

PAPER DOLLS

Any child born up to the end of the 1970's would avidly remember Paper Dolls. They were statuesque figures with beautiful faces and a standard pose. The fun was to dress them up in their accompanying cut out wardrobes and use your childlike and vivid imagination to make them act out the outfits they were wearing. Paper dolls were OK! The fun factor was limited – you had to have a vivid imagination to keep the “game” going! Children would much prefer their toys to have motor skills and functions – not to mention if they were able to converse with you. For my generation that was the WOW FACTOR! You felt engaged with your toys.

Fast forward decades later when I thought I left my Paper Dolls behind, a well preserved in an era of yester year, I am now confronted with them each day surrounding me. We have now spawned a new generation that poses statuesque (smart phones in hand), that spastic smile which doesn't surpass the lips. To engage in a conversation – forget that – the artificial intelligent chip has not yet been activated nor the button “GO” released to influence their thought for the day.

Paper Dolls are everywhere, they are motivated by the latest “trending”, social media dictates their lifestyles and thought processes and how they view and present themselves to the world in order to be validated.

Paper Dolls are not game changers they will do exactly what you want, no matter the consequence because they serve a higher order – to maintain that spastic pose and calm composure for the world to think “I have this all together”.

Paper Dolls can arguably be debated whether or not they are three dimensional. My vote is NO! You don't get that breadth and depth of the human emotions that they ought to feel. They will never rock the boat, they will always share the collective opinion for fear of being ostracized. The truth is I don't know if I could ever rely on a Paper Doll to be in my corner.

Sadly I wish all Paper Dolls could be on that journey on the yellow brick road to seek the Wizard of Oz, as like the Lion who was seeking courage, the Scare Crow to have a brain, the Tin Man to attain a Heart, not to mention little Dorothy's desire to go back home to be with her loved ones. Our Paper Dolls would be so phenomenal with these traits all encompassed in one package, to make the 3D come to life.

So my pretty little Paper Dolls – my greatest desire and wish for you is to take a leap of faith and be the amazing and best persons you can possibly be. Don't subsume your persona to make others validate you. You will end with that ripe old feeling of rigor. Don't let others think your thoughts, we were all blessed with phenomenal talents – let's make 3D fashionable again and **LIVE!!!!**