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Hello Jackie,

I just wanted to say thank you very much for yesterday and that it was a real pleasure to finally meet with you at last.

Well I must say that Thursday certainly was an experience, although I do mean that in a good and positive way and it certainly wasn't unpleasant, nor as it turns out was it anything to worry about either. During my drive back I was trying to think how I would describe it and I didn't really come up with anything as such. But I was drawn to the title of one of your recent blog entries "Empowered" and it certainly was an empowering experience, but really it was so much more than that, I felt a great sense of achievement in becoming part of something that will last, well longer than me really.

I also found it a rather liberating experience as well, and I am not just referring to my lack of clothing for a large part of the day either, as once perhaps the photographs for the paintings were out of the way, the actual sitting for the drawing was fine, and somehow it seemed like the most natural thing in the world (perhaps a slight exaggeration, but I am sure you will understand what I mean) and I really could almost forget the fact that I was naked and I was happy simply being the proverbial milk bottle for you to draw! Perhaps I should get out in the sun more this summer? Maybe I will become a nudist with this new found freedom! lol

Given my recent health problems, I was certainly pleased that I was able to sit for so long without it causing any problems and whilst I wouldn't dream of saying sitting still that long is easy, it was not as bad as I thought, although I think I got a tan from that light and I am not sure I have ever been so hot! lol Perhaps if there is a next time I will have to frighten your neighbours and sit in the garden!

I couldn't help but feel a great sense of satisfaction as well due to the fact that I have been able to achieve something that I have wanted to do for a long time now, because not only does it allow me to be part of something and have something, but it also made me do something that I never thought I would be able to do and whilst I hate the phrase "comfort zone", it certainly got me out of mine, so that can only be a good thing.

Perhaps this is far more than you need to know and far more than I should say, but something you said when we were talking afterwards really struck a chord. It was to do with what you said about your Fantasy Fannies and your mention of a friend that works as a therapist, and they thought your Fantasy Fanny paintings could work well in a treatment room as a means of improving body image and perception about an intimate area of the body (well you said something else, but it was along those lines). Anyway, that struck a chord with me as I have always had a very negative view of myself for all manner of reasons but I do feel so very positive about what I was able to achieve on Thursday and this is thanks in no small part to you. Now whether there will be any lasting benefits of course remains to be seen, but for the moment at least I really do feel very pleased and proud about what I have achieved and your drawing of me really is so much better than I could of ever hoped for, so thank you so very much for that and it was worth it at any price.

That reminds me of something I said to you a while ago when I joked about paying you thousands of pounds and do you know what, it really would have been worth it.

Whilst it started as a bit of a joke on your blog, I am also really pleased to be your first Fantasy Willie and I am sure that the result will be equally amazing, even if it is going to be an incredibly difficult task for you, and one you might yet live to regret!

I still have a stupid grin on my face when I look at my wonderful drawing, and I still have to keep thinking is that really me (of course I know it is, as your drawing is so good it could only be me) and did I really do that yesterday! And the answer is yes I did, and right now that feels truly amazing!!!

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend and I shall look forward to reading whatever you have to say on your blog, it will also be great to see the drawing on there as well. As for this email, then feel free to use any of it you like in any way you see fit, as no doubt I will only end up saying something similar on your blog anyway.

The day really did have such a profound effect on me and for that I will always be grateful, so thank you very much.

Thank you once again and I am sure that the paintings will be equally amazing.

Best wishes

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