

MY MERLIN AND ME . . .

IN EARLY JUNE OF 2004, MY MACULAR DEGENERATION, WHICH STARTED IN SUMMER OF 1968, WAS DEGENERATING FAST! I HAD SEEN A MAGNIFYING MACHINE IN OUR GOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY SEVERAL MONTHS EARLIER AND WAS SHOWN HOW TO USE IT. "THAT'S GREAT," I THOUGHT, BUT I REALLY DON'T NEED THAT MUCH HELP, I THOUGHT. SOON THEREAFTER, I NOTICED YOUR ~~MERLIN~~ MERLIN AT MY OPHTHALMOLOGIST'S FACILITY ^{DESTINATION} WITH WHICH I WAS VERY FAMILIAR. I QUESTIONED MY FRIEND AS TO ITS CAPABILITIES AND COST. "BLACK AND WHITE \$2000 DELIVERED," SAID HE. "NOT BAD," I THOUGHT. WHEN I NEED ONE, I'LL BUY ONE.

AS I HAD JUST ORDERED THE ONLY BIG PRINT MAGAZINE ON THE MARKET, I FELT NO IMMEDIATE NEED FOR THE MACHINE. ^{HOWEVER} BUT AS A GOOD SHOPPER, I CALLED ENHANCED VISION IN HUNTINGTON BEACH TO LOCATE A LOCAL DEALER. I WAS GIVEN THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A DISTRIBUTOR 80 MILES DOWN THE ROAD. I WAS INFORMED THE PRICE HAD BEEN REDUCED TO \$1,500. GOOD CALL.

VISION WAS NOW GOING DOWNHILL FAST. BEFORE I RECEIVED MY FIRST 'READERS DIGEST BIG PRINT MAGAZINE' I BECAME LEGALLY BLIND! I HAD TURNED IN MY DRIVERS LICENCE ^{ONLY} TWO WEEKS EARLIER, AND NOW WAS THE TIME TO ACT.

I CALLED THE DISTRIBUTOR AND ORDERED THE B/W MERLIN WHICH WAS DELIVERED IN 3 DAYS. I WAS UNABLE TO READ FOR ONLY THOSE THREE DAYS!

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THERE IS MORE MAGIC IN MY 'MERLIN' THAN I COULD
HAVE IMAGINED. I WAS IMMEDIATELY ABLE TO READ
MY MAIL, MEDICARE COB'S, VA BILLS, AND ALL OTHER
BILLS. ^{THIS} PERMITTED ME TO NOT LOSE A STEP IN ATTENDING
TO THAT BUSINESS. I HAVE GIVEN ^{ME} OVER OUR CHECKBOOK TO MY
WIFE BUT ~~THE~~ BALANCE IT AGAINST THE BANK STATEMENT.
'MERLIN' HELPS ME DO THAT! ^{TOO} THAT IS A LOT OF ^{THIS} FREEDOM
FOR A LEGALLY BLIND, NOW 83 YEARS YOUNG.
THANK YOU, ENHANCED VISION. I TOUT YOUR NAME TO
OFFER MAGICAL ^{FEEL'S} ASSISTANCES.