

"AN AMAZING DREAM"  
(The Rich Love Story)

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FADE IN: (Quotes separately shown in silence - Baba's face on card)

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."  
-Albert Einstein

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world."  
-Anne Frank

"Providers of psychiatry care are good sincere people doing their best and someday I truly believe we will all find a better way to help those in need."  
-Rich Love

"Don't worry, be happy."  
-Meher Baba

EXT. WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL & CONCERT - MORNING (1969)

JIMI HENDRIX playing the "Star Spangled Banner" on his guitar to a dwindling audience of 180,000.

The camera pulls back and pans out revealing a young woman near the stage on the muddy ground in labor. Her name is MAGGIE LOVE. Younger sister SYBIL is helping the situation.

The screaming sounds of the electric guitar matches Maggie's facial expressions.

A WHITE MAN appears from the crowd looking like a long haired hippie to assist the women. He's wearing saddles, torn jeans and a T-Shirt with the face of an Eastern Indian 60's love guru. It reads "Swany Baba - Avatar of the Age."

Hippie helps deliver the birth of RICH LOVE and takes the shirt off his back to wrap the newborn. The white man hands over the baby boy to Maggie with a smile.

JIMI HENDRIX and A BAND OF GYPSIES breaks into the song "Purple Haze" with the camera cutting to the stage then back to the new mother.

MAGGIE

Thank you.

WHITE MAN

I'm actually a student doctor from Harvard.

MAGGIE

My name is Maggie Love and this is my sister,  
Sybil.

WHITE MAN

This has been a rich experience for all of us.  
What's his name?

MAGGIE

I'll call him Rich. Rich Love.

WHITE MAN

You better find your way out of here and get him  
checked by a certified doctor.

The student doctor hands Maggie a "Swany Baba" pamphlet that reads  
"Don't Worry, Stay Happy" with the guru's face on it. Maggie puts  
card in her purse.

WHITE MAN

God bless and keep the shirt.

The camera pans out over the remaining Woodstock audience showing old  
footage and elements of the concert while "Purple Haze" plays until we  
see a Swany Baba poster on a telephone poll. Suddenly, the picture  
turns into a multi-colored 60's design then flickers to black while  
the music continues into the scene of a cartoon drawing of modern  
peace sign logo.

CUT TO:

THE RICH LOVE BAND GREEN COLORED PEACE LOGO SPINNING TO SET ANGLE WITH  
ARROWS AND THE PRESENTATION TITLES, THEN -

CUT TO:

INT. TWIN CITIES PSYCHIATRIC LOBBY - DAY (2006)

37 YEARS LATER

We see a manic 37 year old, thin, handsome and short dark haired RICH LOVE on his back with feet on a lobby chair singing the lyrics to Jimi Hendrix's "If 6 was 9." He's wearing a black cashmere coat, black pants, black shoes, fake black frame glasses and an extremely bright yellow dress shirt with an unlit cigarette in holder hanging from his mouth. People in the lobby are staring at him some are smiling at his peculiar behavior. Rich believes he is channeling the great American Journalist Hunter S. Thompson and sounds like him as he sings out two verses of the song.

RICH

If the sun refuse to shine,  
I don't mind, I don't mind,  
If the mountains fell in the sea,  
let it be, it ain't me.  
Alright, 'cos I got my own world to look through,  
And I ain't gonna copy you.

Now if 6 turned out to be 9,  
I don't mind, I don't mind,  
Alright, if all the hippies cut off all their  
hair,  
I don't care, I don't care.  
Dig, 'cos I got my own world to live through  
And I ain't gonna copy you.

A BLACK WOMAN from the psychiatric staff approaches Rich slightly amused.

RICH

(Cont.)

White collared conservative flashing down the  
street,

Pointing their plastic finger at me.  
They're hoping soon my kind will drop and die,  
But I'm gonna wave my freak flag high, high.

BLACK WOMAN

Mr. Love, please get up from off the floor.

RICH

Anything for you my love.

BLACK WOMAN

Someone will speak with you now.

We then hear the solo music instrumental of "If a 6 was 9" from the lyric point of "high." Rich follows staff member in the walking fashion of Hunter Thompson as he waves to the people in the lobby. Music ends as he enters behind the secured door of the 72 hour hold room. Woman takes his coat and belongings including his tobacco productions with cigarette holder.

BLACK WOMAN

Please remove your shoes and belt.

RICH

We haven't even had our first date. Maybe we shouldn't rush into things.

BLACK WOMAN

You can have a seat "in the chair" and Dr. Wagner will see you soon.

RICH

I'm not into threesomes my love, but I'm willing to try anything once.

Woman leaves Rich with the other patients that are pacing the halls. Some are sitting watching the television and others are in their private rooms sleeping. Three hours pass and Rich finds himself pacing the halls and witnesses patients get wrestled to the floor by two police officers.

RICH

My god man, what's he in for?

The police offices don't respond as they place the new patient in a locked room then leave out a side secured door after signing some

paperwork with a staff member. Rich becomes impatient when the staff ignores his request to meet Dr. Wagner. Staff disappears behind an office door and Rich kicks a near by stool on wheels hitting the door. Inside the office the staff member pushes a panic button. Rich takes a sit on a chair in the corner of the hallway. Within moments, five Hennepin County security offices burst through the 72 hour hold door. Rich sits calmly as the security team approaches him.

SECURITY OFFICER 1

Are you Rich?

RICH

(In his Hunter voice)

No, he's around the corner.

The raid response team searches around the corner and in patient rooms. Realizing they were bamboozled the team approaches Rich placing latex gloves on.

SECURITY OFFICER 2

We're not going to hurt you, Mr. Love.

RICH

Why would you? I'm sitting here quietly.

Without warning one of the officers quickly grabs Rich's right arm applying pressure while the other members drag him violently down the hall towards a lockdown room. Rich remains calm, but is very vocal to the five men causing them to become very rough.

SECURITY OFFICER 1

(Yelling)

Don't resist!

RICH

How am I resisting? They did this to Jesus!

Rich keeps his body lump without fighting back as they enter a small room with a steel surface bed and begin strapping his arms and legs down. One of the officers looses Rich's belt and pulls his pants down while another officer sticks him with a needle in the buttocks.

SECURITY OFFICER 1

Relax.

RICH

(In a panic)

What the hell is going on?!

Seven hospital staff members enter the room and help hold him down. Rich's face is pressed down on the hard surface causing blood to seep from his mouth into the cold table.

RICH

(Cont.)

You're raping my soul!

STAFF

Stay calm!

Rich notices the orange light on the wall begin to flicker from the drugs injected into his system. Within moments the faces around him become blurry and the room fades to black.

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**(An Amazing Dream of a fool's mystical journey begins here)**

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