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This month's assignment, assigned by Clayton Margeson:

## THE PERFECT TATTOO



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My Perfect Tattoo  
By: Julia Weiss

My perfect tattoo is Rufus from Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure standing in front of the phone booth time machine. His hands are in the air like he's holding a boom box but instead of a boom box it's the following words, in lightening bolt letters:


BE EXCELLENT TO EACH OTHER

Why don't they have a lightening bolt font on this computer?





*I must not fear.  
Fear is the mind-killer.  
Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration.  
I will face my fear.  
I will permit it to pass over me and through me.  
And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye  
to see its path.  
Where the fear has gone there will be nothing.  
Only I will remain.*

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- A person's back is shown with a sun tattoo on the right shoulder blade. A list of text is overlaid on the left side of the back, enclosed in a white box. The text is a series of bullet points that are repeated in a larger box at the bottom of the page.
- This sun tattoo is only meant to symbolize my cheerful optimistic nature. It does not have any connection to Wicca or the occult.
  - That was not meant to belittle any of my girlfriends who practice Wicca.
  - I would like to clarify that my use of the word 'girlfriends' does not imply that I'm a lesbian.
  - The above clarification should not be taken as a diss to lesbians.
  - No, I'm not trying to sound more urban by using the word 'diss' – I was just trying to save some money at the tattoo parlor.
  - Not that there's anything wrong with urban people.
  - Yes, I understand that 'urban people' doesn't sound entirely kosher.
  - Come on... it's very common to use 'kosher' in that context! How can it be a slam against the Jews?
  - Actually, I didn't know Jews was supposed to be capitalized. I'm dumb.
  - Really? Offensive to mute people? Sorry, I just can't see that.
  - And mentioning seeing is insensitive to the blind. Now that's just insane.
  - Well, the mentally disabled can go to hell.
  - Actually, I never really thought about whether or not acknowledging the existence of hell implies a pedantic belief in Christianity that inherently forces my religion on you.
  - Wow... 'forcing something on you' implies rape now? Let me guess. That's offensive to women, right?
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