

## Tarzan in the Village

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This Tarzan. Tarzan speak now. Listen Tarzan:

Many year ago Tarzan, Jane have marital difficulty. Jane say Tarzan not care about Jane feeling. Tarzan say, "What about Tarzan feeling?"

Jane leave, go across great ocean to big city. Tarzan follow. Jane file restraining order Tarzan.

Tarzan get apartment Greenwich Village. MacDougal Street. Between Bleecker, West 3rd. Fifth-story climb-up.

Tarzan get job Chemical Bank. Boss say like Tarzan attitude. Maybe make Tarzan comptroller. That crazy time Tarzan life. Tarzan take many drug: uppers, downers, acid, Mary Jane, Purple Haze, Black Beauties, Chinese doorbells — you name it, Tarzan take it.

Many time Tarzan wake up strange apartment, wonder how Tarzan get there. Tarzan ask Tarzan, "How Tarzan get here?" Tarzan answer: "Tarzan not know."

Tarzan get fired from Chemical Bank because high all time. Seem ironic to Tarzan, lose job at Chemical Bank because take chemicals. Boss not understand irony, even after Tarzan explain to him.

Tarzan think everyone square. Write poetry. Here sample Tarzan poetry:

Hey, Mister Business,  
Go back in hole where come from;  
Stay there, like aardvark.

Tarzan lose all sense reality. One time stare at single spot on leopard skin for whole day. Other time Tarzan try see Bob Dylan in Village club, wind up going see Phyllis Diller. Not notice difference. That how messed-up Tarzan.

Low point come when Tarzan climb tree in park, do Tarzan yell for tourist, get money for drug. Tourist say, "You not real Tarzan." Tarzan think, me wish not real Tarzan.

Tarzan go back apartment, get big surprise. Jane there. Also Boy. Also Cheeta. Also Mister Kim, owner of bodega on corner. What going on? Then Tarzan realize: this intervention.

Tarzan get clean, sober. Tarzan, Jane go back jungle. Boy, Cheeta go back Harvard. Tarzan stay straight. Not even eat hyena berries.

Kids, listen Tarzan: no take drugs. Tarzan lucky — drugs not hurt Tarzan brain. Maybe you not so lucky.