

## *The Betty Letters*

*My Dear Grandchild,*

*Much has been written about Tiger Woods and his little (or big, depending on how one views it) problem. Due to his inability to keep his wendy under cover, it has cost him a veritable fortune ... as well as, perhaps, his marriage. It is really a pity because history will record that he was among the best golfers the world has ever witnessed. The other great of sports in the past century was, of course, the former heavyweight boxer of the world, Mike Tyson. Both Mike Tyson and Tiger Woods appear to suffer from similar problems: Their respective inability to keep their flies zipped up. It is such a pity, actually. I shall not dwell of Tiger Woods's situation other than to state that he made his own bed and he was forced to sleep in it. The same is true of Mike Tyson, of course, but the sheer numbers of females who claimed to have shared a bed with Tiger Woods staggers the imagination, provided that the reports of the US Press are accurate. Where in the world did he get the strength to perform in the manner that has been suggested? Actually, comparing Tiger Woods with Mike Tyson, one notes that, whereas Mike Tyson broke the law on a number of occasions, Tiger Woods only broke his vow to his wife – love, honour and obey, etc. However, Mike Tyson continues to be in demand and he can earn a very handsome living by doing a number of things – including, I am told, having starred in some pornographic movies – whereas, it is clear that very few companies, today, want very much to do with Tiger Woods, with one company after another, sacking him as a representative of their products, claiming, among other things, that he is not the personification of a role model for anything. How the mighty have fallen! It is said that many a man has fallen into a lady's web of desire or deceit when the lights were dimmed whereas, had the daylight shone upon the lady's real intent, he would have realised that the colour of the eyes betrayed the colour of her insidiousness.*

*Life is full of temptations of all sorts and the mark of a real man is one whose mettle is made of that material that causes one to view him in awe and with more than a token of respect. No man is perfect, but regardless of the imperfections, inherent in any man, on the day of reckoning when one determines to grade him, it is the mental strength and the innate goodness of an individual that tilts the scales in the direction of the superior male of his species. Being superior in a particular sport is, in the grand scheme of the life of a man or woman, but a tiniest dot on piece of blotting paper. Age steals away a person's ability to excel in any sport, but age does not steal the greatness of a person for that lives long after a sporting life dies a natural death. When a person is blessed with an ability to hit a ball, throw a javelin, race a motor car, or any other skill that is required of a person to be singled out by his peers as being the superior sportsman or sportswoman, it is not the most important thing in life, but, if anything, a heavy weight, resting upon that person's shoulders, as he demonstrates to the world his abilities that far exceeds those of others. Having been recognised as being among the best in his or her class, the next test is how a person is able to live with his talents/arts and to impress others with the humility that the world has come to expect of great people. Humility in us, all, must always predominate for without humility, one loses sight of the true world, substituting it for an imaginary world that is, in truth, an illusion; reality having faded as in a sunset. Fame is as fleeting as the life of a butterfly and, as one rises to heights, not thought possible in days of yore, it is wise to take stock of one's real attributes and to realise that fate, not man, has made life possible. And fate may retract any contract.*

*Talk to you, next week.*

*Chief Lady*

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