the time and your willingness to take the time when you have to speak a full plate, particularly children. As of the time I spoke to Bill ~~and~~ I know of no other alternative I had. This year's crop of students at the local college was of disasters waiting to happen. Even a sick ego, a woman who imagined herself the reincarnation of both the Queen of Sheba and of Ernest Hemingway. She retyped an entire manuscript and was offended when I kept telling her not to edit. When I wanted her to make perhaps a dozen and a half minor corrections—of her own errors — rather than get to work on a different ms. she flipped out and I had to cut off her work. As of today, after two months, I do not have that disk. She lied in telling her prof it was in the box returned to me. I hope she keeps her word and takes it off her hard disk. She is rather the exception, but ~~even~~ there were a few others in that class and it was difficult. So I do particularly appreciate your willingness. . . However, if I can get it done faster, that is now important to me.

I've added a dollar to your bill to pay for the disk. If it costs more, let me know. Also let me know what else I may owe you.

Many thanks and best wishes,


Harold Weisberg