

FLAT TIRE A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

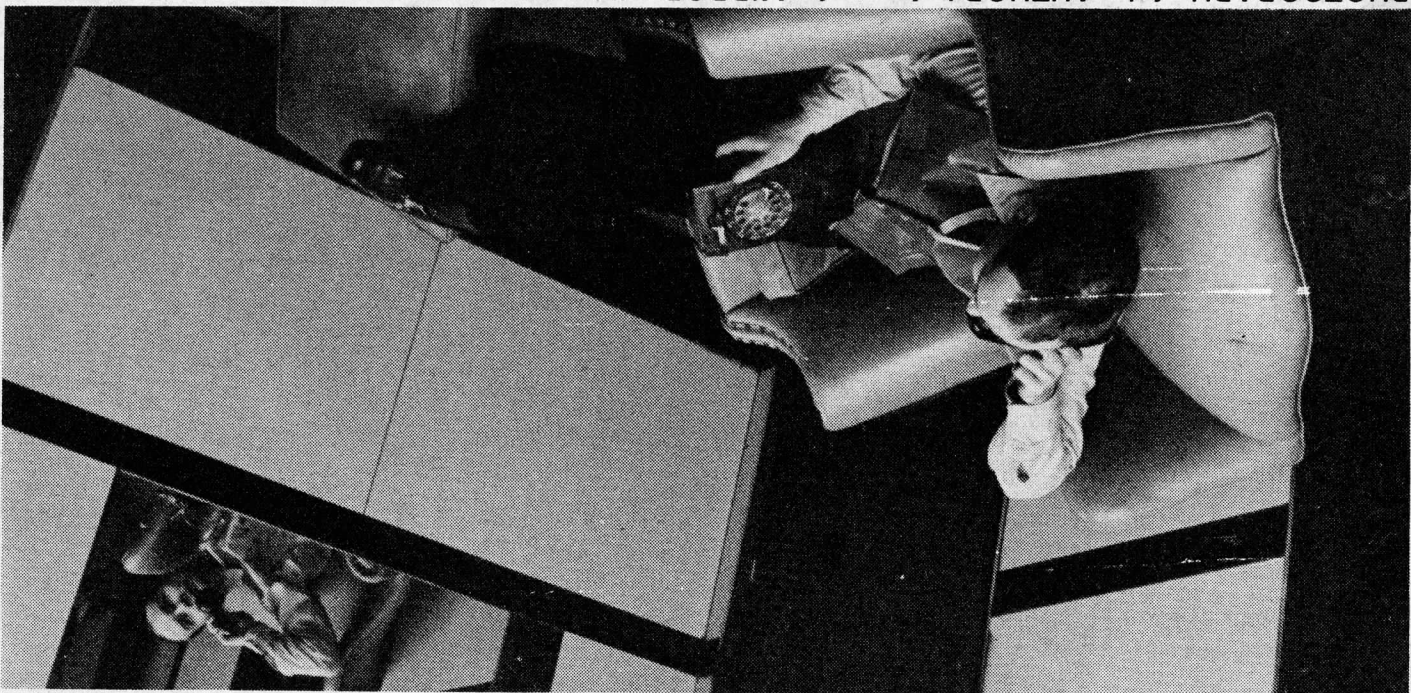


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PHOTOGRAPH of the AUTHOR in front of a MIRROR talking on the TELEPHONE in a POSED but not over posed MANNER.

SOMEBODY GAVE ME A FLAT TIRE SO WE
AIN'T GOING NOWHERE TONIGHT

SOMEBODY GAVE ME A FLAT TIRE SO WE
AIN'T GONNA GO DRIVING TONIGHT

It's probably a cause and effect
process - Physical exhaustion
leads to excess mental activity

Not tonight darling I'm too tired
- Well, it's not really physical at all
- It's not just physical there's a lot
going on mentally - Too much go-
ing on mentally - Everything;
politics, economics, aesthetics,
geography - You know as well as I
do that there's no such thing as a
relationship that doesn't have to
take those things into considera-
tion - There's just too many things
to have to think about.

leads to mental exhaustion. - no
dammit there's a difference bet-
ween confusion and exhaustion. -
One can be both mentally satisfied
and mentally exhausted at the
same time I think that makes
perfect sense don't you? - It's
possible that's all I'm saying -
Don't confuse me - Listen, we're
good friends I just feel like taking it
easy tonight.

NOTHING AGAINST YOU PERSONALLY
AND NOTHING AGAINST YOU profes-
SIONALLY
It's probably the randomness of
our physical activities lately that's
been responsible for all this recent
inertia - - the unpredictability of it
all - Yeah, sometimes we meet
live at random simultaneously -

each other in the strangest places
- I know we make those kind of ar-
rangements that's the part of it
that's so weird - the unpredic-
tability of it all - I feel a change is
called for.

SOMEBODY GAVE ME A FLAT TIRE SO WE
AIN'T GONNA FOOL AROUND ON THE
FREEWAY

And the thing that bugs me after
a while is that people who like to
act randomly together never quite
manage to do it at the same time -
So one's going to be up and once
in a while the other one's going to
be down - sure, or vice versa - But
that's just the basic laws of gravity
- Two people, I'm afraid, cannot
live at random simultaneously -

Yeah, and sometimes I have to pre-
tend I'm up there with you I know
you have to fake it for me
sometimes too - I'd love to have a
break from faking it - I need it!

SOMEBODY GAVE ME A FLAT TIRE SO
DON'T MAKE ME HAVE TO HONK MY
HORN

Look, it's not your fault that I'm
just kind of exhausted both
physically and mentally - It's at
least as much my fault - It's the
same with everybody I'm sure -
People have different blood
pressures because they have dif-
ferent blood - Perhaps the same
tastes but different blood - I don't
want to be forced into a situation

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where I have to be blunt I'd rather be sensible - Good, I'm glad you're not taking this too personally.

IT AIN'T YOU IN PARTICULAR IT'S JUST YOU KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Yeah, I'm just too tired that's all. Too much activity in general I need to relax for a while. You could probably use a bit of a rest yourself - Get some sleep, for Christ's sake.

FLAT TIRE FLAT TIRE FLAT TIRE

I'm stuck - I absolutely have to stay home tonight - I don't even feel like making any phone calls after you hang up.

SOMEBODY GAVE ME A FLAT TIRE SO WE AIN'T GONNA HIT THE TOWN TONIGHT

I don't wanna go dancing tonight - I don't want to go to a movie - Movies aren't relaxing at all - They're too demanding they all try so hard to be significant - No I'm not in the mood for a lightweight comedy they're too hard on my jaw - OH ALRIGHT! - Come on over it you absolutely have to but please don't be demanding - Perhaps there's a book here that you might want to read - No, I'm more in the mood for television with the volume turned down low.

SOMEBODY GAVE ME A FLAT TIRE SO WE'RE GONNA STAY HOME AND WATCH TELEVISION

Yeah, I find that relaxing because you tend to see it one way no doubt and I see it another way so there isn't really much of a point trying to talk you know communicate about it - Yes, it's not exactly mentally taxing with the volume down low anyways - whatever it is at the given moment it could be anything at any moment it's so vague - it does lead to meandering anything that soft tends to do that - Ah yes, I guess we're back at randomness again - I agree people don't think at random simultaneously but every once in a while they can have a collision - But I'm not in the mood for a collision tonight alright!

MAYBE WE'LL DO IT ANOTHER NIGHT BUT WE AIN'T GONNA DO IT TONIGHT

There'll be drinks in the refrigerator lots of ice if you want anything mixed or especially cold - perhaps you might want to bring something over that you're working on at the moment - I tend to work in spurts myself - But really I'd rather relax for a while and then go to sleep early - That's just the way I've been feeling lately nothing personal you understand? Good! See you later.

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