

## Helene Johnson's taped Conversation: May/2008

Helene: Hello.

Dad: Hello Helene?

Helene: Hello.

Dad: Yes. this is Dad here.

Helene: Hi. how are you?

Dad: Not too bad. can't complain. No.

Helene: Dad. where are you?

Dad: I'm in Vancouver. Yeah.

Helene: Okay. Okay. well that's good. Are you having fun there?

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Are you having fun there?

Dad: Well I am visiting all my... I have a brother here who just came out of the hospital Ti-Joe and uh, and I have five cousins like Fred Bouchard, and uh, Adelard Bouchard, Therese and Salange and then I have, so I have been spending a lot of time. I went to see Ti-Joe yesterday and he has to go for therapy. he is out of the hospital but he has a by-pass already and he isn't in very good shape

Helene: Uh - Huh

Dad: Yeah.

Helene: That's good. So you're keeping busy.

Dad: Yeah.

Helene: That's good.

Dad: Do you know that Andy was trying to put me in a psychiatric ward in Portage eh?

Helene: Andy was not. Andy was not.

Dad: No because they didn't get me there, they questioned me and I answered the questions whatever, that was in psychiatric in Portage La Prairie and they said you go back home. So otherwise, you wanted some information this morning uh?

Helene: Just trying to see how you are doing. that's all.

Dad: Yeah, and uh, Claire shut down my line of credit in Elie, so that I couldn't use any money from my, from the credit union. When.... I never took any holidays for 10 years, so I said I am going to take a holiday.

Helene: Why, why are taking a holiday by Marlene's, when there was a restraining order against her?

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Why are you spending your holidays with Marlene when there is a restraining order against her?

Dad: Well.....

Helene: When Andy, Lynn and Claire are trying to protect you from her. Why are you there?

Helene: You just undid everything they did.

Helene: How do you explain that Dad?

Dad: Well I have no restriction.

Helene: Yes, you did have restrictions.

Dad: Yeah, well..

Helene: How about everything that Lynda, Claire and Andy did for you? And you are just undoing it all, how do you explain that?

Dad: Hum, well I don't know, Hum.

Helene: What's all that noise?

Dad: Well, what did they do to me. I was supposed to go back into my home, I have a bunch, I have two papers and they were signed that I am going back home and they didn't obey their, so I don't know, they didn't honour their signatures...

Helene: Why are you with Marlene? I don't get it? What are you doing by Marlene's?

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: What are you doing by Marlene's? I don't understand.

Dad: Well she is protecting me.

Helene: Okay, Marlene's protecting you, okay, okay, okay I get it.

Dad: I'm visiting my family too, I went to see them.

Helene: Do you still have your driver's licence. Did she take that away from you.

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Do you still have your driver's licence, 5 - all my merit.

Dad: Pardon.

Helene: Did Marlene try to take that away from you yet she already tried to take that away from you once, remember?

Dad: To take me away where?

Helene: Driver's licence so you can drive.

Dad: Oh, no, I still have my five merits.

Helene: Yes, but don't you remember she tried to take that away from you. And Lynda fought to get you to keep it. You don't remember that do you? No?

Dad: No.

Helene: When you are visiting with Marlene, just remind her that she still owes me money.

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Remind Marlene that she still owes me money. Marlene owes me money. I was very nice and lend her money, many times, and I want my money back, so tell her to send me my money. I have kids and grandkids to help support and I need my money, tell her to send it. Wanna give her that message or is she still listening? Is Marlene listening right now. Is she listening right now.

Dad: She's not listening.

Helene: Well can you tell her that she owes me money and she needs to send me my money. Can you hear me?

Dad: Yeah.

Helene: Tell her to send me my money. I was very nice and sent her money and now I want my money back because they're taking your money anyways.

Dad: And I'm supposed to go back home. I mean, I'm

Helene: When are you going back home?

Dad: Well, pretty soon now, and as soon as I get my key

Helene: What's pretty soon, next week or a month or what

Dad: Well, I have, that place, it's a homestead

Helene: Dad, when are you going back?

Dad: Well, I have papers that I could live there as long as I live, uh?

Helene: When are you going back? *You settled with Andy, everything is all settled with Andy.*

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Everything is settled with Andy, everything is all settled with Andy.

Dad: No.

Helene: Okay

Dad: He never, no, no he took advantage of me for the last 20 years.

Helene: Andy did, okay.

Dad: And I worked, I helped him out done all kinds of work for free and I helped him on everything and

Helene: Dad, that's not true!

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: That is not true Dad!

Dad: No?

Helene: No, it's not true! Andy has done nothing but help you. That is no true. Quit lying! That is not true! You settled with Andy.

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: You settled with Andy, you had a mediator and you settled and you were happy with the settlement and you should be happy with that and saying all these lies about Andy it's not true Dad!

Dad: Hum..

Helene: That's not true Dad. And Lynda and Claire have been helping you and helping you and then you just up and leave and don't tell them where you are? Why do you do that to them? They where there for you.

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Lynda and Claire had been there for you and you just up and walk away from them after all they did for you? Did did they not help you?

Dad: Well, I am allowed to take holiday.

Helene: Well you could at least give them courtesy call and let them know what you are doing. You just don't leave in the middle of the night, or whenever you left and don't tell anybody. Wasn't it Lynda and Claire that helped you? Have they not been good to you and helped you over the years Dad what's all that noise? Is someone else on the phone?

Dad: No.

Helene: I can hear all this noise in the background, well.

Dad: So what am I supposed to do now?

Helene: Well, for one thing, I don't understand why you are at Marlene when Marlene has done all this to you. I don't understand, I don't get it?

Dad: **Do you know anything about accusing me of child abuse now?**

Helene: **Well, I don't know, is that true or not?**

Dad: **No that's not true! No, I could go for a lie detector whatever this somebody put that up, I could....**

Helene: Well, why are you by Marlene's when the family protected you from Marlene? Do you not remember what all Marlene did to you?

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Do you not remember what all Marlene did to you? It seems that you forget that Marlene did all this to you.

Dad: Well, she ... well what have you got against well what do you have against Marlene, just because she owe ...

Helene: Well what do you think all happened a couple years ago, back in Elie and St. Eustache, did you forget what happened at your at the old folks home that you were at and Marlene was trying to take you away and everything and Marlene hurt you. Do you know remember that?

Dad: **That was all Andy's doing.**

Helene: **Oh Dad, that is not true.**

Dad: No.

Helene: **No, it's not true. You're mixing your story up, that's not true.**

Dad: Oh yes, it's true, so

Helene: Why are you by Marlene? I don't understand?

Dad: I don't know what to say. What have you go against Marlene?

Helene: What have I NOT got against Marlene, what has she done to Mom? What has she done to you? She has never done anything good for the whole family, she has done nothing but destroy the family.

Dad: Hum,

Helene: Do you think that's right, what she did to Mom? Dad are you listening to me? Or is Marlene just recording everything?

Dad: Well....

Helene: Dad, I can't hear with all the noise in the background. What is going on?:  
Dad? Dad?

Dad: Well what did she do? I mean...

Helene: You don't remember what she did to Mom? She stole all that money from them. It just doesn't end  
Dad.

Dad: That's not true, Marlene did not steal any money.

Helene: Okay, that's not true either Dad.

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Well, there is police reports that say it is true. It is true. If you talk to  
Robert, Robert will tell you it's true.

Dad: Yeah.

Helene: Why would we make stuff like that up?

Dad: Well, I don't know what to say.

Helene: Well I hope you are enjoying you stay there with her.  
Is she feeding you good?

Dad: Oh yeah, but I mean I don't stay there much. I go to my brother and my other cousins.

Helene: Yeah, but you didn't go visit you brother until you where there almost  
three months, three months before visiting him, so that's not true, you were there  
for a long time before you went to visit your brother or anybody, where you not?  
Dad you where there for a long time before you went to visit anybody. The only  
reason you finally went to visit somebody is because people where asking  
questions.

Dad: I had some friends in the States, so I went to visit them too.

Helene: Why did you go to the States for?

Dad: For my lungs, I mean, my doctor told me if I go where it's dry on a puffer - twice  
in the morning and twice in the afternoon

Helene (laughing) I don't believe that, why would you go to the States? Like weren't you  
better off where you where?

Dad: Well, I went there for my lungs.

Helene: I don't believe you Dad!

Dad: Well, that's what my doctor said, go where it's dry, go to Arizona, and I have

Helene: Arizona is more polluted than anywhere else.

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Why would you go there? If you go to Arizona, it is more polluted than anywhere else.

Dad: Well.....

Helene: There is a lot of pollution down there, and why would you go down there?

Dad: I've never been there before, in Arizona, that was the first time and I mean...

Helene: No, you've been there before

Dad: ... been there once before

Helene: Well, she better be treating you good, I hope she didn't take all your money yet Dad? Well did she take all your money yet did she?

Dad: Pardon?

Helene: Marlene didn't take all your money yet did she?

Dad: No that's...

Helene: You have a little bit left yet I hope?

Dad: She never took any of my money...

Helene: Oh, no, Marlene would not do that, that's not like Marlene. Tell Marlene to send me my money. Marlene doesn't do that. Marlene does just whatever, you know Marlene Marlene is just doing for the good of the family, she would never take anybody's money. You tell her to send me my money, you hear me Dad?

Dad: So Claire shut my line of credit, so what am I supposed to do about it.

Helene: Claire didn't. The bank did. The bank shut it down. Claire was not able to do, the bank did, because the bank does not trust Marlene. The bank did it. Not Claire.

Dad: Well.

Helene: Have you talked to Leona lately?

Dad: Yeah, Leona phoned me well Claire she had sent us an email to the bank, I mean, I don't know.

Helene: Did you talk to Leona lately or Doreen?

Dad: Well Leona phoned me a while back. Yeah, What does she say. Not too much.

Helene: Does she know where you are?

Dad: Oh, yeah.

Helene: Okay.

Dad: Okay.

Helene: Don't forget to tell Marlene. I know she is listening anyways. tell her to send me my money cause I'm sick of supporting her and I want my money back.

Dad: Well, it's I have nothing to do with that.

Helene: You tell her!

Helene: When are you going back to Elie?

Dad: As soon as I get my keys to go back home, I'm I'll be right back.

Helene: Okay dokey Dad, well you take care.

Dad: Okay nice talking to you again.

Helene: Okay. bye.

Dad: Bye.