

The Mind Works in Strange Ways

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If you're like us, much of your "fetish satisfaction" follows a familiar path, at least day-to-day. You may visit your "regular" membership sites, you may surf the web looking for new material, you may watch your favorite DVDs, clips or those well-preserved videotapes you've had for years. You may read stories, you may relive special memories, you may still (although it's awfully difficult now) go out looking for real-life sightings, or you may (if you're fortunate) indulge with a smoking partner.

But every so often, something happens that is totally unexpected - and it may just remind you that there are fetish triggers deep in your memory about which you'd completely forgotten. One such occurrence happened a few weeks ago to us. It started with a quick email from Vesperae, pointing us to a Daily Motion video. Without giving it much thought, we clicked on the link - and were almost immediately transported to a fetish wonderland we hadn't even remembered.

The link to was a music video: "I Feel the Magic" by Belinda Carlisle. It's certainly not from one of our favorite musical genres; we don't even remember the music itself. But even so, we were immediately transported back to the mid-80s. That's because once upon a time, we were just walking by the TV and caught a brief glimpse of the video on MTV (or perhaps VH1) - in which a very cute Belinda was singing while holding a smouldering cigarette.

At the time, we were with someone who had no idea of our smoking fetish, and couldn't stop walking and talking, let alone stare at the screen to watch the entire video. We had no idea what song it was or what album it came from - and of course, there was no internet on which to search in a more private moment. Later on, however, we did spend hours and hours scanning MTV and VH1 hoping to see the video again. We never did, despite several years of a "Holy Grail" type of search. Did Belinda hold the cigarette for the entire video? Did she inhale? Did she, even better, ever exhale a thick cloud of smoke in the video? We had no idea.

We weren't exactly fixated on finding the video again - but for quite a while, the video search was something we never gave up. It just became less and less important as we entered the age of online chat rooms, smoking video and everything that followed. And eventually, we forgot

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about the Belinda Carlisle video. Until a few weeks ago. The excitement, the anticipation - it was almost as if we were back in the late 1980s, watching with baited breath just hoping to see something magical.

It was, as most things unfortunately are, anticlimactic. She only held the cigarette for brief moments scattered throughout the video, and never inhaled, let alone exhaled. But the excitement of actually "finding" a fetish grail, and watching it, transported us back to a time when we weren't quite as jaded, nor quite as overloaded with smoking fetish video filmed in perfect light with exceptional smokers. It was, in a word exciting.

And it led us to wonder in amazement at how the mind works. We didn't just remember that we had seen the few seconds of the video; we didn't just remember that we had tried in vain to find the rest of it; we didn't just recall the sense of excitement we had at the time. We immediately felt the same feelings, emotion, anticipation and excitement we had felt 25 years ago, as if no time had passed at all.

And it led us to wonder: is the fetish that strong - or it simply that the mind is that amazing?

If you're interested in seeing the video, you can find it [here](#) .

And enjoy the September-October issue!