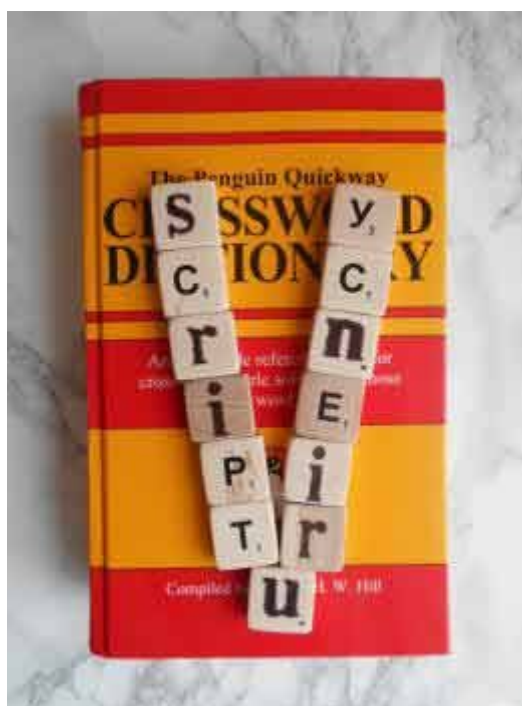


Scripturiency.

by Kate AKS



- Nice to see you again. - Doctor smiled and sat back on the comfy blue chair.

- Me too, Doctor. - Woman nervously looked around where to sit and choose chair which was more far away from Doctor.

- Long time I didn't see you. - Doctor looked how woman sat on the edge of chair.

- Week or so. - Smiled woman.

- Dear, it was three month since our last meeting. - Doctor checked at first at notes, then on the computer. - Three and a half and ten times you changed date of visit.

- Life happens. - Woman tried not to look to the eyes of Doctor.

- To all of us. How do you feel now? - Doctor looked at her attentively.

- Much better. I just visit to say that I didn't notice any symptoms of scripturiency. - Woman smiled and looked at the Doctor, who checked glasses, as if forgot if they are still on his nose.

- Amazing. I am glad that my prescription with your daily work did what they should. It's dangerous illness – scripturiency. You could call it poetic as passion for writing. But in reality is urge to write and if you don't pay enough attention, you could became addictive. Did you read my book about danger of scripturiency? - Doctor looked at his bookshelf.

- Yes, all five books. - Mentioned woman.

- I knew, that you missed something. There is additional six book and seven which explains few themes which will be mentioned in books from nine to twelve. Please took it from the table near you, it's a gift for all my patients. - Doctor put one paper notebook on the pile of five others on the table. - By the way, now I am working on new edition of my previous book, first one. I was not attentive at that time. At first it have only 50 pages, now I work on rewrite it, third volume is most interesting from it. So, you believe that you haven't any symptoms of scripturiency.

- I think so. - Whispered woman.

- Your opinion is most important here, how do you feel. I am glad about you, but let me ask you few questions at first. Agree? - Doctor opened bigger paper notebook, opened fountain pen and looked at patient.

- Yes. I am listening to you.

- Do you still have a habit of morning pages?

- Yes. It helps to clear my mind in the morning. - Woman smiled.

- Three, five, ten pages daily? - Doctor made a mark in notebook.

- My handwriting is wide.

- Quantity, dear.

- Twelve or fifteen. - Woman looked at the window.

- At evening, to recollect all daily events. Twenty to thirty? - Doctor looked at woman, she still tried to prove that lost all scripturiency's symptoms.

- Sixty to hundred, I need to sleep with clear head.

- Not bad. If not mention morning and evening pages, journaling at free time?

- Sometimes, when have free time. - Woman still found more attractive wall which she observe from window than face of the Doctor

- Do you have journal with you now?

- Yes.

- Fine. Next question. Poetry?

- It was woman's club poetry challenge. - Woman now checked her black shoes.

- Number.

- Thirty poems in thirty days.

- I get it. - Nodded Doctor. - Your number?

- Hundred at ten days, I want to be free for other work.

- I see. Reviews to book-club meeting.

- Weekly. - Woman looked at Doctor.

- Not bad. Query letters to publishing houses?

- As you said. Weekly.

- How many publishing house this week? - Doctor made one more mark in the notebook.

- Five.

- I see that you feel better. Now you could relax. We will talk about hobbies. Do you have hobbies which didn't connect with writing?

- Yes, Doctor. - Woman smiled. - I use all your advises.

- Perfect. Tell me more about your hobbies.

- Word games club, weekly.

- Perfect, learn and use new words haven't any connection with writing. What else?

- Daily crosswords.

- Interesting. What else when you have free time from it?

- Studying Latin roots in English words. But it's rare, I even didn't start with French roots.

- I am proud of you. - Doctor put his glasses to the table. - I think you manage this scripturiency. Could I ask your permission and use your story as example of whole recovery.

- Sure. - Woman smiled. - Could I go now?

- Yes. You could visit me in a month or so, and we discuss draft and probably new details. I am glad that you feel much better. - Doctor stood up and shook woman's hand. - Goodbye, dear.

- Thank you, Doctor. Your story of recovery from scripturiency was inspiring and daily example for me. Goodbye, Doctor.

Woman waved near the door and walked from the office.

Doctor opened new pack of papers and smiled.

*

Woman opened door and entered back at the office.

- Sorry, I forgot a purse.

- What? - Doctor looked at her. Not connected pages were on the floor.

- Doctor. Do you write about our meeting? - Woman hold her purse and didn't move.

- It's nothing. It doesn't mean that I have scripturiency. Just it was interesting and I wanted to make few notes.

Woman made few steps and took page from the table.

- Page number 26? - Asked she.

- Fine, I decided to make detailed notes. - Doctor put his glasses on table. - I control myself, sure. Nothing to worry about.

- I don't think that I need your help, Doctor. - Woman turned around and walked from the office.

- As you wish. I will send you my new book, it will be a gift. I need to write about this twist. It was such exiting.

Door was still open and draft played with the pages which were everywhere on the floor. Doctor didn't pay attention to it, he wrote.

26, March 2019.