

“MAYBE DATS YOUWR PWOBLEM TOO” BY JIM HALL

All my pwoblems,
who knows, maybe evwybody’s pwoblems
is due to da fact, due to da awful twuth
dat I am SPIDERMAN.

I know, I know. All da dumb jokes:
No flies on you, ha ha,
and da ones about what do I do wit all
doze extwa legs in bed. Well, dat’s funny yeah.
But you twy being
SPIDERMAN for a month or two. Go ahead.

You get doze cwazy calls fwom da
Gubbener askin you to twap some booglar who’s
only twying to wip off color T.V. sets.
Now, what do I cawre about T.V. sets?
But I pull on da suit, da stinkin suit,
wit da sucker cups on da fingers,
and get my wopes and wittle bundle of
equipment and den I go flying like cwazy
acwoss da town fwom woof top to woof top.
Till der he is. Some poor dumb color T.V. slob
and I fall on him and we westle a widdle
until I get him all woped. So big deal.

You tink when you SPIDERMAN
der's sometin big going to happen to you.
Well, I tell you what. It don't happen dat way.
Nuttin happens. Gubbener calls, I go.
Bwing him to powice, Gubbener calls again,
like dat over and over.

I tink I twy sometin diffunt. I tink I twy
sometin excitin like wacing cawrs. Sometin to make
my heart beat at a difwent wate.
But den you just can't quit being sometin like
SPIDERMAN.
You SPIDERMAN for life. Fowever. I can't even
buin my suit. It won't buin. It's fwame wesistent.
So maybe dat's youwr pwoblem too, who knows.
Maybe dat's da whole pwoblem wif ewwytin.
Nobody can buin der suits, dey all fwame wesistent.
Who knows?

“MAYBE DATS YOUWR PWOBLEM TOO” NOTES

Persona: An imagined speaker.

- For this poem, Jim Hall imagines he is Peter Parker a.k.a. Spiderman, but with a couple of hilarious twists.
- Persona is considered the [“Interesting Point of View”](#) Writing Tool you learned and used in your “All About Me Essay”)

Writing Tool: REPETITION

- Repeated words or lines that give rhythm to a poem.
- Also helps to get a message across to your audience.

Questions:

What type of poem(s) is “Maybe Dats Youwr Pwoblem Too?” _____

Why? _____

Response:

Please go back into this funny poem, read it to yourself, and sound its words in your head. This time, underline your favorite lines---the ones that stood out to you or that you would like your writing to resemble. Then, look for and mark the lines that sum up what this poem is about: *what* is Jim Hall getting at in his deranged monologue?

NOTES & FURTHER/NEW QUESTIONS FROM TODAY'S LESSON:

INTERESTING PT. OF VIEW PERSONA POEM

BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITY AND ASSIGNMENT

People, objects, and concepts are commonly brought to life in literature by personifying them.

For example:

- I am the school door that yawns open and swallows the waiting school children.
- I am cancer, eating away at the future he was never promised.

Write a statement personifying the object. Start sentences with the phrase “I am...”

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What effect does it have to personify something?

What kind of understanding results?

ASSIGNMENT:

- *As a writer (poet in this case), you can adopt a persona—choose someone or something from popular culture, a fairy tale, a myth, a legend—then explore what his, her, or its life is really like in a poem.*