

# The FIVE BOROUGH STAR

**A Safe Haven for the  
Purely Eccentric**

**If you have to ask yourself  
if you're eccentric, you're  
probably not.**

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## MAYBE YES, MAYBE NO

**"AM I CRAZY?"**

*by reader Clark Clarkson from Eastchester*

Ms. A: X! , X = Hello

Mr. Z: ☹️

Ms. A: ???

Mr. Z: mood  $\neq$  great

Ms. A: ☹️. job = 😊?

Mr. Z: Kids  $\rightarrow$  😊, patience = 0!

Ms. A: kid 1  $\rightarrow$  😊? kid 2  $\rightarrow$  😊?

Mr. Z: 😊 (kid 1 + kid 2)!!!

Ms. A: ☹️. ??

Mr. Z: If Y = responsible, kid 1  $\neq$  Y!

Ms. A: kid 2?

Mr. Z: kid 2 = kid 1 + lazy!!!

Ms. A: 😊

Mr. Z: ????

Ms. A: kids = kids

Mr. Z: ?

Ms. A: kids = crazy + stupid,  
kids  $\rightarrow$  😊 = normal

Mr. Z: LOL. mood = much better  
X! , X = thank you

Ms. A: 😊

## PENT-UP POETRY SECTION

**"THE RED HAND OF DENIAL"**

*by reader Rose Morrison from Red Hook*

*Ready to cross the street now  
but The Red Hand says no*

*Ok, I won't go, but know this, Hand,  
I have somewhere I need to be  
because I have goals and dreams,  
something you clearly  
don't respect in me*

*Yes, I'll obey, because your mind is  
made up no matter what I say.  
You can stop me today, Hand,  
but you will never stop me  
from being a success*

*Damn you, Red Hand, I'm going to  
show you, and everyone else too,  
that I'm not a total failure  
like everyone says!*